

Traps of Gold

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Caution. Please vet anything
discussed with legal and
management.

FRUSTRATION



Our entire defense strategy is

REACTIVE...

AKA, losing

Patch Management

Fixes known issues

Someone already pwnd it

Already in Production!

Secure Development

Reduces Vulnerabilities

Expensive

Limited Effectiveness

Security Theater

Free groping at airport


You aren't safer

Introduces vulnerabilities

But if they aren't working...
What is missing?

Fight Back





**We conclude that there exists
no clear division between the
offense and defense.**

- USMC, Warfighting



Attackers are human too.

They have:

- Finite time
- Imperfect tools
- Emotion / Ego / Bias
- Risk

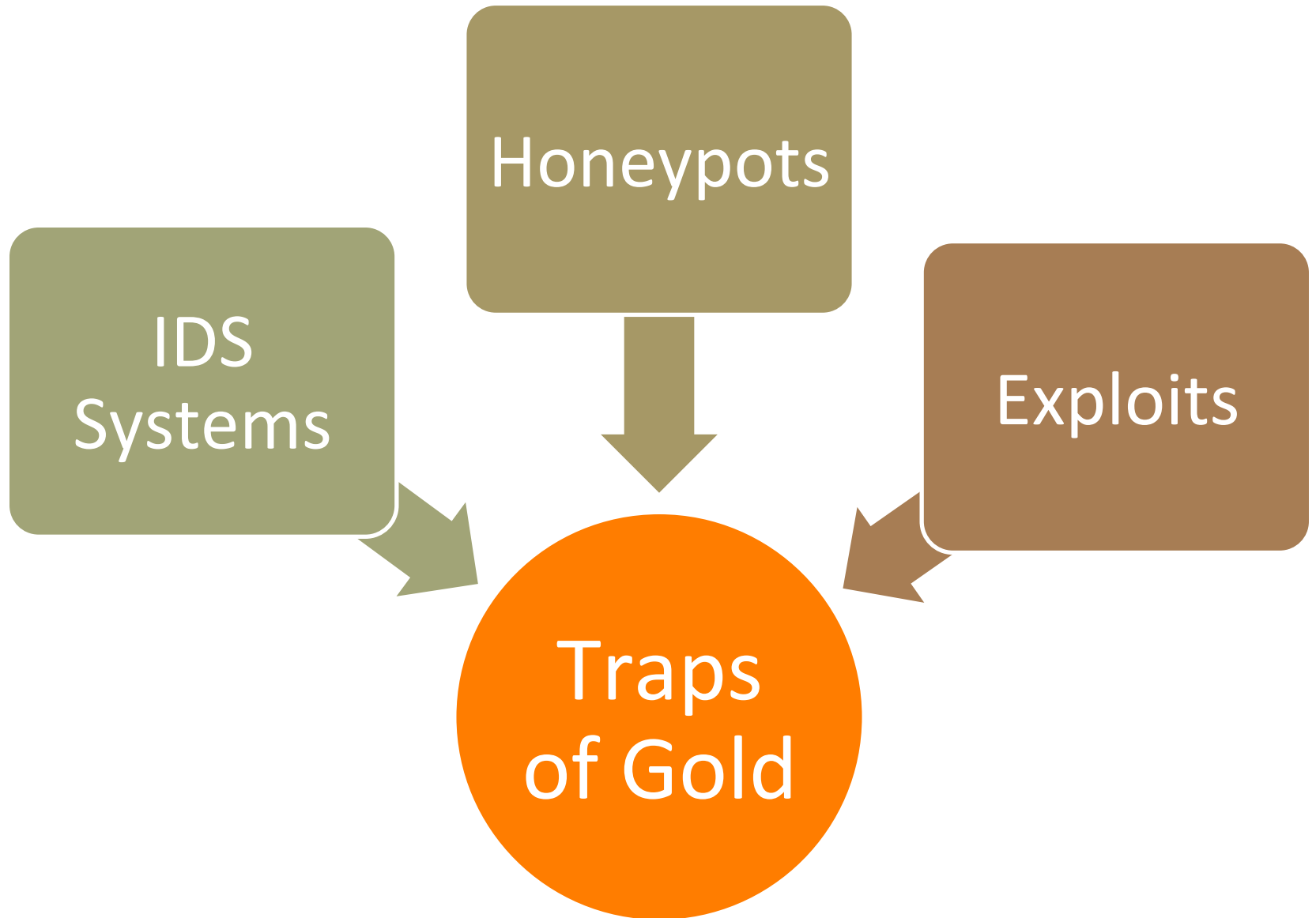
So...

Attack them there.



**If I have seen further, it is
only by standing on the
shoulder of giants.**

- Sir Isaac Newton



Two Models of Warfare



Attrition



Maneuver



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Stack the Deck

Ambiguity



**To act in such a way
that the enemy does
not know what to
expect.**

Server Banners

Who needs this?

File Extensions


The browser doesn't care.

Default Files

Why leave these up?

If knowing is half the battle
Shut up.

Deception



**Convince the enemy we
are going to do
something other than
what we are really
going to do**

Reduce what they can **know**
Lie about the rest.

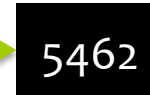
Increase the noise by...
Blatantly lying.

Issues Identified

Before



After



That's real though!

See updates after talk


But that wont fool people...

Will it?

Some lies are better.



Tempo



**The secrets of victory
thus lie in the taking
of initiative.**

It's not about **reaction**

It's about **awareness**
and **acting** sooner.

Attack Surface

Perceived

I made this
up!

Actual

And I can
watch for
this.



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**I love it when a plan
comes together.**

-Hannibal

So far we've shown:

Misdirection

Shutting down tools

Increasing awareness

But...

Can we break it?

**YES,
WE
CAN.**



To recap.

**Stop acting like
this...**



**Start acting like
this.**



Fight Back



Capture The **Flag**

<http://ctf.doublethink.org>

The winner takes all



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