

Data Security - Mythbusting

Why your biggest data threat is AI-ready inside



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The world we live in

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Data security incidents can happen anytime, anywhere



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Data exfiltration tactics

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The threat is already inside - and plugged in

External risks

- ⚠ Social Engineering
- ⚠ Credential theft
- ⚠ Phishing

Internal risks

- ⚠ Former employees
- ⚠ Inattentive user
- ⚠ Buy a guy

Channels

- USB
- Cloud upload

- Email
- Insecure devices

TOP 6 Data Security Myths

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Assumptions that put your data at risk

MYTH 1

You need to know all your data to start with the data security implementation

MYTH 4

I trust my employees, I do not need insider risk

MYTH 2

Labeling is the answer to everything

MYTH 5

SOC does not need data security insights

MYTH 3

DLP destroys user productivity and kicks off the shit storm

MYTH 6

My business will hate the IT for implementing data security

MYTH 1

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all your data
to start with the
Data Security
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Let's focus on what's really matter

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Protect every information if you don't know it



SWITCH GEARS FOR YOUR DATA SECURITY STRATEGY

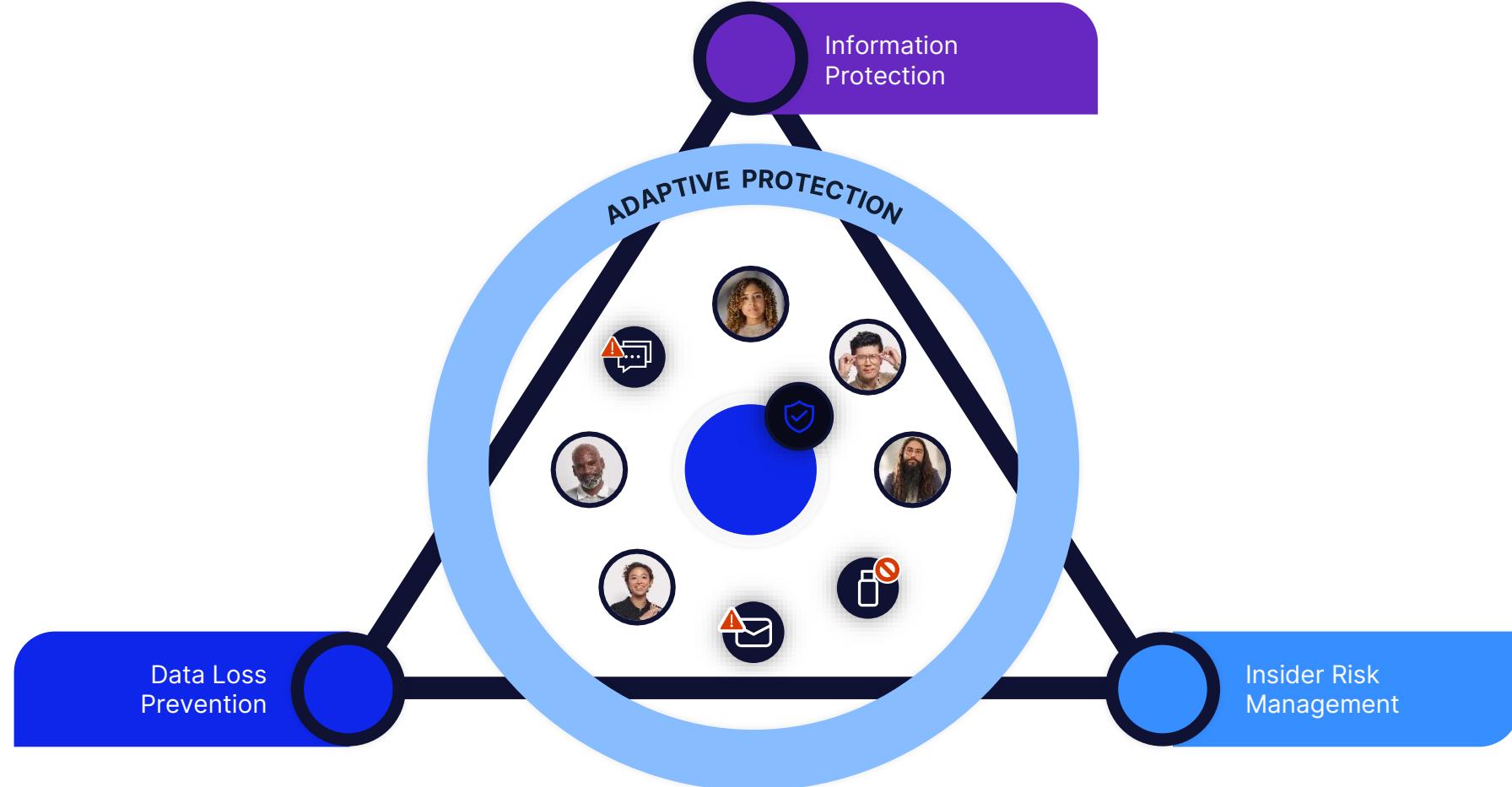
Build a data security MVP

- 3-layer label set
- Control the data flow
- Utilize signals and insights into your strategy

Pareto principle with reasonable default

Microsoft Data Security toolbox

The whole is greater than the sum of the parts



MYTH 1

You need to know
all your data
to start with the
Data Security
Implementation

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MYTH 1

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What if I change my mind on your company data?

- Every Information is valuable
- Share it intentionally

Key Recommendations:

- ★ Move from base to edge – Build your MVP for baseline data protection and iterate through your edge cases based on real use cases



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MYTH 2

Labeling is
the answer
to everything





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Traffice light : Make your label taxonomy simple

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MVP Label Configuration



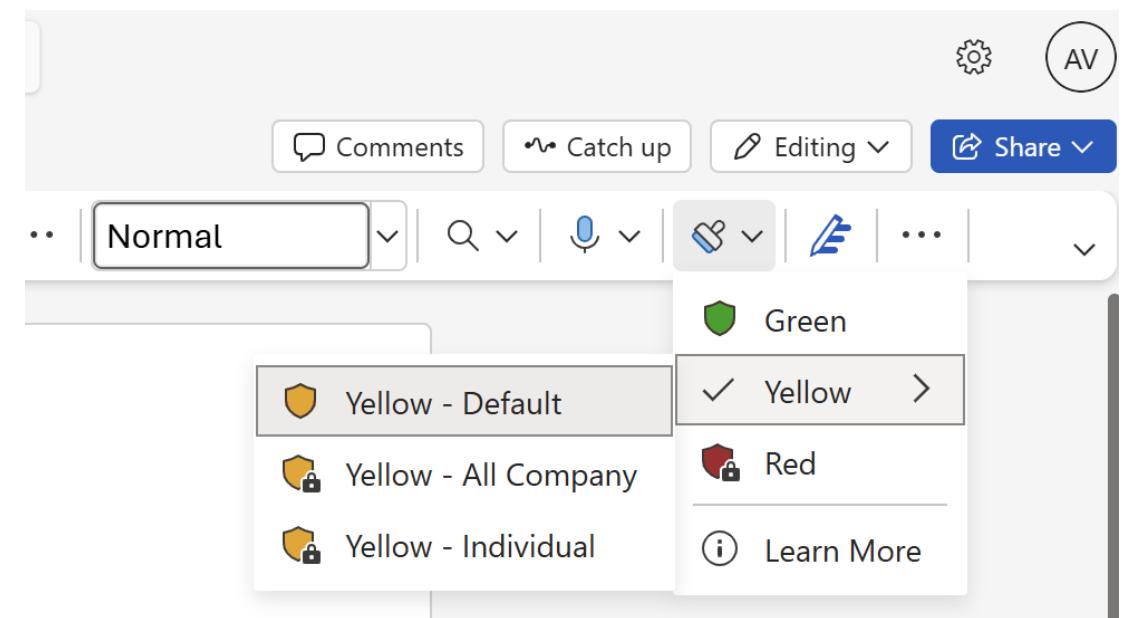
Green – No protection, no restrictions



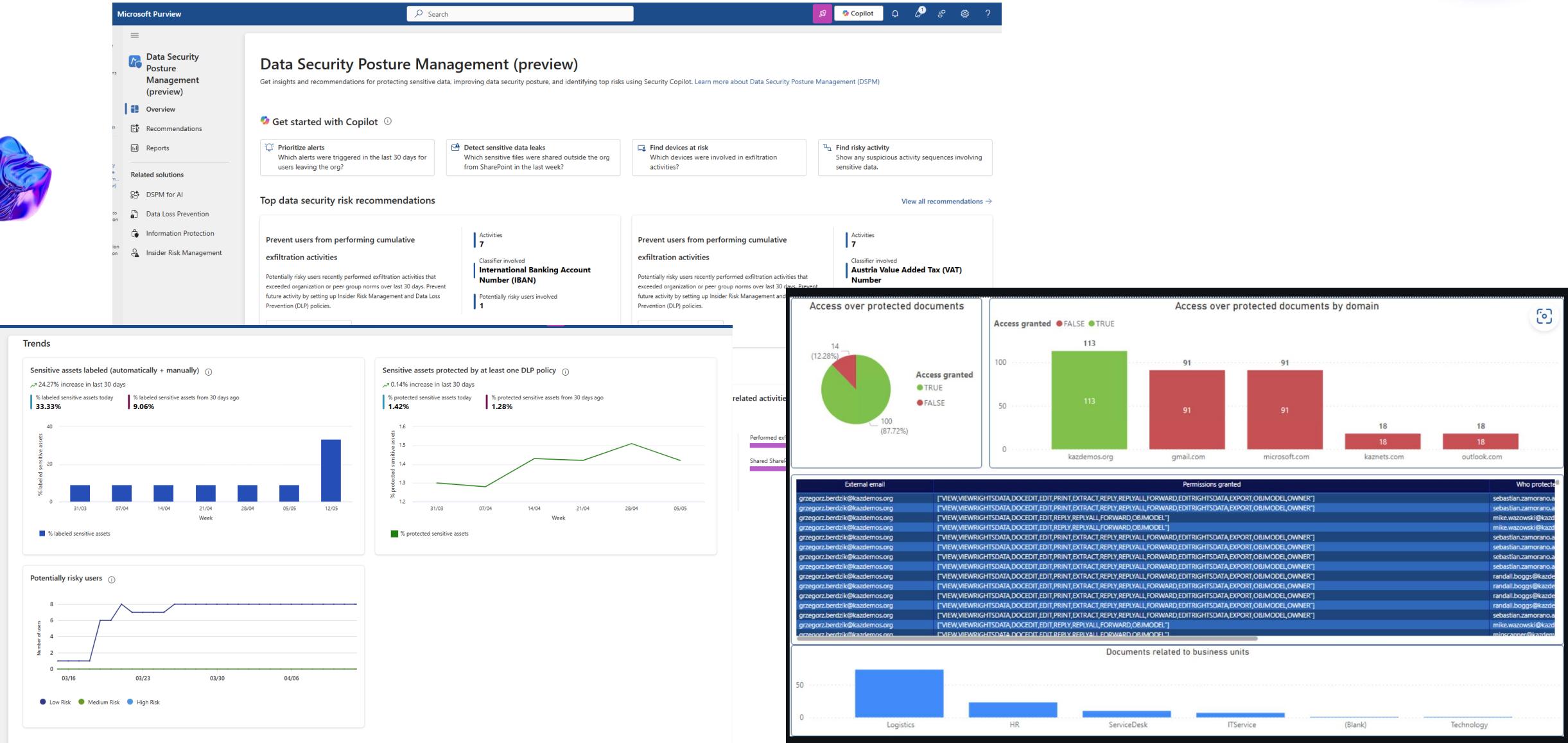
Yellow – Everything you do not know, it should be kept in your company in the first place, but can be shared with good reason



Red – Critical data you either already know and can be addressed by special use cases or a decision of your user to protect it further – Encryption and DLP is need to protected it



Know your data and your threats



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MYTH 2

Labeling is
the answer
to everything

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MYTH 2

Labeling is the answer to everything
BUSTED

Labeling is the foundation of your MVP

- Think about sensitivity
- Educate your users to grow with the MVP
- Don't make them think

Key Recommendations:

-  Easy to use traffic light taxonomy
-  Define a default for new content
-  Allow exceptions and monitor usage

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MYTH 3

DLP destroys user productivity and kicks off the shit storm



Apply baseline DLP based on your label taxonomy

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MVP DLP Configuration



Green – Block Documents which are shared externally and not labeled



Yellow – Documents which are shared externally and labeled



Red – Critical data which is only available for company internal members. External sharing is blocked without override. Special use cases may apply

Name	Status
Green - Block Unlabeled	On
Yellow - Block Override	On
Red - Block External	On

Yellow - Block Override Rule

Conditions
Content is shared from Microsoft 365 **with people outside my organization**

And

Content contains any of these sensitivity labels: **Yellow, Yellow/Yellow - Default, Yellow/Yellow - All Company, Yellow/Yellow - Individual**
Evaluate predicate for **Message or attachment**

Actions
Notify users with email and policy tips
Restrict access to the content for external users
Send alerts to Administrator

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MYTH 3

DLP destroys user
productivity and kicks off
the shit storm

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MYTH 3

DLP destroys your productivity and the shit is over



DLP that works with you – not against you

- Smart boundaries, not roadblocks
- Tailor policies to match your risk tolerance – without slowing down business

Key Recommendations:

- ★ Block/override your “yellow” data
- ★ Block/override unlabeled documents
- ★ Block your “red” data

MYTH 4

I trust my employees,
I do not need Insider Risk
Management

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Detect the unusual & risky pattern

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(31ac5f2b) Alert: Confidentiality obligation during departure

High Risk score: 87/100 Alert created on Feb 22, 2024 (UTC)

Activity that generated this alert [Reduce alerts for this activity](#)

Data infiltration: Files downloaded from unallowed site

87/100 **High severity** | Apr 10, 2024 (UTC)

2 events: Files downloaded from 1 unallowed site

2 events: Files that have labels applied, including: Project Alpha

Factors that impacted risk score:

Includes unallowed domains (1 event)

[View all activity](#)

All risk factors

Activity explorer

User activity

Forensic evidence

[Assign](#) [Needs review](#)

[Confirm alert to an existing case](#)

[Dismiss alert](#)

[What will these actions do?](#)

Triggering event [i](#)

May 28, 2024 (UTC)

An HR connector imported a resignation date for this user.

User details

Potential high impact user

User accessed more content containing sensitive info than other users.

[+ 2 more reasons](#)

Priority user group

Project Tiger Tented Project

[+ 1 more groups](#)

Anony85KF-34DF

[View all details](#)

User alert history

Last 30 days

No alert history

[View full user history](#)

All risk factors for this user's activity

Top exfiltration activities

1.9K exfiltration activities

Copied to USB	428
Download from SharePoint	200
Email sent to external recipient	1,289

[View all exfiltration activity](#)

Cumulative exfiltration activities [i](#)

High severity cumulative exfiltration activities detected (Risk score: 82/100)

User activity detected ranges from 04/09 - 04/10

All exfiltration activities with prioritized content

More events than 90% compared to teammates.

User 467

Teammates 2

Shared SharePoint files externally

More events than 99% compared to users that access same SharePoint sites.

User 20

Users who access same SharePoi... 9

All exfiltration activities

More events than 30% compared to users with similar job title.

User 21

Users with similar job title 9

[View all cumulative exfiltration activities](#)

Sequences of activity

1 sequence activity

[View all sequence activity](#)

Insider Risk Management alerts page, showing risk factors for user's activity

No activity is considered unusual for this user

No activity includes events with priority content

2 activities include events with unallowed domains

Microsoft Purview

Alert: Confidentiality obligation during departure

Assign Needs review Confirm alert to an existing case Dismiss alert What will these actions do?

All risk factors Activity explorer **User activity** Forensic evidence

Filter: Show: All scored activity for this user Risk category: Any Activity Type: Any Reset all

Sort by: Date occurred

(4) SEQUENCE: Files collected, obfuscated, exfiltrated and cleaned up
May 19, 2024 - May 22, 2024 (UTC) | Risk score: 90/100
50 events: Sequence: Files downloaded from SharePoint, renamed, printed, then deleted
5 events: Files that have labels applied, including: Project Obsidian
2 events: Files containing sensitive info, including: Credit Cards
1 event: File sent to 1 unallowed domain
2 events: Files with priority file extensions, including: docx

Exfiltration: Files printed
May 21, 2024 (UTC) | Risk score: 45/100
View forensic evidence
2 events: Files printed
2 events: Files containing sensitive info, including: Credit Cards

Obfuscation: Files renamed
May 20, 2024 (UTC) | Risk score: 32/100
19 events: Files renamed
2 events: Files containing sensitive info, including: Credit Cards
12 events: Files with priority file extensions, including: pdf, ppt, docx, txt
12 events: Files with priority file extensions modified, including: docx, txt, pdf

Collection: Files downloaded from SharePoint
May 19, 2024 (UTC) | Risk score: 27/100
45 events: Files downloaded from 1 SharePoint site
2 events: Files containing sensitive info, including: Credit Cards
34 events: Files that have labels applied, including: Confidential

User activity scatter plot 6 Months 3 Months 1 Month

HR event: Resignation date set

Risk score

Apr 1, 2024 May 1, 2024 Jun 1, 2024

Access Deletion Collection Exfiltration Infiltration Obfuscation Security Custom Indicator Defense Evasion Privilege Escalation Communication Risk

Access: Viewed Power BI reports

(31ac5f2b) Alert: Confidentiality obligation during departure

All risk factors Activity explorer **User activity** Forensic evidence

Filter: Show: All scored activity for this user X

Risk category: Any X

Activity Type: Any X

Reset all

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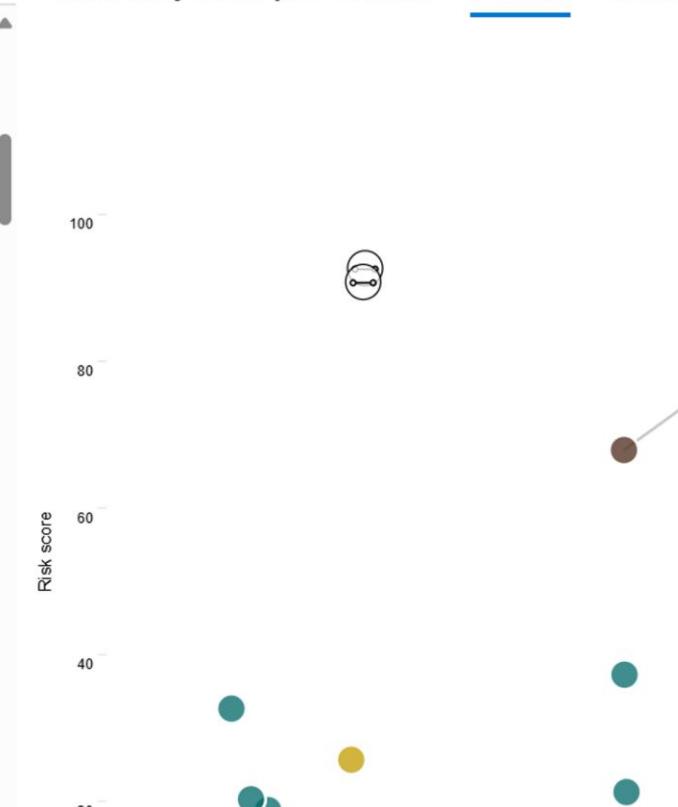
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User activity scatter plot 6 Months **3 Months** 1 Month



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1 event: File sent to 1 unallowed domain
2 events: Files with priority file extensions, including: docx

Deletion: Files deleted

May 22, 2024 (UTC) | Risk score: 75/100
2 events: Files deleted from Windows 10 Machine
2 events: Files with priority file extensions, including: docx

Exfiltration: Files printed

May 21, 2024 (UTC) | Risk score: 45/100
View forensic evidence
2 events: Files printed
2 events: Files containing sensitive info, including: Credit Cards

Obfuscation: Files renamed

May 20, 2024 (UTC) | Risk score: 32/100
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Sequence detection automatically identifies and connects a series of related activities to show user intent

Confidential

Project Obsidian

Apr 1, 2024

May 1, 2024

Jun 1, 2024

Access Custom Indicator Defense Evasion Privilege Escalation Communication Risk

Viewed Power BI reports

an existing case

Dismiss alert

What will these actions do?

MYTH 4

I trust my employees,
I do not need Insider Risk
Management

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MYTH 4

I trust my employees
I do not need Insider Risk Management



Insider Risk Management helps you to

- detect unusual and unexpected behavior
- identify critical pattern and build a powerful response

Key Recommendations:

- ★ Activate Analytics in Insider Risk Management
- ★ Create a policy for people leaving the company
- ★ Monitor and investigate incidents in your SOC

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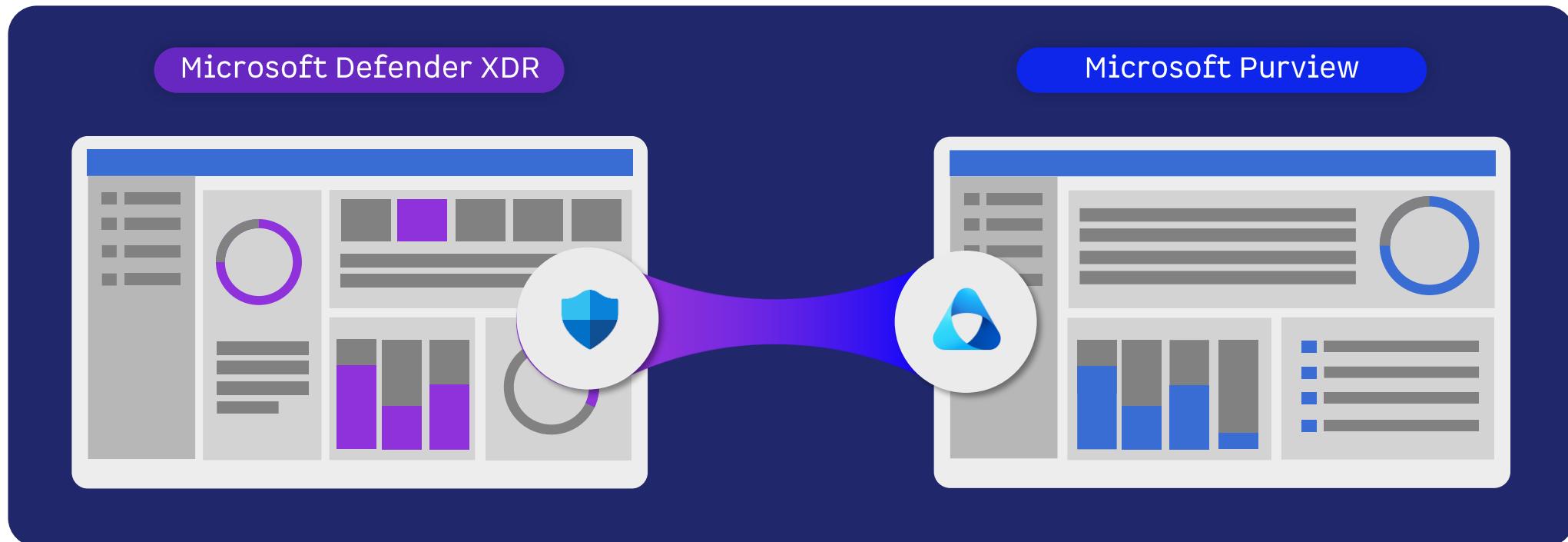
MYTH 5

SOC does not need data security insights



Data security insights for the SOC

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Data security for SOC scenarios

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Data security context
helping investigation
of compromised users



Insider threat
investigations in
Defender XDR



Defender XDR
Advanced Hunting for
policy tuning



Home
Incidents & alerts
Incidents
Alerts
Hunting
Actions & submissions
Threat intelligence
Learning hub
Trials
Partner catalog
Exposure management
Overview
Attack surface
Exposure insights
Secure score
Data connectors
Assets
Devices
Identities

Multi-stage incident involving Initial access & Exfiltration on...

High | Active | Unassigned | Credential Phish

Attack story Alerts (8) Assets (4) Investigations (2) Evidence and Response (9) Recommended actions (20) Summary

Alerts

Play attack story Unpin all Show all

list.docx in SharePoint

Megan Bowen

Apr 9, 2024 5:54 PM • New
DLP policy (Sharepoint external sharing policy) matched for document (Vendor payment cards list.docx) in SharePoint
Megan Bowen

Apr 9, 2024 7:30 PM • New
DLP policy (Sharepoint external sharing policy) matched for document (Building the Contoso Mark 8.pptx) in SharePoint
Megan Bowen

Apr 9, 2024 9:30 PM • New
DLP policy (Sharepoint external sharing policy) matched for document (MARK8-ElevatorPitch.pptx) in SharePoint
Megan Bowen

Apr 10, 2024 12:09 AM • New
DLP policy (Default policy for devices) matched for document (Mark 8 Performance Overview (1).zip) in a device
cpc-megan-czk48 Megan Bowen

Incident graph

DLP policy (Default policy for devices) mat...

What Happened

Megan Bowen copied a file to cloud "Mark 8 Performance Overview (1).zip" on an endpoint device.

Policy description

This policy detects the presence of credit card numbers in files on devices when users perform specific activities (such as printing a file). When detected, the activity is only audited (not blocked). Admins will receive an alert, but policy tips won't be displayed to users. You can edit these actions at any time.

Rule description

This rule is matched when the user uploads a zip file or pdf file from the endpoint

[View policy \(tab out\)](#)

Related events

RIVIS encrypted
No

Client country
None

Client IP location
None

Target domain
fastupload.io

Evidence file
Not available

All sensitive content activity by device
All activity by user
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User DLP violations for last 30 days
Go Hunt

User Role

 Megan Bowen
High user risk

Policy details

DLP policy matched
Default policy for devices

Rule matched
Default Endpoint DLP Policy Rule - Low

Multi-stage incident involving Initial access & Exfiltration on one endpoint report...

[Copilot](#) [Manage incident](#) [Tasks](#) ...

High | Active | abbe33@...
[Attack story](#) [Alerts \(293\)](#) [Assets \(7\)](#) [Investigations \(0\)](#) [Evidence and Response \(11\)](#) [Recommended actions \(4\)](#) [Summary](#) [Similar incidents \(1\)](#)
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Nov 14, 2024 2:28 PM • New
DLP policy (Default HR & Privacy Info Protection Policy) matched for document (Contoso Background Check Candidates.csv) in OneDrive
natasha...



Nov 14, 2024 2:28 PM • New
DLP policy (Default Finance Info Protection Policy) matched for document (Acquisition Strategy.docx) in OneDrive
natasha...



Nov 14, 2024 4:47 PM • New
Endpoint User Behavior Deviation Detection
CPC-mscot-556 natasha...



Nov 14, 2024 7:28 PM • New
Purview IRM ('73aad306') Project TNT - Alert
natasha...



Nov 14, 2024 7:33 PM • Resolved
Purview IRM ('72e4b685') Data leaks quick policy - 1/4/2024
natasha...



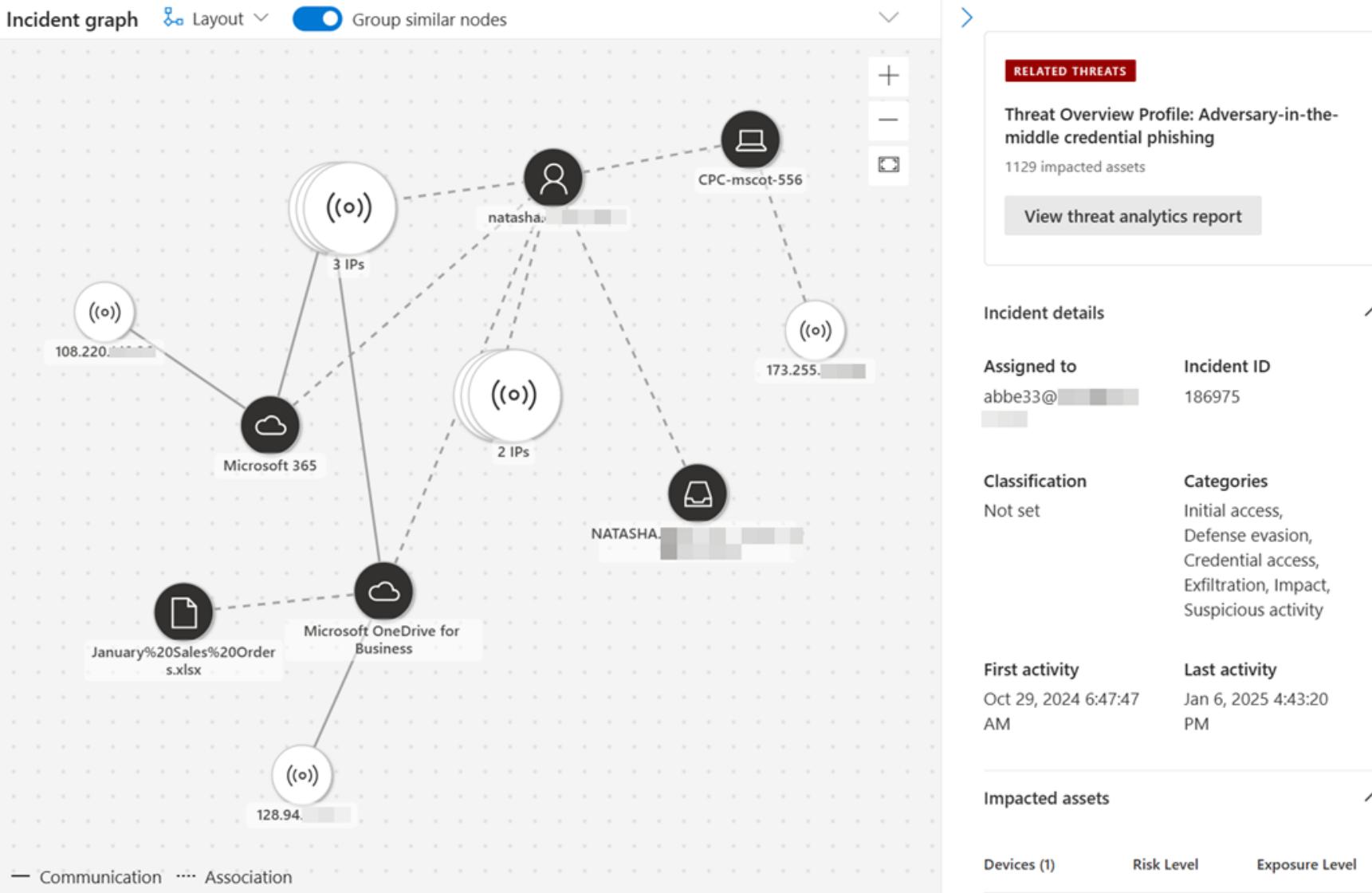
Nov 14, 2024 9:47 PM • New
Endpoint User Behavior Deviation Detection
CPC-mscot-556 natasha...



Nov 15, 2024 2:47 AM • New
Endpoint User Behavior Deviation Detection
CPC-mscot-556 natasha...



Incident graph

[Layout](#) [Group similar nodes](#)


RELATED THREATS

Threat Overview Profile: Adversary-in-the-middle credential phishing
1129 impacted assets

[View threat analytics report](#)

Incident details

Assigned to abbe33@... Incident ID 186975

Classification Not set Categories Initial access, Defense evasion, Credential access, Exfiltration, Impact, Suspicious activity

First activity Oct 29, 2024 6:47:47 AM Last activity Jan 6, 2025 4:43:20 PM

Impacted assets

Devices (1) Risk Level Exposure Level

Advanced hunting

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1 let InterestedDomains = (DataSecurityEvents
2 | where ActionType == "File upload to cloud"
3 | summarize ConfidentialFileCount = count() by TargetUrlDomain
4 | sort by ConfidentialFileCount desc
5 | project TargetUrlDomain, ConfidentialFileCount
6 | take 5);
7 let DistinctUserCount = (DataSecurityEvents
8 | where ActionType == "File upload to cloud"
9 | summarize DistinctUserCount = dcount(AccountUpn) by TargetUrlDomain
10 | project TargetUrlDomain, DistinctUserCount);
11 InterestedDomains
12 | join kind=innerunique DistinctUserCount on TargetUrlDomain
13 | project TargetUrlDomain, ConfidentialFileCount, DistinctUserCount
```

[Getting started](#)[Results](#)[Query history](#)[Export](#)[Show empty columns](#)[1 item](#) Search

00:00:582

Low

[Chart type](#)[Full screen](#)[Filters:](#)[Add filter](#)[TargetUrlDomain](#)[ConfidentialFileCount](#)[DistinctUserCount](#)[drive.google.com](#)

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MYTH 5

SOC does not need data security insights

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MYTH 5

SOC does not provide security insights



Enable your SOC to

- get better insights with data context
- correlate cyber attacks to internal threats

Key Recommendations:

- ★ Integrate Insider Risk Management and DLP Alerts into your SOC playbooks
- ★ Define an investigation process to verify and analyze risky and unusual behavior together with legal and HR

MYTH 6

My business will hate the IT for implementing data security





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One team - build upon experts

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Success in data security starts with a team that recognizes the challenge and brings diverse perspectives from day one.

MYTH 6

My business will hate the IT for implementing data security

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MYTH 6

My business will benefit from IT for implementing data security



Successful data security projects have

- Management attention and support
- Integration of Business and IT
- User Productivity in mind

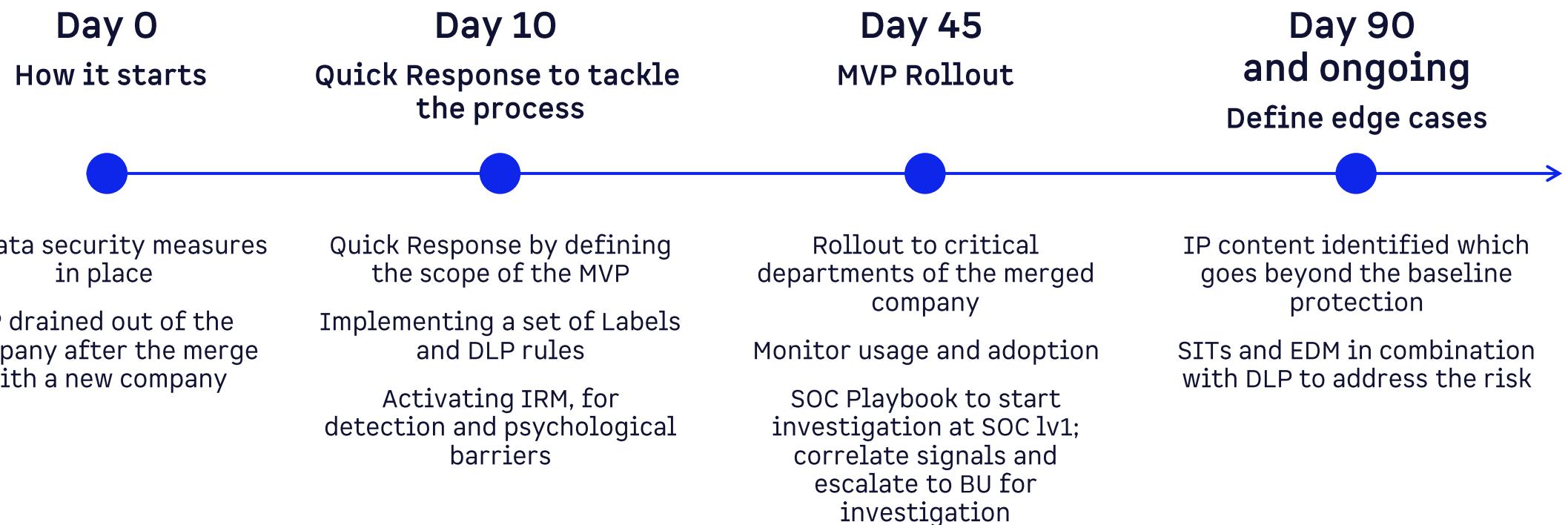
Key Recommendations:

- ★ Data Security is not an IT project
- ★ Build a interdisciplinary team
- ★ Let your users grow with the project, start simple, change only with care

Merger and Acquisition project

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From Zero to Hero



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Q&A





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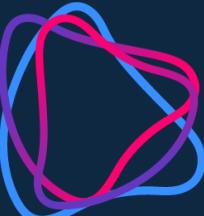
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