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Intrusion  
Detection



Privacy-preserving  
Machine Learning



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Everyone's  
~~Private Driver~~  
**Privacy Breached!**

**600,000 drivers' license numbers,  
57 MILLION user information**

## SALTED HASH- TOP SECURITY NEWS

By [Steve Ragan](#), Senior Staff Writer, CSO | FEB 4, 2015 9:23 PM PST

About | 

Fundamental security insight to help you minimize risk and protect your organization

NEWS

# Anthem confirms data breach, but full extent remains unknown

Breach could impact millions

 **CNBC**

## Insider threats may be the biggest cyberthreats an organization faces

Harriet Taylor  
Wednesday, 5 Oct

 **CNBC**

Employees  
cybersecurity  
defending a  
public and p

DEC 11, 2014 @ 01:13 PM 26,956 VIEWS

## Massive Security Breach At Sony What You Need To Know



**Joseph Steinberg**, CONTRIBUTOR

I cover cybersecurity and entrepreneurship. [FULL BIO](#) ✓

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 **The Washington Post**

Democracy Dies in Darkness



Business

## NSA case highlights growing concerns over insider threats

Privacy & Security

## Insider threat health data breaches doubled in February, Protenus says

The good news? Hacking was down and only comprised 12 percent of reported incidents during the last month.

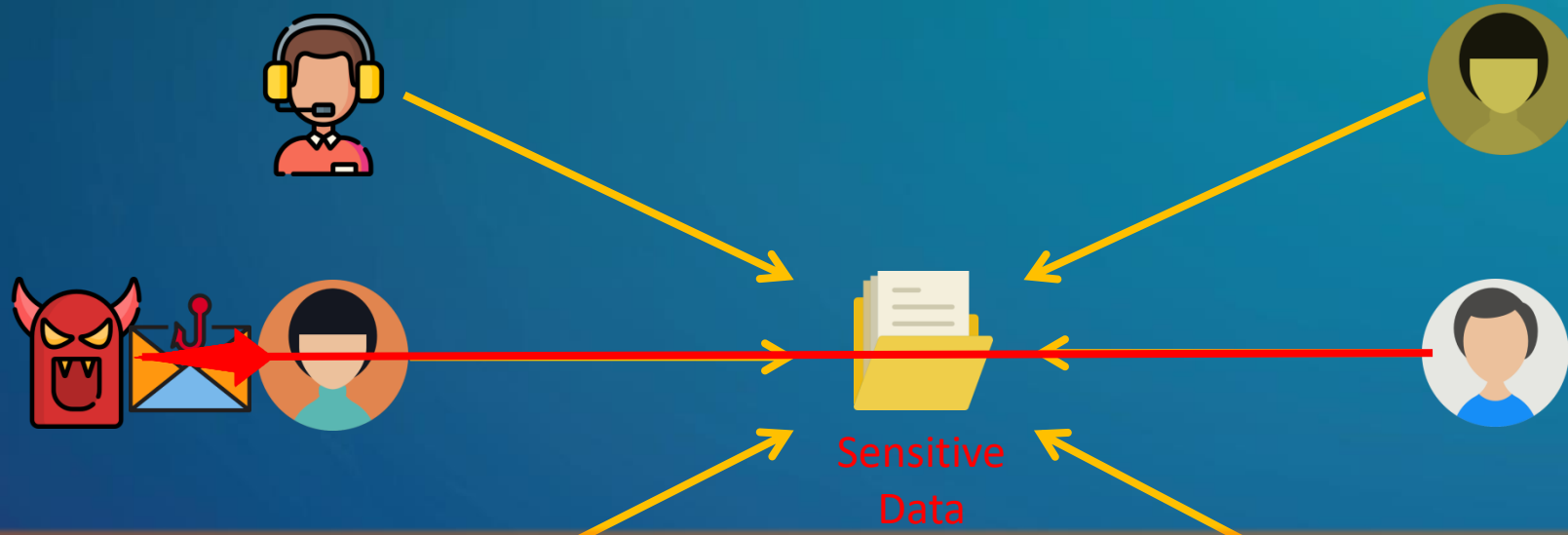
By [Jessica Davis](#) | March 20, 2017 | 04:45 PM



● Access control alone is not enough!







- Anomaly detection: a mechanism to differentiate between normal and anomalous usage of data.

CODASPY  
2017

Ghostbuster: A Fine-grained Approach for  
Anomaly Detection in File System Accesses



Anomalous file access without  
permission

### Existing techniques



ANOMALY DETECTION  
AT FILE LEVEL

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### Our solution



FINE-GRAINED ANOMALY  
DETECTION (BLOCK LEVEL)

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# Anomalous file access without permission



**Anomalous file access without  
permission**

**Anomalous access out of  
context**

### Existing techniques



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AT FILE LEVEL**



### Our solution



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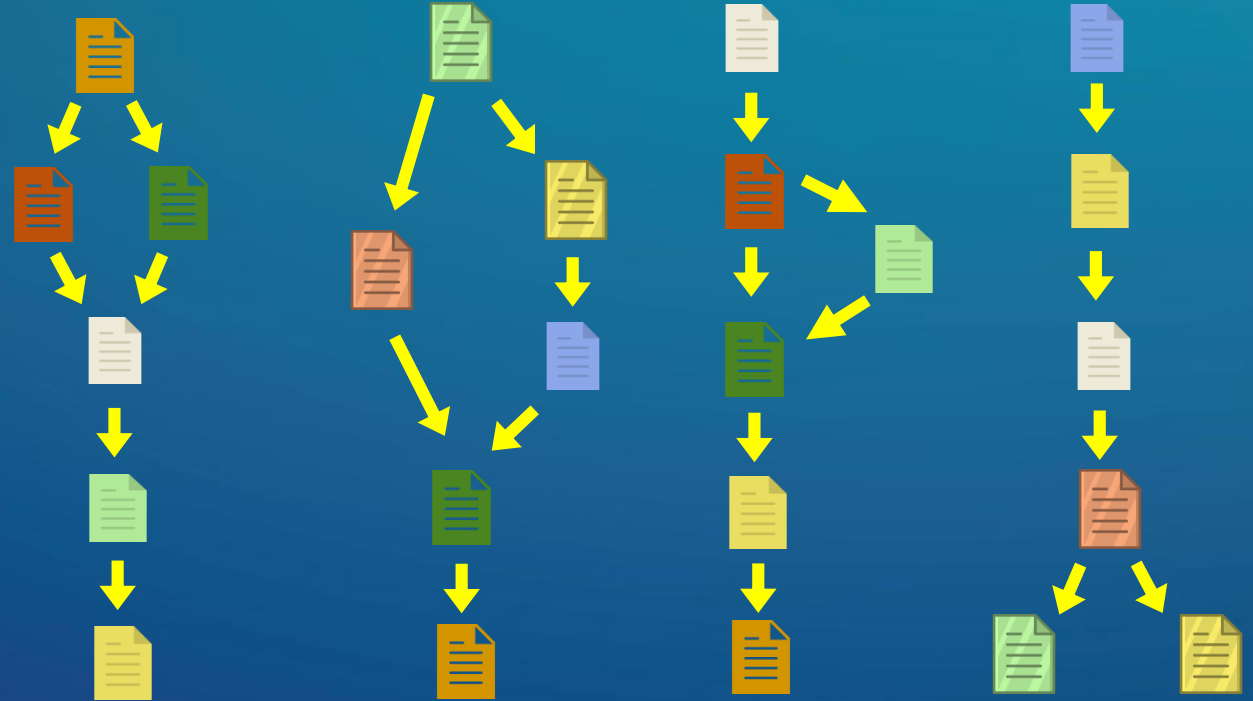
# Anomalous access out of context



Frequent Episode Mining

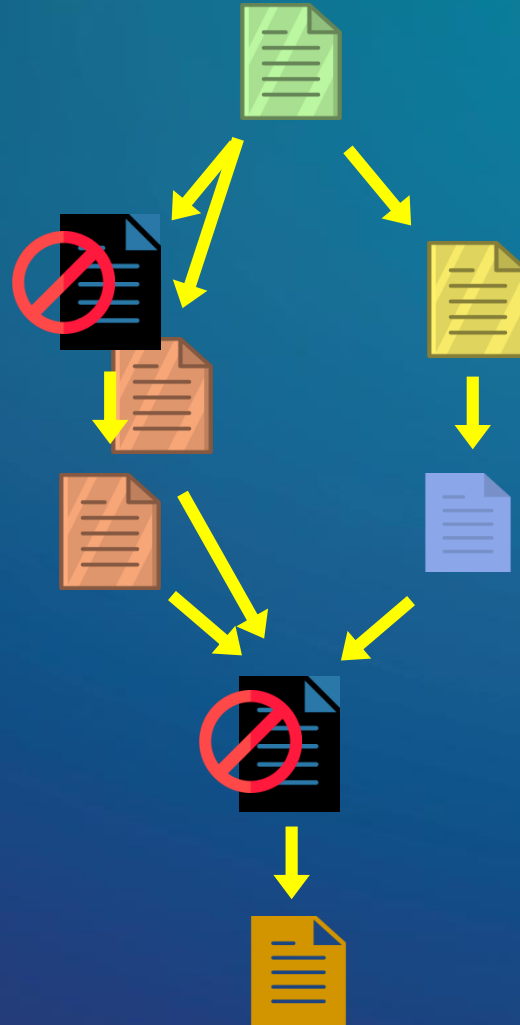


Finite State Machine





# Anomalous access out of context



**Anomalous file access without  
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**Anomalous access out of  
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**Anomalous size/segment of  
file access**

### Existing techniques



**ANOMALY DETECTION  
AT FILE LEVEL**



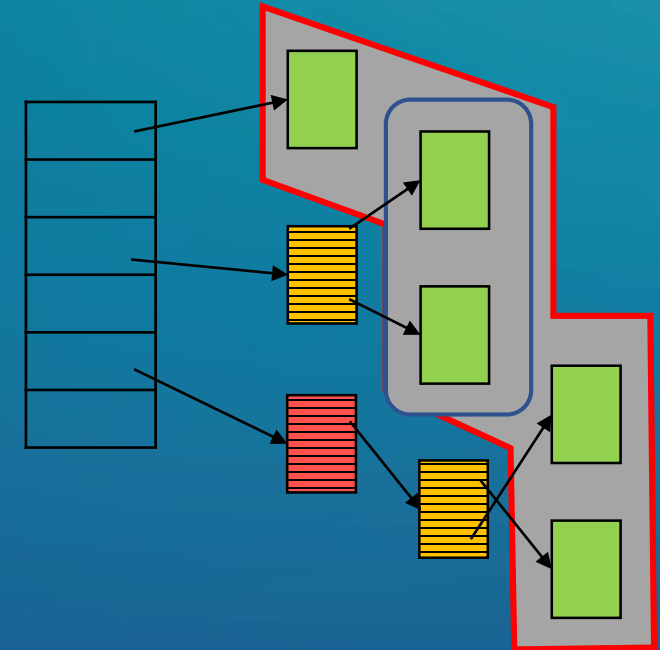
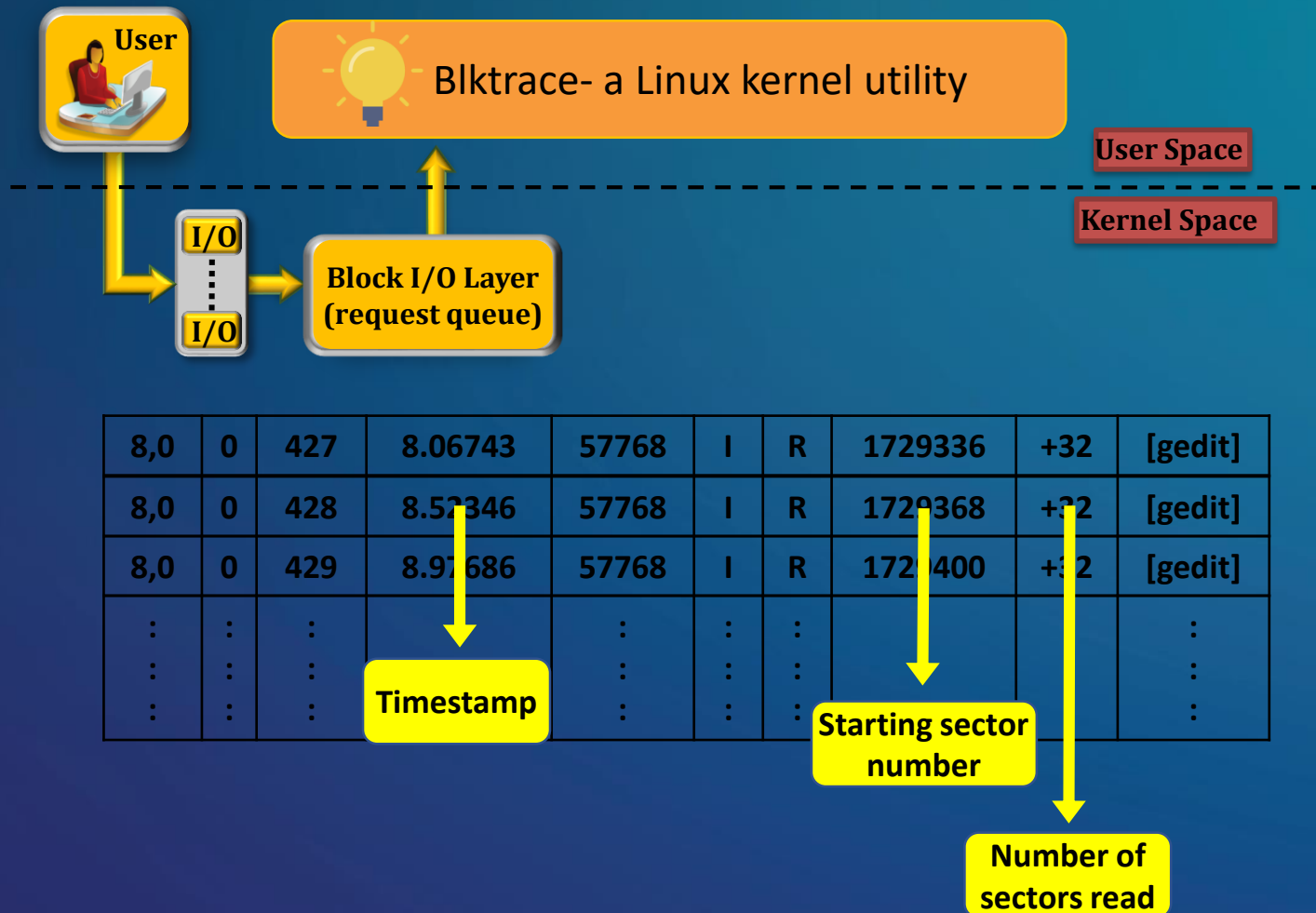
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DETECTION (BLOCK LEVEL)**



# Anomalous size/segment of file access



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Anomalous frequency of file  
access





# Anomalous frequency of file access

## Case A

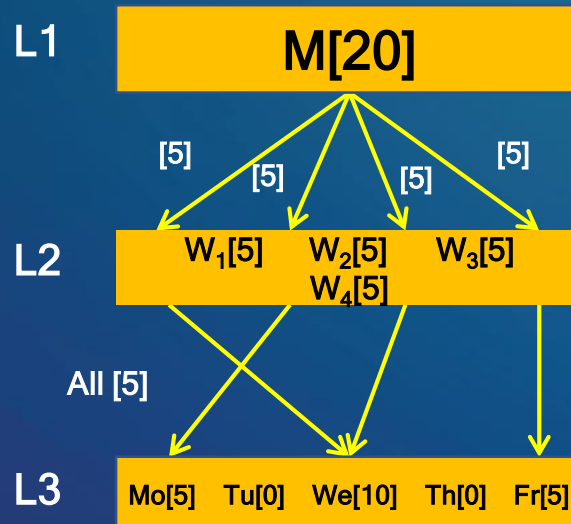
File is accessed on an arbitrary weekday in a week, with a frequency of 5

## Case B

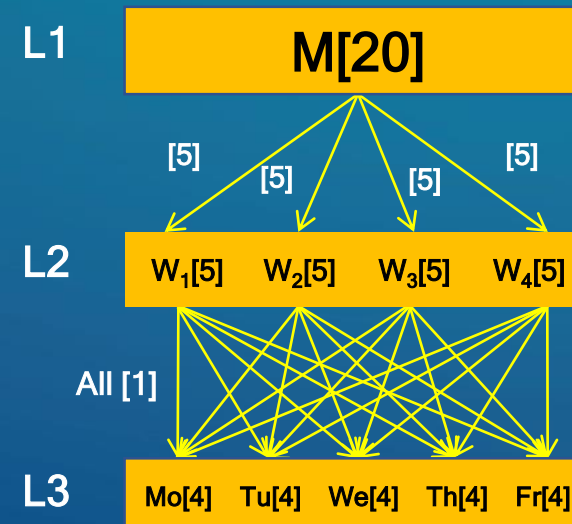
File is accessed on each weekday in a week, with a frequency of 1



Multi-level Time Granularity Approach



Case A  $\forall M[20], \forall W[5], \exists D[5]$



Case B  $\forall M[20], \forall W[5], \forall D[1]$

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# Experiments

- File repository
  - 560 files, 77 users
- Accesses for a duration of 2 months
  - training dataset: 4 weeks, test dataset: 4 weeks
- Four test sets (TS)



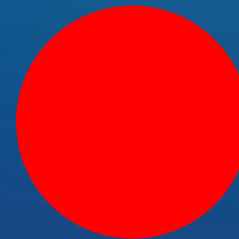
TS-I: data remains unchanged



TS-II: 3% of data anomalous



TS-III: 25% of data anomalous



TS-IV: all data anomalous

# Experiment Results

## Existing techniques



ACCESS CONTROL

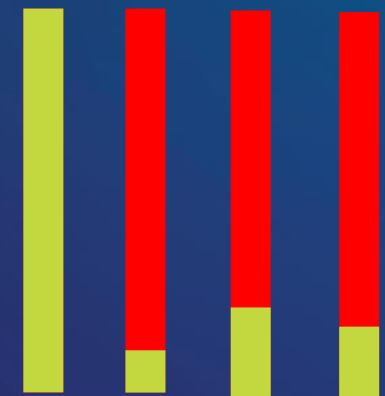


ANOMALY DETECTION  
AT FILE LEVEL

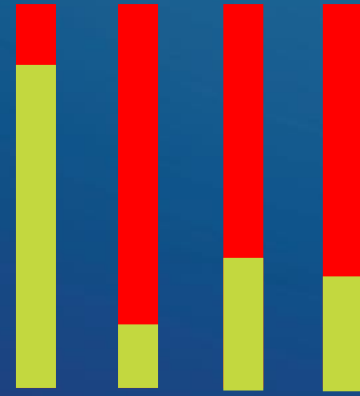
## Our solution



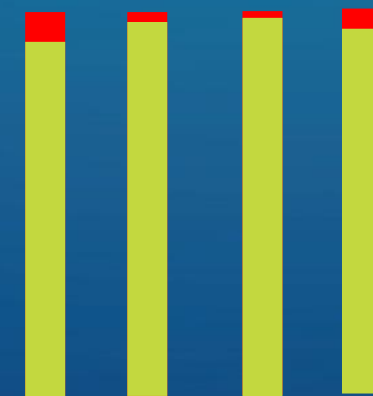
FINE-GRAINED  
(AD at BLOCK LEVEL)



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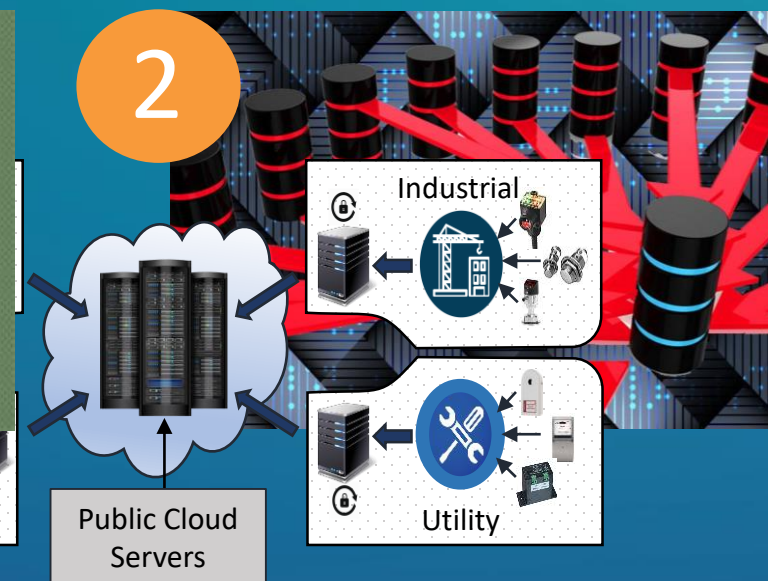
# Conclusion

- Fine-grained approach for anomaly detection in file system accesses
- Comparison between the existing techniques and our solution
- Validated the performance of our solution on a real dataset

# Follow-up work and future directions



A Real-time Detection System  
Against Cryptographic Ransomware  
[RAID, 2018]



Privacy-preserving Real-time Anomaly  
Detection Using Edge Computing  
[ICDE, 2020]

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