

Cyber Threats & Alphaville

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*“Cyber Security – The
Why and the How”*

*How Big was the CS
Threat in 2014*

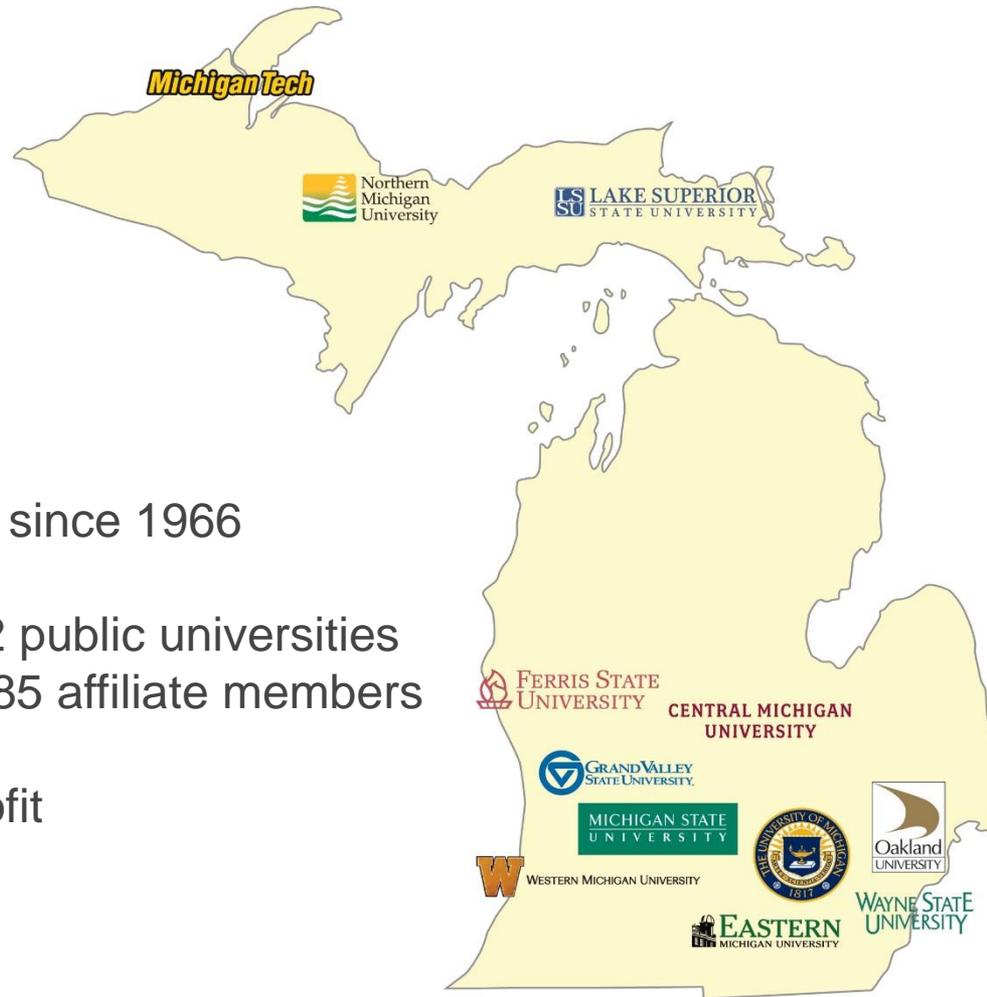


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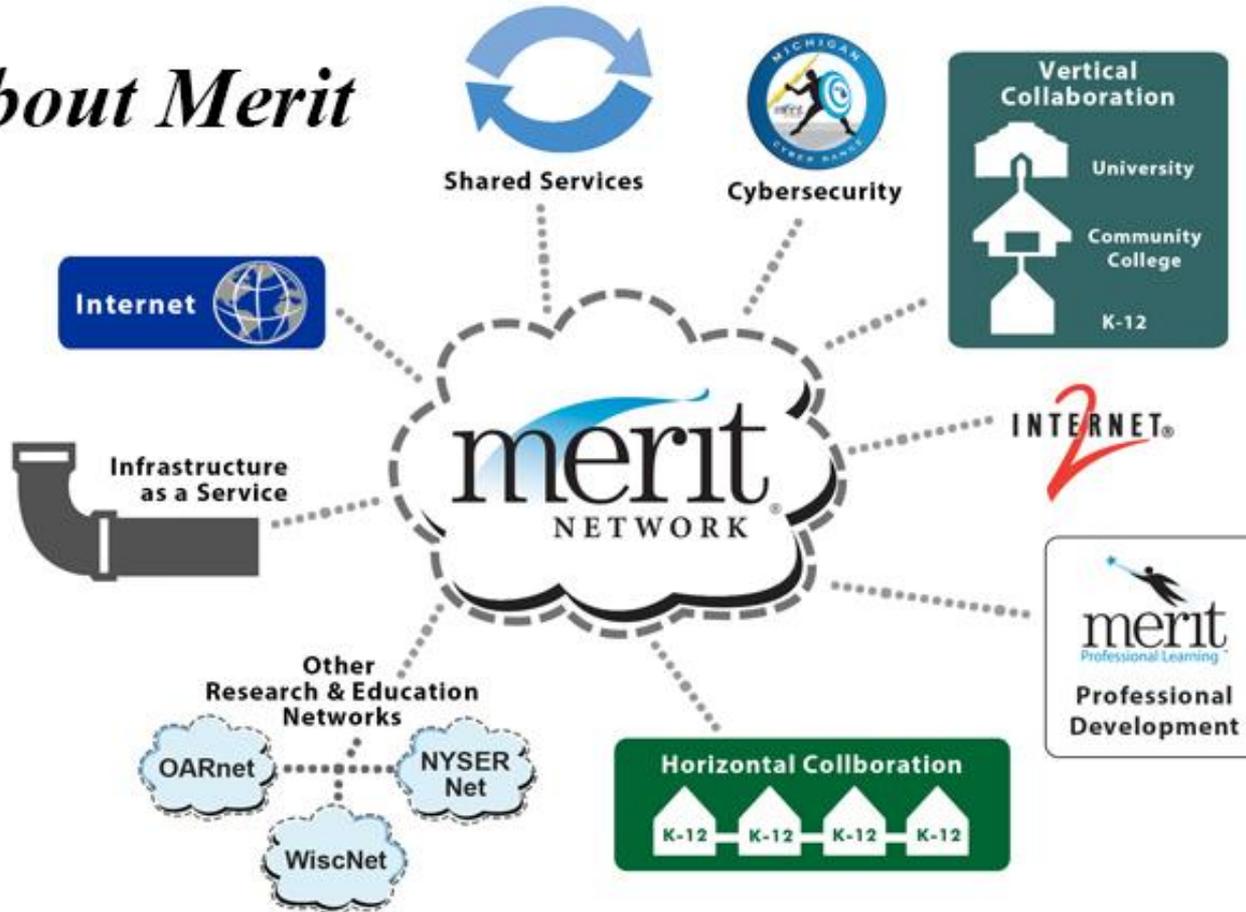
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About Merit



Background

- Merit Network – Sales Manager
 - Commercial Focus for Transport Services & Security Portfolio
- Michigan Cyber Range
 - Sales & Product Development



Governor Snyder's Strategy

Defend Michigan residents and commerce from cyber attacks

- Mitigate growing cyber threats
- Providing a more secure environment promotes economic development

Nurture a cyber security industry that leverages Michigan's unique advantages

- Educational institutions
- Large IT workforce
- Manufacturing and industrial base
- Federal cooperation and planning



Agenda

Why, What, How?

Threat

- Toward consumers and companies
- Work force shortage

Cyber Defense Requirements

- Realistic training environment
- Crawl-Walk-Run
- Team

Preparation Support

- Michigan Cyber Range

Tour of the Range

- Intro to Exercises & Classes



- Hospitals
 - Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center in LA - \$17,000
 - Patients were diverted to other area hospitals
 - Methodist Hospital in Henderson KY - \$1,600
 - Hospital was moved to an “Internal State of Emergency”
 - Shutdown internal computers, servers and websites to contain outbreak
- Police Departments
 - Swansea, MA - \$700
 - Midlothian, IL - \$500
 - Encrypted local and backup files
- Utilities
 - Lansing Board of Water and Light



What Does It Do?

- CryptoLocker – 2013
 - Imitation is the highest form of flattery?
 - CryptoWall
 - TeslaCrypt – Exploited vulnerability in Adobe Flash
 - TorrentLocker – Spread through SPAM
- Common variant now “Locky”
 - Requires MS macros to be enabled or launched through JavaScript
- Encrypts files and folders
 - Desktops/Laptops
 - File shares
- Deletes original files



DDoS



Phishing

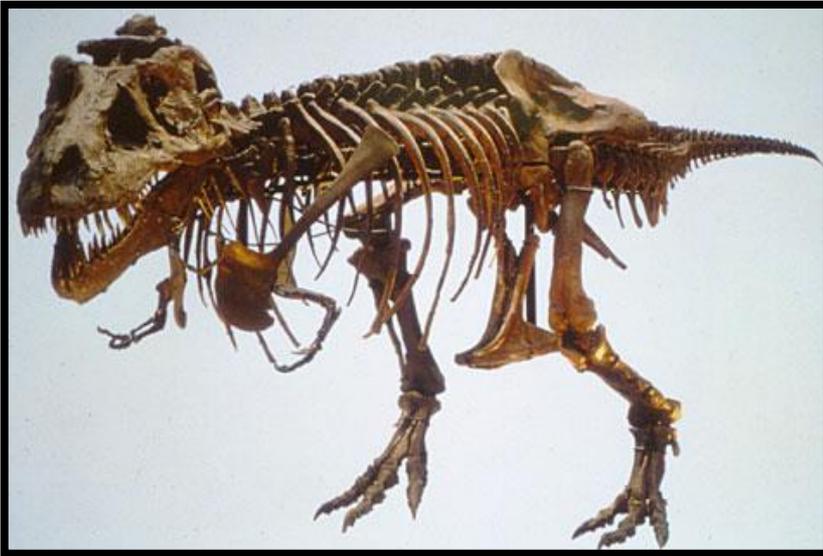
- Pomeroy investment company in Troy, MI
 - \$495,000 transferred overseas to China
- As of March 31, 55 companies have released W-2's to unknown third parties



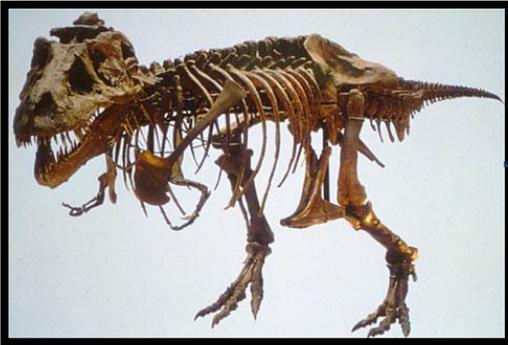
Another Day, Another Breach

- Wendy's – Class Action Lawsuit
- Credit card skimmers





What is
happening



Why it's
happening

What's going to
happen next



Cyber security is not
helping enough with
this

Cyber Defense Needs

The Importance of CyberSecurity in Your Organization



Cyber Defense Needs

Worldwide spending on information security was \$71.1 billion in 2014, an increase of 7.9 percent over 2013. (Gartner.com)

Total information security spending will grow a further 8.2 percent in 2015 to reach \$76.9 billion. (Gartner.com)

43% said that their organization planned to add new IT staff positions in information security. (Networkworld.com)



Cyber Defense Needs

Cybersecurity Skills Crisis

Too Many Threats

 **62%**
INCREASE
IN BREACHES
IN 2013¹

1 IN 5 
ORGANIZATIONS
HAVE EXPERIENCED
AN APT ATTACK⁴

US \$3
TRILLION
TOTAL GLOBAL
IMPACT OF
CYBERCRIME³

 **8 MONTHS**
IS THE AVERAGE TIME
AN ADVANCED THREAT
GOES UNNOTICED ON
VICTIM'S NETWORK²

2.5
BILLION 
EXPOSED RECORDS AS
A RESULT OF A DATA BREACH
IN THE PAST 5 YEARS⁵

Too Few Professionals

 **62%**
OF ORGANIZATIONS
HAVE NOT INCREASED
SECURITY TRAINING
IN 2014⁶

 **1 OUT OF 3**
SECURITY PROS ARE
NOT FAMILIAR WITH
ADVANCED PERSISTENT
THREATS⁷

 **<2.4%**
GRADUATING STUDENTS
HOLD COMPUTER
SCIENCE DEGREES⁸

 **1 MILLION**
UNFILLED SECURITY
JOBS WORLDWIDE⁹

83% 
OF ENTERPRISES CURRENTLY
LACK THE RIGHT SKILLS AND
HUMAN RESOURCES TO PROTECT
THEIR IT ASSETS¹⁰

Enterprises are under siege from
a rising volume of cyberattacks.

At the same time, the global demand for skilled professionals sharply outpaces supply. Unless this gap is closed, organizations will continue to face major risk. Comprehensive educational and networking resources are required to meet the needs of everyone from entry-level practitioners to seasoned professionals.

Cyber Defense Needs

43% of organizations have a problematic shortage of cloud computing and server virtualization security skills. (Networkworld.com)

31% of organizations have a problematic shortage of network security skills. (Networkworld.com)

30% of organizations have a problematic shortage of security analytics/forensic skills. (Networkworld.com)



Cyber Defense Needs



Crawl – Walk - Run



Crawl

Basic Technical Skills and Experience



Walk

Cyber security training

Certification

Experience



Run

- Experienced at out-thinking an adversary
- Practiced teamwork especially with the team
- Relationships and collaboration outside the team



Team Sport



Realistic Environment



Michigan Support

- State is a national leader
- Michigan State Police
- Michigan National Guard
- Civilian Cyber Corps
- Michigan Cyber Range



Civilian Cyber Corps



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The graphic features a superhero character on the left, wearing a grey suit, red cape, and glasses, holding a yellow lightning bolt and a shield with a globe. On the right, a dark, spiky cyber villain is shown. The background is a light blue grid of binary code (0s and 1s). A circular logo in the top right corner contains the text 'MICHIGAN CYBER RANGE' and 'merit' with a lightning bolt and shield icon. A QR code is also present in the upper right area.

Cyber Range Perspective

Operated by Merit Network

Dedicated to:

- Basic cyber security education, training, and testing
- Advanced platform for Industrial Control Systems security

Build a trained workforce through:

- Accessible resources
- Experiential training
- Adaptable assessment



Michigan Cyber Range

Training and certification

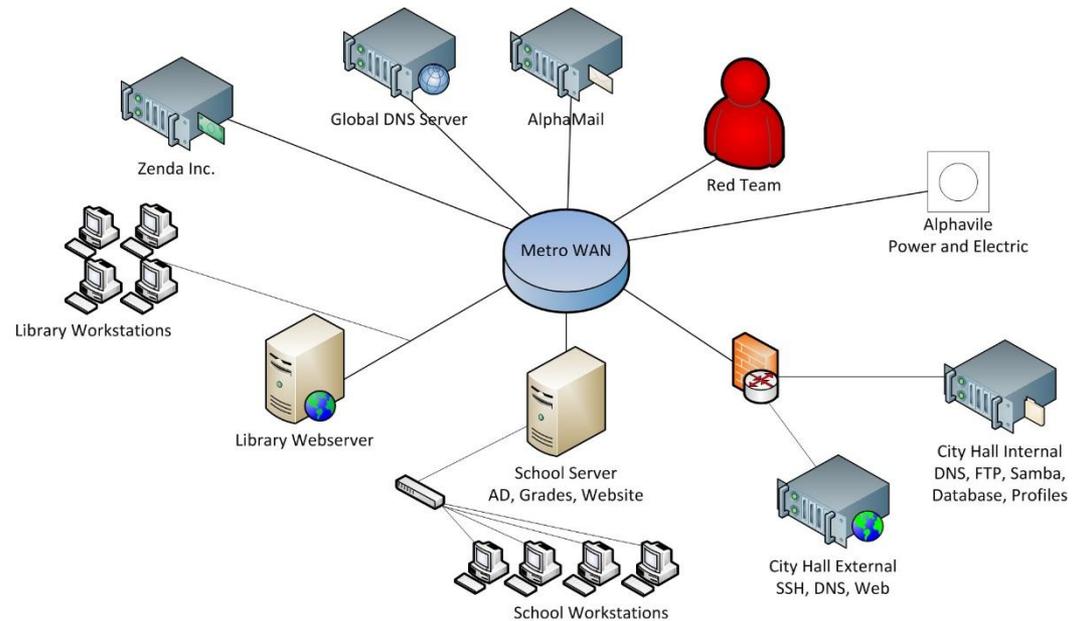
- On site
- Remote
- Self-paced

Realistic environment

- Alphaville
- Adding industries
- Your virtualized systems

Exercises

- Merit developed
- Specific to your environment



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Crawl - Training & Certification - Classes

17 Certifications

- Pen Testing, Incident Handling, Ethical Hacking
- Forensics
- Leadership
- Disaster Recovery, Cloud Security

Taught through:

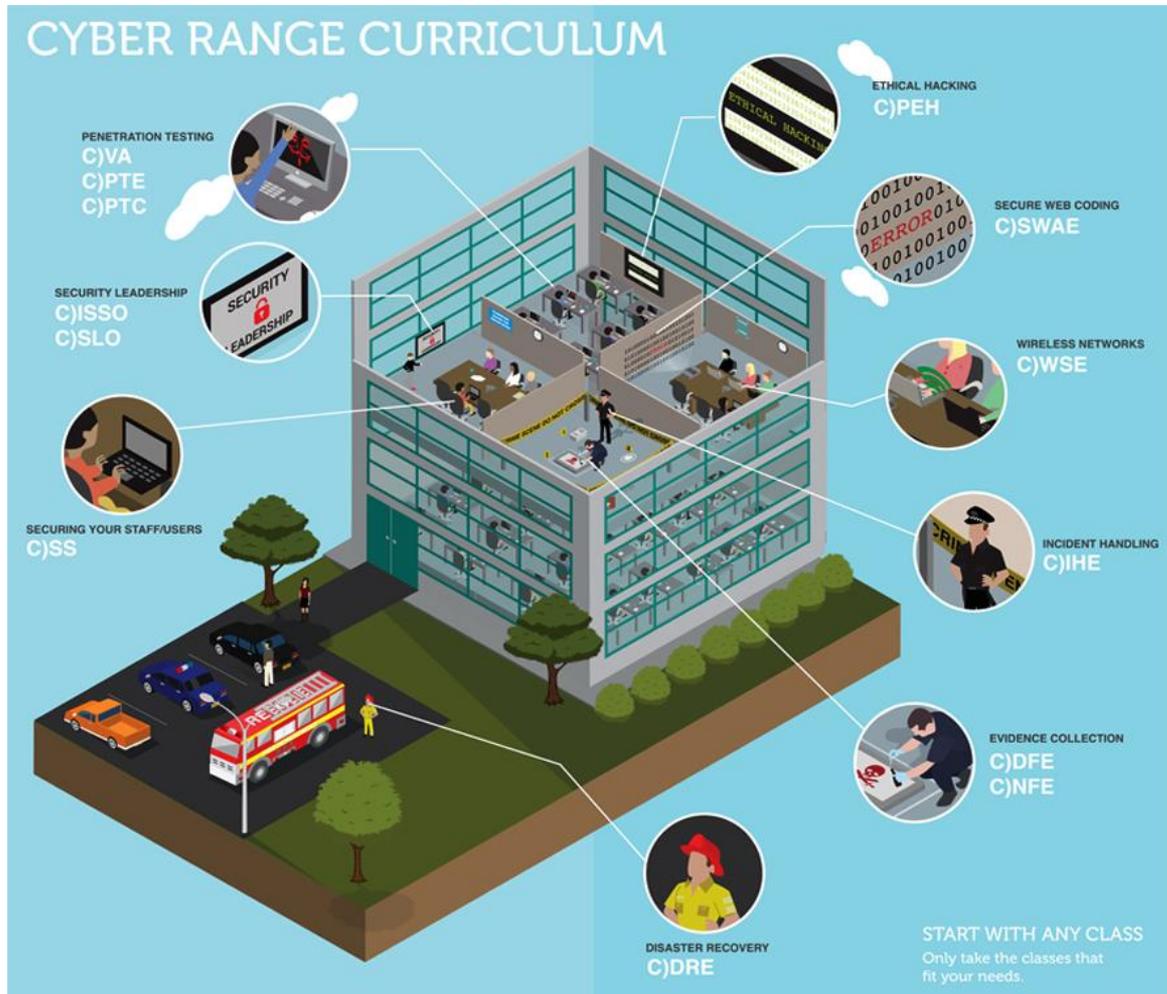
- Structured classes
- Self-paced labs
- Experiential learning

Classes held at Merit, your site, or Online

Cost includes Tuition and Exam



Progressive Certifications



Executive Seminars

Presentations

- Cyber Threat Environment
- Cyber Training Programs
- Critical Controls and Common Threats

One hour blocks

Organized into 4 or 8 hour seminars

Customizable upon request to focus on specific threats



Executive Seminars

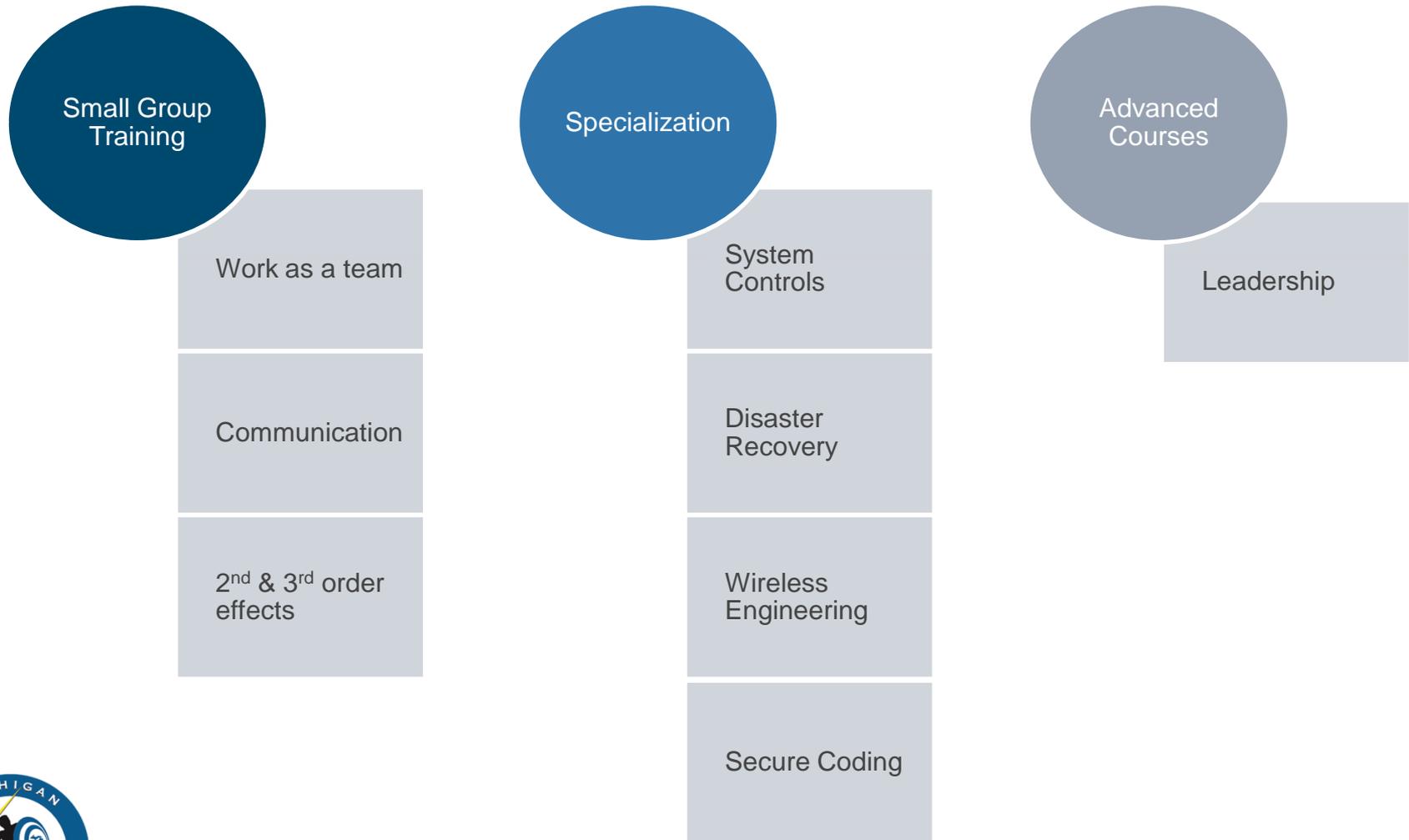
Table Top Exercises

- Objective driven
- Scenario creation
- Facilitated discussion
- Assessment report

Six Hour seminar

Requires 3 month prep time





Walk - Capture the Flag

Self-Paced

Takes the training wheels off

- Same Tools & Techniques as in class

Individual Skill Threads

- Penetration testing
- Forensics
- SCADA
- PII
- Database security

Scoring engine

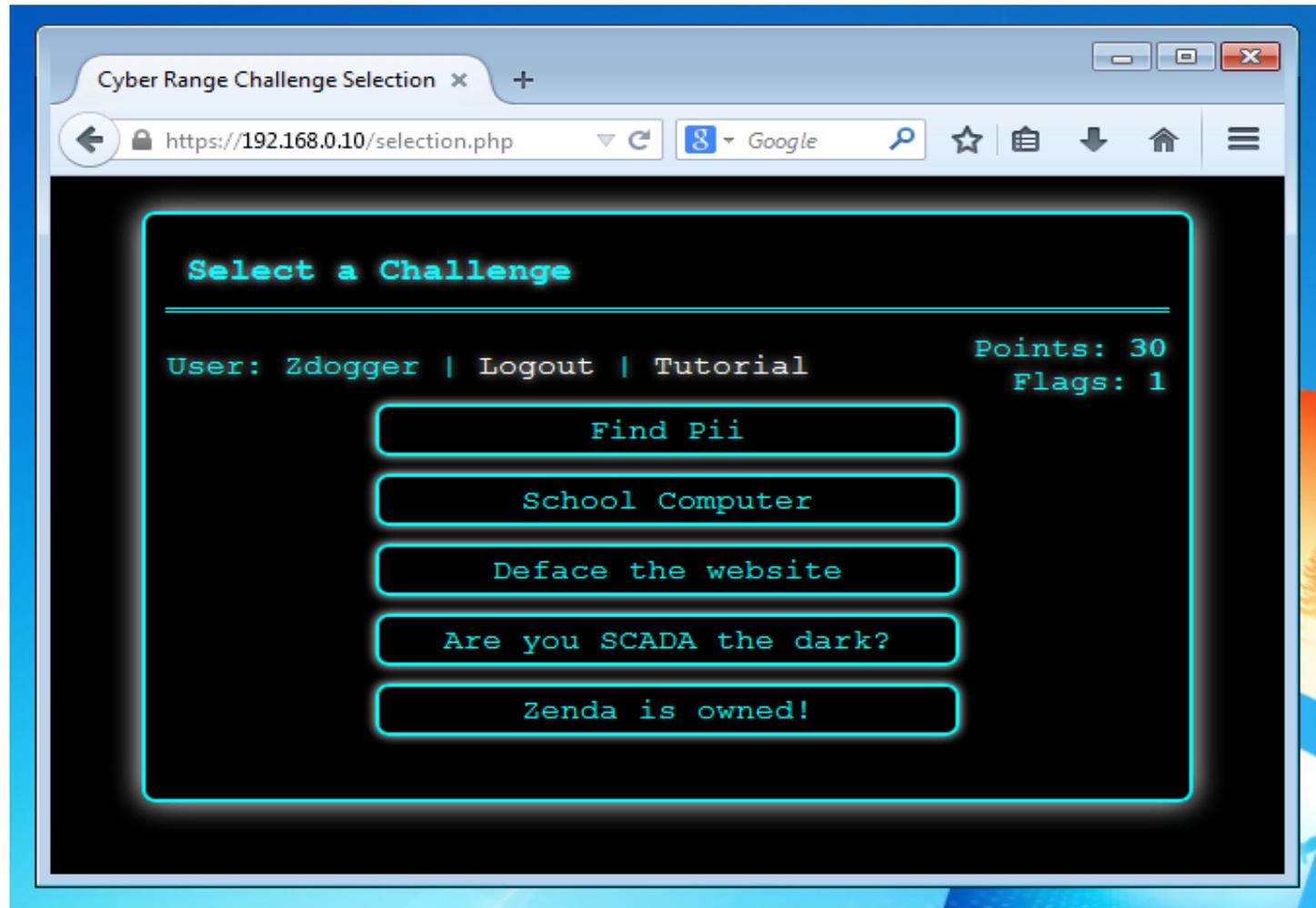
- Encourages competition

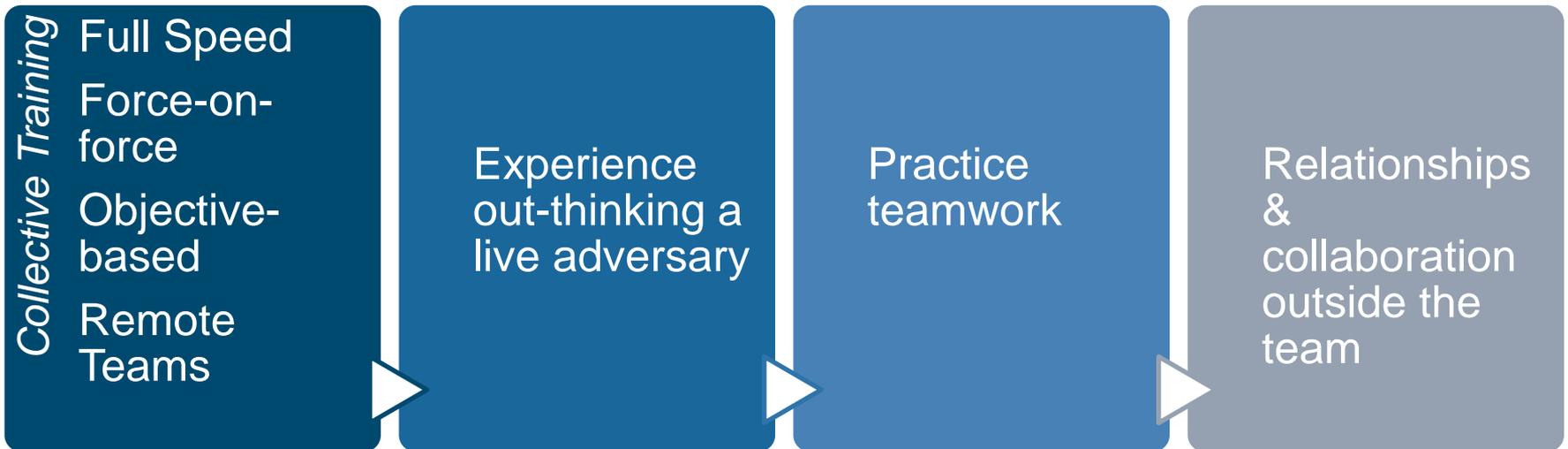


CAPTURE THE FLAG

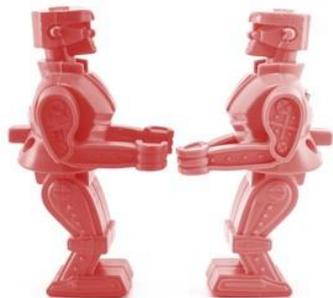


Exercises – CTF – Gamification of Security Training



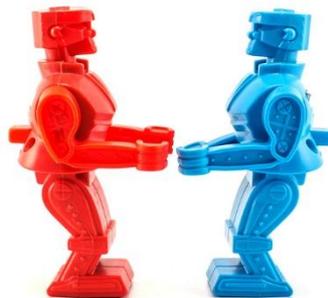


Red vs Red



- Multiple teams; everyone for themselves
- Penetrate system, plant a flag, secure the system

Red vs Blue



- Focus on system & service; security and continuity
- Force on Force

Incident Response



- Asynchronous
- Red team creates havoc
- Blue team diagnoses and recovers

Realistic Environment - Alphaville

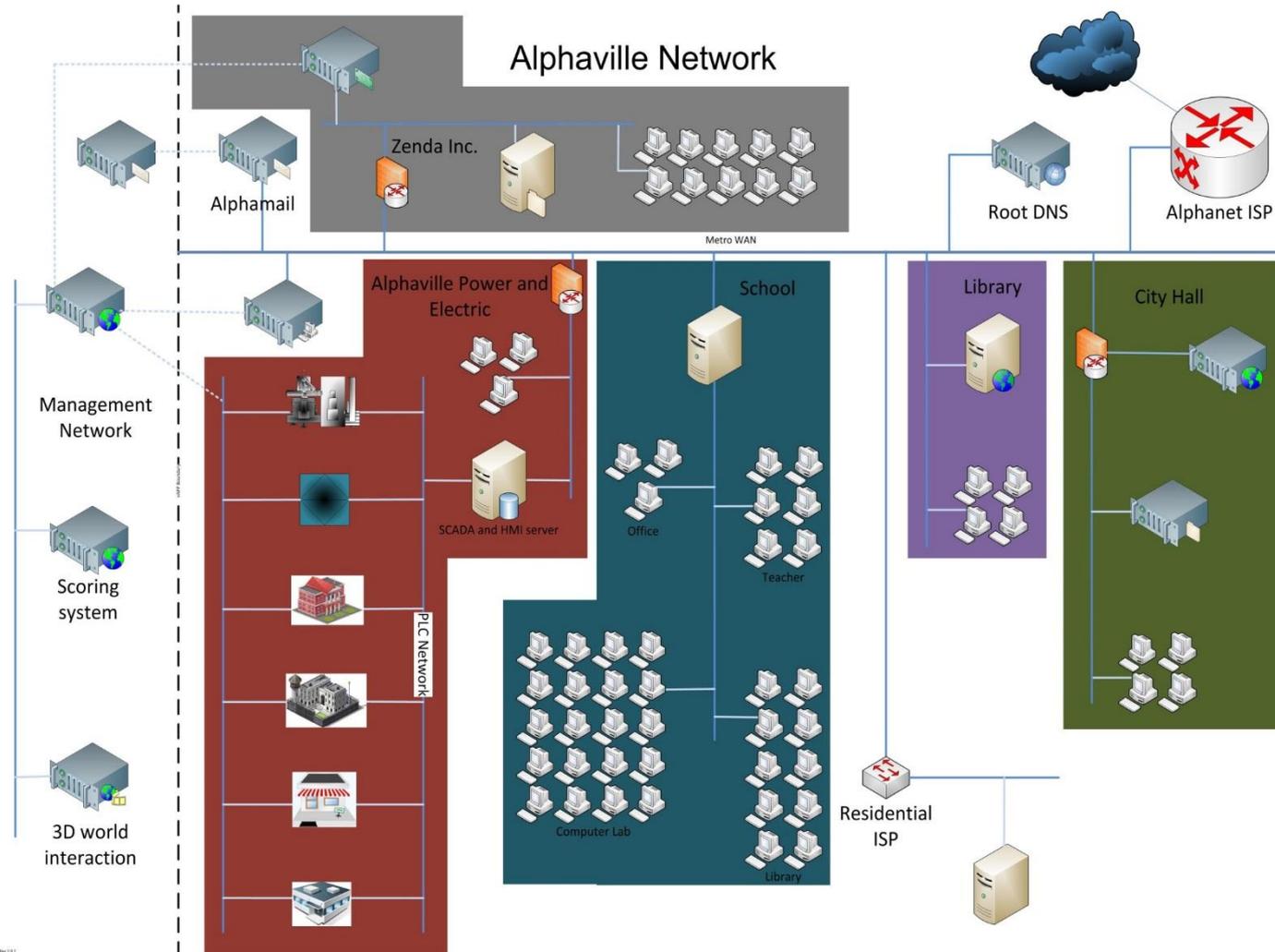
Alphaville is a virtual training environment specifically designed to test cyber security skills.

It consists of information systems and networks that are found in a typical information ecosystem.

Each location has different operating systems, different security priorities, and different challenges for participants to encounter and overcome.



Alphaville



Exercises

Top Scores

1. nsaatesting1: 495 points, 16 flags

2. Mitch-6: 424 points, 16 flags

3. Player-9: 386 points, 14 flags

4. Player-10: 382 points

LIBRARY



SCHOOL



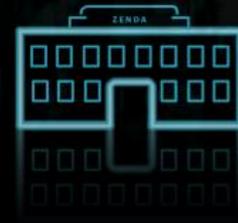
CITY HALL



POWER



ZENDA



Live Feed

- zdogger completed
- Mitch-6 completed Finding the back door
- SelenaWilliams completed Finding the back door
- Mitch-6 completed Enumerate the service
- Mitch-6 completed Deface the website



Alphaville 3D



Take Aways

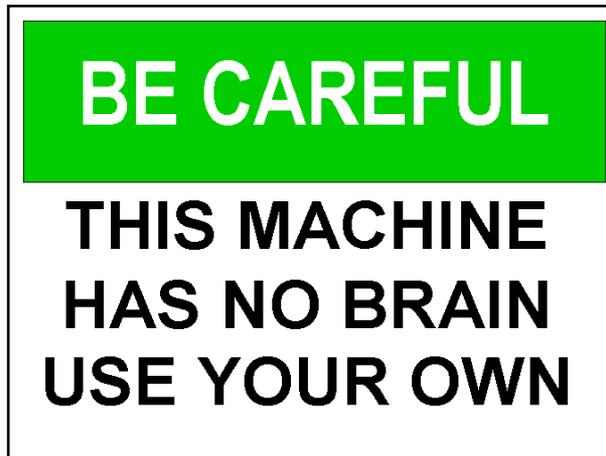
The threat is real and everyone is a target

Preparation in Cyber Space is vital

- Basic technical skills
- Understanding system weaknesses and attacks
- Practice out-thinking adversaries as a team

Michigan is leading the nation in providing preparation support

- Michigan Cyber Range
- Civilian Cyber Corps



Questions?



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