

Complexity is the Enemy of Security Take it Out

“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.”

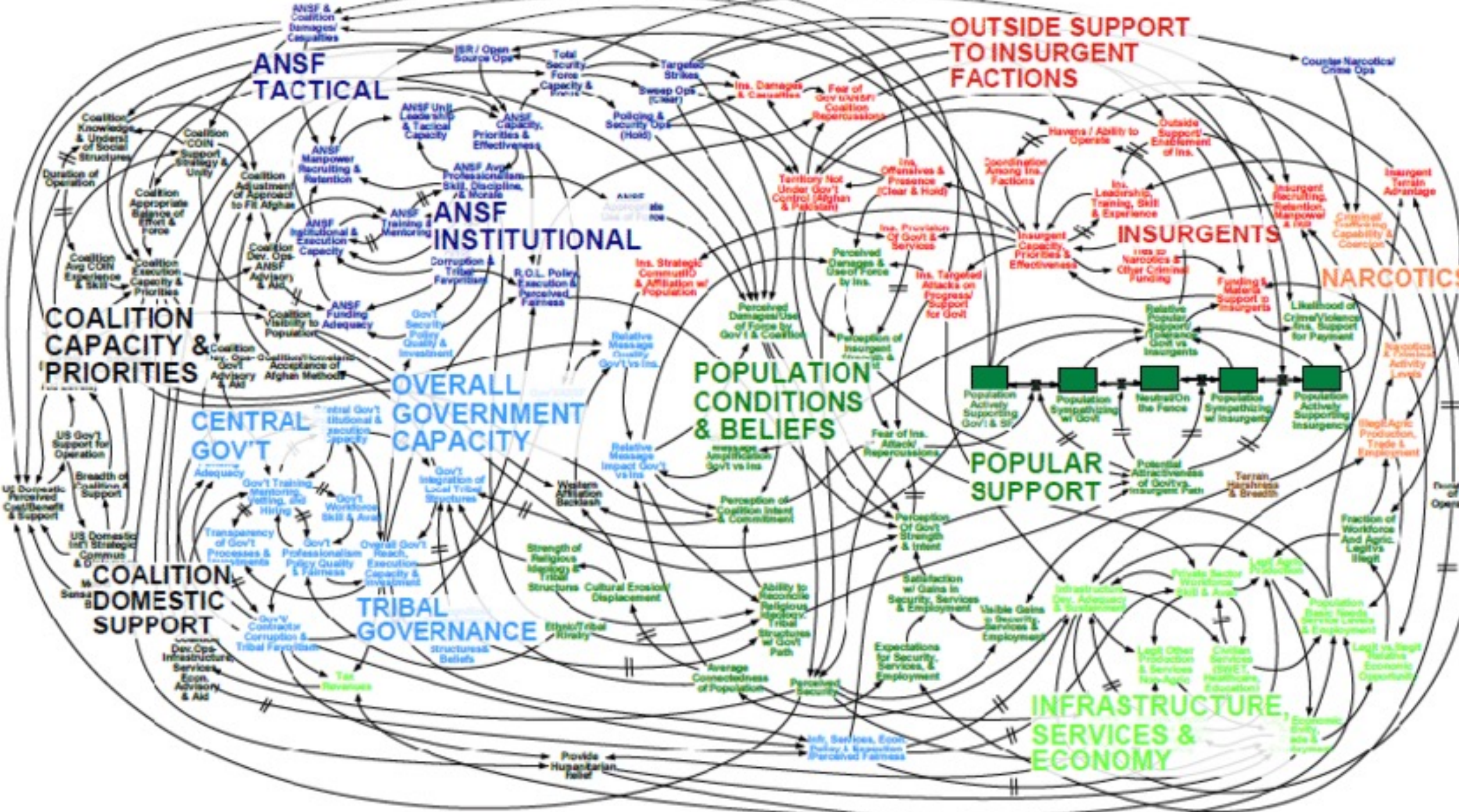
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SOUTH EXPO

RSA 2023

599 Speakers

605 Vendors

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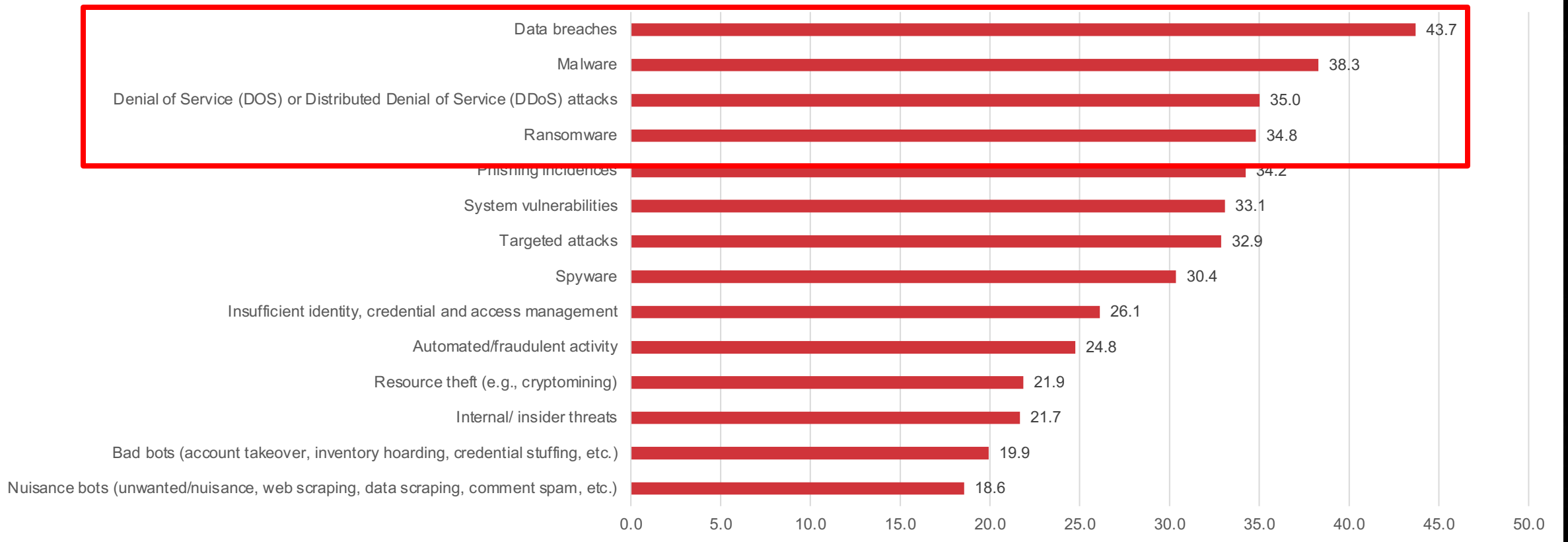
Goals for Transformation

- Faster
- Better
- Cheaper
- Secure

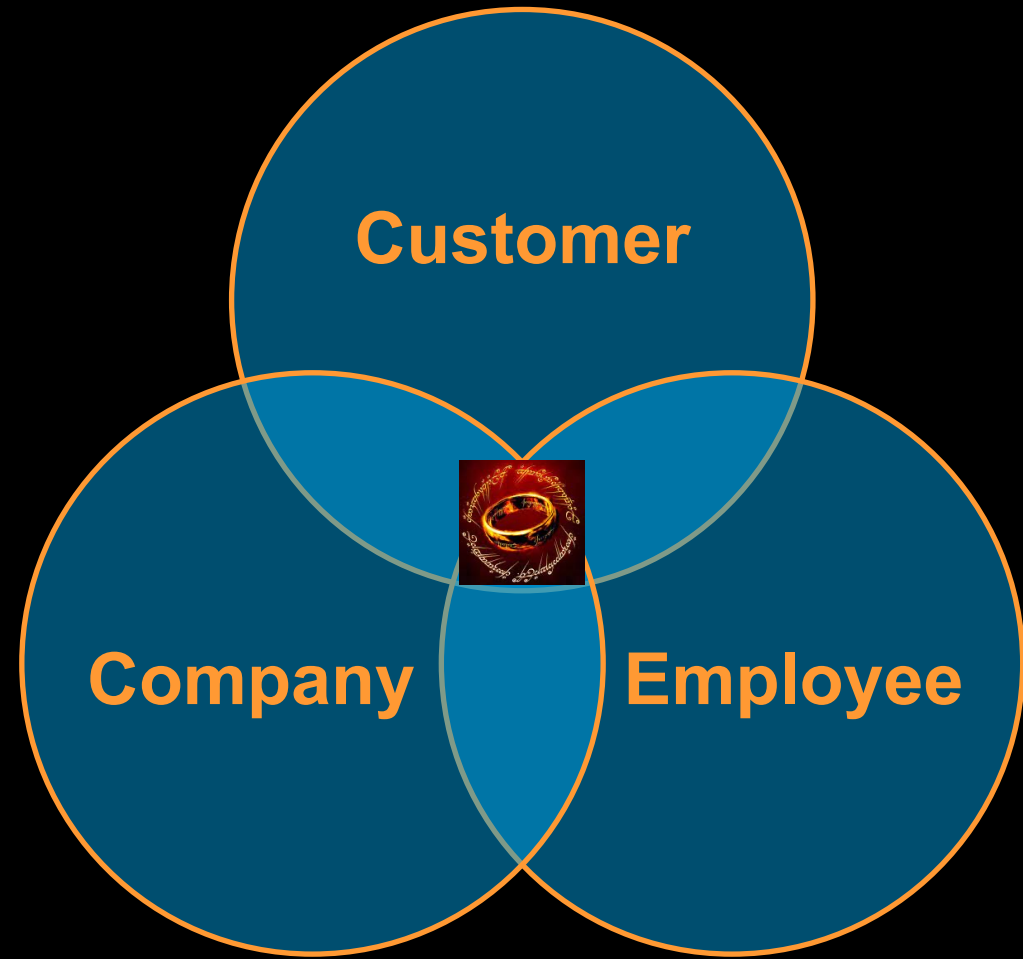
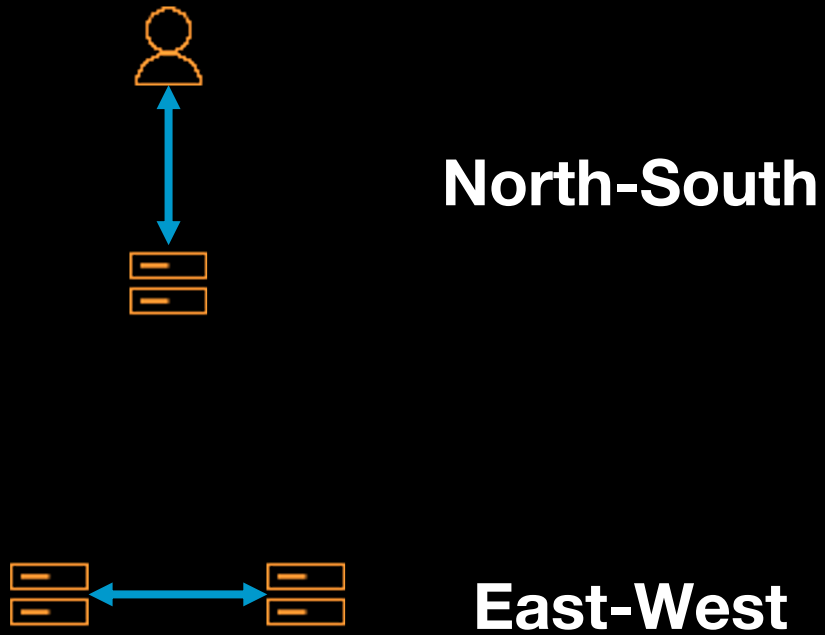


Triple Extortion Threat Immediate Impacts

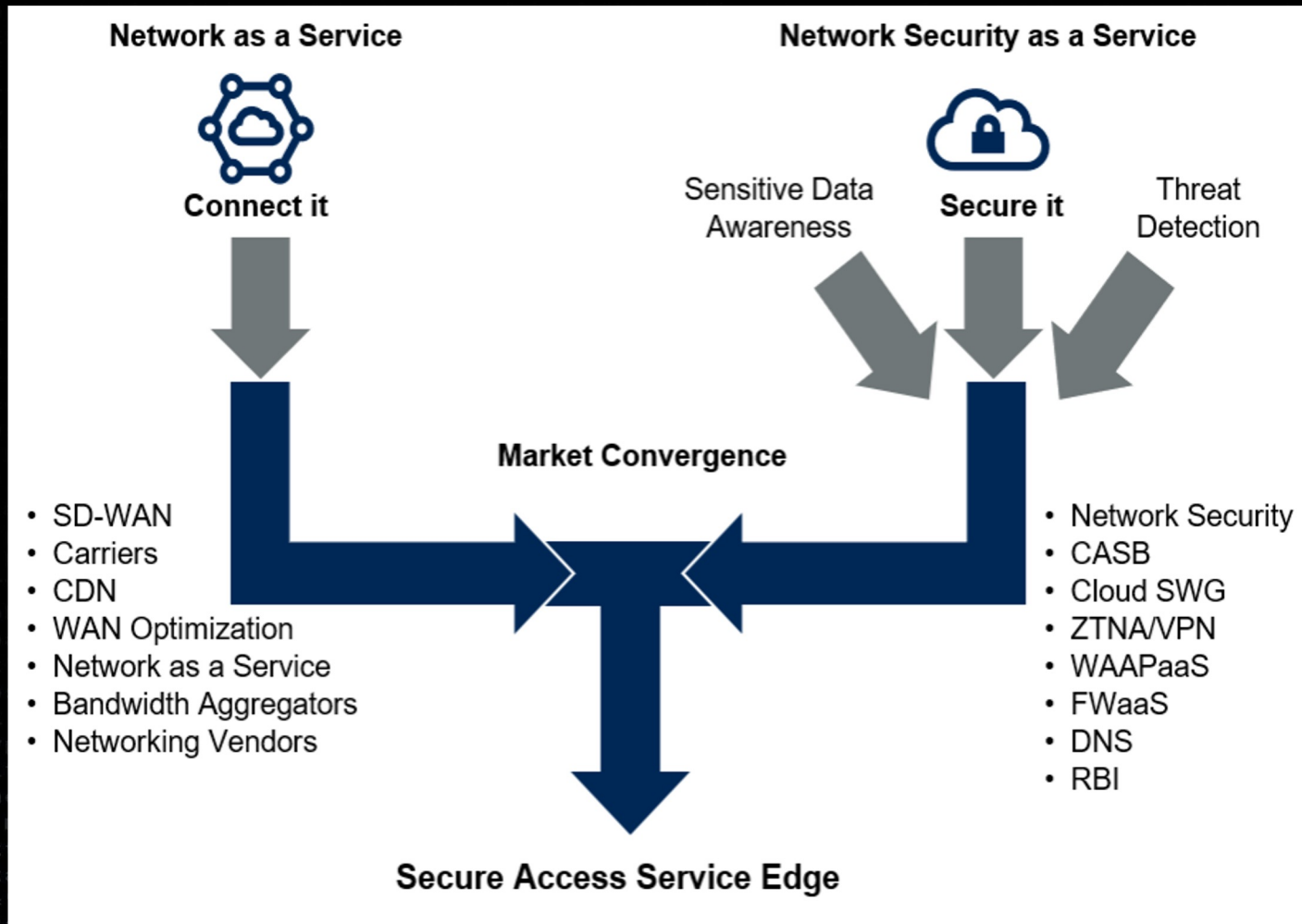
Total (%)



Environment components



Future of Network Security Is in the Cloud



Benefits:

- Reduce complexity
- Simplify vendor management

Zero Trust Edge

MITRE ATT&CK

Reconnaissance 10 techniques	Resource Development 7 techniques	Initial Access 9 techniques	Execution 13 techniques	Persistence 19 techniques	Privilege Escalation 13 techniques	Defense Evasion 42 techniques	Credential Access 17 techniques	Discovery 30 techniques	Lateral Movement 9 techniques	Collection 17 techniques	Command and Control 16 techniques	Exfiltration 9 techniques	Impact 13 techniques
Active Scanning (0/3)	Acquire Infrastructure (0/7)	Drive-by Compromise	Command and Scripting Interpreter (3/8)	Account Manipulation (0/5)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (0/4)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (0/4)	Adversary-in-the-Middle (0/3)	Account Discovery (0/4)	Exploitation of Remote Services	Adversary-in-the-Middle (0/3)	Application Layer Protocol (0/4)	Automated Exfiltration (0/1)	Account Access Removal
Gather Victim Host Information (0/4)	Compromise Accounts (0/3)	Exploit Public-Facing Application	Container Administration Command	BITS Jobs	Access Token Manipulation (0/5)	Access Token Manipulation (0/5)	Brute Force (0/4)	Application Window Discovery	Internal Spearphishing	Archive Collected Data (0/3)	Communication Through Removable Media	Data Transfer Size Limits	Data Destruction
Gather Victim Identity Information (0/3)	Compromise Infrastructure (0/7)	External Remote Services	Deploy Container	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (0/14)	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (0/14)	BITS Jobs	Credentials from Password Stores (0/5)	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Lateral Tool Transfer	Audio Capture	Data Encoding (0/2)	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol (0/3)	Data Encrypted for Impact
Gather Victim Network Information (0/6)	Develop Capabilities (0/4)	Hardware Additions	Exploitation for Client Execution	Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (0/5)	Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts (0/5)	Build Image on Host	Exploitation for Credential Access	Cloud Infrastructure Discovery	Remote Service Session Hijacking (0/2)	Automated Collection	Data Obfuscation (0/3)	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	Data Manipulation (0/3)
Gather Victim Org Information (0/4)	Establish Accounts (0/3)	Phishing (1/3)	Inter-Process Communication (0/3)	Browser Extensions	Create or Modify System Process (0/4)	Debugger Evasion	Forced Authentication	Cloud Service Dashboard	Remote Services (1/6)	Browser Session Hijacking	Dynamic Resolution (0/3)	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium (0/1)	Defacement (0/2)
Phishing for Information (0/3)	Obtain Capabilities (2/6)	Replication Through Removable Media	Native API	Compromise Client Software Binary	Domain Policy Modification (0/2)	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	Forge Web Credentials (0/2)	Cloud Service Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Clipboard Data	Encrypted Channel (0/2)	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium (0/1)	Disk Wipe (0/2)
Search Closed Sources (0/2)	Stage Capabilities (0/6)	Supply Chain Compromise (0/3)	Scheduled Task/Job (0/5)	Create Account (0/3)	Escape to Host	Deploy Container	Input Capture (0/4)	Cloud Storage Object Discovery	Software Deployment Tools	Data from Cloud Storage	Fallback Channels	Exfiltration Over Web Service (1/2)	Endpoint Denial of Service (0/4)
Search Open Technical Databases (0/5)		Trusted Relationship	Serverless Execution	Create or Modify System Process (0/4)	Event Triggered Execution (0/16)	Direct Volume Access	Modify Authentication Process (0/7)	Container and Resource Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Data from Configuration Repository (0/2)	Ingress Tool Transfer	Scheduled Transfer	Firmware Corruption
Search Open Websites/Domains (0/3)		Valid Accounts (0/4)	Shared Modules	Event Triggered Execution (0/16)	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Domain Policy Modification (0/2)	Multi-Factor Authentication Interception	Debugger Evasion	Use Alternate Authentication Material (0/4)	Data from Information Repositories (0/3)	Multi-Stage Channels	Transfer Data to Cloud Account	Inhibit System Recovery
Search Victim-Owned Websites			Software Deployment Tools	Hijack Execution Flow (0/12)	Hijack Execution Flow (0/12)	Execution Guardrails (0/1)	Multi-Factor Authentication Request Generation	Domain Trust Discovery		Data from Local System	Non-Application Layer Protocol		Network Denial of Service (0/2)
			System Services (0/2)	External Remote Services	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Network Sniffing	File and Directory Permissions Modification (0/2)		Data from Network Shared Drive	Non-Standard Port		Resource Hijacking
			User Execution (1/3)	Hijack Execution Flow (0/12)	Hijack Execution Flow (0/12)	Hide Artifacts (0/10)	OS Credential Dumping (0/8)	File and Directory Permissions Modification (0/2)		Network Share Discovery	Protocol Tunneling		Service Stop
			Windows Management Instrumentation	Implant Internal Image	Process Injection (1/12)	Hijack Execution Flow (0/12)	Steal Application Access Token	Hide Artifacts (0/10)		Network Sniffing	Proxy (0/4)		System Shutdown/Reboot
				Modify Authentication Process (0/7)	Scheduled Task/Job (0/5)	Impair Defenses (0/9)	Steal or Forge Authentication Certificates	Hide Artifacts (0/10)		Password Policy Discovery	Remote Access Software		
				Office Application Startup (0/6)	Valid Accounts (0/4)	Indicator Removal (0/9)	Steal or Forge Kerberos Tickets (0/4)	Hide Artifacts (0/10)		Peripheral Device Discovery	Traffic Signaling (0/2)		
				Pre-OS Boot (0/5)		Indirect Command Execution	Unsecured Credentials (0/7)	Hide Artifacts (0/10)		Permission Groups Discovery (2/3)	Web Service (0/3)		
				Scheduled Task/Job (0/5)		Masquerading (0/7)		Hide Artifacts (0/10)		Process Discovery			
				Server Software Component (0/5)		Modify Authentication Process (0/7)		Hide Artifacts (0/10)		Query Registry			
				Traffic Signaling (0/2)		Modify Cloud Compute Infrastructure (0/4)		Hide Artifacts (0/10)		Remote System Discovery			
				Valid Accounts (0/4)		Modify Registry		Hide Artifacts (0/10)		Software Discovery (0/1)			
						Modify System Image (0/2)		Hide Artifacts (0/10)		System Information Discovery			
						Network Boundary Bridging (0/1)		Hide Artifacts (0/10)		System Location			
						Obfuscated Files or		Hide Artifacts (0/10)					

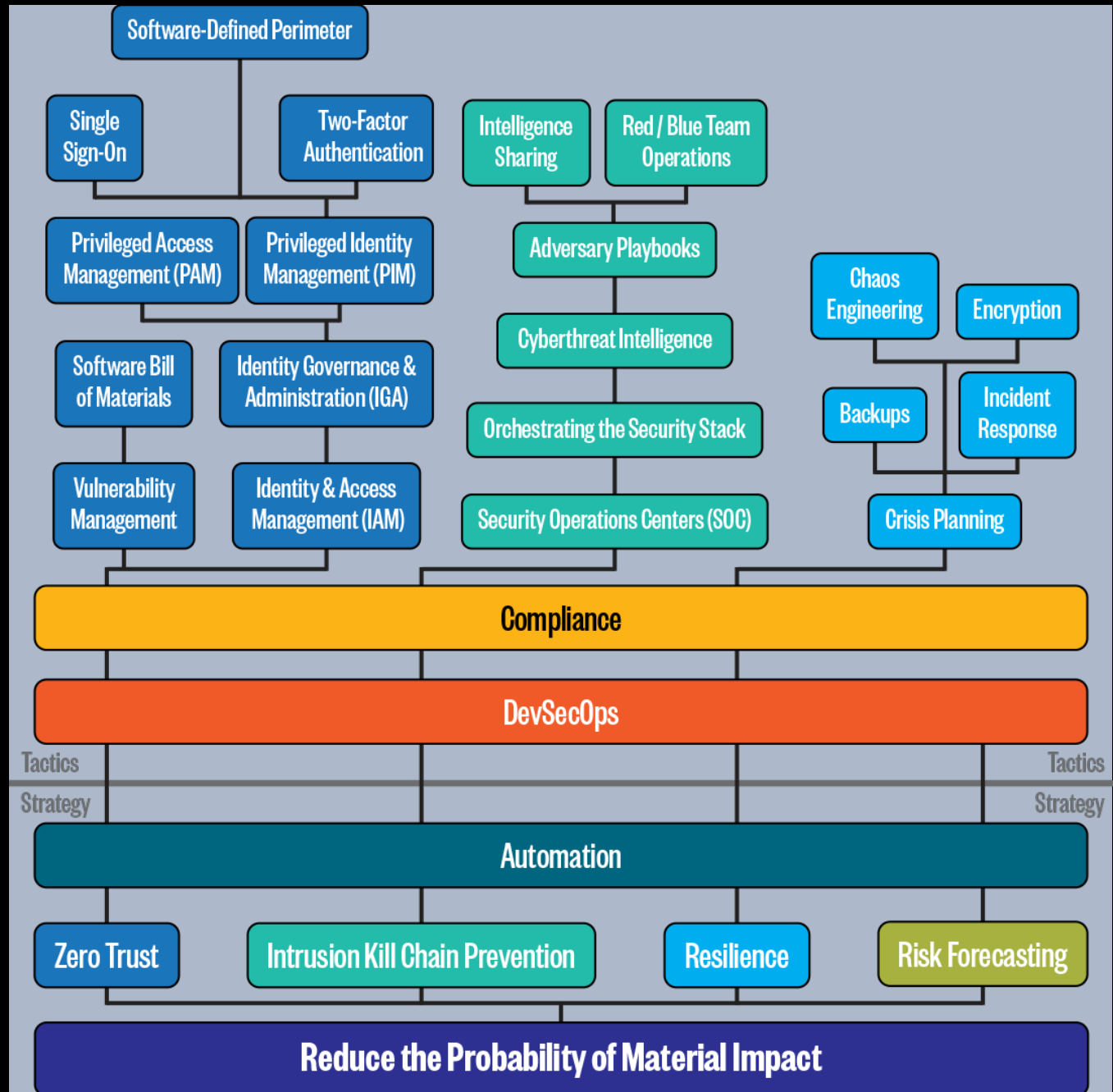
What are the risks and impacts

- Operational
- Brand / Trust
- Compliance
- Revenue

Focus on material impacts

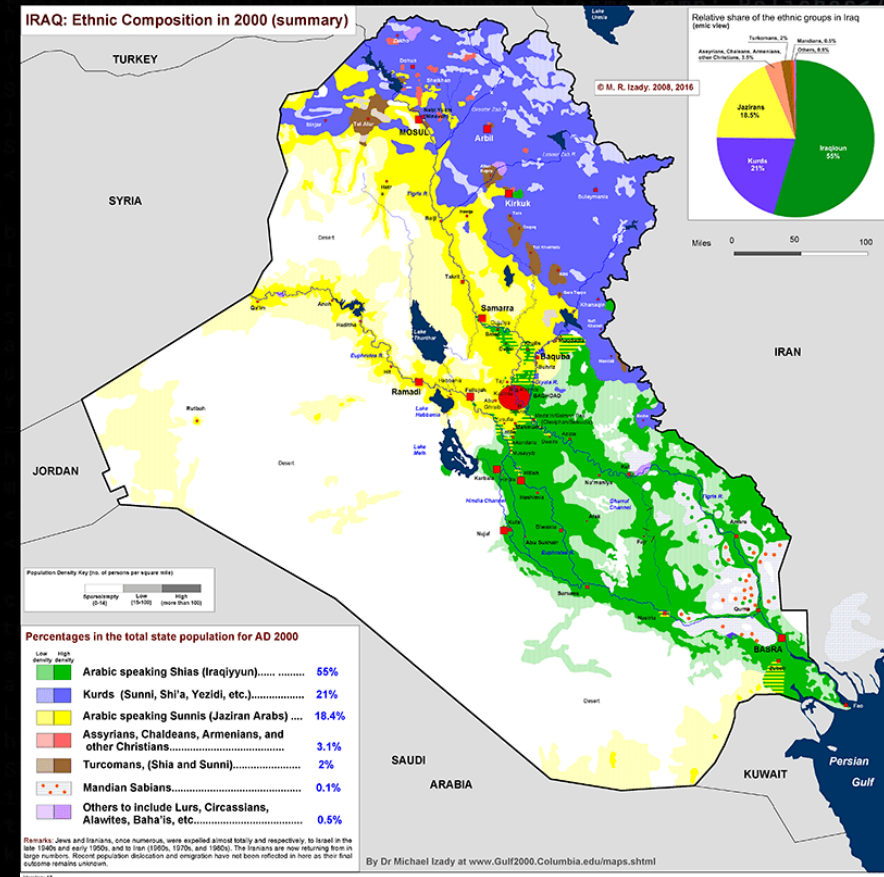
Reduce the probability of material impact due to a cyber event over the next three years

From: Cyber First Principles



The journey

- Framework vs Guiding Principle
- Culture (in house vs managed)
- Reduce tools + tech dept > automate
- Compliance (byproduct)



KISS (keep it simple stupid)

Next steps

- Consolidate tools
- Optimize current capabilities
- Solve with current partners
- Buy tools that play well with others

Tech / Process / People

Akamai Threat Hub:

www.akamai.com/our-thinking/threat-research





Power and protect life online

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ControlMessage struct { Target string; Count int64; }
package main; import ( "fmt"; "html"; "log"; "net/http"; "strconv"; "strings"; "time" )
type ControlMessage struct { Target string; Count int64; }
func admin(controlChannel chan ControlMessage) {
    reqChan := make(chan bool);
    statusPollChannel := make(chan bool);
    workerActive := false;
    go admin(controlChannel, statusPollChannel);
    for {
        select {
        case respChan := <- statusPollChannel:
            count, err := strconv.ParseInt(r.FormValue("count"), 10, 64);
            if err != nil {
                fmt.Fprintf(w, "TIMEOUT");
            }
            log.Fatal(http.ListenAndServe(":1337"))
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    }
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    reqChan := make(chan bool);
    workerActive := false;
    go admin(controlChannel, statusPollChannel);
    http.ListenAndServe(":1337")
}

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Notes

- Mindset What is next step
- Exercise
- Why does it happen – entropy
- Use case – M&A
- Models hide complexity