



IAM Excellence Day 2026 – Digital Identities in the age of AI

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AI by Attackers

AI-Powered Phishing & Account Takeover

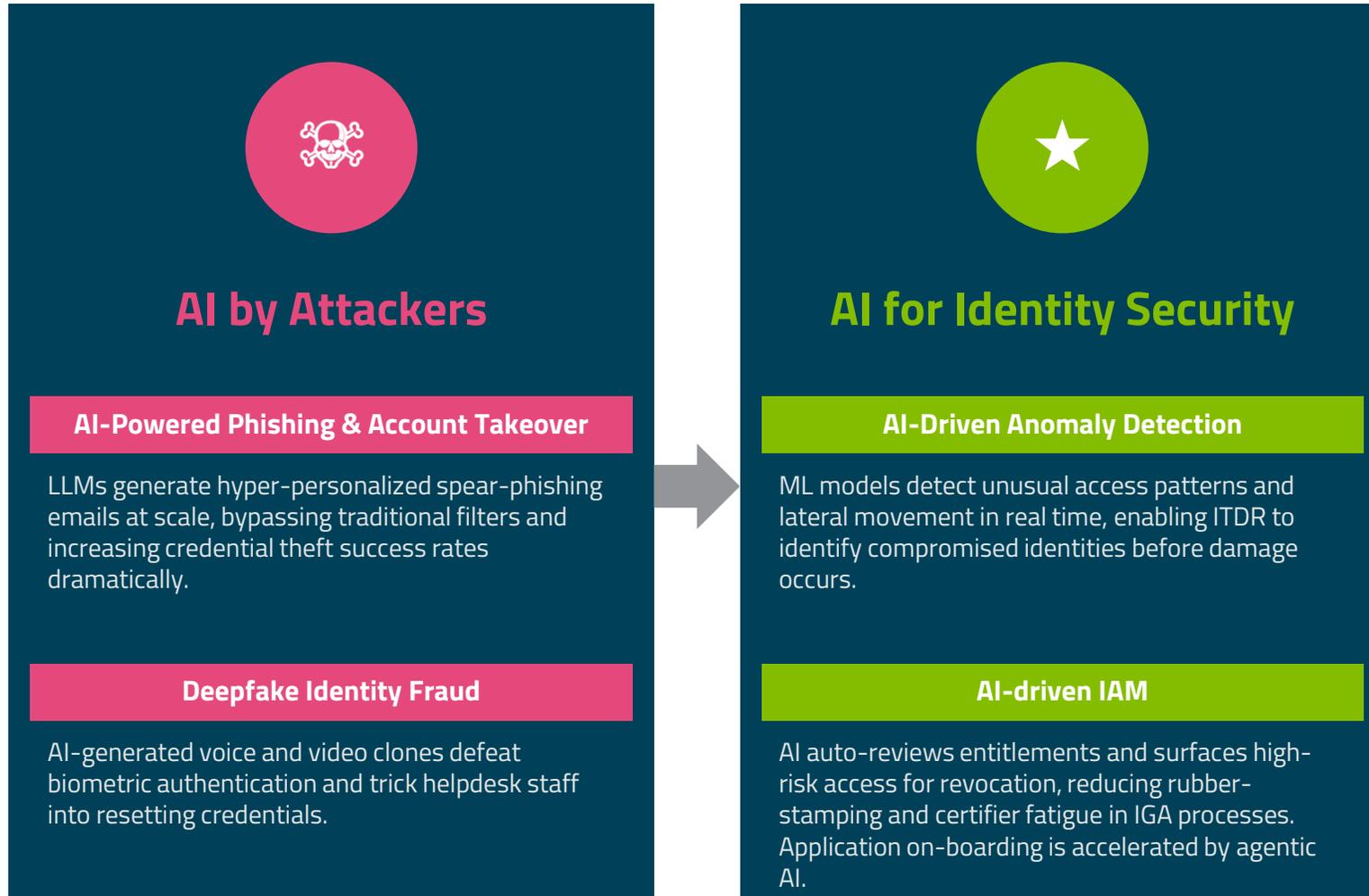
LLMs generate hyper-personalized spear-phishing emails at scale, bypassing traditional filters and increasing credential theft success rates dramatically.

Deepfake Identity Fraud

AI-generated voice and video clones defeat biometric authentication and trick helpdesk staff into resetting credentials.

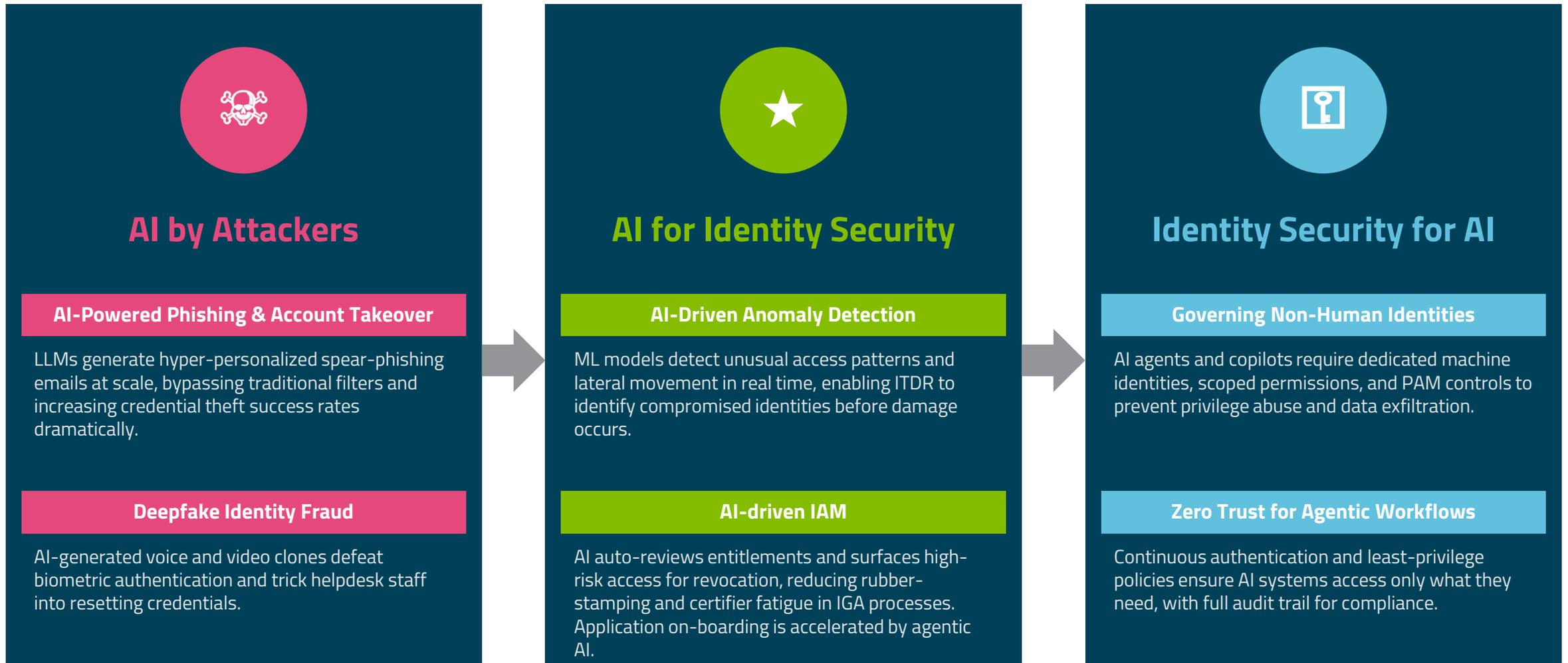
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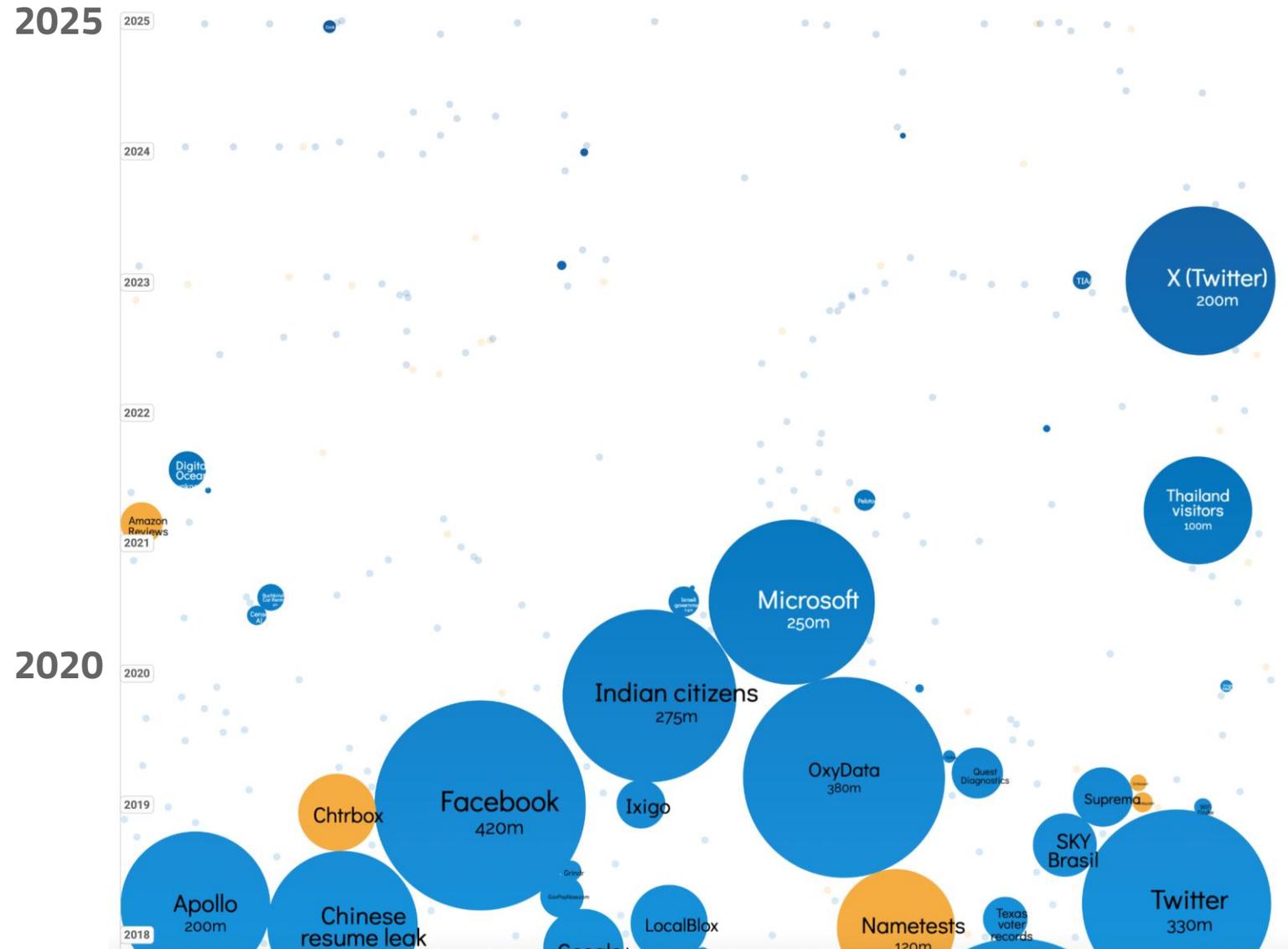
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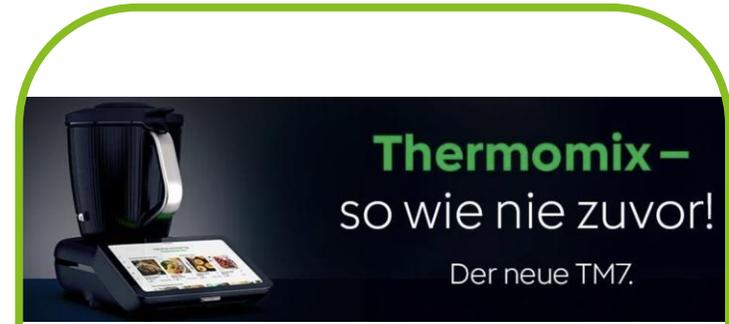
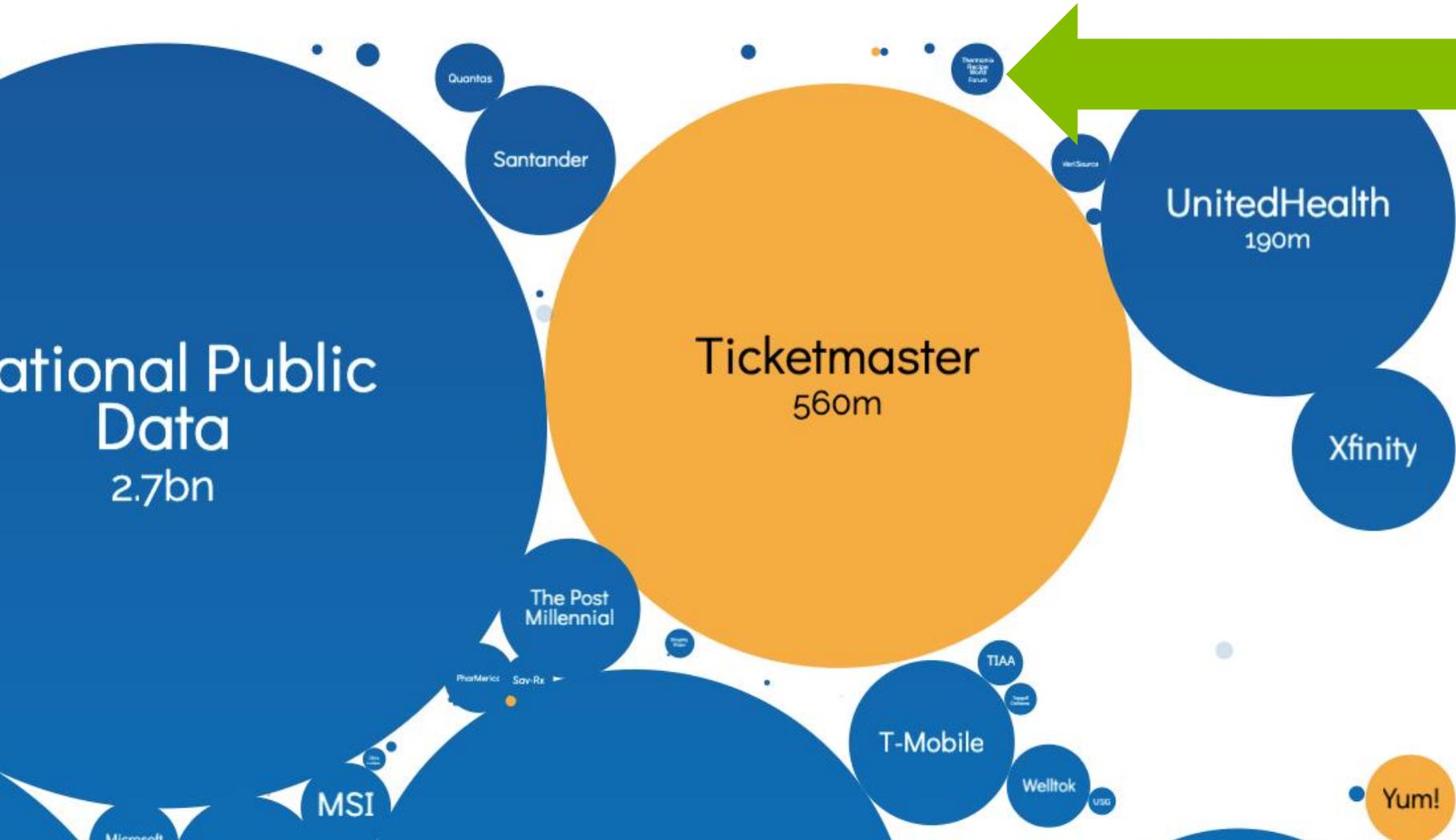
Caused by Poor Security

- Mis-configurations
- Broken access management
- Data Accessible without large efforts
- Level of Security is increasing significantly over the last years



Identity Data Breaches

Caused by **Poor Security** vs **Sophisticated Attacks**



- **Rezeptwelt.de affected January 2025**
- **3.1 Million affected accounts**
- **Compromised data**
 - Email addresses
 - Phone numbers
 - Birthdates
 - Physical addresses
- **Luckily no recipes affected!**

Identity Data Breach – Ticketmaster

Causes and Consequences

What happened?



Identity Theft
at a contractor



Weak Security Configuration at
Ticketmaster Tenant.



Attacker had **access to several systems**,
560m records affected.

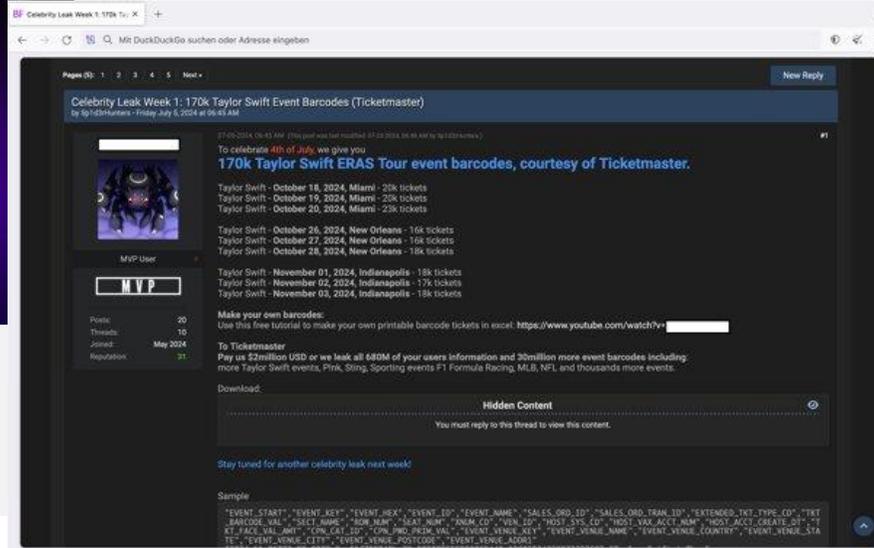
1 External User affected

2 External SaaS affected

Consequences
of the attack



170k Taylor Swift ERAS Tour Digital Tickets exposed



Ticketmaster pays Identity Monitoring Services for customers **for 12 months.**

Browser Extension Attack (24th Dec. 2024)

Focused Assault on Chrome Extension Developers

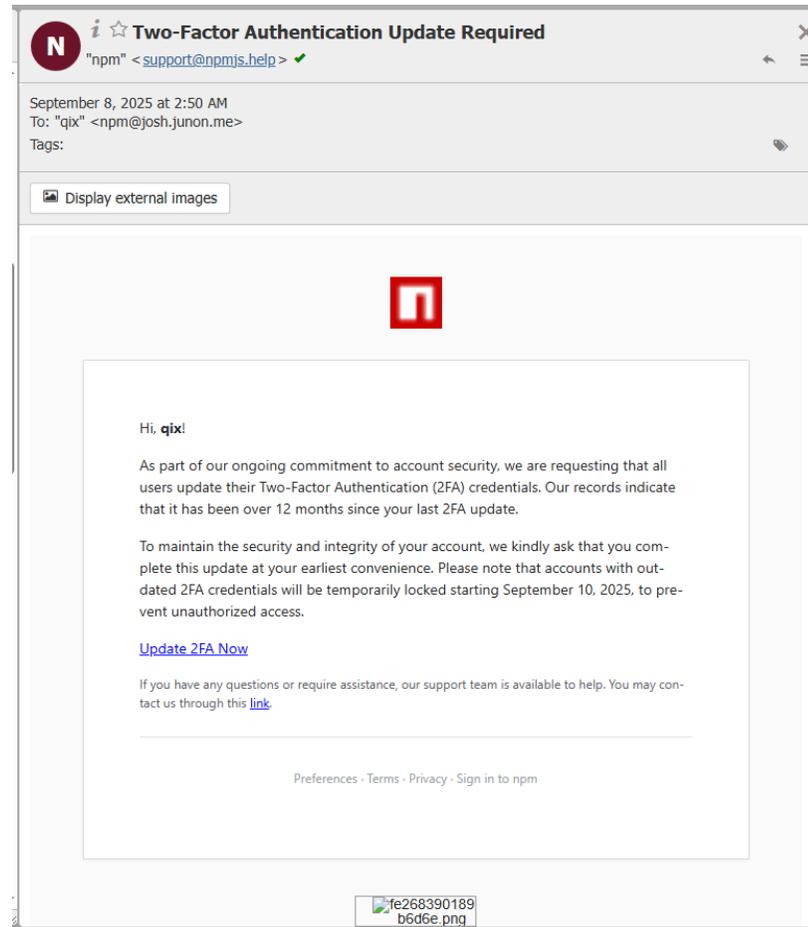
Attackers exploited the Chrome Web Store to distribute harmful versions of popular Chrome Extensions

The attacker managed to gain access to browser sessions for various victim services

- Bypassing MFA
- Not detected as harmful code by Endpoint protection solutions

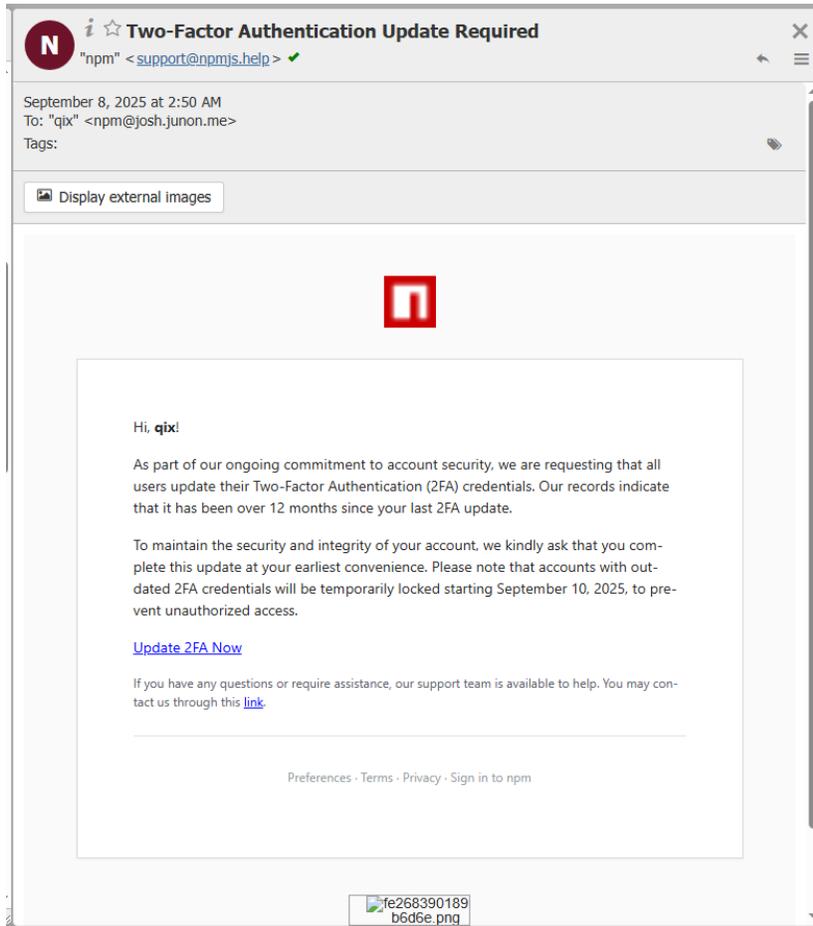


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ALERT

Widespread Supply Chain Compromise Impacting npm Ecosystem

Release Date: September 23, 2025

CISA is releasing this Alert to provide guidance in response to a widespread software supply chain compromise involving the world's largest JavaScript registry, npmjs.com. A self-replicating worm—publicly known as “Shai-Hulud”—has compromised over 500 packages. [i]

After gaining initial access, the malicious cyber actor deployed malware that scanned the environment for sensitive credentials. The cyber actor then targeted GitHub Personal Access Tokens (PATs) and application programming interface (API) keys for cloud services, including Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform (GCP), and Microsoft Azure. [ii]

>500 npm packages manipulated to steal credentials on Sept. 16th, 2025

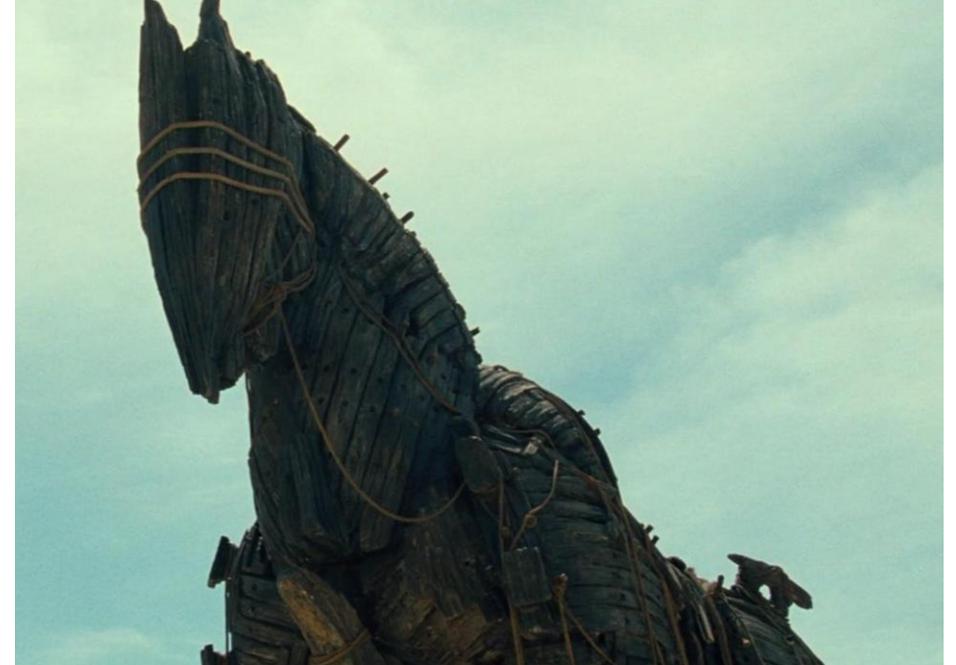
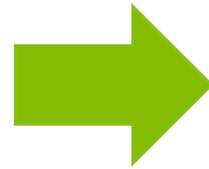
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2 Device Era

- Attackers shift to targeting devices to bypass robust network defenses.
- Malware is delivered via email attachments, downloads, and USB drives.
- Endpoint protection technologies improve significantly, making malware detection effective.

3 Identity Era

- The focus moves to the identity layer, enabling access to resources without using malware.
- Identity and Access Management (IAM) systems themselves become targets.

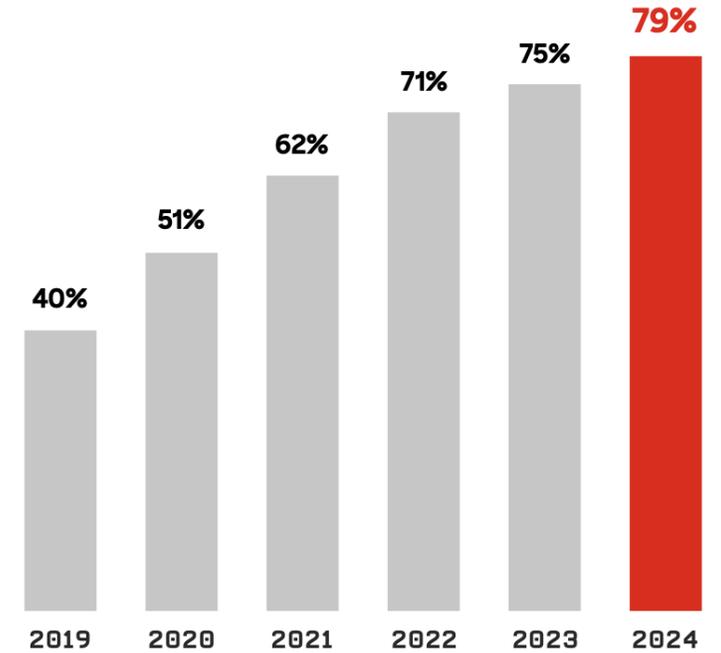


Figure 4. Percentage of detections that were malware-free, 2019-2024

Source: CrowdStrike, Global Threat Report 2025

Identity Access Management – Proactive enough?

Conceptual Challenges



IAM is doing an excellent job in protecting applications

- Enforcing Authentication and MFA
- Providing and managing access rights in a compliant and convenient way
- Joiner, Mover, Leaver and Re-certification ensure that privileges are removed, if not required anymore
- Taking care of machine credentials



Not good in detecting deviations

- e.g. user accounts not part of IAM, detecting additional entry points with locally stored credentials stored



Not good in detecting misuse of sessions (cookies, access/refresh tokens) after the issuance

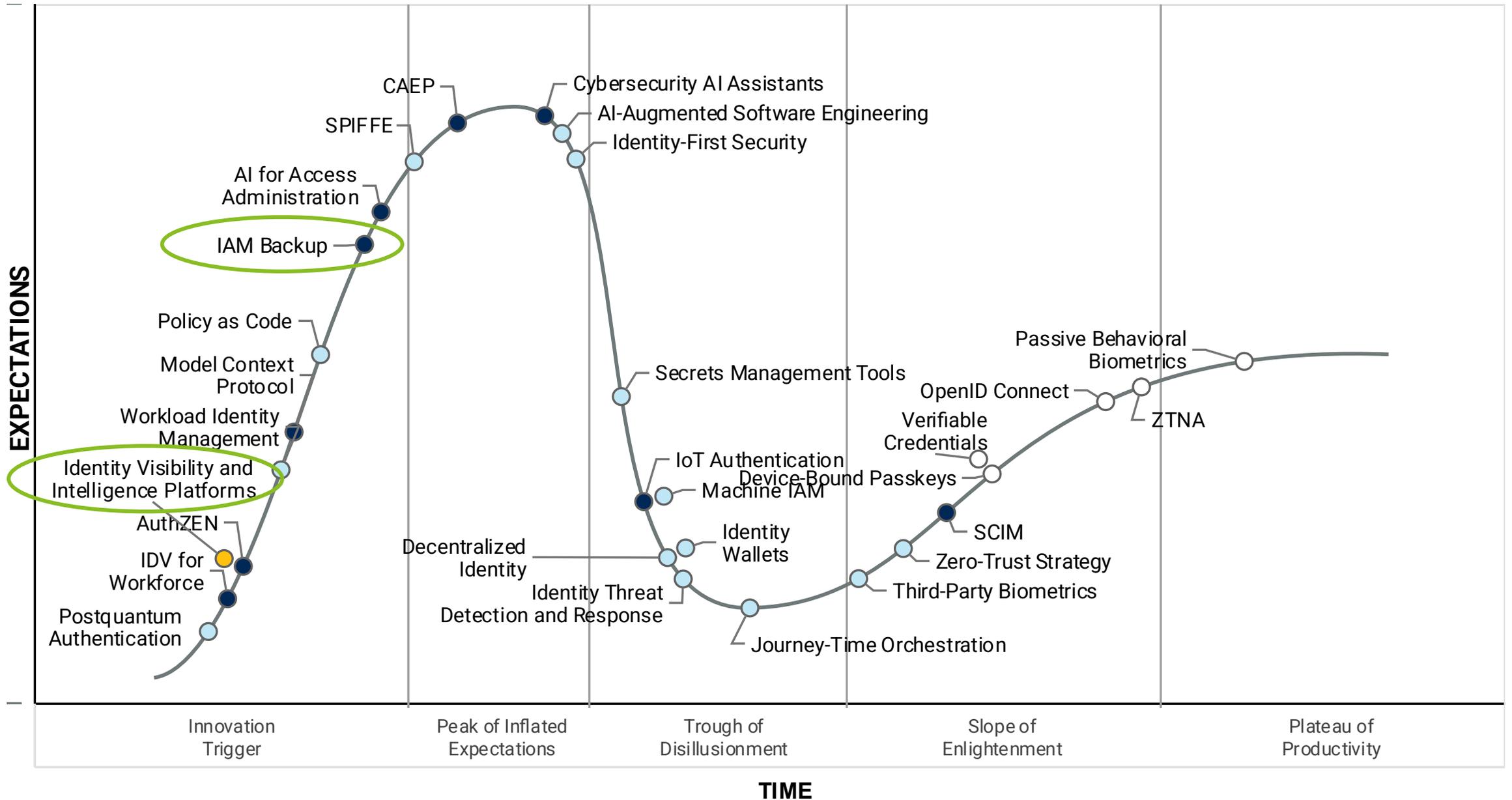
- Cookies, Access, and Refresh Tokens are vulnerable after issuance
- Many targeted attacks are focusing on the browser context



Agility! Today more important than ever before!

- Software Engineering is rapidly changing – Vibe coding might result in unknown identity risk

Digital Identity and Security 2025 (selected by iCC)



Plateau will be reached: ○ <2 yrs. ● 2-5 yrs. ● 5-10 yrs. ● >10 yrs. ⊗ Obsolete before plateau

Identity Visibility & Intelligence Platforms

High Demand – Where Organizations Are Investing Now

By 2028, 70% of CISOs will utilize identity visibility and intelligence capabilities to shrink the IAM attack surface.

What IVIP Platforms Do

- Unified visibility across AM, IGA, and PAM silos
- Understanding of the Identity Security Posture
- Aggregate identity data from hybrid environments
- Continuous monitoring (beyond static access reviews)
- AI-enhanced anomaly detection and risk scoring
- Reduce blast radius of credential compromise

Why This Matters

Regulations

GDPR, NIS2, DORA demand continuous identity monitoring

Complexity

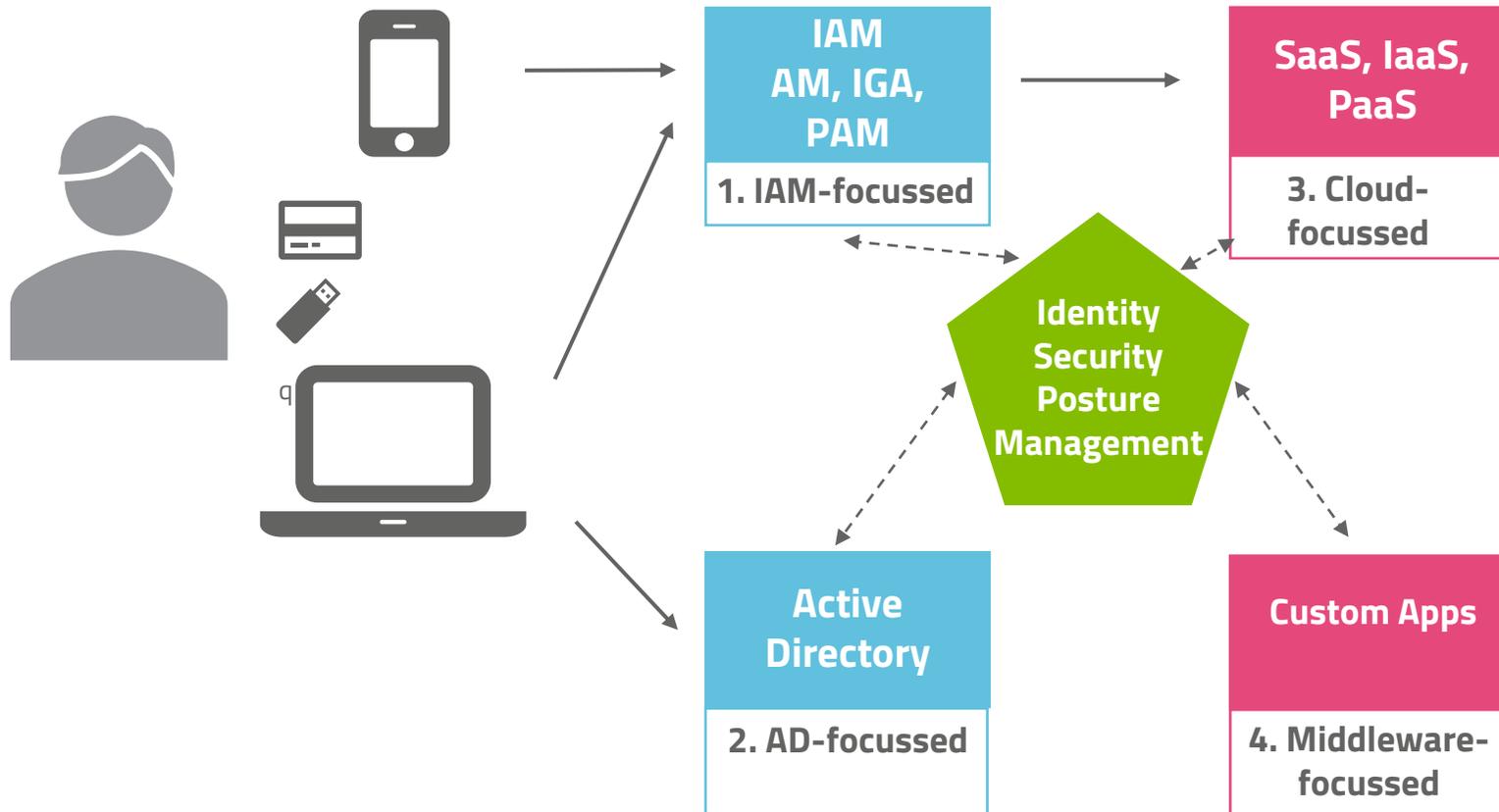
Hybrid setups create fragmentation and blind spots

Cost

Prevention via IVIP is far cheaper than breach remediation

IVIP / ISPM Architecture Overview

Identity Visibility & Intelligence Platforms – Identity Security Posture Mgt



- Analysis of potential attack paths
- Detection of weak configurations
- Analysis of outliers, privileged users, etc.
- Discovery of accounts
- SoD Violations

Identity Disaster Recovery

Crisis Management for the Identity Layer – an Emerging Priority

What happens when your identity infrastructure is compromised? Most organizations have no answer.

The Problem

- Identity-based attacks are surging
- AD/Entra ID compromise = total lockout
- Traditional DR plans cover infra, not identity
- Recovery without clean identity baseline is guesswork

What Is Needed

- IAM Backup strategies (AD, IGA, AM config)
- Identity-aware incident response playbooks
- Clean room recovery for identity systems
- Automated credential rotation at scale

Approach

- Assessment: identity DR readiness
- Playbook development for identity crises
- Integration with existing BC/DR programs
- IAM Backup on the Hype Cycle (Peak)



Managed Identity Security Service

IAM Operation Excellence meets Cyber Resilience

Identity Recovery

IST CS: Recover

- Focuses on restoring compromised identity repositories, such as Active Directory (AD).
- Identifies and analyzes changes made by attackers to detect unauthorized modifications.
- Ensures secure rollback and removal of malicious changes during the restoration process.

Identity Security Posture Management (ISPM) & IVIP

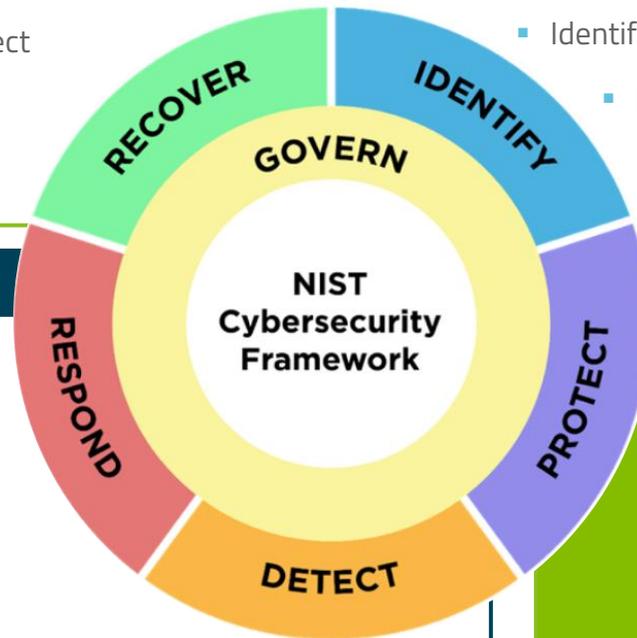
NIST CS: Identify

- Continuous assessment of identity configurations and policies.
- Identification of vulnerabilities and misconfigurations.
- Ensures compliance and reduces attack surface.

Identity (Threat) Protection

NIST CS: Detect & Respond

- Real-time detection of identity-related threats and anomalies.
- Leverages AI/ML to identify compromised accounts and credential misuse.
- Enables proactive threat mitigation and response.



IAM Core

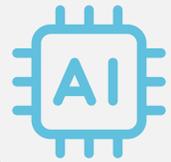
Service Level Agreement

- ✓ Flexible service time models
- ✓ Optional 24/7 on-call availability
- ✓ Fast response times based on priority
- ✓ Customizable SLAs to match your business

What sets us apart

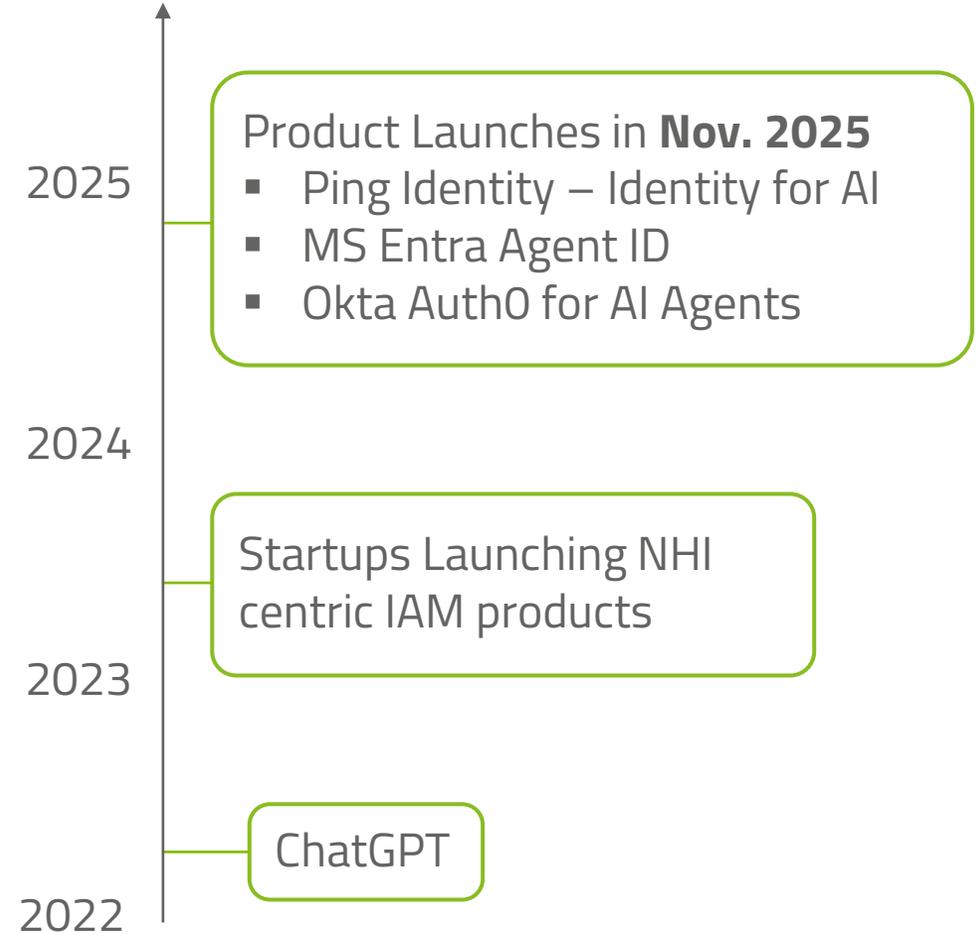
- ✓ The same experts who implemented and operated your solution continue to support you.
- ✓ They know your environment inside out – for faster, smarter, and more effective service.

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Identity for AI



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**Secure
new frontiers**



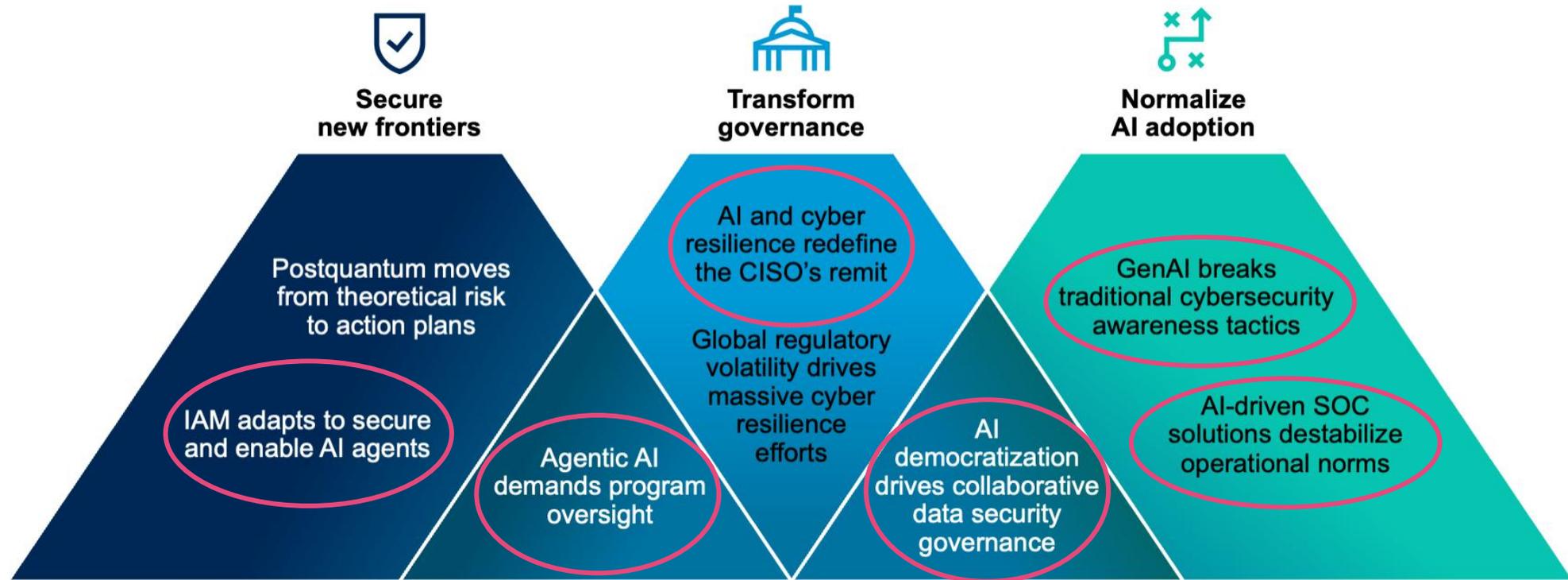
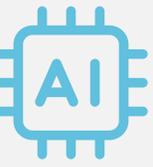
**Transform
governance**



**Normalize
AI adoption**

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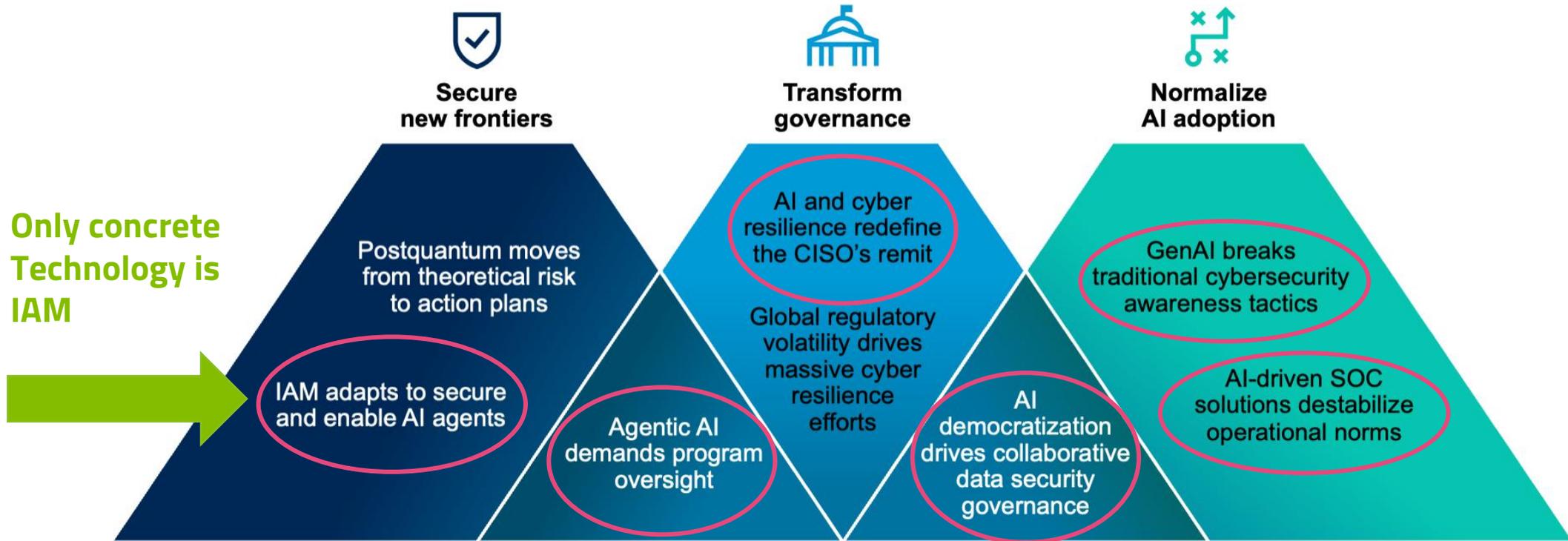
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Only concrete Technology is IAM



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The Spectrum of Autonomy

Type of AI Agents



ASSISTIVE AGENTS

(Copilots)

Operate within a human user's session. They "borrow" user context. Security focuses on delegation and preserving intent.



AUTONOMOUS AGENTS

(Agentic AI)

Perform asynchronous tasks without human presence. Require independent Agent Identities. Actions are nondeterministic.



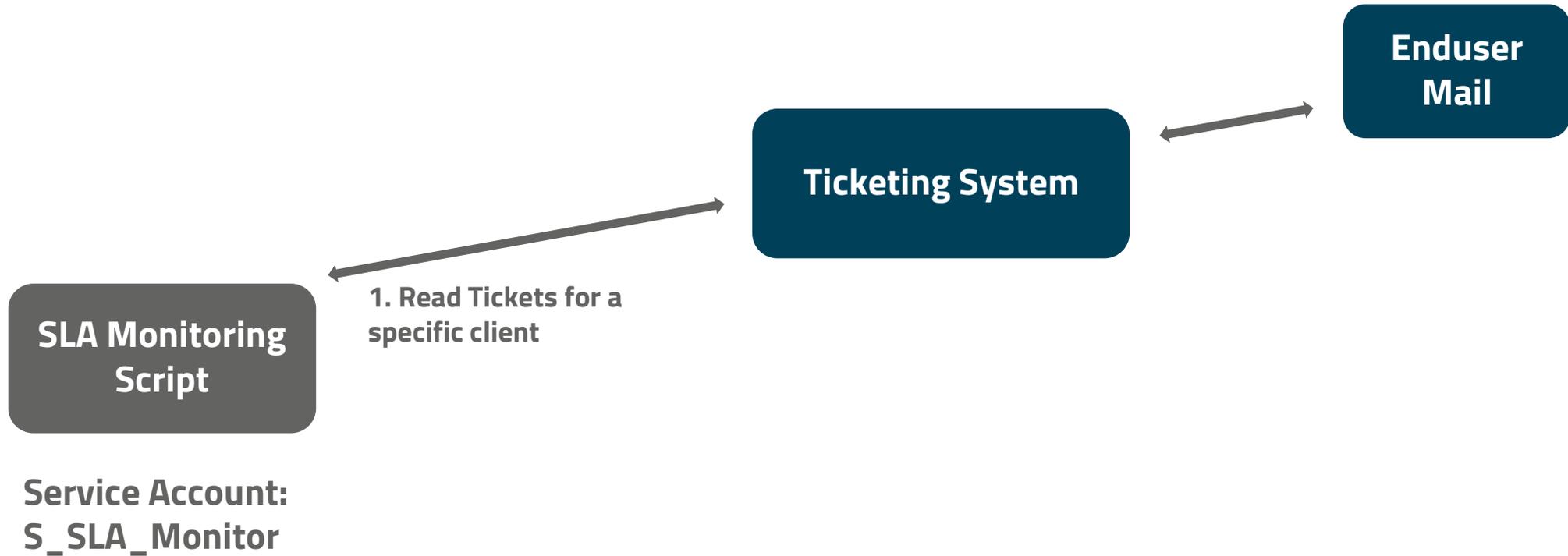
AGENTIC USERS

(Digital Employees)

Treats an agent as a "User" in the directory: capable of having a mailbox, attending meetings and appearing in org charts.

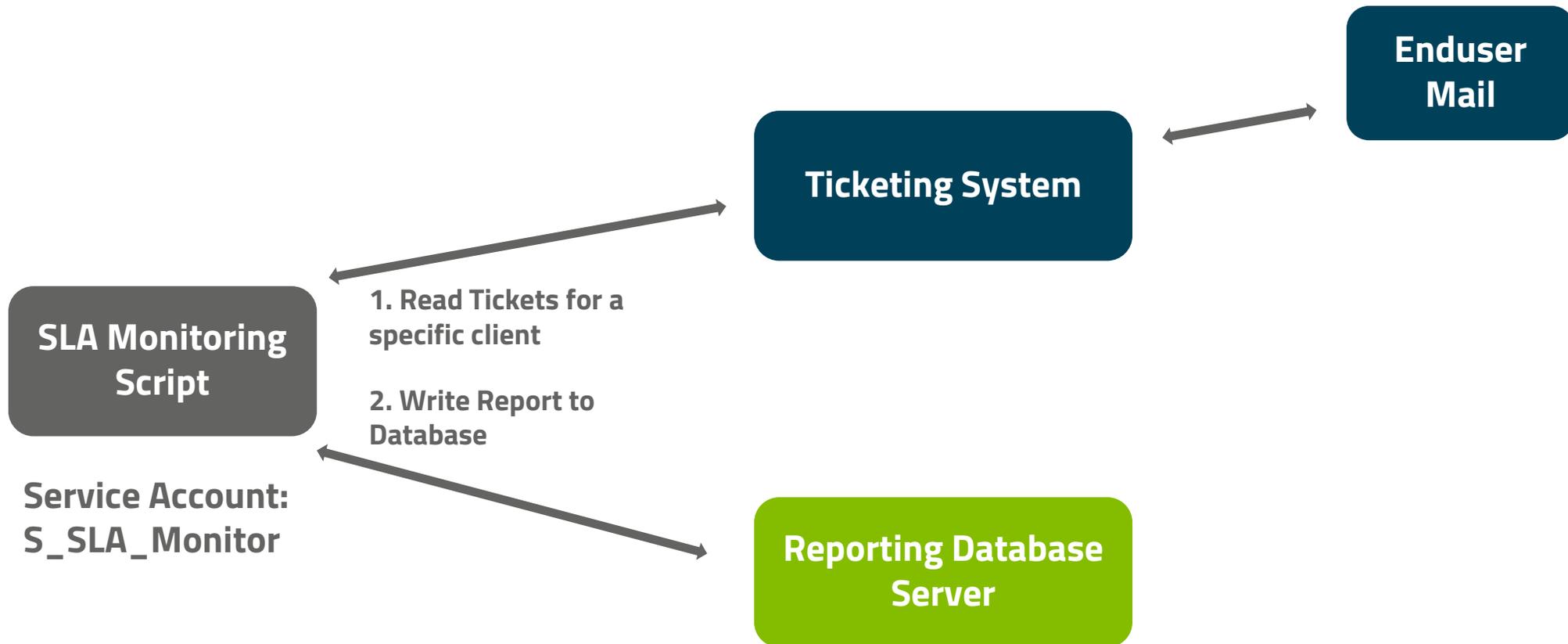
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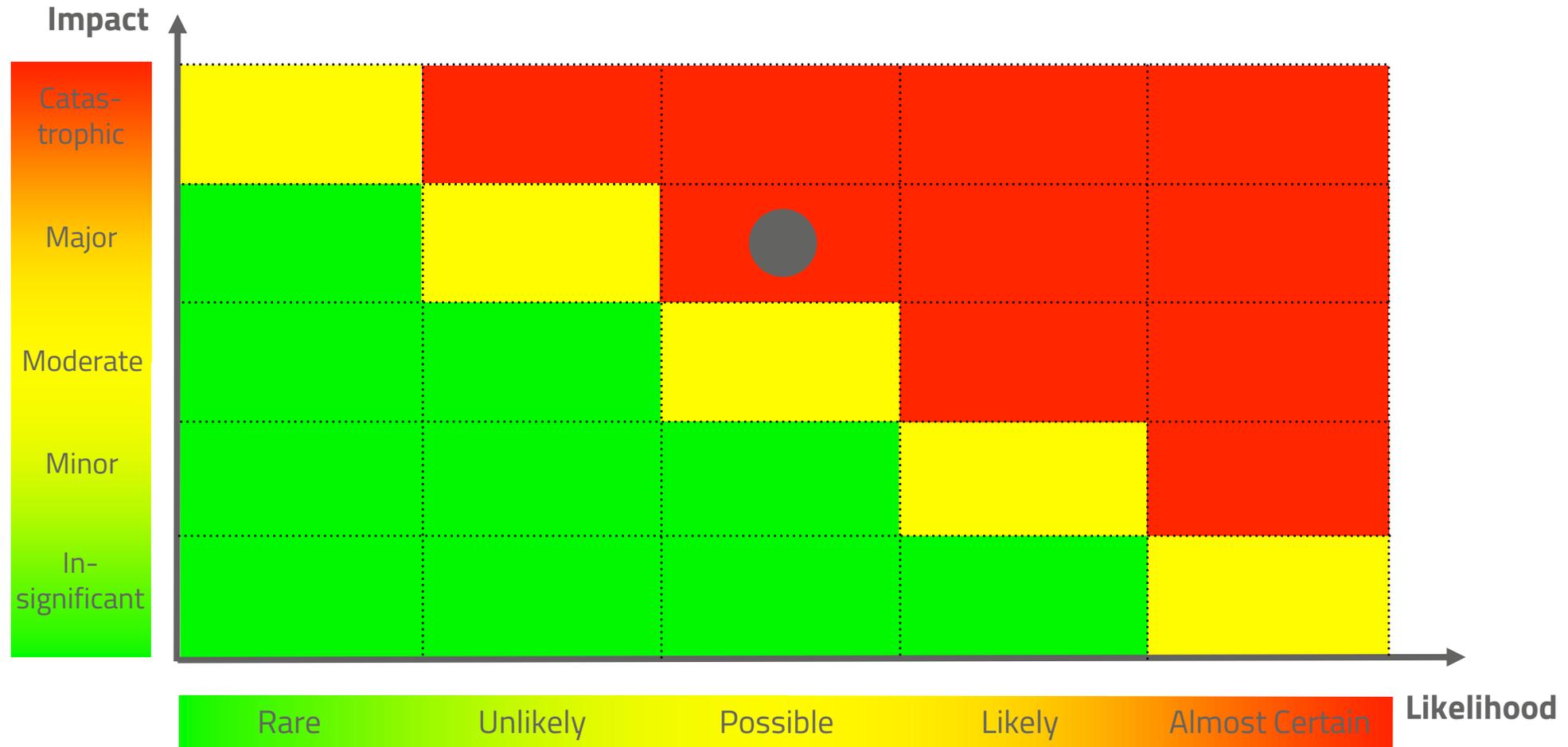
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S_SLA_Monitor has privileges to **read/insert/update/delete/drop!**

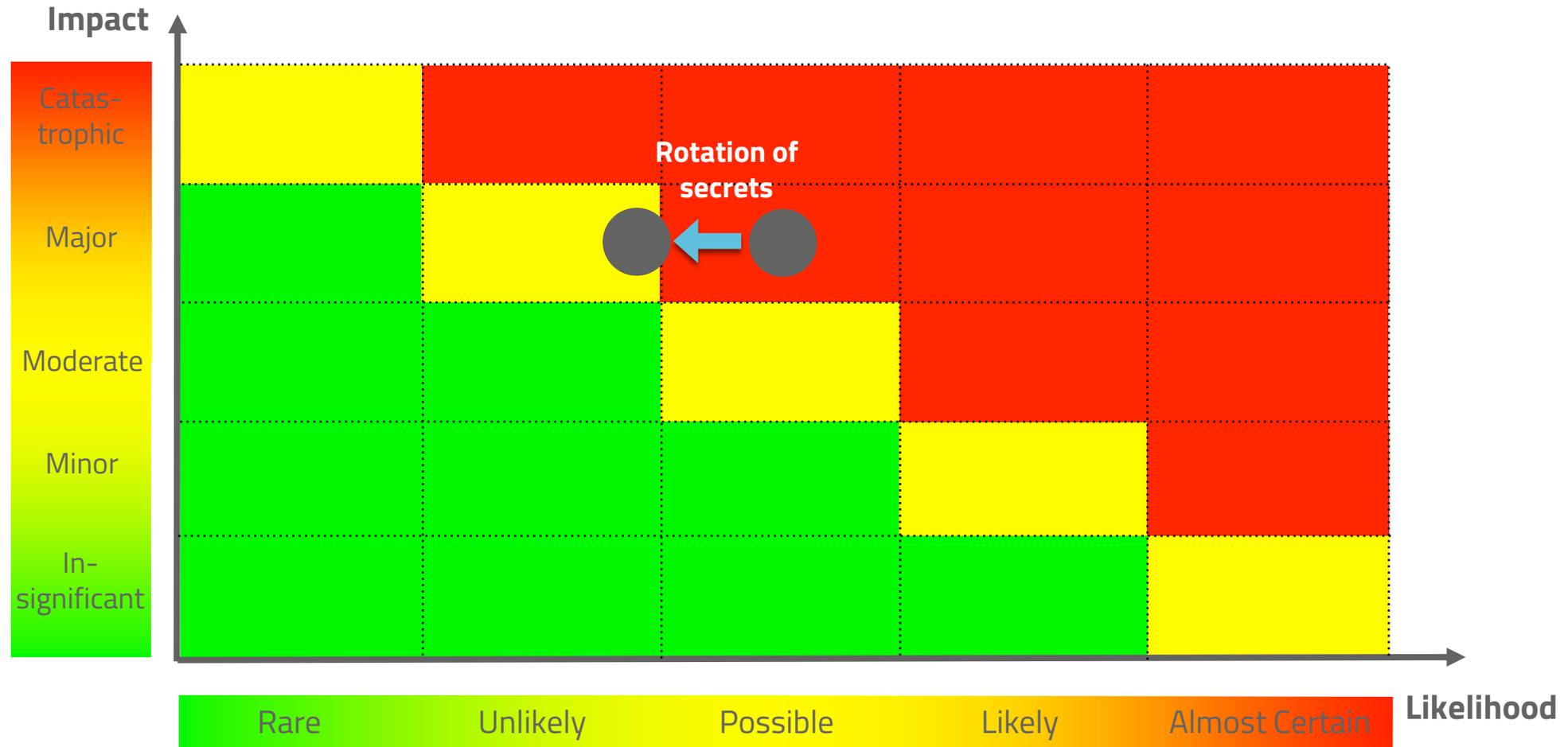
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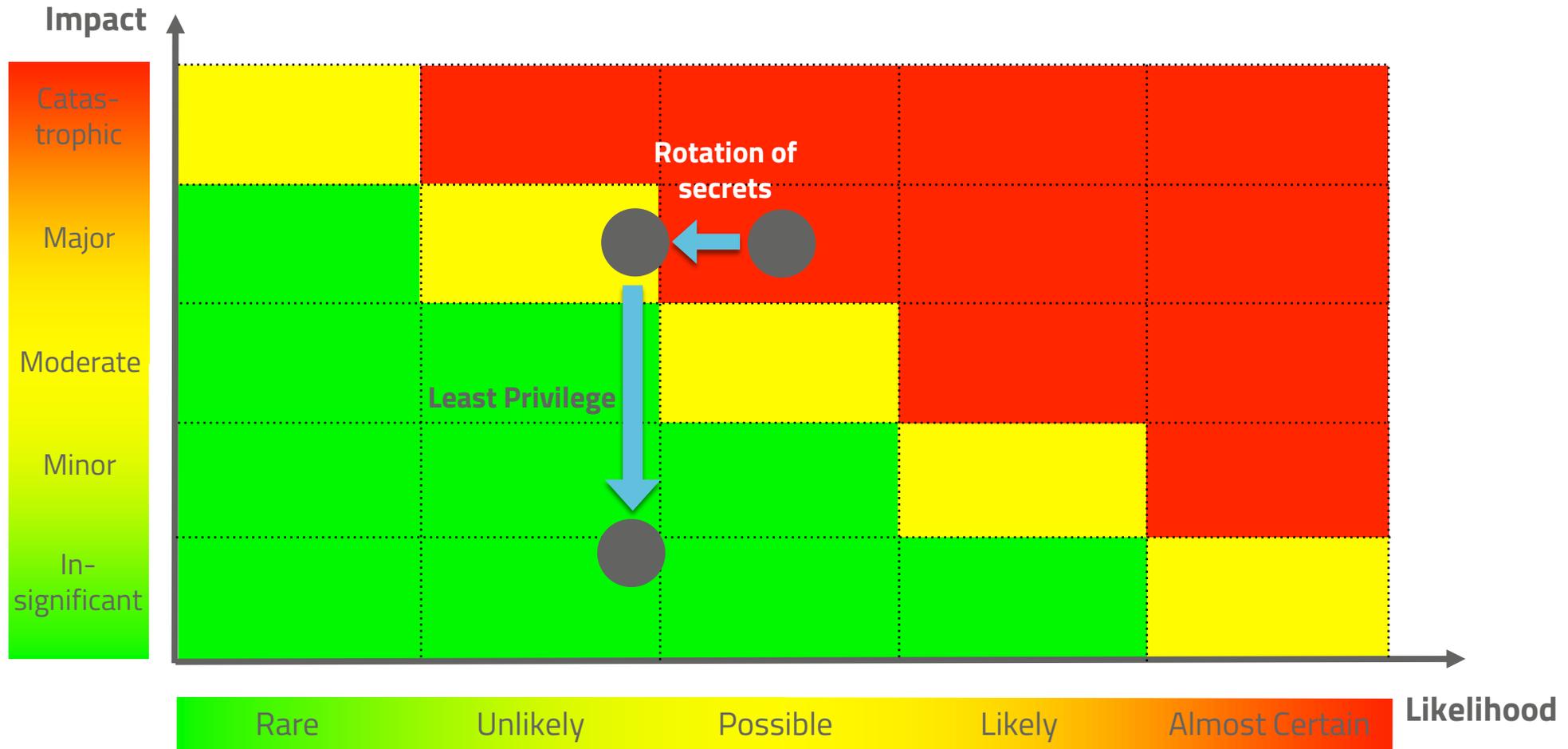
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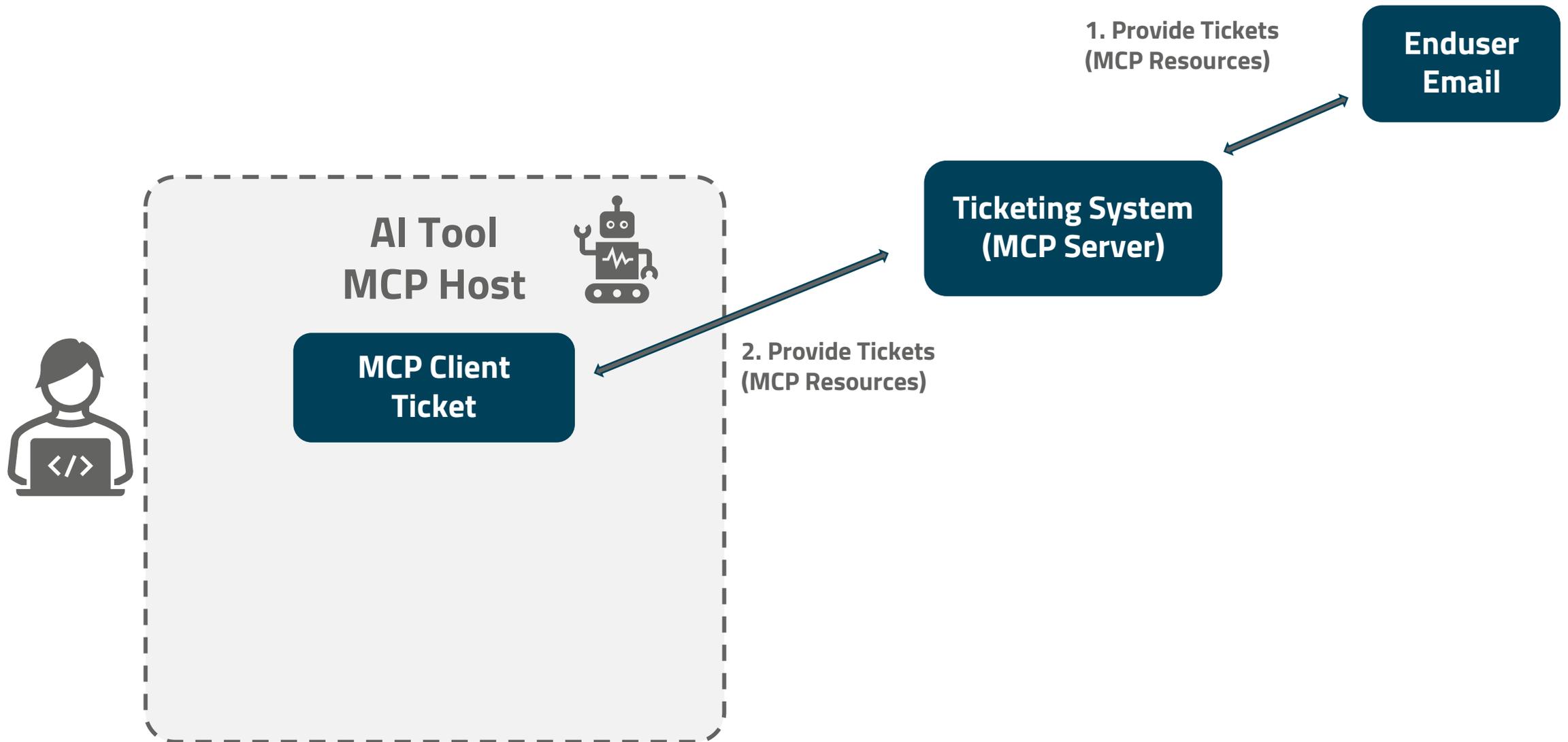


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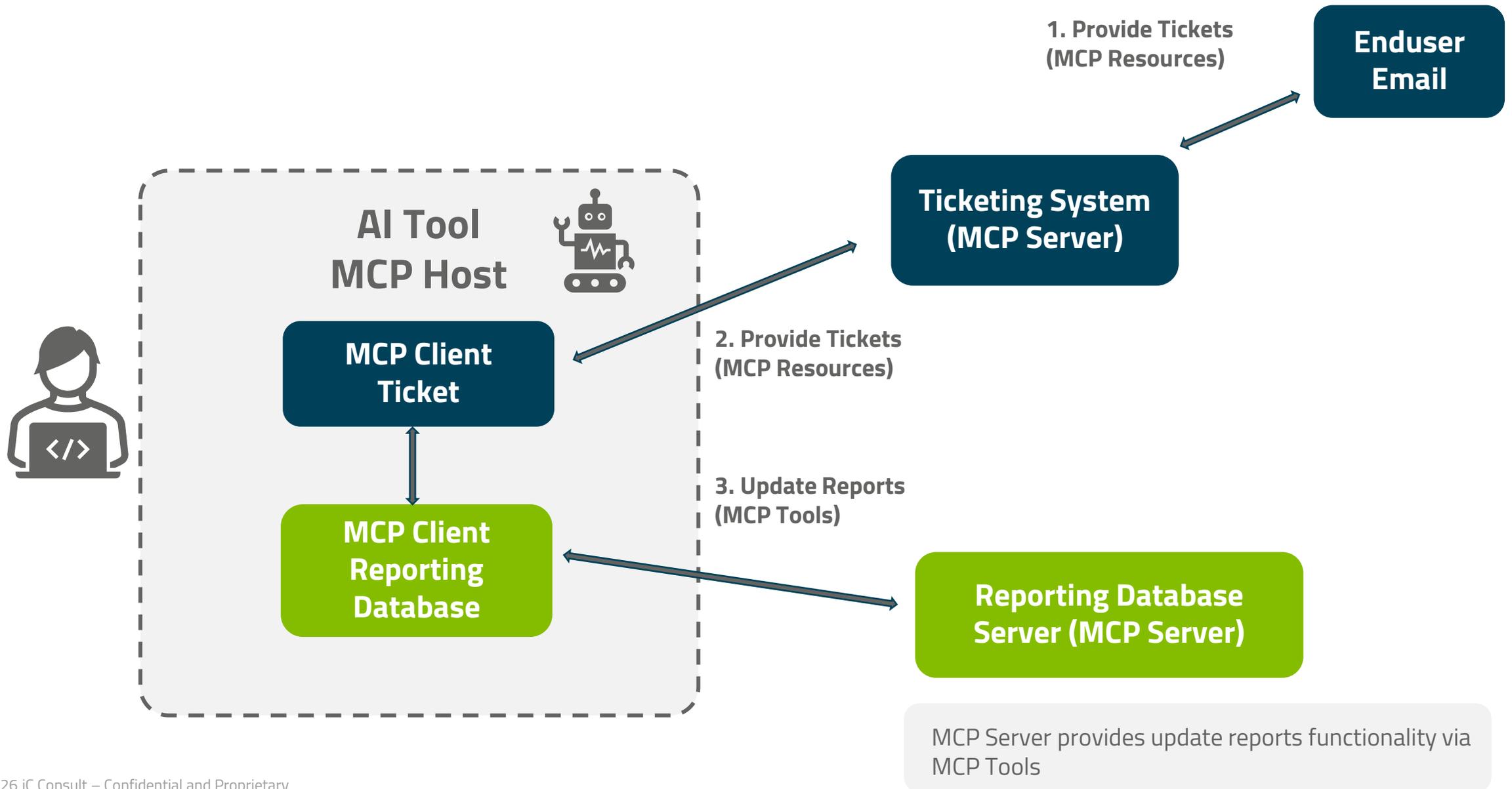
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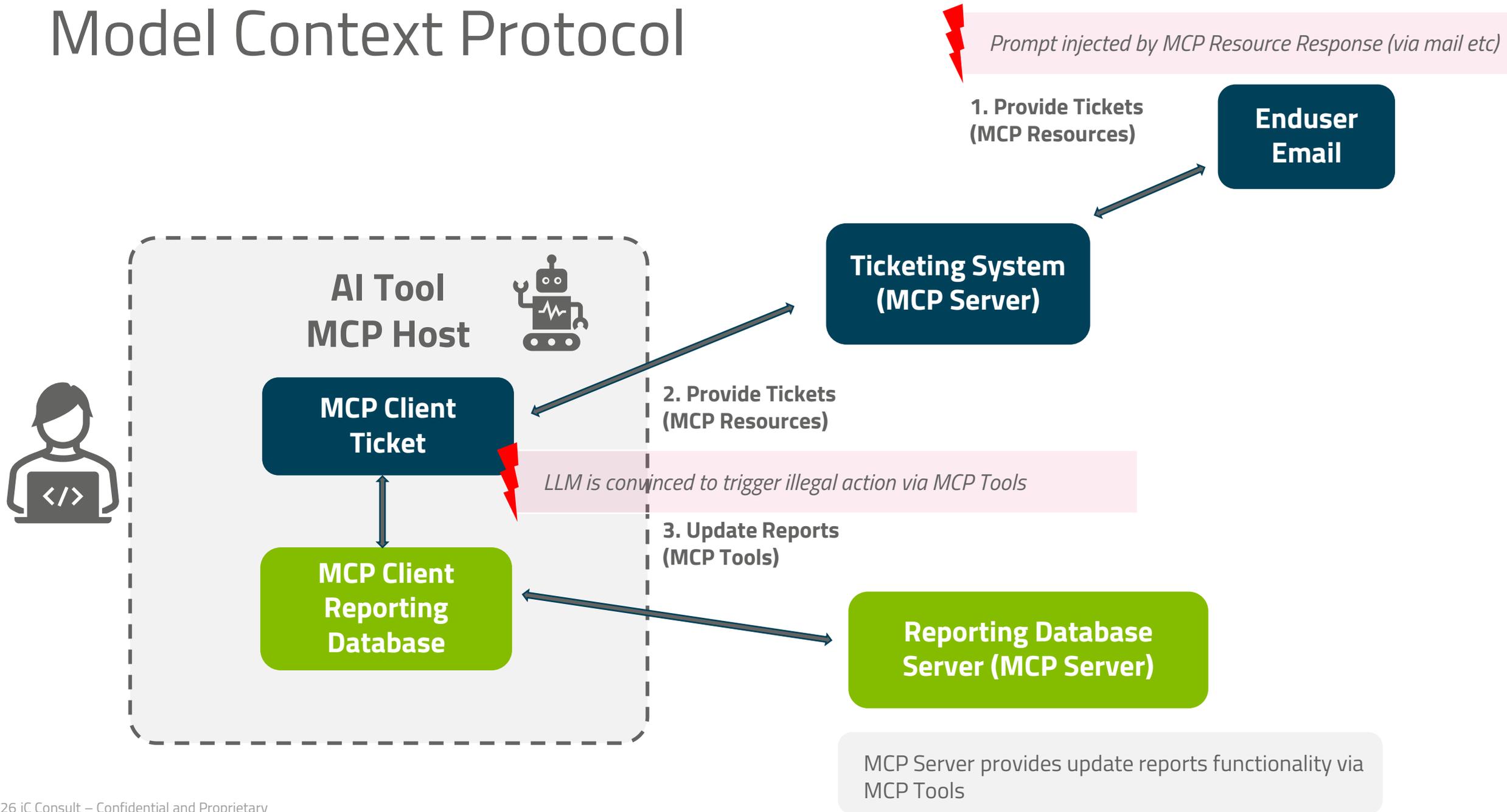
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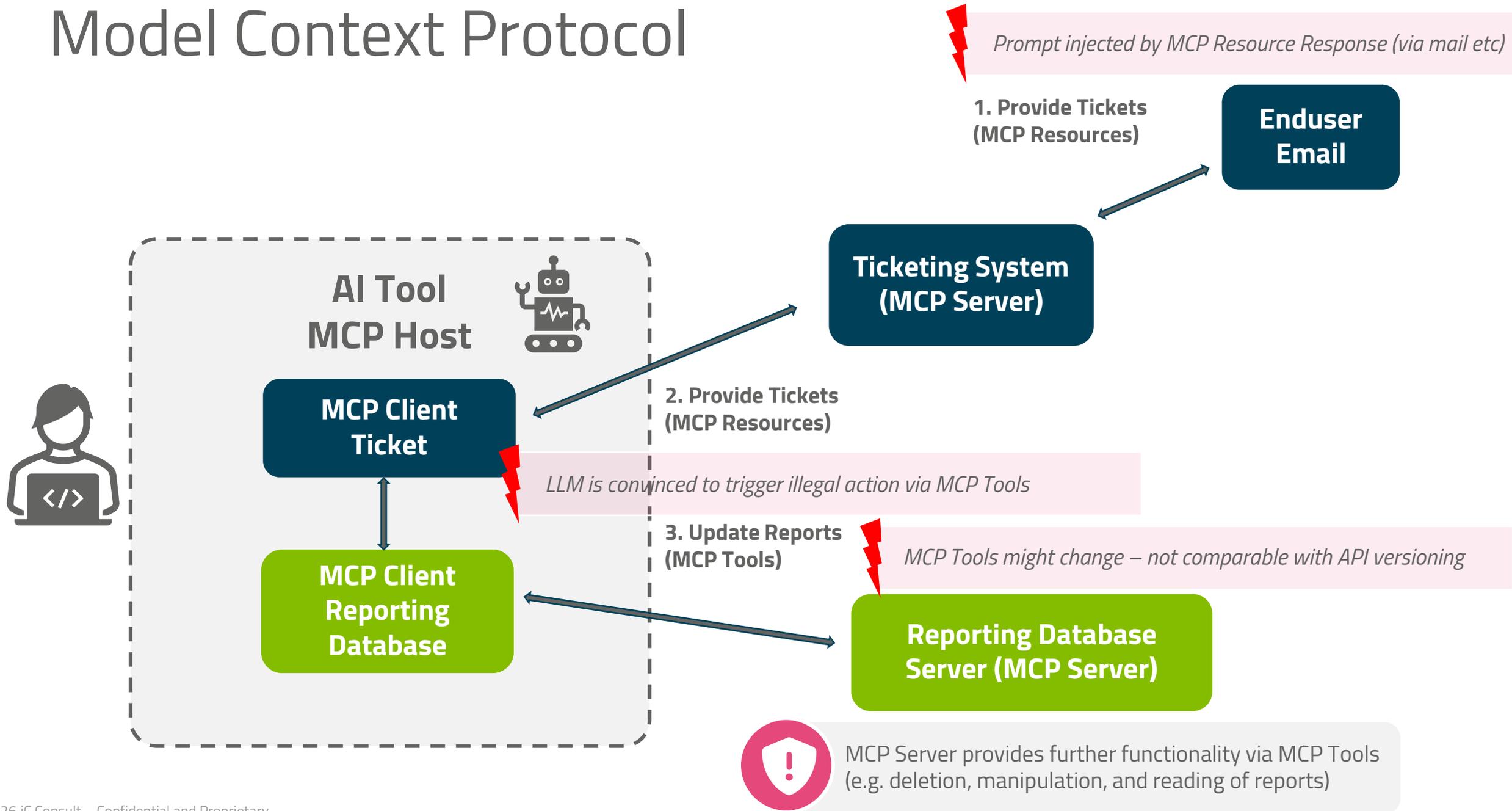
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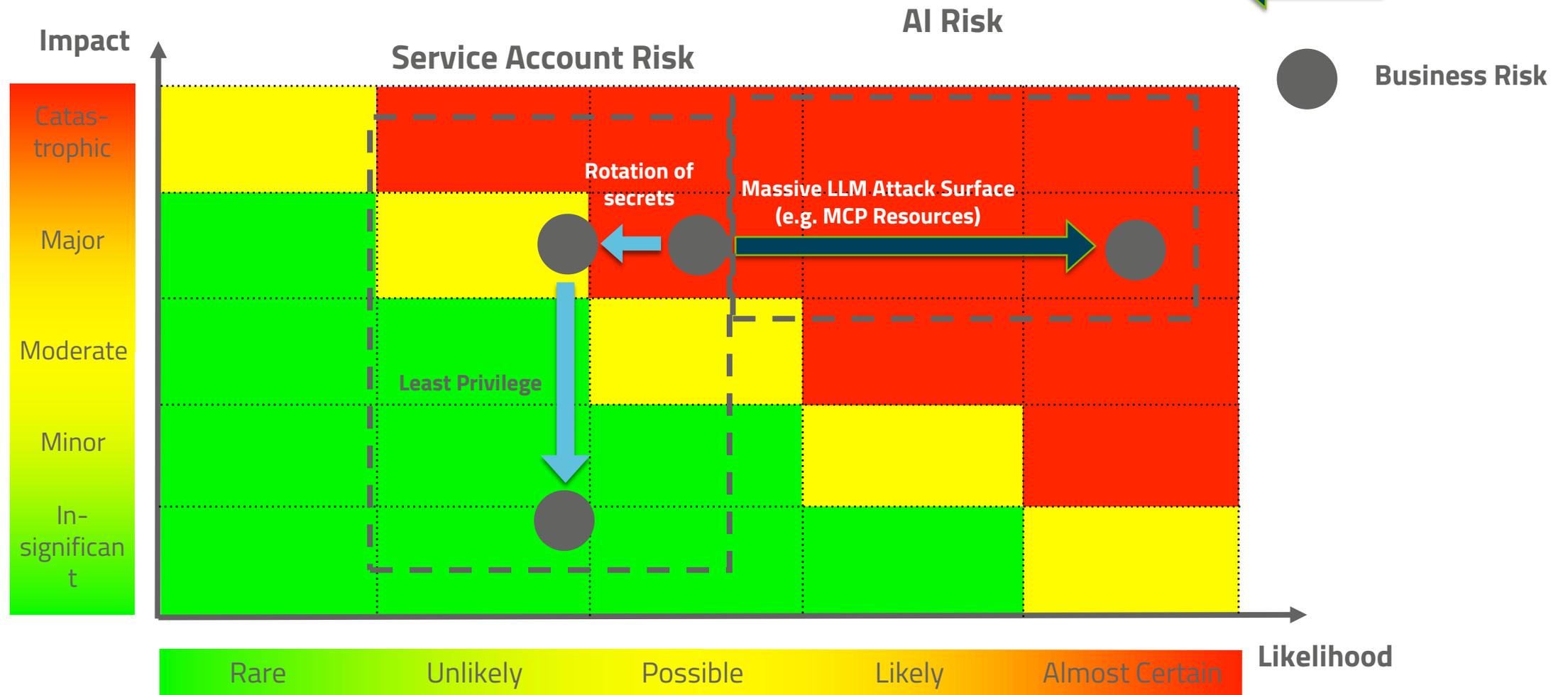


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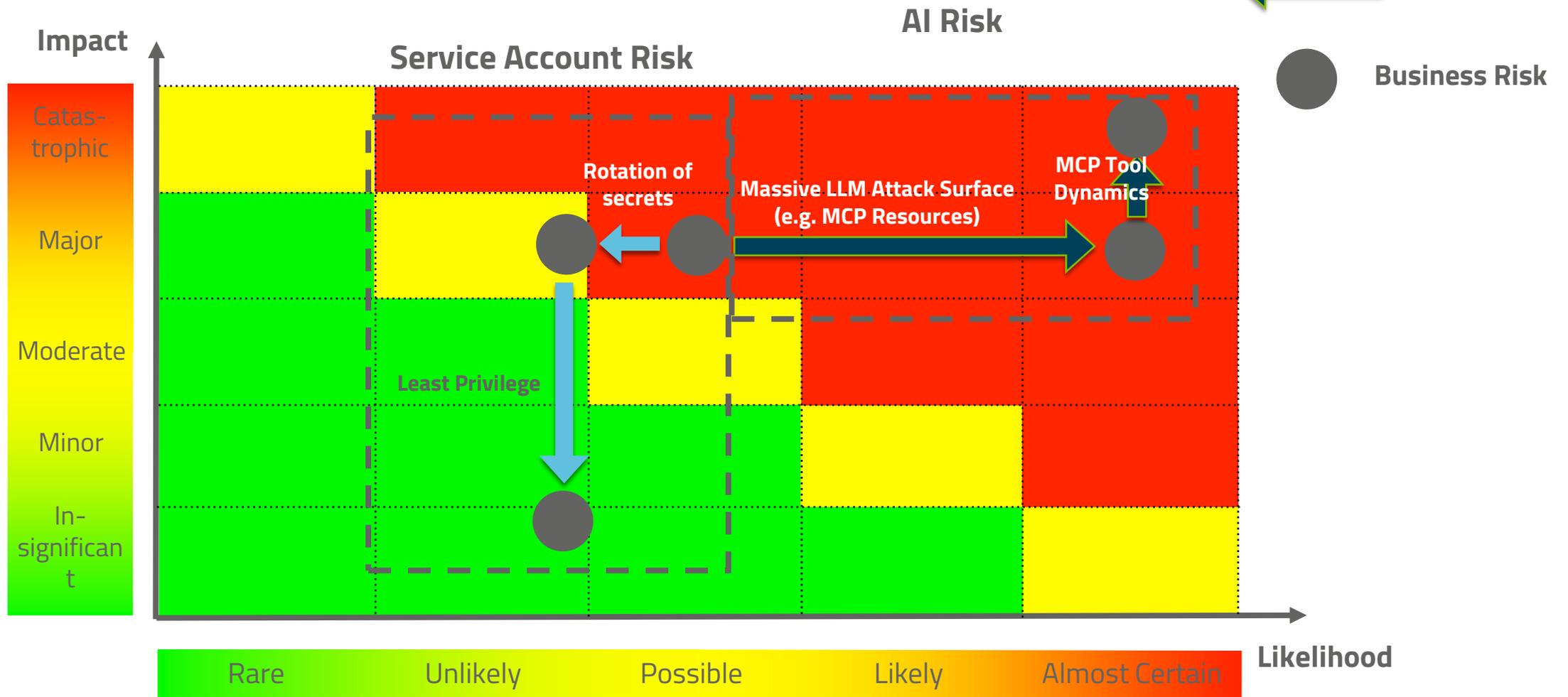
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Identity Risk Management



Real-World MCP Security Incidents

Prompt Injection, Supply Chain Risks & Broken Access Control in the Wild

01 Anthropic SQL Injection via MCP

Reference SQLite server contained a SQL injection vulnerability, allowing attackers to store malicious prompts in the database.

Agents executed these prompts during data retrieval, resulting in data theft and unauthorized actions.

Data Exfiltration
Unauthorized Actions

02 Atlassian Prompt Injection via Jira

Jira Service Management integration faced prompt injection attacks — malicious instructions were embedded in support tickets.

AI agents processed the tickets and executed unauthorized commands, leading to privilege escalation and backend tool misuse.

Privilege Escalation
Backend Tool Misuse

03 Asana Multi-Tenant Access Failure

Shared infrastructure lacked proper token isolation, allowing an AI agent from one customer to access data belonging to another.

Sensitive project and user information across multiple tenants was exposed.

Cross-Tenant Data Exposure
Broken Access Control

OWASP Top 10 for Agentic Applications

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OWASP Top 10 for Agentic Applications

ASI01 Agent Goal Hijack Attackers manipulate an agent's natural-language input to affect and alter its intended goals, exfiltrating data, manipulation outputs or hijacking workflows	ASI02 Tool Misuse & Exploitation Agents misuse legitimate tools using prompt manipulation or privilege control, resulting in data exfiltration, unsafe operations, output manipulation, or workflow hijacking.	ASI03 Identity & Privilege Abuse Weak scoping and dynamic delegation allow privilege escalation and cross-agent impersonation through cached credentials, inherited roles, or unintended delegated scopes	ASI04 Agentic Supply Chain Vulnerabilities Poisoned or impersonated tools, dynamically loaded prompts, models, or connections to MCPs or external agents propagate malicious logic at runtime, compromising agents through dynamic dependencies and unverified sources	ASI05 Unexpected Code Execution (RCE) Unsafe code generation, agent deserialization, or shell execution triggered by crafted prompts or poisoned inputs
ASI06 Memory & Context Injection Adversaries poison RAG stores, memory, or context windows to plant false knowledge, bias logic, or trigger hidden or risky behaviors across sessions or agents	ASI07 Insecure Inter-Agent Communication Lack of encryption, authentication, or semantic validation of exchanges between agents enables message tampering, replay, or goal manipulation in multi-agent systems	ASI08 Cascading Failures A single fault or malicious event propagates across interlinked agents, amplifying harm through chained autonomous actions	ASI09 Human-Agent Trust Exploitation Attackers exploit user over-trust in agent outputs through deception, emotional manipulation, or fake explainability, driving unsafe or fraudulent human approvals	ASI10 Rogue Agents Compromised or malicious agents deviate from intended goals, collude, self-replicate, or hijack workflows, acting as autonomous insider threats within agent ecosystems

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Key Initiatives

1. Discovery

2. Lifecycle (Ownership,...)

Long-lived

Temporary

3. Authentication / (SPIFFE)

4. Privileges / Authorization

- On-Behalf-of
- Authorization / Micro-Approval
- Scope - Least Privilege
- OAuth Extensions (Token Exchange, XAA, PAR/RAR,..)
- CAEP

5. AI - Protocol Security (MCP, A2A,...)

6. ITDR

OAuth Foundation

- Build the foundation
- Define a roadmap to bring required extensions into production

Authorization Layer

- Fine-grained authorization is required to build guardrails for agents
- OpenID AuthZen is progressing fast

ISPM

- Agent Discovery and Identification is required to build a robust governance layer
- First ISPM Tools are releasing required features



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