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# Emerging Cyber Topics IARIA Cyber 2016

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## Cybersecurity through PEOPLE, PROCESS & TECHNOLOGY



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#### **Emerging Cyber Topics**

- Establishing a definition for cyber is not so easy.
- The term cyber relates to computers, networks, and virtual reality
- Definition is evolving over time.



### IARIA Cyber 2016

- Security (defense and offense)
- Resilience
- Crime
- Assessment and Risk Management
- Training and Technology





#### IARIA Cyber 2016: Security

- Defense and offense
- Internet of Things (IoT) is underway!
- Security for IoT follows
- IoT Topic Research
  - Security Threats facing IoT
  - Authentication for IoT
  - Privacy in an IoT World





#### IARIA Cyber 2016: Resilience

- Infrastructure and utilities
- Database access security
- Cyber-physical research
  - security
  - fault tolerance





#### IARIA Cyber 2016: Crime

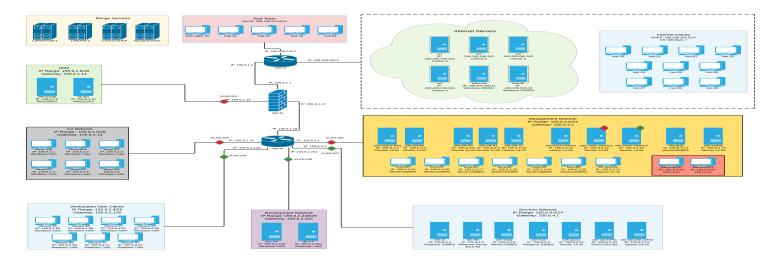
- Vulnerability measurement
- Detecting data leaks
- Authentication research
- Forensic analysis
- Recovery





#### Assessment, Management, Training, Technology

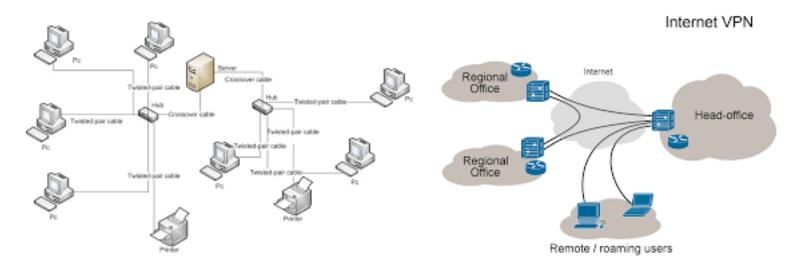
- Risk Management
  - Approaches for Assessment and Training
- Cyber Security Technologies

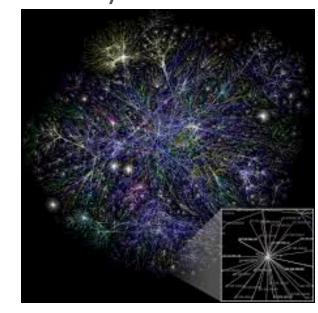


#### **Evolution of Computers and the Internet**

The decades since the advent of computers have mainly focused on

maximizing connectivity & access to resources





 The bottom line is that for a variety of reasons, our use of the term cyber has shifted - now almost synonymous with cybersecurity

#### The future: Coming Soon

Internet of Things and Smart Cities







#### **Cyber Crime Payoff**

- US DoJ FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) "2015 Internet Crime Report"
  - \$1,070,711,522 reported losses
  - \$8,421 average loss per complaint reporting a loss, \$3718 average loss, \$560 median loss
  - Past 5 years, IC3 has received ~300,000 complaints per year
- Forbes
  - Cyber crimes quadrupled between 2013 and 2015
  - Global cyber crime losses are projected \$2.1 trillion by 2019
- Mounting frequency and magnitude of cyber incidents
- Nation states activity increasing







#### **Current State of Cyber Security**

- Cyber and cyberspace grew from a vision of complete connectivity
- Computers were not conceived with security in mind



- Cyber field in "react" mode
  - Security not keeping pace with accelerating cyber growth
  - Always responding, not developed from 1<sup>st</sup> principles
- Serious challenges facing cybersecurity



#### Some Key Issues for Cyber Security

- Education
  - Shortages of cyber professionals
  - User ignorance and human nature
- Offense
  - Significant tactical advantages for hostile actors
  - Cyber crime seems to pay
- Defense
  - Restoring "privacy" is almost impossible
  - Defending networks is much harder

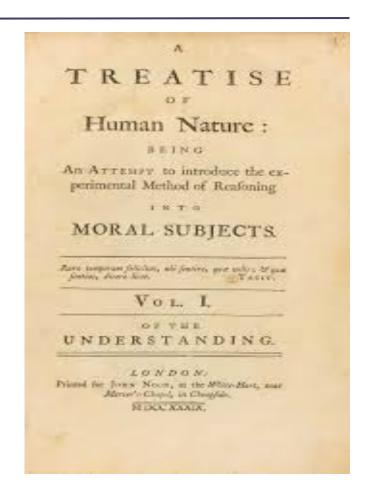






#### **Human Nature**

- Many people are "programmed"
- Choose path of least resistance
- Focus on productivity vs security-driven
- Listen to curiosity before patience
- Heed authority and challenge authority





#### Pandora's Box

- Once open, very difficult to stuff released contents back inside
- Once privacy data is released it cannot be "fixed"
- We have become accustomed, even dependent on constant and complete connectivity
- Now organizations are trying to "dial it back"
  - Restrict employee internet access



#### **Call to Action**

- Cyber threat is very real.
- Cybersecurity has urgent needs
- Opportunity abounds
  - Get more deeply involved in topics that will matter
  - Grow the field severe shortages of skilled people AND data!
    - Education
    - Recruiting
    - New technologies

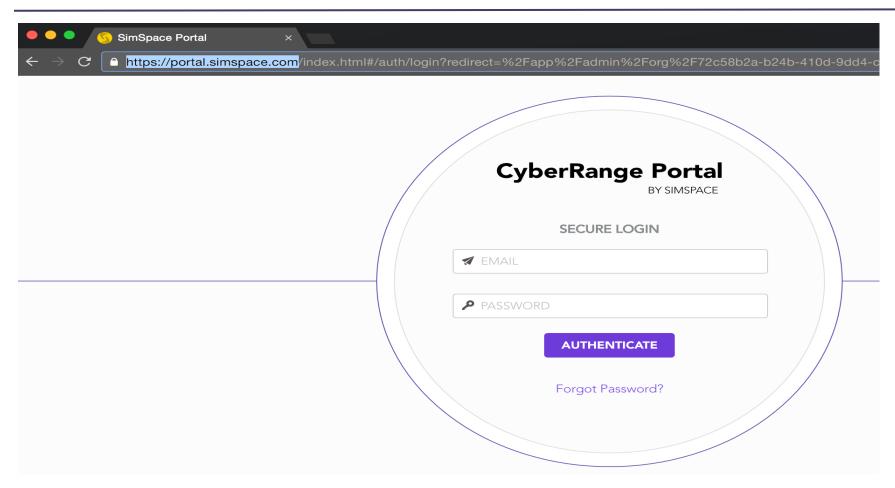


#### Personal Response to the Call

- Assessment & training
  - Teams
  - Individuals
  - Organizations
  - Tools
- Virtual Cyber Range
  - Example: Approximately 100 machines
  - Model customer networks
  - Features user emulator
- Cyber Assessor

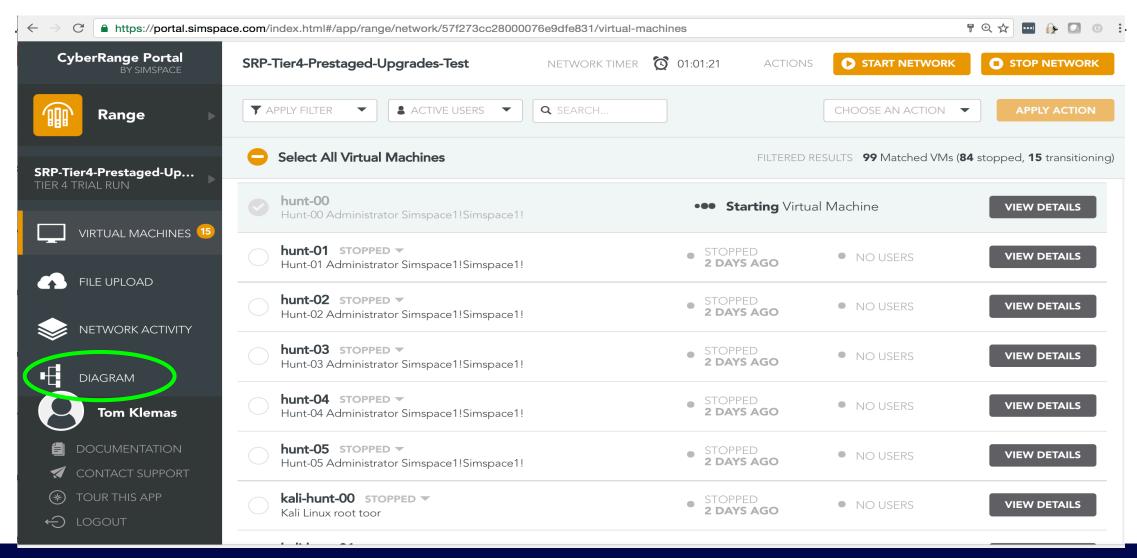


### SimSpace Portal to Cyber Range



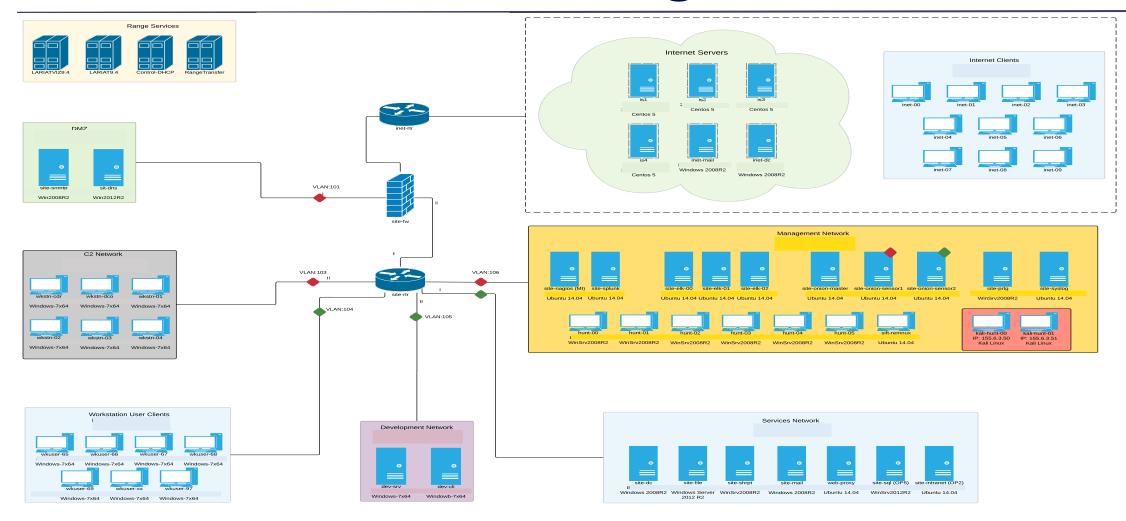


#### Virtual Machine Console Interfaces



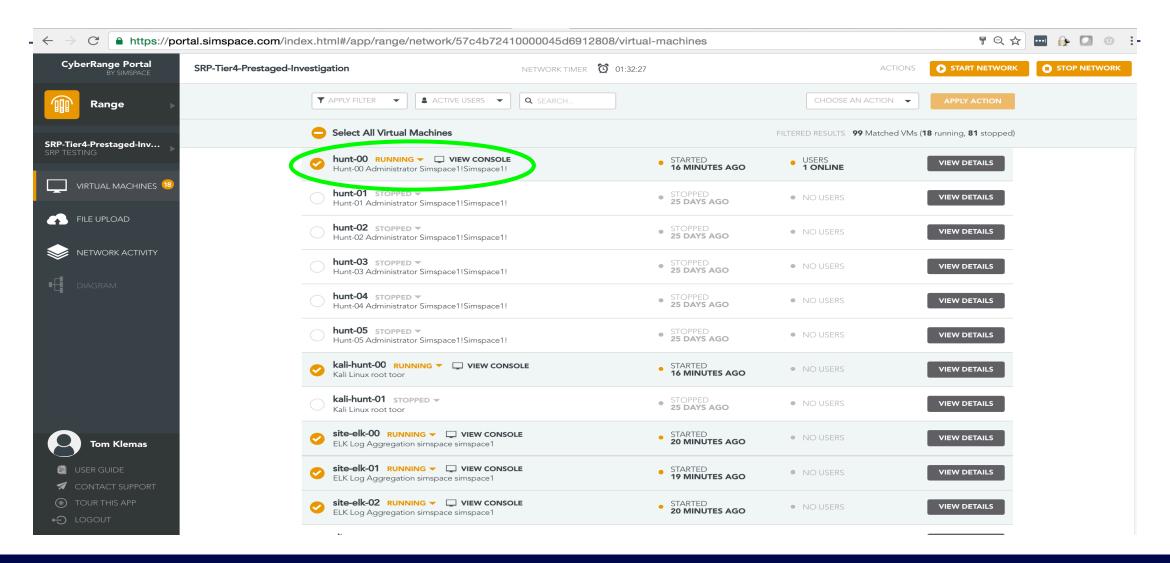


#### **Network Diagram**



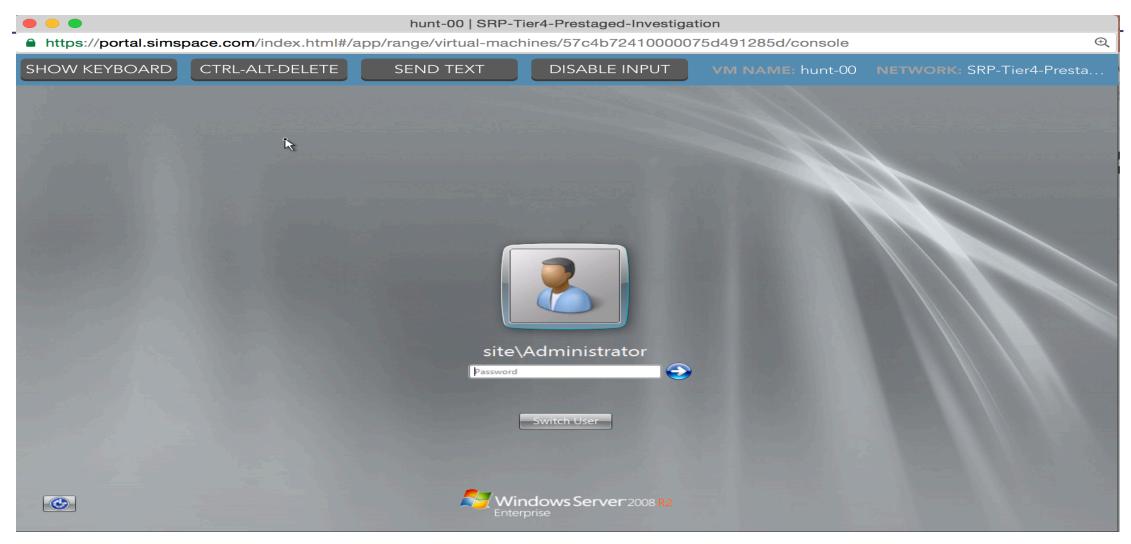


#### Portal Console Access to Virtual Machines



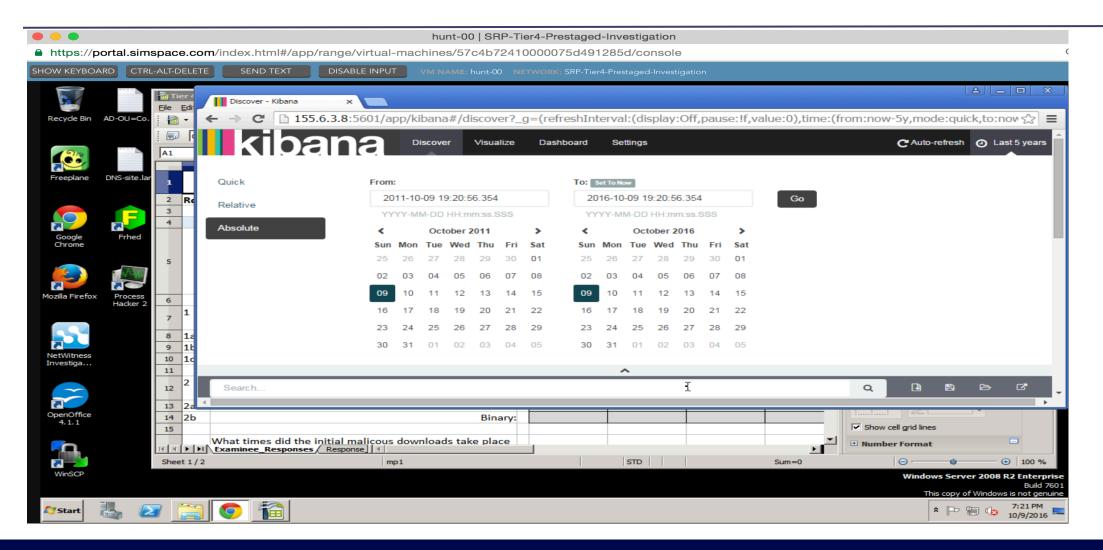


### Example: Loggin into hunt-00 Console



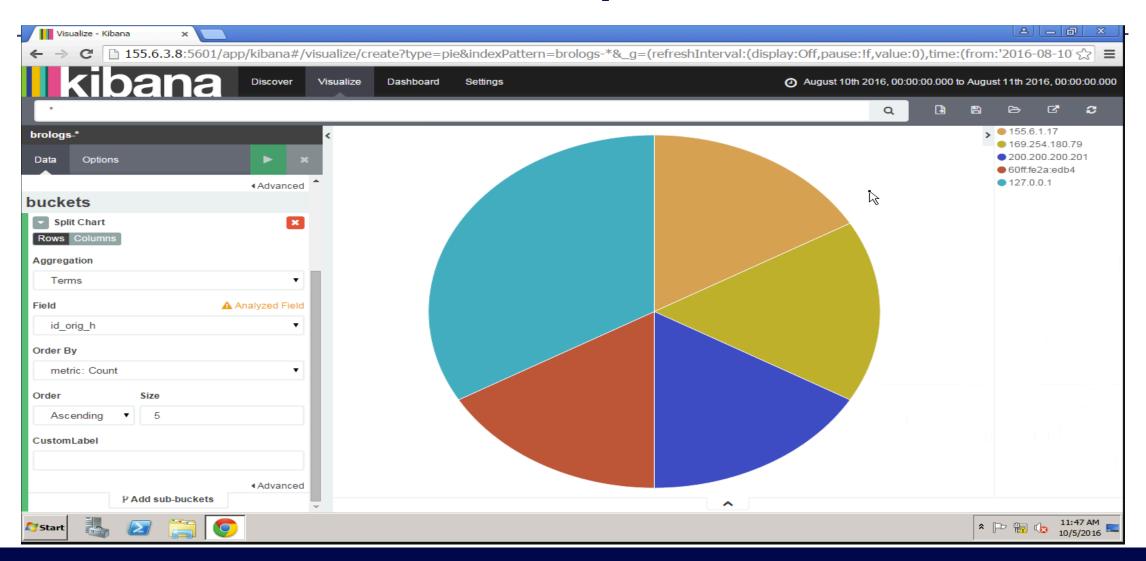


### Using Kibana from hunt-00



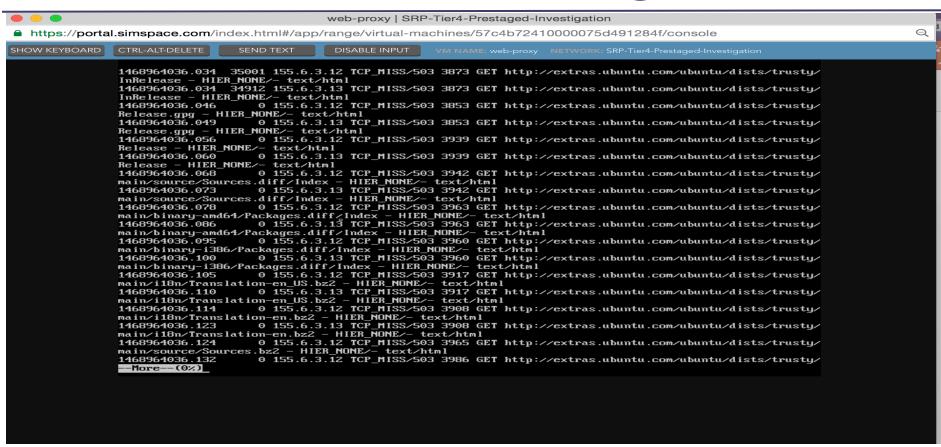


#### Kibana features many visualization aids





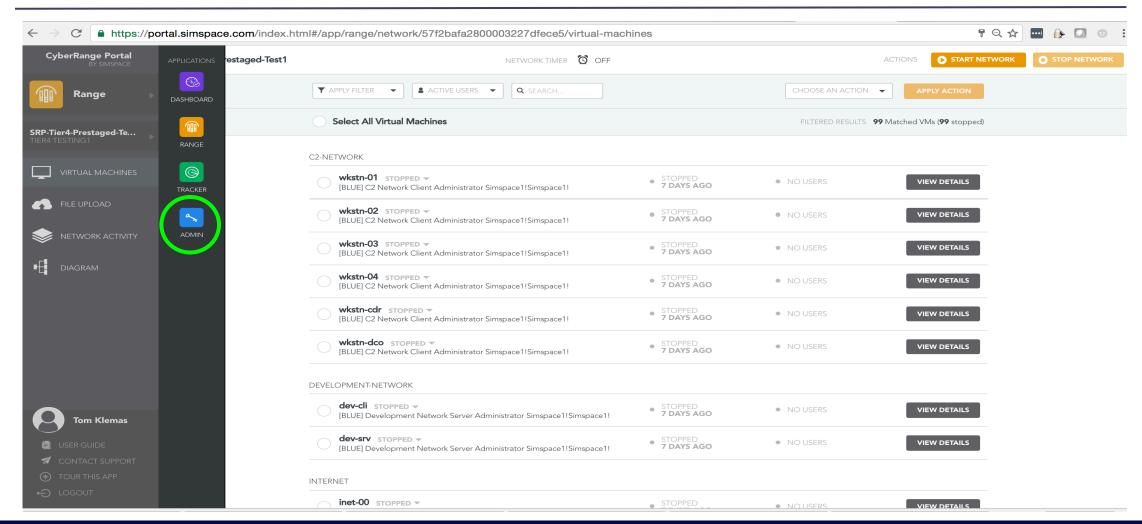
#### Web Proxy Log Access



Numerous tools available for detection, investigation, administrative actions, and more!

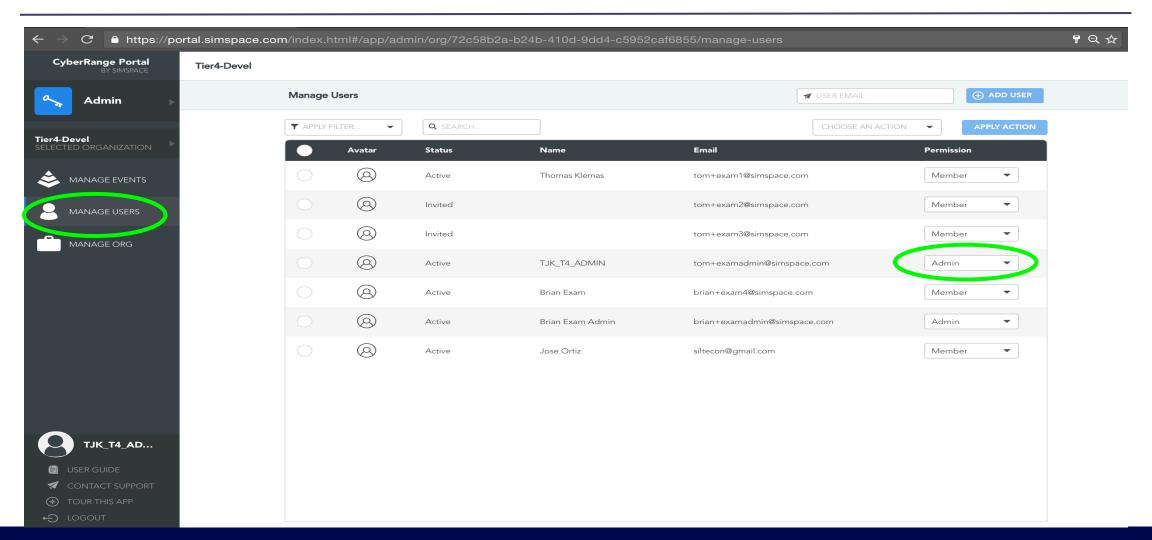


### **Enabling Customer Led Training**



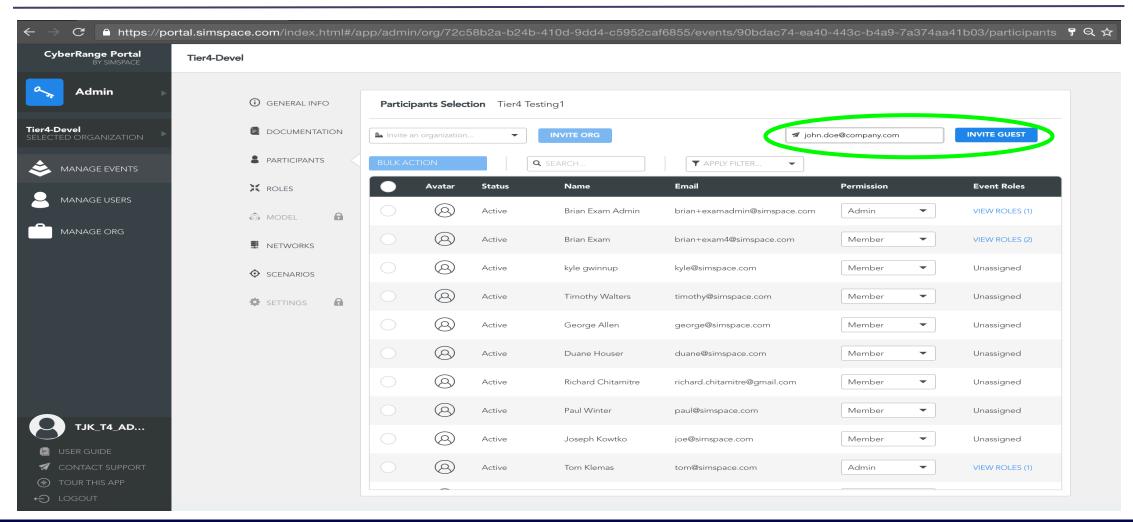


#### Provide admin privileges to training monitor





### Invite participants to organization





#### **Motivations for Cyber Assessment**

- Difficult challenges faced by cybersecurity officers
  - Hiring, training, and re-vectoring of employees
  - Early Identification of employees with high potential for advancement
  - Composing balanced cyber defense teams
- Cost of mistake is high
  - Hiring the wrong person can be quite costly
  - Interviewing the wrong people is also too expensive



#### Cyber Assessor for Individuals

#### Tiers 1 and 2

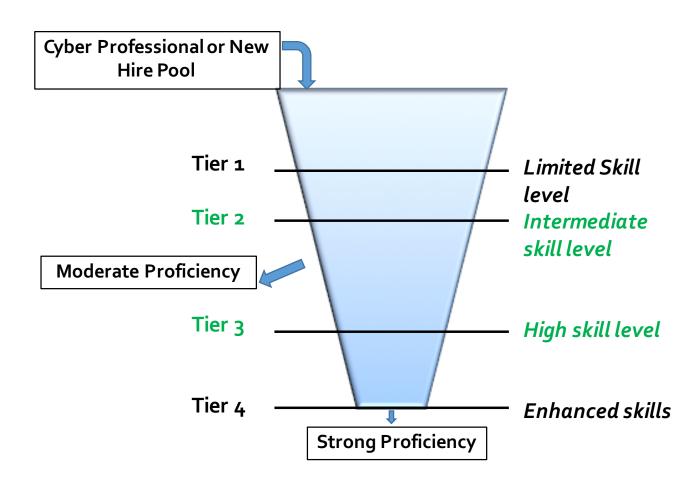
- multiple choice
- critical thinking, reasoning, and knowledge
- Web-based

#### Tier 3

- Emulates primarily single computer tasks
- hands-on
- self-contained
- Tests skills and knowledge
- Web-based

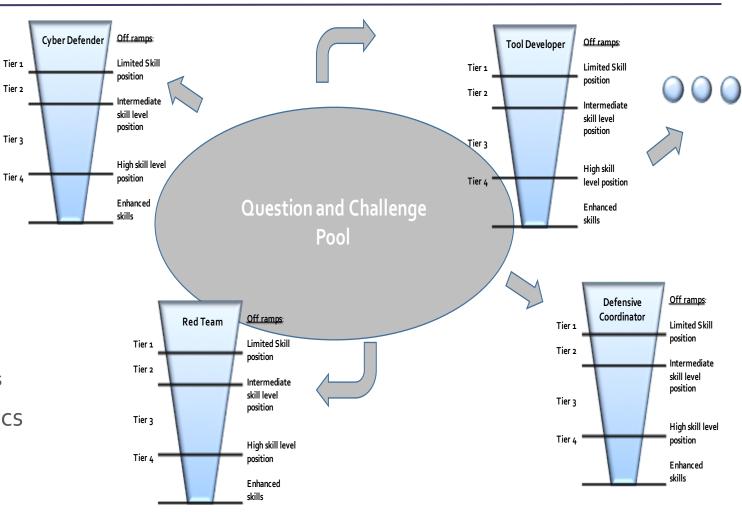
#### Tier 4

- Virtual cyber range that emulates real networks
- Examines skill & knowledge
- User emulator can create "typical" user noise

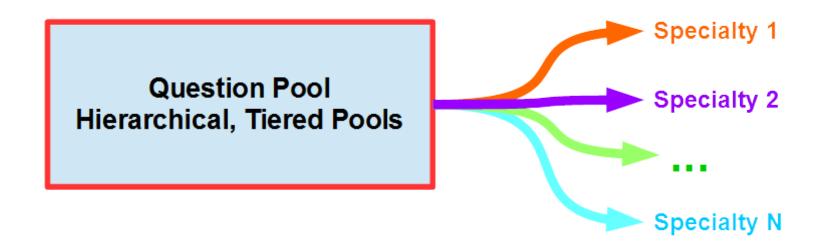


#### **Characterization Capabilities**

- Characterizing individual skills
  - Question to Specialty Mappings
  - Enables Skill sub-scores
- Multiple Classification Systems
  - Customer custom specialities
  - SimSpace specialties
  - Standard Frameworks
- Team Composition
  - Determine strengths/weaknesses
  - Balance multiple teams
  - Construct high performance teams
- Identify & prioritize training topics



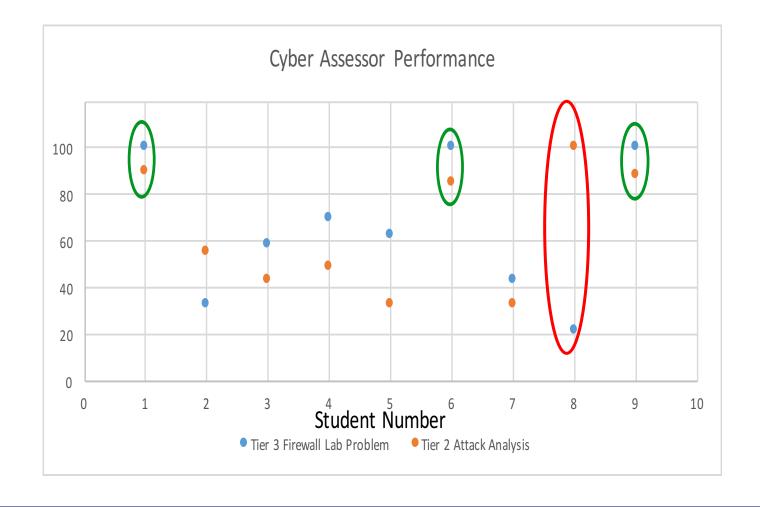
#### **Exam Composition**



- Create exams for particular specialties
- Characterize examinee skills across a spectrum of specialties

#### **Example Result: Performance**

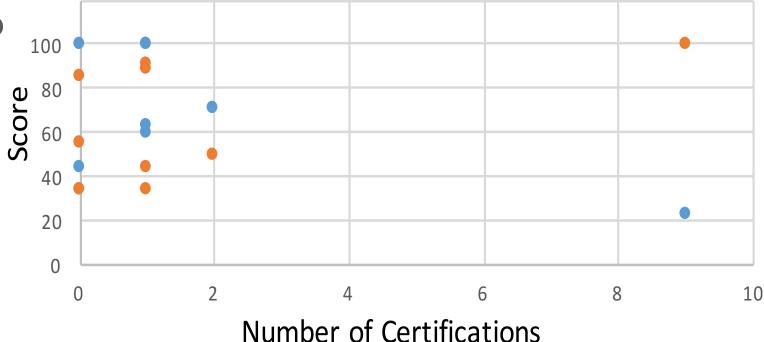
- Tier 2 results in orange
- Tier 3 results in blue
- 3 strong performers
  - Students 1,6, 9
- "Anti-correlation"
  - Student 8



#### **Example Result: Understanding Scores**

- Explore factors that contribute to score
- Plot scores relative to other examinee attributes

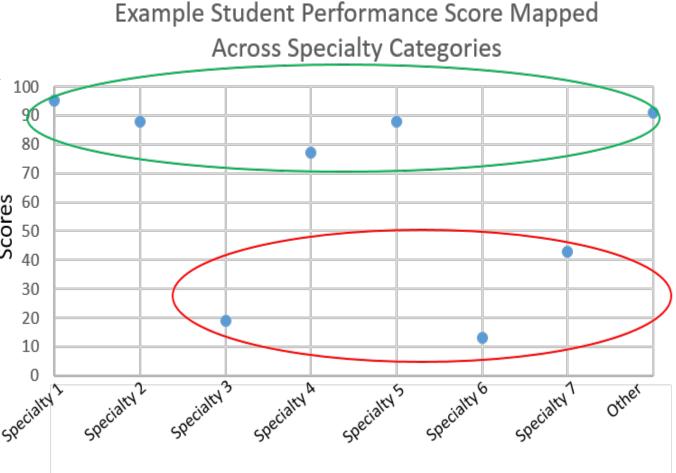
Cyber Assessor Performance vs Number of Certifications





#### **Example Result: Score Characterization**

- Examinee scored much better in Specialties 1,2,4,5, 100 and "other"
- Examinee had weaker performance in Specialties  $\frac{8}{3}$ ,  $\frac{8}{3}$ , and  $\frac{7}{3}$



#### Summary

- The need for motivated researchers and engineers to apply skills and knowledge to cyber field is great!
- Need for cybersecurity improvements is urgent
  - Personnel
  - Assessment and Training
  - Technologies
- There are many applications for data analytics in cybersecurity



#### **QUESTIONS?**

# Thank you!

