

Security Monitoring Using Splunk Cookbook

Proven recipes for improving the security posture

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Agenda

1) The Need

I'm hungry!

2) Challenges

Too many options

3) Our Journey

Ingredients

4) Solutions

Recipe

5) Benefits

The Taste

The Need – Why SIEM

Types of Organizations



Breached!



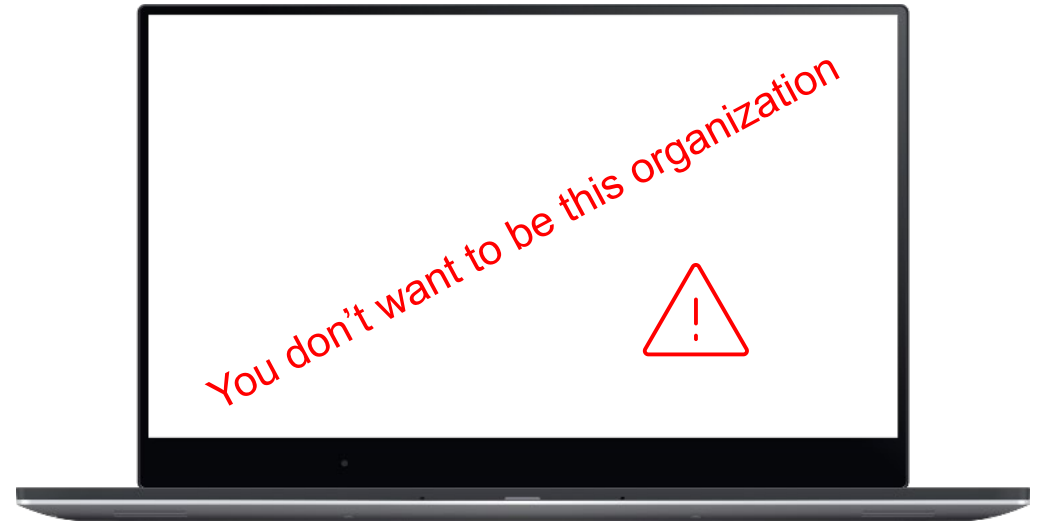
Don't know they have been breached!



CEO



Security Operations



That's where Splunk SIEM helps....

Common Myths and Facts

Myth

Just Network perimeter devices will suffice my security needs

Enterprise Security is only about compliance requirement for yearly audit

Fact

Two thirds of security administrators admit that security intelligence platform is required.

SIEM solution has become mandatory to protect network from attacks

Top enterprises believe that security goes beyond yearly audit reports

Continuous monitoring is essential to secure the Enterprise systems

Data Breach Statistics

Size of the problem

71%

Data breaches were financially motivated

52%

Breaches featured hacking

4.1B

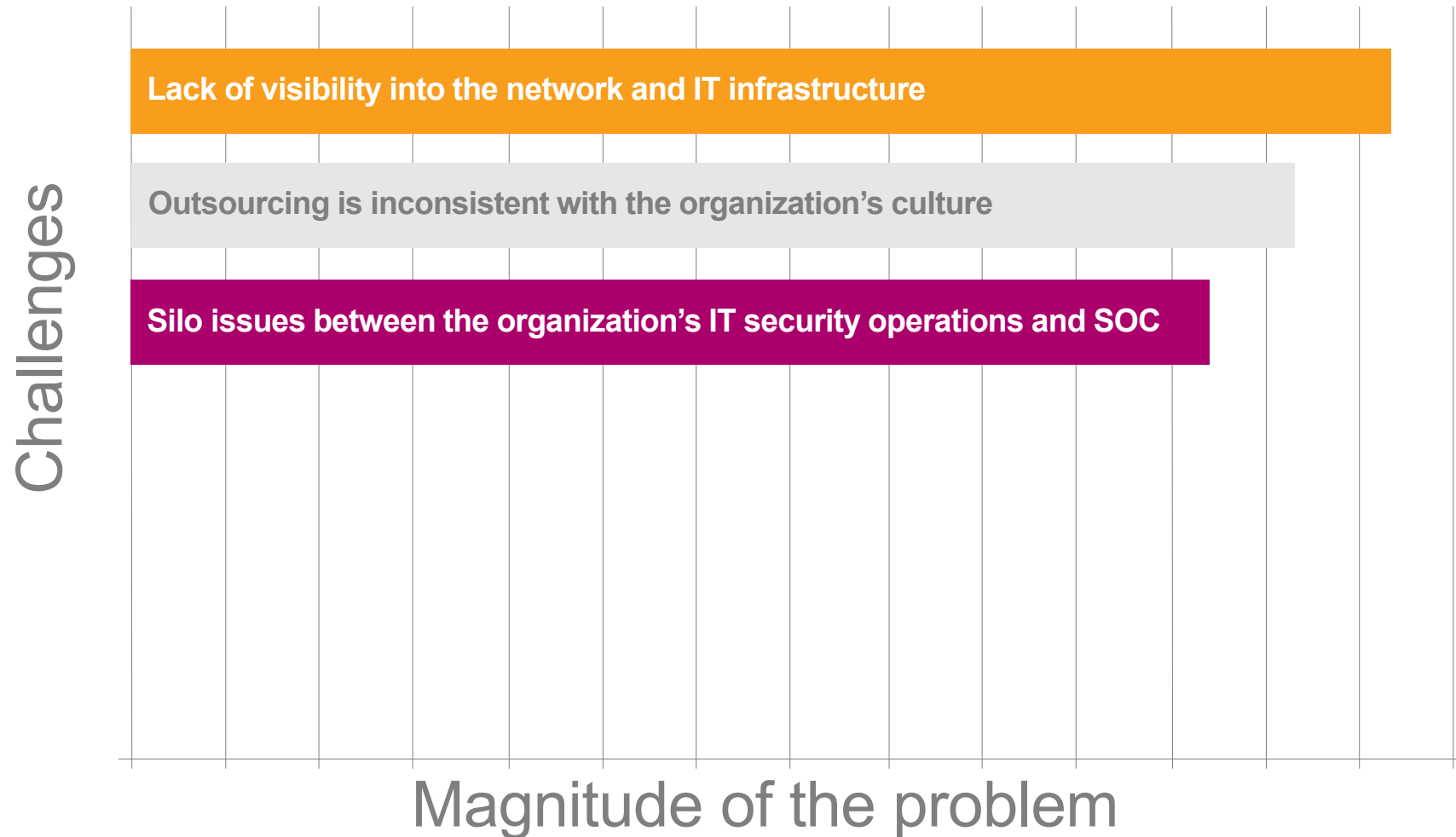
Records exposed by data breaches

3.92M

Average cost of a data breach

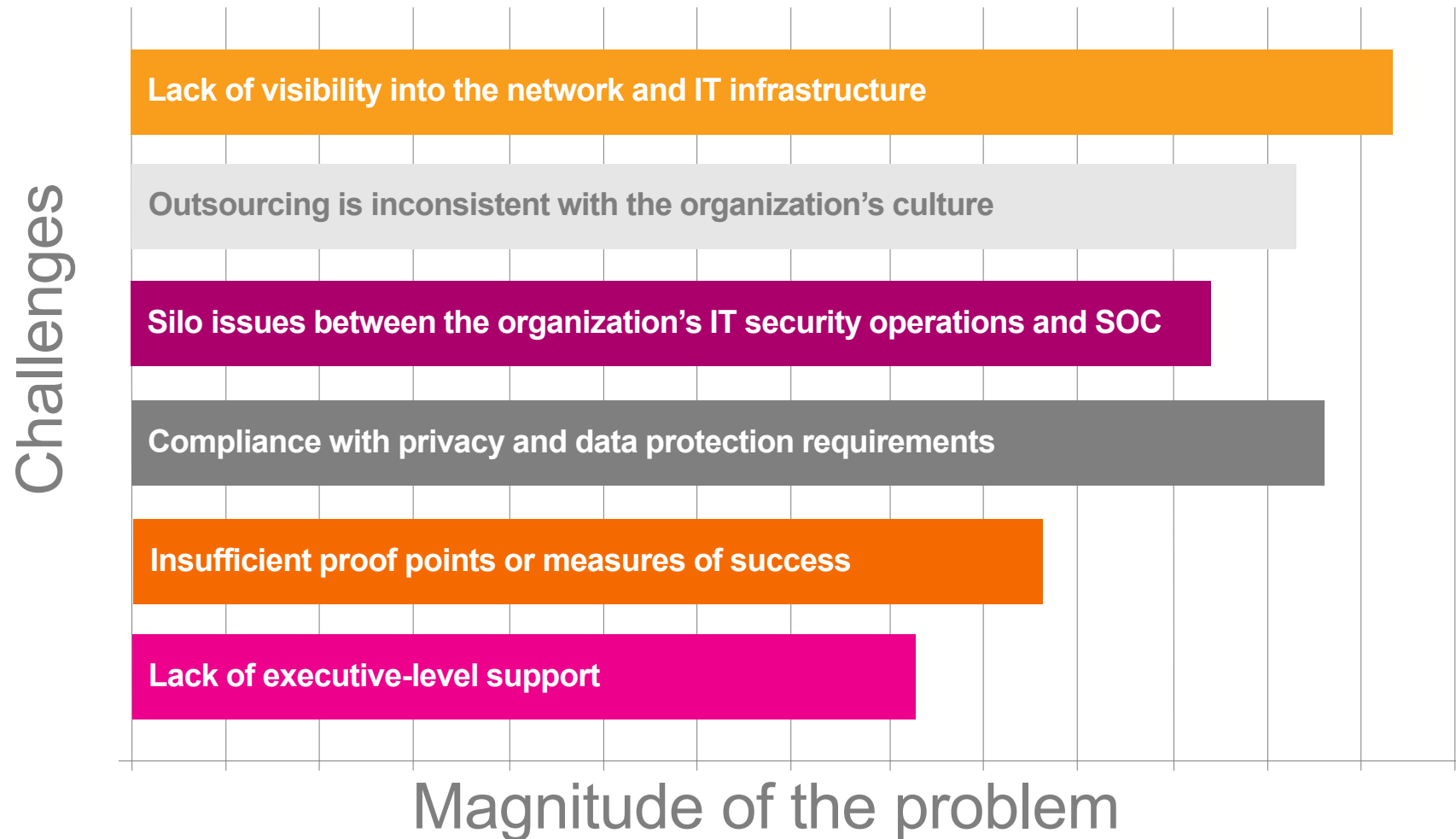
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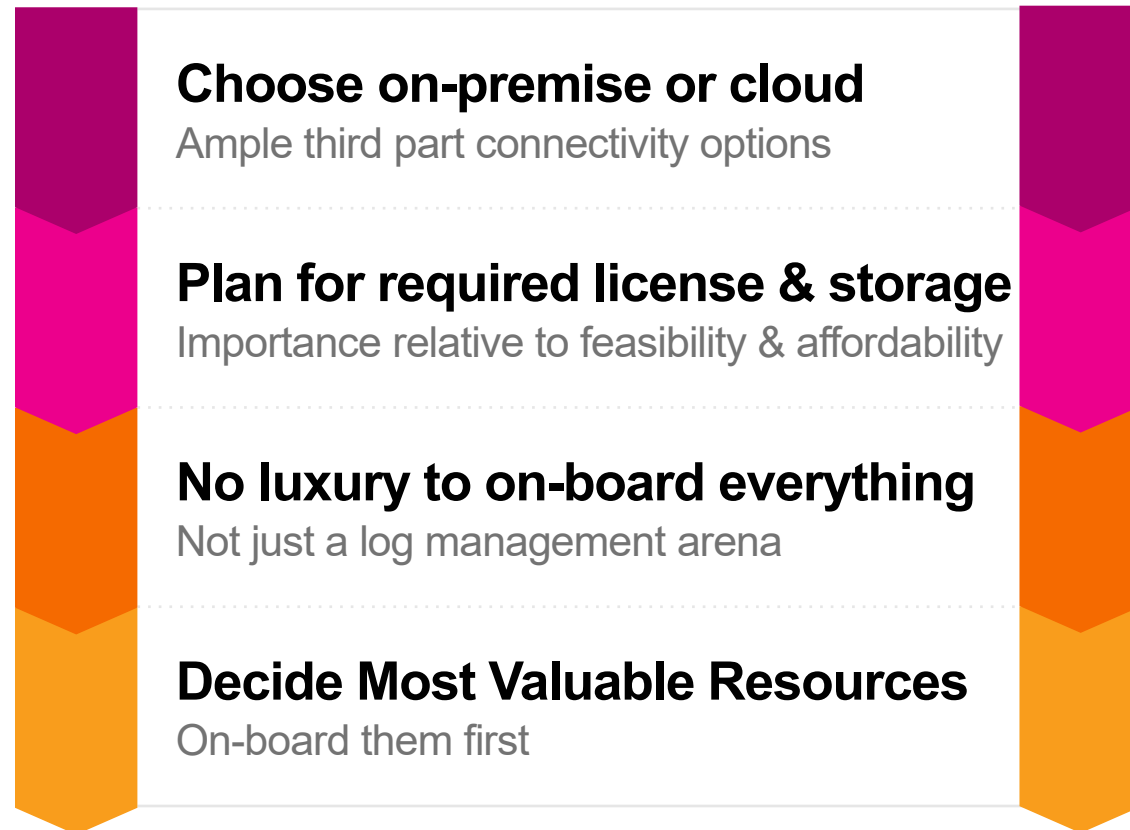
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Our Journey and Experience

Observations and lessons learnt



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Choose on-premise or cloud

Ample third part connectivity options

Plan for required license & storage

Importance relative to feasibility & affordability

No luxury to on-board everything

Not just a log management arena

Decide Most Valuable Resources

On-board them first

Add context & use frameworks

Assets, Identities, Threat Intelligence, Risk, etc.

Identify crucial use case scenarios

Wider coverage versus depth

Watch Splunk Security Domains

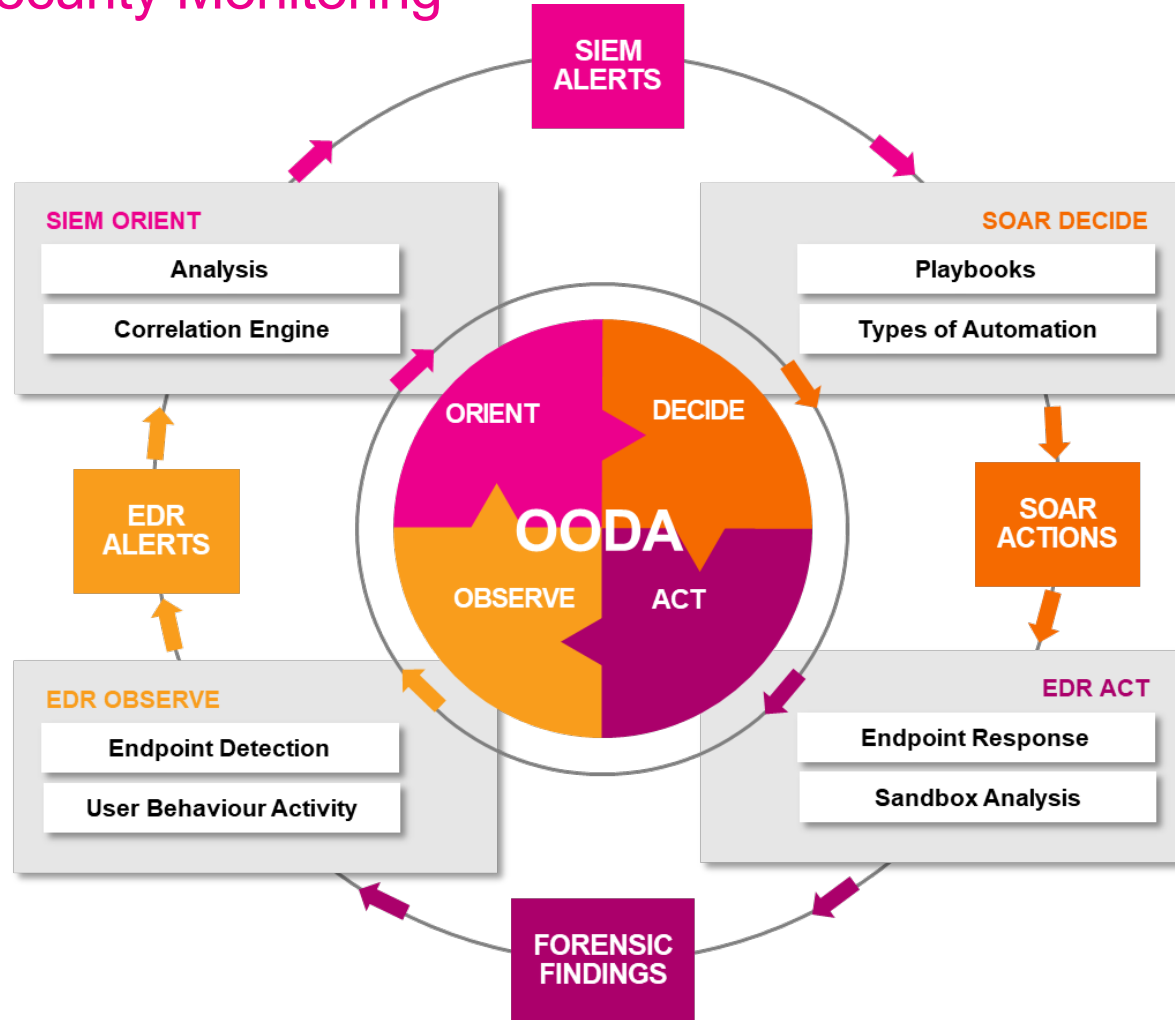
Content updates is a starting point

Choose the battles

Be a Security advisor first

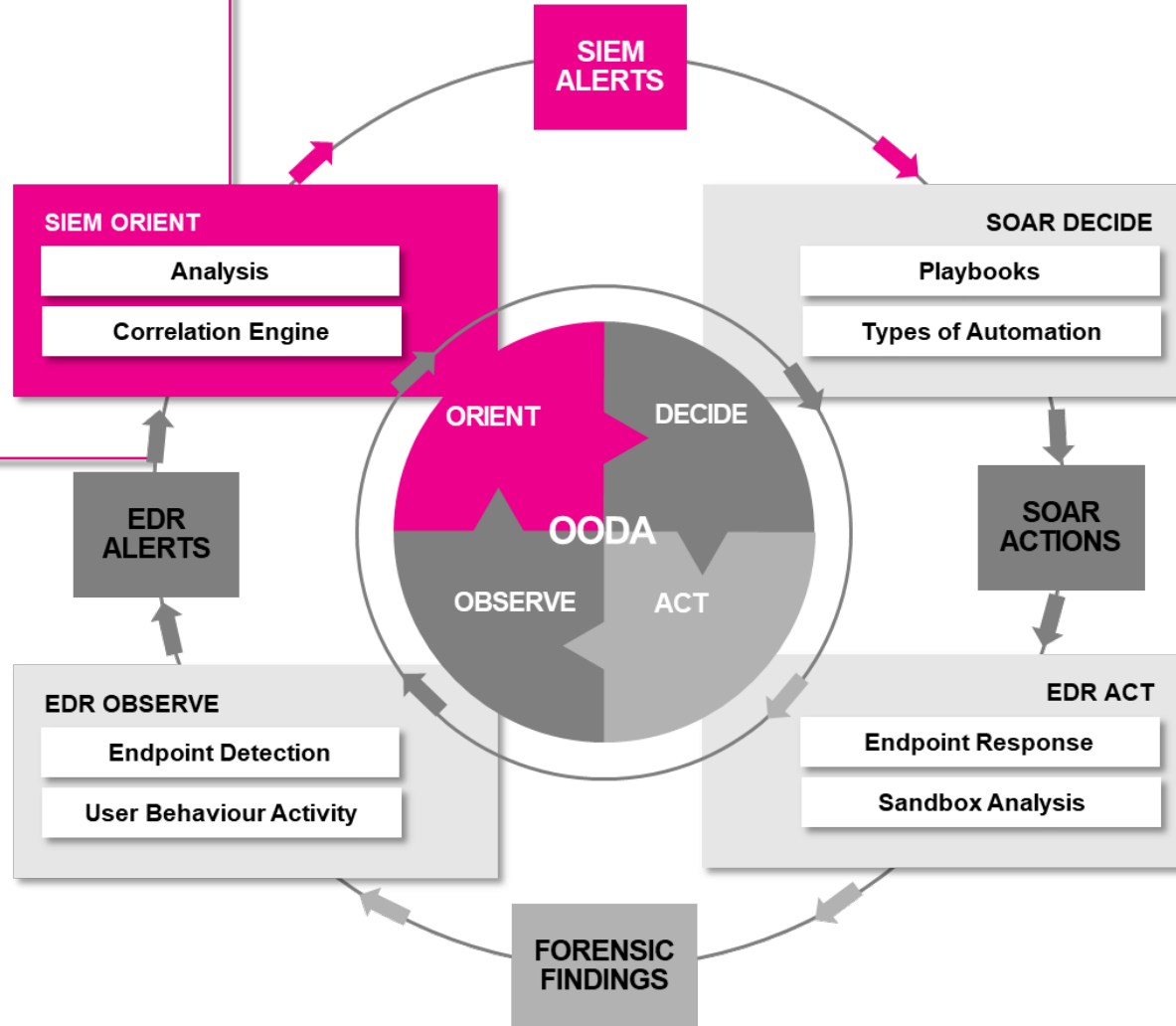
Decision Making Methodology

Applying OODA to Security Monitoring

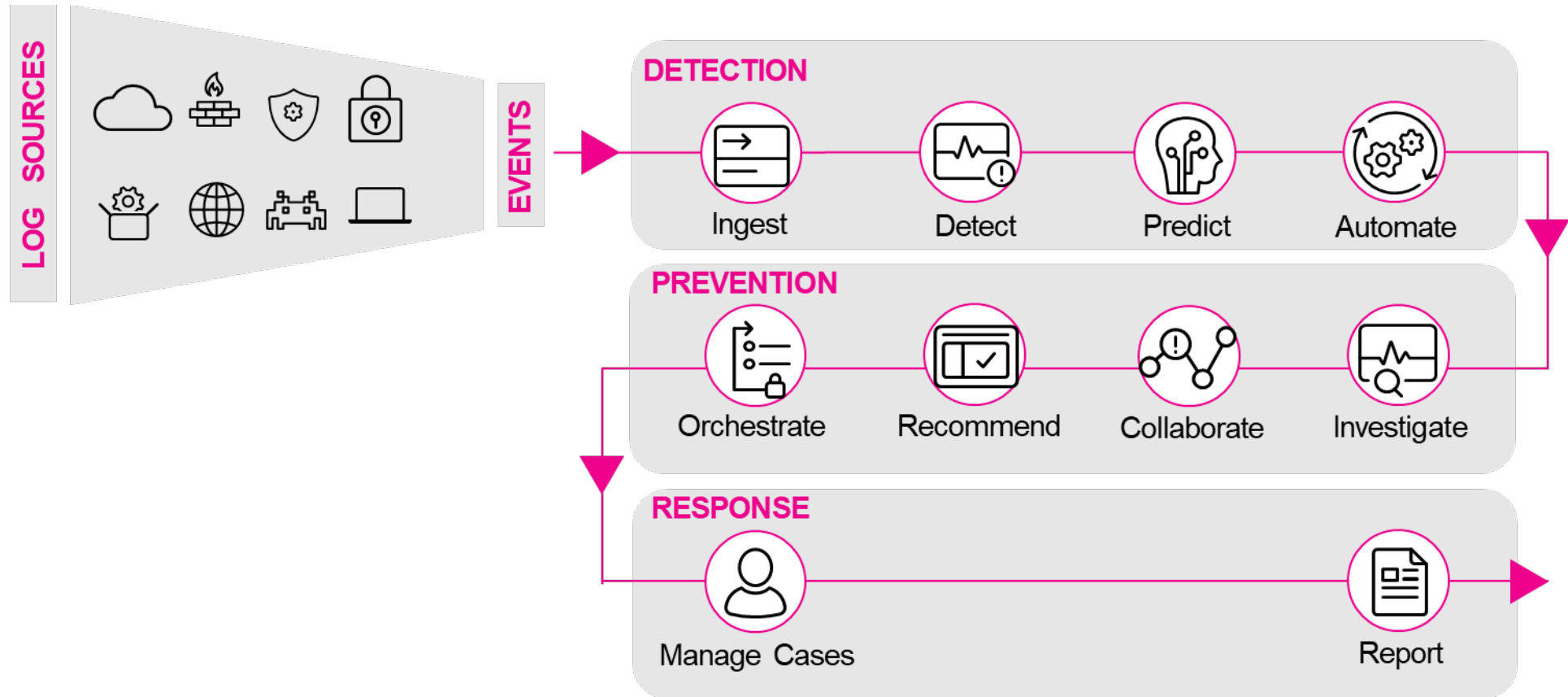


... with Focus on SIEM

- Security analytics
- Use case management
- Incident management
- Threat Intelligence
- Adaptive response
- Log Source Correlation
- User Behaviour Analytics
- Vulnerability Management

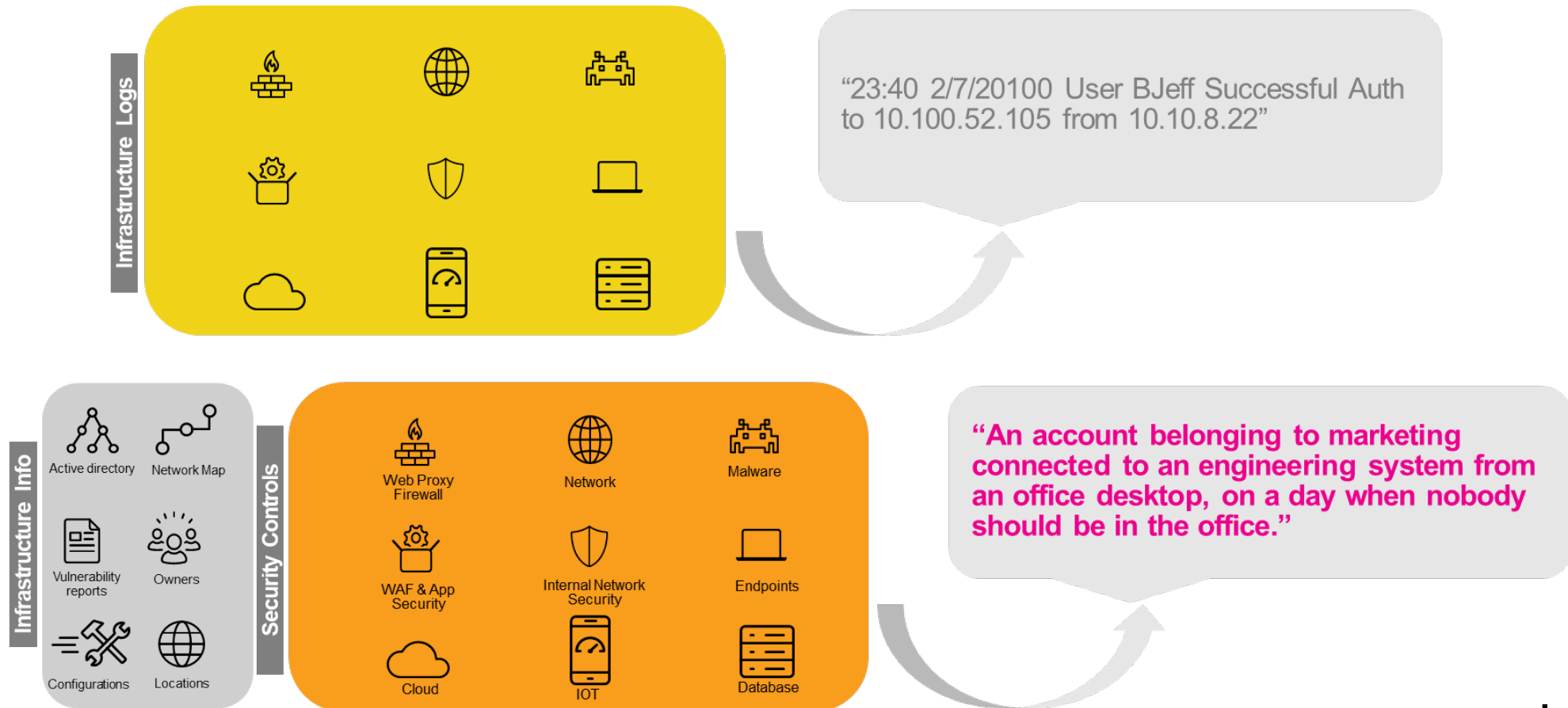


10 Building Blocks of Detection & Response



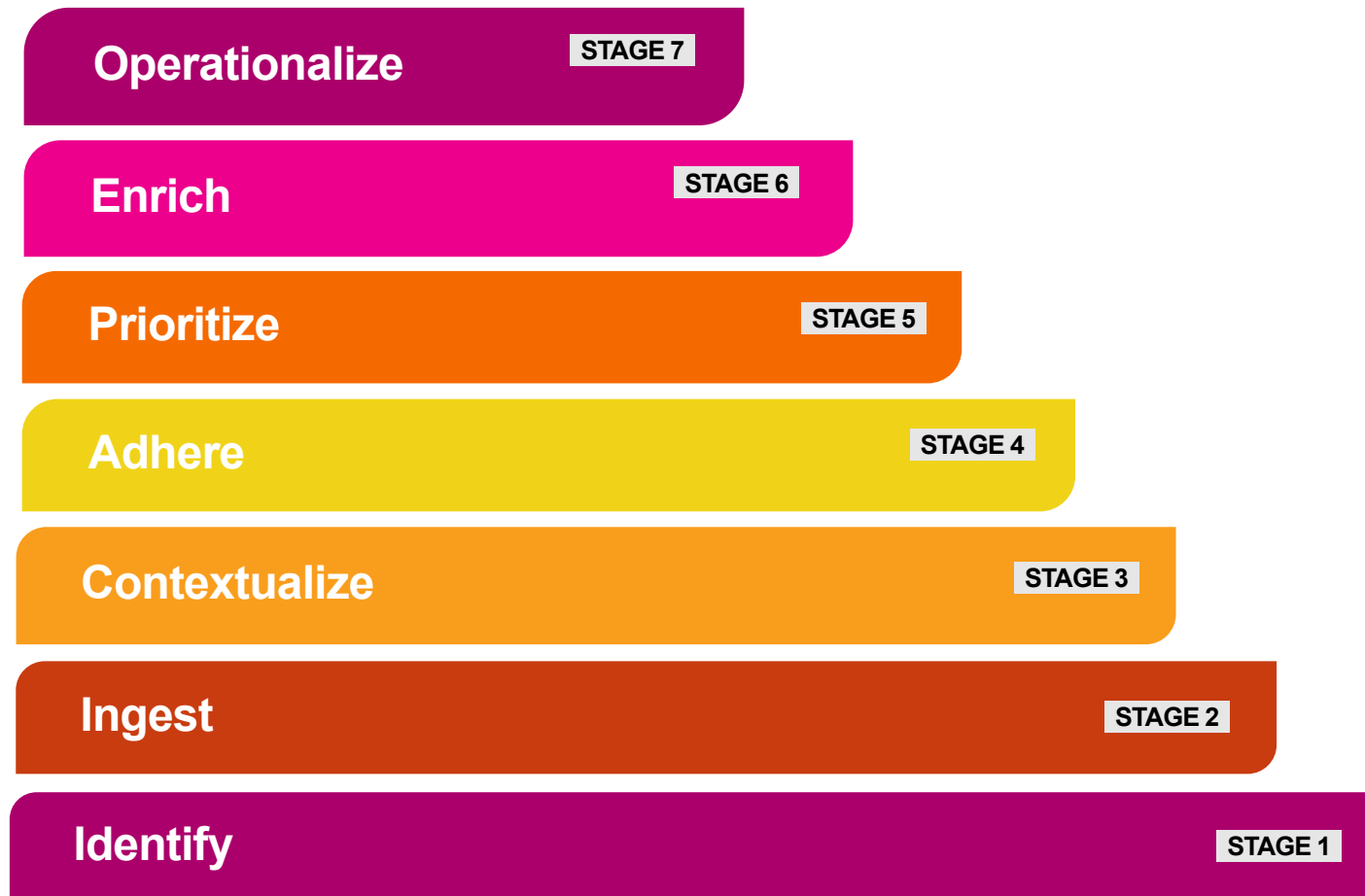
Logs, Alerts and Context to it

Adding clarity to detection of 'An anomalous authentication event'



Choose Critical Yet Achievable Scenarios

7 stages to choose achievable scenarios



Choice of Security Use Case Scenarios

Limit numbers and reduce alert fatigue



Use Case Scenario Selection

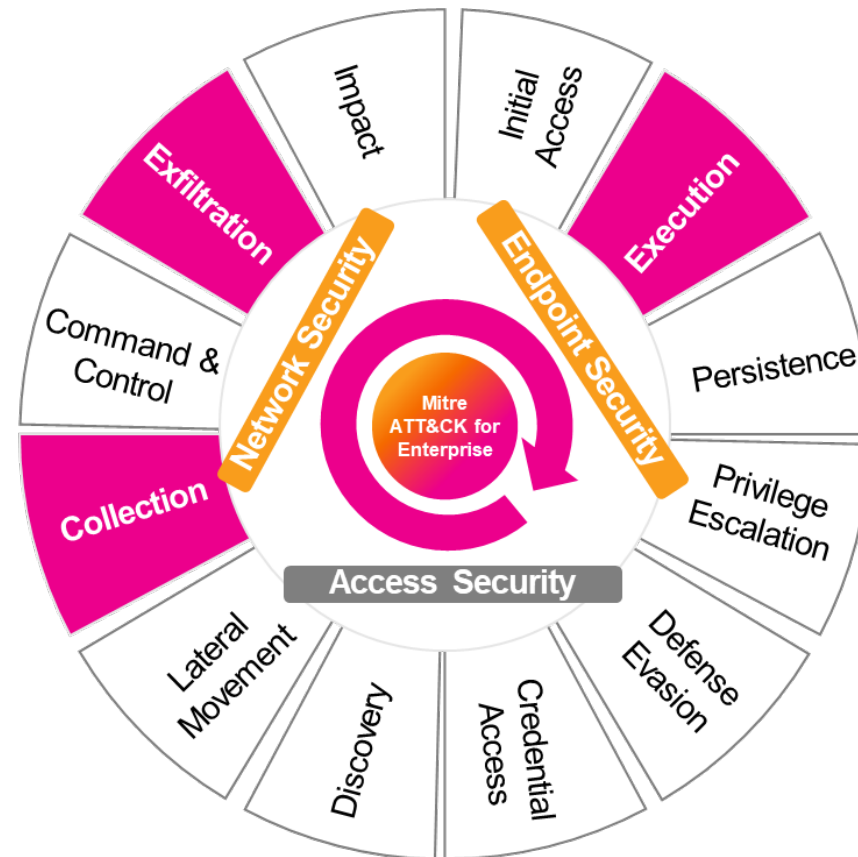
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Business Needs

- Splunk Security Domains
- Framework Mapping

Feasibility

- Available Logs
- Relevant events



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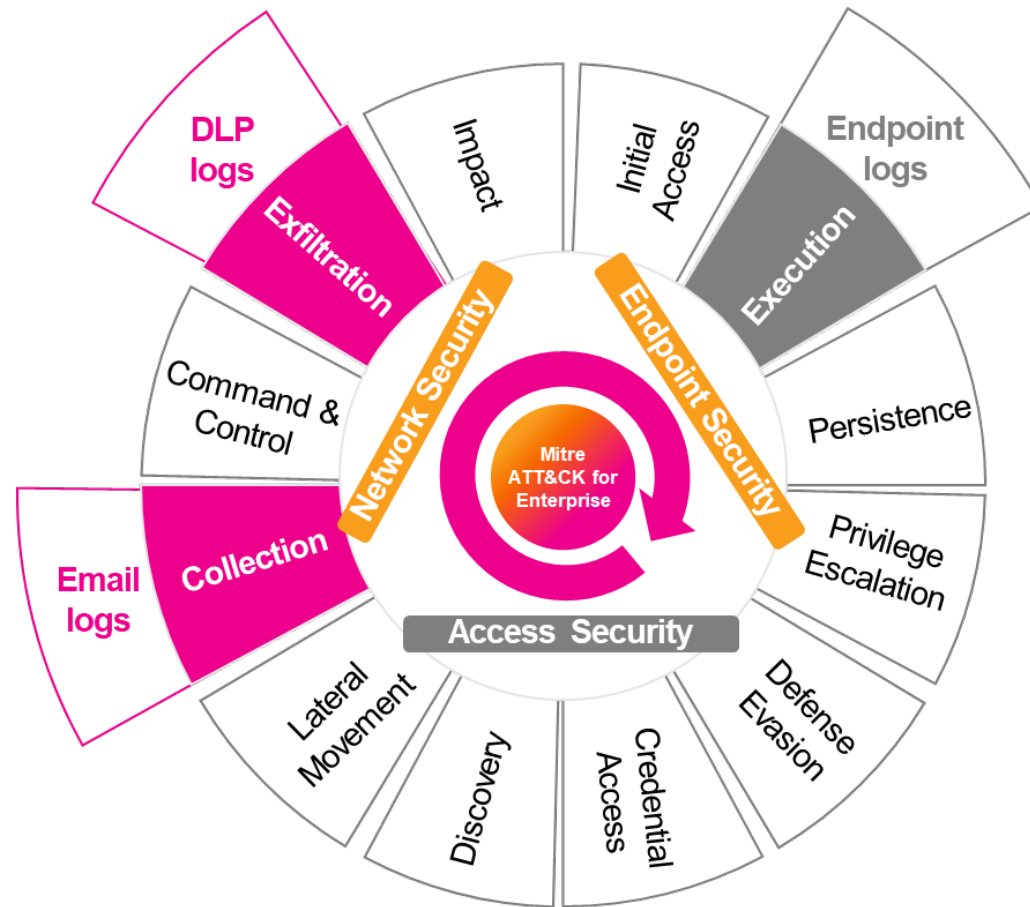
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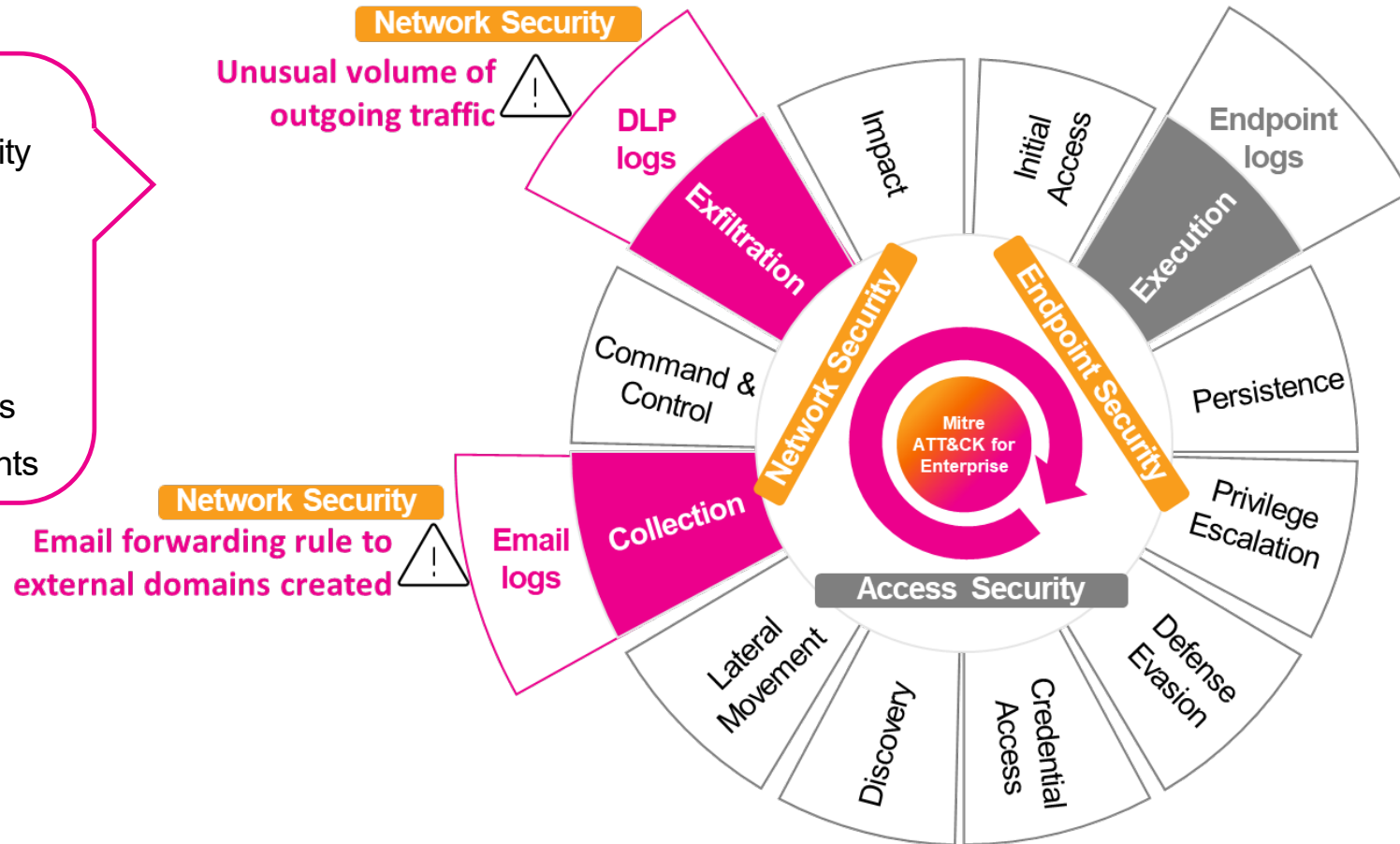
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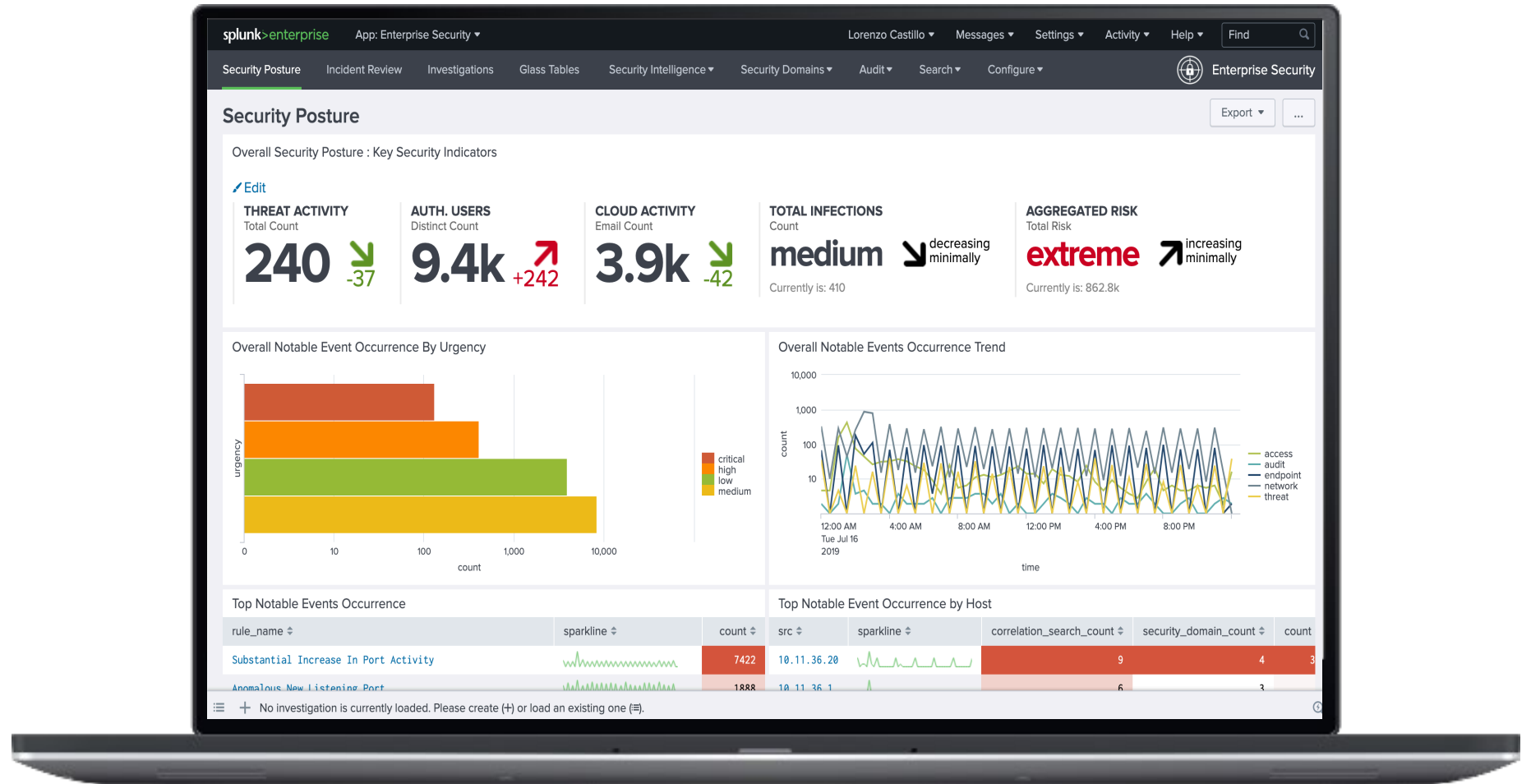
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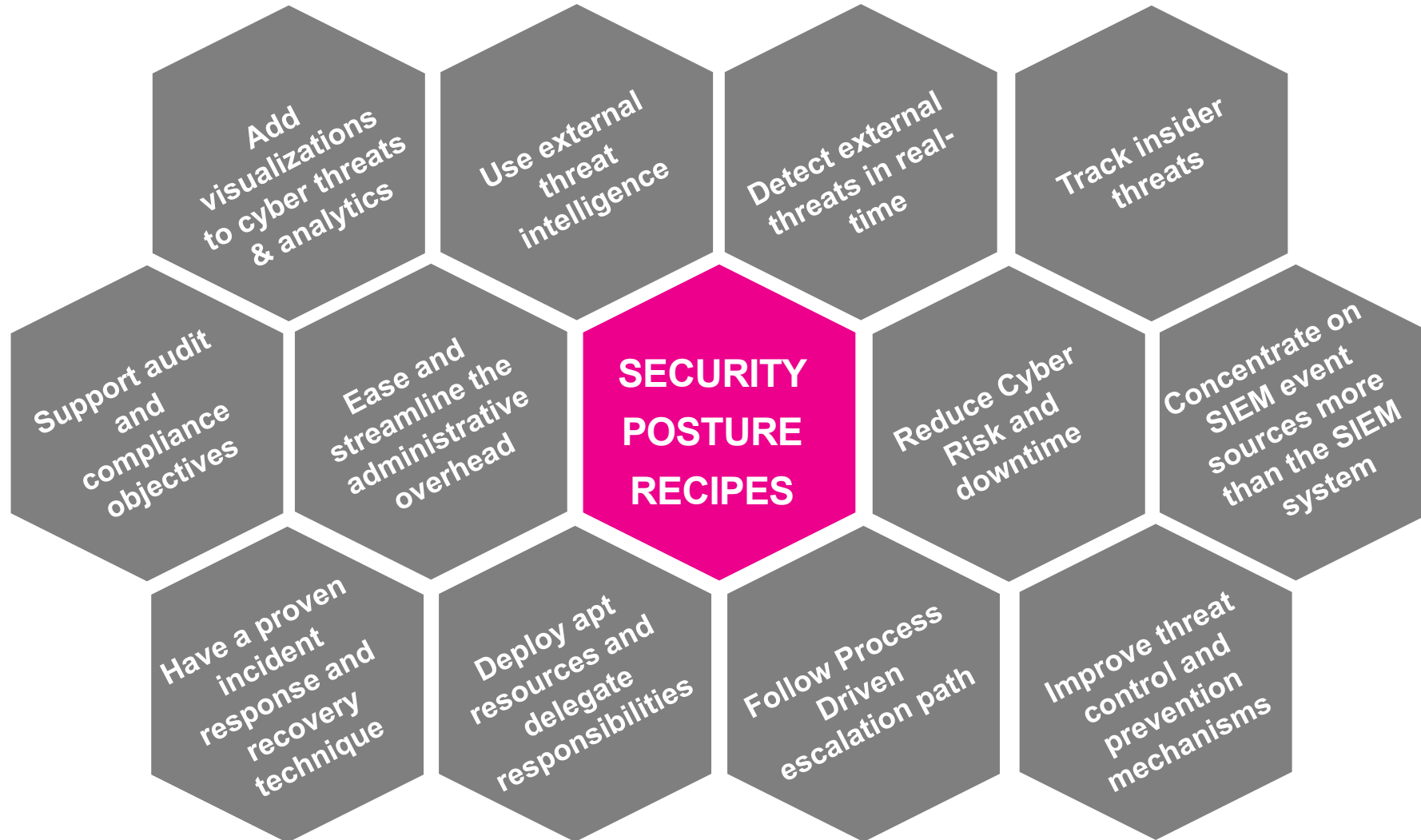


Security Posture Key Indicators

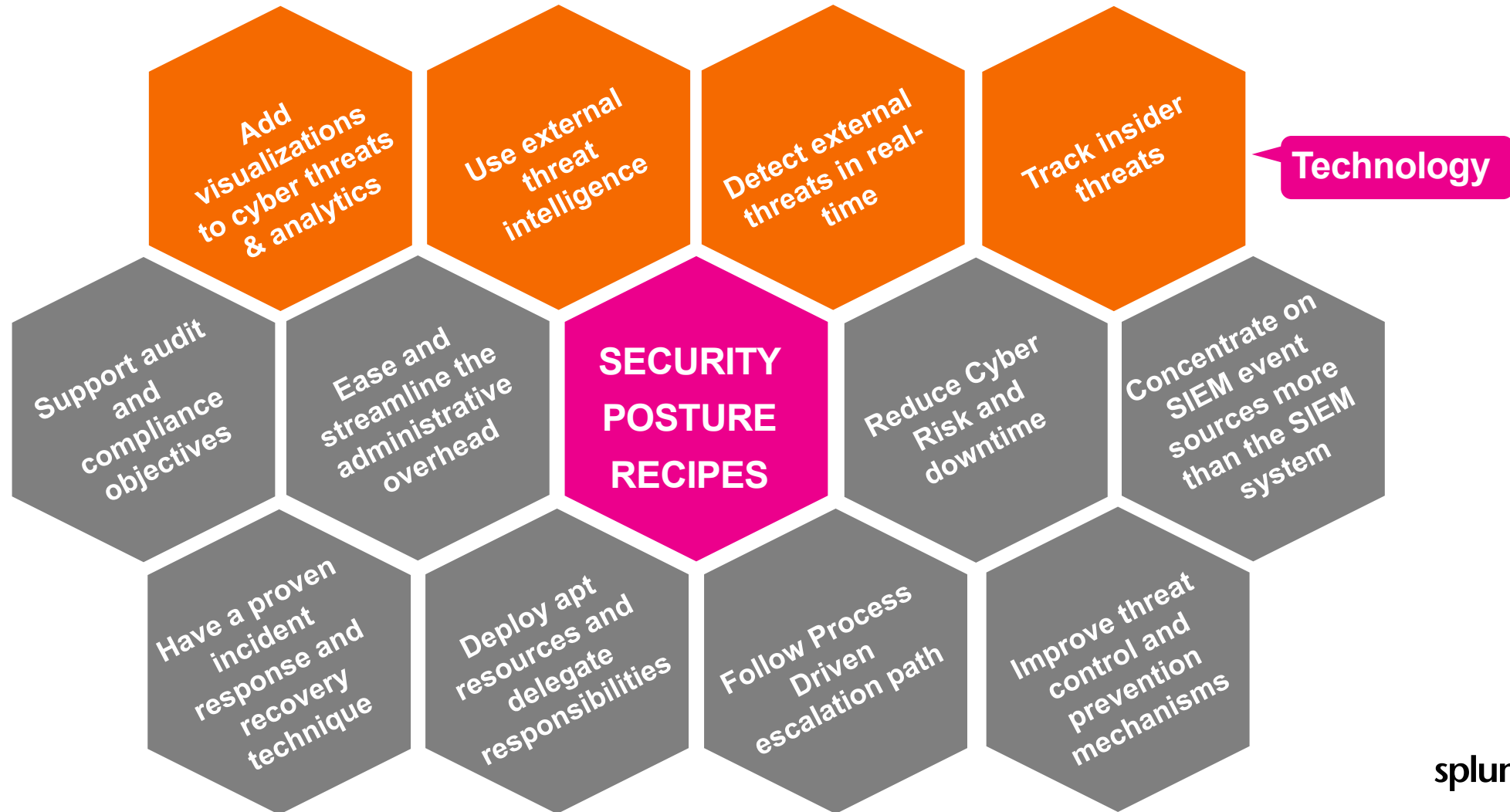
- Threat Activity
- Affected users
- Endpoint Activity
- Network Activity
- Audit events
- Notables



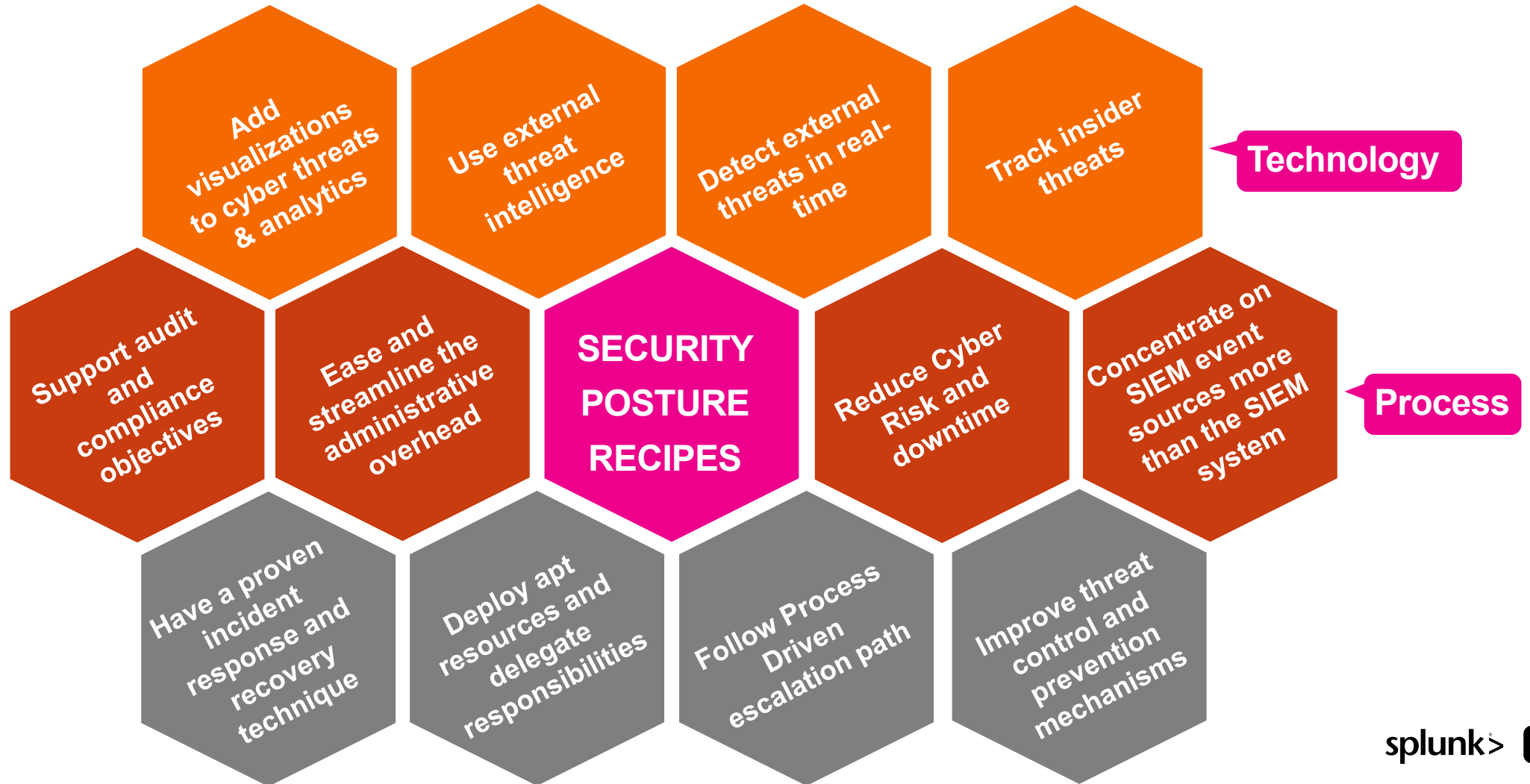
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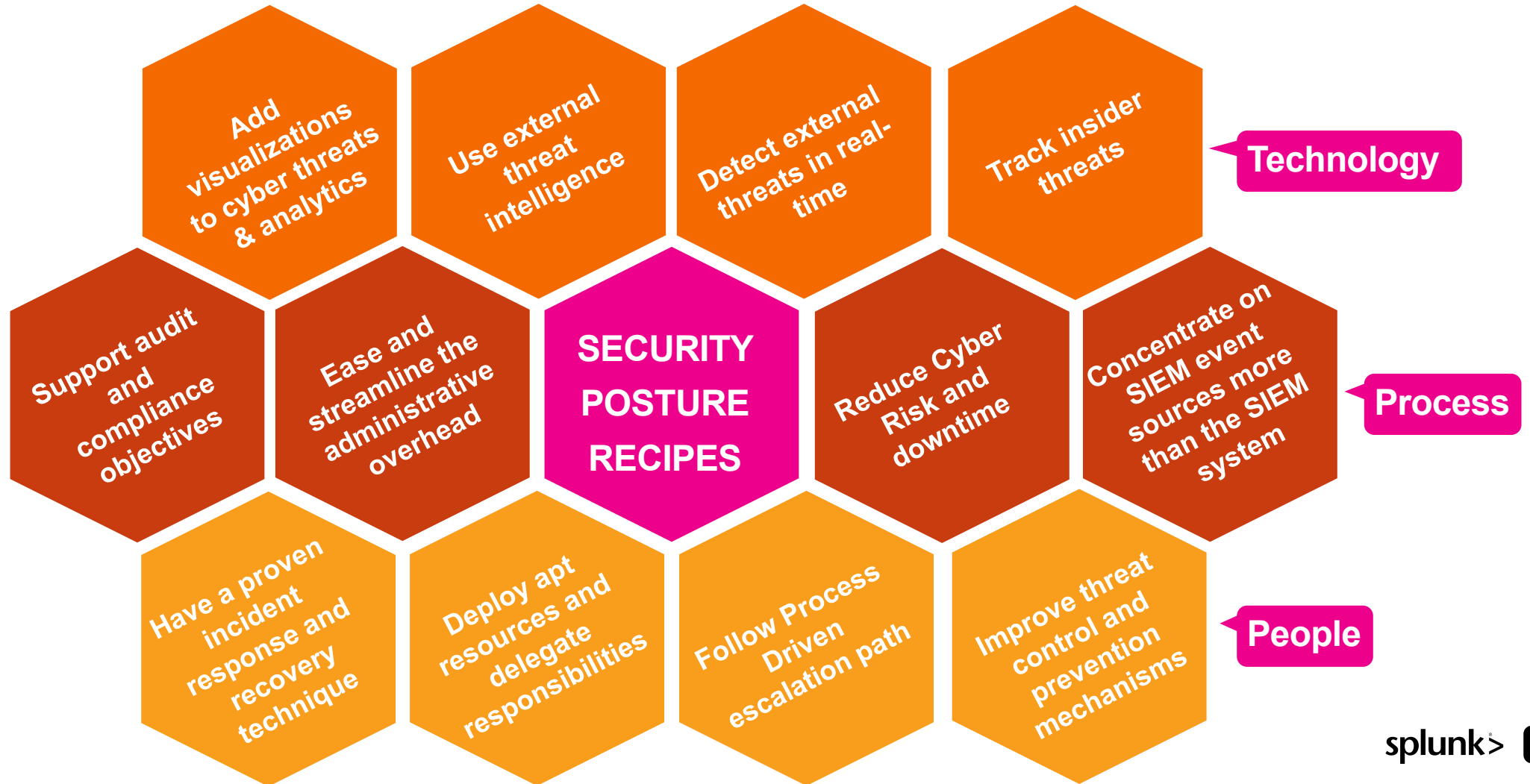
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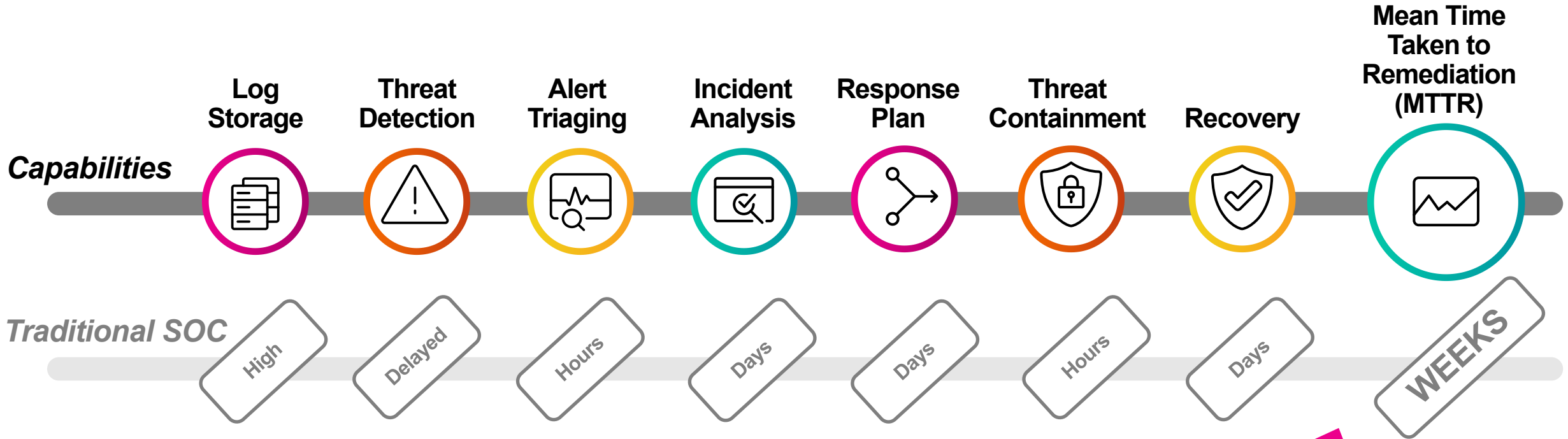


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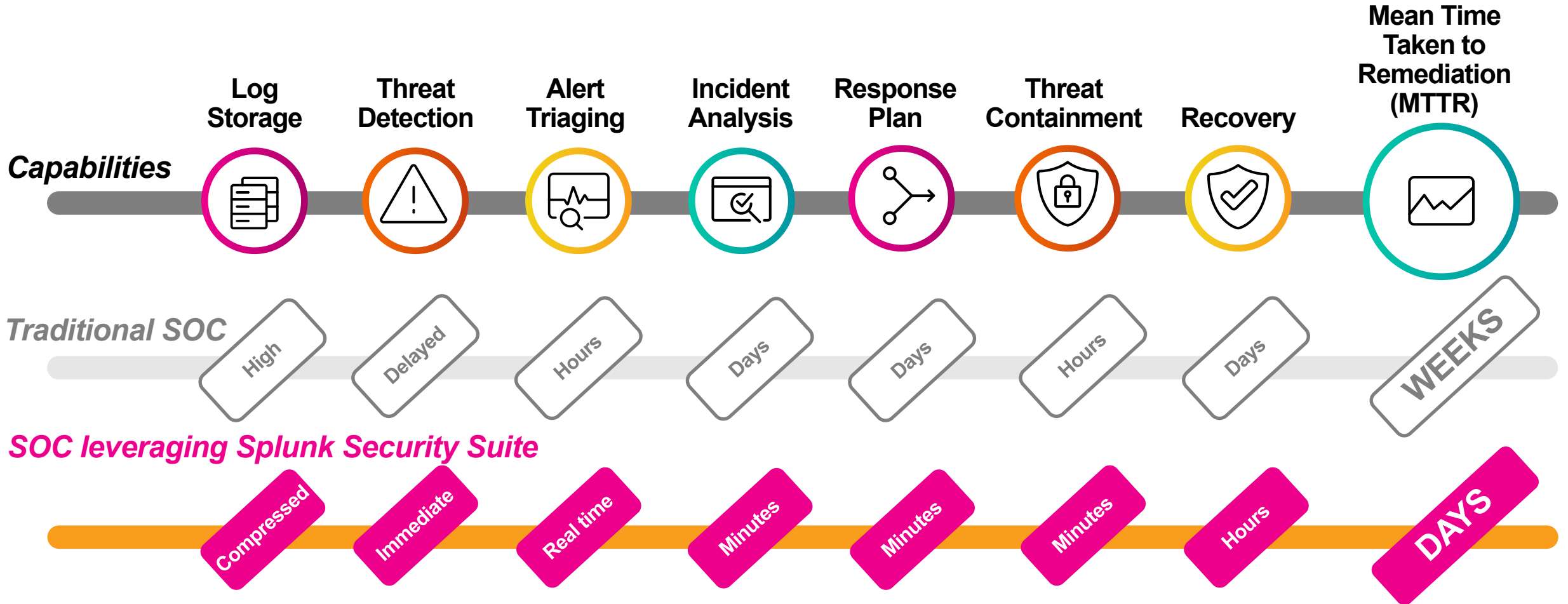
Low MTTR is important
(Faster the better)

Benefits of Using the Recipe



Not quick enough!

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Food for Thought

We have detected, to some level also responded to threats. What next?

UEBA – Unknown Unknowns (Splunk UBA)

SOAR – Automate & Orchestrate (Splunk Phantom)

Threat Intel – Intelligence driven cyber security solutions (Verizon Threat Research & Advisory Center)

Global SOC – Cater to better Response & Recover

Forensics – Cyber security evidence & procedure

Strengths that complement our solutions – Verizon SIEM Services, DBIR, VTRAC, Forensics labs, SOC & CSIRT



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