



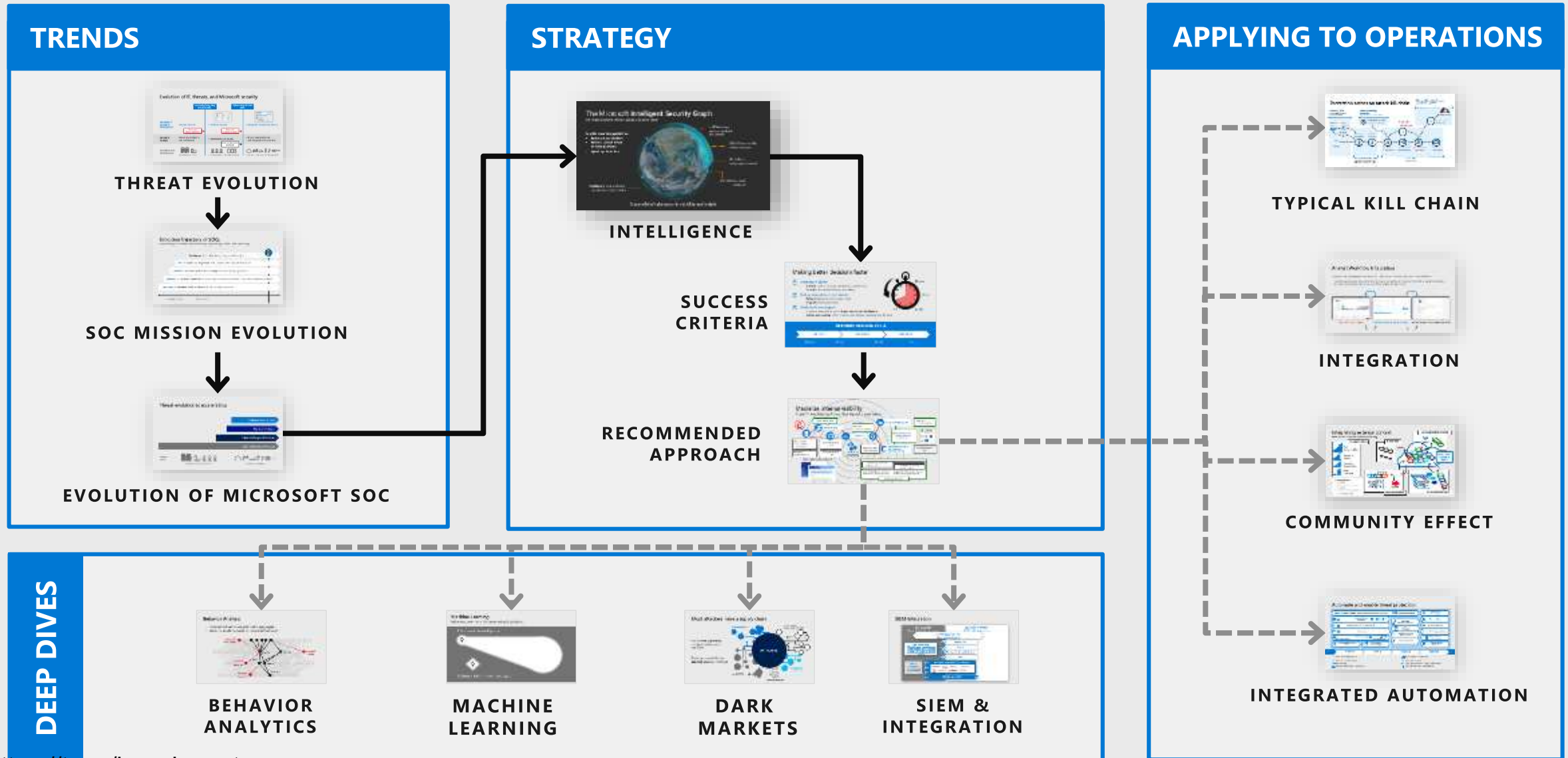
# Microsoft CISO Workshop

## 4b - Threat Protection Strategy (DETECT-RESPOND-RECOVER)

Microsoft Cybersecurity Solutions Group



# Threat protection (Detect-Respond-Recover)



# Observations and challenges



## Threats increasing in volume and sophistication

Attacker business models evolve to maximize attacker return on investment (ROI)

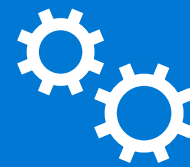
Attack automation and evasion techniques evolving along multiple dimensions



## Can't Stop All Attacks

Must balance investments across prevention, detection, and response

Prevention investments must be focused on real world attacks



## Integration is required, but complex and costly

Threat Detection requires context from a diverse signal sources and high volumes of data

Efficient operations requires integration of tools and technology like machine learning



## Humans and Automation

Need human expertise, adaptability, and creativity to combat human threat actors

Automation can reduce toil and repetitive tasks, enabling people to make their best contributions

# Evolution trajectory of SOCs

*Improved responsiveness & remediation by empowering humans with technology*



**Assistance** from AI bots and augmented reality

**ACT** – Speed up response with Orchestration and Automation

**DECIDE** – Increase speed and quality with embedded guidance

**ORIENT** – Extract Context from mountain of data with AI, ML, UEBA, and Human Expertise

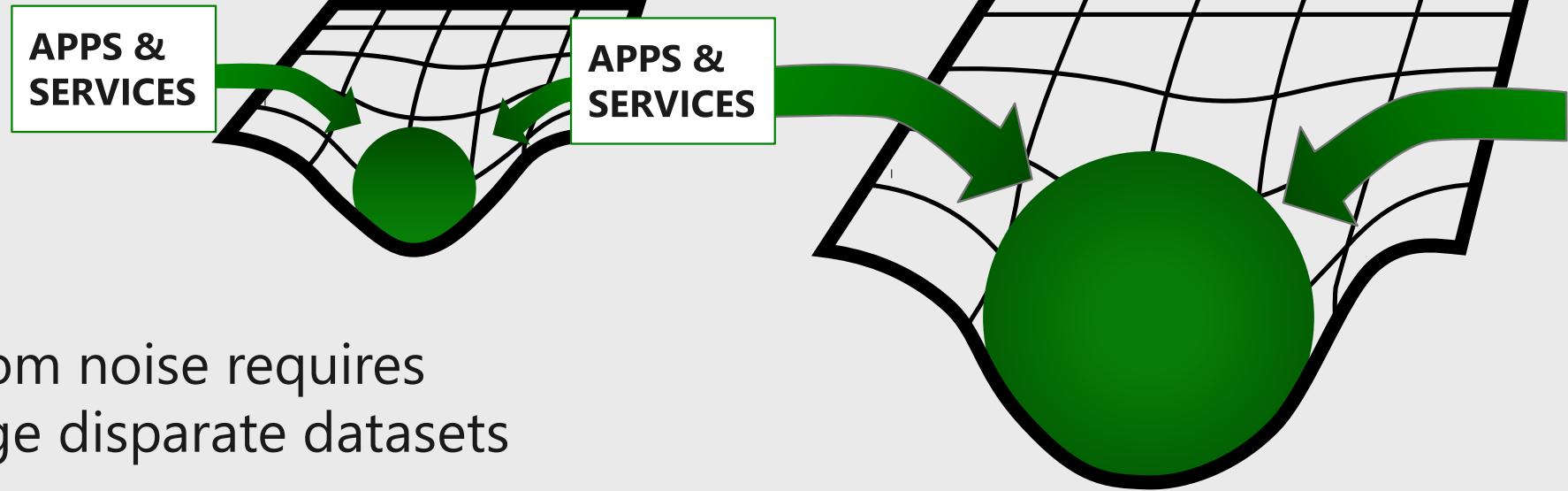
**OBSERVE** – Increase Field of view with vast intelligence data

*Available Today*

*Near Future*

# Data Gravity

Pulls analytics to the data



Getting signal from noise requires context from large disparate datasets

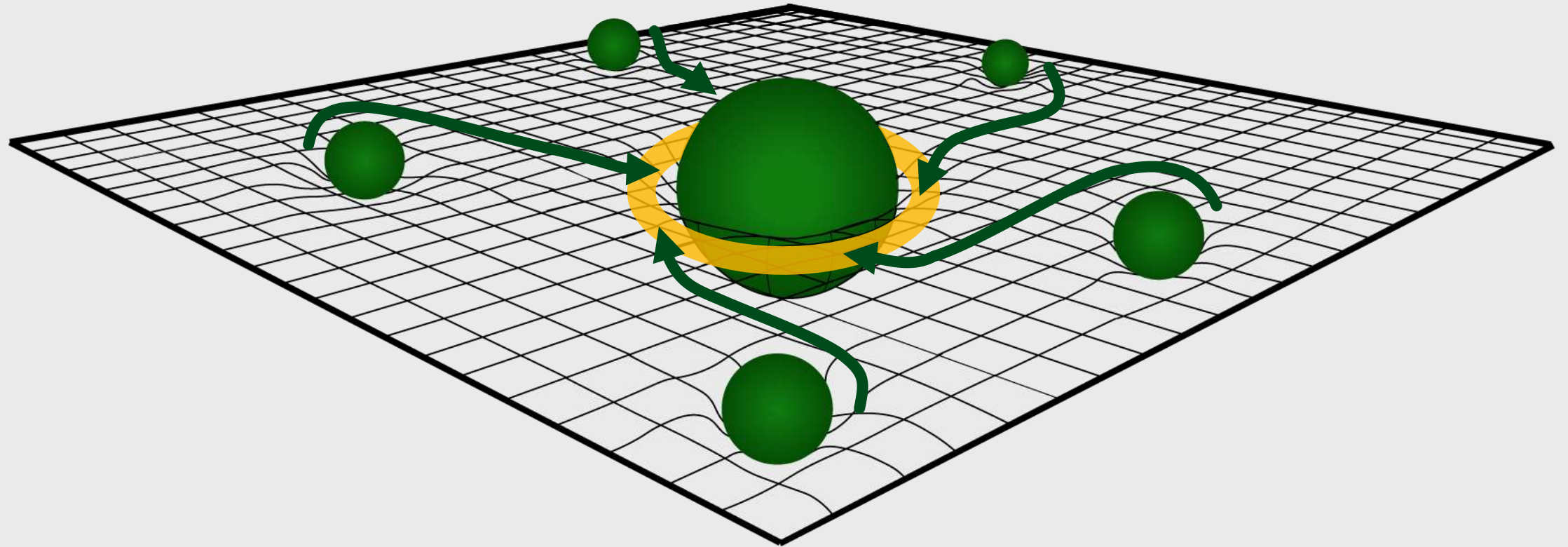
Can't copy all needed data to one location because of bandwidth

→ Need to leverage analytics from anywhere and centrally integrate

$$\text{Data Gravity} = \frac{(\text{Data Mass} \times \text{Application Mass}) \times \text{Number of Requests per second}}{(\text{Latency in seconds} + \left( \frac{\text{Average Request Size in MBs}}{\text{Bandwidth in MBs per second}} \right))^2}$$

# SOC Signal Rationalization

Many data sources in a SOC today

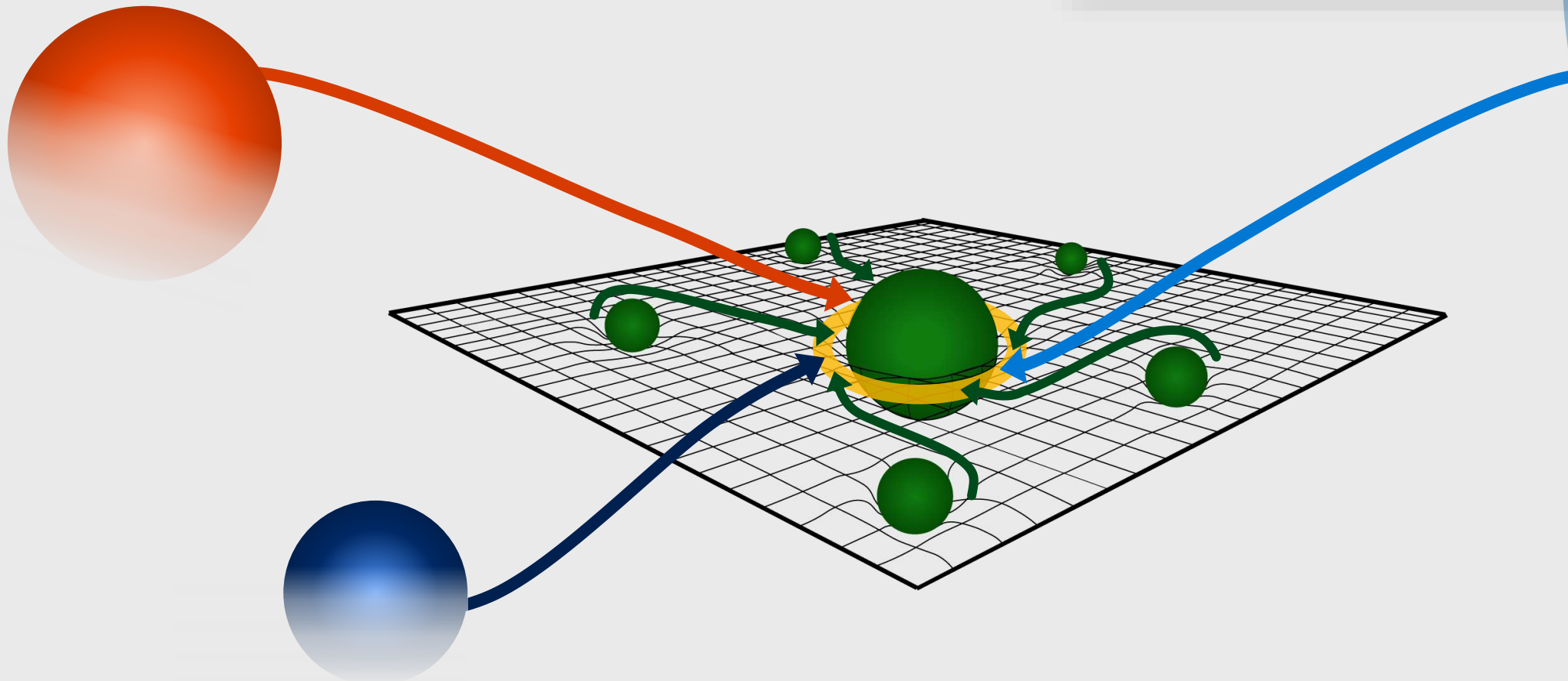


Microsoft Graph Security API allows analysts to get insights across local security datasets  
<https://t.me/learningnets>

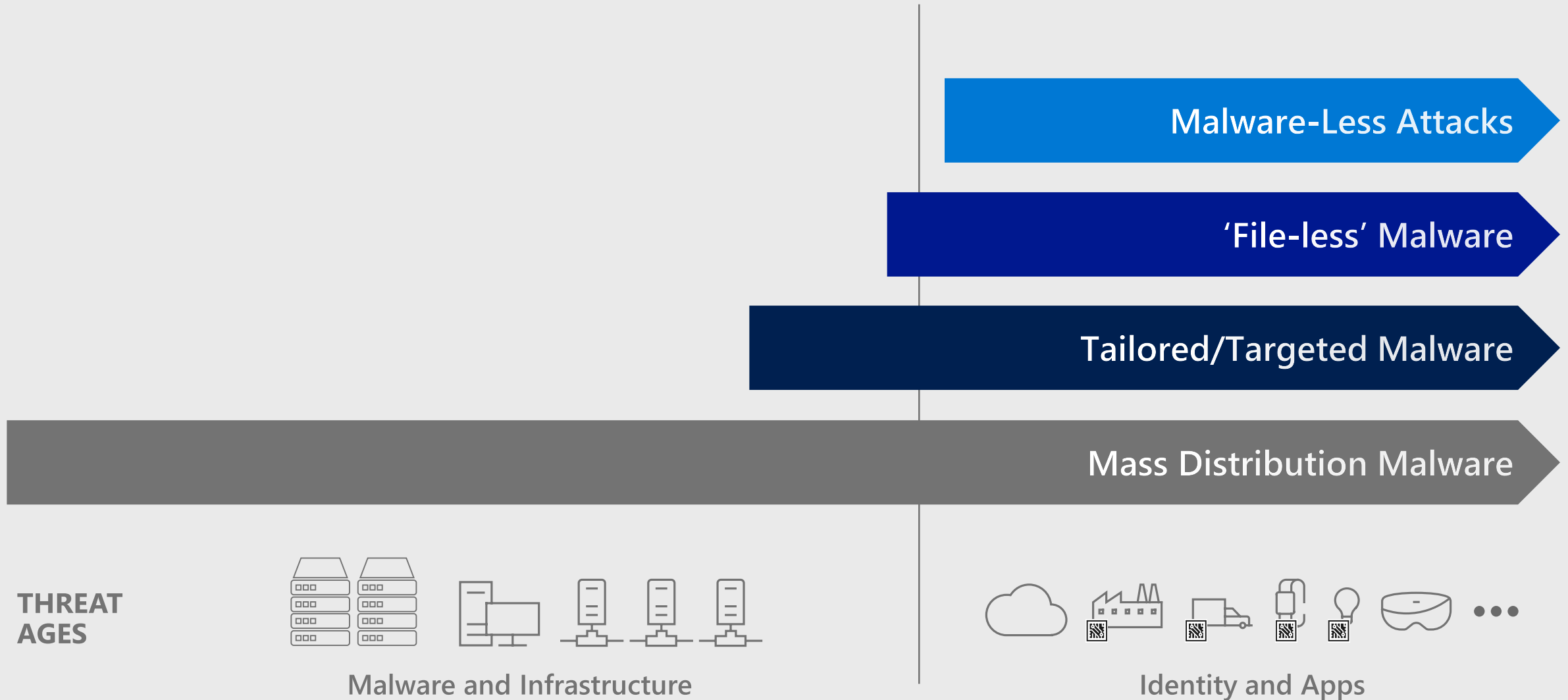
# Graph Security API – Signal Unification

Allows analysts to get insights and context across  
Local datasets and  
Cloud hosted security datasets

**Microsoft's Intelligent Security Graph**  
Massive dataset + analytics powering  
Microsoft threat detection capabilities



# Threat evolution is accelerating



# Corporate IT SOC – Started with Classic SIEM model

## Major challenges with this approach

- Event Storage Volume and Cost
- Analyst Overload from False Positives
- Poor Investigation Workflow

Malware-Less Attacks

'File-less' Malware

Tailored/Targeted Malware

Mass Distribution Malware

SIEM

Custom &  
3<sup>rd</sup> Party tools  
(as needed)

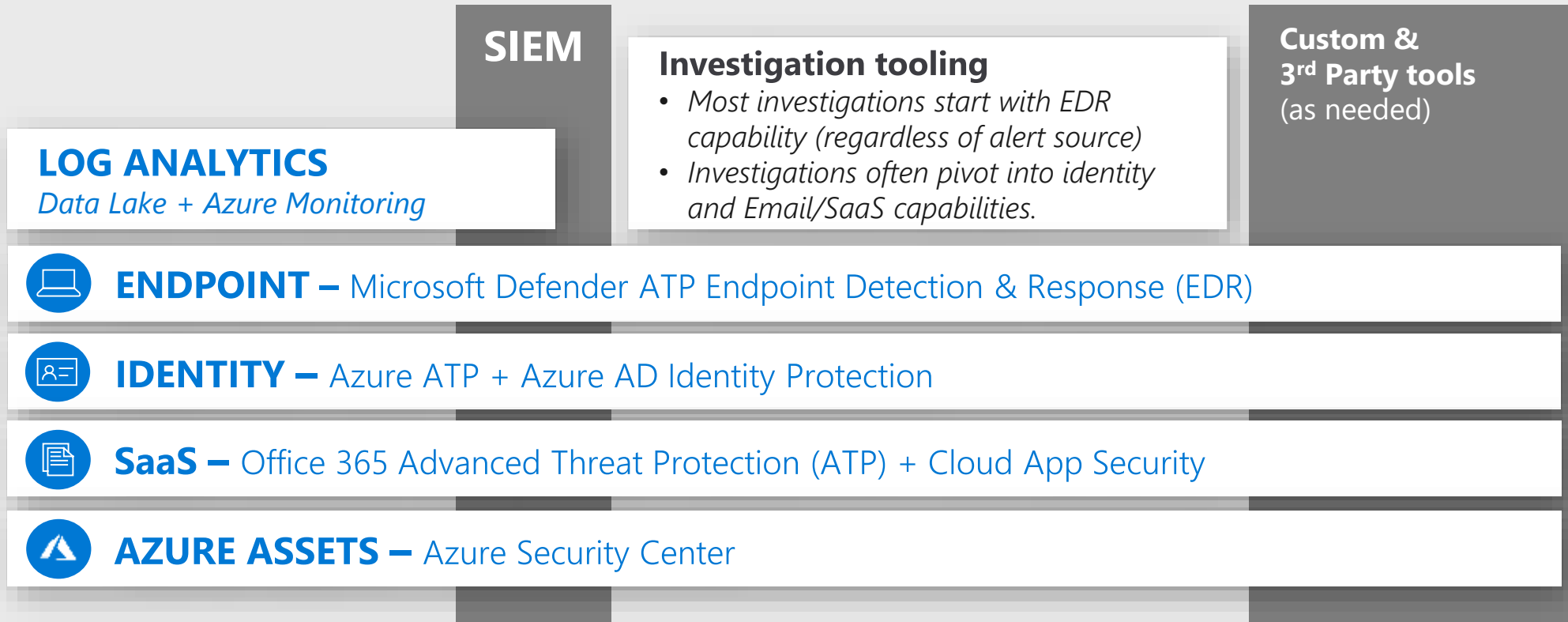
Alert Queue

Primary Investigation

Pivot and Remediate

# Corporate IT SOC – Evolved

*Adopted specialized tooling + Cloud Native Analytics*



Generate Alerts

Alert Queue

Investigation

Pivot and Remediate

# Corporate IT SOC – Upgrading to Cloud Native SIEM

## Breadth: Unified View

- *Unified Alert Queue*
- *Log Detections (UEBA/ML/Manual)*

## SIEM + SOAR as a Service

Azure Sentinel (Pilot)

Custom &  
3<sup>rd</sup> Party tools  
(as needed)



**ENDPOINT** – Microsoft Defender ATP Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR)



**IDENTITY** – Azure ATP + Azure AD Identity Protection



**SaaS** – Office 365 Advanced Threat Protection (ATP) + Cloud App Security



**AZURE ASSETS** – Azure Security Center

## Depth: Specialized Tools

- *High quality alerts*
- *End to end investigation and remediation*



**NETWORK** – 3<sup>rd</sup> party Logs and Tools



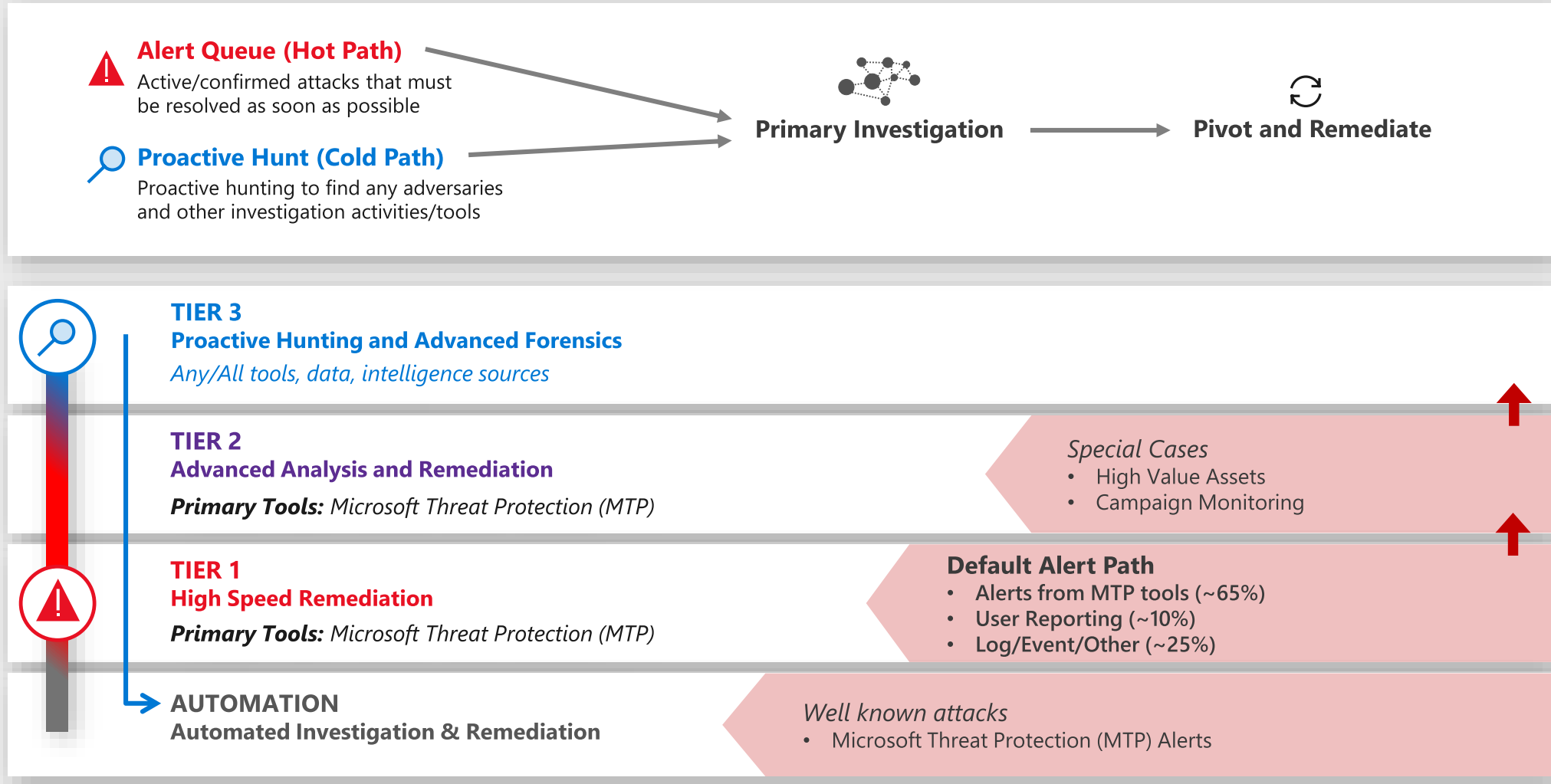
**SERVERS** – 3<sup>rd</sup> party and Microsoft Logs and Tools



**OTHERS** – 3<sup>rd</sup> party and Microsoft Logs and Tools

*Built on Azure Monitor, Logic Apps, and Microsoft's UEBA/ML Technology*

# Microsoft's Corporate IT SOC – Tiers and Tools



# SOC Reference Operational Model



## THREAT INTELLIGENCE

*Provide External Context to inform decisions*

***Investigations | Hunting | Leadership | Technical Detections and Defenses***

Mean Time to Acknowledge (MTTA) / Remediate (MTTR) →



## INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

*Coordinate Data Breaches and Major Incidents with:*

***Leadership | Legal | Communications | Risk Management | Others***



Tier 3  
Tier 2  
Tier 1

## SOC ANALYSTS

*Reactively remediate incidents and proactively hunt for attackers*

*Escalate to higher tier as needed*

*Lower tiers may be automated and/or outsourced to MSSP*

DETECT



RESPOND



RECOVER

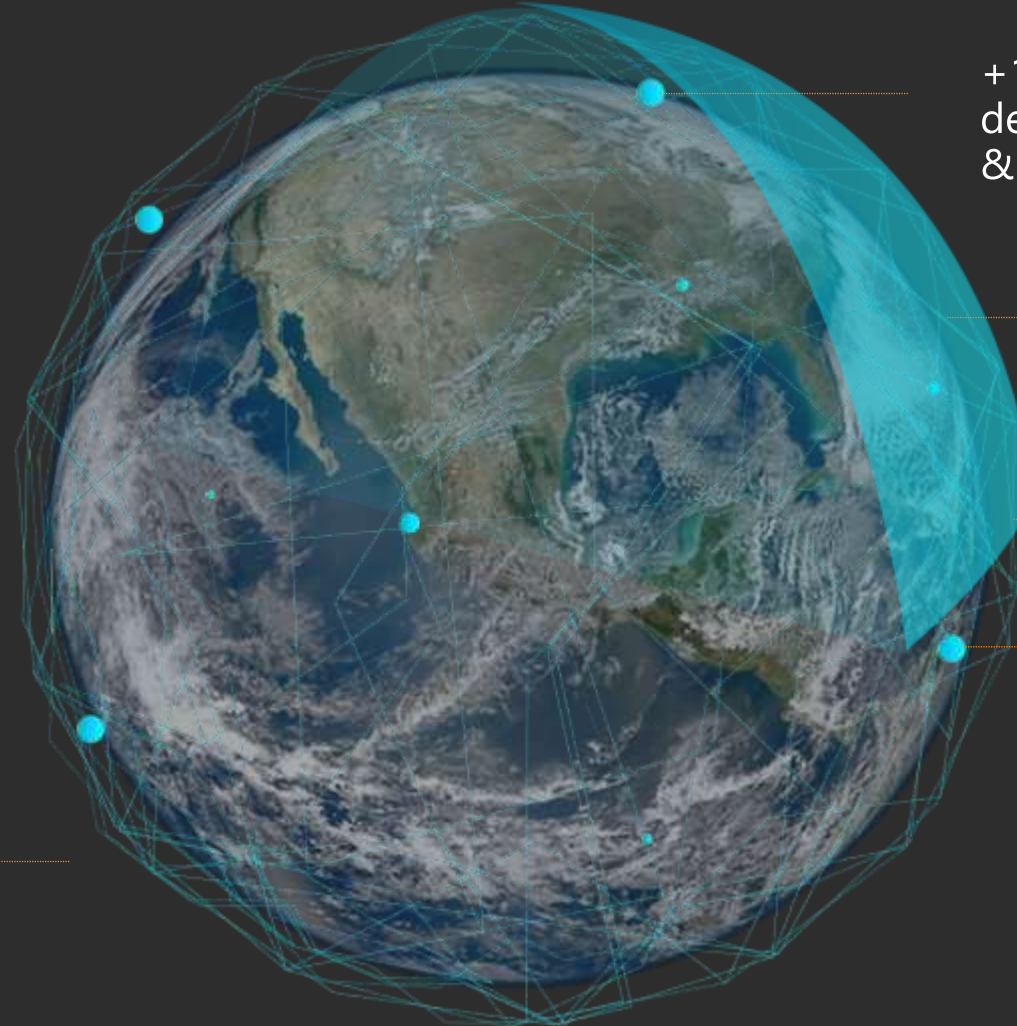
# The Microsoft Intelligent Security Graph

*6.5 trillion diverse threat signals analyzed daily*

Machine learning applied to:

- Reduce manual effort
- Reduce wasted effort on false positives
- Speed up detection

**5 billion** threats detected on devices every month



+1B Windows devices updated & scanned

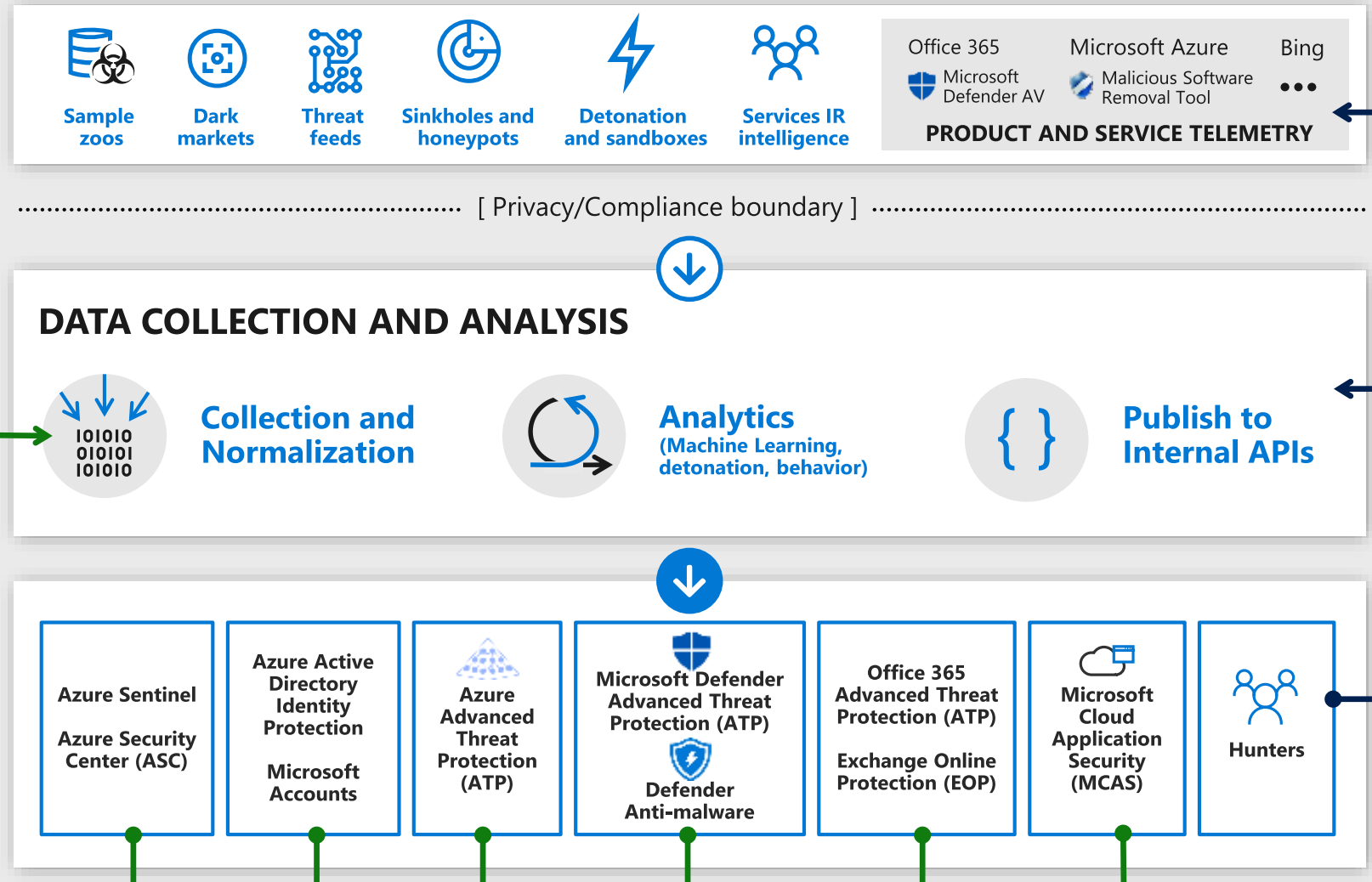
630 billion monthly authentications

18+ billion web pages scanned

470 billion e-mails analyzed

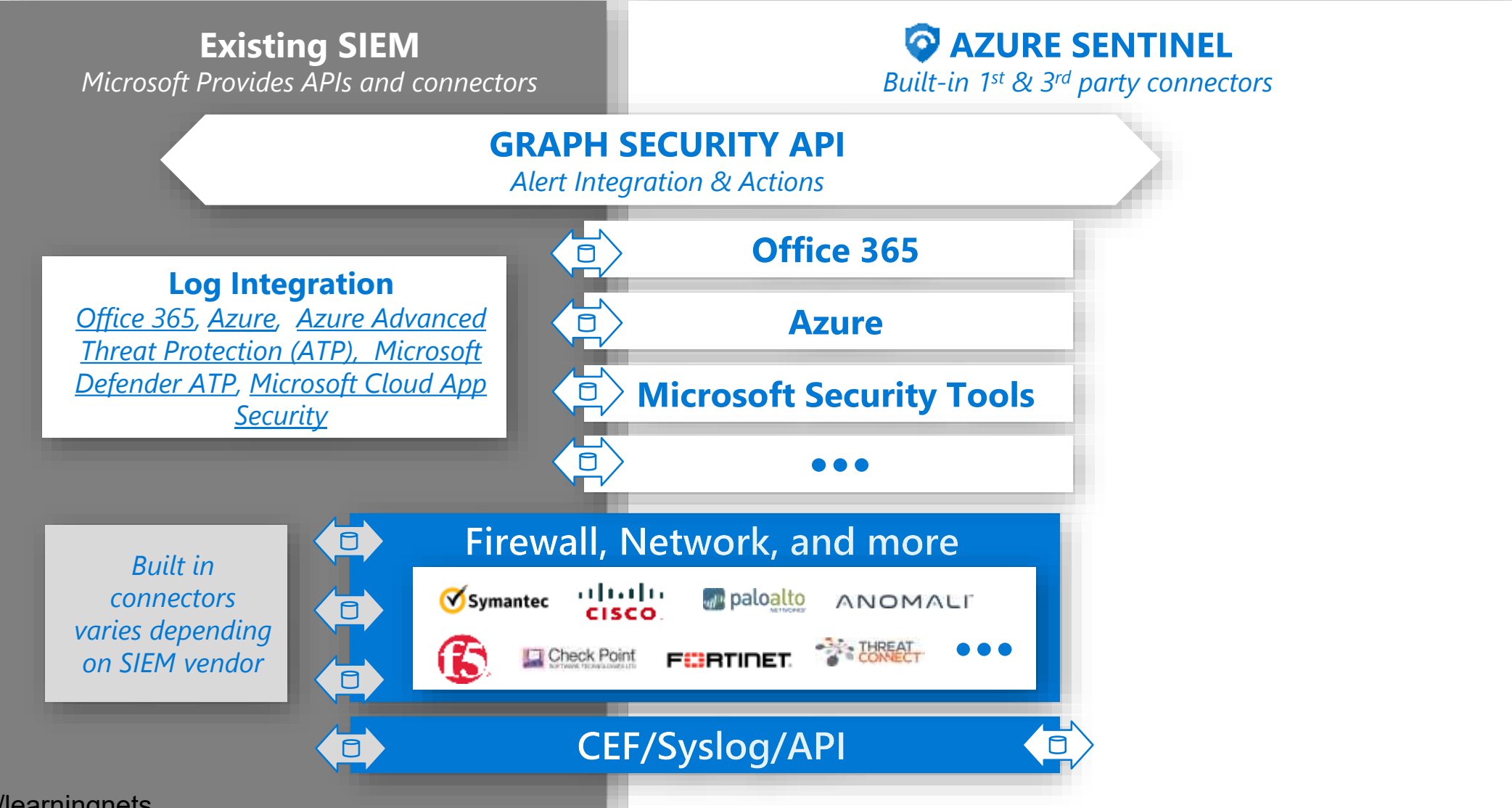
*Unparalleled cybersecurity visibility and insight*

# Inside The Intelligent Security Graph



- ➔ Products instrumented to strict privacy/compliance standards  
See [Microsoft Trust Center](#)
- ➔ Analytics help fuel new discoveries
- ➔ Products send data to graph
- ➔ Products use Interflow APIs to access results
- ➔ Products generate data which feeds back into the graph
- ➔ Hunters identify attacks, improve analytics, feed back into product design

# SIEM Integration

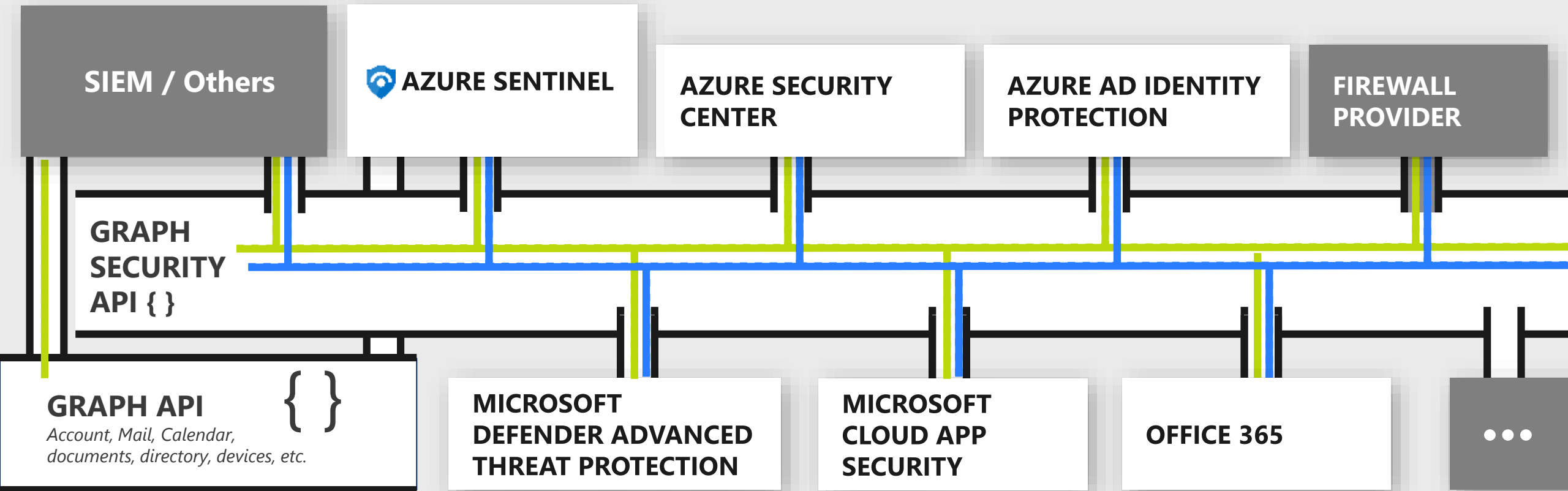


# SOC Integration

Unifying and Informing Analysts



SOC ANALYST



<http://aka.ms/graphsecurityapi> | <https://aka.ms/graphsecuritydocs>

# AZURE SENTINEL

## Core capabilities

### Collect

Microsoft Services



Apps, users, infrastructure



Public Clouds



Security solutions

### Analyze & detect threats



Machine learning, UEBA

### Investigate & hunt suspicious activities



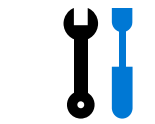
Interactive Attack Visualization, Azure Notebooks

### Automate & orchestrate response



Playbooks

### Integrate



Other tools



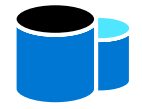
Community



Enrichment with Intelligence (Geo location, IP Reputation)



Data Ingestion



Data Repository



Data Search

Azure Monitor (log analytics)

# Integrated toolset for rapid threat remediation

## Microsoft Threat Protection

### Cloud Native SIEM + SOAR - Azure Sentinel (Preview)

Built on Azure Monitor, Logic Apps, and Microsoft's UEBA/ML Technology

#### Microsoft Security Center



#### ENDPOINT

Microsoft Defender ATP  
Endpoint Detection &  
Response (EDR)



#### IDENTITY

Azure ATP + Azure AD  
Identity Protection



#### SaaS

Office 365 Advanced  
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+ Cloud App Security



#### AZURE

Azure Security  
Center



#### NETWORK



#### SERVERS



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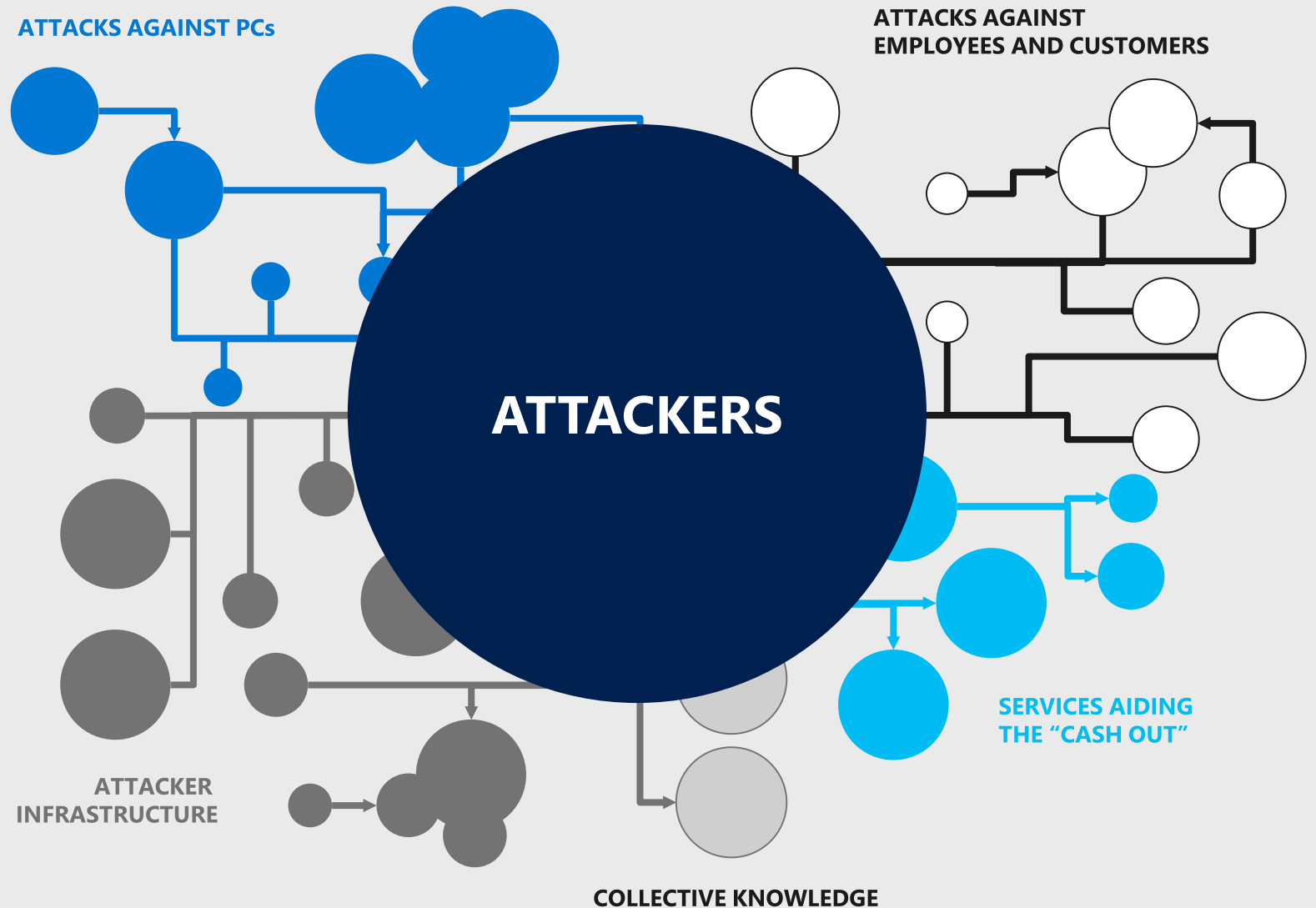
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# Most attackers have a supply chain

You face **ecosystems**,  
not just hackers and  
malware

Defenses must address  
**current** attacker methods



# Yes, attack services are inexpensive

## Ransomware:

\$66 upfront

Or

30% of the profit (affiliate model)

**0days** price range varies from \$5,000 to \$350,000

## Loads (compromised device)

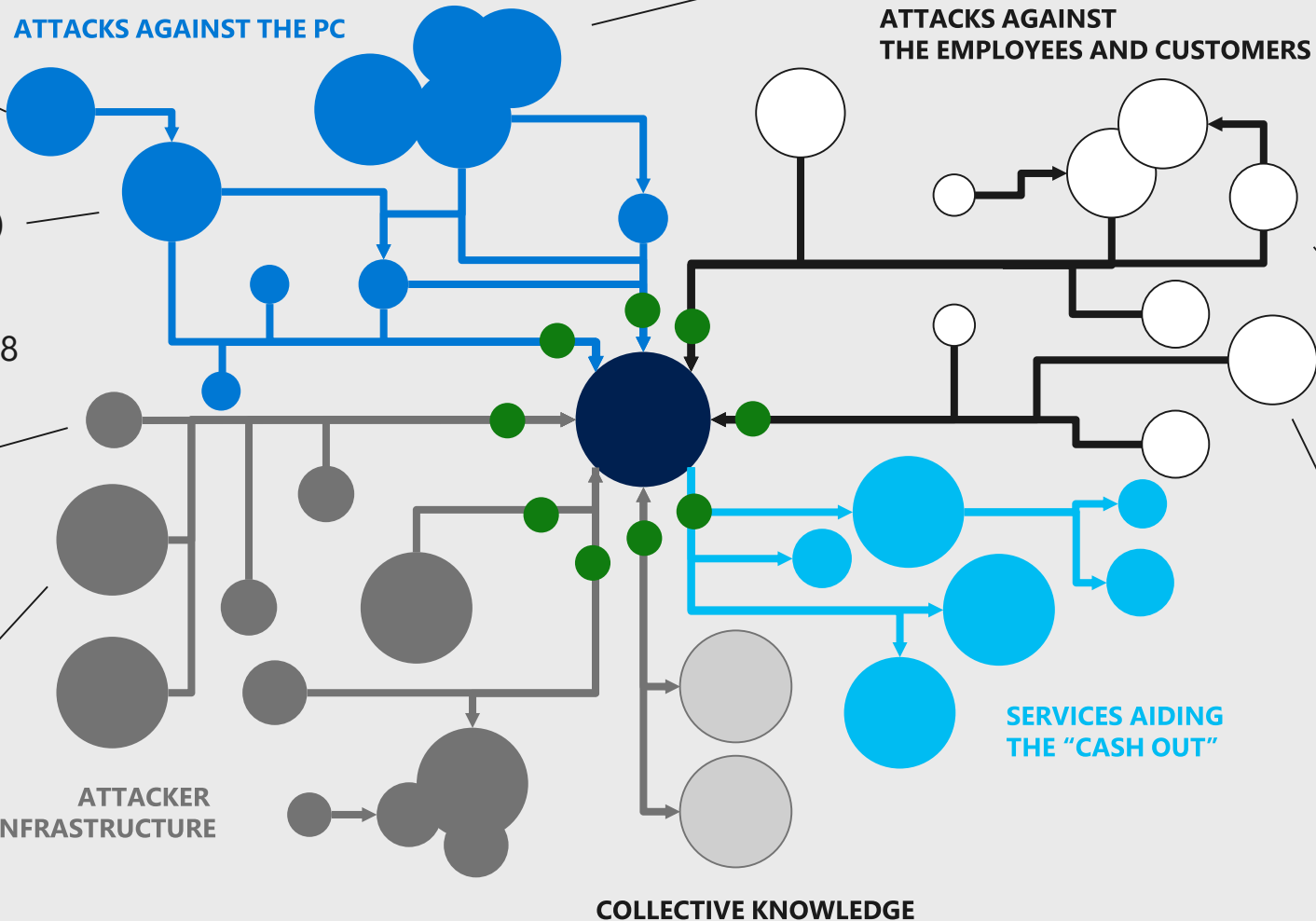
average price ranges

- **PC** - \$0.13 to \$0.89
- **Mobile** - from \$0.82 to \$2.78

## Denial of Service (DOS)

average prices  
day: \$102.05  
week: \$327.00  
month: \$766.67

**Proxy** services to evade IP geolocation prices vary  
As low as \$100 per week for 100,000 proxies.



## Spearphishing services

range from \$100 to \$1,000 per successful account take over

## Compromised accounts

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Averages \$0.97 per 1k.

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## **PRIORITIZE HYGIENE OVER 'ZERO DAY' DEFENSES**

Zero day vulnerabilities are expensive and impractical for many attacks. Focus first on critical security hygiene like rapidly applying security updates/patches (which have much lower cost to attackers)  
<https://aka.ms/CyberHygiene> has guidance from Microsoft + NIST + CIS + DHS NCCIC

## **SHIFT FROM NETWORK TO ZERO TRUST STRATEGIES**

Attackers can easily evade traditional network defenses. You should shift security strategy towards 'zero trust' of your network that focuses on

- Endpoint and Identity security capabilities as the front line
- Data centric security that prioritizes highest value assets
- Application / SaaS protections
- Centralized access control (such as Microsoft's Conditional Access)

## **LIMIT EFFORTS TO RESTRICT TRAFFIC BY GEOGRAPHY**

Blocking IP addresses by geography (e.g. hostile countries) can be easily and cheaply evaded, so focus your security efforts elsewhere.

## **DDoS Protection FOR CRITICAL SERVICES**

Ensure that your business critical services have DDoS protection from Azure platform or a capable 3<sup>rd</sup> parties

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# Pragmatic intelligence investment

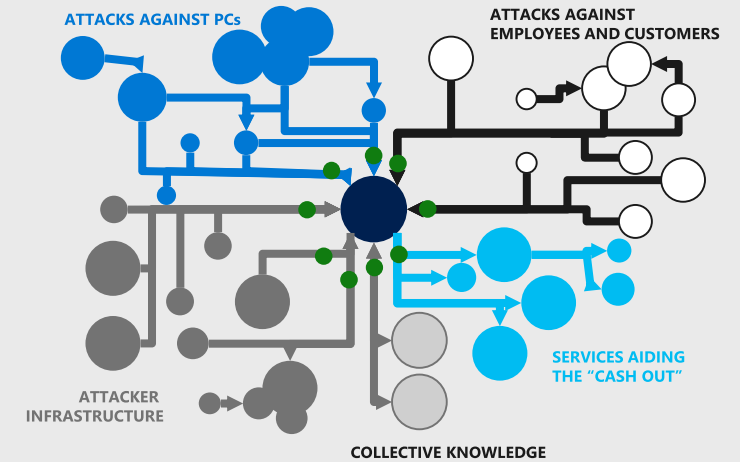
## Attacks are commoditized and cheap

Complicates attack attribution

Enables new entrants with affiliate models

## Recommend a two part strategy

1. **“Outsource” commodity threat intelligence**
2. **Focus on developing your unique intelligence**
  1. Which attackers would be interested in you
  2. What they would target
  3. What would damage your business/mission most



*Microsoft's intelligent security graph includes actionable dark market threat intelligence*

# Machine Learning

Helps overcome human limitations using large datasets

## 1. Scales out Human Expertise



## 2. Shines a light in human blind spots

# Machine Learning **also brings risks**

Must manage potential negative consequences

## 1. Can amplify human bias



2. Can inadvertently reveal private/secret information

3. Can miss critical context and implications

*(e.g. Confuse innocent "John Smith" with another "John Smith" with criminal record and same birthdate)*

4. Can be fed false/malicious data

Microsoft Mitigation Approach – <https://aka.ms/ProtectingML>

# Machine Learning in Microsoft Security

We use machine learning extensively to

- Reduce manual effort
- Reduce wasted effort on false positives
- Speed up detection



Examples:

- Defender ATP Antivirus - rapid detection and blocking of new threats
- Azure - Rule recommendations for Application whitelisting
- Azure - Threat detection via Malicious User Profiling, Compromised VM behavior




# Results from Machine Learning

A former rules-based  
Microsoft system scored

**28%** of logins  
as suspicious

With 1 billion logins per day  
=280 million "suspicious" logins

## Noisy Results

-  Company Proxy
-  Cellphone networks
-  Vacations/Travel

After applying Machine  
Learning with rules, the  
rate dropped to less than

**0.001%**

Work by Mace et. al, Microsoft

# Machine Learning in Microsoft Defender AV

Local ML models, behavior-based detection algorithms, generics, heuristics

Client ML

Cloud ML

## Protection in milliseconds

Most common malware blocked by high-precision detection on the client

## Protection in milliseconds

ML powered cloud rules evaluate suspicious files based on metadata

## Protection in seconds

A sample is uploaded for inspection by multi-class ML classifiers

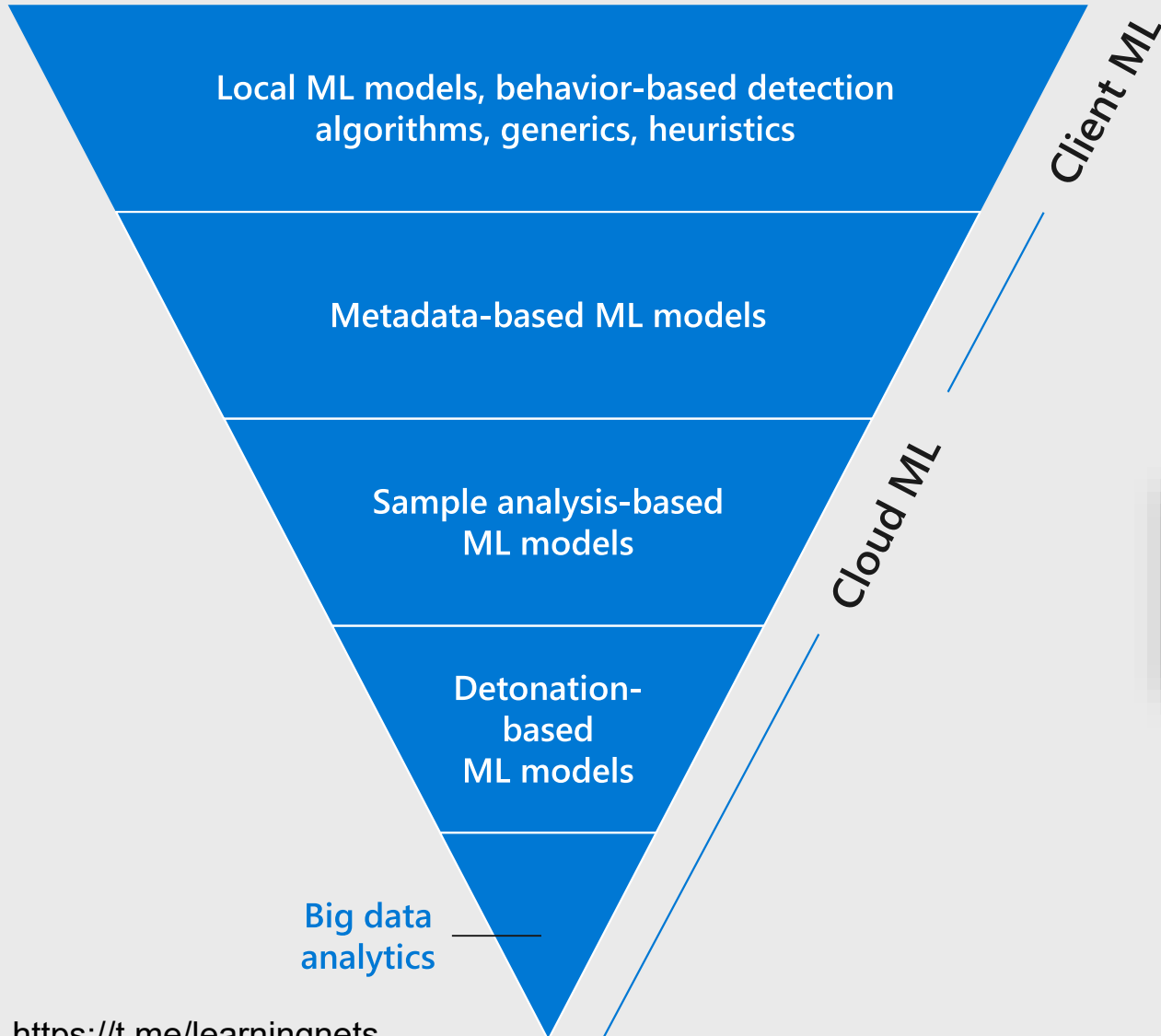
## Protection in minutes

Sample run in sandbox for dynamic analysis by multi-class ML classifiers

## Protection in hours

ML models and expert rules correlate signals from a vast network of sensors to classify threats

# Real world example – Dofoil / Smoke Loader



## Protection in milliseconds

Just before noon, behavior-based algorithms detected a massive campaign

## Protection in milliseconds

Most components of the attack were blocked at first sight by metadata-based ML models

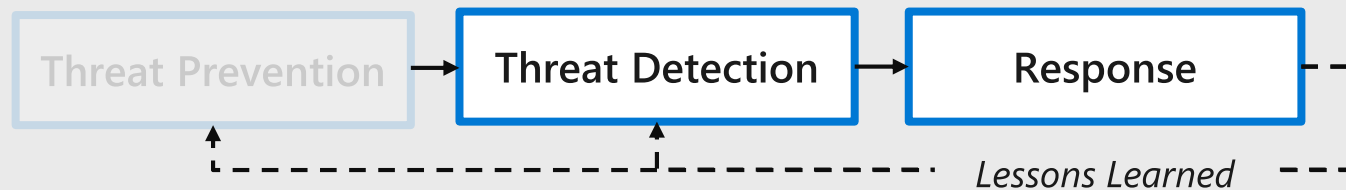
## Protection in seconds

Additional Protection was provided by sample analysis-based ML models for some components

On March 6, Microsoft Defender Antivirus blocked more than 400,000 instances of several sophisticated trojans

<http://aka.ms/dofail>

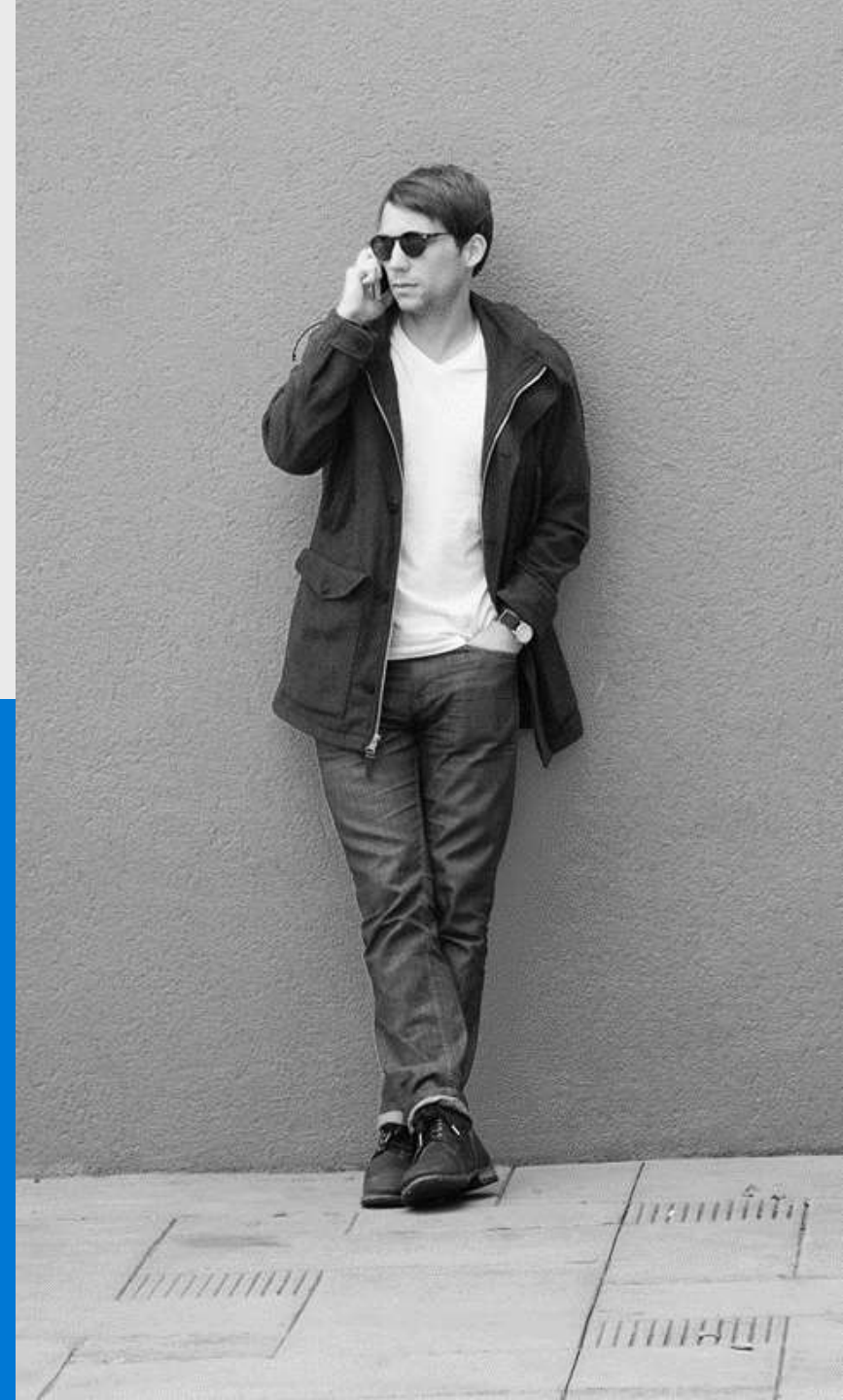
Other recent cases: [Emotet](#) | [Bad Rabbit](#)



At some point the adversary has to do something anomalous—

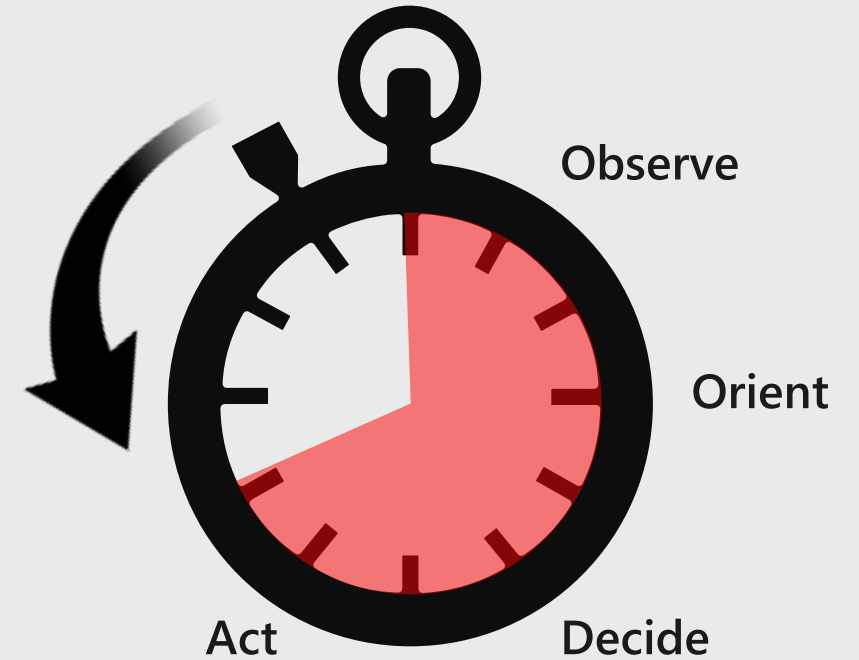


**You have to be able to spot that and quickly take action on it**



# Making better decisions faster

- ① **Maximize Visibility**
  - Internal** – Sensor coverage completeness and diversity
  - External** – Threat Feed Diversity and fidelity
- ② **Reduce manual steps (and errors)**
  - Automate** detection and response tasks
  - Integrate** investigation tools
- ③ **Maximize human impact**
  - Provide analysts with access to **deep expertise and intelligence**
  - Continuous Learning**– Observe attacks and integrate learnings into defenses

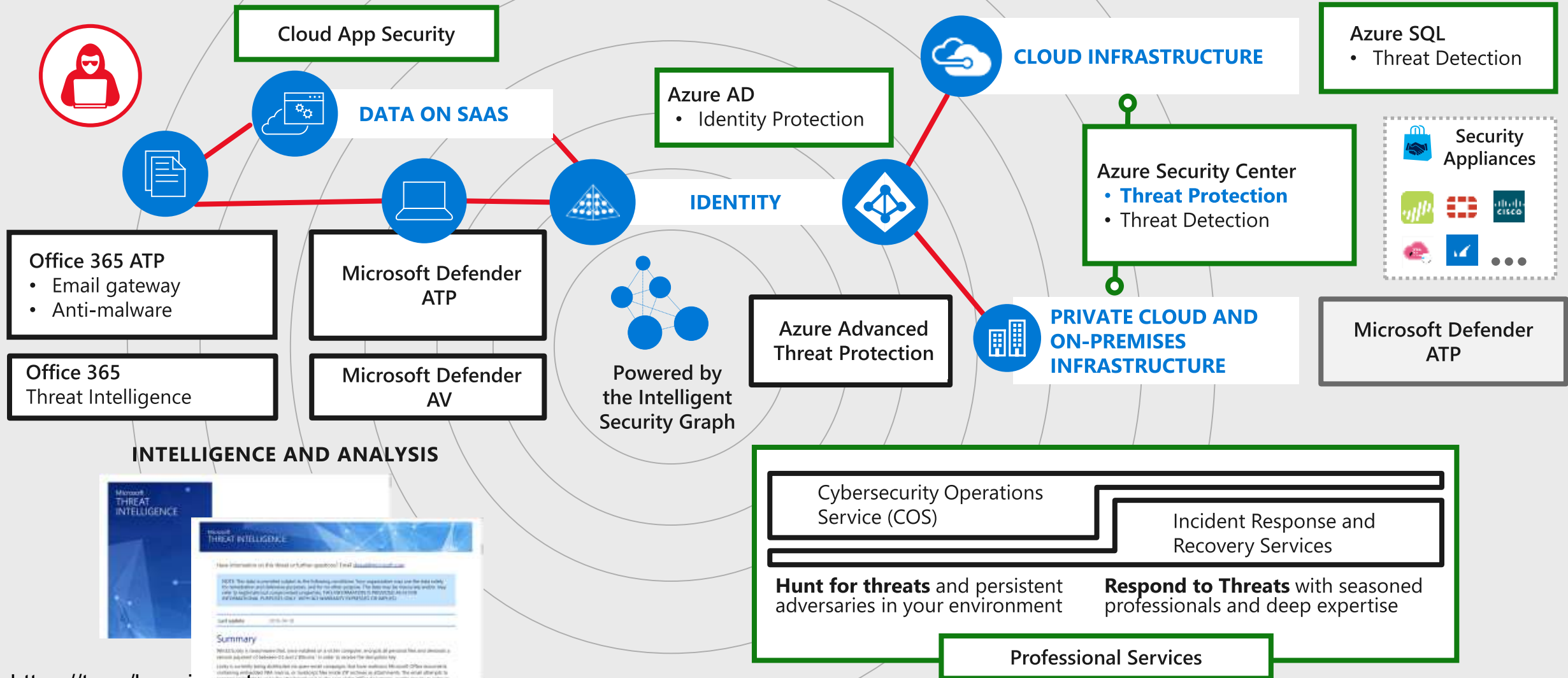


## DEFENDER DECISION CYCLE

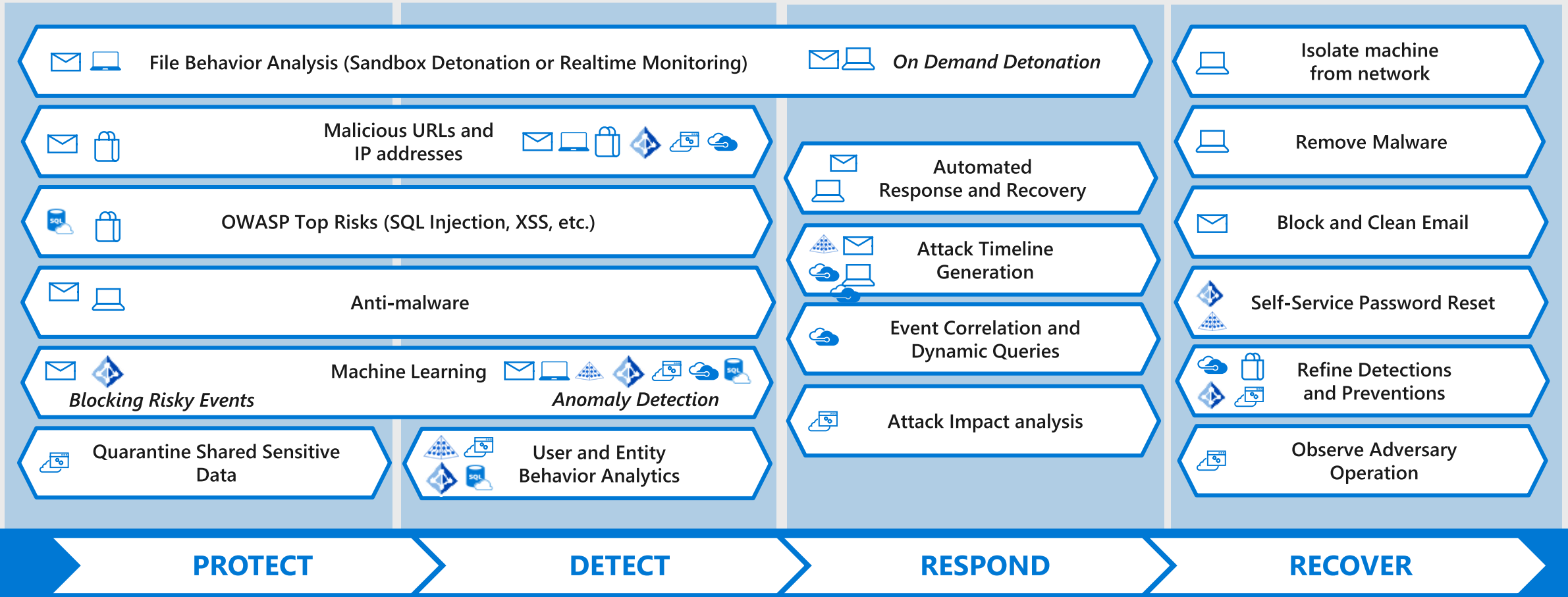


# Maximize internal visibility

## Apply Threat Insights Across Your Hybrid Cloud Estate



# Automate and enable threat protection



Azure AD Identity Protection

Azure ATP / Identity Manager

Office 365 ATP

Microsoft Defender ATP / Defender AV  
<https://t.me/learnignets>

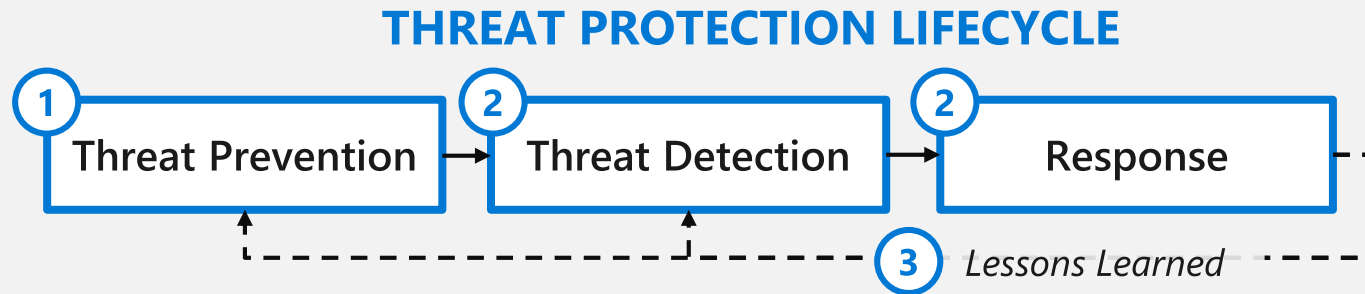
Microsoft Cloud App Security

Azure Security Center

Azure Web App Firewall / SQL Threat Detection

Azure Marketplace Partner Capability

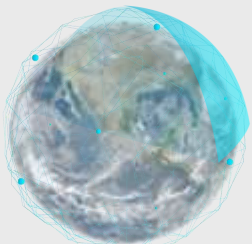
# Threat protection



**Goal:** Increase attacker cost as rapidly and efficiently as possible

## STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES

- 1 Prevent as many threats as possible**  
*(Best Security ROI when available)*
- 2 Rapidly Detect and Respond**  
*(highest coverage of assets/scenarios)*
- 3 Continually apply learnings**  
*(continuous attack cost increase)*



### Committed to your success

Accelerate your ability to manage threats by providing secure platforms and products, security capabilities, services, and recommendations



# Questions?

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<https://t.me/learningnets>

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# Additional Resources – Threat Protection

Incident Response Reference Guide (IRRG) - <https://Aka.ms/IRRG>

Updates to Windows Hello for Business – [Video](#)

Updates to Microsoft Defender ATP's EDR - [Blog](#)

Office 365 Attack Simulation - [Video](#) | [Documentation](#)

Privileged Access Management in O365 – [Video](#)

Shielded VMs for PAWs

<https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/datacentersecurity/2017/11/29/why-use-shielded-vms-for-your-privileged-access-workstation-paw-solution/>

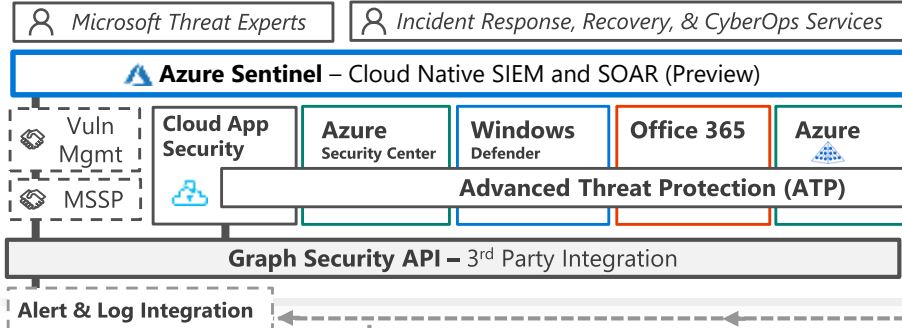
Microsoft Azure Security Response in the Cloud

<https://gallery.technet.microsoft.com/Azure-Security-Response-in-dd18c678>

# Advanced Threat Protection Videos

1. **WDATP Automated investigation and response** [[YouTube link](#)]  
Animation shows how Microsoft Defender ATP frees up time for them to do more advanced hunting and strategic work by automating investigation and response tasks
2. **WDATP Secure Score** [[YouTube link](#)]  
Animation shows how Windows Secure Score helps organizations to stay more secure using PowerBI reports to easily look for CVE's and automatic pushing of Emergency Outbreak Updates.
3. **WDATP & Azure AD & Intune integration** [[YouTube link](#)]  
Animation shows how Microsoft Intune will receive the device risk level from Microsoft Defender ATP and CA will block access to data until threat is remediated (and device conforms with policy again).
4. **OATP & WDATP detection sharing** [[YouTube link](#)]  
Video It shows how Microsoft 365 Threat Protection shares signals through the Intelligent Security Graph (ISG) to better protect our customers.

# Security Operations Center (SOC)



# Cybersecurity Reference Architecture

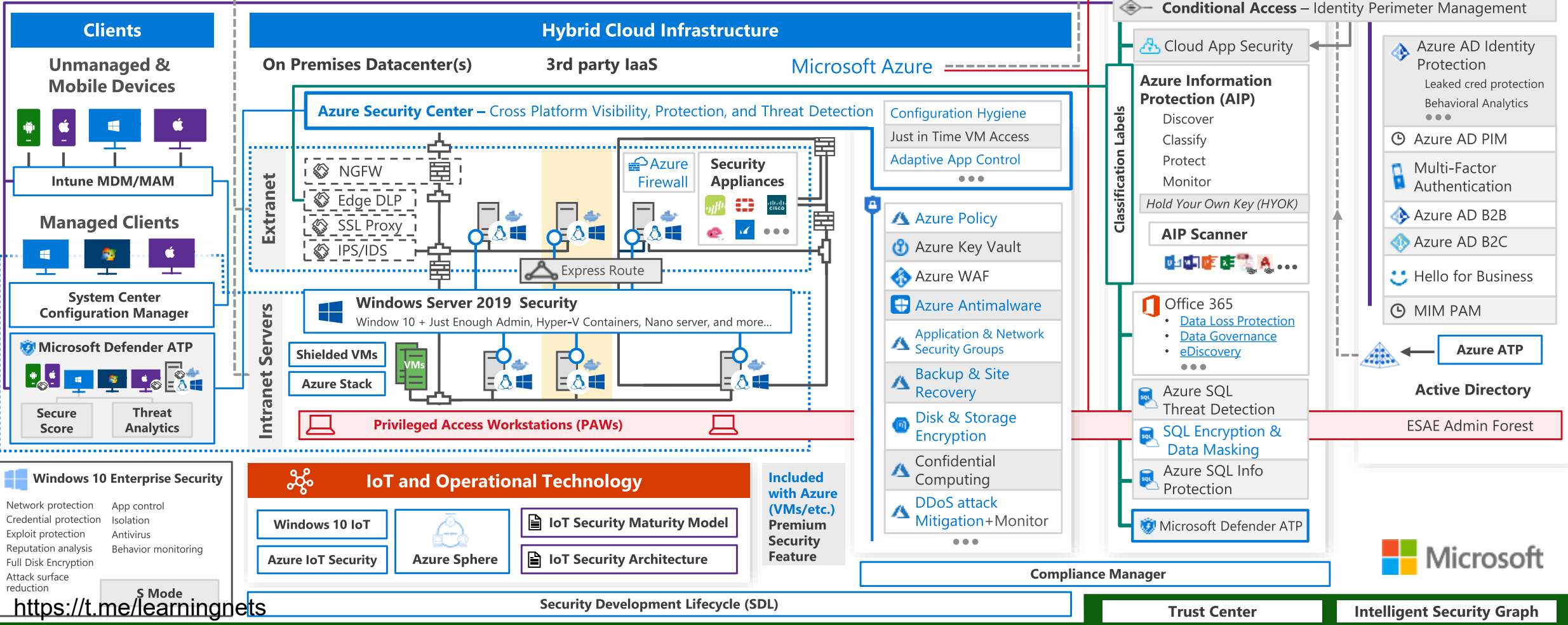
May 2018 – <https://aka.ms/MCRA> | [Video Recording](#) | [Strategies](#)

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2. Hover for Description
3. Click for more information

Roadmaps and Guidance

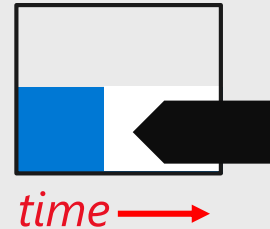
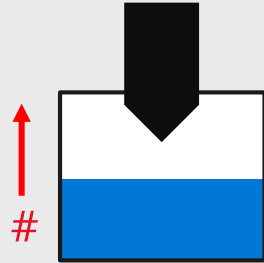
1. [Securing Privileged Access](#)
2. [Office 365 Security](#)
3. [Rapid Cyberattacks \(Wannacrypt/Petya\)](#)



# Platform security approach



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## REDUCE VULNERABILITY COUNT AND SEVERITY

### Security Development Lifecycle (SDL)

SD3+C: Secure in

- Design
- Development
- Deployment
- + Communications

<https://www.microsoft.com/SDL>

[http://www.iso.org/iso/home/store/catalogue\\_tc/catalogue\\_detail.htm?csnumber=44378](http://www.iso.org/iso/home/store/catalogue_tc/catalogue_detail.htm?csnumber=44378)



## REDUCE TIME OF EXPOSURE

### Rapid Response

- Bug Bounty
- Rigorous Testing
- Response Center
- Automatic Updates

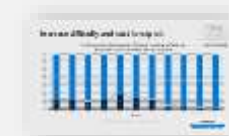
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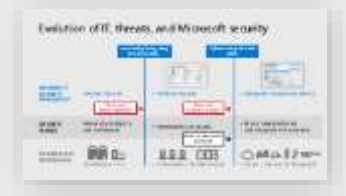
## INCREASE DIFFICULTY AND COST TO EXPLOIT

### Platform Mitigations

- Eliminate classes of vulnerabilities
- Break exploit techniques
- Contain damage
- Prevent persistence
- Limit exploit opportunity window

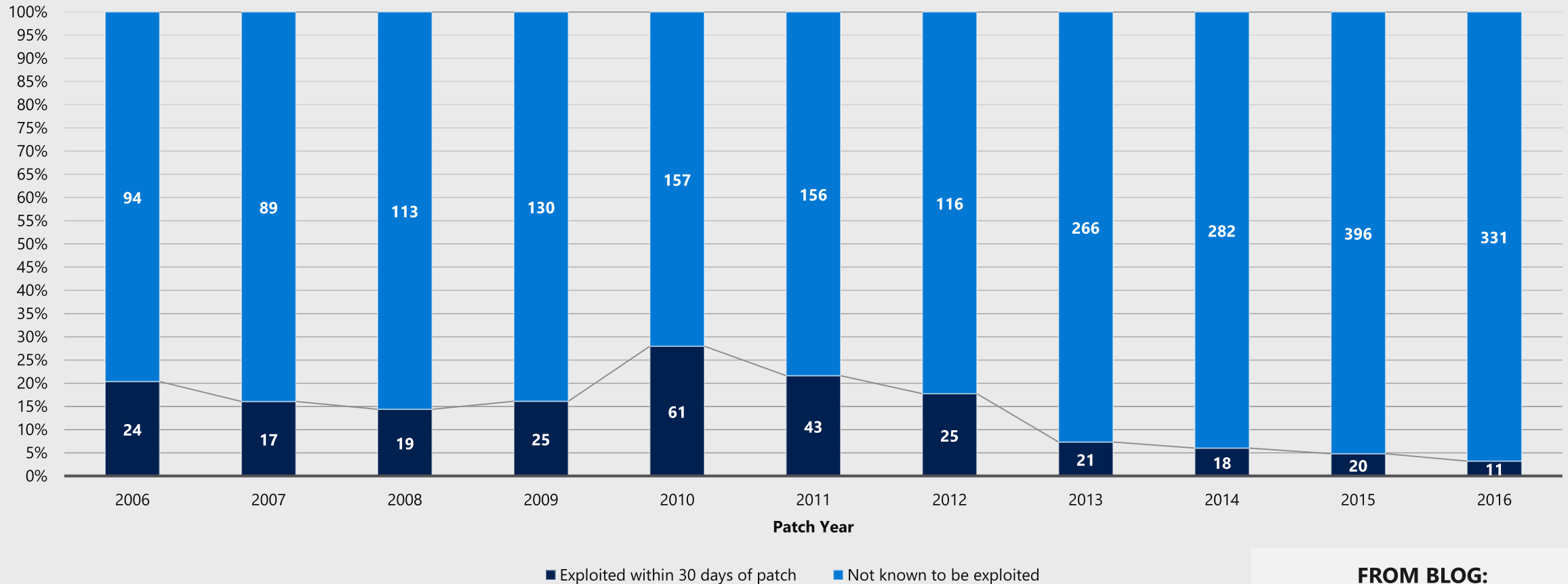


# Increase difficulty and cost to exploit



% of Remote Code Execution (RCE) and Elevation of Privilege (EOP) CVEs exploited within 30 days of patch

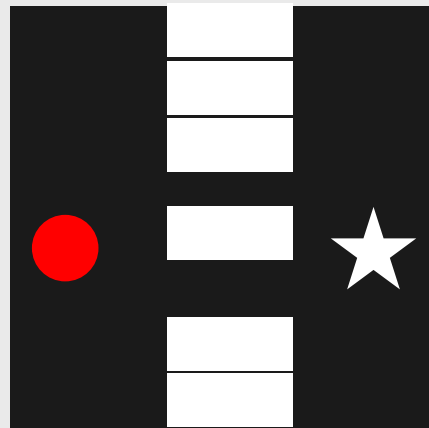
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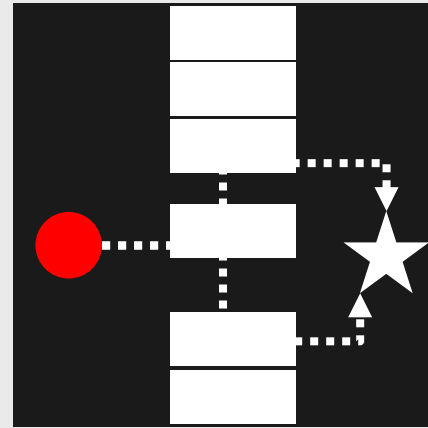
**FROM BLOG:**  
[Mitigating arbitrary native code execution in Microsoft Edge](#)

# Rapidly detect and respond

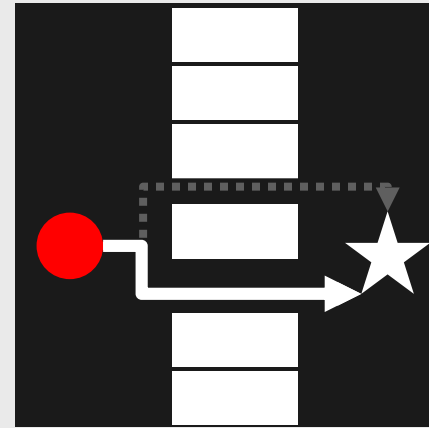
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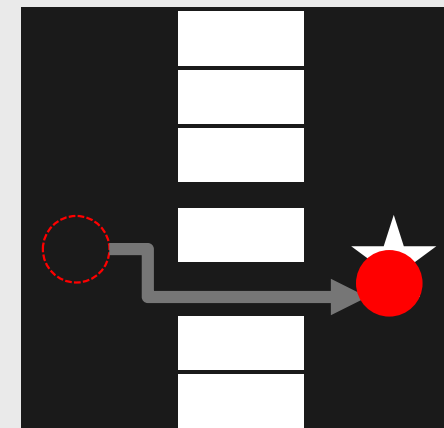
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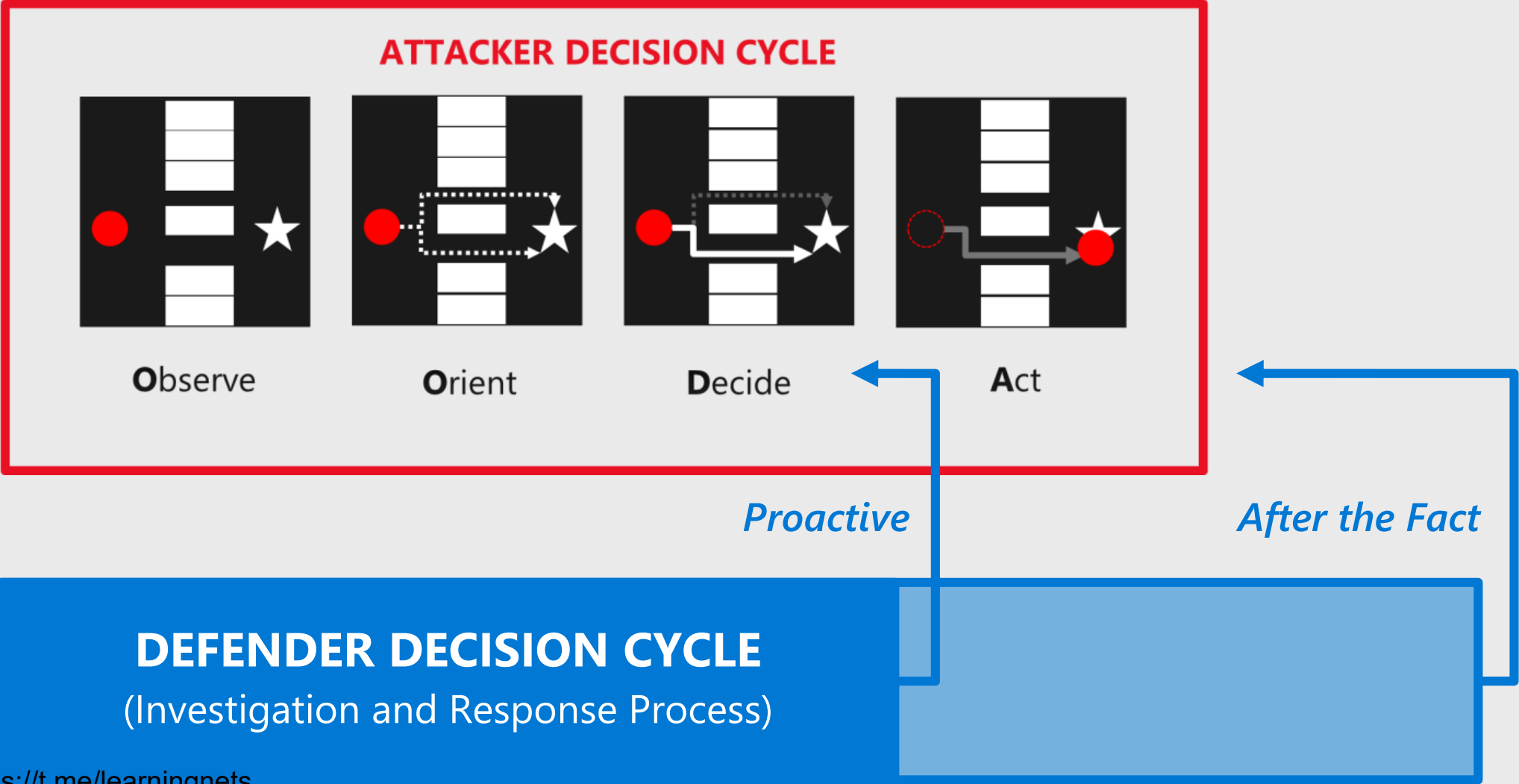


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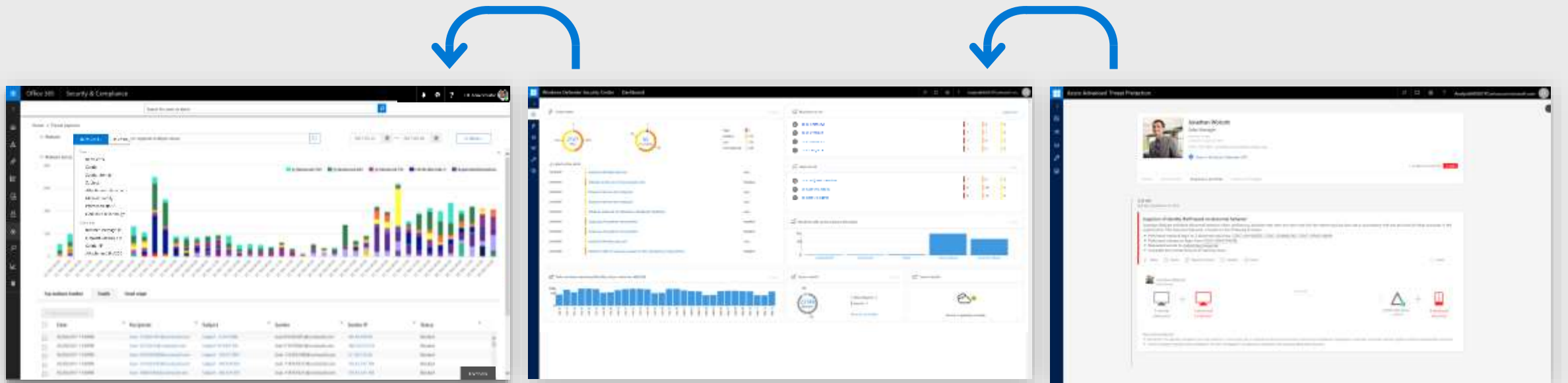
# Get inside their OODA loop

Better and Faster Investigation and Response Decisions



# Analyst Workflow Integration

- Analyst use an integrated experience for rapid and accurate investigations and remediation
- Analysts quickly pivot from detection to deep investigation of host/identity/email to rapid remediation (blocking email, cleaning malware, resetting credentials, and more)



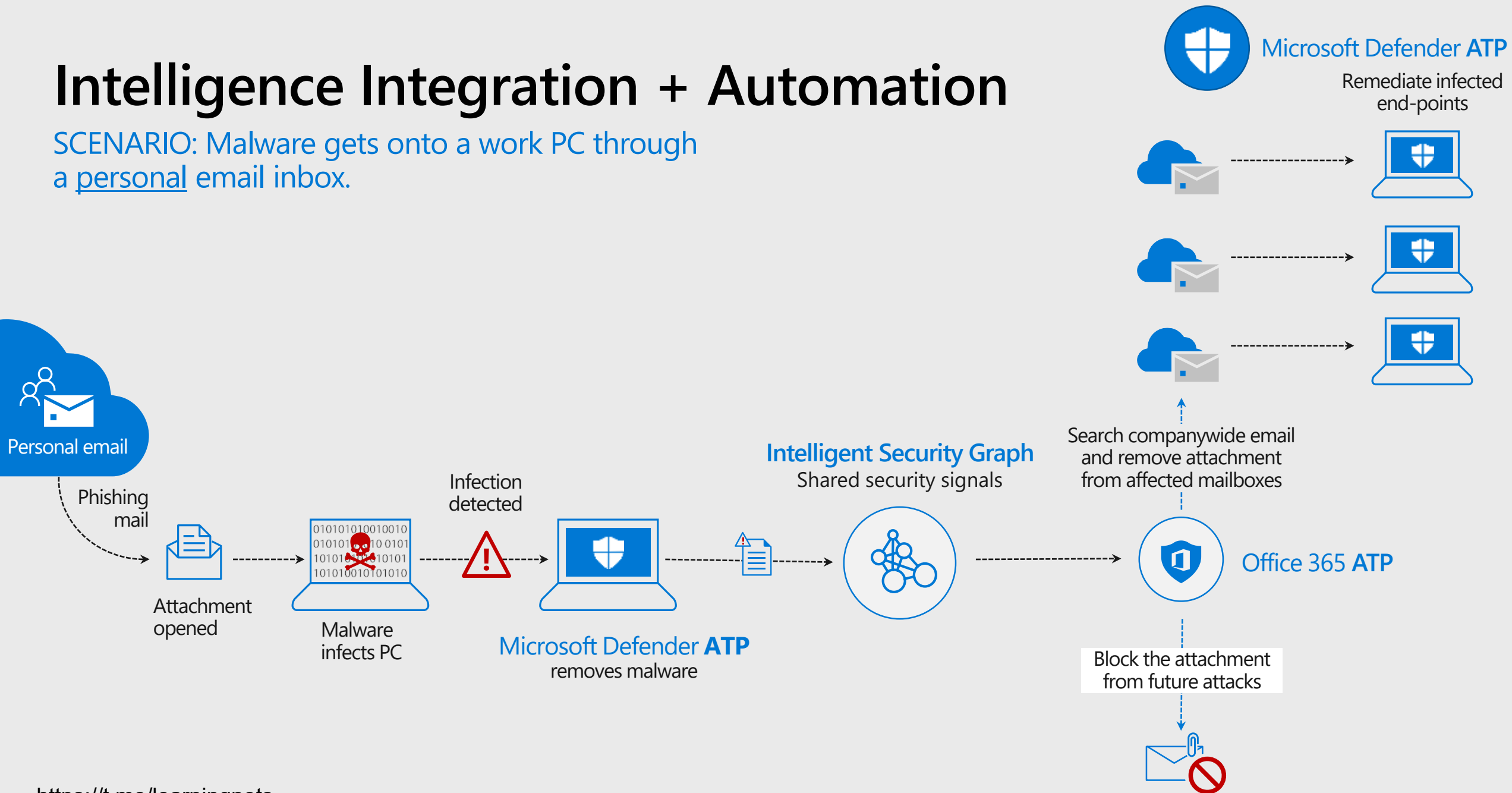
Office 365 Threat Explorer

Microsoft Defender Security Center

Azure Advanced Threat Protection (ATP)

# Intelligence Integration + Automation

SCENARIO: Malware gets onto a work PC through a personal email inbox.



# Because Minutes Matter

**Office 365 | Security and Compliance**

Home > Investigations > 50ecc9

**Malicious mail detected and removed by Office 365**  
Investigation #50ecc9 is pending action

Started 9/15/2017 12:46 PM  
00:00:23 Pending  
Pending time - 10 min

Investigation graph Alerts (4) Emails (23) Users (5) Machines (2) Entities (40) Log (14) Actions (13)

**Malicious emails found**

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**Triggering Alerts**  
Automated Investigation  
Malicious mail detected and removed by Office 365  
Total alerts (4)

**Threats Found (6)**

- Email - Phish
- Email - Malware
- Data exfiltration - DLP violation
- Data exfiltration - Mail forwarding
- User - Activity anomalies detected
- Compromised Device - Malware

**Actions (13)**  
Auto-Remediated

- Unshare files (1)
- Delete emails (11)
- Reset user password (2)
- Enable MFA (2)
- Remove forwarding (1)
- URL block (1)
- Block Sender Domain (1)
- Block Sender IP (1)
- Remove Exchange Web Service (1)
- Remove mail delegation access (1)

**Users investigated (5)**

Users impacted (2):  
JeffV@ignitedemo.onmicro...  
RonH@ignitedemo.onmicro...  
... Expand

Anomalies detected (8):  
URL clicked (2)  
Suspicious login (1)  
Mass downloads (1)  
Exchange Web Service enabled (1)  
External mail forwarding (1)  
Data loss prevention violation (1)  
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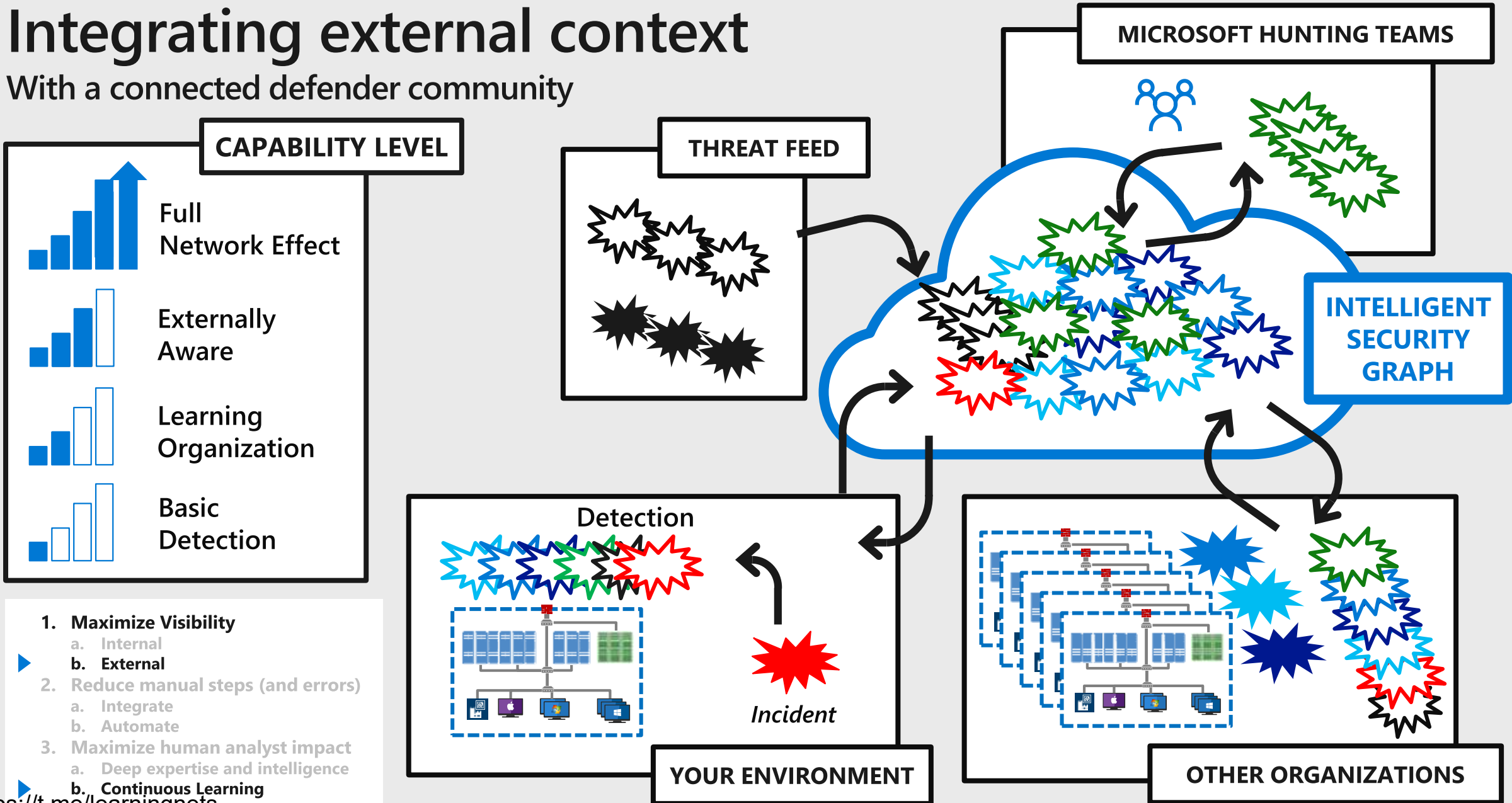
**Compromised Device - Malware (2)**

**Emails investigated (23)**

- Phish (6)
- Malware (5)

# Integrating external context

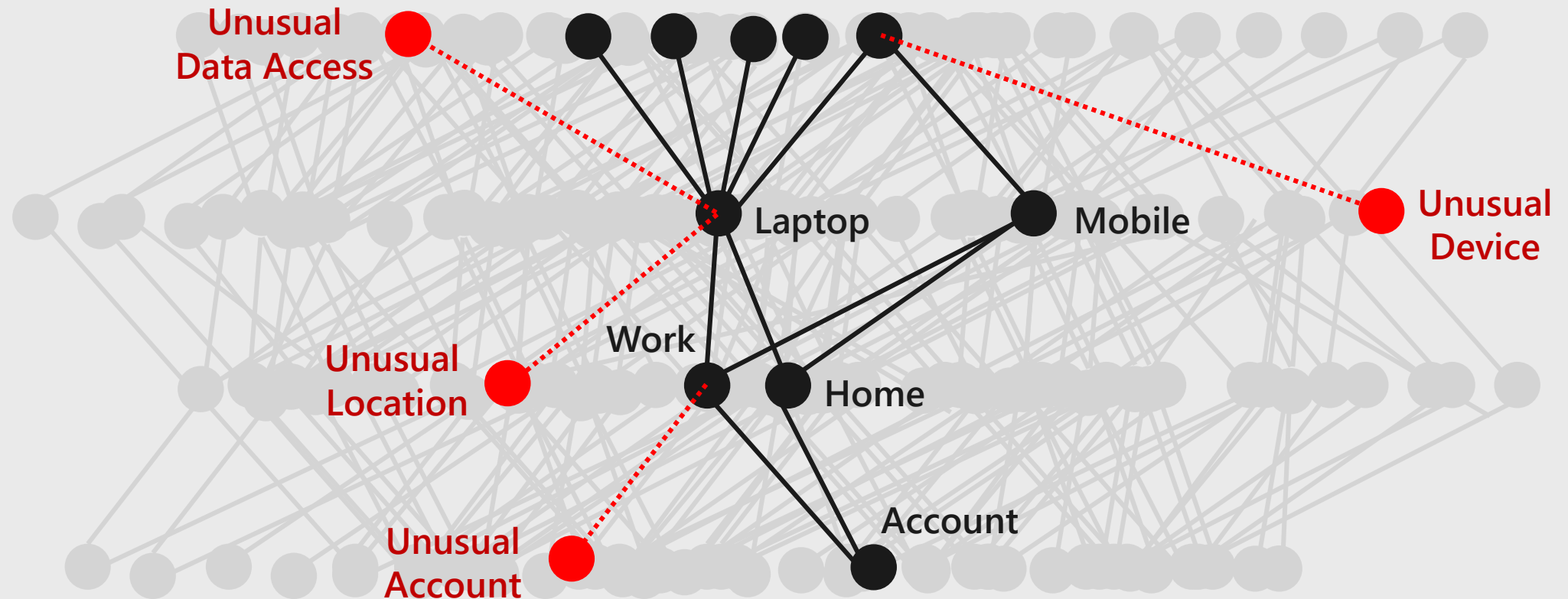
With a connected defender community



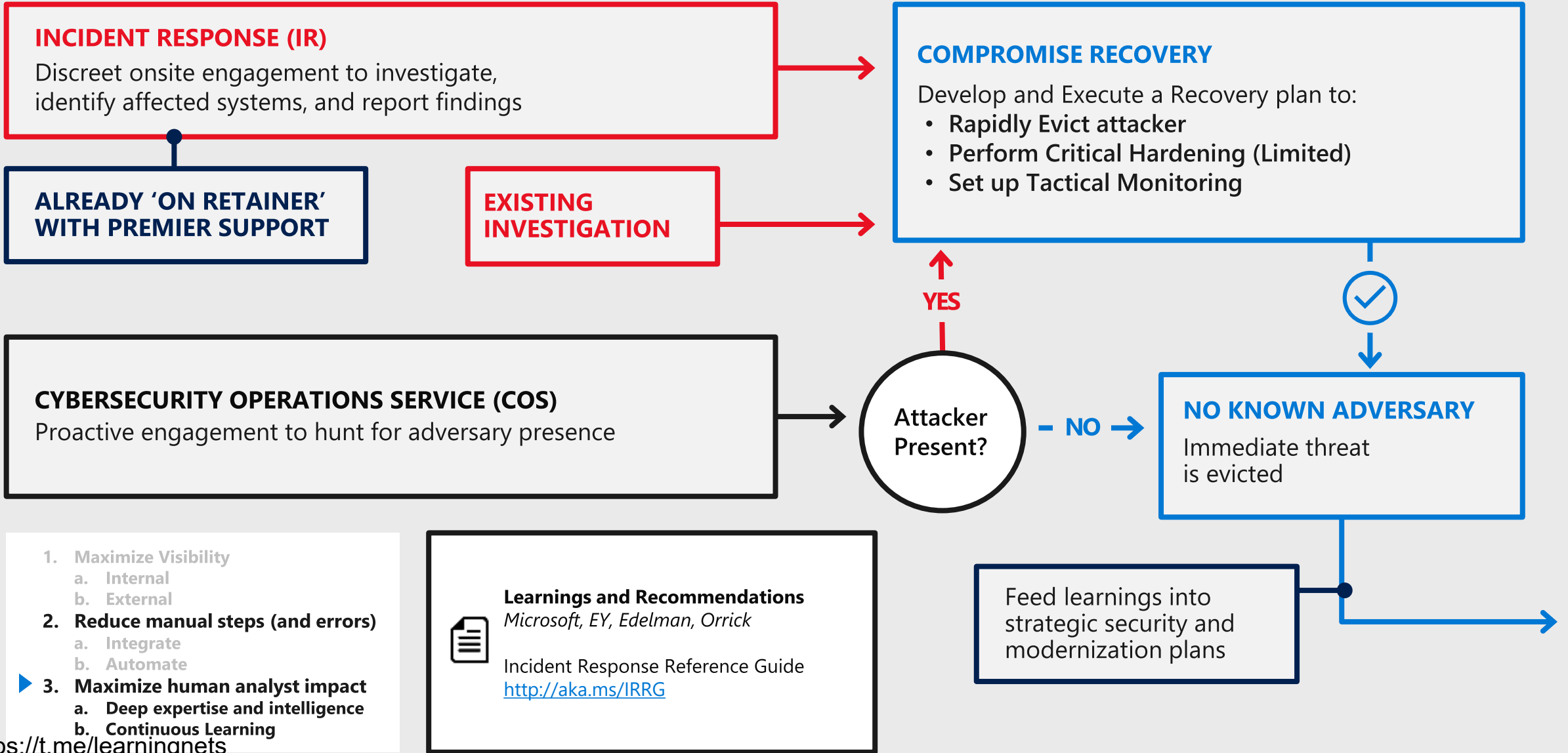
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  - b. Automate
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  - a. Deep expertise and intelligence
  - b. Continuous Learning

# Behavior Analysis

- Unusual behavior lost gets lost in aggregate
- Easier to spot anomalies in individual behavior



# Microsoft incident response services

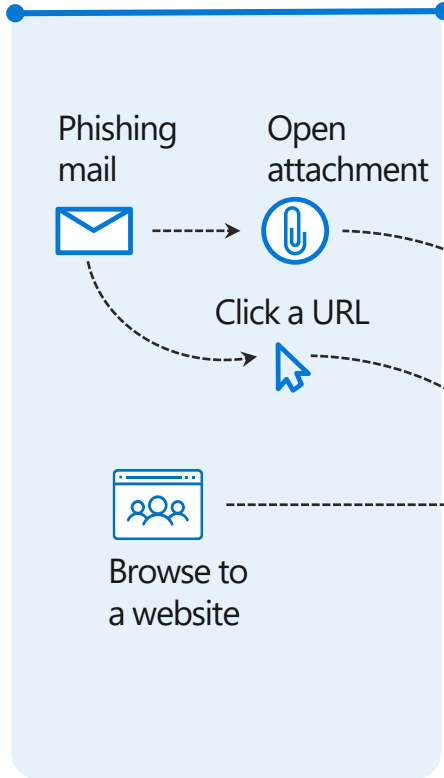


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# Protection across an attack kill chain

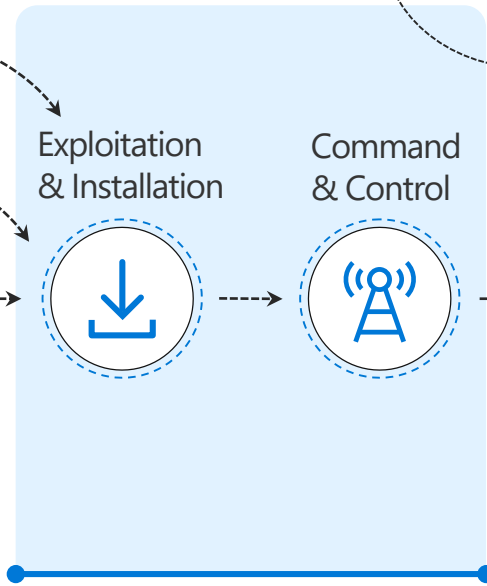
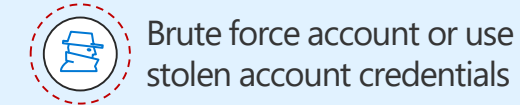
## Office 365 ATP

Malware detection, safe links, and safe attachments



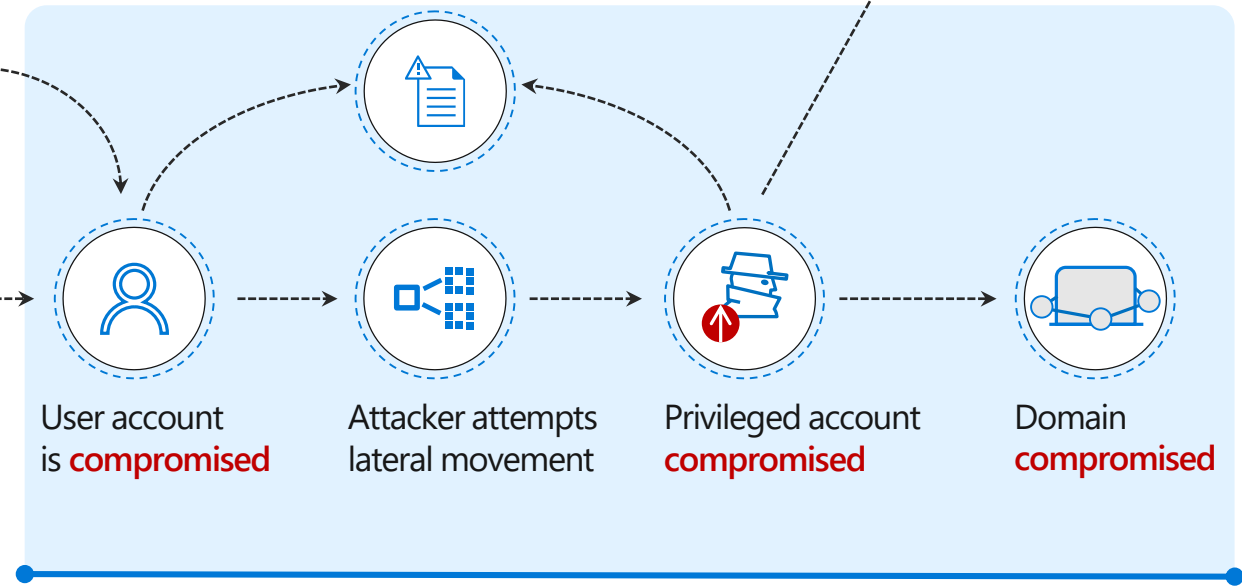
## Azure AD Identity Protection

Identity protection & conditional access



## Microsoft Defender ATP

Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) & End-point Protection (EPP)



## Azure ATP

Identity protection

## Microsoft Cloud App Security

Extends protection & conditional access to other cloud apps

