

**CYBERWARFARE LABS**

# Blue Team Fundamentals

**Foundations of Defense: Step into the Blue Team Realm**



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[BTF]**

## About CyberWarFare Labs :

CW Labs is a renowned UK based Ed-tech company specializing in cybersecurity cyber range labs. They provide on-demand educational services and recognize the need for continuous adaptation to evolving threats and client requirements. The company has two primary divisions :

**1. Cyber Range Labs**

**2. Up-Skilling Platform**



# INFINITE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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## Agenda

- Introduction to Cyber Defence
- Key Component of Cyber Defense
- Various Phases of Cyber Defence
- Chained Incident Investigation : Demo
- Blue Team Fundamentals : BTF
- Certification Procedure

# Introduction to **Cyber Defence**

## General overview of Cyber Defence

- **Cyber defense** is the strategy or a practice of protecting IT infrastructure from an malicious intrusions.
- It encompasses with a variety of practices, technologies, and processes which are designed to safeguard digital assets against cyber threats.



# Proactive & Reactive Approach

## Proactive Cyber Defense

Security Operation Center

Risk Assessment

Threat Intelligence

## Reactive Cyber Defense

Digital Forensic Investigation

Incident Response

Threat Hunting

Malware Analysis

# Key Component of Cyber Defense

The illustrated image provides a clear grasp of the whole fundamental component of cyber defence.

People



Security Analysts

Process



- Investigate the targeted URL/URI
- Identify IP associated with the activity
- Examine the Status Codes
- Identify the User Agents
- Determine the timestamp of the login event
- Co-relate with network monitoring tool

Technology

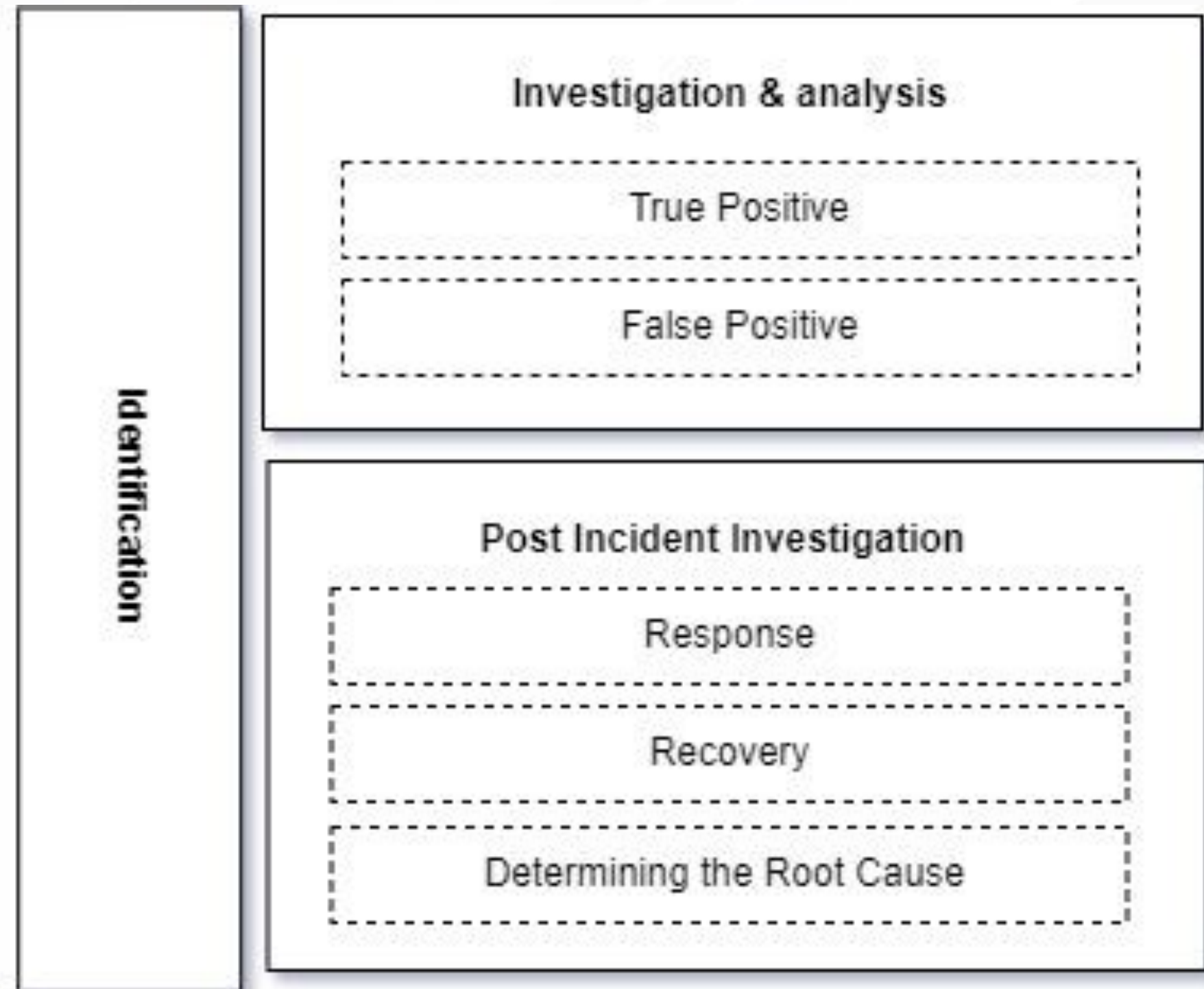




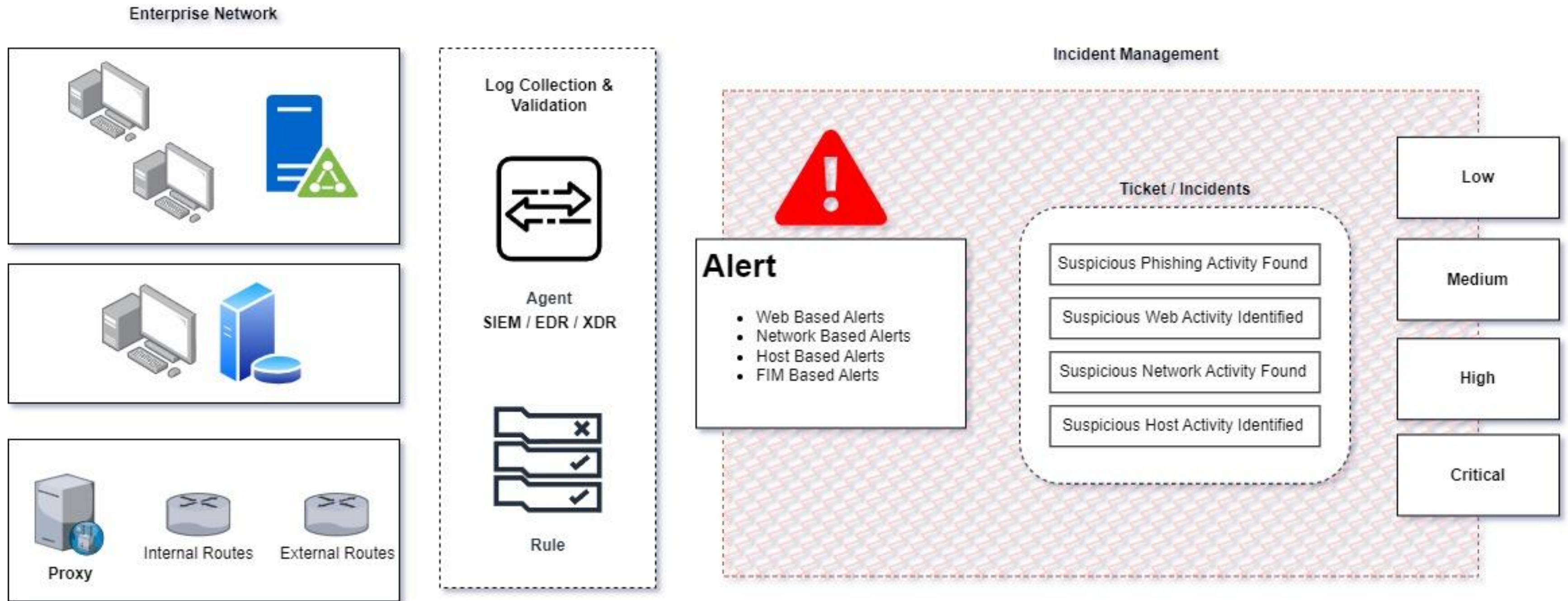
# Three Phases of Cyber Defence

The overall overview of Cyber Defence has been grouped into three categories

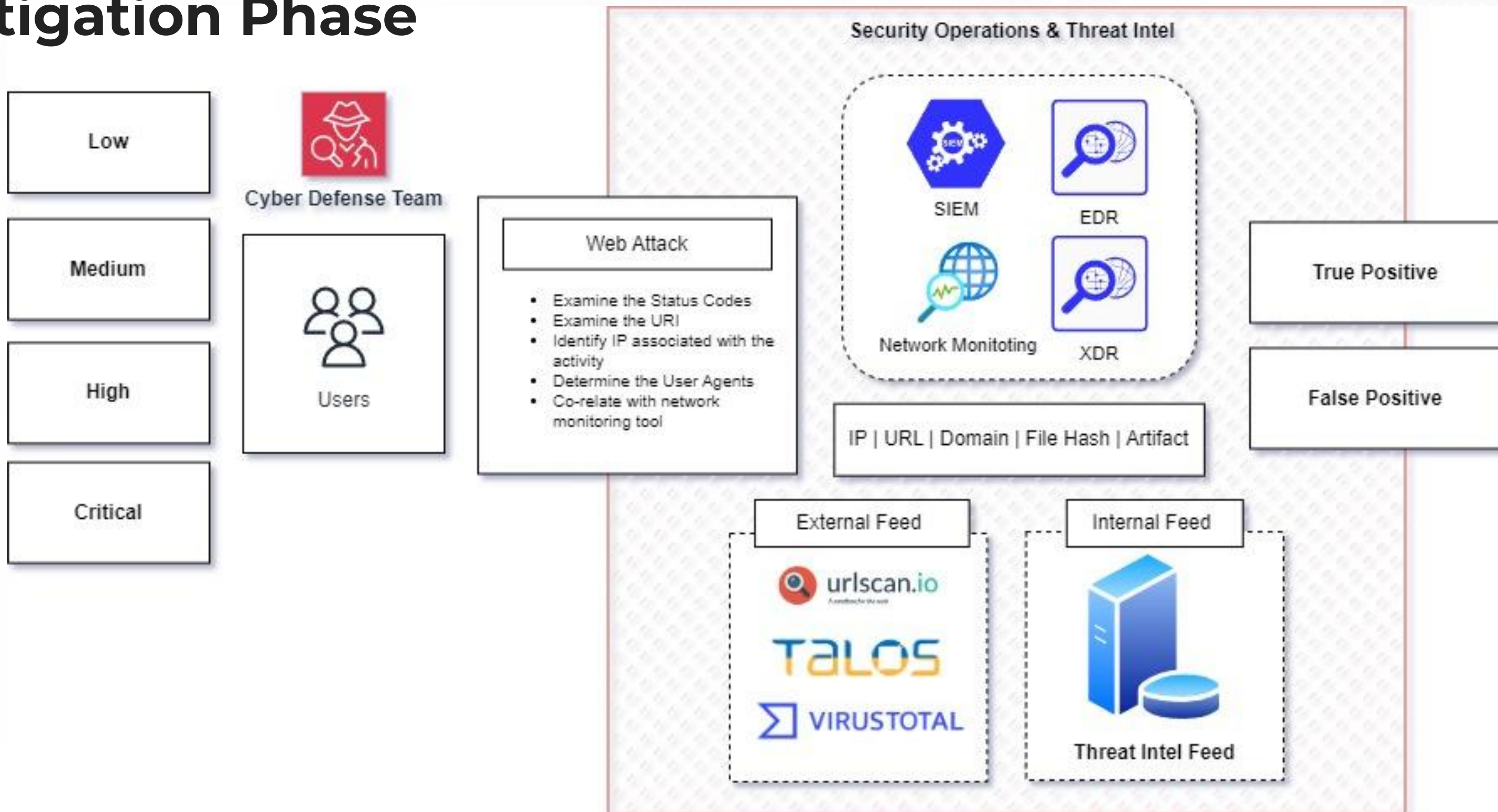
- Identification
- Investigation & Analysis
- Post Incident Investigation



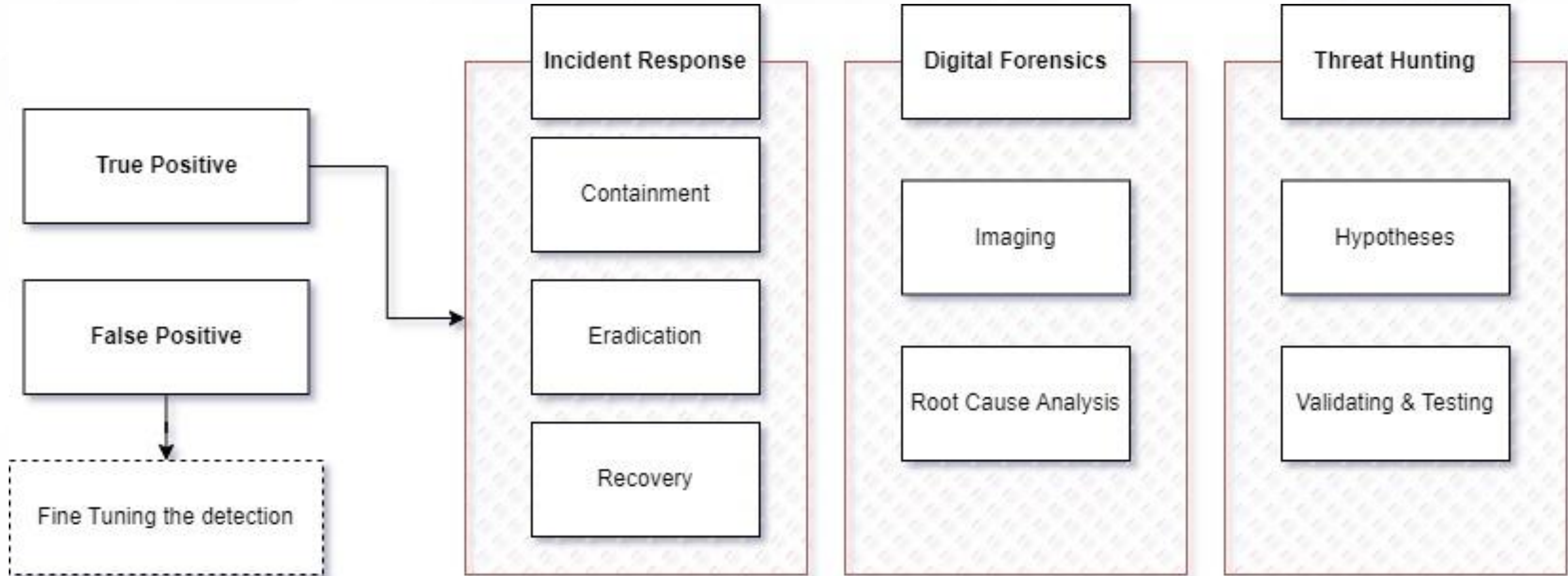
# Identification Phase



# Investigation Phase



# Post Investigation Phase



# Essential Abilities for Successful Cybersecurity Defenders

LOG Monitoring	Log Correlation	Incident Management	Prioritising the incident
Incident Investigations	Observing the findings	Correlation with various intel feeds	Determining the true nature of the events
Incident Response plan	Identifying and determining the root cause	Enhancing the detection rules	Tools & Technologies

# Chained Incident Investigation : Demo

In our demonstration we will be detailly discussing about how the chained attacks are been investigated and responded.

- Suspicious network scan activity detected
- Remote service Brute Forcing activity detected
- Remote login activity detected



# Suspicious network scan activity investigation

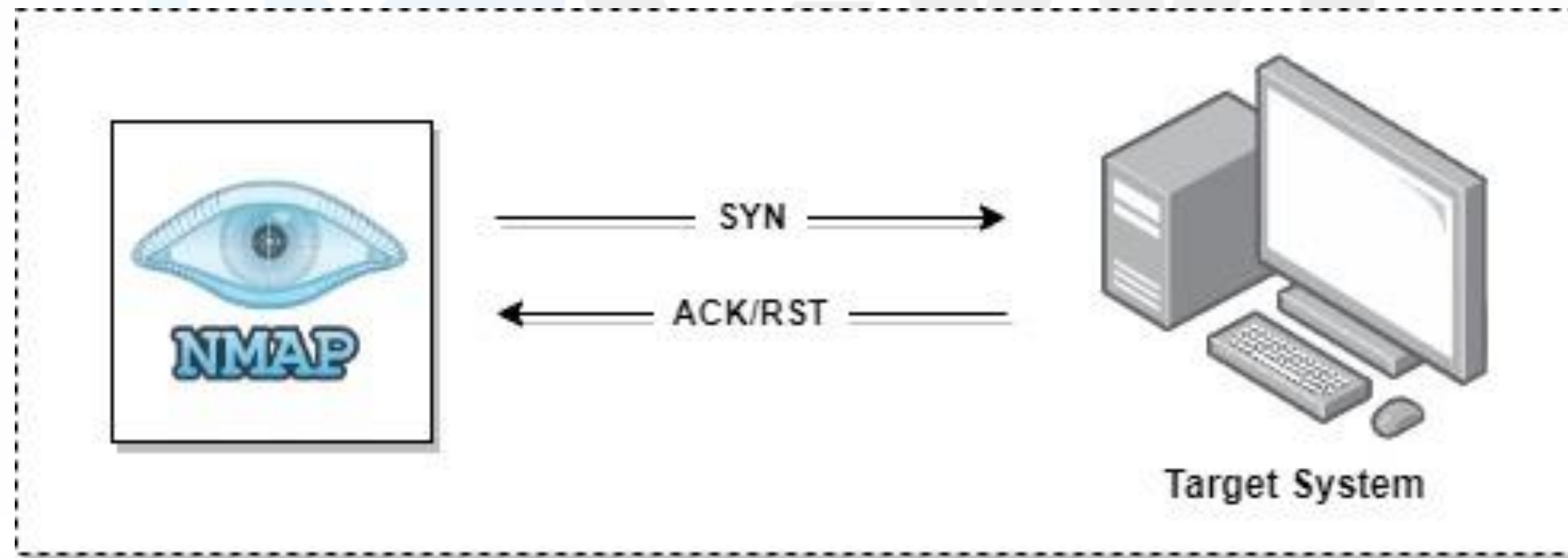
Attackers generally uses various techniques such as network scan to determine and identify the open and vulnerable port for further exploitation

1. Host Discovery
2. Port Scanning
3. Service Version Detection
4. OS Fingerprinting
5. Firewall and Security Policy Auditing



## Working of Port Scanning in NMAP

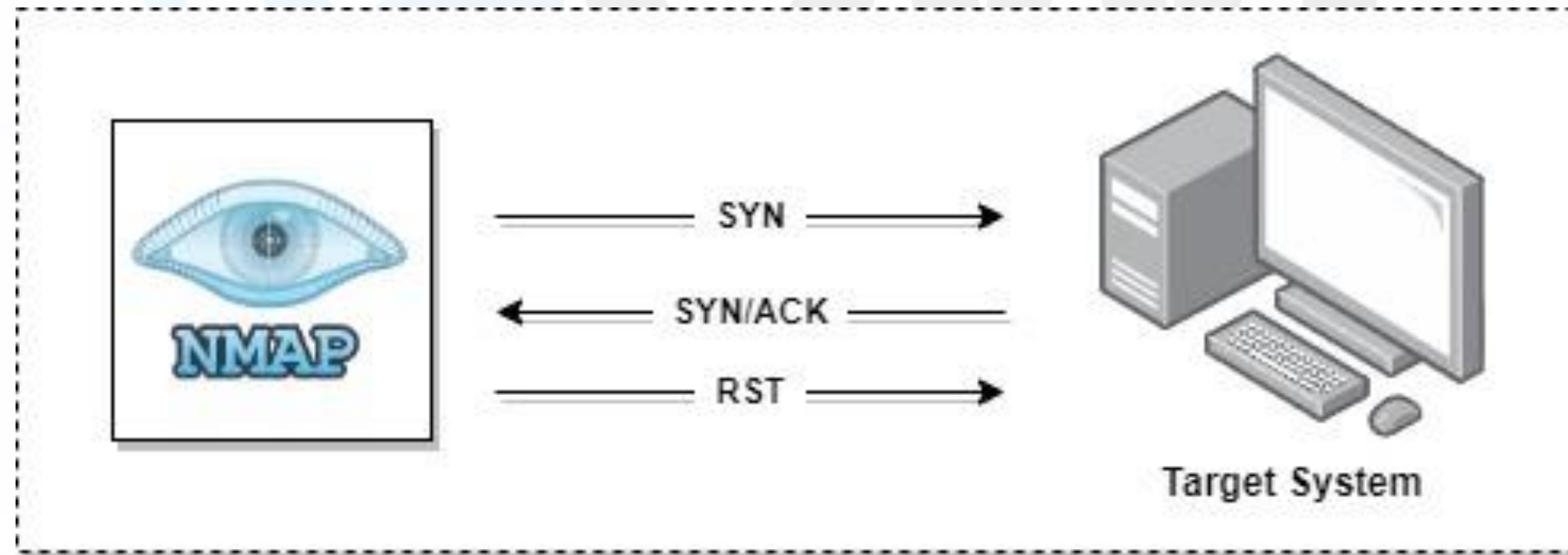
**Nmap** requests are generally custom crafted network packets for enumeration, The pattern of the **SYN** flag with a response of **ACK/RST** is observed when an attacker is trying to execute NMAP Port Scan activity.





## Working of Port Scanning in NMAP

The pattern of the **SYN** | **SYN/ACK** | **RST** is observed when an attacker successfully enumerates the open port in the target system.



# Detecting NMAP : Port Scan Activity

To determine the NMAP Port scan activity

```
(tcp.flags.syn == 1) || (tcp.flags.ack == 1 && tcp.flags.reset == 1)
```

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Src Port	Dest Port	Length	Info
48	3.870665	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	1	60	60 59147 → 1 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
33	3.347967	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	3	60	60 59147 → 3 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
25	3.079101	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	4	60	60 59147 → 4 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
13	0.582199	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	6	60	60 59147 → 6 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
37	3.607912	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	7	60	60 59147 → 7 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
68	22.521295	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59148	7	60	60 59148 → 7 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
46	3.867685	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	9	60	60 59147 → 9 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
27	3.343599	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	13	60	60 59147 → 13 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
82	54.424223	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59148	13	60	60 59148 → 13 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
38	3.607784	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	17	60	60 59147 → 17 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
74	23.809543	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59148	17	60	60 59148 → 17 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
40	3.609458	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	19	60	60 59147 → 19 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
64	15.973281	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59148	19	60	60 59148 → 19 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
51	3.874517	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	20	60	60 59147 → 20 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
54	3.875465	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59148	20	60	60 59148 → 20 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
9	-0.000400	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	21	60	60 59147 → 21 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356
11	0.002484	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	59147	22	60	60 59147 → 22 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=1024 Len=0 MSS=1356

# Detecting NMAP : Port Scan Activity

To determine the result of the NMAP Port scan activity

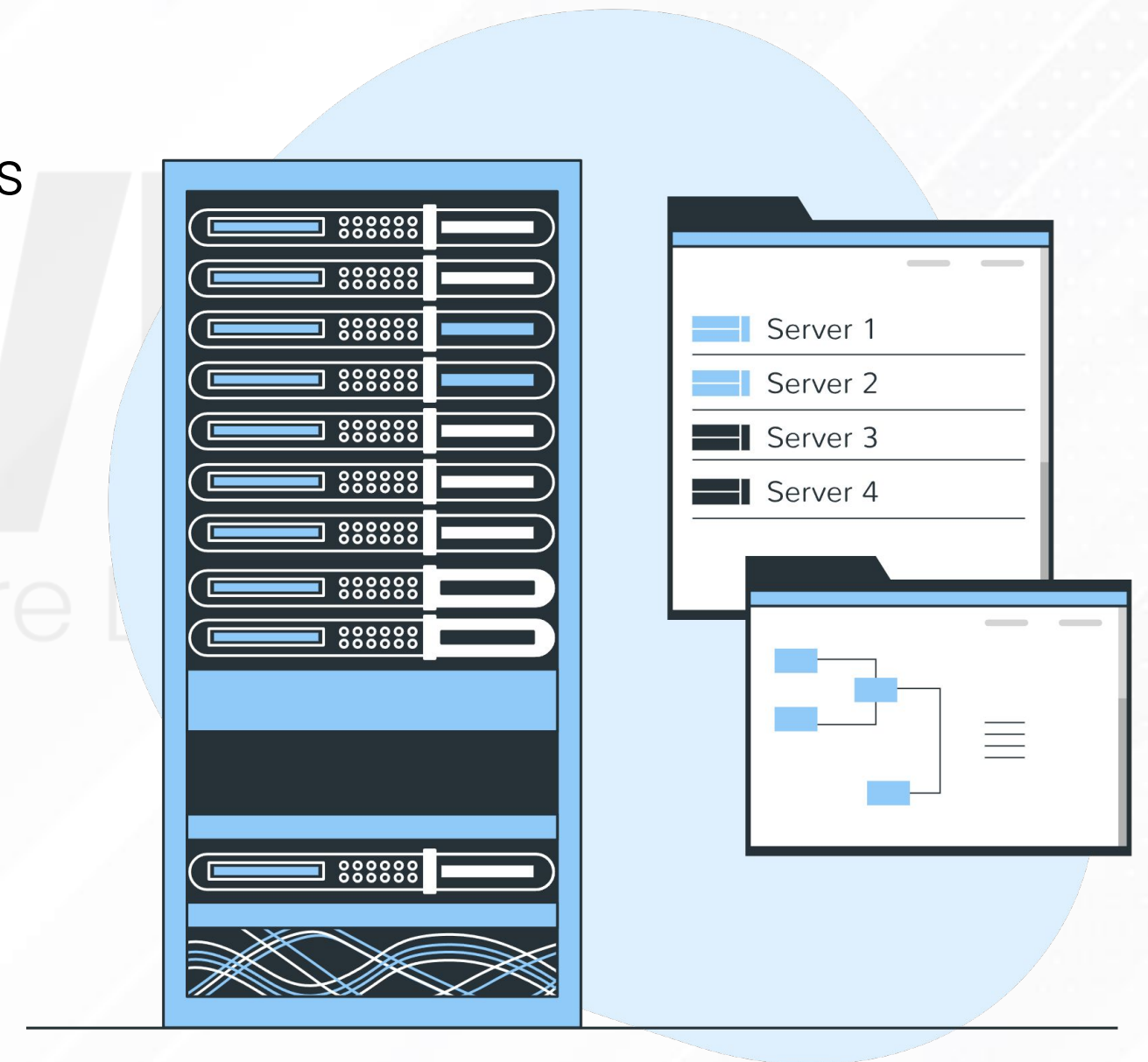
```
(tcp.flags.syn == 1) && (tcp.flags.ack == 1)
```

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Src Port	Dest Port	Length	Info
2	0.000192	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	139	59147	60	139 → 59147 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460
5	-0.000796	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	3306	59148	60	3306 → 59148 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460
8	-0.000324	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	445	59147	60	445 → 59147 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460
11	-1.110495	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	3306	59147	60	3306 → 59147 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460
14	-0.015832	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	3389	59148	60	3389 → 59148 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64000 Len=0 MSS=1460
17	0.000096	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	135	59147	60	135 → 59147 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460
20	0.000003	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	5900	59147	60	5900 → 59147 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460
23	-1.110420	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	3389	59147	60	3389 → 59147 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64000 Len=0 MSS=1460
26	565.121683	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	3389	35286	74	3389 → 35286 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64000 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=1 SACK_PERM TSval=28413013 TSecr=2
50	558.750437	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	3389	35276	74	3389 → 35276 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64000 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=1 SACK_PERM TSval=28406642 TSecr=2
76	565.121723	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	3389	35288	74	3389 → 35288 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64000 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=1 SACK_PERM TSval=28413013 TSecr=2
102	565.393341	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	3389	35290	74	3389 → 35290 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64000 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=1 SACK_PERM TSval=28413285 TSecr=2

## Remote Brute Forcing activity detected

The attacker systematically tries various combinations of usernames and passwords until they find the correct credentials to gain access. Brute force attacks can be automated using software tools that rapidly generate and test password combinations.

1. Identification of RDP Service
2. Brute Forcing the identified RDP service
3. Performing Password Guessing



## Working of Remote Brute Forcing

RDP Brute Forcing generate a high volume of network traffic and request towards the targeted victim, below listed as some commonly targeted remote service based attacks

**3389 : RDP** | Used for remote access and control of Windows systems.

**5900 : VNC** | Provides remote desktop sharing and control.

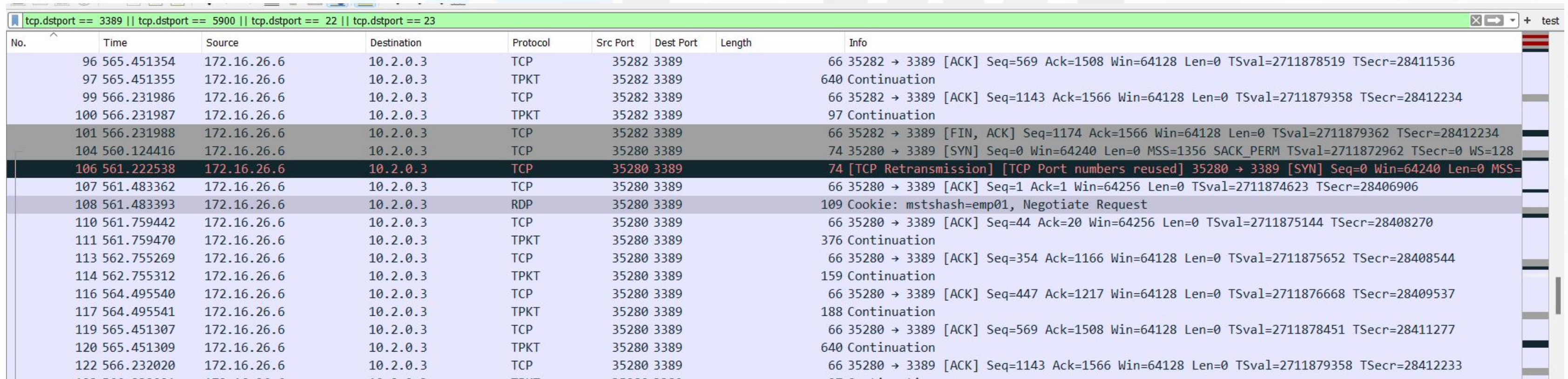
**22 : SSH** | Used to securely sending commands to a computer over an unsecured network.

**23 : Telnet** | Provides remote access to command-line interface (CLI)

# Detecting Remote Brute Forcing

To identify which Remote service is been targeted

```
tcp.dstport == 3389 || tcp.dstport == 5900 || tcp.dstport == 22 || tcp.dstport == 23
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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Src Port	Dest Port	Length	Info
96	565.451354	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35282	3389	66	35282 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=569 Ack=1508 Win=64128 Len=0 TSval=2711878519 TSecr=28411536
97	565.451355	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TPKT	35282	3389	640	Continuation
99	566.231986	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35282	3389	66	35282 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=1143 Ack=1566 Win=64128 Len=0 TSval=2711879358 TSecr=28412234
100	566.231987	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TPKT	35282	3389	97	Continuation
101	566.231988	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35282	3389	66	35282 → 3389 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1174 Ack=1566 Win=64128 Len=0 TSval=2711879362 TSecr=28412234
104	560.124416	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280	3389	74	35280 → 3389 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1356 SACK_PERM TSval=2711872962 TSecr=0 WS=128
106	561.222538	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280	3389	74	[TCP Retransmission] [TCP Port numbers reused] 35280 → 3389 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=
107	561.483362	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280	3389	66	35280 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64256 Len=0 TSval=2711874623 TSecr=28406906
108	561.483393	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	RDP	35280	3389	109	Cookie: msthash=emp01, Negotiate Request
110	561.759442	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280	3389	66	35280 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=44 Ack=20 Win=64256 Len=0 TSval=2711875144 TSecr=28408270
111	561.759470	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TPKT	35280	3389	376	Continuation
113	562.755269	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280	3389	66	35280 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=354 Ack=1166 Win=64128 Len=0 TSval=2711875652 TSecr=28408544
114	562.755312	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TPKT	35280	3389	159	Continuation
116	564.495540	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280	3389	66	35280 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=447 Ack=1217 Win=64128 Len=0 TSval=2711876668 TSecr=28409537
117	564.495541	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TPKT	35280	3389	188	Continuation
119	565.451307	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280	3389	66	35280 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=569 Ack=1508 Win=64128 Len=0 TSval=2711878451 TSecr=28411277
120	565.451309	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TPKT	35280	3389	640	Continuation
122	566.232020	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280	3389	66	35280 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=1143 Ack=1566 Win=64128 Len=0 TSval=2711879358 TSecr=28412233

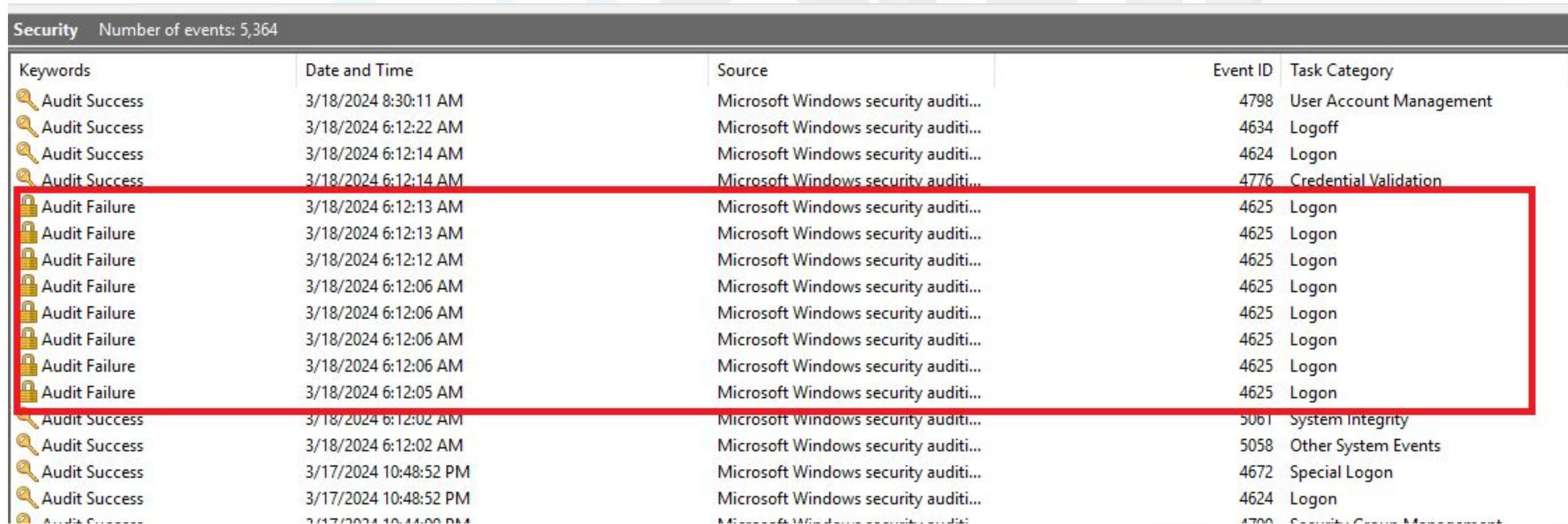
# Investigating Remote Brute Forcing

While investigating we observed multiple network packets with the username **emp01** after a short span of time the external IP is been sending **FIN - ACK**

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106	561.222538	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280 3389	74	[TCP Retransmission] [TCP Port numbers reused] 35280 → 3389 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0
107	561.483362	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280 3389	66	35280 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64256 Len=0 TSval=2711874623 TSecr=28406906
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109	561.490726	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	RDP	3389 35280	85	Negotiate Response
110	561.759442	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280 3389	66	35280 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=44 Ack=20 Win=64256 Len=0 TSval=2711875144 TSecr=28408270
111	561.759470	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TPKT	35280 3389	376	Continuation
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113	562.755269	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TCP	35280 3389	66	35280 → 3389 [ACK] Seq=354 Ack=1166 Win=64128 Len=0 TSval=2711875652 TSecr=28408544
114	562.755312	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TPKT	35280 3389	159	Continuation
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123	566.232021	172.16.26.6	10.2.0.3	TPKT	35280 3389	97	Continuation
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126	566.232316	10.2.0.3	172.16.26.6	TCP	3389 35280	60	3389 → 35280 [RST, ACK] Seq=1566 Ack=1175 Win=0 Len=0

# Investigating Remote Brute Forcing

Alternatively this activity can be cross verified with the event log associated with the targeted host machine, as we observed multiple failed login failed simultaneously in a short period of time.



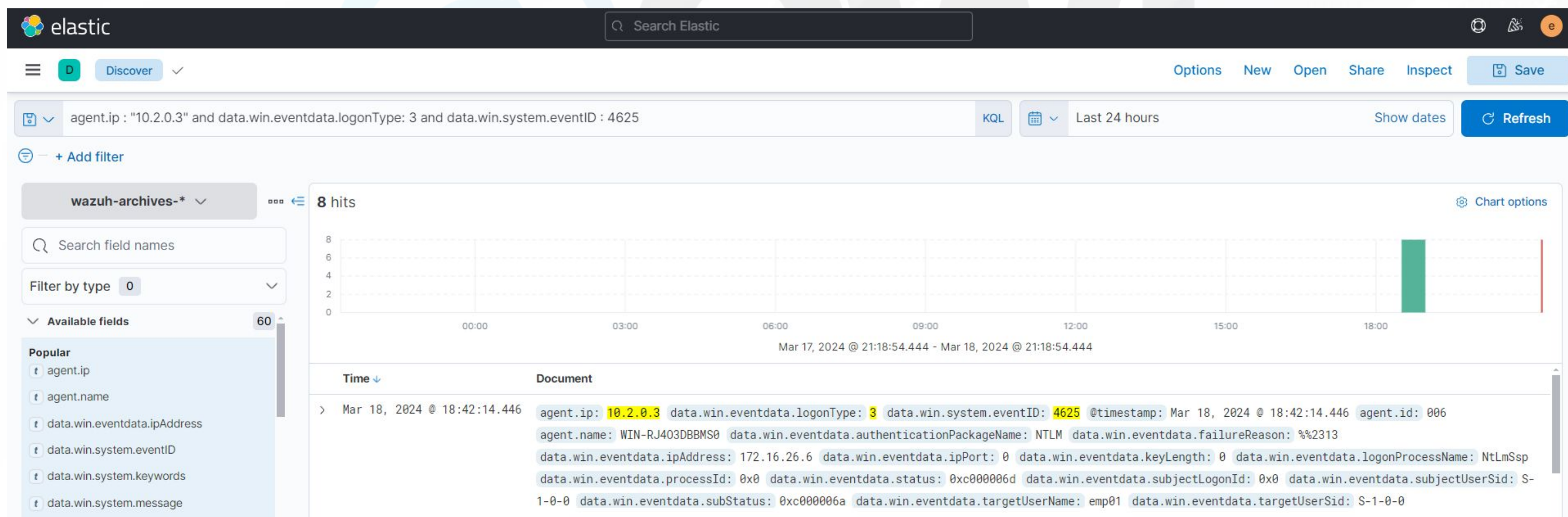
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Audit Success	3/18/2024 6:12:14 AM	Microsoft Windows security auditi...	4624	Logon
Audit Success	3/18/2024 6:12:14 AM	Microsoft Windows security auditi...	4776	Credential Validation
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Audit Failure	3/18/2024 6:12:05 AM	Microsoft Windows security auditi...	4625	Logon
Audit Success	3/18/2024 6:12:02 AM	Microsoft Windows security auditi...	5061	System Integrity
Audit Success	3/18/2024 6:12:02 AM	Microsoft Windows security auditi...	5058	Other System Events
Audit Success	3/17/2024 10:48:52 PM	Microsoft Windows security auditi...	4672	Special Logon
Audit Success	3/17/2024 10:48:52 PM	Microsoft Windows security auditi...	4624	Logon
Audit Success	3/17/2024 10:44:00 PM	Microsoft Windows security auditi...	4700	Security Group Management



# Investigating Remote Brute Forcing

To determine the login failed in SIEM

agent.ip : "10.2.0.3" and data.win.eventdata.logonType: 3 and data.win.system.eventID : **4625**



## Remote login activity detected

In order to carry out different offensive operations, an attacker often has to establish a initial foothold with the targeted infrastructure. RDP is one of the most frequently targeted services to obtain an initial access.



## Working of Remote login











An successful RDP login will result with an **event ID 4624** with an **logon type 3**

**Event ID 4624** : Generated when a account is been successfully logged in

**Logon Type 03** : Logon Type 3 refers to a specific type of logon event in the Windows Event Log that indicates a network logon.

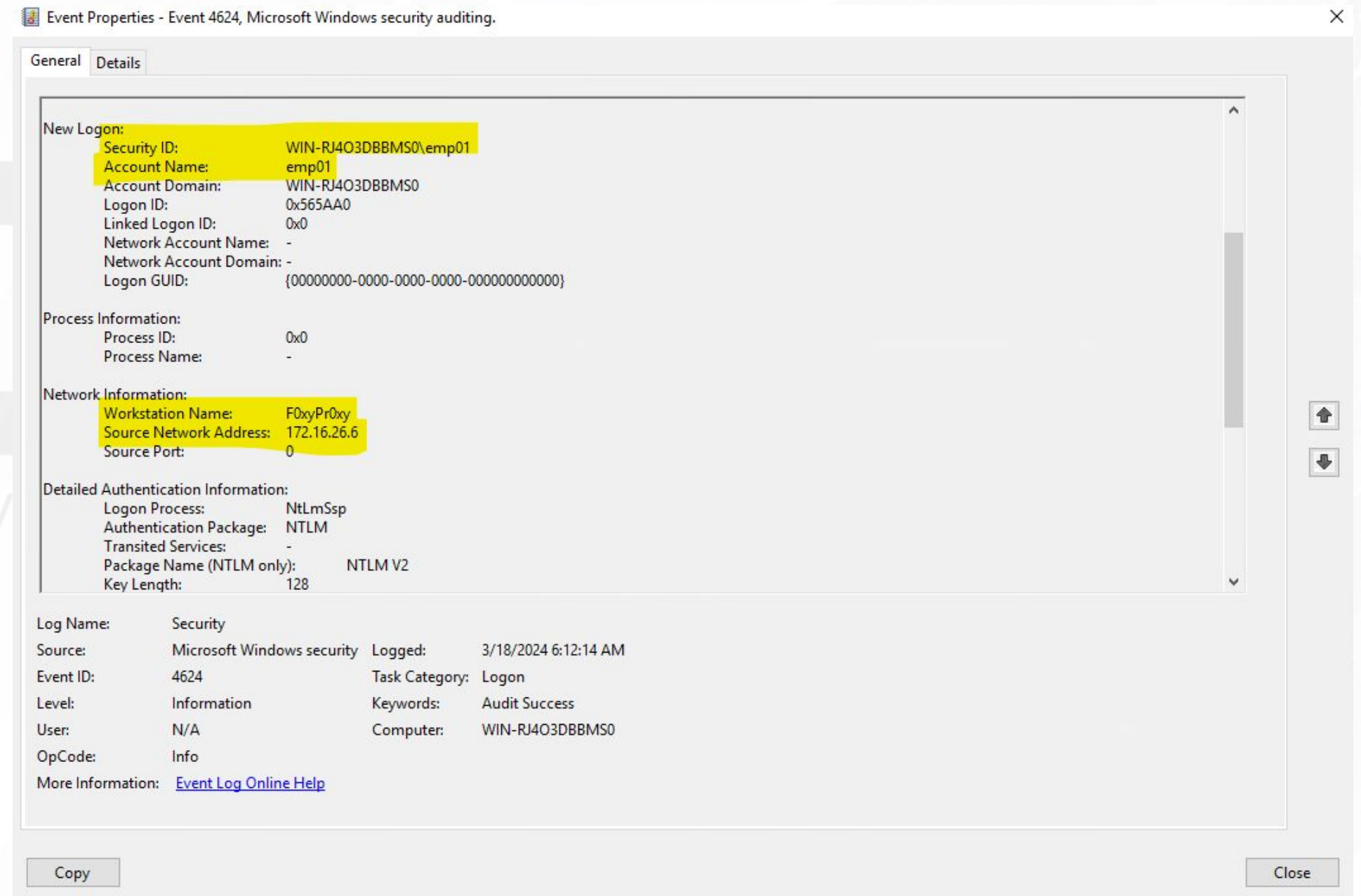
# Investigating Remote login activity

The most effective way to look into the remote login is to use event viewer to correlate the events when credential validation and logon success are seen following after logon failure event. This indicates that the attacker used brute force to input the valid credentials.

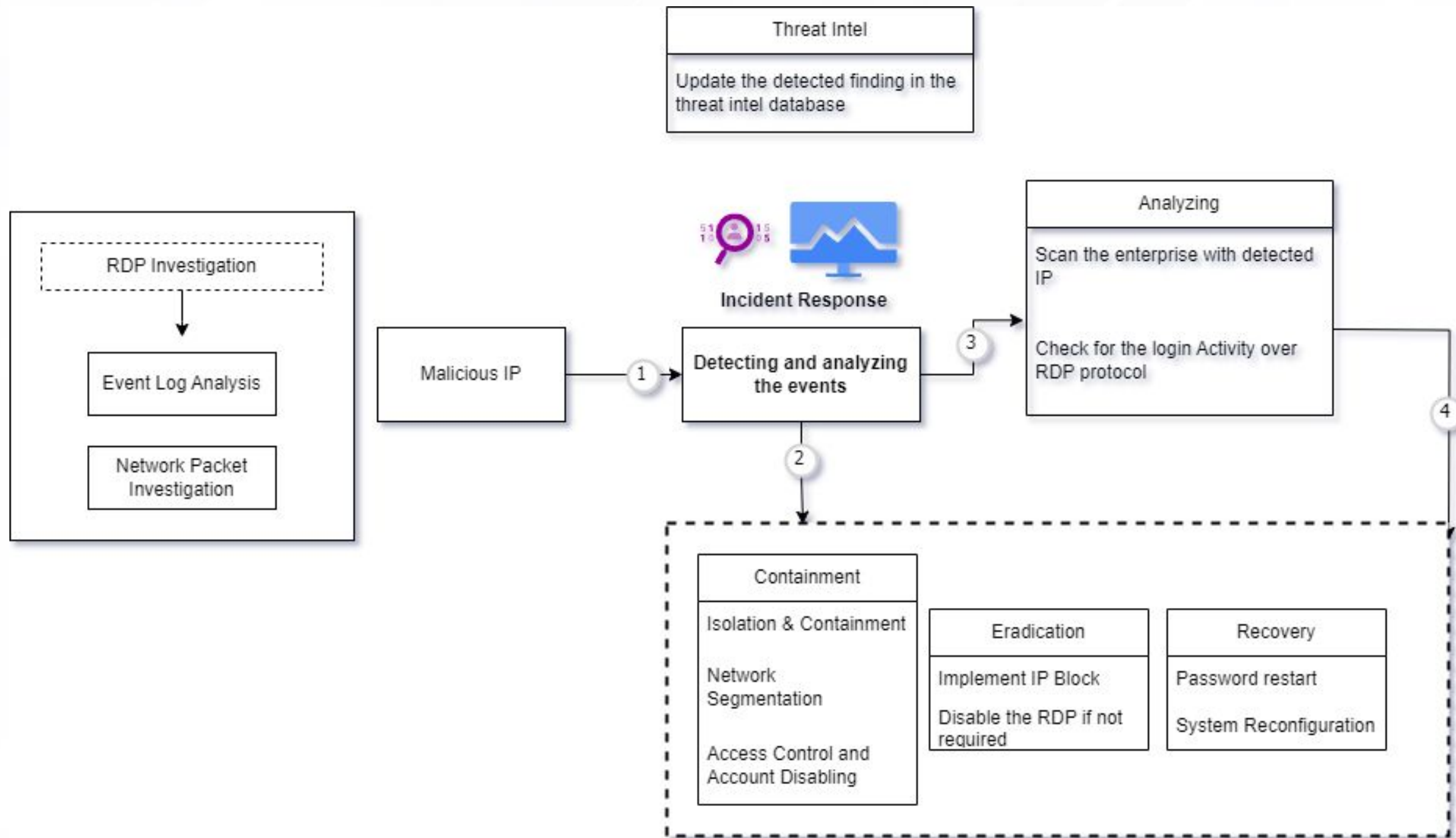
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# Investigating Remote login activity

While deep investigating we observed that the external IP is been successfully logged in to the targeted victim.



# IR plan for malicious Remote Logon event



## Blue Team Fundamentals : BTF

BTF offers an organised way to start your **blue teaming experience**.

This course is specifically made for beginners to provide them with the knowledge and skills needed to began their blue teaming journey.

Working of Cyber defence

Hands-on investigations

Multiple Investigative mind map

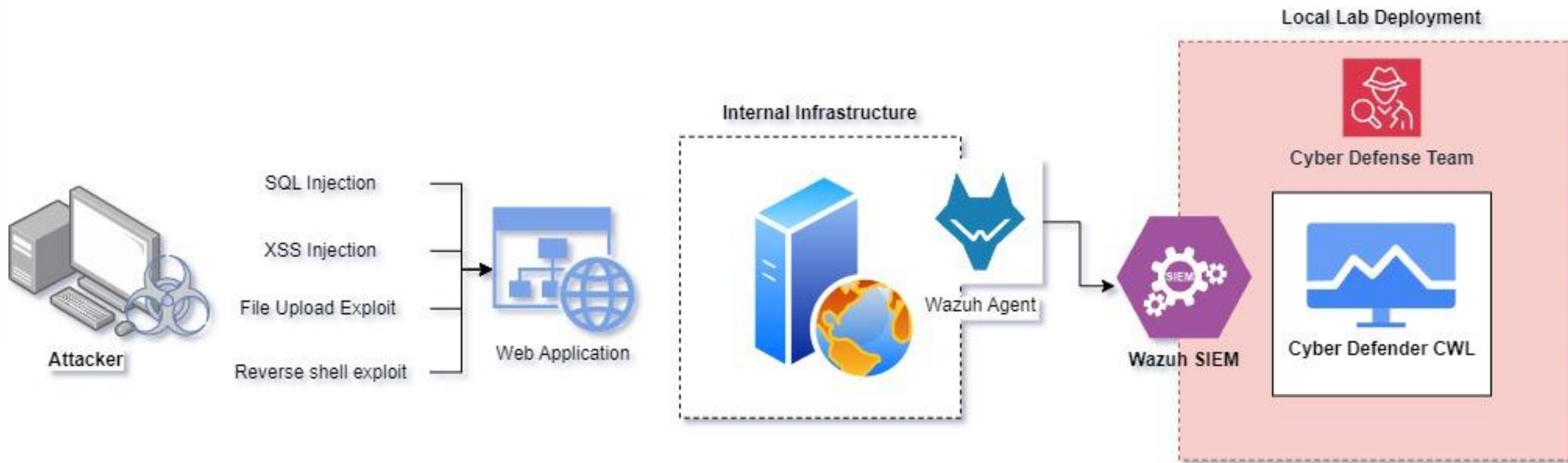
Enhance the real time investigation skills

Local Lab Deployment

Custom SIEM search query



# BTF Lab Overview





## Challenges Included:

We the team CWL has been specifically designed the **Blue Team Fundamentals** to Enhance the real time investigation skills for the cyber defenders to adapt to the evolving threat landscape and effectively safeguard organizations against cyber attacks

**BTF** consist of 5 unique investigative challenges based on the real case scenarios

**SQL Injection Based Investigation**

**XSS Based Investigation**

**Remote File Inclusion Activity Investigation**

**External Network Communication Investigation**

**Compromised Host Machine : Memory Dump Analysis**

# Certification Procedure

**Enroll in  
Blue Team Fundamentals [BTF]**



**Complete the Study materials  
[Video + PDF]**



**Local lab  
deployment**



**Take BTF  
Certification Quiz**



**Minimum passing  
Percentage 100%**



**Earn CWL verified  
Blue Team Fundamentals certificate**



## Detection Lab



- The objective of this course is to provide participants with a simulated real world enterprise infrastructure, where participants can engage in various investigation and defensive operations.
- The lab deployment instruction will contain a well documented PDF for local installation and configuration,
- Participants will be guided through step-by-step procedure in both identification and detection operation



# Thank You

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