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Data Analytics applied to Spear Phishing correlation

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What is this presentation about?



Why did we start this project?

What we want to achieve

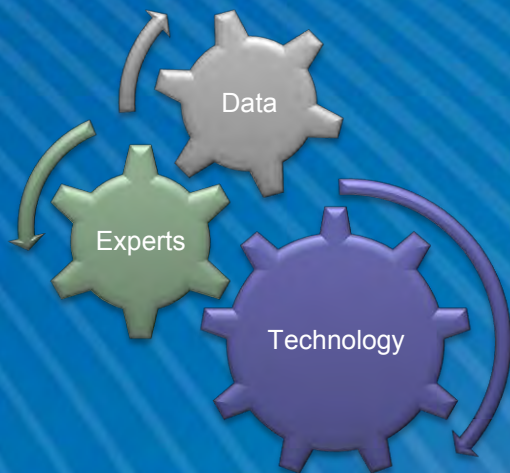
Comprehensive analysis of incidents targeting NATO networks

Identify the “threat landscape” targeting NATO Networks

Search for threat actors that “should” be targeting NATO not identified (yet)

The challenges

- Volume and diversity of data sources
- Difficulties correlating information (with internal and external sources)
- Difficulties tracking activity over time

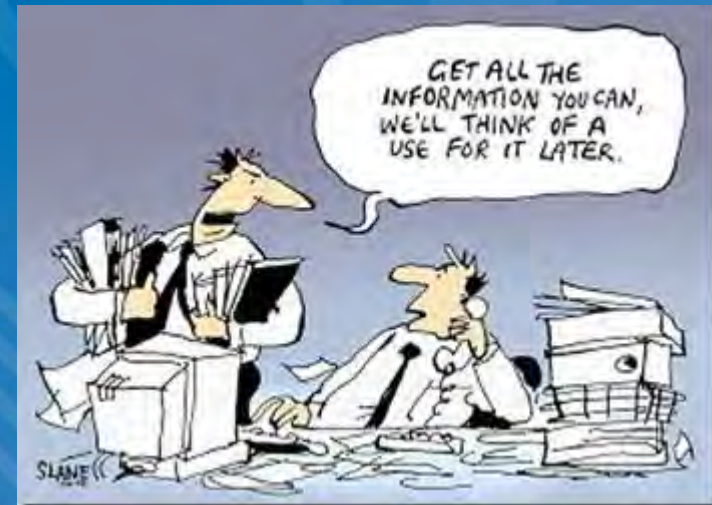


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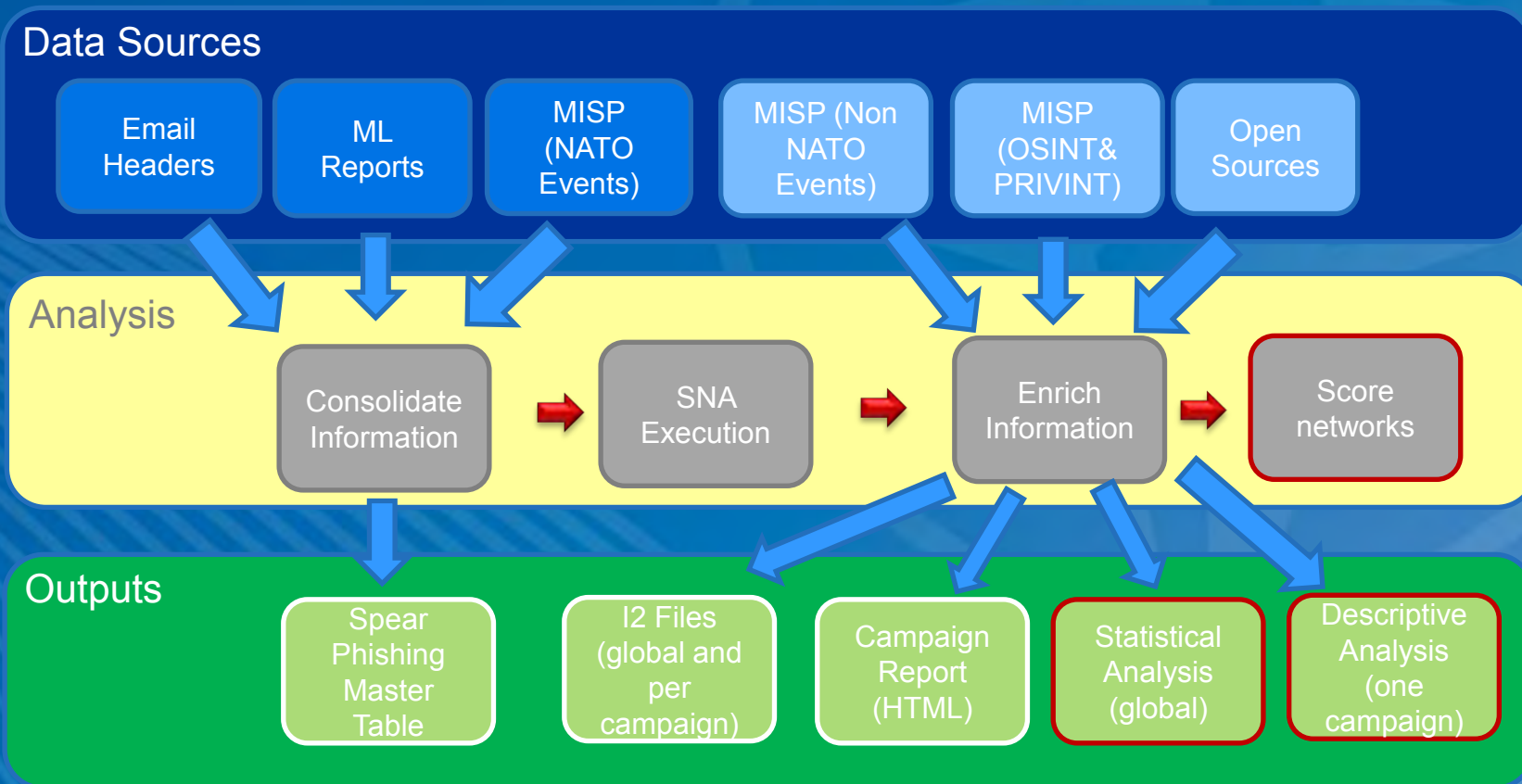


Benefits of data analytics

- “Know your enemy”: analyse and track activity overtime
- Automatic correlation affiliates the new events with past activities and correlates together new events for a bigger picture
- Helps in prioritisation: how to distinguish a targeted from a non targeted activity
- Reduces the time of analysis and helps the analyst to focus on the most relevant incidents

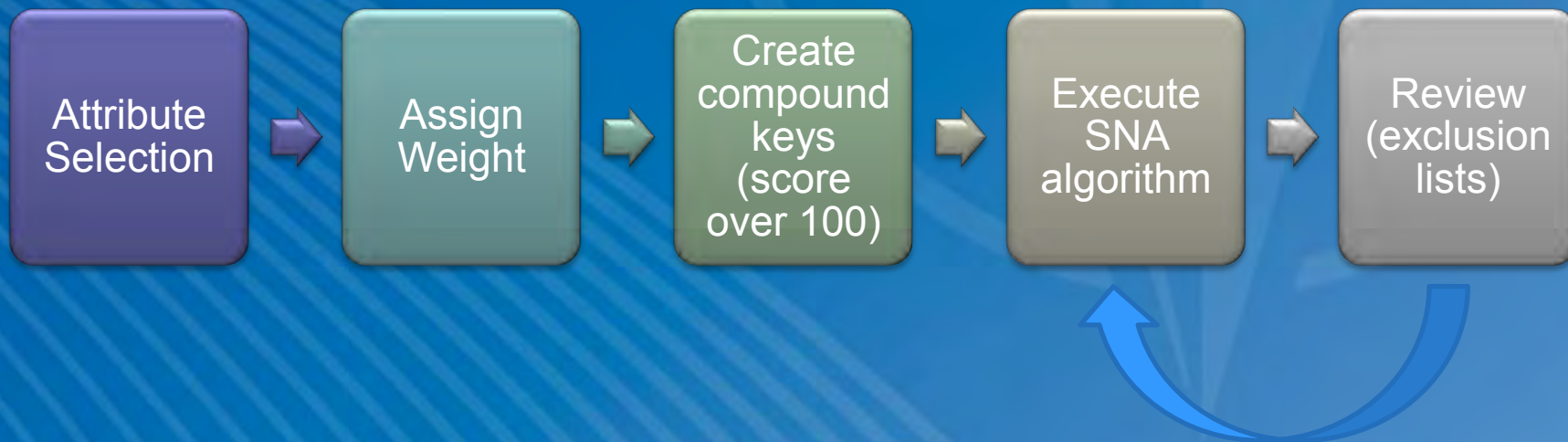


How do we do it?



What is the logic?

- Two events are related when they share “enough similarities”
- Need to find the balance to avoid false positive and false negatives
- Examples: same malware family sent in an email with the same subject line and the same mailer, same C&C used in the same day in an email that belongs to the same “anomaly cluster”, etc.

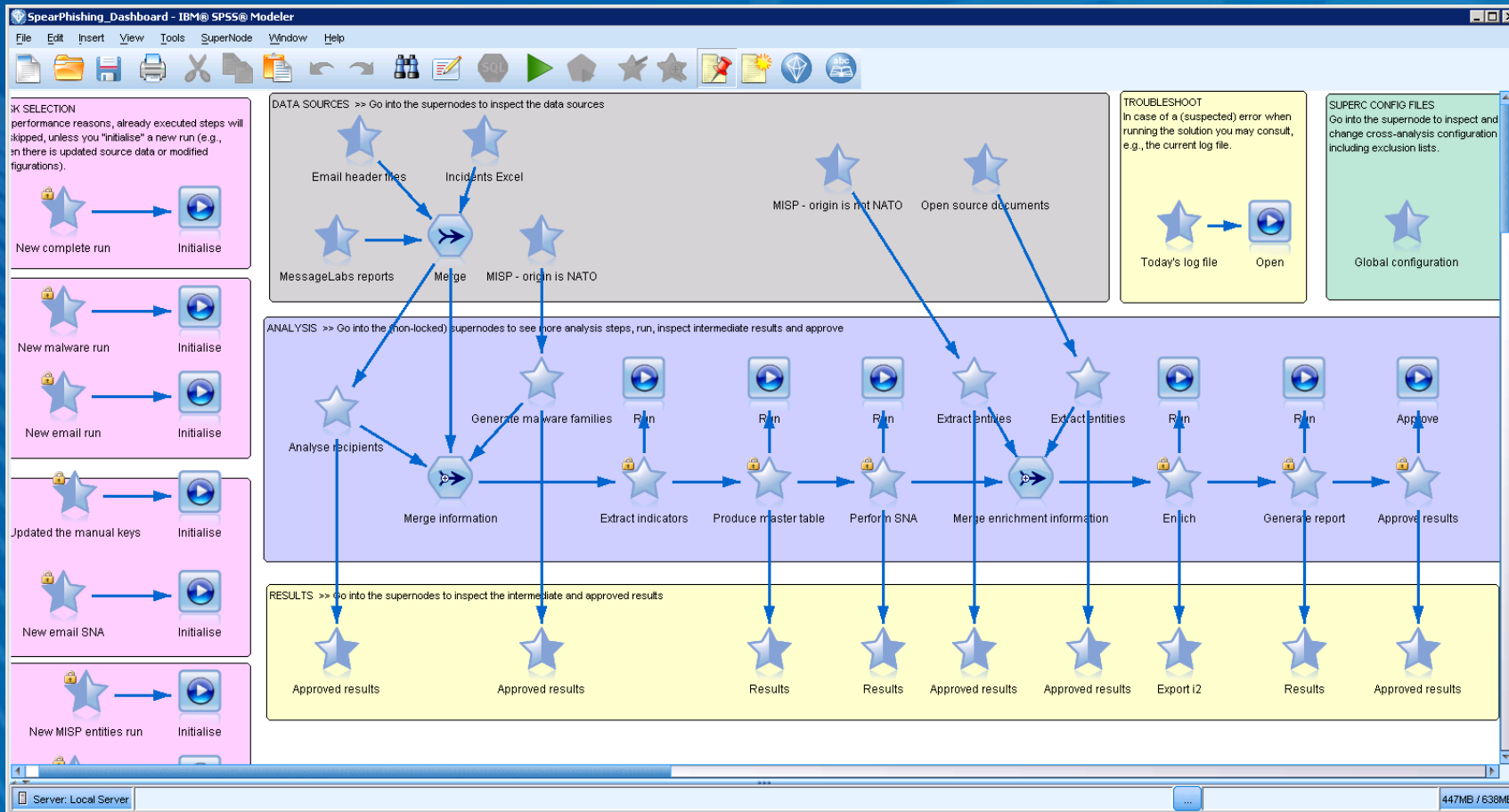


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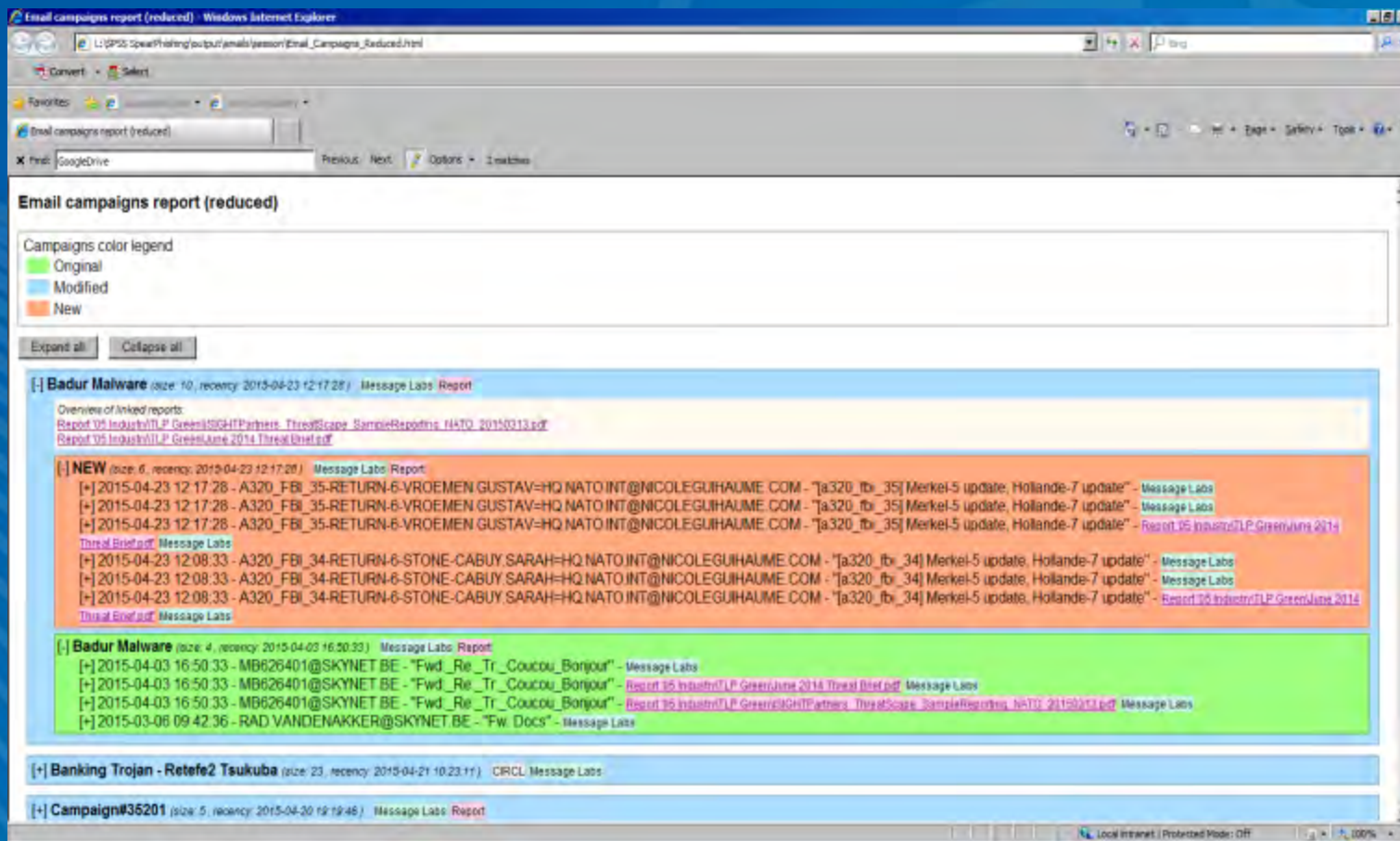
- Loose connection with open sources and other MISP tickets
- Text analytics that extracts IP addresses, domains and hashes from documents for correlation
- Need of an analyst that validates and affiliates the activity when unknown or validates the new connection made



The implementation in SPSS



Output Examples



Email campaigns report (reduced)

Campaigns color legend

- Original
- Modified
- New

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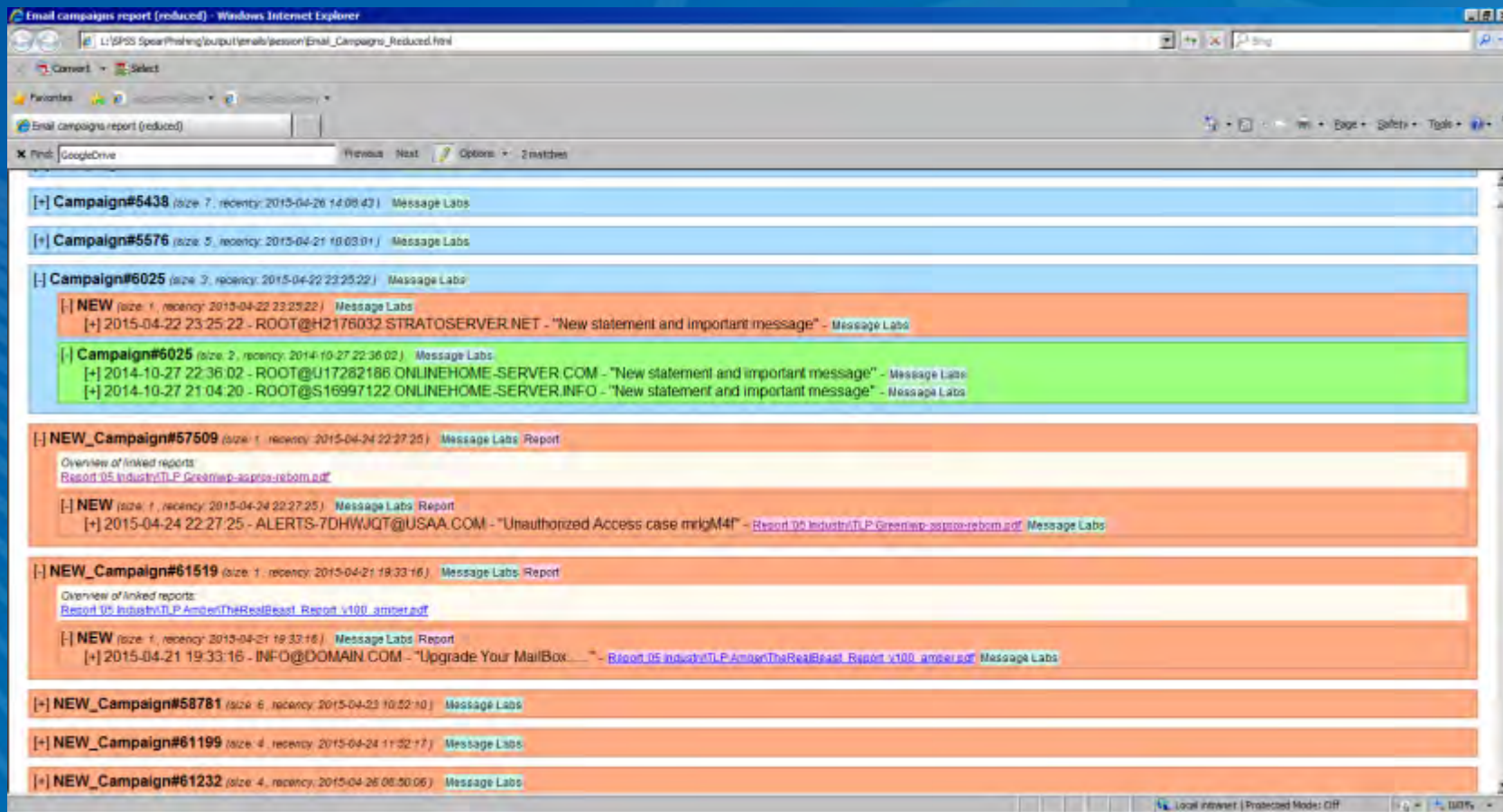
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- [+] 2015-03-06 09 42:36 - RAD VANDENAKKER@SKYNET BE - "Fw: Docs" - Message Labs

[+] Banking Trojan - Retefe2 Tsukuba (size: 23, recency: 2015-04-21 10:23:11) CIRCL Message Labs

[+] Campaign#35201 (size: 5, recency: 2015-04-20 19:19:48) Message Labs Report



Output Examples



Email campaigns report (reduced) - Windows Internet Explorer

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Search: Email campaigns report (reduced)

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 - [+] 2014-10-27 22:36:02 - ROOT@U17282186.ONLINEHOME-SERVER.COM - "New statement and important message" - Message Labs
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- [+] 2013-02-20 18:07:21 - A.GILITUHA@VOLADM.GOV.UA - "State administration Ukraine: Meeting of the NATO-Ukraine commission" - MISP event 446 (NCIRC) MISP event 618 (CIRCL) [Report '01 NATO/ESCI\(CD\)/2013/24 NC_ESCD_NCIRC CC Post Incident Analysis Updates.pdf](#) Reported incident
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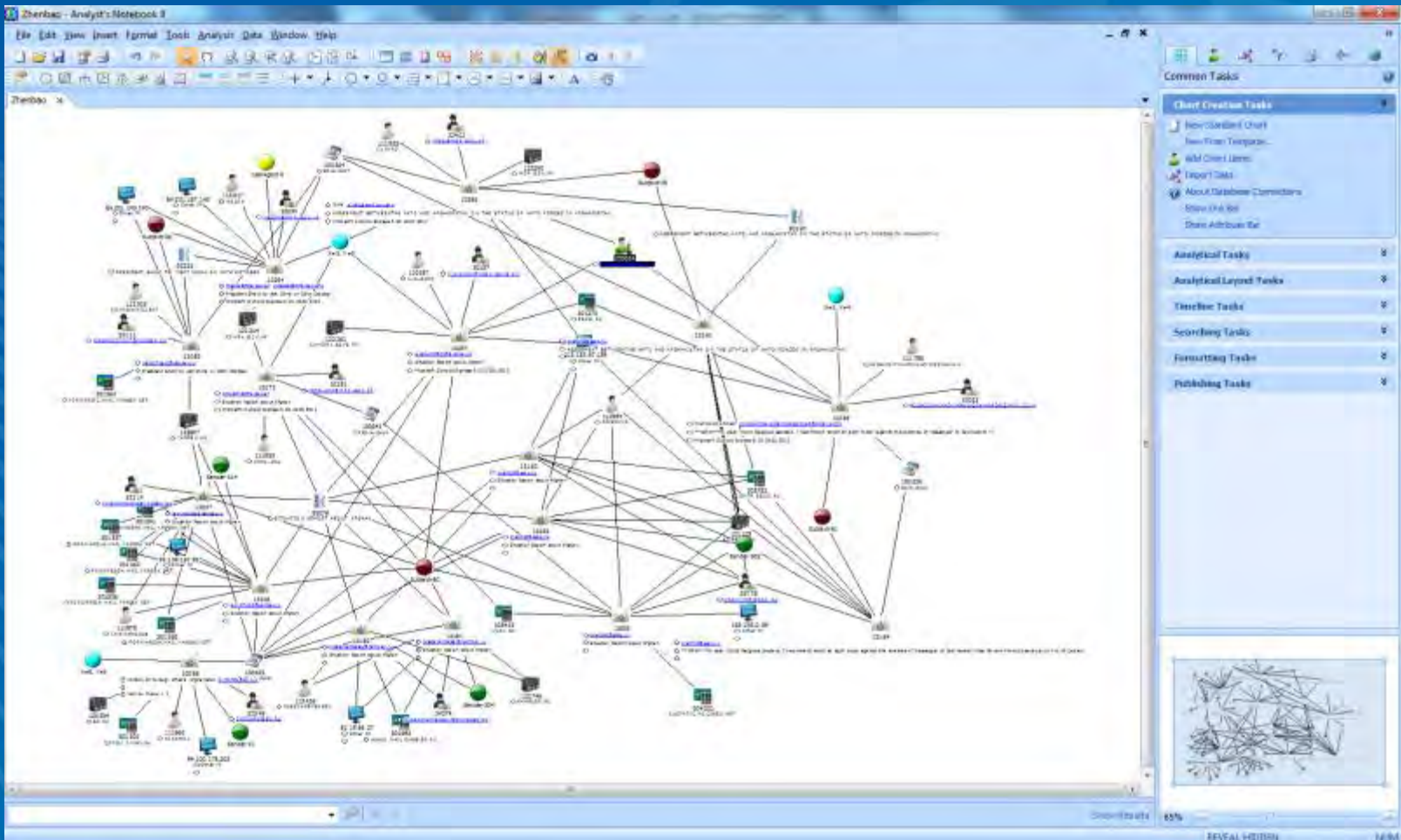
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- [+] 2012-06-13 14:02:48 - SUSAN.BRUCEWP@YAHOO.COM - "WP1155 Emerging Leaders | Wilton Park Conference Personal Invitation" - [Report '01 NATO/ESCI\(CD\)/2012/0022_NC_ESCD_NCIRC CC Post Incident Analysis Wilton Park.pdf](#) [Report '01 NATO/ESCI\(CD\)/2013/24 NC_ESCD_NCIRC CC Post Incident Analysis Updates.pdf](#) Reported incident [pinned]
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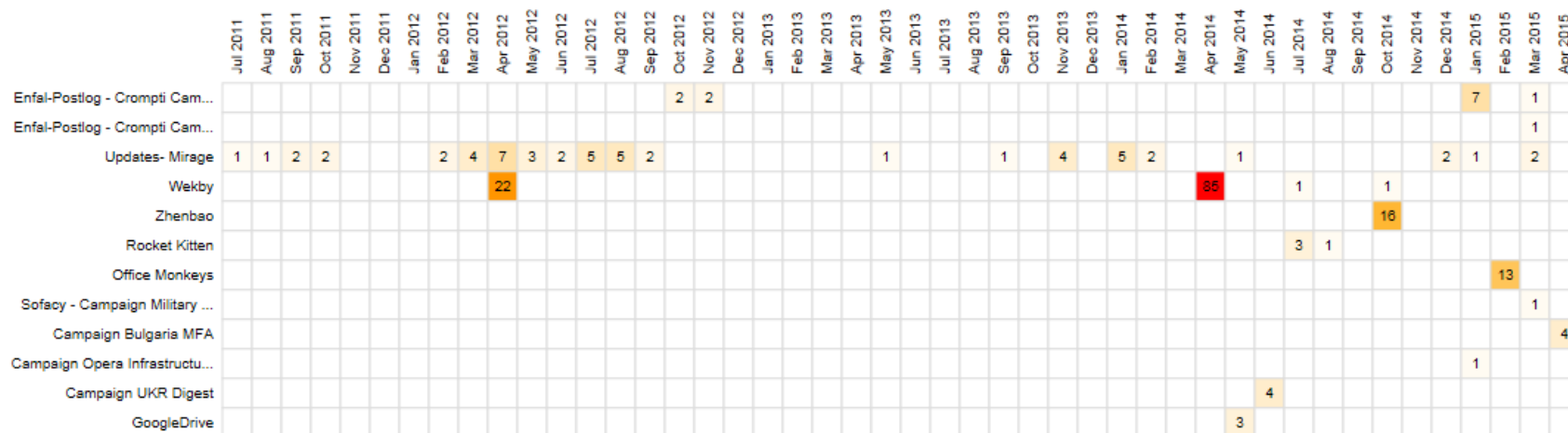


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Heatmaps 2014-2015

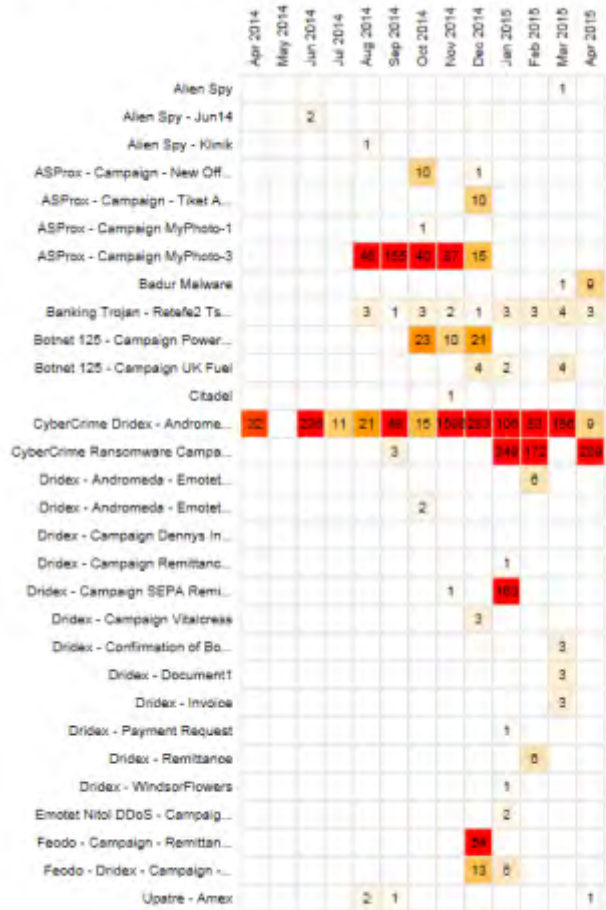
Campaigns Heat Map



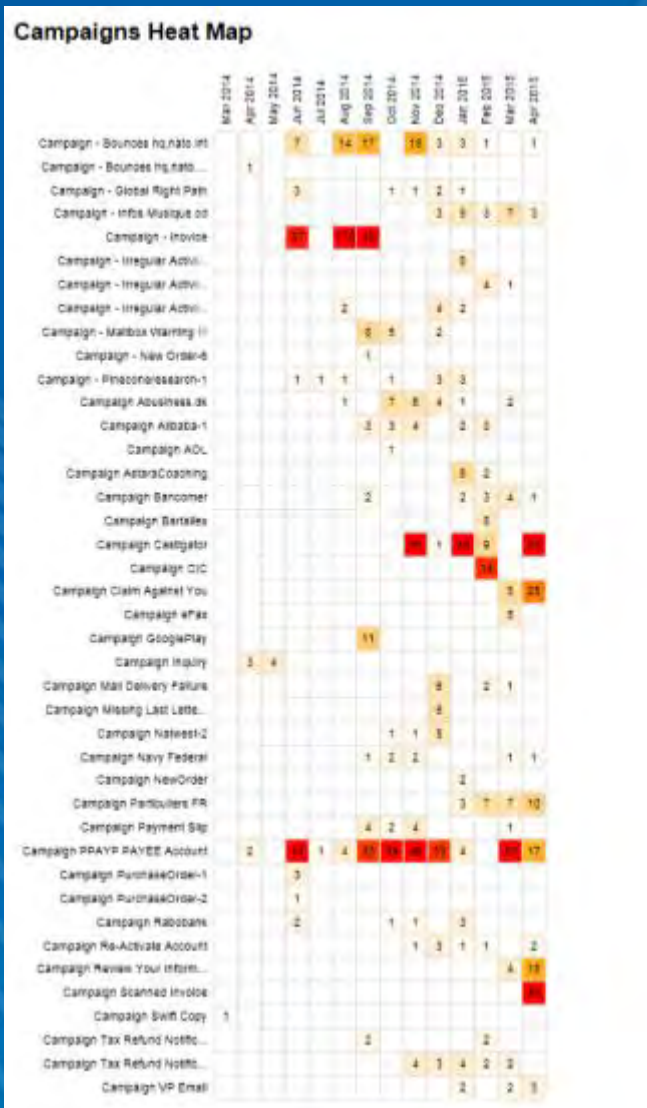


Heatmaps 2014-2015

Campaigns Heat Map



Heatmaps 2014-2015



Future developments

- Prioritise which campaigns we should analyse
- Visualisation techniques
- Add non spear phishing events
- On-line service to query the campaigns
- Threat actors knowledge base



Questions & Comments



Thank you!!