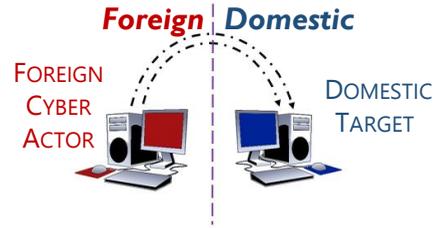


# MALICIOUS CYBER ACTIVITY



# Key Challenges in CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE

**See It**  
We see and collect a fraction of the universe of malicious cyber activity.

**Make Sense of It**

- Make dots out of raw data
- Connect the dots
- Assess threat in context
- Generate finished intelligence

- **Process it**  
**Make "dots" out of raw data**
  - How much of the data we collect is actively exploited?
  - How much is available for research or reference?
- **Analyze it**  
**Connect the dots**
  - How do we share data from different methods, agencies, and disciplines?
  - How do we blend technical, regional, and functional analysis and expertise?
- **Contextualize it**  
**Assess threat in context**
  - How do we understand vulnerability and consequence when we lack firsthand insight for potential targets that are outside of our own networks?
- **Make it Relevant**  
**Generate finished intelligence**
  - What do we want the recipient of our reporting to do with it?
  - How does this differ depending on the audience? (e.g., policymaker vs. network operator)

- Tools to Drive Change Include:**
- Organizational Structure
  - Internal Processes
  - Partnerships
  - Legislation
  - Technology
  - Resources
  - Oversight

**Share It**  
Once analyzed, share with the appropriate audience.

**Share it internally**  
**Share it externally**

- Directly**
- Indirectly**

**Was it delivered?**

- If yes, was feedback given?
- If no, why not? (Resource limitation, report content)

**Use It**  
Even if threat reporting is shared, it may not be used!

**Did the recipient use it?**

- Yes**
- No**

**If not used, why not?**

- Not Timely?
- Not Actionable?
- Lacked Context?
- Other?

**Feedback Provided?**  
Feedback drives process and content improvement and also enriches provider understanding of the victim/target.