

Monitoring Threats and Measuring Risk

MY, WHAT NICE LOGS YOU HAVE...

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Agenda

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

- About Me
- Monitoring
- Threat Intelligence
- Intelligent Monitoring
- Summary
- Questions

About Me

SO JUST WHO AM I?

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- 10 years in the security industry



MONITORING

SEEING BEHIND THE CURTAIN



Monitoring

INTRODUCTION

What is Monitoring?

- **The act of reviewing** one or more data sources for information of interest

Why Monitor ?

- **To identify** suspicious or otherwise unusual event information that may be indicative of malicious activity

Monitoring vs. Logging?

- Logging is the act of collecting data from one or more sources. Monitoring is the act reviewing the logs you collect. **Logging is important but monitoring the logs is better.**

Monitoring

PLACE TO MONITOR

Source

Logs

Network

- Firewalls
- IDS
- Routers
- Email Gateways

System

- Workstation
- Server
- Point of Sale

Applications

- IIS/Apache
- Anti Virus
- VPN



Monitoring

WHAT TO MONITOR

Use Cases

- **Business** – What the business is worried about
 - Too Many transactions
 - Unintended abuses
 - Accounting
 - Application errors
- **Anomalistic** – What isn't Normal
 - Baseline deviations
 - Traffic spikes
- **Security** – What concerns security
 - Authentication
 - Network scanning
 - High-risk actions
 - Unusual network sessions
- **Other** – Think about extra use cases
 - Honeypots
 - Honey tokens

THREAT INTELLIGENCE

CHANGING THREATS



Threat Intelligence (TI)

INTRODUCTION

What is TI?

- **Knowledge of new or emerging threats** based on specific evidence, which may include information to detect or respond effectively

Why keep up?

- **To prepare and identify** new and emerging attacks that may be focused on a given industry segment or vendor

Monitoring

SOURCE OF THREAT INTELLIGENCE

Source

Examples

Threat Feeds

- Paid feeds from security providers and researchers
- Free feeds from community services

Websites

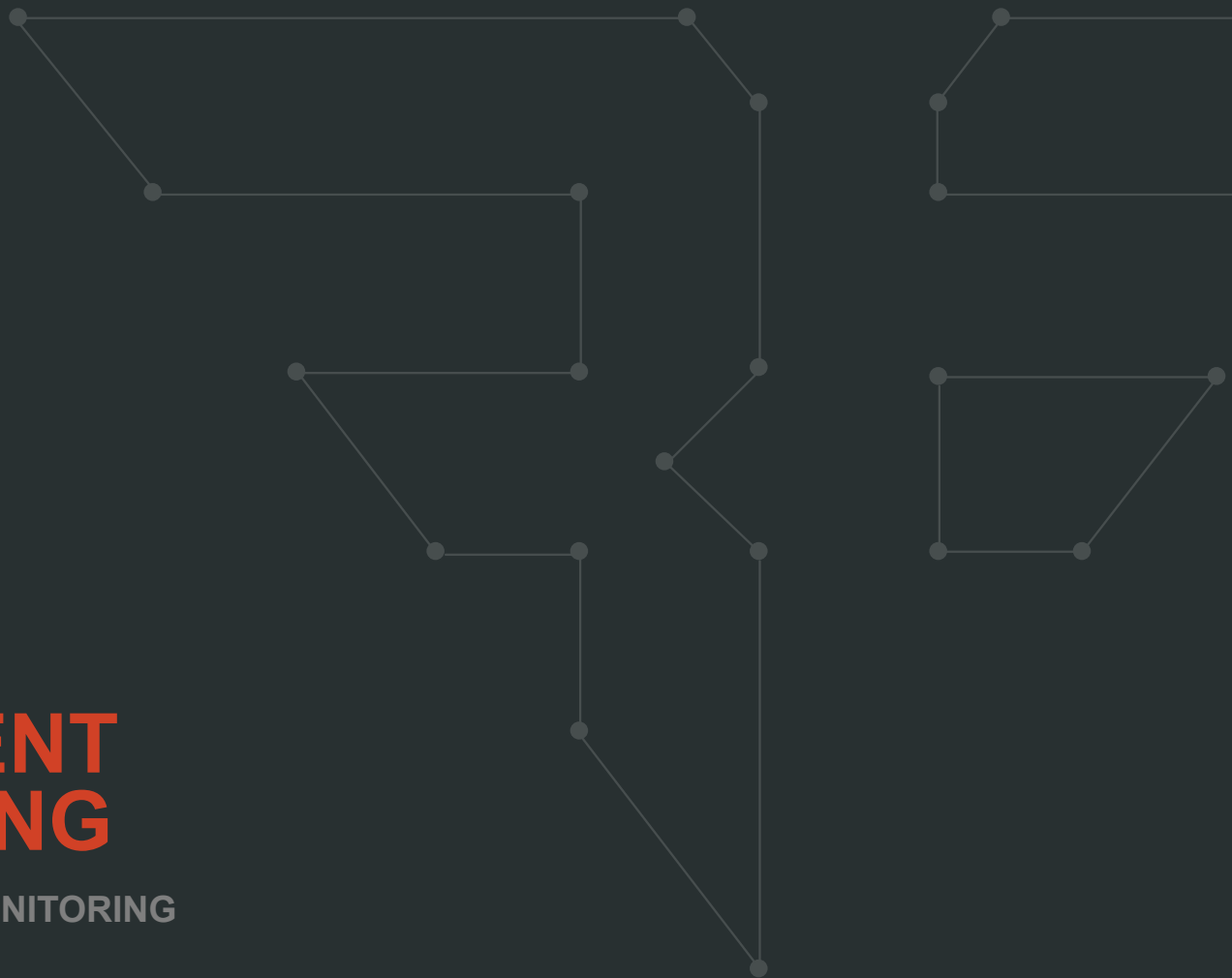
- Security websites
- Vendor websites
- Threat sharing websites

Media

- News stations
- Webcasts
- Conferences

INTELLIGENT MONITORING

COMBINING TI WITH MONITORING



Intelligent Monitoring

INTRODUCTION

What is Intelligent Monitoring

- The act of looking for **new and emerging threats** in your monitoring solutions
- Using information provided by a threat intelligence source to modify what your focus monitoring tools on

Why use IM

- **To identify and detect** new and emerging attacks before an attacker successfully breaches your network

Intelligent Monitoring

COMBINING INTELLIGENCE WITH MONITORING

Dynamic Monitoring

- **Automatic monitoring** based on information from a threat intelligence source

Preventative Detections

- **Blocking or patching**, vulnerability systems and tools based upon information and recommendations from threat intelligence sources

Information Sharing

- **Providing additional anonymized** information about what detective, preventative, and remediation solutions are working best for you
- Don't just take the information but share what you have learned.

SUMMARY

WRAP UP



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Monitoring – Don't just log your data, **watch and review** it for potential security events.

Threat Intelligence – Don't be satisfied with steady state, always look at **what is new and emerging** as the threat landscape changes.

Intelligent Monitoring – Use the information available to continually **improve your monitoring tools and procedures** to help detect and prevent attacks.

Thank you

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