

# Vulnerability Disclosure Tiers & Partner Programs



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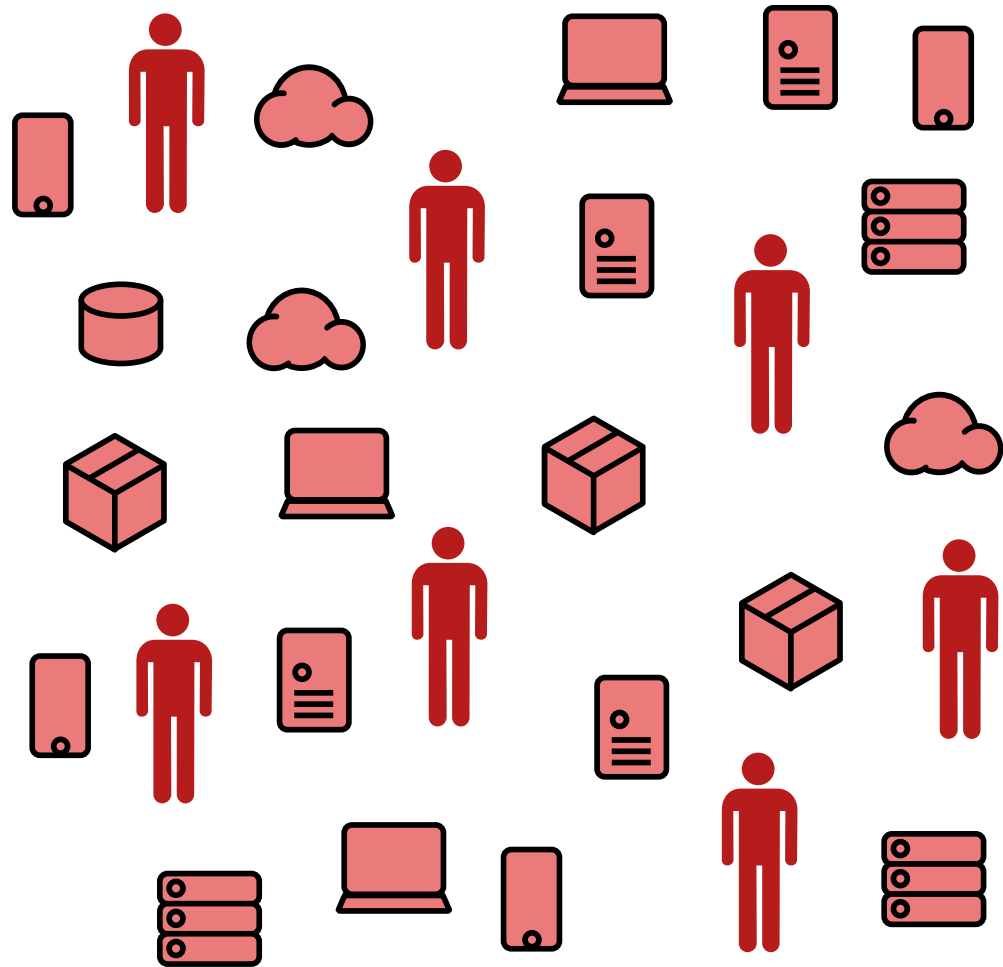


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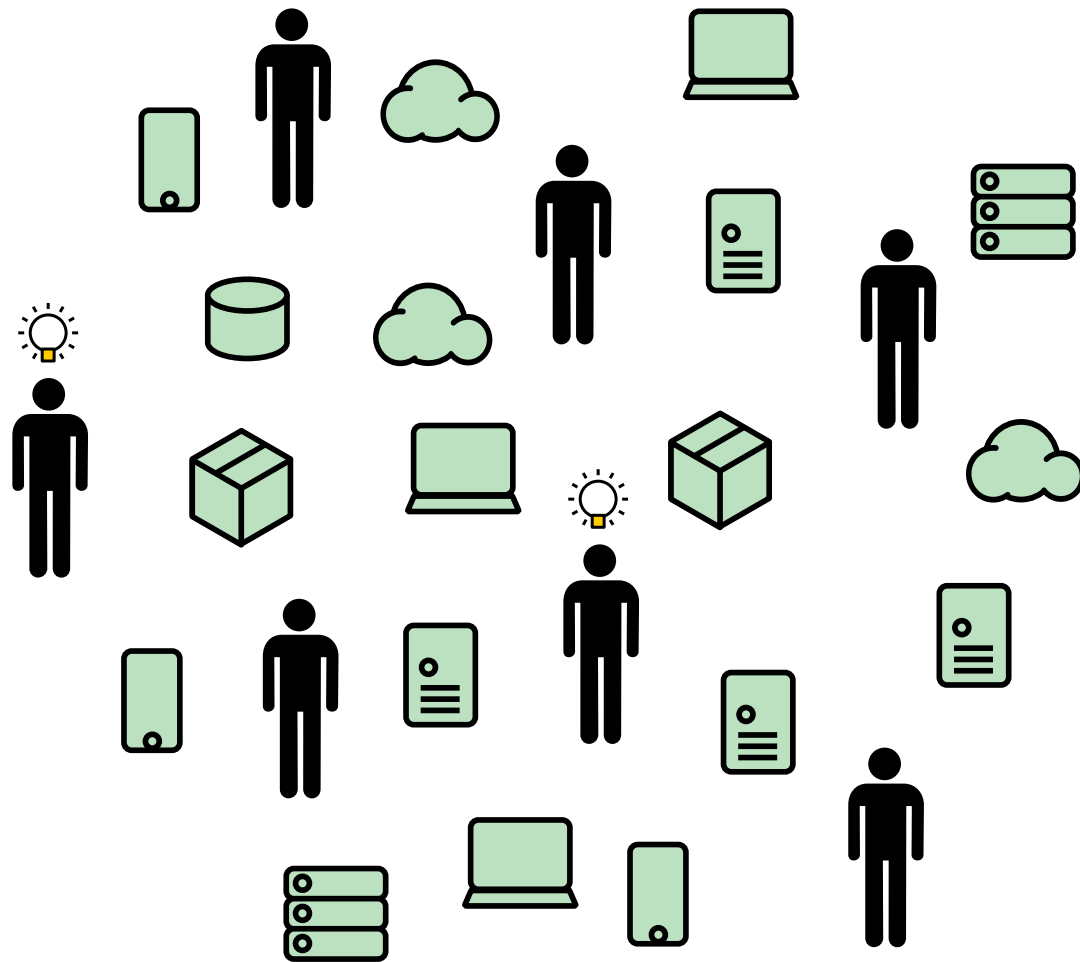
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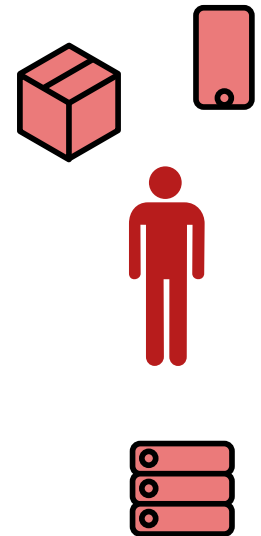
Beginning of a vulnerability lifecycle:

One person may discover a vulnerability, while many are unaware of it.

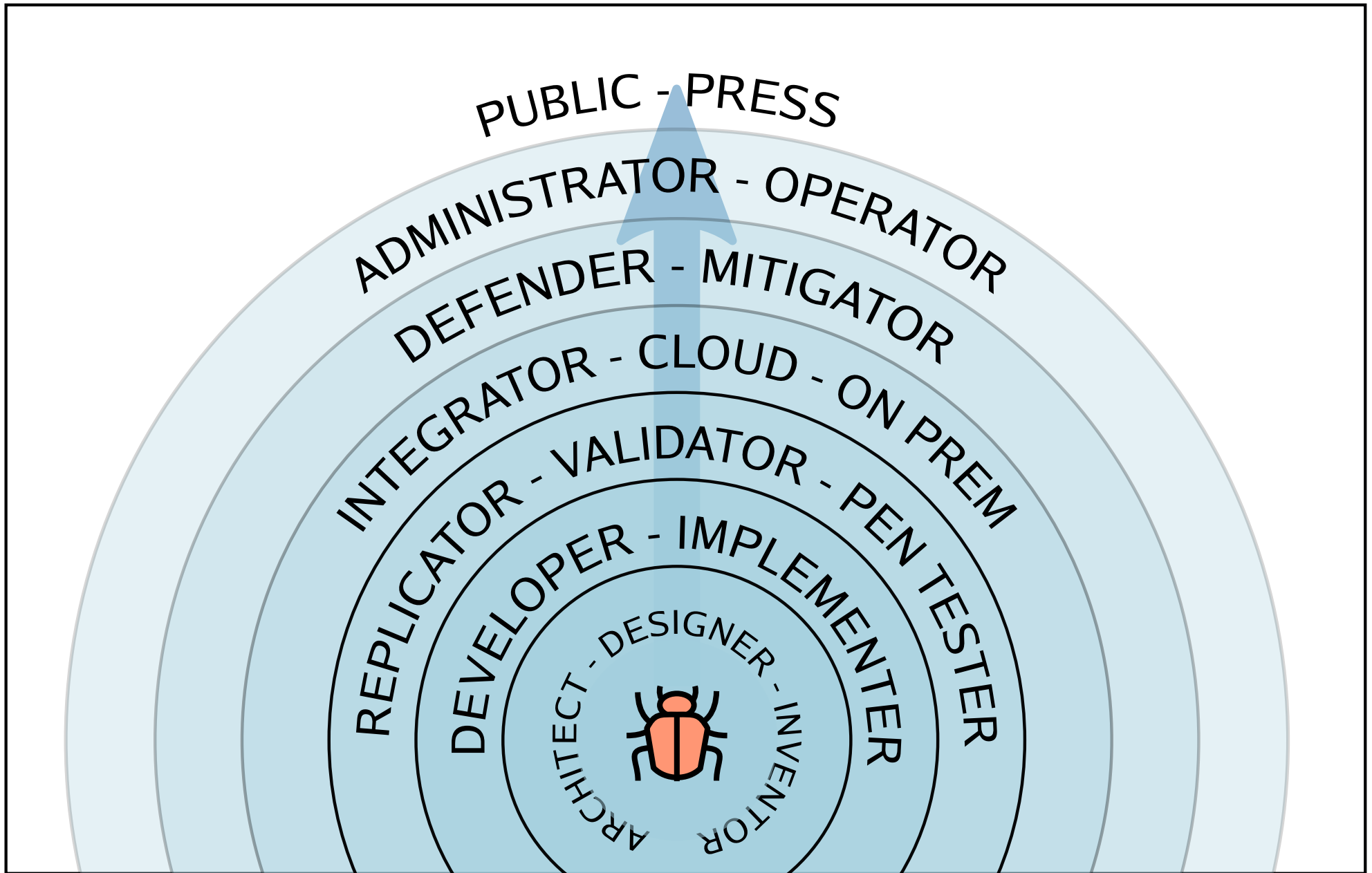
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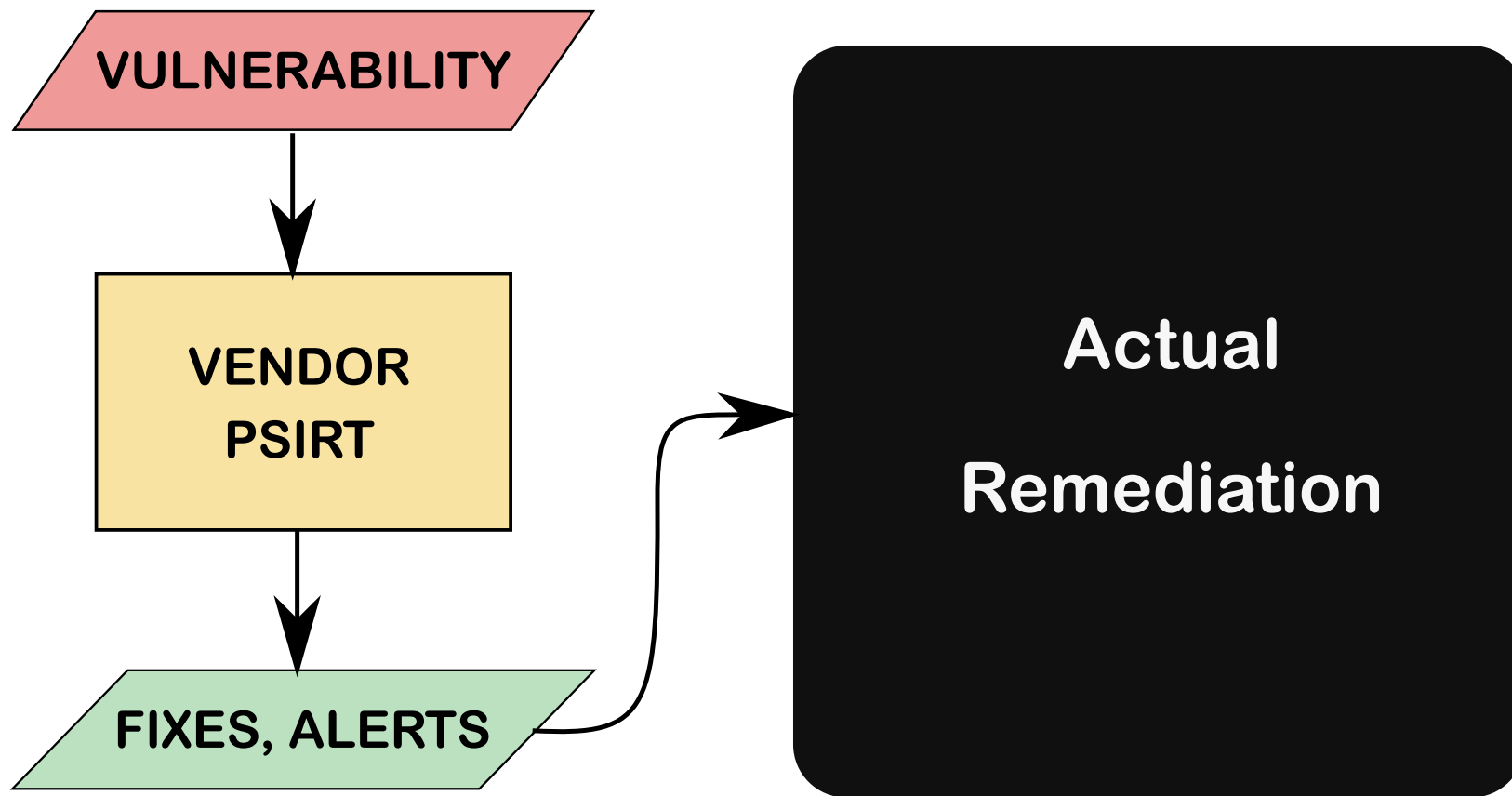
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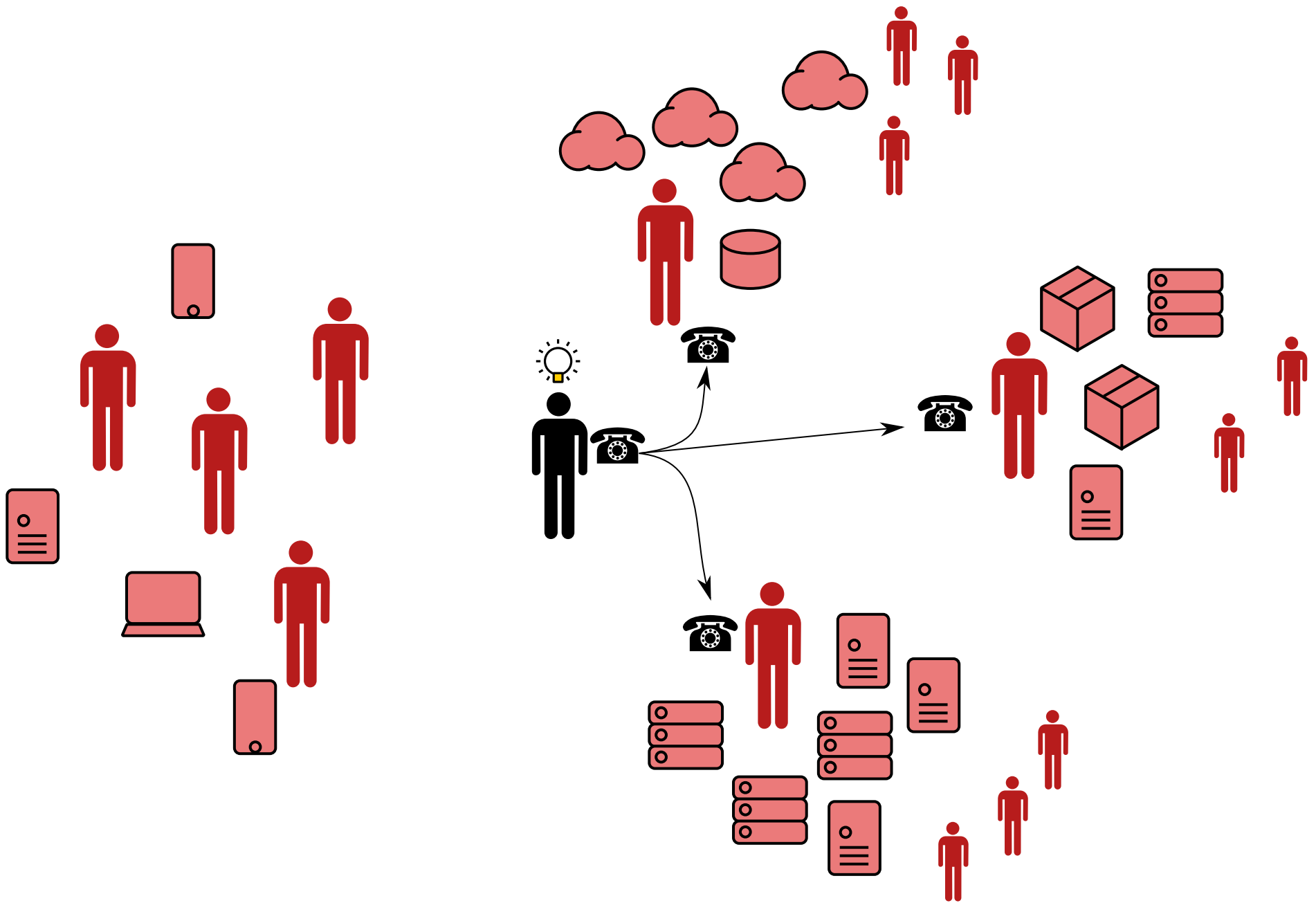
Towards the end of a vulnerability lifecycle:  
Most are aware and have patched it.



**Vulnerability disclosure happens in tiers: from few people to many.  
Some tiers can be ad-hoc, some more structured, pre-established.**



**Vulnerability remediation does not end with fixes and alerts. It is the just the beginning of the next phase of getting your downstream to apply those fixes.**



**A partner-notification program may help in better remediation.**