

PT Network Attack Discovery

Makes hidden threats visible



About Positive Technologies



19 years

of experience in security development and research 900 employees:

security engineers, developers, analysts, and others 250 experts

at our security research center

200+

zero-day vulnerabilities discovered yearly

200+

corporate security audits performed for clients annually

50%

of all industrial and telecom vulnerabilities are discovered by our experts



We protect enterprise information systems from cyberthreats by:

- Creating products and solutions
- Performing security audits

- Investigating incidents
- Researching threats

A trusted name

































Our projects





Challenge

Protect services for fan movement, volunteer recruitment, and transportation contractors.

What we did

Aligned cybersecurity and performed nonstop monitoring of all infrastructure.

Result

Supported safe and continuous functioning of all information systems.



Annual international practical security forum attracting over 8,000 participants.

Includes a 30-hour cyberbattle for control of the digital infrastructure of a mock city. Conditions for attackers and defenders are as realistic as possible.

During the cyberbattle, the SOC uses our products to monitor infrastructure and detect attacks.

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Analytics and research

OVER 20+

PUBLICATIONS YEARLY:

Quarterly reports about the latest cyberthreats and trends, forecasts and investigations of hacker activity, industry-specific information





Why monitor internal network traffic?

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Perimeter protection is not enough



In 2019, at **93% of companies,**our pentesters succeeded in breaching the network perimeter and accessing the local network*

Minimum **30 minutes**were needed for penetrating a local network. The average time needed was four days*

206 daysis the average dwell time of hackers in the infrastructure prior to detection.**

Any corporate network is vulnerable to attacks, even if its perimeter is well protected.

When malefactors reach the internal network, their actions become are invisible for perimeter security tools.



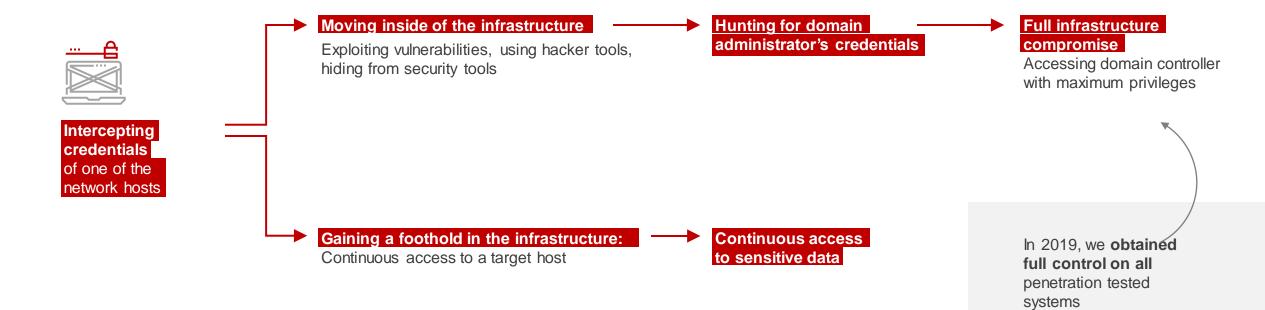
Need to monitor both external and internal traffic

^{*} External pentests results - 2020, Positive Technologies

^{** 2019} Cost of a Data Breach Report, Ponemon institute

It only takes a few steps for the hackers to win





Consequences



Cybercriminals use AutoCAD for industrial espionage

November 29, 2018



To compromise systems, attackers use phishing emails containing ZIP archives with malicious AutoCAD modules

Attackers continue to exploit the feature in the popular AutoCAD design program to steal valuable drawings for bridges, factory buildings, and other projects. According to Forcepoint experts, one of these campaigns has been active since at least 2014 and is mainly focused on industrial espionage. The target of the attackers are various companies around the world, including in the energy sector.

hackernews.blog/cybercriminals-use-autocad-for-industrial espionage-2/

Organizations Leave Backdoors Open to Cheap Remote Desktop Protocol Attacks

By John Fokker on Jul 11, 2018

Thanks to my colleague Christiaan Beek for his advice and contributions.

While researching underground hacker marketplaces, the McAfee Advanced Threat Research team has discovered that access linked to security and building automation systems of a major international airport could be bought for only US\$10.

The dark web contains RDP shops, online platforms selling remote desktop protocol (RDP) access to hacked machines, from which one can buy logins to computer systems to potentially cripple cities and bring down major companies.

RDP, a proprietary protocol developed by Microsoft that allows a user to access another computer through a graphical interface, is a powerful tool for systems administrators. In the wrong hands, RDP can be used to devastating effect. The recent SamSam ransomware attacks on several American institutions demonstrate how RDP access serves as an entry point. Attacking a high-value network can be as easy and cheap as going

securingtomorrow.mcafee.com/other-blogs/mcafee-labs/organizations-leave backdoors-open-to-cheap-remote-desktop-protocol-attacks/

When malefactors hack the domain controller, the threat is quite hard to localize.

Example: Hong Kong Airlines Attacks continued three months after passengers' data leak was detected. techannels.com/hacked-in-nasa-pirates-steal-information-on-mars-missions

Hacked in NASA: Pirates

AS A RESULT OF A LEAK IN APRIL 2018, NEARLY 500MB OF INFORMATION WAS STOLEN ABOUT

MARS MISSIONS. UPON THIS LEAK, SOME PARTS

In April 2018, hackers infiltrated the agency's network and stole nearly 500 MB

Hackers used a Raspberry Pi device to infiltrate NASA's network. The device is

said to have accessed the system from NASA's Jet Laboratory (JPL) without

of data on Mars missions, according to a report released by NASA's General

OF NASA DISCONNECTED FROM THE NETWORK

Missions

By muhammed adıgüzel 💆 🔤

WHERE THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE.

any authorization and without the necessary security checks

Steal Information on Mars

Telecommunications Breakdown: How Russian Telco Infrastructure was Exposed

Last updated by UpGuard on September 20, 2019

UpGuard can now disclose that a storage device containing 1.7 terabytes of information detailing telecommunications installations throughout the Russian Federation has been secured, preventing any future malicious use. This data includes schematics, administrative credentials, email archives, and other materials relating to telecom infrastructure projects.

upguard.com/breaches/mts-nokia-telecom-inventory-dataexposure#/security-lapse-russia/

This 'most dangerous' hacking group is now probing power grids

Hackers that tried to interfere with the safety systems of an industrial plant are now looking at power utilities too.



By Steve Ranger | June 14, 2019 -- 12:09 GMT (05:09 PDT) | Topic: Cyberwar and the Future of Cybersecurity

Law and Crime

Cathay Pacific cyberattack far worse than thought after airline admits facing intense hack for more than three months

- Airline makes shock revelation in written submission to Hong Kong lawmakers ahead of committee hearing to grill management
- Carrier spent HK\$1 billion on computer network, but it wasn't enough against 'sophisticated attack'





How to identify attackers inside the network?



All security monitoring tools (ex SIEM, EDR) have their blind spots. They can be cleared by means of traffic analysis.



Use of hacker tools

To detect PowerView (AD reconnaissance tool), logging of the event 1644 must be enabled: it will show LDAP activity of PowerView. Such events can be generated in large numbers.

An alternative solution will be to detect malicious activity in traffic.



SIEM does not detect some types of attacks

For example, a DCShadow attack involves creating a fake domain controller, which does not provide data about events to SIEM. However, when a new object is added to the domain-controller configuration, this can be clearly viewed in traffic.



Exploitation of vulnerabilities

For example, a critical remote Windows desktop vulnerability CVE-2019-0708 which is exploited during legitimate processes can only be detected by events indirectly. Traffic analysis can offer more accurate detection.



Malware detection

SIEM detects malicious activity based on events detected by antivirus tools and firewalls. Firewalls detect malware based on IP addresses: if an address changes or a new one is created, firewalls will miss them. If malware is packed, an antivirus will most likely overlook it. Hiding malware activity in a network requires a lot of effort, so whatever is overlooked by antivirus tools and firewalls can be detected in traffic.





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Network traffic analysis (NTA)* systems

- Analyze traffic both on the perimeter and in the infrastructure.
- Detect attacks using a combination of detection techniques.
- Provide information necessary for event investigation.

Many Gartner clients have reported that NTA/NDR tools have detected suspicious network traffic that other perimeter security tools had missed.

Market Guide for Network Detection and Response, Gartner, 2020

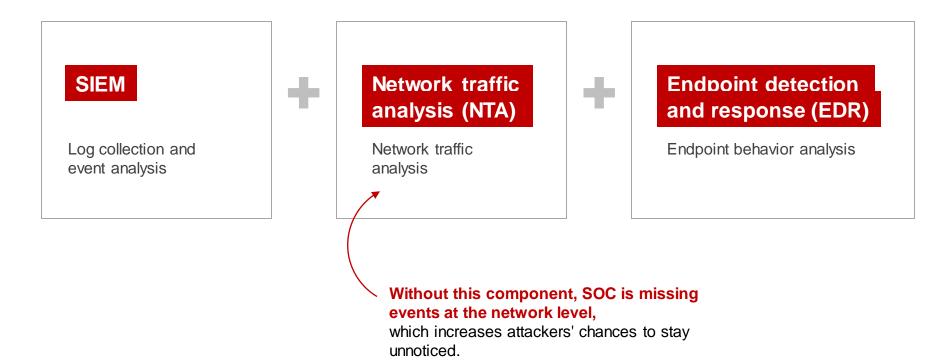
SOCs recognize NTA as one of the best threat detection technologies.

Common and Best Practices for Security Operations Centers: Results of the 2019 SOC Survey, SANS Institute 2019

NTA is a vital SOC tool



SOC is not only about SIEM. SOC visibility triad according to Gartner*:



^{*} Applying Network-Centric Approaches for Threat Detection and Response, Gartner, 2019



The Positive Technologies solution

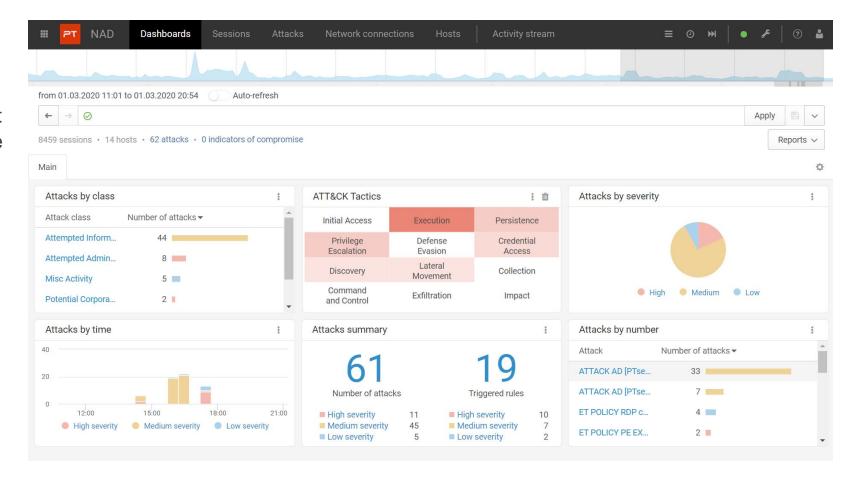
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PT Network Attack Discovery

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PT NAD is a deep network traffic analysis system designed to detect attacks on the perimeter and inside the network.

The system makes hidden threats visible, detects suspicious activity even in encrypted traffic, and helps investigate incidents.



Key functions





Provides network visibility

PT NAD identifies 85 protocols and parses the 30 most common ones up to and including the L7 level. This provides a full picture of what is going on in the infrastructure and helps identify security flaws that can enable attacks.



Detects hidden threats

The system automatically detects attacker attempts to penetrate the network and identifies hacker presence in the infrastructure based on multiple signs, including the use of hacker tools and transmission of data to the attackers' servers.

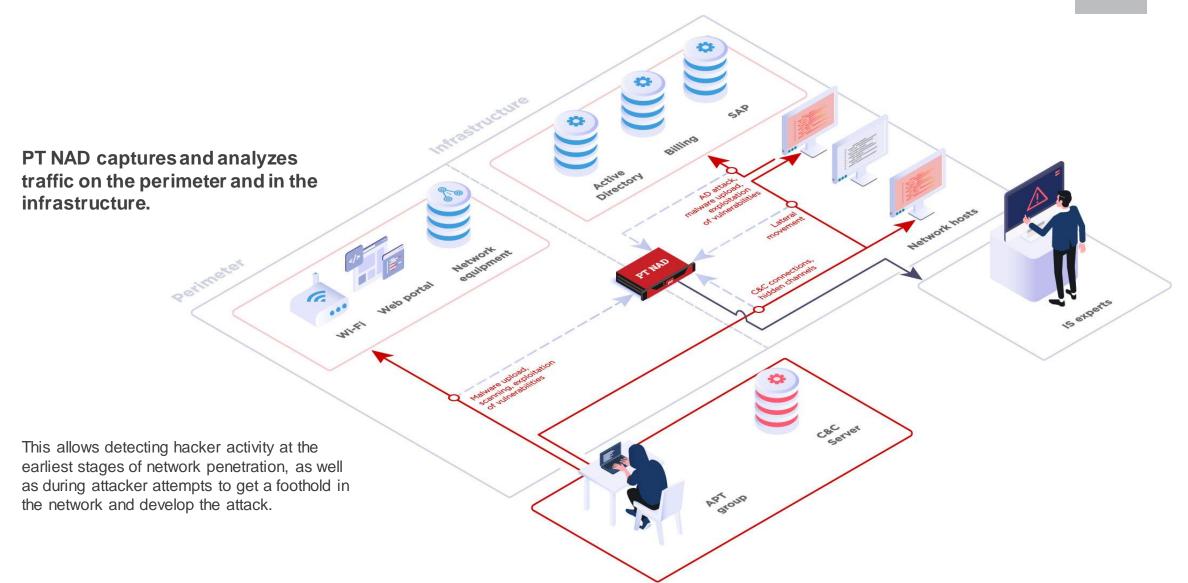


Makes SOCs more effective

PT NAD provides SOCs with full network visibility, makes it easier to verify whether an attack was successful, reconstruct the kill chain and gather evidence. To do this, PT NAD stores metadata and raw traffic, helps quickly find sessions and identify suspicious ones, and supports exporting and importing traffic.

How PT NAD works







Attacker lateral movement





Threats in encrypted traffic



Connection to automatically generated domains



Non-compliance with IS policies



Use of hacker tools





Malware activity



Signs of previously unnoticed attacks



Hiding activities from security tools



Exploitation of vulnerabilities in the network



Threats in encrypted traffic

Thanks to advanced analytics, PT NAD accurately detects malware hidden in TLS or custom protocols.





Attacker lateral movement

PT NAD detects attacker attempts to expand their presence in the infrastructure by observing them as they perform reconnaissance, remote command execution, and conduct Active Directory and Kerberos attacks.



Use of hacker tools

PT Expert Security Center
(PT ESC) investigates
complex attacks, constantly
explores new threats,
and monitors hacker activities.
Based on obtained knowledge,
our experts create PT NAD
rules that help detecting all
popular hacking tools in action



Exploitation of vulnerabilities in the network

A unique vulnerability
database is constantly
updated with data about new
vulnerabilities, including those
that have not yet been included
in the CVE database. This helps
PT NAD quickly detect
exploitation attempts.

Positive Technologies is a MAPP
member. We receive information about zero-day vulnerabilities in Microsoft's products. That's why PT NAD's customers get protection faster.





Malware activity

PT NAD detects malware by its activity in the network.

Hackers can easily hide malware from antivirus tools, whereas hiding its network activity is much more difficult. By analyzing network activity, PT NAD helps localize threats



As soon as the PT NAD database is updated with data on new cyberthreats, the system performs retrospective analysis of traffic to check network for threats.

This allows discovering the presence of attackers in record time.



Hiding malicious activity from security tools

PT NAD detects DNS, HTTP,
SMTP, and ICMP tunnels used
by attackers to steal data,
enable malware communication
with the C&C server, and hide
their activity from security team



Connection to automatically generated domains

Thanks to machine learning technology, PT NAD identifies connection with domain names created with the domain generation algorithm (DGA). This helps to detect malware that uses DGA to maintain connection with the attacker's C&C server.



Non-compliance with IS policies

of unencrypted data and messages, use of VPN tunnels, TOR, remote access utilities, proxies, and messengers usually prohibited by IS policies in companies.

ATT&CK techniques covered by PT NAD



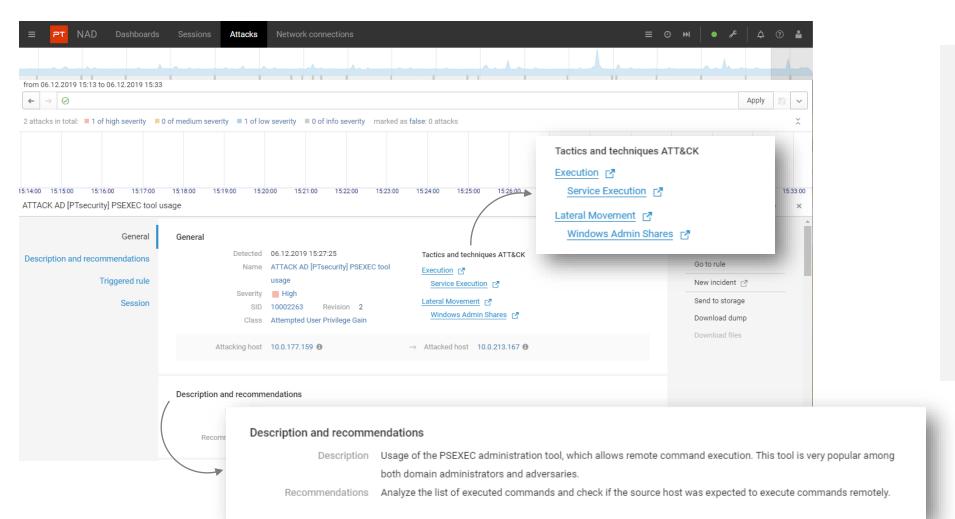
Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Exfiltration	Impact
Drive-by Compromise	CMSTP	External Remote Services	Valid Accounts	CMSTP	Brute Force	Account Discovery	Component Object Model and Distributed COM	Data from Network Shared Drive	Commonly Used Port	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Network De
Exploit Public- Facing Application	Command-Line Interface	Scheduled Task		Connection Proxy	Credential Dumping	Domain Trust Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Man in the Browser	Connection Proxy	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel	Resource Hijacking
External Remote Services	Component Object Model and Distributed COM	Valid Accounts		DCShadow	Exploitation for Credential Access	Network Service Scanning	Pass the Hash		Custom Command and Control Protocol		Service Sto
Spearphishing Attachment	Exploitation for Client Execution	Web Shell		Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Kerberoasting	Network Share Discovery	Pass the Ticket		Custom Cryptographic Protocol		
Spearphishing Link	Mshta	Windows Management Instrumentation Event Subscription		Mshta		Password Policy Discovery	Remote Desktop Protocol		Data Encoding		
Trusted Relationship	PowerShell			Obfuscated Files or Information		Permission Groups Discovery	Remote Services		Data Obfuscation		
Valid Accounts	Scheduled Task			Redundant Access		Remote System Discovery	Third-party Software		Domain Generation Algorithms		
	Scripting			Scripting		Security Software Discovery	Windows Admin Shares		Fallback Channels		
	Service Execution			Software Packing		System Owner/User Discovery	Windows Remote Management		Multi-hop Proxy		
	Third-party Software					System Service Discovery			Multi-Stage Channels		
	User Execution Windows								Multiband Communication		
	Management Instrumentation								Multilayer Encryption		
	Windows Remote Management								Remote Access Tools		
	XSL Script Processing								Remote File Copy		
	Ů								Standard Application Layer Protocol		
									Standard Cryptographic Protocol		
									Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol		
									Uncommonly Used Port		

20-50% over 50% up to 20%

> PT NAD detects over 50% of techniques used by attackers during initial access, lateral movement. and command and control communications.

Detection of ATT&CK tactics and techniques



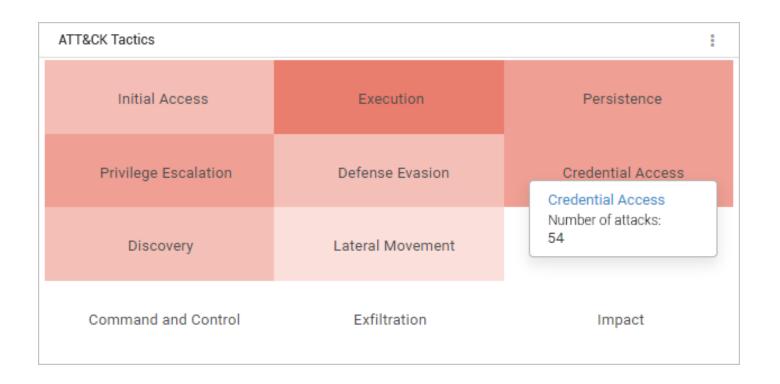


An attack card contains data about used ATT&CK tactics and techniques.

This helps to understand which stage of attack attackers are in and quickly choose compensating measures.

Heat map of ATT&CK tactics and techniques



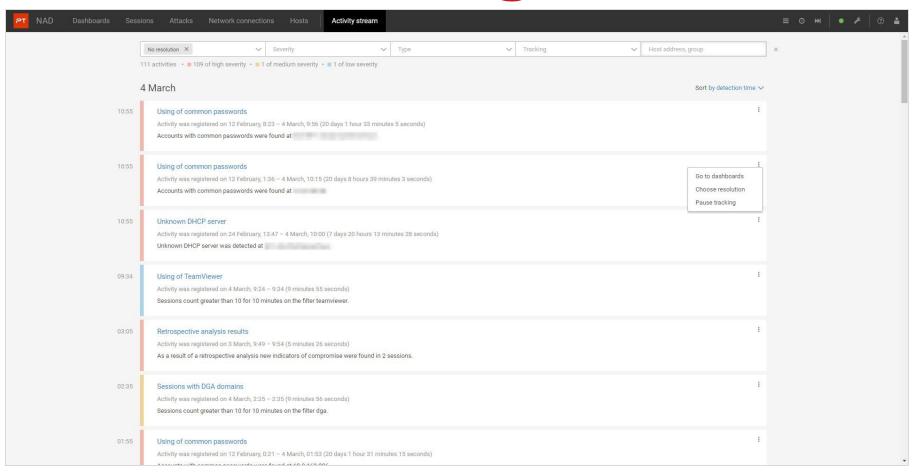


The heat map on a dashboard provides a comprehensive view on a phase of cyberattacks.

Every tactic is clickable and shows the frequency of techniques used.

Learn about new attacks and threats in a single feed





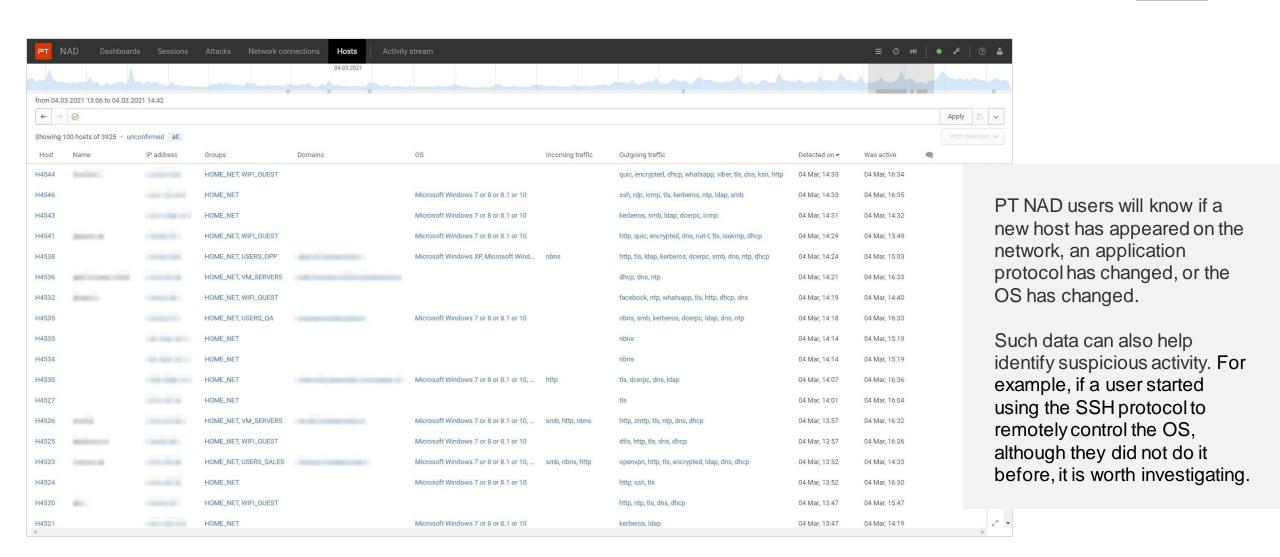
Activity feed collects a list of identified threats in one place, combines messages about similar activities into one, and allows you to manage them.

You can mark the issue as resolved or no longer track such activity.

Each activity in the feed contains the date and time of the last detection, severity level, period of activity, and a brief description

Monitor network hosts





Benefits





Detects malicious activities in internal traffic

PT NAD analyzes both north/south and east/west traffic and detects lateral movement, attempts to exploit vulnerabilities, and attacks against end users in the domain and internal services.



Detects even modified malware

In order to be able to create rules, our experts constantly explore existing hacker techniques, tools, and malware samples. One rule covers the entire malware family. As a result, PT NAD alerts about all the dangerous threats and detects even modified versions of malware.



Keeps attacks private

PT NAD is an on-premise solution. All data is stored on client infrastructure, never leaving the corporate perimeter. Information on attacks and damage is not transmitted to the outside, minimizing reputational risks.



Support by PT Expert Security Center

Positive Technologies Expert Security Center leverages its expertise to assist information security experts or even takes the full lead in monitoring network traffic events and investigating attacks.



PT NAD usage scenarios

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Usage scenarios



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Information security policy compliance control

Detection of attacks on the perimeter and in the network

Investigation of attacks

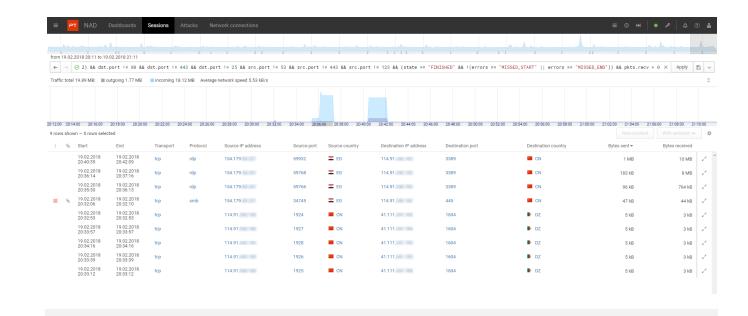
Threat hunting



IS policy control compliance control

PT NAD detects flaws in information systems' configuration and non-compliance with information security policy that can lead to the development of attacks.

Filters help quickly identify credentials stored in cleartext, unencrypted messages, remote access utilities, and tools that hide network activity.



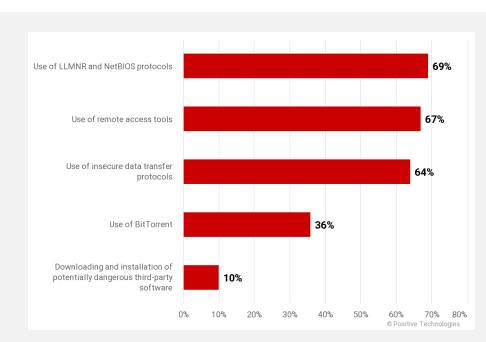
100% of companies suffer from the non-compliance with information security policy*.

Plaintext credentials are all over the network. Hackers can easily intercept them by compromising the network.

PT NAD filter helps configure a special widget to view all non-encrypted passwords and logins:

Credential pairs by number of sessions			
Login	Password	Count ▼	
lashkosa	jtrnnig	3719	
ASVDSbyt	I4Bc4K2i	3047	
aisjsl	gW3Am/	1548	
dgi	trCsmztdBsn5	1427	
vet	vet	1311	
asu_eirc	Hfd565ds9	777	_
notA	7q6dKG94	643	_
itc	1qa@ws3ed	606	_
asmggt	rXd4AtLUeec	590	_
ovga2	ys0v-@cMa9#=S	504	_
oiasersl	mikHmU01	363	-
etp	xBcTBqP3	340	-
teamcity	q28sETvVV	204	-
aisjsl	DFLj7axj	175	•
rimma.	session	137	•

PT NAD shows you sessions in which plaintext data was transmitted, as well as senders' and recipients' host addresses.



Top 5 types of non-compliance with IS policies

*Top cyberthreats on enterprise networks, Positive Technologies

Detection of attacks on the perimeter and in the network



PT Expert Security Center updates rules and indicators of compromise twice a week. In order to update the database, PT NAD does not require constant connection to the Positive Technologies cloud.

Thanks to embedded advanced analytics, unique threat detection rules, indicators of compromise, and retrospective analysis, PT NAD detects attacks both at the earliest stages and after attackers have already penetrated the infrastructure.

Advanced analytics modules enable identification of complex threats and network anomalies. They take into account many parameters of the attacker's behavior and are not tied to the analysis of individual sessions, unlike the rules for attack detection.



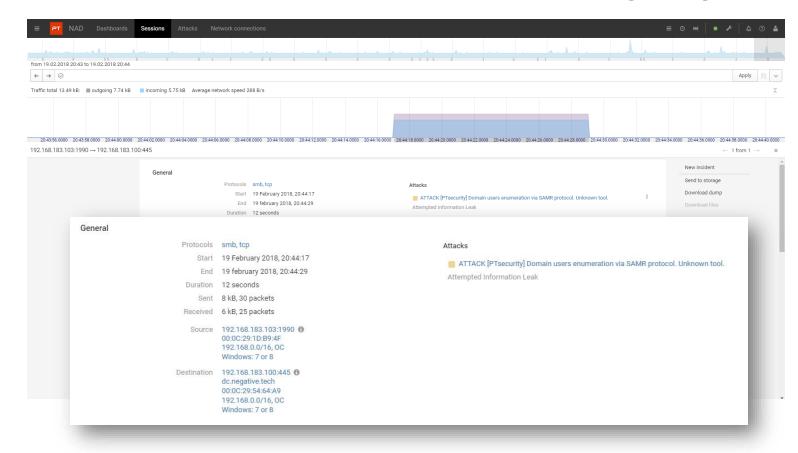
The goal of attackers is to compromise domain controller of the main company.

Step 1 Attackers penetrate the main company via less protected perimeter of one of its branches.

Step 2 Malefactors attack domain controller from a single network of the company.

Step 3 PT NAD analyzes the SMB protocol and detects illegitimate requests for obtaining a list of domain users.

PT NAD interface: a rule is triggered for detecting SMB requests from illegitimate segment.



Investigation of attacks



Flexible data storage system

Users can select parameters to store metadata and raw traffic, thus optimizing the storage size.

With PT NAD, an investigation expert can:

- Localize attack.
- Trace the attack path.
- Detect vulnerabilities in infrastructure.
- Set up measures to prevent similar attacks in the future.
- Gather evidence of malicious activity.

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- 2. A security engineer checked network activity on the host and detected several attempts to log in to other hosts from this host outside business hours.
- The security engineer asked IT department to block the account and started investigation together with the PT ESC team.



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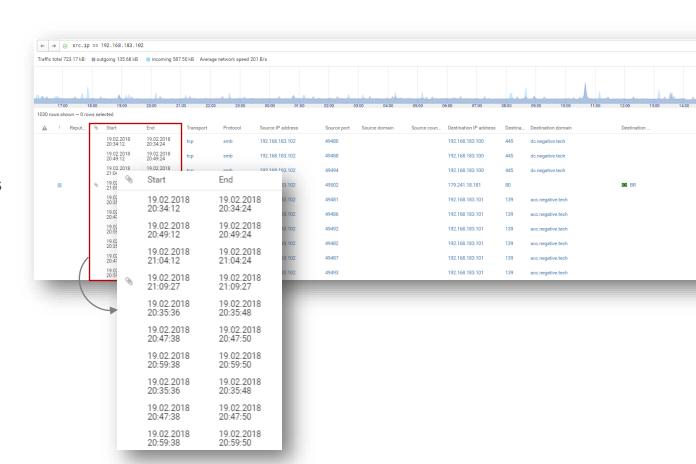
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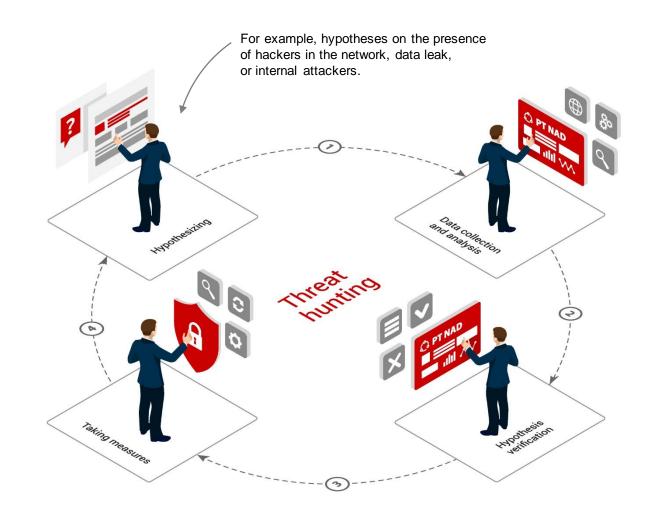
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Threat hunting

PT NAD helps organize threat hunting in a company and detect hidden threats that can not be identified with standard cybersecurity tools.



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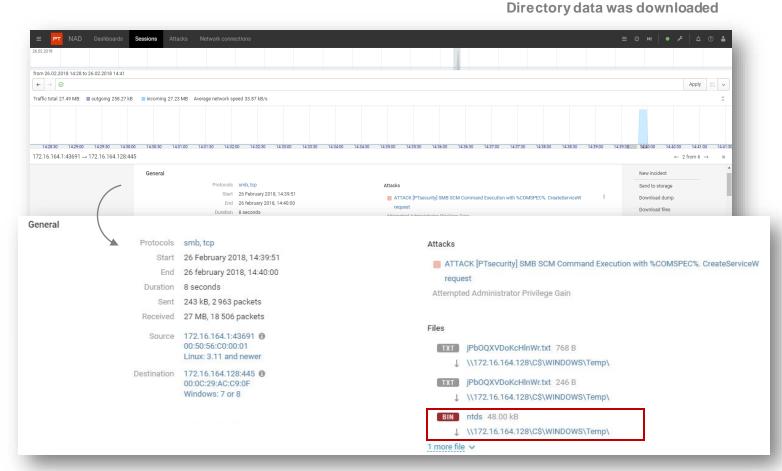
Card of a session in which a file with Active



There are no apparent signs of compromise in the system. A security analyst decided to check whether the domain controller had been hacked.

- With the help of filters, the security analyst analyzed network activity directed at the domain controller.
- The security analyst detected a request from an internal address for obtaining a list of domain users and several requests to log in to the domain controller. The last request was successful.
- An ntds.dit* file was downloaded via the SMB protocol. The hypothesis is proved: the domain was compromised, and an investigation is required.

^{*}The Ntds.dit file is a database that stores Active Directory data, including information about user objects, groups, and group membership



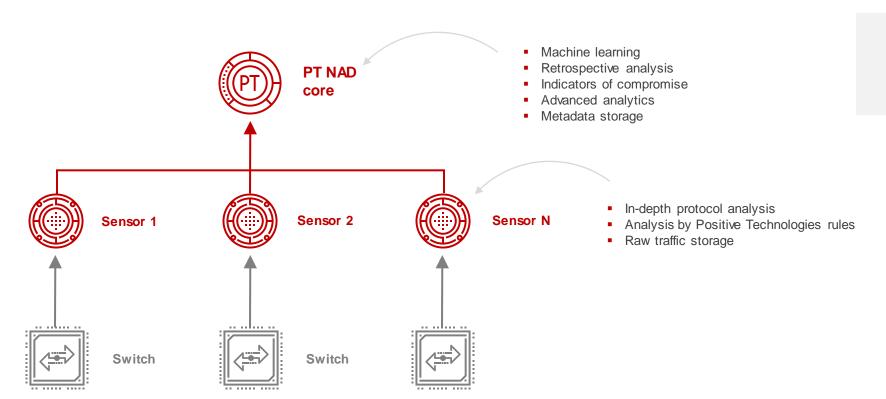


PT NAD architecture

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Logical scheme





The core supports scaling out.



Integration with Positive Technologies products



MaxPatrol SIEM

security incident detection system

PT NAD informs MaxPatrol SIEM about attacks, network configuration, and asset connections. This gives a fuller picture of IT infrastructure and allows more accurate incident detection.

PT NAD can be delivered as an addition to MaxPatrol SIEM as a NAD sensor.

PT Sandbox

Advanced sandbox with customizable virtual environments

Performs static and dynamic analysis of files transferred in traffic, identifies malwares.
Automatically sends files malware status to PT NAD.

From the PT NAD interface, you can go to PT Sandbox in one click and view detailed information about the detected malicious file.

PT ESC, PT NAD, and PT Sandbox form a system for detection and prevention of targeted attacks.



A starting guide for PT NAD projects

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Form factors and licensing



Delivery

Hardware appliance

to be deployed on the physical server

Performance: up to 10 Gbps

Virtual appliance

to be deployed on a virtual machine

Performance: up to 200 Mbps

Annual licensing

Basic license

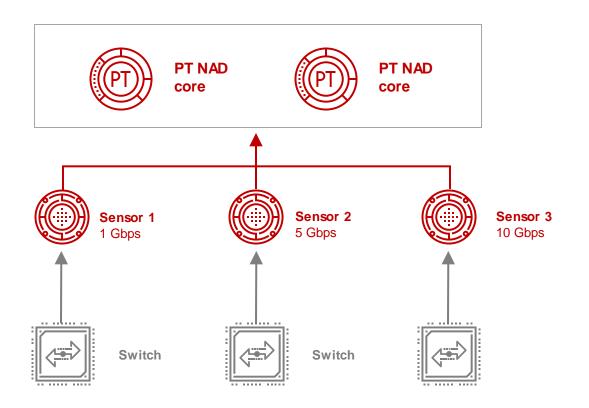
Traffic throughput (1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, or 100 Gbps)

Infrastructure licenses

- System core
- Sensors for protocol and traffic analysis (up to 1,000, 5,000, or 10,000 Mbps)

Example of architecture





- Standard license20 Gbps
- 2 licenses for the system's core
- 1 license for 1 Gbps sensor
- 1 license for 5 Gbps sensor
- 1 license for 10 Gbps sensor

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Contact your Positive Technologies manager or our partner



Sign an NDA, complete the pre survey



PT NAD deployment: setup, configuration, traffic mirroring



Demo starts—with monitoring by Positive Technologies

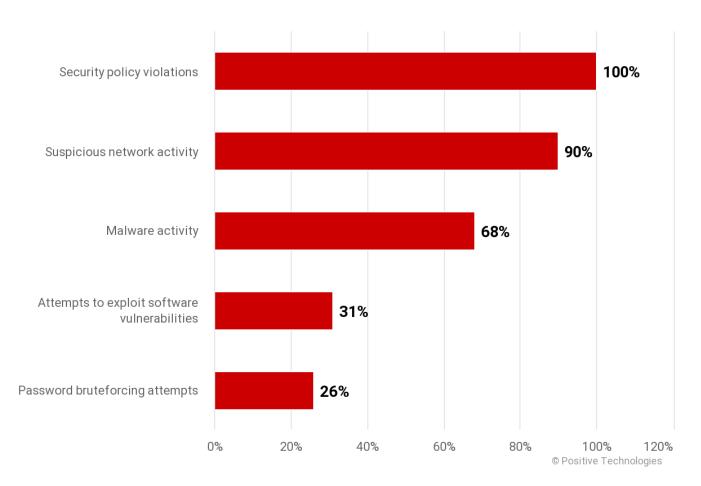


Report on detected threats

≈ 4 weeks

Threats detected during pilot projects at 41 companies





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