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Cybersecurity isn't just about Technology

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Background:

A seasoned security professional with over 15 years of experience leading teams across many security disciplines (Ops, Risk, Governance, Architecture), aligning security strategy to business value.

1.
WHAT IS CYBER?

Definition and scope

When I say the word “cyber”:

Computerised, Digital, Networked, Advanced, Futuristic, Robotic, Virtual

In reality “cyber” is pretty old:

- 1940’s Cybernetics
- Ancient Greece Kubernetes
  - steerman / governor

“Cybersecurity is the governance of people, processes and technology to defend the value of an organisation”

2.
PEOPLE

Culture eats strategy for breakfast

We're all PEOPLE

- The attackers want something of value
- The defenders want to protect the clients
- The clients want to be safe

You need to understand people to secure people.

Why break into technology.....

when it's easier to hack a human

- Websites
- Databases
- Firewalls
- Malware

- Usernames / Passwords
- Customer Data
- Social Engineering
- User error

Bad culture vs good culture

- One size fits all
- Bypassing the controls
- Awareness with no context
- Ad Hoc
- Not engaging

- Customized to the people
- Trust in controls
- Communicates the “why”
- Continuous / Visible
- Gamified

3.
PROCESS

Continuous testing / continuous monitoring

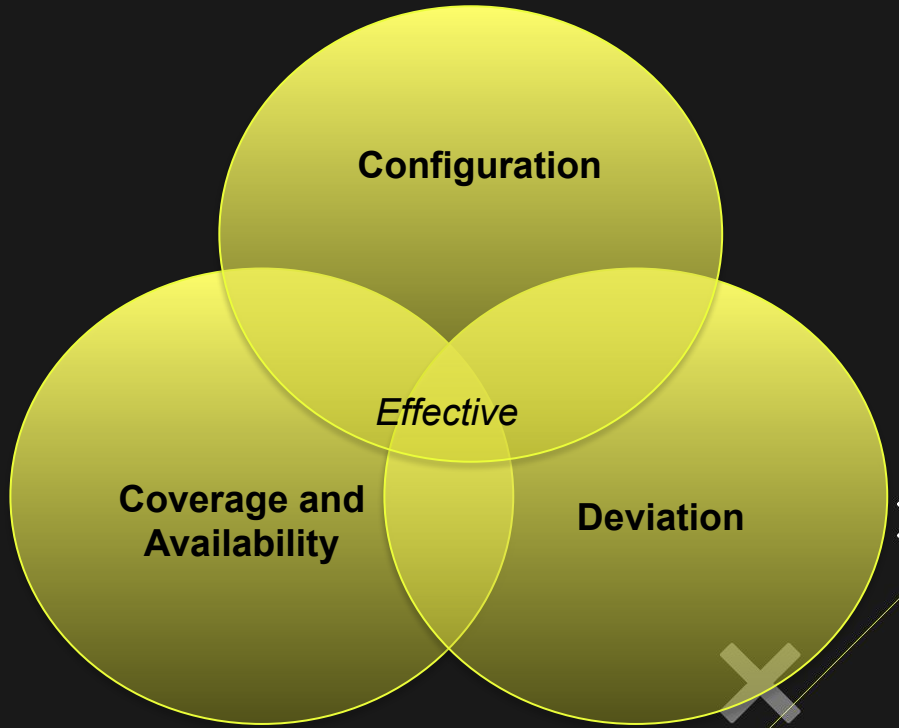
Continuous Testing

Test technology and people controls regularly and improve on testing metrics (eg Time to Breach, Time to Respond, Susceptible Users)

- Penetration Testing
- People Testing
- Red Teaming
- Response Simulations

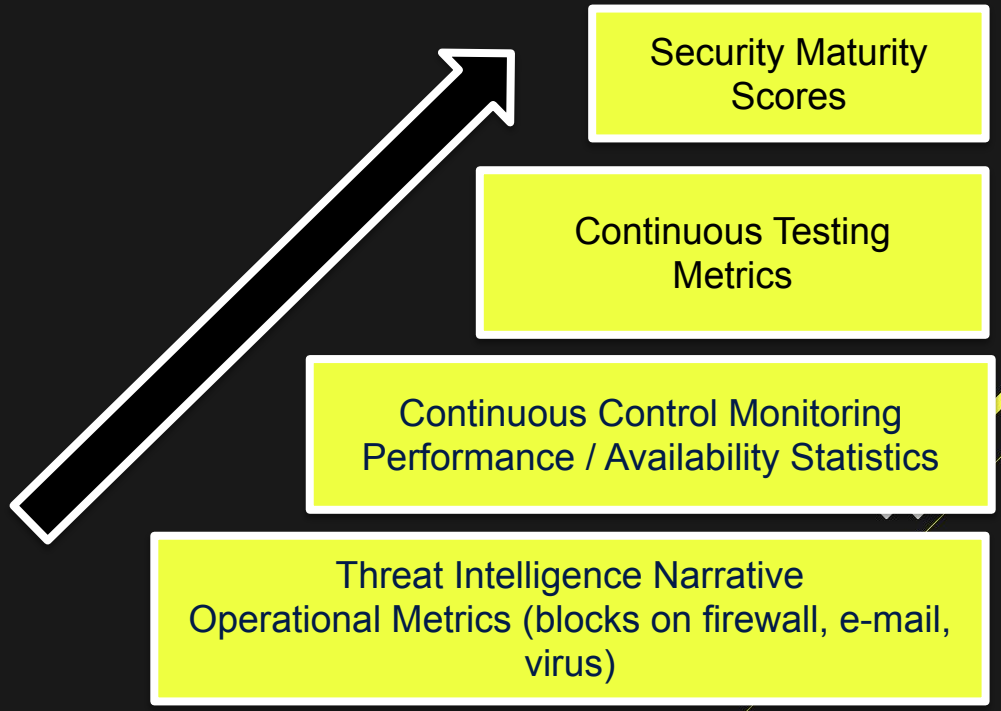
Continuous Monitoring

- Monitor for good configuration and alert on deviations
- Monitor coverage against acceptable appetite
- Monitor “back-door” processes



Metrics and Reporting

- Show metrics and reports often
- Share data with risk stakeholders for decision making
- Make metrics and thresholds simple to understand



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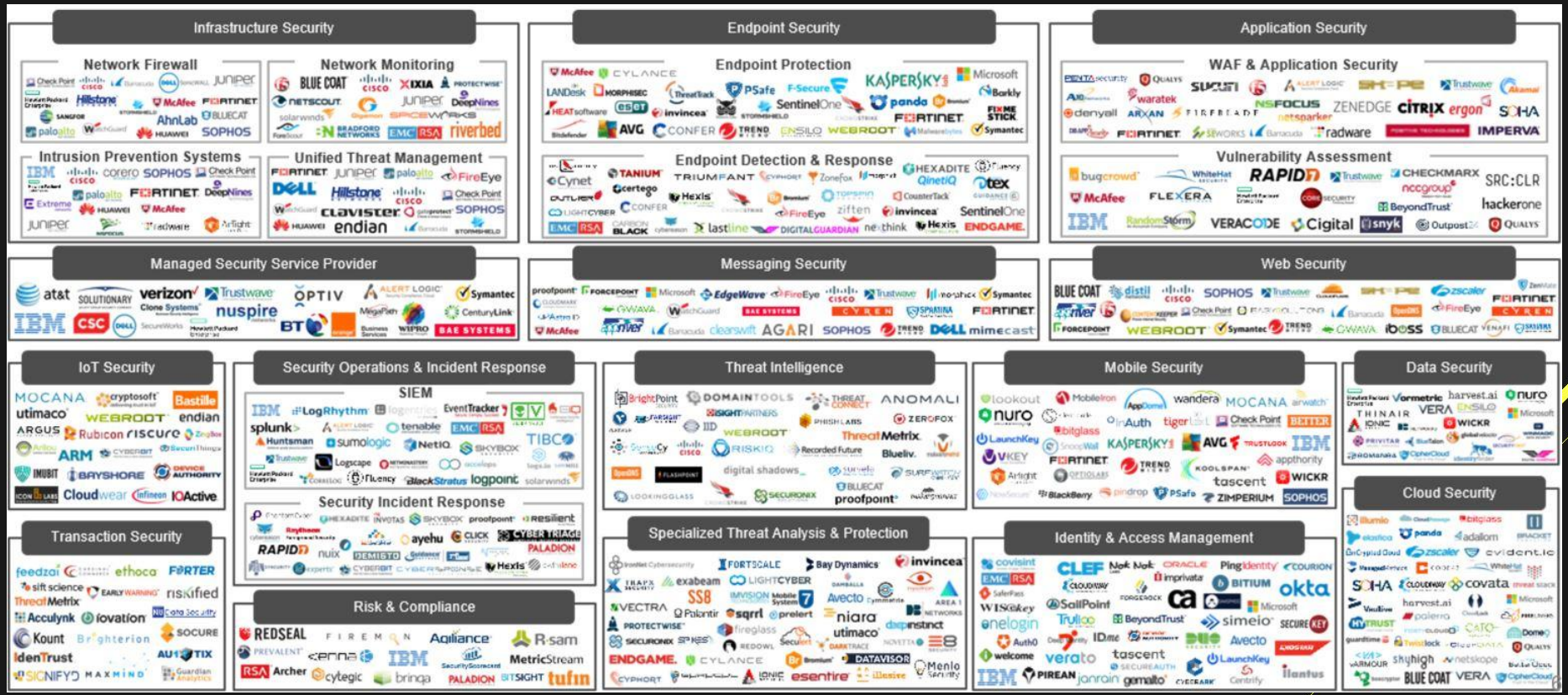
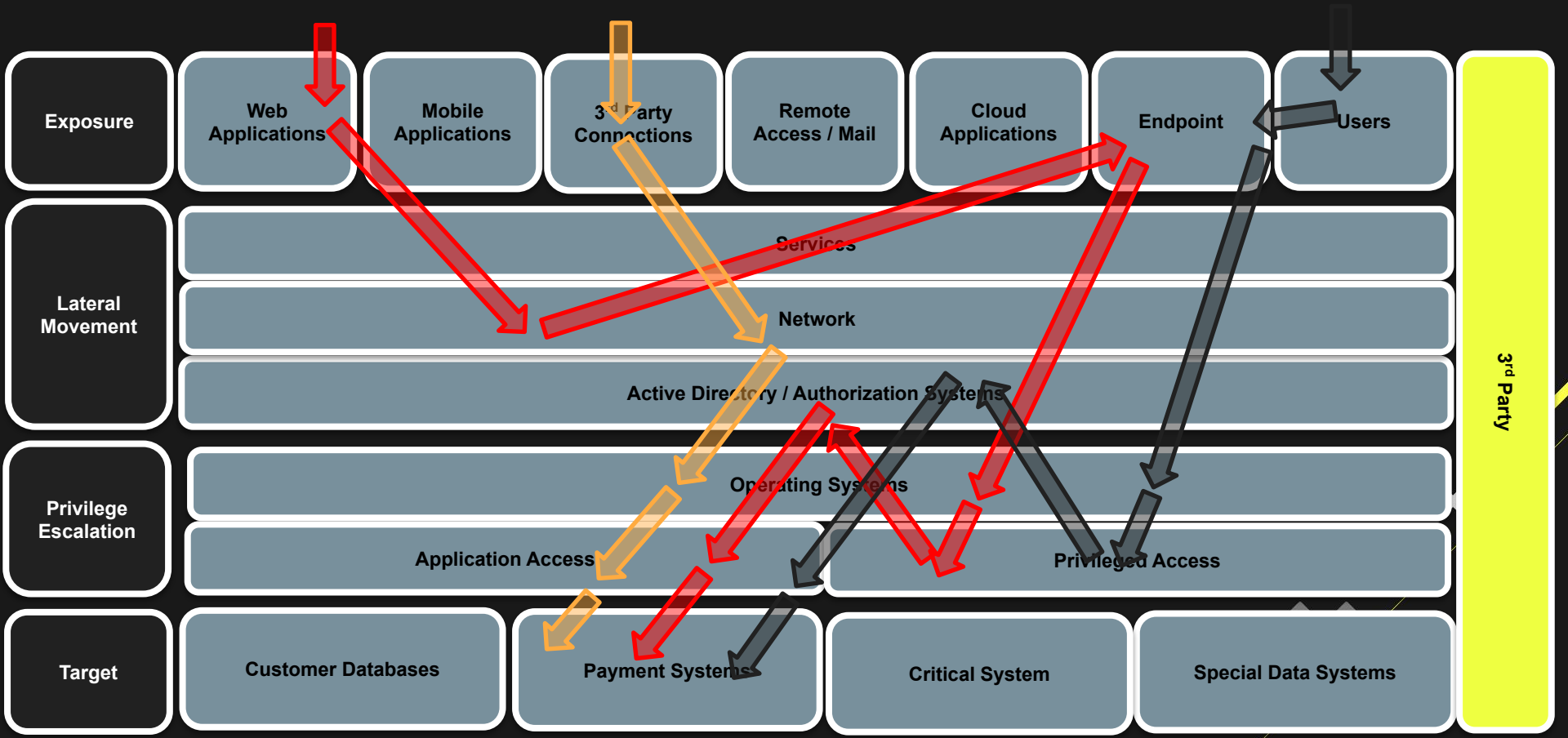
TECHNOLOGY

Pick your battles

Technology is complicated



Prioritise based on attack path



In Summary...

- Security is governance of people, process and technology
- Culture can make or break a security strategy
- Continuously Test and Monitor security controls
- Choose technology strategically based on threat

THANK YOU!

Any questions?

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