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Cloud-based scanning 17 July 2012 Justin Williams

Cloud Scanning?

- What
- Why
- How
- Learnings
- Discussion



Not scanning cloud



- Retina CS
 - VMware vCenter
 - Amazon EC2
 - RackSpace
 - GoGrid

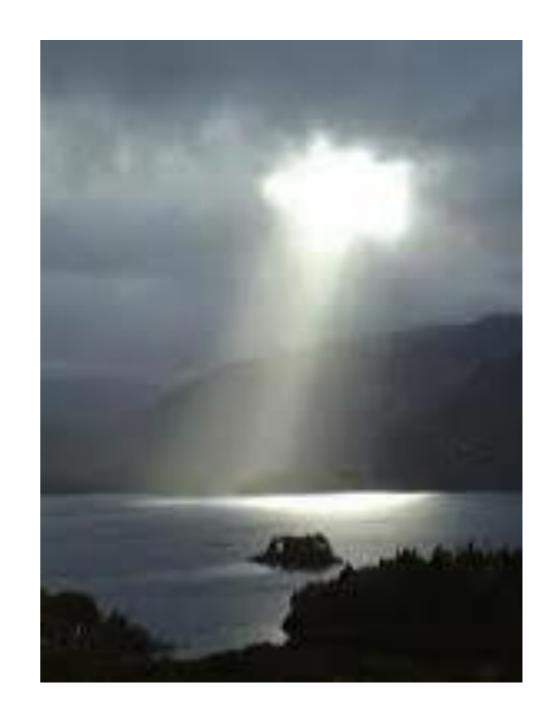




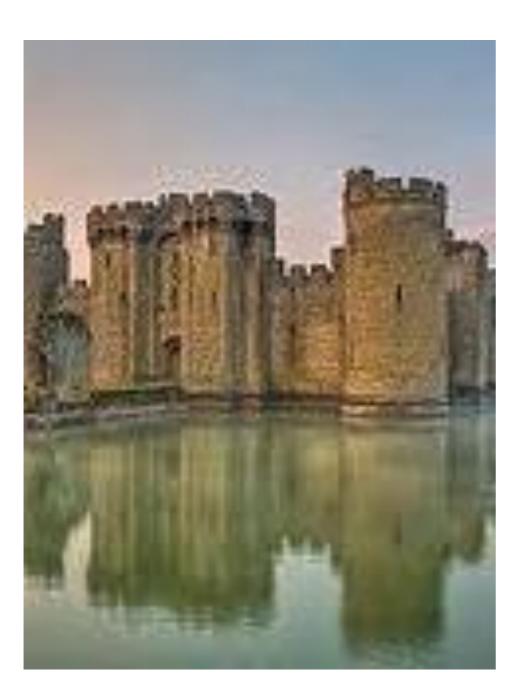


Scanning from cloud

- Hosted solution
- Pre-packaged
- Up-to-date / Low hassle
- External scans
- Understand perimeter
- Regular scanning



What's happening?



- Servers running
- Not defaced
- Customers transacting
- Vendors billing us
- Staff working







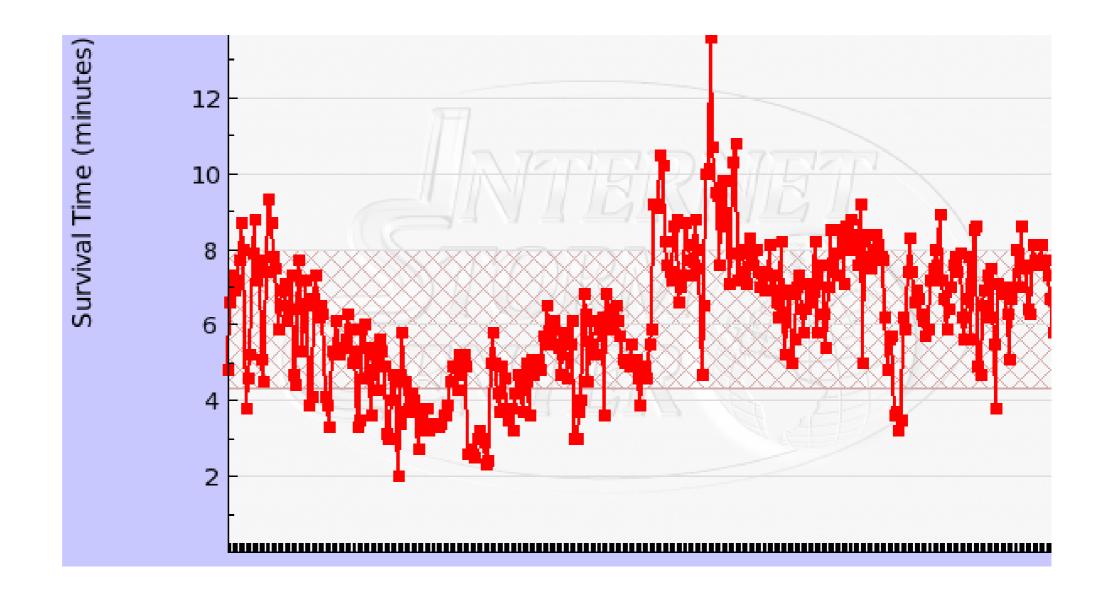
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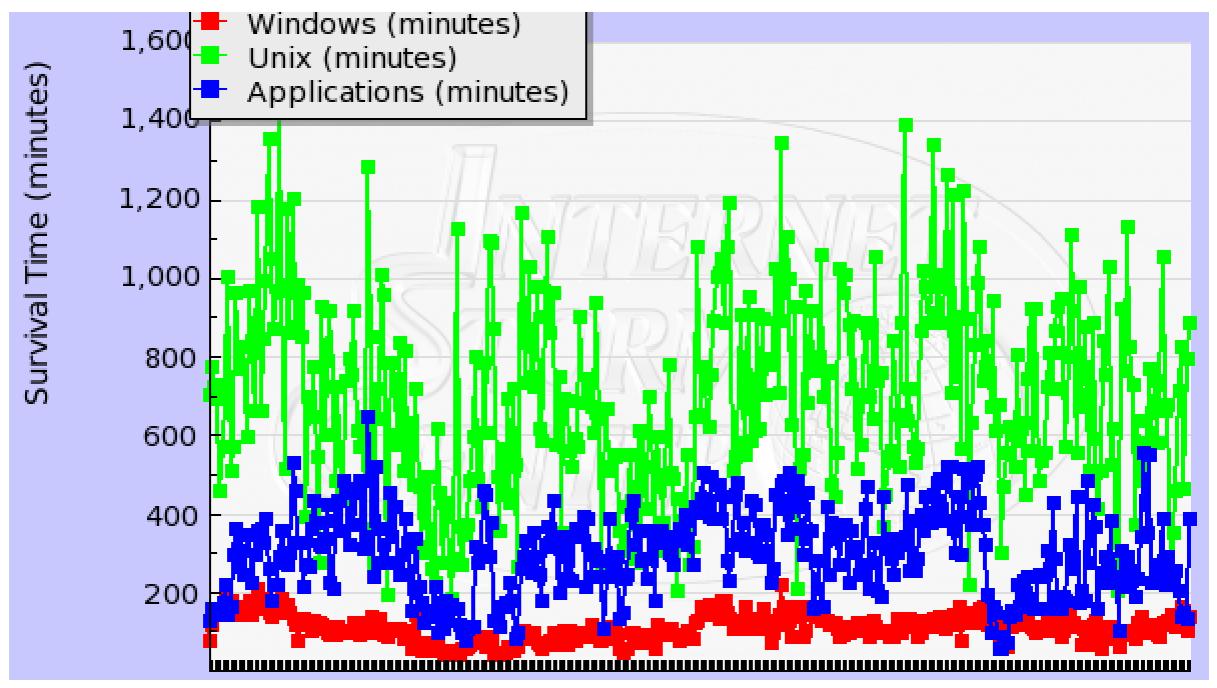
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• Jan 2005 to July 2012 (Isc.sans.edu)

Platform matters?



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What we need



Continuous monitoring

Context of initiative

- Similar deployment internally
- Complexity
 - Service providers
 - Federated
 - Heterogeneous
 - Documentation



Need for speed

- Large landscape
- Lots of unknown
- Visibility
- Trust



How?

- DIY
- Cloud infrastructure
- Software as a Service
- Buy a managed service



Options?











Rationale

- 3 Quotes
- Walk before run
- Speed of deployment
- Reputation
- Cost
- Accessibility





Rolling out the solution

Nessus Perimeter Service

Into action

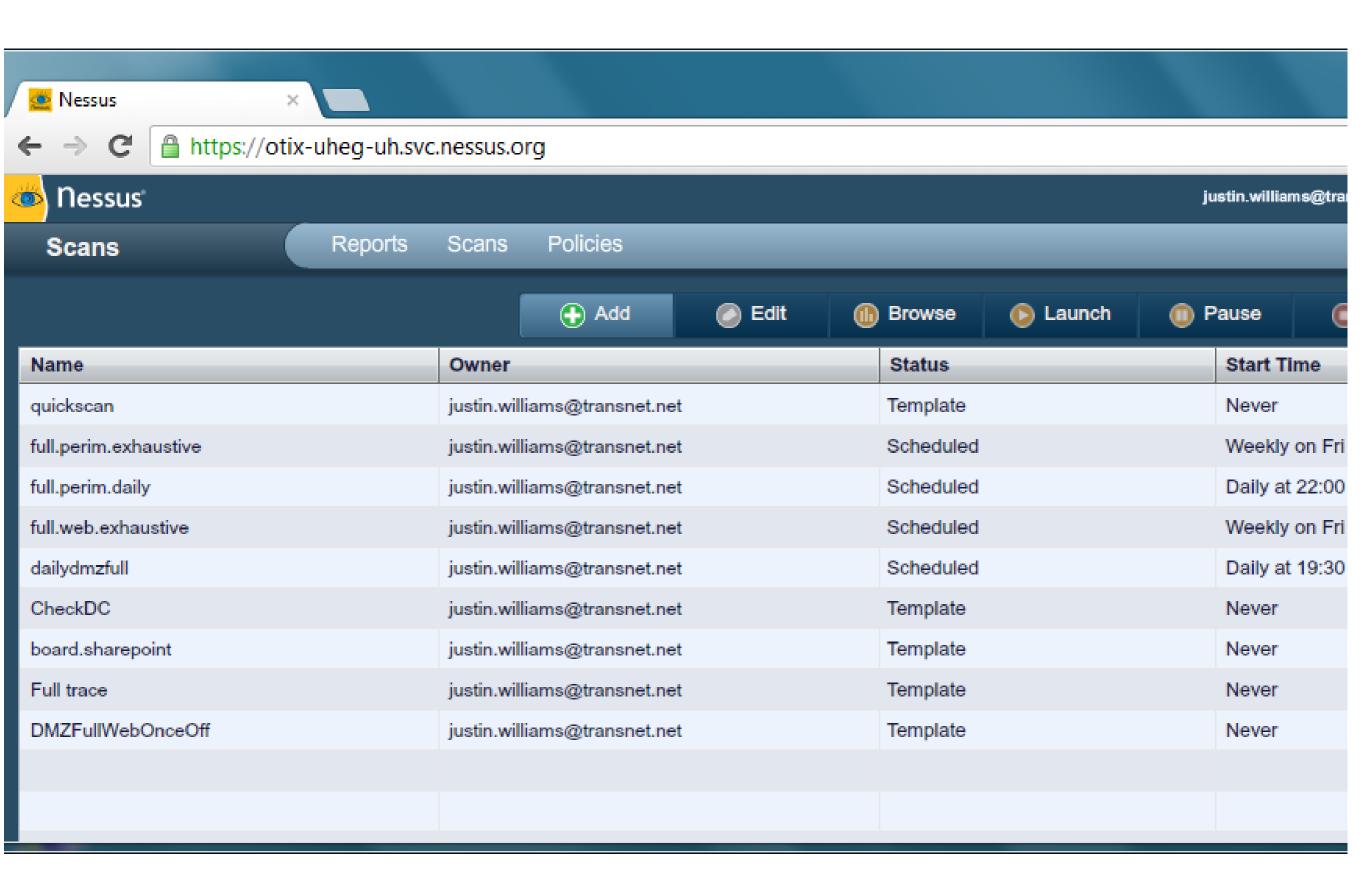


- Procurement \$3600/yr
- Identify targets
- Frequency
- Change request
- Communicate communicate
- Push play

Setup

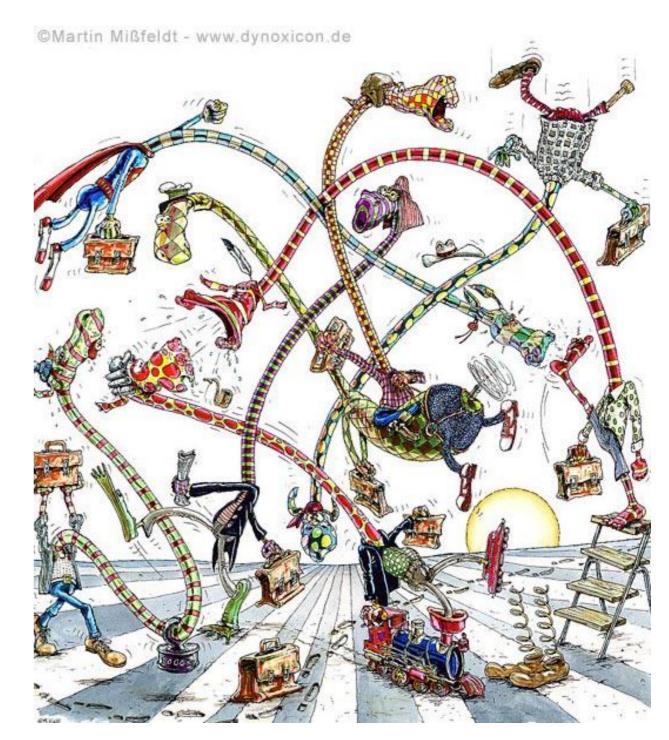
- Create Policies
 - Predefined
- Create scans
 - Choose Policy
 - Capture addresses
 - Schedule
- Monitor results

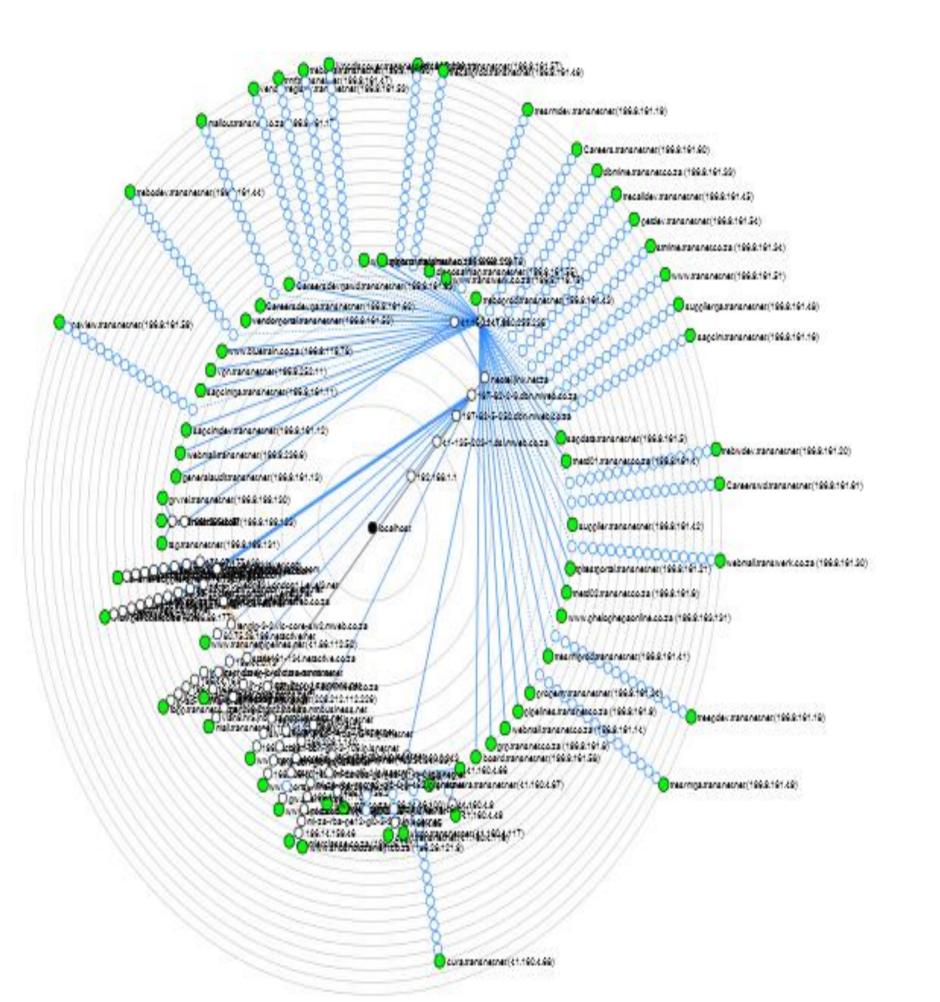


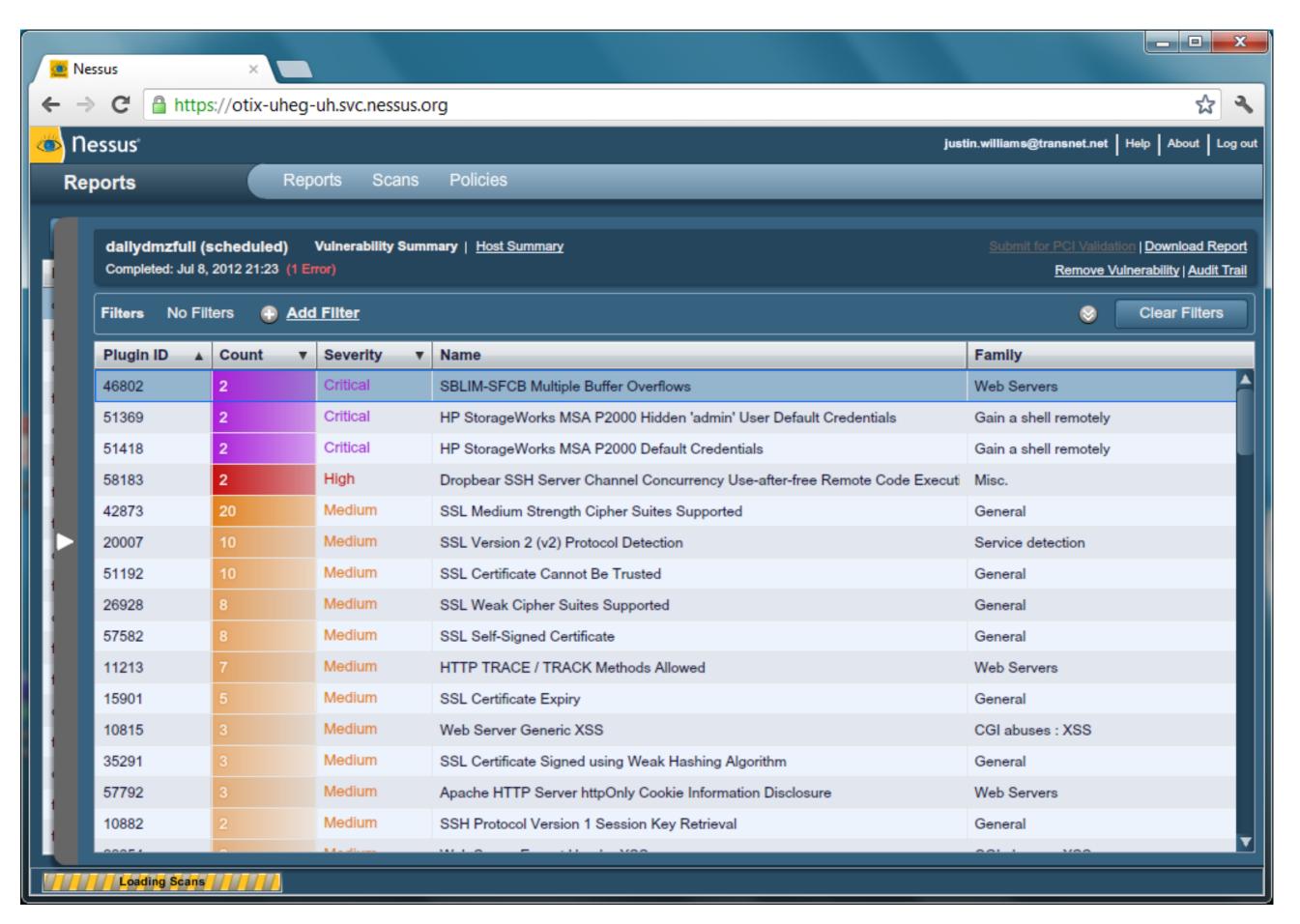


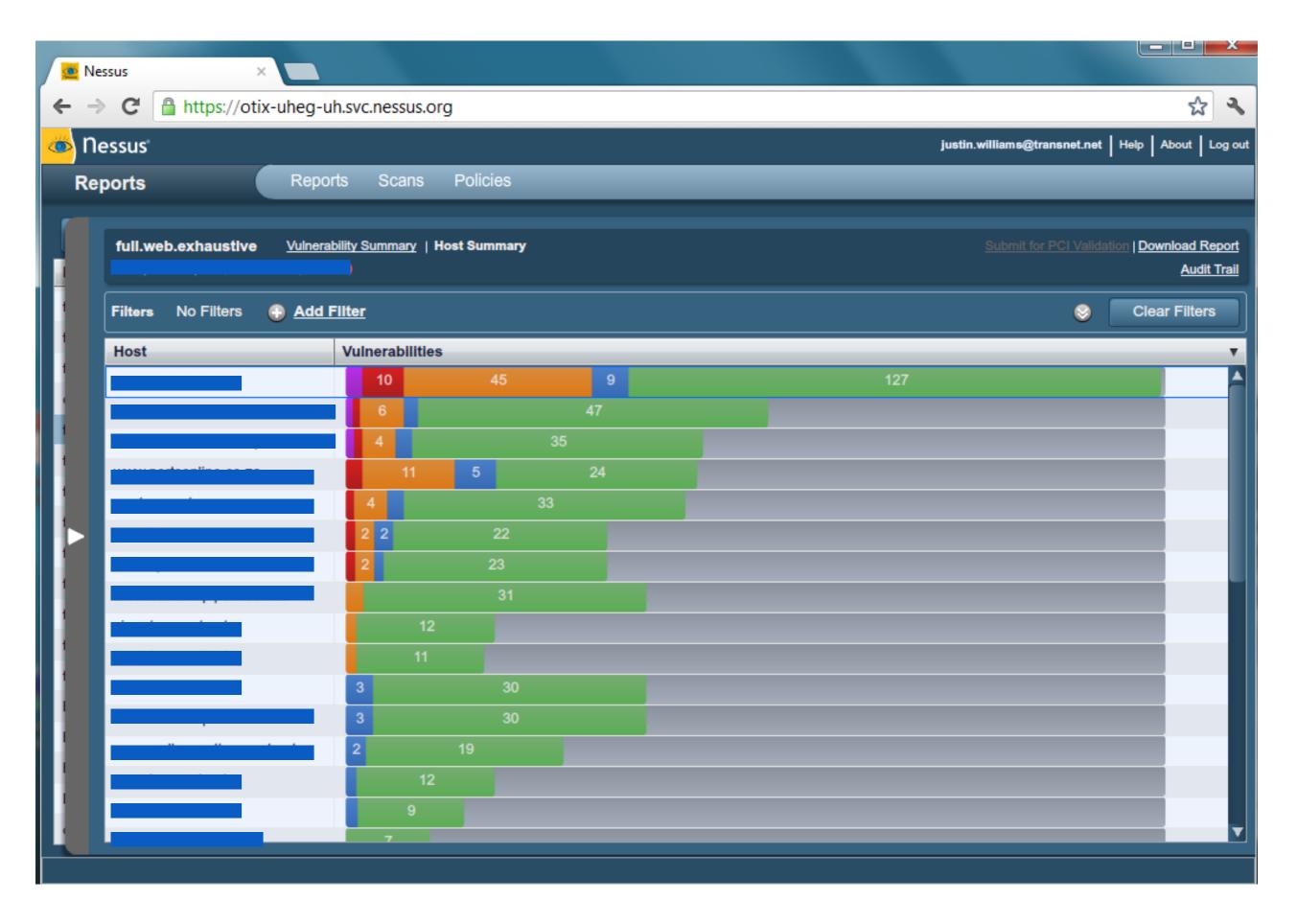
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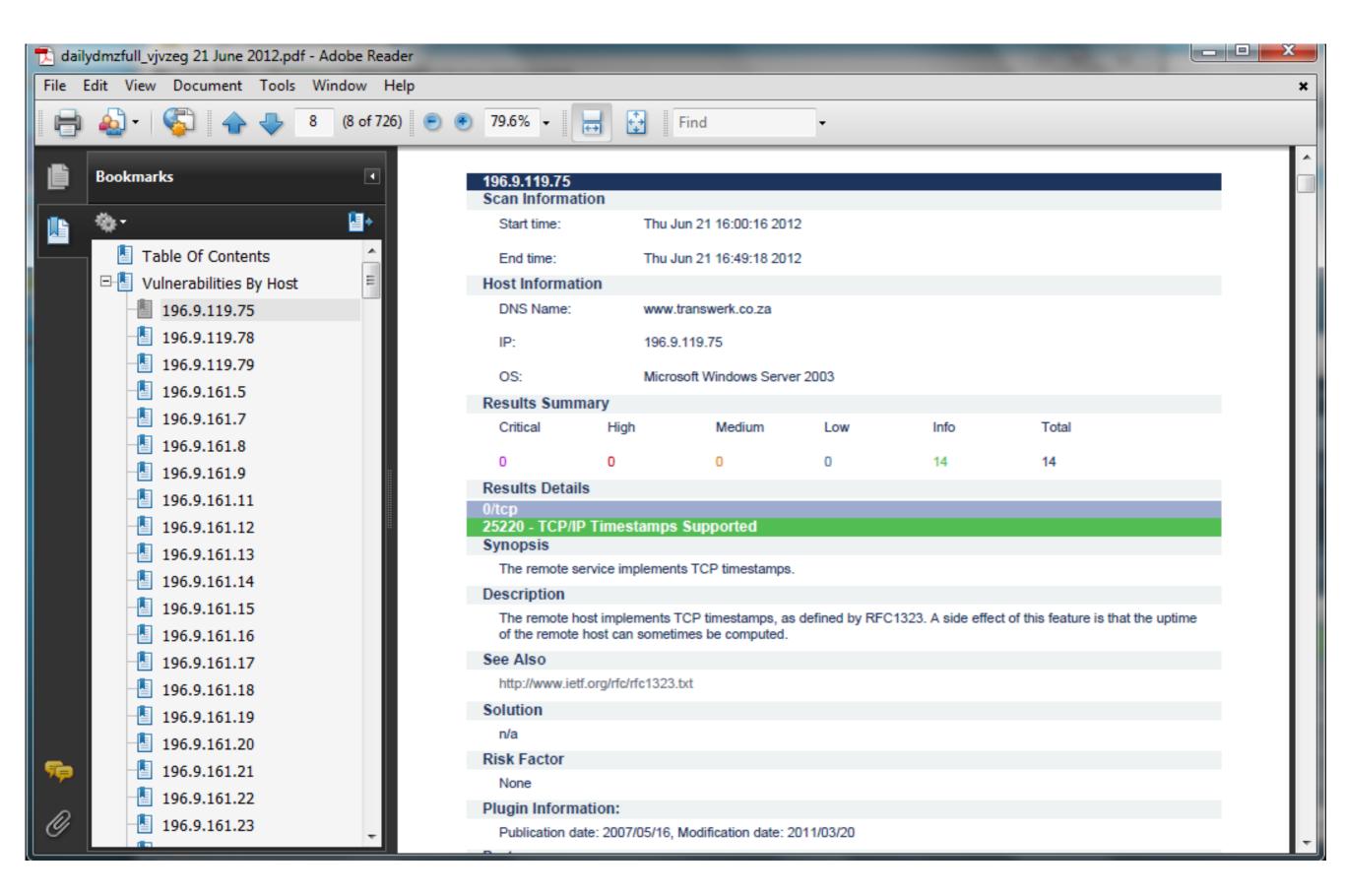
- Timing conflicts
- Flakey iPad app
- Large reports
 - CSV, PDF, Nessus
- Vulnerabilities
- False positives
- Duplicate IPs















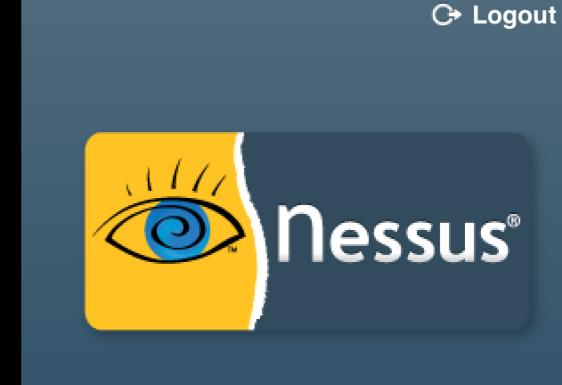
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Password ••••••

Connect

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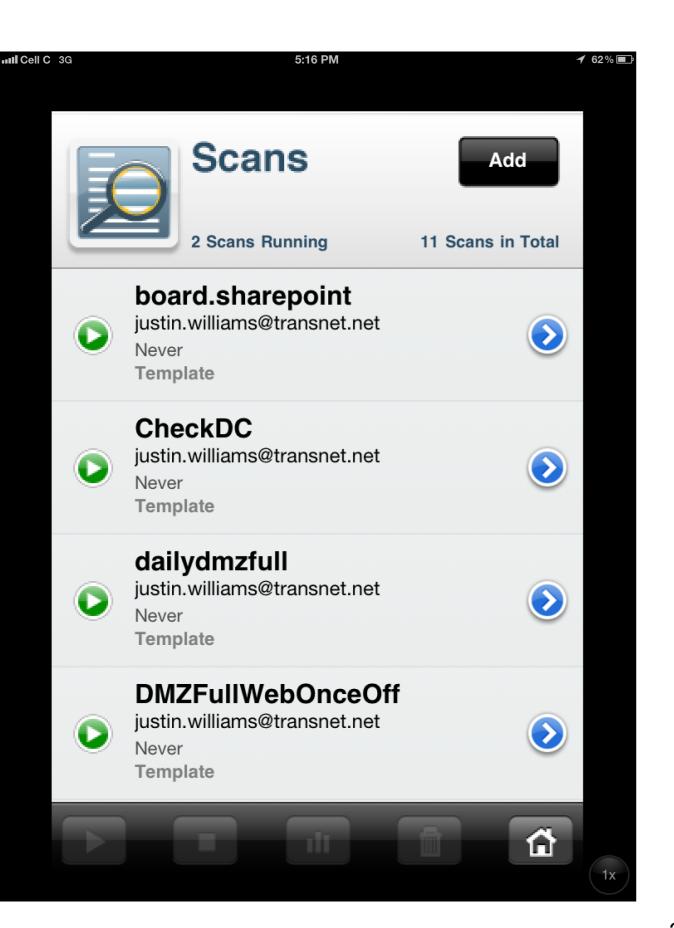
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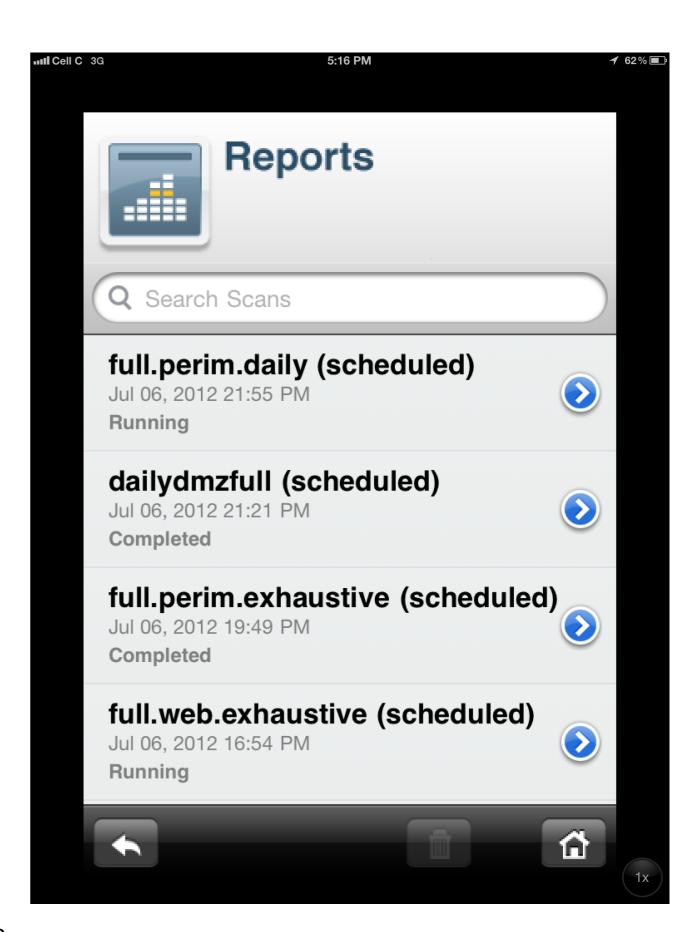






Reports







Reaction



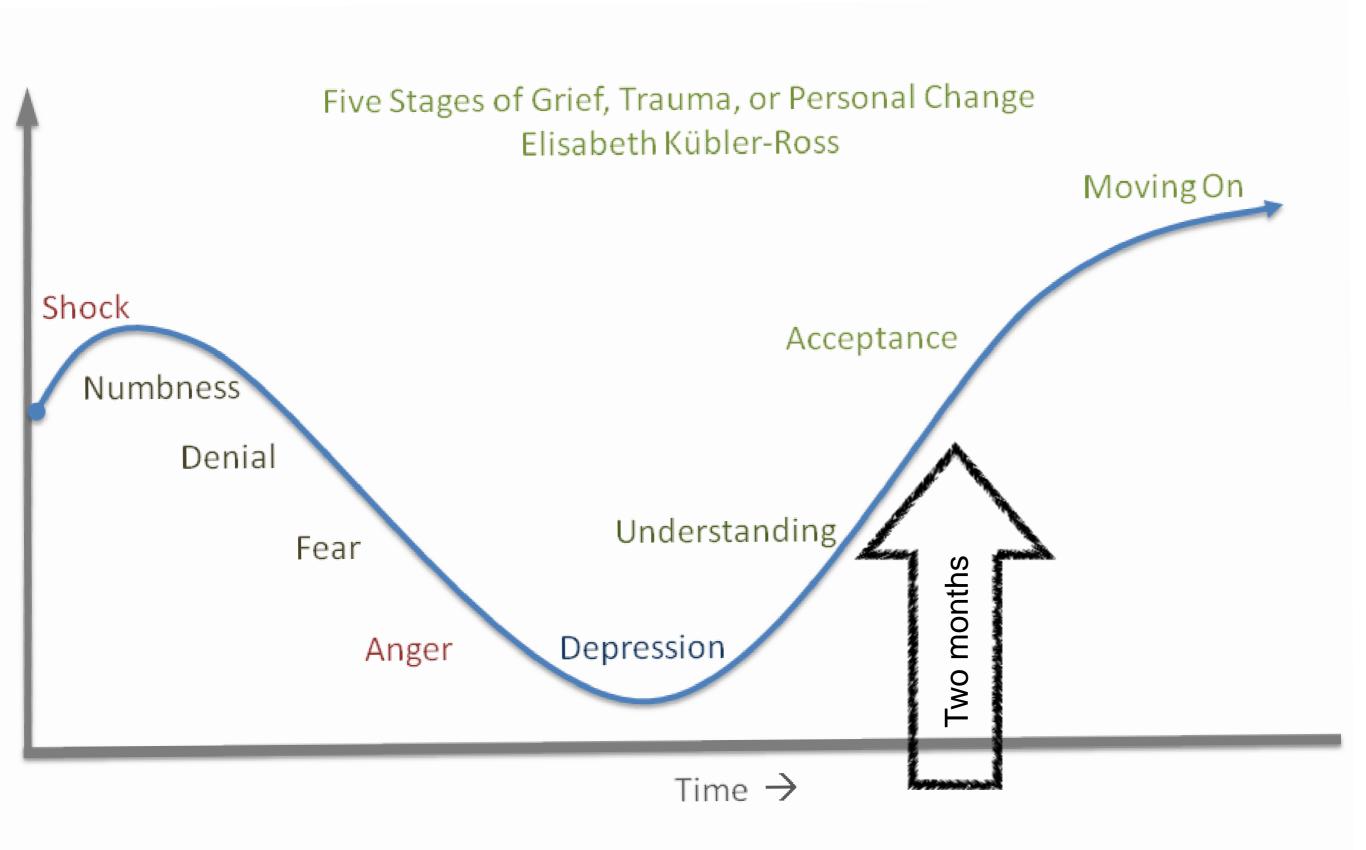
- Denial
- Anger
- Avoidance
- Blame
- Confessions
- Additions



Change management



- Denial, fear, anger
- It's expected
- Give it time
- Be strong
 - Don't give in
 - Don't allow exceptions
- Keep communicating



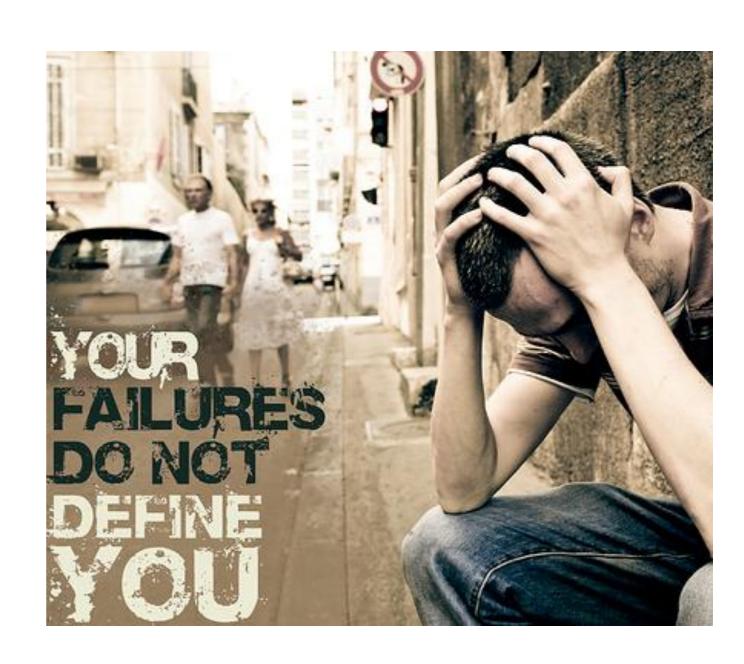


Learnings

What worked? What didn't?

What we found...

- Wrong DNS
- Remote admin
- Misconfigurations
- Outdated software
- Legacy
- Firewall issues
- Failed IDS



Root causes

- Patching
- Responsibility
- Business vs IT
- Vendor trust
- CMDB
- Respect



Response ...

- Report and monitor
- CIOs
- Infrastructure support
- Business
- Vendors
- Continuous monitoring



Adjustments

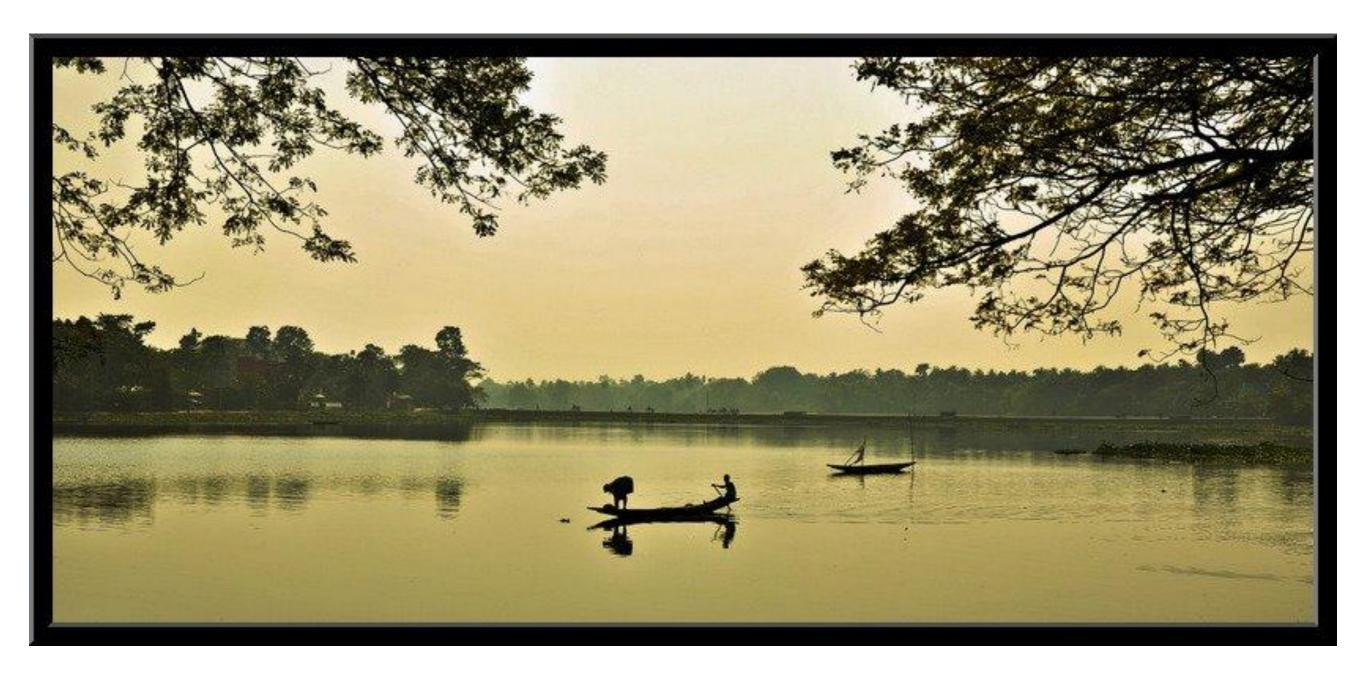
- Firewall rules
- IDS reconfig
- Policy changes
- Server config
- Responsibilities



What could we have done better?



- Started sooner
- Buy-in
- Reacted faster
- Logged incidents
- Escalated faster



And now?



Most users aren't maliciously violating their company security policies, but simply seeking ways to get their jobs done.

- Rene Bonvanie, Palo Alto Networks 2010





- Continue to be vigilant
- Adjust scanning schedules
- Asset database + notifications
- Differential scans
- More mature solution
- Targeted attack and penetration



















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