



# Malware 2021 to Present Day

Building a Preventative Cyber Program



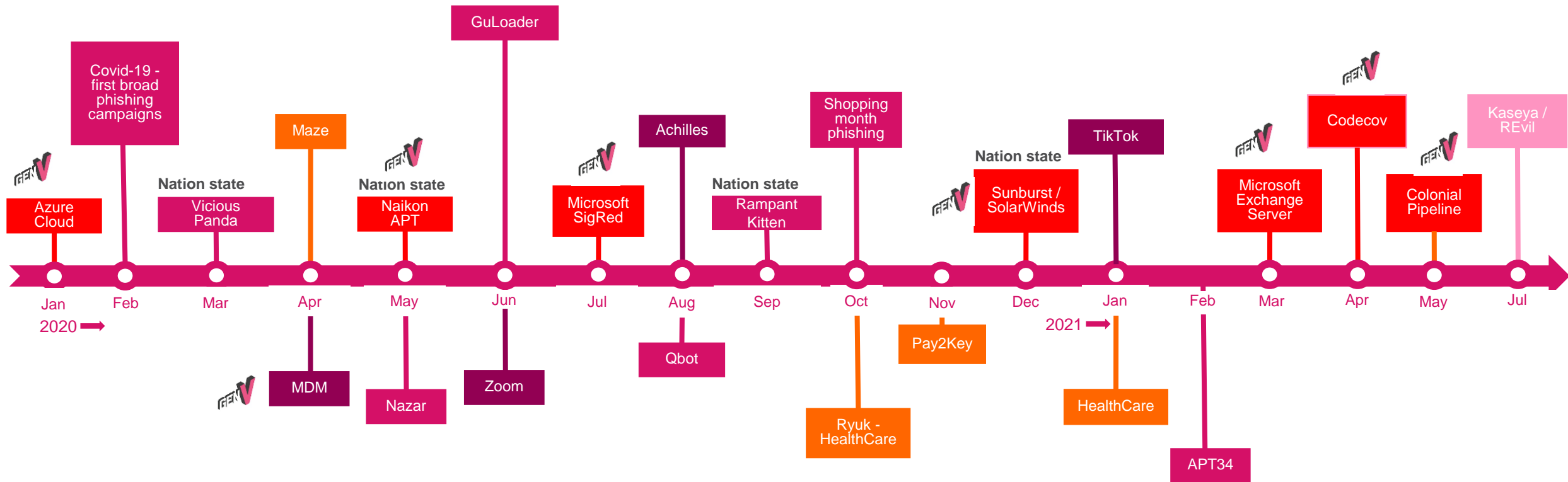
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# Since 2020 the attack surface got wider...

- Ransomware
- APT / Phishing
- SW vulnerabilities
- Supply chain



Solar winds and the Surge in Gen5 sophisticated attacks



# Malware 2021

# From SolarWinds to Log4j

## Software supply chain attacks increased by up to 650% in 2021

- 66% of supply chain attacks leveraging unknown vulnerabilities
- 16% leveraging known software flaws

## Most attacks targeted software code

- 82% of the companies provide access to third party vendors
- 76% of the companies provide roles that allow account takeover
- 90% of security teams were not aware such permissions were granted

## Kaseya urges customers to immediately shut down VSA servers after ransomware attack

Victims are already seeing ransom demands ranging from \$45,000 to \$5 million.

Kaseya Attack Incident

MSP Solution provider, 1,500 companies were affected in supply chain attack

REvil Ransomware exploited a flaw affecting Kaseya's internet-facing VSA servers.

Luckily - less than 0.1% of the customers were accessed

# From SolarWinds to Log4j

## Advanced Persistent Threats

- Attack on South Korean software vendor
- Latvian IT attacked using new backdoor “Blindingcan”

Popular NPM package UA-Parser-JS poisoned with cryptomining, password-stealing malware

## North Korea's Lazarus Group Turns to Supply Chain Attacks

State-backed group is among a growing number of threat actors looking at supply chain companies as an entry point into enterprise networks.

## Ransomware

UNC2465 cybercrime group that is affiliated with the Darkside ransomware gang has infected with malware the website of a CCTV camera vendor.

## Cyberattack Hits Multiple Greek Shipping Firms



## NPM Package Compromised

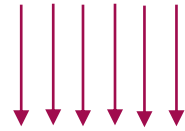
Threat actors NPM account takeover code injection NPM library Facebook, Microsoft, Amazon, Google, Slack affected

Malicious code inserted into three version of the NPM library – Linux and Windows devices infected with crypto miners and password stealers

# From SolarWinds to Log4j

October 2021 Nobelium (SolarWinds Attacker) Resurfaces

- Focus on cloud resellers and tech service providers



## Log4j Vulnerability

- Apache Log4j open-source Java-based logging package
- Used by millions of Java-based applications worldwide to log activity
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> CRITICAL FLAW disclosed by Apache Foundation
- Enables attackers to compromise machines via a single string

**Suspected Russian Activity Targeting Government and Business Entities Around the Globe**

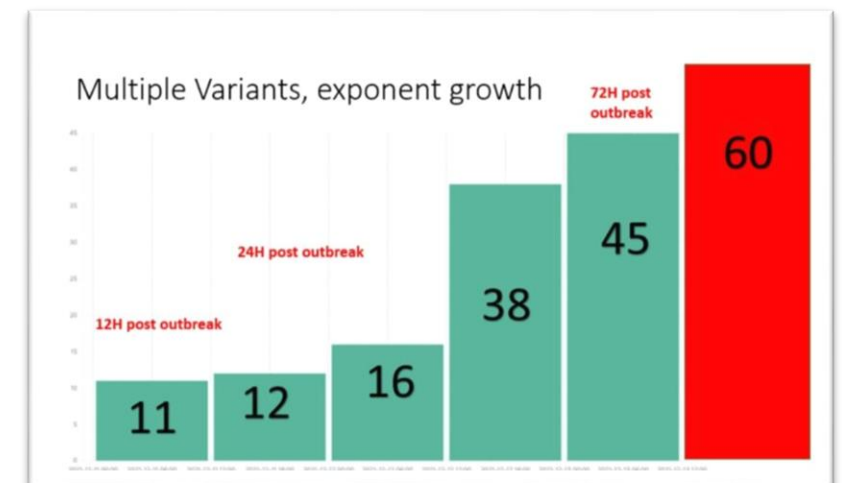
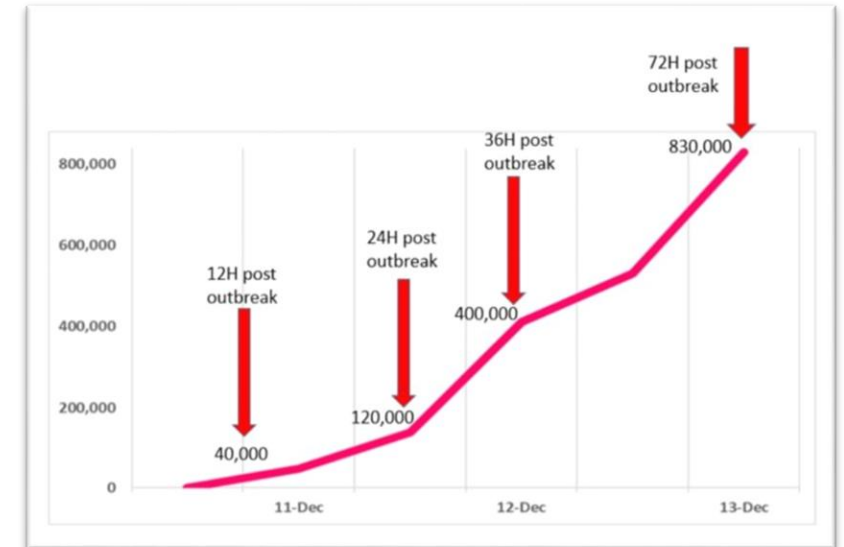
**Nobelium Espionage Campaign Persists, Service Providers in Crosshairs**

**Nobelium compromises at least 14 resellers and IT service providers, Microsoft warns**



# CP<R> closely monitored the log4j vulnerability and the attacks exploiting it

- Prevented over **4,300,000 attempts** to allocate the vulnerability
- **Over 46%** of those attempts were made by known malicious groups
- Attempted exploit of over 48% of corporate networks globally
- CPR are first to report how an Iranian APT is leveraging the vulnerability to target Israeli organizations
- **June 2022 – Impacting 43% and most commonly exploited**





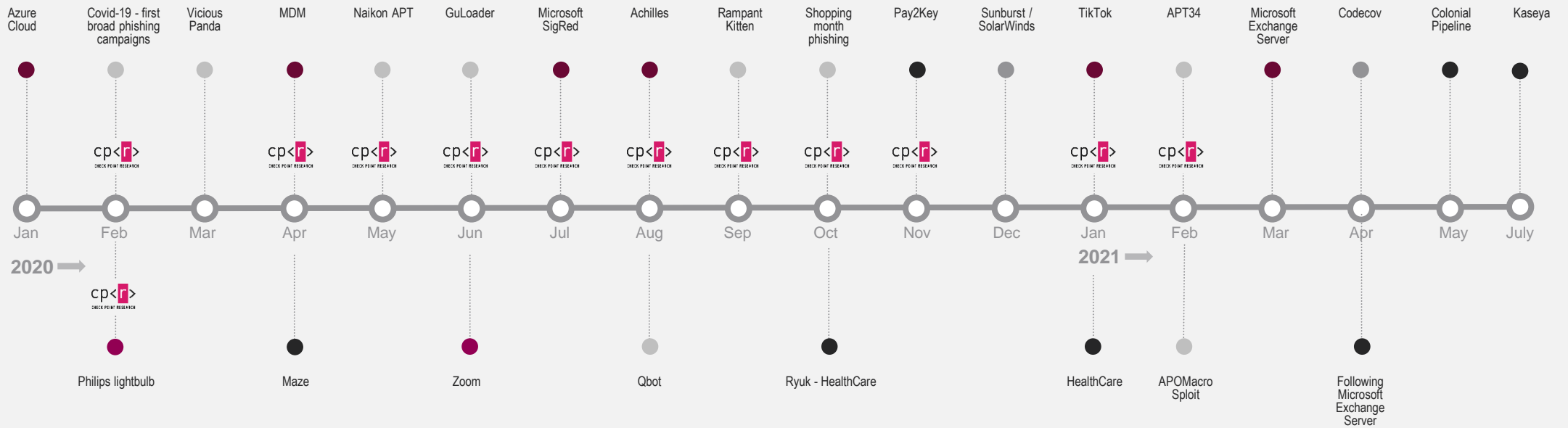
# 2021's Threat Landscape Was Exceptionally Dangerous



**Every month**  
10's of millions of attacks  
400K zero days\*



- APT
- Supply chain
- Ransomware
- **SW vulnerabilities**



\*According to ThreatCloud

## TrickBot and Emotet (still most prevalent in 2022)

- **Emotet** was the #1 malware in 2020 with 19% global impact
- Takedown January 2021
- Comeback in November 2021
- Ranked #7 in November and #2 in December (after Trickbot)
- In 2021 ranked #4 with 4.9% global impact
- Emotet remains the most prevalent malware as late as March 2022, impacting 10% of organizations worldwide

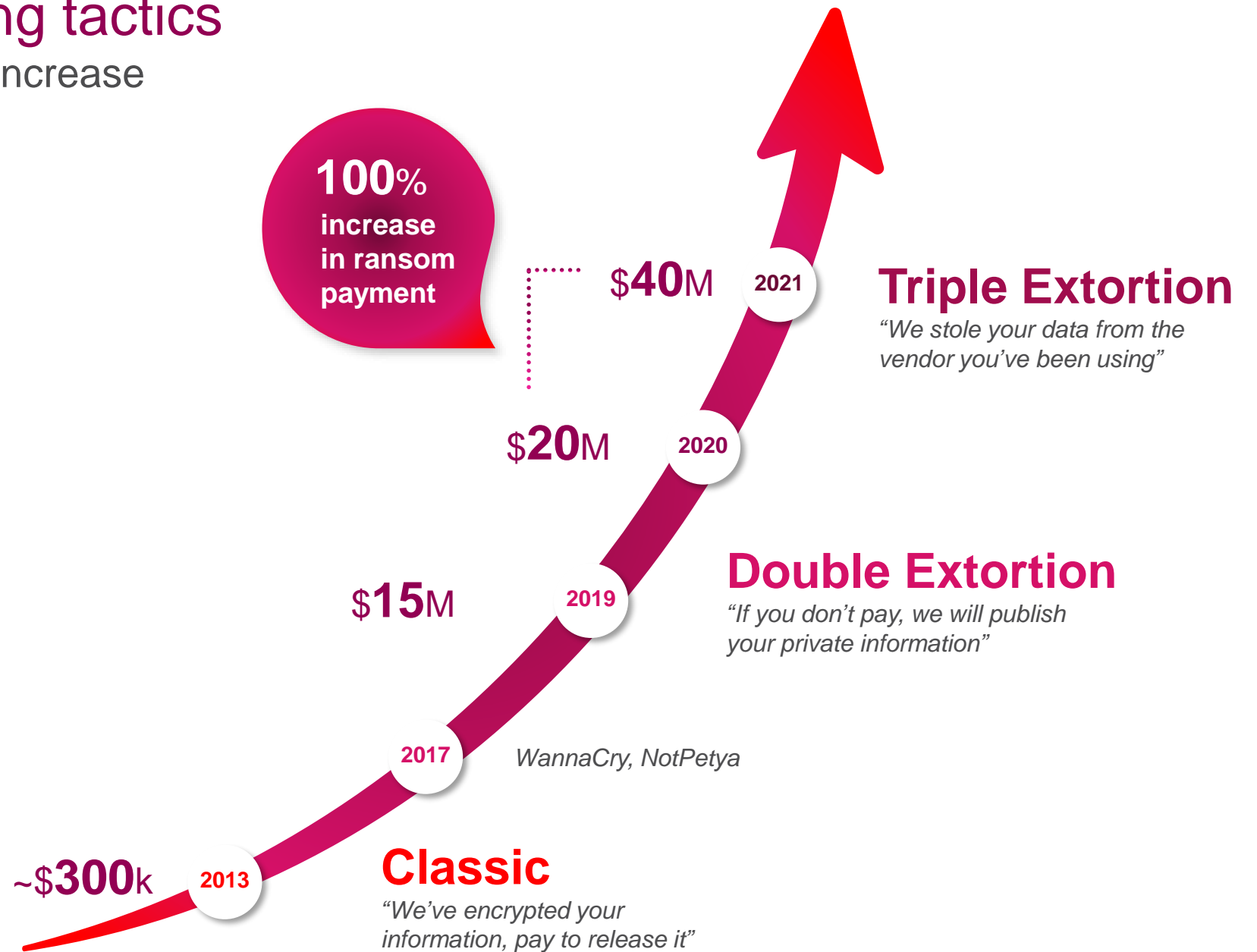
# Threat Actors Target Mobile

- 46% of organizations had at least one employee download a malicious mobile application
- Social Media leveraged for malware distribution
- CPR identifies critical flaw in MediaTek chip
- SMSishing on the rise
- Top mobile malware in 2021
  - Hiddad - 29%
  - xHelper - 17%
  - AlienBot - 13%
  - FluBot - 7% (taken down)
  - **AlienBot, Anubis, MaliBot now top 3 as of June 2022**



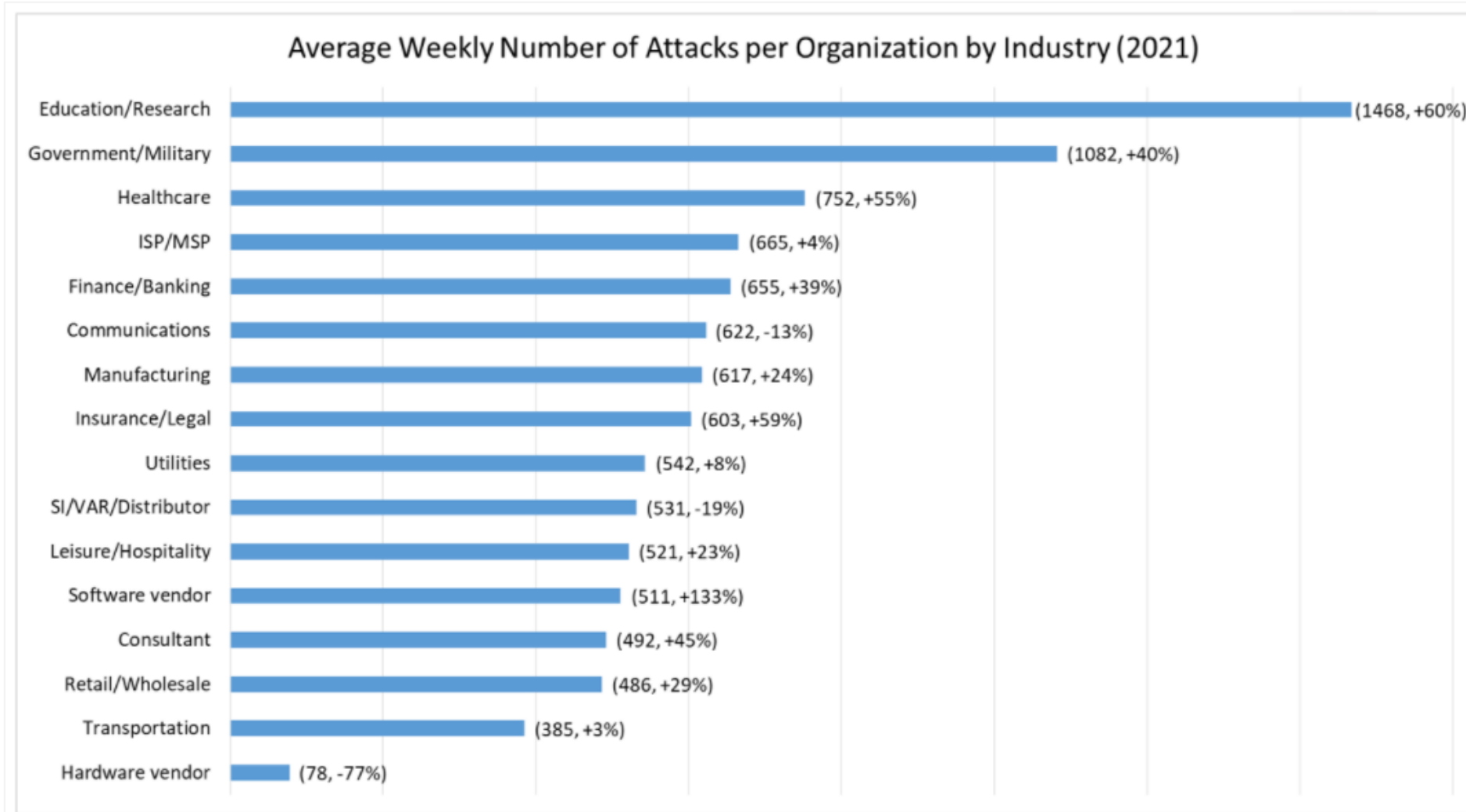
# Ransomware evolving tactics

Attack sophistication & cost increase



\*June 2020 – June 2021

# Every Industry and Vertical Targeted



# Malware 2022

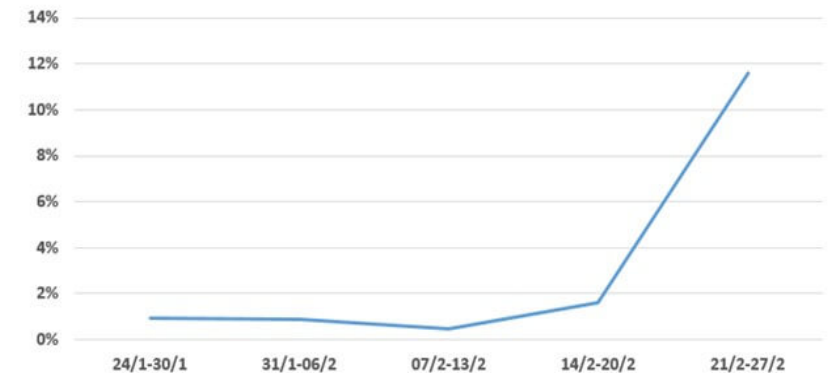


# Cyber Attack Trends In The Midst Of Warfare: the numbers behind the conflict

- Cyber attacks on Ukraine's government and military sector surged by a staggering 196% in the first three days of combat
- Cyber attacks on Russian organizations increased by 4%
- Phishing emails in the East Slavic languages increased 7-fold
- Both Russia and Ukraine saw increases in cyber-attacks of 10% and 17% respectively



Weekly Percentage of East Slavic Language Emails out of all Malicious Emails



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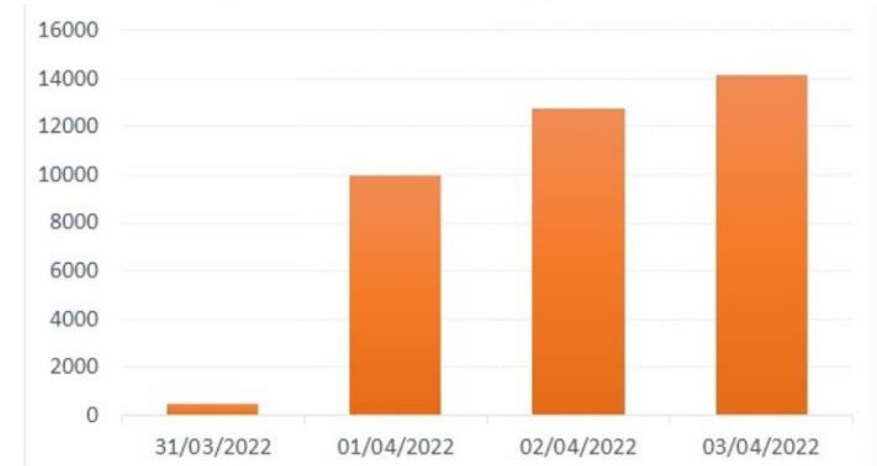
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CHECK POINT RESEARCH

# Spring4Shell exploitation attempts hit 16% of organizations worldwide

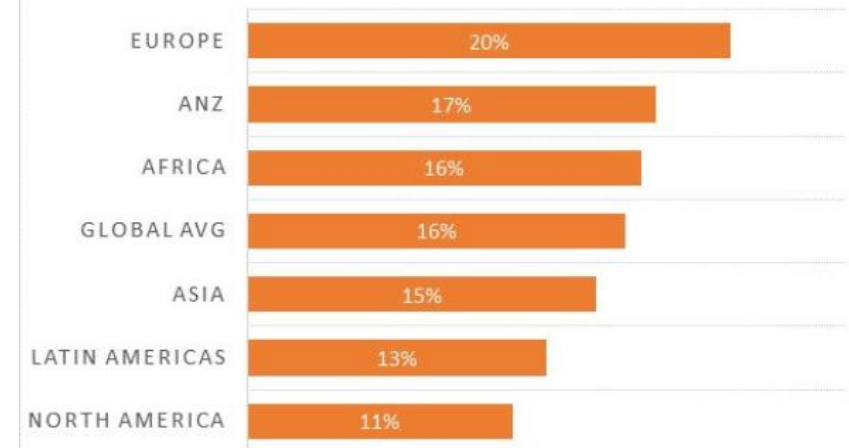
- CPR spots ~37K attempts to allocate the Spring4Shell vulnerability In the first weekend
- 16% of the organizations worldwide impacted by exploitation attempts
- 28% of the organization were impacted in Software vendor sector
- The most impacted region seen is Europe, with an impact of 20%

***Check Point customers remain protected,  
vulnerability does not affect our Infinity portfolio***

Vulnerability Allocation Attempts Since Outbreak



% IMPACTED ORGANIZATION PER REGION





# Check Point Prevents Theft of Crypto Wallets on OpenSea, the World's Largest NFT Marketplace

## Investigation led to the discovery of critical security vulnerabilities on OpenSea's platform

- CPR's findings has prevented the thefts of crypto wallets of users
- CPR proved it was possible to steal crypto wallets of users
- CPR collaborated with the OpenSea teams which implemented a fix



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# Check Point Research Reveals Leaks of Conti Ransomware Group

- **Leaked documents show notorious ransomware group has an HR department, performance reviews and an 'employee of the month'**
  - CPR showed organizational structure of Conti, highlighting key groups and people – *some unaware of the nature of their company*
  - Conti group has several physical offices, operates much like a regular tech company
  - Conti's HR team offers monthly bonuses, fines, employee of the month and performance reviews



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# CISA, FBI and NSA 1H 2022 Warnings



CYBERSECURITY  
& INFRASTRUCTURE  
SECURITY AGENCY



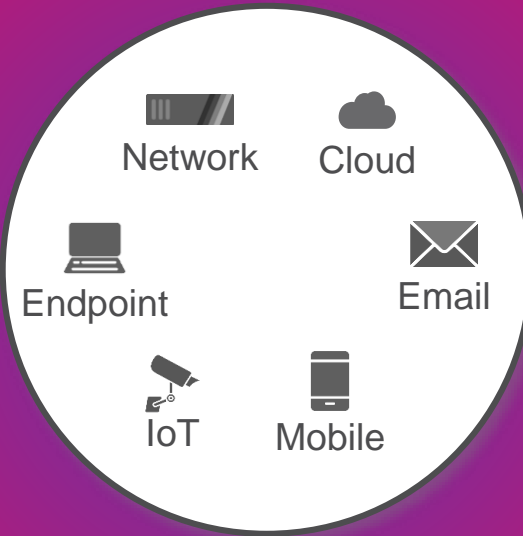
- CISA, FBI and NSA warn of nation-state threat actors leveraging custom-made malware dubbed PIPEDREAM to attack ICS/SCADA devices.
- The FBI has issued a warning addressed to the Food and Agriculture (FA) organizations on the greater risks of ransomware attacks during the harvest and planting periods.
- CISA, the FBI and the US Treasury Department alert on the North Korean APT group Lazarus targeting companies in the blockchain and cryptocurrency sectors, using social engineering on employees.
- The FBI warns of Business Email Compromise (BEC) scams which have surpassed \$43 billion globally since 2016.
- CISA and other international cyber authorities have released a joint advisory warning of possible threats aimed at managed service providers (MSP) and their clients.
- **Alert (AA22-137A) - Weak Security Controls and Practices Routinely Exploited for Initial Access**

# It's Time to Rethink Your Security Strategy

## PROACTIVE

### **Prevention First!**

Block attacks faster  
than anyone else



## ON DETECTION

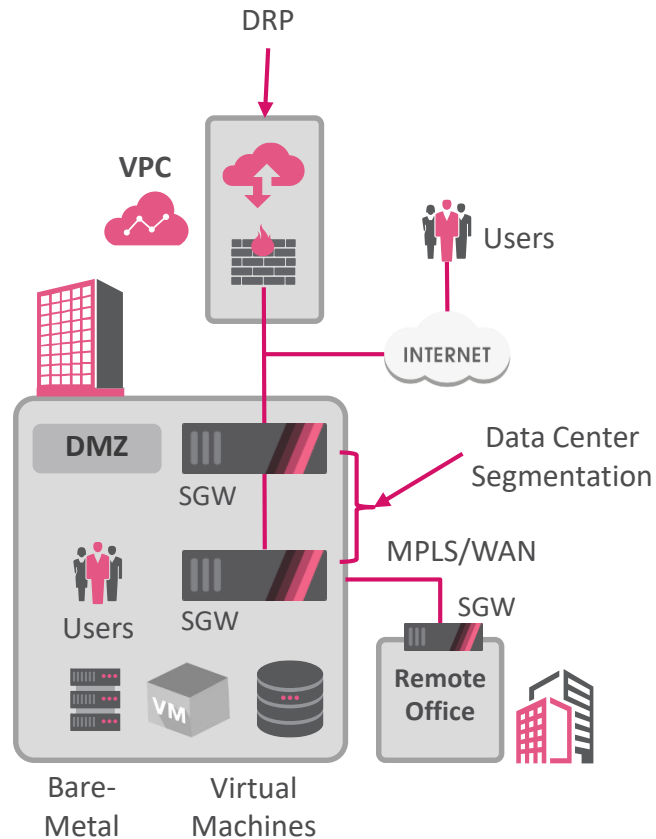
**Precise Detection**  
**Automatic Remediation**  
**Simple Investigation**

# Digital Transformation Journey

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80% On-Premises

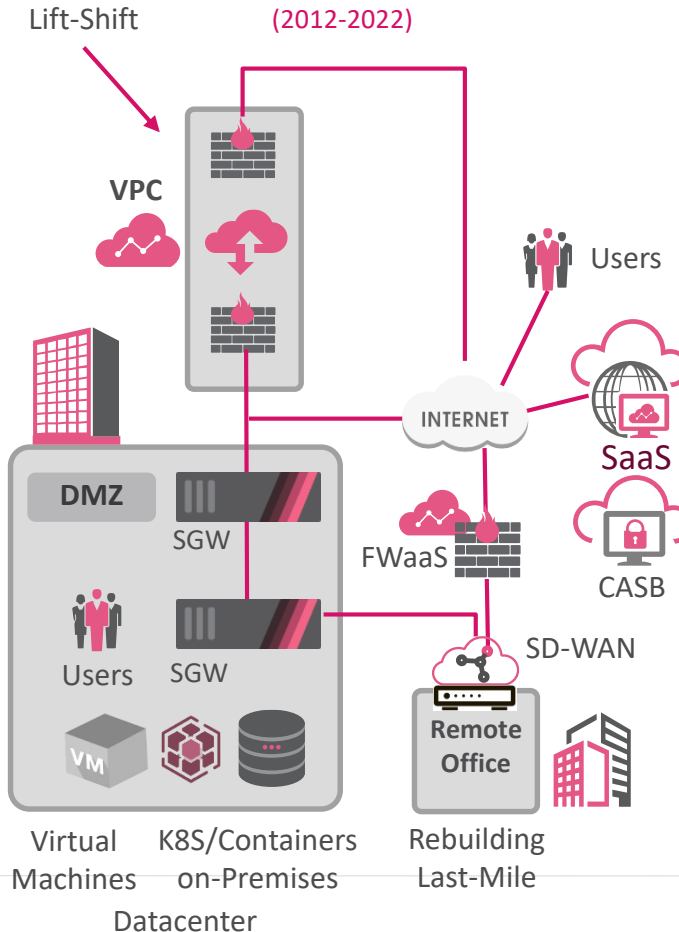
INFRASTRUCTURE-CENTRIC  
(2001-2012)



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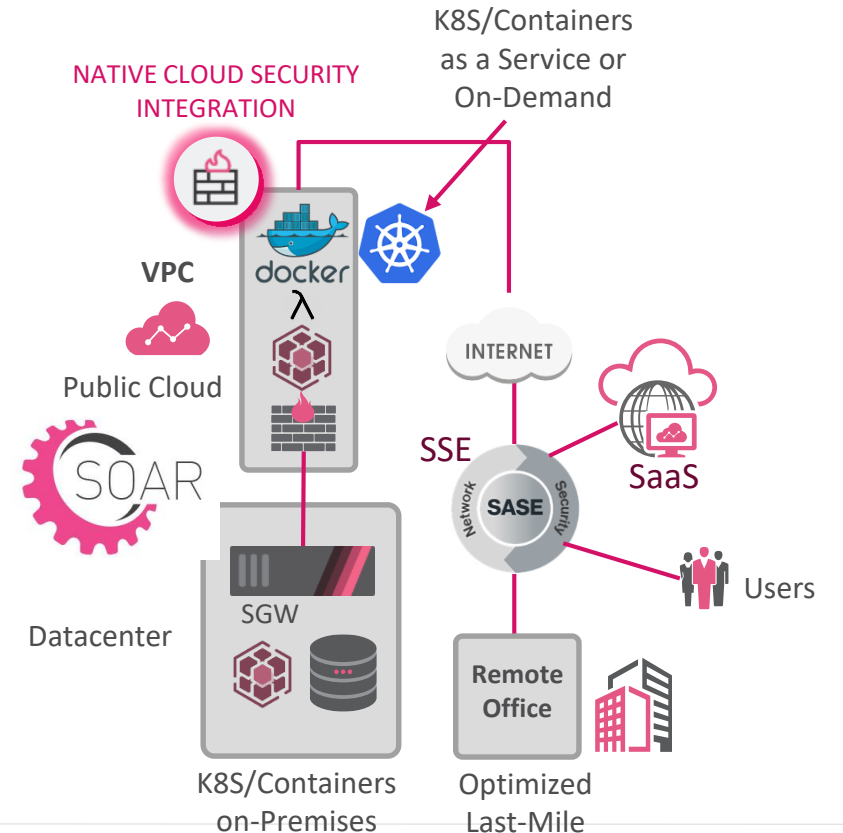
80% in the Cloud  
20% On-Premises

MIGRATION TO THE CLOUD  
Hybrid Infrastructure  
(2012-2022)



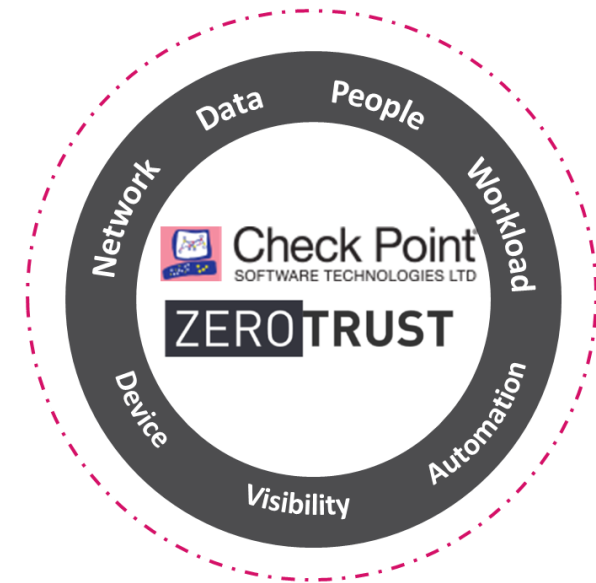
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CLOUD-CENTRIC  
Hybrid Datacenter  
(2022-2026)



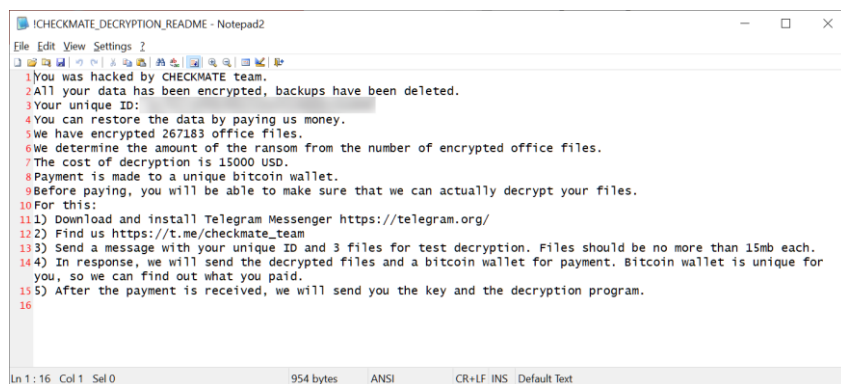
# Zero Trust is more than 20 years old...

- Still evolving towards not trusting anyone
  - Digital Transformation Journey we have just started to embark on
- Simple things still not prevented
  - Trusting SMS for authentication and MFA
  - Email and Phishing still the biggest issue

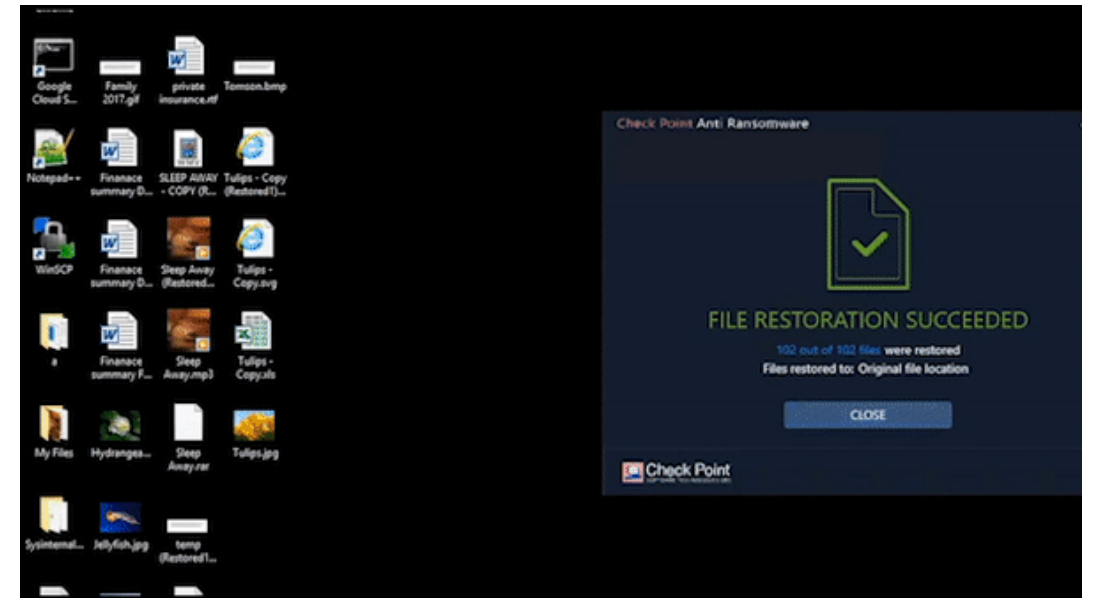


# Ransomware Doesn't Always Start with Ransomware

- Beware of other malicious codes (Trickbot or Dridex) that infiltrate organizations and set the stage for a subsequent ransomware attack
- July 2022 Updates
  - AstraLocker shuts down
  - RedAlert and omega launch
  - Checkmate Ransomware attacks SMB

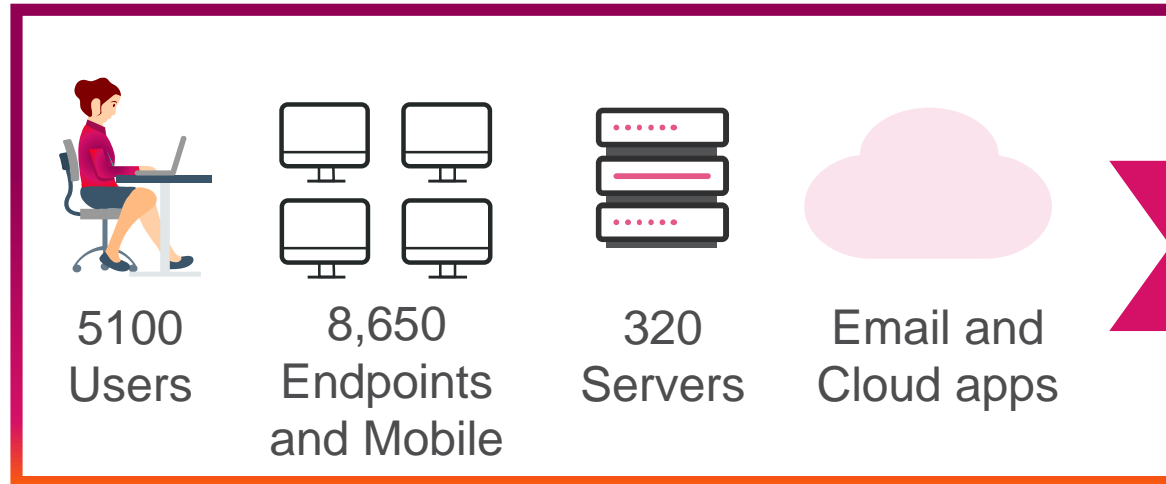


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ICHECKMATE_DECRYPTION_README - Notepad2
File Edit View Settings ?
1 You was hacked by CHECKMATE team.
2 All your data has been encrypted, backups have been deleted.
3 Your unique ID:
4 You can restore the data by paying us money.
5 We have encrypted 267183 office files.
6 We determine the amount of the ransom from the number of encrypted office files.
7 The cost of decryption is 15000 USD.
8 Payment is made to a unique bitcoin wallet.
9 Before paying, you will be able to make sure that we can actually decrypt your files.
10 For this:
11 1) Download and install Telegram Messenger https://telegram.org/
12 2) Find us https://t.me/checkmate_team
13 3) Send a message with your unique ID and 3 files for test decryption. Files should be no more than 15mb each.
14 4) In response, we will send the decrypted files and a bitcoin wallet for payment. Bitcoin wallet is unique for you, so we can find out what you paid.
15 5) After the payment is received, we will send you the key and the decryption program.
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Ln 1: 16 Col 1 Sel 0 954 bytes ANSI CR+LF INS Default Text
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# One Week at an Enterprise

Number of Alerts Is Overwhelming



**230M Events**

**7,784 security alerts**

**3 Security Analysts 5X9**



**1 SUCCESSFUL INFILTRATION**

**Sensitive Data Encrypted**



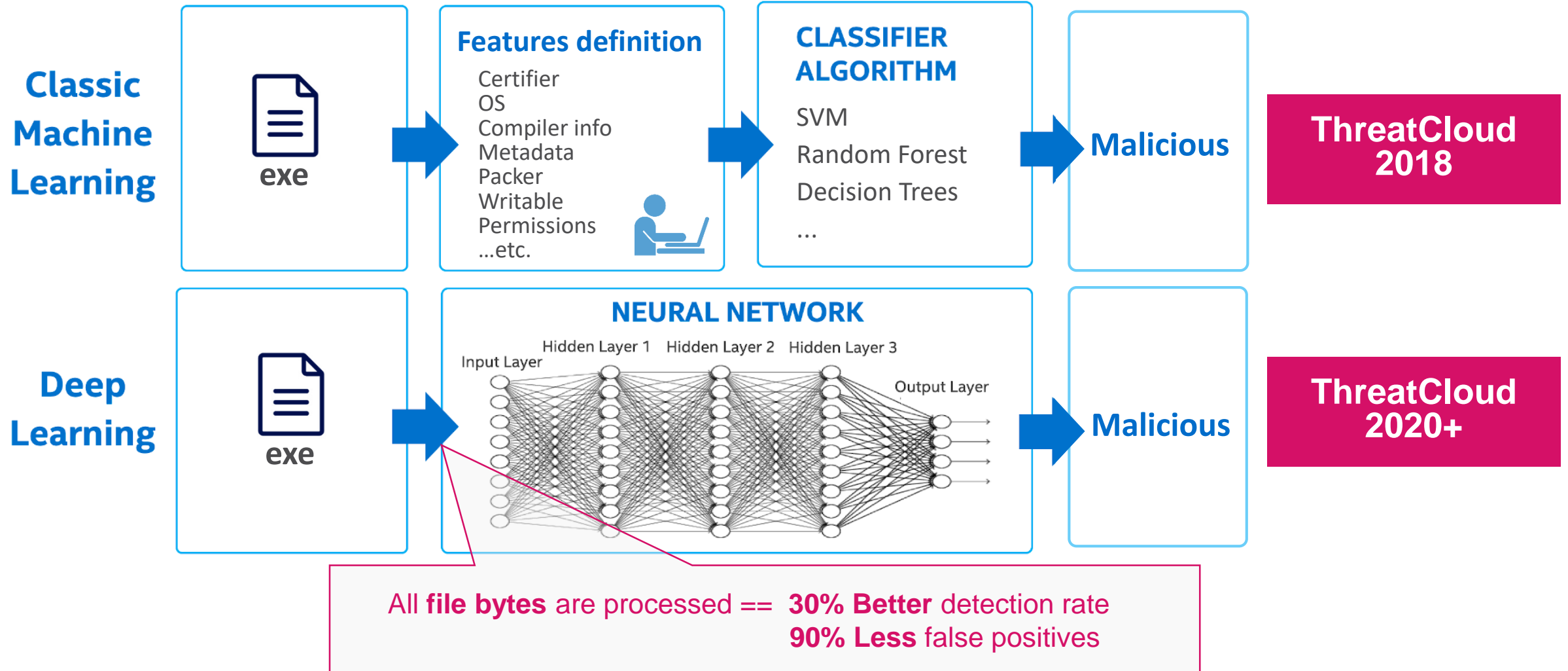
# What we can do about it

- 1** Secure your Users and Access  
Endpoint is your security edge
- 2** Secure your Cloud  
The entire SDLC – Code to Runtime
- 3** Secure your Network  
The network is everywhere




# Start the Best Prevention with Cutting Edge Technologies


## Classic Machine Learning vs. Deep Learning




# Check Point Threat Cloud - AI-driven Prevention


**60+**  
AI &  
Traditional  
Engines


 Visual Similarity  
Deep Learning


 Vectorization  
Classifier


 Metadata  
Analyzer

 In-Memory Emulation  
Machine Learning


 Machine-generated  
Signatures

 Machine-generated  
Intelligence

 Static Analysis  
Machine Learning

 Code Flow Analyzer  
Machine Learning

 Malware  
Classifiers


 Code Flow  
Analyzer

 On-Device  
Behavior Analysis

 Smart Backup  
and Restoration

 Anomaly  
Detection

 Zero  
Phishing

 Macro  
Analyzer

 Similarity  
Models



# 2021 Check Point ThreatCloud Statistics

## Inspected

- **1 Trillion** website visits and links
- **210 Billion** file downloads and attachments

## Prevented

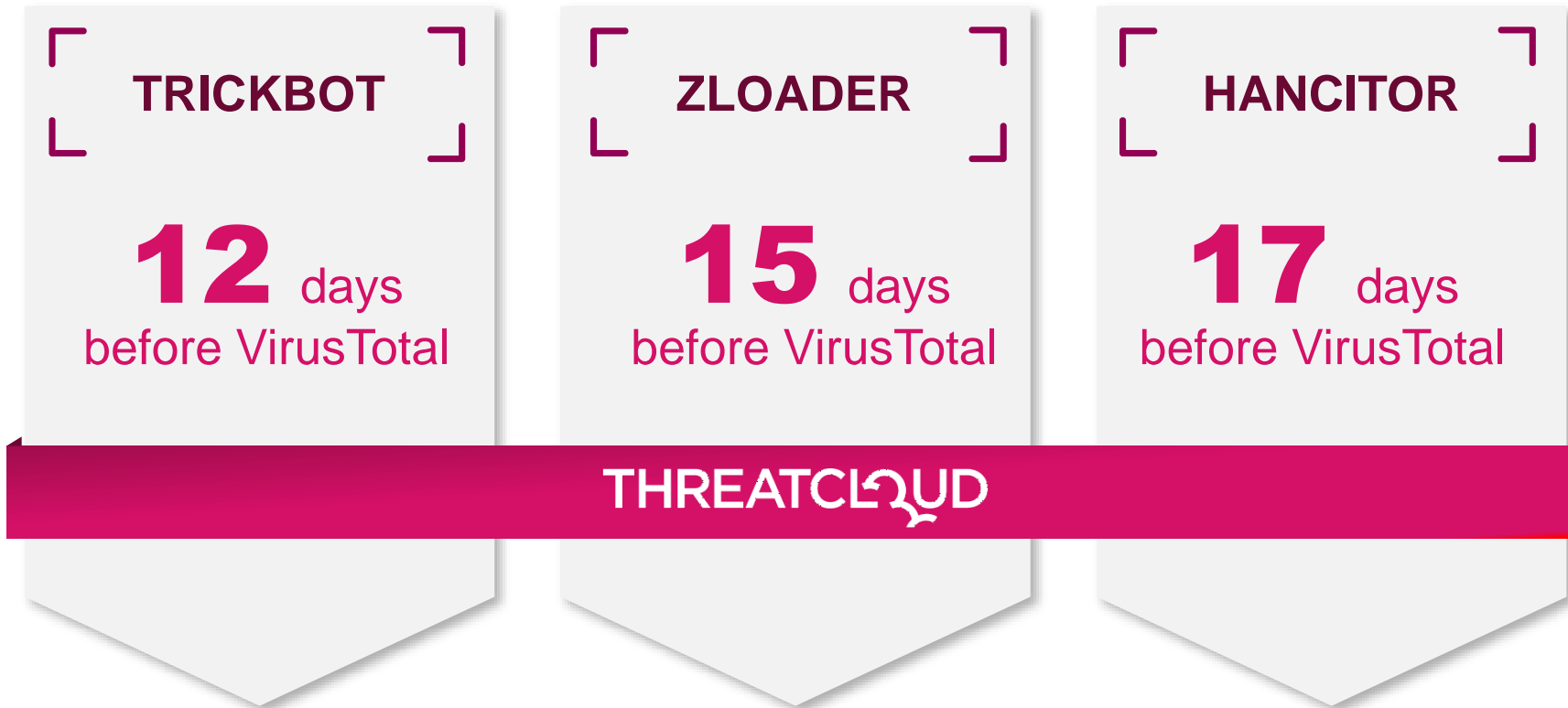
- **6.8 Billion** malicious website connections
- **185 Million** malware downloads
- **778 Million** vulnerability exploit attempts



# Check Point catches what everyone else missed



3 Examples of malware variants detected by ThreatCloud before VirusTotal



# HAVE THE BEST AND MOST COMPLETE SECURITY

**CloudGuard** | SECURE THE CLOUD

<p><b>CloudGuard</b> Posture Management <b>Posture Management &amp; Visibility</b></p> <p><b>CloudGuard</b> Workload <b>Runtime Workload Protection</b></p>	<p><b>CloudGuard</b> Intelligence <b>Network Traffic Analysis</b></p> <p><b>CloudGuard</b> Network <b>Cloud Access Control &amp; Prevention</b></p>
<p><b>CloudGuard</b> AppSec <b>Web and API Protection</b></p>	

Multi & Hybrid Cloud

SD-WAN

**Quantum** | SECURE THE NETWORK

<p><b>Quantum</b> Security Gateway <b>Perimeter &amp; Data Center</b></p>	<p><b>Quantum</b> Maestro <b>Hyperscale</b></p>	<p><b>Quantum</b> SMB <b>Branch &amp; SMB</b></p>
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**Infinity-Vision**

CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT & SECURITY OPERATIONS

**INFINITY PORTAL**  
Management & Unified Visibility

**Infinity SOC**  
Security Operations & XDR

**R31**  
Security Platform

**Quantum Smart-1 Cloud Management**

**THREATCLUD**  
Threat Intelligence

**Harmony** | SECURE USERS & ACCESS

**REMOTE ACCESS**

**Harmony Connect**

- Corporate Access
- Internet Access

**EMAIL AND OFFICE**

**Harmony Email & Office**

- Account Takeover Protection
- Data Loss Prevention
- Threat Prevention
- Zero Phishing

**ENDPOINT AND MOBILE**

<p><b>Harmony Endpoint</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Threat Prevention</li> <li>Anti-Ransomware</li> <li>Forensics</li> <li>Secure Media</li> <li>Access Control</li> </ul>	<p><b>Harmony Browse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zero Day Browser Protection</li> <li>Threat Prevention</li> <li>Zero Phishing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Harmony Mobile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>App Protection</li> <li>Network Protection</li> <li>Device Protection</li> </ul>
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# Check Point Managed Detection and Response

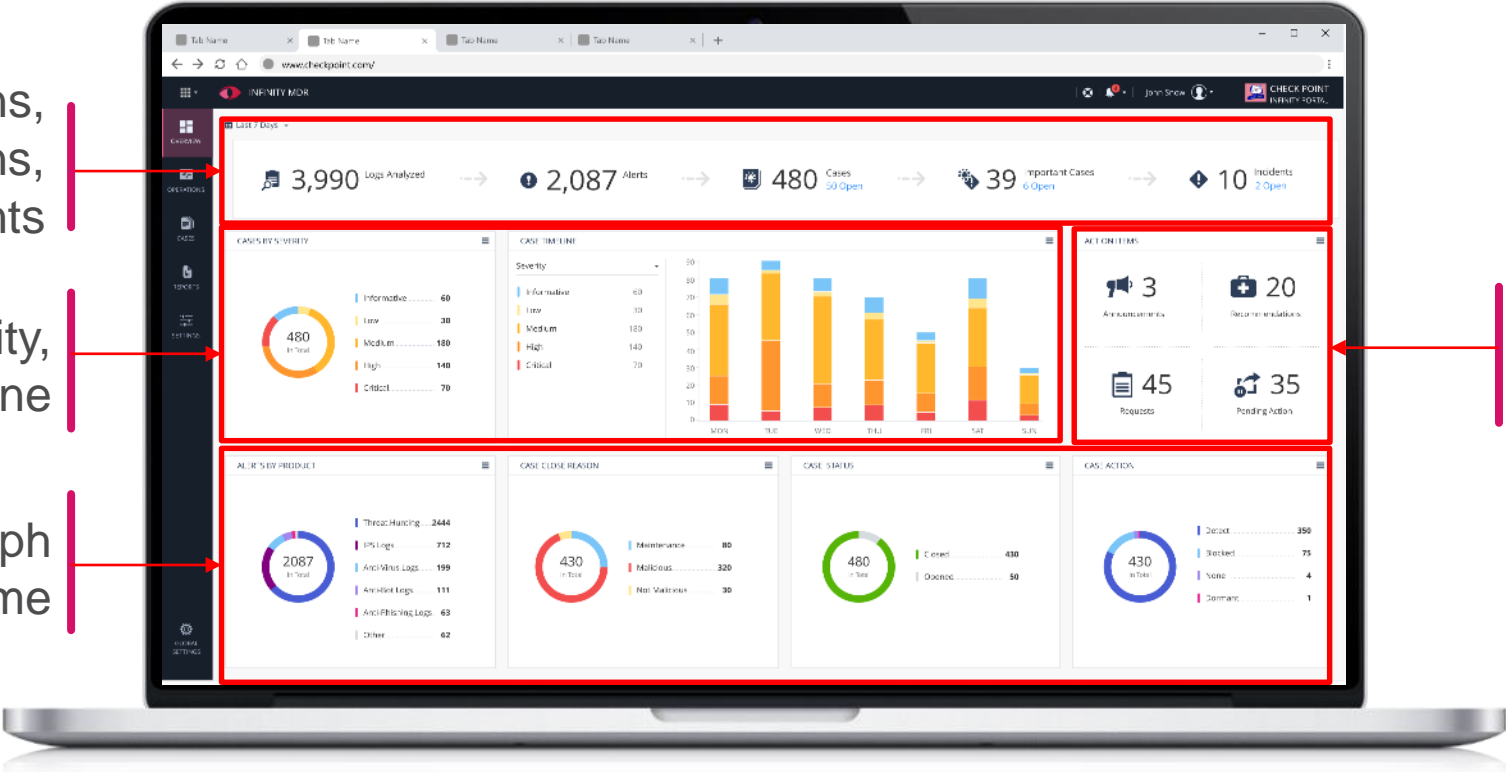
Intuitive Web Portal Providing You a Detailed View of All Incidents, Threat Analysis, and Security Recommendations

## Customer Level Overview

Quick overview of actions, recommendations, Important cases, incidents

Cases by severity, and case timeline

Core status graph view based on time



Action items summary

# Protect your organization from GenV Attacks

- **Deploy Anti-Ransomware** solution on all your end-point devices
- **Prevent malicious attachments** from reaching your corporate emails
- **Prevent users from downloading malware & Zero-Days** from the internet and private emails
- **Inspect traffic**, files and updates used by your internet facing applications
- **Block infected machines** from communicating with C&C
- Exercise and implement **Incident response** to call in the case of emergency



# Cybercriminals Find New Opportunities in 2022: Deepfakes, Cryptocurrency and Mobile Wallets

- Fake news 2.0 and the return of misinformation campaigns
- Supply chain cyber-attacks continue to grow, and governments will address the challenge
- The cyber 'war & pandemic' intensifies
- Data breaches are larger scale and more costly
- Mobile malware attacks increase as more people use mobile wallets and payment platforms
- Cryptocurrency becomes a focal point for cyberattacks globally
- Attackers leverage vulnerabilities in microservices to launch large scale attacks
- Attackers weaponize deepfake technology



Thank You & Questions

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