

# Stop the Exploit. Stop the Attack.

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# The age of single-use disposable malware



400,000

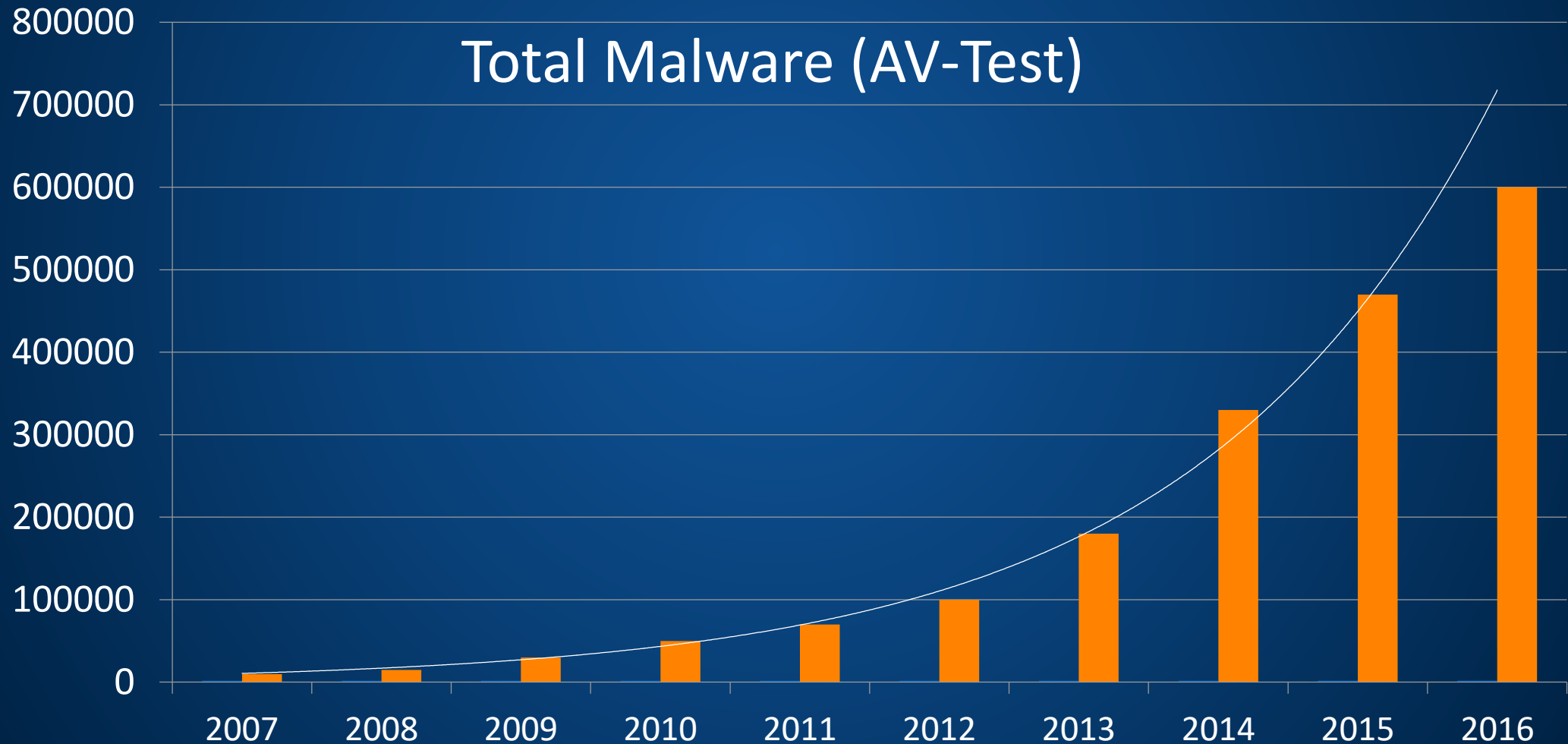
SophosLabs receives and processes **400,000** previously unseen malware samples each day.



**75%** of the malicious files SophosLabs detects are found only within a single organization.

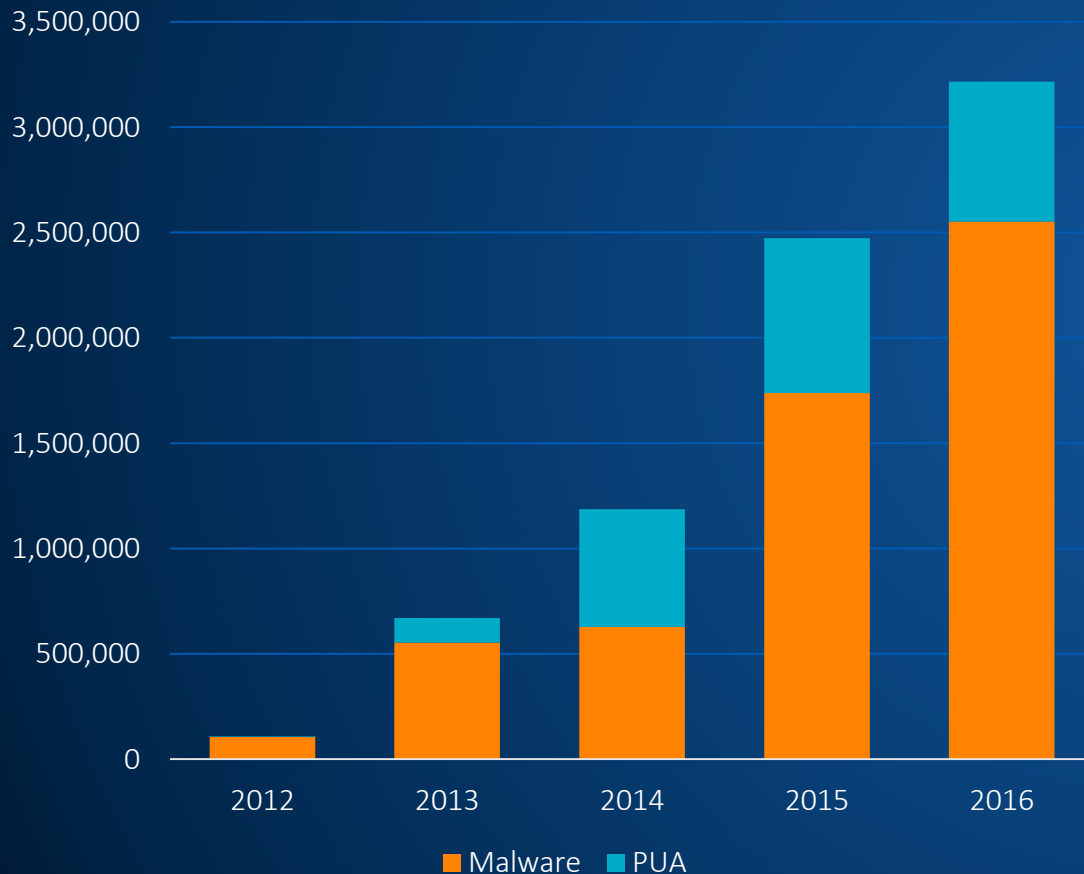
# Exponential growth in new malware

27% of all malware variants in history were created in the last 12 months

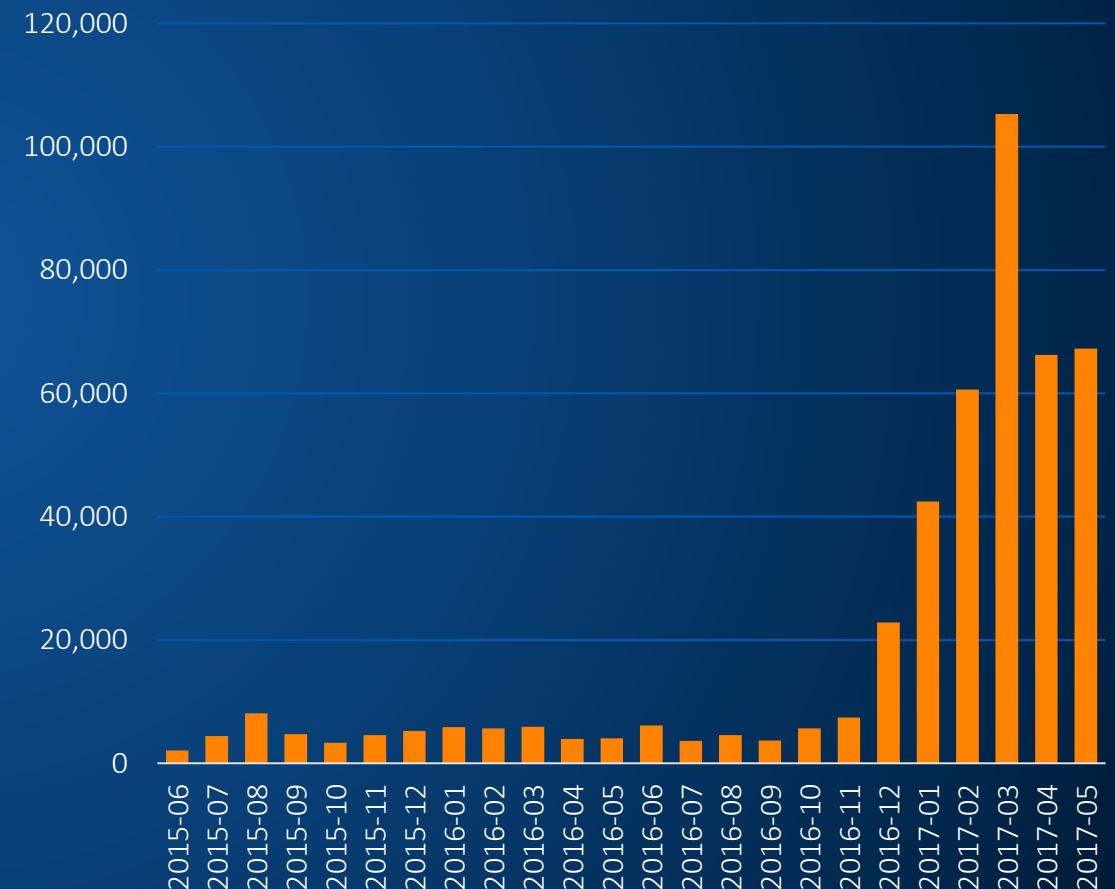


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## Android malware keeps growing



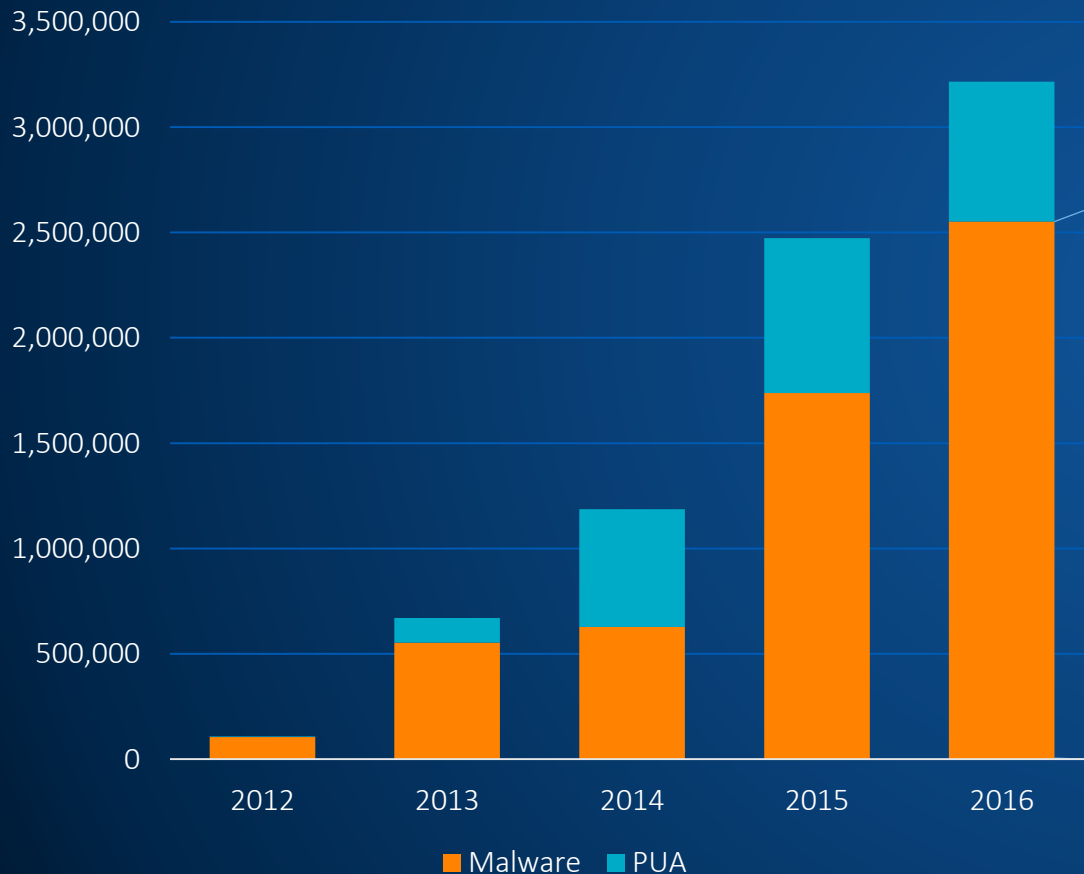
## Android ransomware



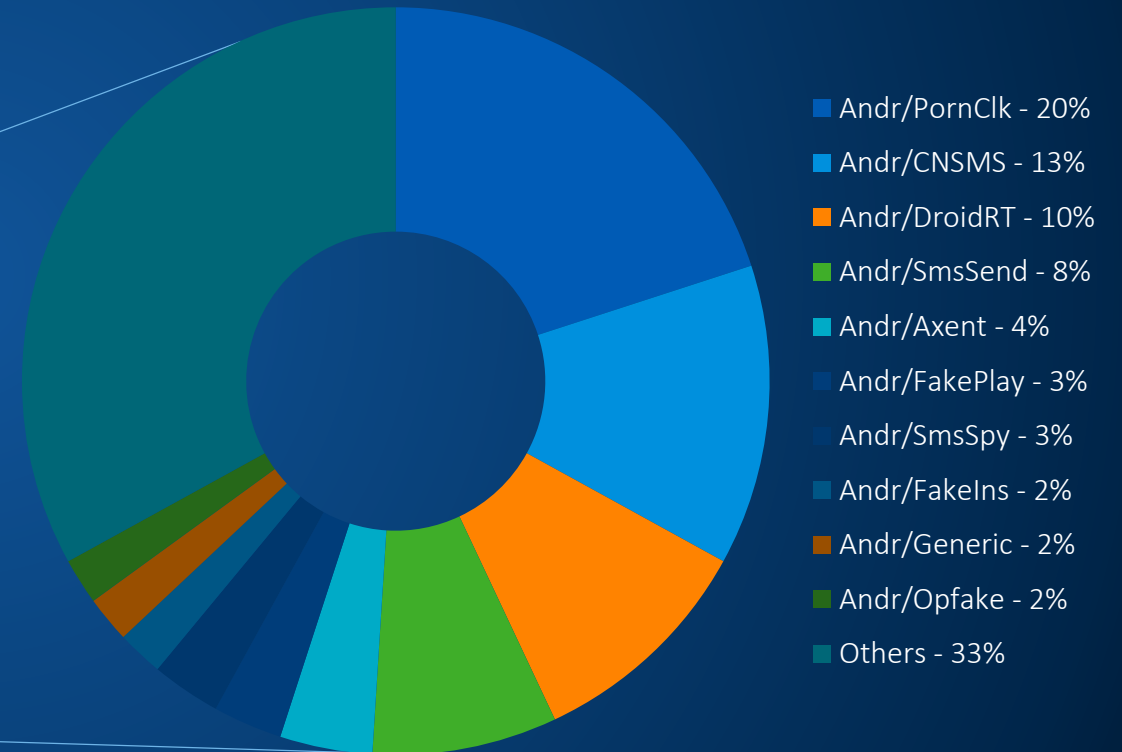
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Top ten Android malware 2016



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# Business Ramifications of a Cyber Attack

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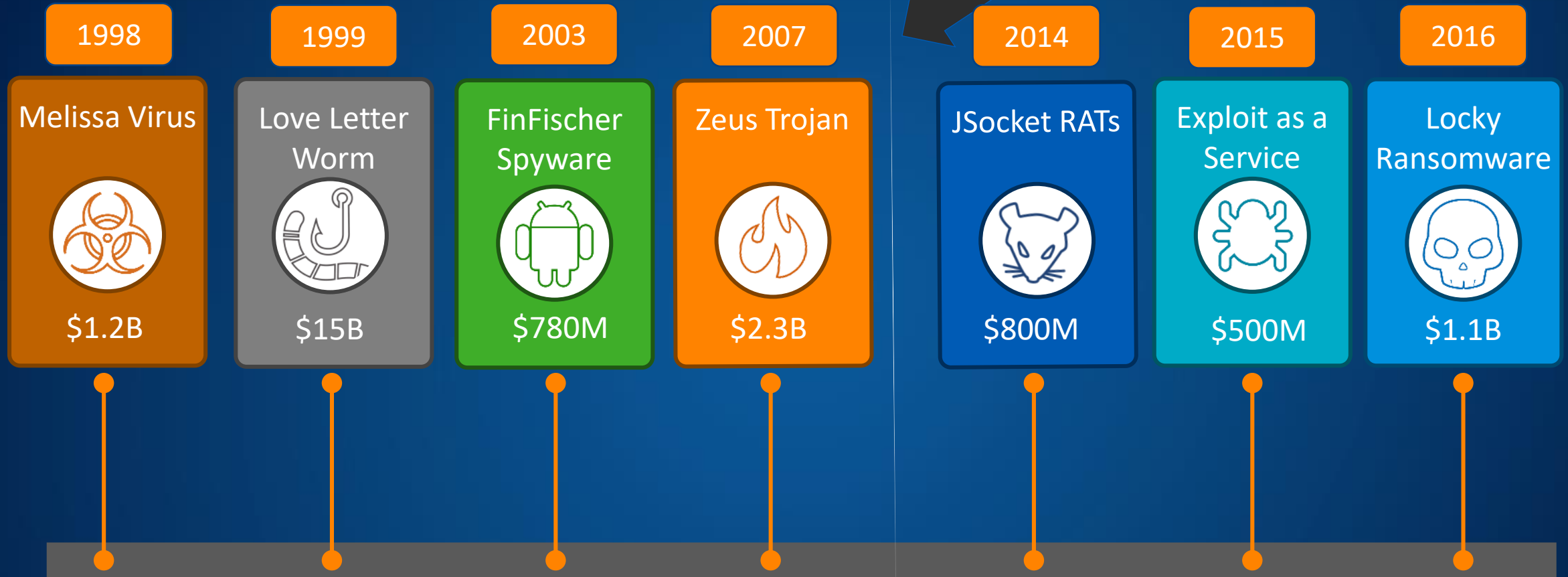
- *Attacks are from within the perimeter, focused on Software Exploits*
- *Ransomware alone reached over \$1.2B in damages last year*
- *Lack of Threat Intelligence after a Breach (What? Where? When? & HOW?)*



# The Evolution of Endpoint Threats

*From Malware to Exploits*

2009 - INTRODUCTION OF POLYPACK  
"CRIMEWARE AS A SERVICE"

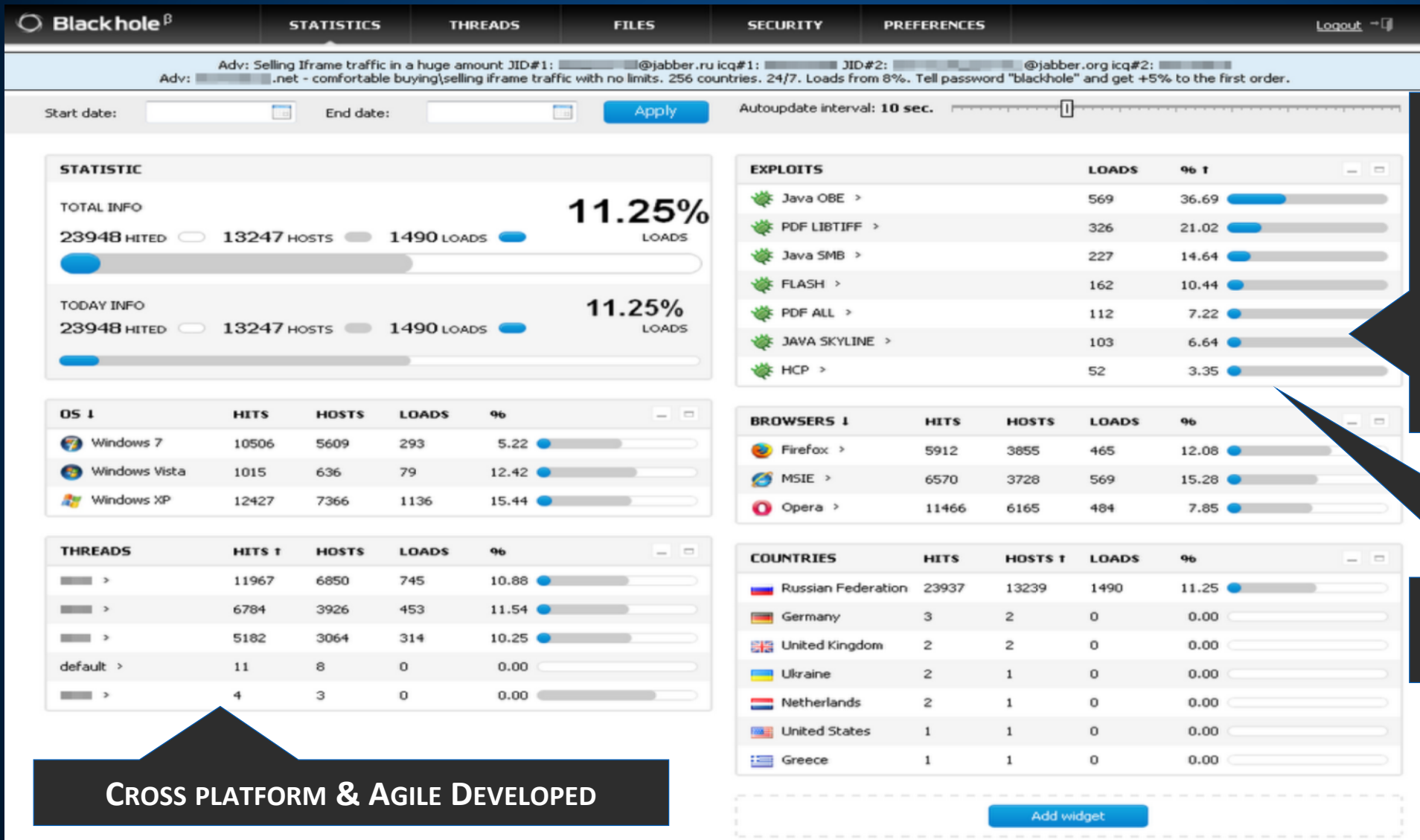


TRADITIONAL MALWARE

ADVANCED THREATS



# From cottage industry for full industrialization



FULLY INTEGRATED SAAS  
CONSOLE INCLUDING NETWORK  
AND ENDPOINT TECHNIQUES  
FROM INFECTING A WEBSITE, ALL  
THE WAY TO DELIVERING AN  
ENDPOINT PAYLOAD AND SELLING  
THE RESULTS

ZERO DAY EXPLOITS  
AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDED

CROSS PLATFORM & AGILE DEVELOPED



# We insist on being vulnerable

## “Patch Tuesday”

### In the Perfect World

- Patch Fast, Patch Often
- Defect-Free Software



## “Exploit Wednesday”

### In the Real World

- Slow to Patch
- Zero-Day Exploits Continue

# Threats evolve and security must adapt or die



ADVANCED  
MALWARE



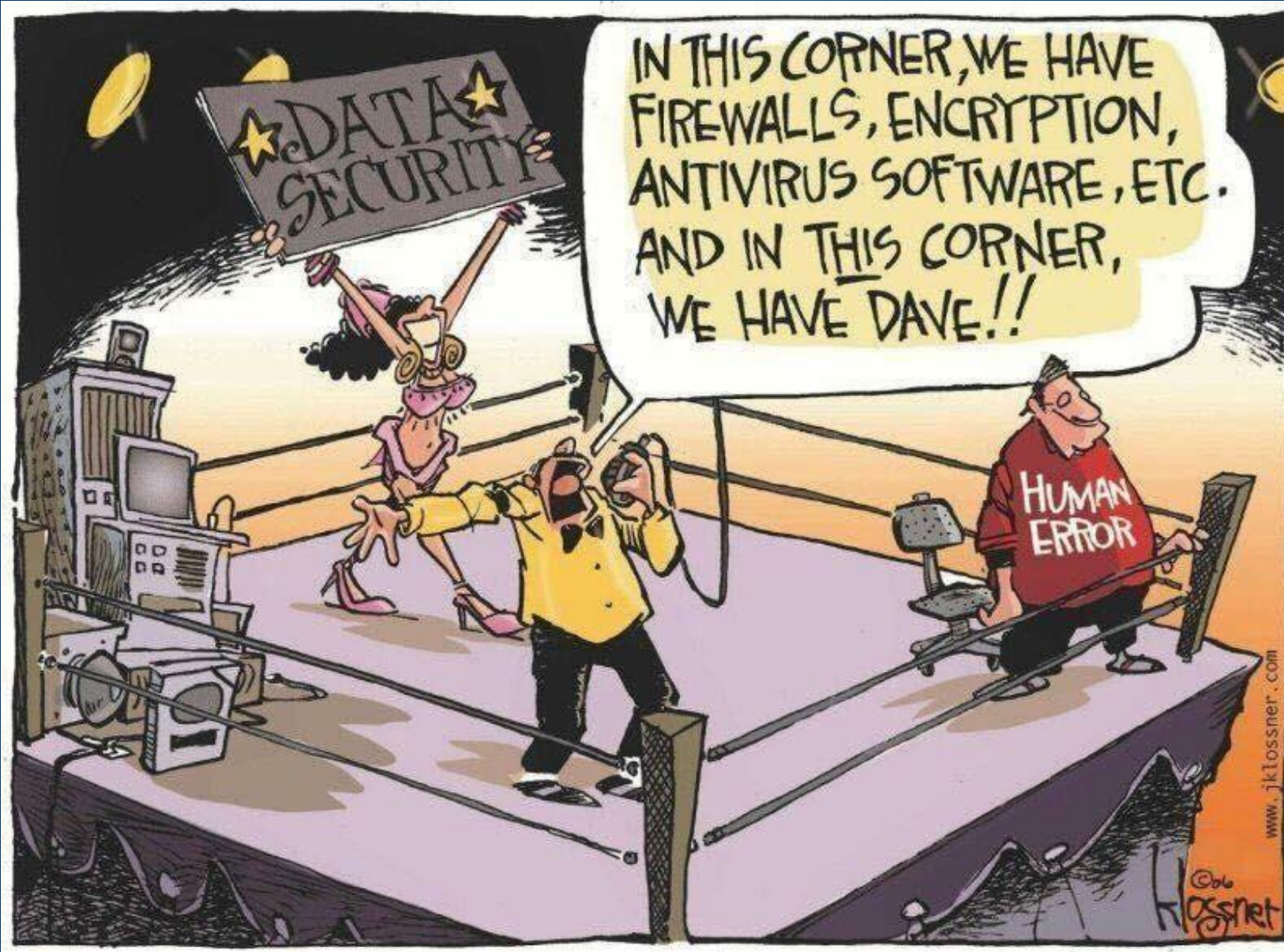
ACTIVE  
ADVERSARY



LIMITED  
VISIBILITY



# You're only as secure as your users



# Sophos Intercept X

## Core Capabilities

- Signatureless detection
  - CryptoGuard – Detect and recover from ransomware
  - Comprehensive Exploit Prevention
  - Malicious Traffic Detection
  - Synchronized Security
- Incident Response Report
  - Automatic Identification of root cause
  - IOC artifact list
  - Visualization of the attack events
- Forensic Malware Removal
  - Sophos Clean a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion scanner

## Packaging

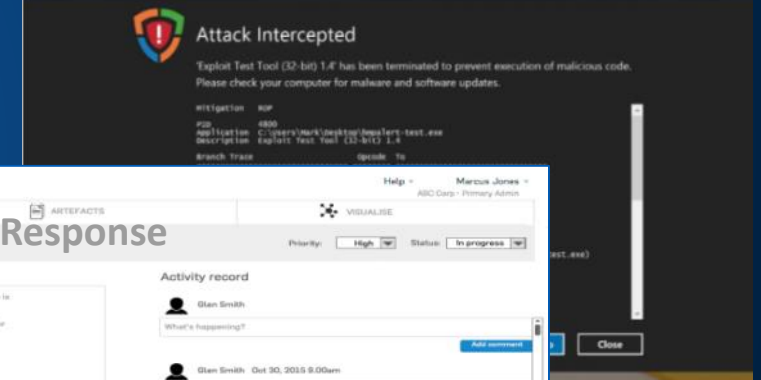
- Intercept Runs alongside competitive AV
- Ultimate is the most complete Sophos EP

### CryptoGuard

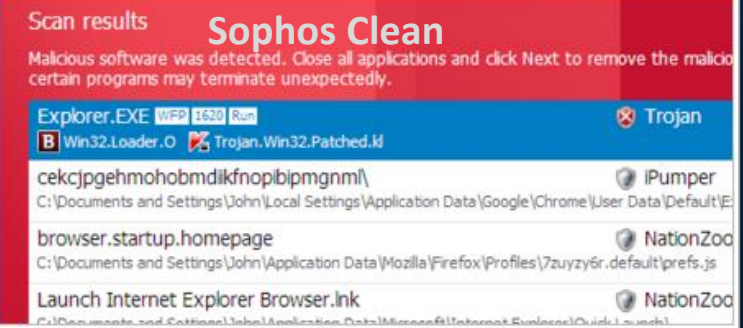
- Simple and Comprehensive
- Universally prevents spontaneous encryption of data
- Notifies end user on rapid encryption events
- Rollback to pre-encrypted state



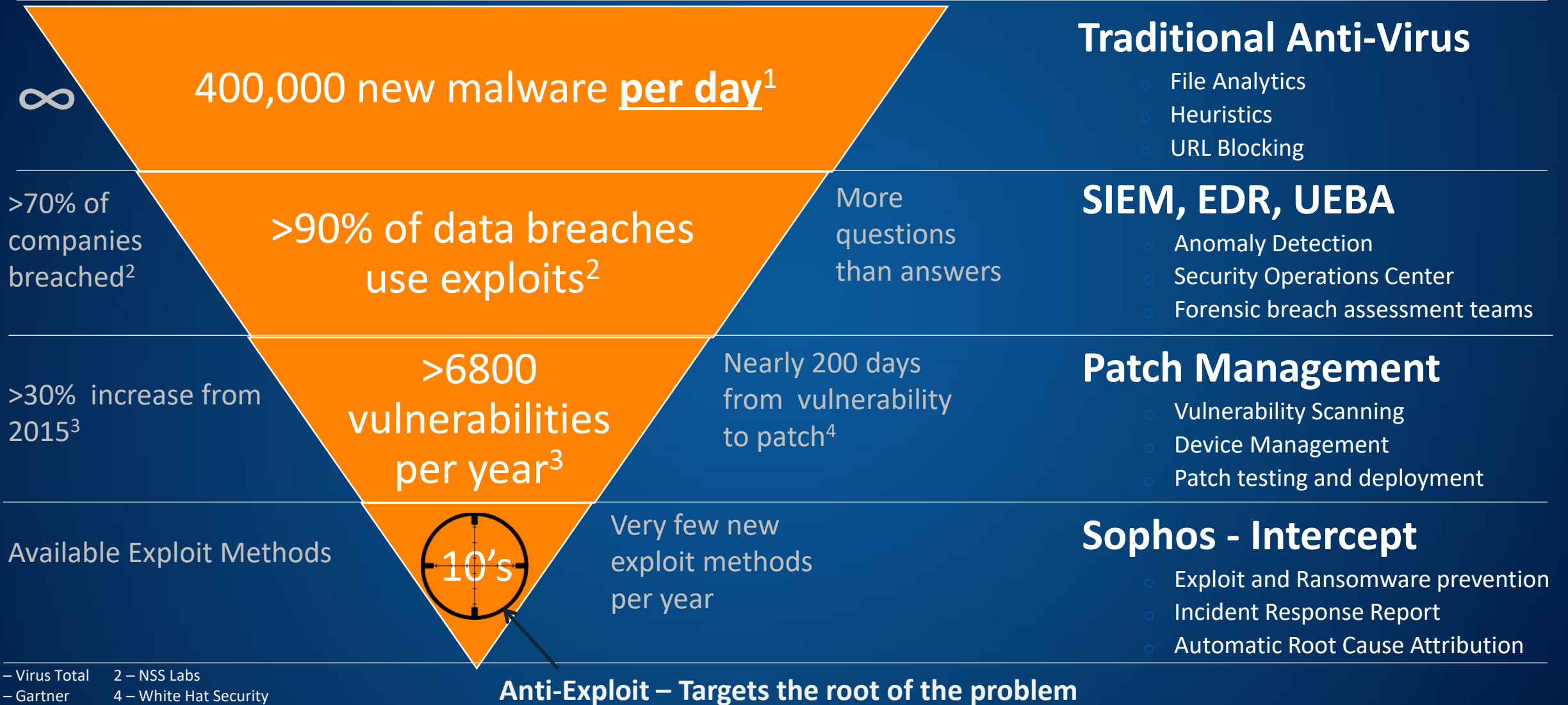
### Exploit Protection



### Incident Response



# Data Breaches - The root of the problem





# Exploit Mitigation Techniques by Vendor

## Comprehensive Exploit Mitigation

- 20+ mitigation techniques
- Successful attacks often leverage 2-4 techniques in series
- Only 1-2 major new techniques are developed per year
- 100% signatureless

Exploit Mitigation Techniques	Sophos Intercept X	ESET Smart Security	Kaspersky Endpoint Security	McAfee Endpoint Security	Symantec Endpoint Protection	Trend Office Scan	Webroot	Cylance PROTECT	Microsoft EMET	Malwarebytes Anti-Exploit	Palo Alto Networks Traps	CrowdStrike Falcon
<b>Enforce Data Execution Prevention (DEP)</b> <small>Prevents abuse of buffer overflows</small>	●			●					●	●	●	●
<b>Mandatory Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR)</b> <small>Prevents predictable code locations</small>	●								● <sup>1</sup>		●	● <sup>1</sup>
<b>Bottom Up ASLR</b> <small>Improved code location randomization</small>	●								●	●		
<b>Null Page (Null Dereference Protection)</b> <small>Stops exploits that jump via page 0</small>	●								●			
<b>Heap Spray Allocation</b> <small>Pre-allocated common memory areas to block attacks</small>	●				●				●	●	●	●
<b>Dynamic Heap Spray</b> <small>Stops attacks that spray suspicious sequences on the heap</small>	●				● <sup>1</sup>						● <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Stack Pivot</b> <small>Stops abuse of the stack pointer</small>	●			●		●		●	●	●	●	
<b>Stack Exec (MemProt)</b> <small>Stops attacker code on the stack</small>	●					●		●	●			
<b>Stack-based ROP Mitigations (Caller)</b> <small>Stops standard Return-Oriented Programming attacks</small>	●		●	●		●			●	●	●	
<b>Branch-based ROP Mitigations (Hardware Augmented)</b> <small>Stops advanced Return-Oriented Programming attacks</small>	●											
<b>Structured Exception Handler Overwrite Protection</b> <small>Stops abuse of the exception handler</small>	●				●				●			

[1] Based on ASLR functionality offered by Windows, available only in Windows Vista and newer versions of Windows

[2] NOP sled and Polymorphic NOP sled only; no Flash Vector heap spray detection



# Exploit Mitigation Techniques by Vendor (cont.)

## Comprehensive Exploit Mitigation

- Detection of exploit techniques requires no prior knowledge of the vulnerability being exploited
- Exploit behavior is a clear indicator of malicious intent

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<b>Import Address Table Access Filtering (IAF)</b> Stops attackers that lookup API addresses in the IAT	●								EAF <sup>3</sup>			
<b>Load Library</b> Prevents loading of libraries from UNC paths	●								●	●	●	
<b>Reflective DLL Injection</b> Prevents loading of a library from memory into a host process	●										●	
<b>Shellcode</b> Stops code execution in the presence of exploit shellcode	●											
<b>VBScript God Mode</b> Prevents abuse of VBScript in IE to execute malicious code	●								●	●		
<b>WoW64</b> Stops attacks that address 64-bit function from WoW64 process	●											
<b>Syscall</b> Stops attackers that attempt to bypass security hooks	●											
<b>Hollow Process</b> Stops attacks that use legitimate processes to hide hostile code	●										●	
<b>DLL Hijacking</b> Gives priority to system libraries for downloaded applications	●										●	
<b>Application Lockdown</b> Stops logic-flaw attacks that bypass mitigations	●									●	●	
<b>Java Lockdown</b> Prevents attacks that abuse Java to launch Windows executables	●				●					●	●	
<b>Squiblydoo AppLocker Bypass</b> Prevents regsvr32 from running remote scripts and code	●											

[3] EAF - Export Address Filtering

# Anatomy of a Ransomware Attack





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