

TAKING A THREAT-INFORMED APPROACH TO SECURING AI



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What is Threat-Informed Defense?

"The systematic application of a deep understanding of adversary tradecraft and technology to improve defenses."

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AIASSURANCE

Secure

Cannot be tampered with, stolen, or easily circumvented

Equitable

Does not promote harmful biases

Interpretable

Produces
outputs that
can be
understood
in a use
context

Reliable

Performs consistently and is available when needed

Robust

Performs in varying conditions

Privacyenhanced

Allows entities to control how their information is used

Safe Does not endanger human life, health, property, or the environment

Al Intersections with Cyber

Security & Assurance of Al-enabled Systems

Securing the unique system vulnerabilities of Al-enabled systems – includes red teaming to discover vulnerabilities

Using AI in Offensive or Malicious Cyber Attacks

Attackers using AI in offensive assaults on both traditional cyber systems and AI-enabled systems

Using Al in Cybersecurity Practices

Using AI to improve our cybersecurity practices, i.e., detection, risk analysis, and defensive or mitigation techniques

MITRE has capabilities and teams working in all three areas Today we are focusing on the security of Al-enabled systems

Focusing on Real-World Demonstrated Al Attack Vectors

Incident - Malicious Attack by an Adversary

Ongoing real-world AI supply chain attack vector with estimated financial impact over \$1 Billion (as of March 2024, that \$ estimate would likely be much higher now)

ShadowRay: The lack of authorization in the Ray Jobs API default configuration allows adversaries to invoke arbitrary jobs on the API. This grants access to user tokens/PII and fraudulent use of cloud compute time at the cost of the user.

CVE-2023-48022

User PII

User Passwords Slack Tokens Slack Messages Private SSH Keys

Ray Leaks

AI Production Workloads Production DB Credentials Full Ray Database Access

External Services

OpenAl Tokens KubernetesAPI Access Stripe Tokens HuggingFace Tokens



ShadowRay: First Known Attack Campaign Targeting AI Workloads Exploited In The Wild | Oligo Security

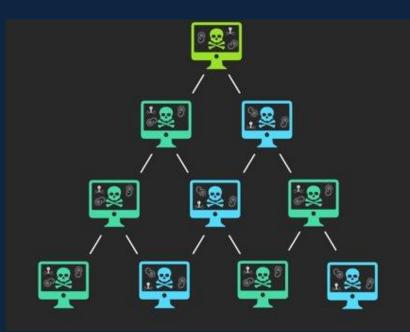


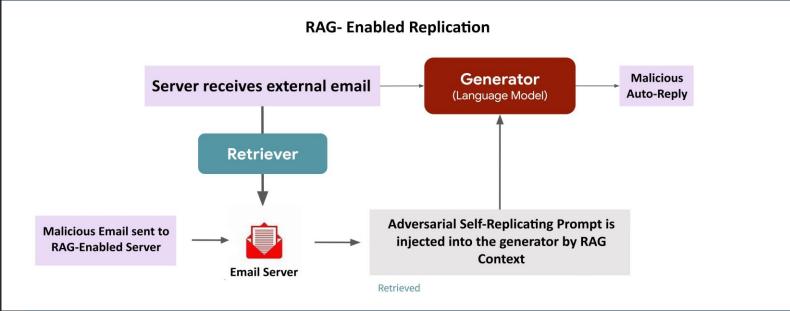
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Exercise - Red Teaming/Real World Demonstration

Designed to attack the GenAl ecosystem and propagate without user interaction

Morris II Worm: Injects the prompt without user interaction via the RAG email context collection and delivers a payload of the adversary's choosing (in this case, leaking PII). The worm replicates the adversarial prompt in email auto-replies and propagates via other RAG-Enabled email databases.





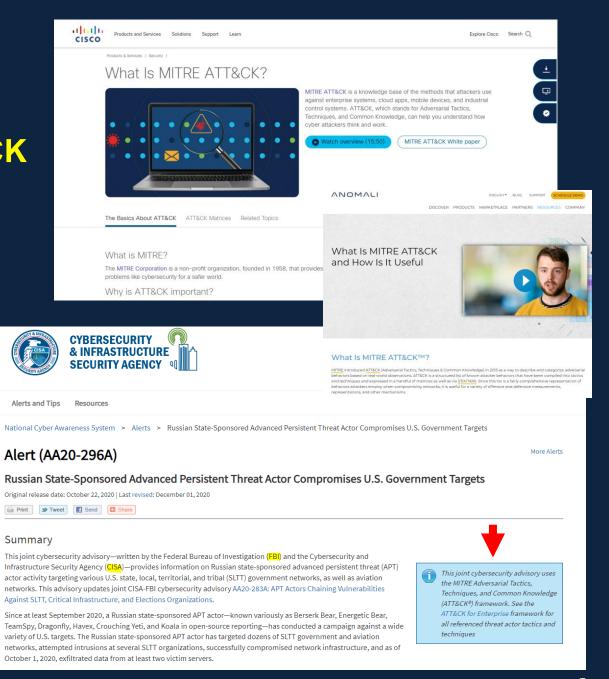
Path to Actionable Impact

Demonstrated Capability: MITRE ATT&CK

- Provides common language for cybersecurity professionals (STIX) to document common tactics, techniques, and procedures of advanced persistent threats
- Fully adopted and promoted by CISA
 and used across government agencies such as
 the FBI in advisories about threat activity







Matrix



The ATLAS Matrix below shows the progression of tactics used in attacks as columns from left to right, with ML techniques belonging to each tactic below. & indicates an adaption from ATT&CK. Click on the blue links to learn more about each item, or search and view ATLAS tactics and techniques using the links at the top navigation bar. View the ATLAS matrix highlighted alongside ATT&CK Enterprise techniques on the ATLAS Navigator.



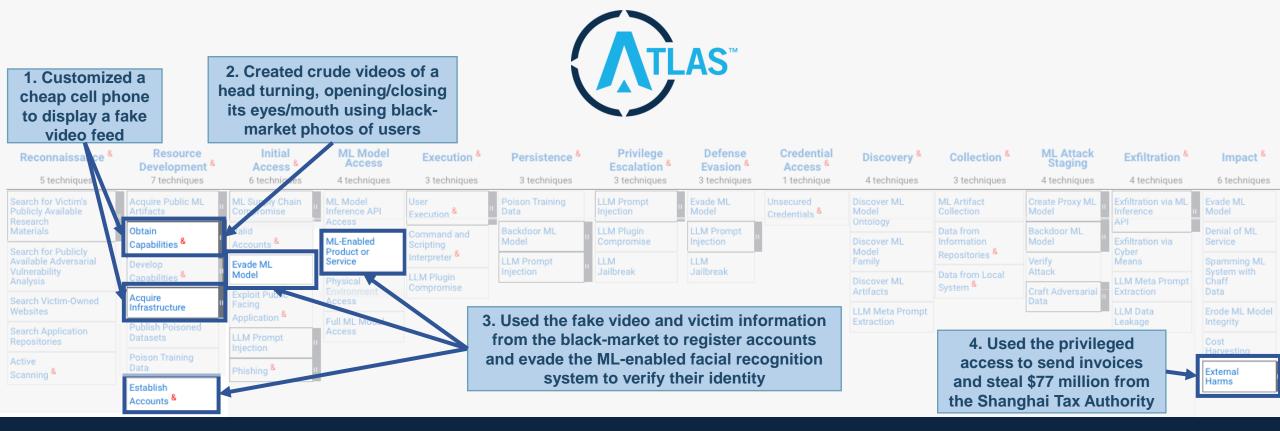
to understand and mitigate Al security risks

Publish Hallucinated Entities

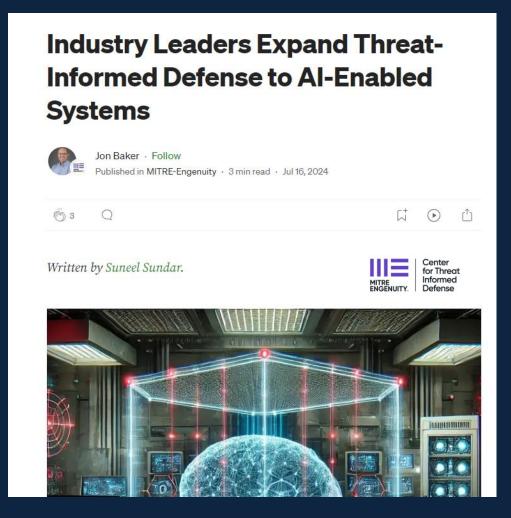
ATLAS Case Study: Camera Hijack Attack on Facial Recognition System



Two individuals in China attacked an ML-enabled face identification system to gain access to the local government's tax system. They created a fake shell company and sent invoices via the tax system to supposed clients and steal \$77 million from the Shanghai Tax Authority.



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https://medium.com/mitre-engenuity/industry-leaders-expand-threat-informed-defense-to-ai-enabled-systems-83ac746f4c25



Problem



In addition to traditional cybersecurity vulnerabilities, AI-enabled systems are also susceptible to new attacks based on the unique vulnerabilities of AI-enabled systems.

Solution



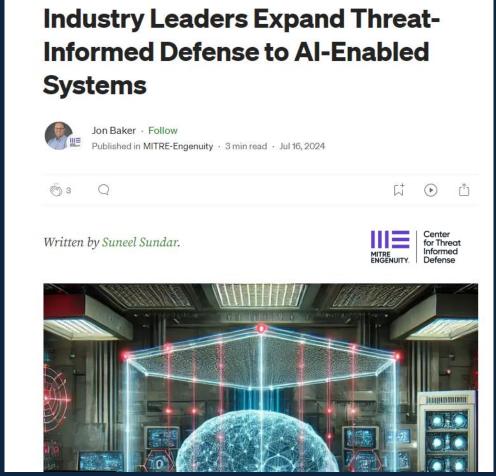
Accelerate the development of MITRE ATLAS to meet industry needs in AI Security, including incident sharing metrics & mechanisms, threats to Generative AI systems, strategies to mitigate threats to AI-enabled systems, tools and playbooks to emulate threats to AI-enabled systems.

Impact



Secure organizations against the unique emergent attack surfaces that arise in complex systems containing AI.

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https://ctid.io/secure-ai



Secure AI: Core Deliverables

1. ATLAS Knowledge Base

Increase the knowledge base and understanding of real-world threats through collection of **incident sharing** metrics and mechanisms.

2. Generative Al Threats

Extend the data-driven generative AI focus of MITRE ATLAS by documenting **new** case studies & mitigations that address the vulnerabilities of systems that incorporate generative AI.

3. Synchronize Updates to ATLAS & ATT&CK

Align the ATLAS TTPs with the current version of ATT&CK TTPs and implement a plan that may keep the TTP versions in sync.





Case Studies

- ChatGPT Package Hallucination
- ShadowRay
- Morris II Worm: RAG-Based Attack
- Web-Scale Data Poisoning: Split-View Attack

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Techniques

- Discover LLM Hallucinations
- Discover Al Model Outputs
- Erode Dataset Integrity
- Publish Hallucinated Entities
- User Execution: Malicious Package
- Acquire Infrastructure: Domains
- LLM Prompt Self-Replication
- Publish Poisoned ML Model
- Acquire Infrastructure: Physical Countermeasures
- Al Supply Chain Compromise: Hardware
- Al Model Inference API Access

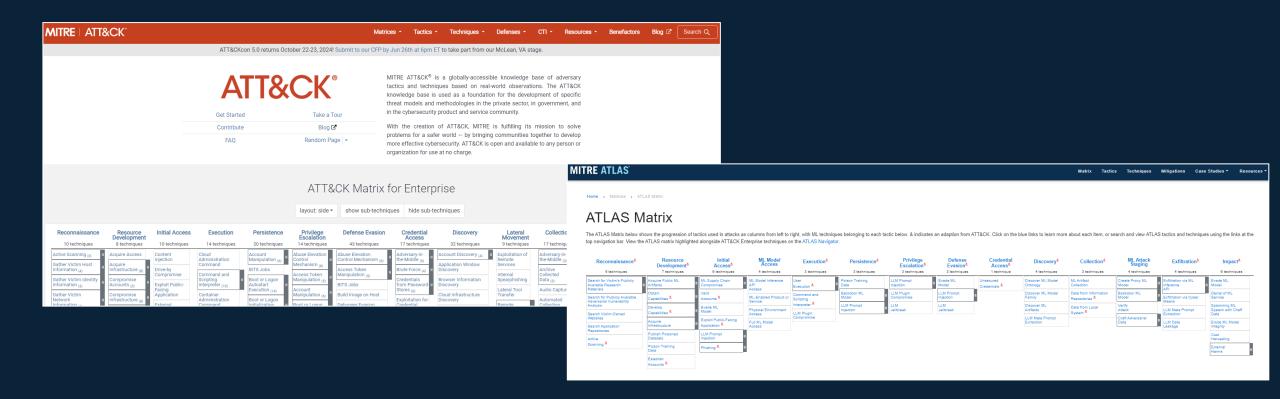
Mitigations

- Generative Al Guidelines
- Generative Al Model Alignment
- Al Bill of Materials
- Al Telemetry Logging
- Maintain Al Dataset
 Provenance



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Al Incident Sharing

Digital, rapid, anonymized community sharing at ai-incidents.mitre.org

- Developed a structured format to collect relevant AI incident information
- Incidents are shared with MITRE under a data sharing agreement and stored in a protected database
- Data can be anonymized for sharing with a trusted community
- Aggregated data and trends can be visualized in dashboards and inform Al risk analysis at scale

Submit & receive anonymized community

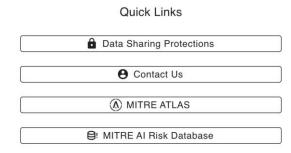
Al incident data

SUBMIT AN AI INCIDENT



The AI Incident Sharing initiative has taken shape under MITRE ATLAS™ as a mechanism for a community of trusted contributors to both receive and share protected and anonymized data on real world AI incidents that are occurring across operational AI-enabled systems. Like how MITRE® operates CVE™ for the cyber community or ASIAS™ for the aviation community, this AI incident sharing initiative will serve as the safe space for AI assurance incident sharing in the middle of the industry, government, and extended community. In capturing and carefully distributing the appropriately sanitized and technically focused AI incident data, this effort aims to enable more data driven risk intelligence and analysis at scale across the community.

GET THE ATLAS FACT SHEET



Q. Search the platform...

ACTIVE TITES

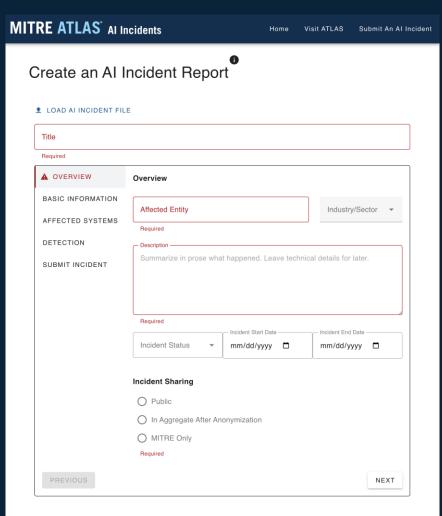
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The Al Incident Sharing initiative is modeled after traditional cyber intel sharing, leveraging STIX for our data schema, and is inspired by how MITRE® operates CVE™ for the cyber community and ASIAS™ for the aviation community.



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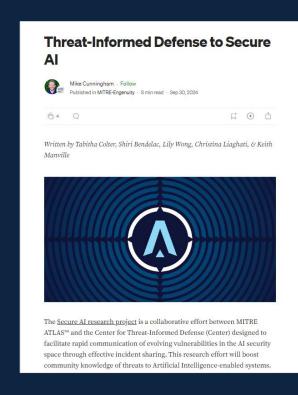
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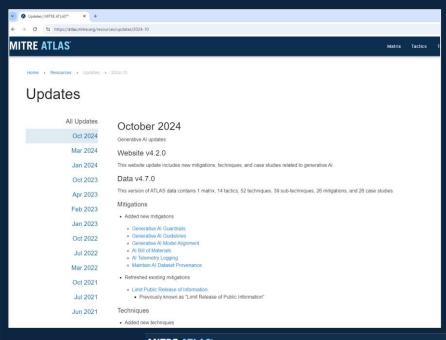


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Key Resources
ctid.io/secure-ai
Al-incidents.mitre.org
atlas.mitre.org









What's Next?

The Center will continue to build out the knowledge base and incident sharing mechanisms, collect case studies and feedback, and identify additional directions for future Secure Al research.



https://github.com/mitre-atlas/arsenal

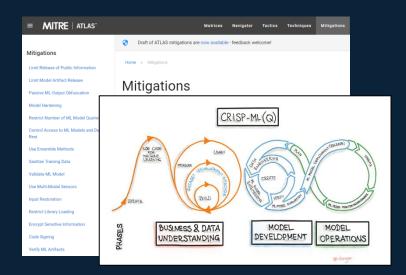
Ongoing ATLAS Efforts



Mitigations

Mitigations can prevent an adversary from the executing techniques in ATLAS

October Update Added Community Inputs to the 2023 draft release



Aligned with CRISP-ML Lifecycle Phases

GenAl Attack Vectors

Updated in Oct 2024

Real World LLM Attack Pathways
Grounded in New Techniques and
Case Studies



Collaboratively Developed with Microsoft, Intel, Verizon, CrowdStrike and 10+ other orgs

NATO Task Group

NATO RTG Launched in May



- Leverage coalition Al Security & Assurance capabilities (ATLAS)
 - OTAN
 Science and Technology Organization
- Share threat intelligence/vulnerabilities
- Shape exemplar shared use cases
- Build defensive and mitigation techniques
- Develop red teaming capabilities/exercises

INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY (IST)



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CVE and CWE

Engaging with both the Common Vulnerability Enumeration (CVE) and Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) communities on Al Vulnerabilities & Weaknesses

- CVE AI WG Working with the CVE Board and AI WG to provide more clarity on how AI security vulnerabilities will fall inside/outside CVE scope via a series of blog posts.
- CWE AI WG Working with the AI Working group on AI-related updates
 - CWE-1426: Improper Validation of Generative Al Output
 - A new demonstrative example for "prompt injection" was added to CWE-77: Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in a Command ('Command Injection').
 - New observed examples were added to multiple CWEs related to AI/ML and generative AI prompts, including one example of "prompt injection."

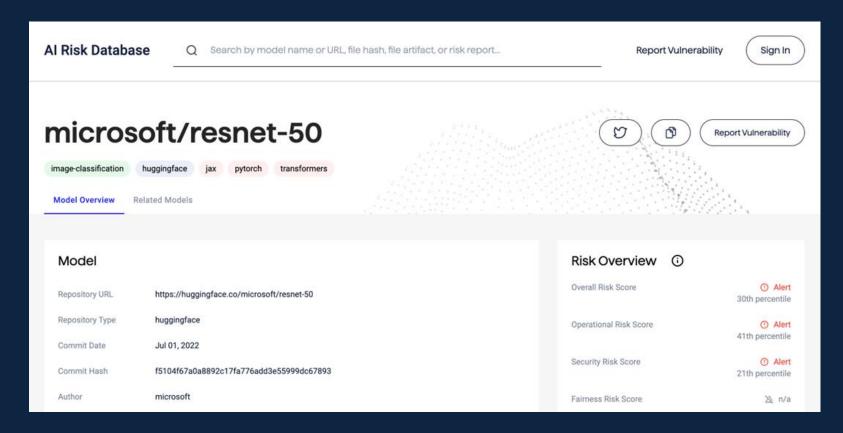
https://www.cve.org/Media/News/item/blog/2024/07/09/CVE-and-Alrelated-Vulnerabilities

https://cwe.mitre.org/news/archives/news2024.html#july16 CWE Version 4.15 Now Available



Al Risk Database

Inspired by VirusTotal, we are building on that vision as we shape a long-term expansion plan.



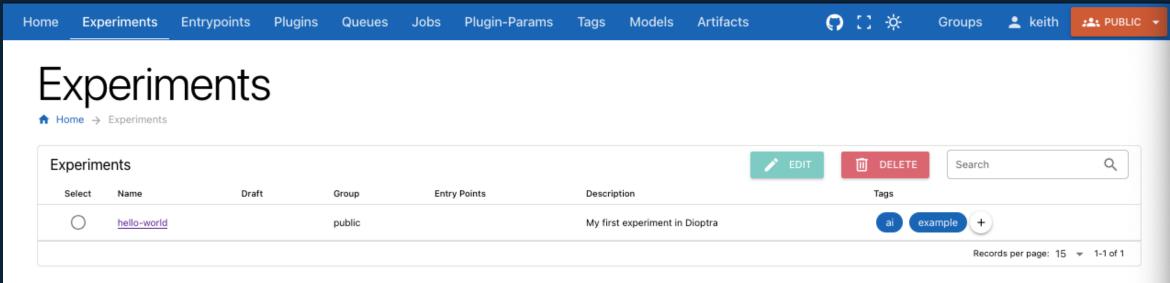
We would love to get your feedback and input on where it should go/what would be most helpful to you!

Dioptra – Test Platform for Trustworthy Al

Dioptra is NIST's software test platform for assessing the trustworthy characteristics of artificial intelligence.

Dioptra supports the Measure function of NIST's Al Risk Management Framework by providing functionality to assess, analyze, and track identified Al risks.









Plans for Dioptra + Al Risk Database

Dioptra can be used to evaluate Al models and submit reports to the Al Risk Database

- Help standardize vulnerability reports and metrics
- Allow AIRDB users to verify and validate results.
- Promote sharing of experiment templates
- Provide plugins for a variety of evaluations security and beyond

Looking for feedback and ideas

- Dioptra v1.0.0 was released in July of 2024
- https://github.com/usnistgov/dioptra



The Center for Threat-Informed Defense conducts collaborative R&D projects that improve cyber defense at scale





Membership is:

- ✓ Highly-sophisticated
- ✓ Global & cross-sector
- ✓ Non-governmental
- ✓ Committed to collaborative R&D in the public interest

https://ctid.io/our-work

Mission: Advance the state of the art and the state of the practice in threat-informed defense globally.



Advance Secure Al

We would love to have you involved in the next Secure Al project!

Al Incident Sharing

- Beta test the incident submission system and submit your incidents/successful red teaming exercises.
- Provide feedback on the kind of information/data your org would want to receive to mitigate incidents.

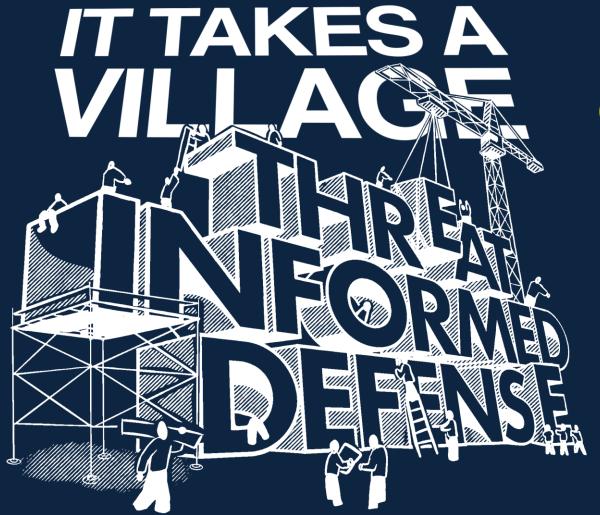
Al Risk Database

- Beta test the new vulnerability submission system and provide feedback that will help us shape the next version (including the AI BOM).
- Shape the combination of opensource/public vulnerability detection tools built around the NIST Dioptra tool as our centerpiece

ATLAS Matrix

 Contribute to the bi-annual major update: send us your mitigations, case studies, and/or feedback on the tactics and techniques in the matrix.





Join us and change the game!

Changing the game on the adversary requires a community-wide approach.

You play a critical role!

https://ctid.io/get-involved

