

# 9<sup>th</sup> Infocom Security – Athens

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# IT Security and Risk: recommendations to safe guard one's IT landscape with **SIEM**

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# State of IT in Greece

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Greece's ICT market is to be around \$6.7bn in 2018, the information technology sector accounts for 31% of the ICT market total



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How would  
you feel if you  
walked into  
office and

**no one  
remembers  
you?**



# Attacks of 2018 and 2017

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- [Equifax Data Breach](#) – 145.5 Million Accounts
- [Uber Data Breach](#) – 57 Million Records
- [WannaCry Cyber Attack](#) – 300,000 Systems
- [Yahoo Data Breach](#) – 3 *Billion* Accounts
- [Deep Root Analytics Data Breach](#) – 198 Million U.S. Voters

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The idea of log management is to ~~prevent~~ minimize the impact of new attacks!





**What do  
you see?**



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1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8,.... Behavior Patterns

Security holes



Puzzles



**What an  
attacker  
sees?**



# What attackers want to be successful?

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- Network Access
  - Internet
  - VPN
  - Local network
- Privileged Access
  - Standard user access limits attacks
  - More privileges = more capabilities: Admin priv., permissions, rights
- Weak Security
  - Unpatched systems
  - Password authentication

**Don't be a blind man describing an Elephant**



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**Tools can help us in transforming data**  
**Log management solutions / SIEM (MSSPs)**



# SIEM Functions

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- Log Management
- Correlation and Threat mitigation
- Compliance and Forensic Analysis
- User Behaviour and it's criticality.

# Importance of logs

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- **Logs**

- Documentation of events
- All software applications and systems produce log files

- **Log management**

- Important for security intelligence
- Compliance



# Correlation

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- Pipelining a sequence of Events
- Identify patterns of invisible behavior for a complex threat matrix
- Matching against information specific to your Business



# Beauty of Correlation

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Correlation is the Difference Between:

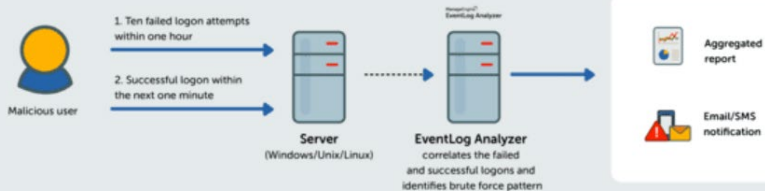
"12:35 11/06/2018 User Jsmith Successful Auth to 10.100.53.125 from 10.10.100.52"

and

"An account belonging to Marketing connected to a System in Finance department from an office desktop, on a day when nobody should be in the office"

# Correlation Examples

## Brute force attack





# User Behavior Analytics



# Why SIEM and UBA is needed: Lessons learned

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- Current processes are failing to catch changes
- Current processes are failing to detect an intrusion
- Example: Marriott breach
  - 500,000,000 accounts affected
  - Initial breach: 2014
  - Discovery of breach: September 2018
  - Determination of breach: Late November 2018
  - 4 years from breach to determination!!!!!!!!



# What is AI and UBA?

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- User Behavior Analytics (UBA) uses machine learning to create a baseline of activity and also detect anomalies
  - Statistical modelling and unsupervised ML (mainly clustering)
- UBA focuses on what the user is doing: apps launched, logons, and, most critically files accessed
  - UBA creates a baseline of activity
  - Analyzes patterns of usage - indicate unusual or anomalous behavior
  - Activity is analyzed, regardless of who or what initiated it
  - UBA can't prevent hackers or insiders from getting into your system, however it can detect potential attacks to minimize damage



user1

All Anomalies

Domain or Host

192.168.2.1

Average Risk Score

56

Peak Risk Score

56

## Cards Based Peak Risk Score

Compromised Accounts

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70

Insider Threats

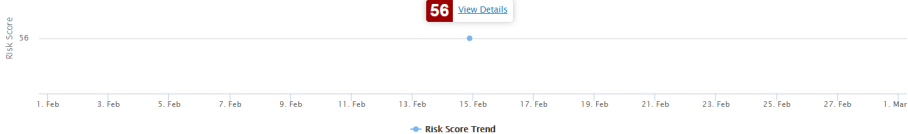
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Data Exfiltration

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## Anomalies contributing to Risk Score



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Date and Time	Anomaly Message	Risk Score
15/02/2019 04:29 PM	Multiple Host Shut Down By User User : 192.168.2.1\user1 Obtained : 103 events Threshold : 14 events	100
15/02/2019 04:29 PM	Multiple Services Installed By User User : 192.168.2.1\user1 Obtained : 103 events	100

# UBA for attack detection

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- Create baseline of normal behavior for all users and hosts
  - Logon time
  - Thresholds for logon failure
  - Usual host access
  - Remote access
  - Resource access volume
  - Processes running on host
- UBA then measures real-time events against baseline, checking for anomalies



# Questions to your vendor



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- Support for agent-based and agentless log collection
- Faster processing rate of logs from heterogeneous log sources
- Are you looking at log data on a daily basis?
- Can you perform fast, targeted searches for specific data?
- Can you set alerts on anything in the logs?
- Are the logs stored securely?
  - For Forensic analysis and internal audit
  - Is it tamper proof? (Encrypted, hashed, and time-stamped)

## Resources that might be useful for you

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- ADManager Plus
  - List of workstations, user accounts, groups, etc.
- Service Account Management Tool
  - List of service accounts on all windows servers and workstations

Note: Visit [manageengine.com](https://manageengine.com) (*Active Directory section*) to download the tools.



# ManageEngine Log360

[www.manageengine.com/log-management](http://www.manageengine.com/log-management)

# Summary

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- Tracking key security events: Insider and External attacks.
- What attackers want to be successful?
- Ingredients of good SIEM deployment
- Understanding User Behavior Analytics (UBA)
  - *Leveraging machine learning and AI.*



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Thank you!

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