# HACK YOURSELF

FIND IT BEFORE THEY DO

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# AGENDA

PART 1. THE NEED FOR SELF-HACKING

PART 2. BREACH AND ATTACK SIMULATION

PART 3. THE NEW IXIA SOLUTION



# PART 1

# "THE NEED FOR SELF-HACKING"



## PREVENTING BREACHES

#### DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE

#### YOUR NETWORK IS EXPOSED TO THREATS EVERY DAY FROM

Bad user behavior

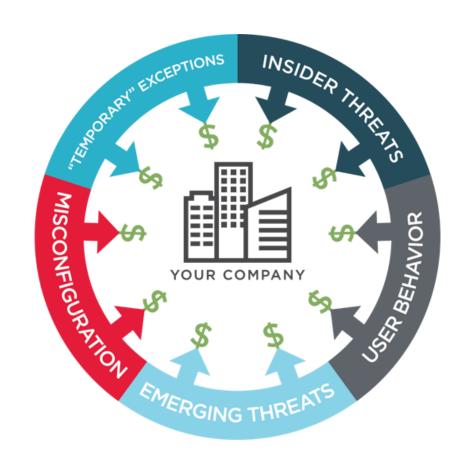
Emerging malware

Motivated attackers

Firewall misconfiguration

"Temporary" policy exceptions

Insider threats





## KNOWING IF YOUR SECURITY IS ALWAYS WORKING



Increased Complexity



Dynamic Environment



'Alert Fatigue' + Expert Scarcity



## THE PROBLEM

#### PREVENTION IS GREAT BUT NOT SUFFICIENT





A compromise takes minutes or less to execute



<sup>1</sup> breaches remain undetected for months

<sup>1</sup> Source: 2018 Verizon Data Breach Report



# WHAT, OTHER THAN PREVENTION?

DETECTION, VISIBILITY AND NOISE REDUCTION



A key aspect of your security posture



Visibility



Noise Reduction



# ITS TIME FOR A CHANGE

YOU HAVE TO TEST...

CONTINOUSLY



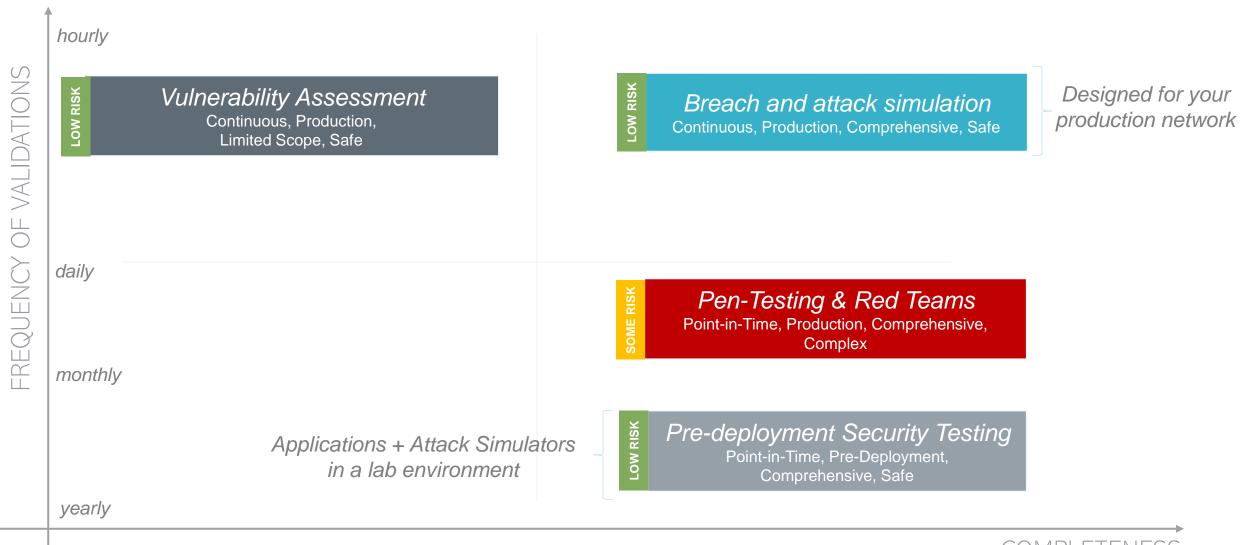
Your Tools

Your People

Your Processes



## Options for Security Validations



# PART 2

# "BREACH AND ATTACK SIMULATION"



# BREACH AND ATTACK SIMULATION WHAT IS IT?

"A TOOL THAT ALLOWS YOU TO SIMULATE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE USED BY HACKERS, SAFELY WITHIN YOUR PRODUCTION NETWORK"

Tactics
Techniques
Procedures

SAFE

**SIMULATION** 



SAFE SIMULATION

- → Your production network must not have a negative impact from your testing
- → Somethings are simulated, some must be real



# BREACH AND ATTACK SIMULATION

#### INSIGHT INTO SECURITY



Model
Threat Vectors



Simulate Security Breaches



Distributed Modeling



Report Security Score



# PART 3

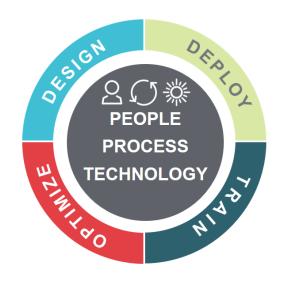
# "THE NEW IXIA SOLUTION"



# **IXIa** Threat Simulator

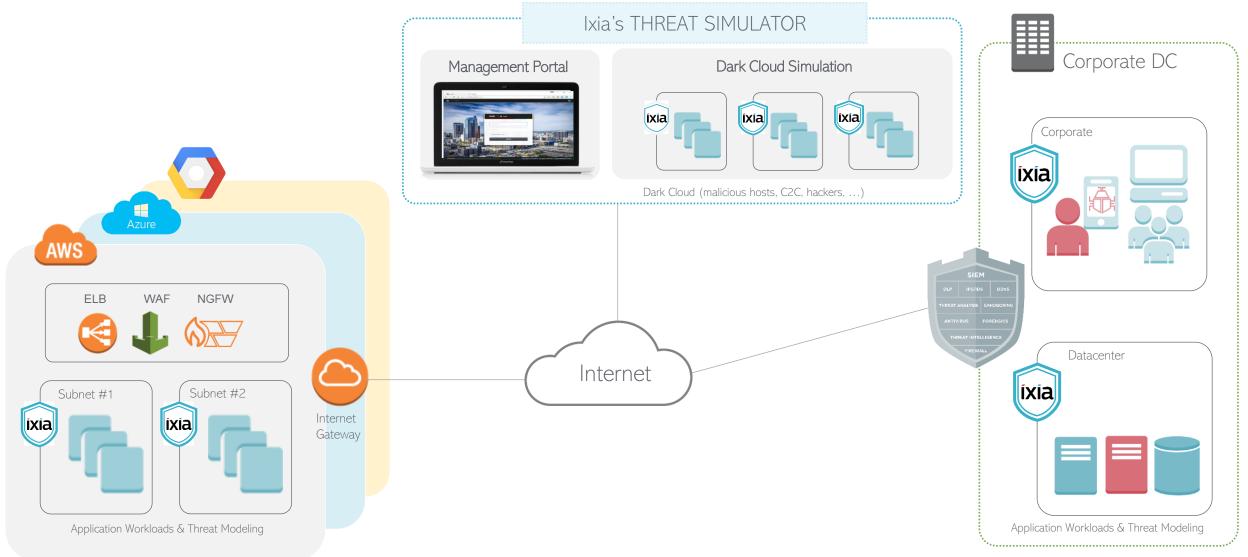
Breach and Attack Simulation Software

Provides enterprise security teams with **insights** into the effectiveness of their security posture and actionable intelligence to improve it





HOW IT WORKS





WORKFLOW

### Minutes away from your first insights



**Install Agents** 

Deploy
one Threat Simulator agent
to each network segment
you need to monitor



Define Agent Groups

Use agent tags to define dynamic groups that are representative for your environment



Validate Security

Run security validations on-demand or schedule continuous validations using one or more agent groups



View Insights

Use the dashboard to gain insights into your security risk and remediation steps



#### SIMULATE ATTACKS ACROSS EACH PHASE OF THE CYBER KILL CHAIN

#### **Objectives**

#### **Adversary Tactics, Tools and Procedures**

Reconnaissance



Web scanning, LinkedIn

Weaponization



Malicious Adobe PDF documents

Delivery



Spear Phishing / Watering Hole / Drive-By-Download

Exploitation



SQL injection / Adobe PDF Exploits

Installation



Shylock malware

CnC



Randomly generated .com domains, HTTP & HTTPS

Act on Objectives



Theft of Sensitive Information

Example of adversary tactics, tools and procedures used against financial organizations

#### THREAT SIMULATOR AUDITS

Vulnerability Scanners & Asset Management tools => context

Malware + Polymorphism + Files

Phishing / Drive-by-Download

Exploits + Evasions + Shellcodes

Bots + C&C

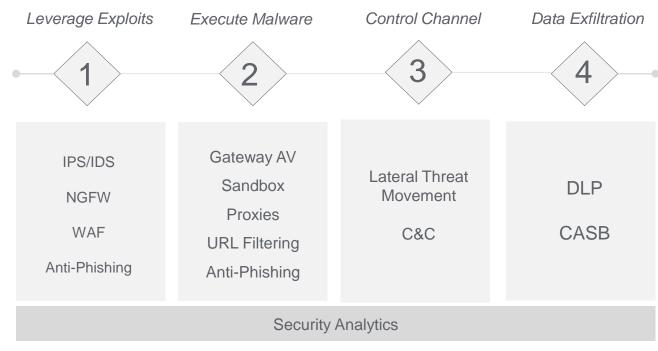
Data Exfiltration (SSN, CC, ...)



Continuous
validation of your
Enterprise-wide
security
infrastructure

Always know if your security investments are making an impact.

- Proofs that security controls are deployed and configured correctly
- Provides security assurance that they stay the same
- Active validation of all phases of the Attack Life Cycle
- Justify current and future IT spending using insight of your infrastructure





Quantify the impact of latest security breaches

**Always understand** the impact of a new risk **before it happens** 



# Security Technology Assessment

Select security designs and solutions based on clear, data-driven insights that tells you how each one performs



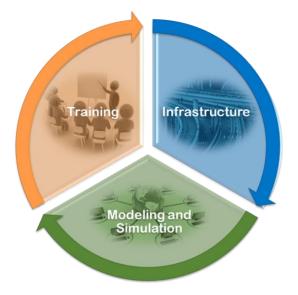
- Vendor selection use of clear, data-driven insights
- Maximize security investments with PoC validation
- Comprehensive assessment of network security solutions (NGFW, IPS/IDS, WAF, DLP, GAV, Malware Sandbox, ...)
- Justify current and future IT spending
- Insights into how a particular configuration or security setup might withstand a cyber-attack



# Educate Network and Security Stuff

Optimize process and procedures to "detect, react and improve"

- Train SOC team in a realistic hybrid-cloud environment
- Measure personnel performance under realistic attack condition
- Enhance situational awareness for operators
- Optimize process and procedures to detect, react and improve
- Post-Breach Analysis





#### SUMMARY

#### SAFE

- Always Ixia to Ixia
- Malicious payloads are never executed or downloaded
- Agents deployed in parallel with your hosts
- Agents never contact malicious hosts in the public domain

#### REALISTIC

- Large and diversified threat simulation library
  - Replicates same techniques used in actual attacks

#### REPEATABLE

 Measurable outcomes with repeatable simulations and results

#### **END-TO-END**

- Agents deployed on any infrastructure
- Covers all stages of the attack lifecycle

   from infiltration to data exfiltration
- Supports distributed environments

#### CONTINUOUS

Schedule
assessments to
identify deviations
from the approved
security baseline



## THANK YOU

#### IN CASE OF QUESTION OR COMMENTS

# FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT!

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