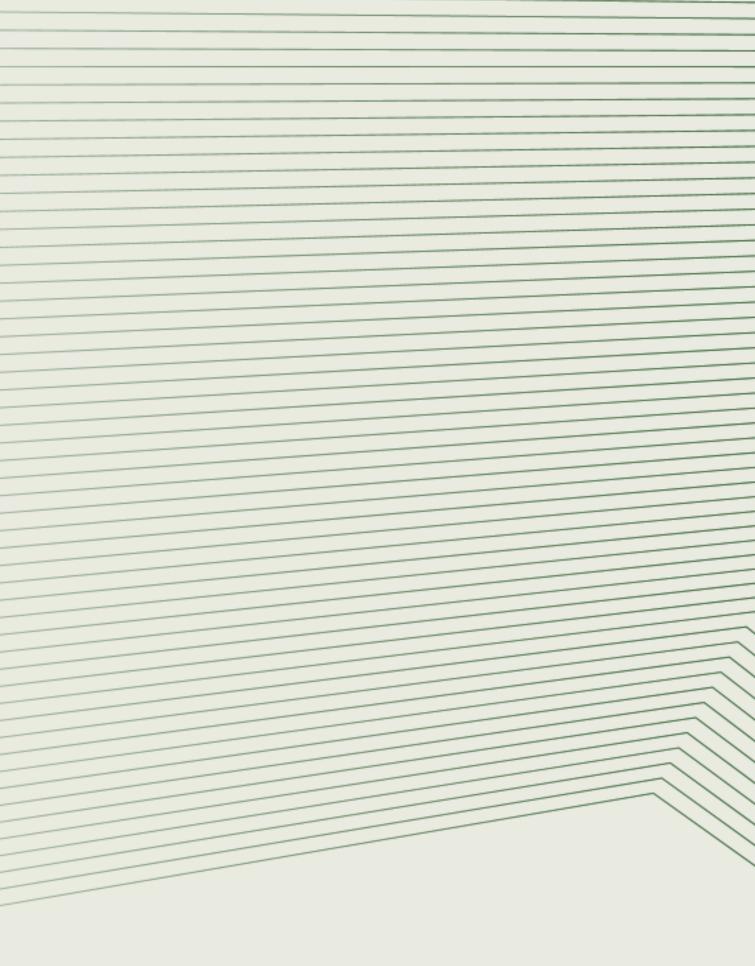
# MATURING

Threat Informed Adversary Emulation with ATT&CK



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# ADVERSARY EMULATION IS...



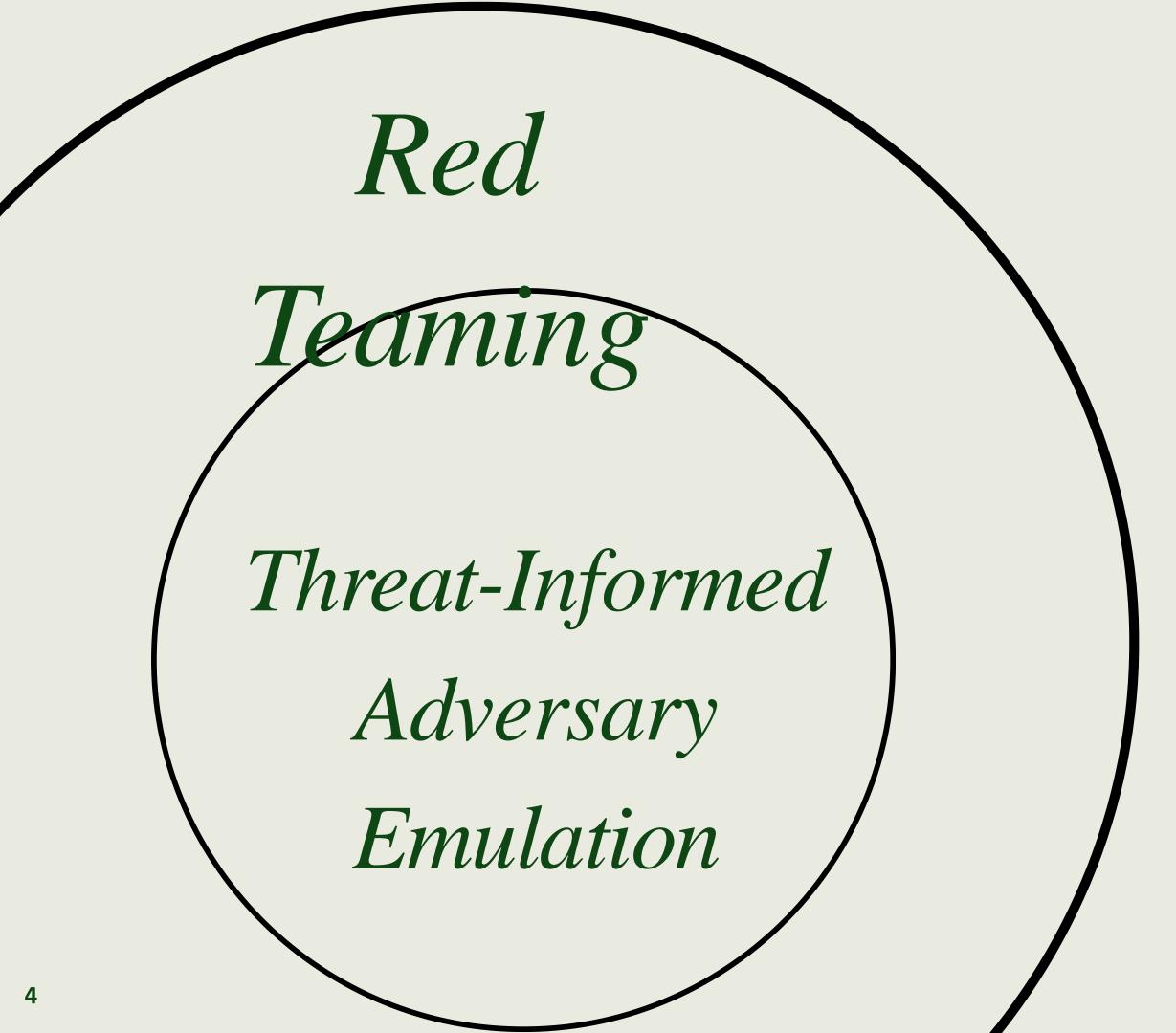


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### WHY THREAT INFORMED?

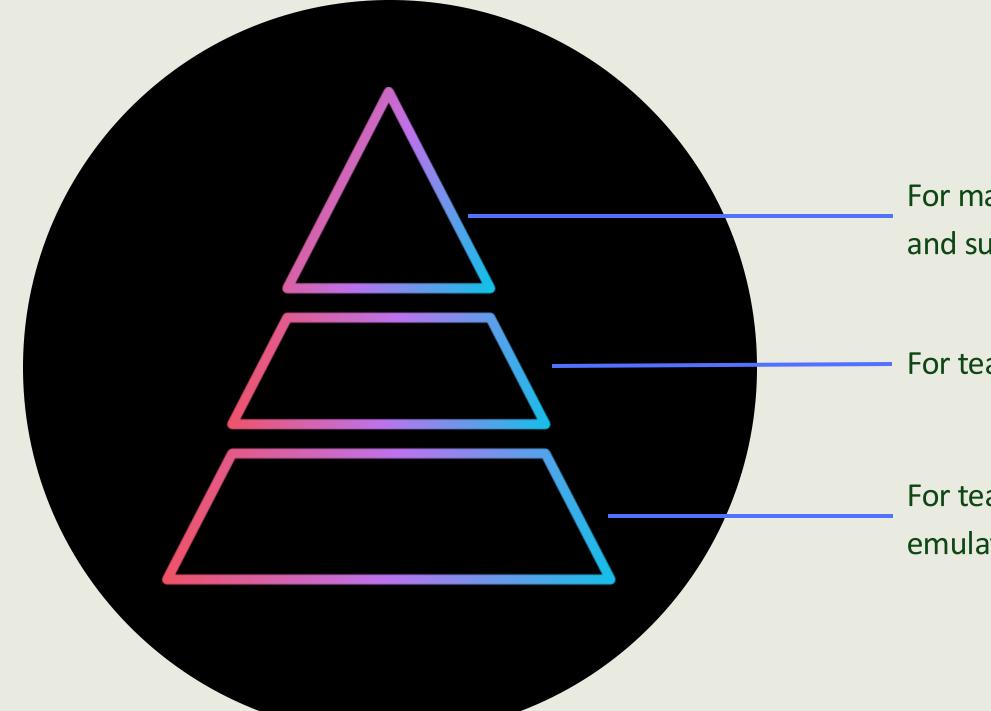


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## MATURITY MODEL



For mature red teams with sufficient resourcing and supporting CTI.

For teams with more resources.

For teams starting out on the adversary emulation journey.

## THREAT INTELLIGENCE

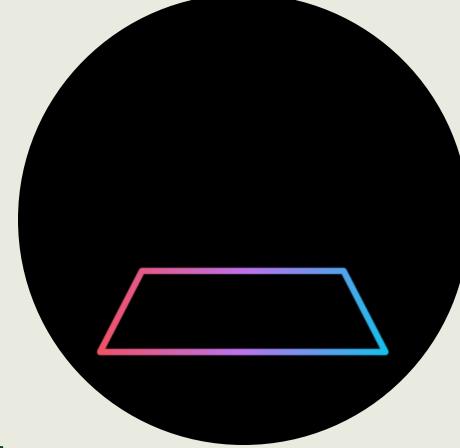
### MITRE ATT&CK<sup>®</sup> ENTERPRISE FRAMEWORK

RECONNAISSANCE 10 techniques	RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT 8 techniques	INITIAL ACCESS 10 techniques	EXECUTION 14 techniques	PERSISTENCE 20 techniques	PRIVILEGE ESCALATION 14 techniques	DEFENSE EVASION 43 techniques	CREDENTIAL ACCESS 17 techniques	DISCOVERY 32 techniques	LATERAL MOVEMENT 9 techniques	COLLECTION 17 techniques	COMMAND AND CONTROL 18 techniques	EXFILTRATION 9 techniques	IMPACT 14 techniques
Active Scanning	Acquire Infrastructure	Valid Accounts		Scheduled Task/Job		Modify Author	ntication Process	System Service Discovery	Remote Services	Data from Local System	Data Obfuscation	Exfiltration Over Other	Data Destruction
Gather Victim	Compromise Accounts	Replication Through	Windows Management		Valid Accounts		Network	k Sniffing	Software Deployment	Data from Removable	Fallback Channels	Network Medium  Scheduled Transfer	Data Encrypted for Impact
Host Information	Compromise Infrastructure	Removable Media	Instrumentation		Hijack Execution Row		OS Credential Dumping		Tools	Media	Application Layer Protocol		Service Stop
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Information	Stage Capabilities	Exploit Public-Facing Application				or Information	Interception	System Owner/User Discovery	Use Alternate Authentication Material		Web Service	Exfiltration Over	Resource Hijacking
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Phishing for Information		Phishing External Remote Services	System Services		Access Token Manipulation		Steal Web Session Cookie	System Network Connections Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Audio Capture	Data Encoding	Exfiltration Over Web Service	Enupoint Denial of Service System Shutdown/Reboot
Search Closed Sources		Drive-by Compromise	Command and Scripting		Abuse Elevation Control M		Unsecured Credentials	Permission Groups	Exploitation of Remote	Video Capture	Traffic Signaling		Account Access Removal
Search Open	-	Content Injection	Interpreter	Browser Extensions	Domain or Tenant Policy Modification		Credentials from	Discovery	Services	Browser Session Hijacking	Remote Access Software	Exfiltration Over	E Disk Wipe
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Search Victim-Owned			Container Administration	Component	and constructions	Traffic Signaling	Forced Authentication	Discovery	-	Archive Collected Data	Encrypted Channel		
Websites			Command	Pre-OS Boot		Signed Script Proxy	Steal Application	Network Share Discovery		Data from Network	Non-Application Layer		
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1. *(Optional)* Identify Threat Group(s) of Interest.

- 2. Identify TTPs of Interest.
- 3. Atomic testing of TTPs.
- 4. Work on Detection / Prevention as necessary.





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GROUPS APT1 APT12 APT16 APT17 APT18 APT19 APT28 APT29 APT3 APT30 APT32 APT33 APT37 APT38 APT39 APT41 APT5 Aquatic Panda

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APT1

APT1 is a Chinese threat group that has been attributed to the 2nd Bureau of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) General Staff Department's (GSD) 3rd Department, commonly known by its Military Unit Cover Designator (MUCD) as Unit 61398.

### Associated Group Descriptions

Name Comment Crew Comment Group Comment Panda

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ID: G0006

 Associated Groups: Comment Crew, Comment Group, Comment Panda

Version: 1.4

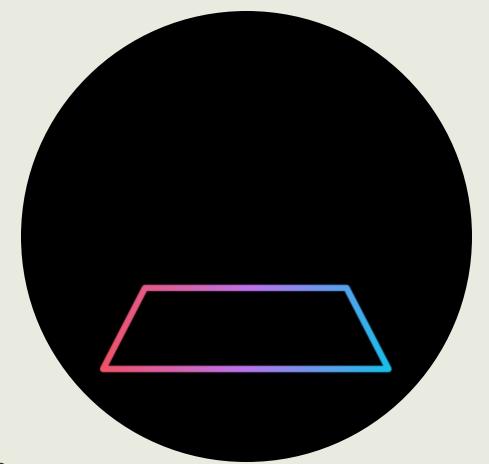
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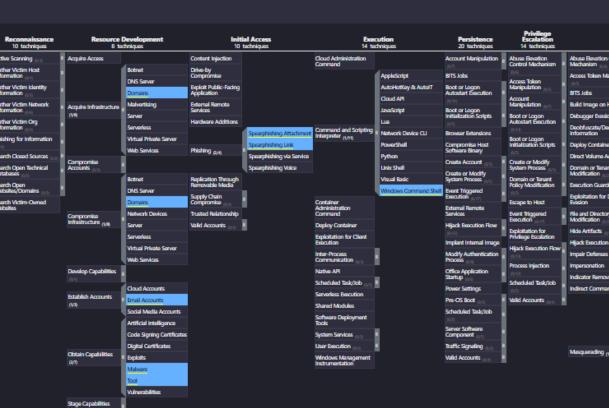
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ATT&CK<sup>®</sup> Navigator Layers





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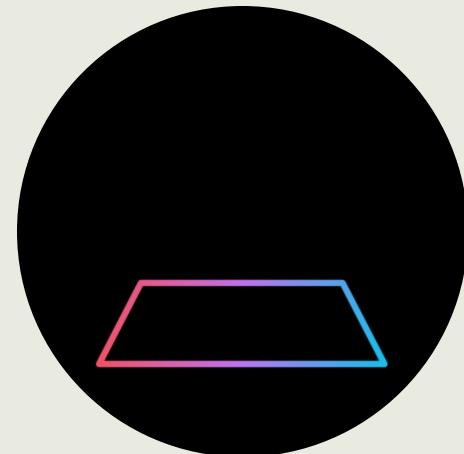


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- Plans
  - https://github.com/center-for-threat-informedemulation-plans
- Atomic Red Team
  - https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team

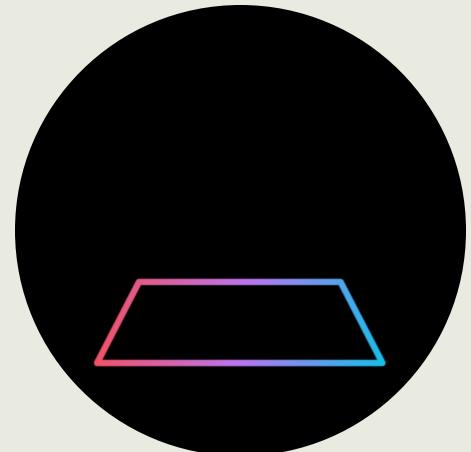


### MITRE CTID Adversary Emulation Library - Micro Emulation

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# **STEPPING UP**

### Automate testing and re-testing.

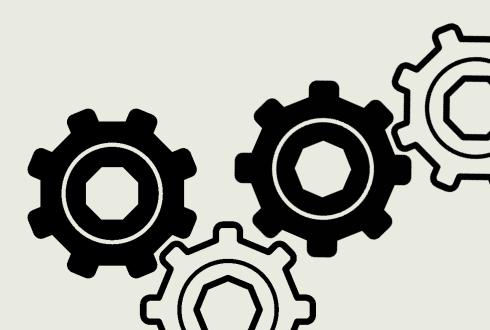


Value:

advanced work



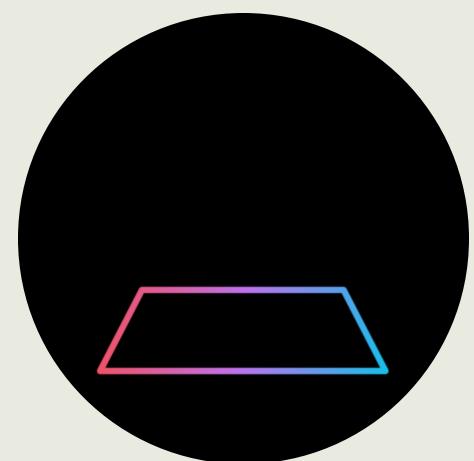
### • Reduce manual efforts, sparing resources for more



# **STEPPING UP**

### **Useful Resources:**

- MITRE's Caldera
  - https://github.com/mitre/caldera
- Splunk's Attack Range
  - https://github.com/splunk/attack\_range
- Commercial BAS Tools



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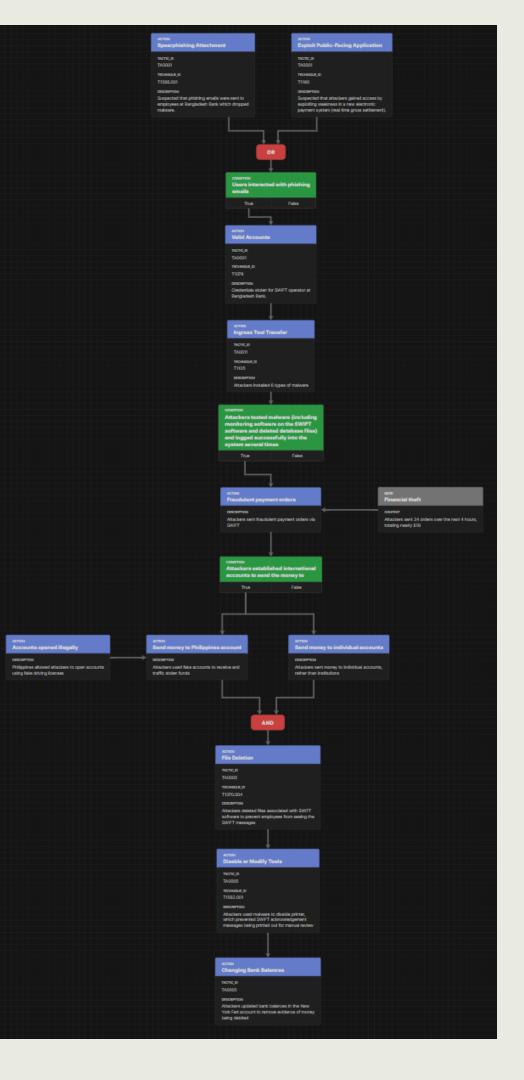
### **Develop Attack Scenarios** • Build an attack flow of TTPs.



### • Test in **purple team** engagements (with the Blue Team).

## LET IT FLOW





# **LET IT FLOW**



- Build an attack flow of TTPs.

### Value:

- Identify opportunities for earlier detections.
- Over time, identify common chokepoints.



### • Test in **purple team** engagements (with the Blue Team).

# LETIFLOW



### **Useful Resources:**

- MITRE CTID's Attack Flow
  - https://github.com/center-for-threat-informed-defense/attack-flow
- MITRE CTID Adversary Emulation Library
- MITRE Adversary Emulation Plan
  - https://attack.mitre.org/resources/adversary-emulation-plans/
- AttackGen
  - https://github.com/mrwadams/attackgen

• https://github.com/center-for-threat-informed-defense/adversary\_emulation\_library

# **TEST CONTROLS**

### **Run Unannounced Attack Scenarios** Test in unannounced engagements (against the Blue Team). - No start-overs! No save points!



Value:

- More realistic view of controls and gaps.
- Evaluates MTTR and MTTD.

# TEST CONTROLS

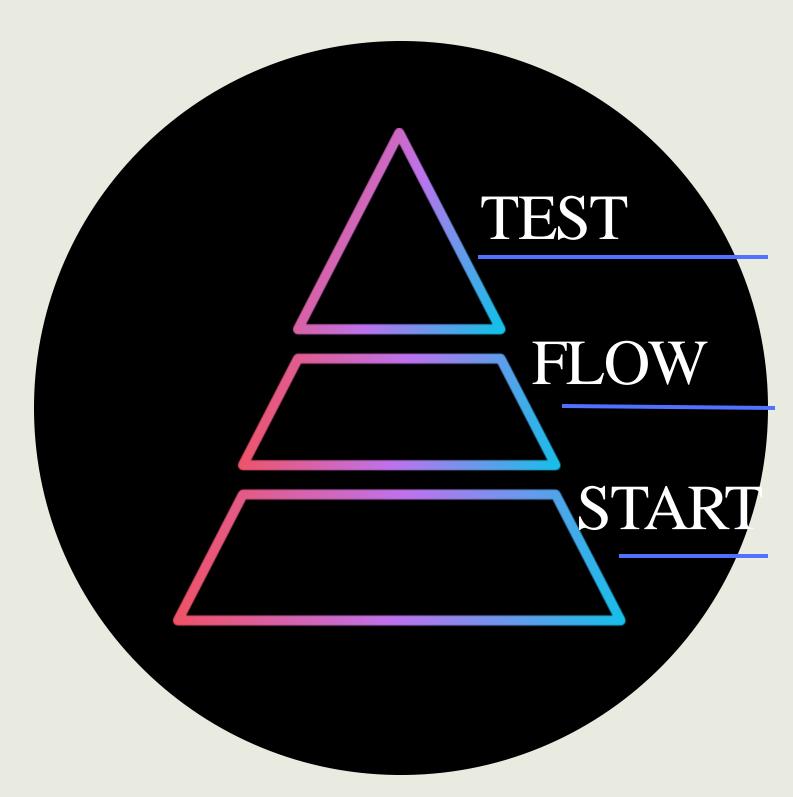
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• https://attack.mitre.org/resources/get-started/adversary-emulation-and-red-

## START - FLOW -TEST



### Offense Informs Defense

- CIS Controls<sup>™</sup>







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