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**1. Operational Definition:** A stress-induced response characterized by hostile or overly forceful interactions with systems, tools, or colleagues, often leading to procedural bypasses, configuration errors, or a toxic team environment.

### 2. Main Metric & Algorithm:

- **Metric: Aggressive Interaction Rate (AIR).** Formula:  $AIR = (N_{\text{aggressive\_commands}} + N_{\text{hostile\_messages}}) / N_{\text{total\_interactions}}$ .
- **Pseudocode:**

python

```
def calculate_air(employee_id, start_date, end_date):
    # Query command line history for aggressive patterns (e.g., force flags, bulk deletion)
    cmd_logs = query_siem(index='linux_audit', search=f'user:{employee_id} (rm * -rf | kill')
    n_aggressive_cmds = count(cmd_logs)

    # Query communication platforms for hostile language
    messages = query_teams_api(employee_id, start_date, end_date)
    hostile_keywords = ["idiot", "useless", "why bother", "broken", "fix it now", "dumb"]
    n_hostile_msgs = count_messages_containing(messages, hostile_keywords)

    # Get total interaction count for normalization
    total_cmds = query_siem(index='linux_audit', search=f'user:{employee_id}', result_count=True)
    total_msgs = count(messages)
    total_interactions = total_cmds + total_msgs

    if total_interactions > 0:
        air = (n_aggressive_cmds + n_hostile_msgs) / total_interactions
    else:
        air = 0
    return air
```

- **Alert Threshold:**  $AIR > 0.05$  (5% of interactions are aggressive) over a one-week period.

### 3. Digital Data Sources (Algorithm Input):

- **SIEM (e.g., Splunk):** Index `linux_audit` or `windows_events`, fields `user`, `command`.
- **Communication Platform API (e.g., Microsoft Graph API for Teams):** `sender`, `body`, `timestamp`.

**4. Human-to-Human Audit Protocol:** Team lead observation and anonymous 360-degree feedback from peers. Sample questions: “Have you observed a colleague bypassing security controls out of frustration?” “Does anyone on the team use hostile or demeaning language when systems fail?”

## 5. Recommended Mitigation Actions:

- **Technical/Digital Mitigation:** Implement technical safeguards like `--no-preserve-root` protection on `rm` commands and require dual approval for critical, destructive actions.
- **Human/Organizational Mitigation:** Provide conflict resolution and stress management training. Foster a blameless post-mortem culture.
- **Process Mitigation:** Introduce a “cool-down” protocol where a frustrated analyst can hand over a task to a colleague without penalty.