



# Protecting Critical Infrastructure from Cyberattacks

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## Our unique vantage point

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signals synthesized daily, using sophisticated data analytics and AI algorithms to understand and protect against digital threats and criminal cyberactivity.

8,500+

engineers, researchers, data scientists, cybersecurity experts, threat hunters, geopolitical analysts, investigators, and frontline responders across 77 countries.

15,000+

partners in our security ecosystem who increase cyber resilience for our customers.

37bn

email threats  
blocked

34.7bn

identity threats  
blocked

2.5bn

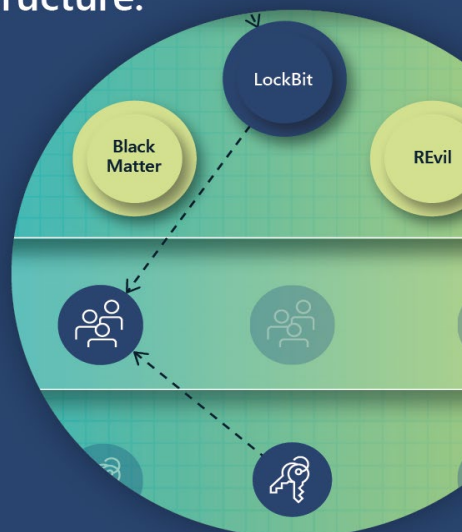
endpoint signals  
analyzed daily

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

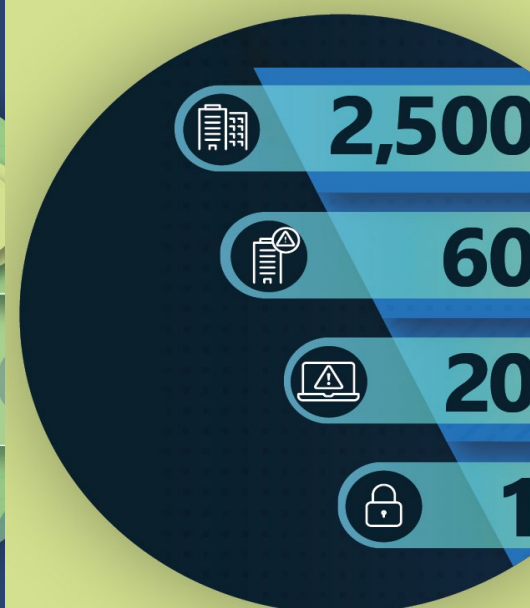
# The State of Cybercrime: Key takeaways

Cybercrime continues to rise as the industrialization of the cybercrime economy lowers the skill barrier to entry by providing greater access to tools and infrastructure.

The threat of ransomware and extortion is becoming more audacious with attacks targeting governments, businesses, and critical infrastructure.



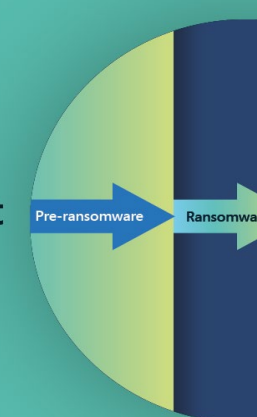
Human operated ransomware is most prevalent, as one-third of targets are successfully compromised by criminals using these attacks and 5% of those are ransomed.



Credential phishing schemes which indiscriminately target all inboxes are on the rise and business email compromise, including invoice fraud, poses a significant cybercrime risk for enterprises.



The most effective defense against ransomware includes multifactor authentication, frequent security patches, and Zero Trust principles across network architecture.

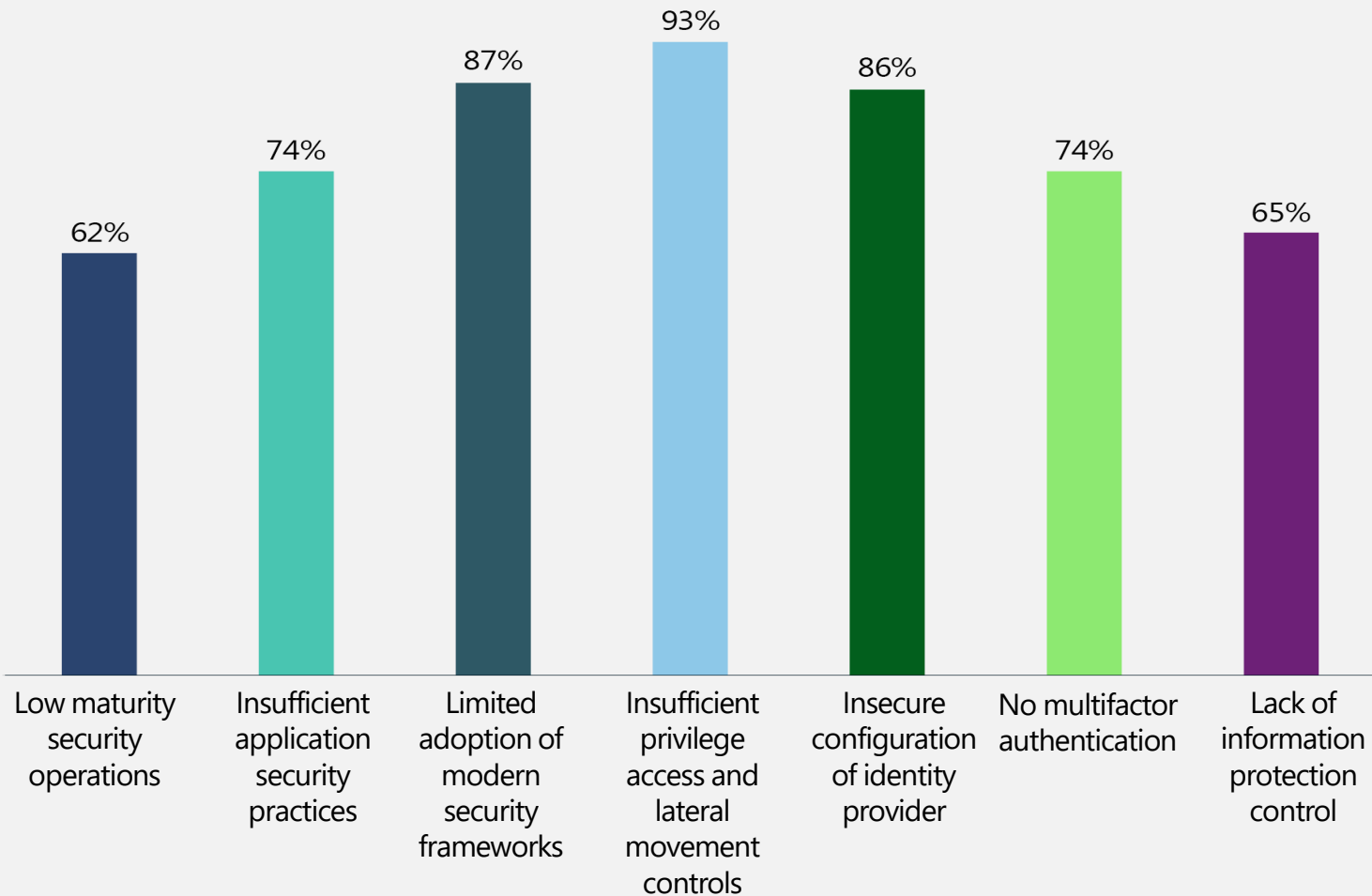


To disrupt the malicious infrastructures of cybercriminals and nation state actors, Microsoft relies on innovative legal approaches and our public and private partners.

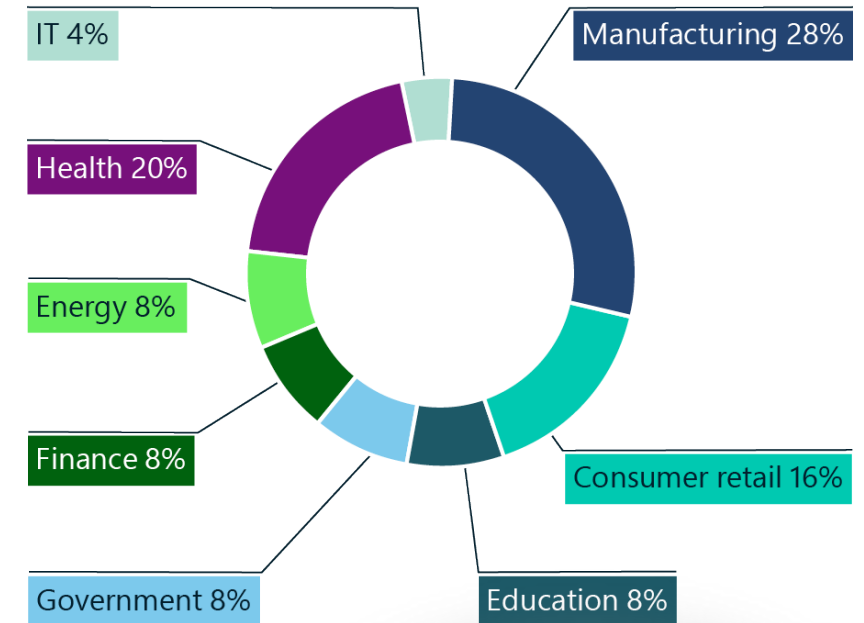




# Ransomware insights from frontline responders



## Ransomware incident and recovery engagements by industry



# 93%

of Microsoft ransomware recovery investigations revealed insufficient controls on privilege access and lateral movement.

# Nation State Threats: Key takeaways

Increased targeting of critical infrastructure particularly IT sector, financial services, transportation systems, and communications infrastructure.

IT supply chain being used as a gateway to access targets.

NOBELIUM

Vulnerability publicly disclosed

14 days

60 days

Patch released

Exploitation in wild

POC code released on GitHub

China expanding global targeting especially smaller nations in Southeast Asia, to gain intelligence and competitive advantage.



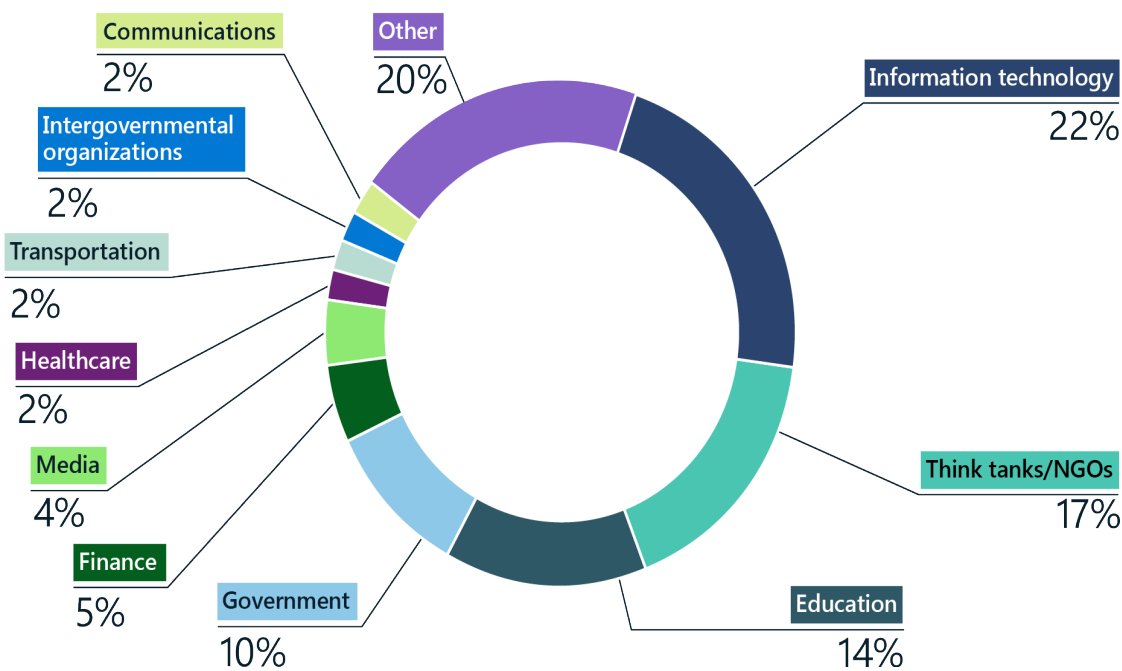
North Korea targeted defense and aerospace companies, cryptocurrency, news outlets, defectors, and aid organizations, to achieve regime's goals: to build defense, bolster the economy, and ensure domestic stability.

Iran grew increasingly aggressive following power transition, expanded ransomware attacks beyond regional adversaries to US and EU victims, and targeted high profile US critical infrastructure.

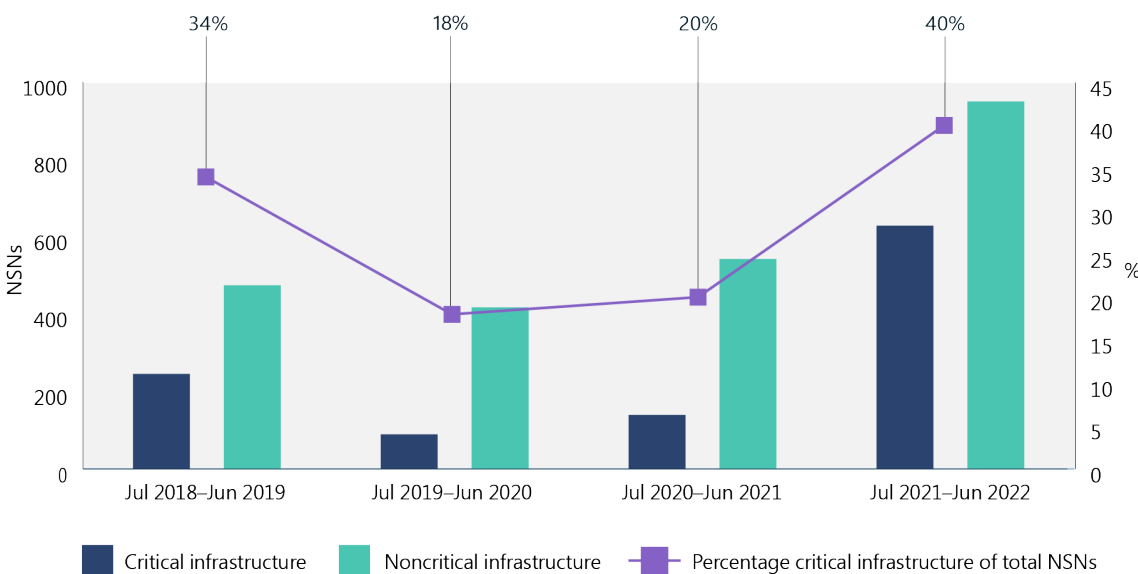
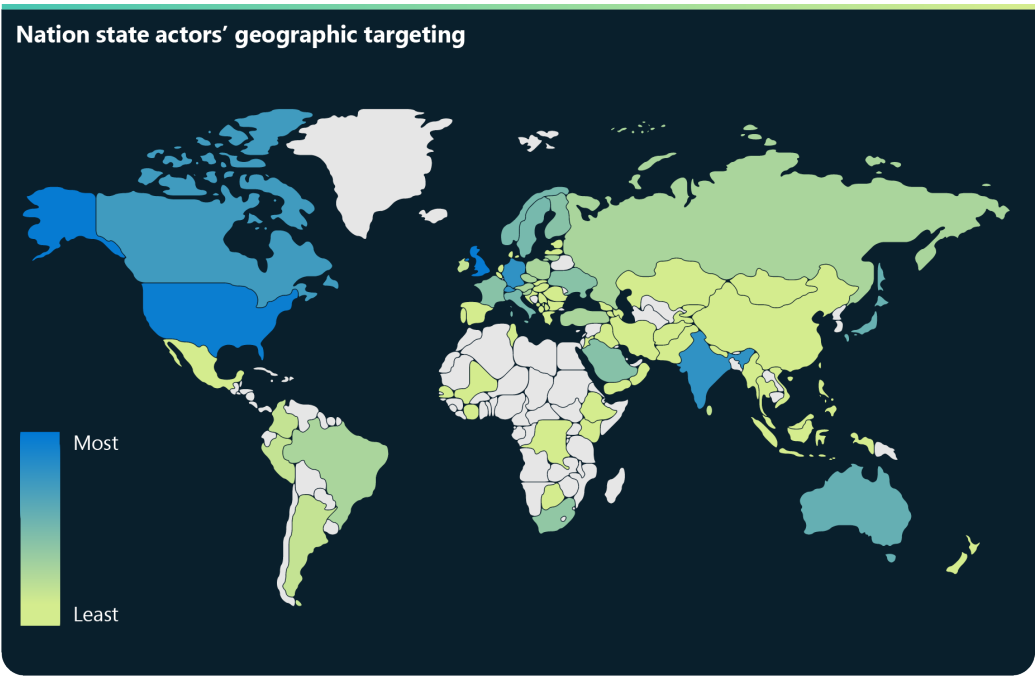
Cyber mercenaries threaten the stability of cyberspace as this growing industry of private companies is developing and selling advanced tools, techniques, and services to enable their clients (often governments) to break into networks and devices.

# The evolving threat landscape

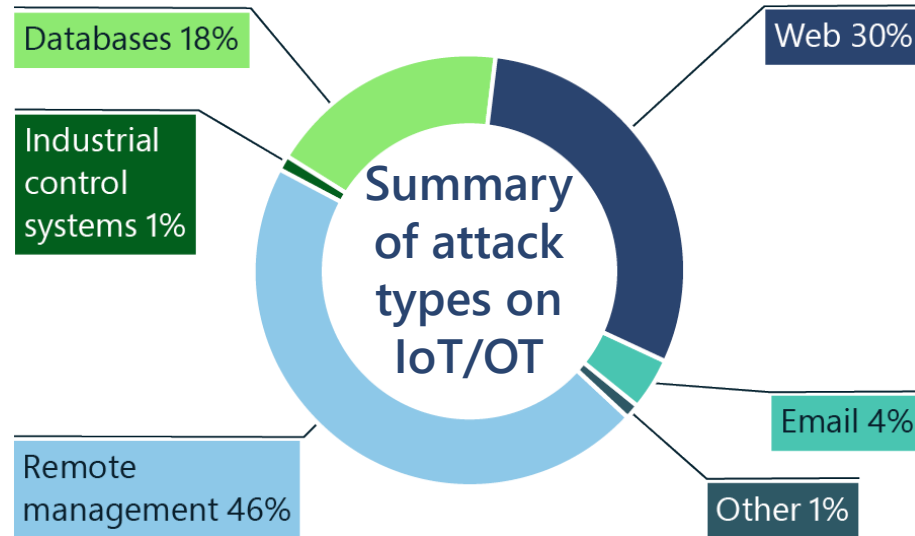
Industry sectors targeted by nation state actors



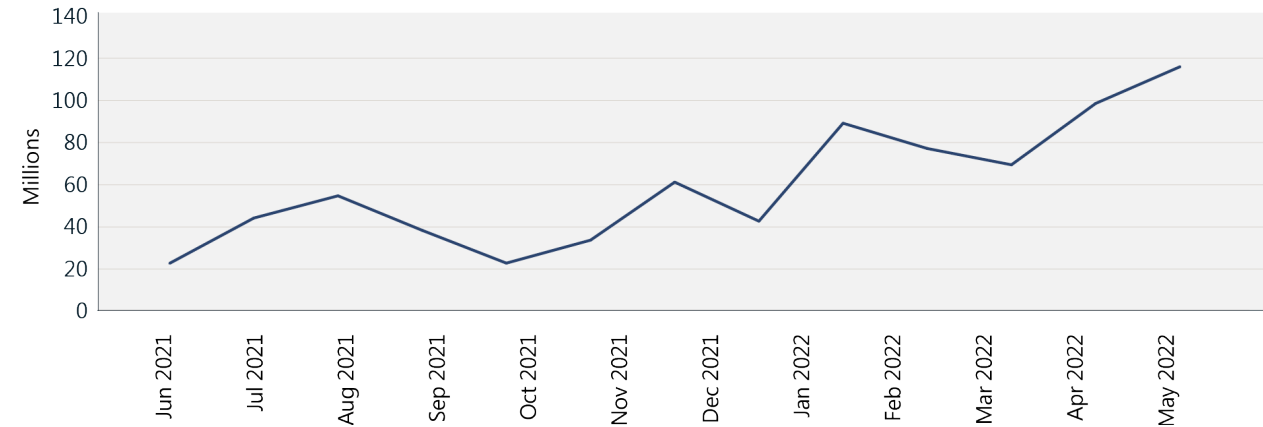
Nation state targeting of critical infrastructure increased in the past year



# IoT attacks and weaknesses



Attacks against remote management devices



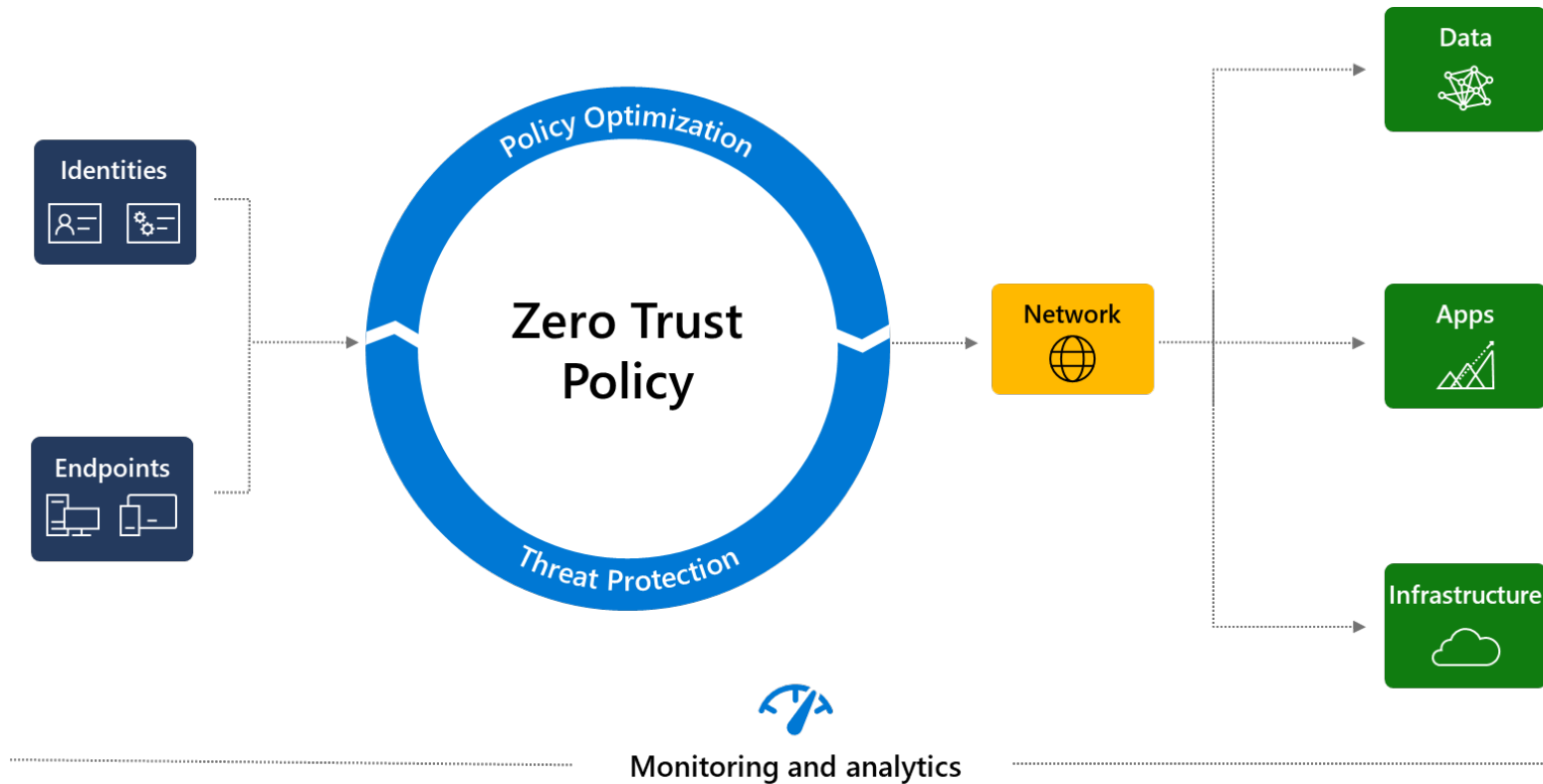
**32%**  
of firmware  
images  
analyzed  
contained at  
least 10 known  
critical  
vulnerabilities.

## Security weaknesses in firmware images analyzed:



# Secure your organization with a Zero Trust strategy

Increase security assurances for your critical business assets



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INFRASTRUCTURE  
SECURITY AGENCY



Zero Trust Maturity Model

CANADIAN CENTRE <sup>FOR</sup>  
**CYBER SECURITY**

Zero Trust security model - ITSAP.10.008

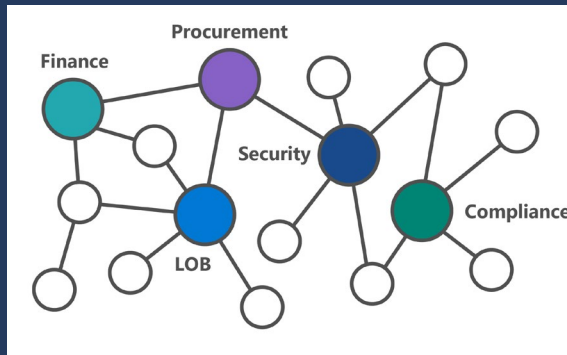
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# Supplier ecosystem risk management

Siloed environments pose challenges to risk assessment and management

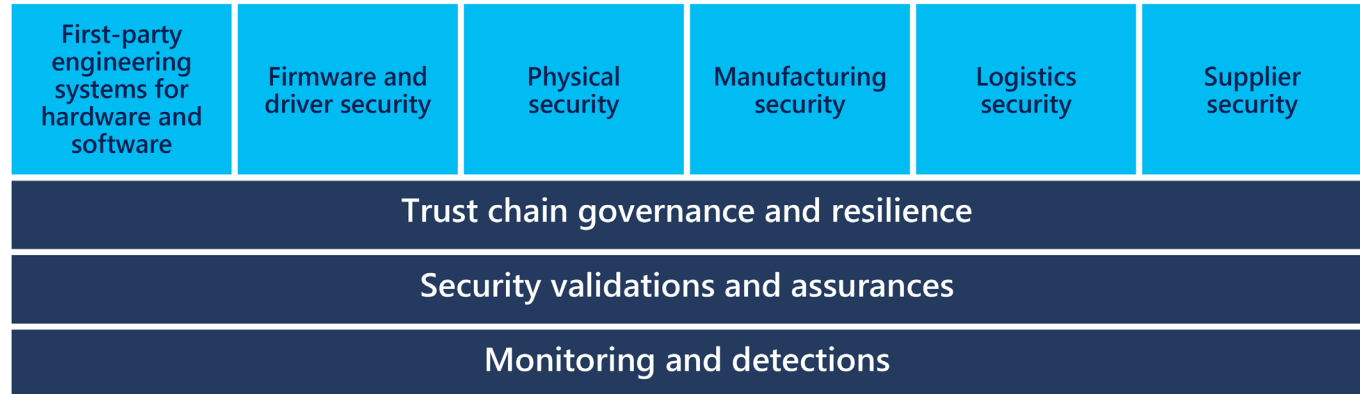


## Priorities for a Zero Trust security model for supplier ecosystem risk

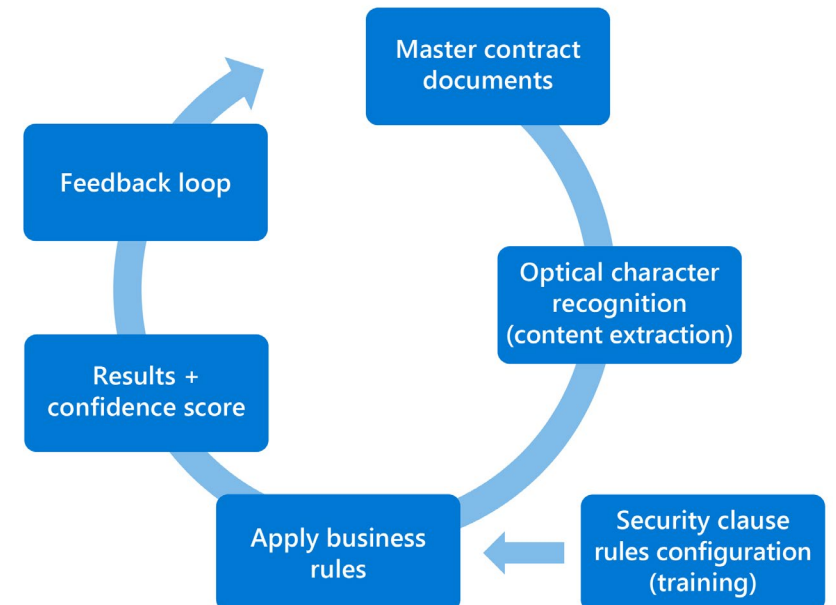
- Institute MFA
- Customize solutions
- Greater visibility into who has access

# How we think about supply chain

Nine areas of investment for a secure end-to-end supply chain



Leveraging machine learning for continuous security monitoring of suppliers



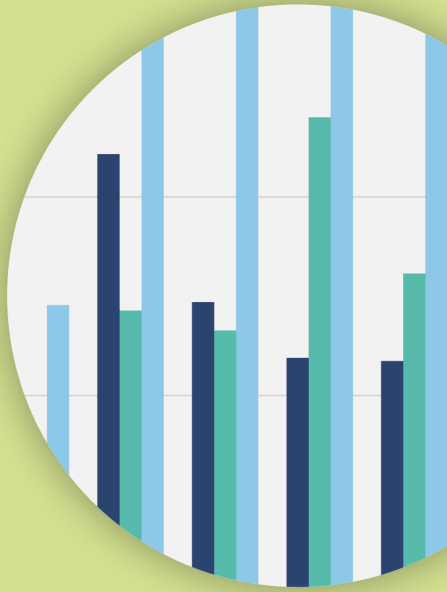
# Cyber Resilience: Key takeaways

Effective cyber resiliency requires a holistic, adaptive approach to withstand evolving threats to core services and infrastructure.

Modernized systems and architecture are important for managing threats in a hyperconnected world.



While password-based attacks remain the main source of identity compromise, other types of attacks are emerging.



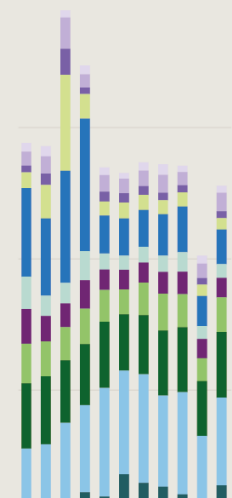
The vast majority of successful cyberattacks could be prevented by using basic security hygiene.



Basic security posture is a determining factor in advanced solution effectiveness.

The human dimension of resilience to cyber influence operations is our ability to collaborate and cooperate.

Over the past year, the world experienced DDoS activity that was unprecedented in volume, complexity, and frequency.







# The cyber resilience bell curve

Resilience success factors every organization should adopt

# 98%

Basic security hygiene still protects against 98% of attacks



-  Enable multifactor authentication
-  Apply Zero Trust principles
-  Use modern anti-malware
-  Keep up to date
-  Protect data

**Foster a culture of cybersecurity**



Illuminating the threat landscape  
and empowering a digital defense.

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