# Hoe cyberaanvallers voorblijven in 2024



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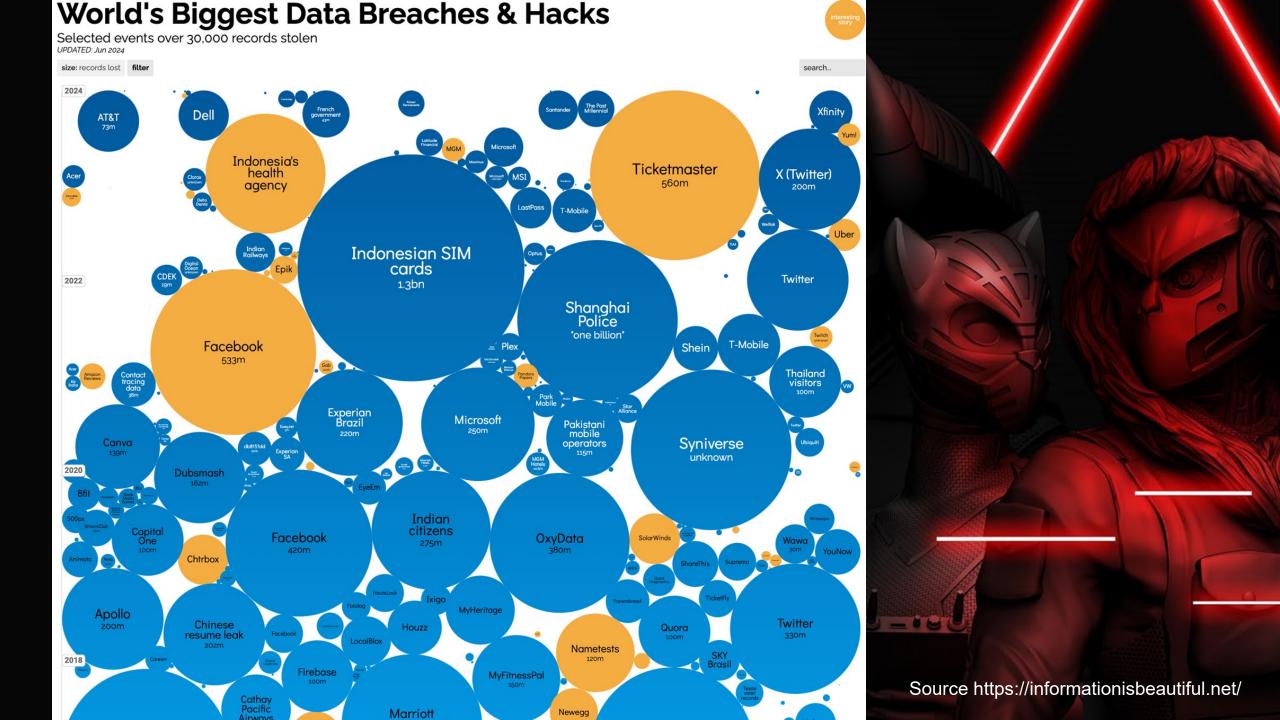
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## Agenda

- Threat Landscape
- Major Themes
- eCrime Landscape
- Recommendations





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#### CRIMINAL

**Alchemist Spider** Alpha Spider **Aviator Spider Bitwise Spider** Blind Spider Brain Spider Carbon Spider Chariot Spider **Chaotic Spider** Chef Spider **Clockwork Spider Demon Spider Donut Spider** Frozen Spider **Graceful Spider** Hazard Spider Hermit Spider **Hive Spider** Holiday Spider Honey Spider Indrik Spider **Knockout Spider** Lily Spider Lunar Spider Mallard Spider Mangled Spider Masked Spider Monarch Spider





## **2024 Threat Landscape**



34 new adversaries tracked byCrowdStrike, raising the total to 232



Cloud-conscious cases increased by **110% YoY** 



84% of adversary - attributed cloud - conscious intrusions were focused on eCrime



Cloud environment intrusions increased by **75% YoY** 



**76% YoY increase** in victims named on eCrime dedicated leak sites





## eCRIME BREAKOUT TIME 62'



## Adversaries Increasing in Speed and Precision



#### Defenders must act quickly

To contain the threat and minimize cost and damage, defenders must respond within the breakout time



## They weaponize YOUR tools and accounts

Adversaries use valid accounts and tools to move laterally, making it nearly impossible to detect abnormal activity and a potential breach



#### Fastest breakout time: 2 min, 7 sec

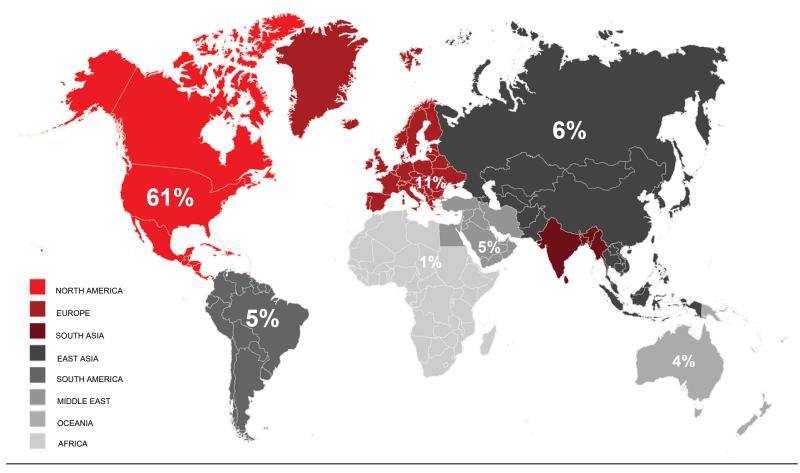
Nearly all security teams are not equipped to respond in less than 2 minutes



**Initial Access** 75% 2023 71% 2022 **62%** 2021 51% 2020 40% 2019

Malware - Free

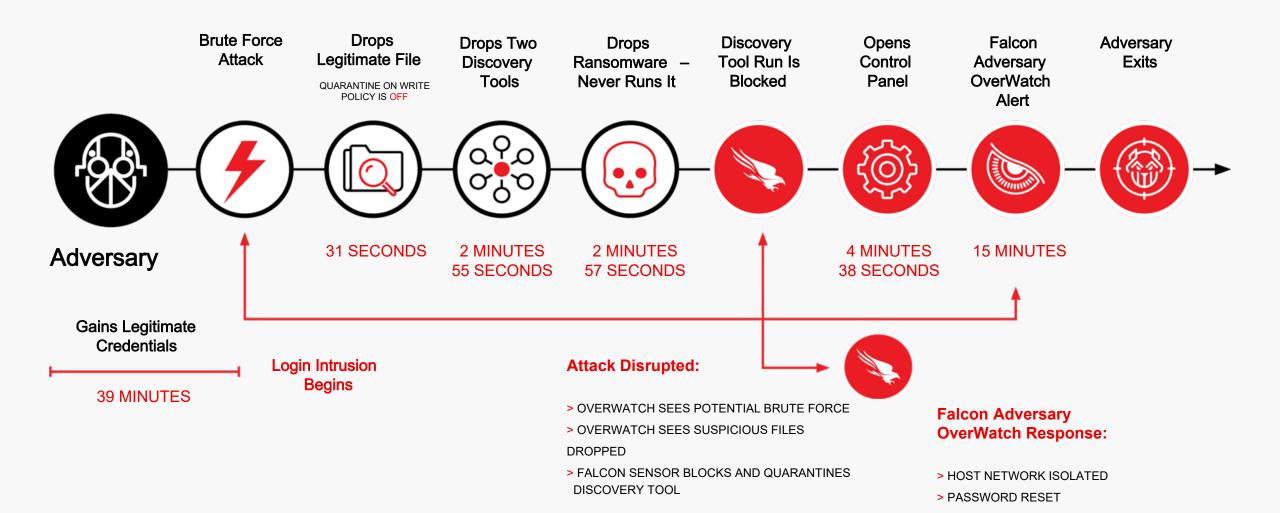
Interactive Intrusions by Region



#### Interactive Intrusions by Industry



## Identity Is the **Critical** Battleground



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#### **Main Theme**

- » Identity Based and Social Engineering Attacks
- » Adversaries Continue to Develop Cloud Consciousness
- » Third Party Relationship Exploitation
- » Vulnerability Landscape: "Under the Radar" Exploitation
- » 2023 Israel Hamas Conflict Operations Focus on **Disruption and Influence**
- > Threats on the Horizon:
  - Generative AI Use in Adversary Operations
  - 2024 Worldwide Elections





#### **IDENTITY - BASED AND**

### SOCIAL ENGINEERING ATTACKS



## Adversaries expanded beyond valid accounts

Also targeted API keys and secrets, session cookies and tokens, one -time passwords and Kerberos tickets



#### **COZY BEAR**

Conducted regular credential phishing using Microsoft Teams messages to solicit multifactor authentication tokens for Microsoft 365 accounts



#### SCATTERED SPIDER

Conducted sophisticated social engineering campaigns



AS PREDICTED, CLOUD ENVIRONMENT INTRUSIONS INCREASED BY 75% FROM 2022 TO 2023 WITH CLOUD-CONSCIOUS CASES INCREASING BY 110% AND CLOUD-AGNOSTIC CASES

**INCREASING BY 60%** 

## **ADVERSARIES CONTINUE**

### **TO DEVELOP CLOUD-CONSCIOUSNESS**

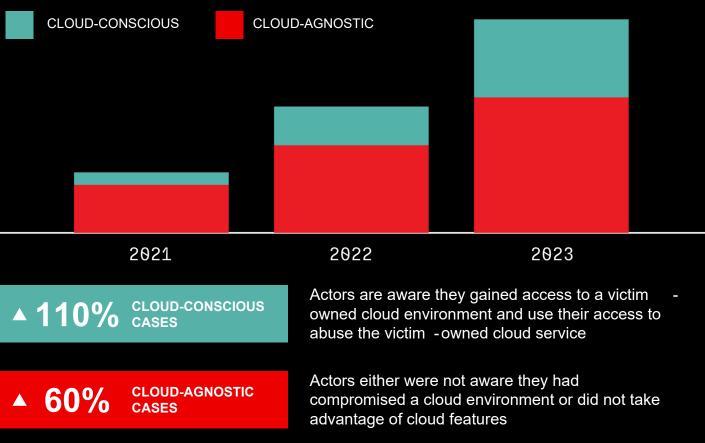
#### **INCIDENTS IN THE CLOUD**



eCRIME ADVERSARIES

ACCOUNTER FOR 84% OF ALL

**CLOUD-CONSCIOUS INTRUSIONS** 







## THIRD-PARTY

#### RELATIONSHIP EXPLOITATION



#### Yields a High Return on Investment

One compromised organization can lead to hundreds of thousands of follow - on targets



#### **PANDA Adversaries**

Consistently exploited trusted relations via supply chain and actor -on-the-side or actor -inthe-middle attacks



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Abused trusted relationships to infiltrate high -value targets for currency generation and espionage

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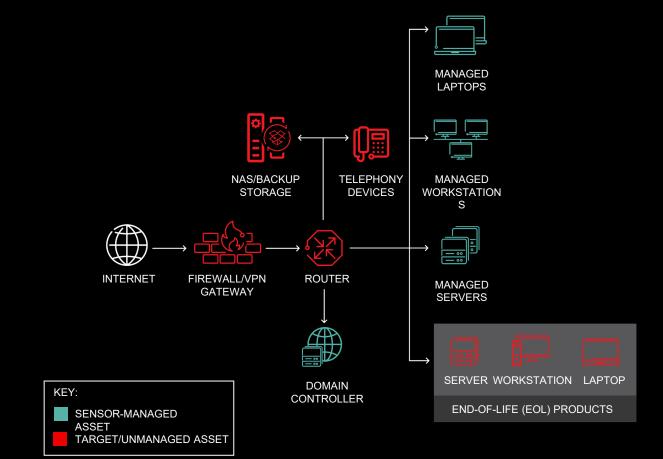
UNMANAGED NETWORK APPLIANCES – PARTICULARLY EDGE GATEWAY DEVICES – REMAINED THE MOST ROUTINELY OBSERVED INITIAL ACCESS VECTOR FOR EXPLOITATION DURING 2023

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THREAT ACTORS ARE ACTIVELY DEVELOPING EXPLOITS FOR EOL PRODUCTS THAT CANNOT BE PATCHED AND OFTEN DO NOT ALLOW FOR MODERN SENSOR DEPLOYMENT

#### VULNERABILITY LANDSCAPE:

#### **"UNDER THE RADAR"** EXPLOITATION



#### 2023 ISRAEL - HAMAS CONFLICT:

**CYBER OPERATIONS FOCUS ON** 

## **DISRUPTION AND INFLUENCE**



#### **Observed Activity**

Campaigns designed to likely influence target populations and ones that deploy destructive wipers against Israeli or Israel linked entities



#### Hamas Activity Not Observed

Likely due to unavailable resources or the degradation of internet and electricity - distribution infrastructure



#### Faketivists

Iranian adversaries operate inauthentic personas for disruption and information operations





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GENERATIVE AI HAS MASSIVELY DEMOCRATIZED COMPUTING TO IMPROVE ADVERSARY OPERATIONS. IT CAN ALSO POTENTIALLY LOWER THE ENTRY BARRIER TO THE THREAT LANDSCAPE FOR LESS SOPHISTICATED THREAT ACTORS.

#### **THREATS ON THE**

#### 2024 HORIZON





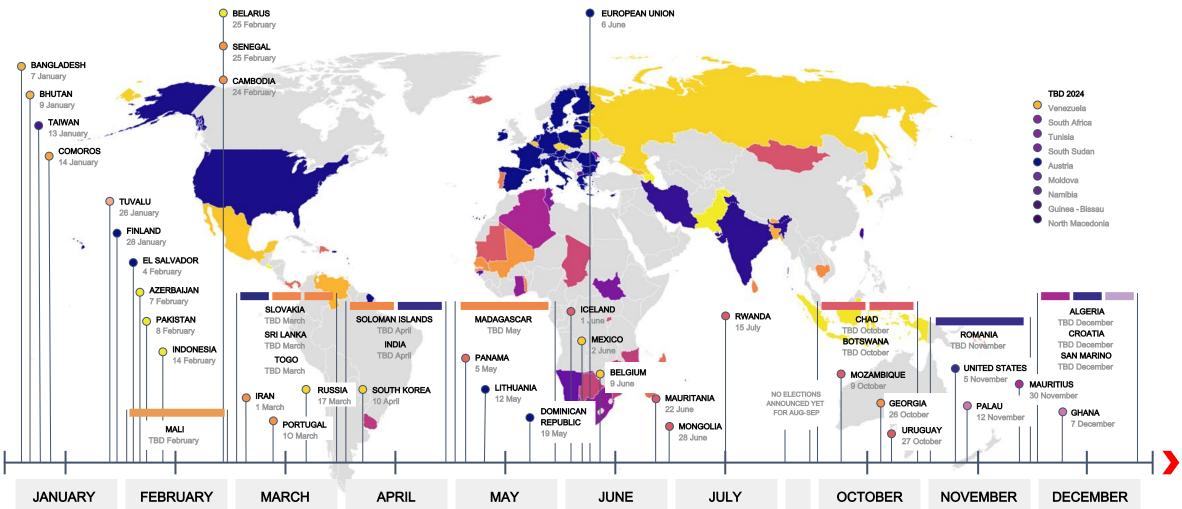




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#### 2024 HORIZON

IN 2024, INDIVIDUALS FROM 55 COUNTRIES REPRESENTING MORE THAN 42% OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION WILL PARTICIPATE IN PRESIDENTIAL, PARLIAMENTARY AND/OR GENERAL ELECTIONS. THIS INCLUDES SEVEN OF THE 10 MOST POPULOUS COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD A DECK



New Vulnerabilities with 9/10 **CVSS3 Score** 

+6%

**BGH Incidents Involving** Data Leaks

+76%

	Average	Loader	Cost
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+169%

**Average Crypter Cost** 

+250%

**Average Stealer Cost** 

+286%

Average Ransom Demand

-27%

**Identified Spam** Emails

-15%



## Landscape

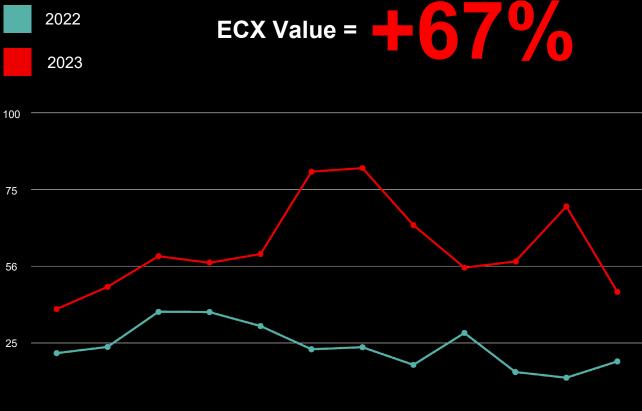


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**Identity Protection** 



Effective Cloud Security



**Cross - Domain Threat Hunting** 



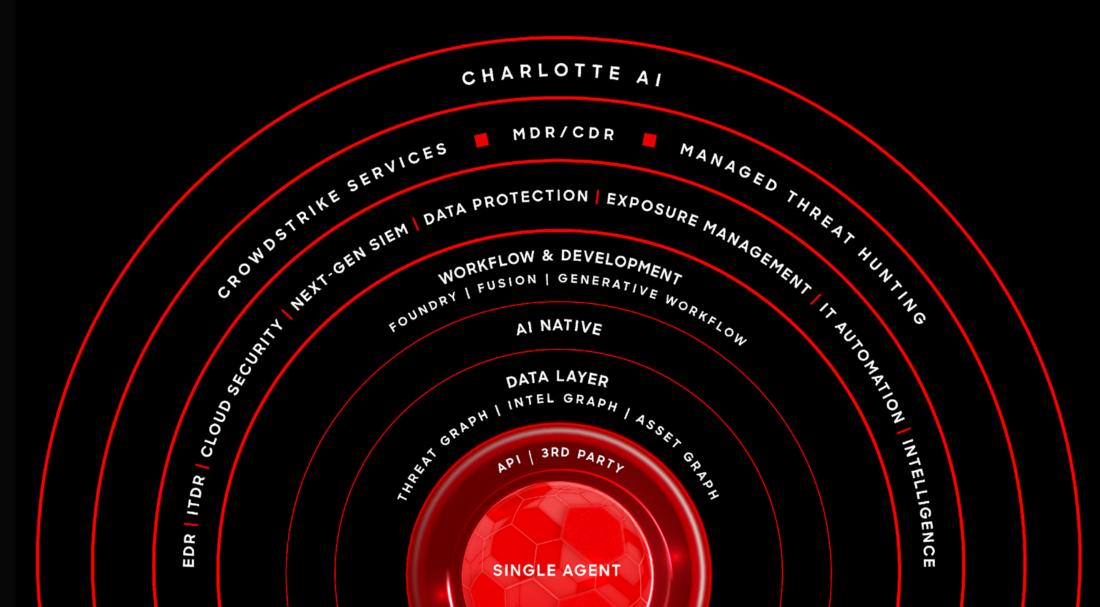
Speed: Outpace the Adversary



**Practice Makes Perfect** 



## **CROWDSTRIKE'S FALCON XDR PLATFORM STOPS BREACHES**



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