



# ZERO TRUST

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# WHO AM I?

- **DUTCH** - LIVING IN THE NETHERLANDS
- PRINCIPAL **ARCHITECT**, DIRECTOR
- NORTHERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE
- **5.5 YEARS** AT PALO ALTO NETWORKS
  - 3.5 YEARS AS **SALES ENGINEER**
- **BACKGROUND:**
  - ROYAL DUTCH **NAVY**
  - **SALES ENGINEERING** AND **ARCHITECT ROLES**
  - **PLATFORM SYSTEMS ENGINEER**
  - **19+ YEARS** IT & SECURITY EXPERIENCE



# What's on the agenda

1

## The Cybersecurity Forces

Get to know all 5 ... or 6?

2

## Zero Trust

What we're all doing vs. what should be done

3

## Takeaways

For you to take, absorb and share



## **MOORE'S FORCE:** Attack surface wants to grow exponentially

**10X**

GenAI acceleration  
of software

**19M+**

Unique zero-day attacks  
observed

**79%**

Of organizations expect  
the number of Third-  
Parties to Increase by  
2026

Sources: Gartner, McKinsey, The Register, Palo Alto Networks

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**100%**

Of business have digital ambitions

**89%**

Boards agree that Digital is now an implicit part of all business growth strategies

**145**

hours to resolve a security alert

## **DARWIN'S FORCE**

# Cybersecurity can't restrict the speed of innovation

Sources: Gartner, Unit 42 Cloud Threat Report, Volume 7: Navigating the Expanding Attack Surface, Palo Alto Networks



# TERMINATOR'S FORCE: Attackers will continue to innovate

Average Days from  
"Compromise" to  
"Exfil"

**44**  
days

**2021**

**30**  
days

**2022**

**5**  
days

**2023**

**hours**

**Latest**

Sources:  
1) Unit 42 Cloud Threat Report - Volume  
7, 2023, Unit 42 Engagement  
Experience;

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NETWORKS

A detailed, realistic sculpture of Frankenstein's monster, shown from the chest up, looking slightly to the right. The monster has a pale, textured skin, dark hair, and visible stitches on his forehead and cheek. The background is dark with some blurred light sources.

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Average number of  
Security Tools deployed  
by organizations

**22%**

Have more than 50+  
Security Tools deployed  
in EMEA

**6 DAYS**

Is the industry average  
to remediate

## **FRANKENSTEIN'S FORCE**

# Disjoint, uninstrumented controls fail over time

Source: Palo Alto Networks What's Next in Cyber Survey & Business Value Consulting analysis





**3000+**

Regulatory  
expectations  
in FSI

**75%**

World population that  
will be Covered Under  
Regulations by 2024

**SCULLY'S FORCE**  
**Regulators always want to dig deeper**



MOORE

DARWIN

TERMINATOR

FRANKENSTEIN

SCULLY

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## ORGANIZATIONAL FORCE

*Legacy organization mindsets, siloed, rigid processes, unclear roles and responsibilities, scattered ownerships...*

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## Tactics vs Strategy

**Fragmented  
Approach**

**Need for  
Strategic  
Approach**



# **ZERO TRUST STRATEGY** Is more than just technology

**PEOPLE**

**PROCESS**

**TECHNOLOGY**

A long-exposure photograph of a starry night sky, showing concentric circular star trails around a central point, with a dark silhouette of a hill in the foreground.

## What is Zero Trust?

A strategic approach to cybersecurity that secures an organization by eliminating **implicit trust** and continuously **validating every stage of a digital interaction.**

# Today's **security challenges** require Zero Trust adoption

## **Overly Permissive Access**

Overly permissive access to applications either because it is unclear what the correct policy should be or mistakes in network and policy configuration, allowing attackers to get a foothold

## **Large Blast Radius**

Internal segmentation largely unrestricted, allowing malicious users and attackers to easily move laterally once they have a foothold

## **Stolen Credentials Reuse**

Attackers accessing sensitive applications and data using stolen credentials

## **Inconsistent Security**

Security scanning only applied to select traffic, creates a significant risk leading to credential theft, data loss, and attackers gaining an opportunity to move laterally

## **Bad User Experience**

End users get a highly fragmented experience based on where they're working from, and operations are overly complex for admins

## **Unmanaged Devices**

Employees accessing sensitive applications and data from unmanaged devices results in data leaving the enterprise's security perimeter

## And in terms of **principles**?



**Identify & verify all  
users, devices,  
applications**



**Enforce least  
privilege policy**



**Apply holistic  
security inspection**



**Enforce all data  
access & movement  
policies**



**Optimize user and  
operational experience**

**Five widely accepted **principles** of Zero Trust**



# Five widely accepted **principles of Zero Trust**



**Identify & verify all users, devices, applications**



**All context** gathered

All **users consistently identified**, globally

All **devices & apps** secured

Continuous **passwordless** verification everywhere



**Enforce least privilege policy**



**Contextual policies** based on user, device, and apps

Connections allowed based on **business needs**

**Default deny** all else



**Apply holistic security inspection**



**Core attacks** prevention everywhere (e.g., malware)

**Adtl. prevention** applied by use case (e.g., IoT)

Log detection **analytics**



**Enforce all data access & movement policies**



**Data context** used for policies

Controlled data movement to **undesired locations**



**Optimize user and operational experience**



Performing **architecture** to preserve experience

AI Powered user to app visibility for quick **troubleshooting**

**Unified management** with consistent policies and data

# Enterprise Zero Trust



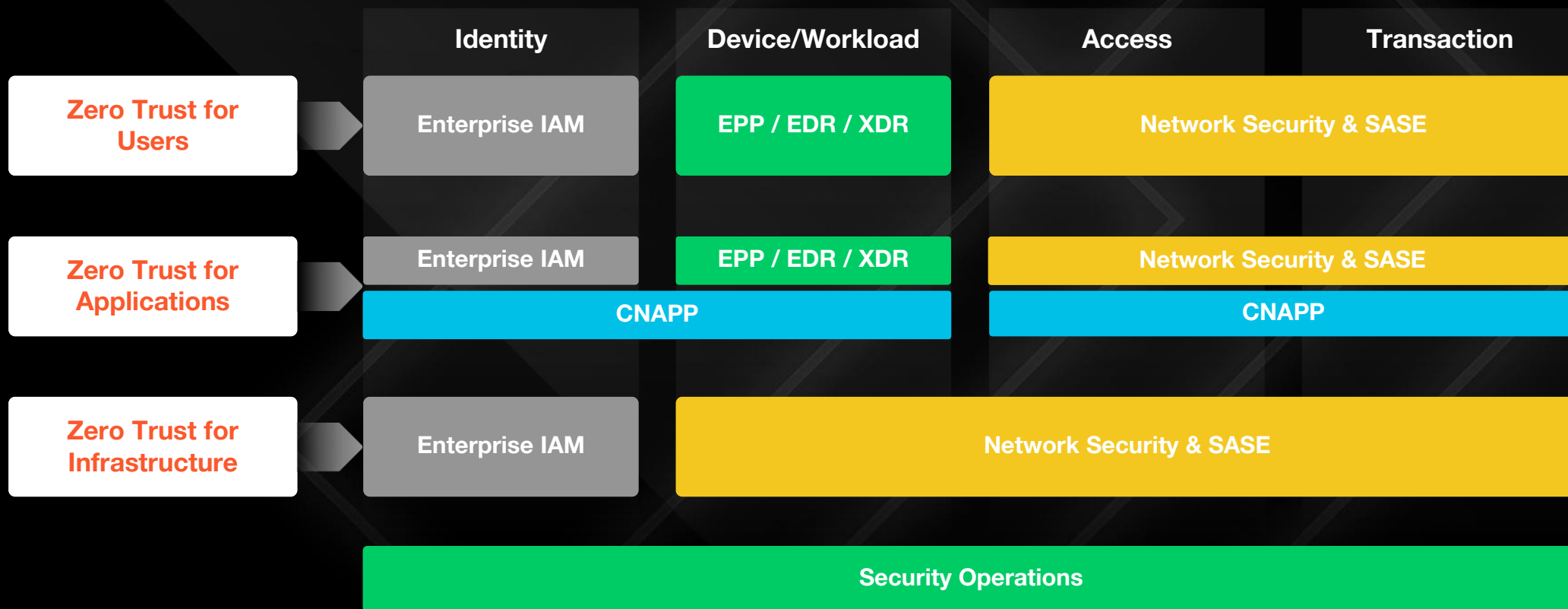
## The typical approach = Point Product Purchases

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to “solve” the problem


# Enterprise Zero Trust








# Scenario 1:


## How Zero Trust Breaks the Ransomware Attack Chain

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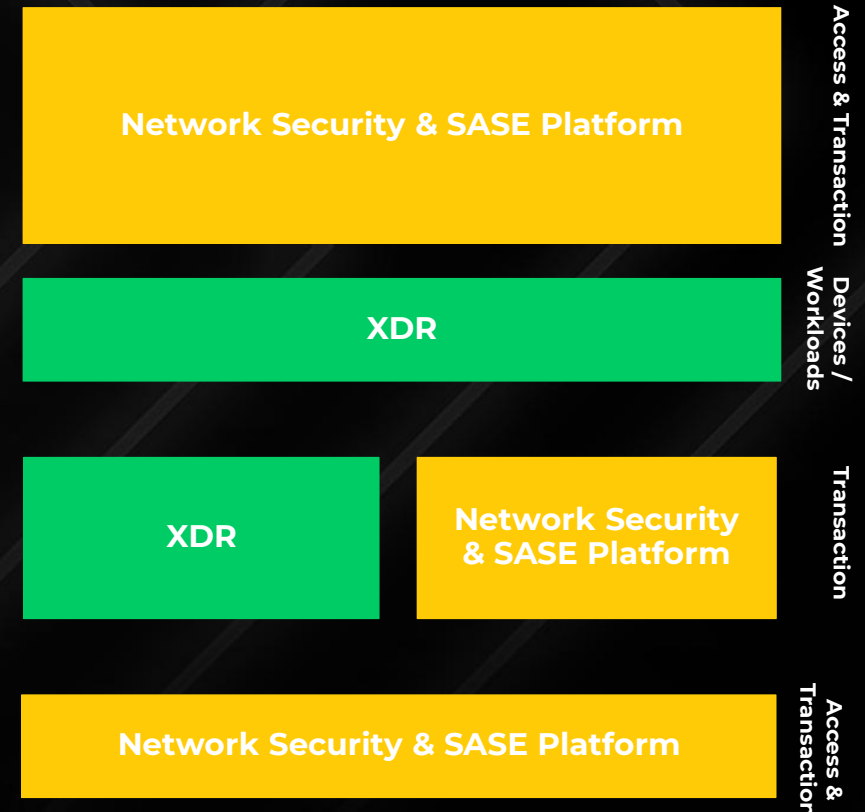
**1** **Hacker sends email to CEO**; Email may be blocked via Phishing product.
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**2** If email reaches user and an email link is clicked, phishing site blocked upon clicking via **DNS Security & Advanced URL Filtering**.
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**3** If user reaches Phishing site, Ransomware installation is blocked.
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**4** If initial software is installed, command and control is blocked by **XDR** and **Sandboxing** technology for attachment scanning.
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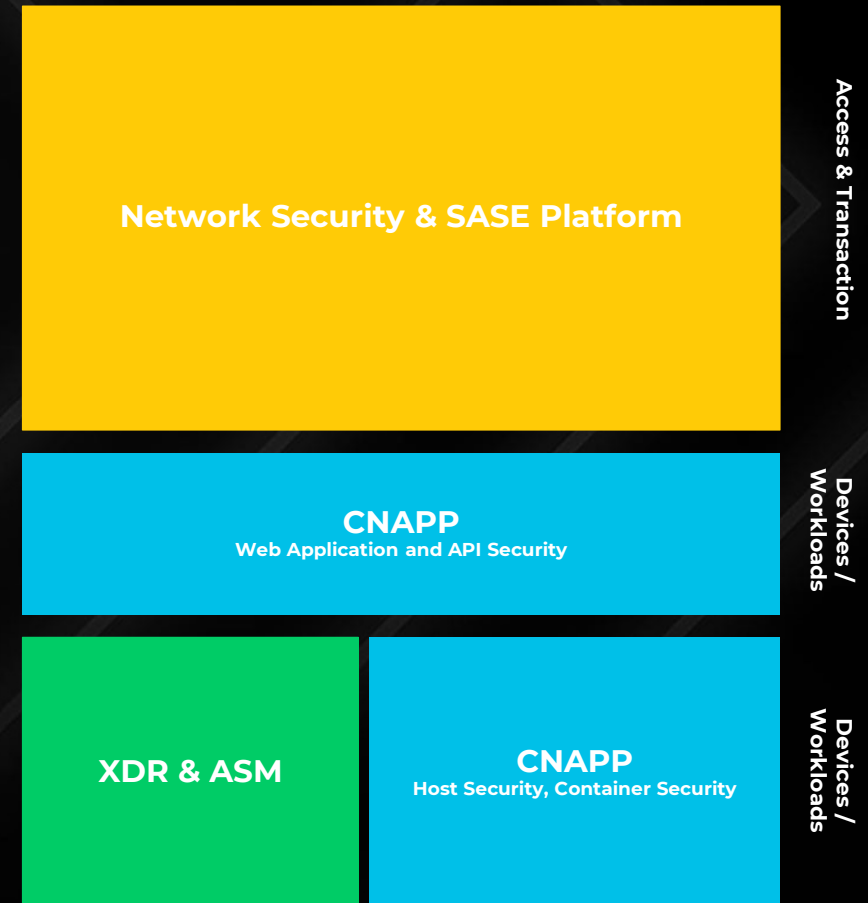
**5** If installation successful, expansion is limited / blocked via network segmentation / behavior, C2 detection and exfiltration



## Scenario 2: How Zero Trust Breaks the Log4j Attack

-  **1** **Supply chain threat published;** NGFW via Advanced Threat Prevention stops inbound Log4J attacks via Regular Expressions (RegEx) and real-time updates
-  **2** **NGFW** App-ID block LDAP egress to untrusted networks
-  **3** **CNAPP** Web Application API Security (WAAS) rule to block attacks via Regular Expressions (RegEx)
-  **4** Walking internet-facing assets to identify exposures
-  **5** Walk assets (VMs/Containers) to assess impact

 = Private  = Public



# Scenario 3:

## How Zero Trust Breaks Lateral Movement in Containers

1



**Web application in a container is attacked;**

**CNAPP** Web Application API Security (WAAS) identifies attack and blocks invalid requests.

2



If attack reaches web application and obtains shell access on container: **CNAPP Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM)** policy for AWS Elastic Kubernetes Service (EKS) will restrict access to Kubernetes API, so as to block reconnaissance. **CWPP** to prevent any unknown behavior

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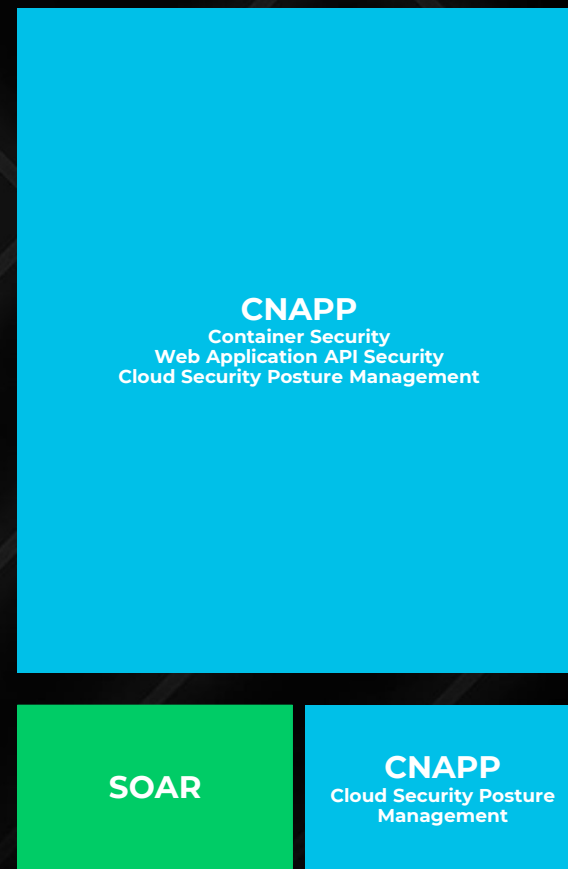


If attacker probes Kubernetes Pod for IAM roles which could be exposed: **CNAPP CSPM** policy for AWS Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) would enforce least privilege for users traversing it.

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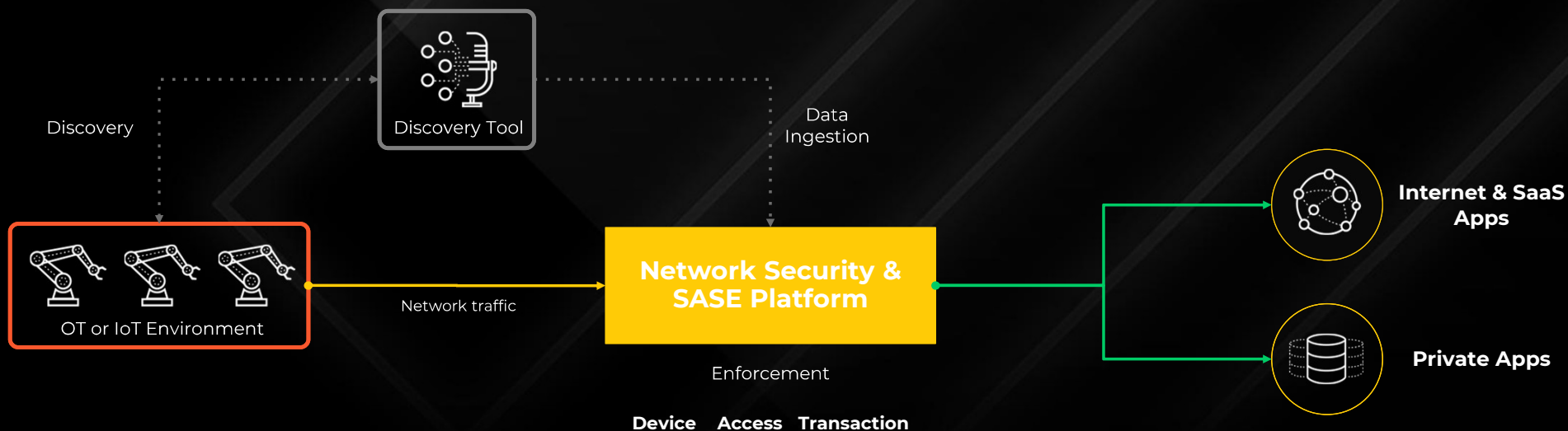
If attacker identifies IAM credentials and dumps them to local environment: **CNAPP CSPM** policy for EKS will log that high risk activity and share with the SOC for immediate action



# Scenario 4 - integration example:

## How Zero Trust secures IoT/OT environments in brownfield scenario

-  IoT and OT equipment in manufacturing facilities or offices (IoT) are being discovered with a **3rd party security tool**.
-  After discovery the IoT and OT information is ingested into Network Security Platform for categorization
-  **Network Security Platform** contains policies to **enforce security inspection** on the individual or categorized IoT and OT equipment
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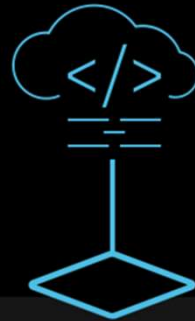


# Platforms Always Prevail



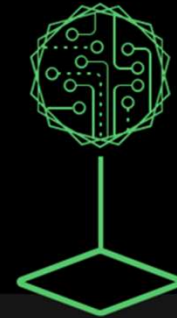
## Zero Trust Platform

Network security that ensures every connection is secure



## Code to Cloud Platform

Cloud security that ensures every cloud application is secure



## AI-Driven Security Operations Platform

SecOps that is powered by a real-time security engine

# Looking Ahead

**Organizations will require**  
***Real-time and Autonomous Security***  
**to Achieve Cyber Resilience**

**Ubiquitous Platformization will Deliver  
Real-Time Security Outcomes**

# Example Outcomes From AI-Enabled Platforms

## Reimagined Products

**Good Data  
Drives Great AI**

Each day we analyze  
**750M**  
new and unique  
events

**AI + ML  
Deliver Zero-  
Day Detection**

Each day we detect  
**1.5M**  
new and unique  
attacks that weren't  
there the day before

**Attack  
Prevention  
Happens Inline**

Each day we block  
**8.6B**  
attacks

## Operational Efficiency

**Stronger  
Cybersecurity  
Outcomes**

**10**  
SECONDS  
Mean Time to Detect

**15**  
MINUTE  
Mean Time to Respond  
(automated & manual)

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## Palo Alto Networks Recommendation



### Zero Trust

A strategy that removes implicit trust and builds on continuous validation. Covering people, process and technology.

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### AI Driven Platform(s)

Best-in-breed capabilities connected where needed for the greatest visibility, control, and efficiency. **Enable real-time, autonomous security.**

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### Future Proof

Frees you to operate and innovate with speed and safety—easing your secure transformation

To deliver cybersecurity that **stays ahead of threats rather than** just reacts to them!



# THANK YOU

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# AI-Driven Platforms

## Enable Real-Time & Autonomous Security

### Zero Trust SASE Platform

Infused with AI for Real-Time Protection



Unified Management & AIOps



Cloud-Delivered Security Services



Hardware  
NGFW



Software  
NGFW



SASE

### Code to Cloud Platform

AI Powered Code-to-Cloud Experience



Code



Cloud  
Infrastructure



Cloud  
Runtime



Code To Cloud Platform

### AI Security Operations

AI Delivers the Autonomous SOC





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## Legacy Security

### Hyper Innovation

Cloud adoption, mobility, API mesh, IoT and even the metaverse drive our new digital economy in **breakneck pace**.



### Evolved Attackers

**Attackers are evolving** their methods to exploit gaps created by the pace of innovation.



### Legacy Security

**Perimeter based security** that **relies on implicit trust**, is highly **manual** and **inaccurate** due to **fragmented** security tools.

**Many organisations are still trying to defend evolved attacks with old tools and tactics.**



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# Adding tools becomes chaos

1,300

Executives (CIOs, CISOs, CTOs, COOs)



400  
NAM



100  
LATAM



500  
EMEA



300  
JAPAC

22%  
50 or more

14%  
Less than 10

16%  
10 to 14

14%  
15 to 19

0%  
I don't know

34%  
50 or more

Number of security  
tools / solutions  
organization  
currently uses



## DID YOU KNOW

96%

of all respondents experienced **at least 1 Incident** in the last 12 months

57%

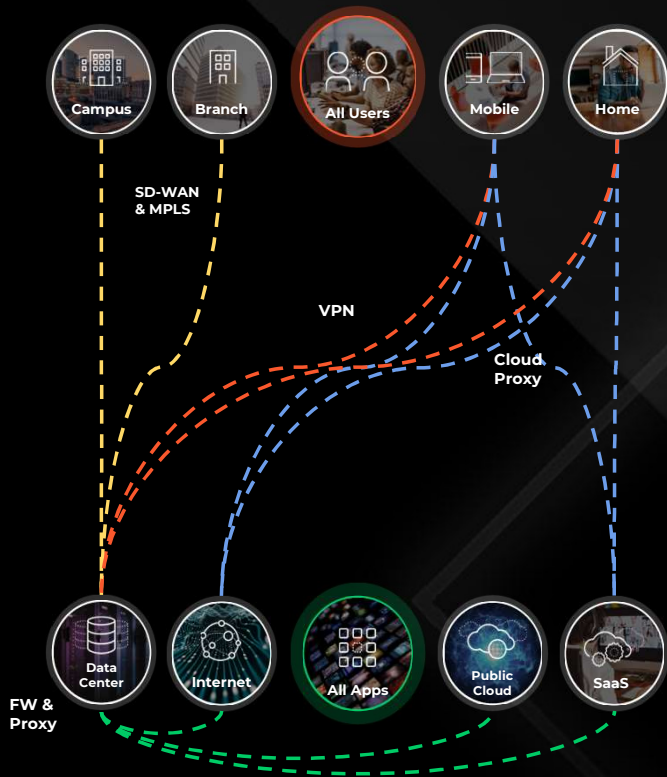
experienced **3 or more Incidents** in the last 12 months

33%

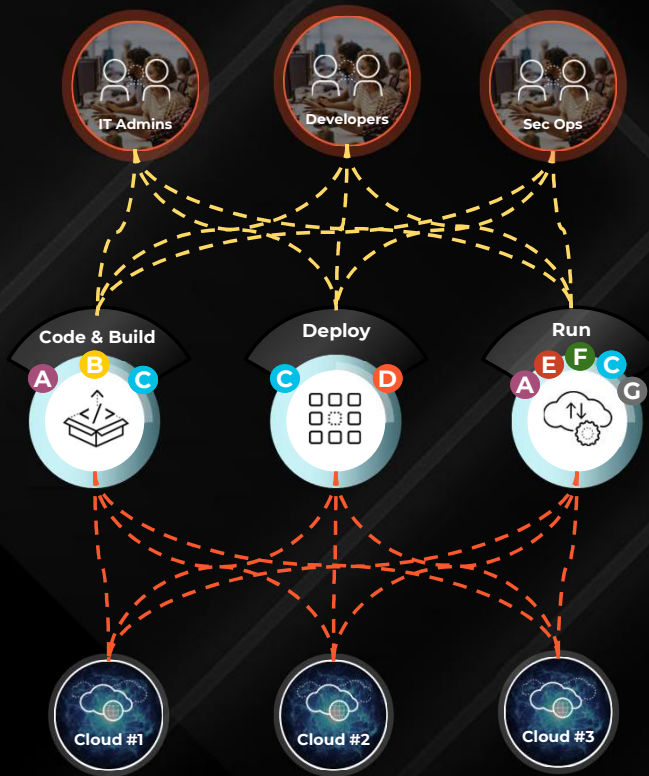
of CXOs said they **experienced an operational disruption** as a result of a breach in the past year

Source: What's Next in Cyber Survey by Palo Alto Networks

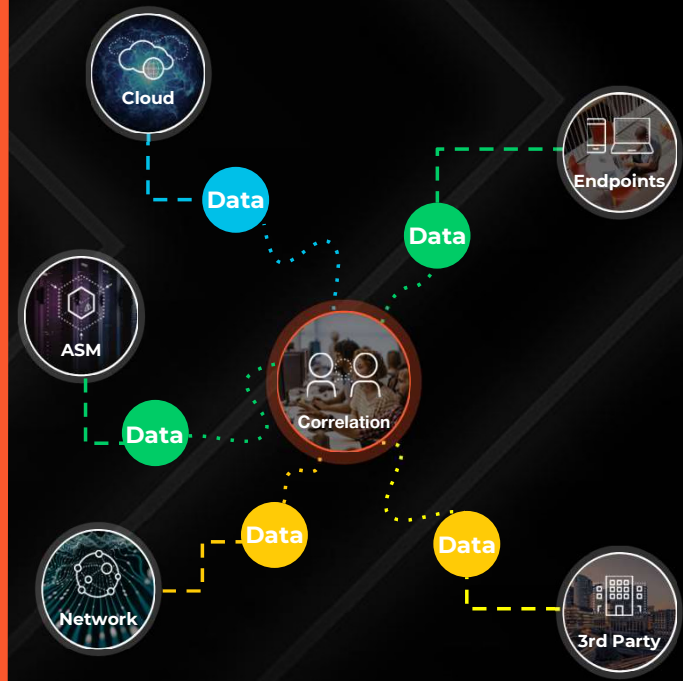
# Security chaos proved it doesn't work



Network Security Chaos



Cloud Security Chaos



Security Ops Chaos

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Network Security & SASE Platform

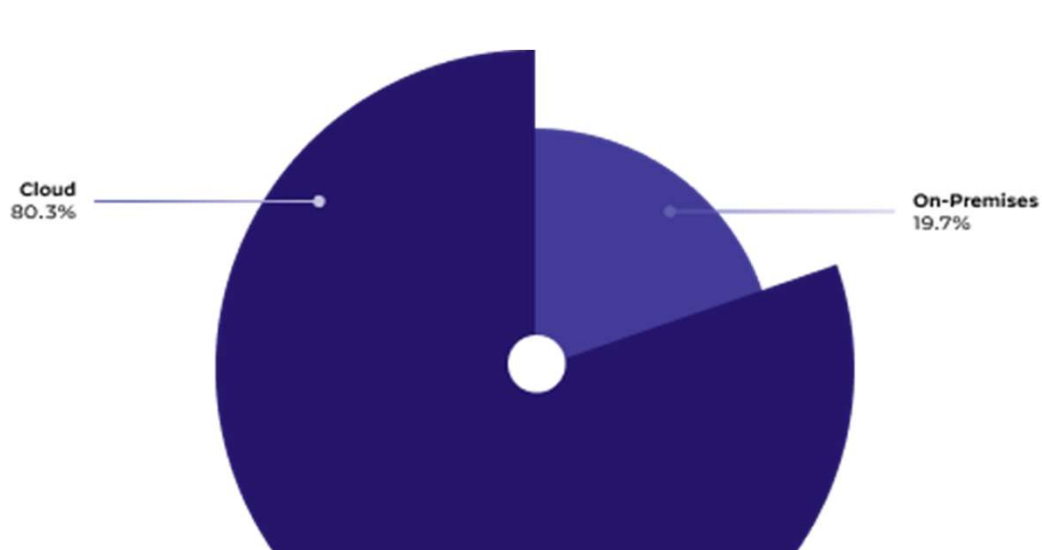
Devices /  
Workloads

Access

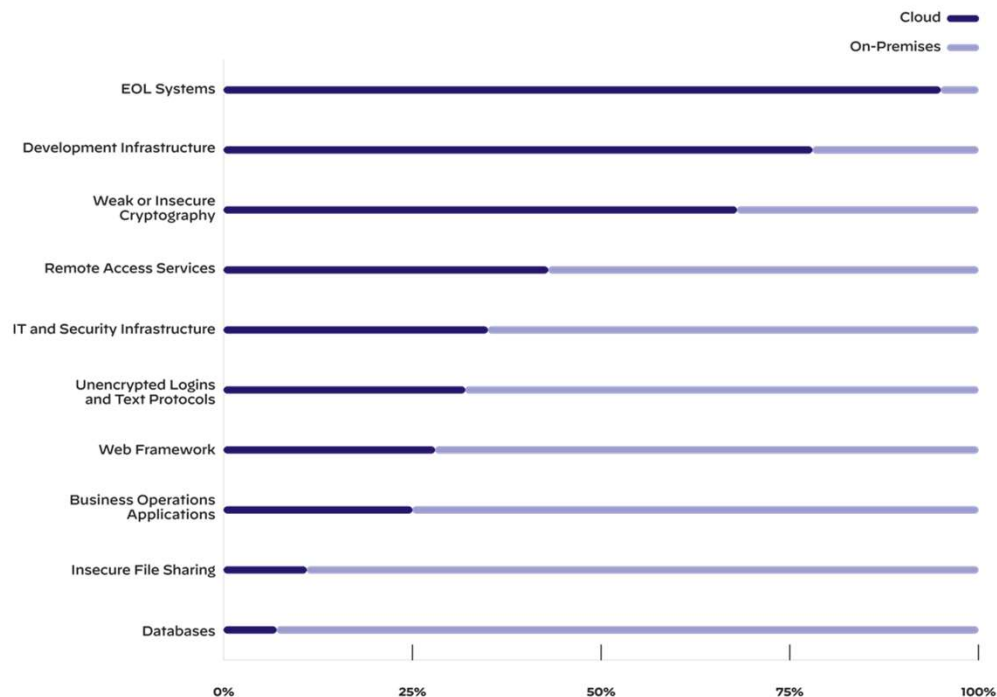
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# Security typically lags behind technological adoption. Example Cloud:

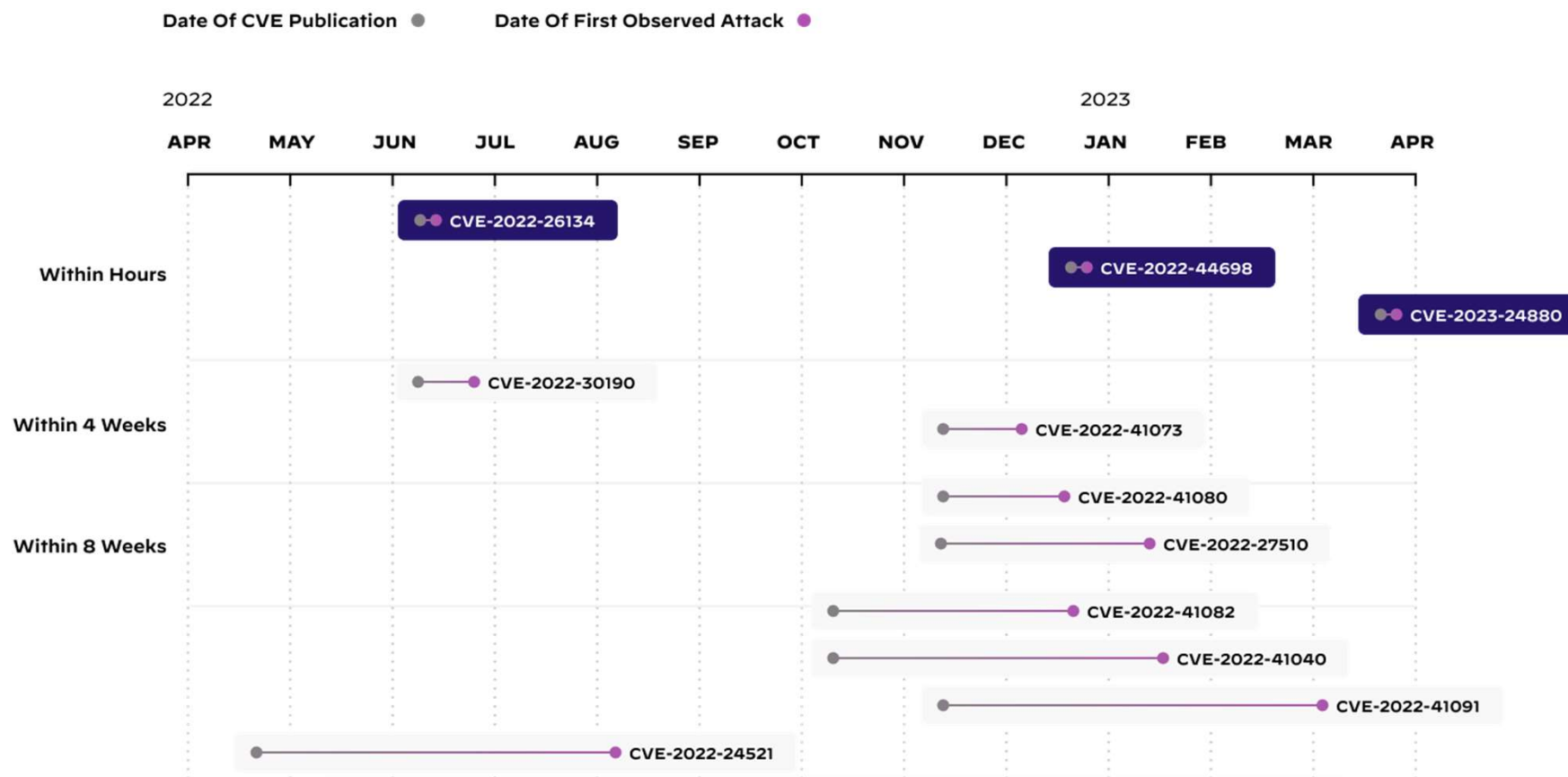


**Unit42 (2023): 80% of high exposures were observed on assets hosted in the public cloud**



Source: 2023 Unit 42 Attack Surface Report

# The speed of “first” attacks ...



Source: 2023 Unit 42 Attack Surface Report

# Current State of Cybersecurity

Top Challenges Organizations Face Today

## Fragmented Vendor Base



**~3,500+**

**Cybersecurity Vendors<sup>1</sup>**

Attackers take Advantage of  
Complexity & Lack of Visibility

## Lack of Integration



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**Average # of security tools  
organizations use today<sup>2</sup>**

Customers are left to  
Integrate their Security Tools



1. CyberDB, 2023; The Cyber Research Databank  
2. What's Next in Cyber Survey, 2022: Palo Alto Networks, Total N=1300  
3. IDC Survey, "Current State of SOCs", 2022

# Next wave of regulations will put more pressure on cyber security

