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# Agenda

- FLS & bio
- scene set/ransomware
- workload
- raising security posture
- we have the tools

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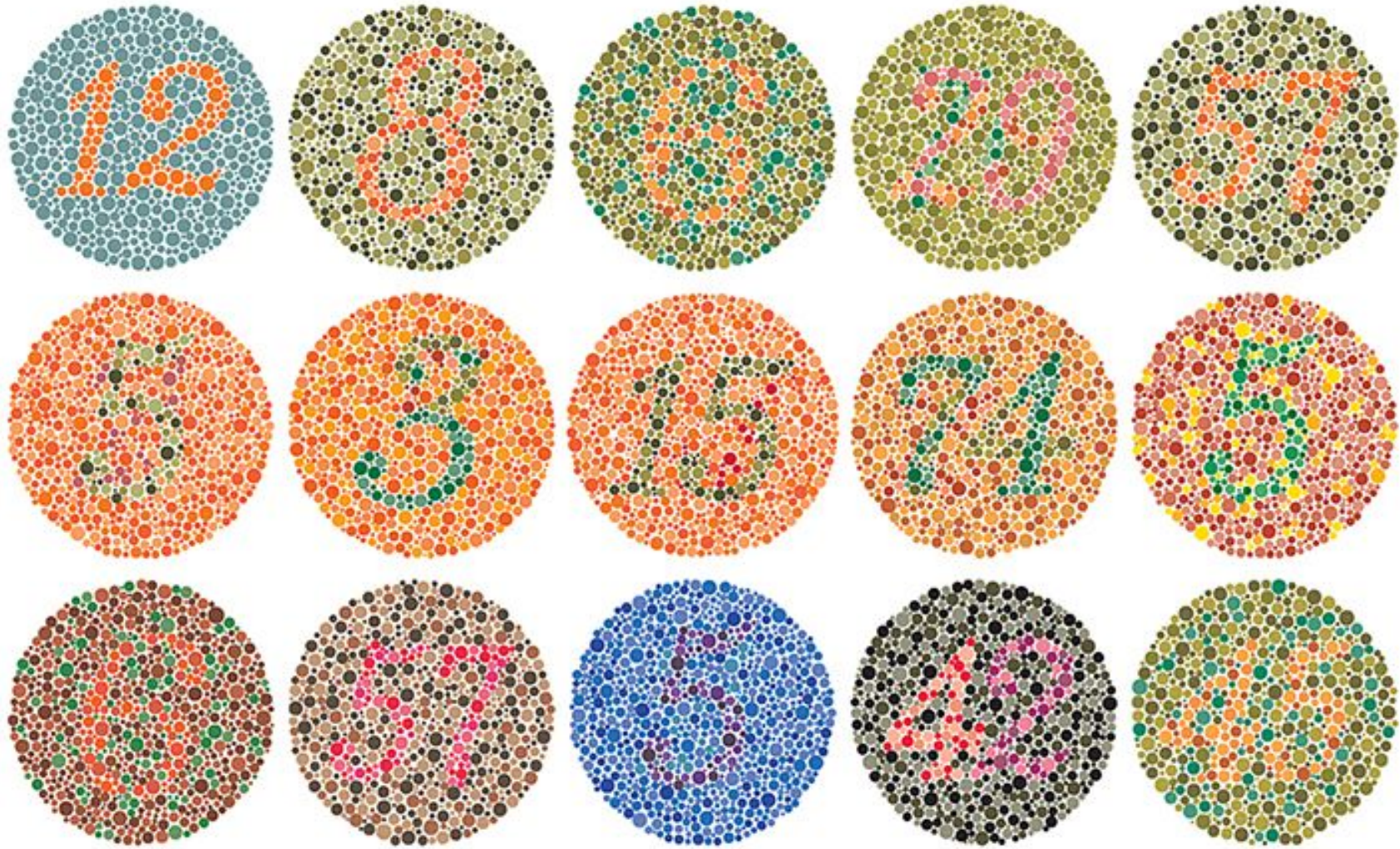
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“dislikes onions, a lot













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remote

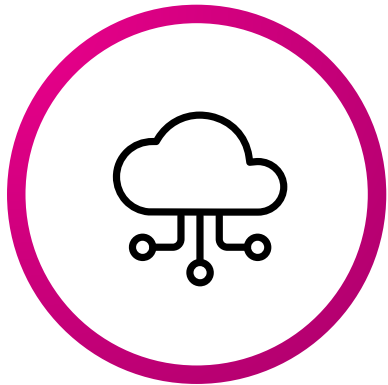


smartphone  
is remote

**big brain  
solution**

# losing more than the remote

## Disappearing Perimeter



data is the new perimeter

## Environment shift



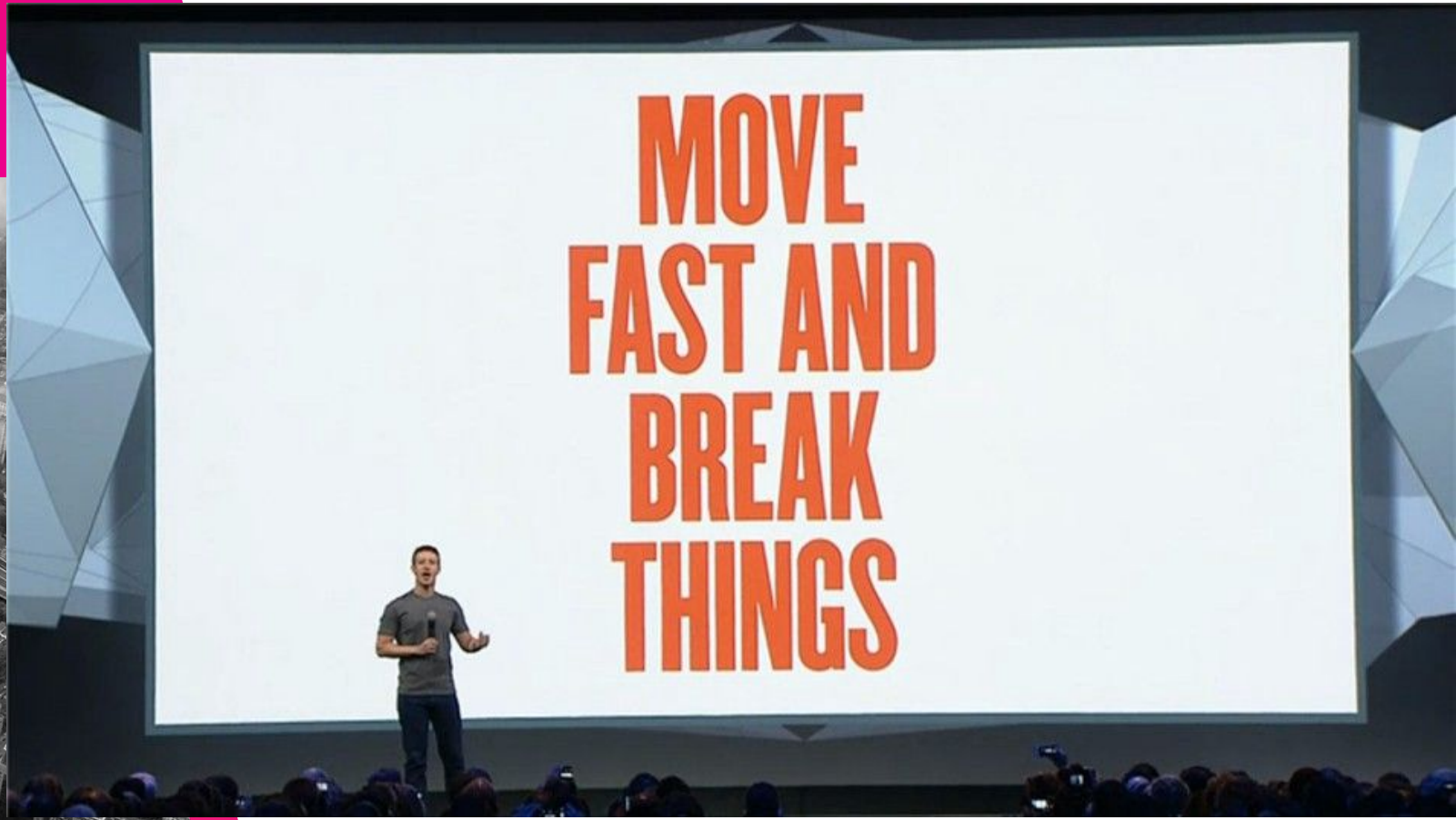
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## Devices and Users



identity is the new endpoint

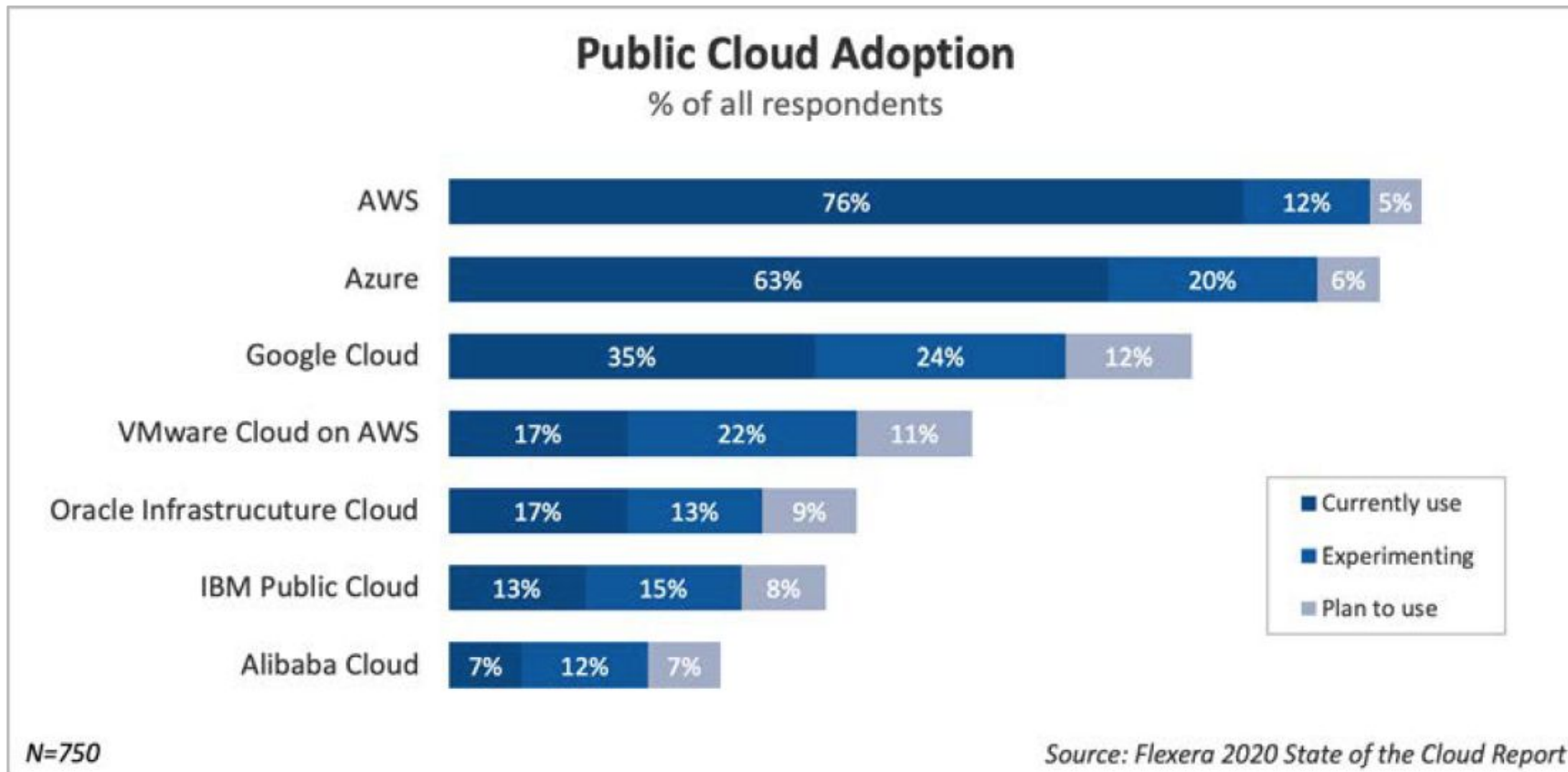




**MOVE  
FAST AND  
BREAK  
THINGS**

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## Top Cloud Providers for 2020

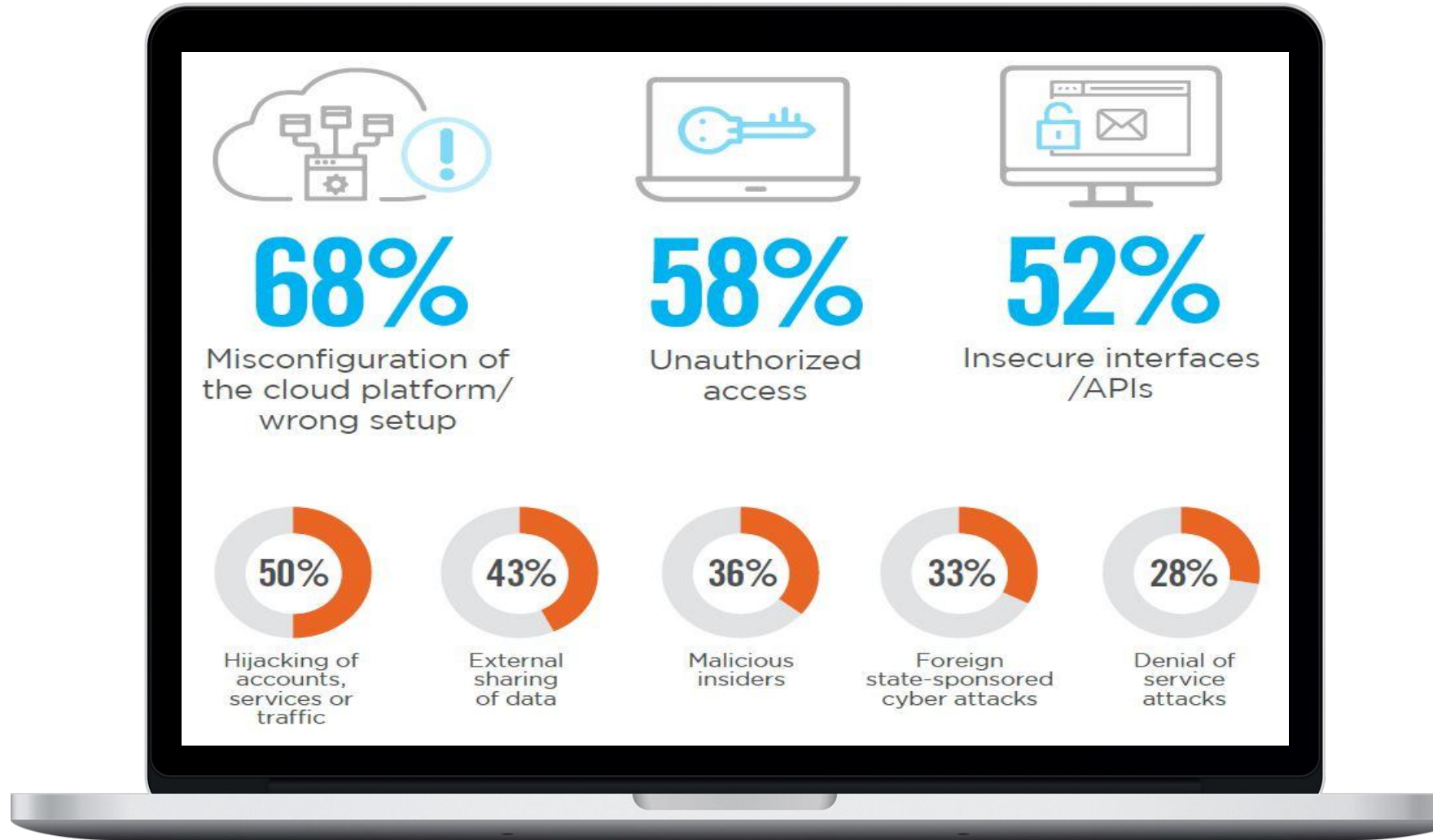




# my foot, i shot it



these are 100%  
preventable problems



# broken things cost money





● **\$50-100 billion lost to cybercrime in the US.**



● **Nearly \$500 billion** lost from global cybercrime.



● **\$1.48 billion** lost just to phishing.

Online dating scams steal more than

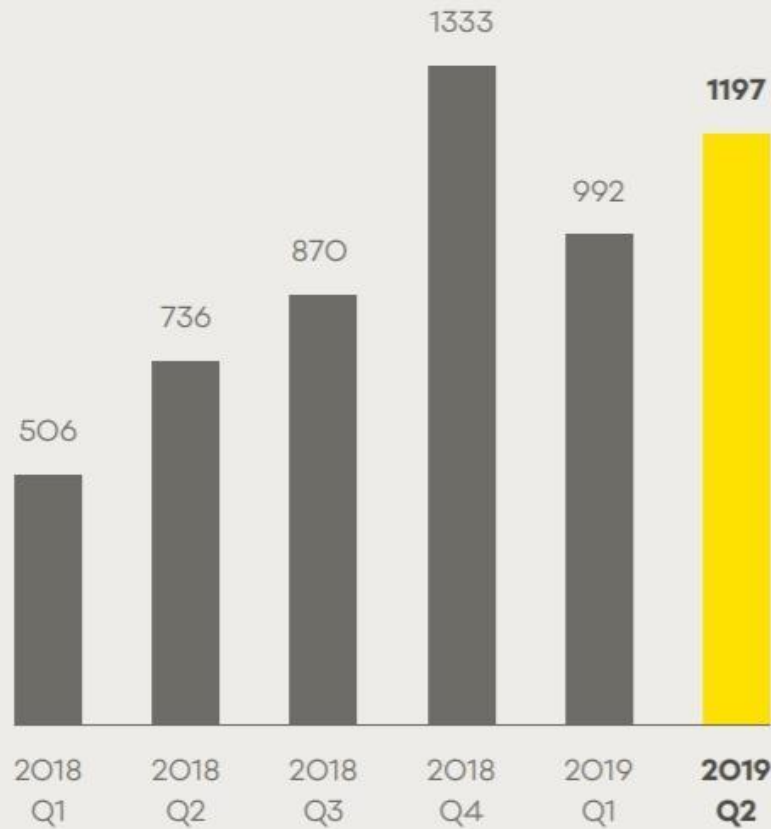
● **\$1 billion** a year from Americans.



● **60%** of small businesses that suffer a cyber attack fail.

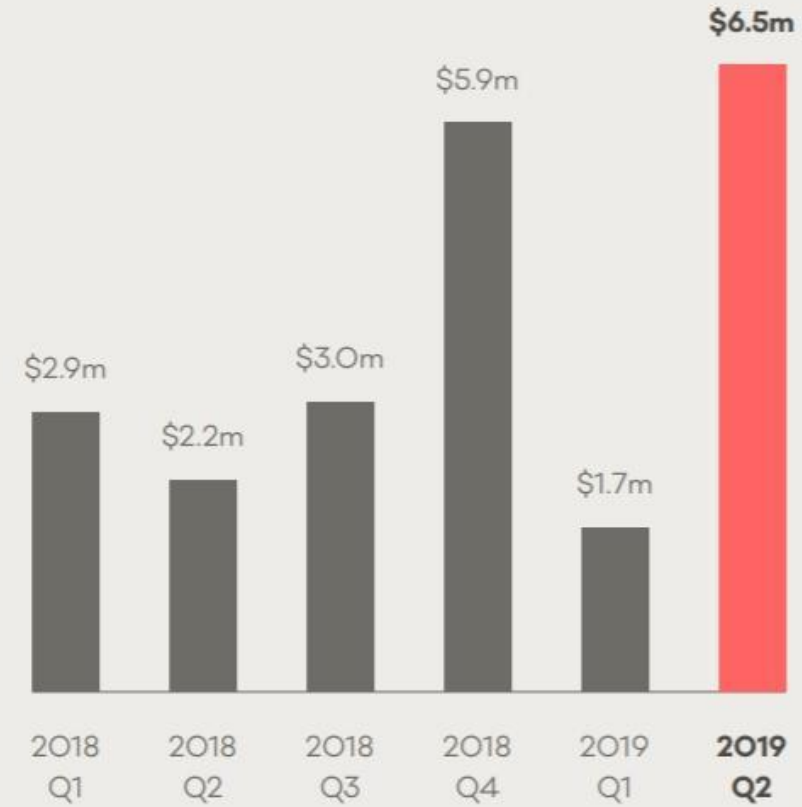
# 1197 incidents

were reported in Q2 2019, a 21% increase on Q1.



# \$6.5 million

reported in direct financial loss in Q2, with 23% of incidents reporting some type of loss.





# relevant ransomware elephant



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# LIFECYCLE OF A RANSOMWARE INCIDENT

How the CERT NZ Critical Controls can help you stop a ransomware attack in its tracks.



## INITIAL ACCESS

Attacker looks for a way into the network



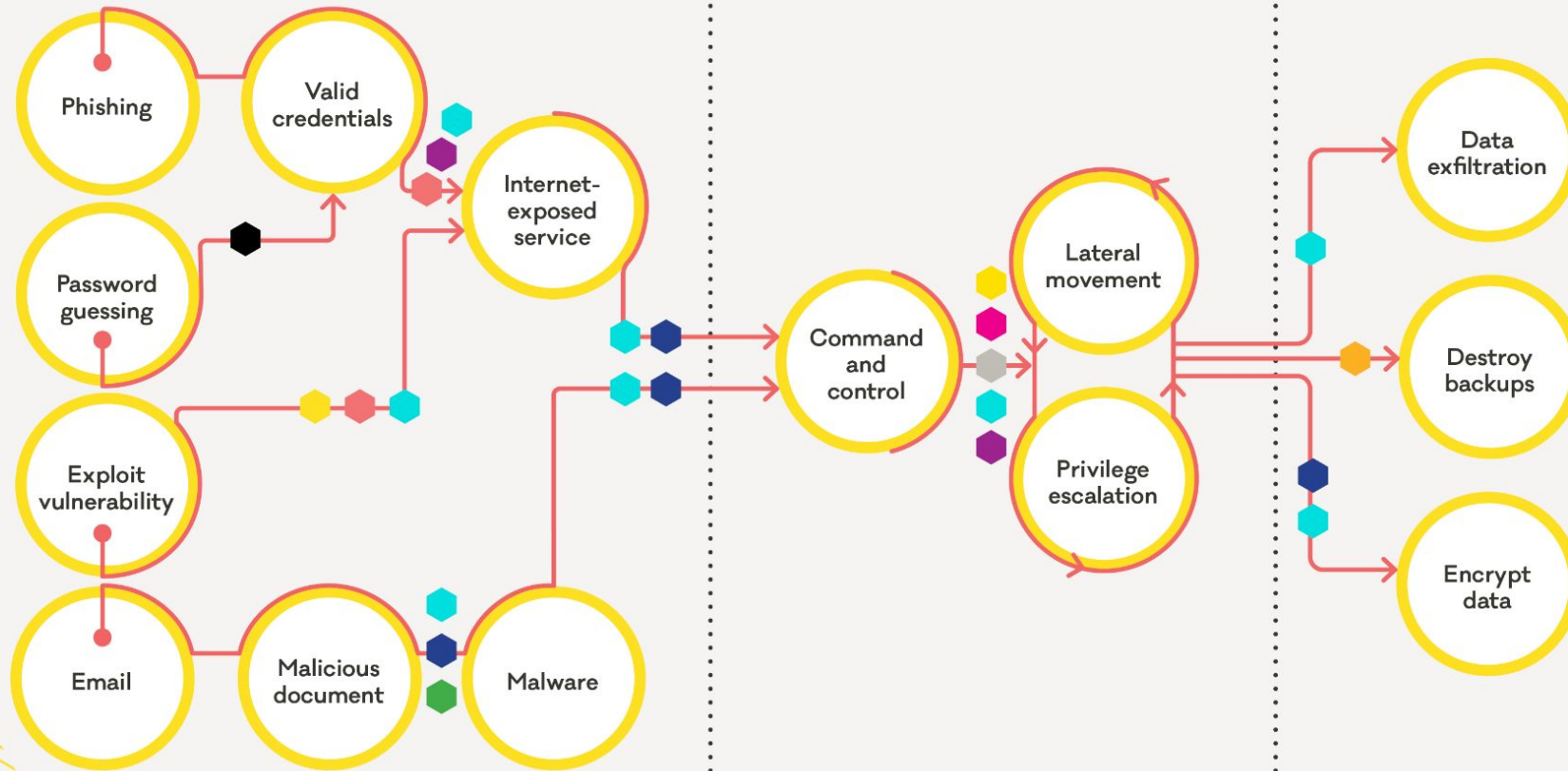
## CONSOLIDATION AND PREPARATION

Attacker attempts to gain access to all devices



## IMPACT ON TARGET

Attacker steals and encrypts data, then demands ransom



### CRITICAL CONTROLS KEY

- Internet-exposed services
- Patching
- MFA
- Network segmentation
- Principle of least privilege
- Backups
- Application allowlisting
- Logging and alerting
- Disable macros
- Password manager



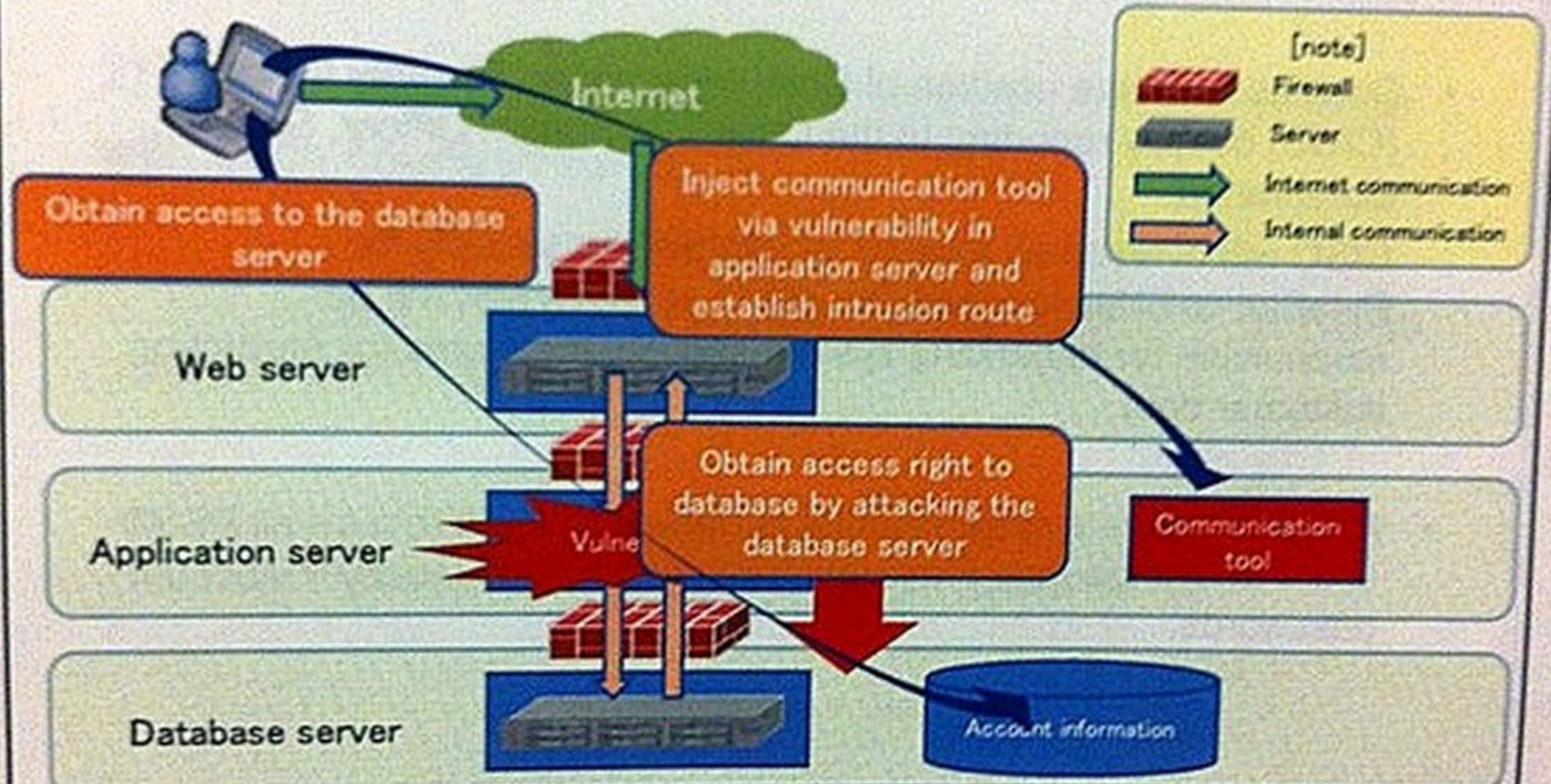
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# Intrusion route to the system





# APT vs Cybercrime

does it matter anymore?





## BEC is king

**By the end of 2017, the average user was receiving 16 phishing emails per month. 66% of malware is installed via malicious email attachments.**

**49% of non-point-of-sale malware was installed via malicious email. 21% of ransomware involved social actions, such as phishing.**

- Nearly 1,000 U.S. Organizations Impacted by Ransomware Attacks in 2019
- Ransomware Attacks Against Municipalities Increased 60% in 2019





# posture via process

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but cyber



## Basic

- 1 Inventory and Control of Hardware Assets
- 2 Inventory and Control of Software Assets
- 3 Continuous Vulnerability Management
- 4 Controlled Use of Administrative Privileges
- 5 Secure Configuration for Hardware and Software on Mobile Devices, Laptops, Workstations and Servers
- 6 Maintenance, Monitoring and Analysis of Audit Logs

## Foundational

- 7 Email and Web Browser Protections
- 8 Malware Defenses
- 9 Limitation and Control of Network Ports, Protocols and Services
- 10 Data Recovery Capabilities
- 11 Secure Configuration for Network Devices, such as Firewalls, Routers and Switches
- 12 Boundary Defense
- 13 Data Protection
- 14 Controlled Access Based on the Need to Know
- 15 Wireless Access Control
- 16 Account Monitoring and Control

## Organizational

- 17 Implement a Security Awareness and Training Program
- 18 Application Software Security
- 19 Incident Response and Management
- 20 Penetration Tests and Red Team Exercises



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## Ten critical controls 2021.

1. Patch your software and systems
2. Implement multi-factor authentication and verification
3. Provide and use a password manager
4. Configure logging and alerting
5. Secure internet-exposed services
6. Implement and test backups
7. Implement application allowlisting
8. Enforce the principle of least privilege
9. Implement network segmentation
10. Set secure defaults for macros

# NZ CERT top ten





# mandate MFA



avoid SMS

crawl/walk/run to tokens

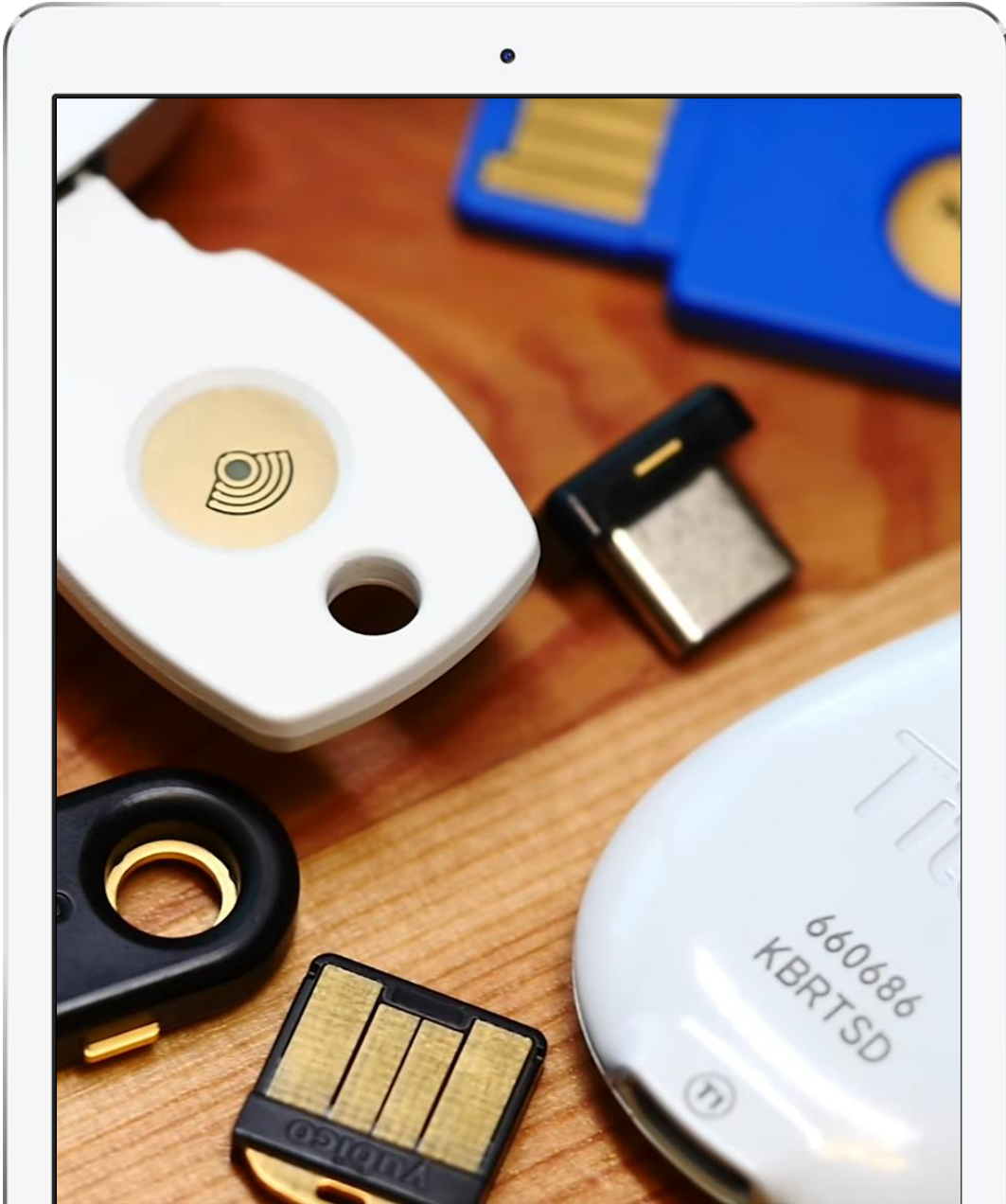
**monitor failed logins**



# hardware tokens work



Security Keys are inexpensive USB-based devices that offer an alternative approach to two-factor authentication (2FA), which requires the user to log in to a Web site using something they know (the password) and something they have (e.g., a mobile device).



# everyone loves patching



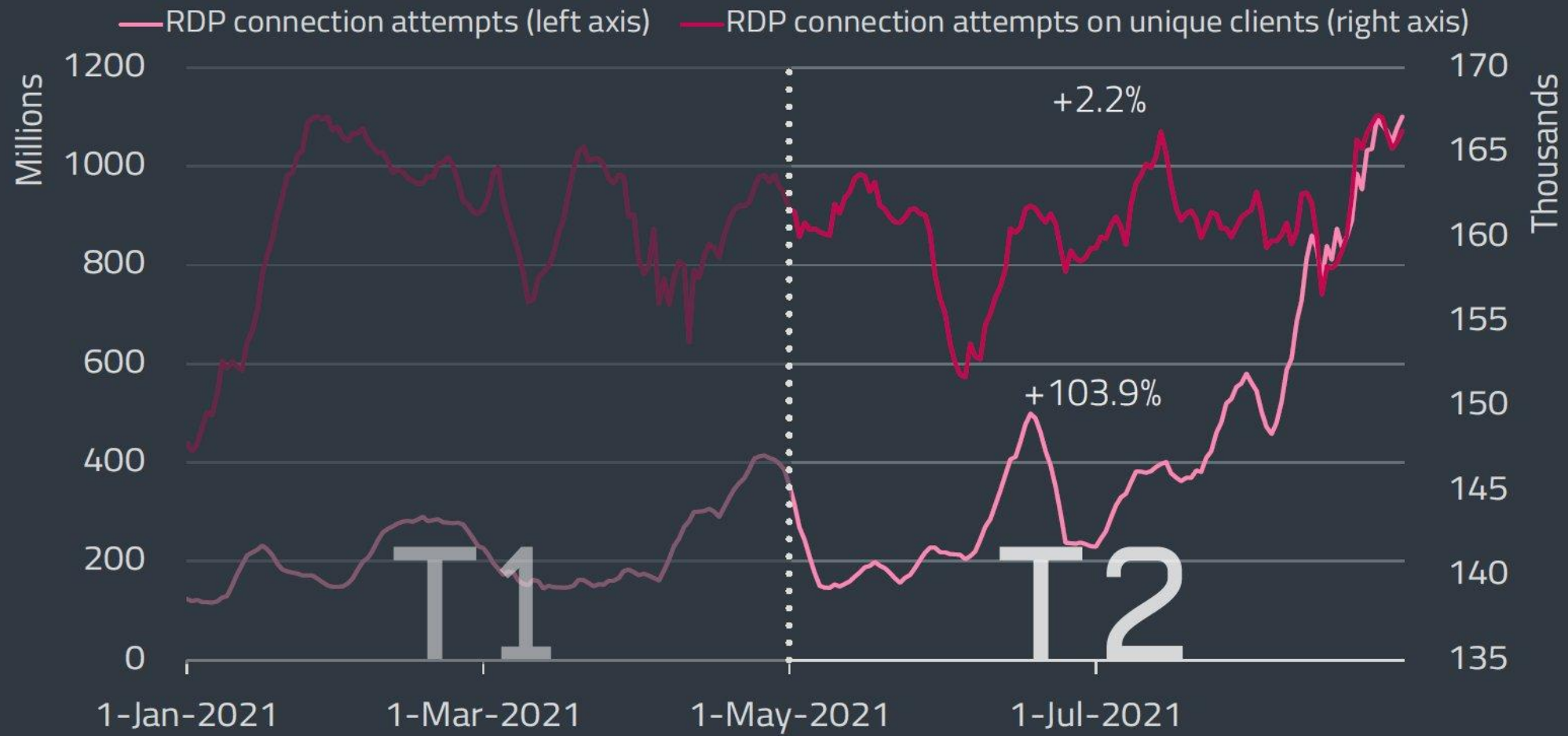




# secure internet facing assets

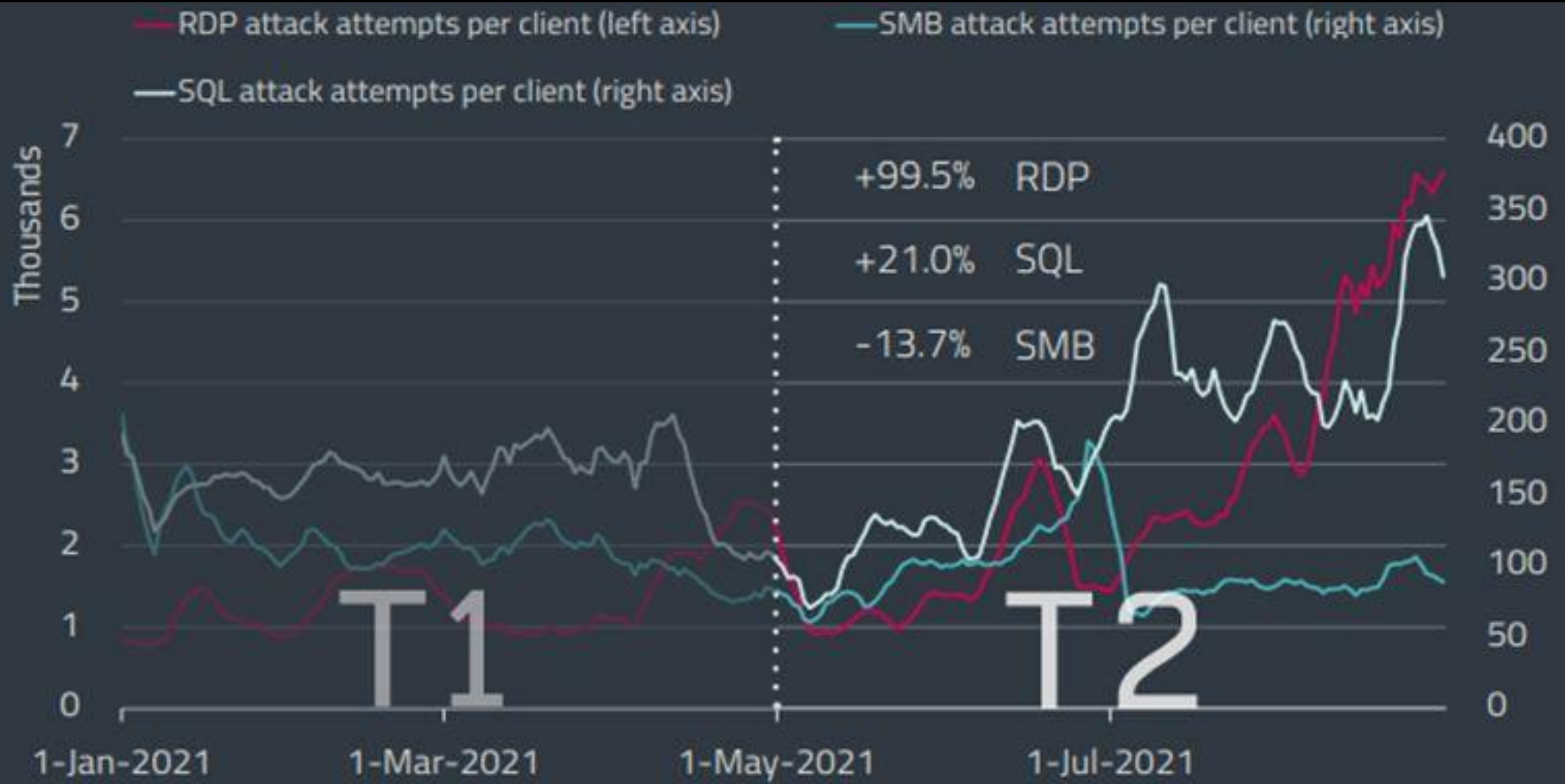
Close and disable port 3389

Make RDP available only through a corporate VPN...Use Network Level Authentication (NLA)...Enable multi factor authentication... At the very least, use strong passwords.



Trends of RDP connection attempts and unique clients in T1 2021 – T2 2021, seven-day moving average





Trends of RDP, SMB and SQL attack attempts per client in T1 2021 – T2 2021, seven-day moving average

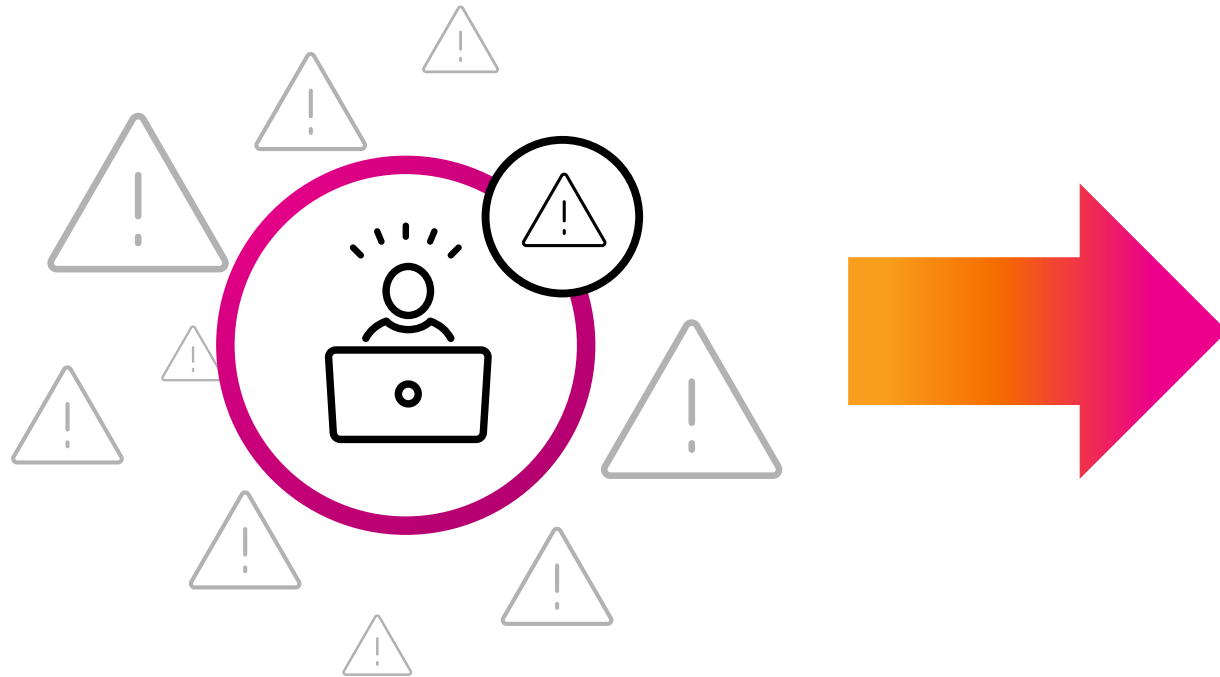


**more data, more problems**



# Alert Volumes Are Overwhelming SOCs

Over 40% of orgs receive 10,000+ alerts per day; experience 50%+ false positives

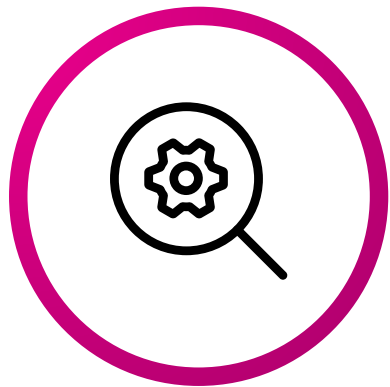


- Abandoned alerts
- Suppressed alerts
- Slow detection / response
- Analyst burnout

# But What Alternatives Do SOCs Have?

There are no perfect correlation searches; alert fatigue seems inevitable

**Analytics/  
Correlations**



Alert Directly from  
Analytics



Tune Analytics



**Alert Fatigue**



# How can SOCs reduce alert volumes while improving their security coverage?





# alert fatigue is real



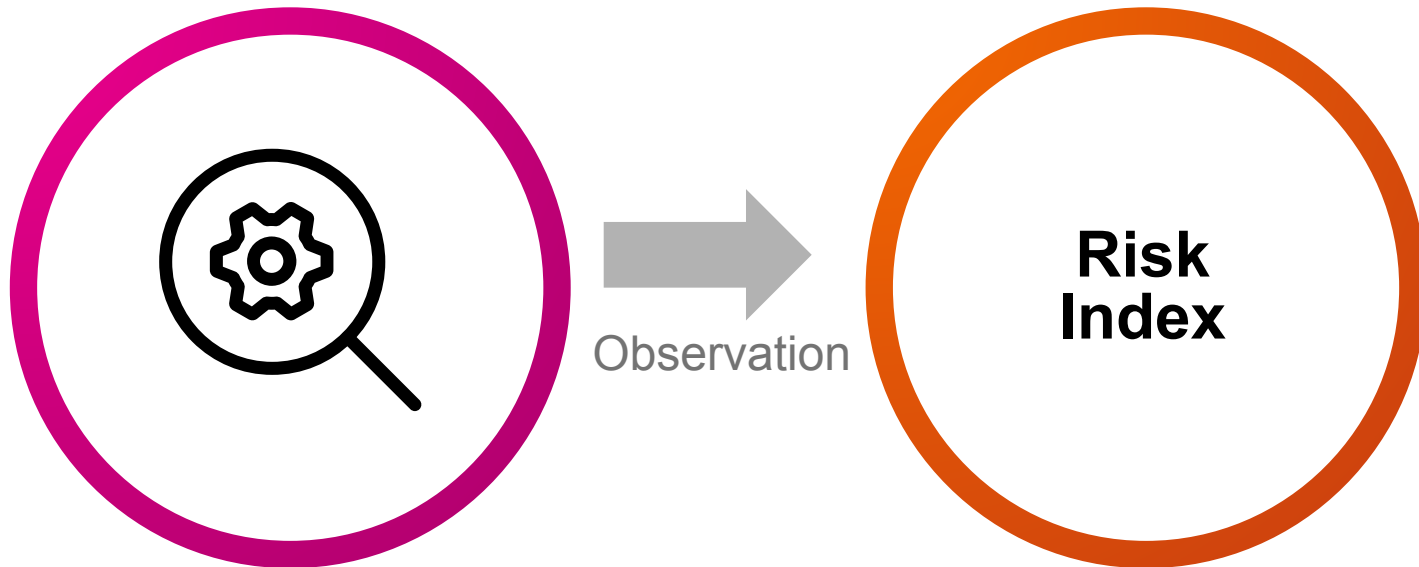
data explosion indeed.



# Risk-Based Alerting to the Rescue

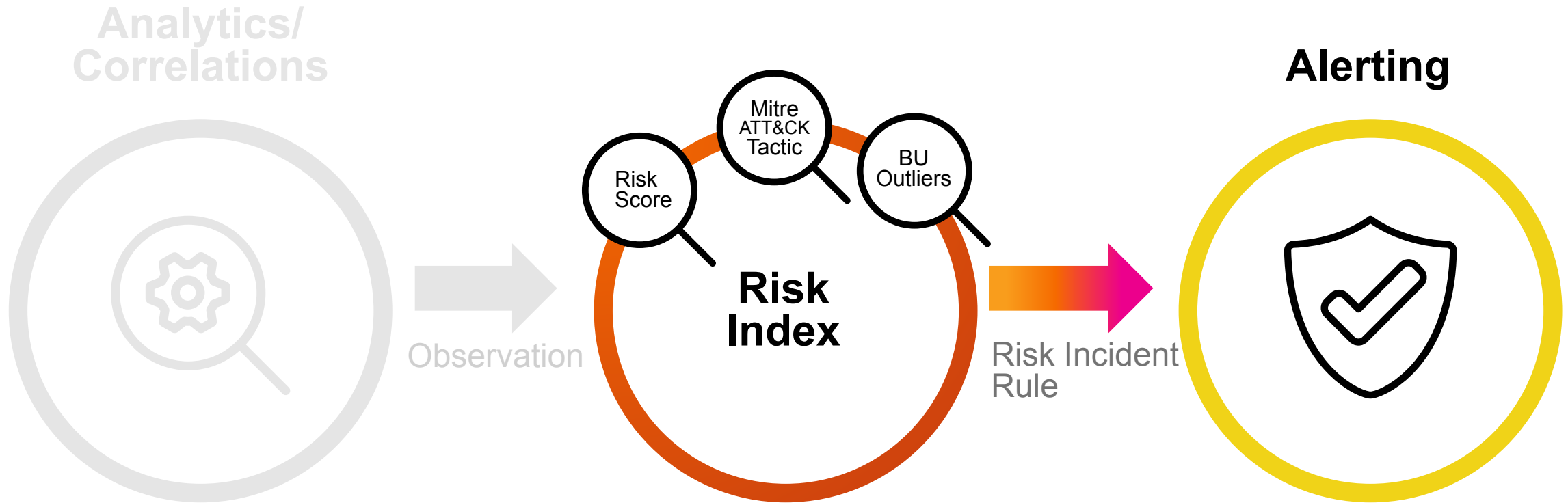
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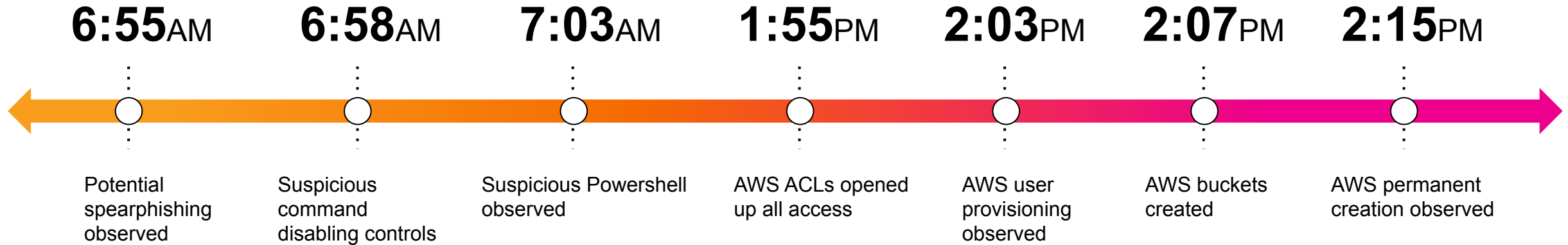
Dramatically reduce alert volumes while improving your security posture





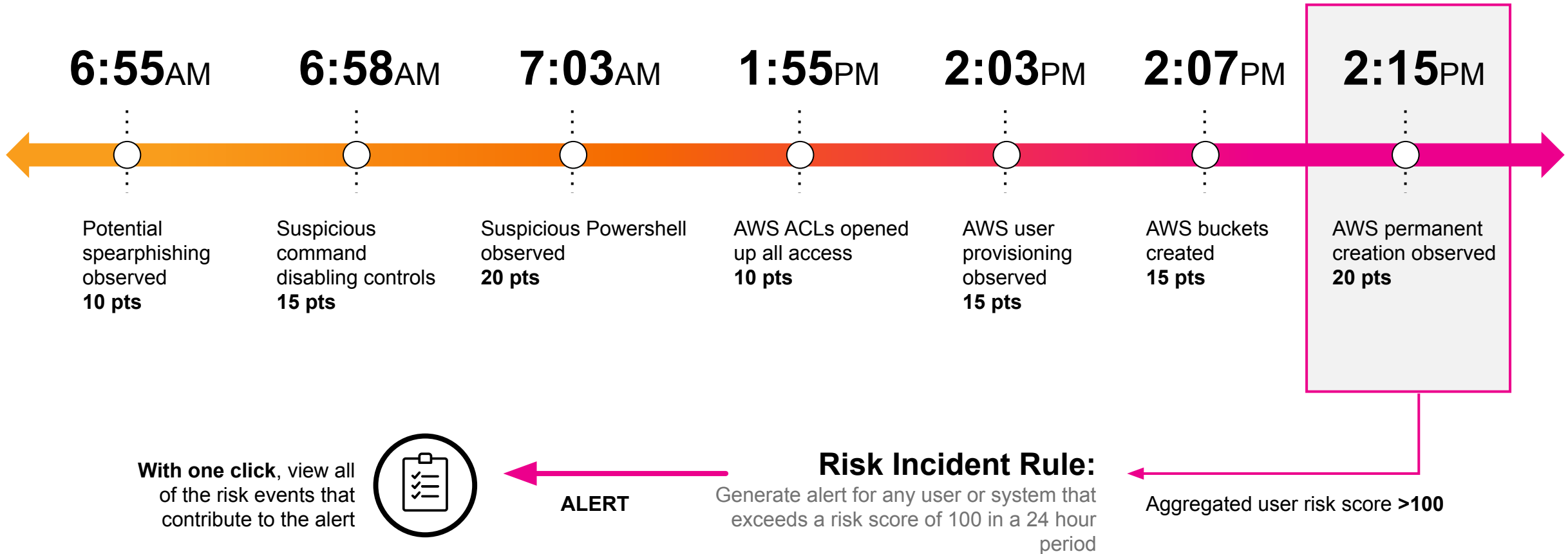
# How Does This Look in Practice?

Traditionally, the events below would be considered too noisy and would be abandoned



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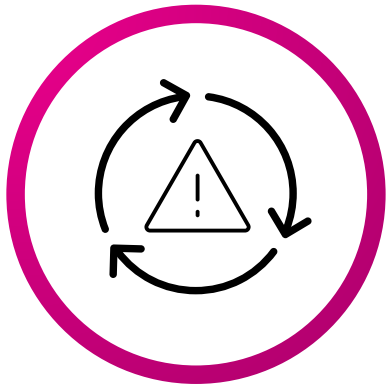
With risk-based alerting, these events become context that informs high-fidelity alerts



# RBA Reduces Alerts, and Much More

RBA initially reduces alert volumes (and fast) but ultimately streamlines the entire SOC

**Reduce Alerts**



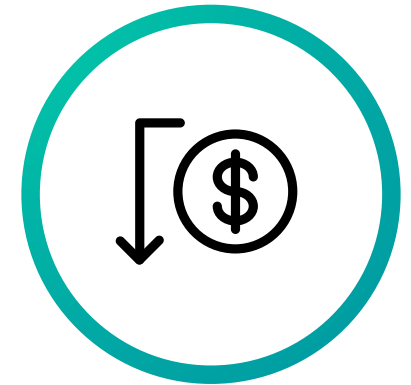
**Improve Detections**



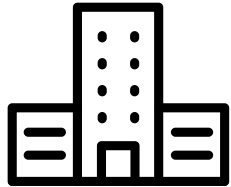
**Quantify SOC Maturity**



**Reduce Operational Costs**







## Large Technology Company

# Streamline Investigations with Risk-Based Alerting

“With risk-based alerting in Splunk Enterprise Security, investigations went from taking days to taking fifteen minutes, and our true positive rate has increased from 40% to 90% in under two months. We’re discovering things that weren’t possible to detect before.”

“With risk-based alerting in Splunk Enterprise Security, we’re detecting more threats while doing less work. Our investigations process is now consistent and centers on high-fidelity alerts. Our analysts are excited to focus on real security issues, not Alerts.”

— Senior Cybersecurity Engineer

# posture via technology

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*let's talk about  
AI/ML*

**interpretability  
training  
explainability**





## True negative

Predicted negative  
Actual negative

## False positive

Predicted positive  
Actual negative

## False negative

Predicted negative  
Actual positive

## True positive

Predicted positive  
Actual positive

## True negative



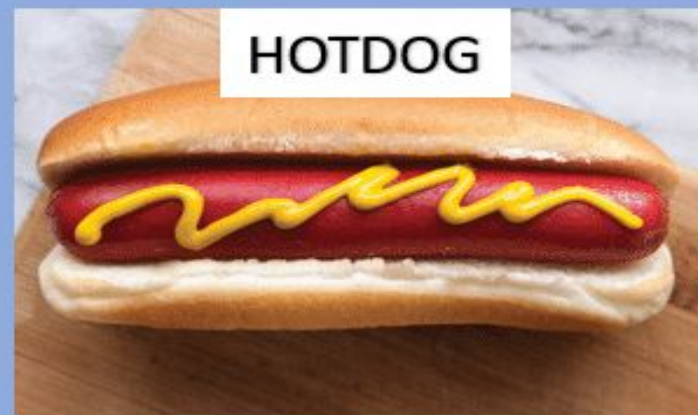
## False positive



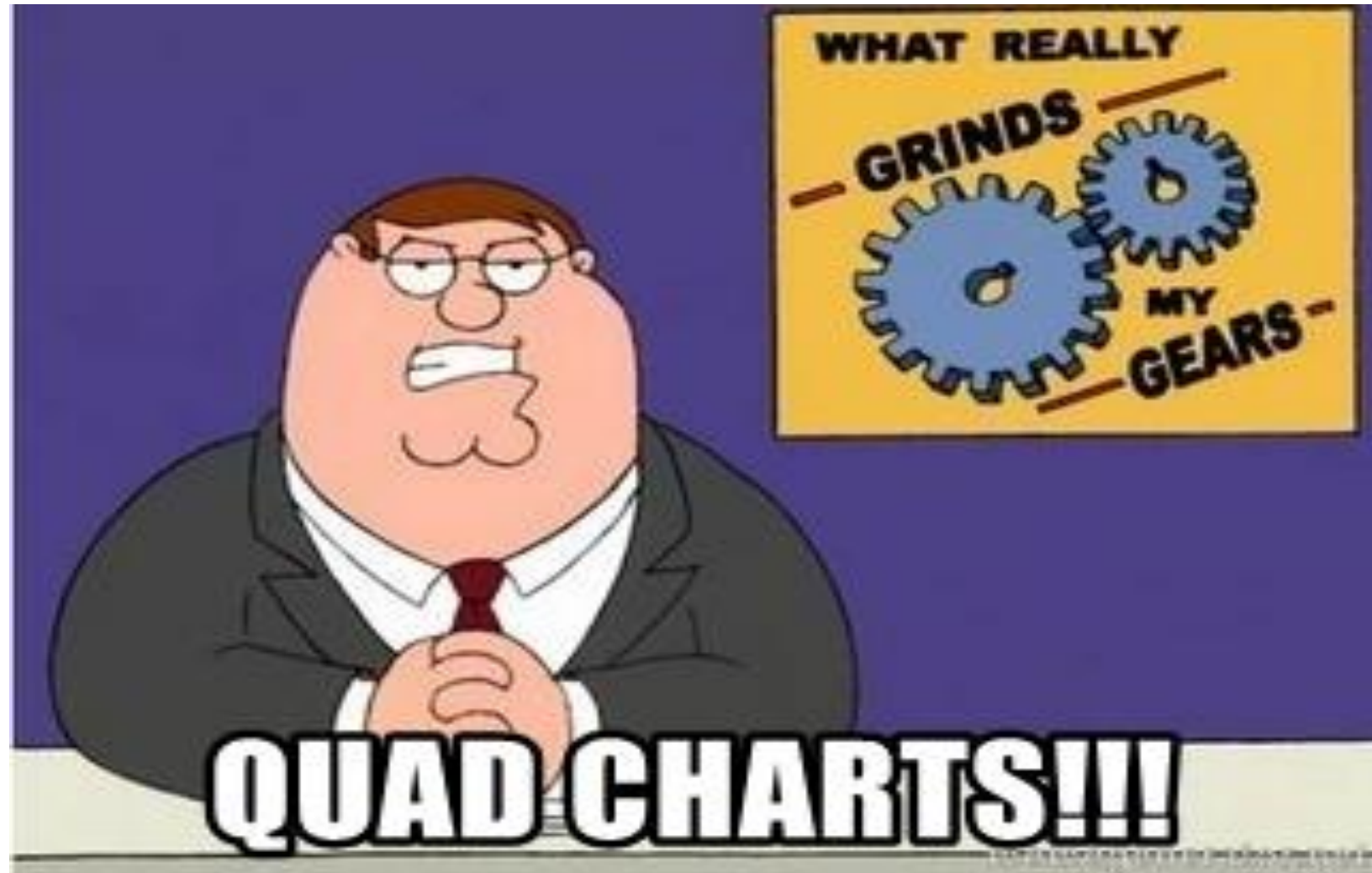
## False negative



## True positive



lean into  
automation





# benefit vs regret

the other matrix



The idea is that organizations should focus on when to take an action in an automated manner instead of whether the action should be automated.



# not so fast



but still, fast

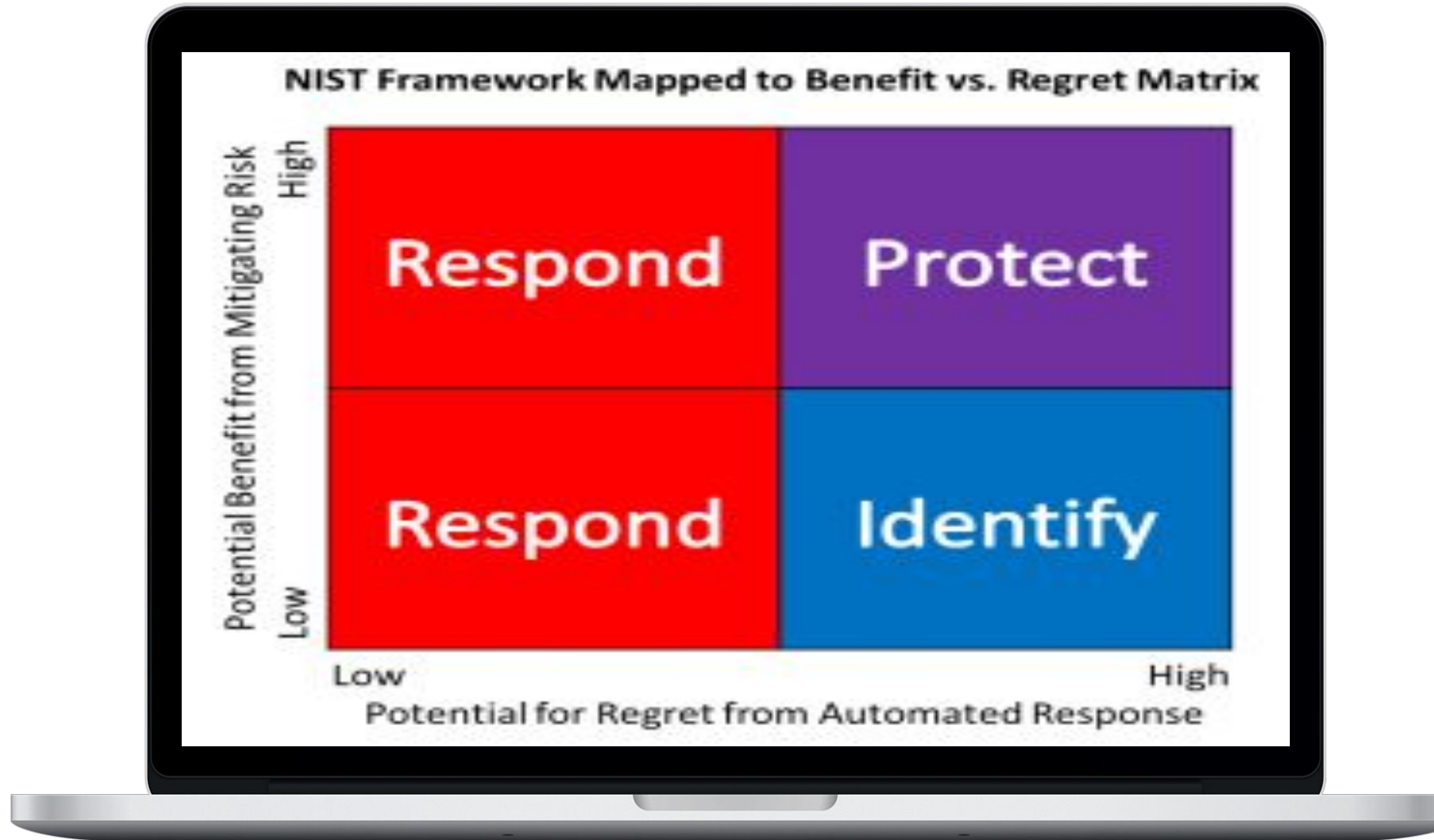
move too fast here, and you will break things and it will cost monies.

:(



# now with 100% more NIST

benefit vs regret





# SOARing into secure



# USE CASE: Process Employee-Submitted Phishing Emails



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## Step 1: Intake and Triage

- Monitor mailbox for new samples
- Compare to known samples
- Match / link known samples
- Investigate new samples

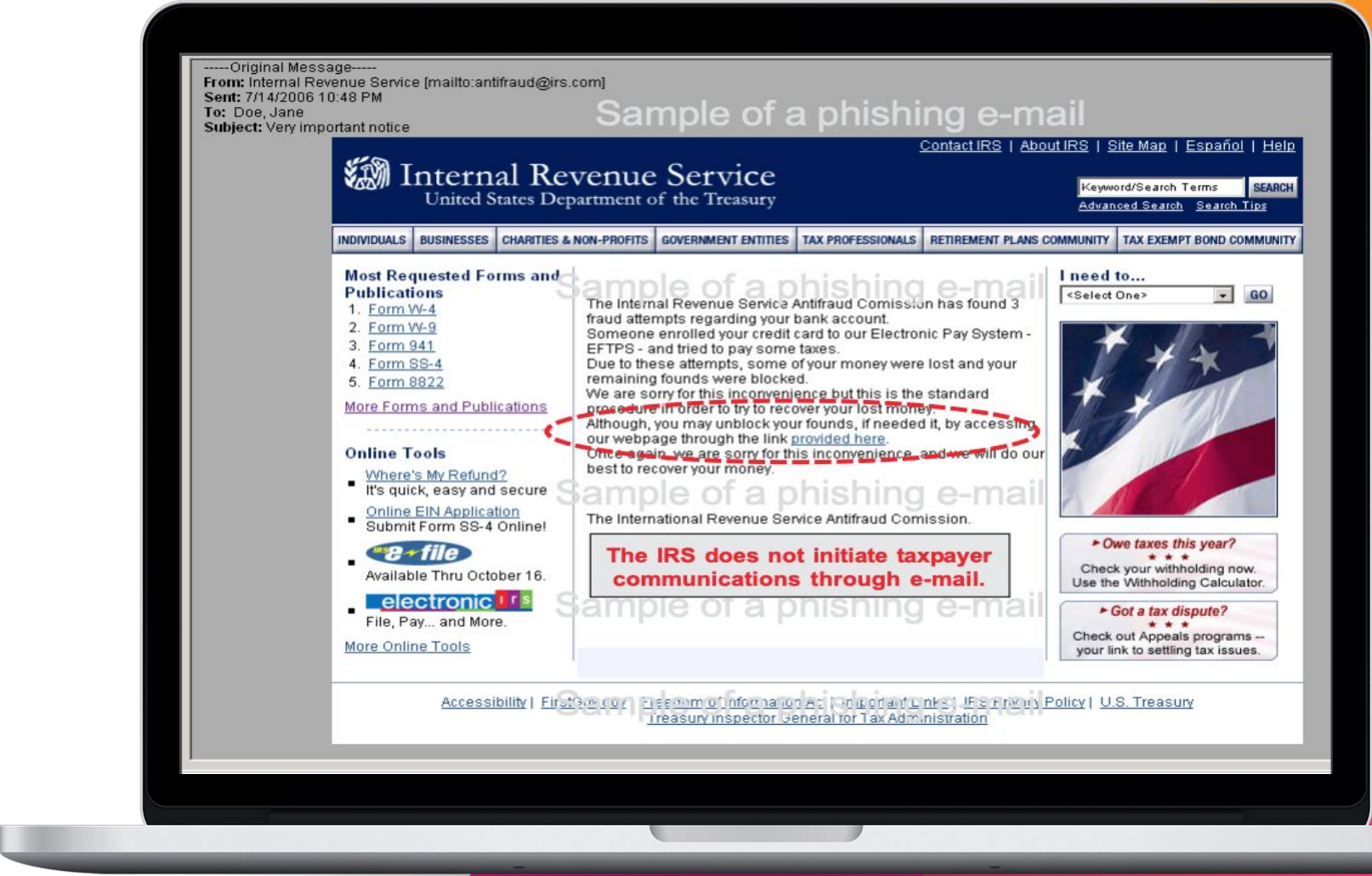




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## Step 2: Extract Artifacts and Indicators

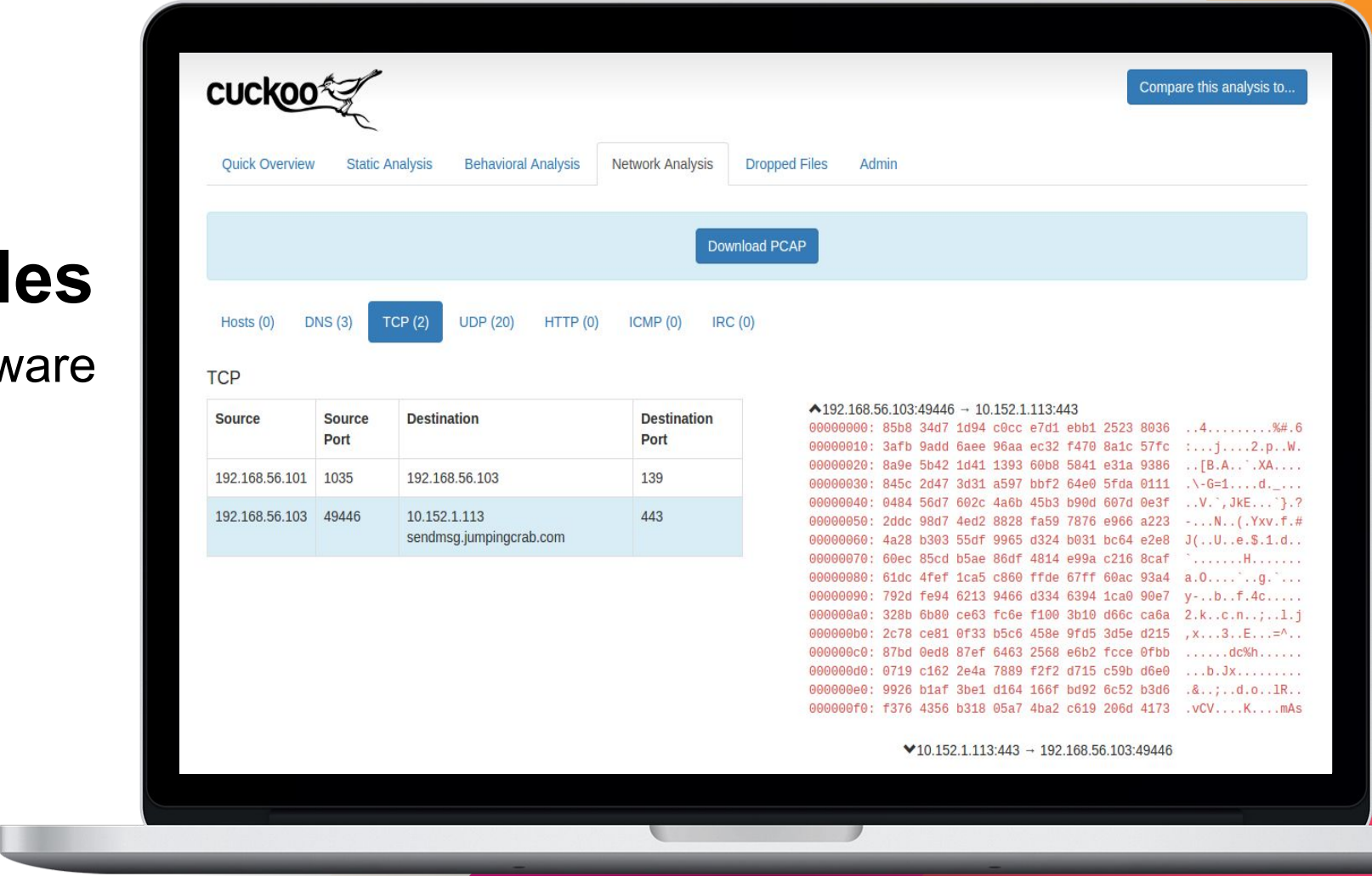
- Domain names
- IP Addresses
- URLs
- File attachments



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## Step 3: Detonate Files

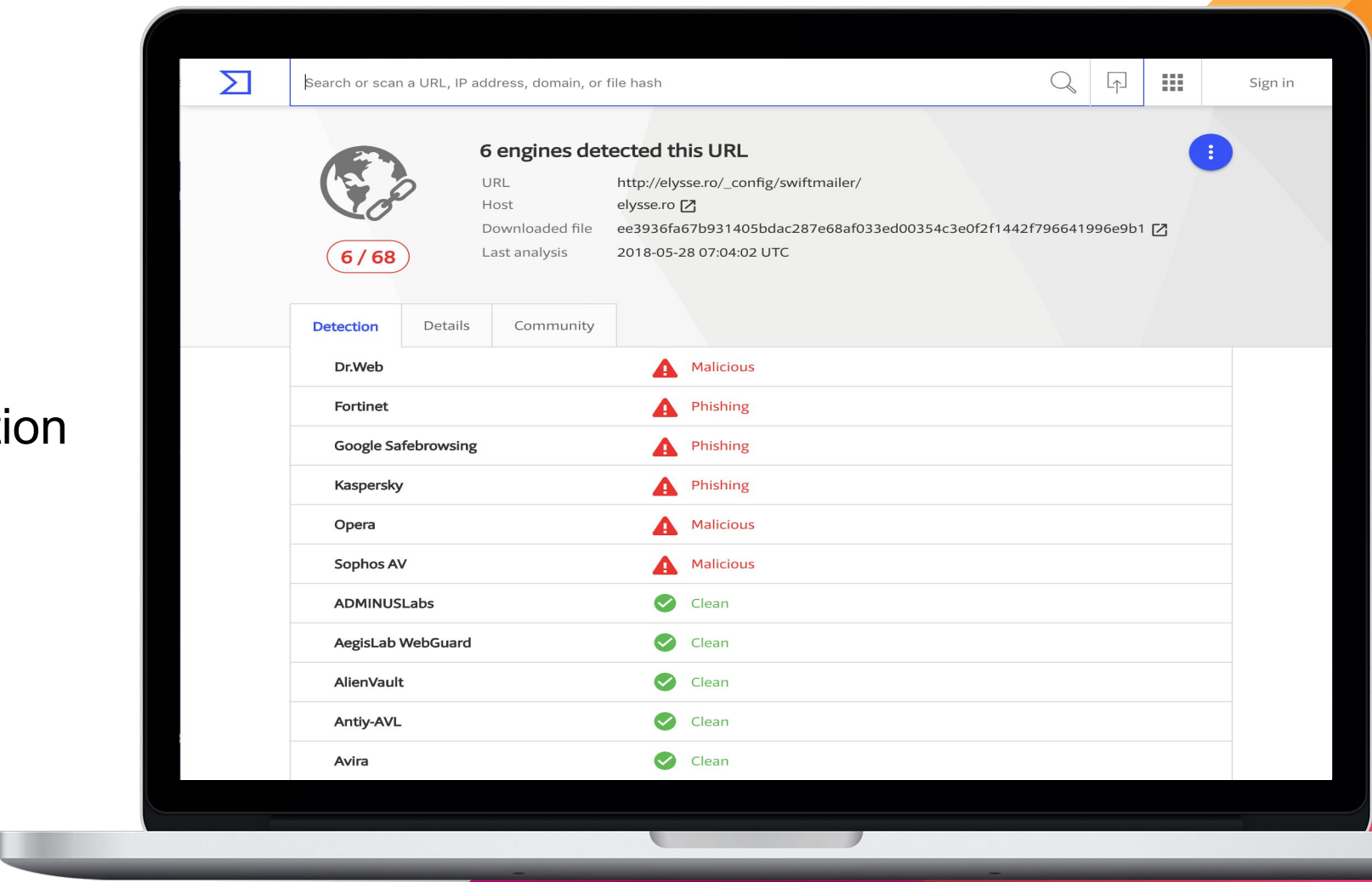
- Detonate samples in a malware sandbox (on Prem / Cloud)
- Review results



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## Step 4: Check URL Reputation

- Lookup each URL's reputation
- Review results





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## Step 5: Check IP Reputation

- Lookup each IP's reputation
- Sender / MTA / Message Content
- Review results

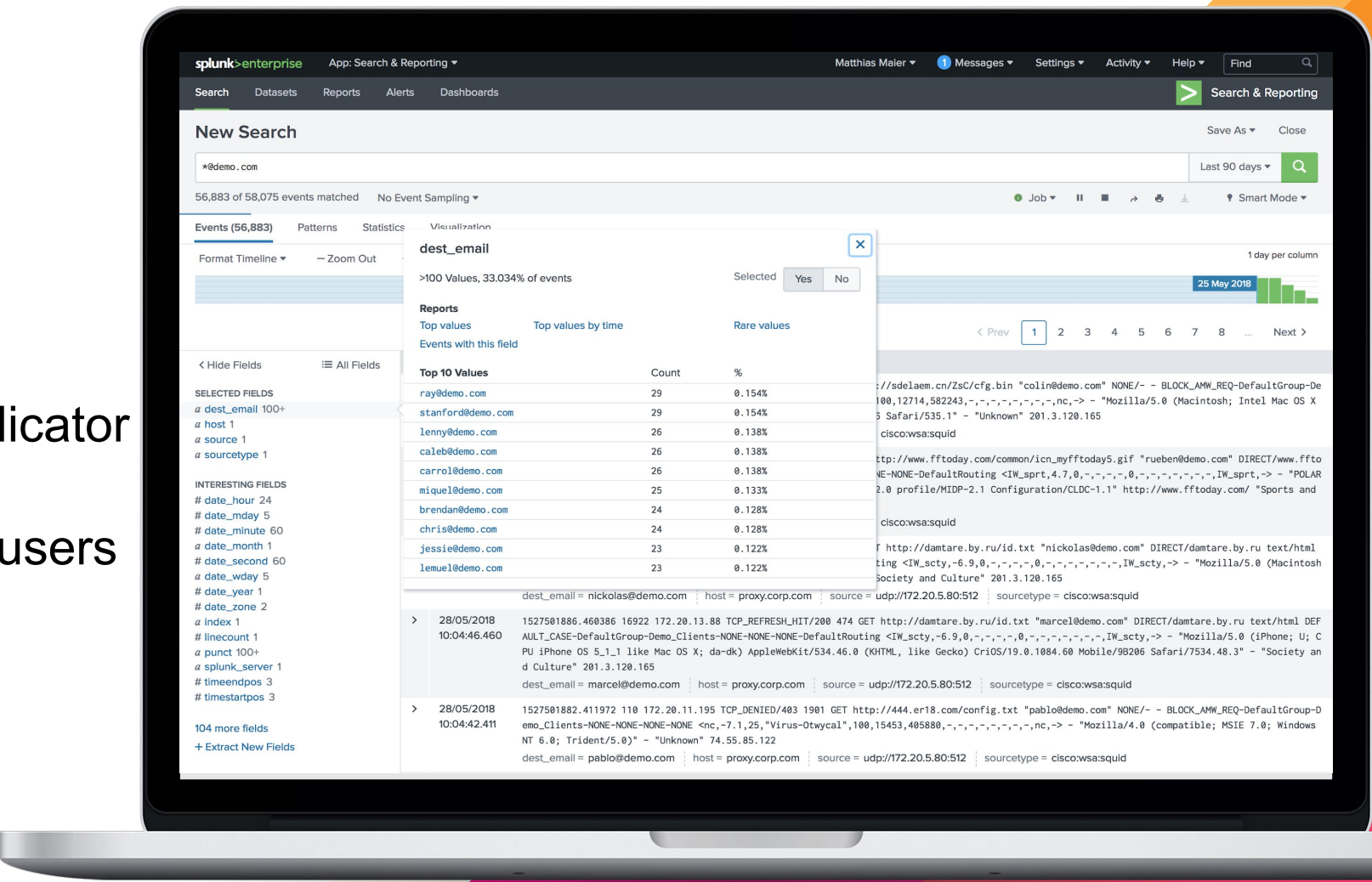


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# USE CASE: Process Employee-Submitted Phishing Emails

## Step 6: Hunt for Indicators

- Search security data for indicator matches
- Identify affected hosts and users
- Document findings



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## Step 7: Escalate to Incident Responder

- Create ticket for escalation
- Document all findings

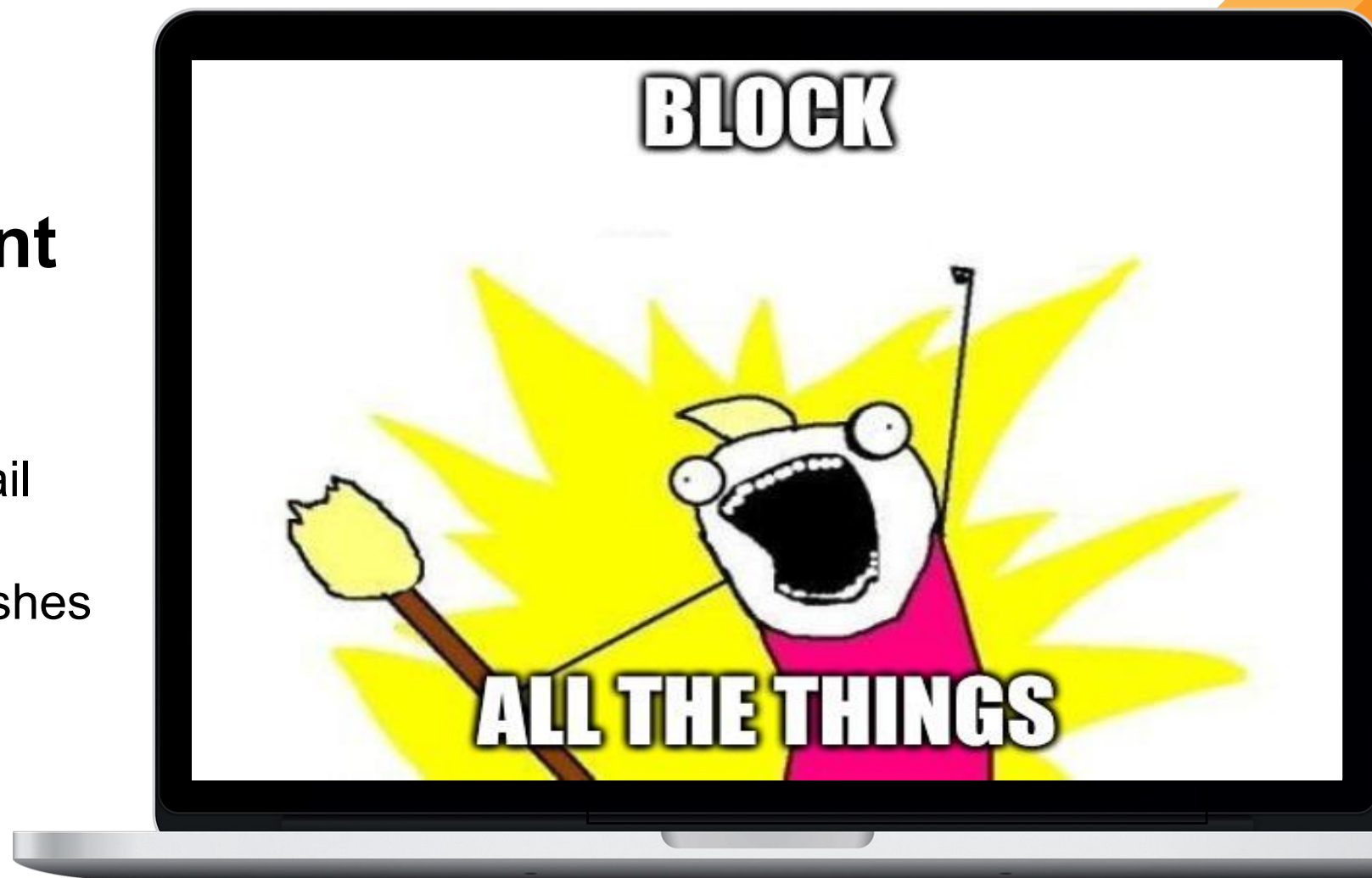




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## Step 8: Containment

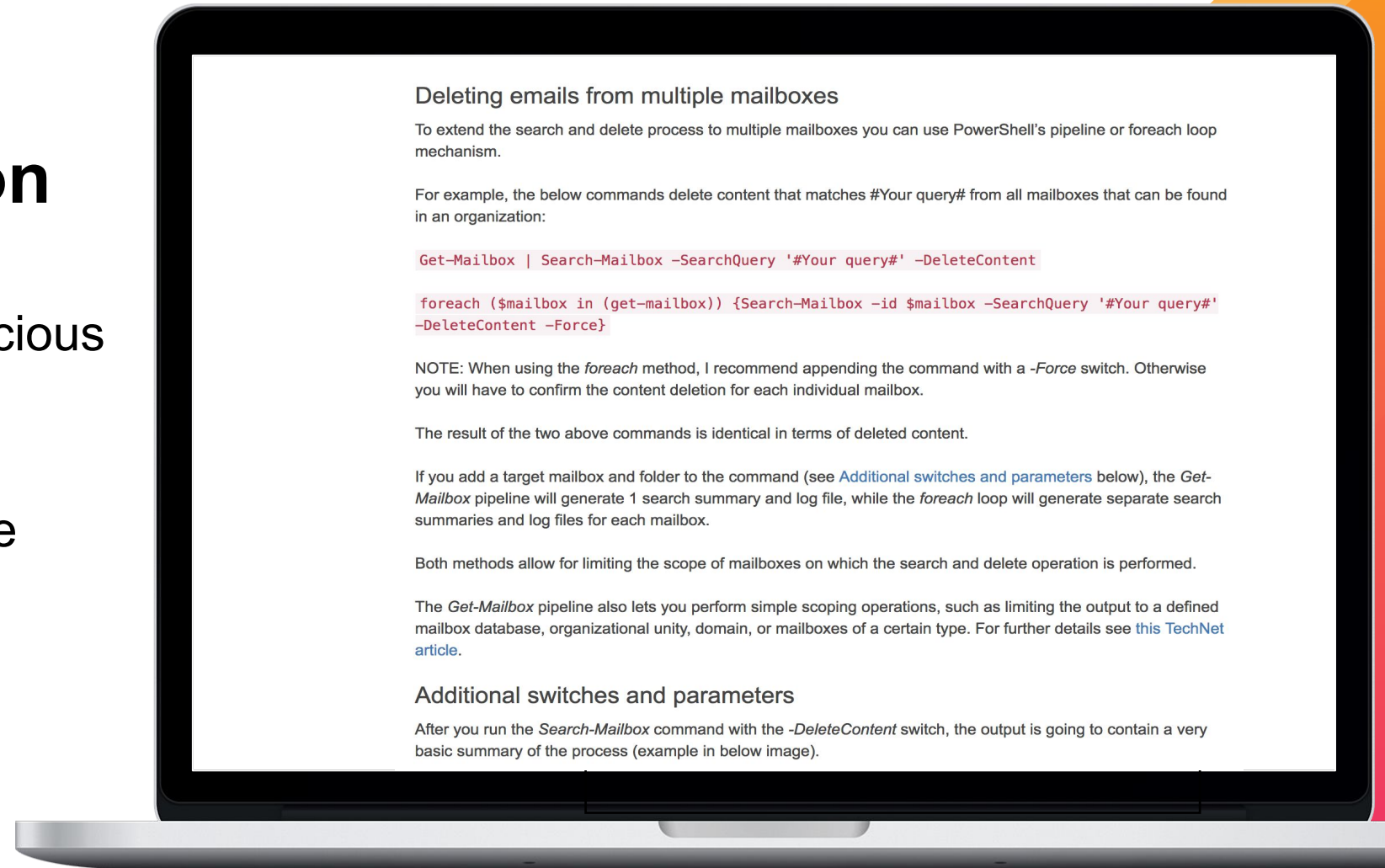
- Block IP (Firewall)
- Block URL (Web Proxy)
- Block E-Mail Domain (Email Security)
- Block URLs / IPs / File Hashes (Endpoints)



# USE CASE: Process Employee-Submitted Phishing Emails

## Step 9: Remediation (Email Server)

- Search mailboxes for malicious emails
- Validate emails returned
- Delete emails from multiple mailboxes
- Create tickets for work as necessary



# USE CASE: Process Employee-Submitted Phishing Emails

## Step 10: Remediation (Endpoints)

- Create ticket for IT service desk
- Service desk cleans (or reimages) host
- Incident Responder validates cleanup was effective
- Ticket closed



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# USE CASE: Process Employee-Submitted Phishing Emails

## Systems involved

- Malware sandbox
- Mail server / email security
- Threat intelligence services
- SIEM
- Network firewall
- Proxy server
- Endpoint security
- Ticketing system
- Paper notes / local system



# USE CASE: Process Employee-Submitted Phishing Emails

## TIME SPENT

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## JOB SATISFACTION OF SECURITY ANALYST

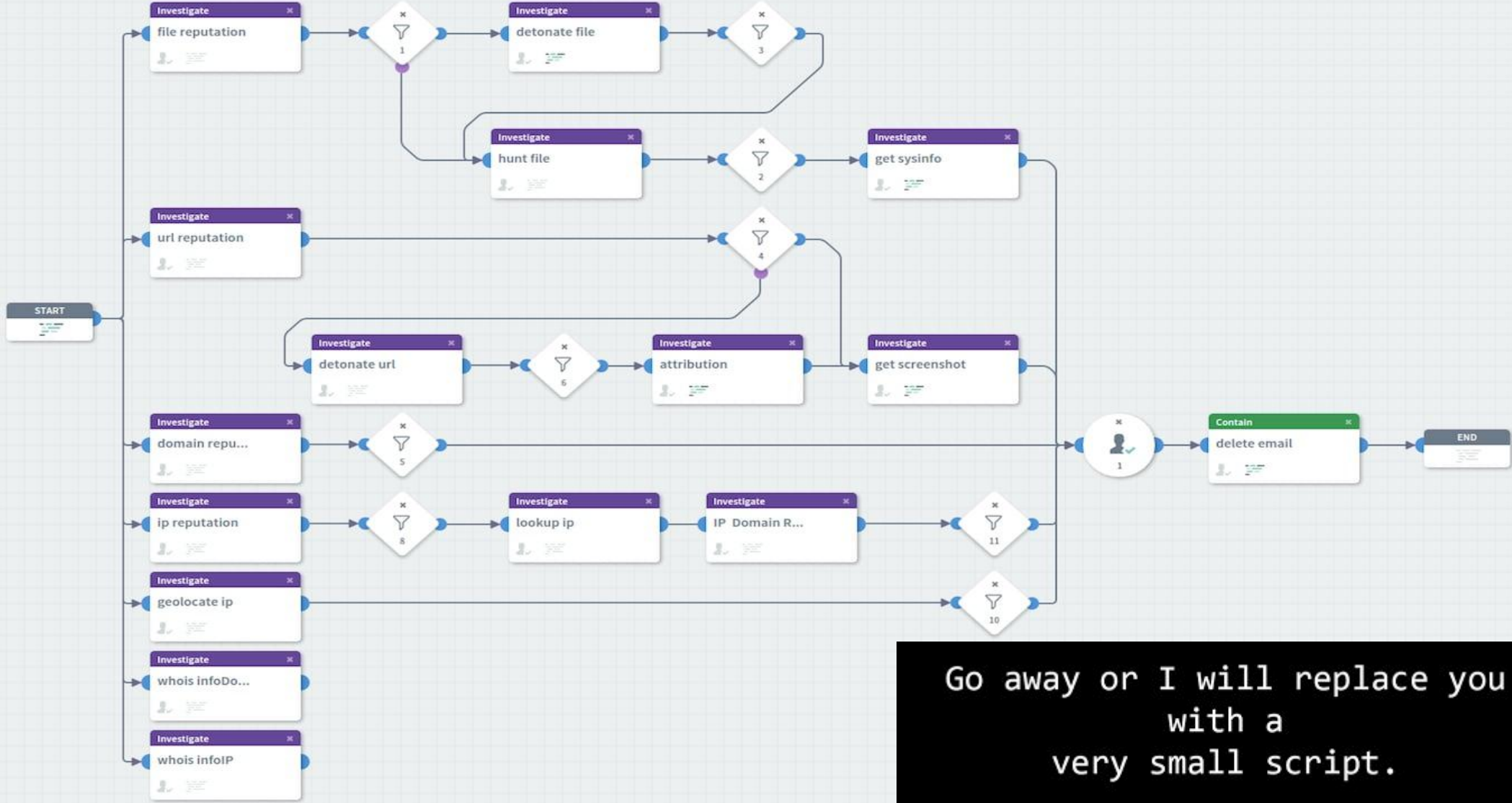
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**can we  
automate  
phishing  
email  
response?**







Go away or I will replace you with a very small script.

**But Wait,  
THERE'S  
MORE!**

# posture via people

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# the strongest link

## ecosystem



leverage SMEs

## partnerships



public/private sector  
collaborations that  
increase cyber posture

## community growth



build the next generation  
of defenders

# culture not compliance



- annual training solves nothing
- name/shame creates divide
- interactive training builds community







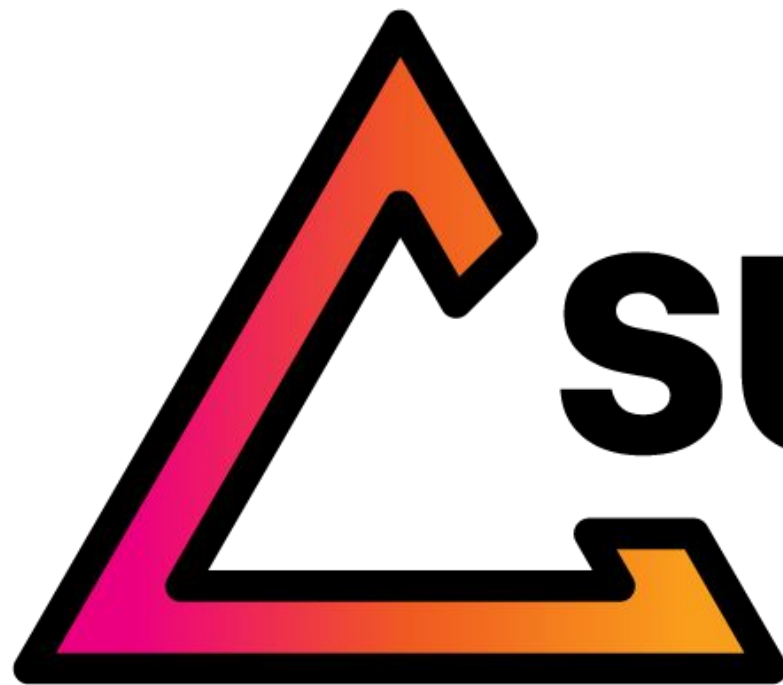


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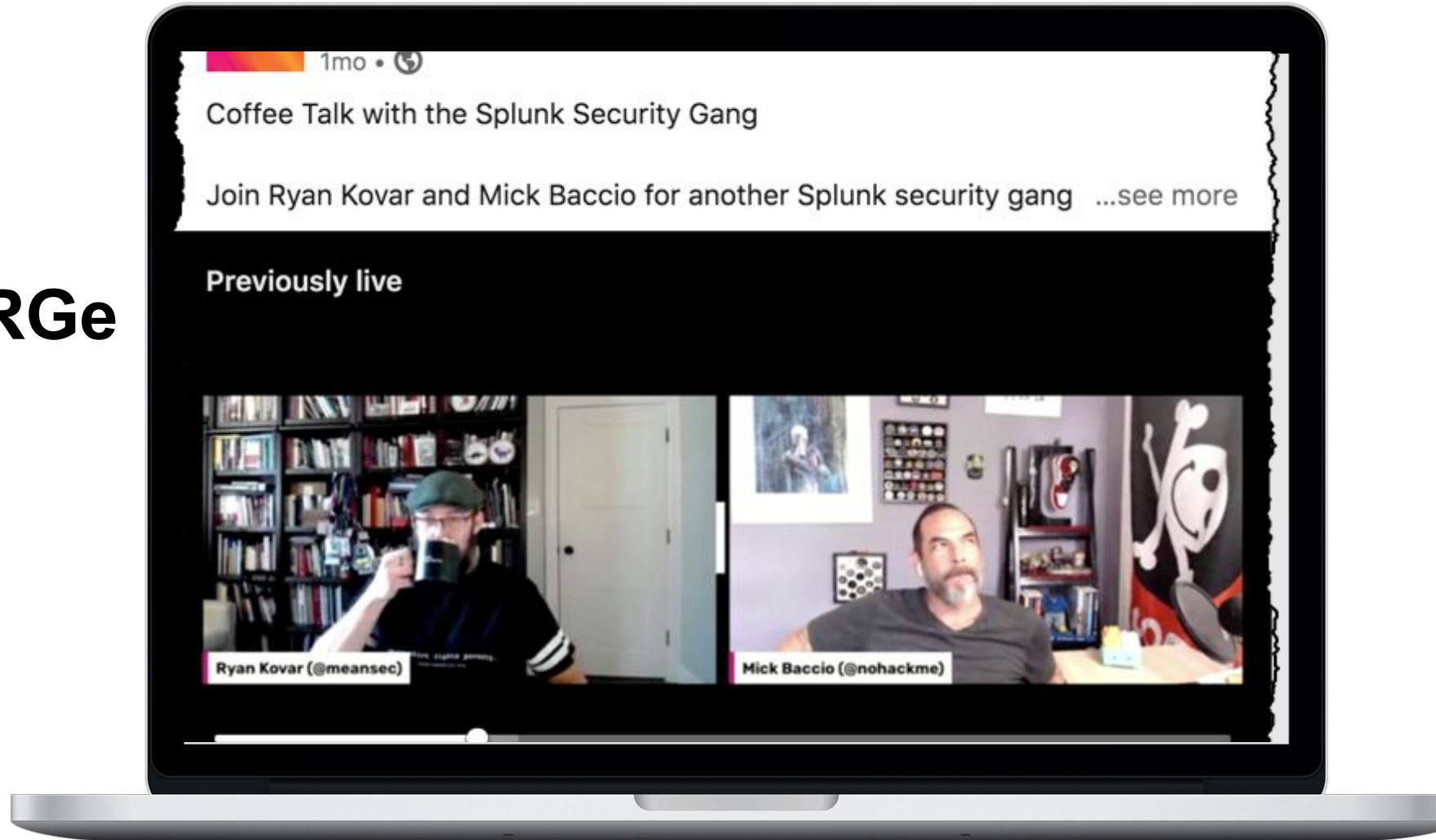




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- wombat facts
- trusted security information
- practical security research





New kid on the block



Off the mark



Speedster

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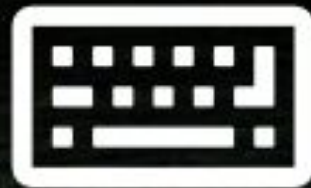
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# be nice.





# take home

- it will not get easier
- eat your cyber vegetables
- leverage technology
- people are the strongest link



# Thank You

