

A complex network diagram with numerous nodes and connecting lines, set against a dark blue background. The nodes are represented by small circles of varying sizes, and the lines are thin and light-colored, creating a dense web of connections.

The security immune system

An integrated approach to protecting your organization

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Why a security immune system makes sense now

We've heard it time and again.
When it comes to cybersecurity
threats, no one is immune.

No business, no government, no individual. In fact, the entire conversation has shifted from focusing on "if you're attacked" to "how quickly you can respond." And that's not likely to change in the foreseeable future.

So let's think about the concept of immunity for a minute. As humans, we have finely tuned—and highly adaptive—immune systems ready to help us fight off all kinds of attacks that would otherwise threaten to destroy us. Made up of cells, tissues and organs that work together to defend us against attacks by "foreign" invaders, a healthy immune system can distinguish between the body's own cells and those that don't belong. It's an intelligent, organized and efficient system that can instantly recognize an invader and take action to either block its entry or destroy it.

But when we look at cybersecurity, the traditional defense strategy is to layer on another point-product tool or technology to an already fragmented and disjointed IT environment.

That's why IBM has developed an integrated and intelligent security immune system.

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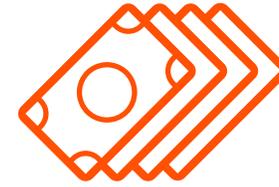
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The number of personal data records stolen will reach **5 billion** in 2020¹



The average total cost of a data breach in 2016 was **\$3.62 million**²



Unfilled jobs in the cybersecurity workforce will reach **1.8 million** by 2022³

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Today's expanded security arsenal of fragmented, disconnected point products has added complexity without significantly improving the overall security posture of the organization. The result? A bloated infrastructure that makes it more difficult to monitor the network as a whole, often leaving security teams to operate in the dark.

It's time to take a more holistic view of your security portfolio.

The IBM Security immune system is an integrated and holistic approach centered around a cognitive core of security orchestration and analytics which understands, reasons, and learns the many risk variables across the entire ecosystem of connected capabilities.

And once the IBM Security immune system is engaged with your entire ecosystem—allowing collaboration across third-party vendors, technology providers and business partners—it can provide you with the intelligence you need to understand existing threats and adapt to new ones.

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Some organizations report they're using as many as 85 security products—from more than 40 vendors—at once. As each tool is added, the costs associated with installing, configuring, managing, upgrading and patching continue to grow. And with the skills gap plaguing the industry, it's easy to see how more threats are continuing to generate more vendors, more tools—and more headaches.



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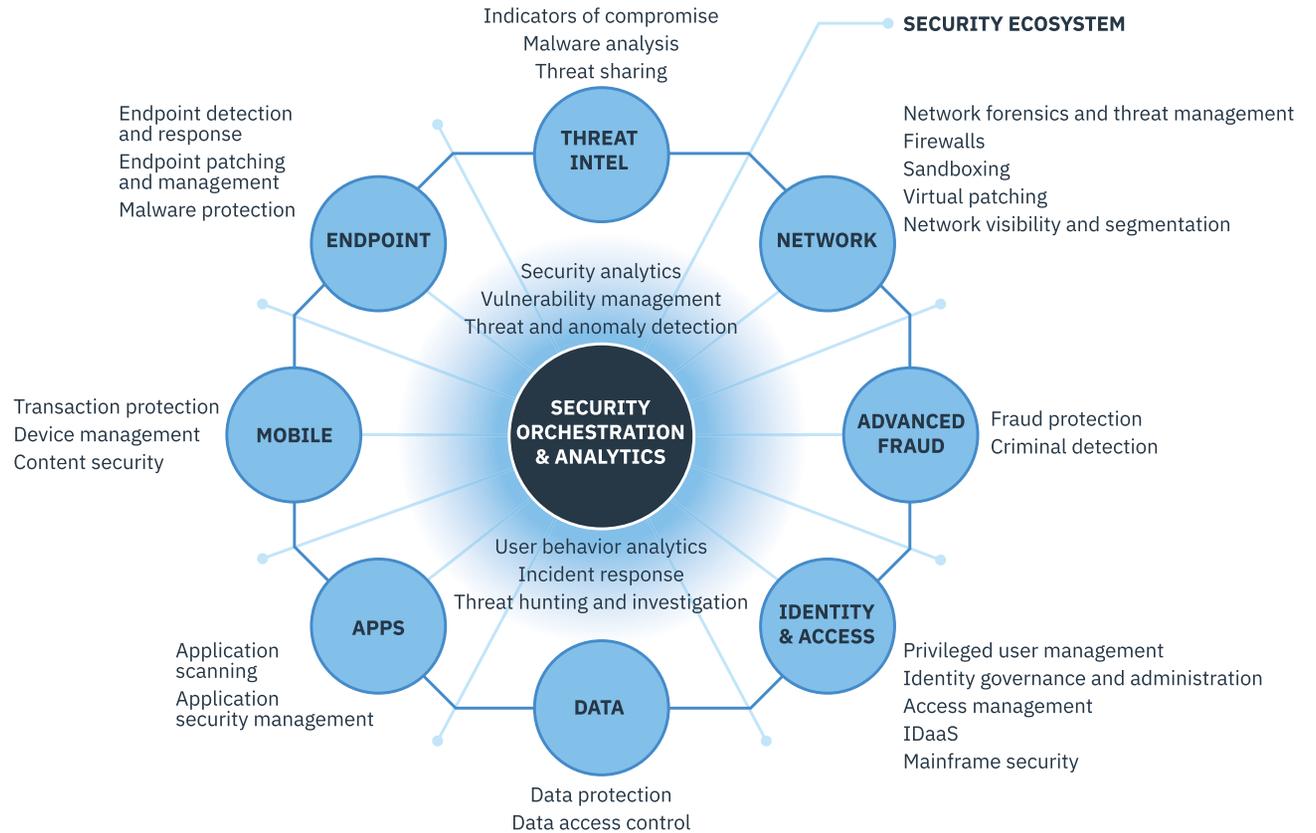


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The IBM Security immune system looks at a security portfolio in an organized fashion—as an integrated framework of security capabilities that transmits and ingests vital security data to help gain visibility, understand and prioritize threats, and coordinate multiple layers of defense. At its core, the system uses security orchestration and analytics to automate policies and block threats—just as the human immune system can assess and identify a virus, for example, and trigger an immune response.

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The [IBM Security immune system](#) delivers a full range of security solutions and services designed to address your organization's specific needs across three key areas.

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[Security Transformation Services](#) help you evolve your security strategy, creating a productive and mature security enterprise. We can help you:

- **Build a solid security strategy** that accelerates new IT trends, including BYOD, cloud, mobile, social and IoT
- **Access the right skills**—with experienced security advisors, responders, testers, analysts and engineers—available around the clock globally
- **Gain visibility and defend** against advanced threats with artificial intelligence that understands, reasons and learns to help analysts resolve incidents quickly
- **Reduce complexity, increase productivity** and consolidate fragmented solutions into an integrated solution utilizing analytics
- **Address compliance** with industry regulations, helping you set standards for your cybersecurity program based on risk assessments and controls



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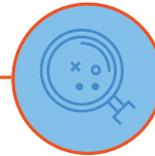
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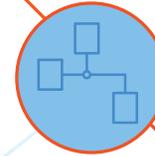


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Orchestrate your defenses throughout the entire attack lifecycle

Criminals are relentless. Hoping you aren't a target is not enough to keep the bad guys out—they could already be inside your organization. And relying on perimeter solutions, periodic scans and compliance-driven methods may not keep you ahead of the threat.

The [Security Operations and Response](#) platform offers an integrated, end-to-end approach to building a cognitive security operations center (SOC) that can help enable you to:

- **Prevent, detect and respond** to threats in an intelligent, orchestrated and automated manner
- **Continuously identify and remediate** vulnerabilities
- **Take advantage** of IBM Watson® for Cyber Security to sense, discover and prioritize unknown threats
- **Use deep threat intelligence** provided by the IBM X-Force® Research team—and their massive threat databases—to hunt for indicators
- **Orchestrate and automate** incident response across people, processes and technology



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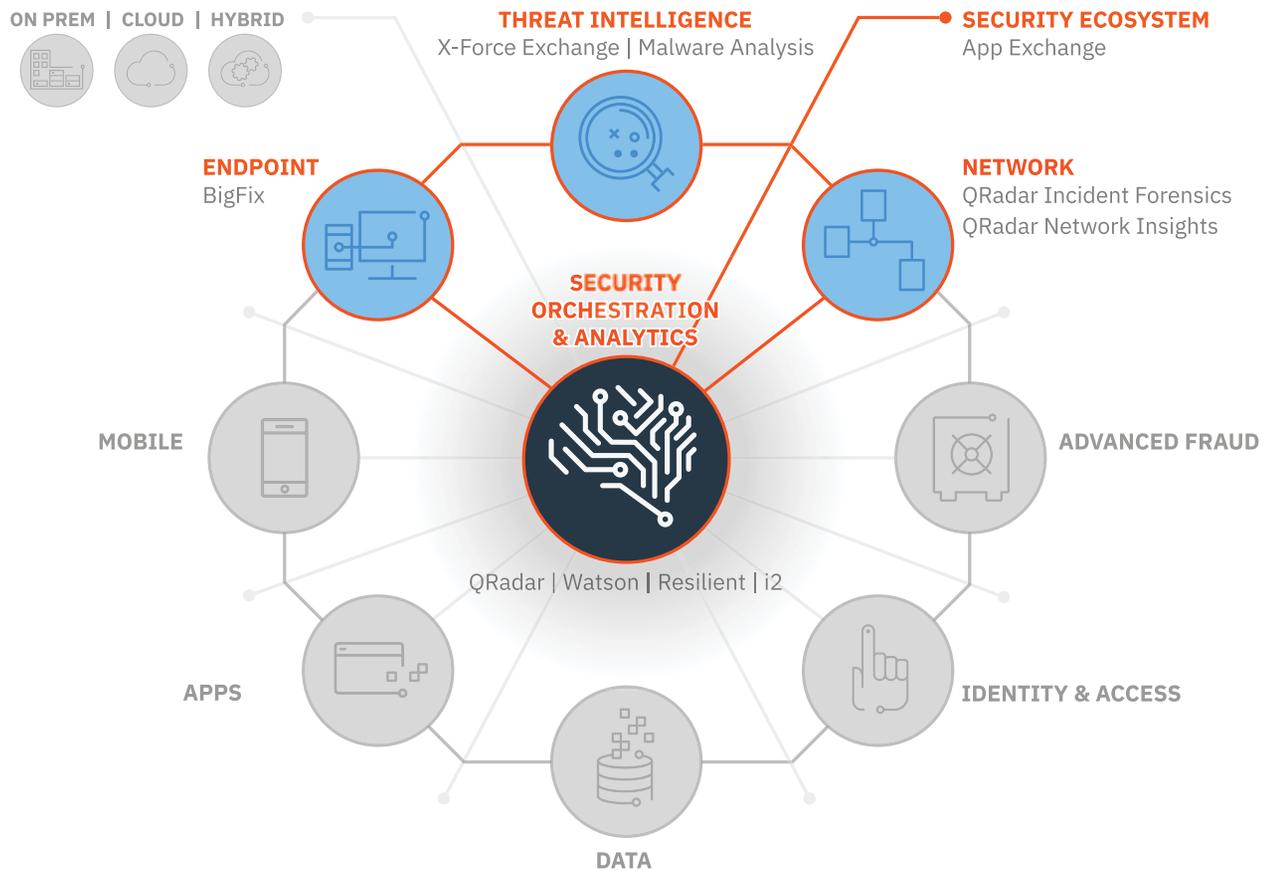
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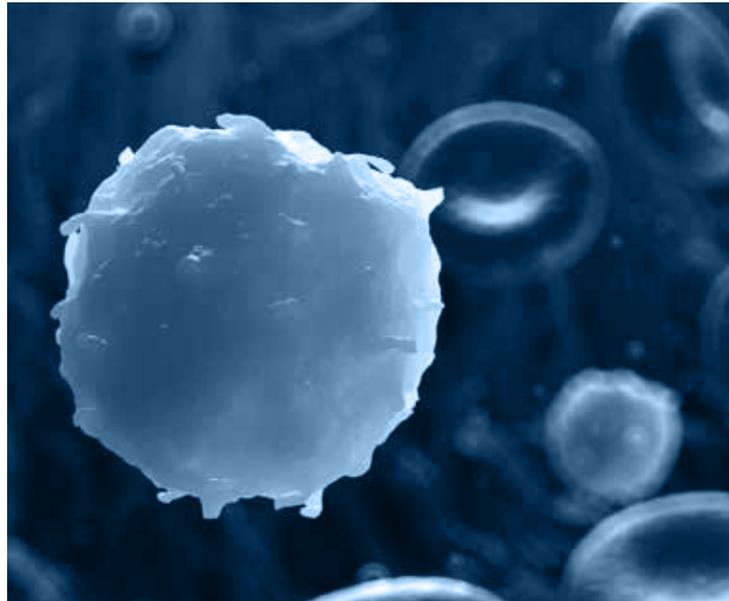


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Keep your critical information protected while accelerating business

As more and more data is used in cloud and mobile innovations, more users, including partners and consumers, interact with the businesses. Fraudsters want to get at your crown jewels from the outside and malicious users can now have access to it from the inside. And the mounting regulatory changes continue to demand the ability to demonstrate control over this transformation.



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This complexity creates security risks that can stall or even prevent business innovation and transformation. [Information Risk and Protection](#) solutions enable organizations to take control of risk throughout their digital transformation journey by providing capabilities that can help:

- **Streamline** the process of moving to the cloud and support hybrid environments, with security-as-a-service solutions designed to identify users, secure access, and protect data
- **Design applications** from scratch with a “secure by design” best practice methodology
- **Eliminate password and access hurdles** and reduce fraud through simple sign-on and risk-based authentication for mobile and web experiences
- **Enable secure collaboration** for endpoint and mobile users across their applications, content, and data
- **Protect data** in motion and at rest and address compliance requirements such as GDPR, PCI, SOX, and more



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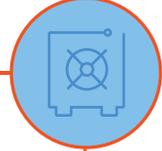
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Every organization faces its own security challenges. The following use cases offer a brief glimpse into how the [IBM Security immune system](#) would help four companies identify and respond to those challenges.

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Preparation

Cloud presents challenges in Company A's incident response. However, the security immune system will provide a strong baseline for formulating an incident response process using [IBM X-Force IRIS \(Incident Response and Intelligence Services\)](#) to help Company A before, during and after an incident occurs.

There are a number of disadvantages Company A faces that derive from operating exclusively in a reactive mode. Ultimately the results are longer times to get business back to normal and exponential costs associated with recovery efforts. [X-Force IRIS Vision Retainer](#) gives Company A access to highly skilled security consultants who can conduct preemptive incident preparation, data preservation, in-depth data analysis, and response and management functions. This solution provides continual threat monitoring in the event of an incident to facilitate greater visibility into threats and a more rapid remediation.

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Visibility

[Adaptive security for hybrid cloud from IBM](#) provides Company A with near real-time visibility across their multi-cloud environment, helping to enforce security policy across shadow and IT-sanctioned workloads. The managed security service offers a single portal that can centralize and simplify Company A's view into their management and monitoring of security operations for all cloud and on-premises workloads. Not only does adaptive security for hybrid cloud provide visibility into Company A's hybrid cloud architecture but it can also assist with prioritization of roadmap actions needed to protect workloads, and implement an integrated threat management program to detect, prevent and respond to malicious activity. In addition, the fully managed security service monitors Company A's cloud environment, identifies anomalies and threats, and correlates those logs with global threat intelligence provided by its IBM QRadar SIEM solution.

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Containment

Once an incident is discovered, [Managed detection and response from IBM](#) helps keep Company A safe by enabling proactive threat hunting. Company A gains the visibility it needs to detect, isolate and respond to security incidents around the clock and across the extended enterprise. This fully managed service detects and responds to threats with root-cause and kill-chain visibility to deliver more effective security. Using IBM managed threat hunting services can help Company A reduce detection and response time so they can get back up and running quickly.

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Recovery

Considering that an incident could quickly turn from a mere mishap to a dire business disruption, it's vital for Company A to implement and regularly revisit an incident recovery plan.

With [IBM X-Force IRIS](#), Company A will have new peace of mind. Knowing how they will respond to an incident in advance will put them at a greater advantage to recover and it will help them uncover gaps in their security procedures.

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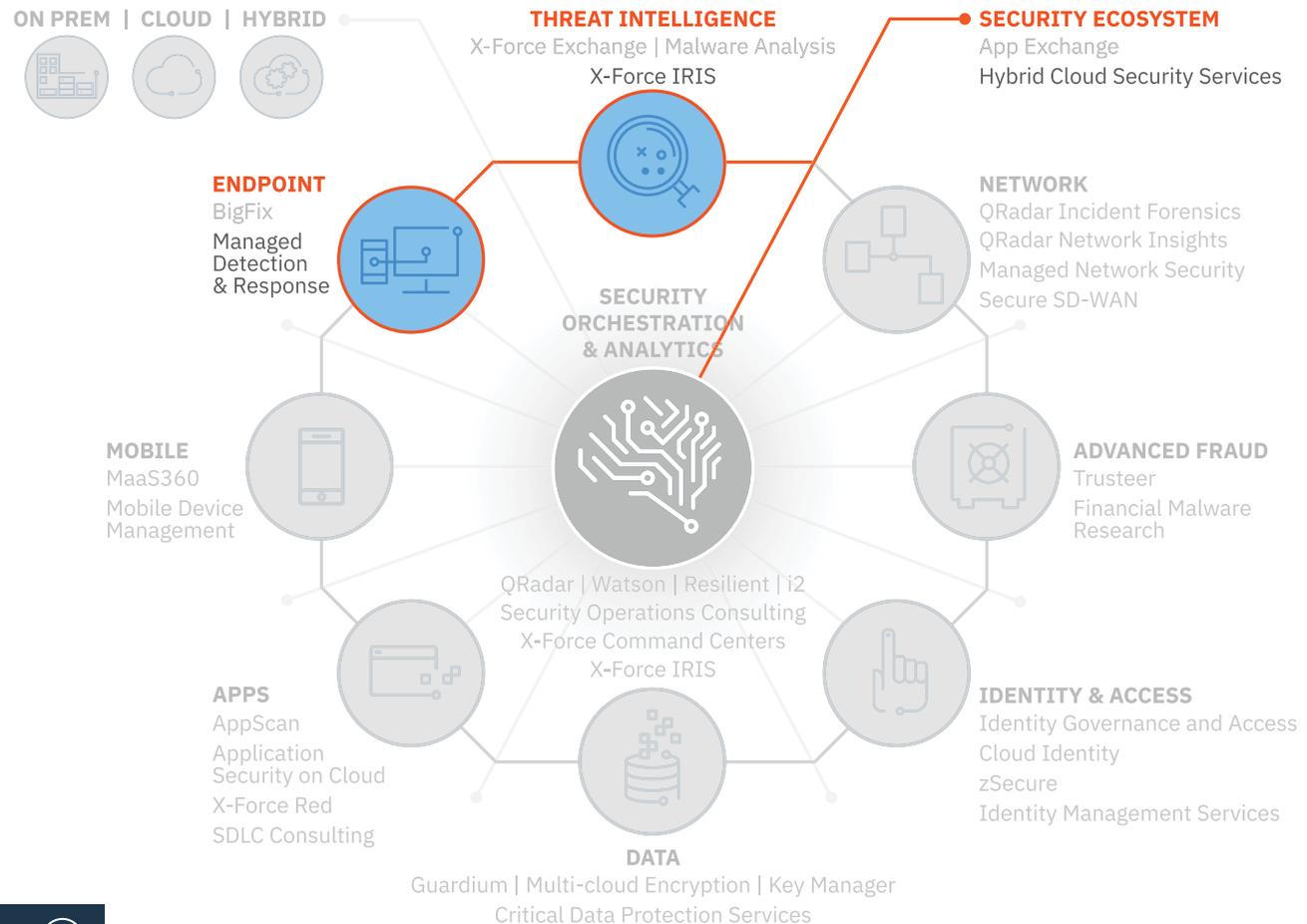
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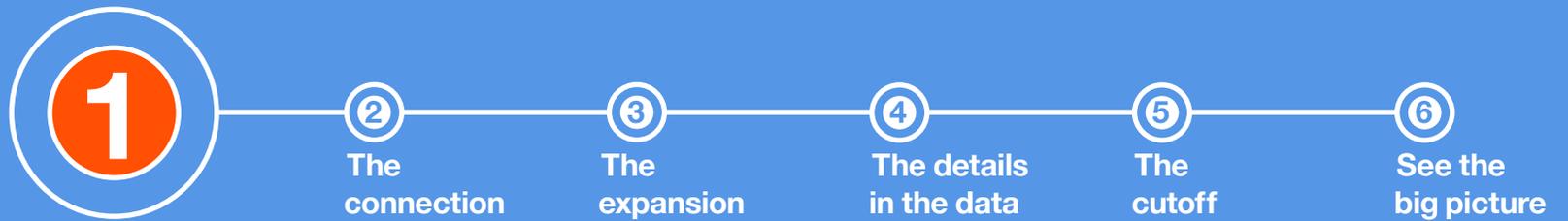
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The break-in

One of Company B's account executives is in a taxi, on his way to the airport for a trip to a customer site. Stuck in traffic, he pulls out his laptop, checks the company's intranet for some project details and sends out a few emails. What he doesn't know is that he triggered an attack via drive-by download. And because he's almost always on the road, he hasn't had much contact with the company's IT security team. So his laptop may not have been updated with the latest patches.

[IBM BigFix®](#) would allow Company B's IT security team to discover unmanaged endpoints (such as this employee's laptop) and get near real-time visibility into its endpoints to help identify vulnerabilities and those endpoints that are noncompliant.

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The connection

As it turns out, Company B's account executive had indeed missed getting the latest patches installed on his laptop. By the time he reaches the airport, the download has already latched onto the company's network and infects its internal system as part of a botnet.

With [IBM QRadar® Network Insights](#), Company B would be able to gain visibility into the network traffic, automatically analyze suspicious files with [IBM X-Force Malware Analysis on Cloud](#) and actively block communication with the botnet's command and control server, based on intelligence provided by [IBM X-Force Exchange](#). It can also effectively block zero-day exploit traffic and then send those traffic flows to [IBM QRadar Security Information and Event Management \(SIEM\)](#) for anomaly detection.

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The expansion

Without those safeguards in place, however, Company B unwittingly allows the attack to continue, targeting internal email sent to high-profile employees.

At this point, [QRadar SIEM](#) could still help halt the attack by correlating network traffic flows and security events from other security controls—and external intelligence on active botnets from [IBM X-Force Exchange](#)—into a list of priority offenses.

Powered by IBM Watson® for Cyber Security, [IBM QRadar Advisor with Watson™](#) would help analysts evaluate that list in minutes rather than hours and propose options for actions to take.

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The details in the data

The attackers soon come within striking distance, gaining the authorization needed to access Company B's resources. [QRadar Incident Forensics](#) would now be able to reconstruct abnormal user and database activity from the associated network packet data. This would allow investigators to discover less obvious data connections and previously hidden relationships across multiple IDs.

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The cutoff

If the attackers manage to reach the point of siphoning out Company B's data, the IBM Resilient® Incident Response Platform™ could help the company's security team quickly analyze, respond, resolve and mitigate the incident. So they could take action to prevent or mitigate the damage inflicted by the attack.

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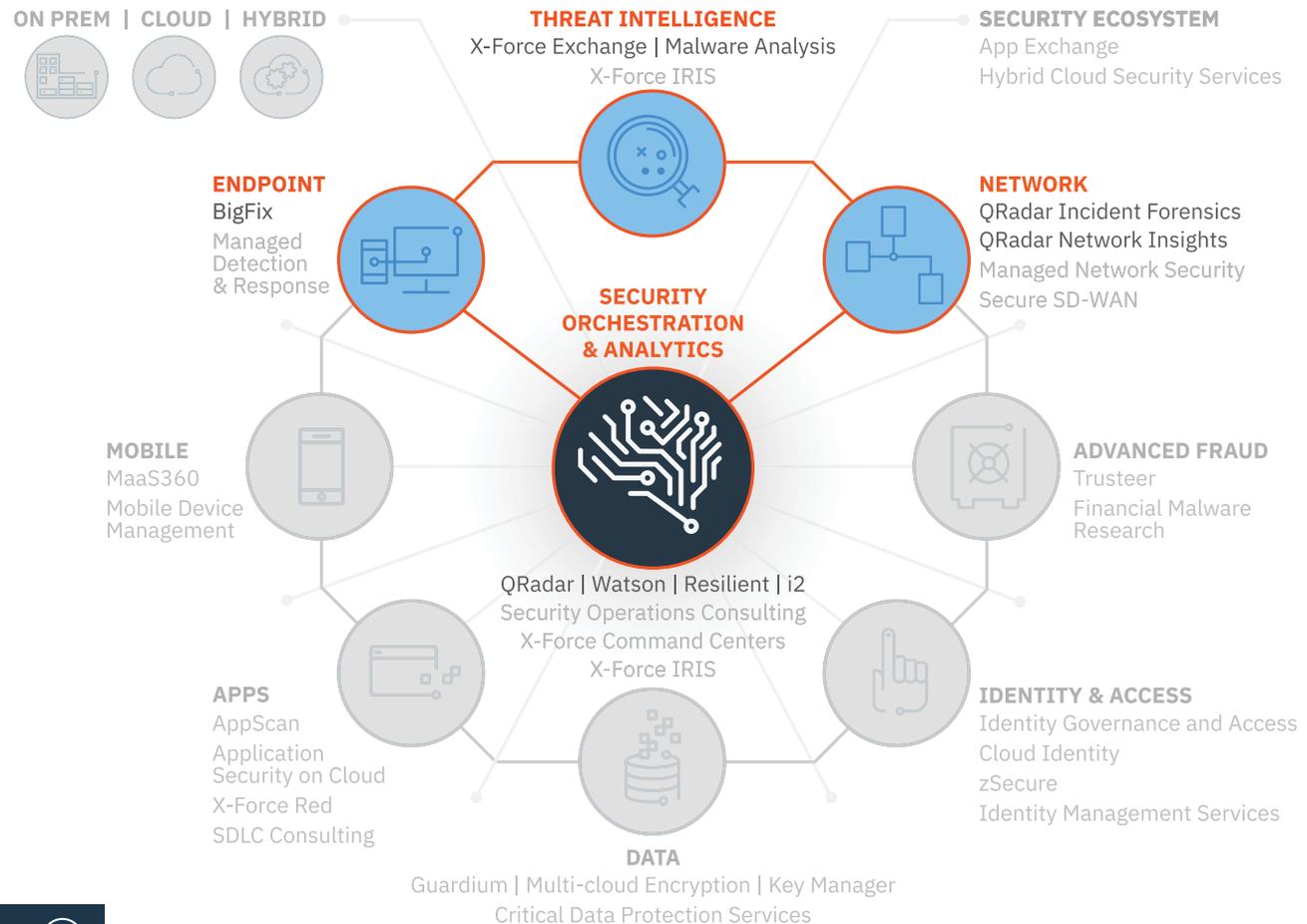
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Privileged identity management

With multiple locations in both urban and suburban settings, Company C employs a large number of individuals—including part-time hourly workers and several levels of management personnel. In addition, there are often teams of contractors brought in to work on special projects. The one thing they all have in common? A need for ongoing access to the company’s systems and data. That’s why the company uses [IBM Security Privileged Identity Manager](#) to help prevent advanced insider threats. It provides a centralized approach to managing access to privileged accounts, allowing users to “check out” these accounts when they need access to sensitive systems. In addition, the company relies on [IBM Security Guardium®](#) to cross-reference that information as it audits user access to data that’s either at rest or in motion.

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Activity monitoring

While monitoring and auditing privileged user access, [Guardium](#) can also identify abnormal or suspicious behavior and block illicit data and file access with near-real-time response. One day the system observes that several large files have been downloaded onto a thumb drive by one of Company C’s part-time employees. Because the system recognizes that action as unusual activity—given the employee’s responsibilities—it issues an alert flagging that behavior. Or it could deny access to the data in question through actions such as blocking, masking, or quarantining. Company C might also take advantage of [IBM QRadar User Behavior Analytics](#) to gain early visibility into related insider threats by analyzing other employees’ usage patterns to determine if their credentials or systems have been compromised. It can identify users by name, add suspects to a watch list or drill down into underlying log and flow data. What’s more, [Guardium](#) can share any illicit activity it finds to help [QRadar User Behavior Analytics](#) fine-tune its analytics, and then go on to share any anomalous activity it finds with Guardium.

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Security intelligence and analytics

Taking matters a step further, [QRadar SIEM](#) can help Company C pull together a clearer picture of potential problems by using analytics to correlate [Privileged Identity Manager](#) credentials with [Guardium](#) activities—to detect anomalies and trigger alerts. And [IBM MaaS360® with Watson](#) lets the company manage and safeguard its mobile devices, applications and content—while maintaining data security and personal privacy.

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Identity governance

[IBM Security Identity Governance and Intelligence](#) lets Company C’s IT managers and auditors govern insider access and support regulatory compliance across the organization. It helps the company mitigate access risks and access policy violations by combining intelligence-driven, business-driven identity governance with end-to-end user lifecycle management. What’s more, it checks for segregation of duties violations and runs access certification campaigns to help ensure the validity of privileged access rights.

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Logging in

Laura M. is a Company D customer who wants to move money from one of her accounts to another via mobile phone. It takes just a few seconds for her to log in, using her online ID and security code. But in those few seconds, [IBM Security Access Manager \(ISAM\)](#) is validating Laura's password, determining her location, making note of the date and time, and identifying the IP address for the device she's using. Doing so helps Company D block fraudulent and high-risk transactions by analyzing user information and correlating user behavior and device attributes in real time—so it can determine whether Laura is who she says she is.

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Protecting customers from fraud

Next, [IBM Trusteer® solutions](#) help figure out whether Laura is a true customer or a fraudster—by determining whether the device she's using is valid, analyzing her behavior and helping to verify that neither her credentials nor her phone have been compromised. [Trusteer](#) also notes that Laura isn't just checking her account balance, but wants to transfer funds from one account to another. If it finds any evidence to suspect that it's dealing with a fraudster, it can restrict functionality based on bank policies, without alerting him or her that they've been detected. All this happens behind the scenes without giving Laura any reason to know or care about what's going on.

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Exercising necessary caution

Of course there are certain circumstances under which Laura's actions might be subject to additional scrutiny to help protect both the bank and herself. For example, [ISAM](#) could move to enforce additional rules, asking Laura to perform a second authentication step (such as getting a second password) if she wanted to transfer over \$10,000. And if she wanted to transfer millions of dollars, even multi-step authentication would likely be insufficient. She would instead be told to visit the bank in person.

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Today's threats continue to rise in numbers and scale, as sophisticated attackers break through conventional safeguards every day.

The demand for leaked data is trending toward higher-value records containing personally identifiable information and other highly sensitive data, with less emphasis on the emails, passwords and even credit card data that were the targets of years past.⁵

And hardly a week goes by when the media isn't reporting that yet another prominent organization has fallen victim to a data breach, costing many millions of dollars. In fact, the average cost of a data breach is now \$3.62 million.⁶

A piecemeal approach to security simply will not work. It's time to move beyond methods that assemble defenses for specific needs but lack the integration to extend security across enterprise assets and vulnerabilities. It's time for a comprehensive, integrated security immune system that delivers leading technology, best practices and flexibility. To protect your valuable resources, you need a system that relies on today's intelligence, not yesterday's narrow definition of known threats.

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