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Break the Top 10 Cloud Attack Killchains



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Kill Chains and ATT&CK's

- Lockheed Martin's Cyber Kill Chain represents a standard attack pattern from recon to action
- MITRE's ATT&CK framework is knowledge base of attack patterns in structured phases
- Both are to help you threat model and plan defenses
- This session includes *10 specific cloud kill chains* most commonly used (in our experience)

Objectives

Provide you with
detailed information on
the most common real
world cloud attacks

AND

And the most effective
ways to prevent them

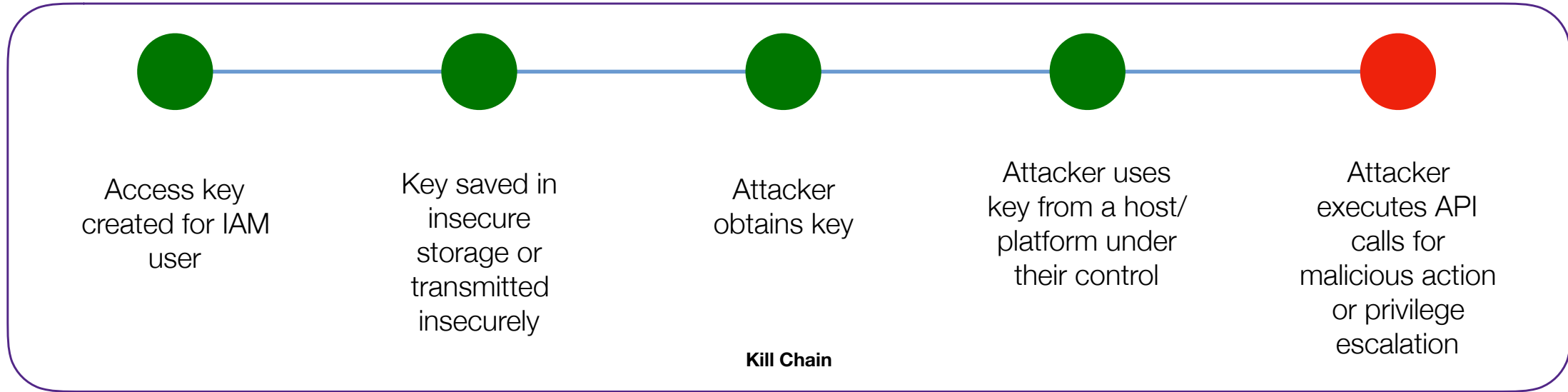


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Static API Credential Exposure to Account Hijack

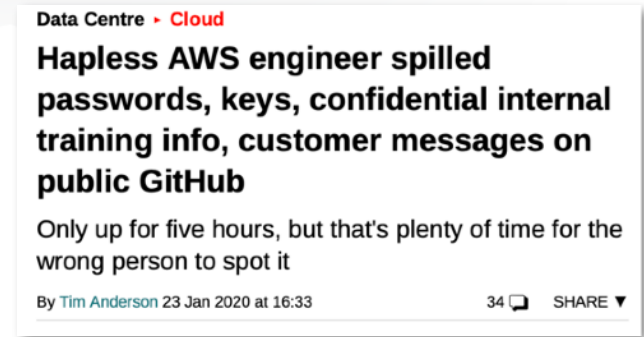
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Likelihood	High
Primary CSA Top Threat	4. Security Issue: Insufficient Identity, Credential, Access and Key Management 5.Security Issue: Account Hijacking
Primary Mitre ATT&CK	Valid Accounts

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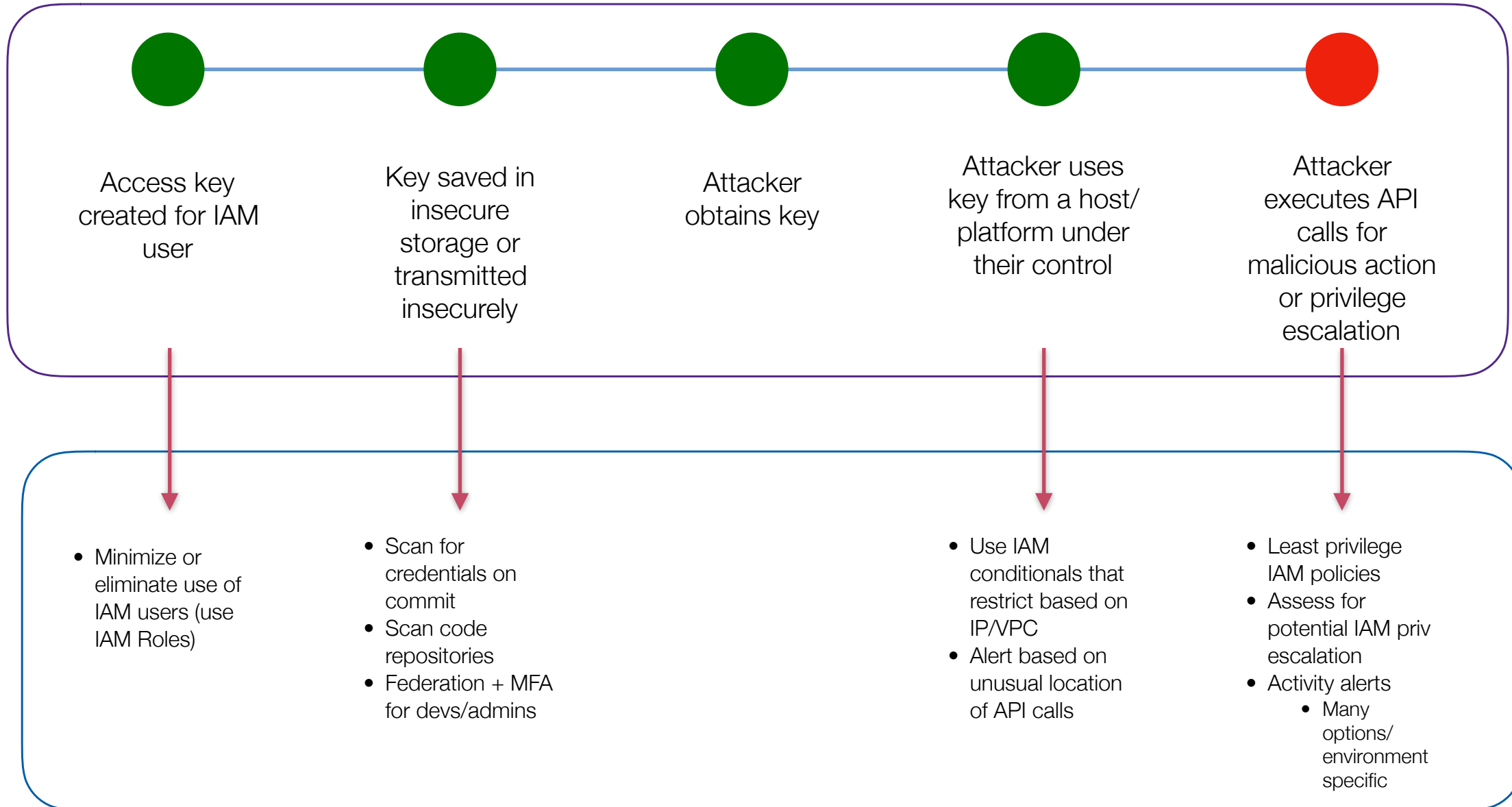


Common sources of credential exposure

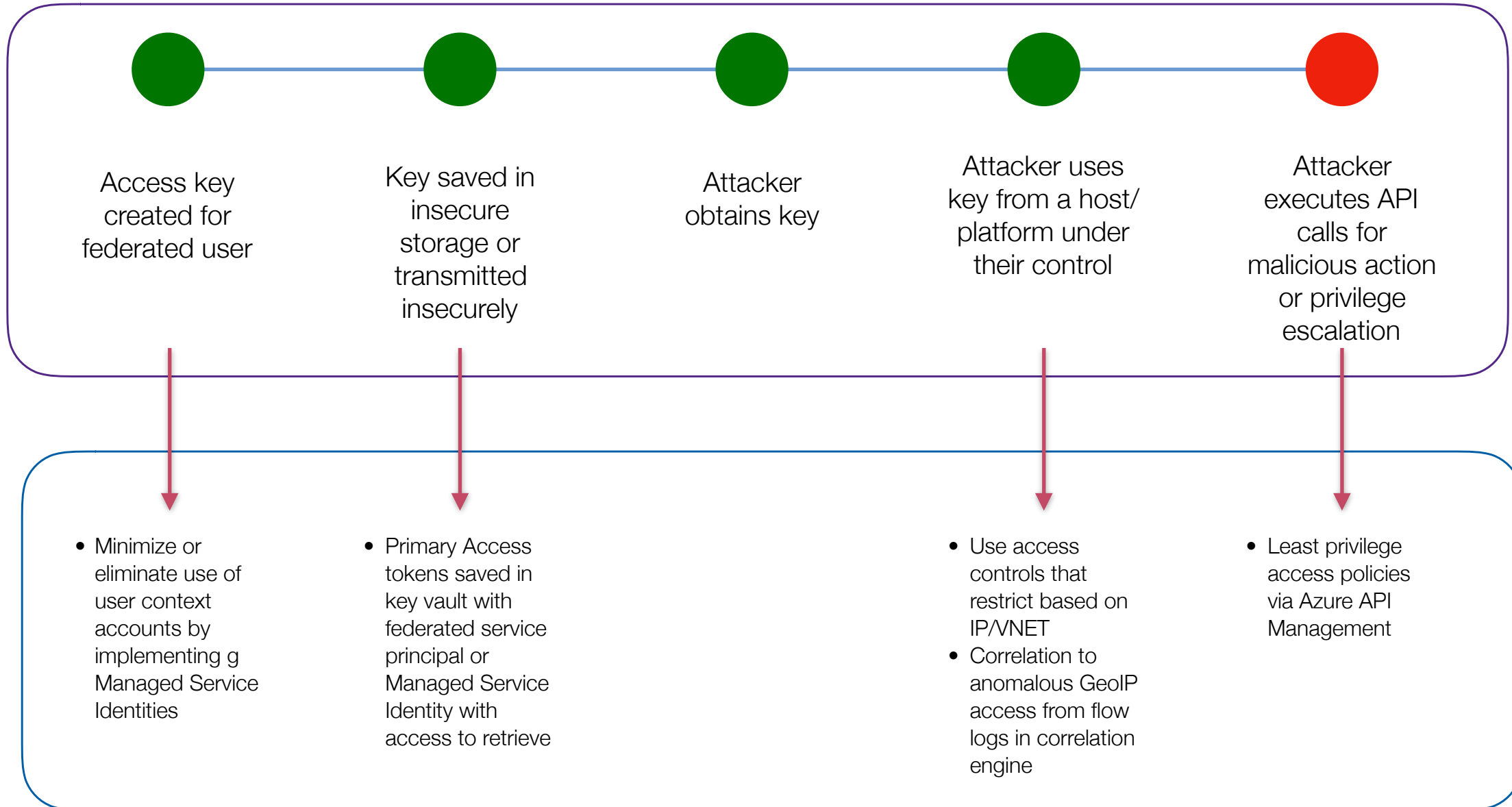
- GitHub/BitBucket 
- Shared images
- Snapshots
- Compromised instance -> embedded code
- Compromised instance or dev/admin system - >
 - Shell history
 - Config/Credentials file
 - Local code



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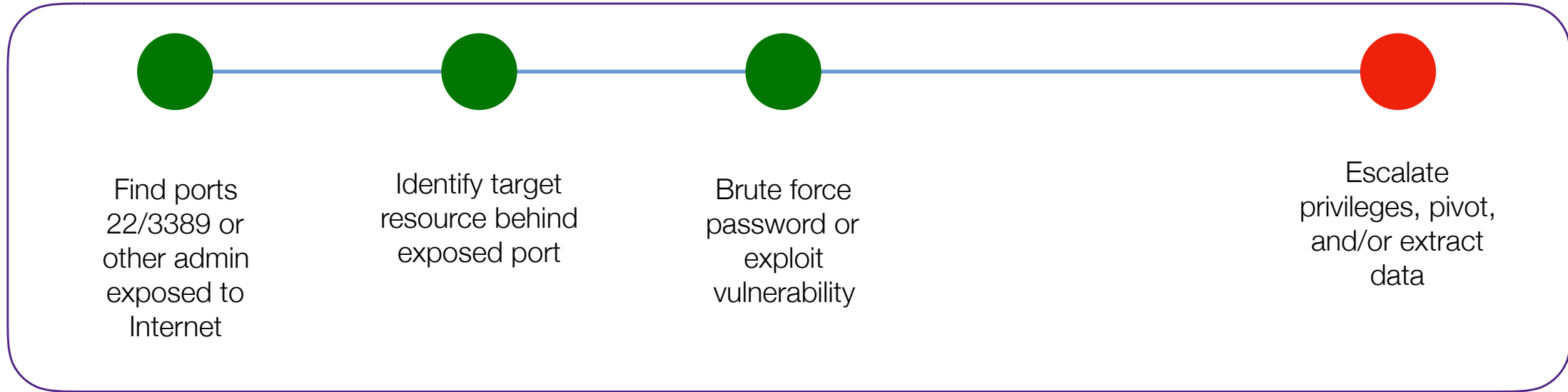


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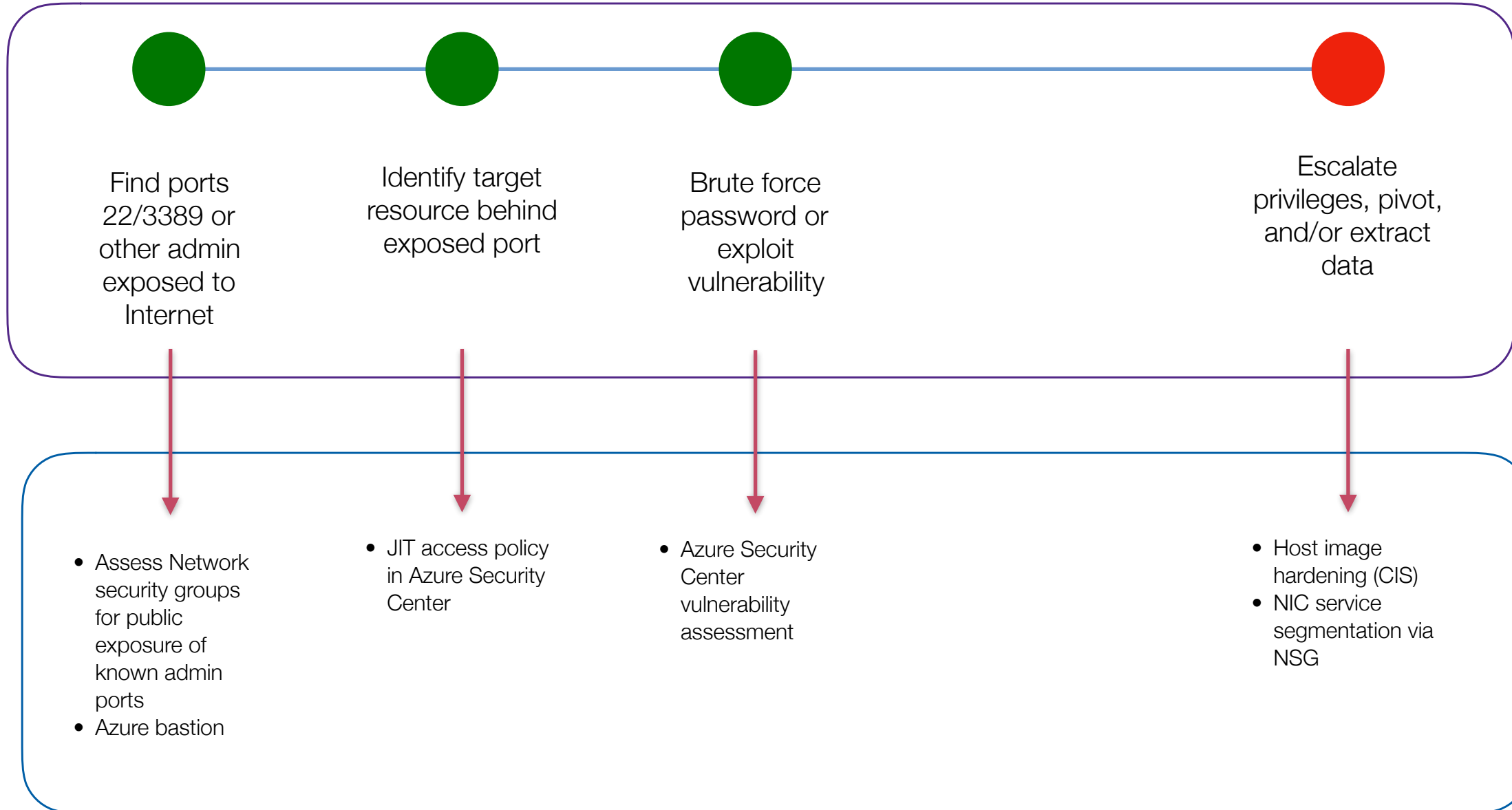
Compromised Server via Exposed SSH/RDP/Remote Access

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Likelihood	High
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Primary Mitre ATT&CK	Exploit Public-Facing Application

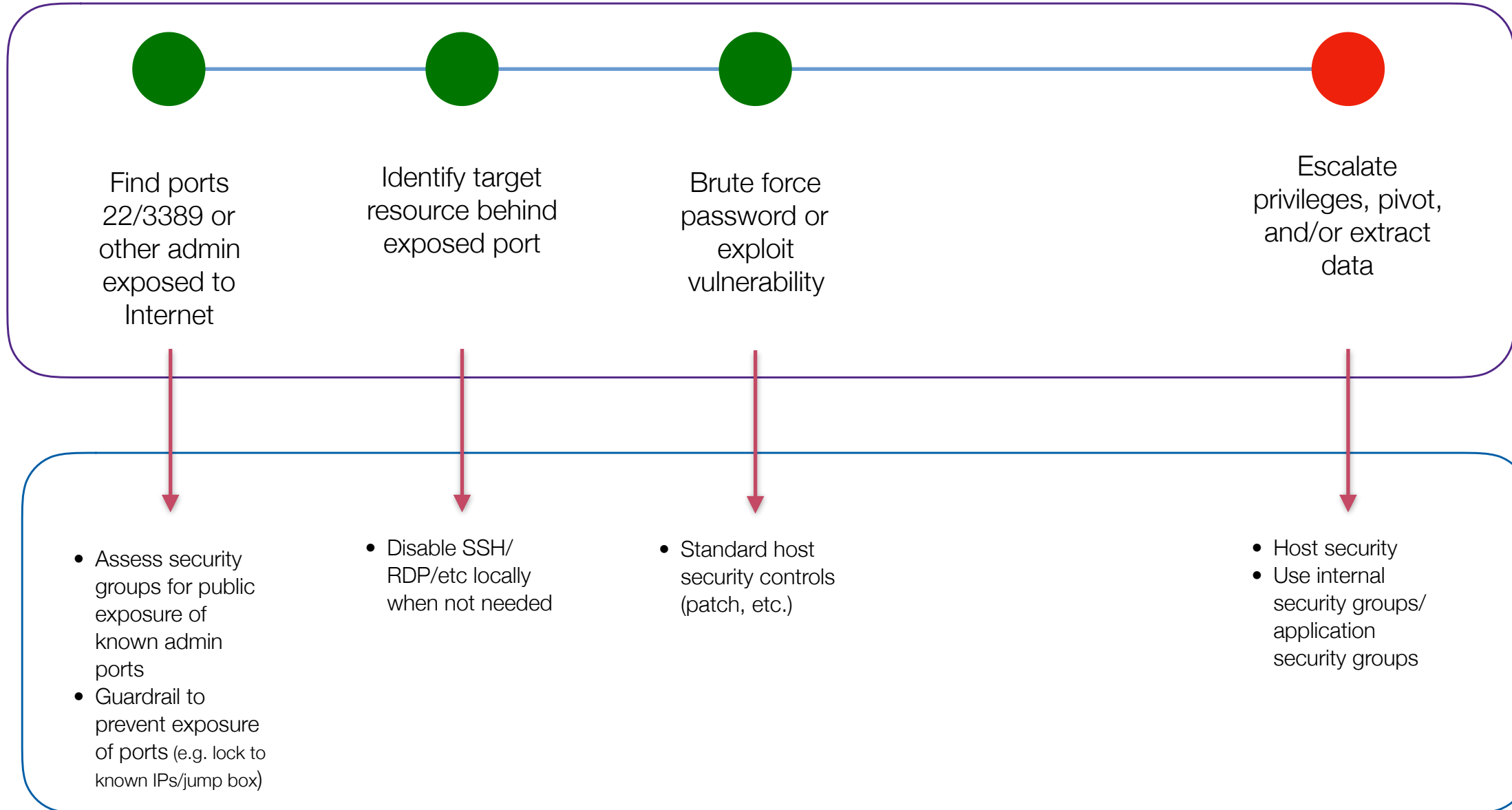
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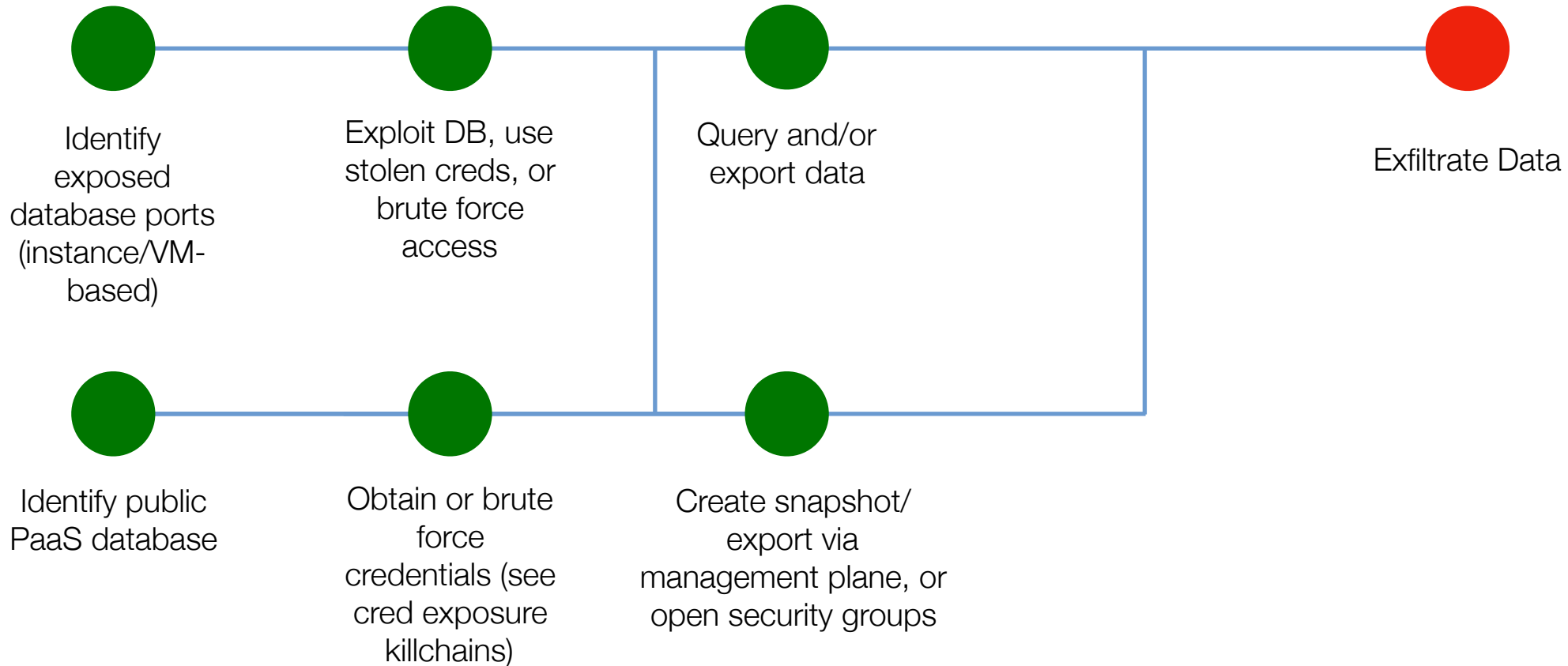


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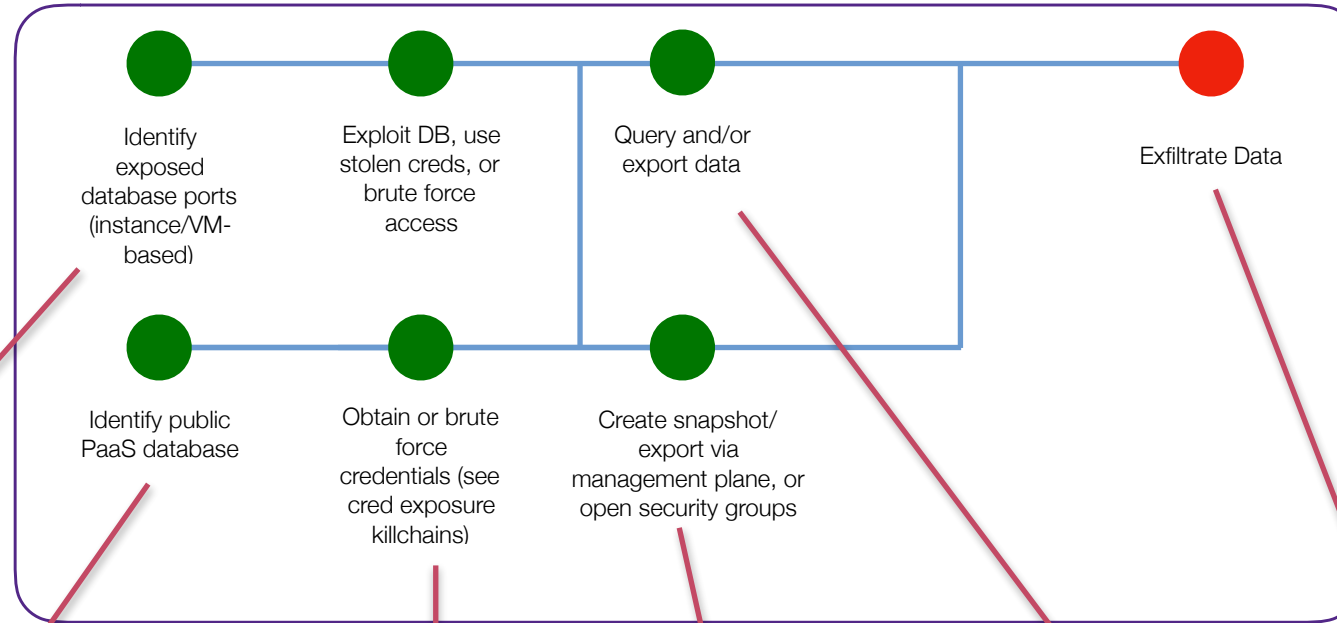
Compromised Database via Inadvertent Exposure

Category	Misconfiguration (Common)
Severity	Medium
Likelihood	High
Primary CSA Top Threat	2: Misconfiguration and Inadequate Change Control
Primary Mitre ATT&CK	Exploit Public-Facing Application

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- Security group rules
- Continuous assessment/guardrails

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- SCPs/Policies

- Vulnerability management
- MFA

- Least privilege IAM
- IP/VPC restrictions on API call origins
- SCPs/Policy
- Guardrails

- DB least privilege
- Database Activity Monitoring

- Outbound network restrictions
- Cloud detection and response

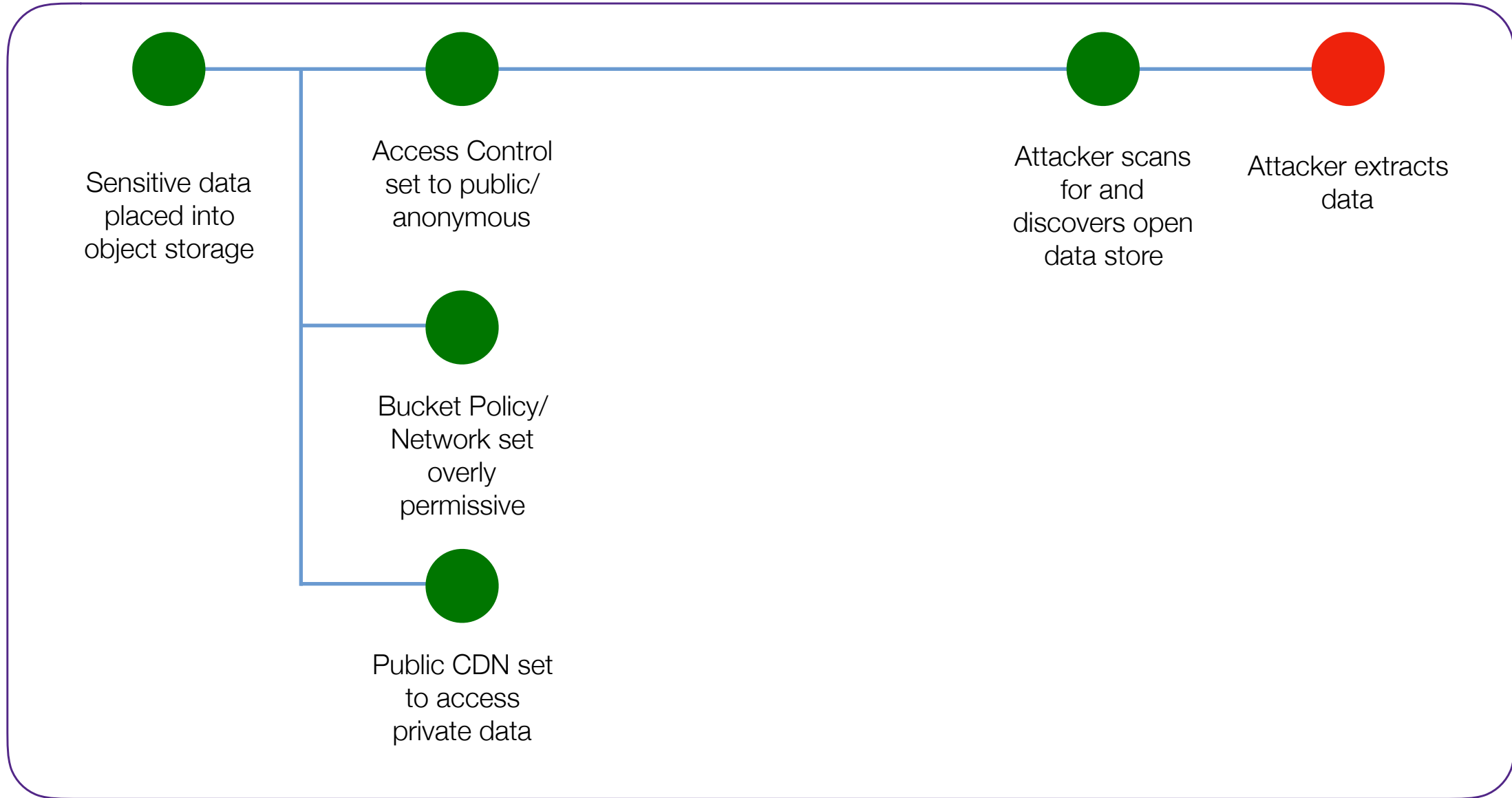


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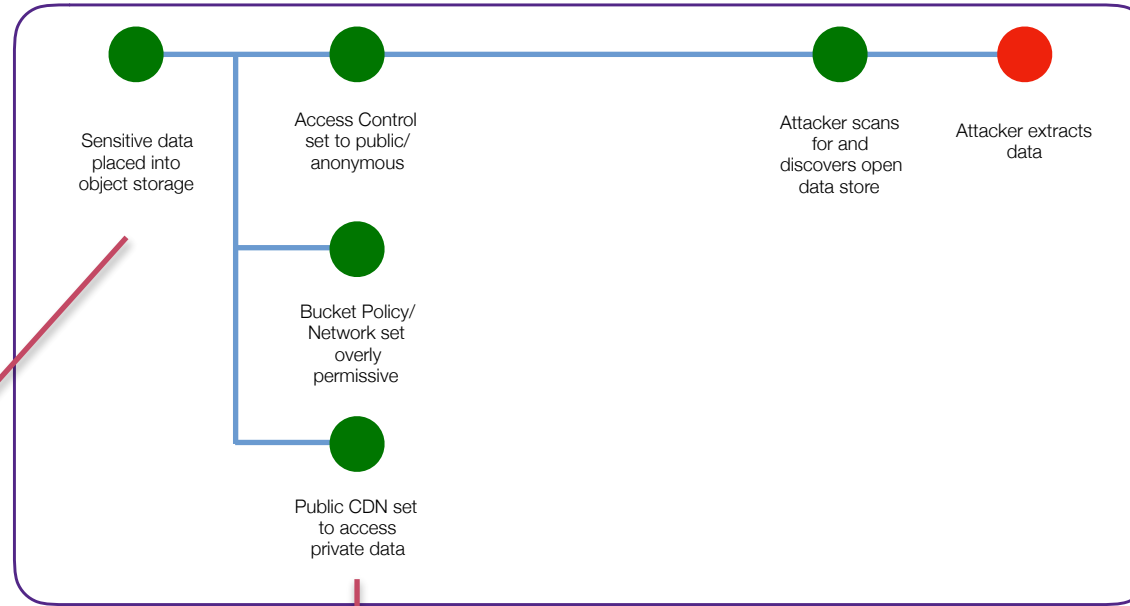
Object Storage Public Data Exposure (S3, Azure Blob)

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Severity	High
Likelihood	High
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Object Storage *Public* Data Exposure (S3, Azure Blob)



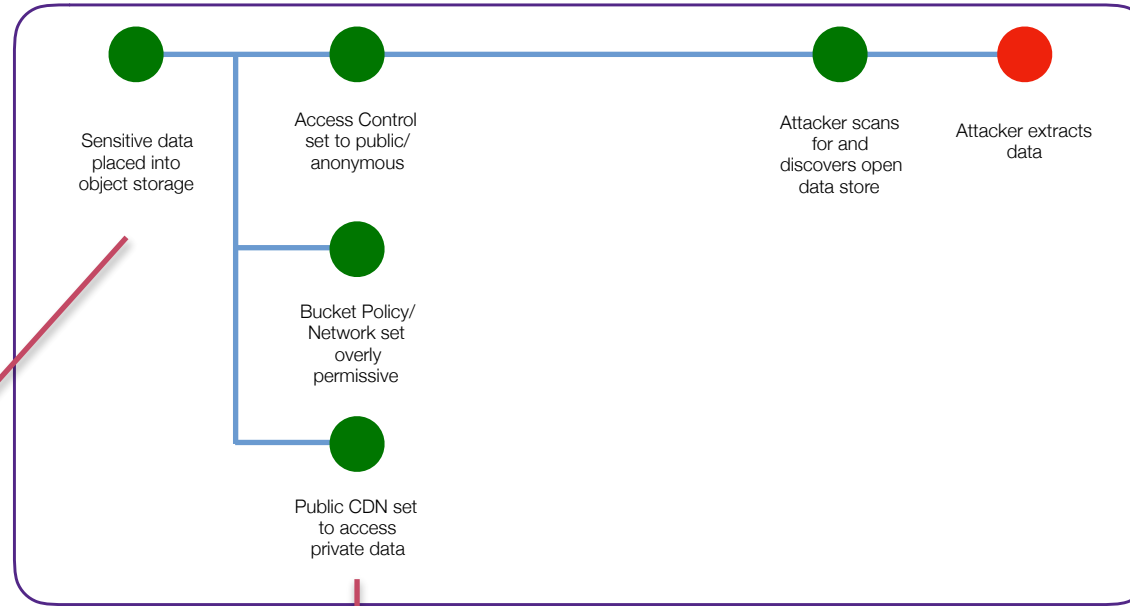
Object Storage *Public* Data Exposure (S3, Azure Blob)



- Cloud-based DLP (Macie/AIP) *Note: these are currently immature and of limited effectiveness*

- Continuous assessment
- Real time alerting on ACL and Bucket/Network policy changes
- Disable public access (CSP setting)
- Reactive Guardrail (FaaS or 3rd party)








Object Storage *Public* Data Exposure (S3, Azure Storage)



- MCAS Microsoft Cloud Application Security (CASB)
Verify with Trull

- Azure Advanced Threat Protection for storage accounts
- Azure Storage Firewall configured to disable public access

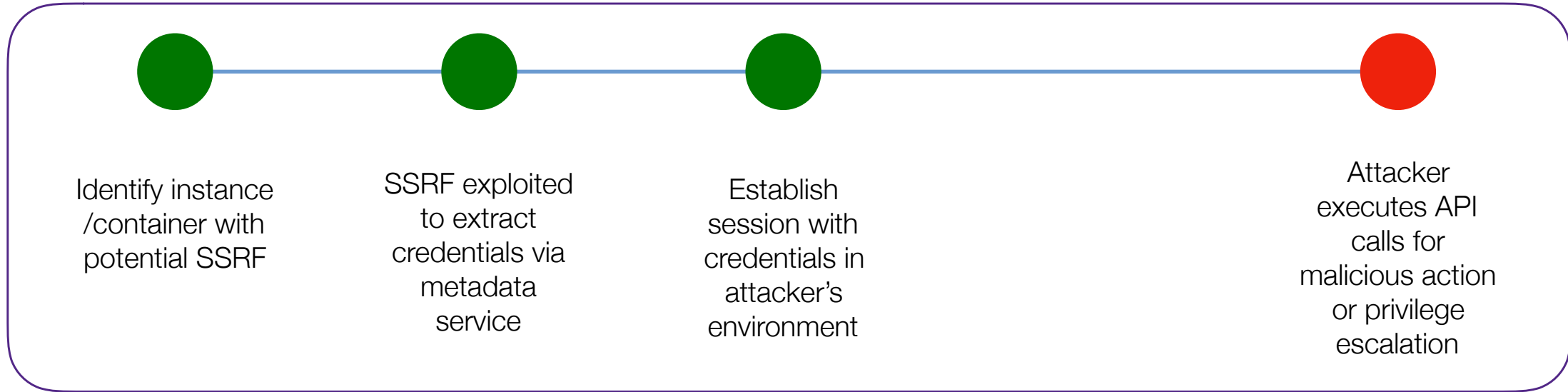
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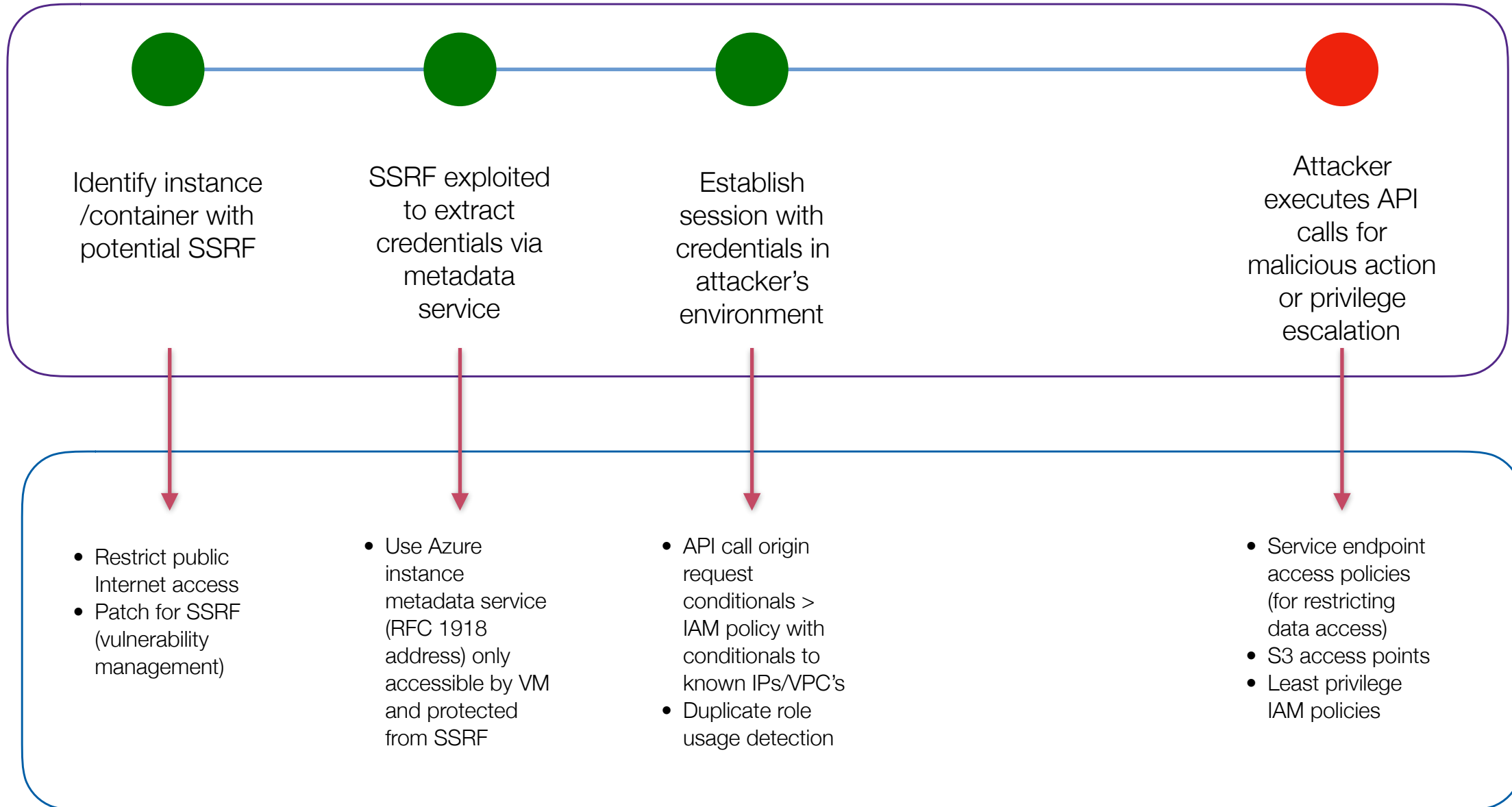
Server Side Request Forgery -> Credential Abuse

Category	Attack (Scripted or Targeted)
Severity	Medium
Likelihood	High
Primary CSA Top Threat	1. Data Breaches
Primary Mitre ATT&CK	Exploit Public Facing Application, Cloud Instance Metadata API

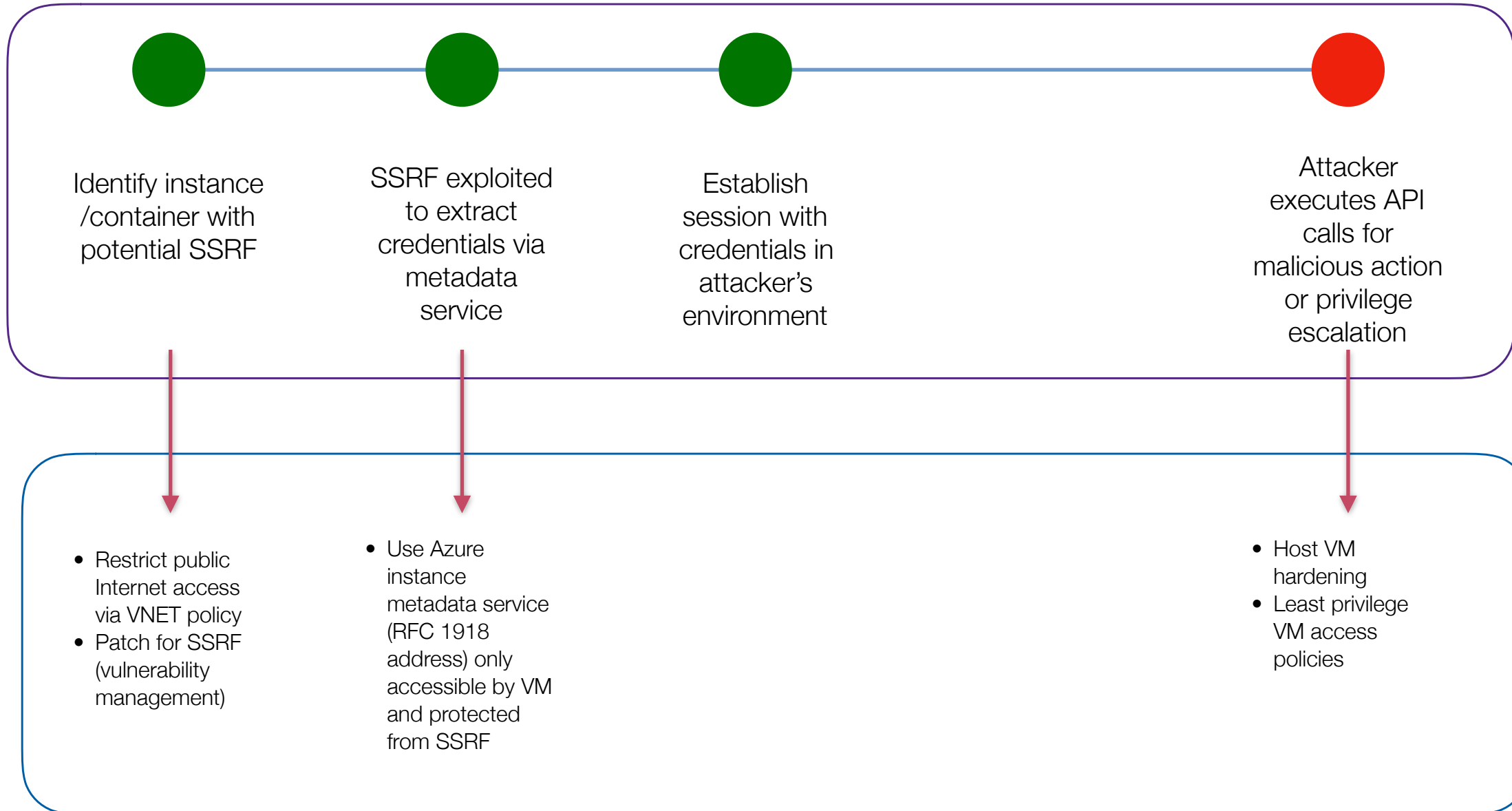
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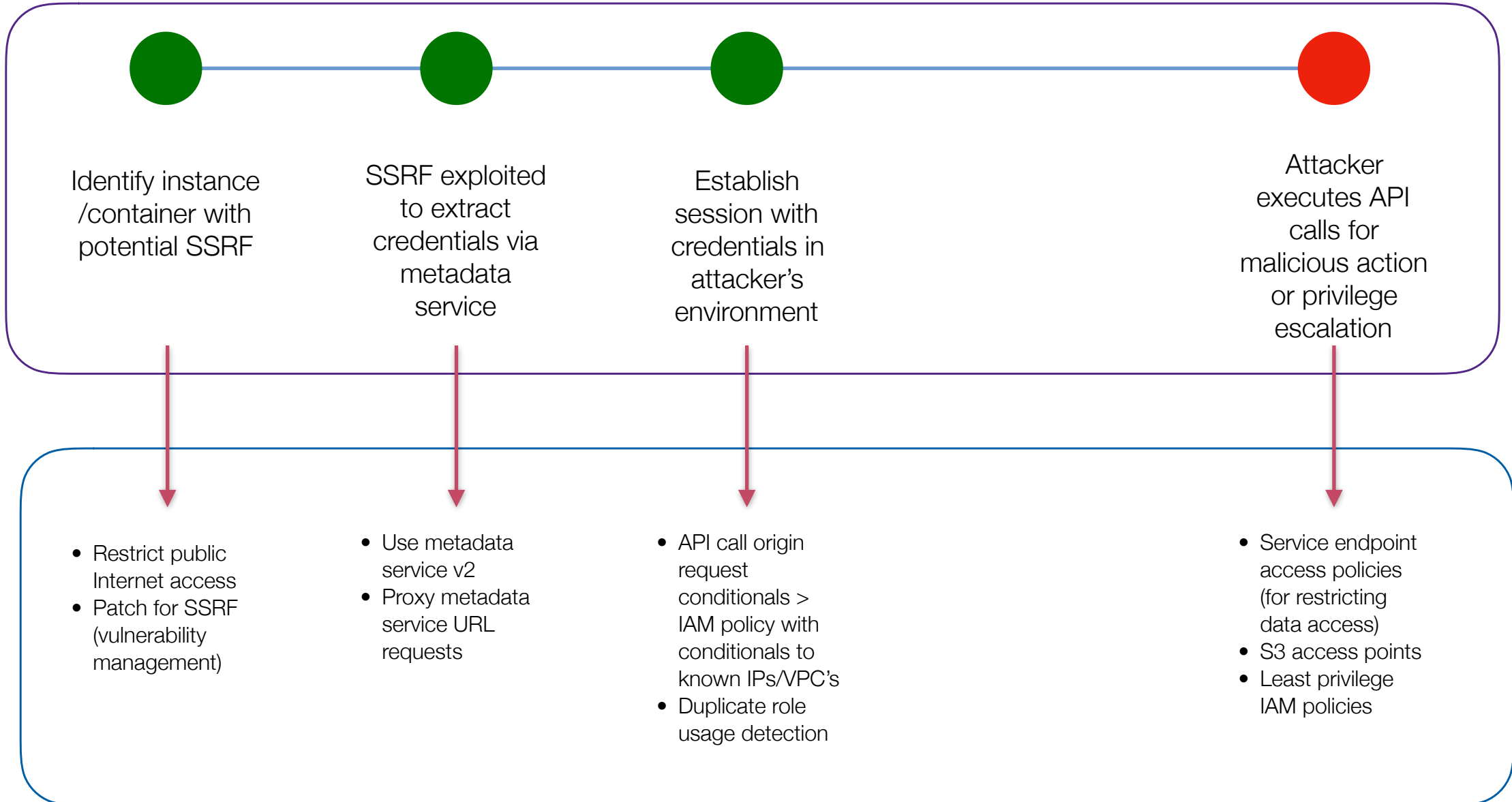
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Demo

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~ — ec2-user@ip-172-31-27-252:~ — ssh -i mykey.pem ec2-user@52.42.196.113 ... ~ — ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-218:~ — ssh -i mykey.pem ec2-user@34.219.163.255 +
Last login: Sat Jul 27 02:03:50 on ttys001
MacBook-Pro:~ rmogull$ ssh -i mykey.pem ec2-user@34.219.163.255
The authenticity of host '34.219.163.255 (34.219.163.255)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:ihAVUzVRInoHIFXAJk5MX0TW7gszBzi/7NJeCo0ADC0.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '34.219.163.255' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

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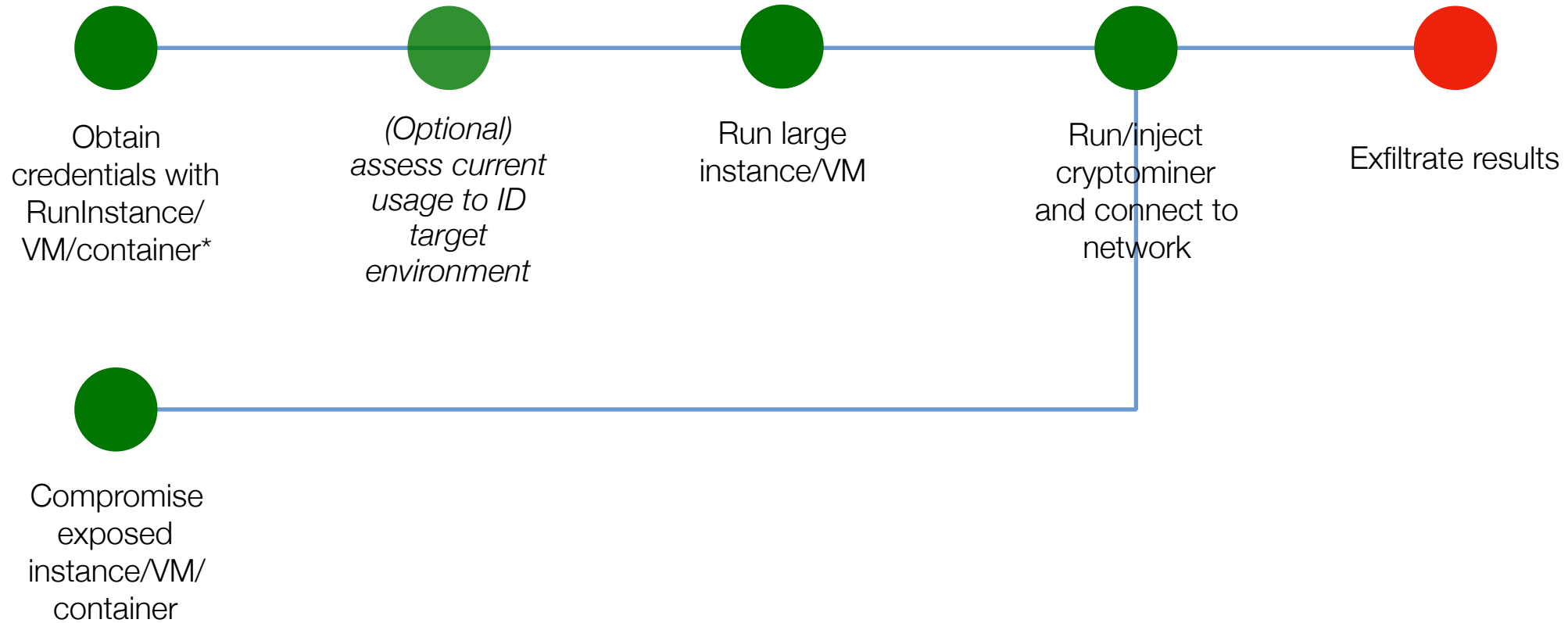
https://aws.amazon.com/amazon-linux-2/
3 package(s) needed for security, out of 8 available
Run "sudo yum update" to apply all updates.
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-28-218 ~]$
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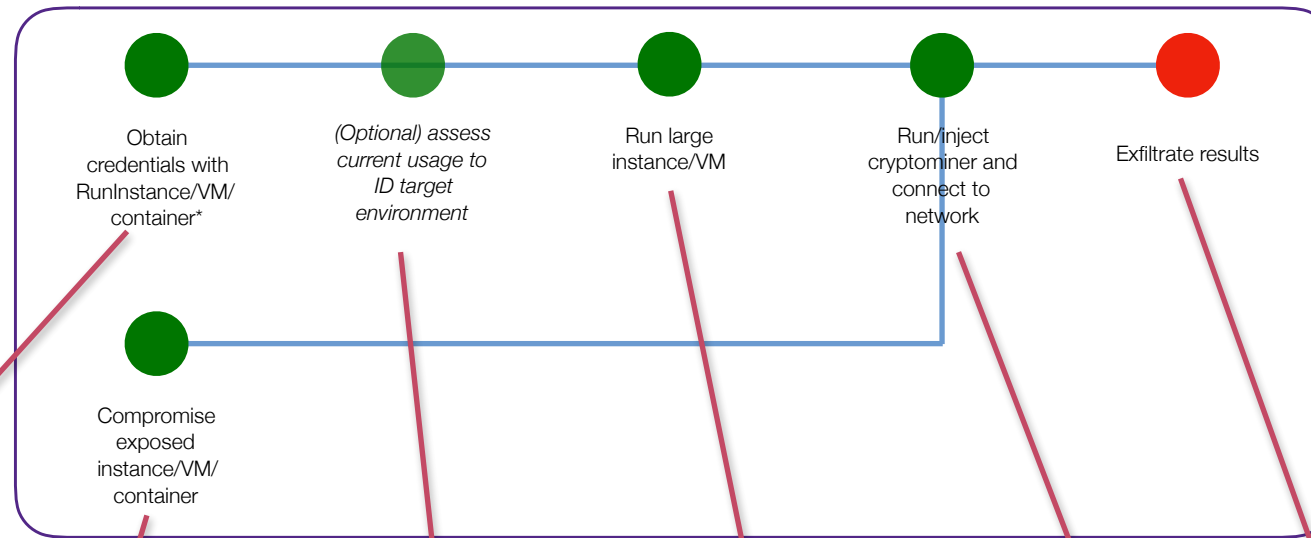
Category	Attack (Scripted or Targeted)
Severity	Low
Likelihood	High
Primary CSA Top Threat	11. Security Issue: Abuse and Nefarious Use of Cloud Services
Primary Mitre ATT&CK	Resource Hijacking, Unused/Unsupported Cloud Regions

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* See credential exposure kill chain for details

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- See credential exposure kill chain and SSRF kill chain
- Least privilege

- Vulnerability assessment
- Network security

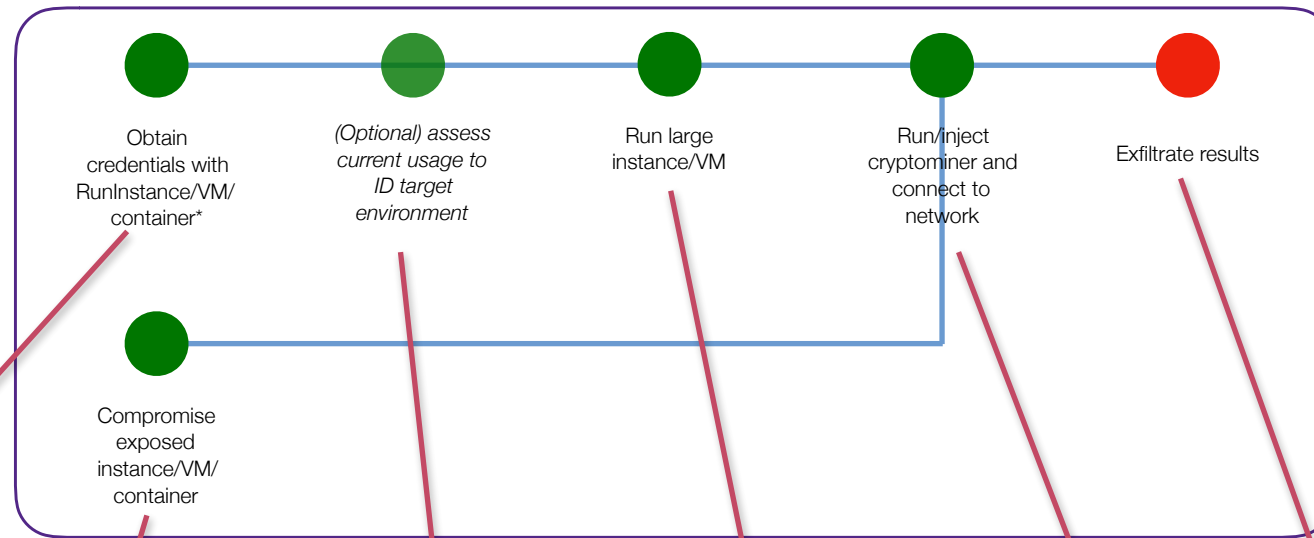
- Lock down unused regions
- API call (CloudTrail/Activity Log) monitoring for excess Describe call usage

- Restrict AMIs/VMs to only pre-approved
- Least privilege
- Billing alerts

- GuardDuty/Azure Security Center
- Flow logs

- Flow log monitoring and alerting
- Outbound traffic restrictions

Cryptomining



- See credential exposure kill chain and SSRF kill chain
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- Azure Policy
- Activity logs alerted via SIEM correlation to identify increased usage
- Azure monitor configured for threshold cost controls

- Azure policy to restrict VM images
- Azure monitor configured for threshold cost controls

- Azure Security Center
- Flow logs
- Egress traffic monitored via Azure Firewall

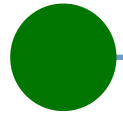
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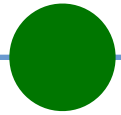
Network Attack

Category	Attack (Scripted or Targeted)
Severity	High
Likelihood	Medium
Primary CSA Top Threat	10. Security Issue: Limited Cloud Usage Visibility
Primary Mitre ATT&CK	Network Service Scanning, Remote System Discovery

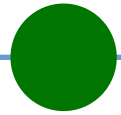
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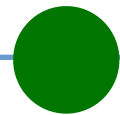
Identify Internet
exposed
resource
(instance/
container)



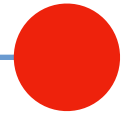
Identify
vulnerability on
exposed
resource



Exploit
vulnerability and
gain foothold/
persistence



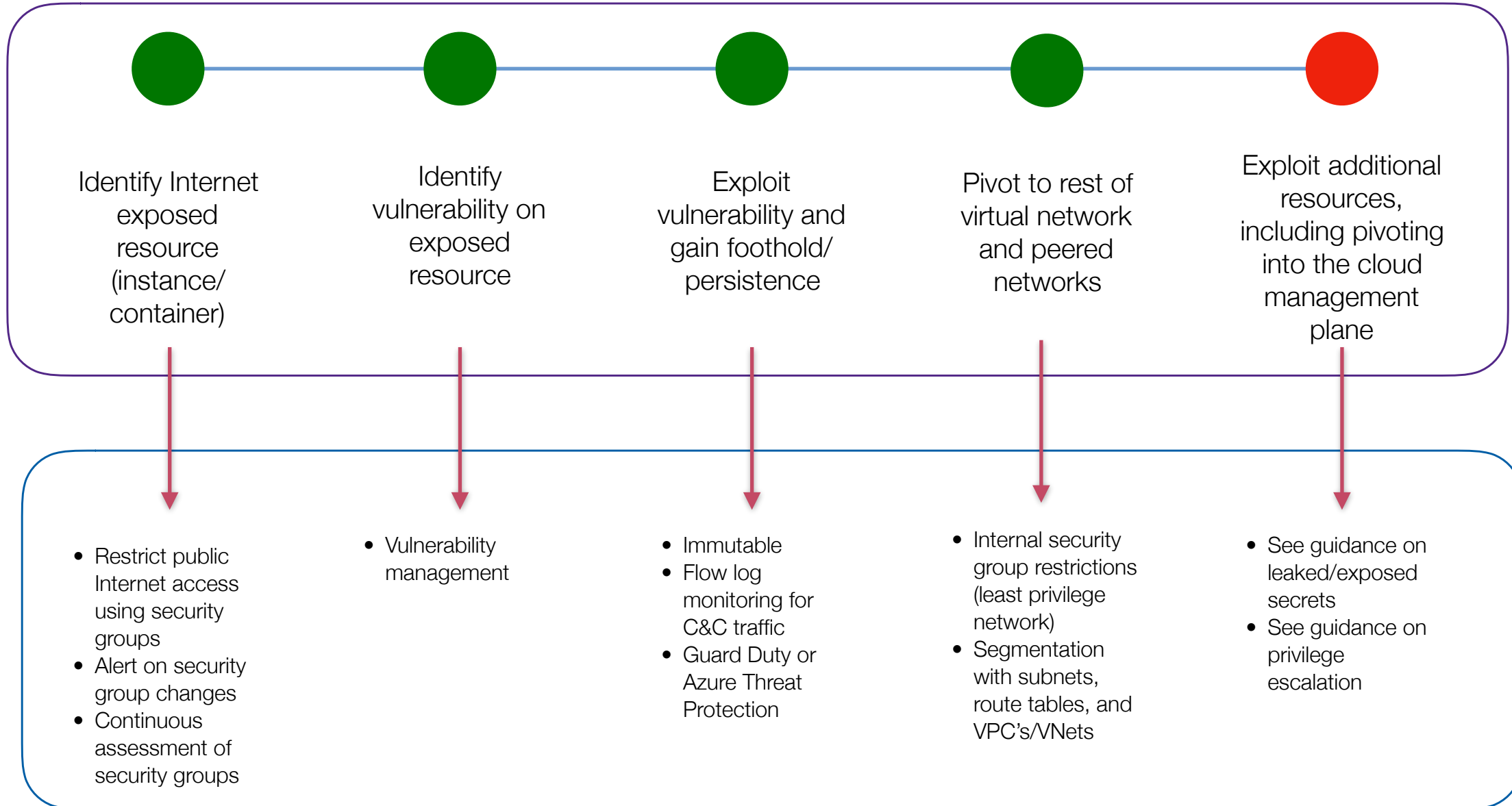
Pivot to rest of
virtual network
and peered
networks



Exploit additional
resources,
including pivoting
into the cloud
management
plane



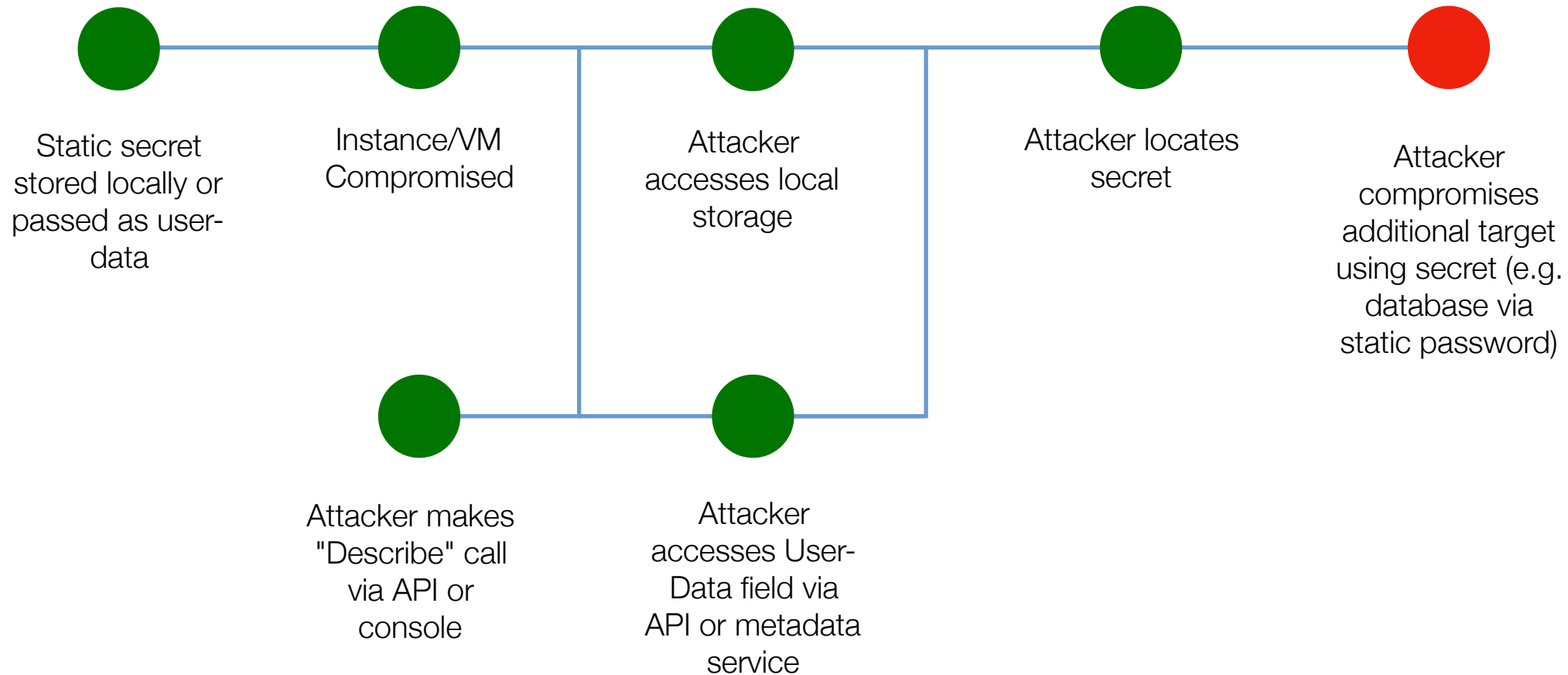
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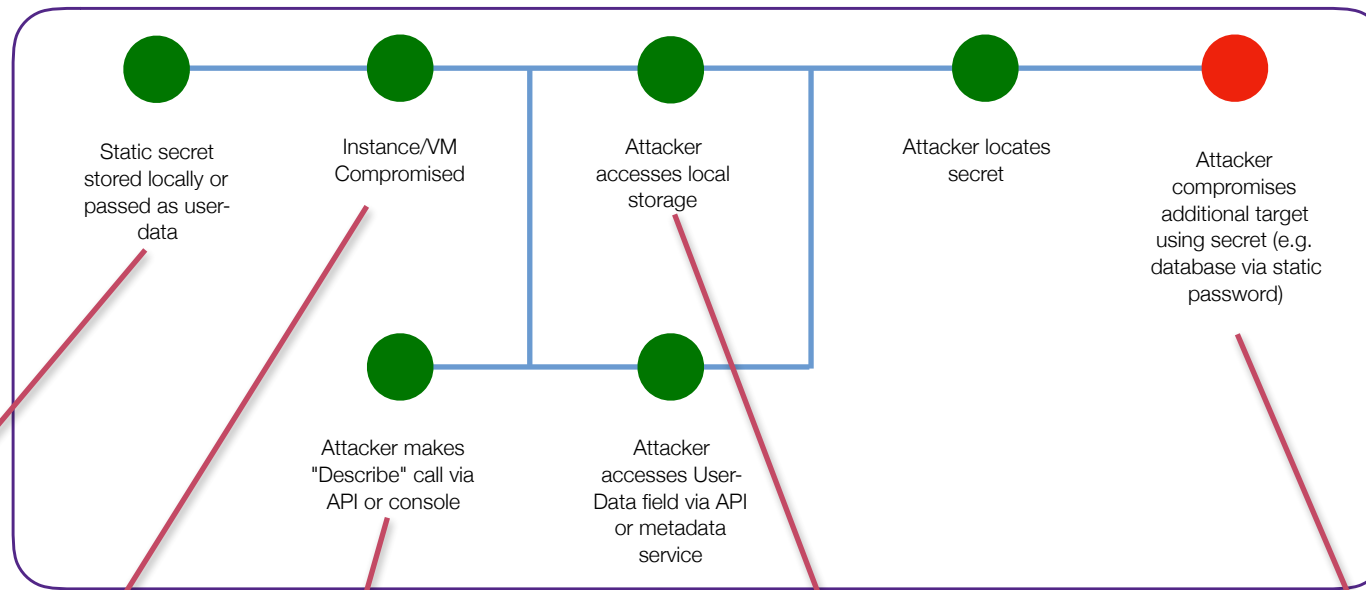
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Primary Mitre ATT&CK	Valid Accounts, Credentials in Files

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- Never pass in a secret as user-data
- Use a secrets manager tool

- Vulnerability management

- Use resource restrictions on IAM/RBAC for read/describe access
- Limit read access to sensitive resources

- Use metadata defenses as listed in other killchains

- Limit secrets to specific process/user access

- Network/source restrictions may limit attack if attacker tries to use secret from external location

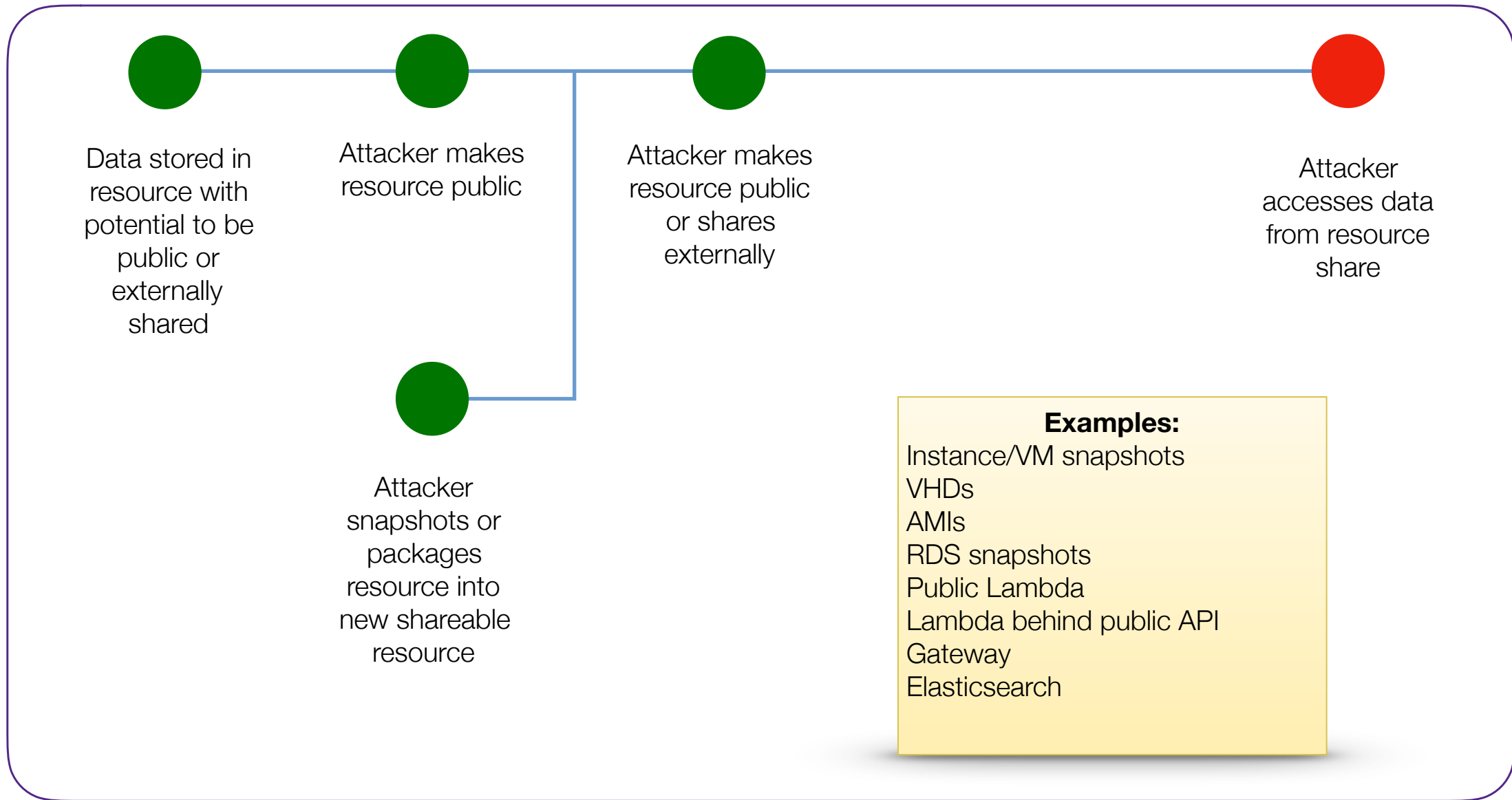


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Novel Cloud Data Exposure and Exfiltration

Category	Misconfiguration
Severity	High
Likelihood	Medium
Primary CSA Top Threat	9. Metastreucture and Applistructure Failures
Primary Mitre ATT&CK	Account Manipulation, Transfer Data to Cloud Account

Novel Cloud Data Exposure and Exfiltration



I see public EVERYWHERE!

ANY

Authorization

None

API Key

Not required

Modify Image Permissions

This image is currently:

☒ Public

☐ Private

Cancel

Save

Modify Permissions

This is an unencrypted snapshot. When you share an unencrypted snapshot, you give another account permission to both copy the snapshot and create a volume from it.

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AWS Account Number

This snapshot currently has no permissions.

AWS Account Number

Add Permission

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+ Container

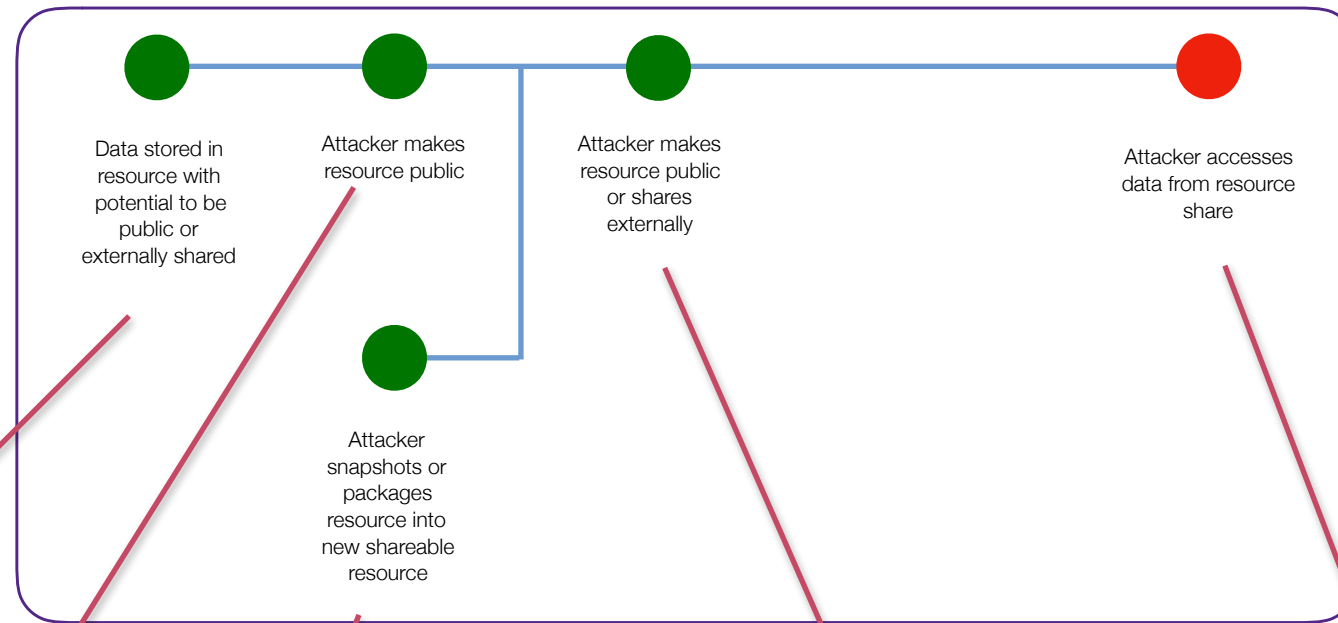
Change access level

Search containers by prefix

Name

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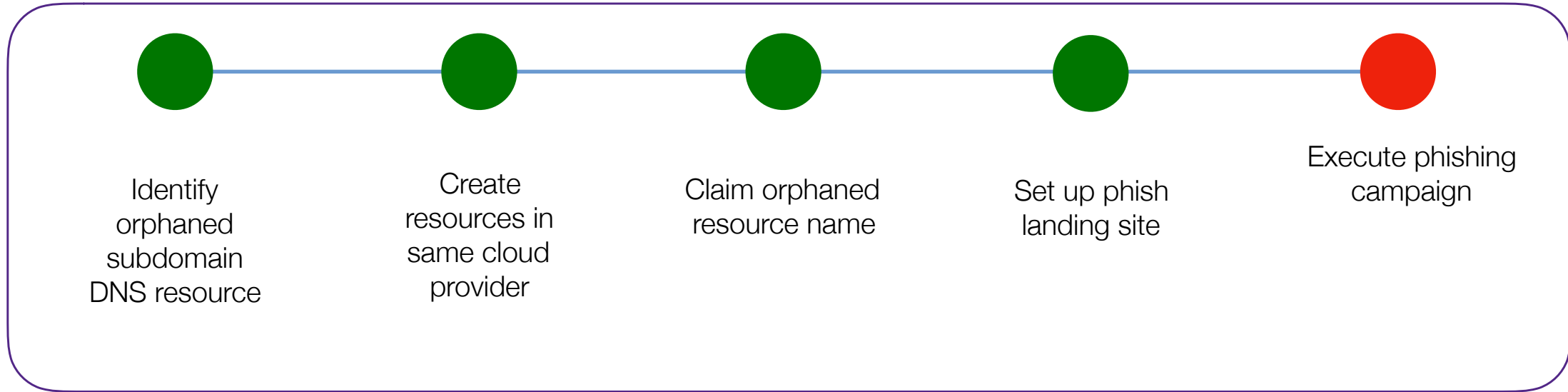


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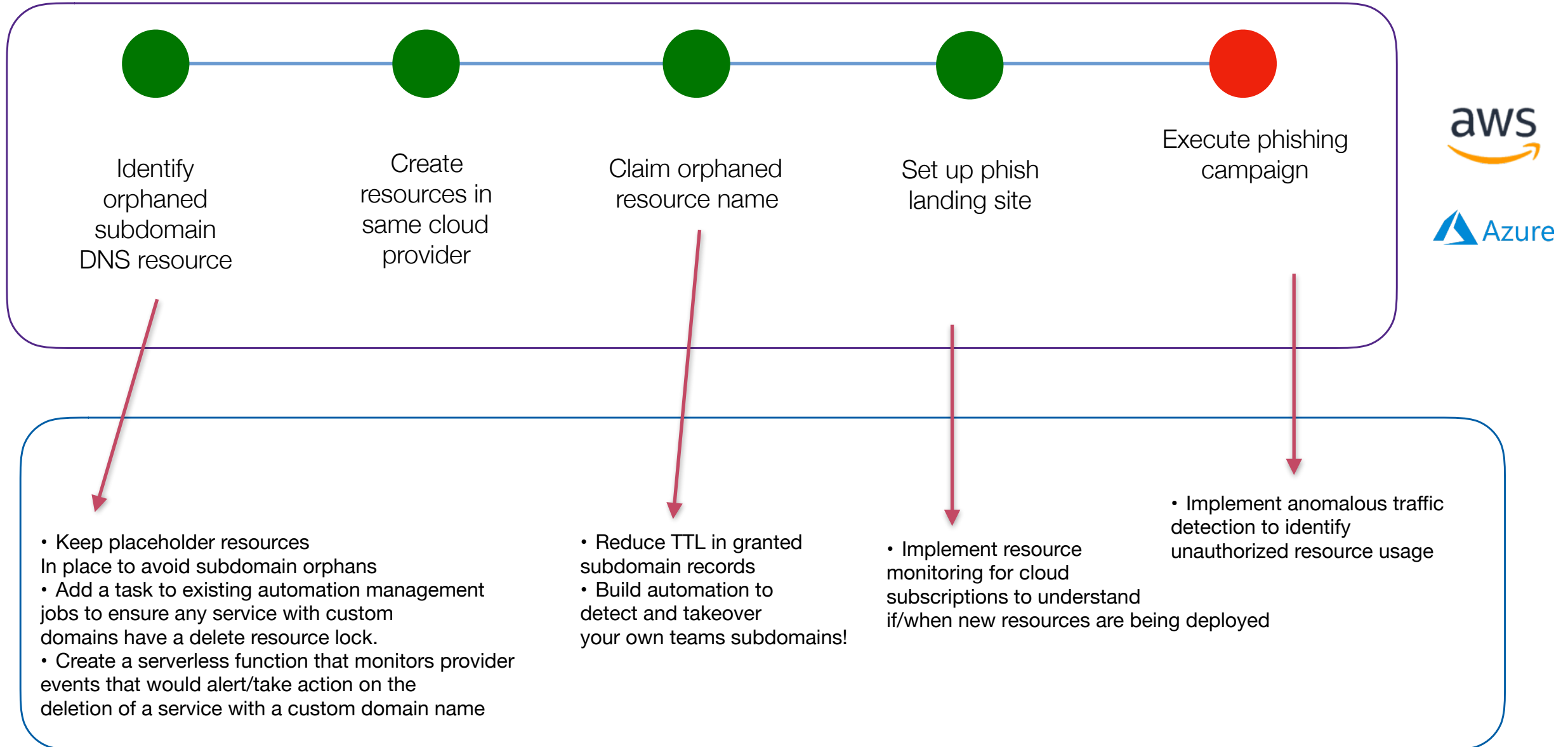
Subdomain Takeover

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Severity	Medium
Likelihood	High
Primary CSA Top Threat	10. Limited Cloud Usage Visibility
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Subdomain Takeover



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Non-Killchain Related Issues

- Privilege escalation
 - e.g. RunInstance + PassRole without resource restriction
- Pre-signed URLs
 - Any API call in AWS can be a pre-signed URL, not just S3
- 3rd Party Cross Account Access
 - Can be abused; especially if External ID's are not randomized
- Azure “public by default” VNets and services
 - All VM resources have *outbound* Internet access by default (NAT)
 - Some services require public inbound and *do not respect defined Network Security Group rules*



Contributing Factors

- Excessive permissions
- Scale
- Use of “traditional” architectures (e.g. network sprawl)
- Segregation
- Ineffective monitoring and inadequate logging

Apply

- Prioritize the killchains based on your:
 - Cloud providers
 - Deployment architectures
 - Sensitivity/risk profile of environments
- Identify overlapping controls that break each killchain
 - Hints- least privilege IAM, continuous monitoring and enforcement
- Implement defenses in prioritized layers
 - Place at least one control in place for each killchain
 - Then layer in additional controls



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