

# Cost vs Value

Understanding the economics that drive attacks



How much does it cost to attack you?



# Cost vs Value





# How much does it cost to play?



\$1?



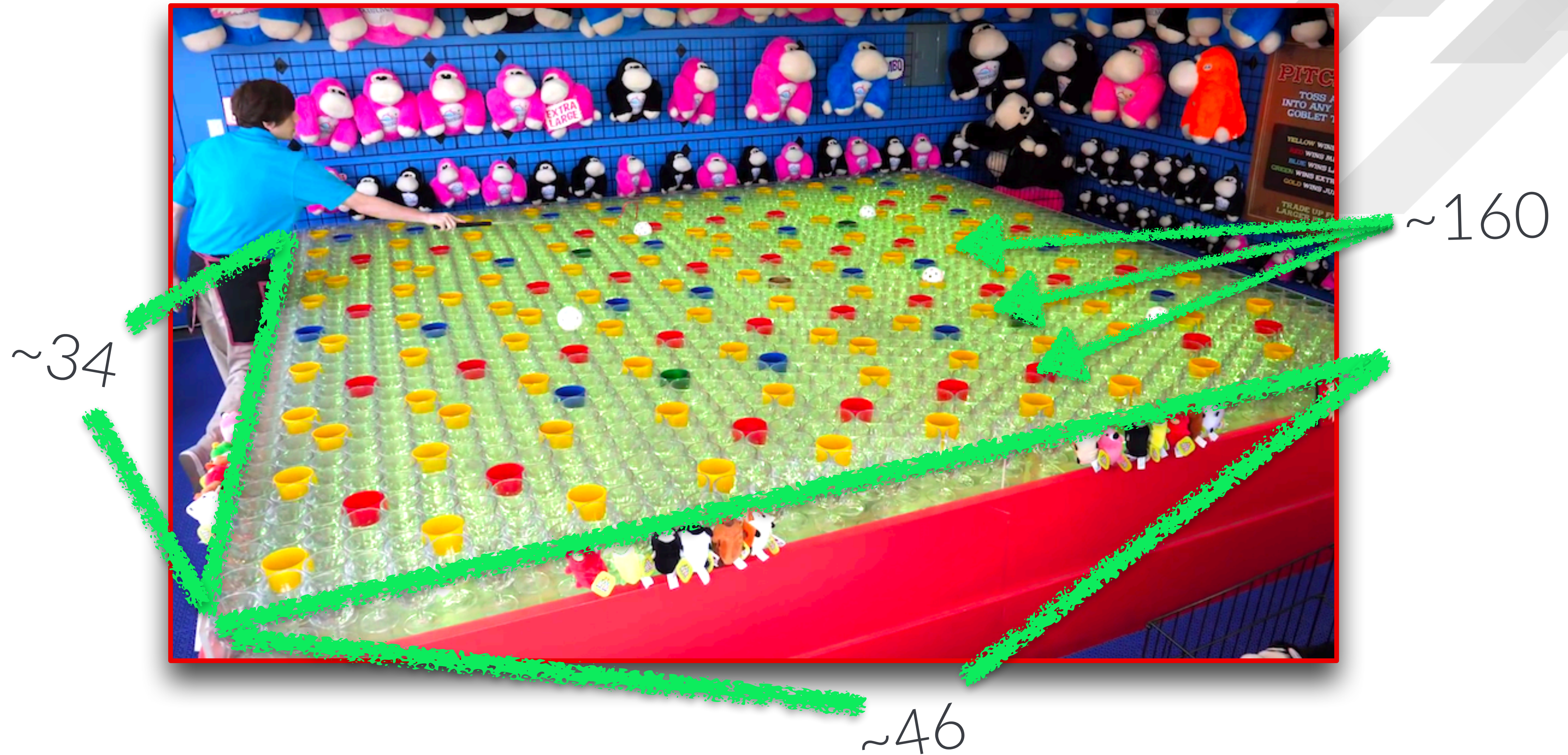
How much is this worth to you?



\$10?



What are your chances of winning?







What are your chances of winning?

**About 10%\***

*\* not accounting for lack of walls and any carnival shenanigans.  
It's much lower in reality. Don't play these games.*





How to calculate our return.

$$\frac{\text{Value} * \text{Chance of Success}}{\text{Cost}} - 100\% = \text{Rate of Return}$$





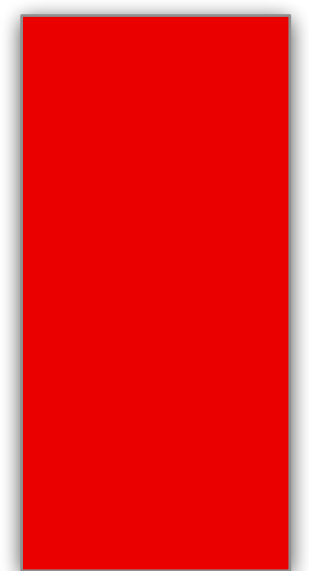
Is it worth playing?

$$\frac{\$10 * 10\%}{\$1} - 100\% = 0\%$$

Eventually you will break even.



cost



value





If value or chance improves, your return is higher.

$$\frac{\$20 * 10\%}{\$1} - 100\% = 100\%$$

Over time you will come out ahead.



cost

value





If value or chance decreases, your return is lower.

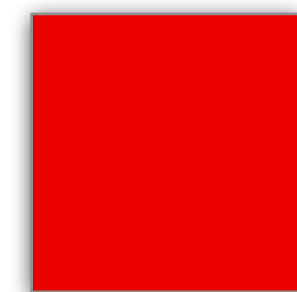


$$\frac{\$10 * 5\%}{\$1} - 100\% = -50\%$$

Over time you will go broke.



cost



value



If cost increases it better still be less than the value.

$$\frac{\$10 * 5\%}{\$2} - 100\% = -75\%$$

Otherwise you'll still go broke.





# We make these calculations all day.

- When shopping
- While at work
- In relationships
- As a parent





# Attackers do too.

This is why breaches and attacks are exploding.

Attacks are dirt cheap and the value is astronomical.



This is what I  
used to look like



# Who am I?


- Web dork.
- Director at Shape Security & Google Dev Expert.
- Old-school video game hacker.
- @jsoverson most everywhere





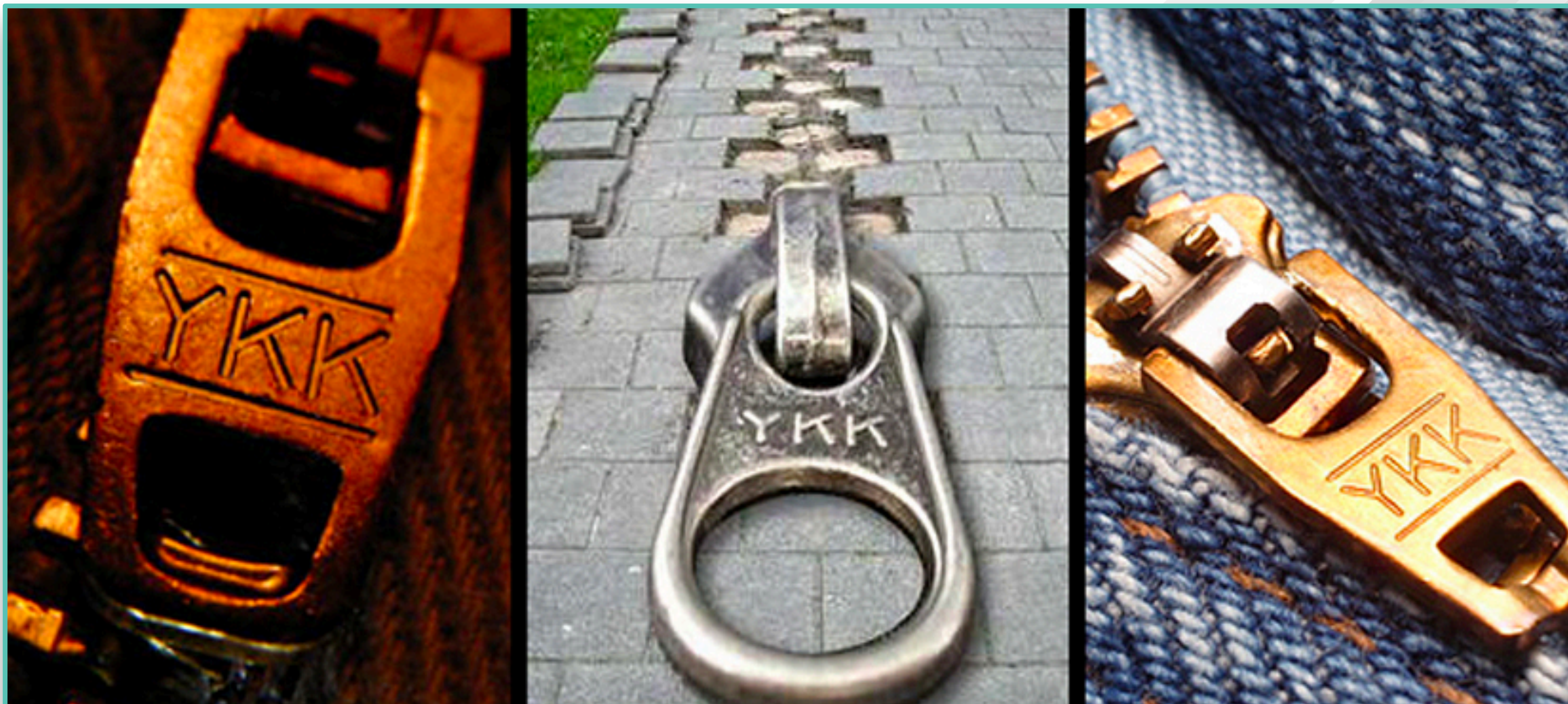
**SH-pe?**





Ever heard of YKK?









# You probably used Shape today.

We're the reason you log in a lot less and see fewer CAPTCHAs.

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- 1 **Cost vs value in security**
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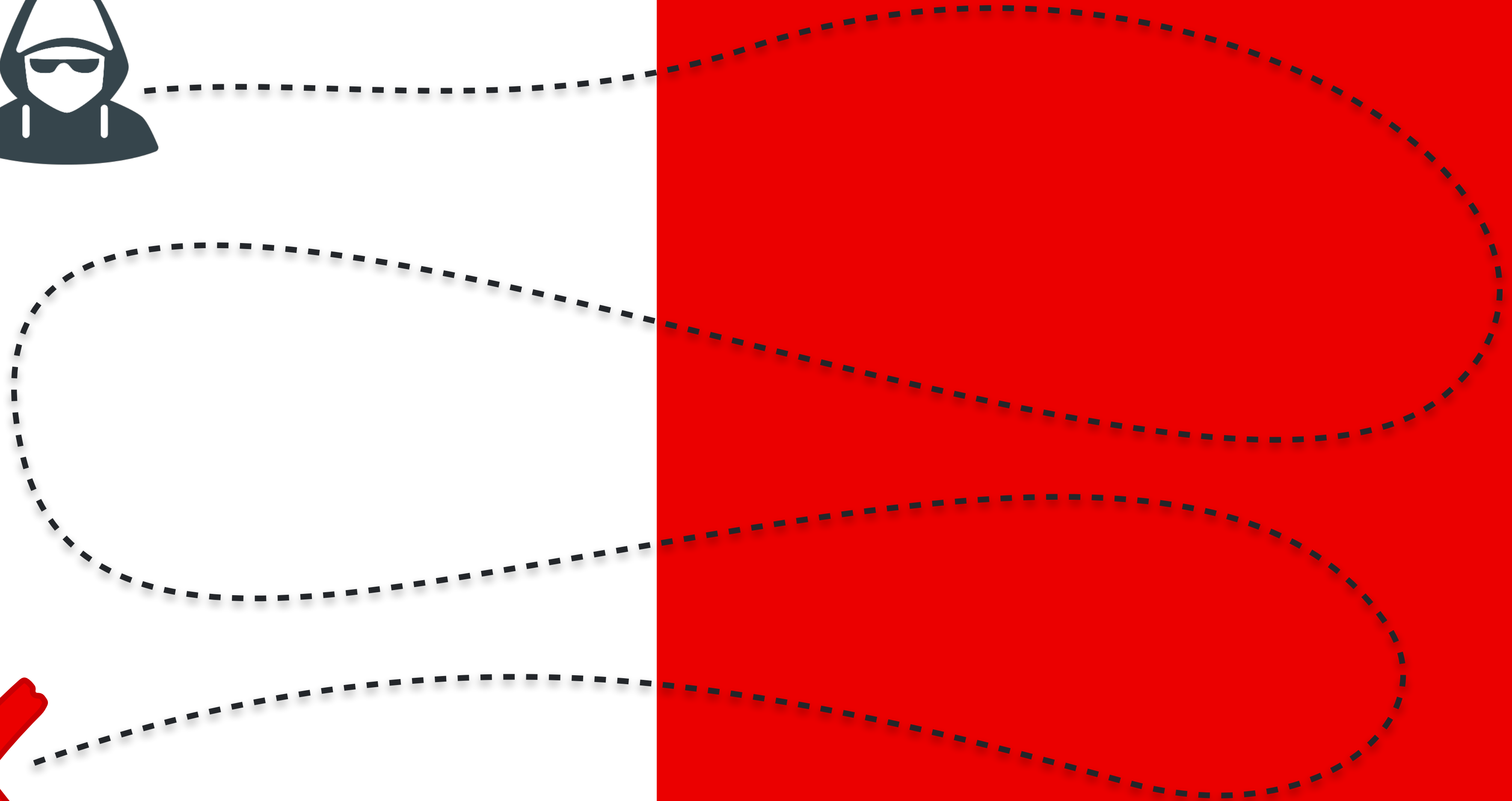
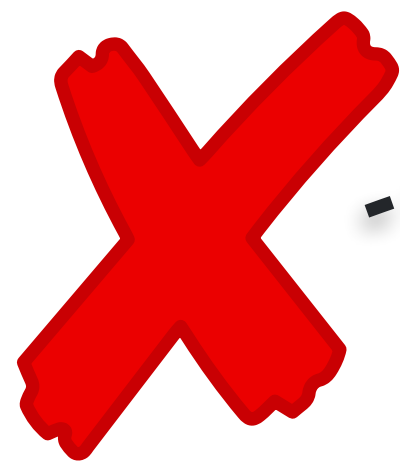
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**AUTOMATION**

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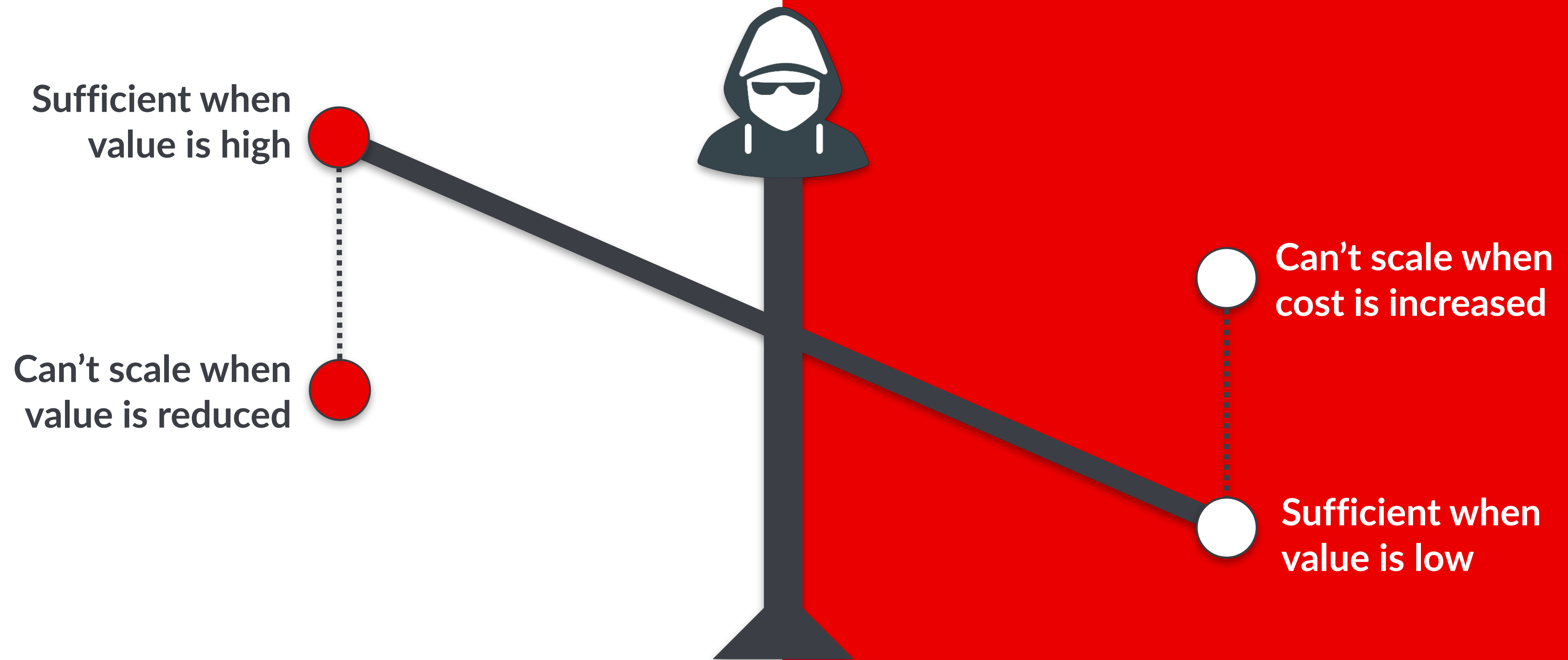
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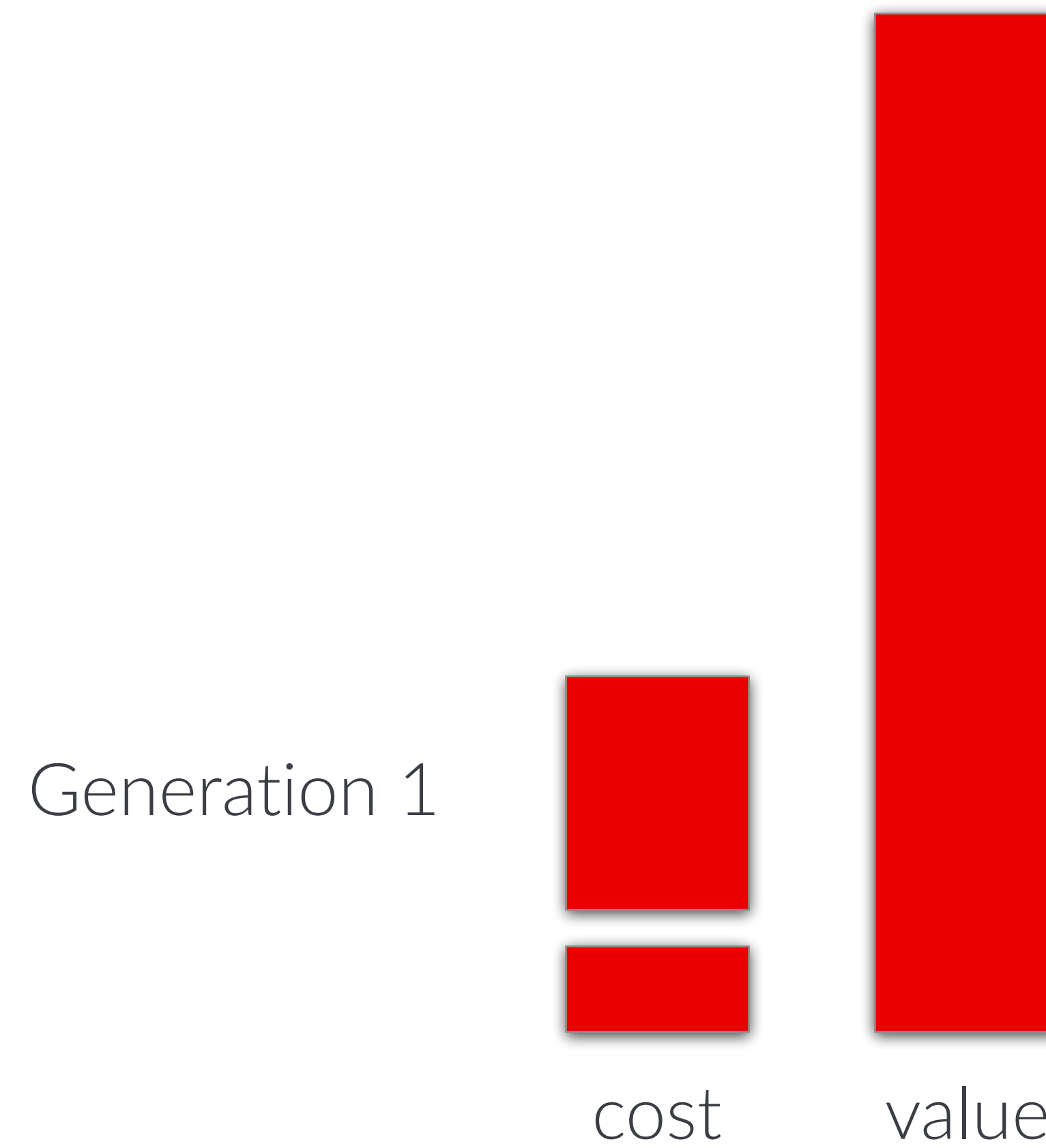


If there are no defenses in place, costs are negligible.

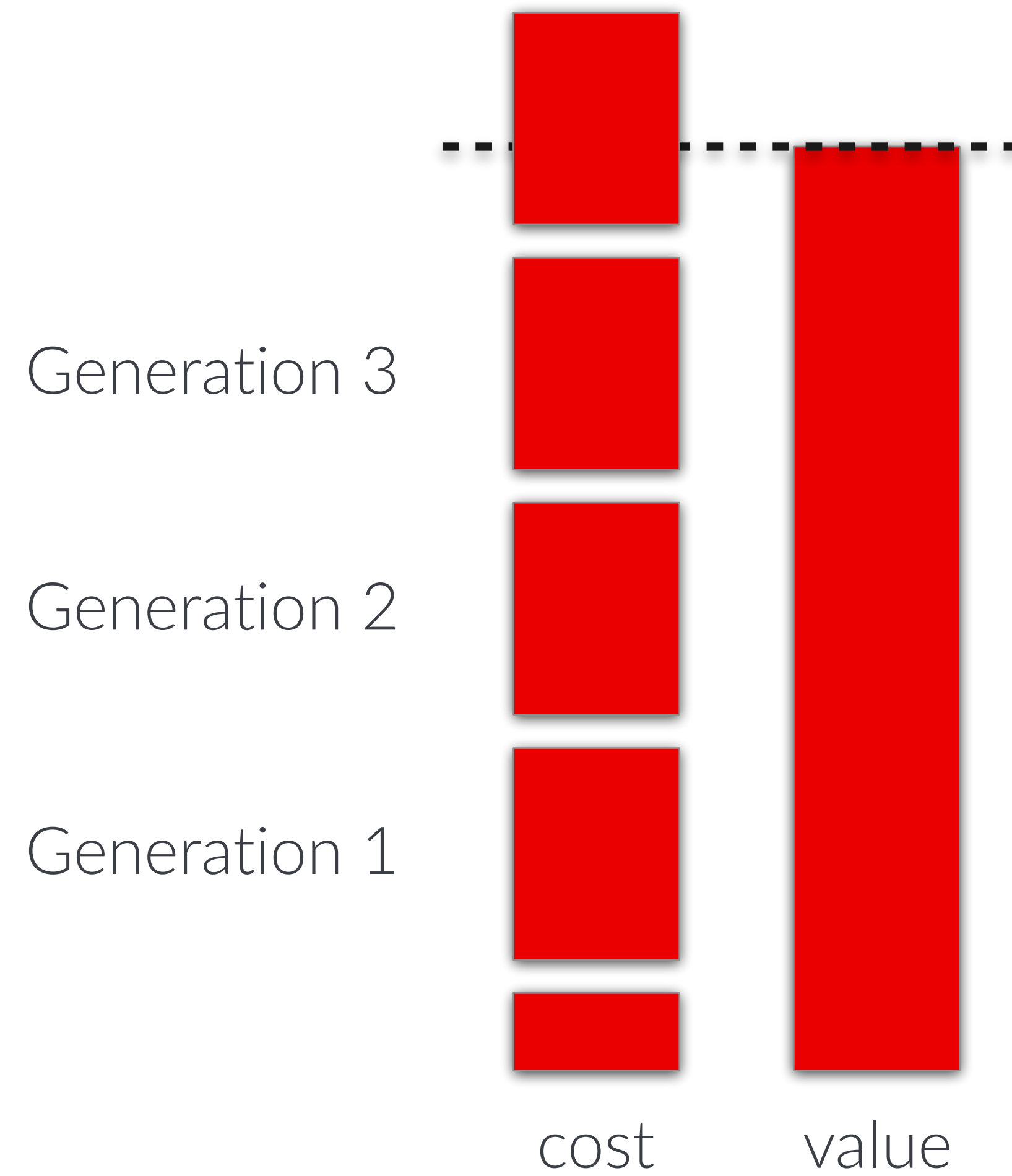




Any defense increases the cost by forcing a generational shift.



With enough defense cost vs value tips in your favor



The cost of entry for each generation decreases over time.



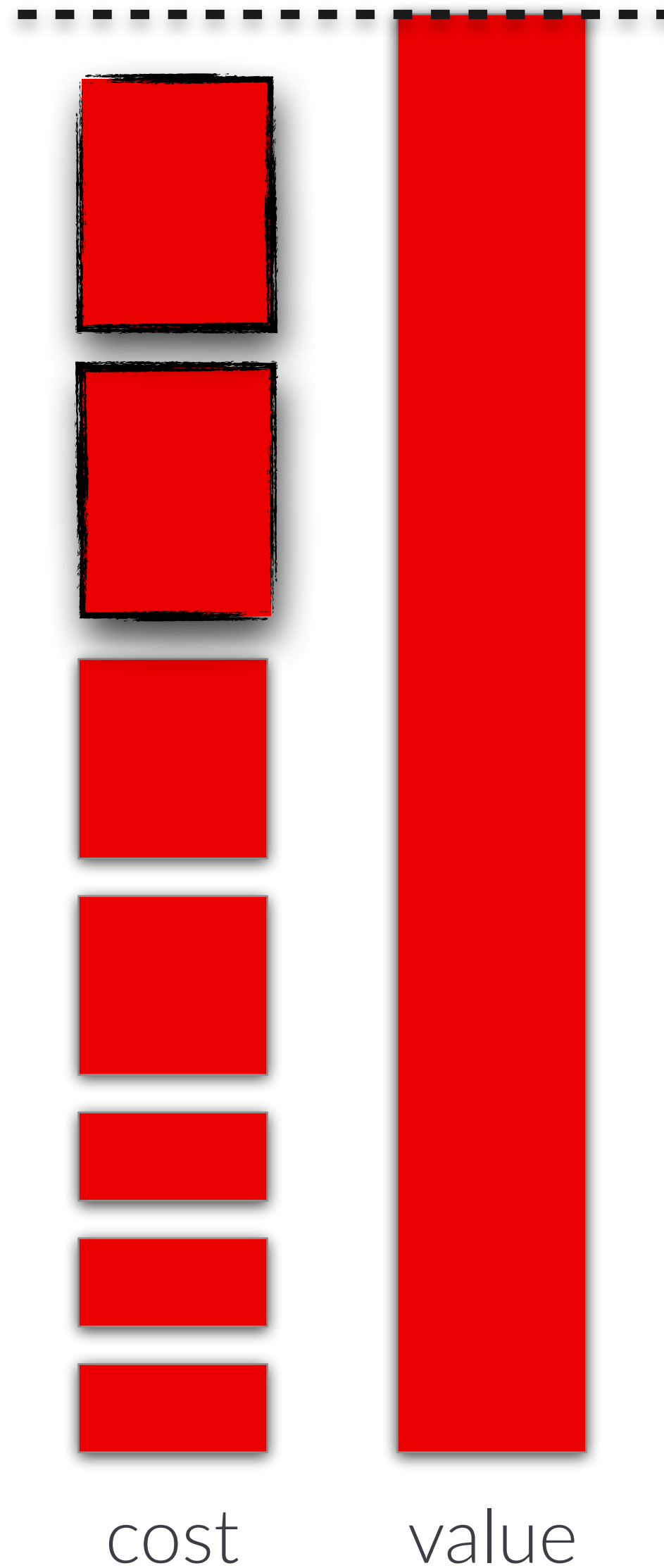


While the value of successful attacks only goes up.



And every generation necessitates new defenses.

which means sophistication  
is growing **rapidly**





Security is a gradient of friction (attack cost)



Cheap  
to attack

Costly  
to attack



Don't patch anything ever?



Cheap  
to attack

Costly  
to attack

You're making it easy for script kiddies to attack you.

Patch within 3 months?

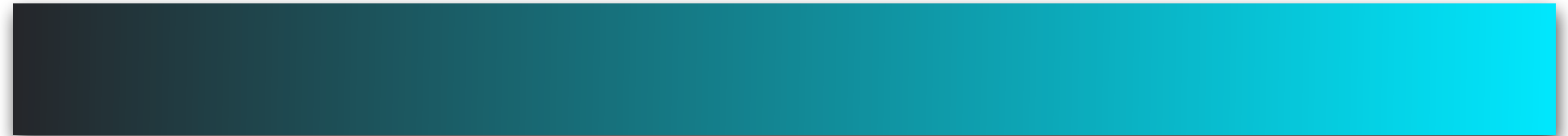


Cheap  
to attack

Costly  
to attack

Then you're only vulnerable to the latest threat  
for a 3 month window.

Patch on day 0?



Cheap  
to attack

Costly  
to attack



You drive attackers to find their own vulnerabilities.





It's OK to not be here all the time!

It's expensive!



But you need to know the tradeoffs.



# Some threats can't be patched away.

The OWASP Automated Threats are attacks that abuse inherent functionality.



# OWASP Automated Threats

- OAT-020 Account Aggregation
- OAT-019 Account Creation
- OAT-003 Ad Fraud
- OAT-009 CAPTCHA Defeat
- OAT-010 Card Cracking
- OAT-001 Carding
- OAT-012 Cashing Out
- OAT-007 Credential Cracking
- OAT-008 Credential Stuffing
- OAT-021 Denial of Inventory
- OAT-015 Denial of Service
- OAT-006 Expediting
- OAT-004 Fingerprinting
- OAT-018 Footprinting
- OAT-005 Scalping
- OAT-011 Scraping
- OAT-016 Skewing
- OAT-013 Sniping
- OAT-017 Spamming
- OAT-002 Token Cracking
- OAT-014 Vulnerability Scanning

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# CREDENTIAL STUFFING

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The replay of breached username/password pairs across sites to find accounts where passwords have been reused.

## A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

1

**Get Credentials**

2

**Automate Login**

3

**Defeat Automation Defenses**

4

**Distribute Globally**



# CREDENTIAL STUFFING

1

## 1. Get Credentials








Bookmarks People Window Help

RF Collection #1-5 & Zabagur & A x +

https://raidforums.com/Thread-Collection-1-5-Zabagur-AntiPublic-Latest-120GB-1TB-TOTAL-Leaked-Download

Need proof? The layout is same as troys, size is same, + here's original sales thread from owner:

### Folders & Size

 <b>Collection #1</b> Size: 87.18 GB	 <b>Collection #2</b> Size: 526.11 GB	 <b>Collection #3</b> Size: 37.18 GB	 <b>Collection #4</b> Size: 178.58 GB
 <b>Collection #5</b> Size: 42.79 GB	 <b>AP MYR&amp;ZABUGOR #2</b> Size: 24.53 GB	 <b>ANTIPUBLIC #1</b> Size: 102.04 GB	

(Blurred as the owner is under a lot of heat right now due to the exposure of this, so done out of respect, not that i care or anything just don't want drama).

Collection #1 to #5 in .torrent form thanks to user @neob and every seeder.

Hidden Content:

Unlock for 8 credits.



# CREDENTIAL STUFFING

1

1. Get Credentials



Tweets  
15.2K

Followers  
551

Follow

**checkmydump**  
@checkmydump

I am the Check My Dump robot, I post interesting things I find to twitter. Creator: @moonbas3

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Joined June 2016

New to Twitter?

Sign up now to get your own personalized timeline!

Sign up

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**checkmydump** @checkmydump · 2h  
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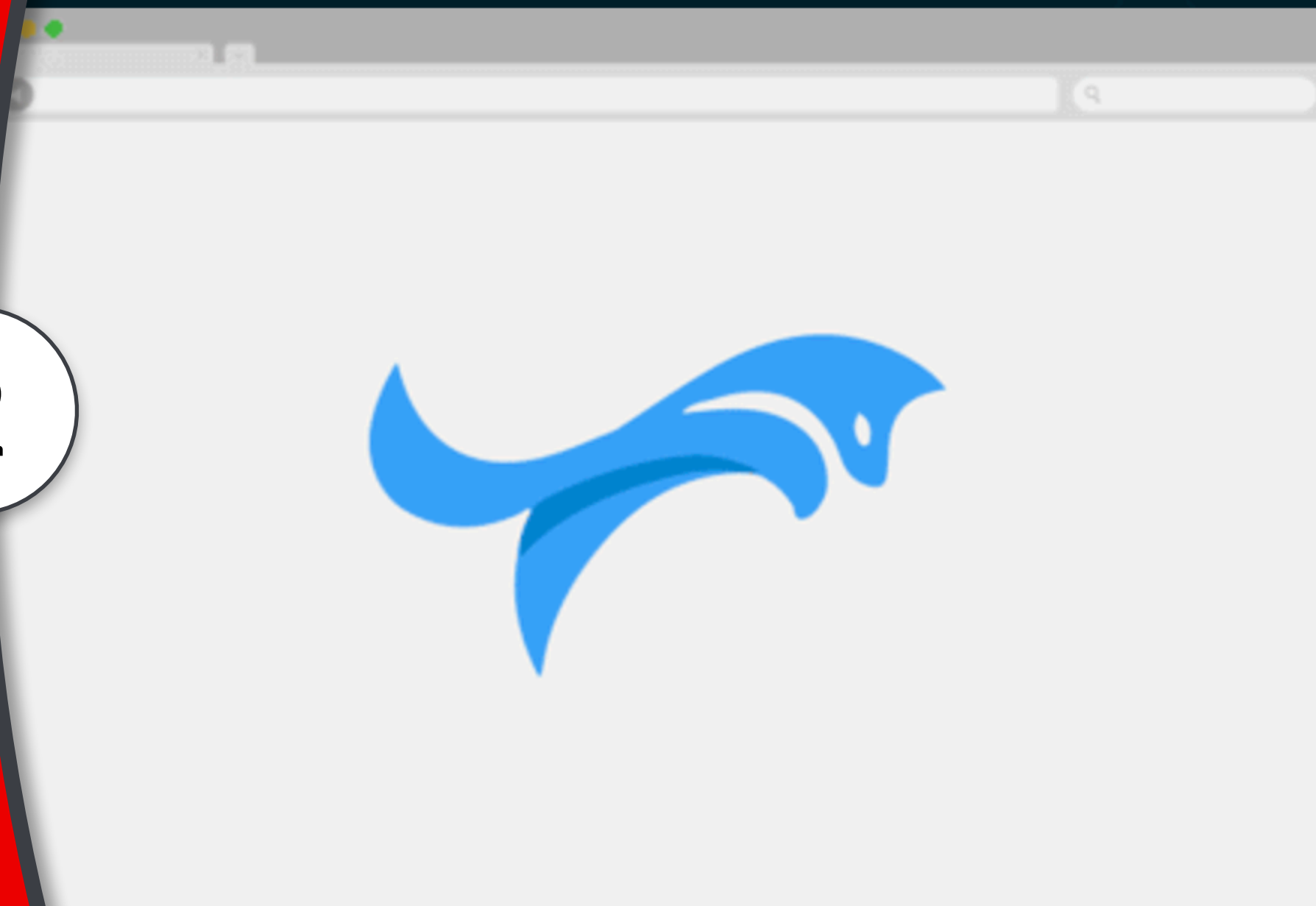


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# CREDENTIAL STUFFING

2

1. Get Credentials
2. Automate Login



HOME

GET STARTED

INTERNET FINGERPRINT

FEATURES

SCREENSHOTS

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## ULTIMATE INTERNET PRIVACY

VIRTUAL MACHINE BASED SOLUTION TO BEAT  
BROWSER FINGERPRINTING





# CREDENTIAL STUFFING

3

1. Get Credentials
2. Automate Login
3. Defeat Defenses



I'm not a robot



reCAPTCHA

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**STATUS: OK**

Average solving time 1 minute ago: 10 s  
5 minutes ago: 11 sec  
15 minutes ago: 11 sec  
Today's average accuracy rate: 90.5 %  
(updated every minute)

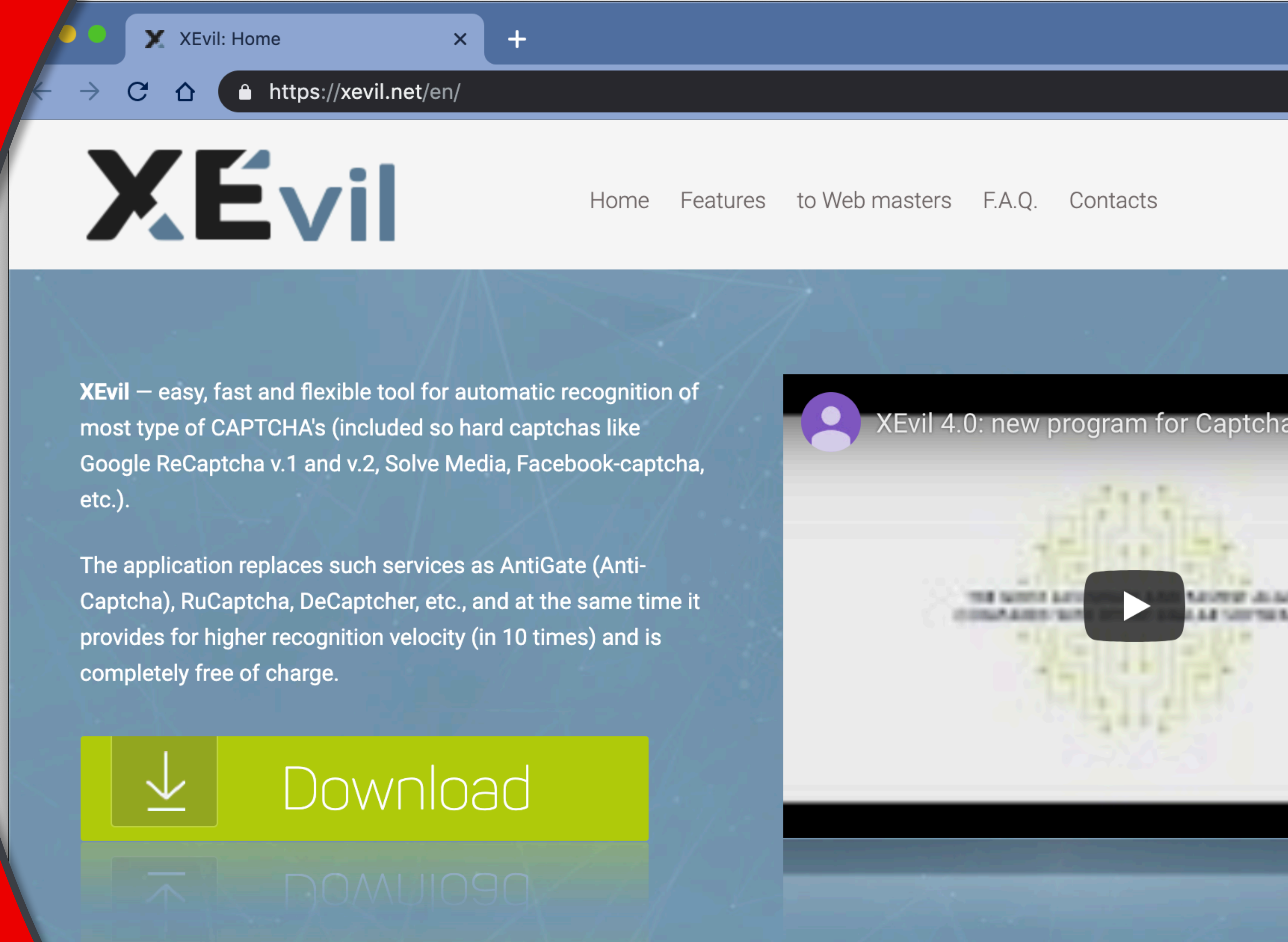
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Log In

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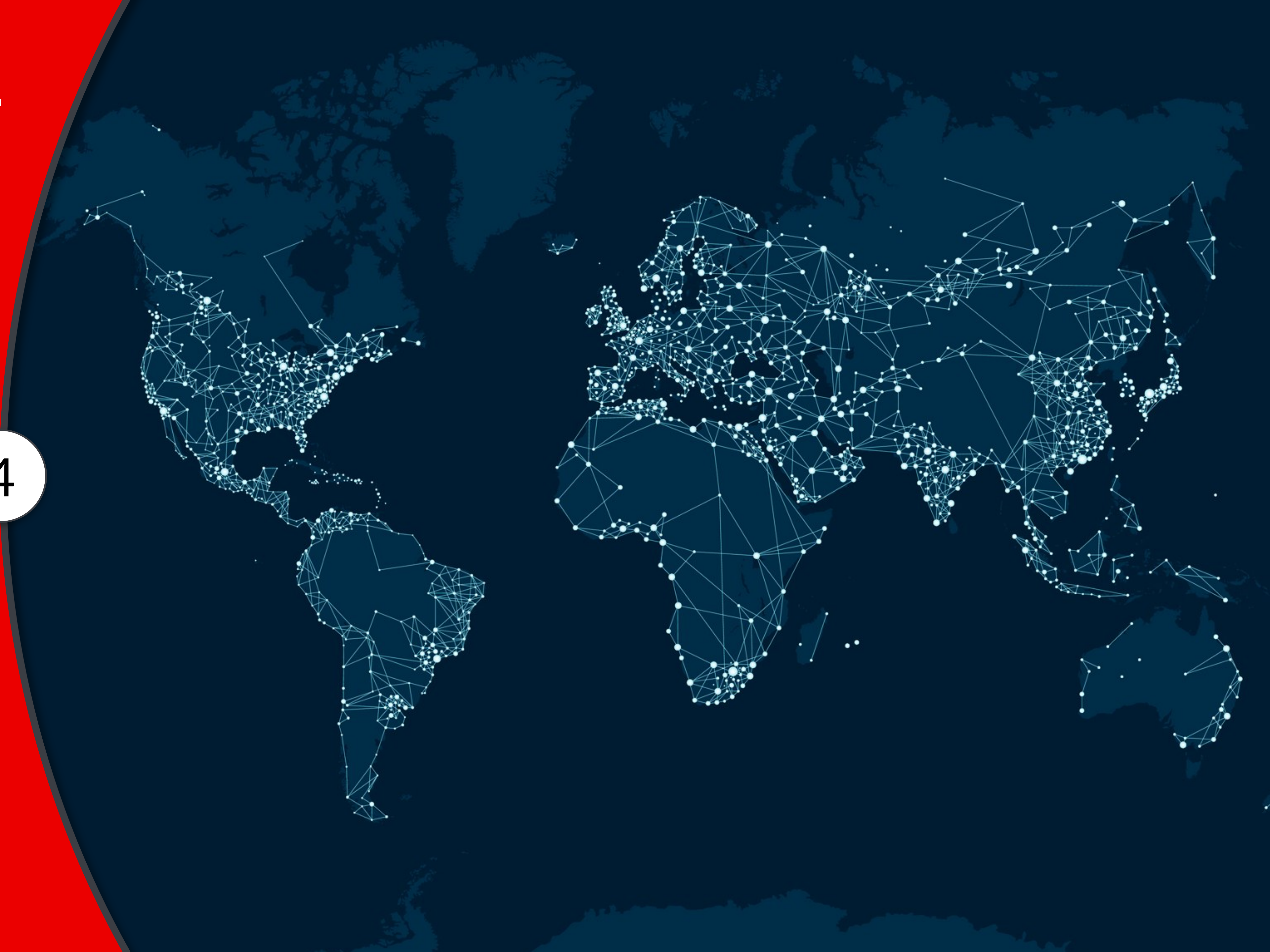





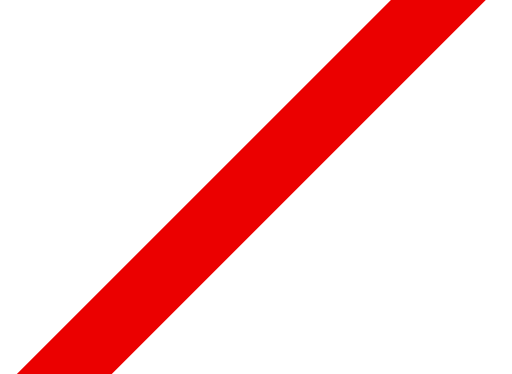
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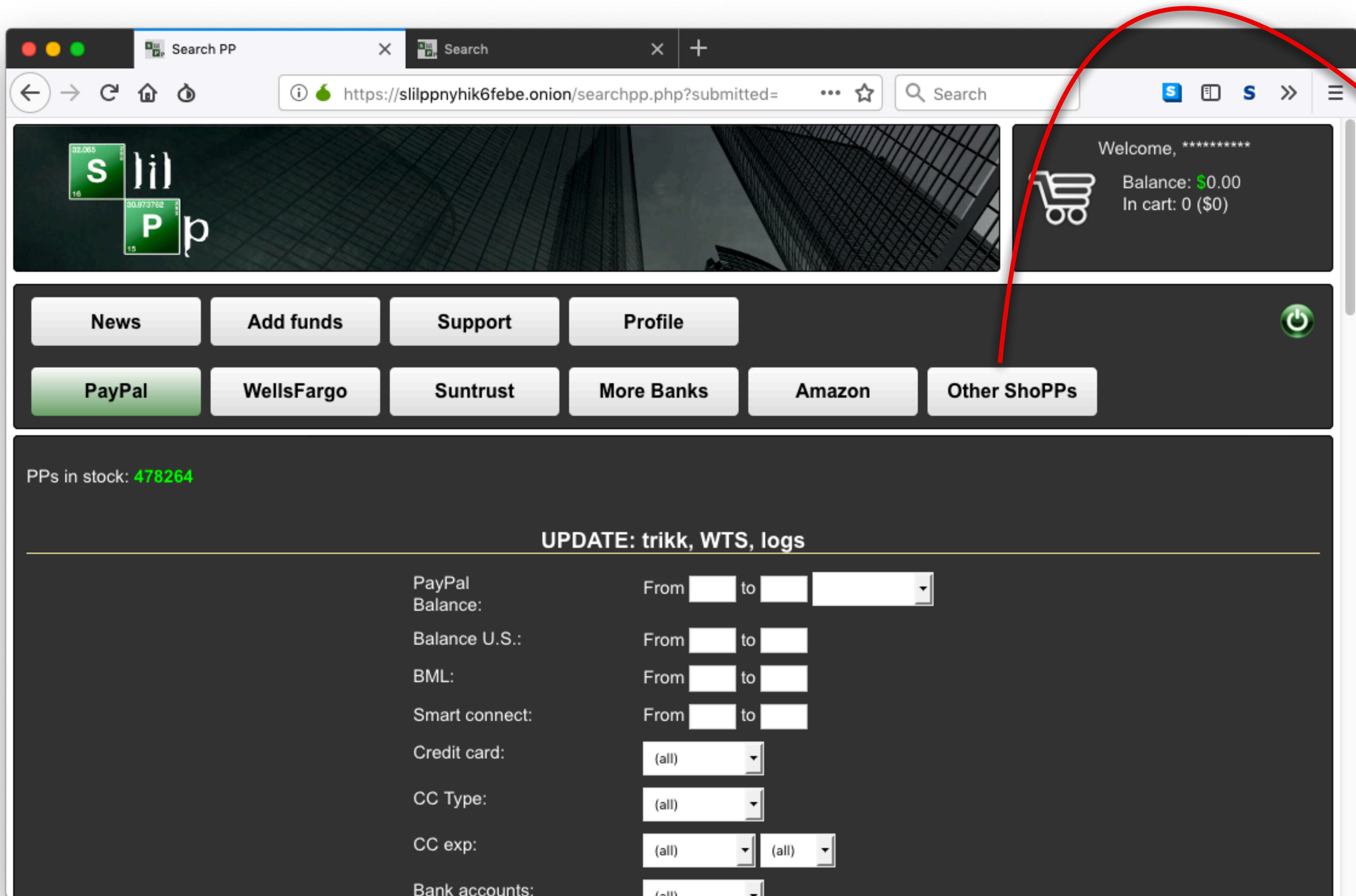
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4. Distribute







\$0 : 2.3 billion credentials	{	Less than \$200 for 100,000 ATO attempts
\$50 : for tool configuration		
\$139 : for 100,000 CAPTCHAs		
\$10 : for 1000 global IPs		



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Values range between a couple dollars to >\$150

Success rate is around 0.2% - 2%

Cost per attempt is less than \$0.002

**You're looking at a return with a low  
of 100% to a high of 150000%+**



This is not where we want to be.





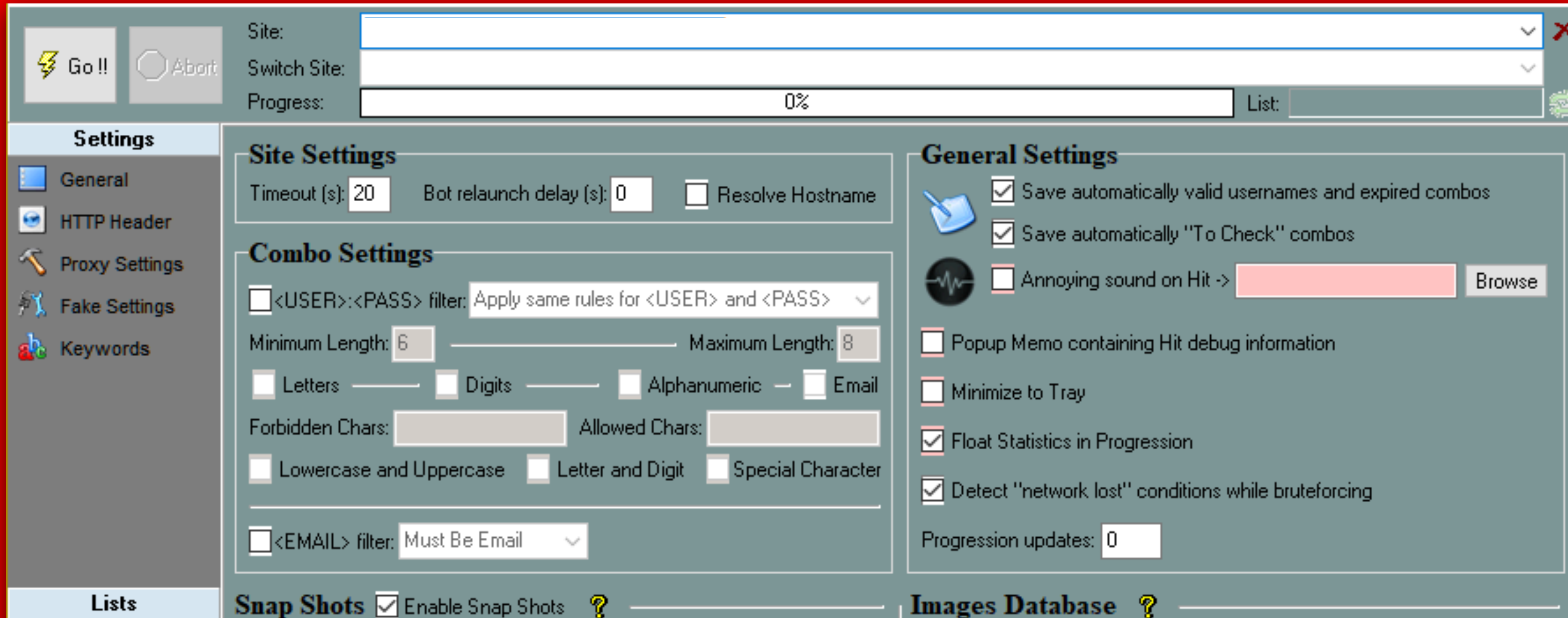


Evolution is constant here.

The value is so great that it is fueling rapid iteration.

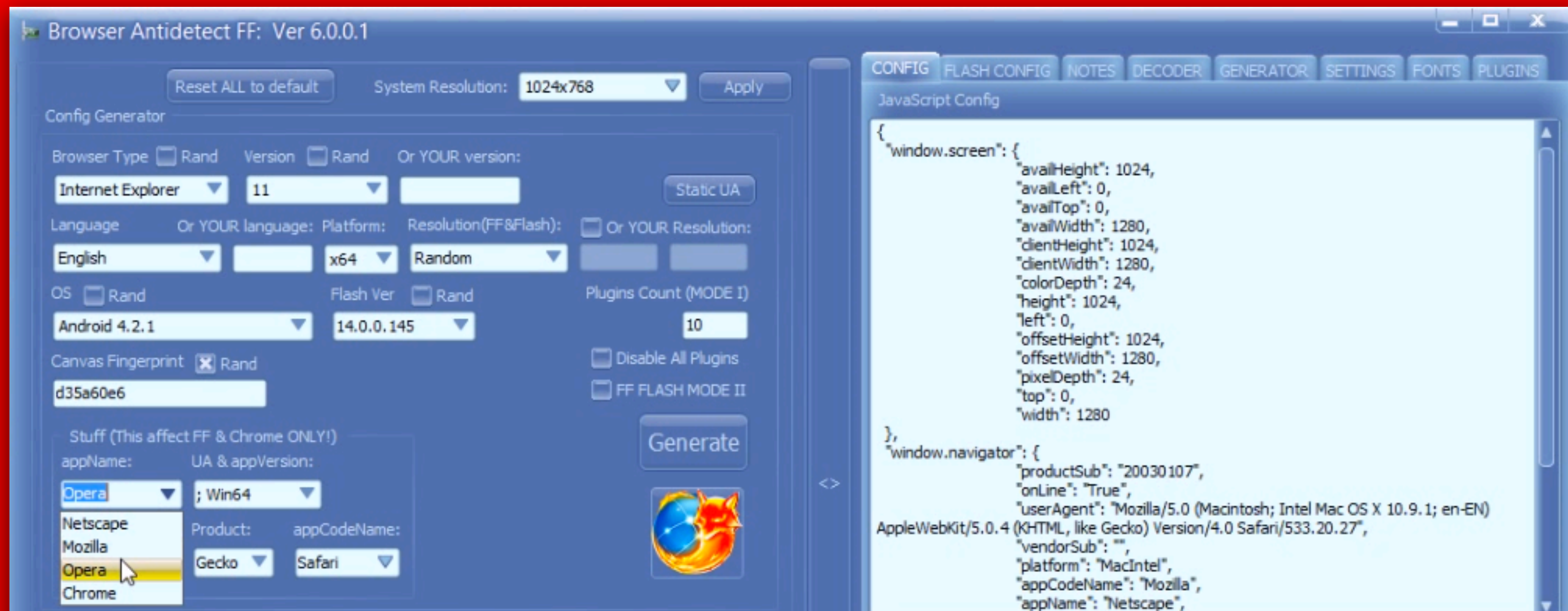
# SentryMBA

- Basic HTTP requests.
- Extensible and highly configurable.
- Tailored towards specific attack use cases.



# Browser AntiDetect

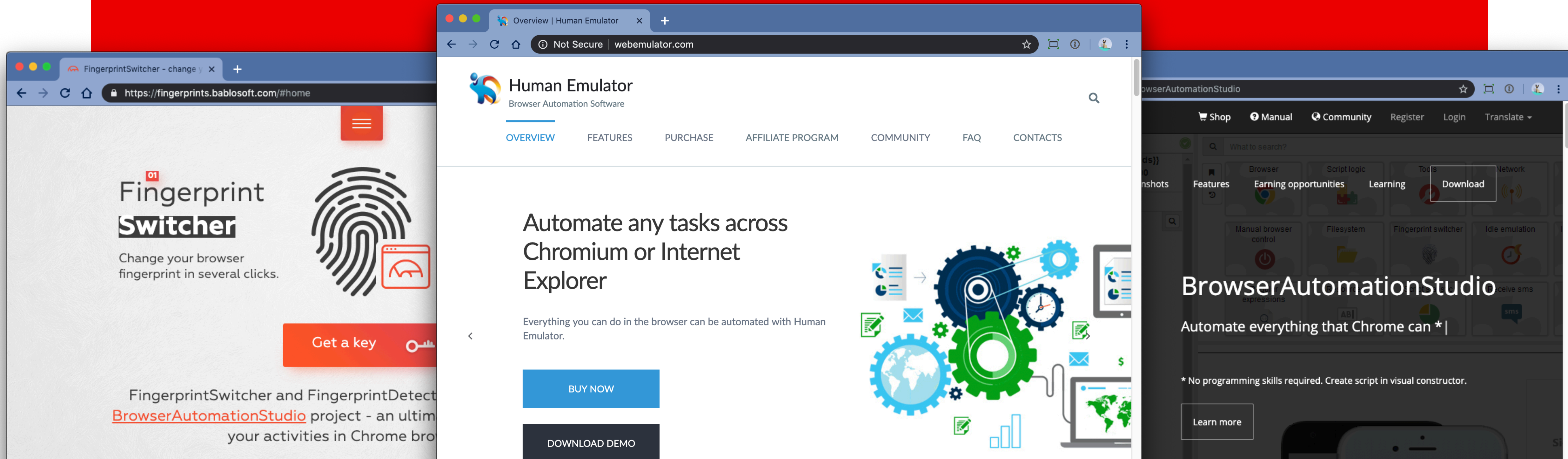
- Extension for FireFox and Chrome.
- Randomizes fingerprintable data points.
- Designed specifically to blend in.





# Loads more

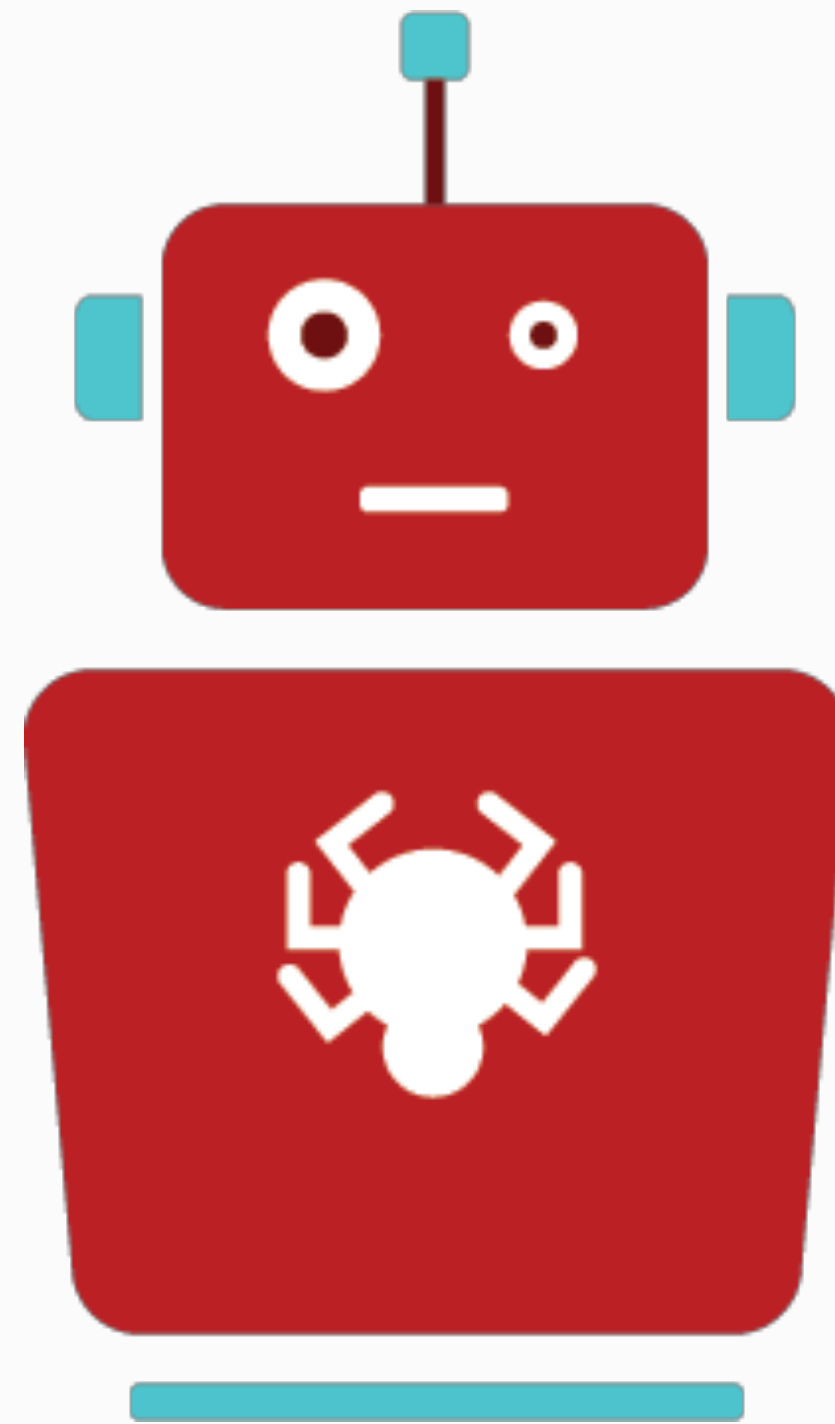
All pushing towards imitating real users with real behavior looking like they are using real devices coming from legitimate networks.



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Millions of marketing dollars talk about  
bots and botnets...

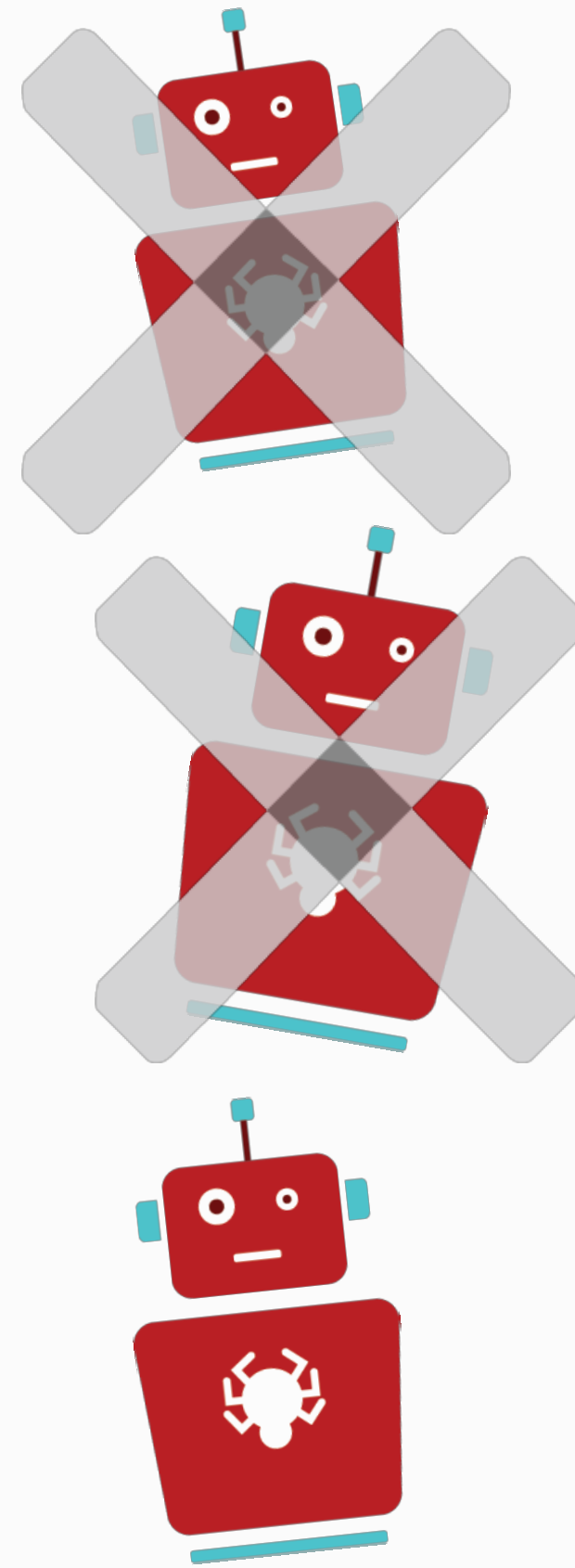


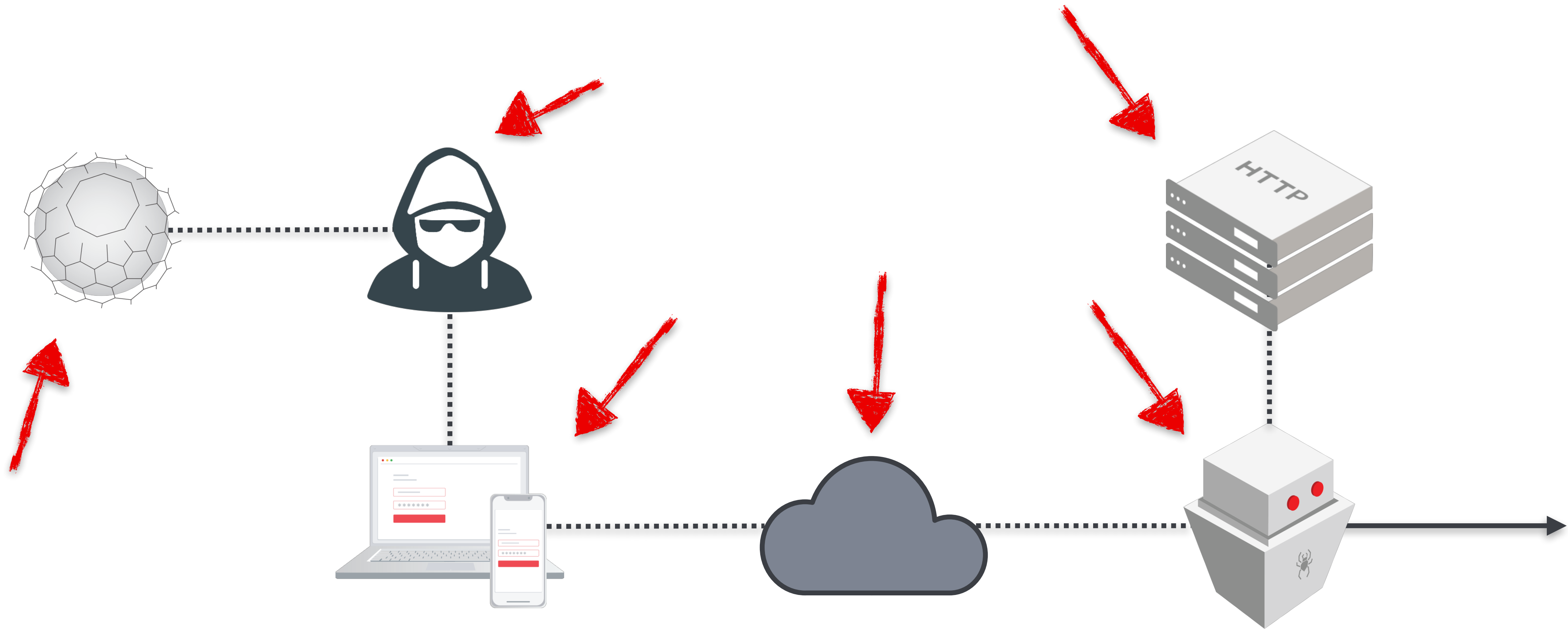


These are just symptoms, not the cause.



# Treating the symptom won't fix the problem





It's not as simple as blocking an IP or a script or a bot or any symptom.  
It's targeting what will cost the attacker the most. Over and over again.

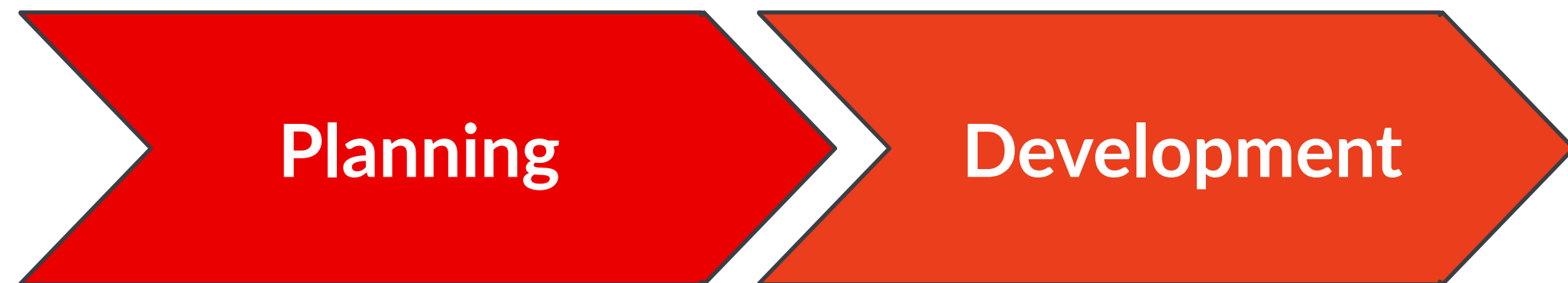


# The Software Development Lifecycle



What tools work, what don't?  
What URLs need to be targeted?  
What data do I need?

# The Software Development Lifecycle



Investment in a framework of choice.  
Custom development against a site.  
Building in proxy/botnet hooks.

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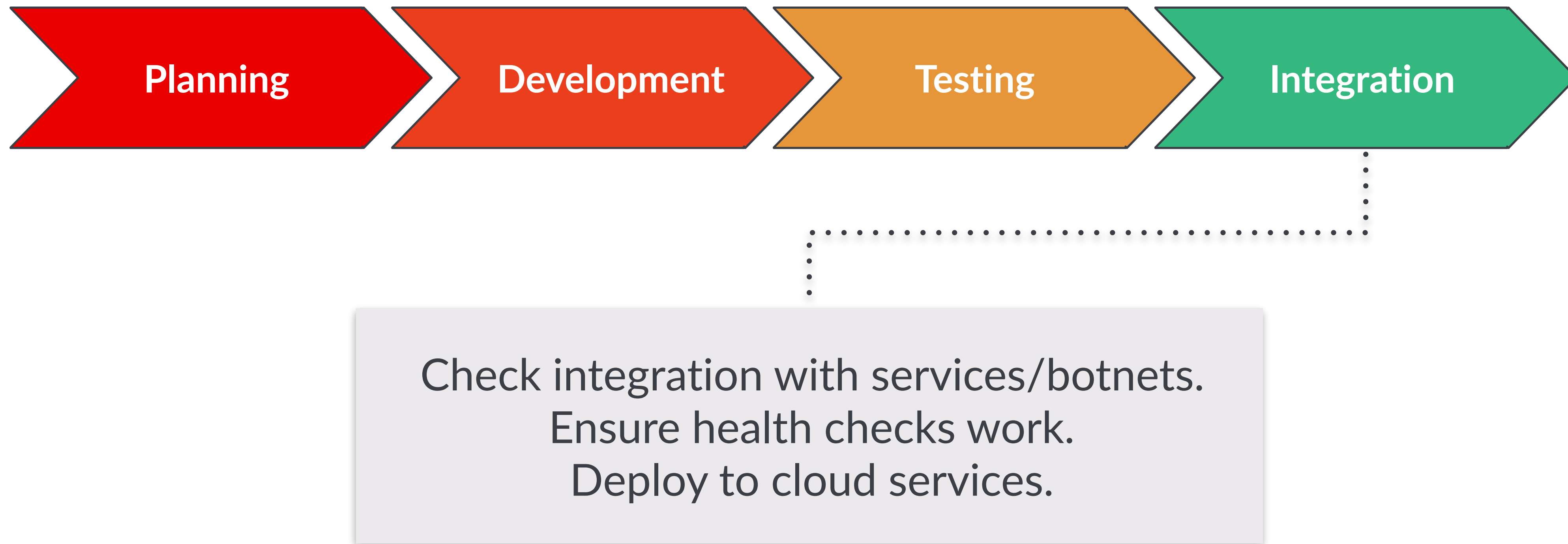


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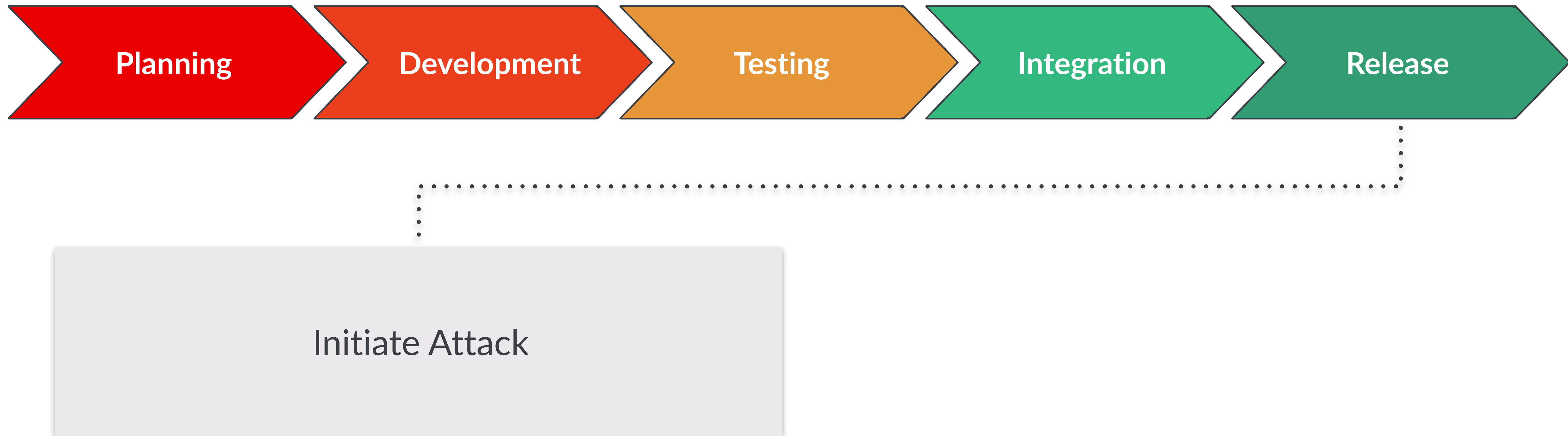
Does it bypass protections?  
Does it handle edge case responses?  
Does it consume input data properly?



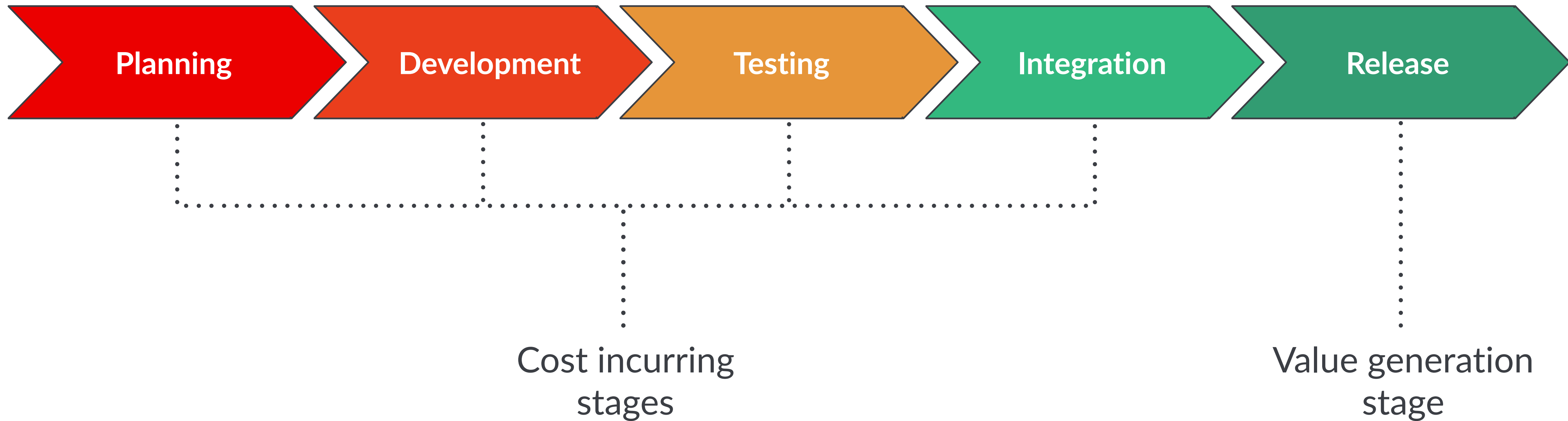
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## *Case Study (circa 2015)*

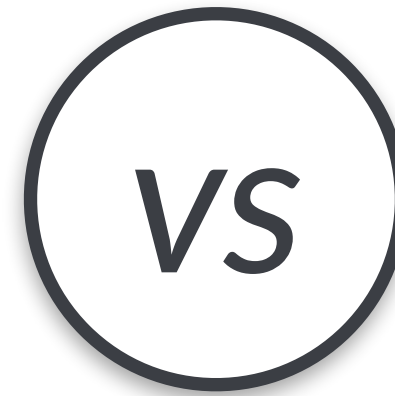


*Github Kiddie*

# Scenario

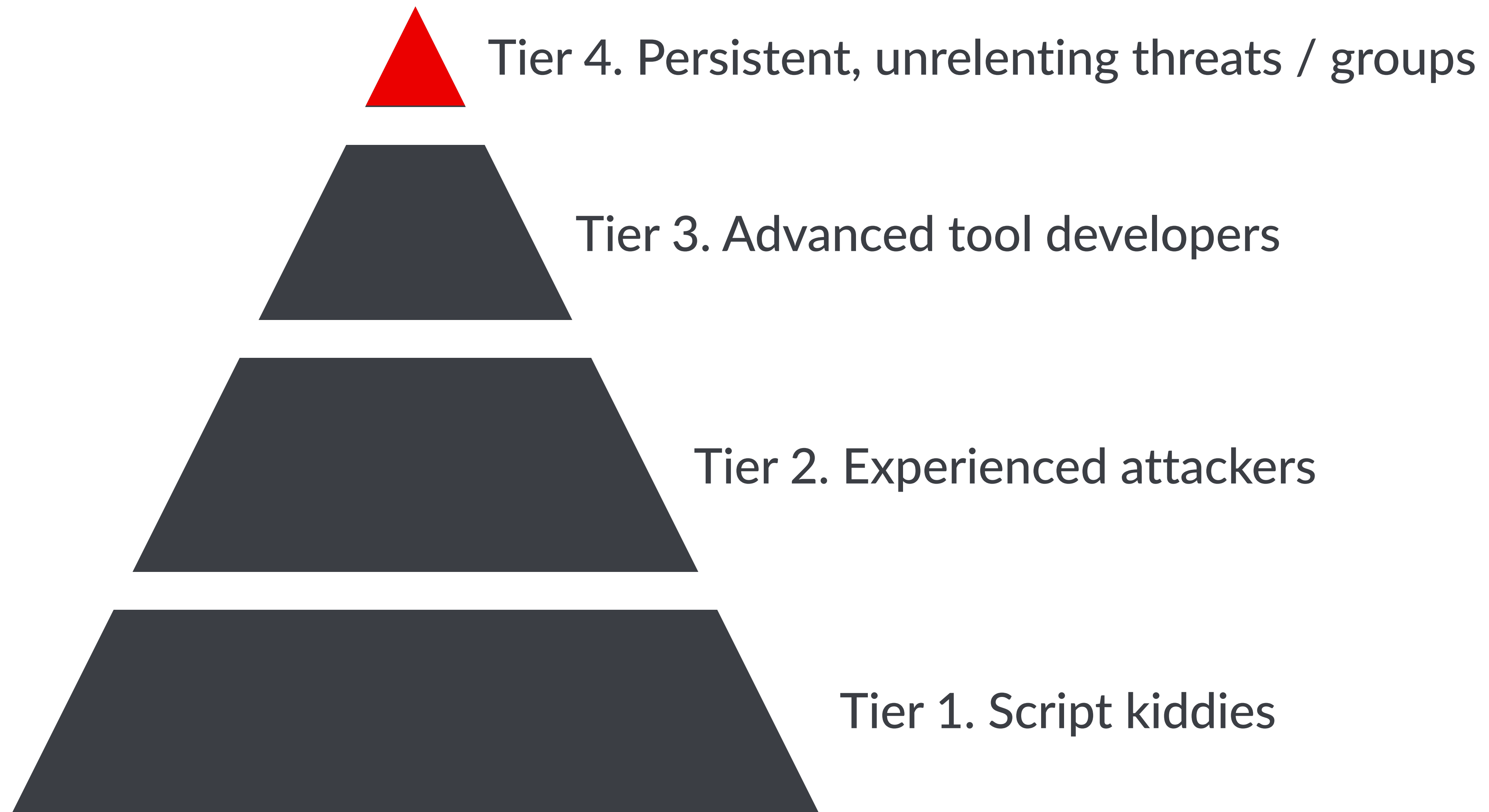


Credential Stuffer  
and Account taker-overer



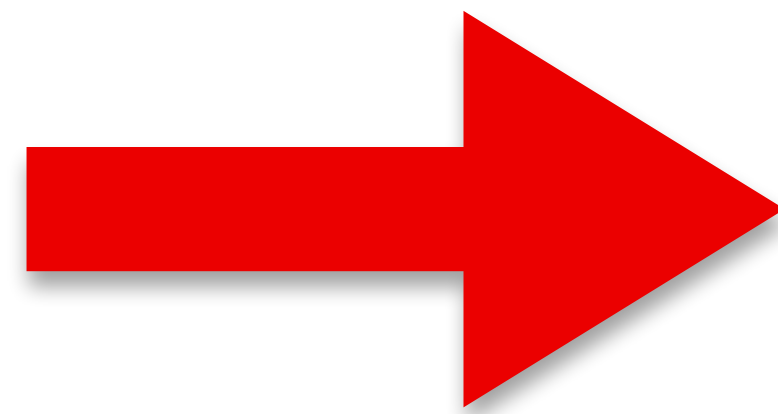
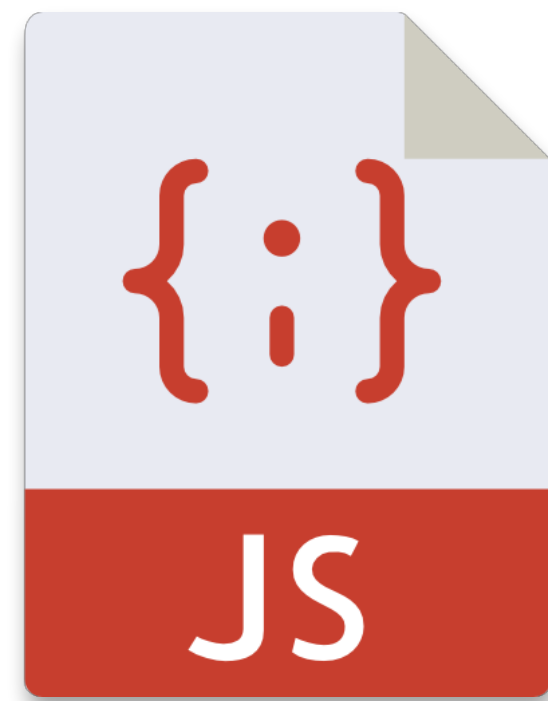
Big US Retailer



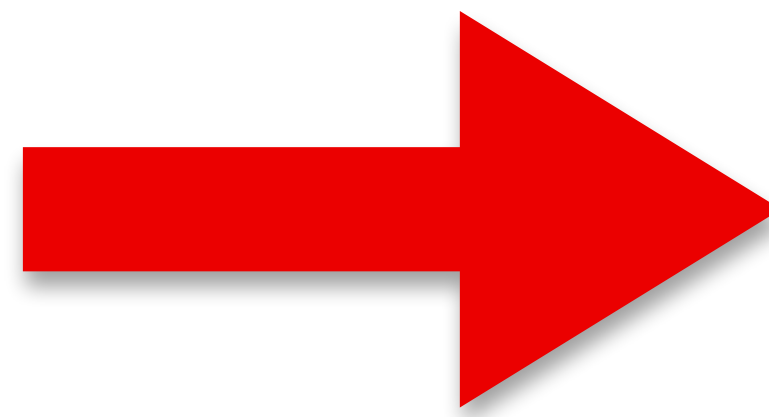


**This attacker was a sophisticated, dedicated attacker.  
They had been attacking and retooling for months on end, despite blocks.**

We sent the attacker a targeted, custom payload.



This allowed us to inspect the attacker's retooling effort in real time.



```
> function doBadStuff() {  
    if (iCanHazAccounts) {  
        stealAllAccounts();  
    } else {  
        injectMaliciousScripts();  
    }  
}
```



We saw the code as it was changed. Comments, logs, typos and all.

```
// console.log(`intercepted at ${Date.now()}`);  
console.log("createElement called");
```



# The plan

1

Build up defenses based on the tool being used.

2

Provide variable feedback during retooling phase.

3

Turn on just enough to be infuriating. No more, no less.

4

Generalize the work so it can be repeated in the future.



How much does it cost to attack you?

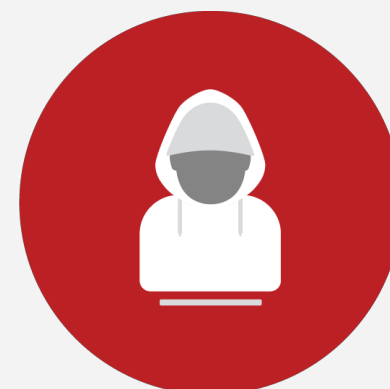


# Address weak spots



Audit your versions, your dependencies, your network exposure. Remove all low-hanging fruit.

# Hack yourself



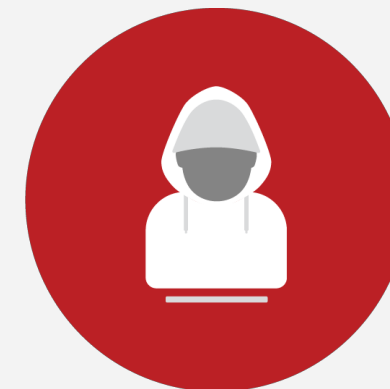
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# Hack yourself



Understand how easy it is to attack your own properties. Operate and prioritize off of evidence not gut feeling.



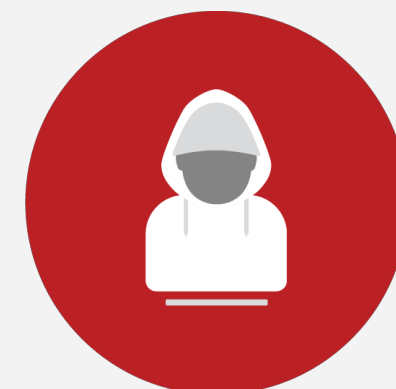
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# Repeat



The landscape evolves constantly. This needs to be a function that is prioritized quarterly at least.





# Thank You!

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