



PAM Administration

Privileged Threat Analytics



Agenda

By the end of this session the participant will be able to:

- Describe the main functionality of **Privileged Threat Analytics (PTA)**
- Describe the different data sources used by the **PTA**
- Describe the different attacks and risks detected by the **PTA**
- Describe the alert flow by the **PTA**
- Configure and test **PTA** automatic responses
- Describe the session analysis and response flow



Overview: Privileged Threat Analytics



Privileged Threat Analytics

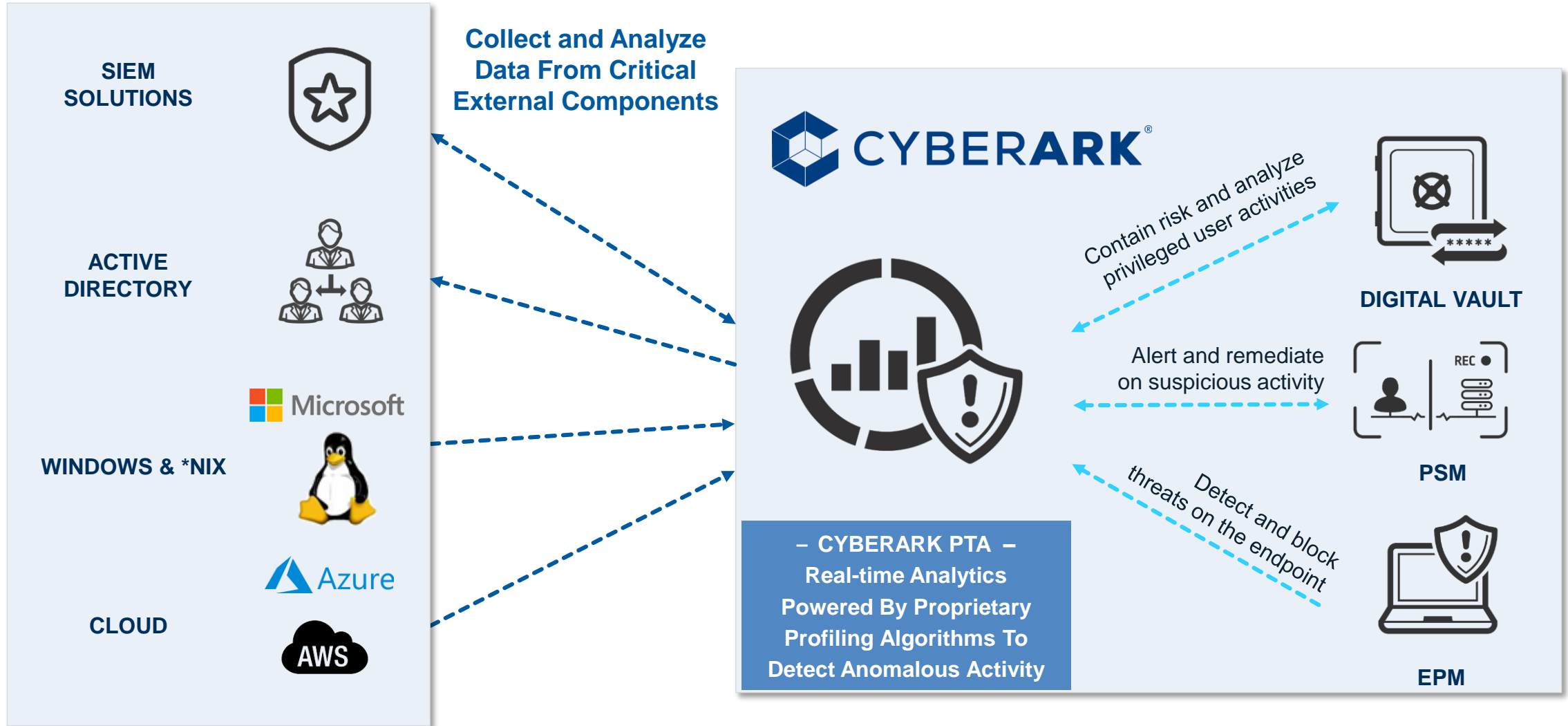


Collect

The **CyberArk Privileged Threat Analytics** collects data from a wide variety of sources



Collect and Analyze the Right Data



Detect

- ▶ Attacks that bypass security controls
- ▶ Statistical anomalies
- ▶ Active Directory risks



Abuse or Bypass of PAM Controls

PTA continuously monitors the use of privileged accounts that are managed by **CyberArk**, as well as privileged accounts that are not yet managed, and looks for indications of abuse or misuse of the **CyberArk** platform.

Such abuse or bypasses include:

- Unmanaged privileged access
- Suspected credential theft
- Suspicious password change
- Suspicious activities detected in a privileged session

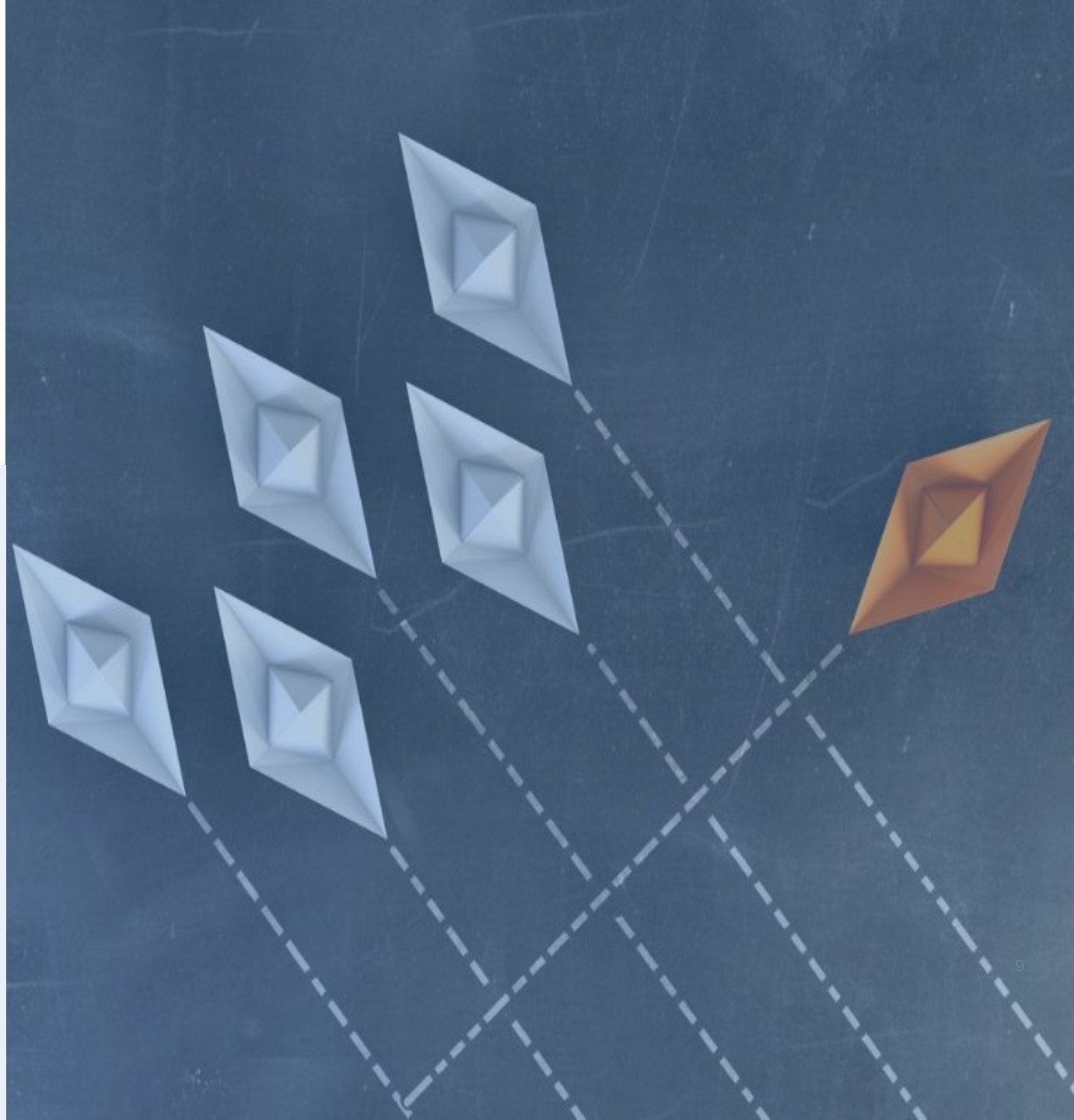


Statistical Anomalies

Using proprietary profiling algorithms, the **PTA** distinguishes in real time between normal and abnormal behavior and raises alerts when abnormal activity is detected.

Such abnormal behavior includes:

- Access to the Vault during irregular hours or days
- Access to the Vault from irregular IP addresses
- Excessive access to privileged accounts in the Vault
- Activity by dormant vault users



Active Directory Risks

PTA proactively monitors risks related to accounts in Active Directory that can be abused by attackers and sends alerts to the security team to handle these risks before attackers abuse them.

Such risks include:

- Unconstrained Delegation
- Dual Usage



PTA Detections

PTA DETECTION	VAULT	LOGS	AD	EPM
Suspected credentials theft				
Unmanaged privileged access				
Unconstrained delegation				
Service account logged on interactively				
Risky SPN				
Suspicious activities detected in a privileged session				
Privileged access to the Vault during irregular hours				
Excessive access to privileged accounts in the Vault				
Privileged access to the Vault from irregular IP				
Active dormant Vault user				
Machine accessed during irregular hours				



PTA Detections with EPM

PTA DETECTION	VAULT	LOGS	AD	EPM
Suspected LSASS credentials harvesting				
Suspected SAM hash harvesting				
Suspected credentials theft from Chrome				
Suspected credentials theft from Firefox				
Suspected credentials theft from VNC				
Suspected credentials theft from WinSCP				
Suspected credentials theft from service account				
Suspected domain credentials theft from local cache				



Alert

- ▶ Security Events
- ▶ Security Monitoring Navigation

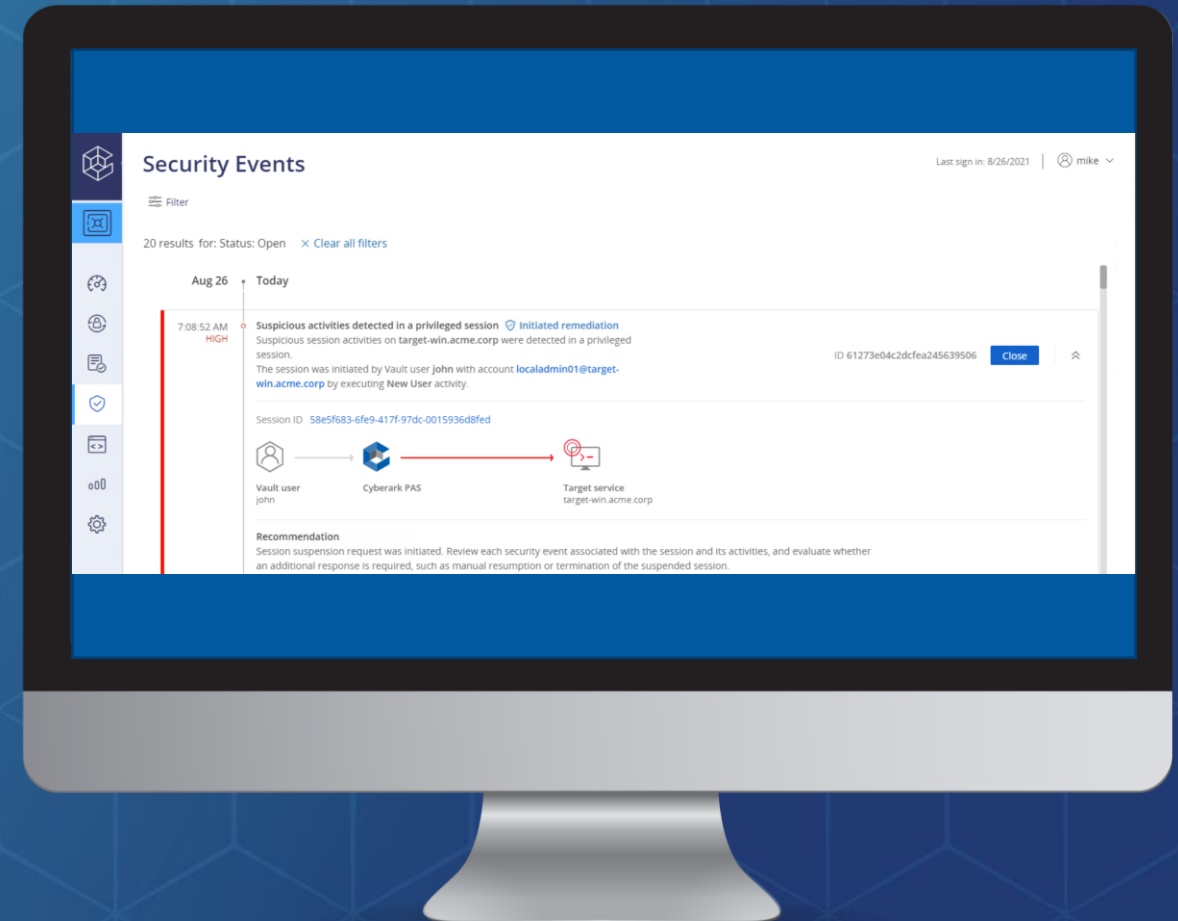


Alerts On Suspicious Activity and Behavior

PTA enables security teams to prioritize and respond to the most critical incidents.

Security events coming from the PTA:

- Are assigned risk scores based on severity of the detected anomaly
- Contain granular details related to the suspected attack
- Can easily be reviewed in the **PVWA** and/or in a SIEM dashboard



Security Events

- Visible in the **PVWA** under the **Security** pane
- You can review security events in the **PVWA** according to the timeline and filter the events to focus on specific groups of events based on:
 - Severity
 - Event Type
 - Date

Security Events

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Filter

31 results for: Status: Open × Clear all filters

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4:27:14 PM **HIGH** **Active session** Suspicious activities detected in a privileged session (2 occurrences) **Initiated remediation**

Suspicious session activities on target-lin were detected in a privileged session. The session was initiated by Vault user mike with account root03@target-lin by executing 2 activities. ID 6201485bc2dce2f543475c9b **Close** **Resume**

Session ID b073c9ec-557a-47cc-9739-6bbfbd6a61b3

Vault user mike → Cyberark PAS → Target service target-lin

First suspicious activity occurred 2 days ago.

Most retyped activities

- useradd mike (1 occurrence)
- passwd mike (1 occurrence)

Recommendation


Session suspension request was initiated. Review each security event associated with the session and its activities, and evaluate whether an additional response is required, such as manual resumption or termination of the suspended session.

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Security Event Compact View



Security Events



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 Filter

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3:58:54 PM
MEDIUM

 **Unmanaged privileged account**
Privileged account **root@target-lin** was used to access **target-lin**, although this account is not managed in CyberArk PAS.

ID 61f80752c2dc94b1f8fdbc8a [Close](#) 



Reviewing Security Events in the PVWA

The last time the event was detected.

The name of the event

Shown when remediation has been started.

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Resume



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Vault user
mike



Cyberark PAS



Target service
target-lin

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The score and severity of the event (high, medium, low).

Recommended action to take / Automatic remediation action that was taken

Easy Navigation: Security-Monitoring

The screenshot displays the CyberArk Security-Monitoring interface. On the left, a session alert is shown with a timestamp of 4:27:14 PM and a risk score of 90 HIGH. The alert title is "Active session Suspicious activities detected in a privileged session (2 occurrences)" and it indicates that remediation has been initiated. The description states that suspicious activities were detected on the target 'target-lin' in a privileged session initiated by Vault user 'mike' with account 'root03@target-lin' by executing 2 activities. A diagram below the text shows the flow from 'Vault user mike' to 'Cyberark PAS' and then to 'Target service target-lin'. A recommendation box suggests that a session suspension request was initiated and that further action like manual resumption or termination is required. A red box highlights the 'Session ID b073c9ec-557a-47cc-9739-6bbfbdaa61b3'. An orange arrow points from this ID to the 'Go to incident details' link in the right-hand panel. The right-hand panel shows the session details for 'mike connected as root03 on target-lin', including start and end times. It lists activities like 'passwd mike' and shows a 'Session risk score' of 90 HIGH. Another red box highlights the 'Go to incident details' link, which is also pointed to by an orange arrow from the session ID in the left panel. The bottom of the interface shows the date 'Feb 07 Monday'.

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Vault user **mike** → Cyberark PAS → Target service **target-lin**

Recommendation
Session suspension request was initiated. Review each security event associated with the session. If an additional response is required, such as manual resumption or termination of the suspended session, it must be initiated.

First suspicious activity occurred at 2/7/2022 04:26 PM

Most retyped activities
useradd mike (1 occurrence)
passwd mike (1 occurrence)

Go to Monitoring

mike connected as root03 on target-lin

Start: 2/7/2022 04:26 PM Duration: 00:20:52

Activities Details

● 90 HIGH Session risk score
Strongest impact activity/event [2/7/2022 04:27 PM] passwd mike

Security incident: Suspicious activities in a session ID: 6284185b-2d1c-2f51-9347-5a22

Go to incident details >

2 Activities in the session

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Respond

- ▶ Automatic Remediation
- ▶ PSM – PTA Integration
- ▶ Session Analysis and Response
- ▶ Risk-based Prioritization
- ▶ Configuring Session Analysis and Response Rules
- ▶ The Session Analysis and Response Life Cycle

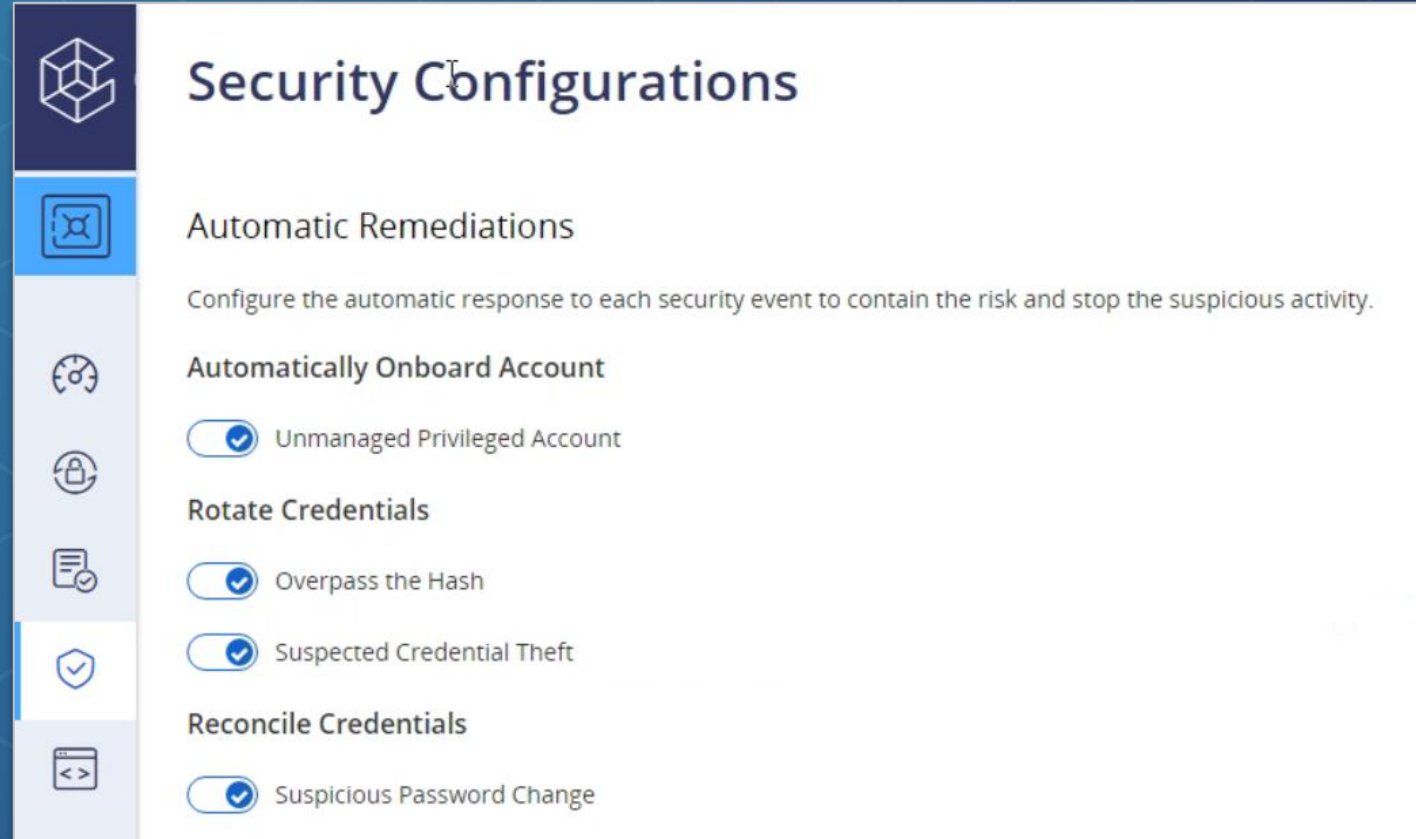


Respond with Automatic Remediations









Automatic response improves your organization's security posture and mitigates risk

PTA can contain in-progress attacks by automatically:

- Onboarding unmanaged accounts
- Rotating credentials
- Reconciling credentials



PSM – PTA Integration



Apply OK Cancel

Options

Search... Go

- Default Safe Authorizations
- Dual Control
- Ticketing Systems
- Connection Components
- Privileged Session Management UI**
- Search Sessions
- Account Details Session Recordings
- Live Session Details
- Recording Details
- Commands
- Streaming
- Privileged Session Management
- Reports
- Access Restriction
- Logging
- Caching
- Configuration References
- Privileged Account Request
- Applications UI Preferences

Properties

Name	Value
RedirectToRecordingDetailsOnPlay	No
ConnectPSMWithRDPActiveX	Never
NonIERemoteDesktopAccess	RDPFile
UseRemoteApp	Yes
PSMandPTAIntegration	Yes
DefaultConnectionMethod	RDP

Help

Notifications

Privileged Session Management UI
Defines the PSM interface options.

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 mike ▾



Session Analysis and Response

- Connecting the **PTA** and **PSM** leverages the analytic capabilities of the PTA, which receives details of PSM privileged sessions and user activities, analyzes them, and assigns a risk score to each session.
- Audit teams now can prioritize workloads based on risk scores.

The screenshot displays the 'Monitoring' section of the CyberArk interface. It features a sidebar with navigation icons and a main content area. The 'Recordings' tab is selected, showing a table of session recordings. The table has columns for Risk, User, Client, Account User Name, Account Address, Account Policy ID, Start, and Duration. A red box highlights the first four rows, all of which have a risk score of 90. The table also includes a 'Play' button for each row. The interface includes a filter icon, a 'Filter' label, and a 'Clear all filters' link. The top right corner shows the user 'mike' and the last sign-in time '2/9/2022'.

Monitoring

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Filter

Recordings » Active sessions

25 results for: From: 2/7/2022 12:00 AM , To: 2/9/2022 11:59 PM [Clear all filters](#)


[Additional details & actions in classic interface](#)

Risk ↓	User	Client	Account User Name	Account Address	Account Policy ID	Start	Duration	
90	mike	SSH	logon01	10.0.0.20	LINSSH30	2/9/2022 02:00 PM	00:00:09	Play
90	mike	SSH	logon01	10.0.0.20	LINSSH30	2/9/2022 01:49 PM	00:01:32	Play
90	mike	PSMP-SSH	root03	target-lin	LINTest	2/7/2022 04:26 PM	00:20:52	Play video (V9 UI)
90	mike	PSMP-SSH	root03	target-lin	LINTest	2/7/2022 04:14 PM	00:02:08	Play video (V9 UI)
-	mike	SSH	root03	target-lin	LINSSH30	2/7/2022 11:18 AM	00:00:21	Play
-	mike	SSH	logon03	10.0.0.20	LINSSH30	2/7/2022 11:05 AM	00:13:02	Play
-	mike	PSMP-SSH	logon01	10.0.0.20	LINSSH30	2/7/2022 10:57 AM	00:00:23	Play video (V9 UI)




Session Analysis and Response

Once the **PTA** and **PSM** are integrated, we can configure **Privileged Session Analysis and Response** rules to execute automatic session suspension or termination during high-risk user activity, thereby reducing response times and the risk of damage to the organization.



Security Configurations



Privileged Session Analysis and Response

Assign a risk score and automatic response to high-risk activities detected during recorded user sessions.

Add rule

Category	Pattern	Sc.	Description	Response	Status	
SSH	(.*)history(.*)	70	Represents a set of commands that may ...	None	Active	Edit
SSH	(.*)authorized_keys(.*)	60	Manipulation of SSH keys on the machin...	None	Active	Edit
SSH	(.*)sudoers(.*)	80	Manipulation of the sudoers file. Could i...	None	Active	Edit
SSH	(.*)passwd(.*)	90	Access to passwd files exposes sensitive ...	Suspend	Active	Edit
SSH	(.*)\\(DENIED\\)(.*)	90	An indication of a restricted command ex...	None	Active	Edit
Windows titles	Registry Editor(.*)	65	Indication of access to the operating syst...	None	Active	Edit
Windows titles	Windows Firewall with Advanced ...	70	Modification of the security configuration...	None	Active	Edit
Windows titles	Internet Properties	60	Modification of the network configuratio...	None	Active	Edit

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mike



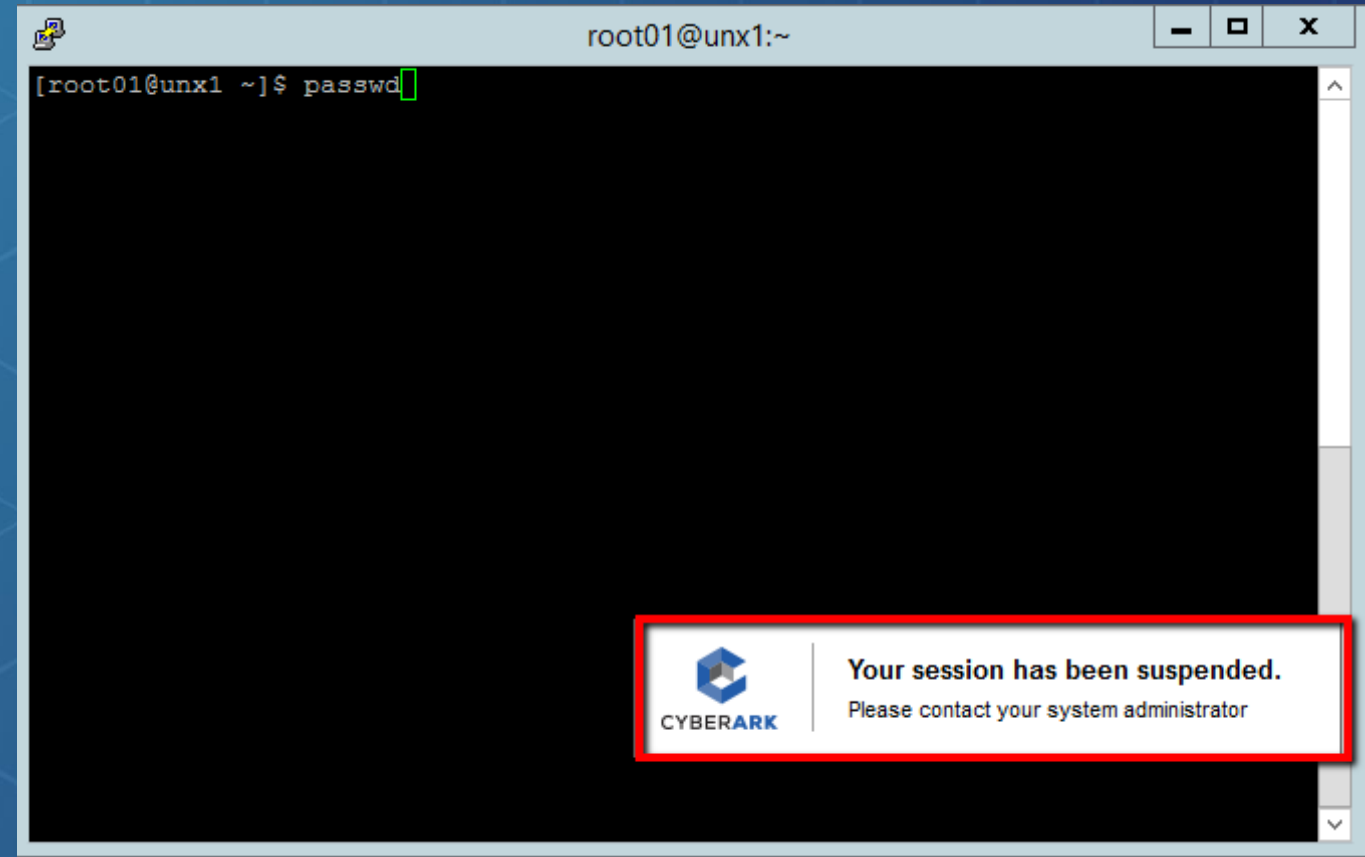
Risk-based Prioritization



Configuring Rules

- You can add new rules or customize existing rules for session analysis and response
- The scope of a rule can be granularly applied to different **Vault** users, accounts, and machines.
- In the event of high-risk activity, the **PTA** can also be configured to terminate or suspend the session.

CyberArk recommends that each organization study the predefined set of rules for suspicious session activities and then modify and add rules according to their needs.



Configuring Rules

Rules are defined by:

- **Category**
 - SSH
 - Universal Keystrokes
 - SCP
 - SQL
 - Windows title
- **Pattern:** a regular expression to be monitored
- **Session response**
 - Suspend
 - Terminate
 - None
- **The threat Score (1-100)**
- **Scope:** To whom or what the rule will apply

Edit Rule

Category: SSH

Pattern: (.)passwd(.*)

Session response: ☒ Suspend, ☐ Terminate, ☐ None

Score: 90 (Set score (1 - 100))

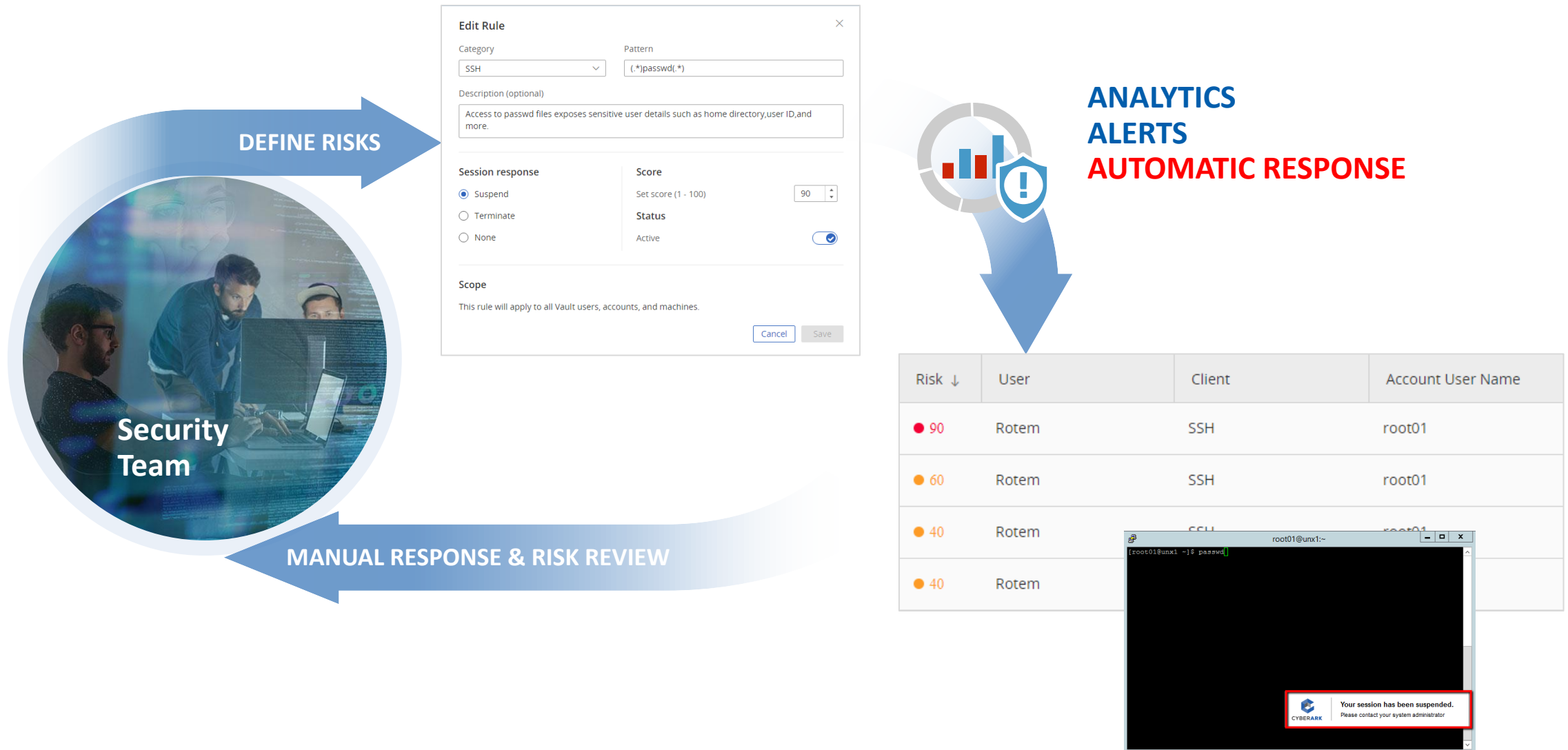
Status: Active (toggle on)

Scope: This rule will apply to all but 1 Vault users, all accounts and all machines. [Change scope >>](#)

Buttons: Cancel, Save



Session Analysis and Response Life Cycle



Demos

In this section we will review recorded demos of threat detection and automatic response demos in:

- Windows
- AWS



Privileged Threat Detection and Automatic Response Demo: Windows



Privileged Threat Detection and Automatic Response Demo: AWS



Detect and Respond to Privileged Risks in the Cloud

To help address the challenge of monitoring Privileged Cloud users and detecting, alerting, and responding to high-risk privileged access, the **PTA** can be now used to improve the efficiency of Cloud security teams and to secure threats within Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft Azure.

- The following capabilities are supported for AWS:
 - Detect unmanaged Access Keys and Passwords for IAM accounts
 - Detect compromised privileged IAM accounts
 - Detect compromised EC2 accounts
- The following capabilities are supported for Azure:
 - Detect unmanaged privileged access
 - Detect suspected credential theft



Summary



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In this session we:

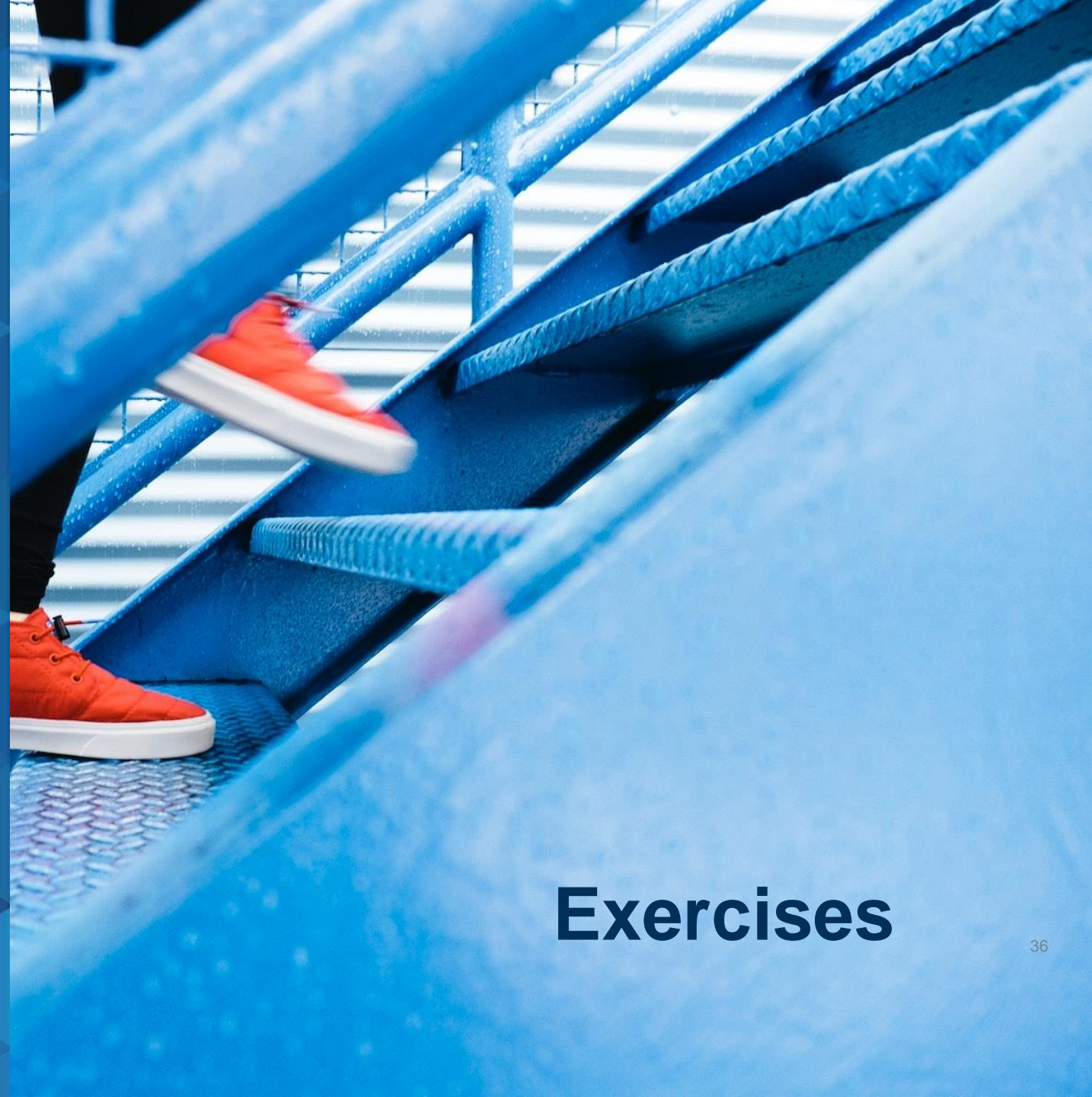
- Looked at overview of the main functionality of the PTA
- Viewed the different data sources used by the PTA
- Described the different attacks and risks detected by the PTA
- Discussed the alert flow by the PTA
- Looked at the PTA's automatic responses
- Described the session analysis and response flow
- Viewed some videos demonstrating PTA functionality



You may now complete the following exercise:

Privileged Threat Analytics

- Detections and Automatic remediation for UNIX/Linux
 - Unmanaged Privileged Access
 - Suspected Credential Theft and Automatic Password Rotation
 - Suspicious Password Change and Automatic Reconciliation
 - Suspicious activities in a Unix session and automatic suspension
 - Security Rules Exceptions
- Detections and Automatic Remediation for Windows
 - Unmanaged Privileged Access
 - Suspicious Activities in a Windows Session and Automatic Suspension
- Connect to the PTA Administration Interface



Exercises