



Even what seems on the face of it to be a brute-force attack may be nothing but a distraction. Constant DDoS, phishing attempts and 'discovery' of apparent ransomware viruses can now serve to divert IT teams' attentions away from a more subtle threat, a literal back door. And for virus scans configured to identify what they know, the problem still remains: the best sleepers disguise themselves as genuine file signatures and so can remain hidden. The best conceivable way to watch out for sleepers is to conduct a full Pen Test and root-and-branch review of your system, looking not only for anything obviously out of place but anything with a function unknown to the CISOs or which they did not install. Plus, ensuring that everyone remains aware of the threat of these '*unknown unknowns*' and that viruses will not always come screaming through the front door, so to speak. After all, you may not know when you've been Zangoed.

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