

# Mapping MITRE ATT&CK and D3FEND to the ECSF for cyber range scenarios generation

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# Talk outline

## Context and motivation

- Cyber ranges, challenges for creating training scenarios
- ENISA Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF)
- Mapping MITRE and ECSF

## Illustration - A sample training scenario

- Securing a software supply chain

## Conclusion and perspectives

*Training ground  
for security activities*

# Cyber Range Scenarios

*Attack and defense  
exercises on  
vulnerable assets*

# Motivation

**Challenge:** How to design training scenarios?

- need experts
- understand user needs
- time-consuming
- not really reusable

# Motivation

⇒ **Need for a solution to facilitate the work of cyber range scenario designers.**

Scenarios constraints:

- within a certain budget, duration
- specific software or hardware architecture
- trainee skills improvement objectives
- ...

# How to measure cyber competence?



ECSF

## 12 Cyber profiles and associated competences

*“The main purpose of this framework is to create a common understanding between individuals, employers and providers of learning programmes across EU Member States, making it a valuable tool to bridge the gap between the cybersecurity professional workplace and learning environments.”*



<https://www.enisa.europa.eu/topics/education/european-cybersecurity-skills-framework>



# How to measure cyber competence?

1

2

3

4

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6

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

Q5

Result



You need to refine the specification of an hotel management system dealing with personal information under GDPR compliance. What kind of diagrams/notations would you favor for that purpose

☐
state diagram

☐
data flow

☐
control flow

☐
user interface mockup

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## Cyber Competence Assessment

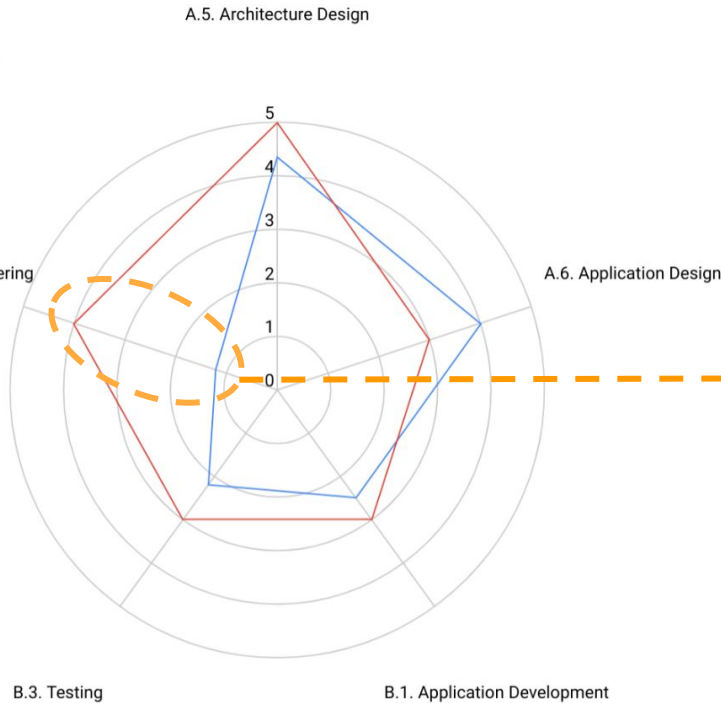
Special thanks to [Denis Darquennes](#) for his GDPR expertise





Cybersecurity  
Architect

B.6. ICT Systems Engineering



— Assessment result — Skill level requisite

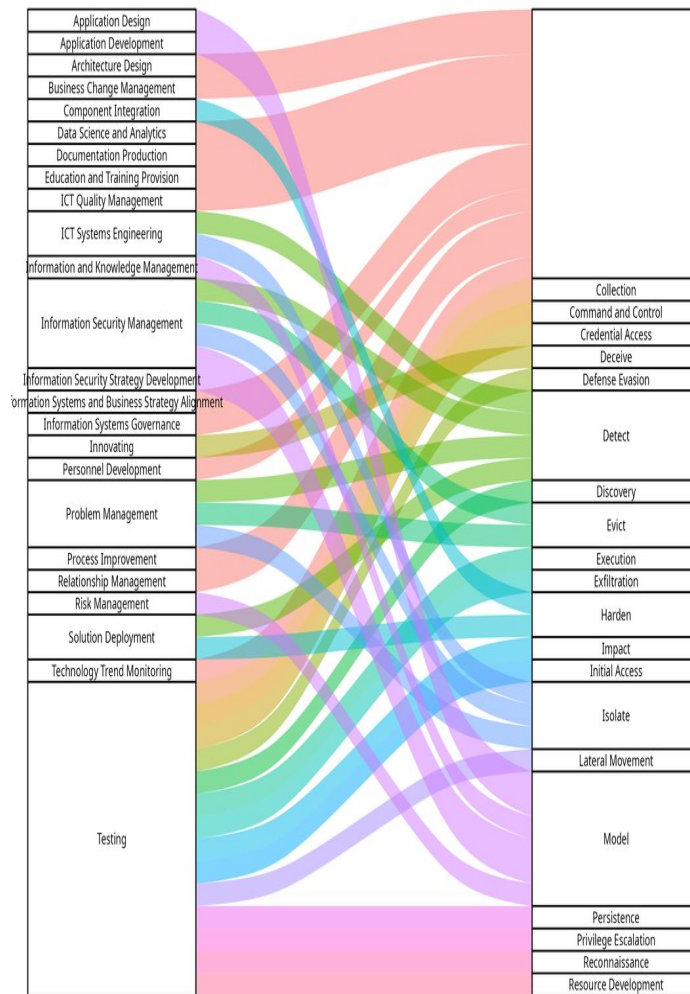
## B.6. ICT Systems Engineering

Builds the required networks/network connections, components and interfaces. (...) Ensures information security, data protection and energy efficiency. Performs tests to ensure requirements are met.

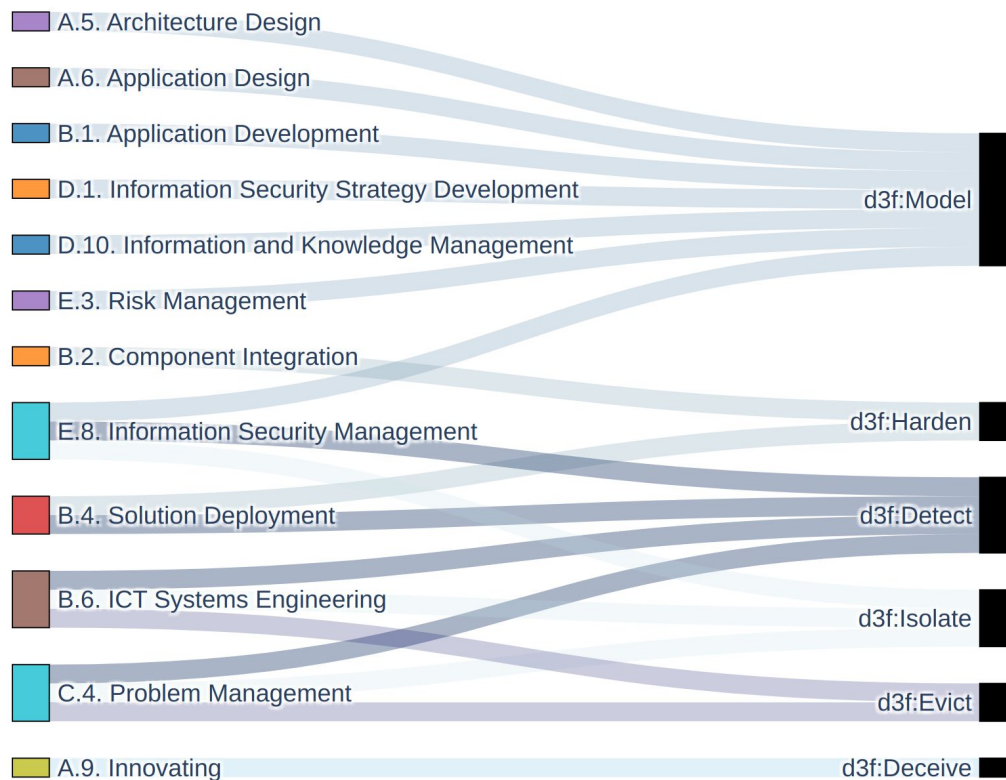
### Competence level:

- required: 4
- measured: 1.2

# ECSF Competences vs MITRE tactics



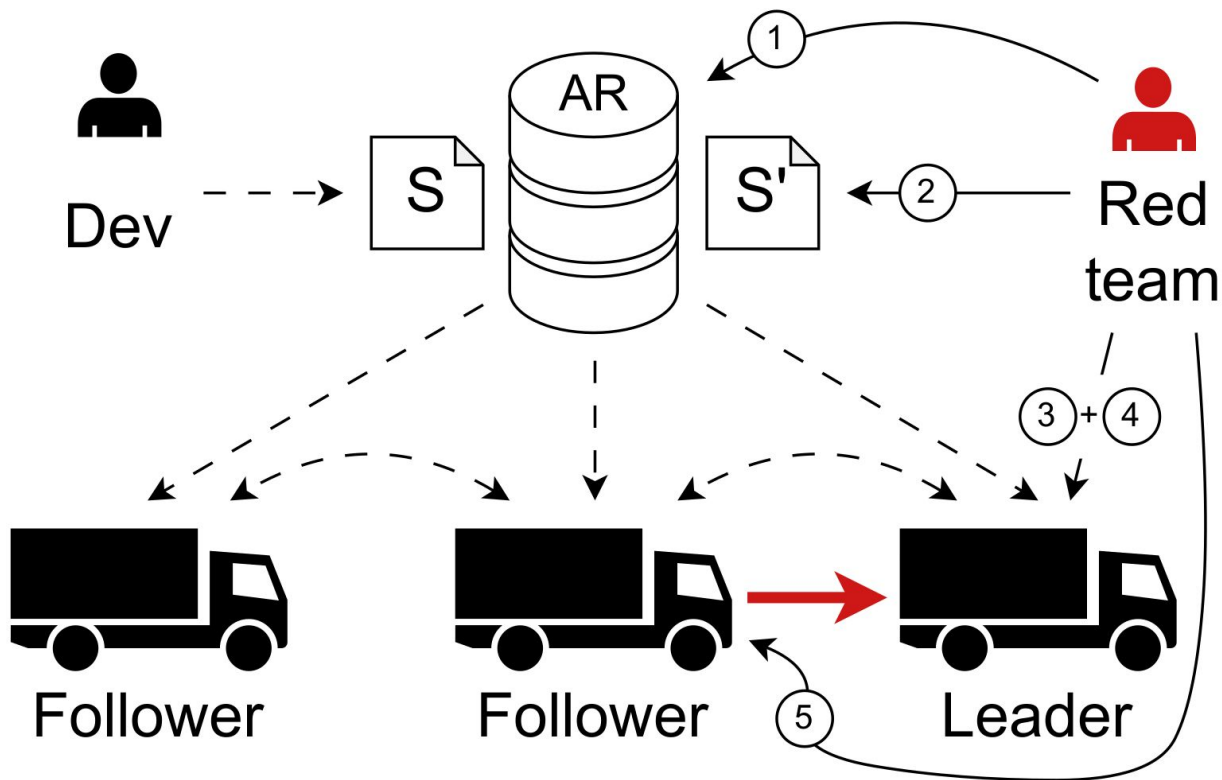
# ECSF Competences vs MITRE D3FEND tactics



**MITRE**  
DEFEND™

# Attack scenario

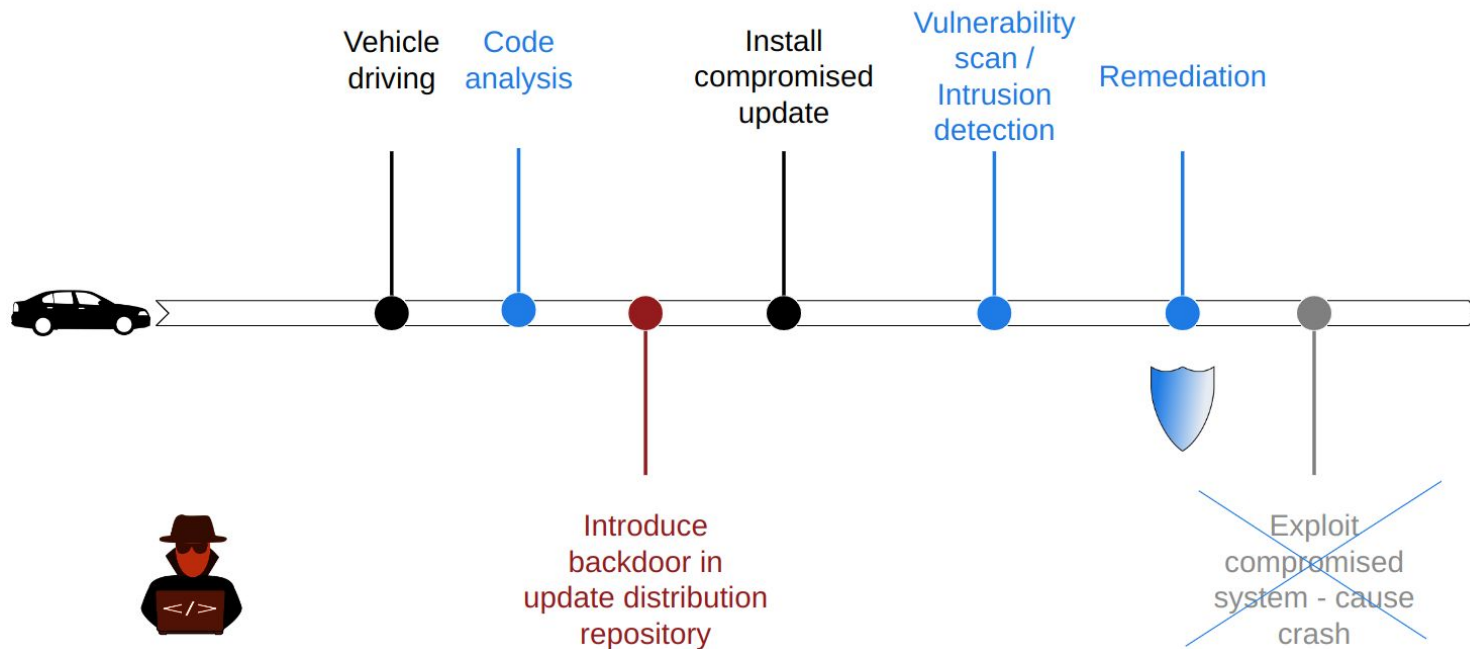
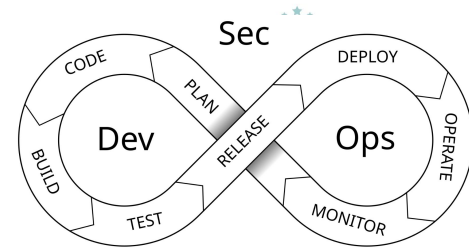
Inject backdoor in software update



1. obtain credentials
2. release a compromised version
3. take control of the leader
4. impersonate the leader
5. send a false acceleration command

# Defense scenario

DevSecOps good practices



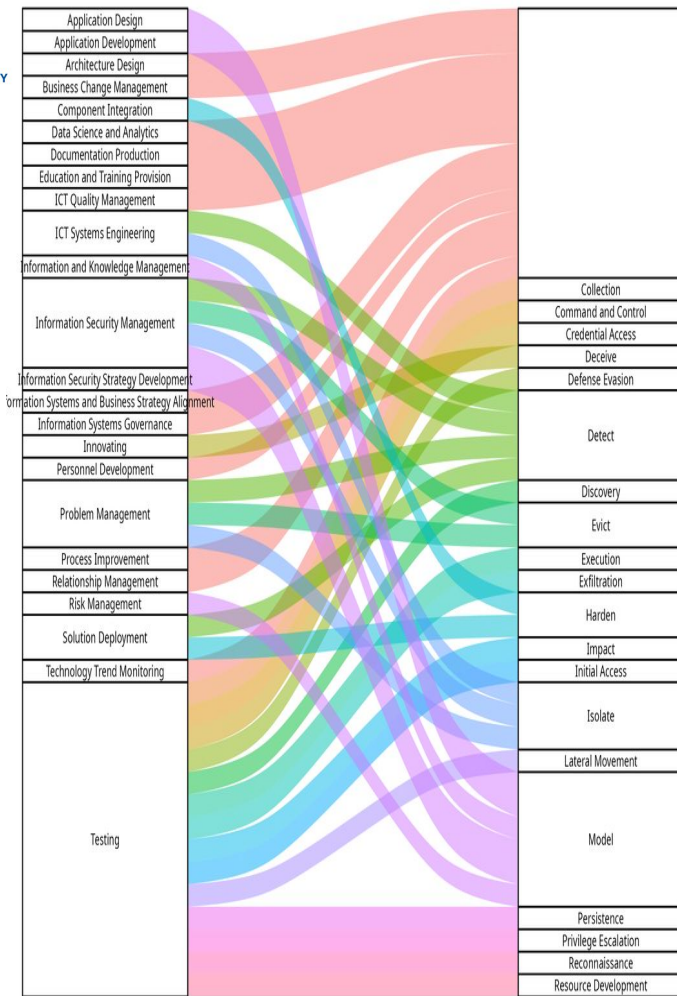
# MITRE techniques for an ECSF profile



Cybersecurity  
Architect



Penetration  
Tester



## Persistence / Impact / C&C:

- Compromise Client Software Binary ([MITRE T1554](#))
- Remote Access Software ([MITRE T1219](#))
- Data Manipulation ([MITRE T1565](#))

## Detect:

- File Metadata Hash Verification ([MITRE DS0022](#))
- Network Traffic Content ([MITRE DS0029](#))

## Isolate / Evict :

- Code signing ([MITRE M1045](#))
- Filter Network Traffic ([MITRE M1037](#))
- Network Segmentation ([MITRE M1030](#))
- Encrypt sensitive information ([MITRE M1041](#))

# Scenario software and vulnerabilities



Cyber profiles,  
competences



## Vulnerabilities:

- CVE-2019-9630
- CRS-2022-0001
- CRS-2022-0002
- CRS-2022-0003

## CVE-2019-9630 Detail

### Description

Sonatype Nexus Repository Manager before 3.17.0 has a weak default of giving any unauthenticated user read permissions on the repository files and images.

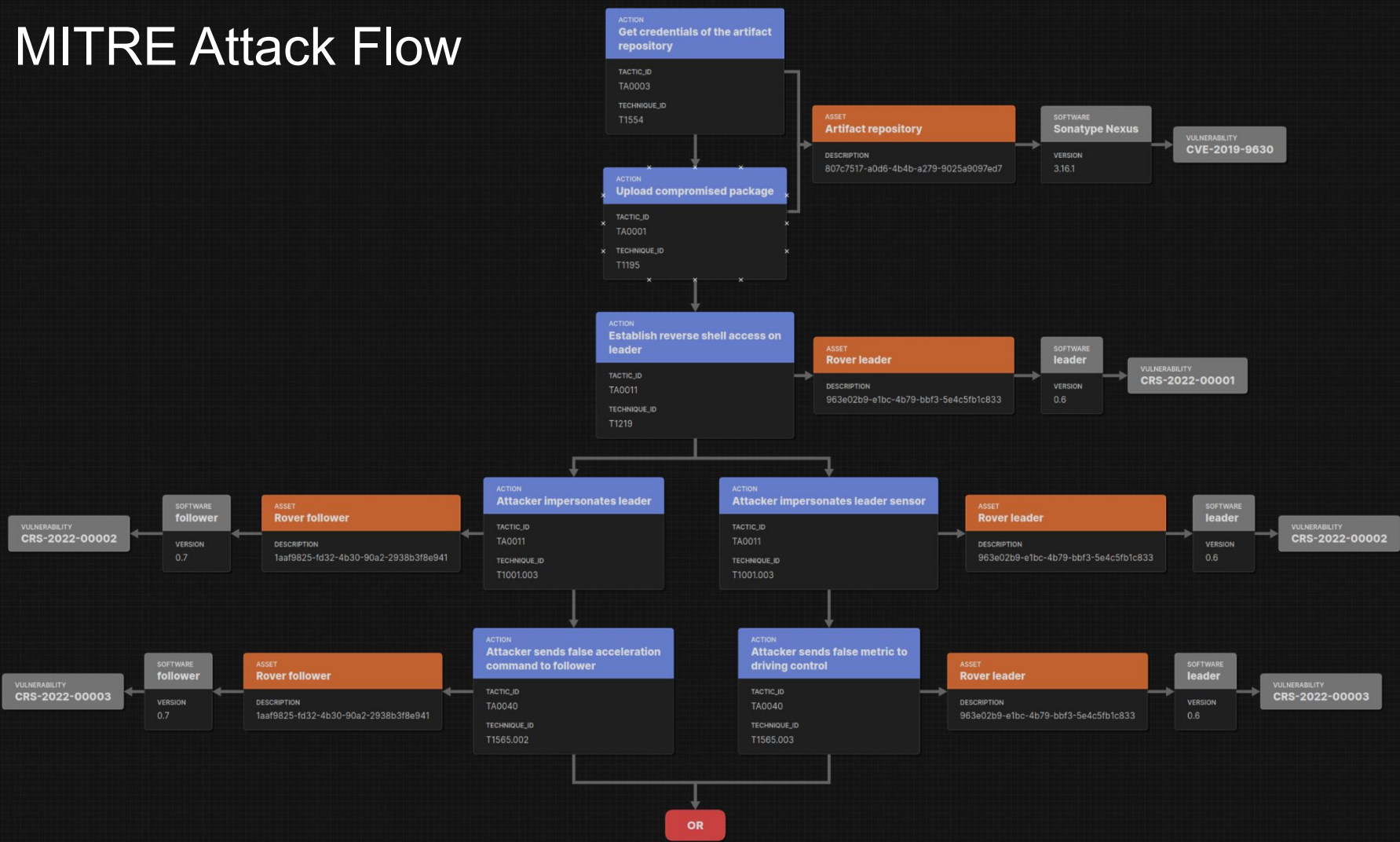


Techniques,  
tactics

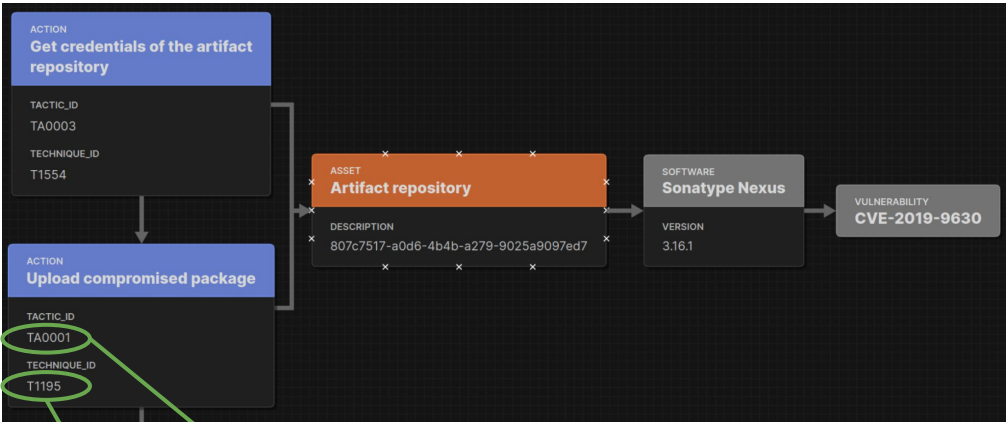
## Software:

- Sonatype Nexus (Vulnerabilities) 
- Leader/Follower (Vulnerabilities) 
- Metasploit (Attack) 
- Falco (Mitigation/Detection) 
- The Hive (Mitigation) 
- Vaccsine (Mitigation) 

## CYBER RANGE SCENARIOS

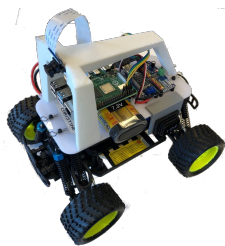


# MITRE Attack Flow



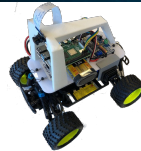
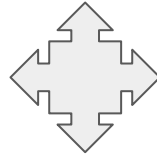
| Reconnaissance<br>10 techniques                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Resource Development<br>8 techniques                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Initial Access<br>9 techniques                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Execution<br>14 techniques                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Persistence<br>19 techniques                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Privilege Escalation<br>13 techniques                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <div>Active Scanning (3)</div> <div>Gather Victim Host Information (4)</div> <div>Gather Victim Identity Information (3)</div> <div>Gather Victim Network Information (6)</div> <div>Gather Victim Org Information (4)</div> <div>Phishing for Information (3)</div> <div>Search Closed Sources (2)</div> | <div>Acquire Access</div> <div>Acquire Infrastructure (8)</div> <div>Compromise Accounts (3)</div> <div>Compromise Infrastructure (7)</div> <div>Develop Capabilities (4)</div> <div>Establish Accounts (3)</div> <div>Obtain Capabilities (6)</div> <div>Stage Capabilities (6)</div> | <div>Drive-by Compromise</div> <div>Exploit Public-Facing Application</div> <div>External Remote Services</div> <div>Hardware Additions</div> <div>Phishing (3)</div> <div>Replication Through Removable Media</div> <div>Supply Chain Compromise (3)</div> | <div>Cloud Administration Command</div> <div>Command and Scripting Interpreter (9)</div> <div>Container Administration Command</div> <div>Deploy Container</div> <div>Exploitation for Client Execution</div> <div>Inter-Process Communication (3)</div> | <div>Account Manipulation (5)</div> <div>BITS Jobs</div> <div>Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (14)</div> <div>Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (5)</div> <div>Browser Extensions</div> <div>Compromise Client Software Binary</div> <div>Create Account (3)</div> | <div>Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (4)</div> <div>Access Token Manipulation (5)</div> <div>Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (14)</div> <div>Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (5)</div> <div>Create or Modify System Process (4)</div> <div>Domain Policy Modification (2)</div> |

# Validation: Cyber Physical Systems testbed



- Chassis: [Donkey Car](#)
- Brain: RaspBerry Pi / Jetson Nano
- Sensors:
  - 2D Lidar
  - Ultrasonic
  - Wide Lens camera
- <https://www.ros.org/>  ROS
- RHEA Group's Cyber Integration, Test and Evaluation Framework

# Conclusion



**Training scenario generation  
driven by user's needs through  
cyber competences**

Perspectives:

- training session feedback and recommendations
- Defend scenario flow
- non-IT profiles

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