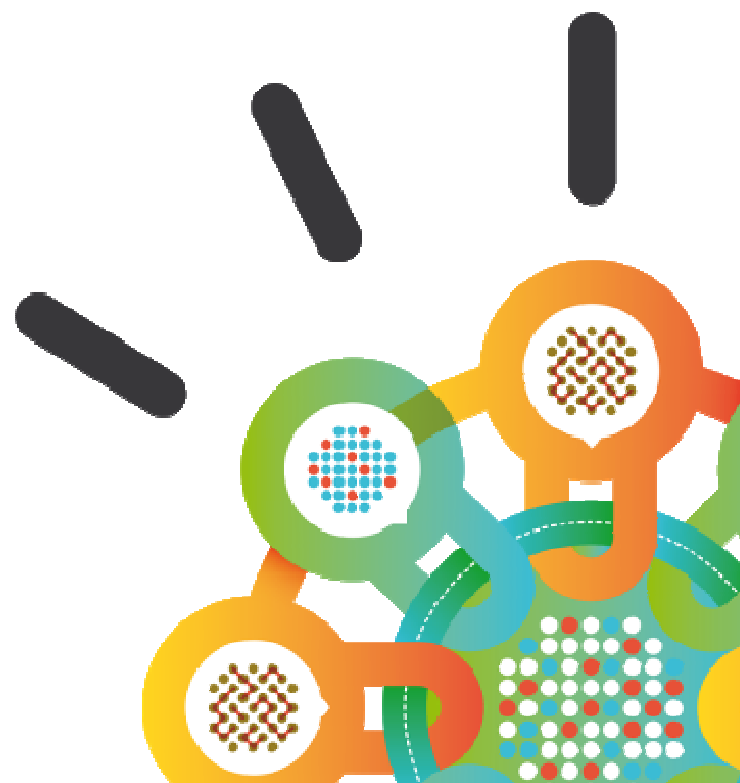


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## X-Force research

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The mission of the IBM X-Force® research and development team is to:

- Research and evaluate threat and protection issues
- Deliver security protection for today's security problems
- Develop new technology for tomorrow's security challenges
- Educate the media and user communities



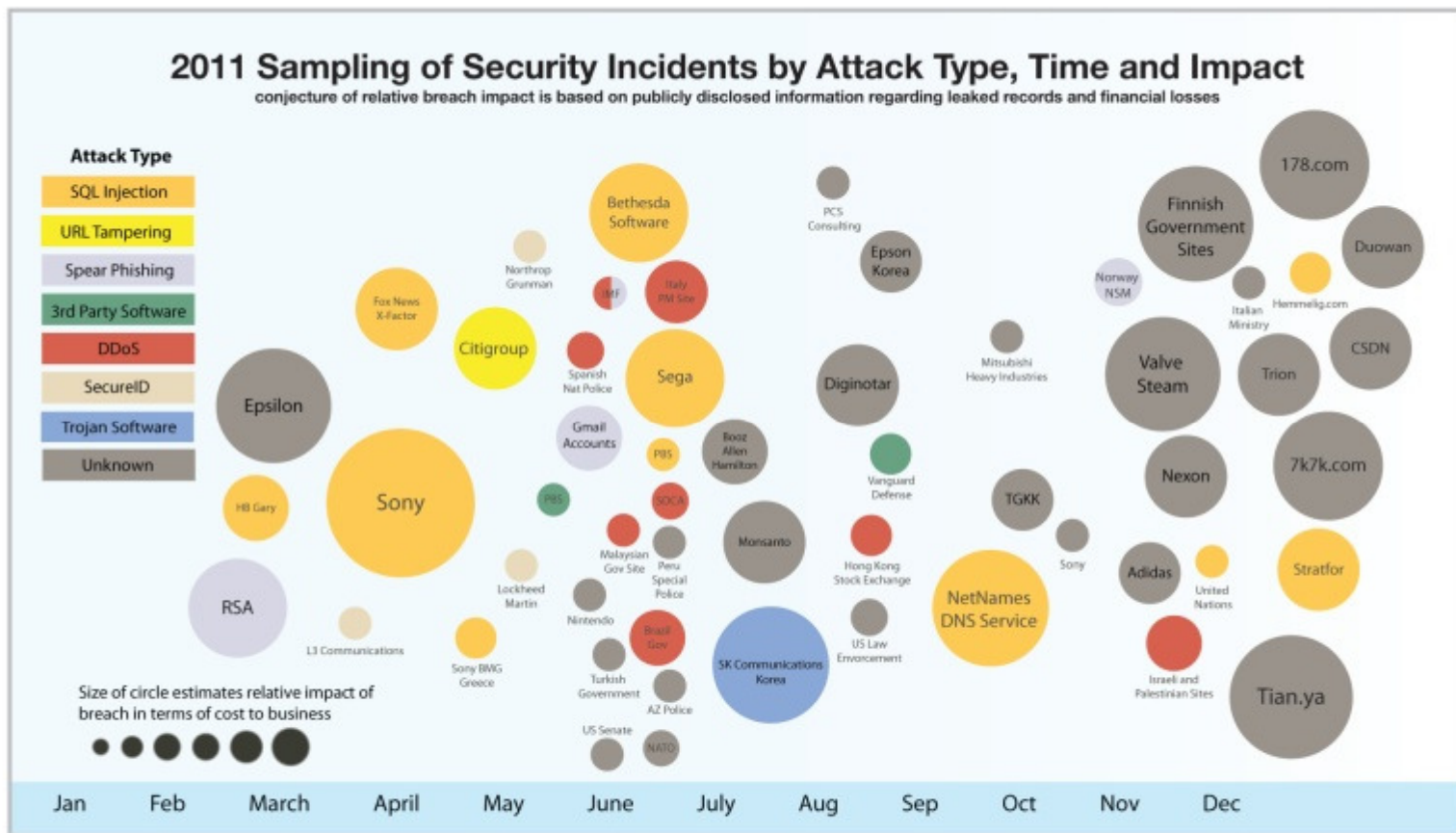
### X-Force Research

- 14B** analyzed Web pages & images
- 40M** spam & phishing attacks
- 54K** documented vulnerabilities
- 13B** security events daily

### Provides Specific Analysis of:

- Vulnerabilities & exploits
- Malicious/Unwanted websites
- Spam and phishing
- Malware
- Other emerging trends

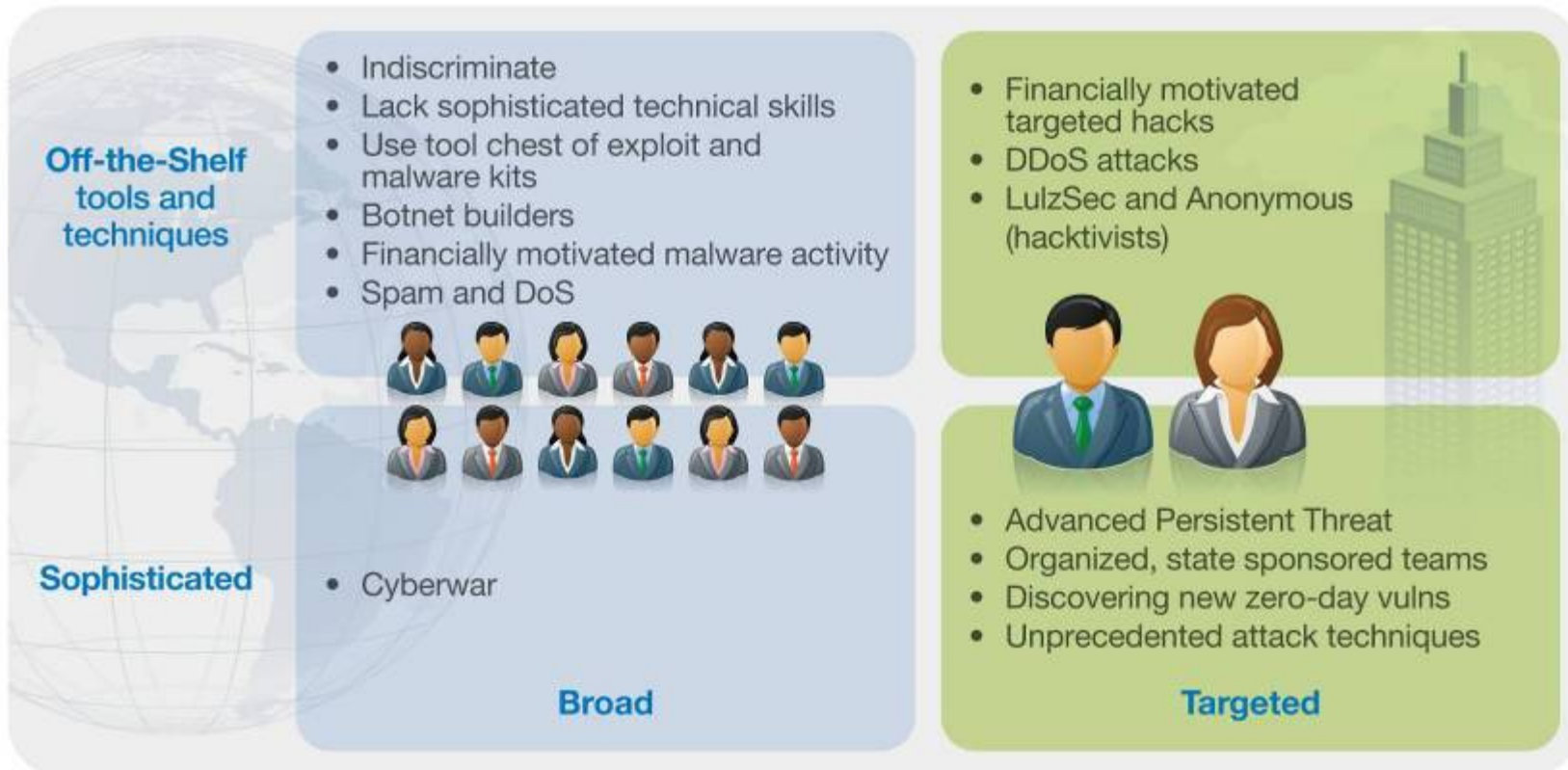
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# Who is attacking our networks?

## Attacker Types and Techniques 2011



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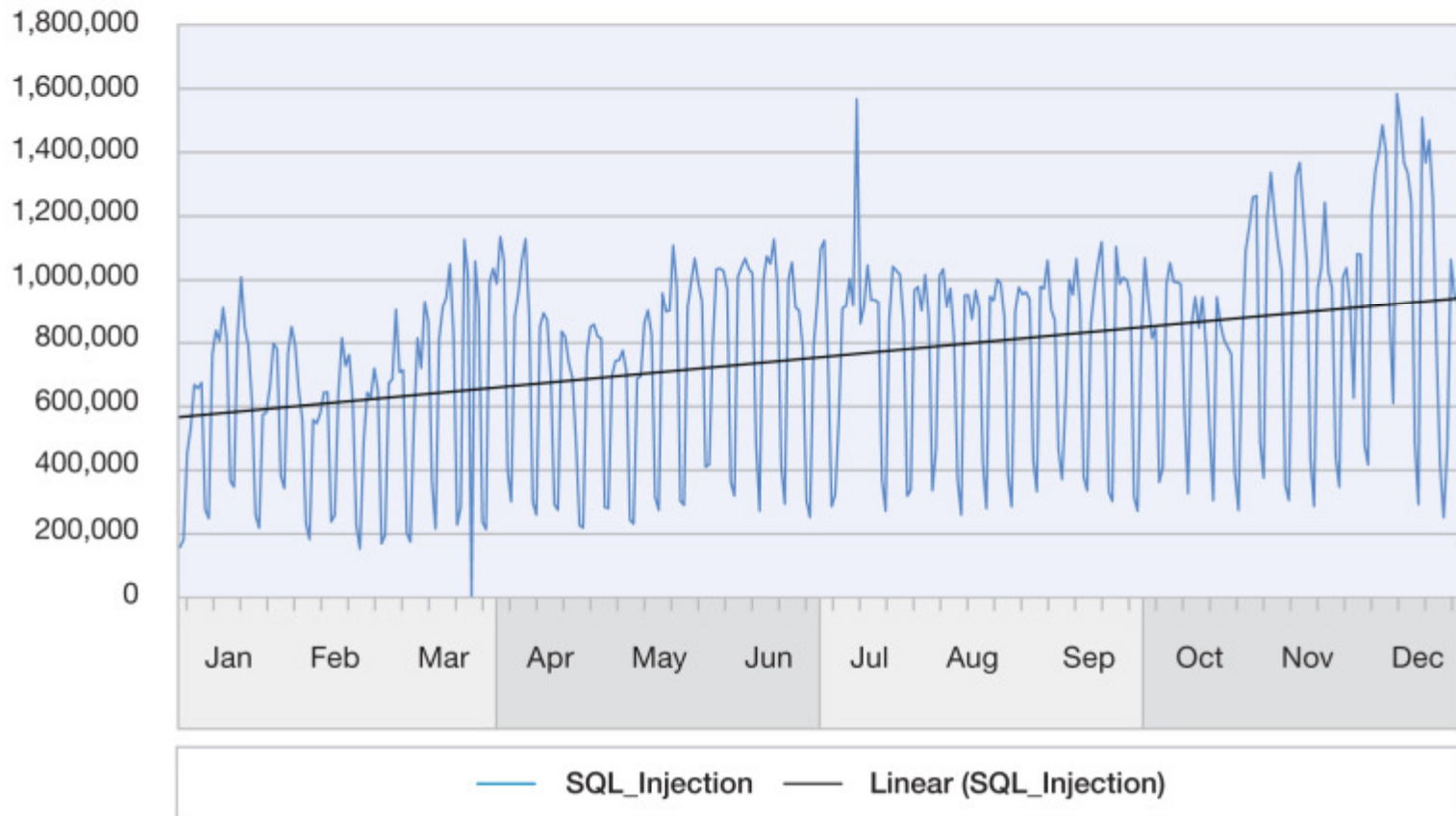


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**Top MSS High Volume Signatures and Trend Line - SQL\_Injection**  
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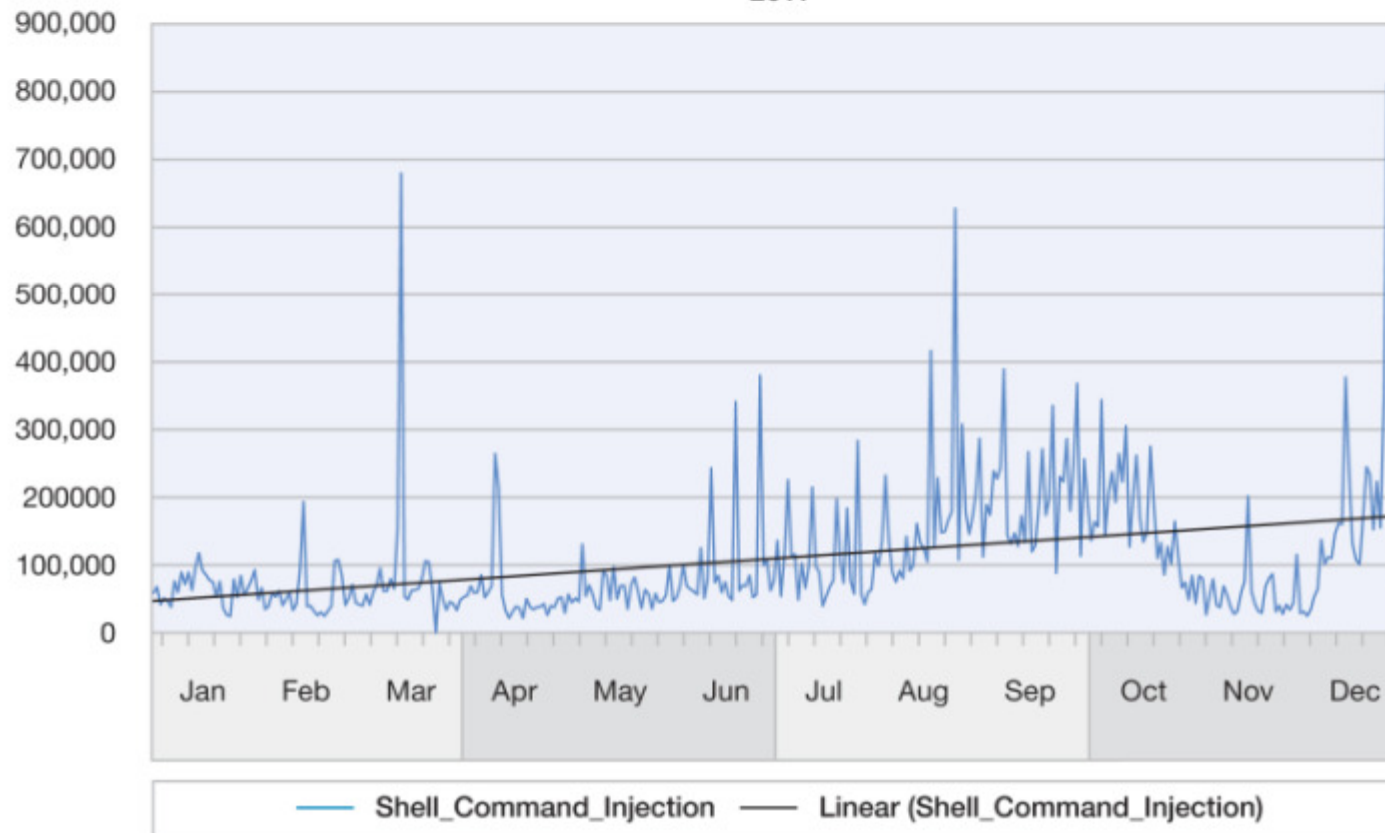
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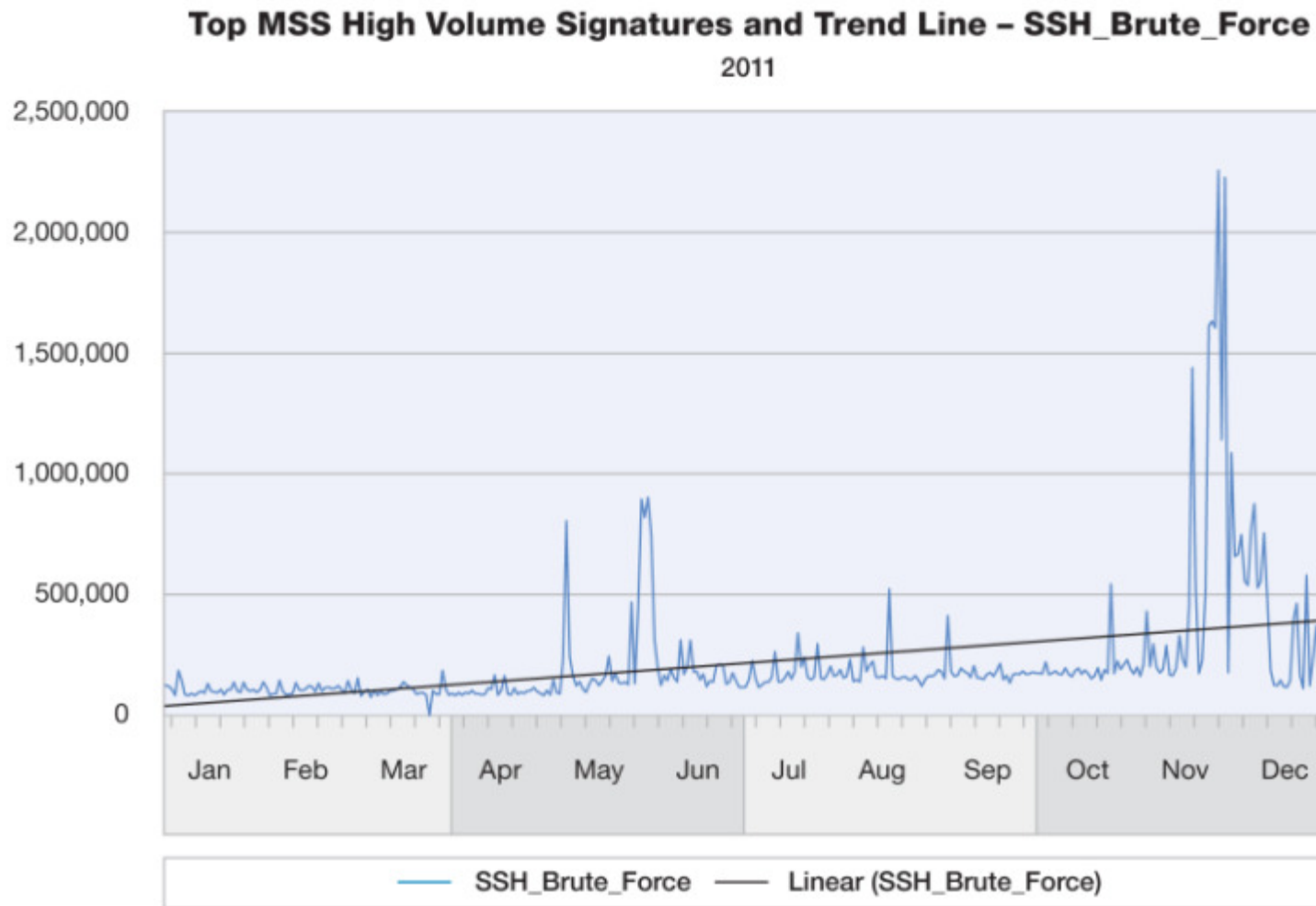
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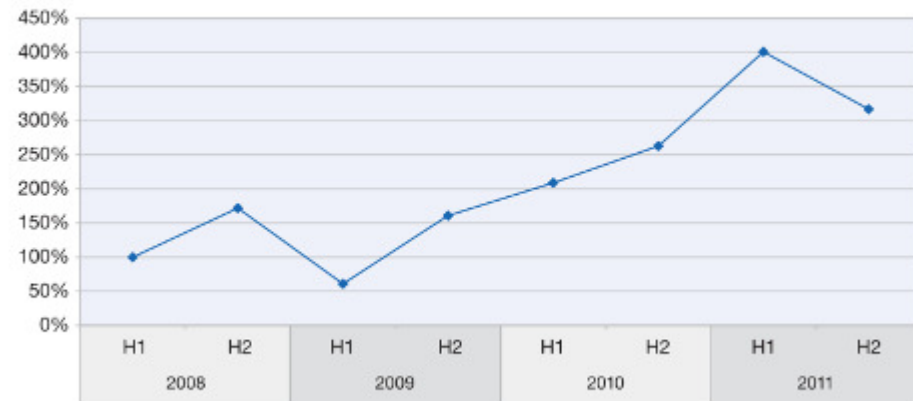


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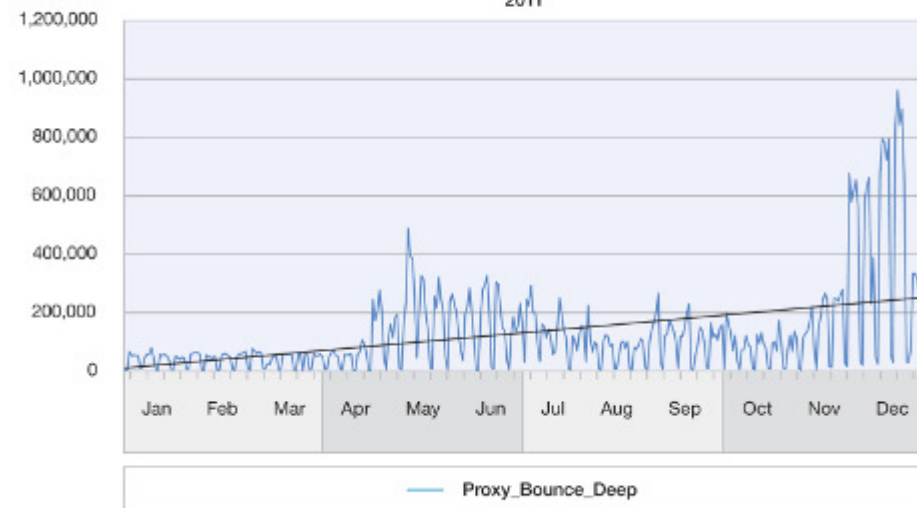
- Approximately 4 times more anonymous proxies than seen 3 years ago
  - Some used to hide attacks, others to evade censorship
- 
- Signature detects situations where clients are attempting to access websites through a chain of HTTP proxies
  - Could represent
    - legitimate (paranoid) web surfing
    - attackers obfuscating the source address of launched attacks against web servers

**Volume of Newly Registered Anonymous Proxy Websites**  
2008 to 2011



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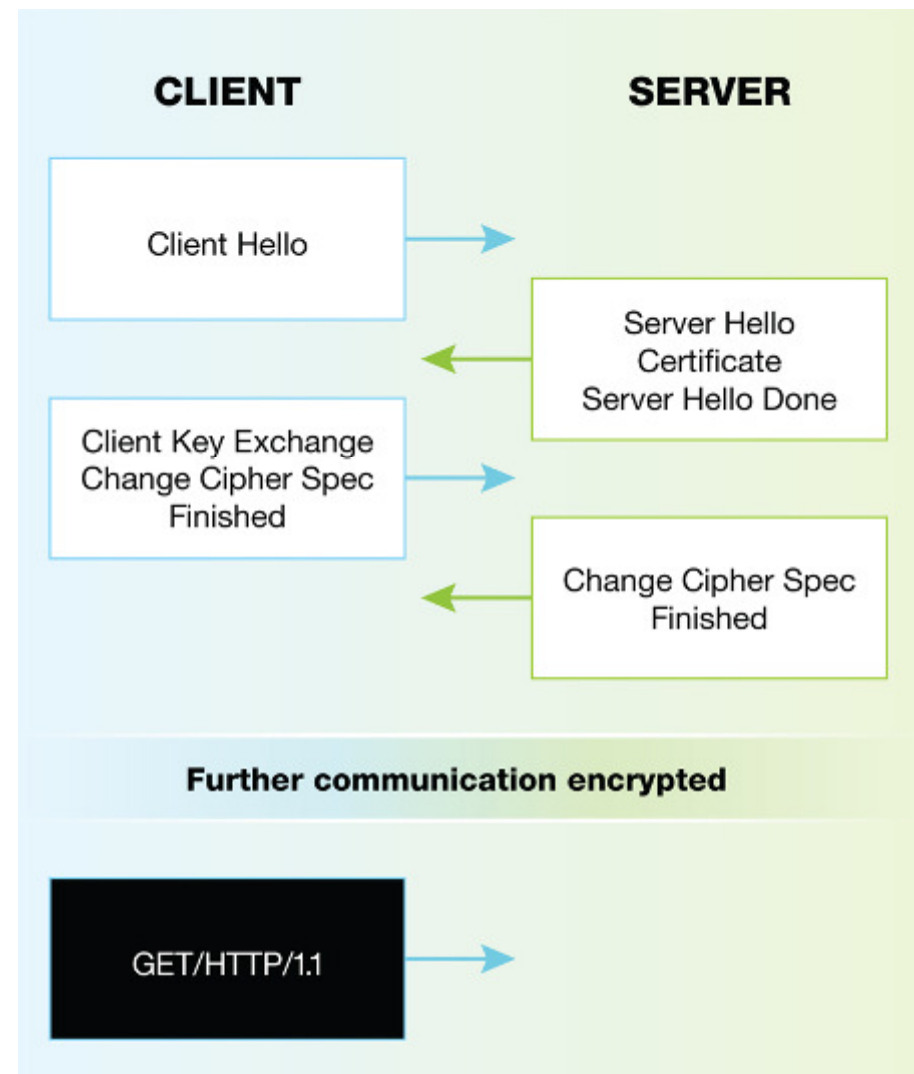
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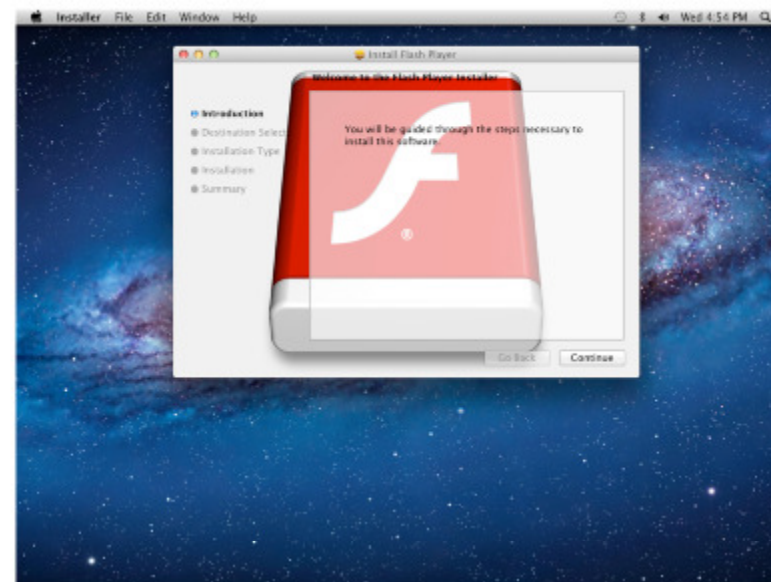
## Challenges to SSL security

- Attackers able to generate unauthorized certificates for later interception using man-in-the-middle types of attacks
  - Used to attempt to listen in on encrypted connections
  - Breaks a basic trust for users—that visiting encrypted SSL pages mean communicating securely
  
- THC SSL-DOS
  - Proof-of-concept tool used to perform denial-of-service (DoS) attack against servers communicating via SSL/TLS
  - Potential for everyday laptop on average connection to take down an enterprise web server

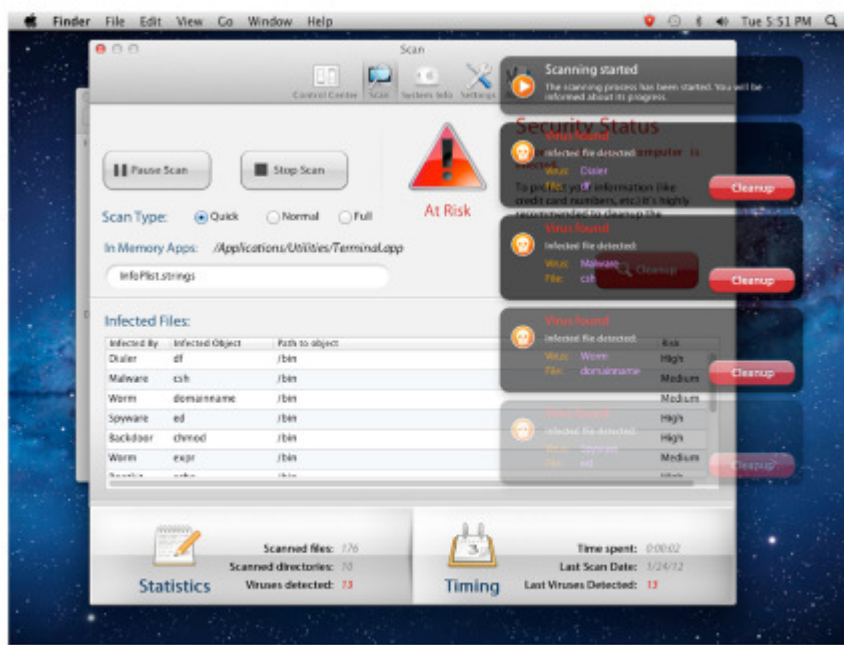


## MAC malware

- 2011 has seen the most activity in the Mac malware world.
  - Not only in volume compared to previous years, but also in functionality.
- In 2011, we started seeing Mac malware with functionalities that we've only seen before in Windows® malware.



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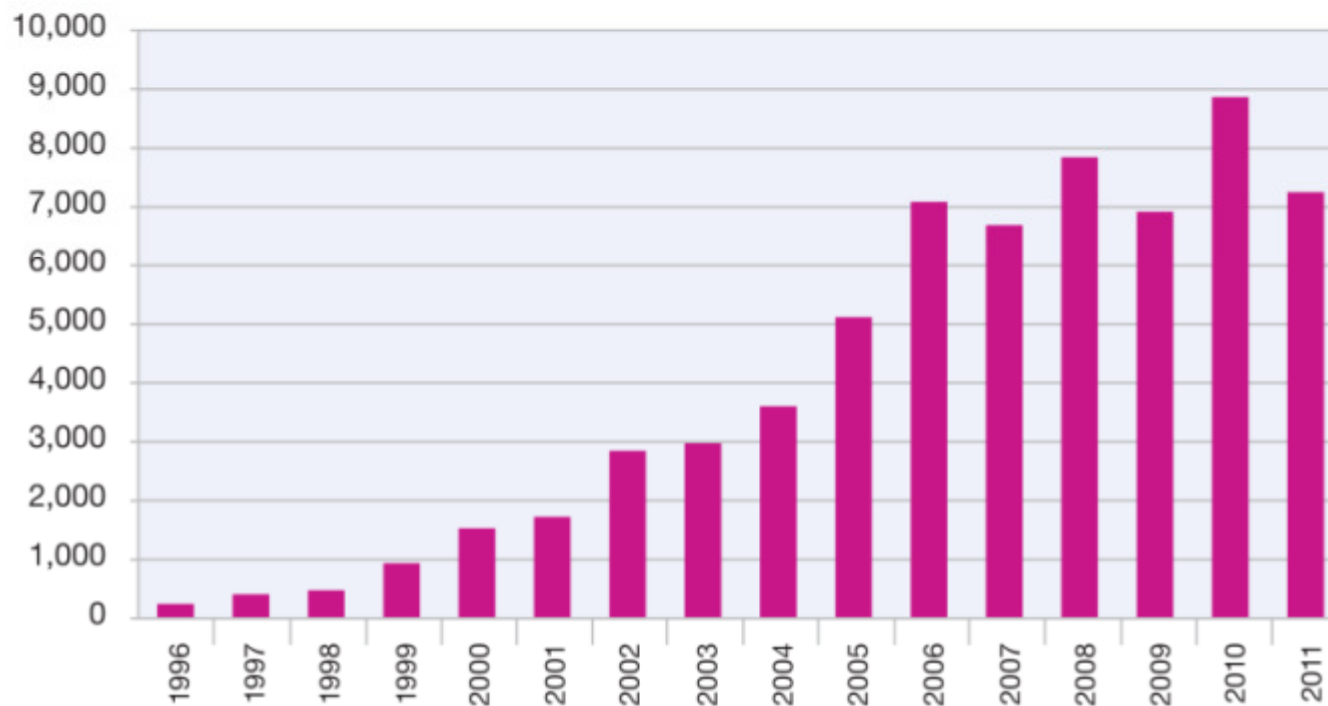
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## Vulnerability disclosures down in 2011

- Total number of vulnerabilities decline — but it's cyclical
  - We have witnessed a two year, high-low cycle in vulnerability disclosures since 2006

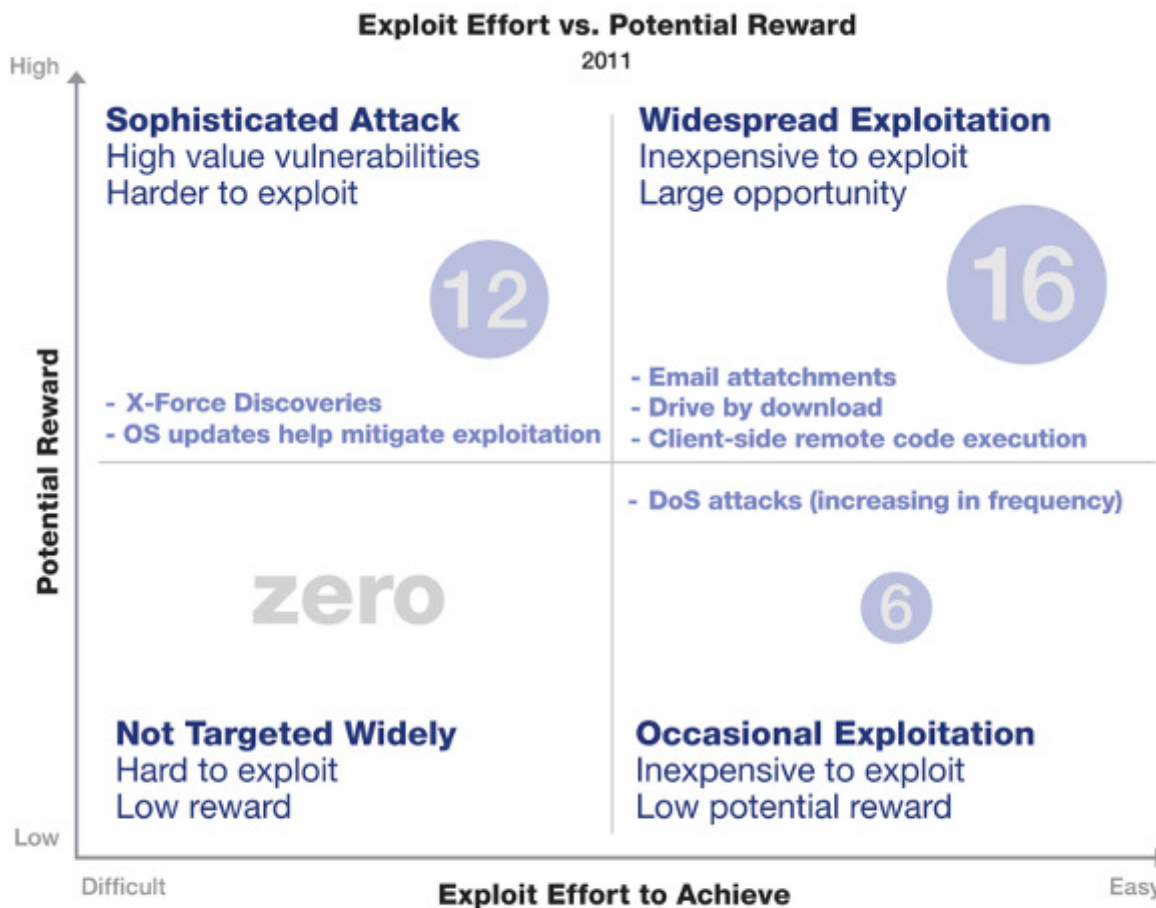
**Vulnerability Disclosures Growth by Year**  
1996-2011



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## Challenging exploits: more vulnerabilities in widespread category

- 34 X-Force alerts and advisories in 2011
  - 16 fit the critical category
    - easy to exploit, sweet spot for malicious activity
    - most currently being exploited in the wild
  - 12 harder to exploit but high value
    - This number higher than previous years



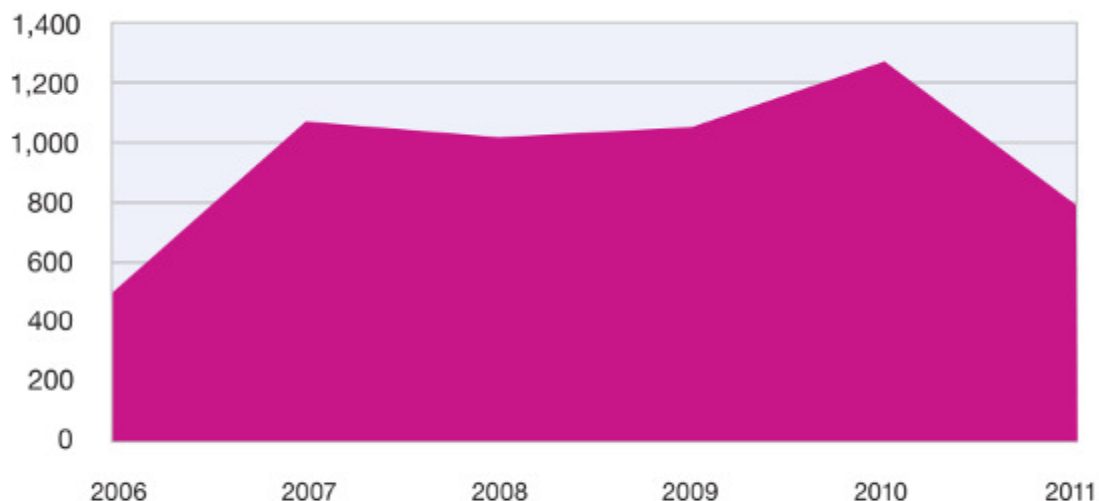
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## Public exploit disclosures

- Total number of exploit releases down to a number not seen since 2006
  - Also down as a percentage of vulnerabilities

**Public Exploit Disclosures**  
2006-2011



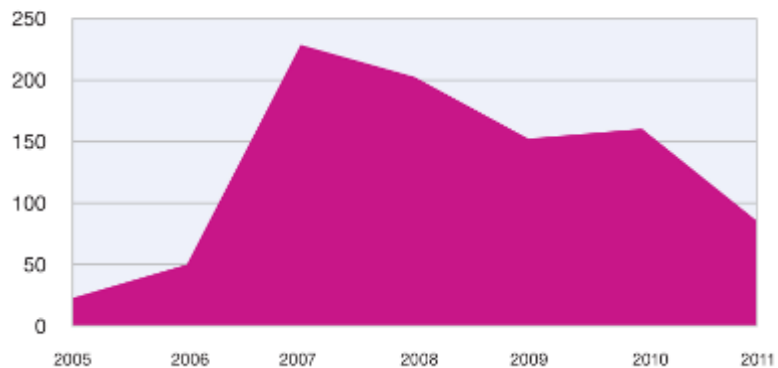
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Public Exploits	504	1078	1025	1059	1280	778
Percentage of Total	7.3%	16.5%	13.3%	15.6%	14.7%	11.0%

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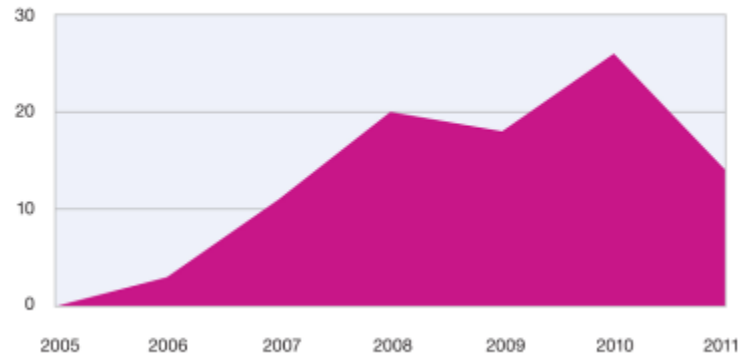
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**Public Exploit Disclosures for Browser**  
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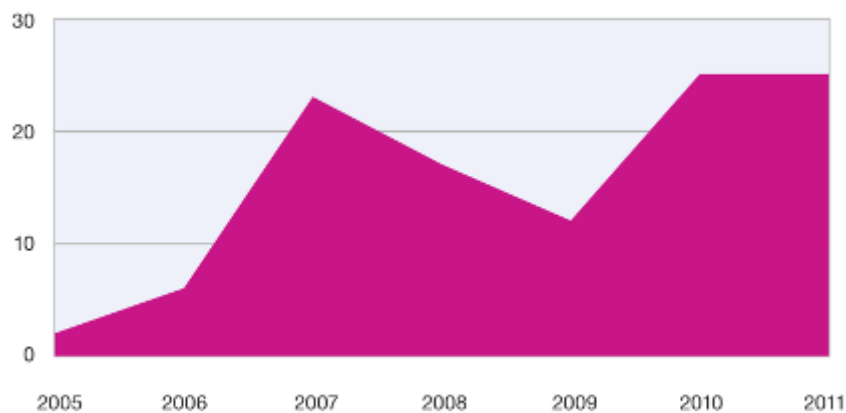
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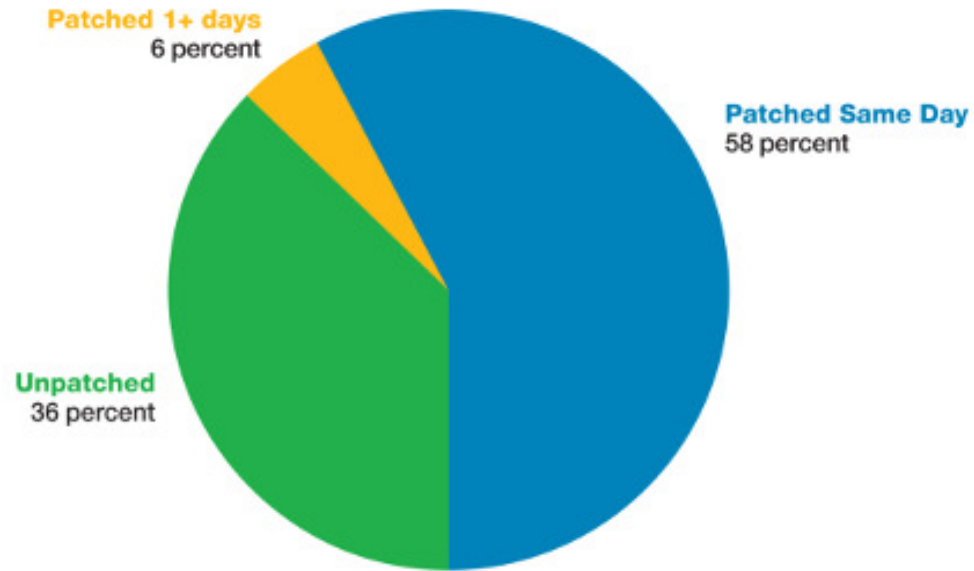


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# Better patching

### Vendor Patch Timeline 2011



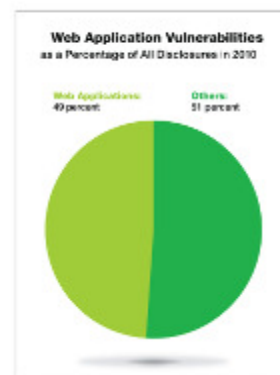
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Unpatched %	46.6%	44.6%	51.9%	45.1%	43.3%	36.0%

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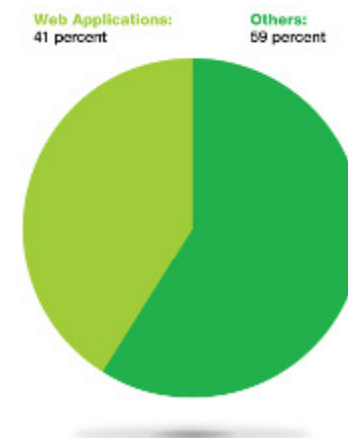
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## Decline in web application vulnerabilities

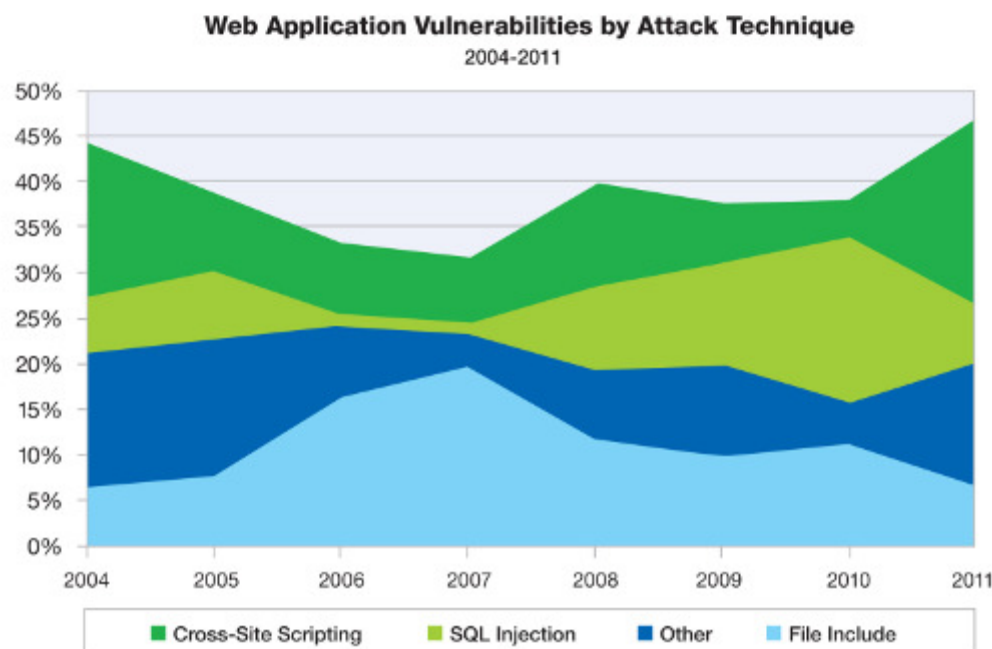
- In 2011, 41% of security vulnerabilities affected web applications
  - Down from 49% in 2010
  - Lowest percentage seen since 2005



**Web Application Vulnerabilities as a Percentage of All Disclosures in 2011**



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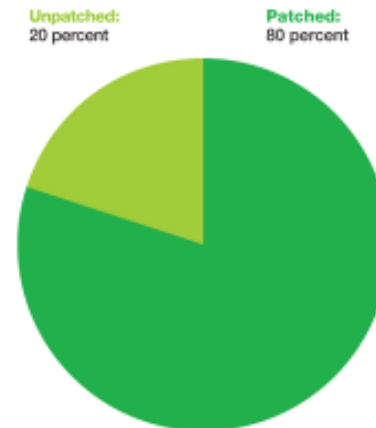
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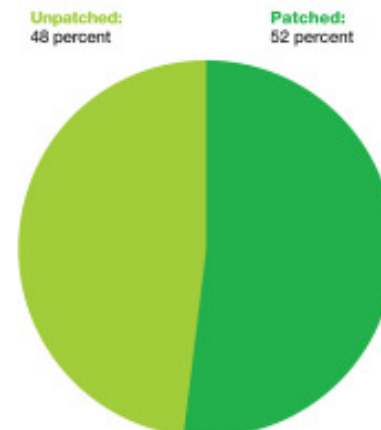
## Attack activity in web-based content management systems (CMS)

- Web CMS vulnerabilities are favorite targets of attackers because they are publicly disclosed and impact a large number of websites on the Internet.
  - Zero day vulnerabilities in these systems have factored into a number of breaches this year

2011 CMS Core Vulnerabilities

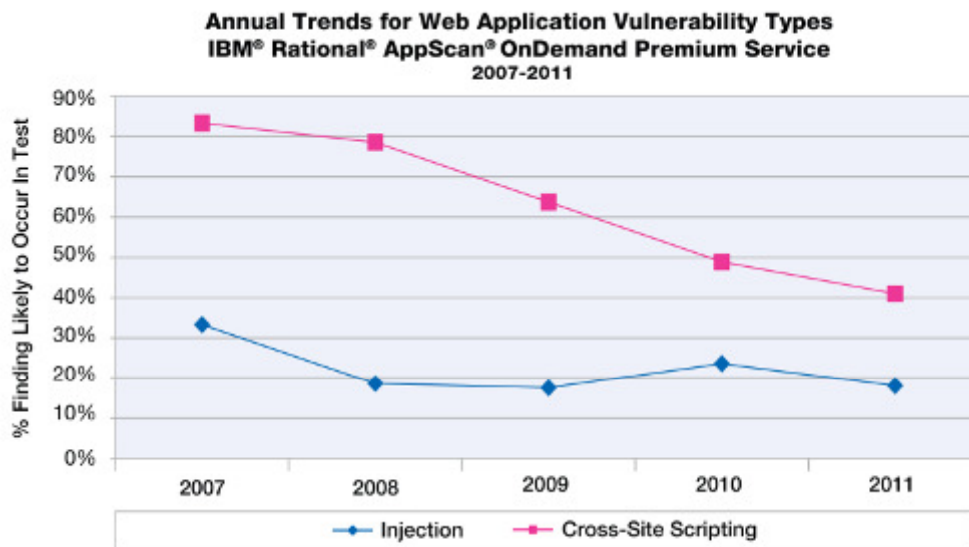


2011 CMS Plug-in Vulnerabilities



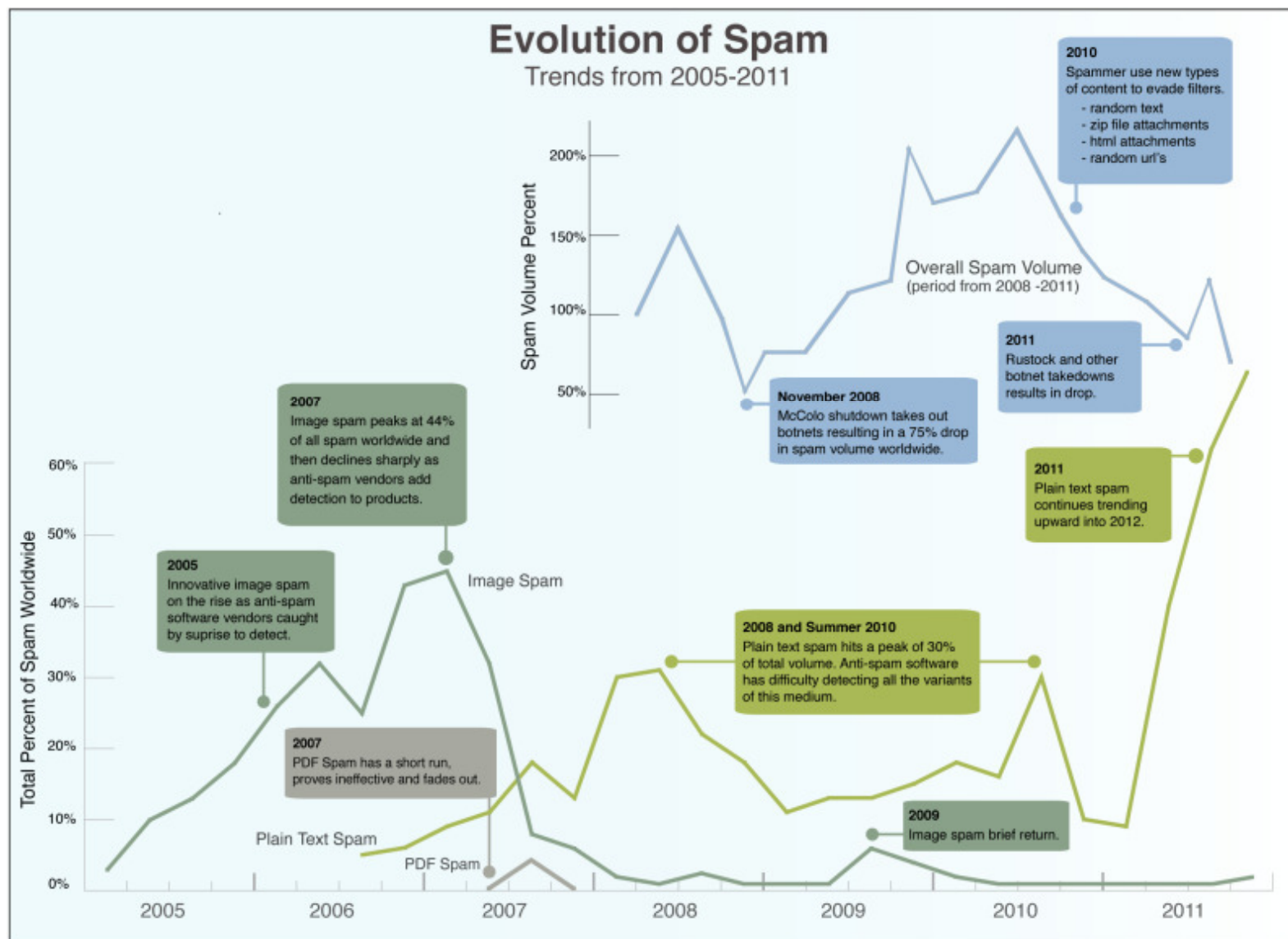
## Cross Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities

- In 2011 XSS vulnerabilities half as likely to exist in customer's as compared to 4 years ago
- However, XSS vulnerabilities still appear in about 40% of the applications IBM scans
  - High for something well understood and easily addressed



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# Evolution of spam – trends from 2005 - 2011





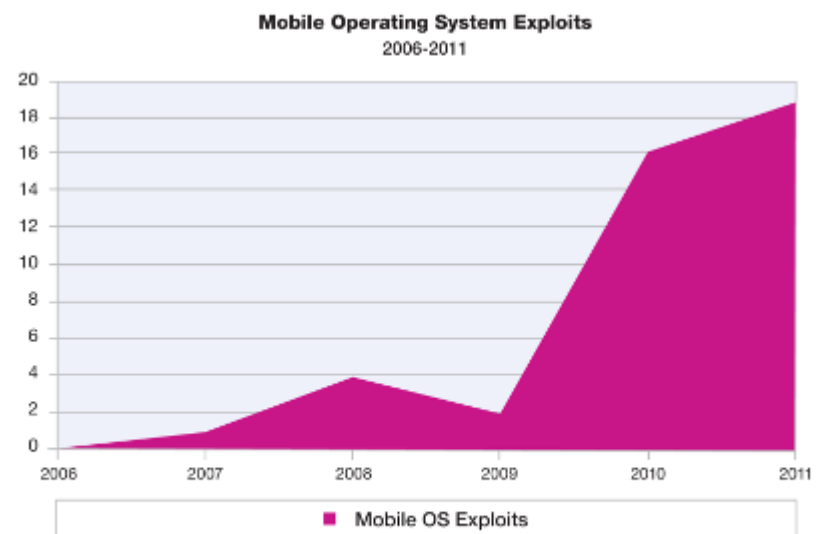
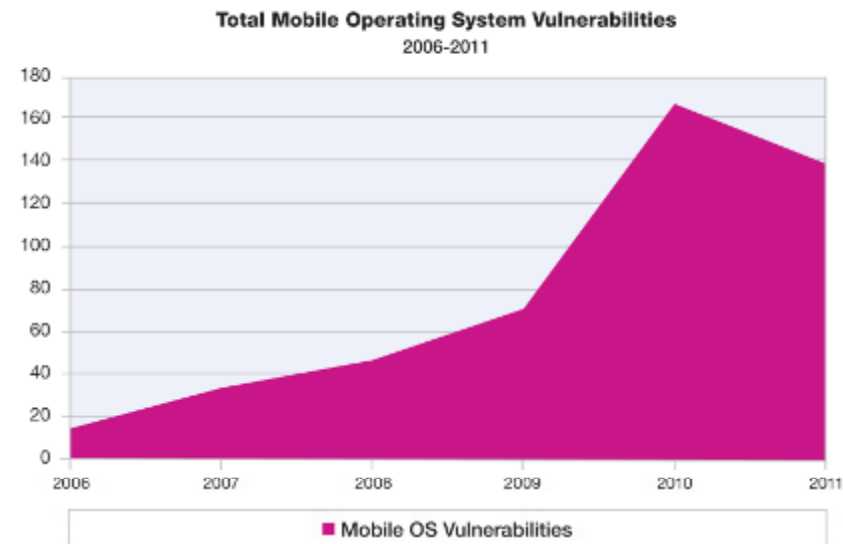


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## Mobile OS vulnerabilities & exploits

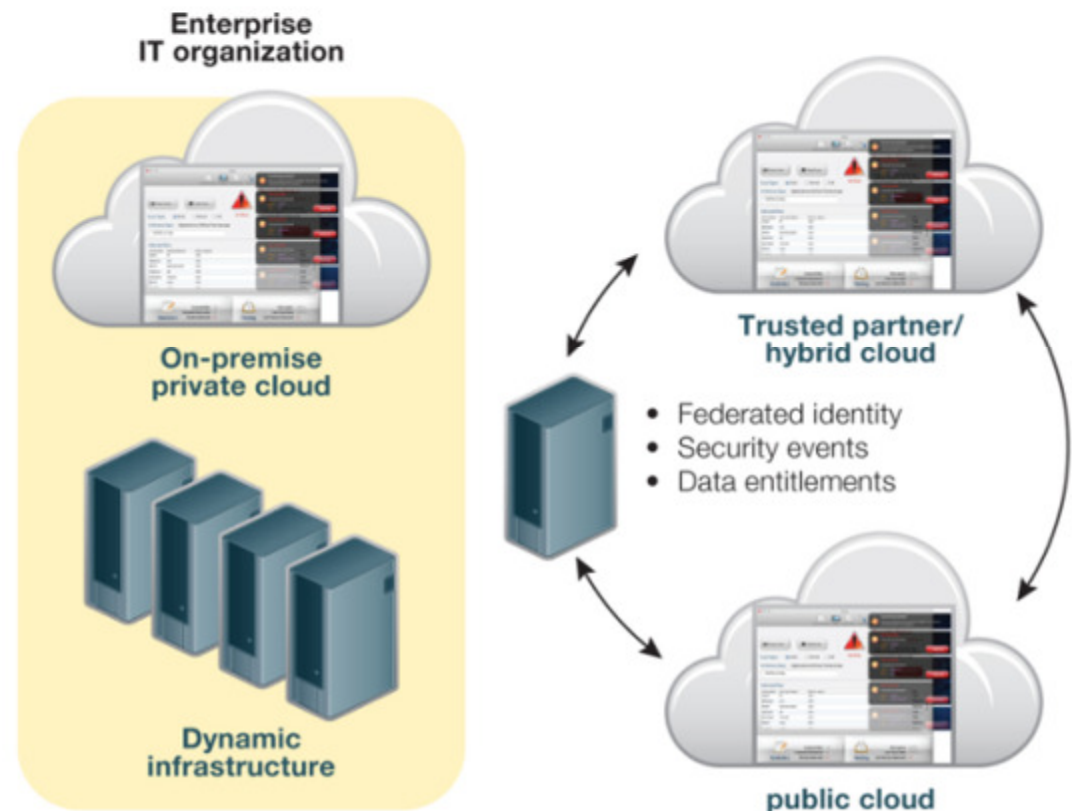
- Continued interest in Mobile vulnerabilities as enterprise users request a “bring your own device” (BYOD) strategy for the workplace
- Attackers finding these devices represent lucrative new attack opportunities



## Challenges of cloud security

- We saw a number of high profile cloud breaches in 2011 affecting well-known organizations and large populations of their customers
- Customers looking at cloud environments should consider:
  - Cloud-appropriate workloads
  - Appropriate service level agreements (SLAs)
  - Lifecycle approaches to deployment that include exit strategies should things not work out

### Securing access to cloud-based applications and services



## Social Networking – no longer a fringe pastime

- Attackers finding social networks ripe with valuable information they can mine to build intelligence about organizations and its staff:
  - Scan corporate websites, Google, Google News
    - Who works there? What are their titles?
    - Create index cards with names and titles
  - Search LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter profiles
    - Who are their colleagues?
    - Start to build an org chart
  - Who works with the information the attacker would like
    - What is their reporting structure?
    - Who are their friends?
    - What are they interested in?
    - What are their work/personal email addresses?

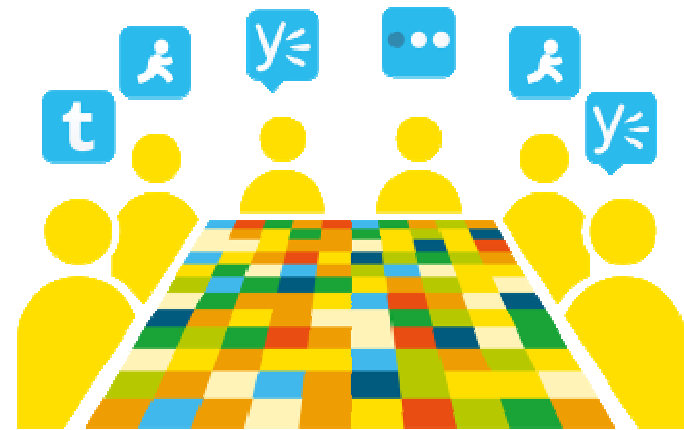


## How to Address These Issues

Security Issue	Recommendations	IBM Security Systems Solutions
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SSH brute force activity	Search for and prevent the use of weak passwords; prevent the deployment of systems with default password onto the network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endpoint Manager</li> <li>• zSecure Audit</li> <li>• Network Intrusion Prevention</li> <li>• InfoSphere Guardium Database Vulnerability Assessment</li> <li>• Identity and Access Assurance</li> </ul>
Phishing-based malware distribution & click fraud	Defend your network against spam and web based drive by download attacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endpoint Manager</li> <li>• Network Intrusion Protection</li> </ul>
Anonymous Proxies	Consider blocking proxied connections inbound to your web server depending on your security policies (this solution isn't for everyone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access Manager for e-Business</li> <li>• InfoSphere Guardium Database Activity Monitor</li> </ul>
Mobile Malware	Look to deploy mobile endpoint management solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endpoint Manager for Mobile Devices</li> <li>• Mobile Device Security in the Cloud (SaaS)</li> </ul>

## Now a business problem...

- Organizations are making security a strategic priority
  - Enabler of innovation and value, not just a cost of doing business
- Requiring fundamental changes in processes and attitudes
- Strategic shift needs a new breed of security leader
  - Clear voice in the C-suite and the power to drive meaningful change



# IBM's own strategy: Ten essential practices for security leaders

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5. Take a Hygienic Approach to Managing Infrastructure



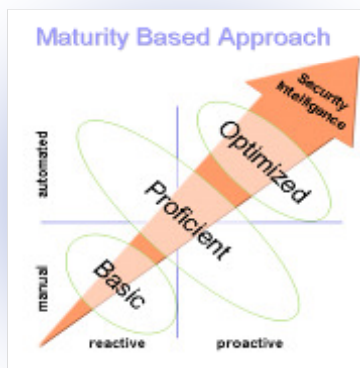
6. Control Network Access



4. Secure Services, By Design



3. Secure the Workplace of the Future (Endpoint)



7. Address New Complexity of Cloud and Virtualization



8. Assure Supply Chain Security Compliance



2. Manage Incidents

9. Protect Structured & Unstructured Data



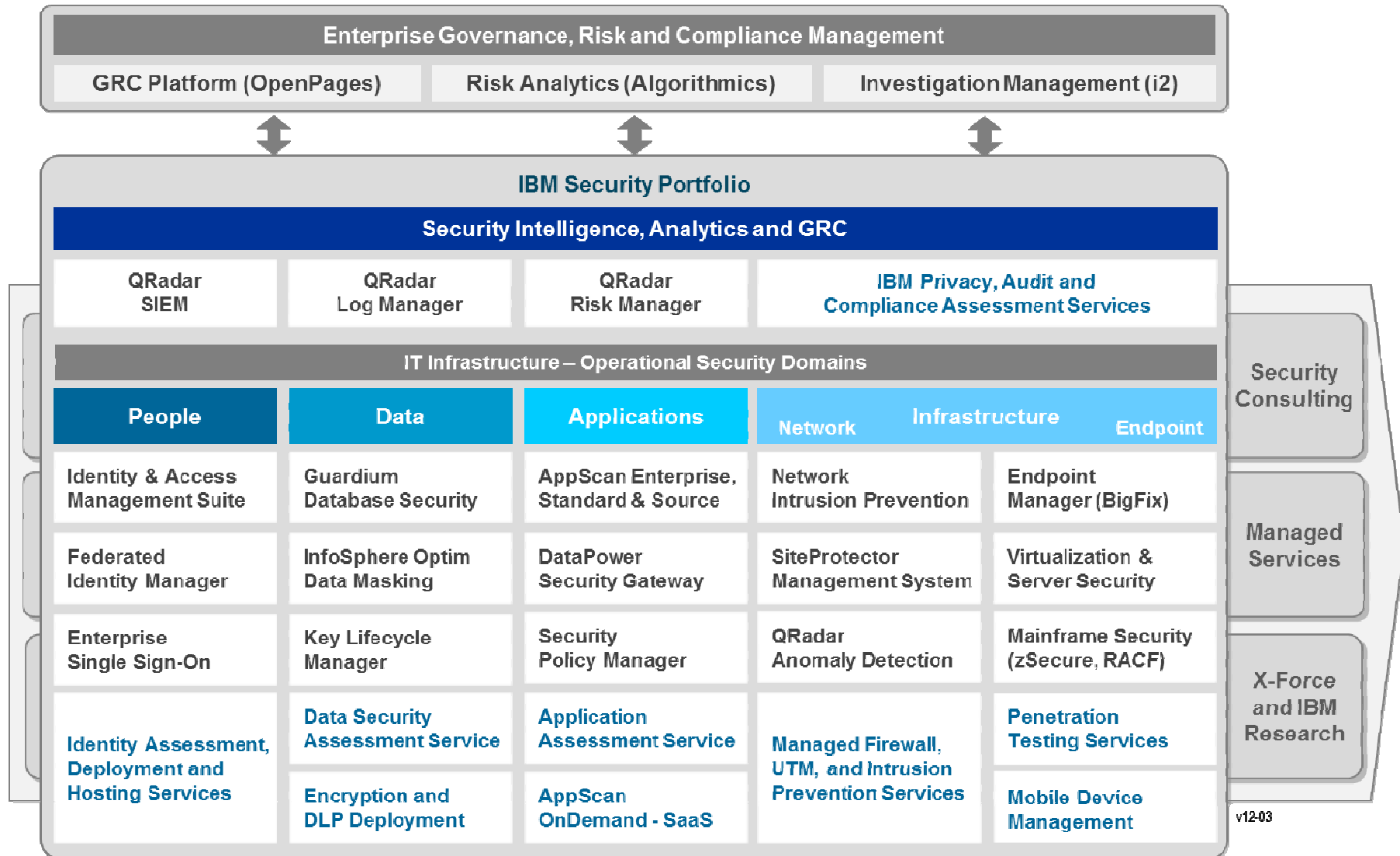
1. Build a Risk Aware Culture & Management System

10. Manage the Identity Lifecycle





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