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# Make IR Effective with Risk Evaluation and Reporting



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## You've Got an Incident - Now What?



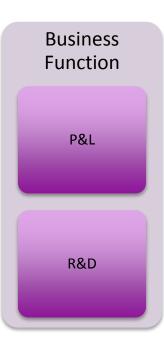
- Monitoring detects new rogue AD accounts
- Preliminary investigation suggests an intrusion
- What next? Who runs the incident?
- Forensic investigation reveals many technical details of the attack but fails to grasp business impact
- Without clear understanding of risk to company and client data, internal escalation is inadequate before client notification
- Company is behind the 8-ball as clients aggressively respond to potential breach

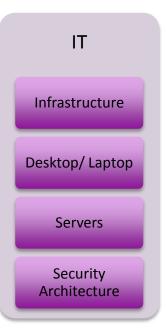


# Classic Stove Piped Compliance Driven Security Program



**Executive Layer** Executives HR **Finance** Legal











#### **Classic SOC Practices**



- Indicators based on disk forensics and canned vendor-delivered signatures
- SEIM Alert
- Pick a number address the first 40 incidents because that's what you can handle
- Malware focus
- Find the dirty box and reimage
- Count up the hits measure by numbers
- An occasional hunt and campaign discovery



## This is What it Looks Like:







## **Incident Response – The Old Way**



- OMG it's malware! Manual Anti-virus
- Risk is all about the "sexiness" of the malware
- No distinction by systems impacted critical business process or the soda machine
- Business owners not involved treated as an IT issue only
- No criteria for severity impact or technical sophistication leaves open-ended decisions to analysts
- Anti-virus vendor, scan vendor High, Medium, Low
- Impossible to articulate risk to executives the sky is always falling
- The SOC ran the IR



## Old IR Approach = FAIL



- External attention to an incident requires careful handling missteps can be impossible to recover from
- Not understanding the true impact to the business mission hinders mitigation efforts
- Incident is not just impacting IT it impacts the business
- Loss of business capability = loss of revenue
- Reputational damage = loss of customer confidence/trust, brand damage
- Regulatory/Investigation = penalties and other consequences



## Why this does NOT work...





# Threat and Business Risk Driven Program





- Not just SOC
- Education/Training/Exercise prior to incident
- Often other types of risk processes are used if a cyber incident affects a large amount of the enterprise/business – Crisis Teams



## **Business Driven Incident Response**



Investigation Response **Immediate** Response Reputational Defense Incident Reconstitution Post Mortem

- Business may take over responding to the incident
- Collaboration and early education on the threat is critical
- Risk is more than losing the box
- Risk is more than losing data
- Risk is:
  - Loss
  - Cost
  - Time
  - Reputation



## **Articulating Incident Risk to the Business**



#### **Cyber Risk Condition**

Severe	Severe Risk to the Entity's mission or function	
High	High Risk to the Entity's mission or function	
Elevated	Elevated Risk to the Entity's mission or function	
Guarded	Guarded Risk to the Entity's mission or function	
Low	Low Risk to the Entity's mission or function	



## The Algorithm



Attack Score \* (Detection + Response + Remediation + Recovery + Reputation) = Risk Score

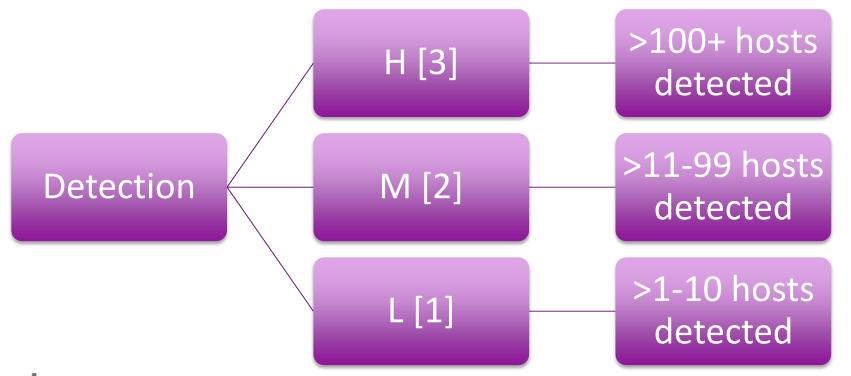
Severe	129 - 200
High	73 - 128
Elevated	33 - 72
Guarded	9 - 32
Low	0 - 8

This is an example – you would tailor this to your organization



#### **Detection Score**

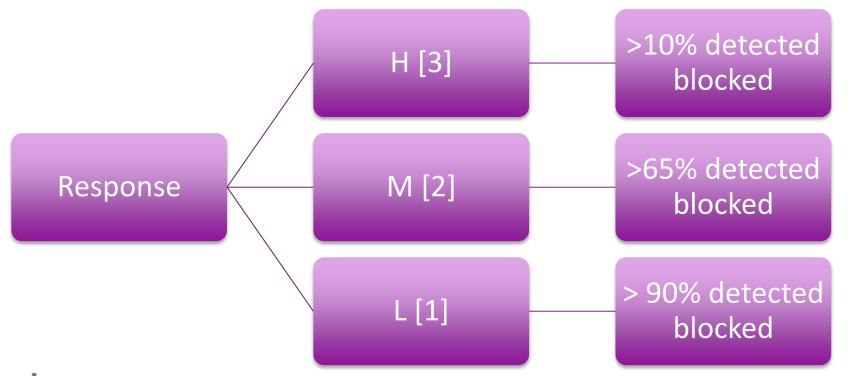






## Response Score

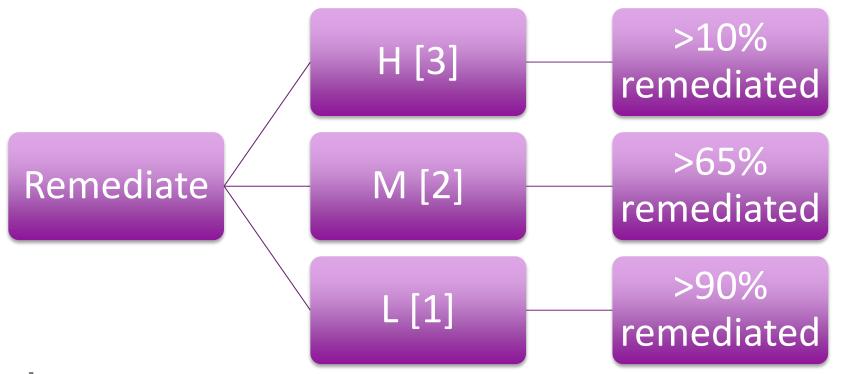






## **Remediation Score**

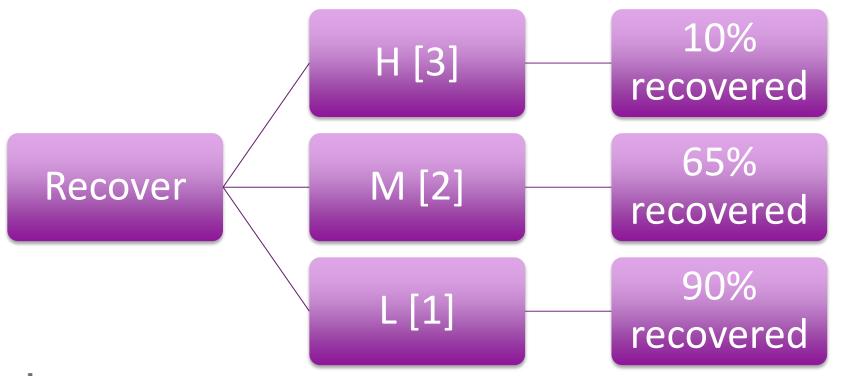






## **Recover Score**

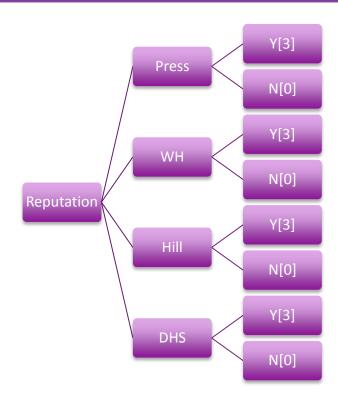






## **Reputational Score**







## **Scoring the Malware**



AttackScore =	Sum(Scores)	
Alluckscore -	$\overline{Count(Attributes)}$	

$$\frac{80}{11} = 7.27$$

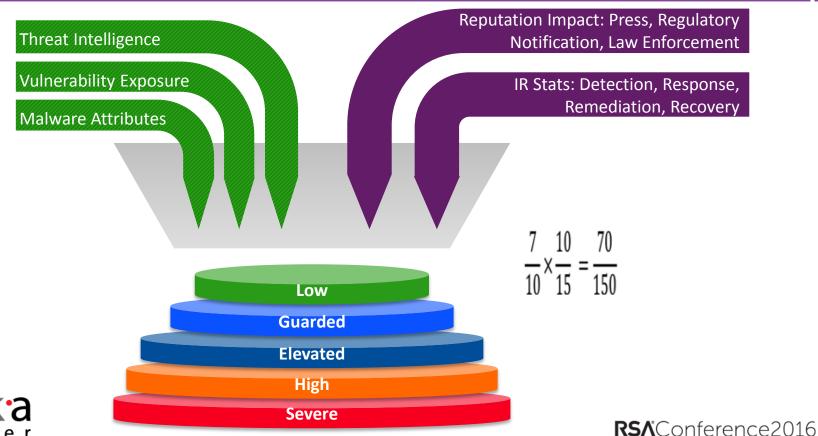
Total number of attributes = 11



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## **Cyber Risk Score - not just the SOC**





## Data and Analytics – the Achilles' Heel



- Massive amount of Data just sensors not including remediation/compliance
  - 165,000 end users 6000 servers
  - 3 core enterprise domains
  - 10 internet gateways 4 OC-12s, 6 OC-3s
  - 1B+ Log Events daily

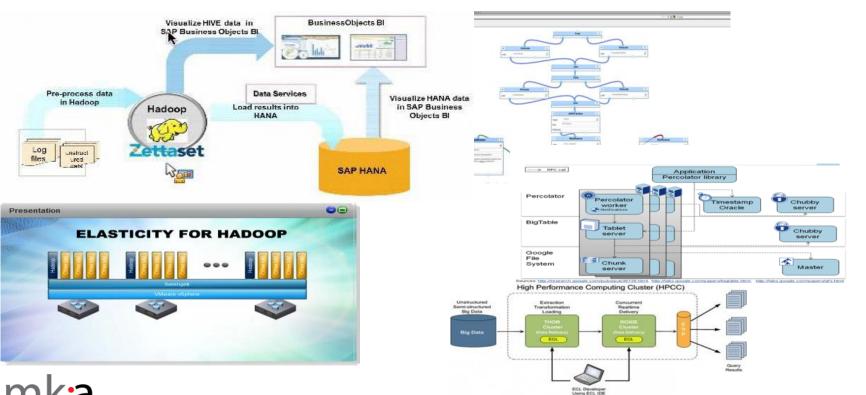
Active Data Collection	Daily	Monthly	Quarterly
Log Aggregation	6TB	120	260
SIEM	1TB	30	90
Full packet (Selective Traffi	15TB	210	630
IDS (W/Payload)	1TB	30	90
Firewall	.5TB	15	45
Malware Protection	.5TB	15	45
Totals	24TB	720TB	2160Tb
			2.1Pb
			w/20% surge
			2.5Pb per Qtr

Expensive
Analysts
often
repeating
basic analysis
tasks



## **Pulling the Data Together**







## Challenges



#### **Technical**

Fast Analysis
Engine – In
Memory

Agile Data Model - Simple Modifications

Mapping Attack to Vuln to Control/Policy

#### Communicate

Reporting -Technical, Managerial, Executive

Metrics -Technical, Managerial, Executive

#### Logistical

Data Storage

Data Access

**Data Sources** 

#### Organizational

Budget

Policy – Keeping up with the Adversary

Understanding Impact/Risk to Business

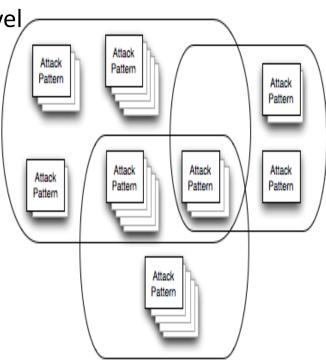


#### The Future Wish List



- Shared Pattern Libraries on the meta data level
- Vulnerability management based on patterns not just one for one
- One data format
- Acceptance and tools to manage other data storage formats
- Shared Analyst pools
- Mission participation in Risk Analysis





## Apply – What Can I Do?



- Help the SOC understand the business mission they protect
- Get the SOC access to asset data what business process it supports, vulnerability state, configuration hygiene state
- Review your IR plan what is the escalation and communication plan? Who is included? HR? Legal? PR? Business Units?
- Work with IR stakeholders to tune the Cyber Risk Score algorithm to your organization
- Use it to track risk in your next incident or IR exercise



## **Summary**



- Today's SOC must be driven by internal and external intelligence to clearly understand both the threat and the risk
- The entire organization MUST understand the threat and participate in assessing the risk from the business perspective in order to accept the risk
- Risk must be derived from Business Risk, IT Risk, as well as Security Vulnerability
- IR is more than understanding the attack and loss of data but what it takes to get back to business or even JUST SURVIVE
- Targeted is scary but a business that is crippled is just as scary
- We have all the data now how do we look at it...



## Q&A



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