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Francois Mouton is a senior information warfare researcher at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research with expertise in the fields of social engineering, penetration testing and digital forensics. Francois graduated with an M.Sc. Computer Science, in the field of digital forensics, from the University of Pretoria in 2012. During his M.Sc. degree he also completed all the undergraduate BA Psychology modules due to his passion in the field of social engineering. He is currently pursuing his PhD Computer Science at the University of Pretoria, with a main focus on identifying and thwarting social engineering attacks. He has (co)authored several international publications, mainly on topics of digital forensics readiness and social engineering. His research has had a significant impact within the field of social engineering and he currently has an h-index and an i10-index of 9.

His research in social engineering has allowed him to achieve a great understanding of the human psyche and has empowered him to perform at an international level in electronic sport. He was awarded with Protea Colours in 2016 when he was selected by Mind Sports South Africa to represent South Africa on the international stage in electronic sport. He also actively contributes back to the developing community of South Africa. He is actively involved with mentoring students at most of the South African universities and he is also continuously involved with hackathons hosted across the country. His current focus is on the development of a human psyche model that can be utilised by the general public to create both cyber security awareness and to allow them to protect themselves against cyber security threats.

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