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# NONE of us are as smart as ALL of us

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## PRIORITIZATION TO PREDICTION

Volume 2: Getting Real About Remediation

**MEASURING THE IMPACT OF DMARC'S PART IN PREVENTING BUSINESS EMAIL COMPROMISE**

Adam Shostack, Jay Jacobs and Wade Baker

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**CYBER**  
BALANCE SHEET | 2018 REPORT

Finding the balance between the business of security and the security of the business.

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## PRIORITIZATION TO PREDICTION

Analyzing Vulnerability Remediation Strategies

**INTERNET RISK SURFACE REPORT PREVIEW**

riskrecon™ in partnership with Cyentia Institute

The Internet Risk Surface Report is a new research collaboration between RiskRecon and the Cyentia Institute. As the name implies, the focus of this initiative is to map, measure, and ultimately manage risk associated with the Internet-facing assets of a firm and its partners. This document previews some findings from the upcoming report.

A major challenge in measuring the risk surface of organizations stems from the fragmented nature of that surface across the Internet. This is particularly apparent in external assets, as the diagram below depicts. In it, we see heavy yet varied cloud dependency across all industries. A lack of clear visibility into all assets—wherever they're hosted—means a lack of visibility into a firm's true risk posture, as we will demonstrate in the following pages.

| Information      | Flows show the distribution of cloud-hosted assets by industry to the top providers. | Amazon |
|------------------|--|--------|
| Manufacturing    |  |        |
| Prof. Services   |  |        |
| Finance          |  |        |
| Admin/Logistics  |  |        |
| Hospitality      |  |        |
| Retail/Wholesale |  |        |
| Real Estate      |  |        |
| Education        |  |        |

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THE 2017 REPORT

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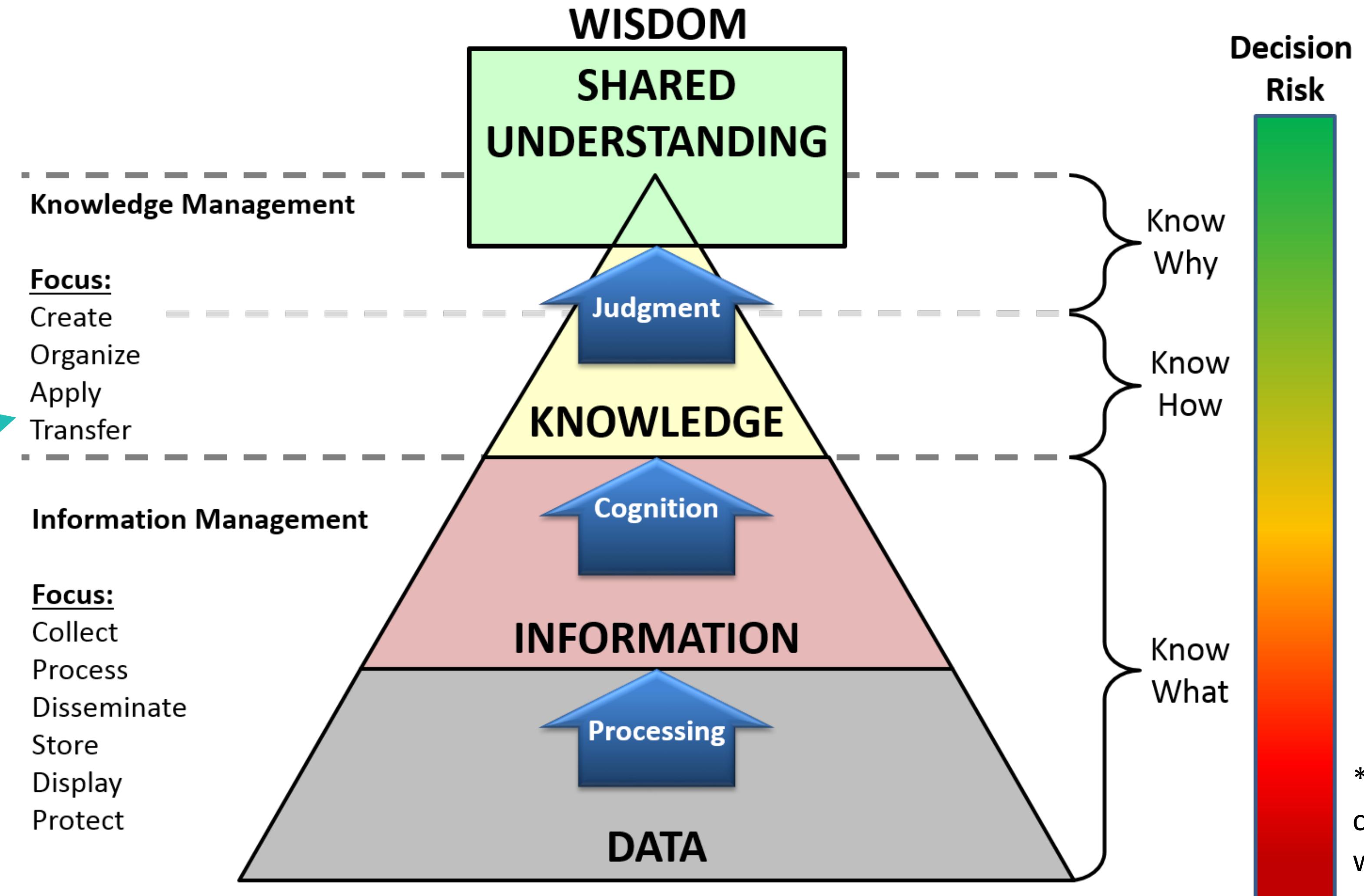
# The basis for this talk

- Once upon a time, our industry lacked data
- We no longer lack data; we're drowning in it
- Making sense of that data is now our challenge
  - quality, coherence, synthesis, inference, etc.
- **How to we turn abundant data into better decisions?**

# What do you mean by "data"?

## Knowledge Management Cognitive Pyramid

We are here



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# Toward "Shared Understanding"...

- ...at the RSA Conference
- ...in industry reports.
- ...in meta-analysis
- ...in original research

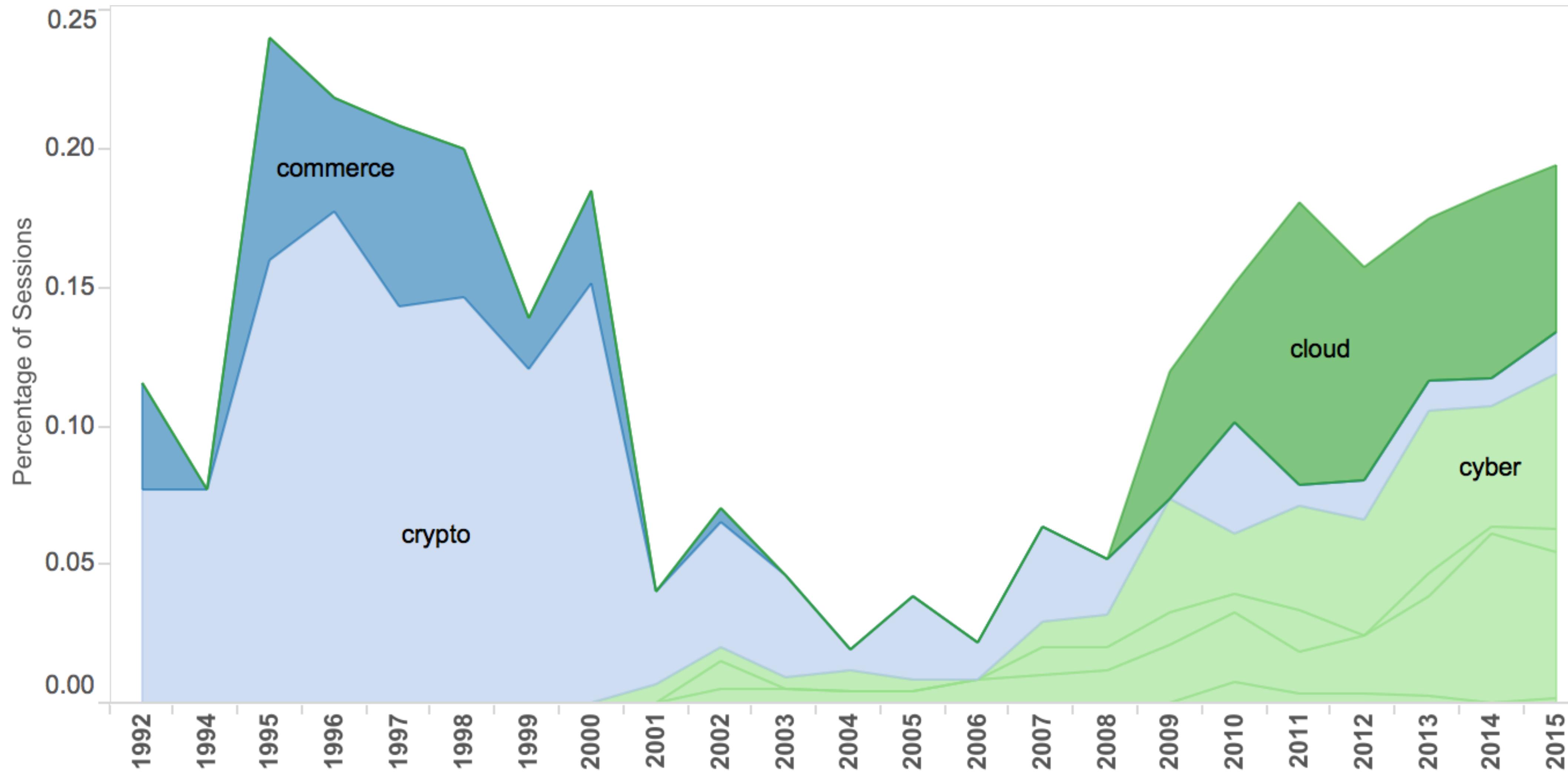
How do these help us "climb the pyramid"  
toward greater shared understanding?

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## Finding Shared Understanding at the RSA Conference



# 25 years of titles



# Making sense of the RSA Conference

- The slogan of the RSA Conference is “Where the World Talks Security.” But have you ever wondered “how” the world talks about security?
- This report mines a decade’s worth (~15,000) of CFP submissions to help answer that question.
- Updated for this talk with 2019 CFPs!



**STRIKING SECURITY GOLD**

Uncovering hidden insights in a decade's worth of RSA Conference abstracts.

As the premier security conference in the world, RSA Conference offers an excellent lens through which to study the topics and trends within our industry. The Conference's slogan of "Where the World Talks Security" shows that's not just an accident; it's the goal.

But what exactly do we talk about when we talk "security"? That's the question we seek to answer in this report, which has its roots in a similar question asked by an eight-year-old daughter two and a half years ago: ["What's the RSA Conference about, Daddy?"](#) That root sprouted into a [four-part blog series](#) and a [panel discussion](#) a year later where we analyzed 25 years of session titles in honor of the 25th anniversary of RSA Conference.

To really study the question, however, titles provide limited value. They're often created to grab attention rather than impart information. Call for Paper (CFP) submissions, by comparison, are a veritable goldmine of details and insight about the sessions just waiting to be mined. Once again, RSA Conference was kind enough to supply the ore for our digital pickaxes. Did we strike gold and unearth valuable nuggets of insight about our industry? You'll have to read on to find out.

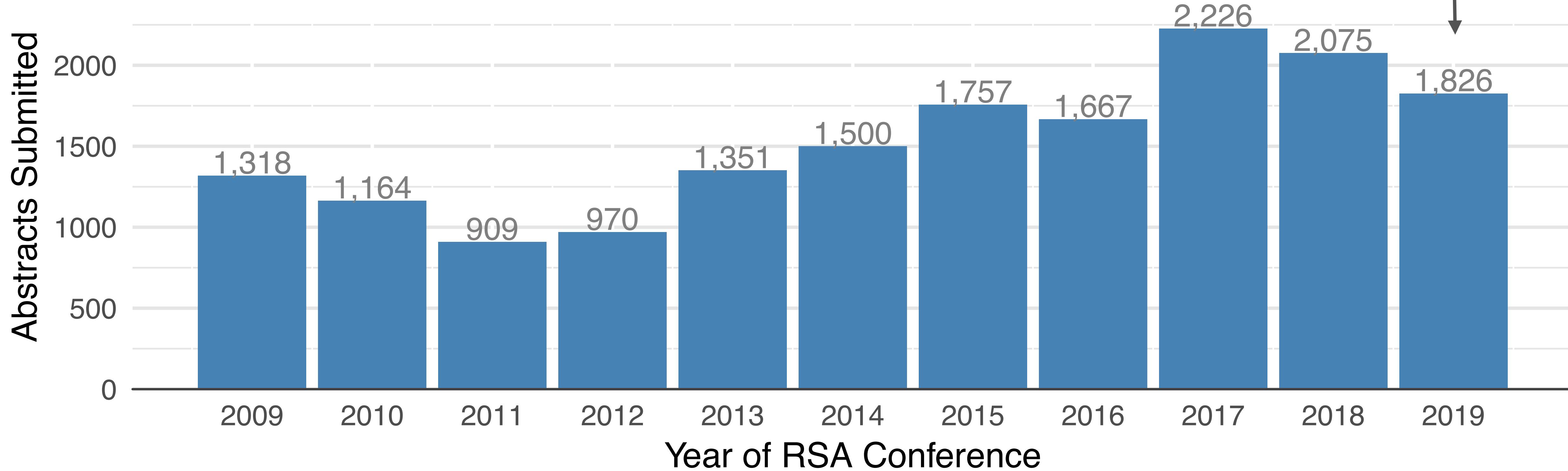
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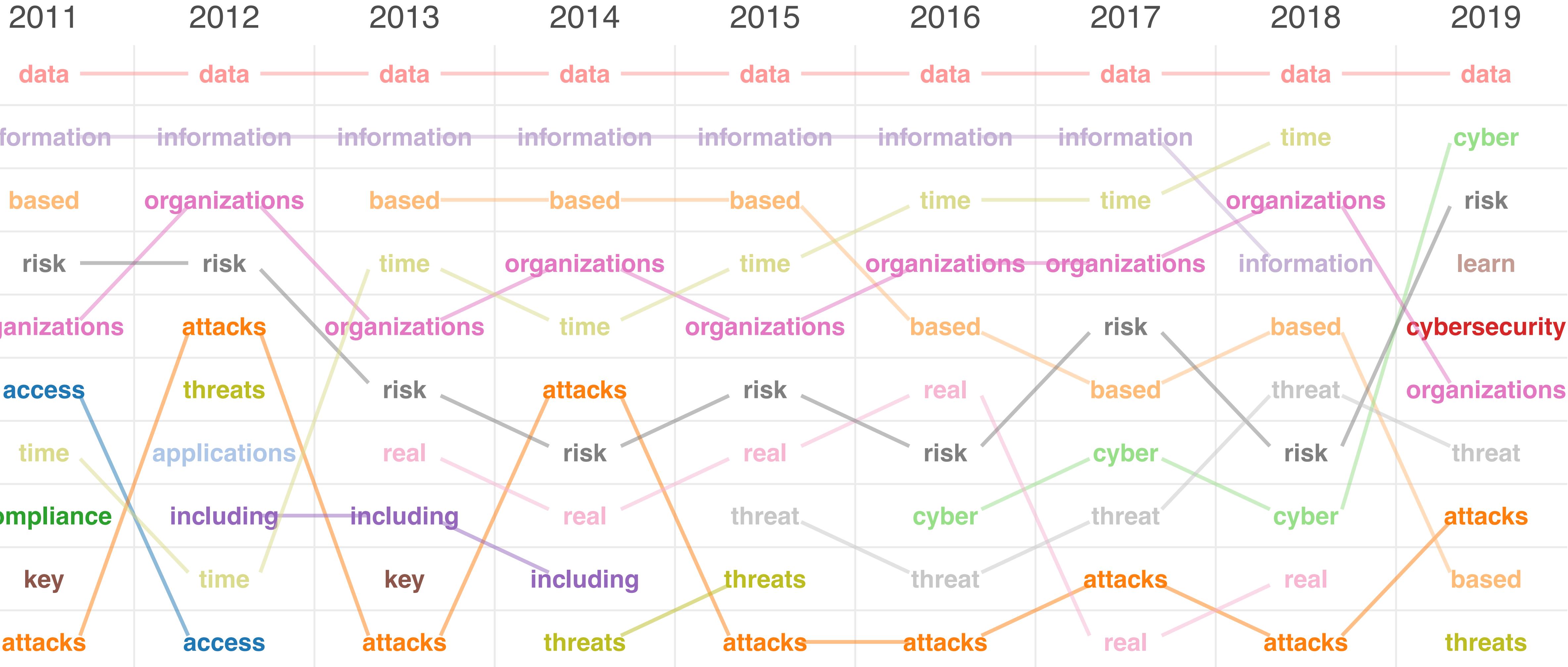
# Striking Security Gold at RSAC

(doesn't include Labs,  
P2P, Sandbox, or other  
specialty sessions)



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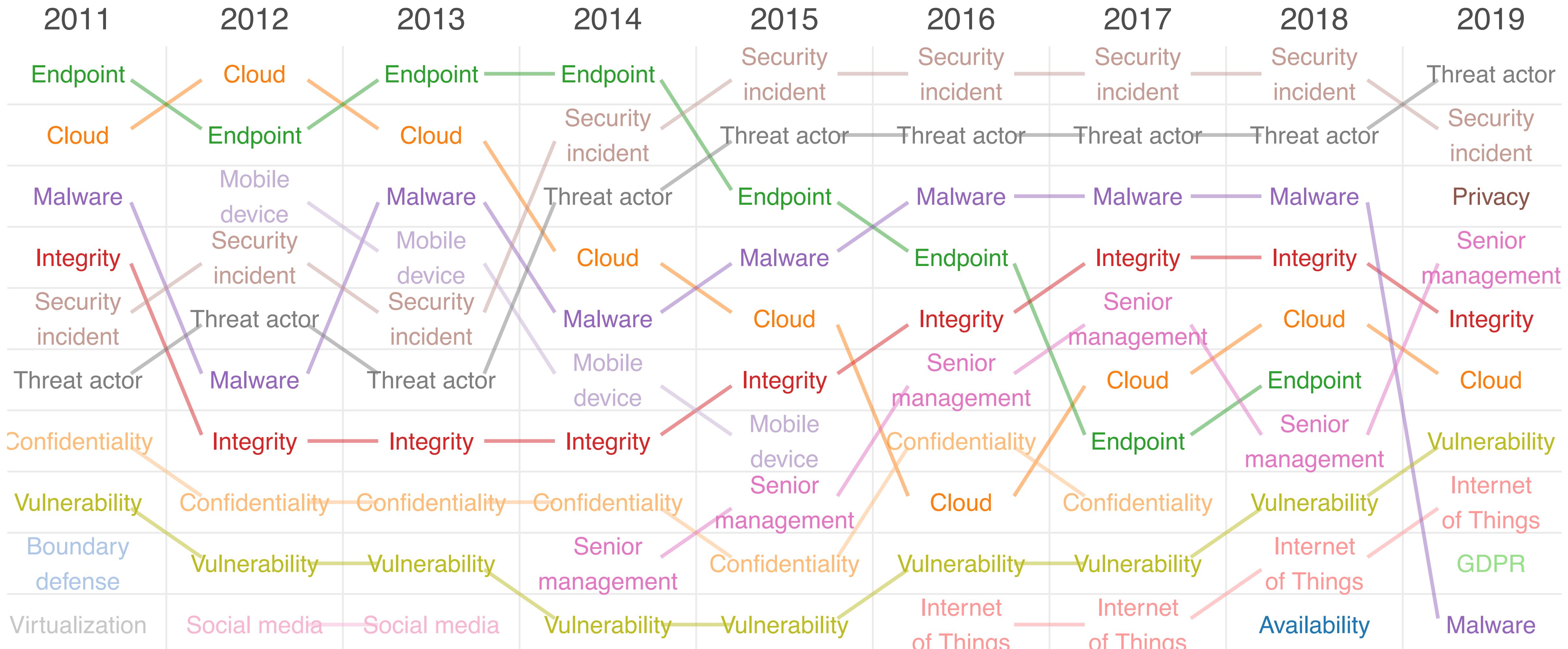


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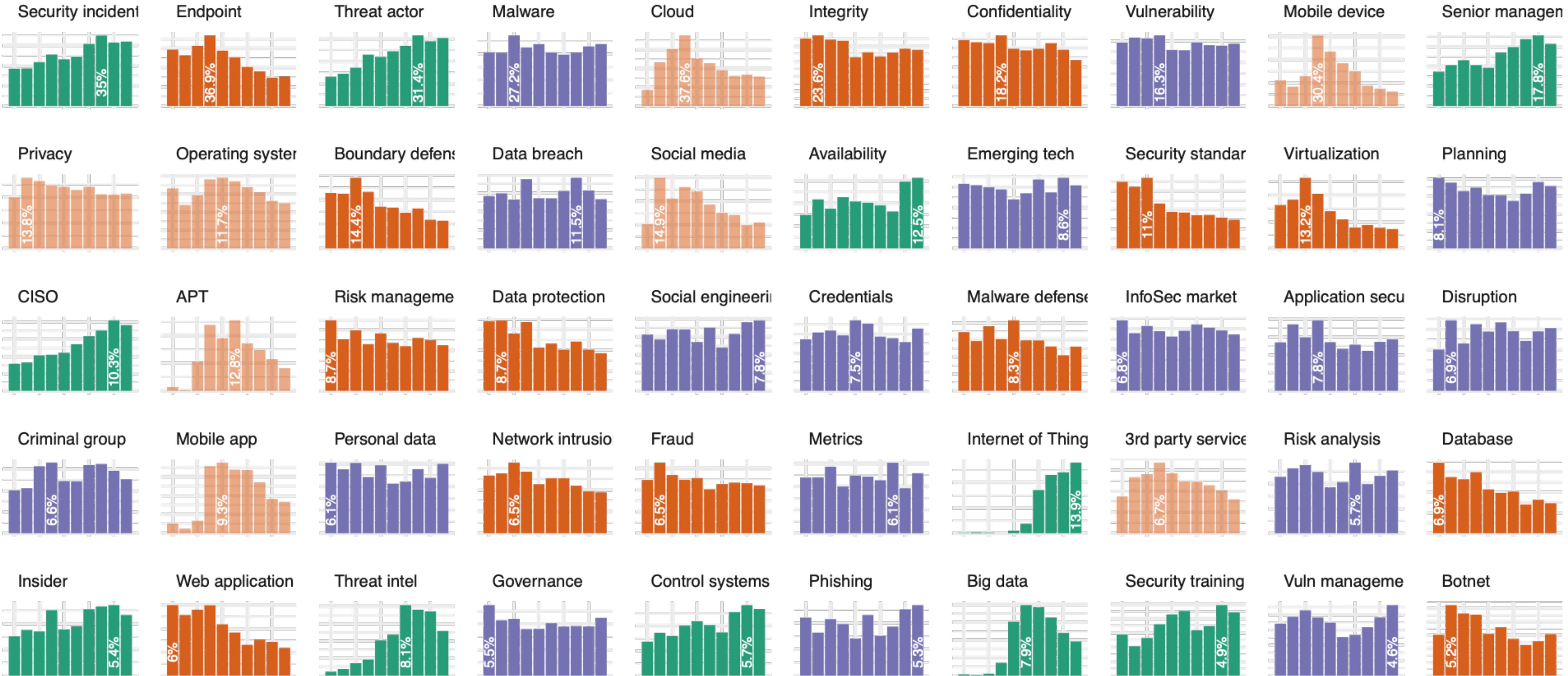
| 2011          | 2012            | 2013             | 2014               | 2015               | 2016               | 2017               | 2018           | 2019                   |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| data          | real-world      | BYOD             | APT                | BYOD               | IoT                | IoT                | IoT            | IoT                    |
| risk          | real-time       | tablet           | BYOD               | IoT                | threat actors      | ransomware         | ransomware     | GDPR                   |
| organizations | cloud-based     | APT              | security analytics | security analytics | BYOD               | devops             | GDPR           | blockchain             |
| access        | third-party     | anti-virus       | mobile apps        | threat actors      | security analytics | threat actors      | iot devices    | devops                 |
| compliance    | in-depth        | MDM              | software-defined   | home depot         | kill chain         | kill chain         | devops         | devsecops              |
| key           | high-profile    | iOS              | MDM                | snowden            | devops             | GDPR               | blockchain     | ransomware             |
| attacks       | real-life       | stuxnet          | iOS                | software-defined   | OPM                | blockchain         | equifax        | artifical intelligence |
| applications  | Epsilon         | Flame            | stuxnet            | data science       | software-defined   | cyber insurance    | wannacry       | cryptocurrency         |
| control       | end-user        | mobile apps      | tablets            | devops             | NIST CSF           | security analytics | threat hunting | digital transformation |
| process       | enterprise-wide | advanced malware | prism              | heartbleed         | iot security       | NIST CSF           | bitcoin        | women                  |
| enterprise    | zero-day        | kill chain       | advanced malware   | kill chain         | anthem             | dark web           | deep learning  | containers             |
| environment   | cost-effective  | software-defined | dropbox            | ransomware         | dark web           | bitcoin            | devsecops      | consumer privacy       |

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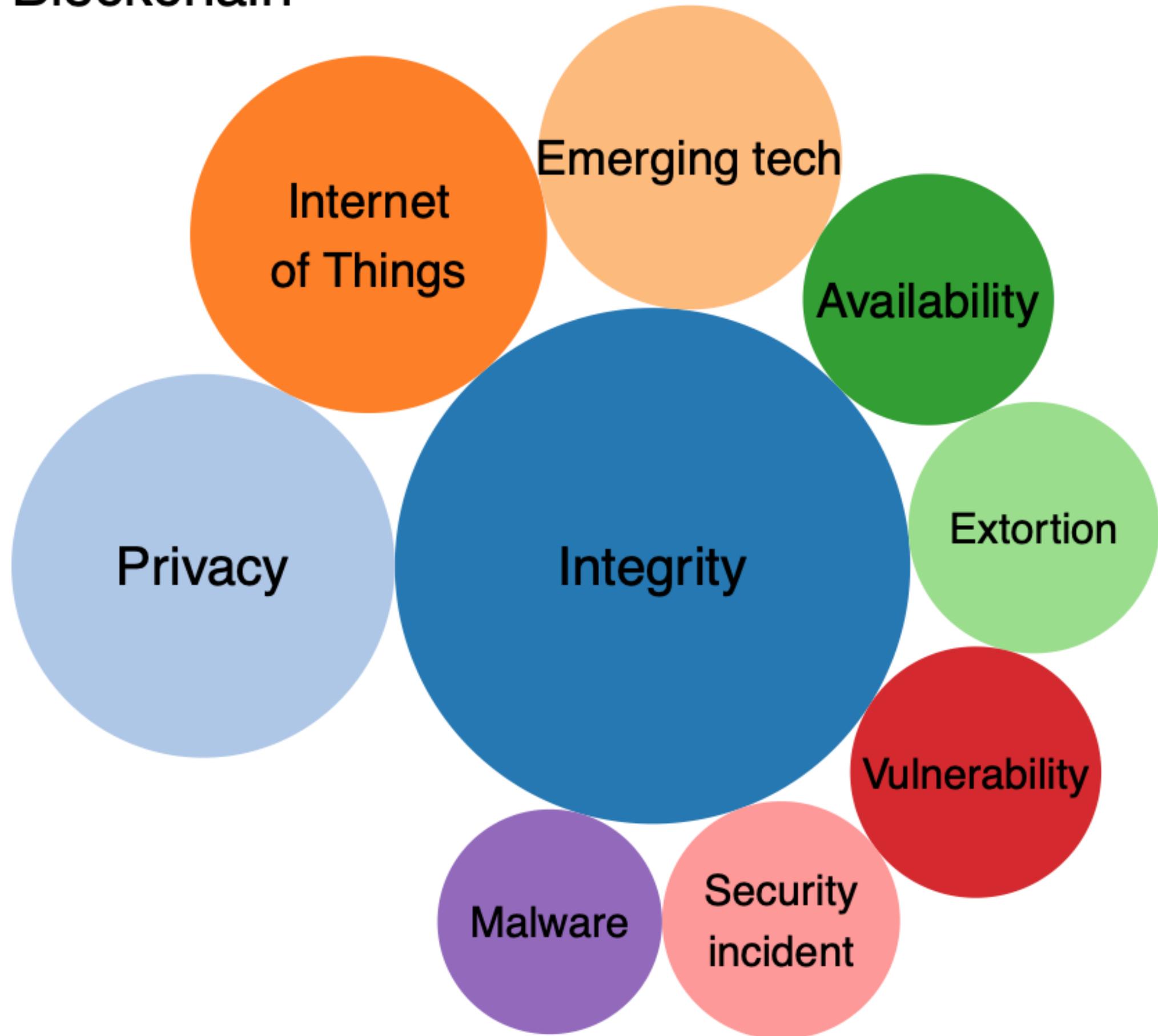
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## Blockchain



## Cryptocurrencies



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## Finding Shared Understanding in Industry Reports

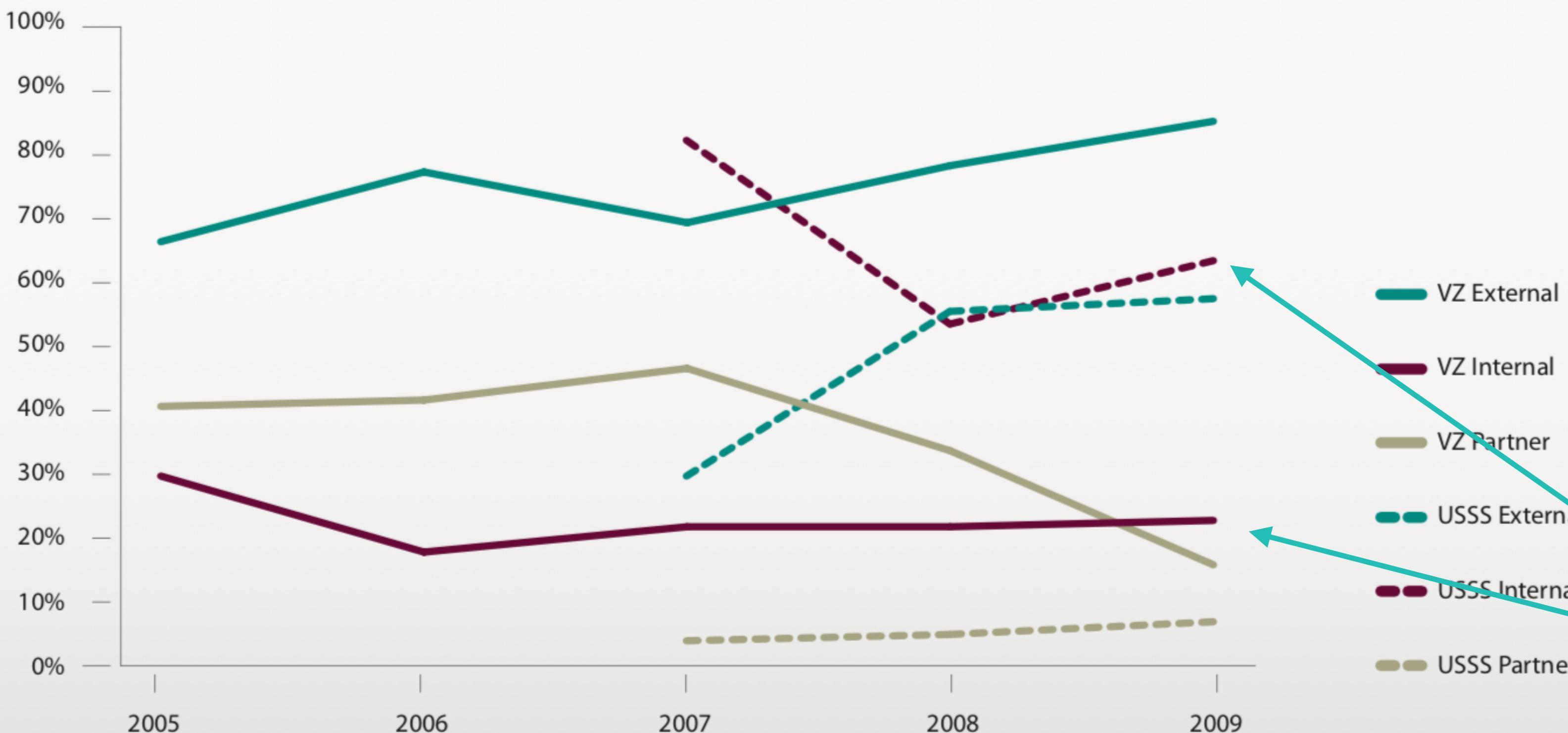
# A (very) brief history of industry reports

- pre 2000: The CSI/FBI Report
- 2000s: Major vendors start dropping knowledge
  - Riptech/Symantec Internet Threat Report
  - Microsoft Security Intelligence Report
  - Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report
- 2010s: The "Cambrian Explosion" of cybersecurity reports

**A quick aside - Verizon DBIR...**

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Figure 6. Threat agents over time by percent of breaches



**Shared  
Understanding**

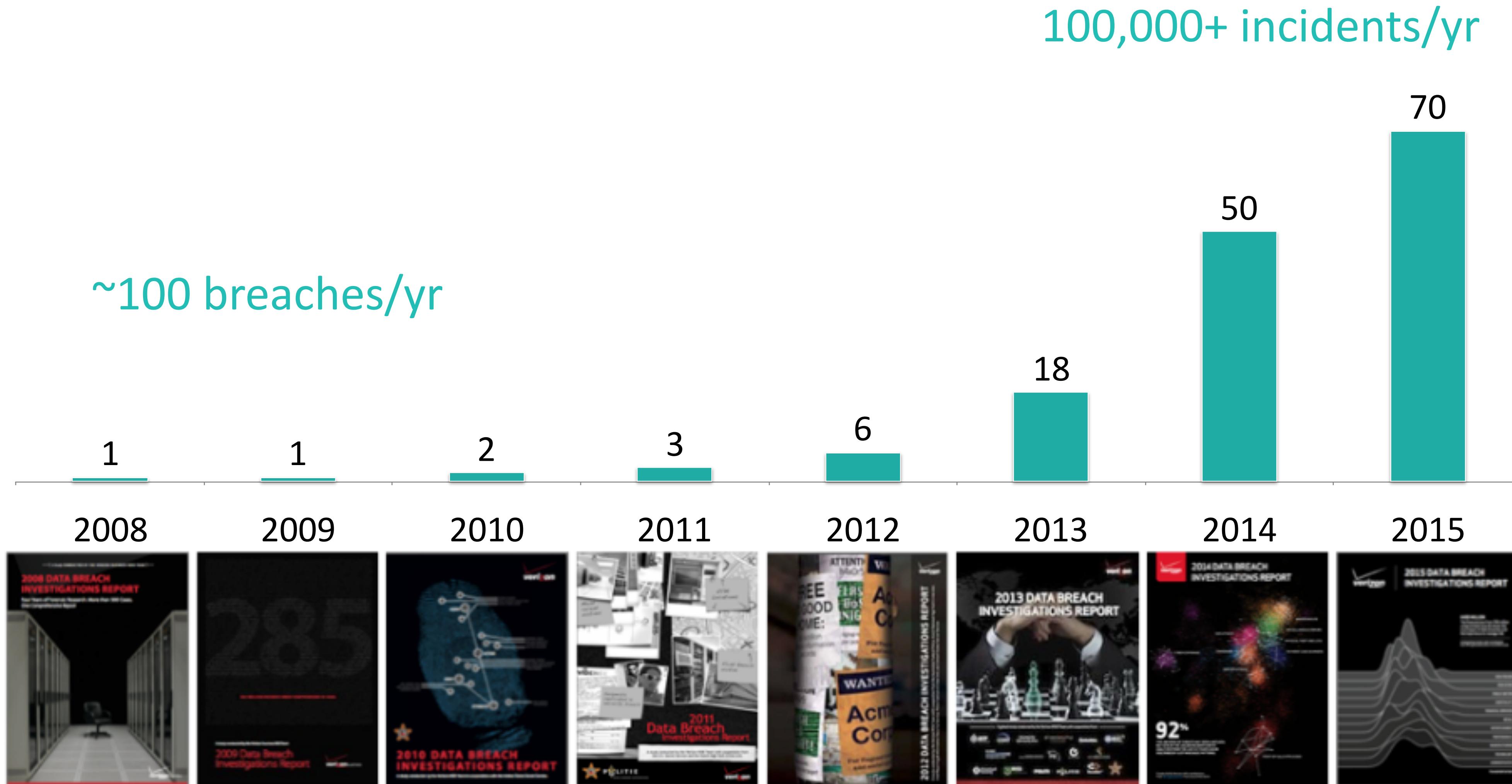
We need more sources  
and data!

**Knowledge**

How do breach datasets  
differ? Why?

**Information**

# A quick aside - Verizon DBIR



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## DBIR = Shared Understanding



**Now back to the Cambrian Explosion...**

The image is a collage of logos for various cybersecurity companies, organized into ten categories:

- Network & Infrastructure Security**: Advanced Threat Protection, NAC, SDN, DDoS Protection, DNS Security, Network Analysis & Forensics, Network Firewall, Deception, and Traditional MSSP & MDR.
- Web Security**: APERIO, Belden, Avast, Avira, Barkly, Carbon Black, CYLANCE, Check Point, CYREN, ContentKeeper, deepinstinct, FORTINET, ENDGAME, ERICOM, eset, F-Secure, Fortinet, iBOSS, McAfee, Menlo Security, Microsoft, Panda, OPSWAT, RAPID7, SH-PE, Sophos, Symantec, Webroot, and Zscaler.
- Endpoint Security**: AhnLab, Belden, Avast, Avira, Barkly, Carbon Black, CYLANCE, Check Point, CYREN, ContentKeeper, deepinstinct, FORTINET, ENDGAME, ERICOM, eset, F-Secure, Fortinet, iBOSS, McAfee, Menlo Security, Microsoft, Panda, OPSWAT, RAPID7, SH-PE, Sophos, Symantec, Webroot, and Zscaler.
- Application Security**: 6scan, ALERT LOGIC, ARGAN, C1TRIX, Cloudflare, CONTRAST SECURITY, CyKlikLabs, FORTINET, IMPERVA, NetSparkle, PureSec, Qualys, Riverbed, SUCI, SEWORKS, ThreatX, Tenable, Waratek, and WhiteSource.
- MSP**: Acunetix, bugcrowd, BUGFINDERS, CAET, CHECKMARK, ERPScan, Fasoo, hackerone, MICRO FOCUS, N-Stalker, PARASOFT, PortSwigger, Qualys, RAPID7, RogueWave, SiteLock, snyk, sonarsource, Synack, SYNOPSIS, Tenable, Trustwave, and WhiteHat Security.
- Data Security**: ANILINA, baffle, CipherCloud, COVERTIX, DLP, Actifile, clearswift, BigID, casova, COHERENT, CODE42, Datex, daliphiy, Data Privacy, Data Centric Security, DFI LABS, DigitalGuardian, eMune, FORTANIX, Forcepoint, INTEGRIS, OneTrust, PREENDER, SEARCHINFORM, SecuPi, SIRION, TITUS, and VITRANTH.
- Mobile Security**: appdome, BETTER, BlackBerry, blue cedar, Check Point, cellrox, CyberAdAPT, eMune, FORTANIX, Forcepoint, INTEGRIS, MobileIron, NowSecure, OPEN PEAK, PSafe, and Pradeo.

3/5 of these vendors publish a report!

The image is a dense collage of company logos, primarily in blue and orange, representing various cybersecurity and technology firms. The logos are arranged in a grid-like structure, with some sections having a light gray background and others a white background. The categories represented by the sections include:

- Identity & Access Management**: Includes sections for Authentication, Privileged Management, Identity Governance, Consumer Identity, and more.
- Security Incident Response**: Includes sections for Endpoint Security, Network Security, Threat Detection, and more.
- Digital Risk Management**: Includes sections for Brand Protection, Social Media Monitoring, and more.
- Security Consulting**: Includes sections for Risk Assessment, Compliance, and more.
- Fraud & Transaction Security**: Includes sections for Payment Security, Anti-Fraud, and more.
- Cloud Security**: Includes sections for Container Security, Infrastructure Security, and more.
- Container Security**: Includes sections for Container Orchestration, Container Security, and more.

Each section contains multiple logos of different companies, such as Splunk, RSA, Microsoft, and many others, all related to their respective industry or service.

# Cyentia Library: Curating Industry Knowledge

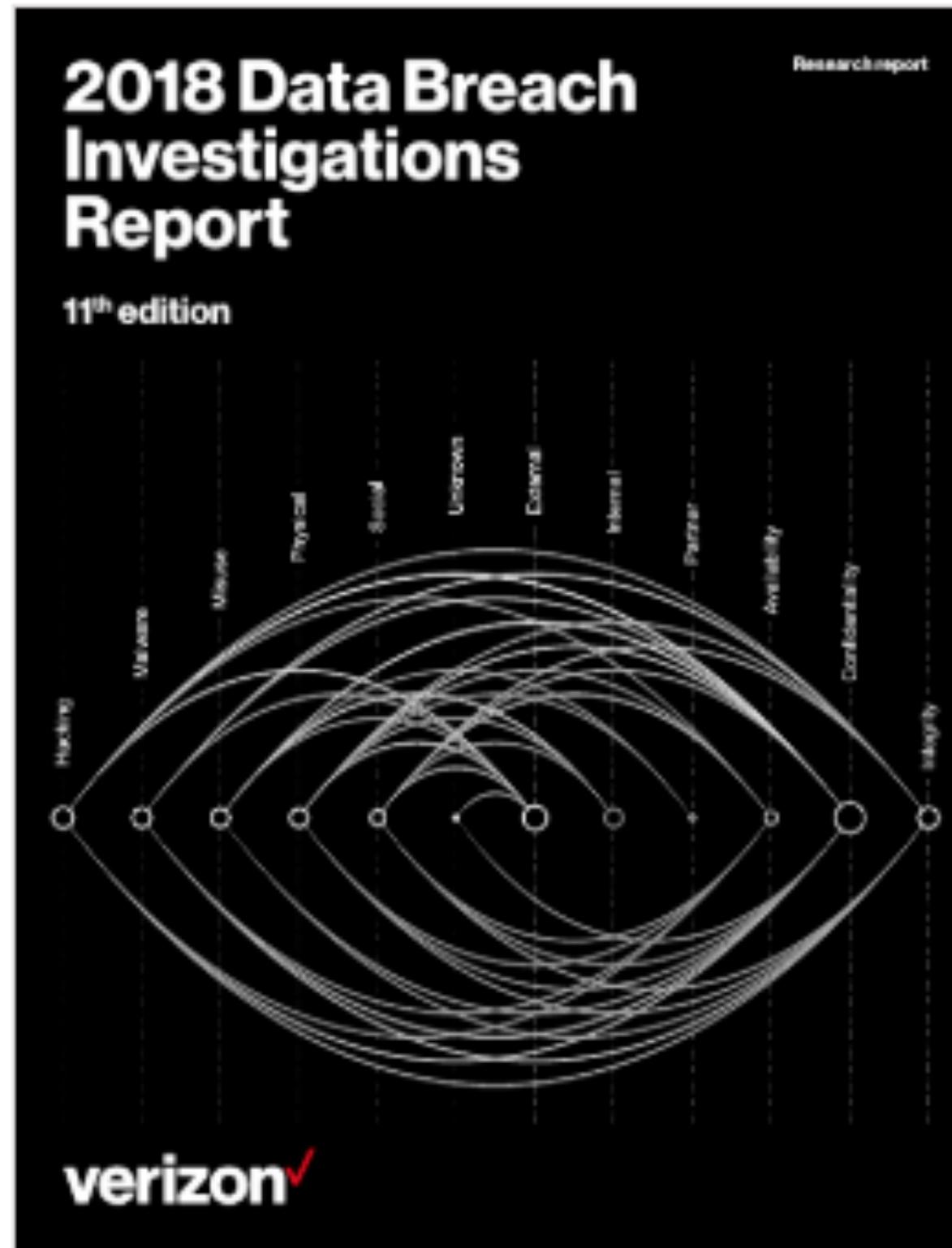
- ~ 650 sources
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- 44,000 pages
- 12m words
- 645k sentences
- 2,000+ Acronyms Defined
- 100% Free!

The screenshot shows the Cyentia Institute Library homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for About, Research, Library, Podcast, Blog, Contact, and social media icons for LinkedIn and Twitter. Below the navigation is a search bar with the placeholder "Search the Library ...". Underneath the search bar are two dropdown filters: "All Years" and "All Tags", both currently set to "All". There's also a "Clear all" link and a grid icon for changing the view. The main area is a table displaying three library items:

| Cover | Name  | Year | Type            | Topic   | Subtopic  |
|-------|---|------|-----------------|---|---|
|       | Protected Health Information Data Breach Report                   | 2018 | Industry report | Information Assets, Security attributes, Threats                                | Actors and motives, Confidentiality, Events and TTPs  |
|       | Cybersecurity: Labor Market Analysis And Statewide Survey Results | 2018 | Industry report | GRC Management, Information Assets, Miscellaneous, Security attributes, Threats | Actors and motives, Confidentiality, Events and TTPs  |
|       | Cyber Attack Trends: 2018 Mid Year Report                         | 2018 | Industry report | Information Assets, Threats   | Actors and motives, Desktop software, Events and TTPs |

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# "What's this report about?"



## 2018 Data Breach Investigations Report Industry report

### Summary

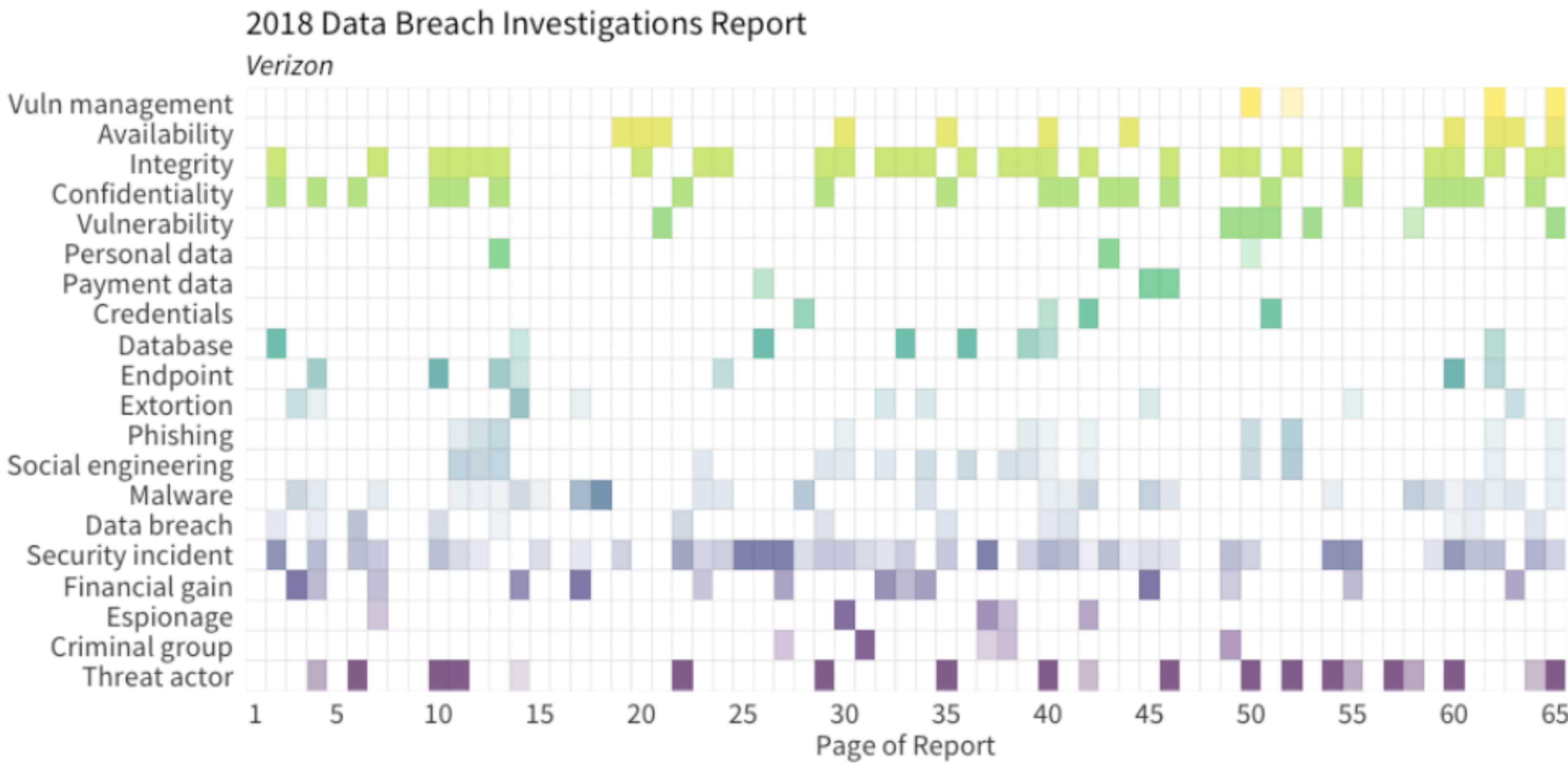
Verizon's annual report on data breaches in 2018

**Source(s):** Verizon

**Topic(s):** Controls, GRC Management, Information Assets, Market trends, Security attributes, Threats

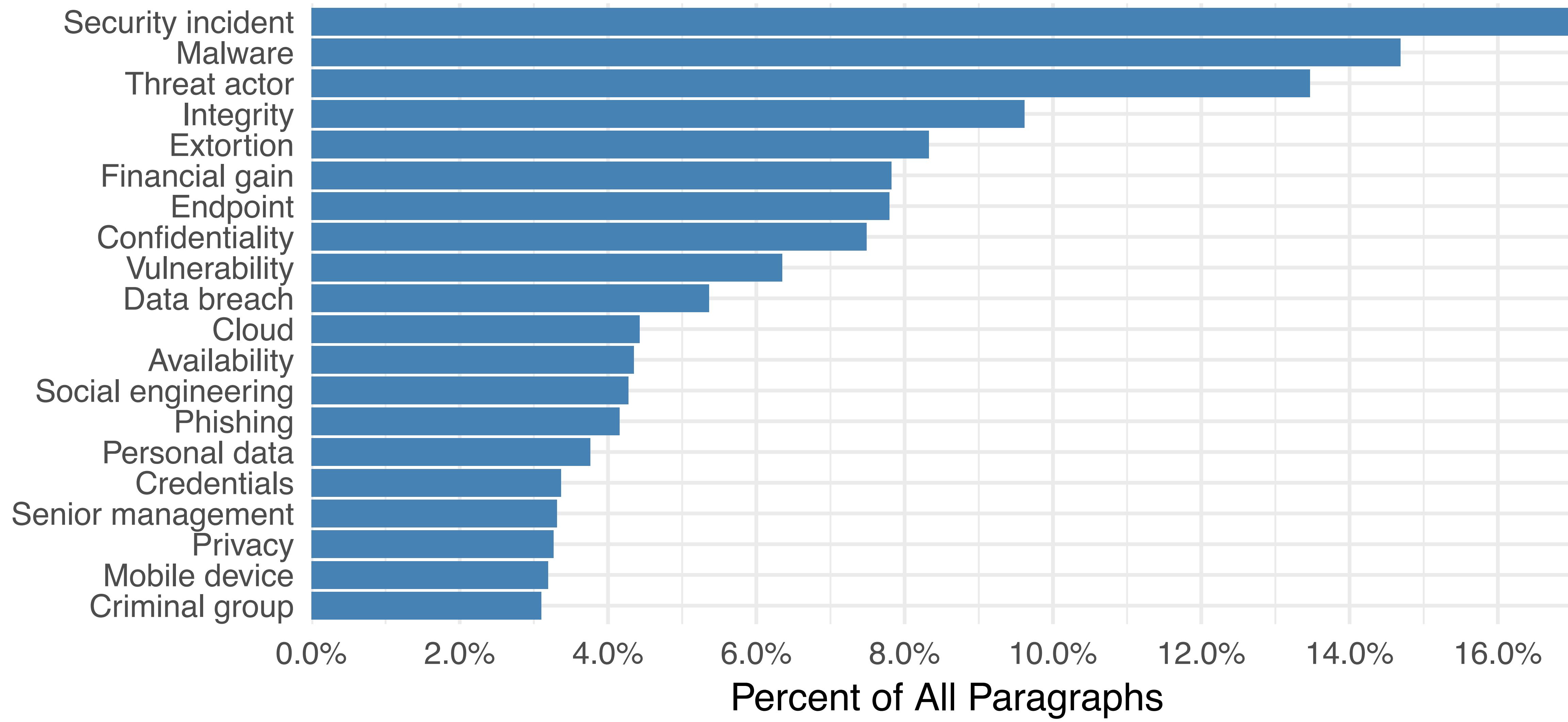
**Subtopic(s):** Actors and motives, Availability, CIS "Top20" Controls, Compliance, Confidentiality, Data, Desktop software, Emerging tech, Events and TTPs, External services, Governance, InfoSec market, Infrastructure, Integrity, Intelligence, Vulnerability

# "What's this report about?"

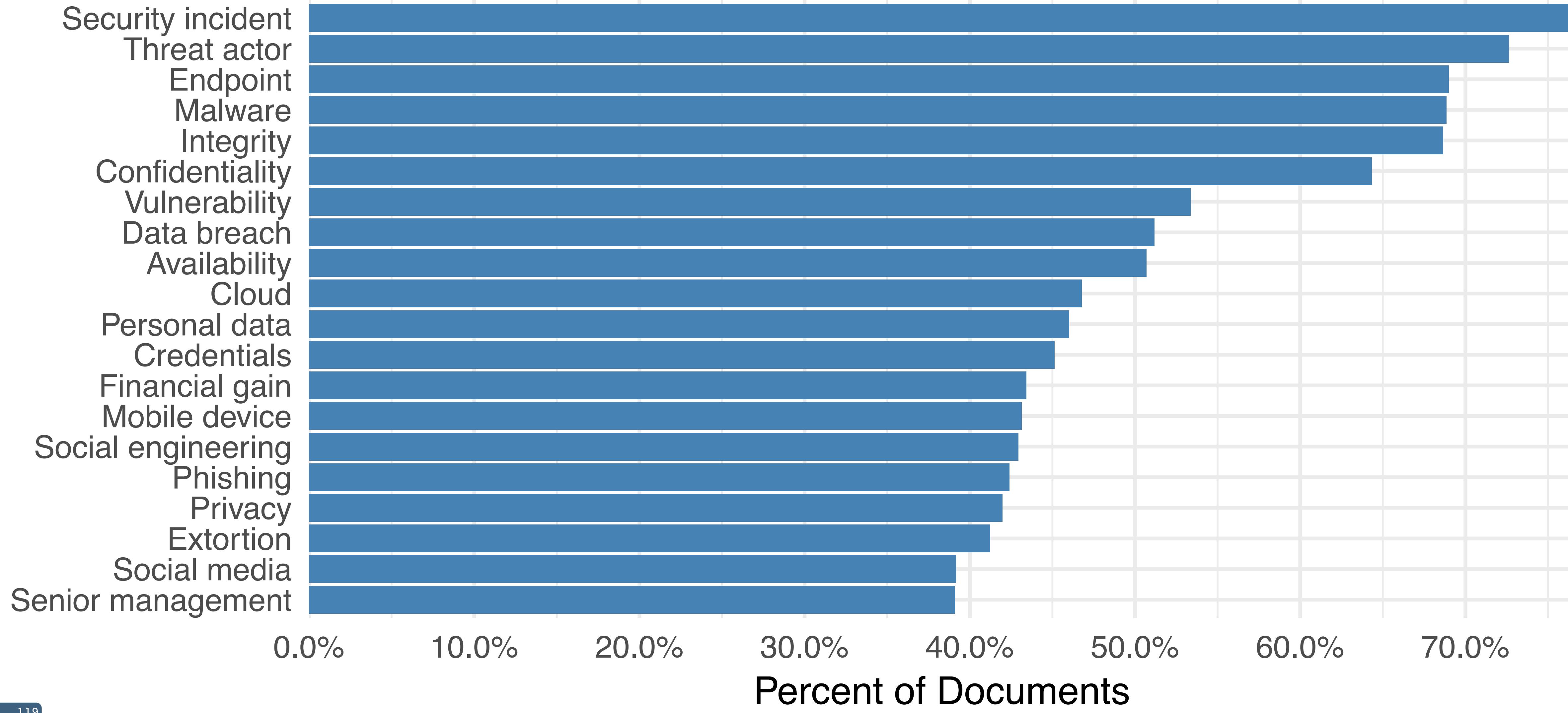


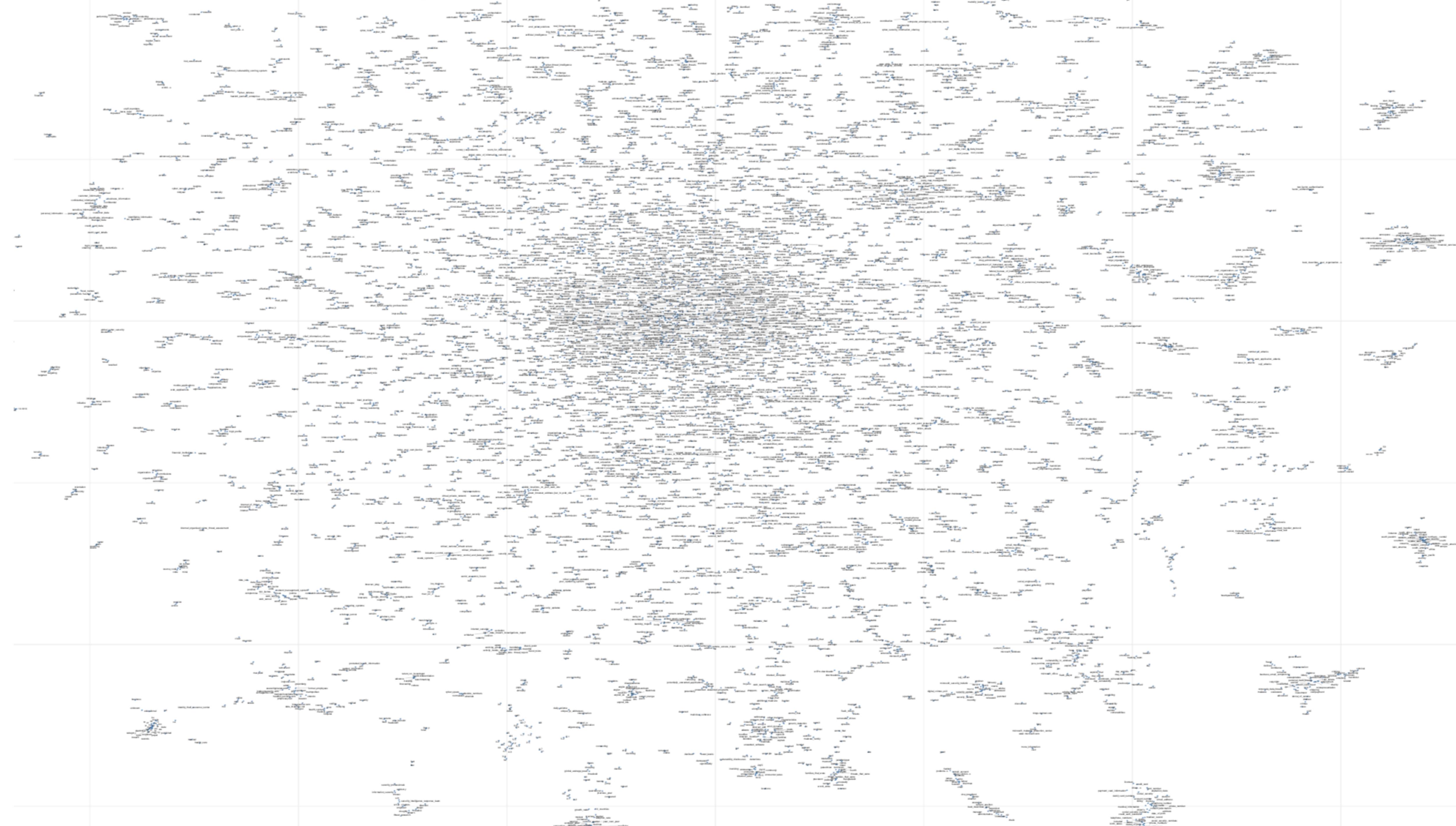
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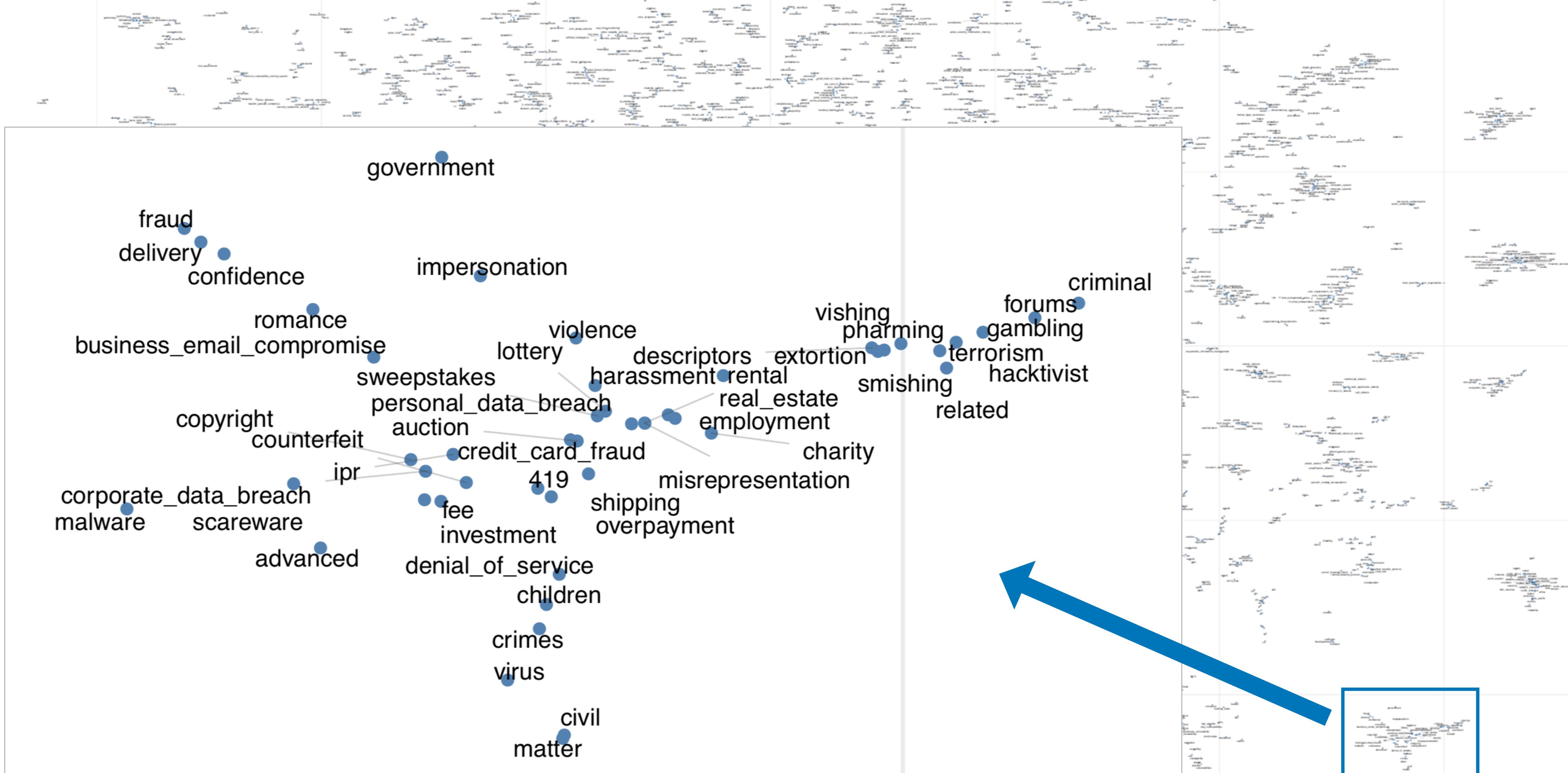


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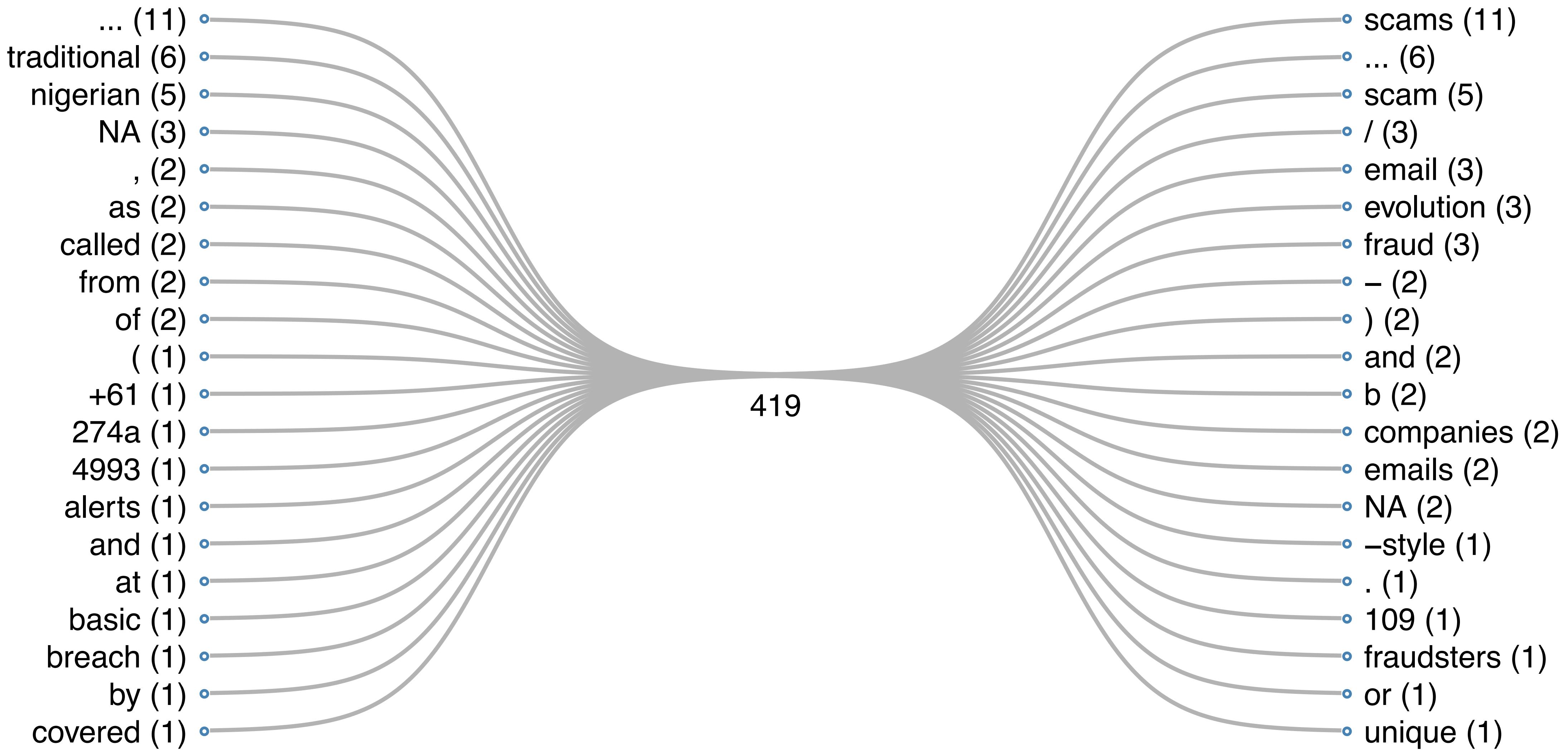






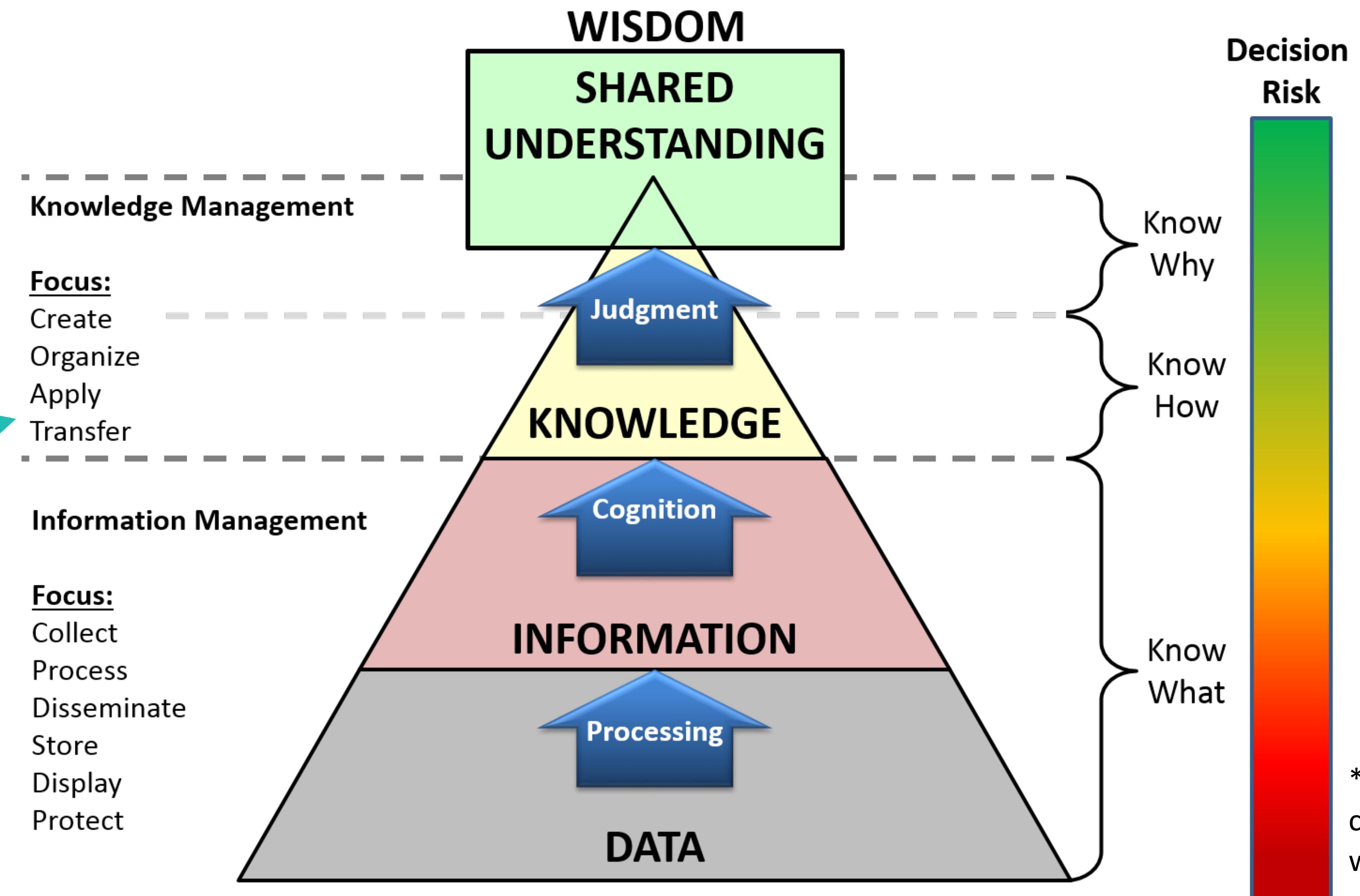


# Specific Context for “419”



# Knowledge Management Cognitive Pyramid

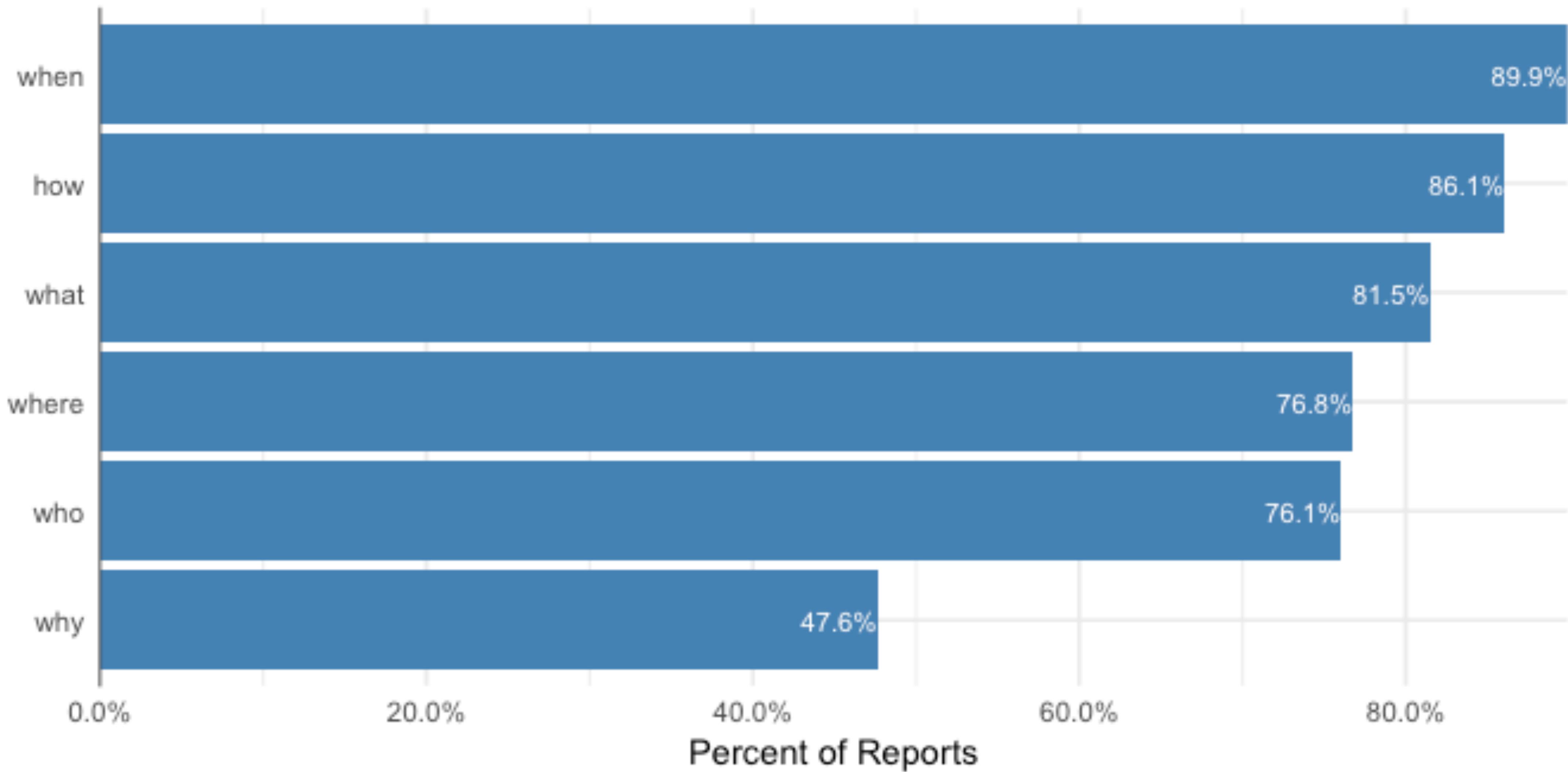
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# Lacking some “why”



# Declarative Statements: “blockchain is...”

- “Blockchain is a hot technology topic, yet 36% of respondents admit they don’t understand its mechanism.”
- “A blockchain is a distributed, verifiable datastore.”
- “A blockchain is a distributed ledger system that records online transactions.”
- “A blockchain is a verifiable transaction database carrying an ordered list of all transactions that ever occurred.”
- “...the only valid blockchain is the one with most blocks in it.”
- “A blockchain is a series of records or transactions, collected together in a block that defines a portion of a ledger.”
- “Blockchain is no magic bullet.”

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# Finding Shared Understanding in Meta-Analysis



# Modern meta-analysis



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## What is a systematic review?

A systematic review attempts to identify, appraise and synthesize all the empirical evidence that meets pre-specified eligibility criteria to answer a given research question. Researchers conducting systematic reviews use explicit methods aimed at minimizing bias, in order to produce more reliable findings that can be used to inform decision making. (See Section 1.2 in the **Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions**.)

# Modern meta-analysis

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Given a Research Question:

- Identify sources of evidence
- Appraise the quality of evidence
- Aggregate and synthesize evidence (meta-analysis)

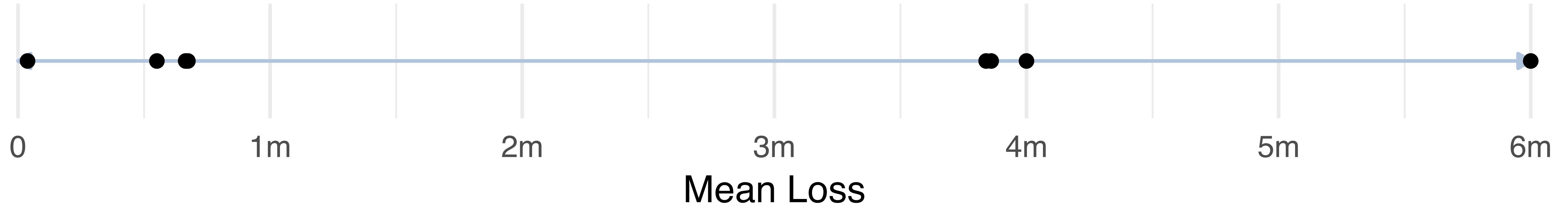
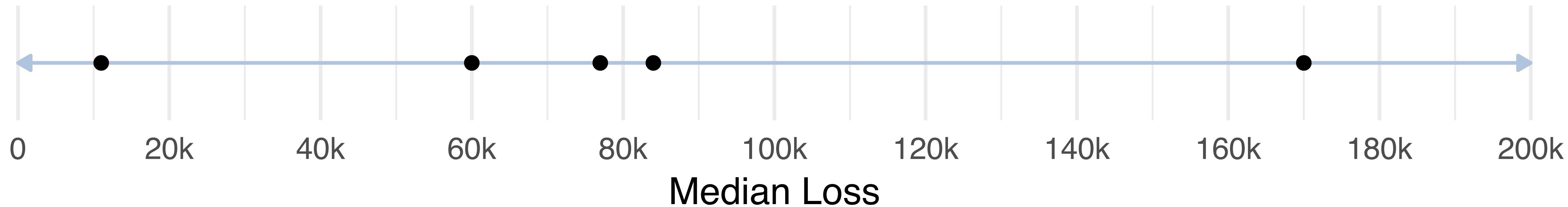
# "What's the impact of a data breach?

| Year | Source                          | Median  | Mean     |
|------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 2015 | Kaspersky (Survey) - SMBs       | 11,000  | 38,000   |
| 2015 | Kaspersky (Survey) - Enterprise | 84,000  | 551,000  |
| 2015 | NetDiligence (Insurance Claims) | 76,984  | 673,767  |
| 2016 | NetDiligence (Insurance Claims) | 60,000  | 665,000  |
| 2016 | Romanosky (Advisen)             | 170,000 | 6 mil    |
| 2017 | SailPoint (Survey)              |         | 4 mil    |
| 2018 | Ponemon (Survey)                |         | 3.86 mil |
| 2017 | Ponemon (Survey)                |         | 3.62 mil |
| 2016 | Ponemon (Survey)                |         | 4 mil    |

Table 1: Sources and statistics for losses associated with data breaches.

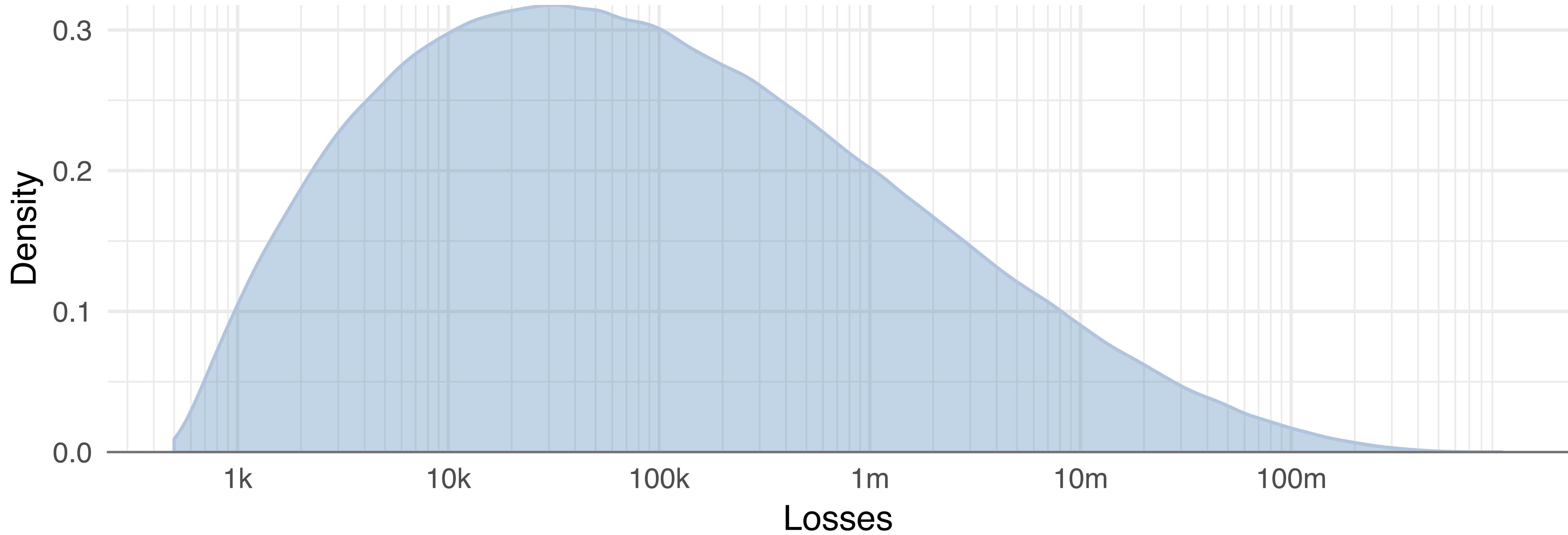
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# And a talk later today (1:30 in 2011)

- Jay and Adam Shostack will talk about measuring DMARC ROI

The slide is from the RSA Conference 2019 in San Francisco, March 4-8, at the Moscone Center. The title is "How to Measure Ecosystem Impacts". It features two speakers: Adam Shostack (President of Shostack & Associates) and Jay Jacobs (Data Scientist at Cyentia Institute). The background is purple with a network graphic and the word "BETTER.".

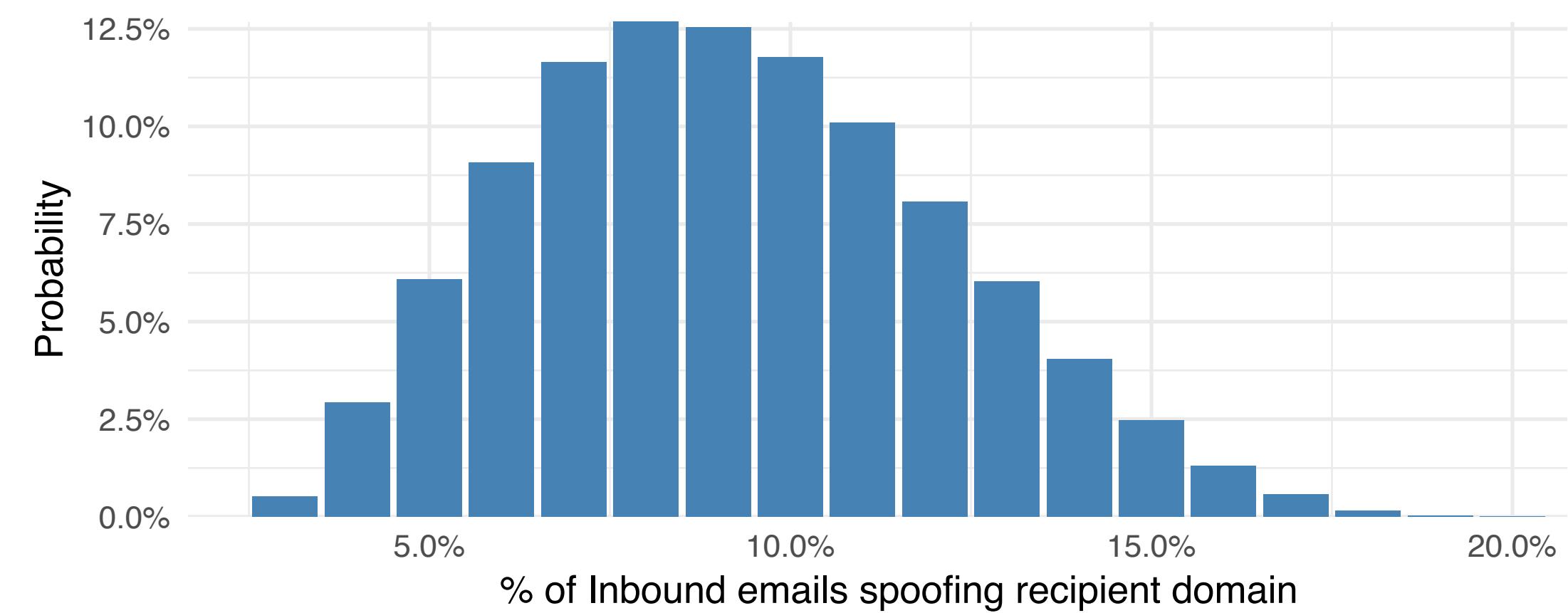
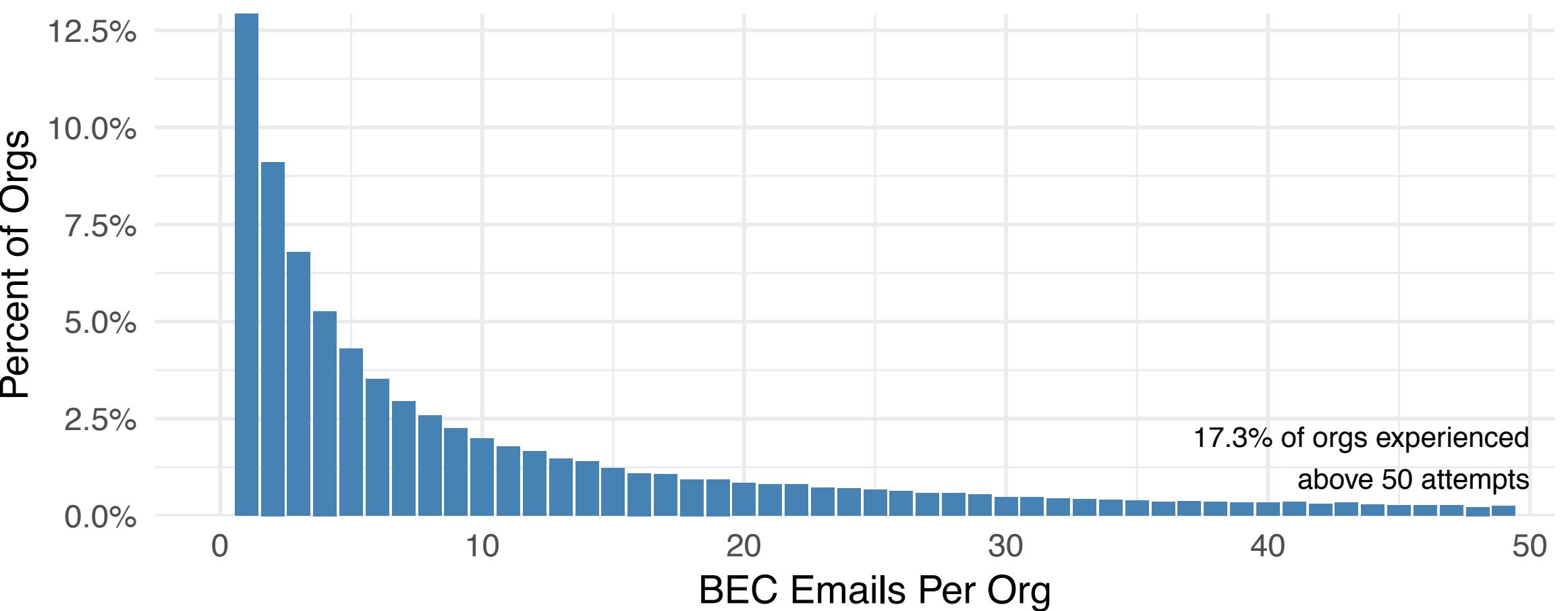
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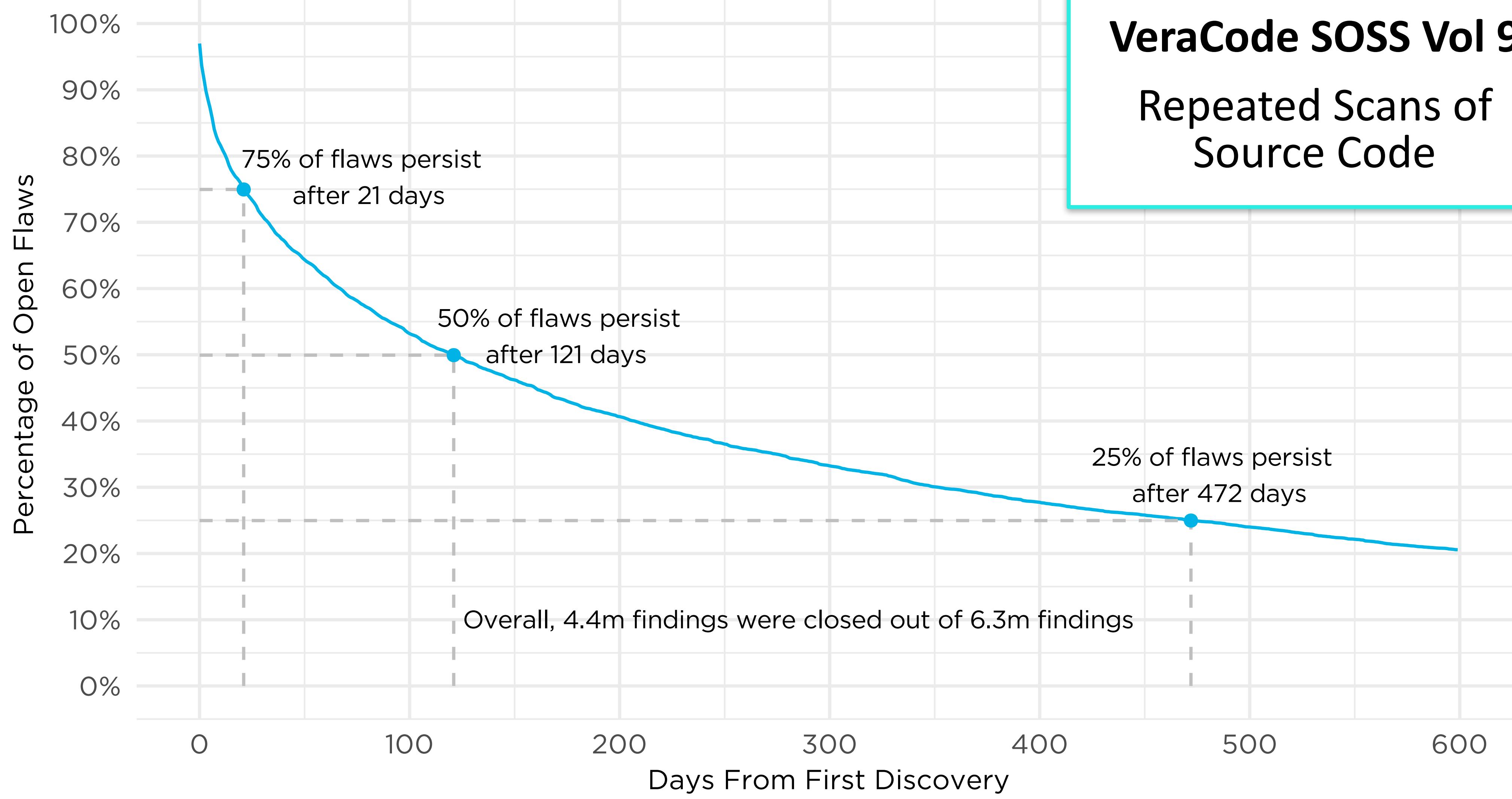
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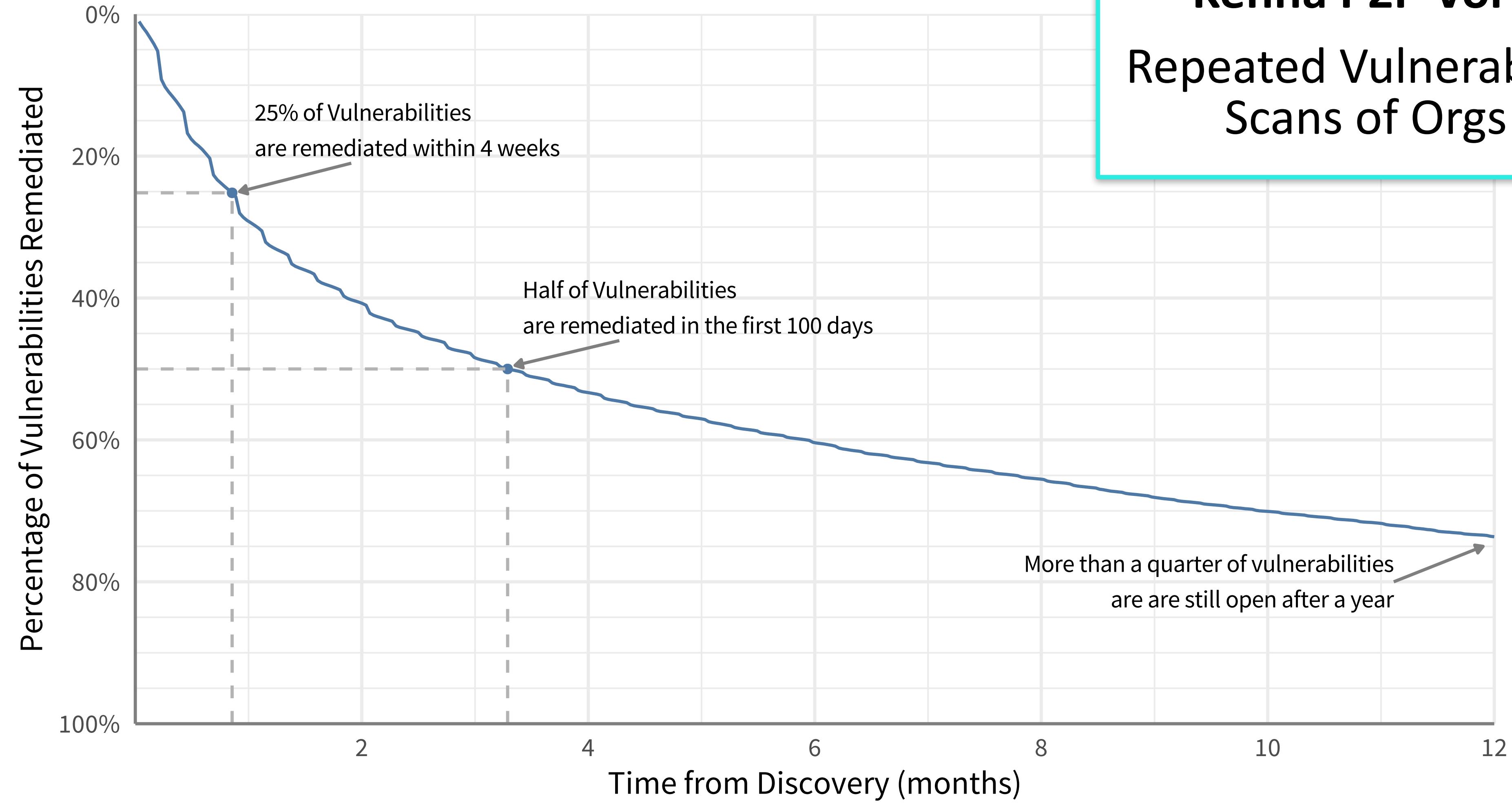
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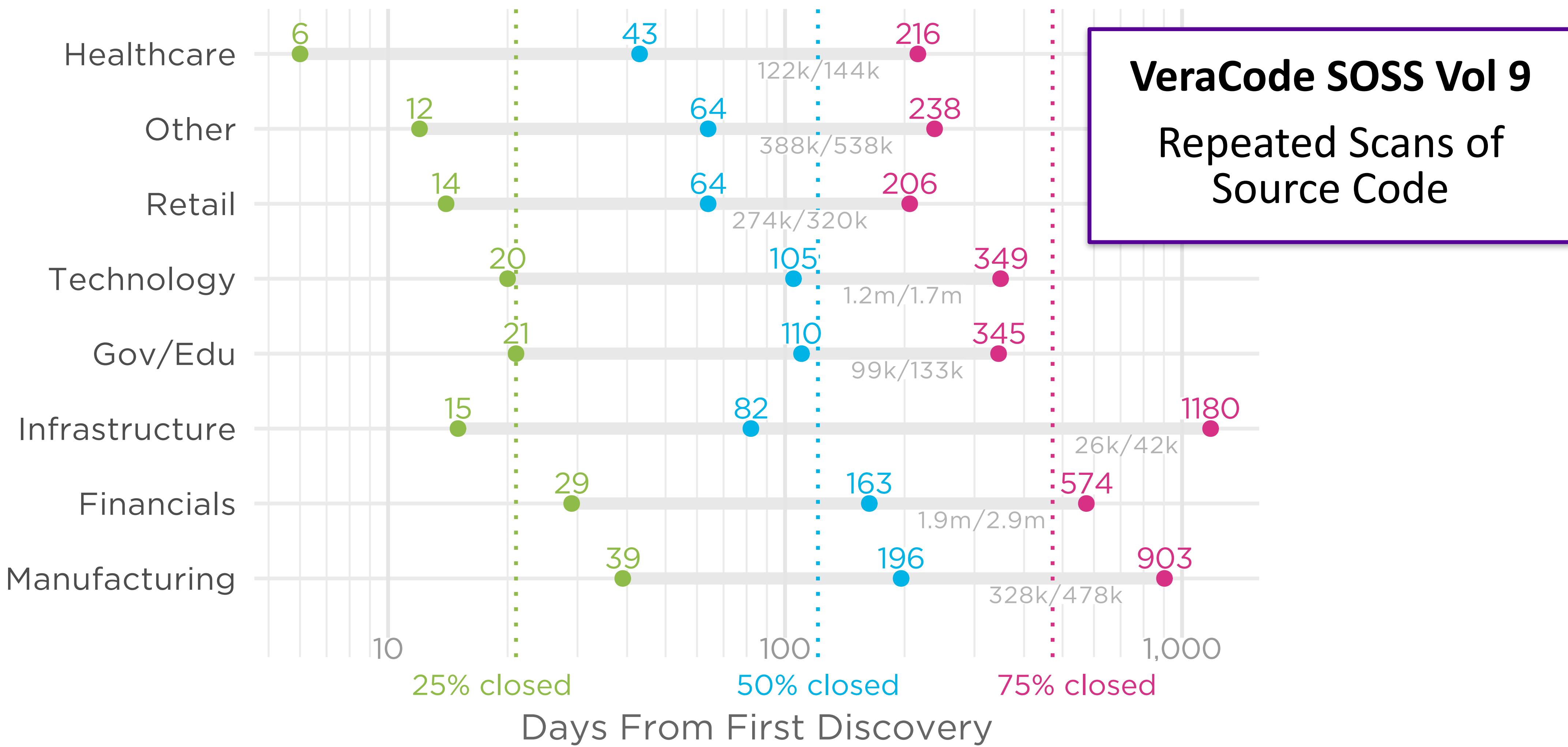
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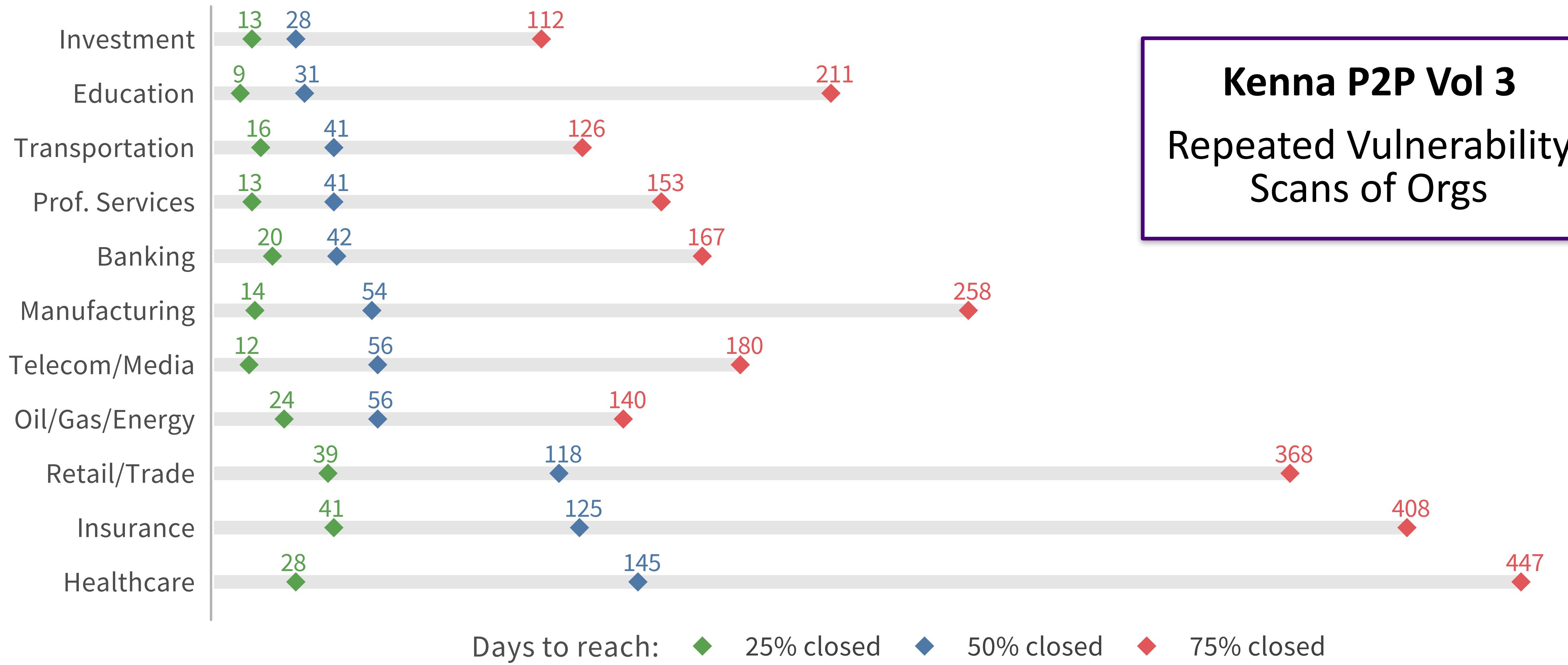
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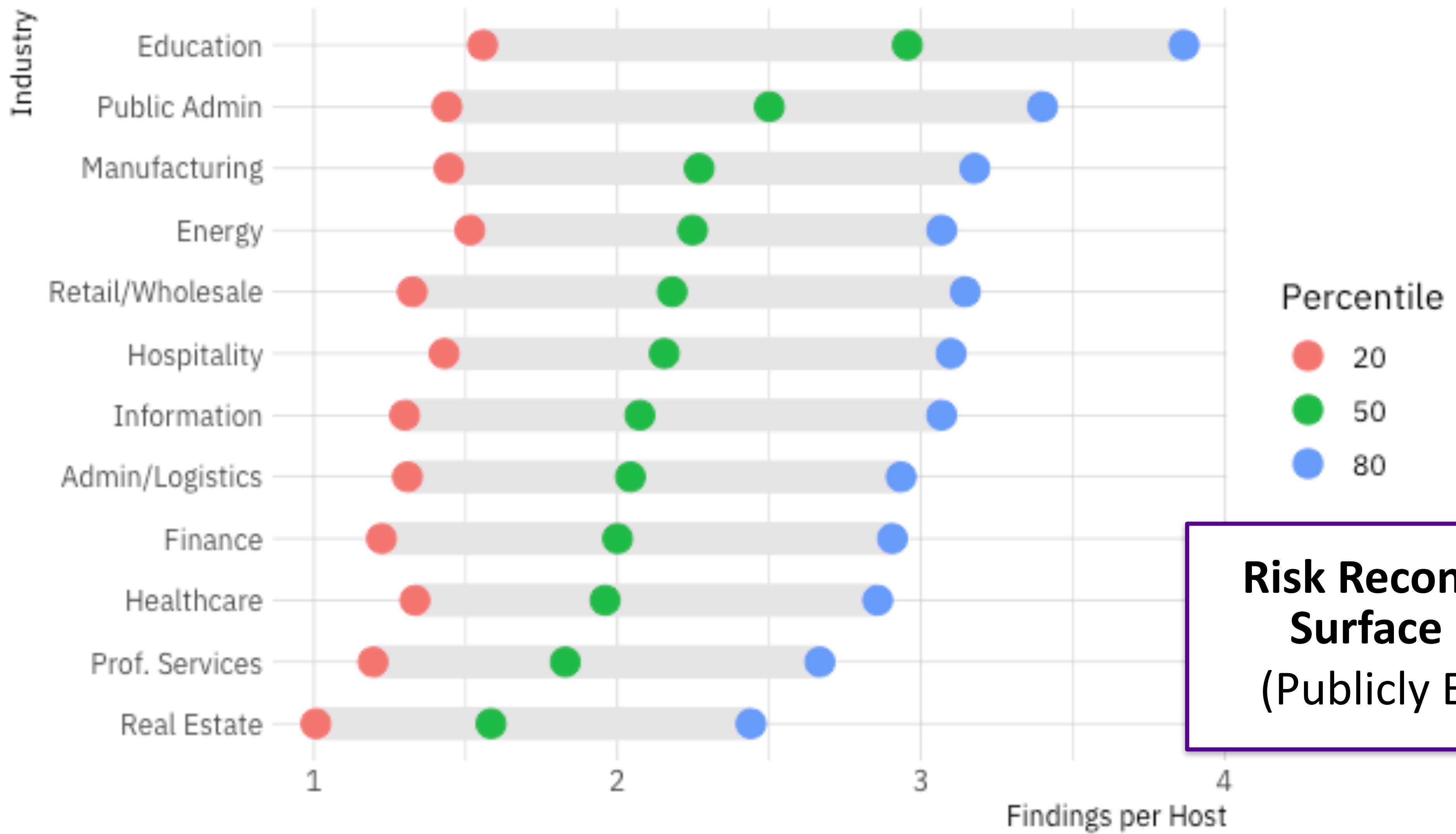
# Comparing Industries



**Kenna P2P Vol 3**  
Repeated Vulnerability  
Scans of Orgs

Source: Kenna / Cyentia

# Comparing Industries



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- Next time you read an industry report...

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Demand minimum of things of your vendors research

- Next time you're looking for information on a topic...

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- Next time you're looking for stats to support a decision...

Don't be satisfied with a single data point

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