

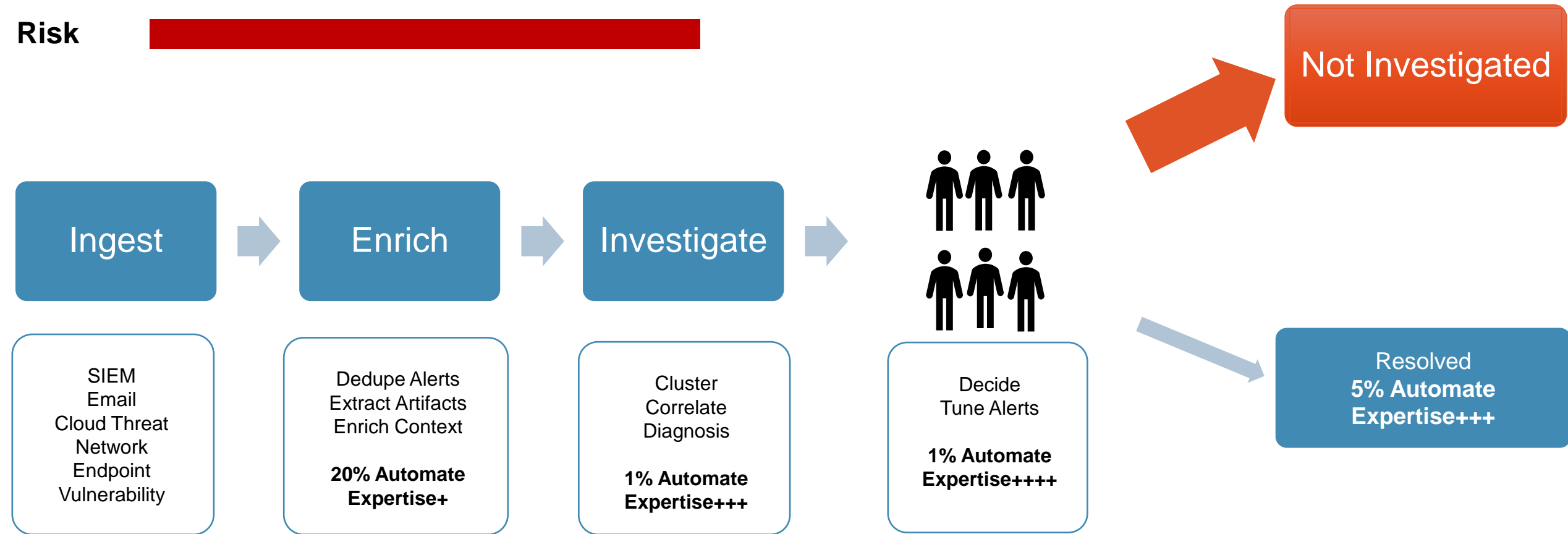
A man with short dark hair and glasses is shown in profile, covering his face with both hands. He is wearing a blue and white striped button-down shirt. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor setting with warm light.

## **Resolving Security Alerts with Augmented Intelligence**

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# Manual Security Investigation and Response (MSIR)



# Manual Security Investigation and Response (MSIR) + SOAR

Risk



Ingest



Enrich



Investigate



Not Investigated



Resolved  
**95% Automate**  
Expertise+

SIEM  
Email  
Cloud Threat  
Network  
Endpoint  
Vulnerability

Dedupe Alerts  
Extract Artifacts  
Enrich Context  
**90% Automate**  
Expertise+

Cluster  
Correlate  
Diagnosis  
**1% Automate**  
Expertise+++

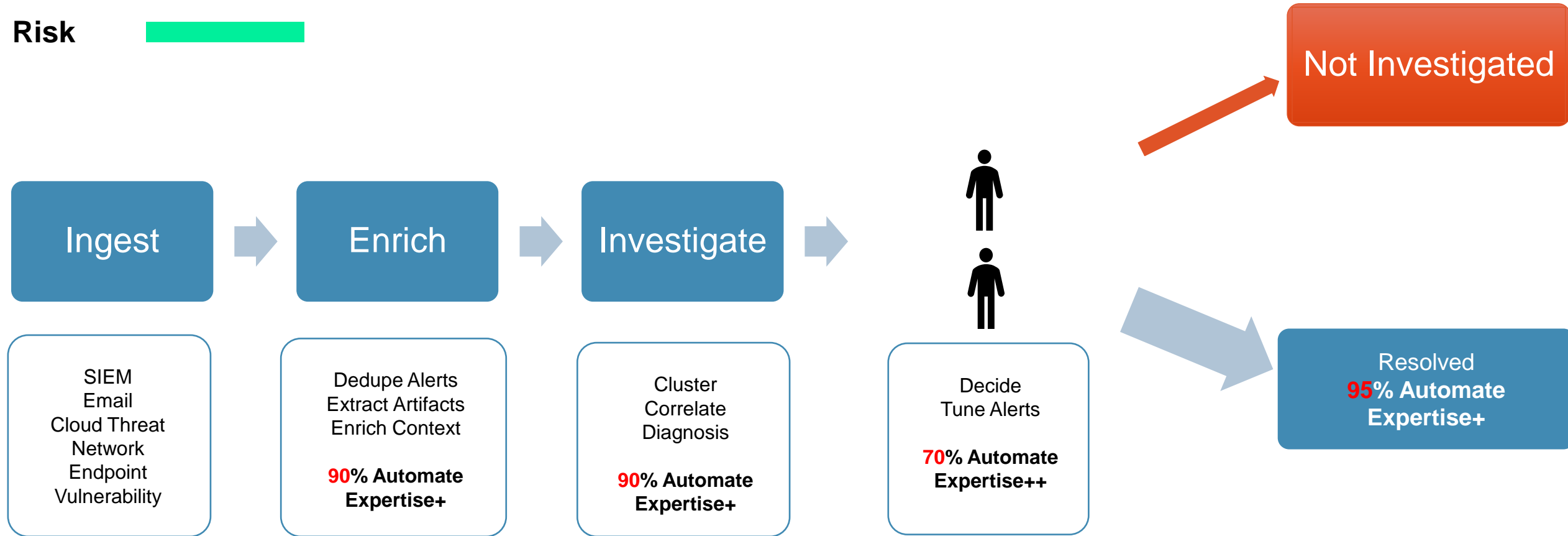
Decide  
Tune Alerts  
**1% Automate**  
Expertise++++

# Manual Security Investigation and Response (MSIR)

+ SOAR

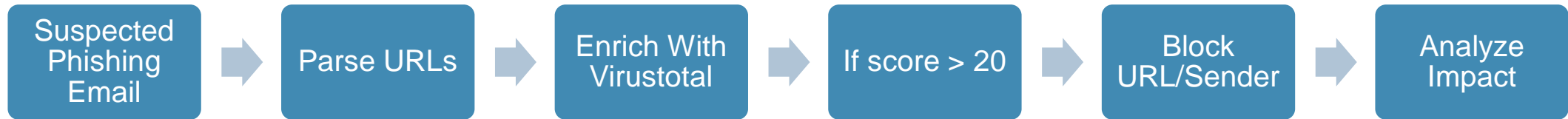
+ AI

Risk



# SOAR

- If you have a procedure in place, automate it with SOAR



Simplified Phishing IR workflow

# AI - Augmented Intelligence

## - Cluster Your Alerts

Alert 1 – End point detection:

Mike | Hadoop Server | Powershell.exe | 34.32.23.12 | Abnormal Connection Detection

Alert 2 – Network detection:

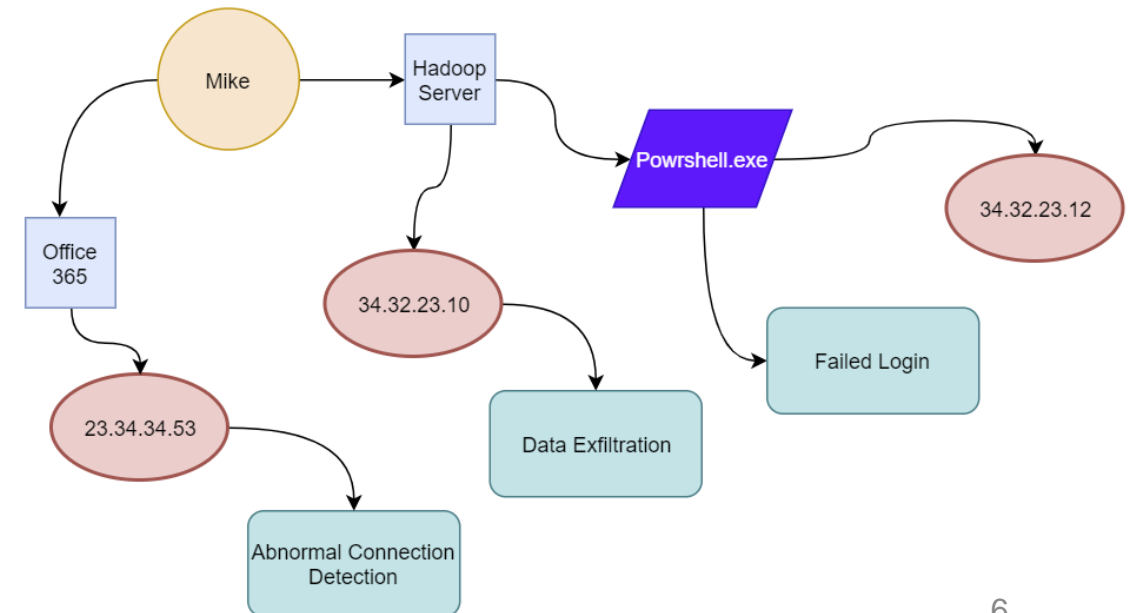
Hadoop Server | 34.32.23.10 | 200MB | Data exfiltration Detection

Alert 3 – Cloud detection:

Mike | 23.34.34.53 | Office 365 | 5 times | Failed Login

**Recommendation:**

Alert 1&2&3 belong to same group



# AI - Augmented Intelligence

## - Normal Pattern Recognition

← I weat



Samir  
@SBousseaden

@bluteamers what were some of the examples of benign process-exec-chains that alarmed you? here is one that I encountered recently and how to triage it quickly :) #threathunting

H	P	Q	R
command_line	original_file_name	parent_process_name	parent_process_path
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /d /s /c "whoami /groups /fo csv"	cmd.exe	Skype.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Skype for Desktop\Skype.exe
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /d /s /c "whoami /groups /fo csv"	cmd.exe	Skype.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Skype for Desktop\Skype.exe
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /d /s /c "whoami /groups /fo csv"	cmd.exe	Skype.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Skype for Desktop\Skype.exe
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /d /s /c "whoami /groups /fo csv"	cmd.exe	Skype.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Skype for Desktop\Skype.exe
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /d /s /c "whoami /groups /fo csv"	cmd.exe	Skype.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Skype for Desktop\Skype.exe
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /d /s /c "whoami /groups /fo csv"	cmd.exe	Skype.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Skype for Desktop\Skype.exe
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /d /s /c "whoami /groups /fo csv"	cmd.exe	Skype.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Skype for Desktop\Skype.exe
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /d /s /c "whoami /groups /fo csv"	cmd.exe	Skype.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Skype for Desktop\Skype.exe

```
Command Prompt
C:\Users\bousse>strings -n 8 c:\temp\Skype.exe | findstr /i cmd.exe
PINDSTR: Line 62631 is too long.
PINDSTR: Line 76569 is too long.
file = process.env.comspec || 'cmd.exe';
// '/d /s /c' is used only for cmd.exe.
// Don't use 'blue' not visible on cmd.exe
```

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← Tweet



EL Nino @El\_Nino\_4 · Aug 27

Replying to @SBousseaden

Been there a month ago! 😊



XrossBone @xrossbone1 · Aug 27

Replying to @SBousseaden

I've seen bigfix packages that run whoami before deploying...



David Germain @skydge · Aug 28

Replying to @SBousseaden

Windows update. Every once in a while.



The Cyber  
@r0wdy\_

Replying to @r0wdy\_ and @SBousseaden

Splunk and Nessus both love using long B64 powershell encoded commands to do stuff

Lots of legit stuff running whoami as system.

Office processes dropping cmd or making weird netcons

Explorer netcons

Recommendation:

bigfix -> whoami is normal



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## - Recommend Response to any alerts

### Variety Different Type Of Security Alerts

#### Detection

Network ACL Abnormal Detection

403 post to a response

405 method not allowed

sql map user agent

credential\_access\_aws\_iam\_assume\_role\_brute\_force

defense\_evasion\_file\_deletion\_via\_shred

defense\_evasion\_ec2\_network\_acl\_deletion

command\_and\_control\_certutil\_network\_connection.toml

credential\_access\_credential\_dumping\_msbuild.toml

defense\_evasion\_adding\_the\_hidden\_file\_attribute\_with\_via\_attrib.exe.toml

defense\_evasion\_clearing\_windows\_event\_logs.toml

defense\_evasion\_cve\_2020\_0601.toml

defense\_evasion\_delete\_volume\_usn\_journal\_with\_fsutil.toml

defense\_evasion\_deleting\_backup\_catalogs\_with\_wbadmin.toml

defense\_evasion\_disable\_windows\_firewall\_rules\_with\_netsh.toml

defense\_evasion\_encoding\_or\_decoding\_files\_via\_certutil.toml

defense\_evasion\_execution\_msbuild\_started\_by\_office\_app.toml

defense\_evasion\_execution\_msbuild\_started\_by\_script.toml

defense\_evasion\_execution\_msbuild\_started\_by\_system\_process.toml

defense\_evasion\_execution\_msbuild\_started\_renamed.toml

defense\_evasion\_execution\_msbuild\_started\_unusual\_process.toml

### Recommend Response

#### Network ACL abnormal detection response for non-web service:

- **Recommendation for Alert Investigation:**
  - identify the service that affected by the alert is a non-web service
- **Recommended Decision:**
  - it is likely to be true positive if the service is not a web service
- **Recommendation for True Alarm:**
  - using the api to describe the current network acl that associated with the service
    - details: Get-EC2NetworkAcl -NetworkAclId <String[]> -Filter <Filter[]> -MaxResult <Integer>
  - if only have default network ACL , use the aws api to create a customized ACL
    - details: New-EC2NetworkAcl -VpcId <String> -TagSpecification <TagSpecification[]>
  - add new ACL rule to associate with the non-web service
    - details: New-EC2NetworkAclEntry -NetworkAclId <String> -CidrBlock <String> -Icmp <Boolean>
  - if the network acl rule associated with the non-webservice is incorrect, delete the rule or modify it
  - resolve the alert
- **Recommendation for False Alarm:**
  - resolve the alert as false alarm



# AI - Augmented Intelligence

## - Recommend Personalized Action

### Block IP

*Your Environment: AWS*

Recommend Action:

```
$ aws waf-regional update-ip-set --ip-set-id bd37ef8c-102b-4d7a-9532-80fb97e4c281 --change-token c47ddcba-d128-4ec9-acd6-ce981c6655c5 --update
```

*Your Environment: Azure*

Recommend Action:

```
9 Add-AzureIpRestrictionRule -ResourceGroupName $ResourceGroupName -AppServiceName $AppServiceName -r
```

*Your Environment: GCP*

Recommend Action:

```
gcloud compute firewall-rules create deny-subnet1-webserver-access \  
  --network NETWORK_NAME \  
  --action deny \  
  --direction ingress \  
  --rules tcp \  
  --source-ranges 0.0.0.0/0 \  
  --priority 1000 \  
  --target-tags webserver
```

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## - Suggest Correlation

Alerts	Your Resolution
<a href="#">sender@gmail.com</a>   <a href="#">receiver@company.com</a>   does not have attachment	False positive
<a href="#">sender1@gmail.com</a>   <a href="#">receiver1@company.com</a>   does have attachment	False positive
<a href="#">sender2@gmail.com</a>   <a href="#">receiver2@company.com</a>   does not have attachment	True positive

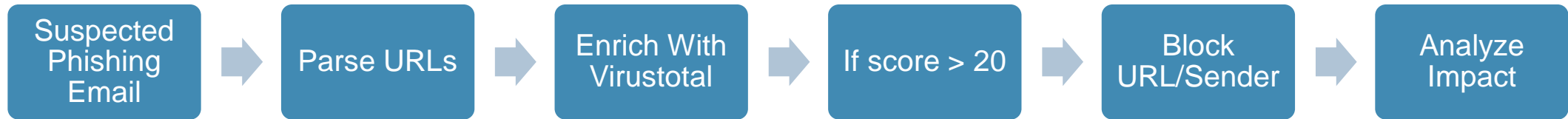


### Recommend Decision Insights:

“Does not have attachment” => “False positive” with 67% confidence

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## - SOAR Improvement Recommendation



### Recommendation:

Your score generates too many false positives alerts, please adjust to 30!

# Traditional AI = Black Box

## A Good AI System

Add New

Refresh/10 min

● Graph Cluster Patter...  
Interconnected Alert... | Email  
Recommend  
a minute ago

● FalsePositive patter...  
False Positive Patte... | Email  
Recommend  
5 minutes ago

● TruePositive pattern  
True Positive Patter... | Email  
Recommend  
5 minutes ago

● policy, company... | phishing, know...  
Similar Topics | Email  
Recommend  
5 minutes ago

● email.from  
Group Alerts | All  
3 months ago

Adaptive

Details:

Last 30 days ▾

Preview Group

Explanation: based on historical data, we find these attributes lead to true positive with high confidence.

We have created the following rules to group the alerts, you can enable or disable them as you need:

- contains Attachment: If the alert contain attachment then it is 70% likely to be True positive.
- contains Urls: If the alert contain urls then it is 68% likely to be True positive.
- Is Mal
- No Att
- contai
- contai

Edit

Delete

Transparent

Controllable

Testable

contains Attachment: If the alert contain attachment then it is 70% likely to be True positive.

Q Search

Alert Time ▴	Alert Name ▾	Alert Type ▾	Status: All ▾	Alert Source ▾	Score ▾	Owner: All ▾
Sep 2, 2020, 2:03:02 AM	Fwd: Test Email Confidential	Phishing	Resolved-TrueAlarm ▾	gsuite	1.00	jeff Bryan
Sep 2, 2020, 2:03:09 AM	Is this phishing?	Phishing	Open ▾	gsuite	1.00	jeff Bryan
Sep 2, 2020, 2:04:00 AM	FW: Recover Pending mails.[1]	Phishing	Resolved-TrueAlarm ▾	gsuite	1.00	jeff Bryan
Sep 2, 2020, 2:06:14 AM	Fwd: ip test eml	Phishing	Resolved-TrueAlarm ▾	gsuite	1.00	kevin Allen

# Summary

- **SOAR**
  - Set up a procedure and automate it
- **AI – Augmented Intelligence**
  - Discover unknown unknowns for you
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