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# TODAY'S THREAT LANDSCAPE REQUIRES A UNIQUE CAPABILITY

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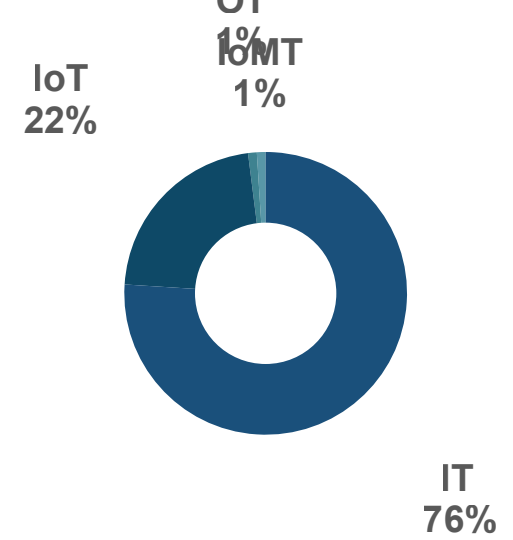


# Threat Landscape





# The device landscape has changed



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## More than 24% of devices are not traditional IT

- Data from **18+ million devices** on customer networks
- 8000+ unique **device vendors**, 2000+ unique **OS flavors**

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## Not all devices are equally risky

- **IT: network infrastructure** (e.g., routers and firewalls), one of the main initial access points for ransomware and other actors
- **IoT: surveillance** (e.g., IP cameras and NVR) and **VoIP**, lots of easily exploitable vulnerabilities and Internet exposure
- **OT: PLCs, DCS** and building automation (e.g., HVAC and access control), critical impact and (increasingly) often Internet connectivity



### This major attack surface is being targeted by threat actors in many industries

- Example: Chinese state-sponsored actor exploiting vulnerable web servers in IP cameras for initial access into Indian power grid operators



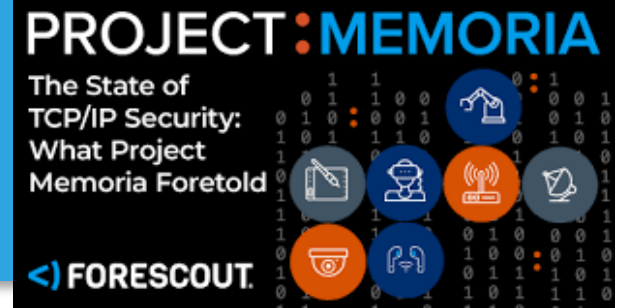


# The risks are becoming more widespread and complex

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## Supply chain is a major concern

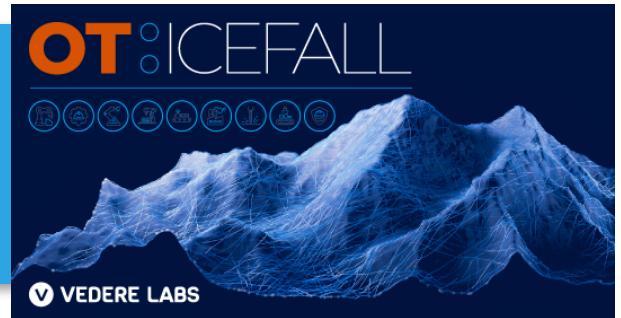
- **Log4Shell** represents a growing number of “endemic” and “long-term” vulnerabilities affecting software components used in wide range of devices
- Examples relevant for OT: TCP/IP stacks, RTOS, web servers



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## Insecurity by design remains very relevant in OT

- Past decade has shown that the **biggest security problem in OT continues to be the lack of basic controls (“insecure-by-design”)**
- Exploited by threat actors in several malware incidents



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## These vulnerabilities can be chained in complex attacks

- OT attacks are becoming more commonplace and sophisticated actors can do increasingly more damage





# Project Memoria: Why It Matters

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TCP/IP stacks **process every single network packet reaching a device.**

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A single network packet can be used to crash a **device.**

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Identifying vulnerable devices is **extremely challenging.**

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Fixes might take a long time to be available, and **large-scale patching might not be feasible.**

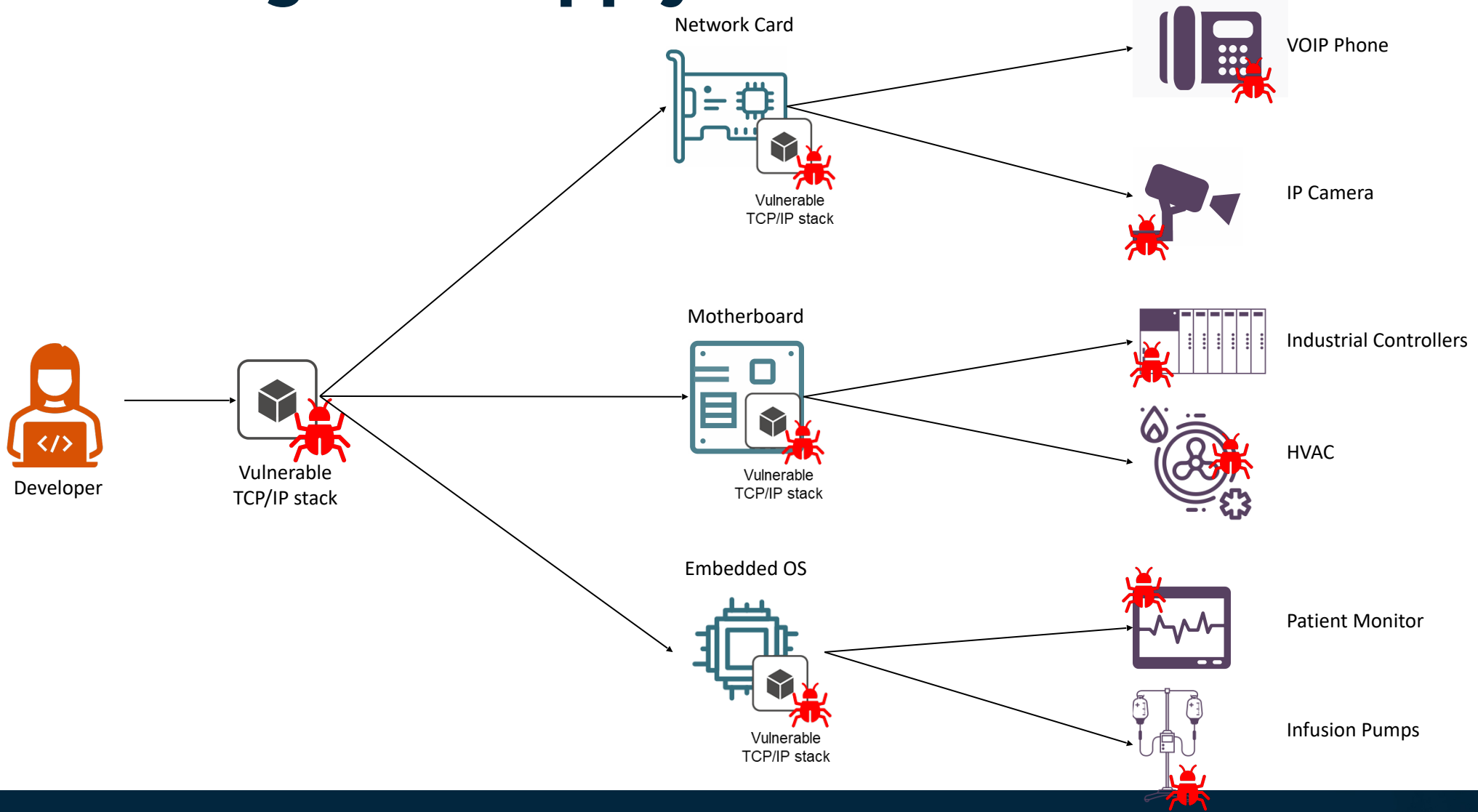
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There is **no silver bullet** to solve this, but it is possible to **mitigate the risk.**

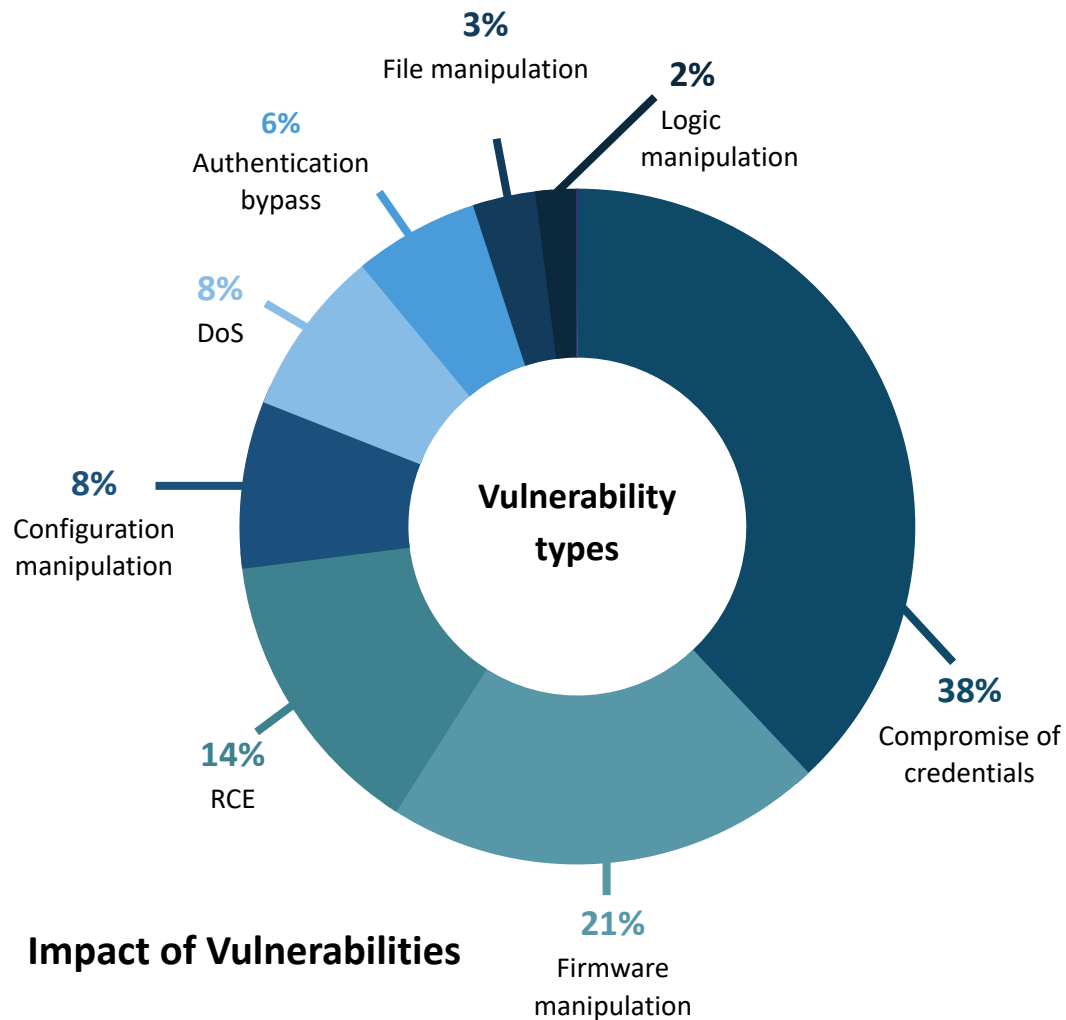




# The Challenges of Supply Chain Vulnerabilities



# Vulnerabilities



Set of 59 CVEs demonstrating insecure-by-design practices in OT

4 main categories of vulnerabilities:



Insecure engineering protocols



Weak cryptography or broken authentication



Insecure firmware updates



Remote code execution

Affecting 12 vendors:

OMRON

Bently Nevada  
a Baker Hughes business

EMERSON

Honeywell

JTEKT  
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# Risk Management is Complicated by Lack of CVEs

**It is not enough to know that a device or protocol is insecure.**

To make informed risk management decisions around segmentation, monitoring and hardening efforts, asset owners need to know **in what way** these components are insecure.

Issues considered the result of insecurity by design have not always been assigned CVEs, so they often remain less visible and actionable than they ought to be.

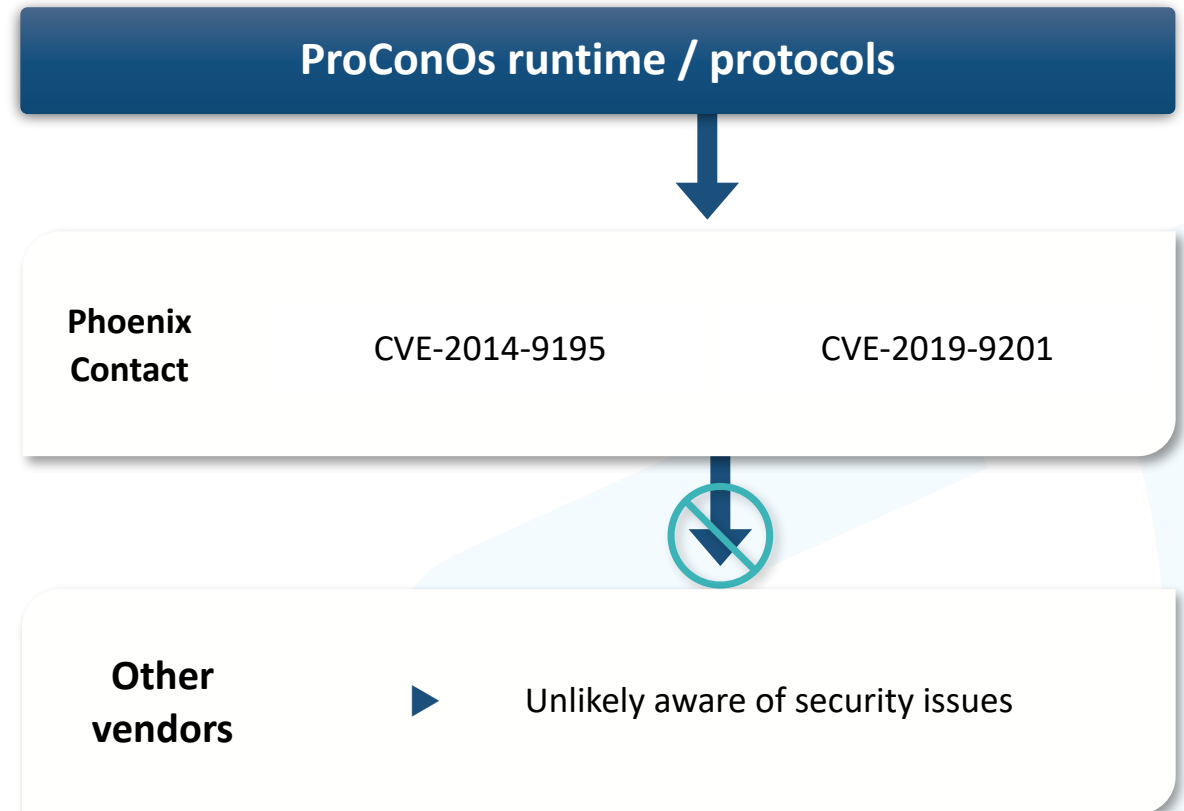


# Insecure-by-Design Supply Chain Components

**Vulnerabilities in OT supply chain components** tend to not be reported by every affected manufacturer

- ▶ Not immediately clear what runtime a particular PLC uses
  - Lack of **Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)** and the complexity of product supply chains

## Vulnerabilities on an important supply chain component of OT devices:





# Impacts





# It's about dollars and cents...

## RANSOMWARE





# R4IoT, an Overview

# R4IoT

*The first of its kind*

# Ransomware for IoT

**proof of concept for next-generation ransomware**

EXPLOITS

IoT

ENCRYPTS

IT

DISRUPTS

OT



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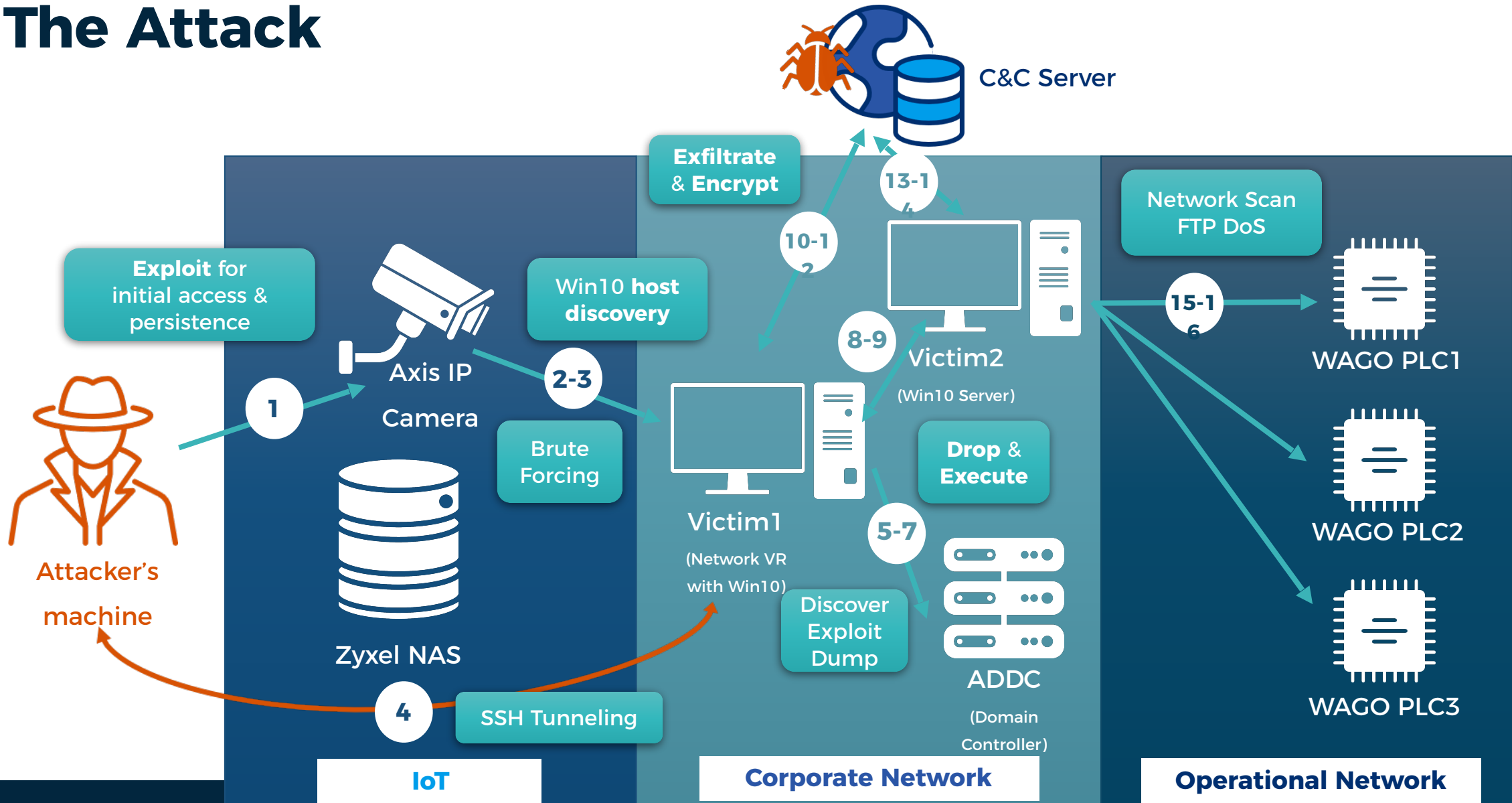
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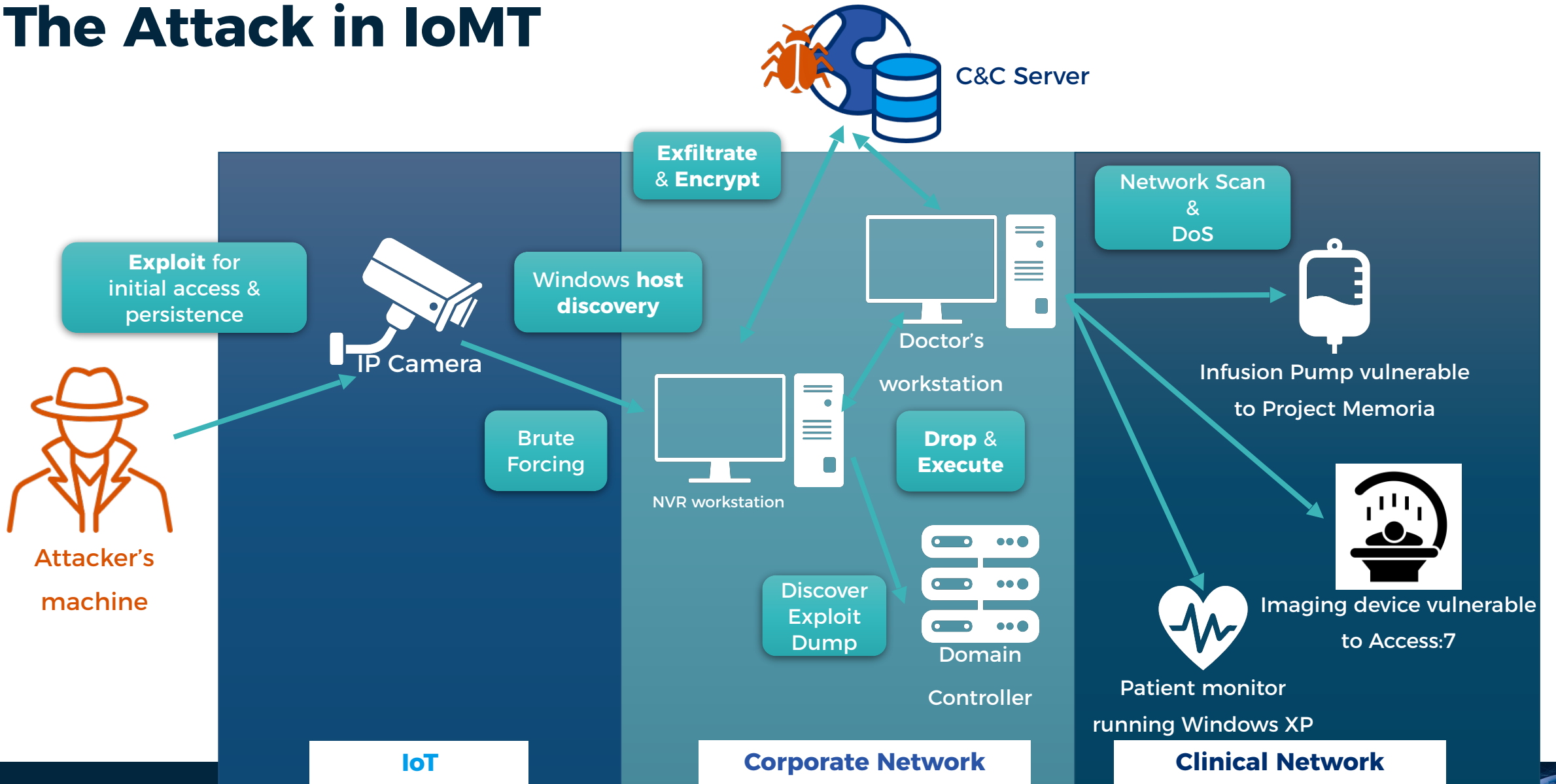
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# The Attack





# The Attack in IoMT





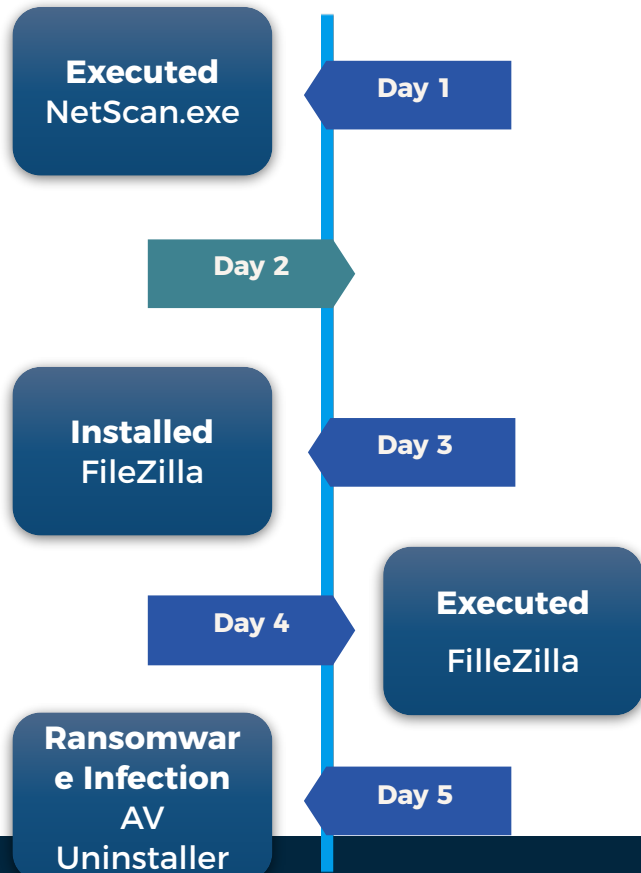
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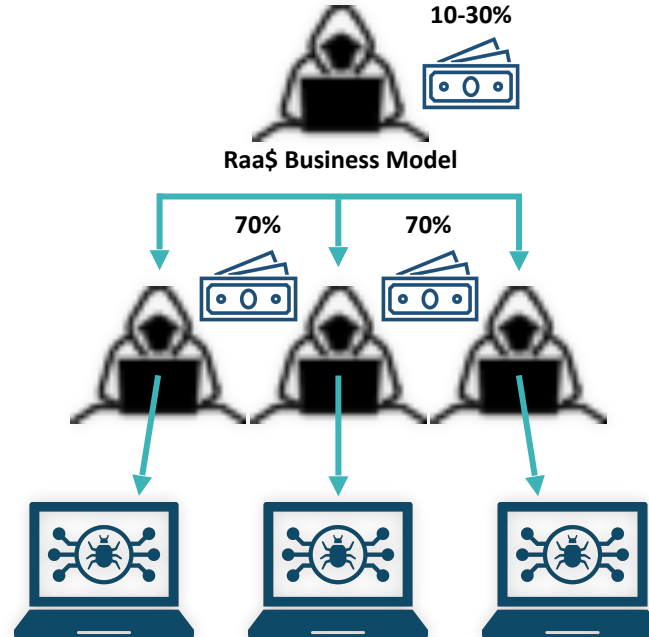


# How Mitigation is Possible: Three Important Observations

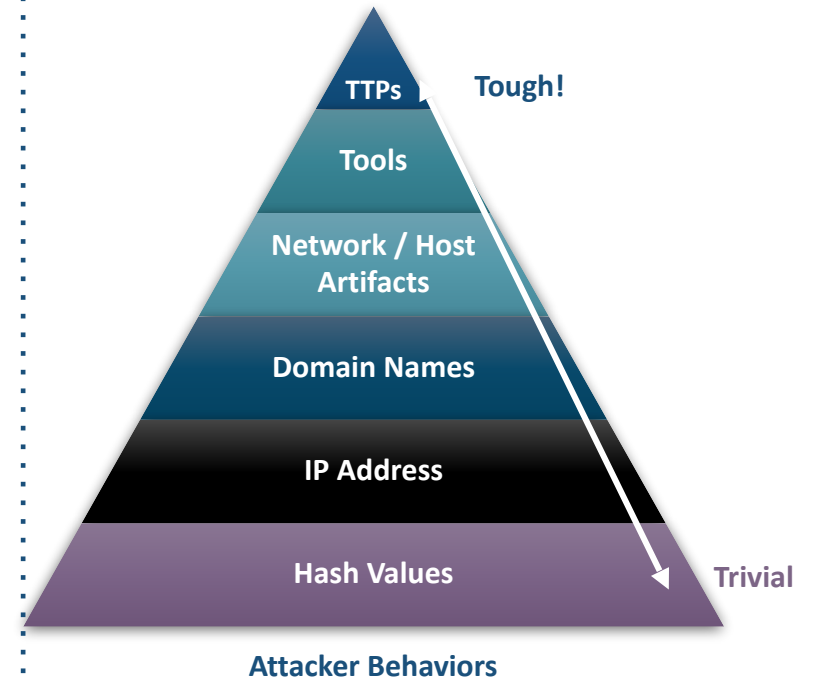
## 1. Attacks are not immediate and fully automated



## 2. Cybercrime-as-a-service means that there are up to hundreds of very similar attacks happening



## 3. Most tools and techniques they use are well-known

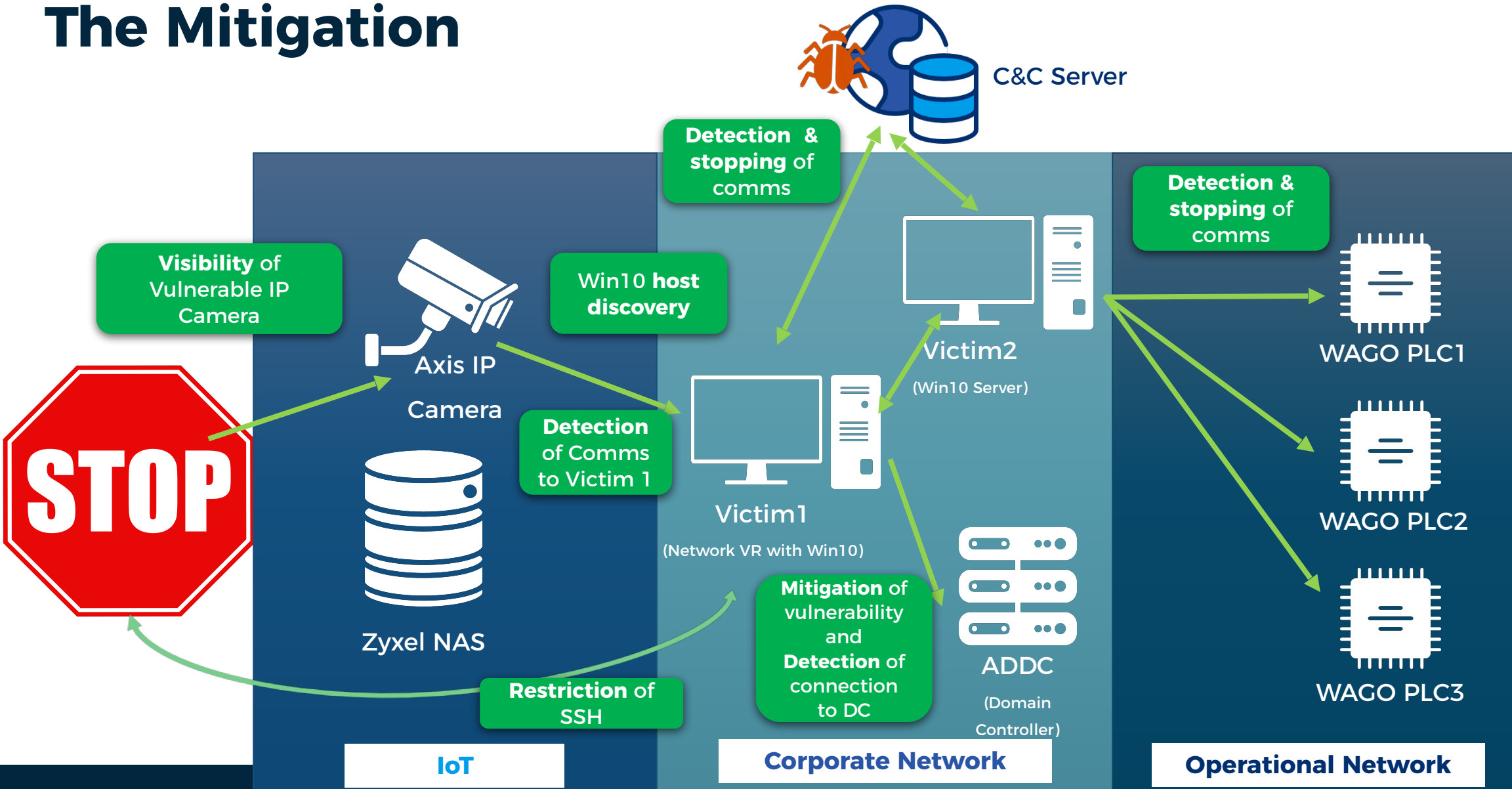


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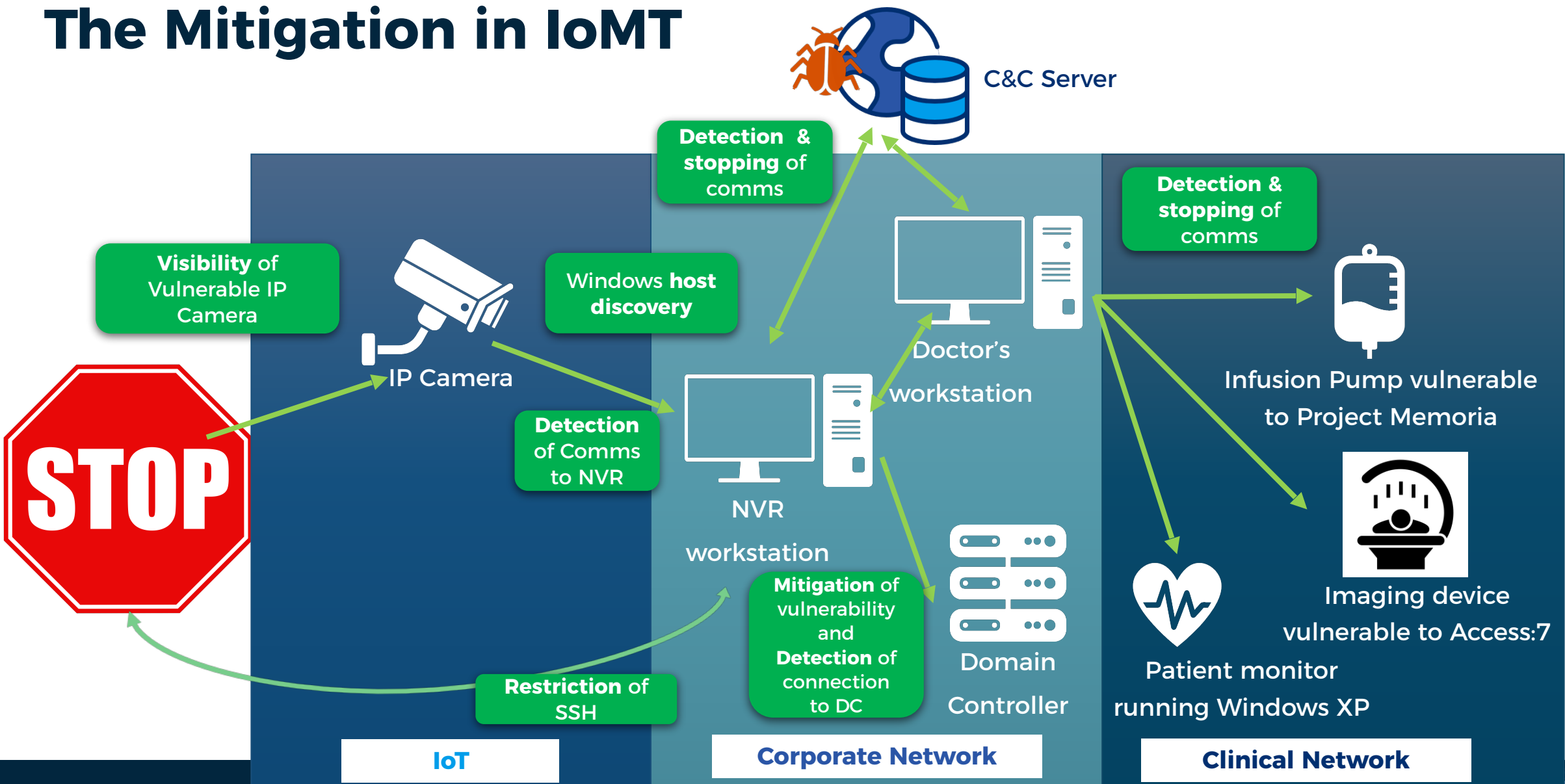




# The Mitigation



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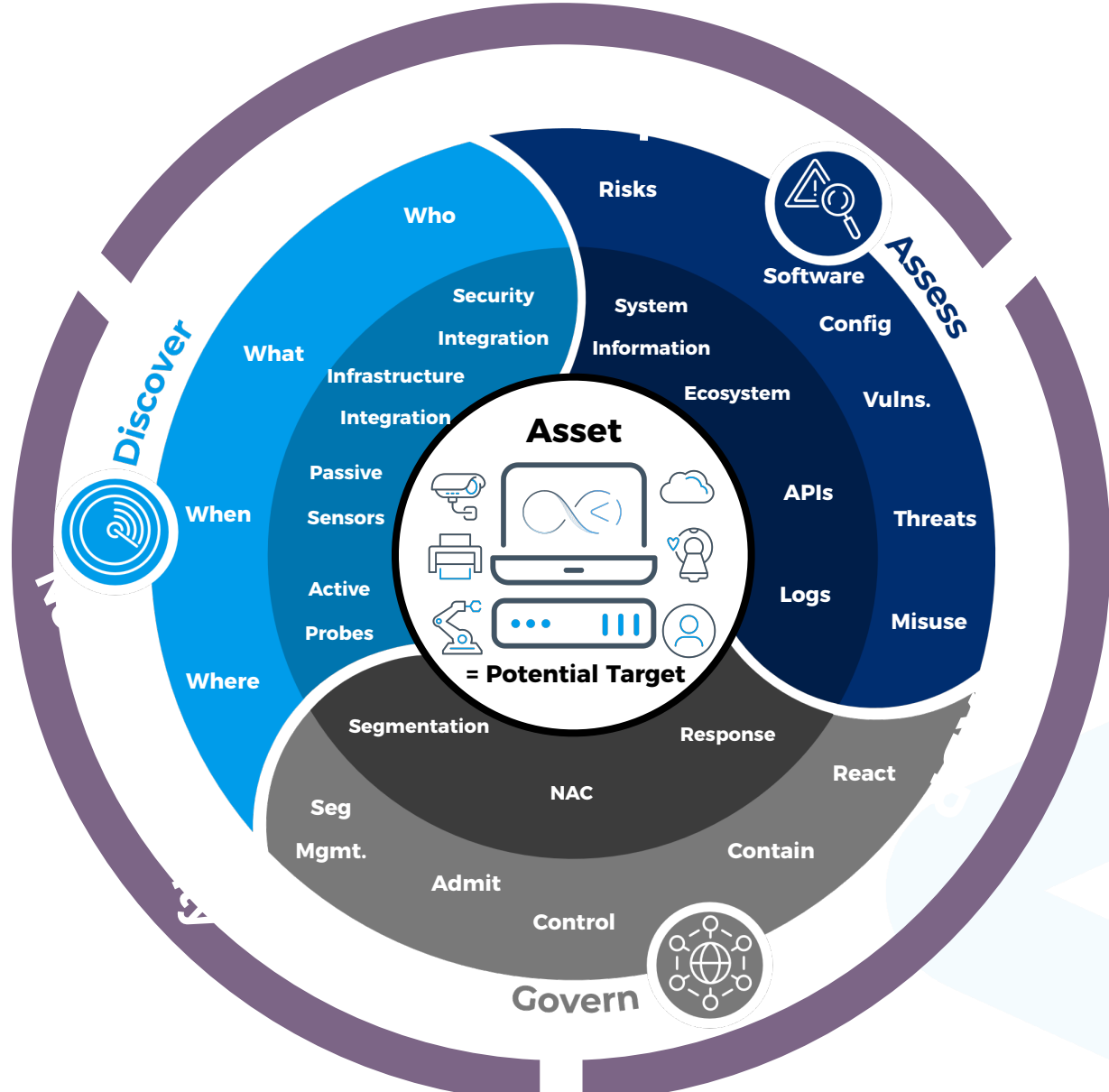


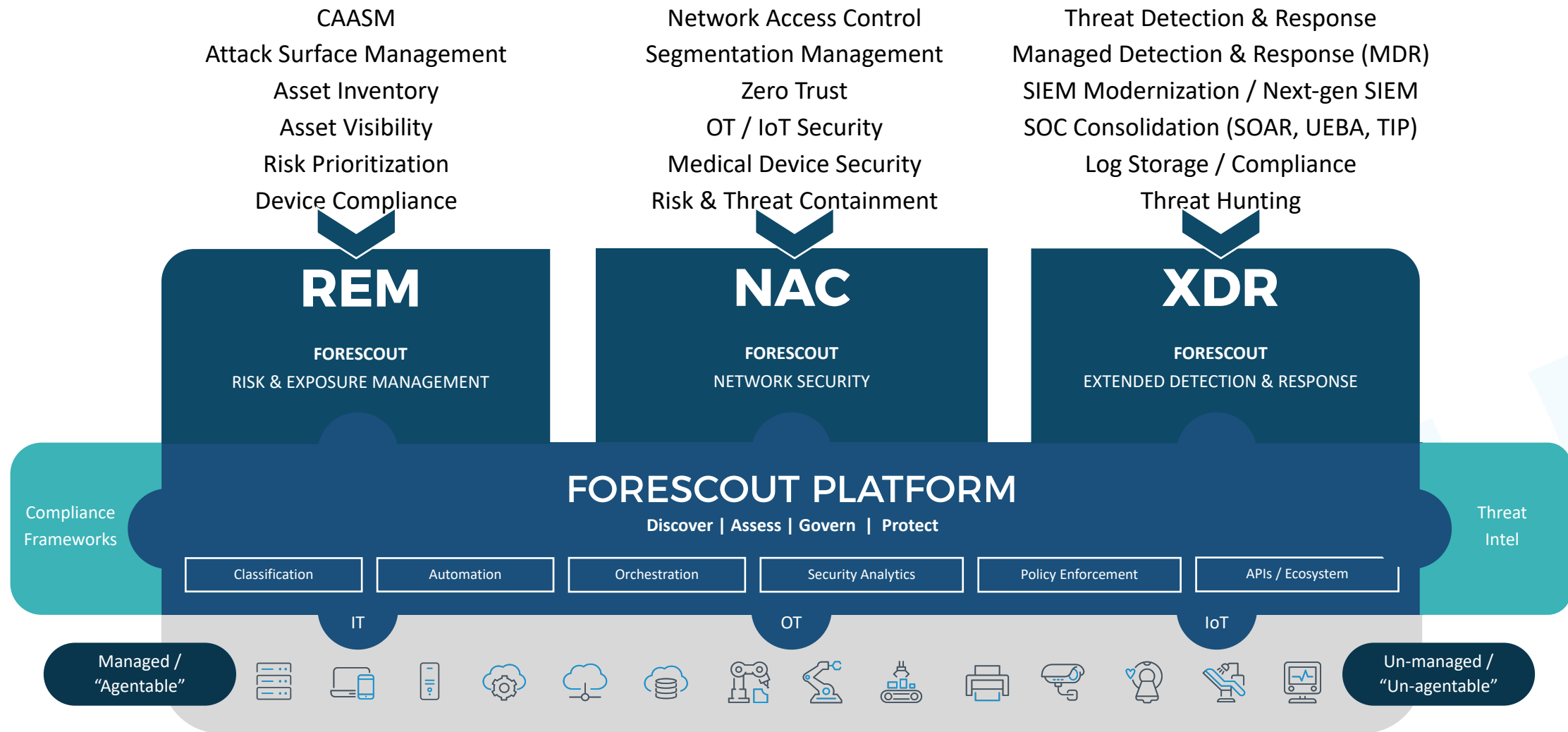


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