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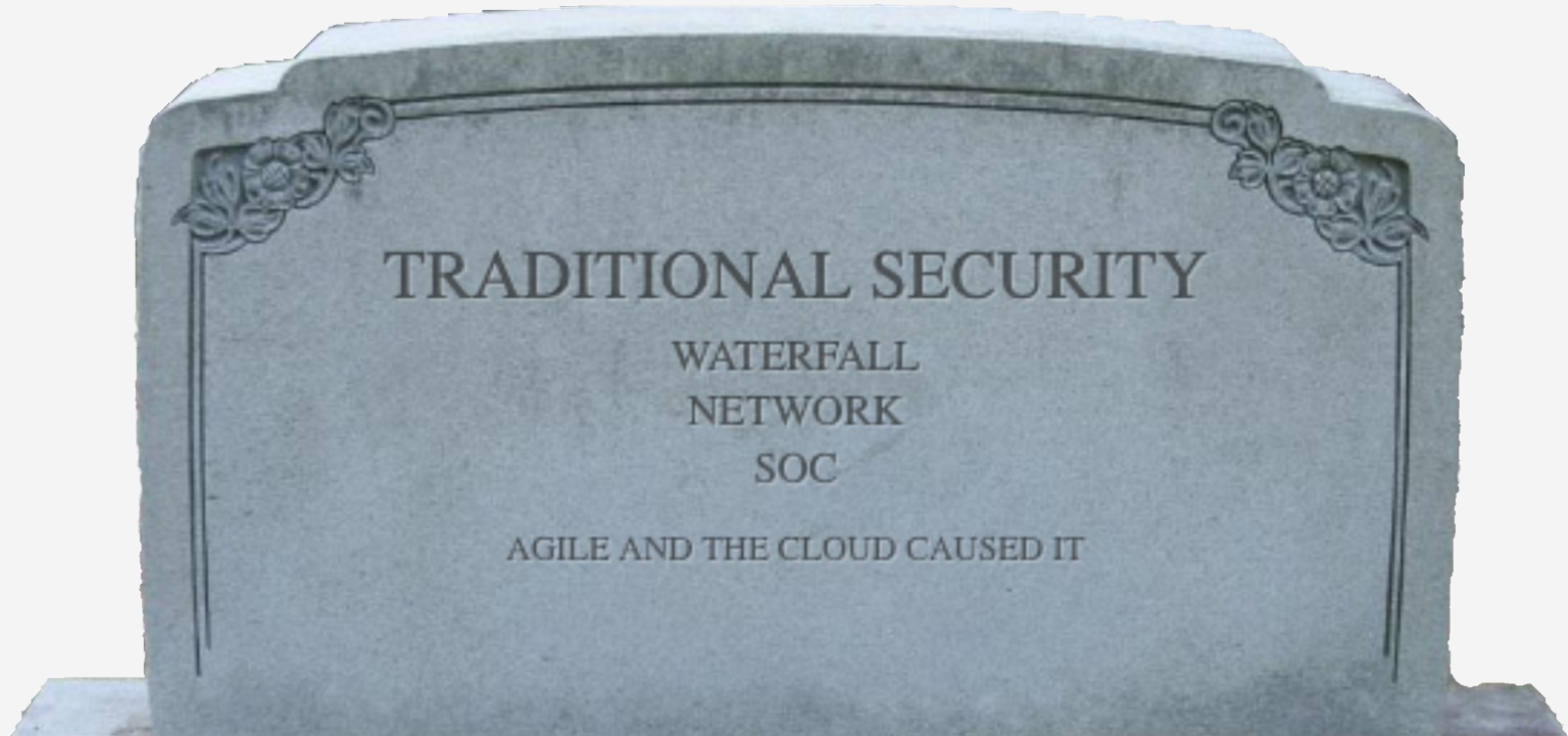
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## Cloud Security is a data Problem

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# Schützt klassische Security auch meine Cloud?





## Die Vorteile haben Ihren Preis: **RISIKO**



- Komplexität
- Mangelnde Sichtbarkeit
- GRC Anforderungen
- Klassische (endpoint & on-premises) Lösungen oft unpassend



# Cloud security is a data problem

And it requires a fundamentally different approach



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Cloud security posture, compliance and vulnerability management

# Rules-based

## Identify known security risks

Anomaly and threat detection

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## Identify known security threats



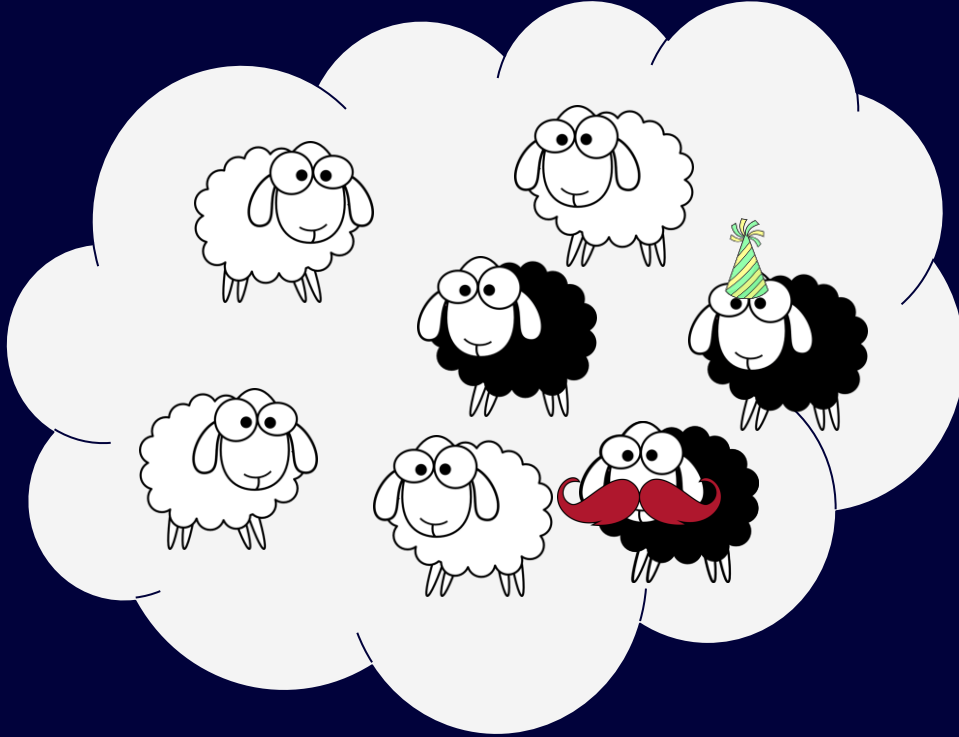


What about the  
unknown security  
threats?



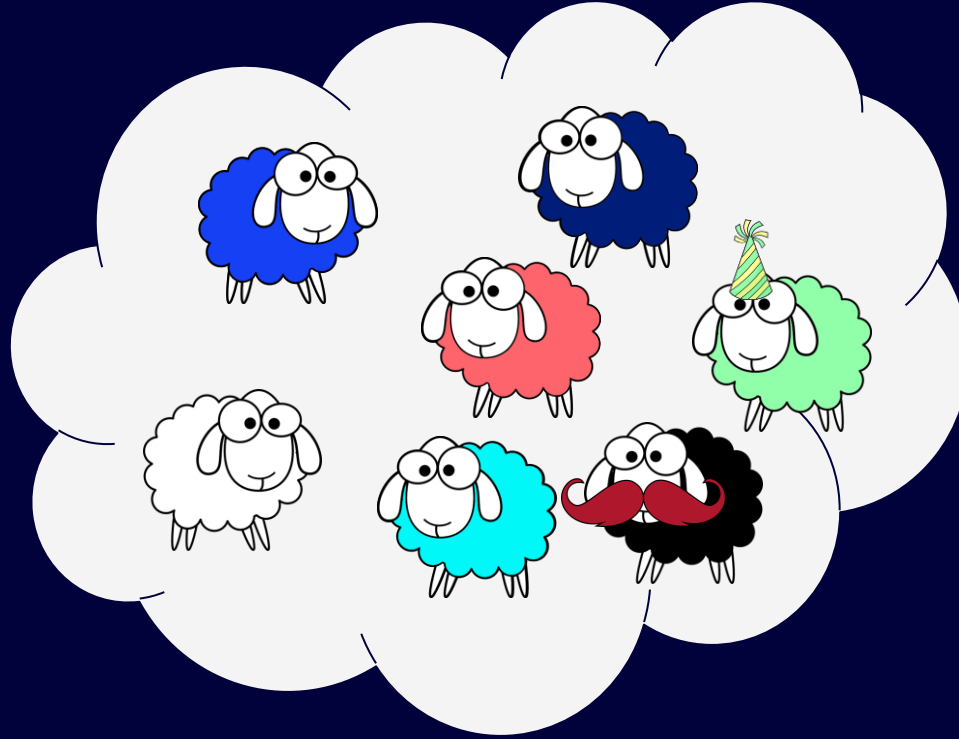


# Rule-based threat or anomaly detection



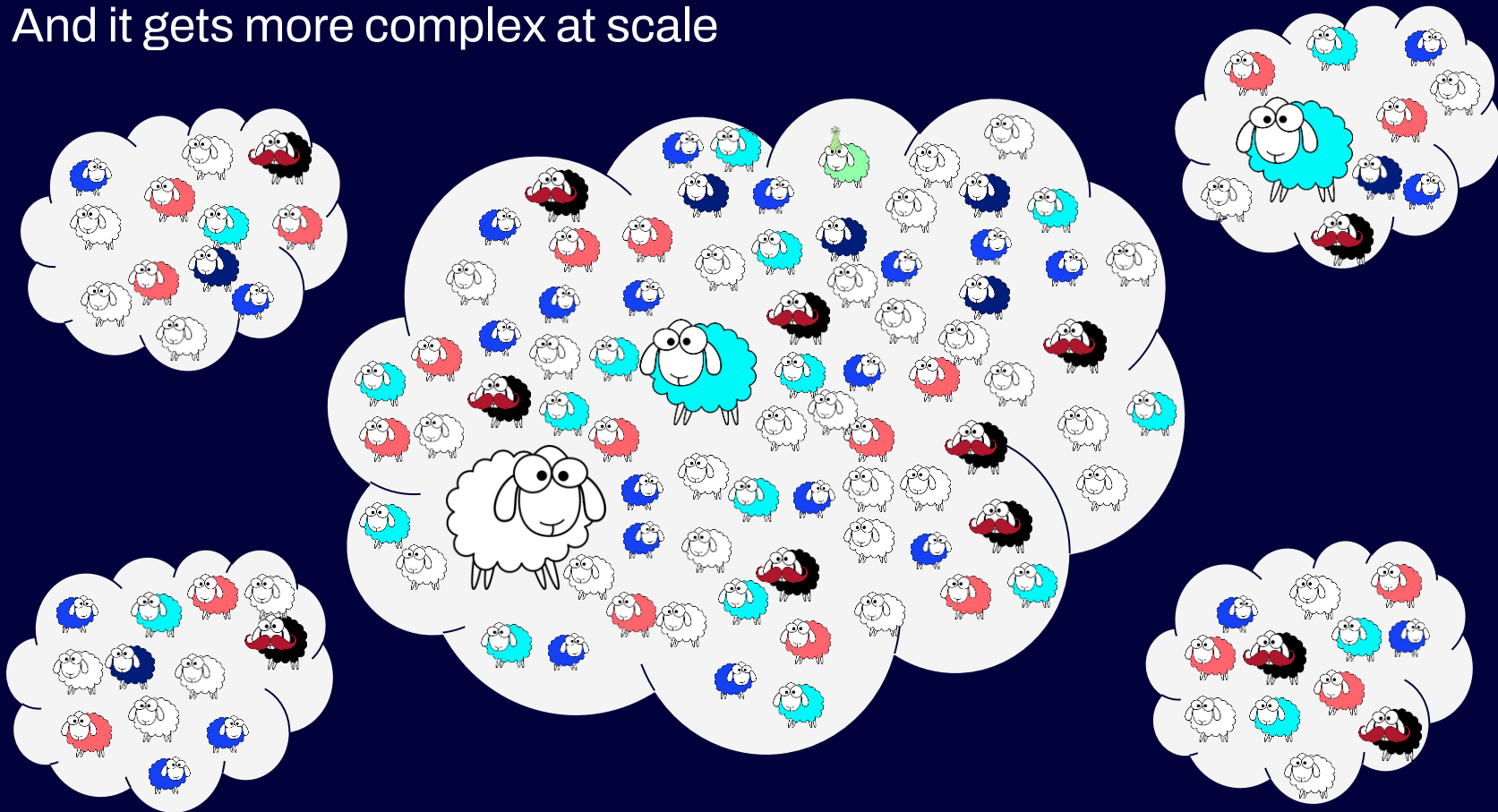


# Behavioral Anomaly Detection





## And it gets more complex at scale





# Rule Based Security

```
- rule: Read sensitive file untrusted
desc: >
  an attempt to read any sensitive file (e.g. files containing user/password/authentication
  information). Exceptions are made for known trusted programs.
condition: >
  sensitive_files and open_read
  and proc_name_exists
  and not proc.name in (user_mgmt_binaries, userexec_binaries, package_mgmt_binaries,
  cron_binaries, read_sensitive_file_binaries, shell_binaries, hids_binaries,
  vpn_binaries, mail_config_binaries, nomachine_binaries, sshkit_script_binaries,
  in.proftpd, mandb, salt-minion, postgres_mgmt_binaries,
  google_oslogin_
  )
  and not cmp_cp_by_passwd
  and not ansible_running_python
  and not run_by_qualys
  and not run_by_chef
  and not run_by_google_accounts_daemon
  and not user_read_sensitive_file_conditions
  and not mandb_postinst
  and not perl_running_plesk
  and not perl_running_updmap
  and not veritas_driver_script
  and not perl_running_centrifdc
  and not runuser_reading_pam
  and not linux_bench_reading_etc_shadow
  and not user_known_read_sensitive_files_activities
  and not user_read_sensitive_file_containers
output: >
  Sensitive file opened for reading by non-trusted program (user=%user.name user_loginuid=%user.loginuid program=%proc.name
  command=%proc.cmdline file=%fd.name parent=%proc.pname gparent=%proc.aname[2] ggpparent=%proc.aname[3] gggparent=%proc.aname[4] container_id=%container.id in
priority: WARNING
tags: [filesystem, mitre_credential_access, mitre_discovery]
```

Diagram illustrating the rule structure and exceptions:

- condition**: Points to the `condition:` section of the rule.
- exception: processes**: Points to the list of processes excluded from the rule's condition.
- exception: common behavior**: Points to the list of common behaviors excluded from the rule's condition.



# Risk Scoring

```
8  [rule]
9  author = ["Elastic"]
10 description = ""
11 Identifies file permission modifications in common writable directories by a non-root user. Adversaries often drop files
12 or payloads into a writable directory and change permissions prior to execution.
13 ""
14 false_positives = [
15     ""
16     Certain programs or applications may modify files or change ownership
17     by username.
18     "",
19 ]
20 from = "now-9m"
21 index = ["auditbeat-*", "logs-endpoint.events.*"]
22 language = "kuery"
23 license = "Elastic License v2"
24 name = "File Permission Modification in Writable Directory"
25 risk_score = 21
26 rule_id = "9f9a2a82-93a8-4b1a-8778-1780895626d4"
27 severity = "low"
28 tags = ["Elastic", "Host", "Linux", "Threat Detection", "Defense Efficacy"]
29 timestamp_override = "event.ingested"
30 type = "query"
31
32 query = '''
33 event.category:process and event.type:(start or process_started) and
34 process.name:(chmod or chown or chattr or chgrp) and
35 process.working_directory:(/tmp or /var/tmp or /dev/shm) and
36 not user.name:root
37 '''
```





# Unsupervised Machine Learning

## Anomaly Detection:

Does **a car** park often at this space?

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Does **this car** park anywhere next to the other bank branches?

Do **cars from that state or city** park at this space or next to the other bank branches?

## Suppression:

Is this **an emergency** (police / fire department / ambulance) vehicle?

## IoC enrichment:

Has this car been **stolen**?

Has this car been used in a **robbery**?







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years Log4Shell  
vulnerability  
existed unnoticed

12

years before PwnKit  
was found and  
disclosed

52

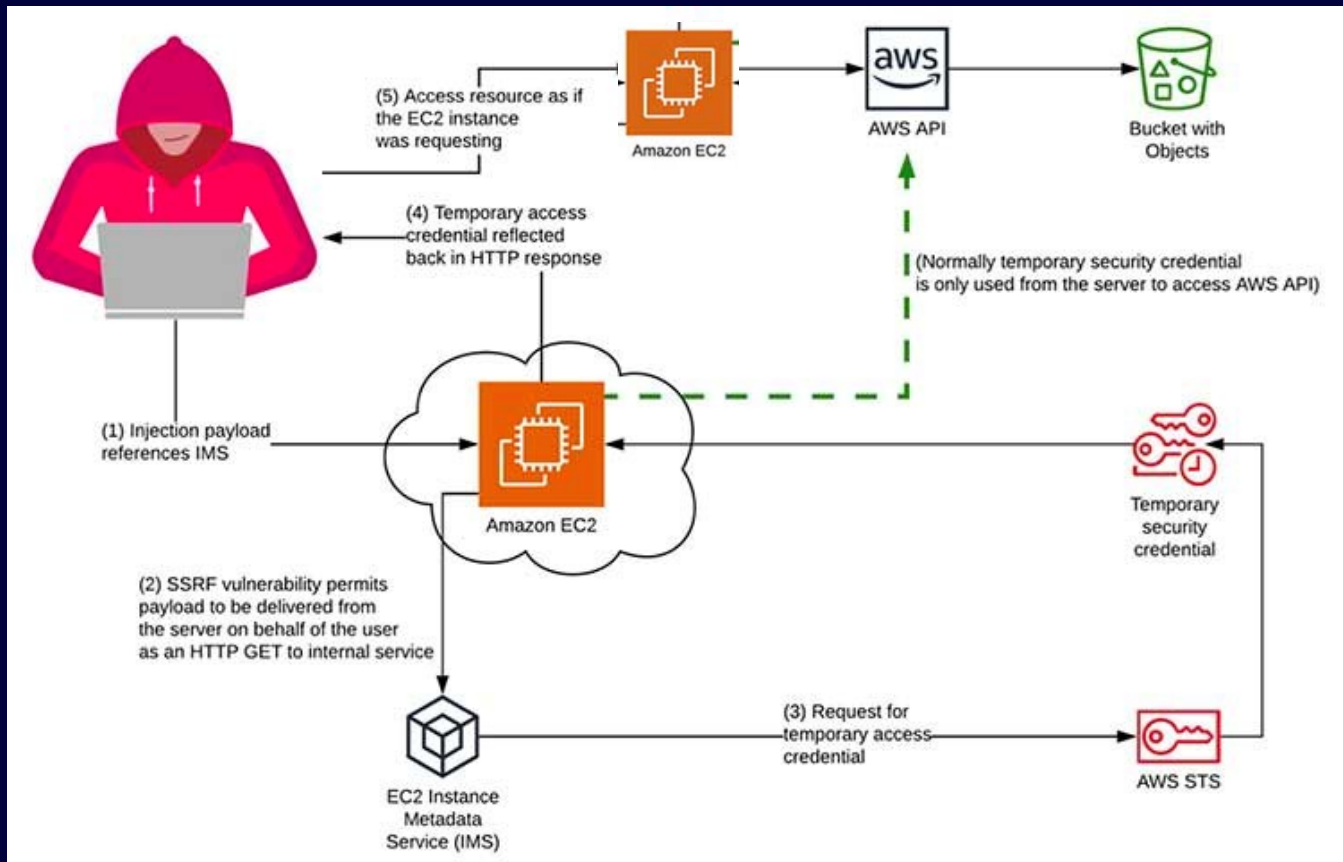
days to fix  
security  
vulnerabilities

207

days on average to  
identify a breach

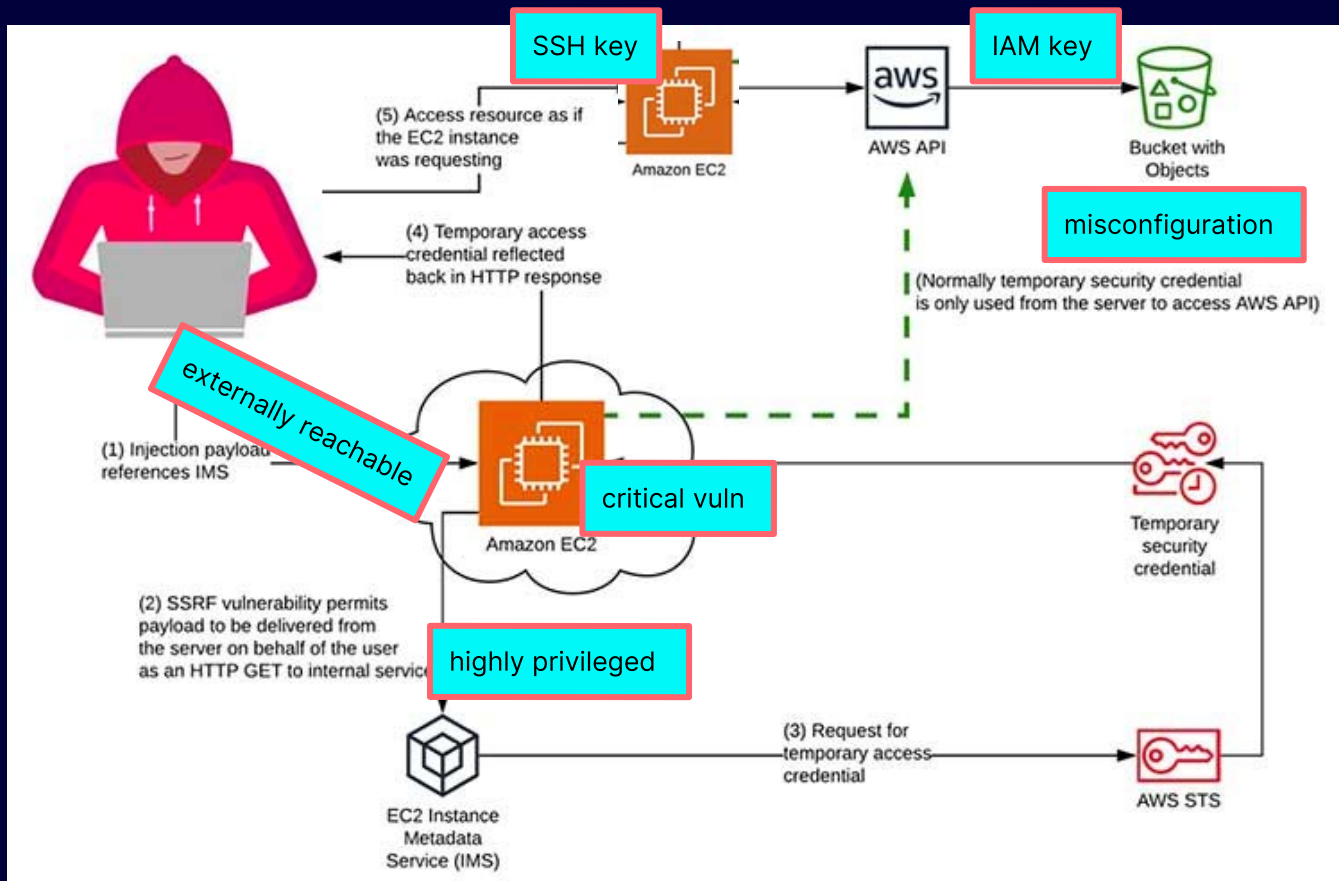


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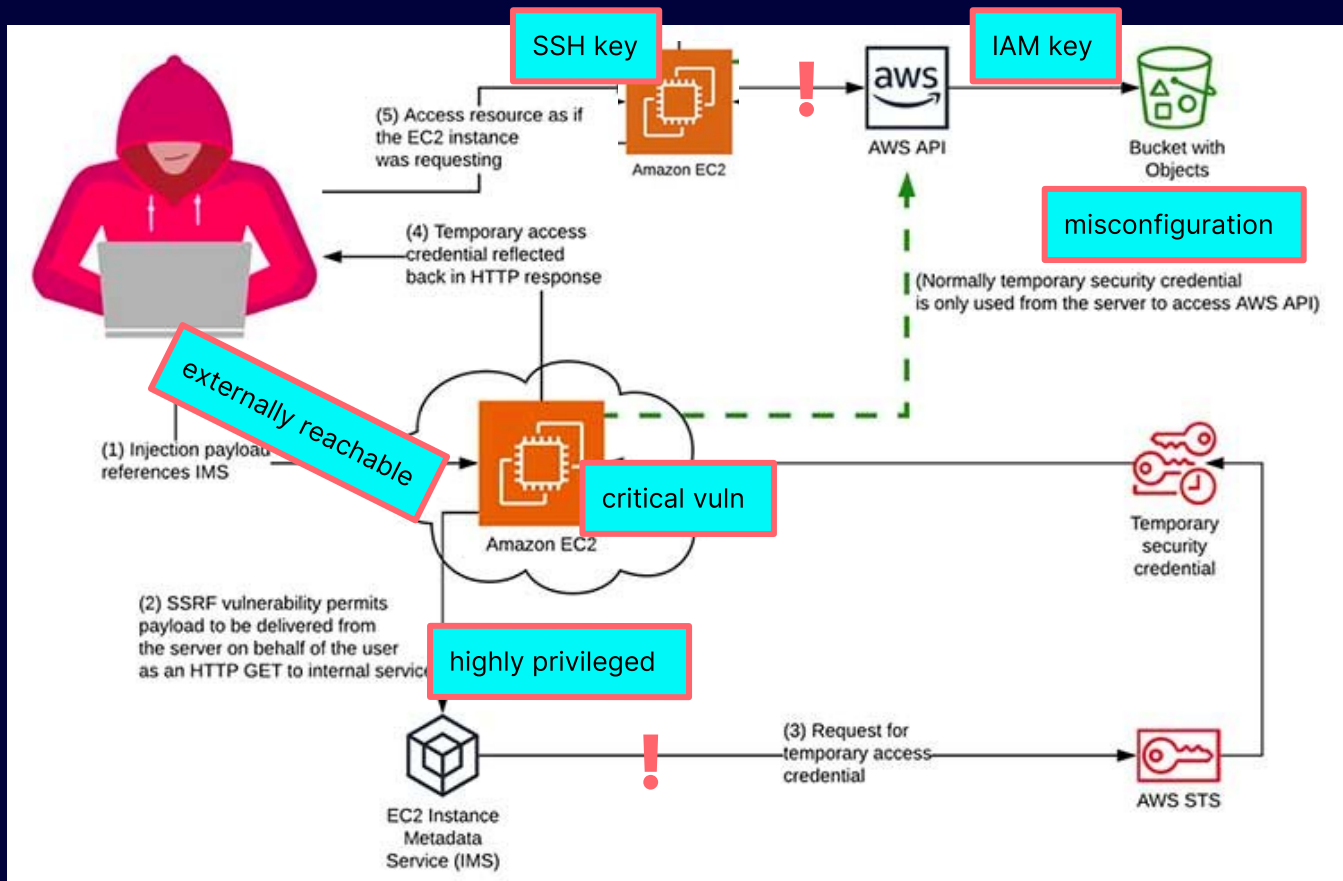


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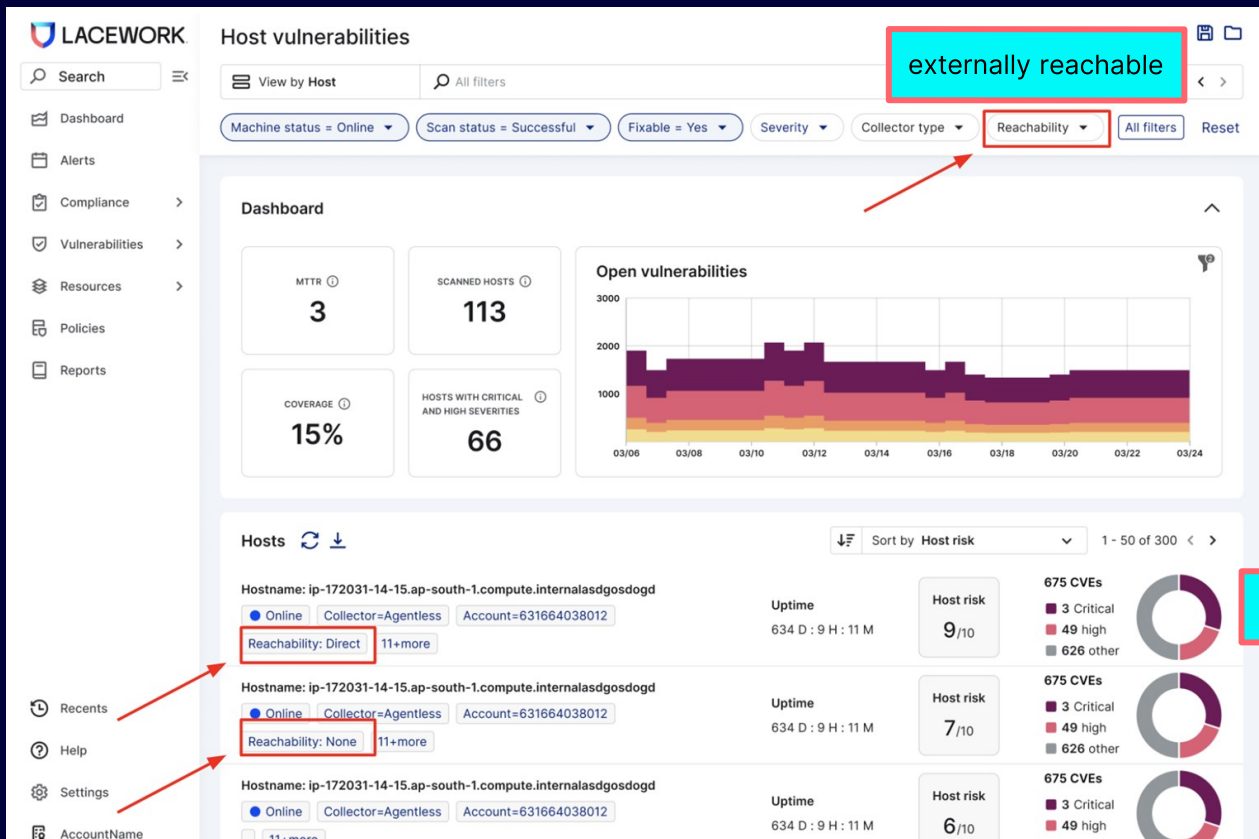


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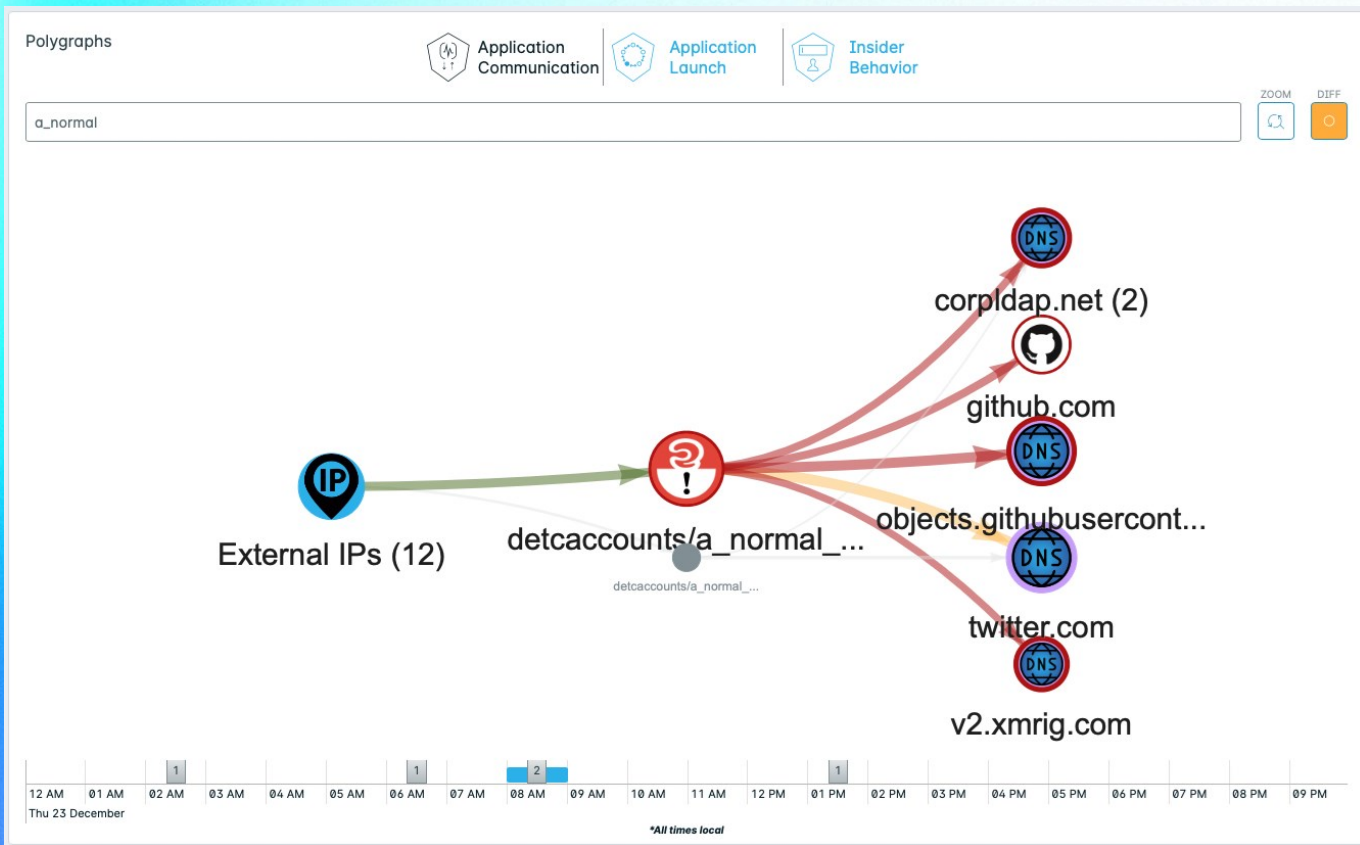
# Riskogestütztes Vulnerability Management





# Regel-/Signaturunabhängige Anomalie-Erkennung(unsupervised ML)

Detect known and unknown threats with ease







# Root Cause Analyse: Anomalieerkennung + Angriffsoberflächenmanagement (CASM)

## ALERT DETAILS

### New External Host Server Connection

Alert ID: 00000

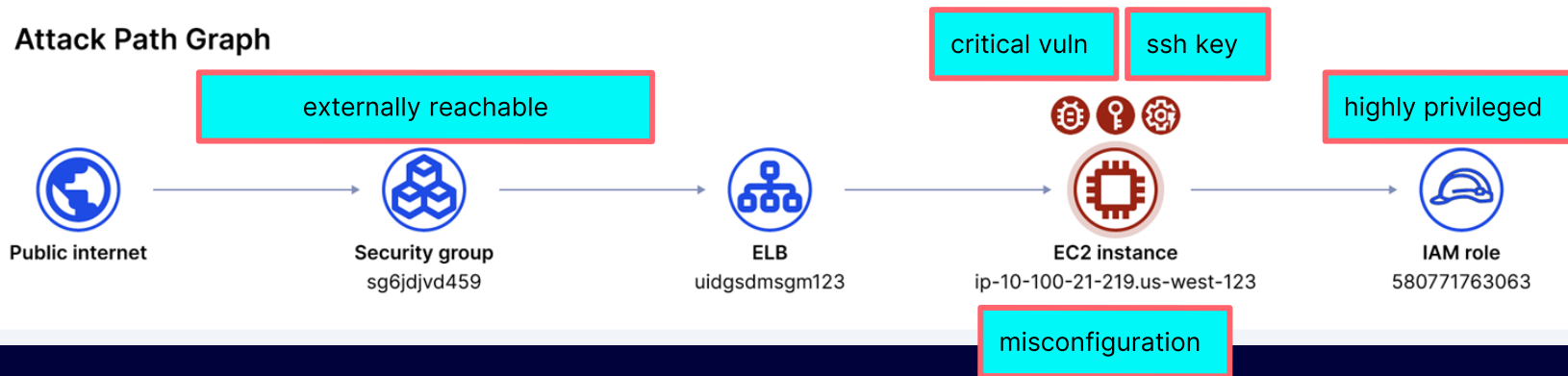
Last user update: 08/10/2022 at 11:25 AM EDT

Alert time range: 08/10/2022 at 10:00 AM EDT to 11:00 AM EDT

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Critical Anomaly Reachability: Direct Application JIRA-12345 ⇌

## Attack Path Graph





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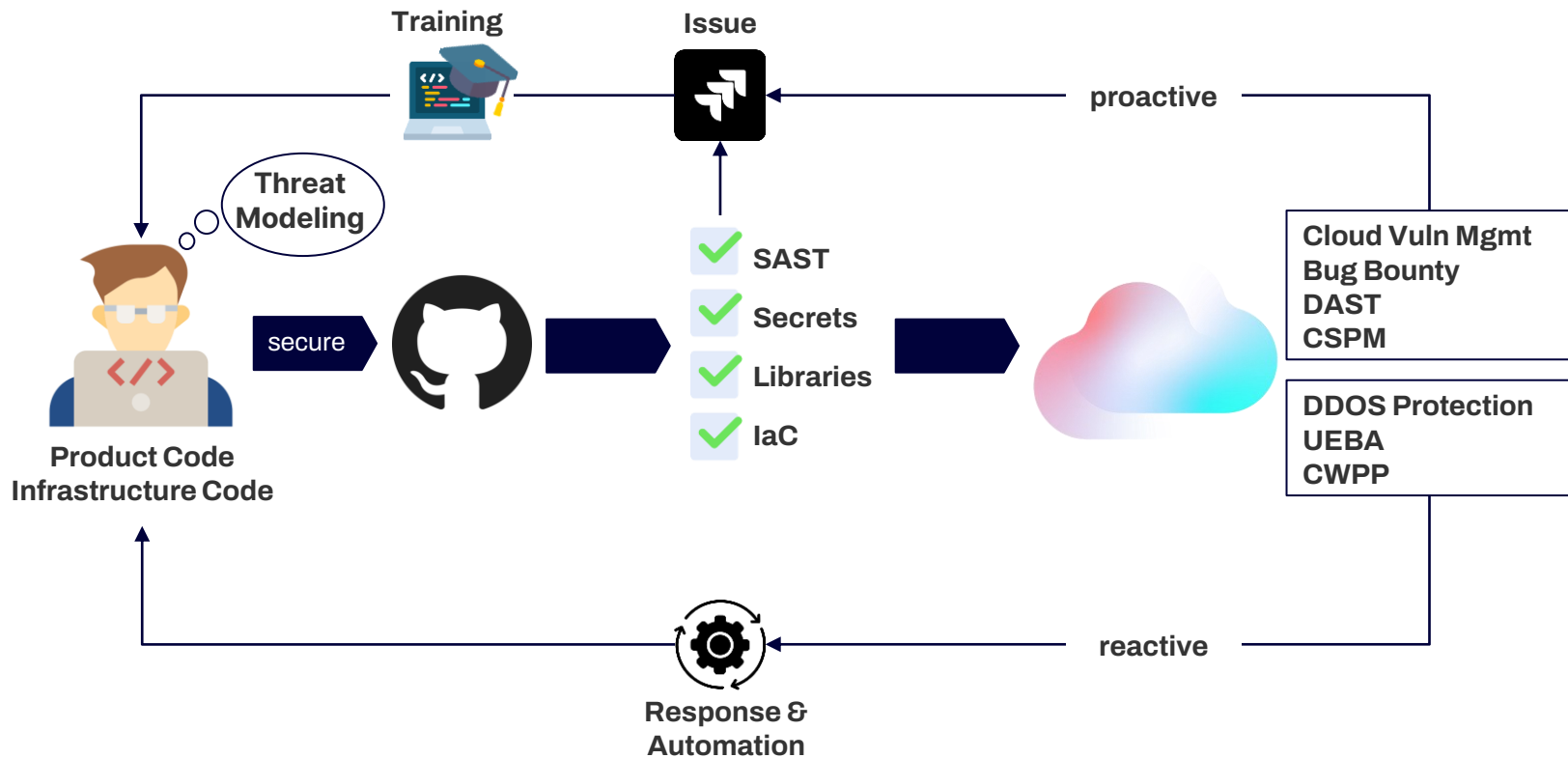
Dynamic, exponential scale

Right alert, right time





# Product & Cloud Security





# To summarize

Lacework learns what's normal and alerts on anomalies — leaving rules optional



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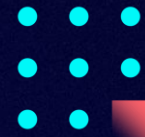
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Rule-based is for known security threats, but need context to prioritize

Use cases:

- Cloud Security Posture Management
- Risk-based Vulnerability Management



Behavioral analytics and anomaly detection

Detect unknown threats without writing a single rule



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