

The Awakening of Cyber Analysis

IBM i2 Safer Planet

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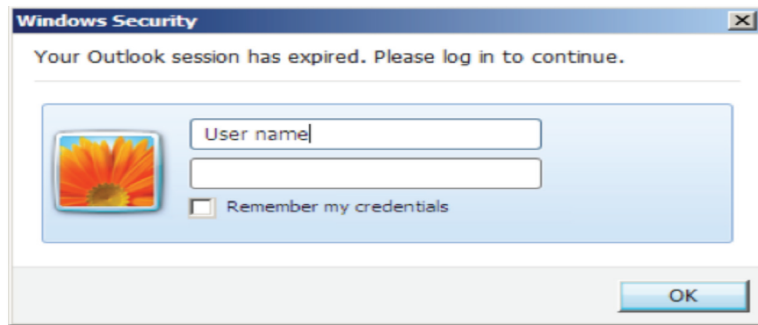


Fig. 1: Malicious prompt to capture credentials



Fig. 2: Generic lure document

**\$100 MILLION
DOLLARS IN
PROFIT SINCE
2013**

**32 PEOPLE
INVOLVED IN
MULTIPLE
COUNTRIES**

The growth of asymmetric threats is changing the landscape

Information security has become a human vs. human problem



Remote control device

Hackers negate tens of millions of dollars in security infrastructure with a \$30USD device!



1

A male posing as an IT technician deployed a \$30USD remote control device on a bank branch office computer

2

The crooks connected to the device from a nearby hotel, then accessed the bank's servers

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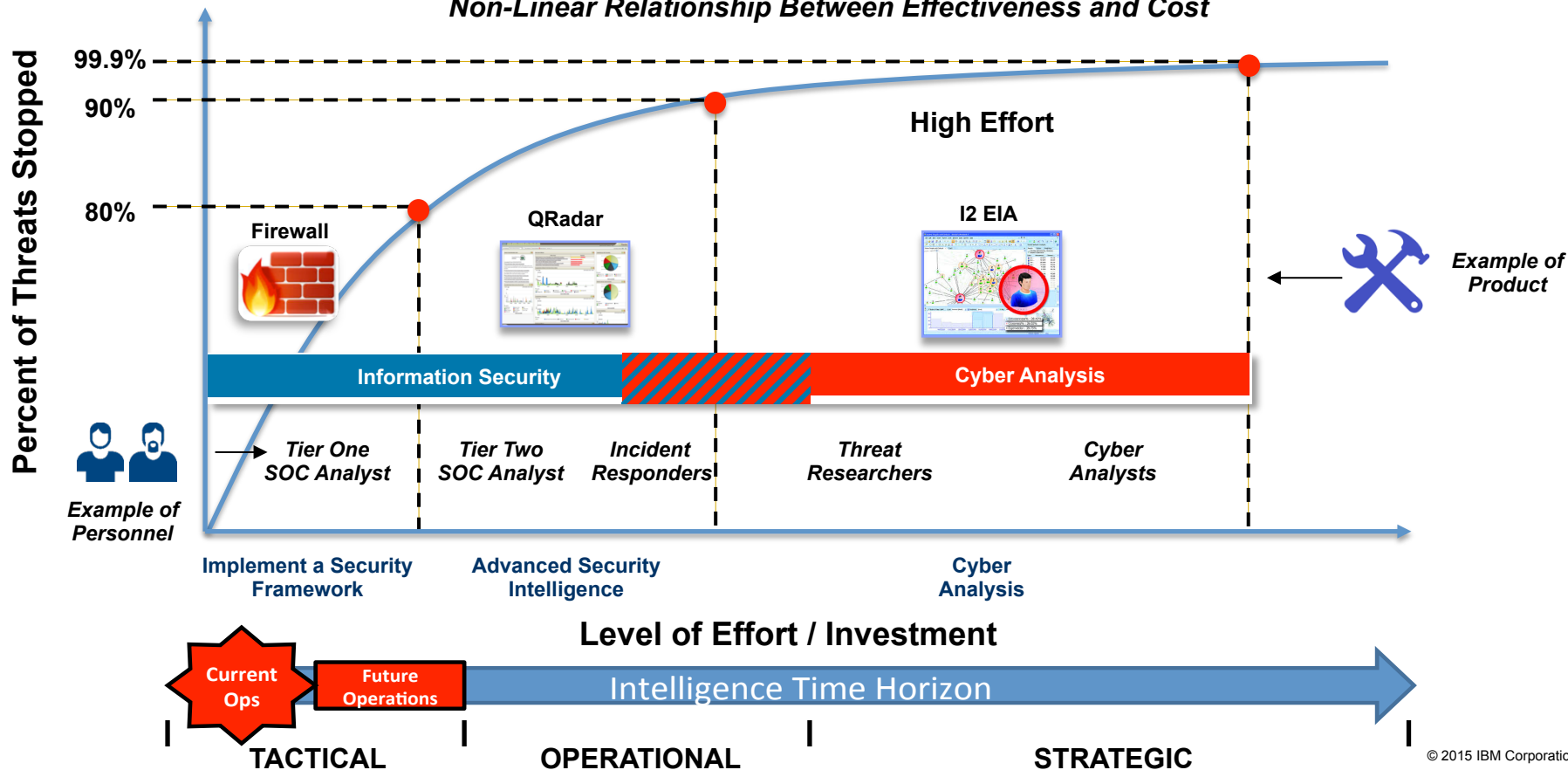
The hackers logged into a bank terminal and shifted ~\$2.1M USD through 128 transfers into mule accounts



The gang responsible for the theft was caught 13 months later only due to attempting the same attack at another bank

Both security and analysis must address the problem

Non-Linear Relationship Between Effectiveness and Cost



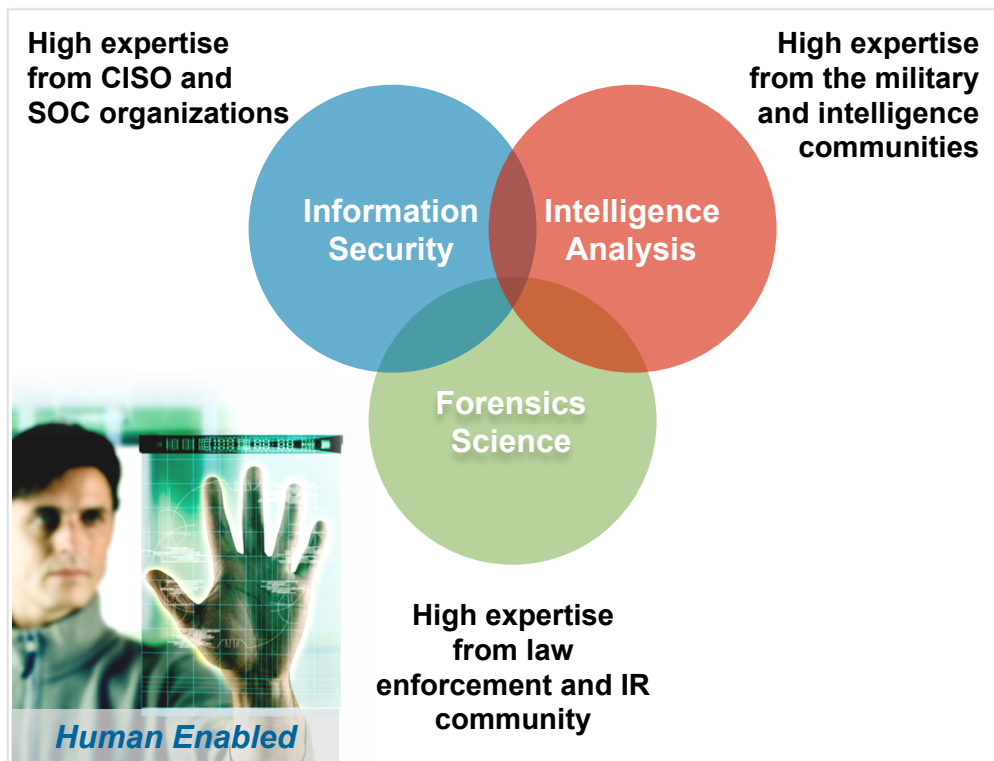
Learning from medical analogies

MEDICAL

SECURITY

	Threat Example	Mitigation Strategy	Threat Example	Mitigation Strategy
Tier One – Hygiene	Common hospital associated infections	Washing hands, wearing masks and scrubs	Commodity threat, individual hackers with widely-used tools	Changing passwords, removing unused services, patching
Tier Two – Specialization	Emergent situations (e.g. chest pain, gunshot wound)	Creation of critical care and preventative medicine discipline	Organized crime, semi-tailored fraud and crimeware tools	Visibility, monitoring, alerting, response, real-time security analytics
Tier Three – Research	Genetic diseases and cancer	Research and tailored genetic treatments	Advanced Persistent Threat, nation-state, high resources	Cyber analysis, threat intelligence trend analysis, campaign tracking

The cyber analysis discipline addresses the human dimension



The Cyber Analysis Discipline

Cyber Analysis is a new discipline and profession with three subcomponents

- **Information Security** blends aspects of network defense, confidentiality, assurance, and malware threats
- **Intelligence Analysis** brings the art of the intel cycle where information is directed, collected, processed, analyzed, produced, and disseminated
- **Forensics Science** blends aspects of the investigative process, evidence handling, and latent evidence discovery

Why You Need Cyber Analysis

Information Security alone is not enough,
companies need to open the aperture:



The domain of **CYBER** is the discipline of examining multi-dimensional security...a threat can come from an external hacker or an insider threat

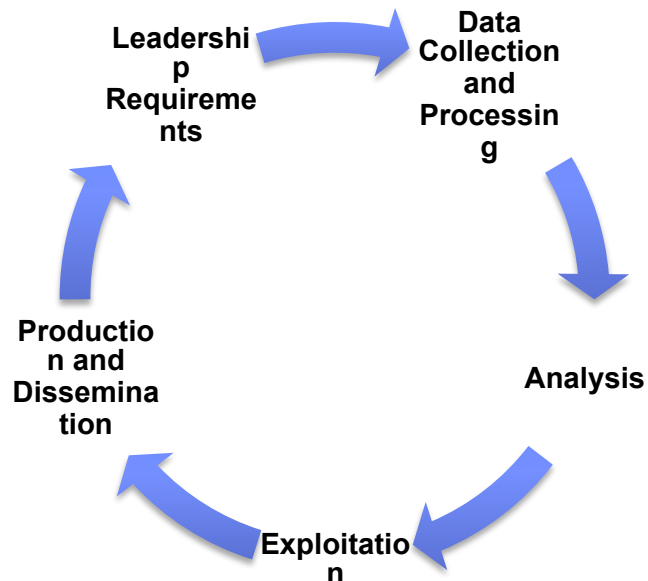
Security Analytics: The art of aggregating, correlating, and automating information technology (IT) related data in order to detect, discover, and understand information security threats.

Cyber Analysis: The art of human-led analysis of security and non-security related data from logical and physical domains in order to research trends, discover anomalies, provide context, create relationships, and uncover hidden issues.

Cyber Intelligence: Evidenced-based knowledge and actionable advice concerning security related issues.

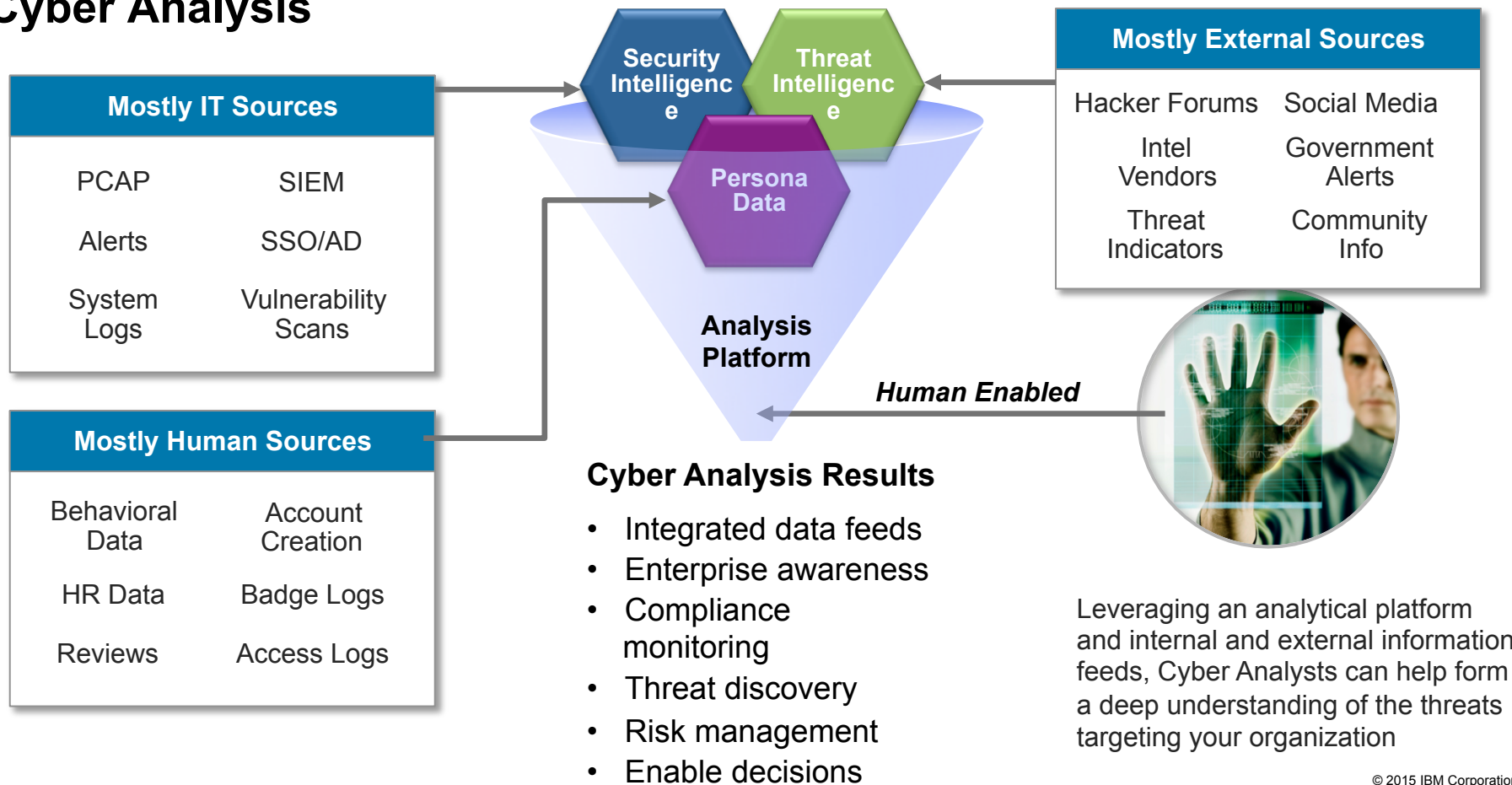
Security Intelligence: Actionable information derived from the analysis of security-relevant data available to an organization.

Accelerate Decision Making with The Intelligence Cycle

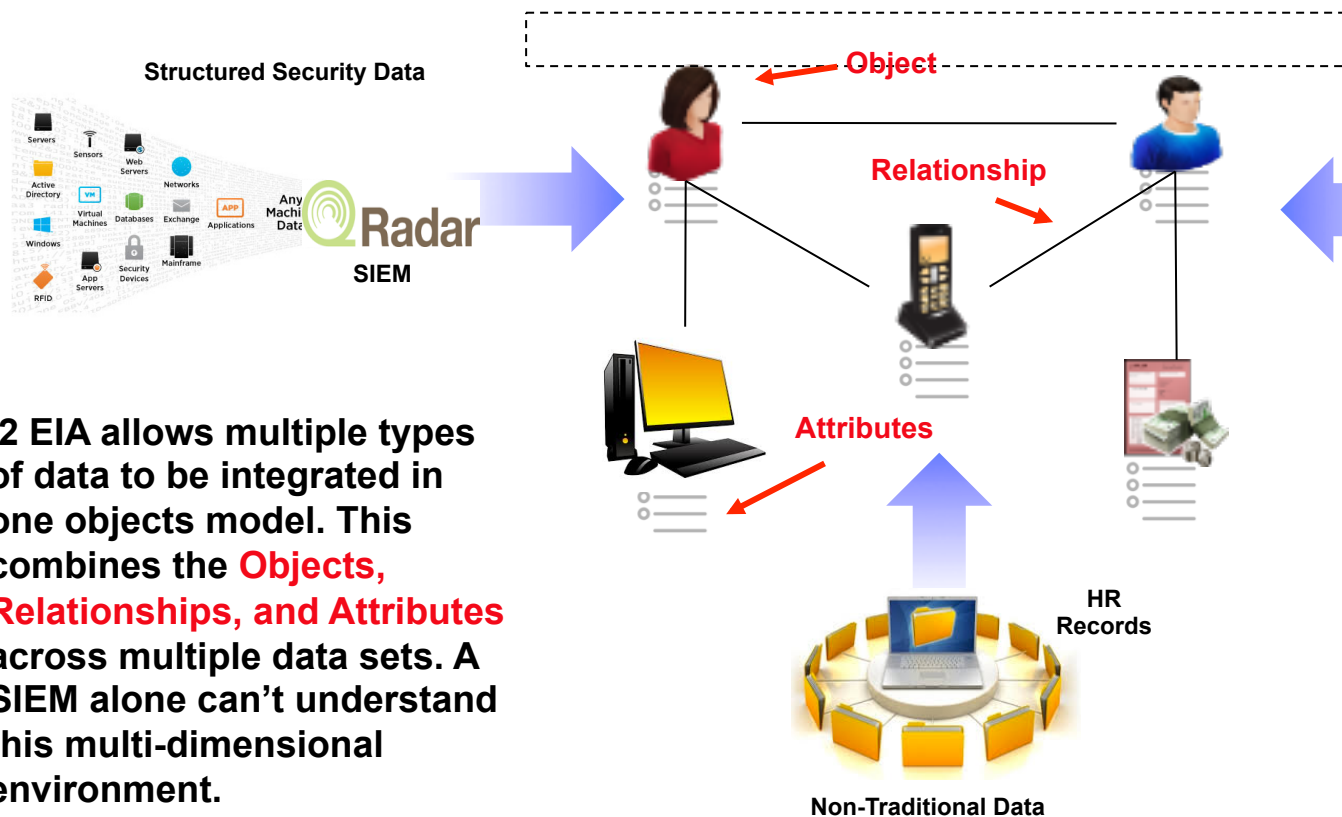


- Collate, aggregate and manage **overwhelming data volumes** (terabytes) of information
- Multiple, discrete **silos** of information
- Valuable **insight locked up** in unstructured or semistructured data and documents
- Accurate and timely target acquisition (finding the needle in the needle-stack)
- Finding hidden patterns **and non-obvious relationships**, using reactive to proactive or predictive methods
- Struggling to find the who, what, when and where by **avoiding cognitive traps**
- More time information management (IM) than **information exploitation** (IE) (analysis)

Cyber Analysis



Why i2 EIA is Vitrally Important: One Schema, One Object Model



Threat Intelligence



Social Media

Object: the “noun” of the data model: person, place, thing or an event

Relationship: describes the relationship between two objects

Attributes: are the “adjective” and describe the objects

Build a Sophisticated Intelligence Capability

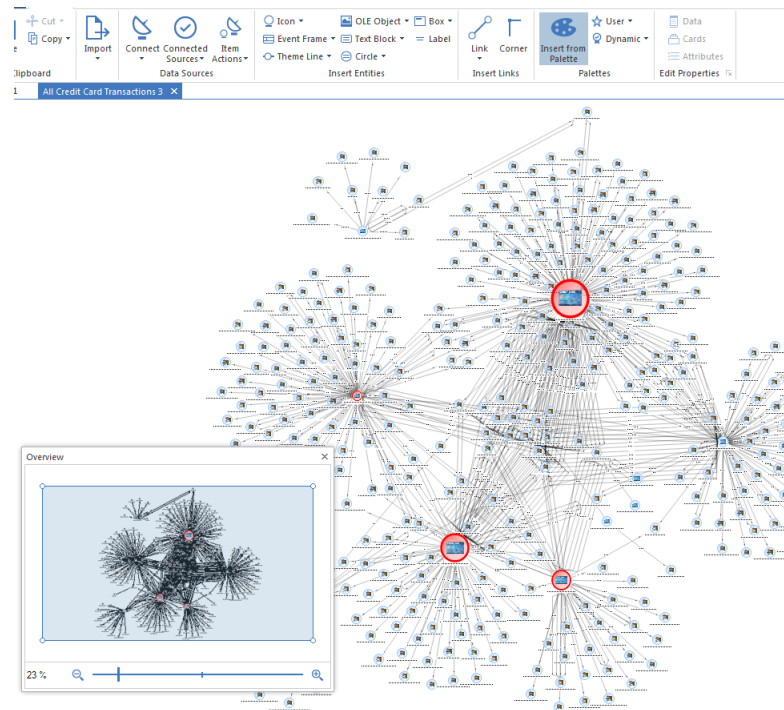
Human guided intelligence analysis to uncover evidence of criminality awareness of links, networks, anomalies, trends.

What we are looking at

- People, Objects, Locations, Events
- Structured & Unstructured
- Deep & Dark Web
- External data
- Social Networks

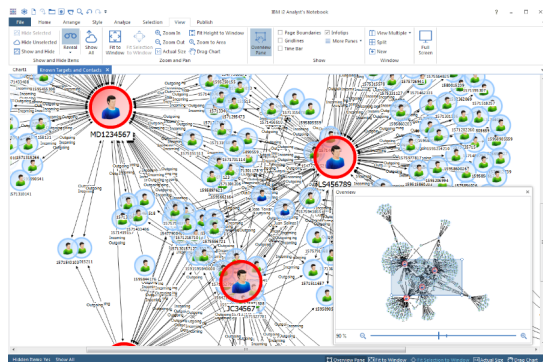
What we are looking for

- Networks
- Relationships
- Patterns in the data
- Anomalies in geography, timing, sequencing

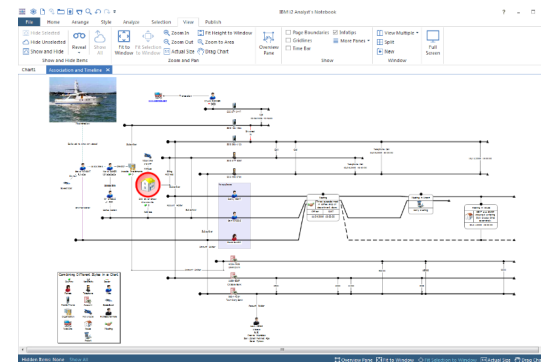


i2 EIA Delivers Integrated Multi-Dimensional Analysis Capabilities

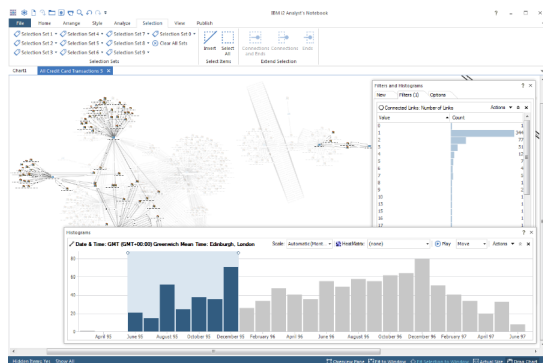
Network & Link analysis



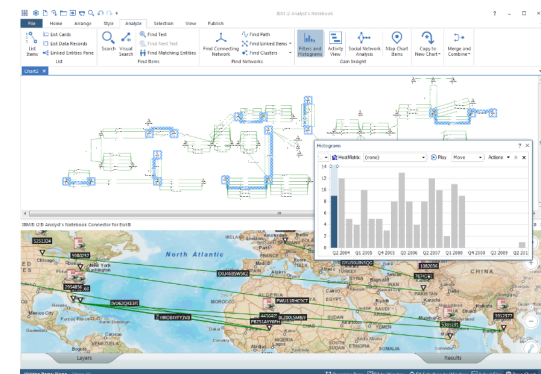
Transactional timelines



Analytical Tools: histograms, activity heat maps, and Social Network Analysis

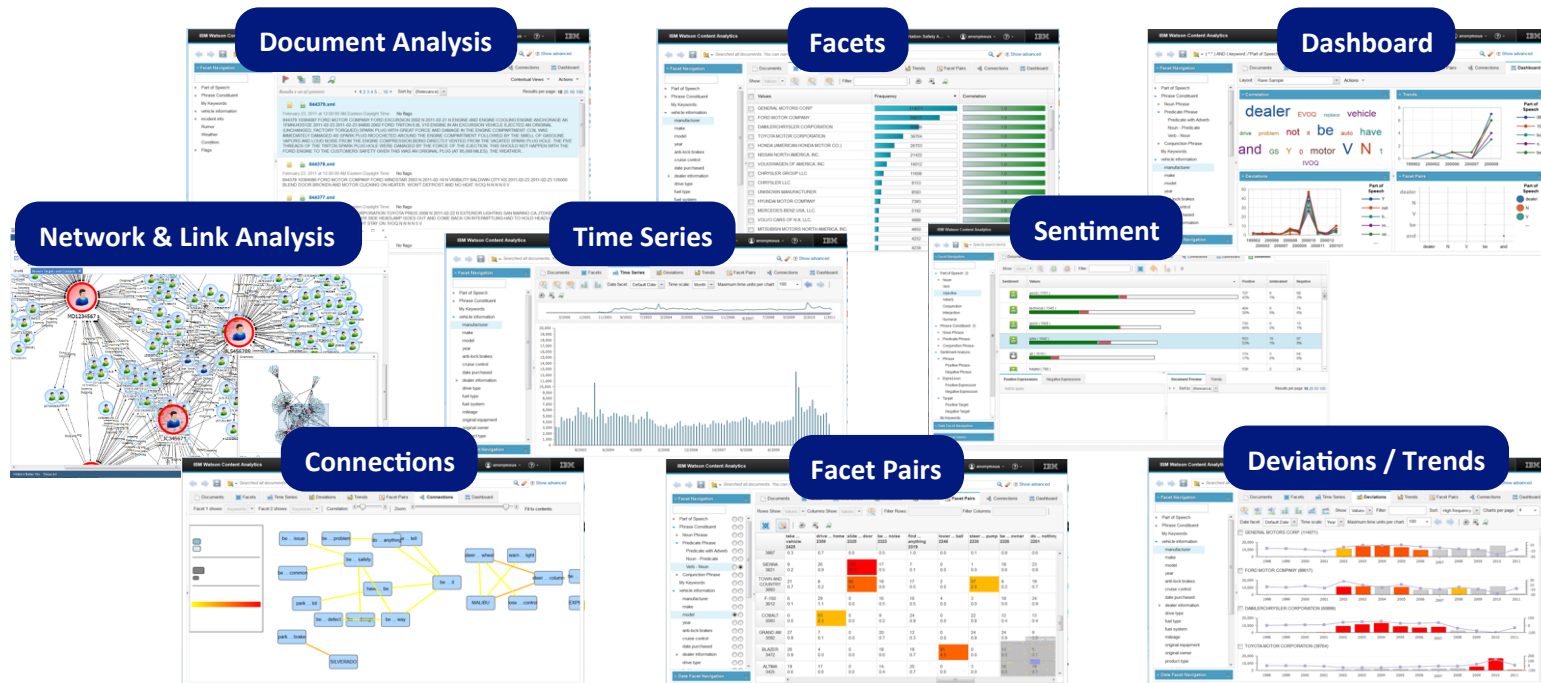


Geospatial Interoperability

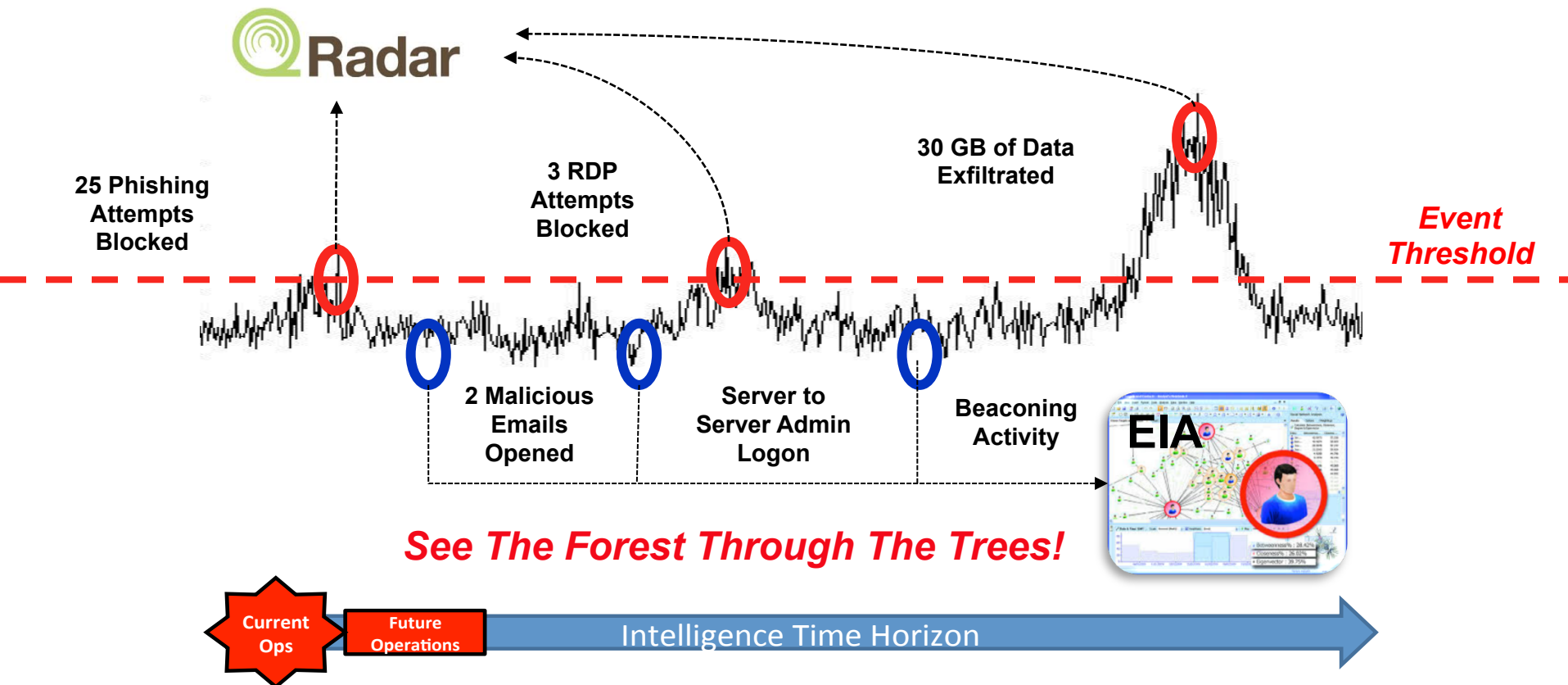


i2 EIA Delivers Integrated Multi-Dimensional Analysis

To exploit data in new capabilities for many users...



Tipping, Queuing, and Anomaly Research Example



Four Main Pain Points in Cyber Security Today



**Hidden Threats
Hiding in Network**

**How do I find
the signals in
the noise?**

**\$35 MILLION
- SONY**

- Finding beaconing
- Strange admin logs
- Employees caching info
- IP theft and exfiltration



**Where Should
Analysts Look
How to find a
needle in a
stack of
needles?**

**1,400 PEOPLE
- ISIS HIT LIST**

- SIEM tipping and queuing
- External physical threats
- Host intrusion correlation
- Ext. breach discovery



**Lack of Actionable
Intelligence**

**How do leaders
make
decisions?**

**\$162 MILLION
- TARGET**

- Intelligence led security
- Understand vendor risk
- Incident reporting
- Risk analysis



**Too Much Data,
Too Many Sources**

**How do I put the
picture
together?**

**14 MONTHS
- OBY CLEANUP**

- APT kill chain analysis
- Darkweb integration
- IOC historical search
- Vulnerability prioritization

IMPACT

USE CASES

Contributing Factors to The Cyber Security Problem



Increased data sources

The amount of devices on a network is expanding exponentially, organizations need to sift through data from their many devices and unstructured data from vendors.



Shortage of talent

The cost of skilled personnel is rising, while cyber talent is at an abundant shortage. There is a shortage of skilled security people, security people who can actually 'do' security versus pass a multiple-choice test on security.¹



Sophistication of the attackers

"But, cyber attacks are growing every day in strength and velocity across the globe." — Jamie Dimon, JPMorgan's chairman and Chief Executive ²



Little Attention to Resilience

Organizations tend to spend a majority of their resources on perimeter security and monitoring at gateway "chokepoints". When an adversary gets onto the network there is little ability to detect and respond before the damage is done.

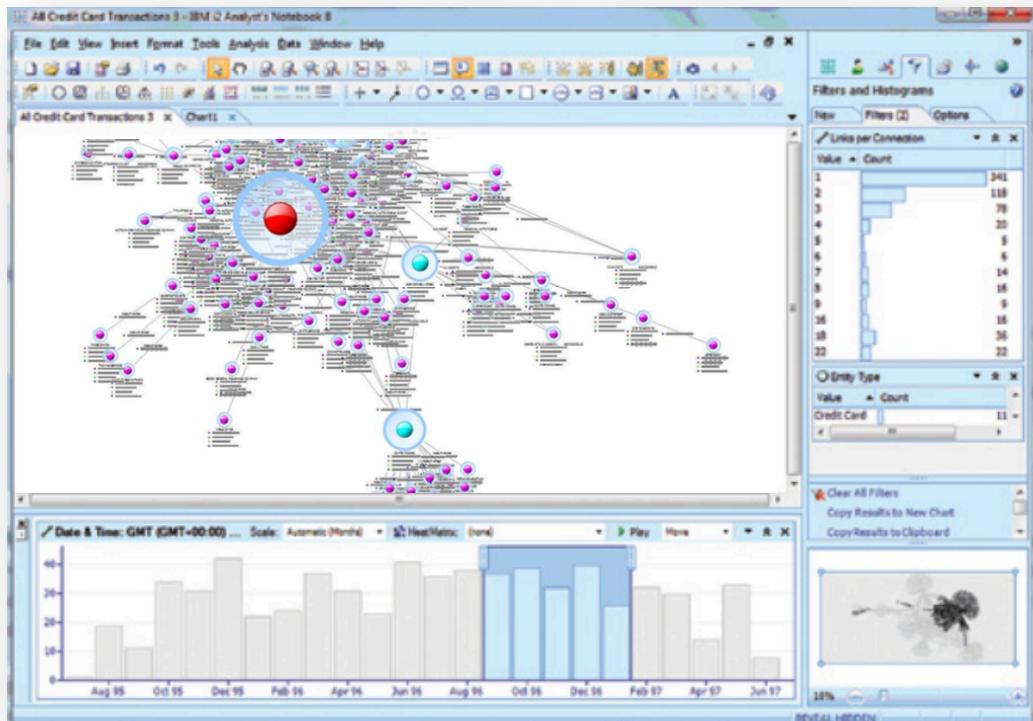
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How i2 EIA Helps You Find Cyber Threats Quickly



Visualize and Investigate

See data from multiple sources in a unique object model for exploration

- **Visual Query** lets you query your data without technical or database skills, improving the quality and productivity of investigations
- **Find Path** allows your to uncover relationships between billions of potential paths within seconds
- **Conditional Formatting** spreads the skills of your master analysts by adding emphasis to objects and relationships to make issues immediately visible

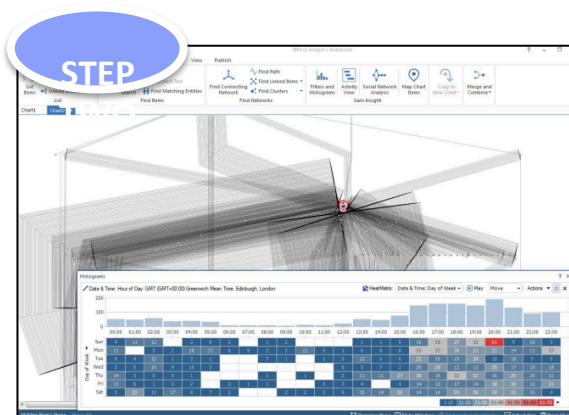
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Example: Is there evidence of undetected malware in my network?



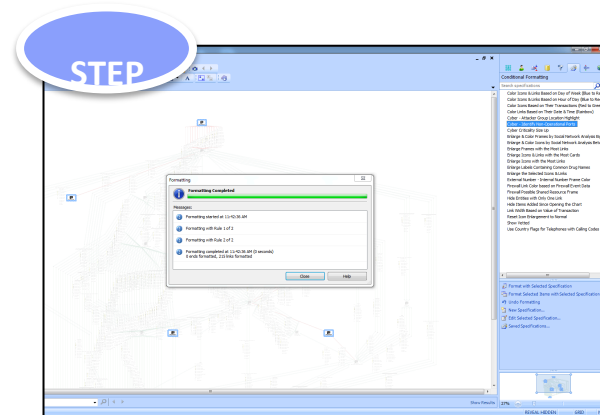
Search Proxy Logs

Analyze your logs by simply drawing the query you would like to run, including any parameters like a specified time period



Discover Beaconing Activity

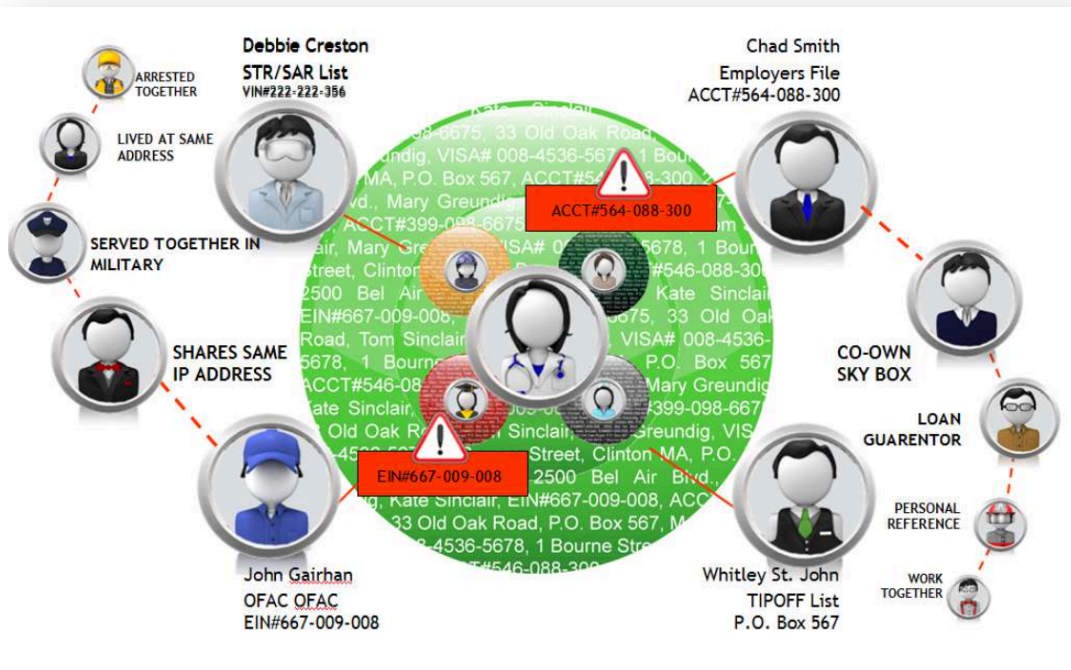
Utilize the find path feature to discover relationship between C2 nodes and proxy logs. Temporal visualizations shows periodic activity



Save Parameters for Alerting

Setup conditional formatting to search for the same factors and show emphasis between relationships and objects when being examined on the chart

How i2 EIA Helps You Discover Patterns and Anomalies



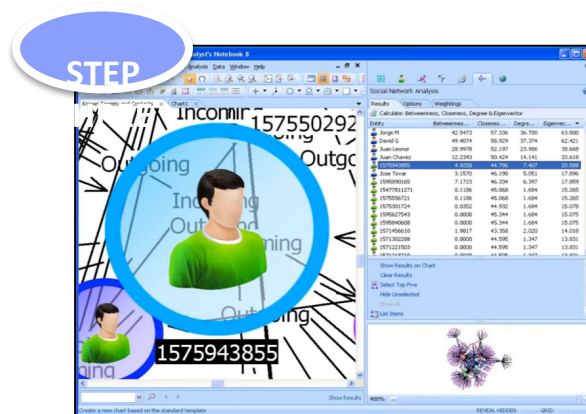
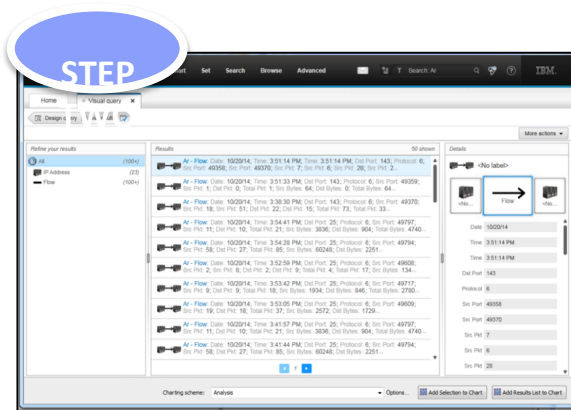
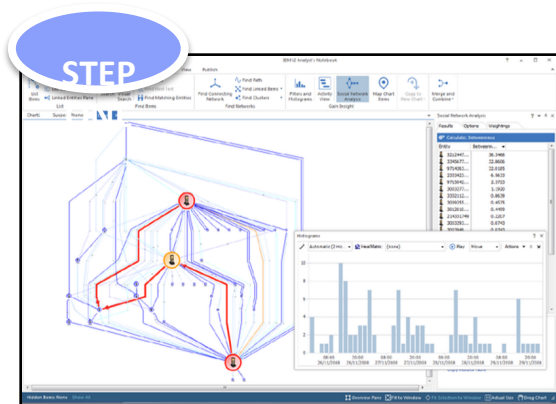
Robust Analytics Built Right In

Deep algorithms that become better over time in detecting non-obvious events

- **Entity Resolution** allows you to merge like objects and find out “Who is Who” and “Who knows who” – alerting you in real-time
- **Recommendation Engine** discover key patterns, events, and relationships that are nearly impossible to detect through manual analysis
- **Social Network Analysis (SNA)** ranks relationships between objects using multiple network analysis algorithms including K-Core, Eigenvector, Betweenness, Degree

How i2 EIA Helps You Discover Patterns and Anomalies

Example: Are there insider threats compromising intellectual property?



Discover Odd Patterns

Analyzing email and chat communication data to uncover patterns of employees communicating across business units uncharacteristically

Confirm Malicious Behavior

After identifying persons of interest, search proxy logs to confirm that a group of developers have been caching code to personal accounts

Determine Extent of Network

Searching social media, we find that a group of developers plan to leave and create a rival startup. Using SNA, we can identify a network of potential individuals involved

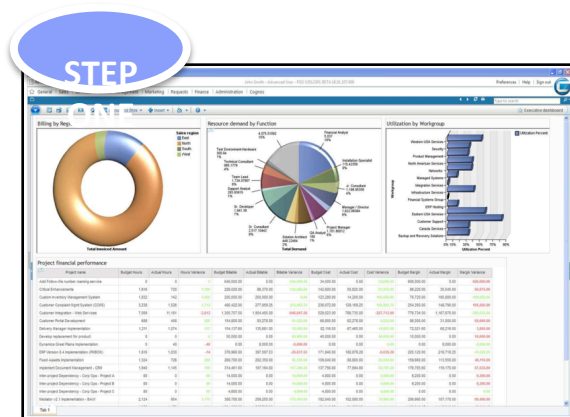
Go From Discovery to Action

- **Operational Awareness** configures a dashboard with your Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to monitor health
- **Reporting Functionality** creates custom reports from your data and chart findings to share with leadership
- **i2 Web Client** allows non-analysts to interact with and understand an ongoing investigation with a straight forward web browser interface



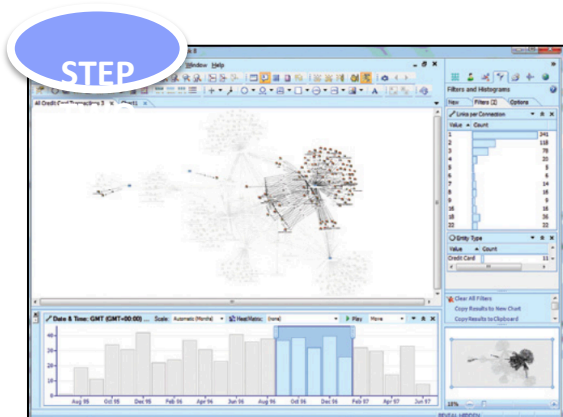
How i2 EIA Helps You Create Actionable Intelligence

Example: What are the most critical areas of the network to concentrate on?



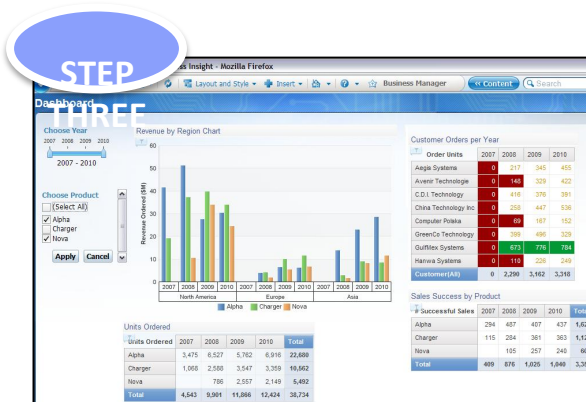
See KPIs in Real Time

Monitor all business units for network use, incidents, and compliance to understand enterprise risk in real time



Vulnerabilities & Criticality

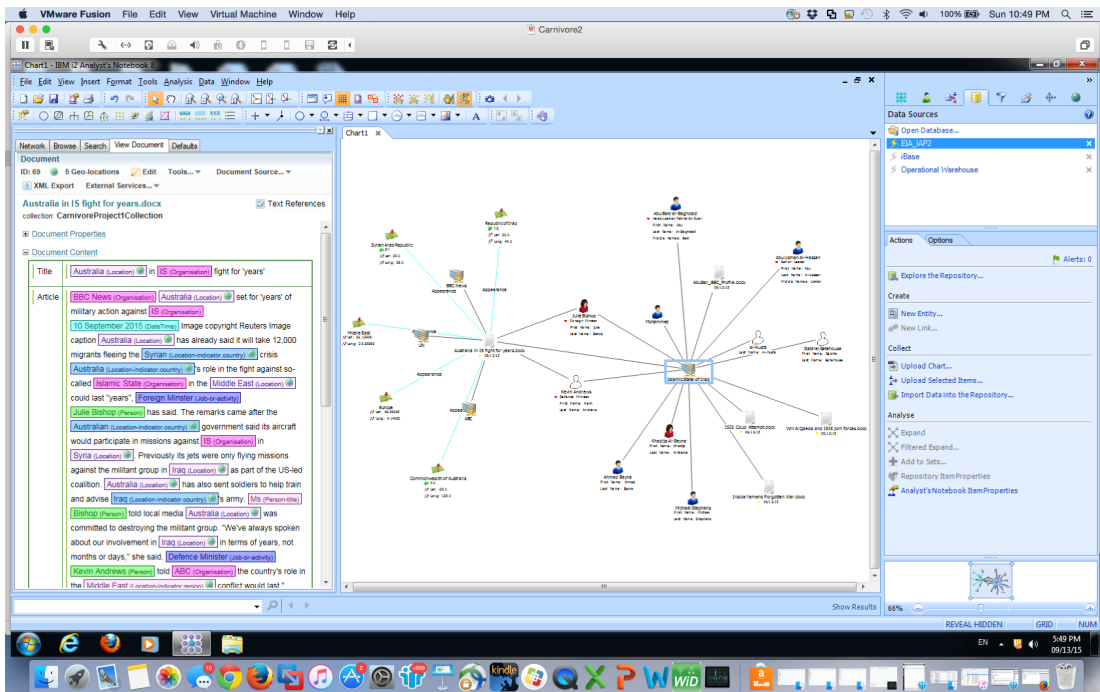
Compare vulnerability scans from each business unit with the network criticality and threat level. Rank and stack the most critical components under high threat



Produce Statistical Reporting

Create periodic reporting to show business units where to focus security controls in order to most effectively mitigate risk

How i2 EIA Helps You Understand Multi-Dimensional Data



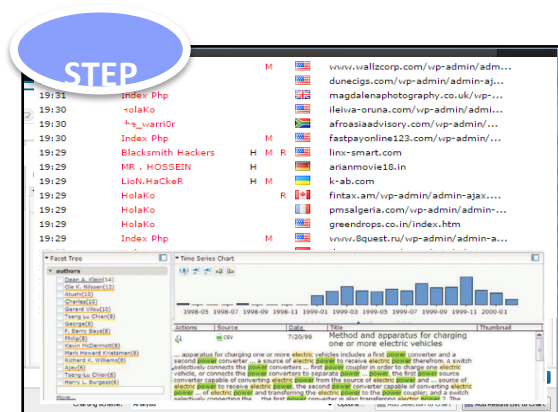
Provide Structure to Chaos

Merge structured and unstructured data into a single custom object model

- **Entity and Relationship Extraction** creates entities from feeds like email, social media, and outside news sources in real-time
- **Entity Link Analysis** automatically can infer relationships between entities in your object model
- **Context and Correlation** leverages powerful analytic engines to provide context and expose insights

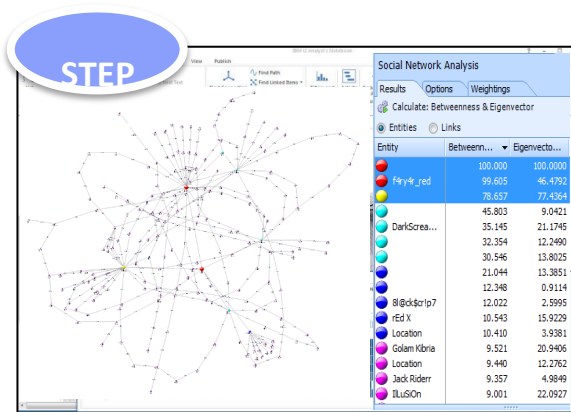
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Example: How can I find who would attack me from threat intelligence?



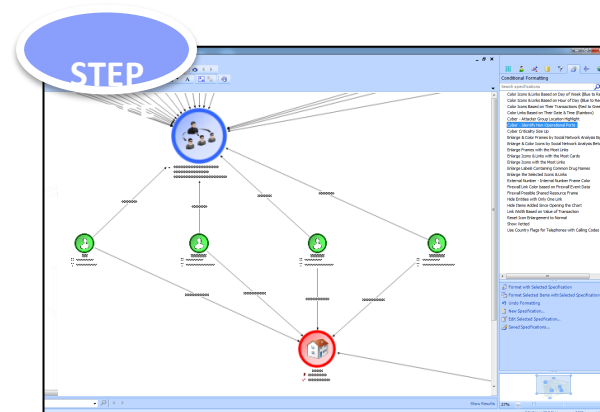
Sift Through Threat Reporting

Identify and extract key data objects from various email, news feeds, community, and vendor threat intelligence



Conduct Link Analysis

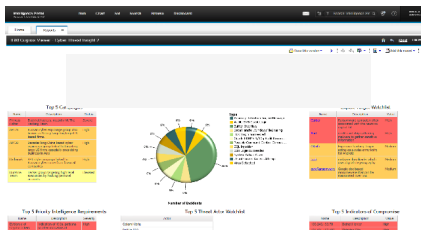
Use entity link analysis to understand which threat groups have to closest relationship to techniques which match your network and organization profile



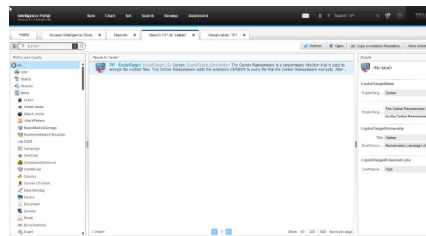
Compare to Dark Web Data

Focus on the key groups relevant to you. Through vendor feeds, observe their activity on the dark web to determine if they are planning and attack

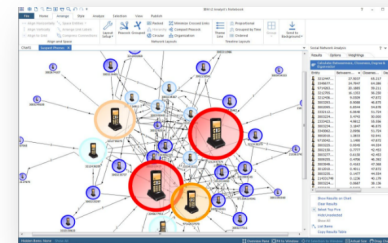
Executive & Operational Dashboard



Triage & Investigations



Analyst Workbench



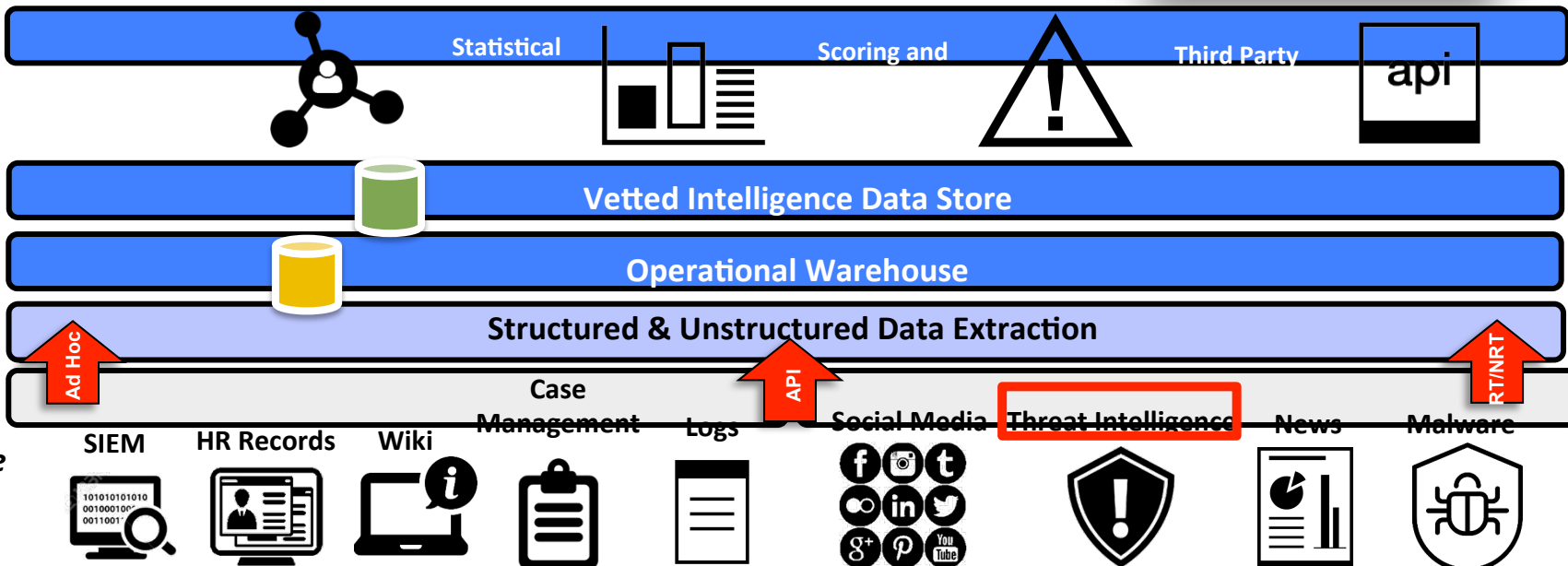
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Analytics
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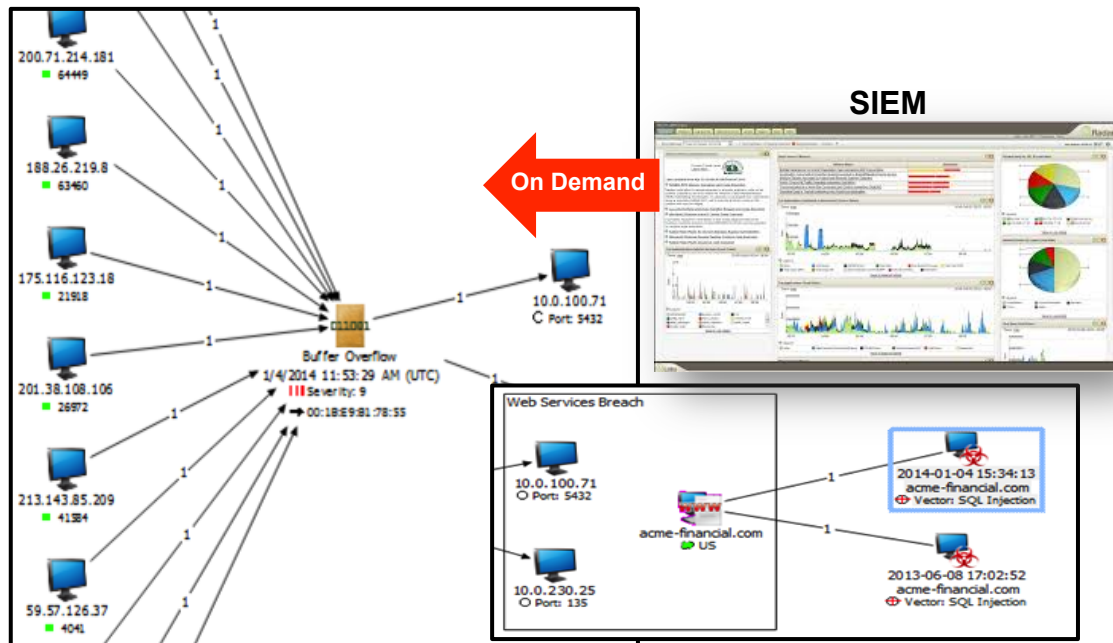
Storage
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Extraction
Layer

Data Source
Layer



Tactical Cyber Intelligence Operations



“An investigation that would have taken me all day in Splunk took me 10 clicks with i2.”

-Brian Olson, VP Security Operations & Architecture



Northern Trust

Extending Investigations and Function

On Demand Access to SIEM data, notable events, and alerts:

- **Expand on an Alert** analysts can tie together an alert to multiple previous events, opening up the investigation
- **Enable Hunting** explore the SIEM data in a different way, uncovering patterns of interest and unseen events
- **Light Weight Deployment** i2 EIA takes advantage of the SIEM data warehouse and seamlessly connects 10 analysts to the system getting up and running in less than 30 days

EIA Cyber Analysis Use Cases

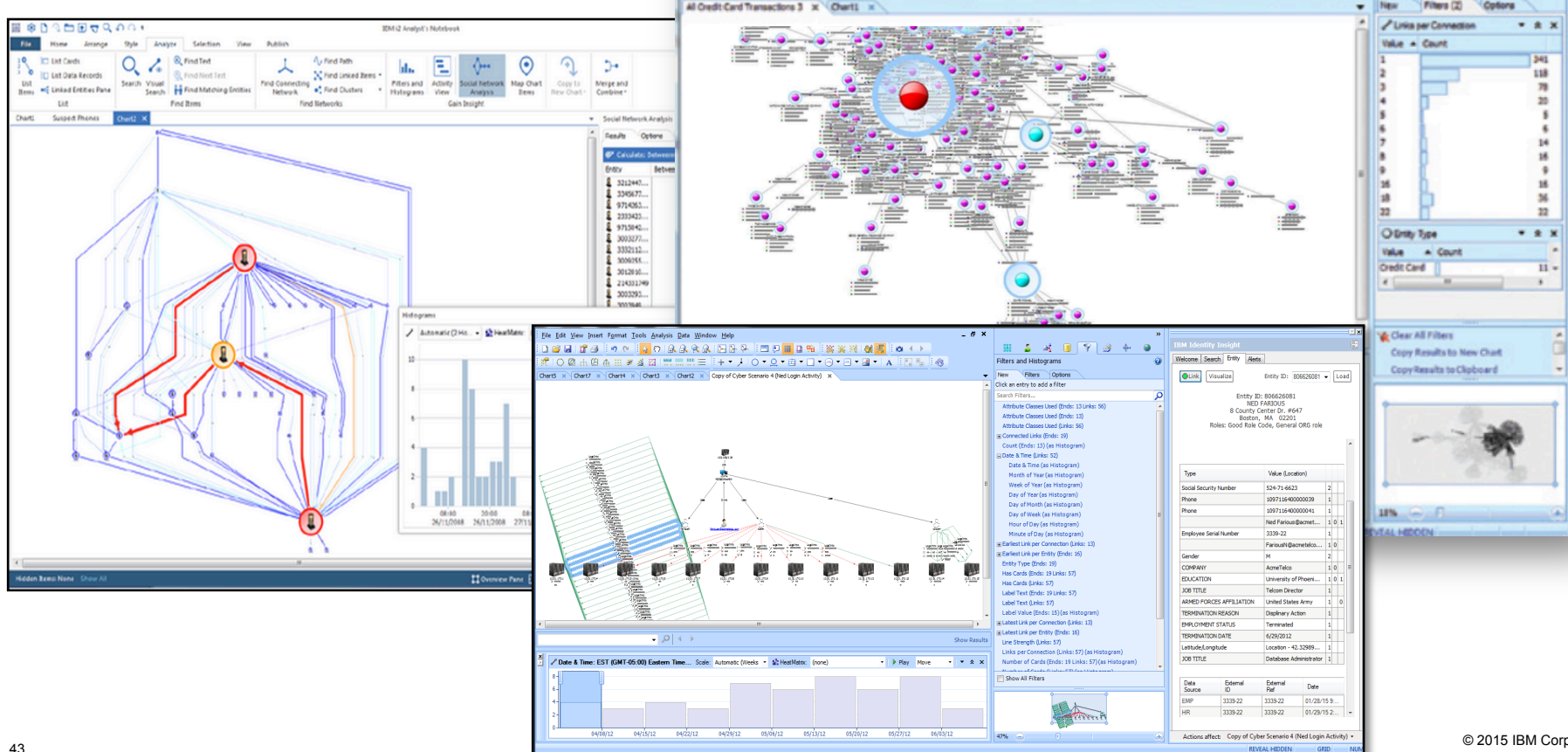
General Use Cases

- Advanced Persistent Threat Discovery
- Insider Threat Identification and Investigation
- Disgruntled Employee Identification
- Employee Sensitive Data Caching
- Asset Vulnerability vs. Criticality Comparison
- Threat Campaign Tracking
- Strategic Report Production for Leadership
- HIPS and IDS Correlation
- External Scanning Pattern Analysis
- Spear-phishing Identification and Impact Analysis
- Pirated Software Use Identification
- Threat Intelligence Integration into Incidents
- Big Data Analysis Search Across Large Data Sets

Financial Sector Use Cases

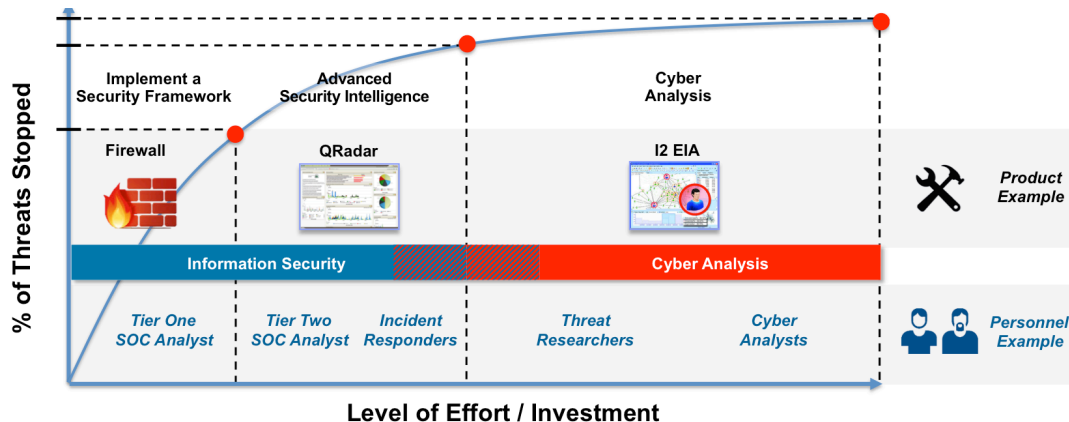
- Fraud Detection and Investigation
- Retrace Trades for Compliance
- Insider Trading Identification and Investigation
- Executive Information Security Protection
- Reputation and Brand Awareness
- Integration of State-Level Threat Reporting
- Vendor Risk Management Compliance Tracking
- Identify Employees with Competitive “Side Jobs”
- Identify Individuals Leaking info to Media
- Discover Customer Data Leaked Online
- Discover Leaked Sensitive Documents Online
- Darkweb Data Aggregation and Discovery
- Social Media Monitoring and Investigation

Screenshots





Cyber Analysis builds on Security Intelligence



Customer Pain Points after a SIEM:



Hidden Threats Hiding in Network

How do I find the signals in the noise?



Lack of Actionable Intelligence

How do leaders make decisions?



Where Should Analysts Look

How to find a needle in a stack of needles?



Too Much Data, Too Many Sources

How do I put the picture together?

i2 Key Complimentary areas to QRadar

- Unstructured data transformation
- Non-traditional data (e.g. news, SM)
- Trend analysis and visualization
- Discover “unknown, unknowns”
- User defined analytics
- Data enrichment and correlation
- Investigation and discovery tooling
- Intelligence report creation
- Advanced link analysis
- Streamline workflow w/ many sources
- Geospatial integration
- Analyst object customization
- Non-obvious relationship discovery
- Entity connection discovery
- Strategic Threat Campaign tracking

Why You Should Care About a Joint Sales Strategy

Security Intelligence

IBM Security QRadar®



“The Splunk Killer for Security Intelligence”

- QRadar is the market leading security intelligence platform with out-of-the-box rules, analytics, and reporting
- i2 is integrated with QRadar for extensive visualization and multi-dimensional analysis
- Splunk requires custom integration with a 3rd party product to provide visualization

Cyber Analysis

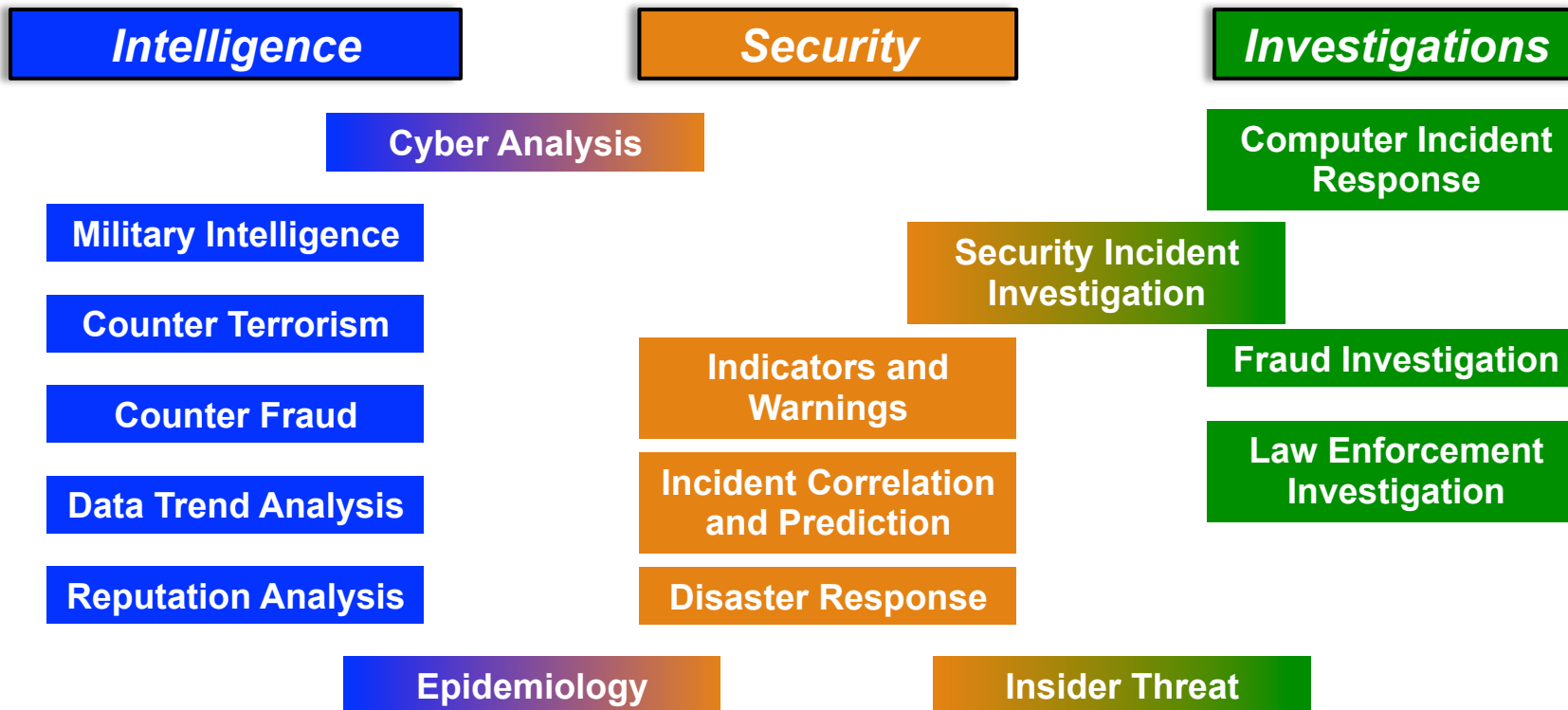
IBM Enterprise Insight Analysis



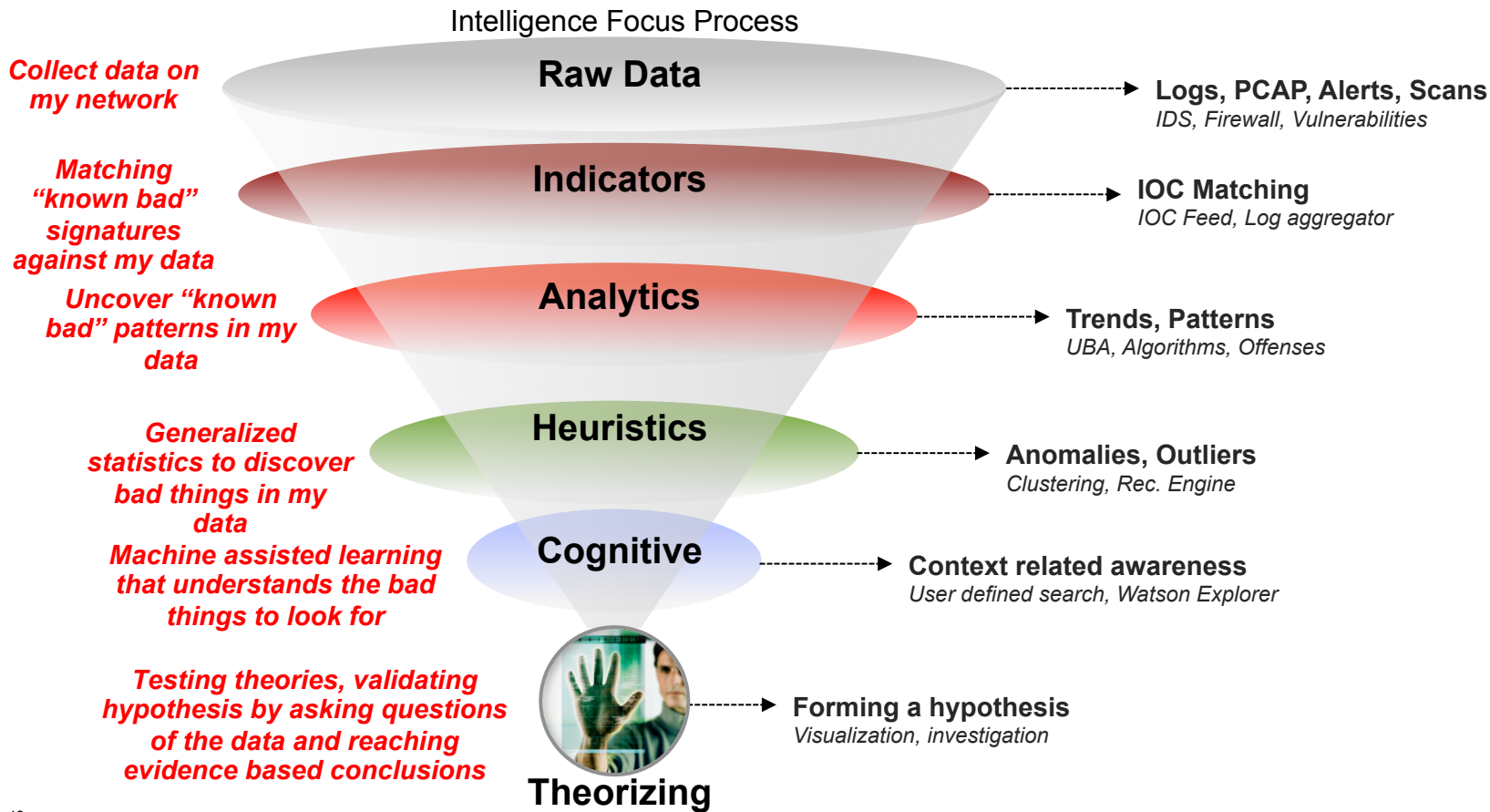
“The Palantir Killer for Cyber Analysis”

- i2 integrates with QRadar, the industry leading SIEM
- Palantir has no internal security expertise
- Custom integration with Palantir and a SIEM requires significant investment in resources and/or services

I2 Enterprise Insight Analysis – Use Cases



Cyber Analysis: Human Enabled Intelligence



Firewall



QRadar



i2 EIA



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