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Agenda



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



Forward-Looking Statements

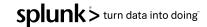


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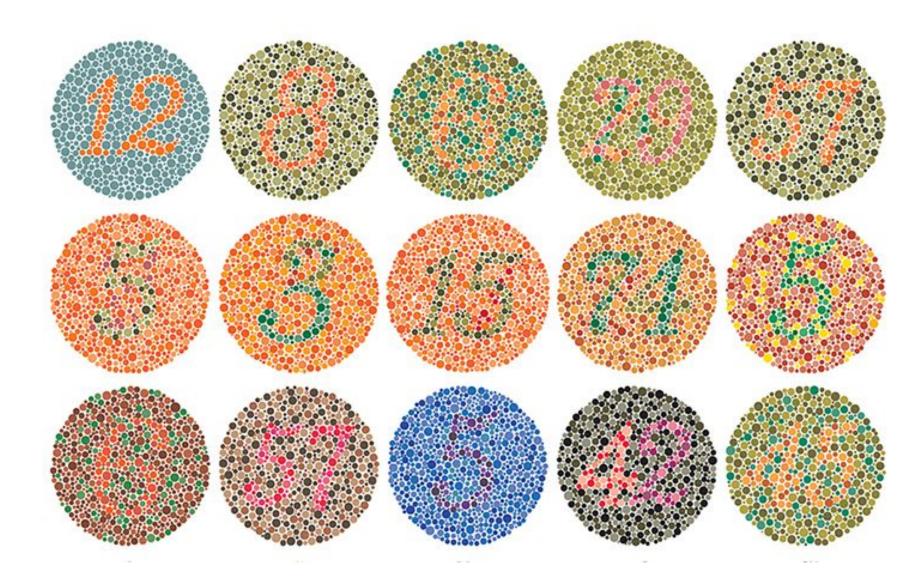
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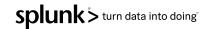
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buying universal remote

smartphone is remote

big brain solution



losing more than the remote





data is the new perimeter

Environment shift



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Devices and Users

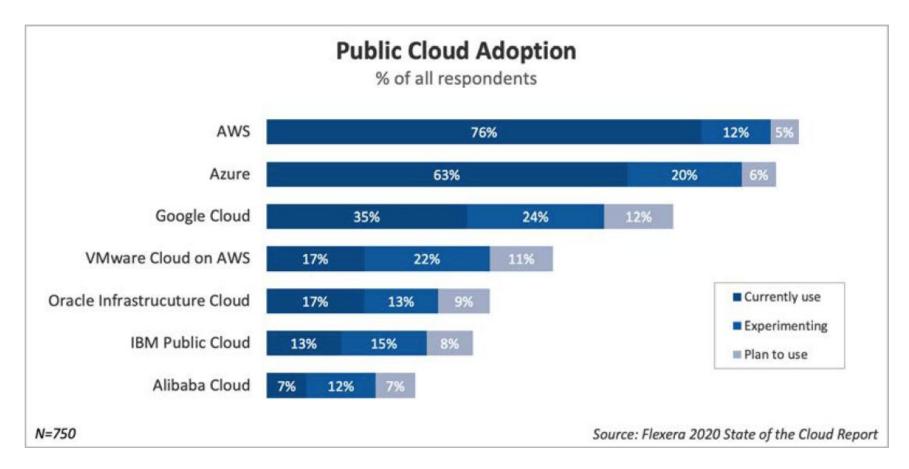


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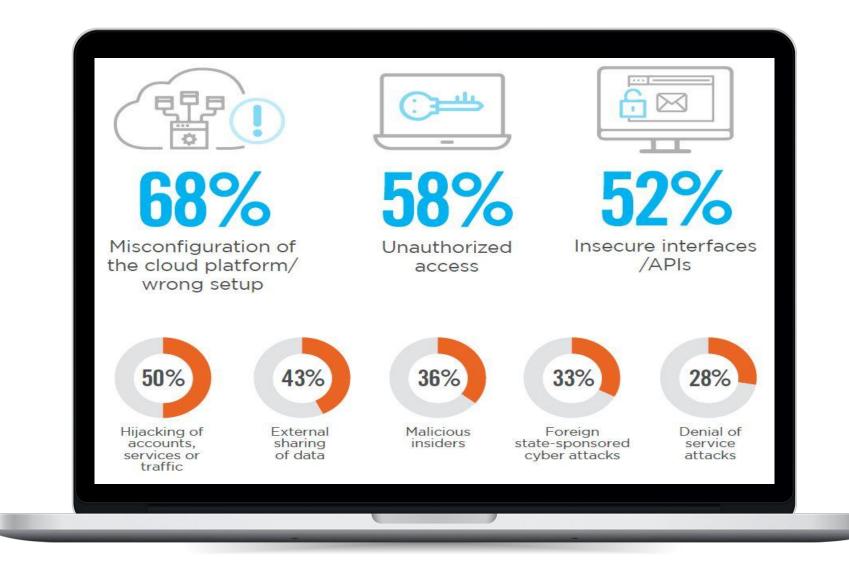
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these are 100% preventable problems

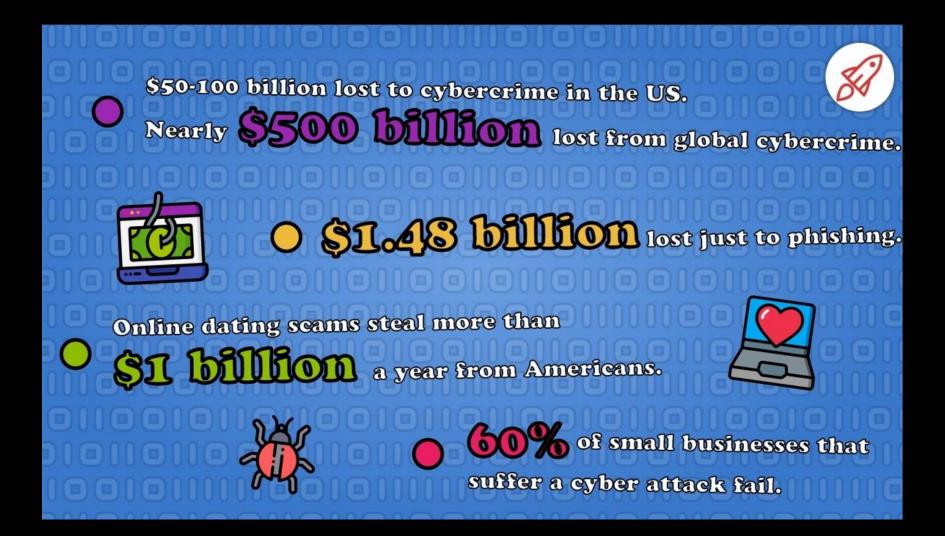


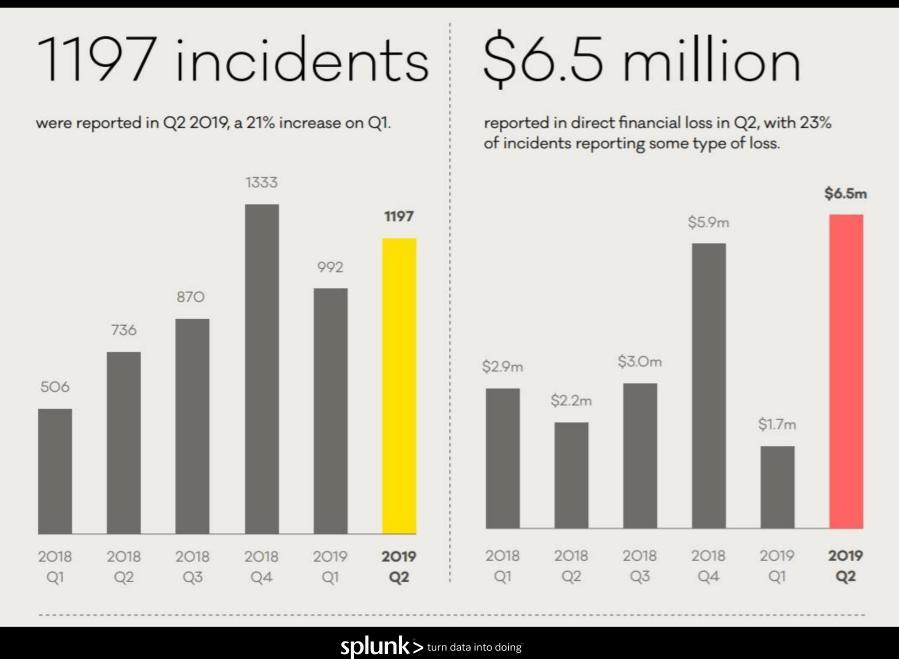
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broken things cost money





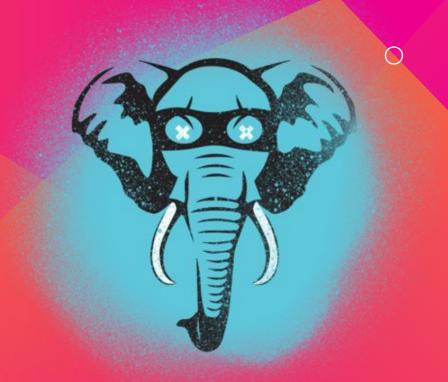




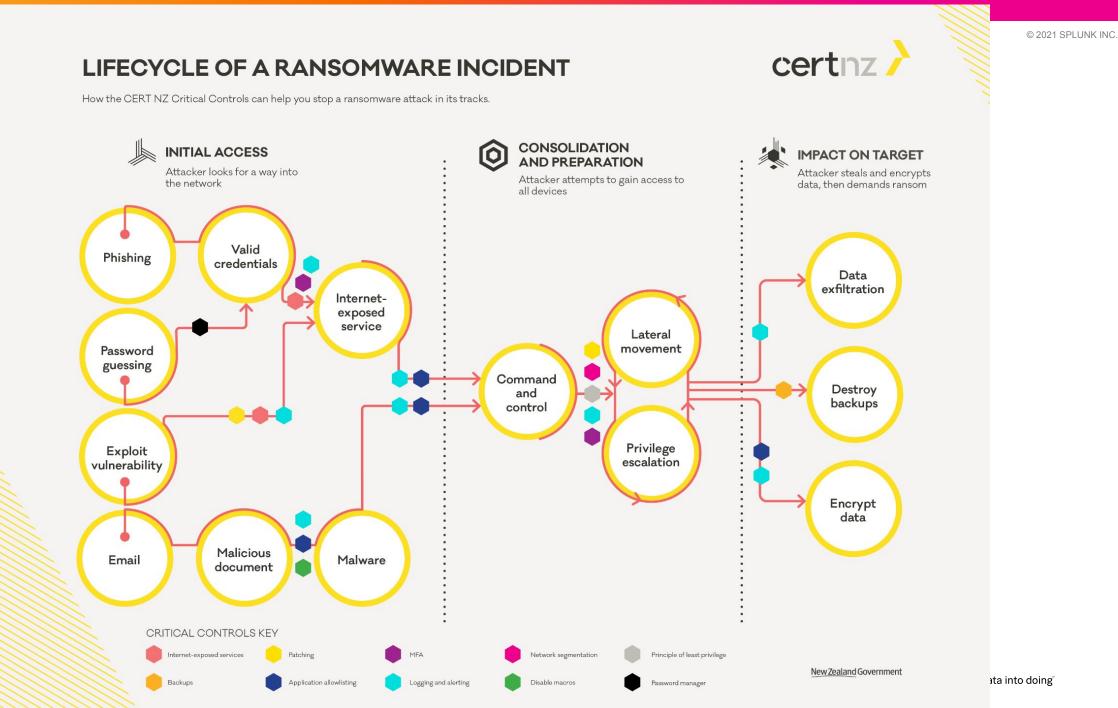
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relevant ransomware elephant

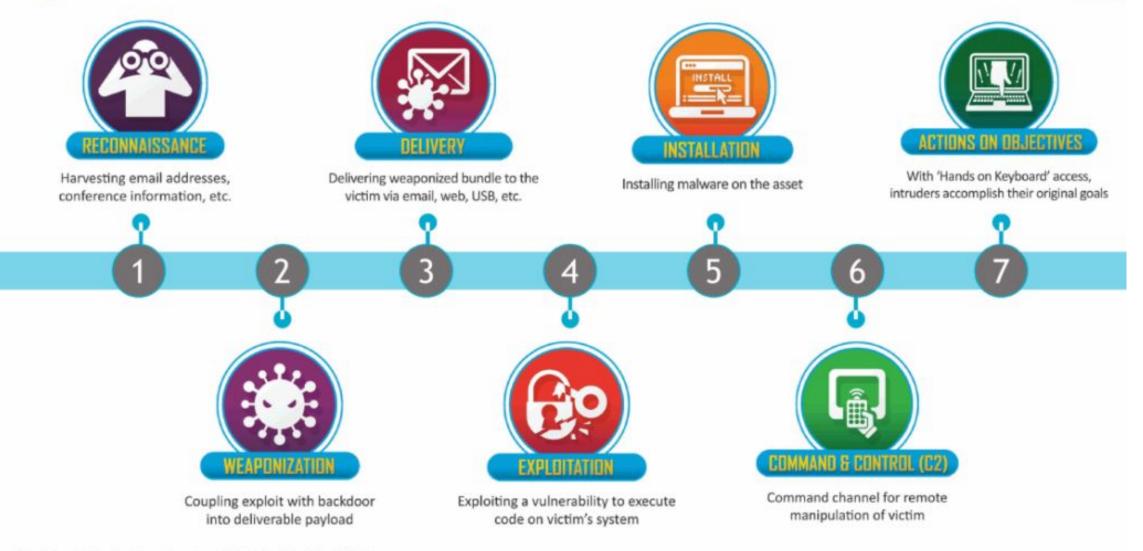


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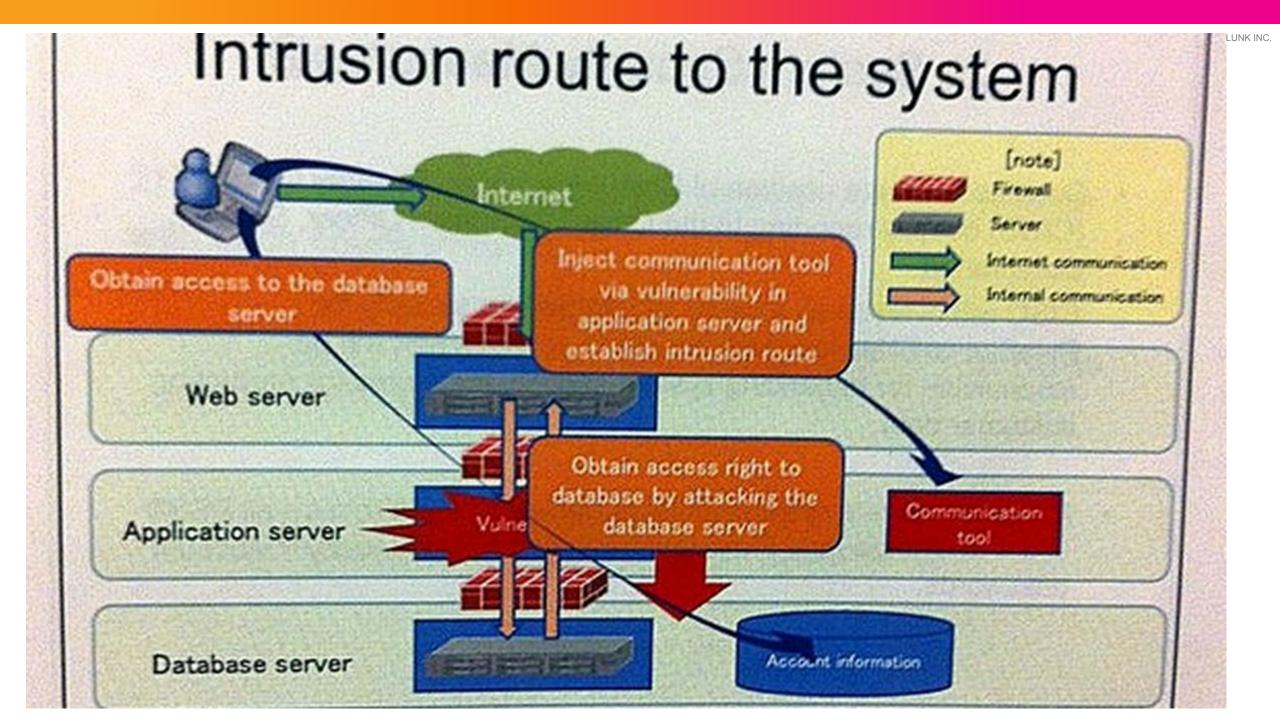
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APT vs Cybercrime

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





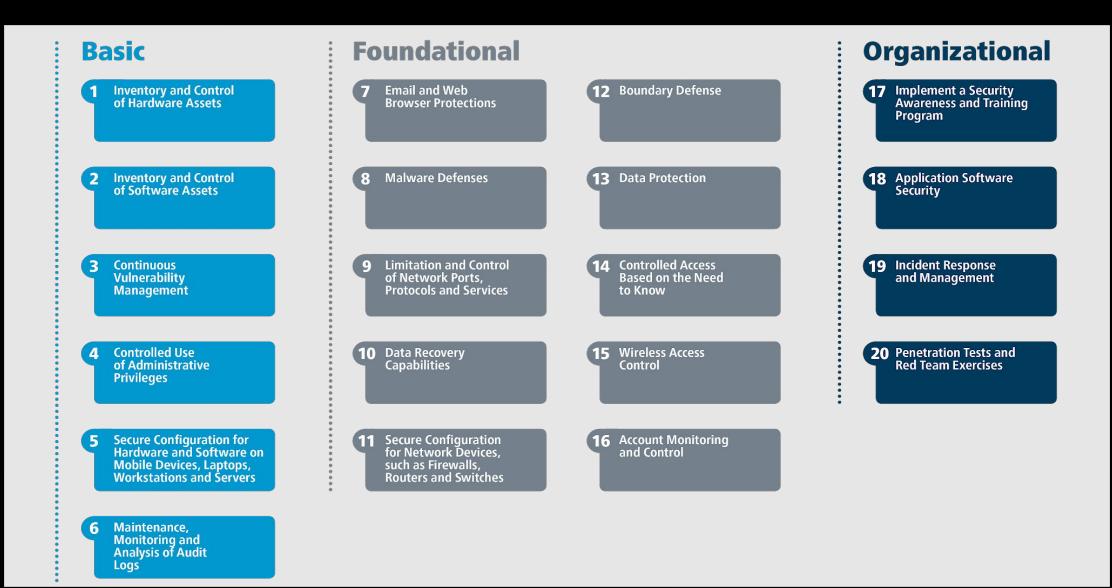
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Email and Web Browser Protections

2 Boundary Defense

Malware Defenses

B Data Protection

Limitation and Control of Network Ports, Protocols and Services Controlled Access Based on the Need to Know

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Limitation and Control of Network Ports, Protocols and Services

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Data Recovery Capabilities

5 Wireless Access Control

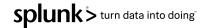
Secure Configuration for Network Devices, such as Firewalls, Routers and Switches 5 Account Monitoring and Control

Ten critical controls 2021.

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- 1. Patch your software and systems
- 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





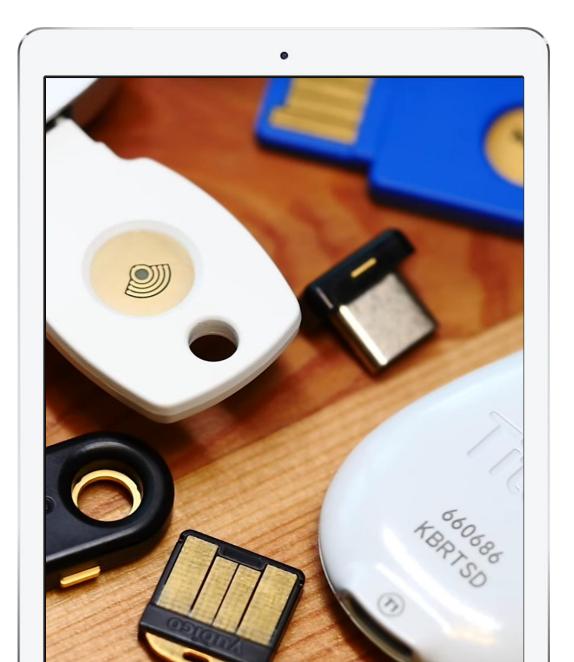
mandate MFA

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).

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secure internet facing assets

Ready. AMI. Fire.

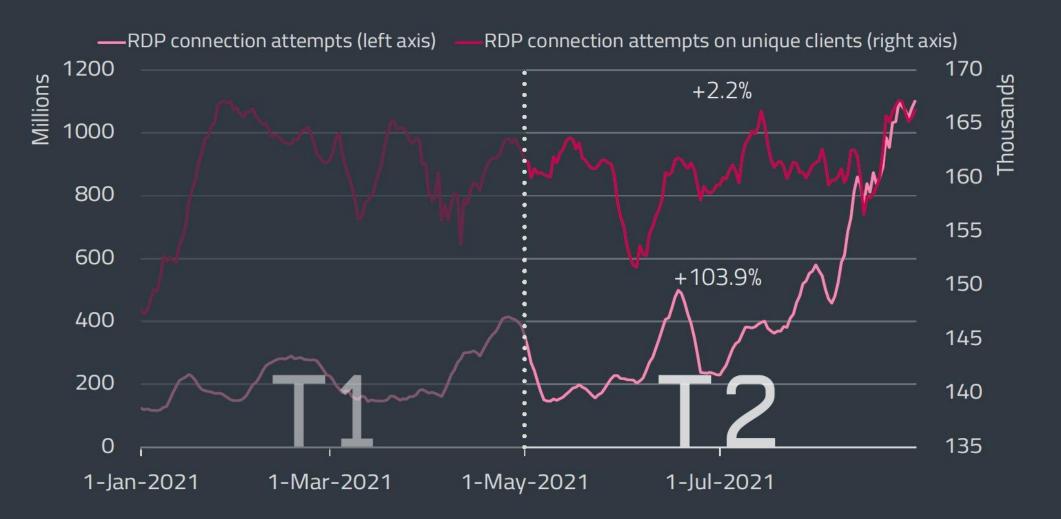
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Close and disable port 3389

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

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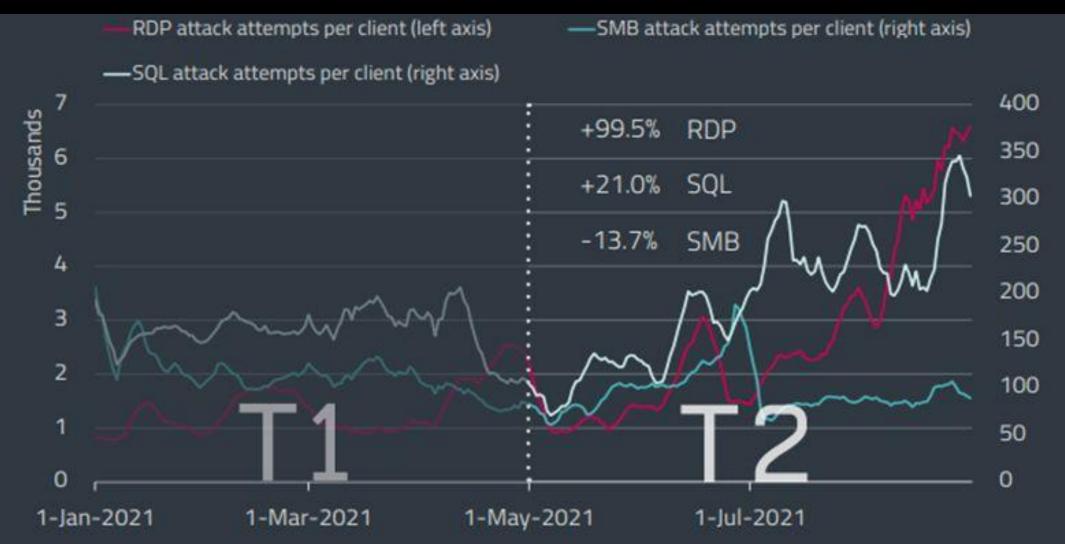


Trends of RDP connection attempts and unique clients in T1 2021 – T2 2021, seven-day moving average

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

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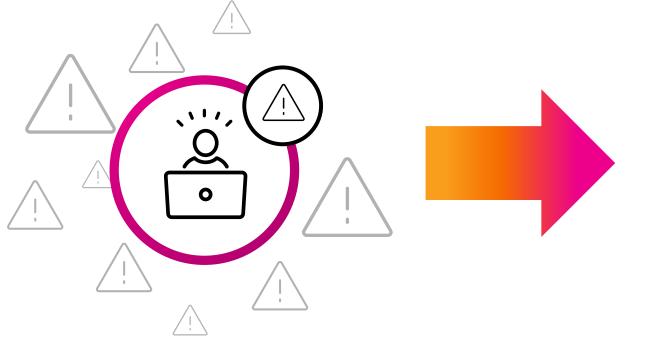


more data, more problems

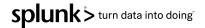


Alert Volumes Are Overwhelming SOCs

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

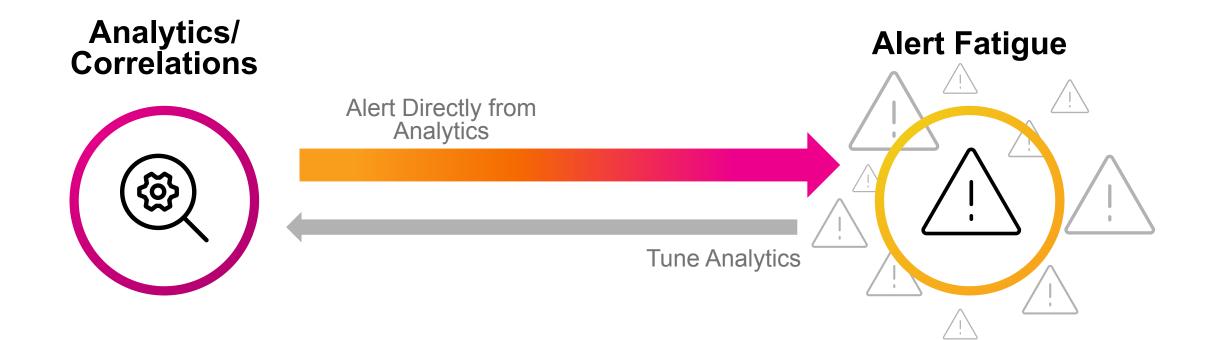


- Abandoned alerts
- Suppressed alerts
- Slow detection / response
- Analyst burnout



But What Alternatives Do SOCs Have?

There are no perfect correlation searches; alert fatigue seems inevitable



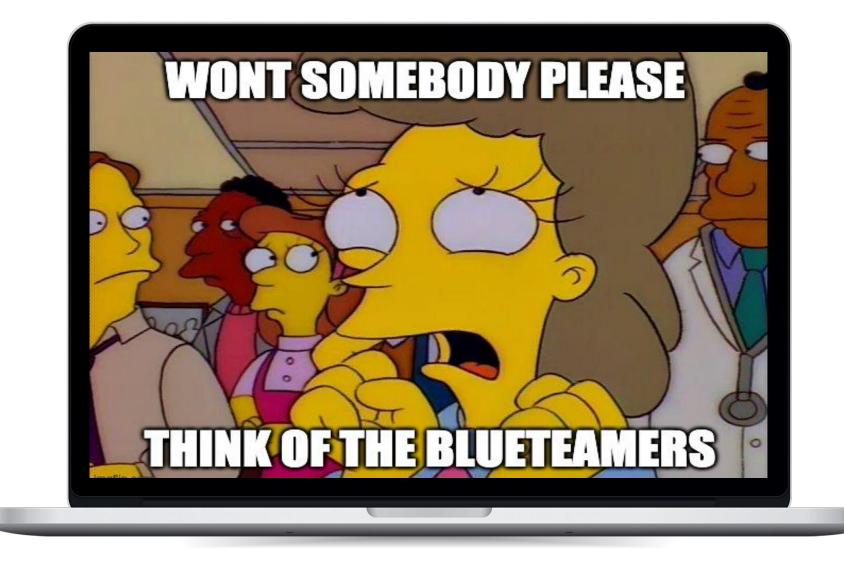


How can SOCs reduce alert volumes while improving their security coverage?



alert fatigue is real

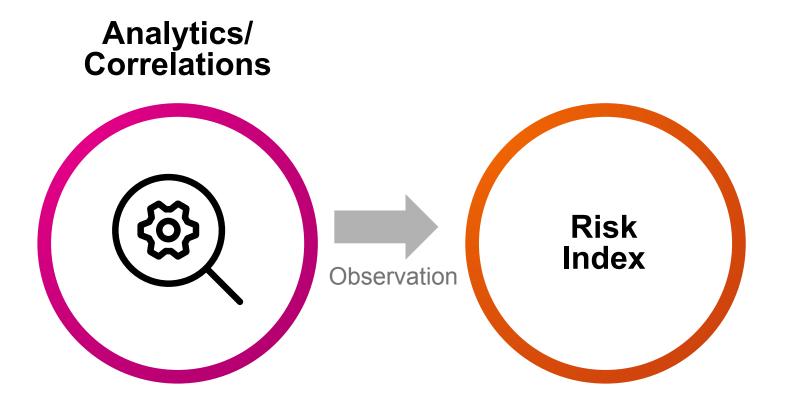
data explosion indeed.





Risk-Based Alerting to the Rescue

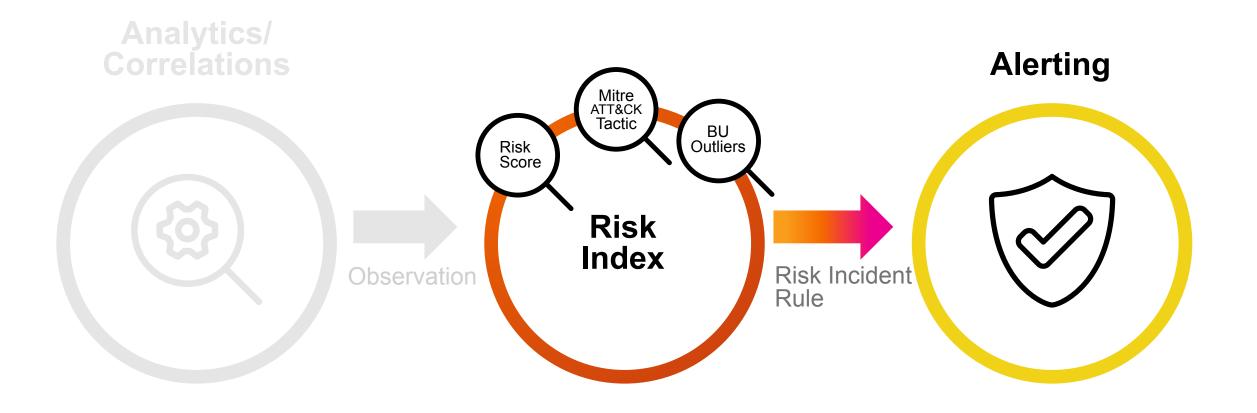
Dramatically reduce alert volumes while increasing analyst productivity and efficiency

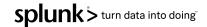




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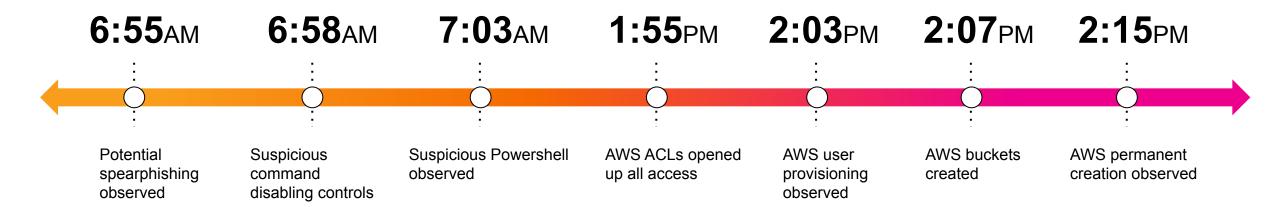
Dramatically reduce alert volumes while improving your security posture

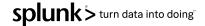




How Does This Look in Practice?

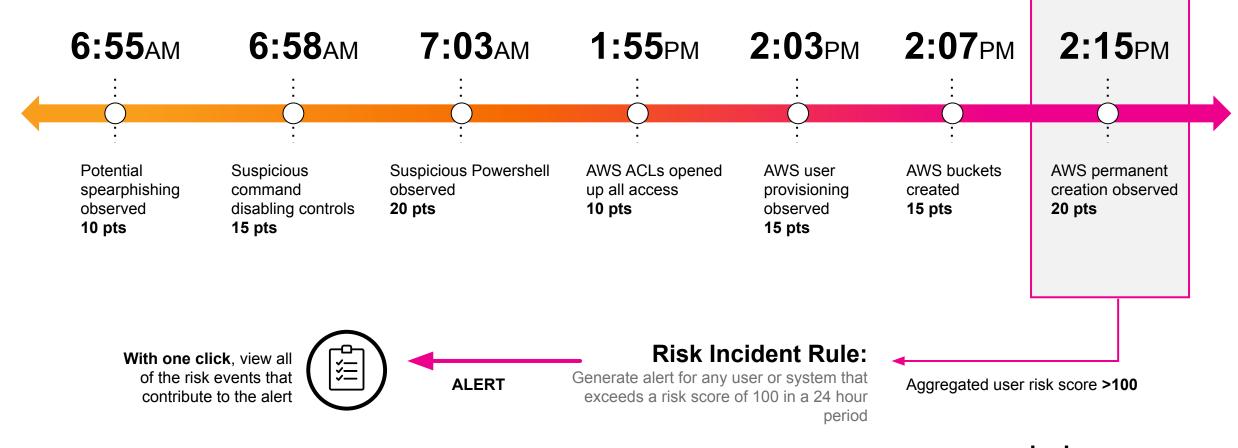
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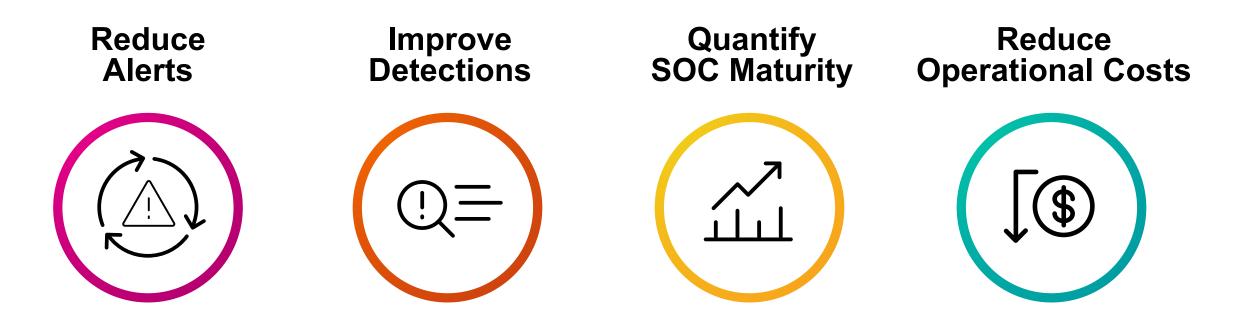
How Does This Look in Practice?

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







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



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

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True negative



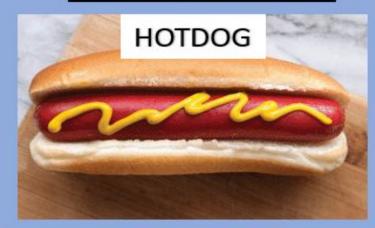
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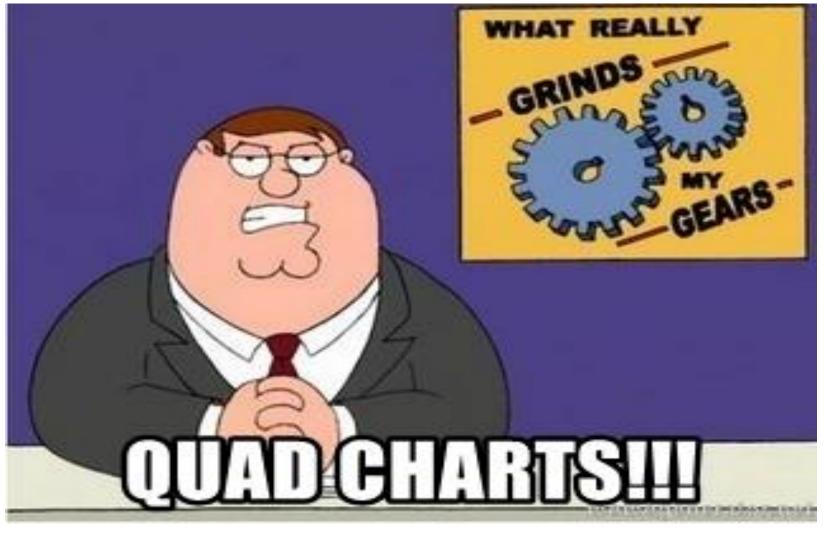
False negative



True positive



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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

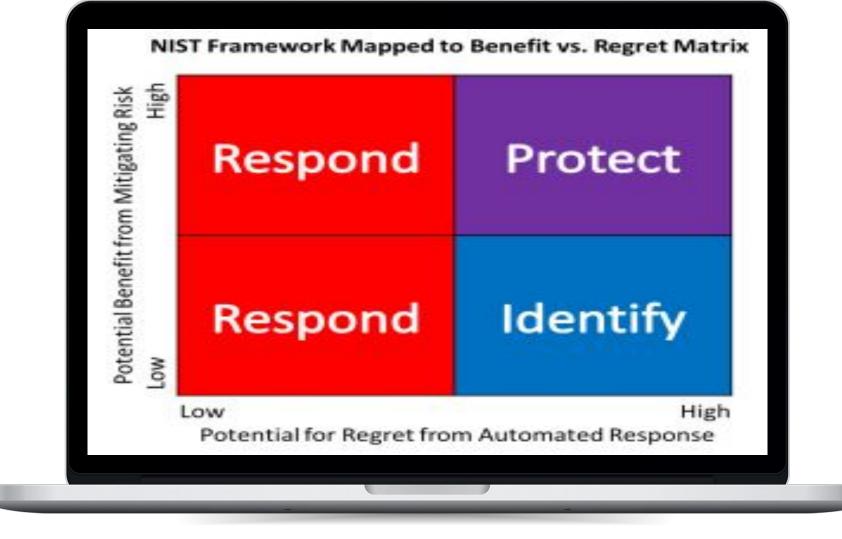
move too fast here, and you will break things and it will cost monies.



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now with 100% more NIST

benefit vs regret



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Step 1: Intake and Triage

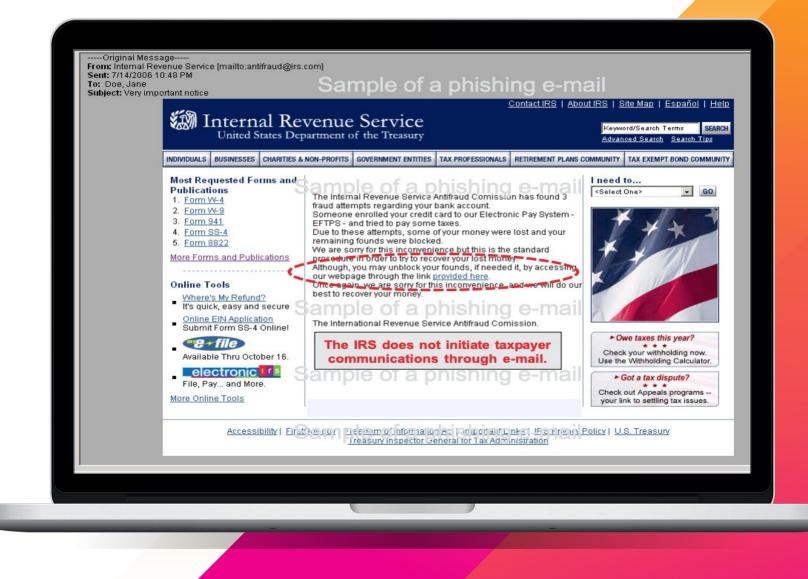
- Monitor mailbox for new samples
- Compare to known samples
- Match / link known samples
- Investigate new samples





Step 2: Extract Artifacts and Indicators

- Domain names
- IP Addresses
- URLs
- File attachments





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

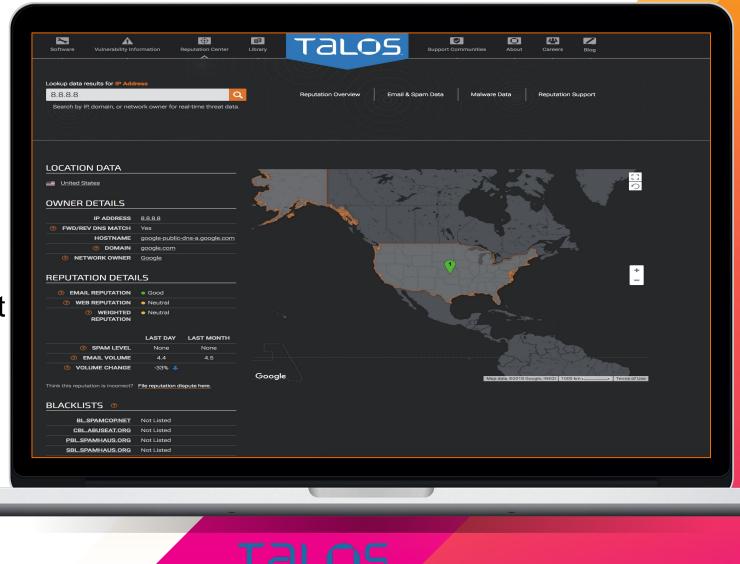
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Step 5: Check IP Reputation

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





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

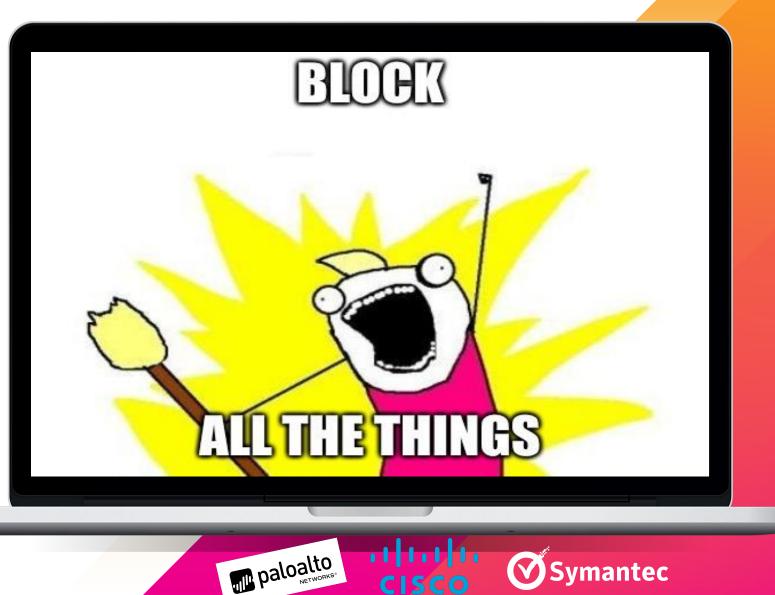
- Create ticket for escalation
- Document all findings





Step 8: Containment

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



Step 9: Remediation (Email Server)

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

Deleting emails from multiple mailboxes

To extend the search and delete process to multiple mailboxes you can use PowerShell's pipeline or foreach loop mechanism.

For example, the below commands delete content that matches #Your query# from all mailboxes that can be found in an organization:

Get-Mailbox | Search-Mailbox -SearchQuery '#Your query#' -DeleteContent

foreach (\$mailbox in (get-mailbox)) {Search-Mailbox -id \$mailbox -SearchQuery '#Your query#'
-DeleteContent -Force}

NOTE: When using the *foreach* method, I recommend appending the command with a *-Force* switch. Otherwise you will have to confirm the content deletion for each individual mailbox.

The result of the two above commands is identical in terms of deleted content.

If you add a target mailbox and folder to the command (see Additional switches and parameters below), the *Get-Mailbox* pipeline will generate 1 search summary and log file, while the *foreach* loop will generate separate search summaries and log files for each mailbox.

Both methods allow for limiting the scope of mailboxes on which the search and delete operation is performed.

The *Get-Mailbox* pipeline also lets you perform simple scoping operations, such as limiting the output to a defined mailbox database, organizational unity, domain, or mailboxes of a certain type. For further details see this TechNet article.

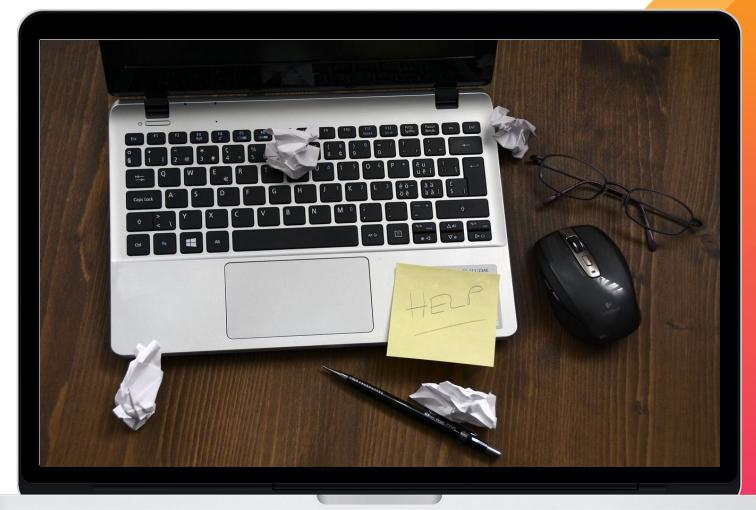
Additional switches and parameters

After you run the *Search-Mailbox* command with the *-DeleteContent* switch, the output is going to contain a very basic summary of the process (example in below image).



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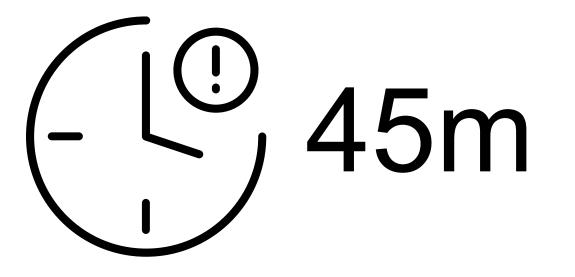
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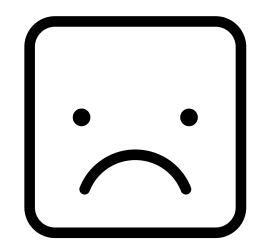
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- Mail server / email security
- Threat intelligence services
- SIEM
- Network firewall
- Proxy server
- Endpoint security
- Ticketing system
- Paper notes / local system



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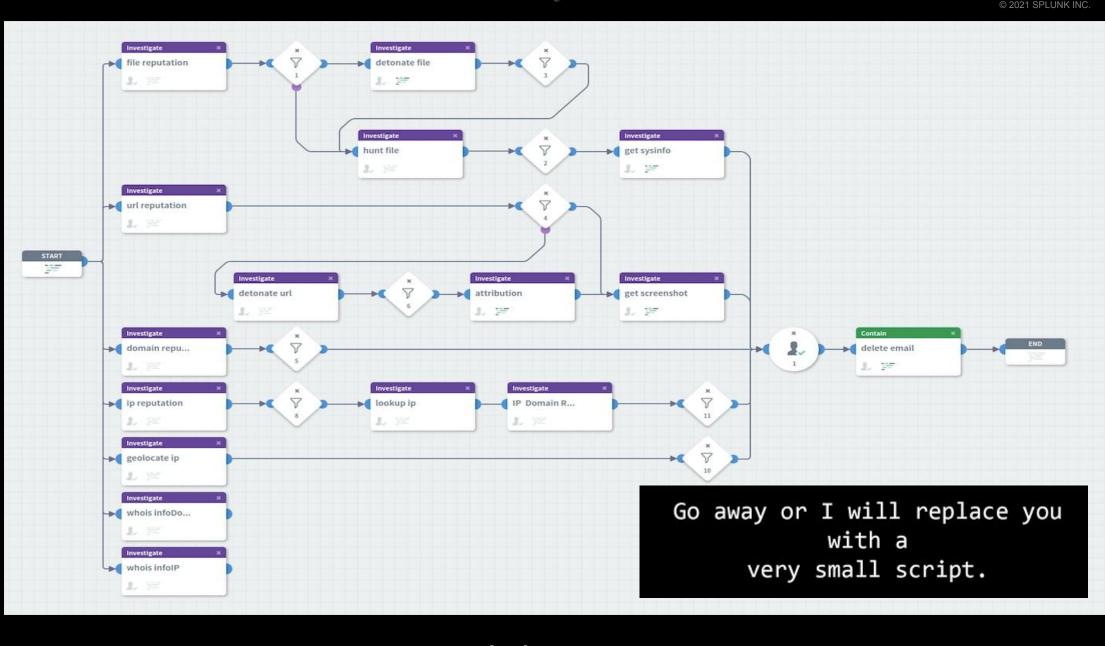




can we automate phishing email response?











posture via people



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

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









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SURGe: Blue Collar for the Blue Team



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#coffeetalkwithSURGe

- wombat facts
- trusted security information
- practical security research

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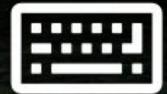
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take home



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



Thank You

