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Forward to the Past and Back to the Future - Cybercrime in 2022/2023

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## Chief Research Officer

### / MVP

- IT Admin since 1996 / MCT since 2001
- MVP in Windows OS since 2011
- "100 Most Influential people in IT in Finland" – TiVi'2019→
- Specializes in and trains:
  - Troubleshooting
  - Windows Internals
  - Security, Social Engineering, Auditing
- Trophies:
  - Best Session at Advanced Threat Summit 2020
  - Best Speaker at NIC, Oslo 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2022
  - Ignite 2018 – Session #1 and #2 (out of 1708) !
  - TechEd Europe and North America 2014 - Best session, Best speaker
  - TechEd Australia 2013 - Best session, Best speaker



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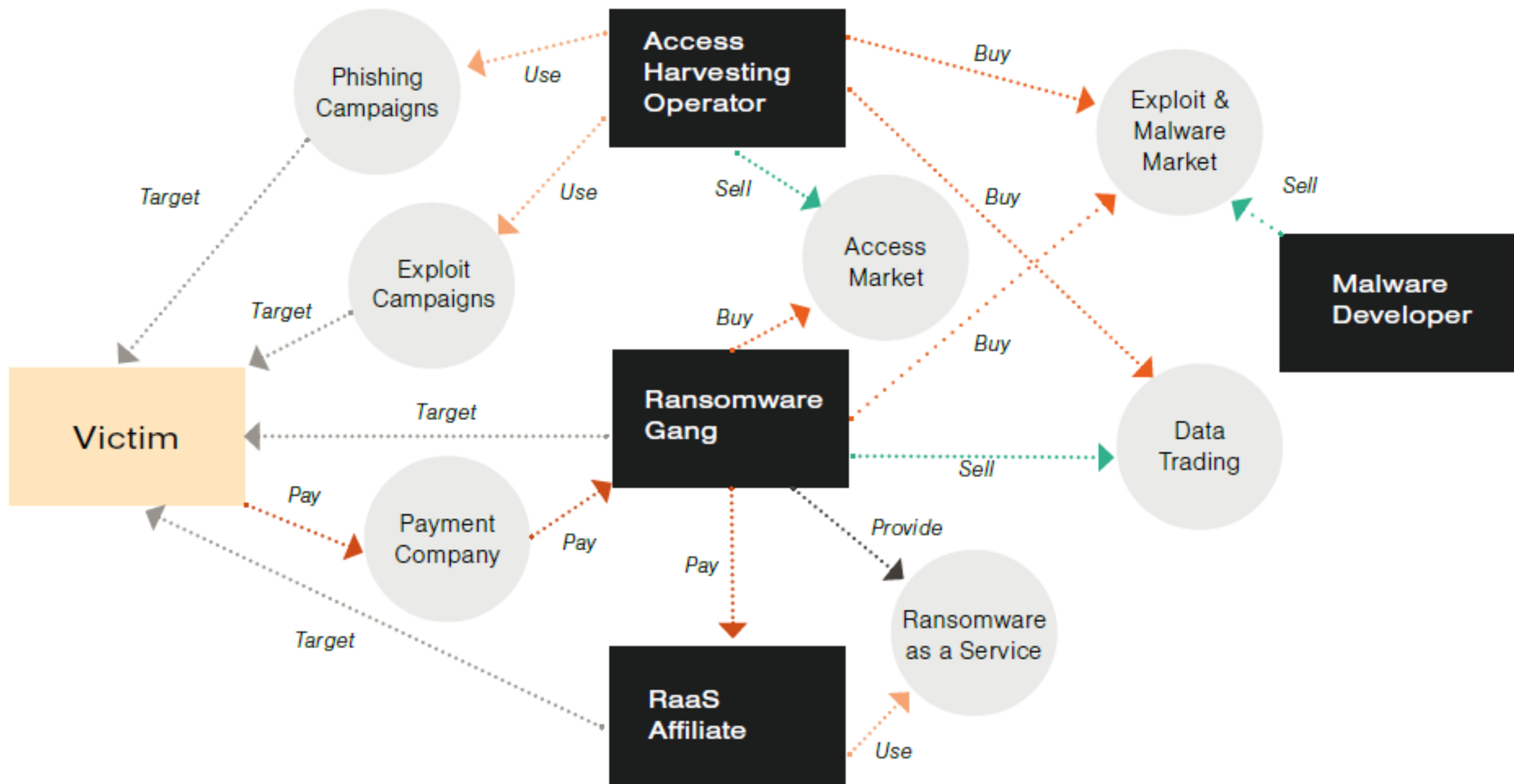
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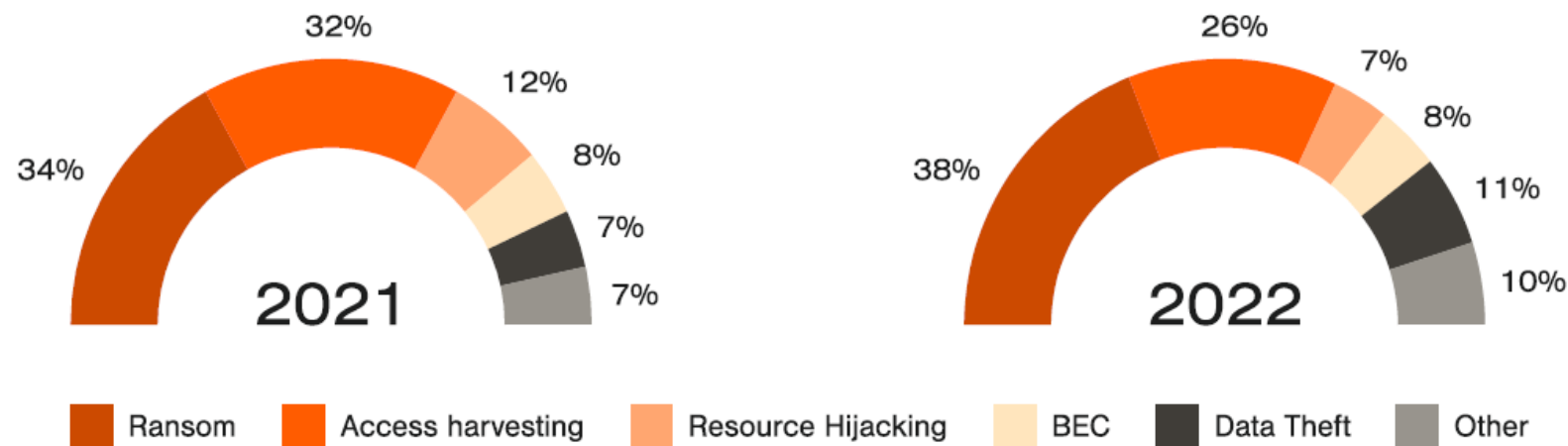
# 2022

- Magic Numbers:
  - 2 hours
  - 180 days
  - 2% of victims



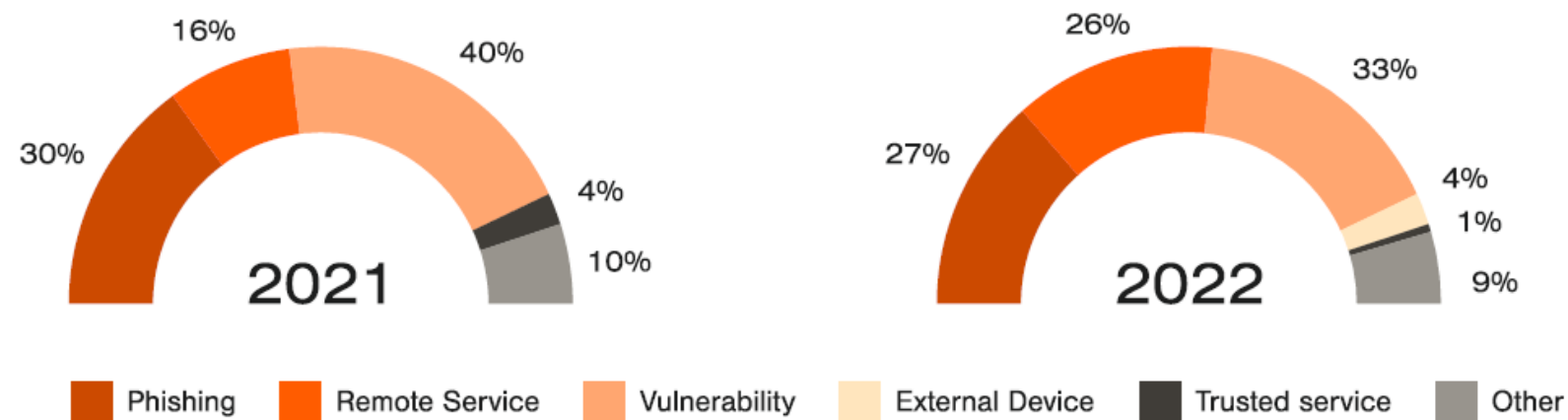


## Distribution of Attack Types

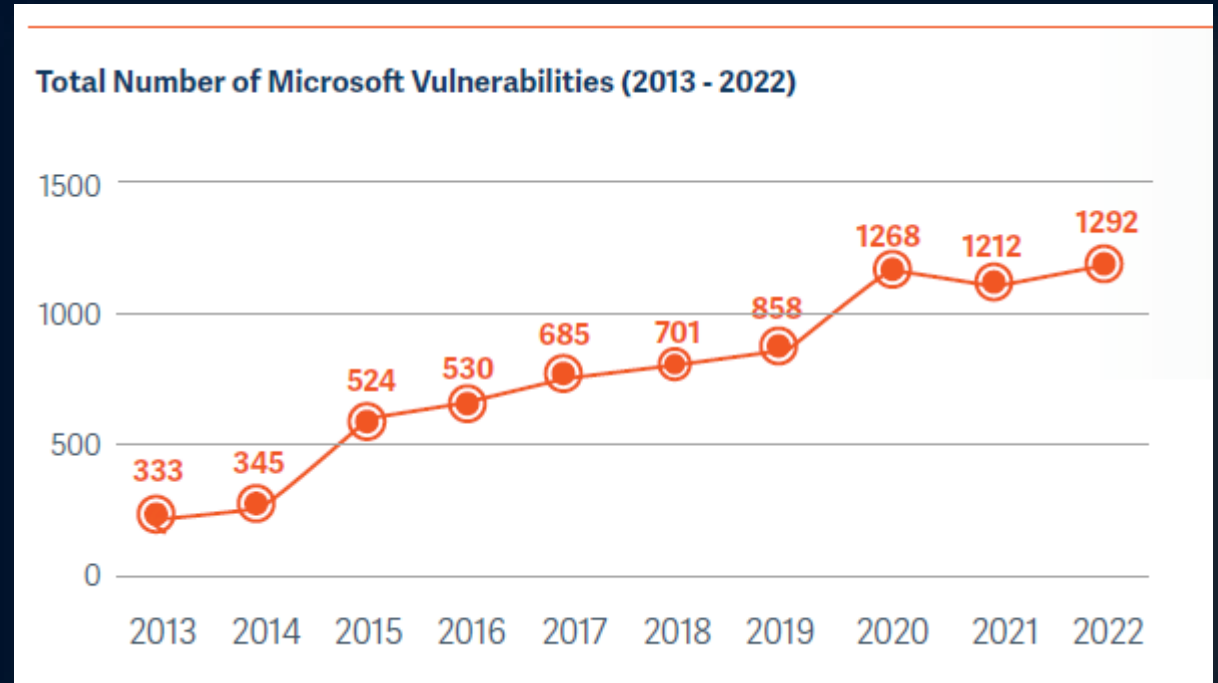
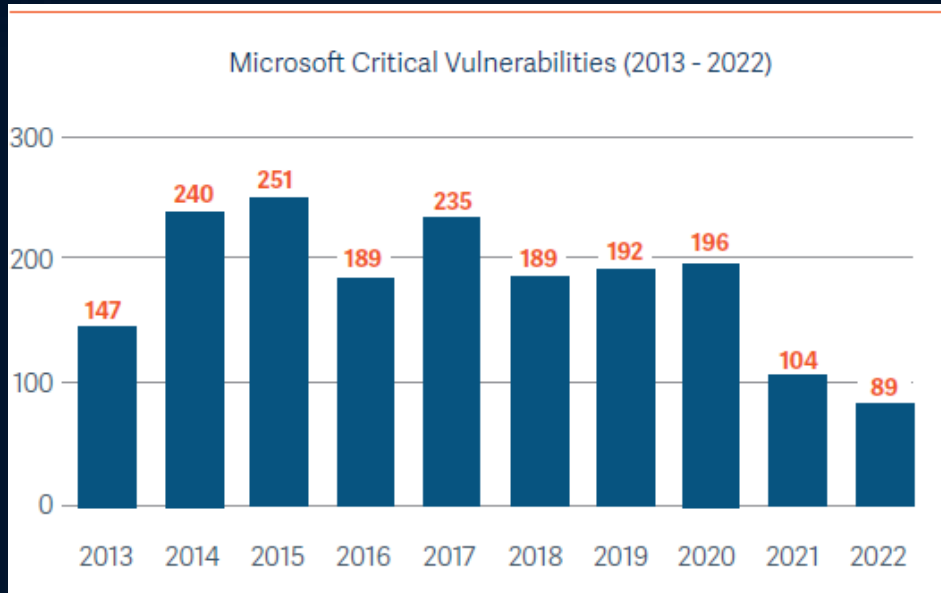


RaaS

## Distribution of Attack Vectors



# Year 2022



- All time high on Vulnerabilities – 10 year low on Critical Vulnerabilities
- Around 20000 patches for an enterprise



## Finland in 2022

- 32,4 M€ scammed from people
  - Romance scams: 9 M€
  - Business Email compromise: 4,9 M€
  - Investment scams: 8,5 M€
- 14,5 M€ prevented by officials
- More than RansomWare...



# PANKKIEN TIETOON TULLEET HUIJAUKSET

01-06 / 2022 ja 2023



Huijauksien kokonaismäärä:  
35,7 milj. eur

Suomalaiset menettäneet  
verkkorikollisille

10,8  19,8  
82 % milj.eur

Pankkien estämät ja  
palauttamattomat maksut

6,7  15,9  
139 % milj.eur

Dokumentti- ja rakkaus-  
huijaukset

3,8  4,9  
29% milj.eur

Sijoitus-  
huijaukset

3,3  8,2  
155% milj.eur



taloudellisesti suurin, 37 % kaikista huijauksista

Toimitusjohtaja-  
huijaukset

1,1  1,9  
31 % milj.eur

Valepoliisihuijaukset ja  
tietojen kalastelu

2,6  5  
93% milj.eur



kappalemäärällisesti suurin, 78 % kaikista huijauksista

600 milj. maksutapahtumaa, joista n. 6300:ssa väärinkäytöksiä (01-06/2023)

/ 1,2 mrd. maksutapahtumaa vuositasolla



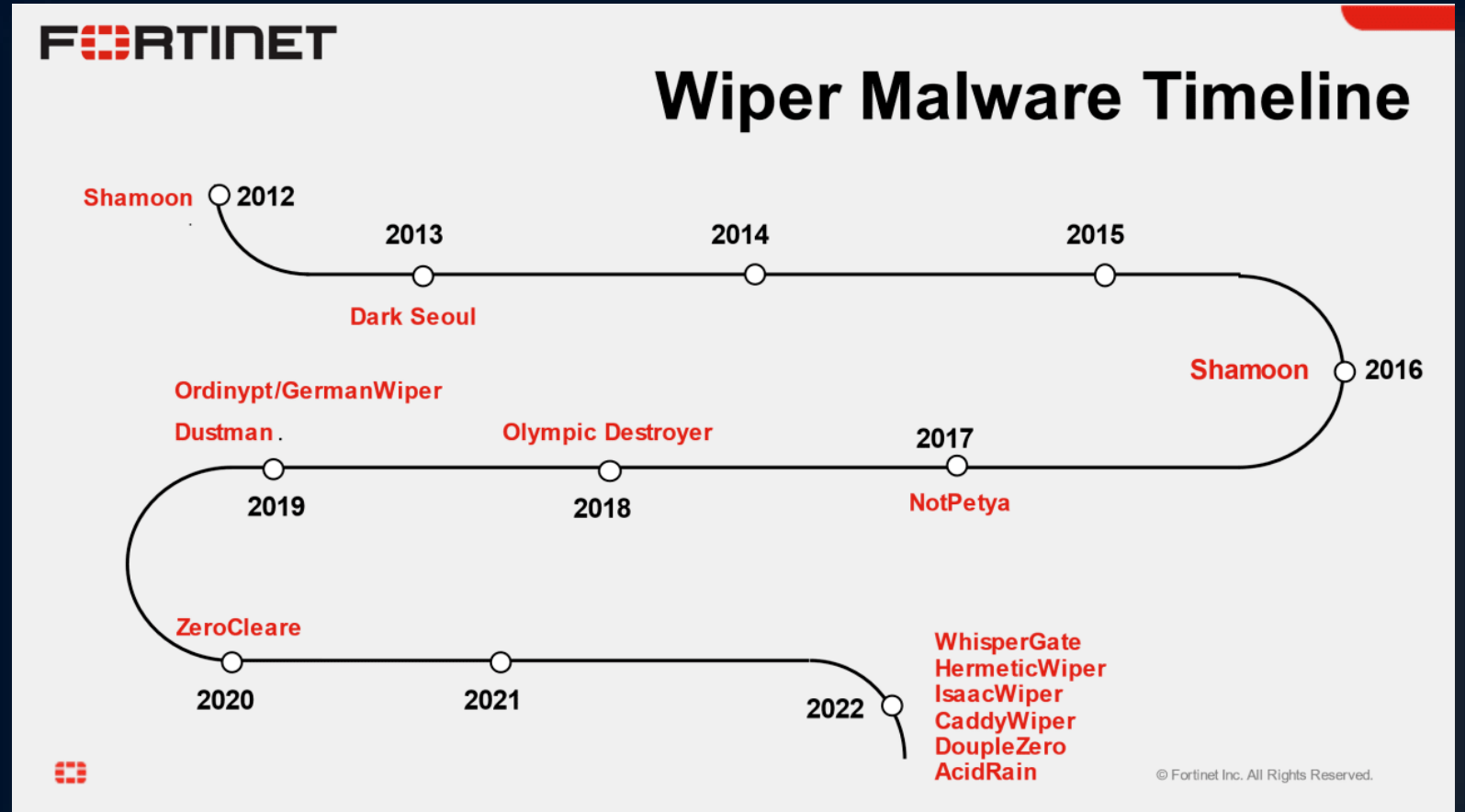




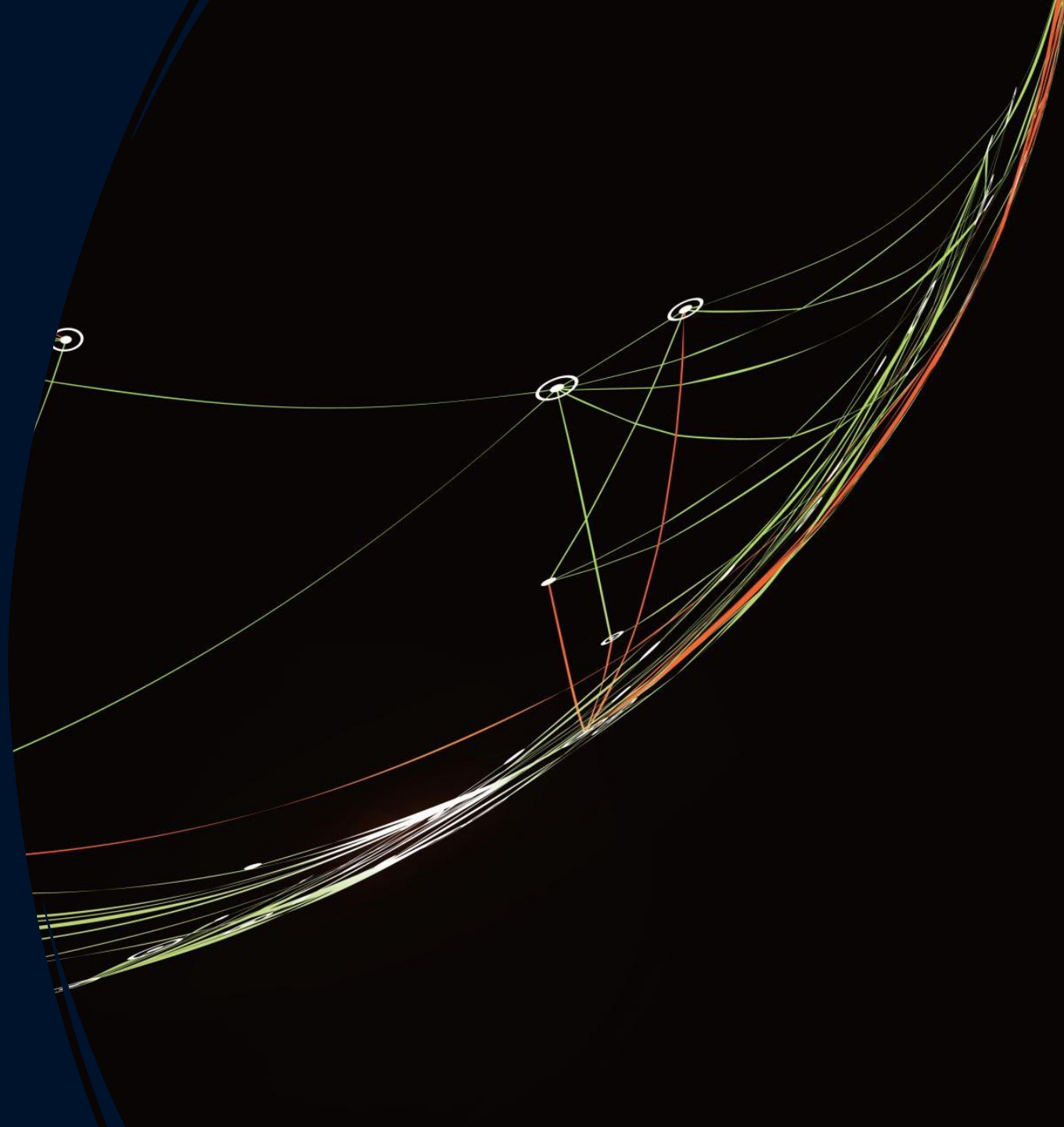
The War



# Wipers



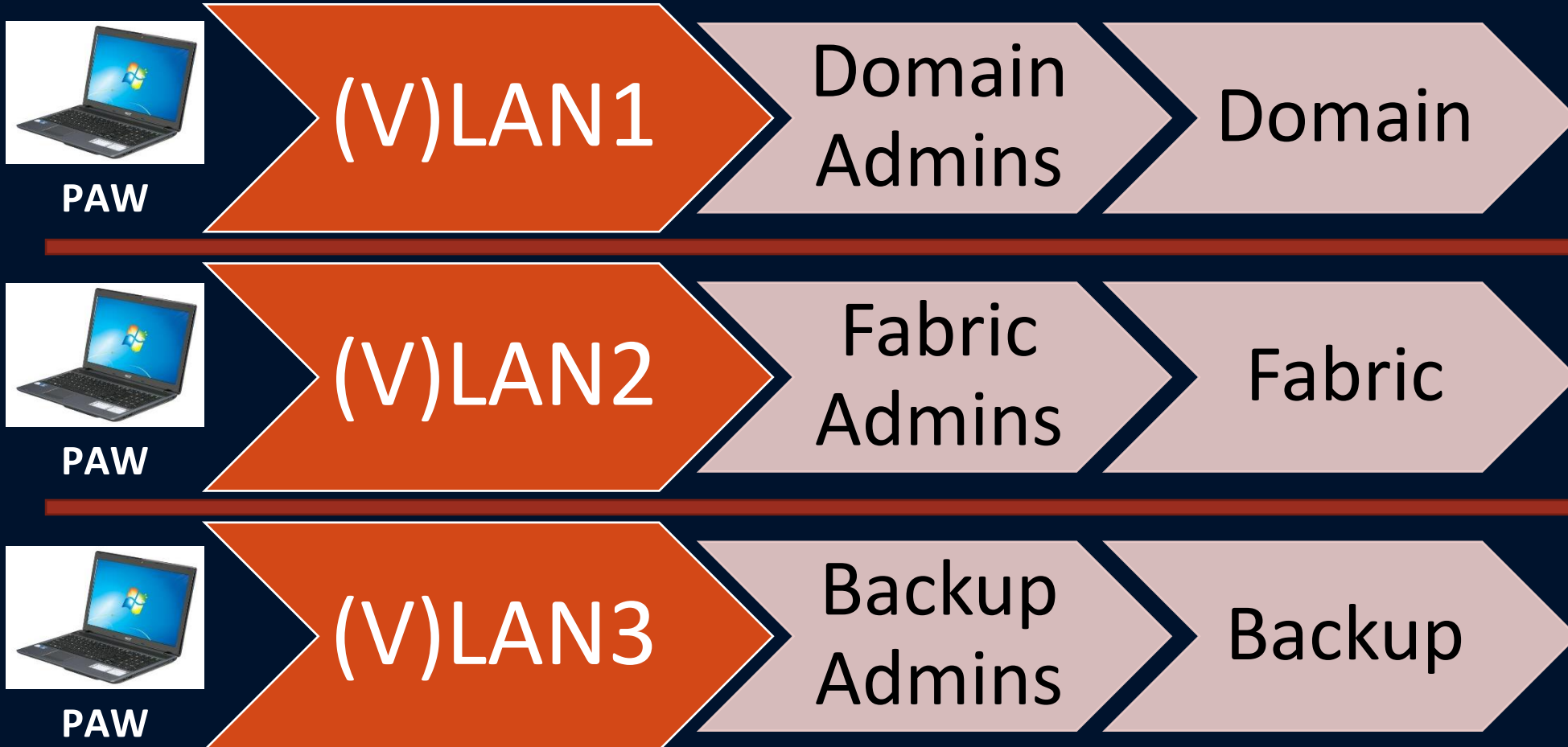
Recommendations for  
2023→



# Recommendations for 2023

- Tier Domain / Fabric / Backups
- Patch more, test less – as hard as it sounds
- Remove end-user Admin-rights
- Deploy Application Control
- Enforce MFA
- Invest in user awareness
- Tier your Directories
- Implement Privileged Access Workstations (PAW)
- Establish or outsource a SOC





You need IMMUTABLE backups!!!

A large number of dark-colored umbrellas are arranged in a dense, repeating pattern across the entire frame. In the foreground, slightly to the right of the center, one umbrella is a bright yellow color, making it stand out from the rest. The word "Vulnerabilities" is written in a white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and partially overlaid by the yellow umbrella.

Vulnerabilities



# First Vector

Read: "Linux"



The image features a highly detailed, symmetrical digital face, likely representing the character Shodan from the game System Shock. The face is constructed from intricate circuitry and glowing green lines, giving it a cybernetic appearance. The eyes are glowing yellow, and the mouth is a dark, rectangular slit. The background is a complex, symmetrical pattern of dark, branching structures, possibly representing a neural network or a digital landscape. The word "Shodan" is written in a brown, serif font across the center of the face.

Shodan





**Every Year is  
Someone's  
Year of the  
Linux Desktop"**

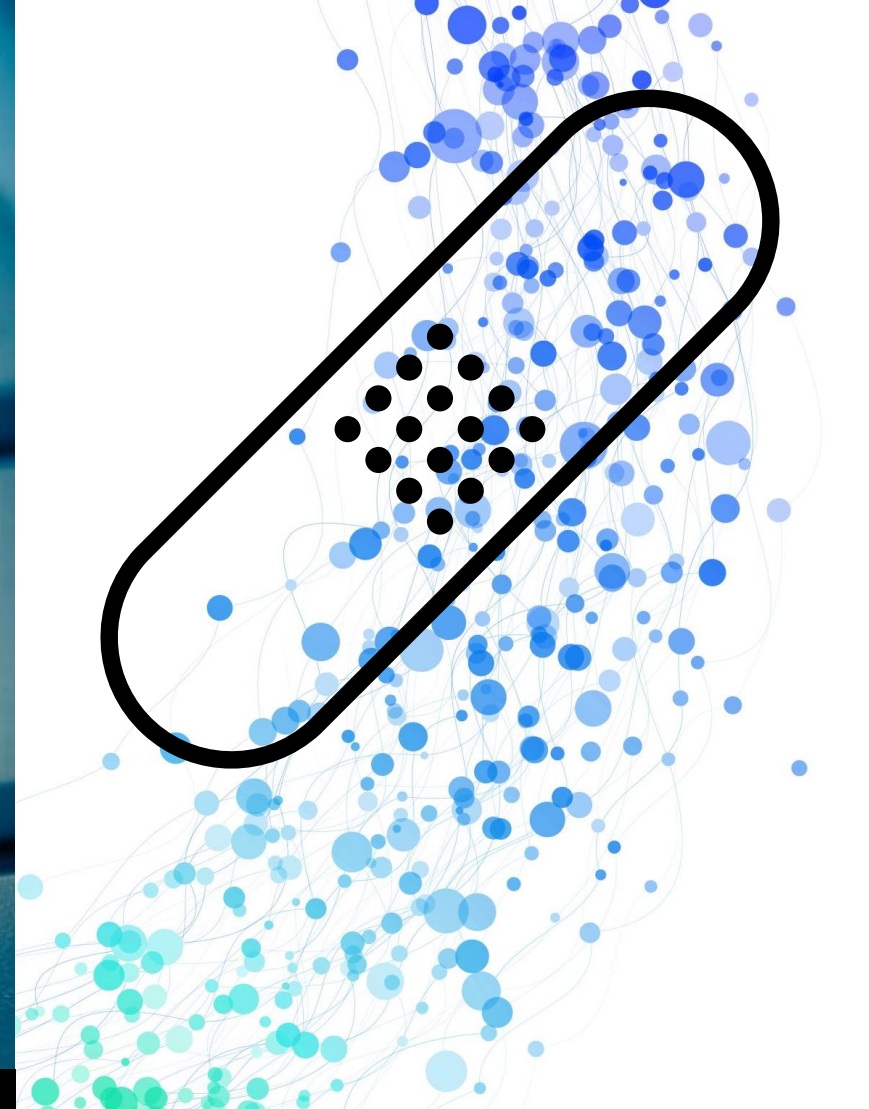
Getting in  
(and they  
will)  
doesn't get  
you on the  
news!

We need Windows to do  
that!





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# Phishing vs Vulnerabilities

A large field of dark grey umbrellas, all open, creating a dense, repeating pattern. In the center-right of the image, one umbrella is a bright yellow, standing out from the rest. The text is overlaid on the image, with the first line centered over the yellow umbrella and the second line centered below it.

Vulnerabilities

Patch More, Test Less

# Principle of Least Privilege

- In Windows there is no Security if you logon as an admin
- The security subsystem was not built to withstand the use of admin rights
- With “No-Admin” approach
  - We get better performance
  - We get less tickets
  - We get less reinstallation
  - We get more productive users!
  - We get less malware
  - We get to be lazier as admins!



# Admin Rights are not Human Rights

<https://www.zazzle.com/store/adminize/products>



# Simplest AppLocker

- THIS KILLS 950000+ PIECES OF MALWARE PER DAY!! With no Anti-Malware 😊

Action	User	Name	Condition	Exceptions
✔ Allow	Everyone	Signed by *	Publisher	
✔ Allow	Everyone	All files located in the Program Files folder	Path	Yes
✔ Allow	Everyone	All files located in the Windows folder	Path	Yes
✔ Allow	BUILTIN\Ad...	(Default Rule) All files	Path	



Windows 10



Professional

Windows 10



Enterprise

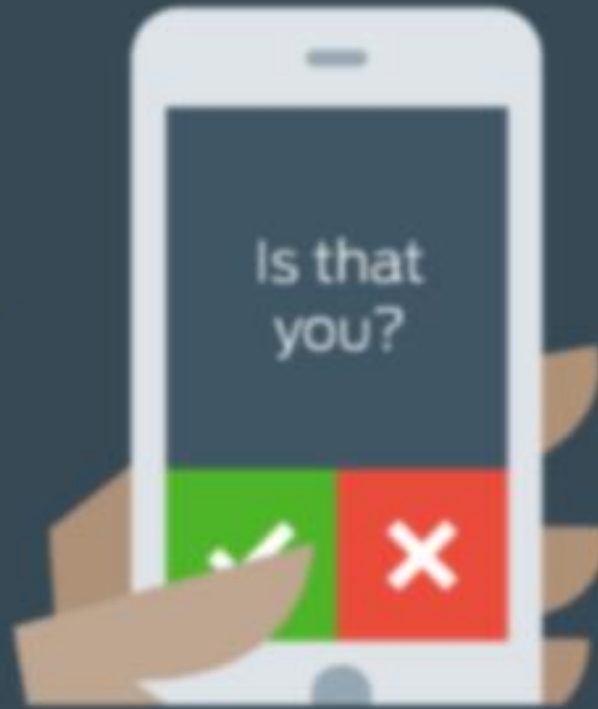
vs  
AppLocker now on Pro

PASSWORD



+

PROOF



=

ACCESS



Laiho's Law

“If you RDP, you MFA”

**182**

Vendors Log into a Typical  
Org each Week<sup>1</sup>

**76%**

of Cloud Accounts Sold on  
Dark Web = RDP<sup>2</sup>

**80%**

of Ransomware Attacks  
Exploit RDP<sup>3</sup>

## Ransomware Deployment Protocol

# Password Quality

# Passwords – Top 100 Breached Passwords

- 014745880
- 1804090178
- 1q2w3e4r
- aleksi
- antero
- asdasd11
- aurinko
- banaani
- Finlandia
- greippi13
- hemuli
- jalkapallo
- Jipijaije1
- kikkeli
- koira123
- Mohammadkhi  
izar1
- moimoi
- None
- ohe1ohe
- oong6aet
- Qpa9Zm1o
- Qvidja123
- samuli
- SZ9kQcCTwY
- tiikeri
- Tk0pljes
- trustno1
- 12koonnee56se  
i
- aepohg9a
- buzzmachines
- heikki
- iLLo1954
- jaakko
- johanna
- jokerit
- kakka123
- koira
- makkara
- millamagia
- niko99
- s4a3m0
- soppa765
- terra25
- tietokone
- 1janina9
- aak31985
- akuankka
- asdasd
- dominion
- f2Ubyf!1
- juhani
- kissa
- kukkanen
- lumina79
- rasmus
- sakari
- helena
- matias
- mikael
- terra255
- 12345678
- J0h4nne54591
- mansikka
- moi123
- Terra255
- viaplay72
- 171078Pp
- eemeli
- paski123
- petteri
- salasana1
- YR3f7dSF
- anneli
- Happyhappy2  
018
- moikka
- paska
- @rchi128K
- Salasana123
- 123456789
- Archi128K
- qwerty
- hbo1972
- jeejee
- oskari
- akuankka93
- F15t1128K
- Pailammas975  
&&
- sukupuu
- perkele
- f5-sso-token
- kakka
- ascona79
- 12345
- 123456
- akamari
- salasana
- kamari

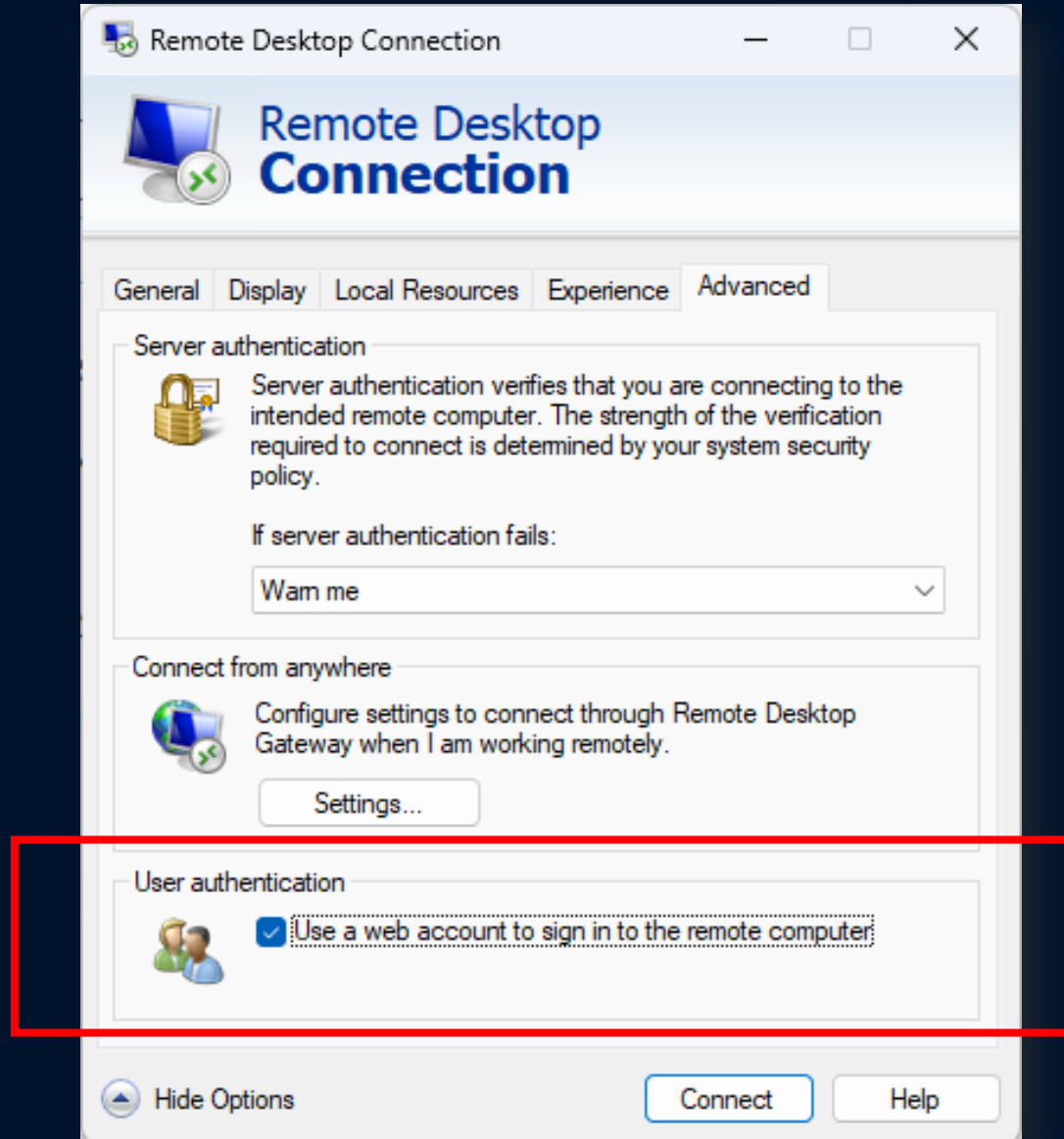
# Swedes

- |               |                |                 |                |              |                |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| • 812057bk    | • qwertyuiop   | • Ekeby2021@@@  | • mormor       | • Sommar20   | • hejsan123    |
| • hammarby    | • rasmus       | • fotboll       | • skola123     | • 1234       | • qwerty       |
| • Hejhej123   | • skrotnisse08 | • smulan        | • Sommar19     | • bajskorv   | • sommar       |
| • hemligt     | • Sommar2019   | • Teater13      | • mamma123     | • m9a98ckq   | • password     |
| • jalojalo77  | • Sommar21     | • 111111        | • scania142    | • zinch      | • hejsan       |
| • LCalice9    | • thaimiNoop   | • Cerwinvega@11 | • manjari77    | • 123123     | • 12345        |
| • losenord    | • fotboll123   | • guntles1999   | • MicMusic67   | • jayajaya   | • Asptuna14144 |
| • Mamma123    | • Hejsan123    | • helloo        | • hej123       | • jablko96   | • Manjari77    |
| • marcus      | • johanna      | • Pelikan1      | • LLq45b93###  | • luckydayel | • None         |
| • quinty1980  | • linnea       | • 1234567       | • lol123       | • zebraman   | • NULL         |
| • qwe123      | • Max1234      | • 1234567890    | • Pakistan@123 | • klumpf0t   | • 123456789    |
| • sixteen     | • Skolan4a     | • Sommar2020    | • scania       | • lj1210     | • 66456xyz     |
| • staffan     | • Tradera77    | • 46530011      | • Skola123     | • v11scxad12 | • 123456       |
| • BpdQfeF1    | • 666666       | • abcd1234      | • Welcome1     | • marmar     | • 12345678     |
| • cocacola    | • amanda       | • anders        | • asdfghjkl    | • fuffen     | • hugo526205   |
| • morris      | • daniel       | • blomma        | • Failad123    | • abc123     |                |
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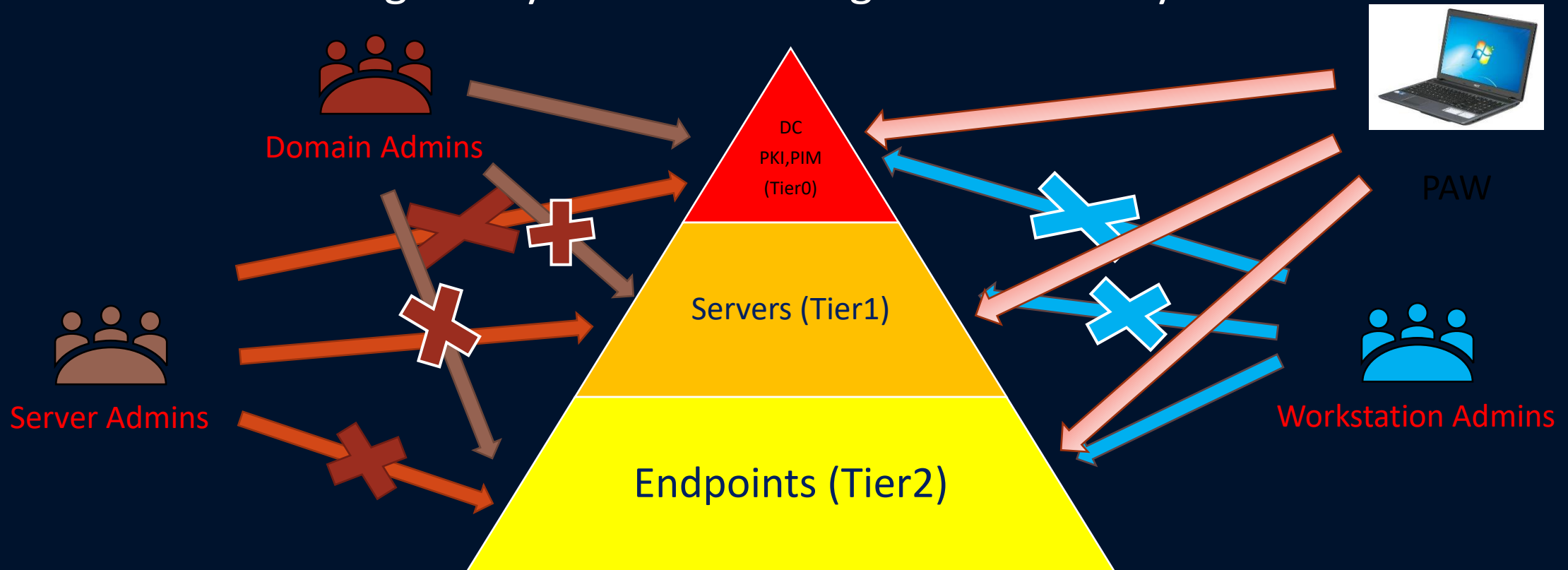
# Yubikeys

<https://swjm.blog/the-complete-guide-to-rdp-with-yubikeys-fido2-cba-1bfc50f39b43>



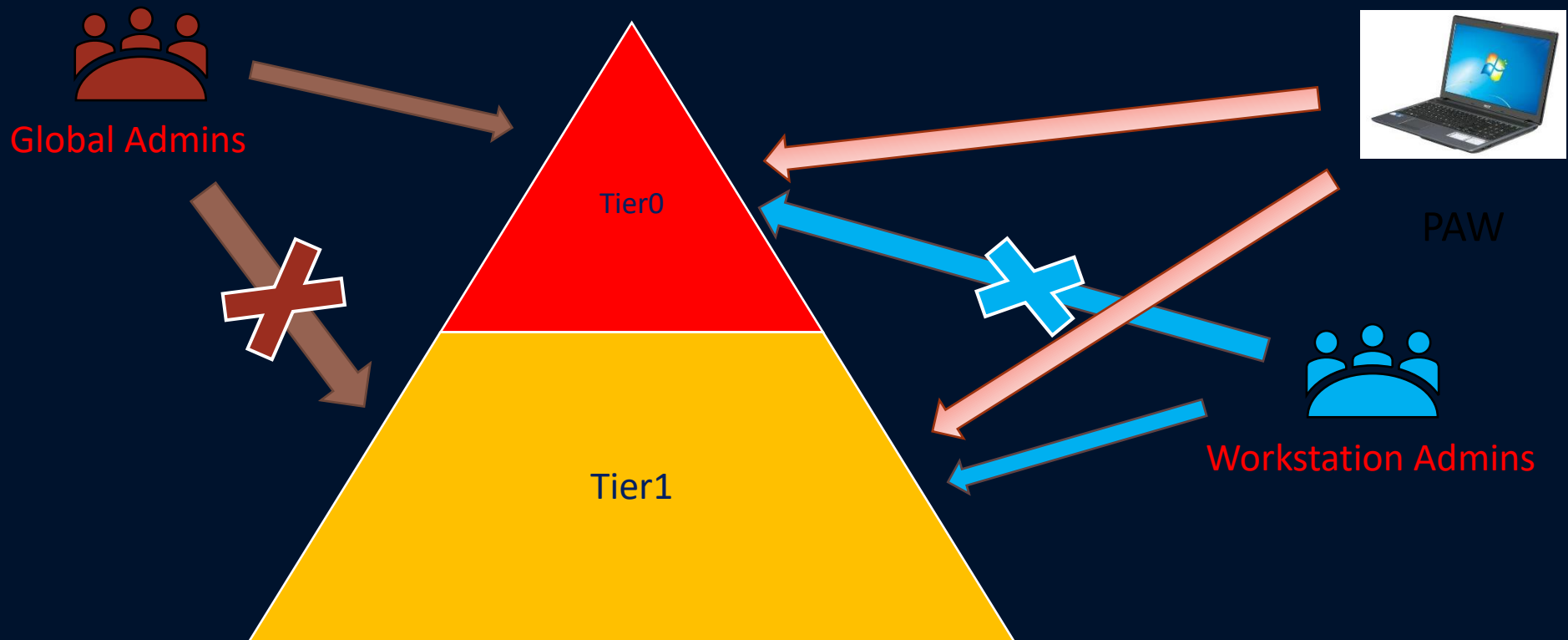
# Tier your Directories on-prem...

- Split your environment into three tiers
- Never allow higher layer admins to logon to lower layers



## ... or in the Cloud

- Split your environment into two layers
- Never allow higher layer admins to logon to lower layers



# Limit the Attack Surface



## Security is simple at the end... Laiho's Laws

Don't let accounts that can take down your environment logon to devices with access to malware...

Don't let computers that can take down your environment talk to Facebook...

# Baselines

- Remember, Windows OS is the same for companies and homes. Settings are based on the weakest link. If you buy Pro or Ent version, it doesn't change the security policy... So, if you haven't installed the baselines from Microsoft or CIS etc., you are running Corporate Computers with security settings for a Home Computer...
- [https://www.cisecurity.org/benchmark/microsoft\\_windows\\_desktop](https://www.cisecurity.org/benchmark/microsoft_windows_desktop)
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/windows-security-configuration-framework/windows-security-baselines>



Local Group Policy Editor

File Action View Help

Local Computer Policy

- Computer Configuration
  - Software Settings
  - Windows Settings
  - Privilege Management Settings
  - Administrative Templates
    - Control Panel
    - Microsoft Edge
    - Microsoft Edge - Default Settings (users)
    - Microsoft Edge Update
    - Microsoft Edge WebView2
    - Network
    - Printers
    - Server
    - Start Menu and Taskbar
    - System
      - Access-Denied Assistance
      - App-V
      - Audit Process Creation
      - Credentials Delegation
      - Device Guard
      - Device Health Attestation Service
      - Device Installation
        - Device Installation Restrictions

13 setting(s)

Device Installation Restrictions

**Prevent installation of devices using drivers that match these device setup classes**

Edit [policy setting](#)

Requirements:  
At least Windows Vista

Description:  
This policy setting allows you to specify a list of device setup class globally unique identifiers (GUIDs) for driver packages that Windows is prevented from installing. By default, this policy setting takes precedence over any other policy setting that allows Windows to install a device.

NOTE: To enable the "Allow installation of devices that match any of these device IDs" and "Allow installation of devices that match any of these device instance IDs" policy settings, you must first enable the "Prevent installation of devices using drivers that match these device setup classes" policy setting.

Setting

Setting	State
Allow administrators to override Device Installation Restriction policies	Enabled
Apply layered order of evaluation for Allow and Prevent device installation policies across ...	Not configured
Allow installation of devices using drivers that match these device setup classes	Not configured
<b>Prevent installation of devices using drivers that match these device setup classes</b>	Enabled
Display a custom message when installation is prevented by a policy setting	Enabled
Display a custom message title when installation is prevented by a policy setting	Enabled
Allow installation of devices that match any of these device IDs	Not configured
Prevent installation of devices that match any of these device IDs	Not configured
Allow installation of devices that match any of these device instance IDs	Not configured
Prevent installation of devices that match any of these device instance IDs	Not configured
Time (in seconds) to force reboot when required for policy changes to take effect	Not configured
Prevent installation of removable devices	Not configured
Prevent installation of devices not described by other policy settings	Not configured

Prevent installation of devices using drivers that match these device setup classes

Previous Setting Next Setting

☐ Not Configured ☒ Enabled ☐ Disabled

Comment:

Supported on: At least Windows Vista

Options:

Prevent installation of devices using drivers for these device setup classes:

Show...

To create a list of device classes, click Show. In the Show Contents dialog box, in the Value column, type a GUID that represents a device setup class (for example, {25DBCE51-6C8F-4A72-8A6D-B54C2B4FC835}).

☒ Also apply to matching devices that are already installed.

Show Contents

Prevent installation of devices using drivers for these device setup classes:

Value
{4d36e967-e325-11ce-bfc1-08002be10318}

OK

Settings

**BLOCKED DEVICE!**

If you need access to USB driver, contact SD!







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“Your job is not to  
stop to enemy, but  
to slow it down”

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