

# Adopting AI/ML to Address Human-Centric Risks

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# Introducing Proofpoint



## Financial Strength

**\$1.87B**

Proofpoint Revenue

**98%**

Recurring Revenue

**21%**

Percentage of Revenue Reinvested in R&D

**4.4K**

WW employees, hiring continues



## Market Adoption

**>510K**

Customers

**150+**

Global ISP and Mobile Operators

**87%**

F100 Protected by Proofpoint

**>60%**

F1000 Protected by Proofpoint

**#2**

DLP market share

**47%**

F100 using Proofpoint DLP



## Proofpoint's Data

### People Protection

**3.1T**

Emails scanned per year

**>1.4T**

SMS/MMS scanned per year

**0.8T**

Attachments scanned per year

**21T**

URLs scanned per year

### Information Protection

**15.7M**

Annual total archive searches

**>41%**

F1000 emails authenticated by Proofpoint

**69P**

Petabytes of archive data under management

**>183M**

Phishing simulations sent per year

**66M**

BEC attacks stopped per month

**116M**

Telephone Oriented Attacks stopped per year

**160+ and 0**

Win rate over Red Teams in Identity Threat

**45M**

M365/Google accounts monitored for takeover detections

# Let's Talk About Two Challenges Today



## Phishing and Business Email Compromise

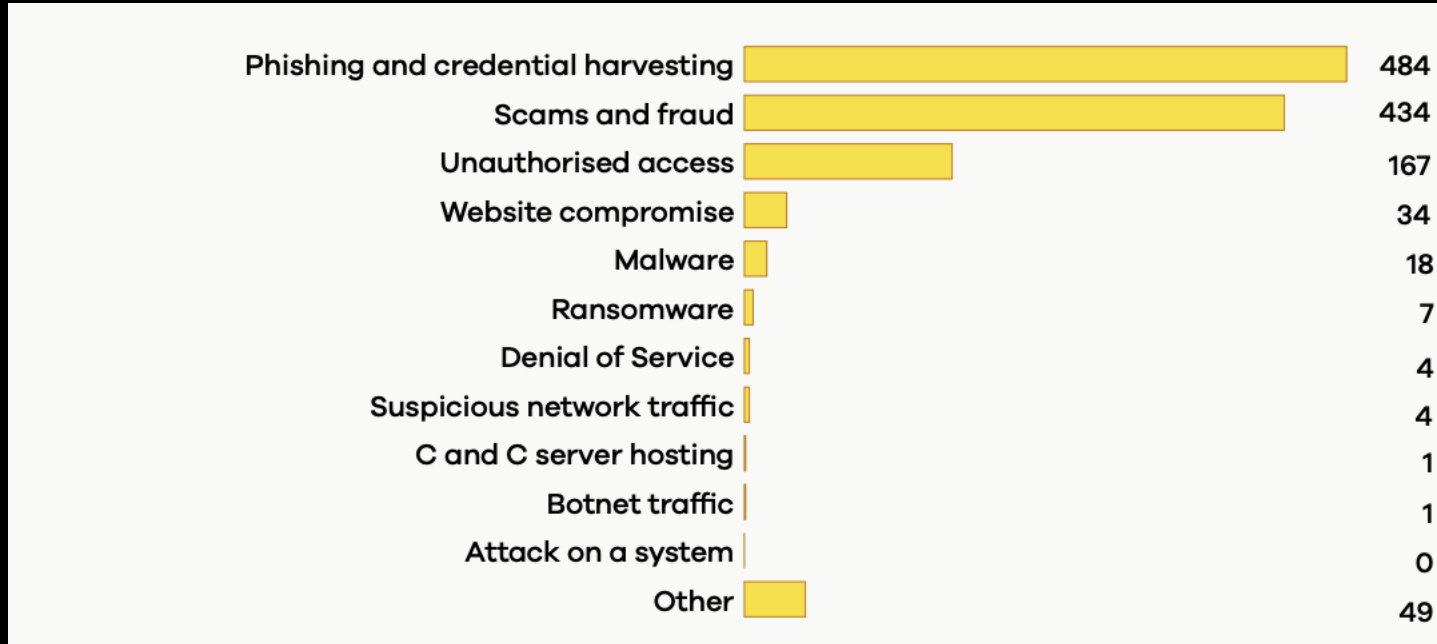
#1 Method of Cyber Breach in Australia  
H2 2023 (OIAC)

Costing Australian organisations over  
\$220 Million Dollars annually (ACCC  
2022)

## Accidental Data Disclosure via Email

#1 cause of PII loss incidents via  
Human Error H2 2023 (OIAC)

# What's Targeting New Zealanders?



<https://www.cert.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Quarterly-report/2024-q2/Cyber-Security-Insights-Q2-2024.pdf>

Australia

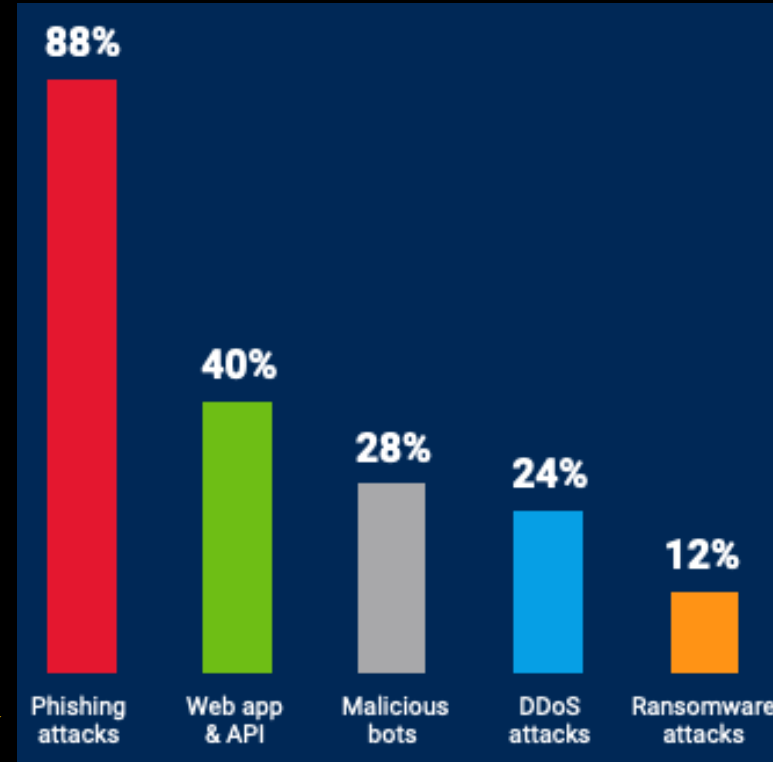
# Akamai Financial Services Report

## 2023



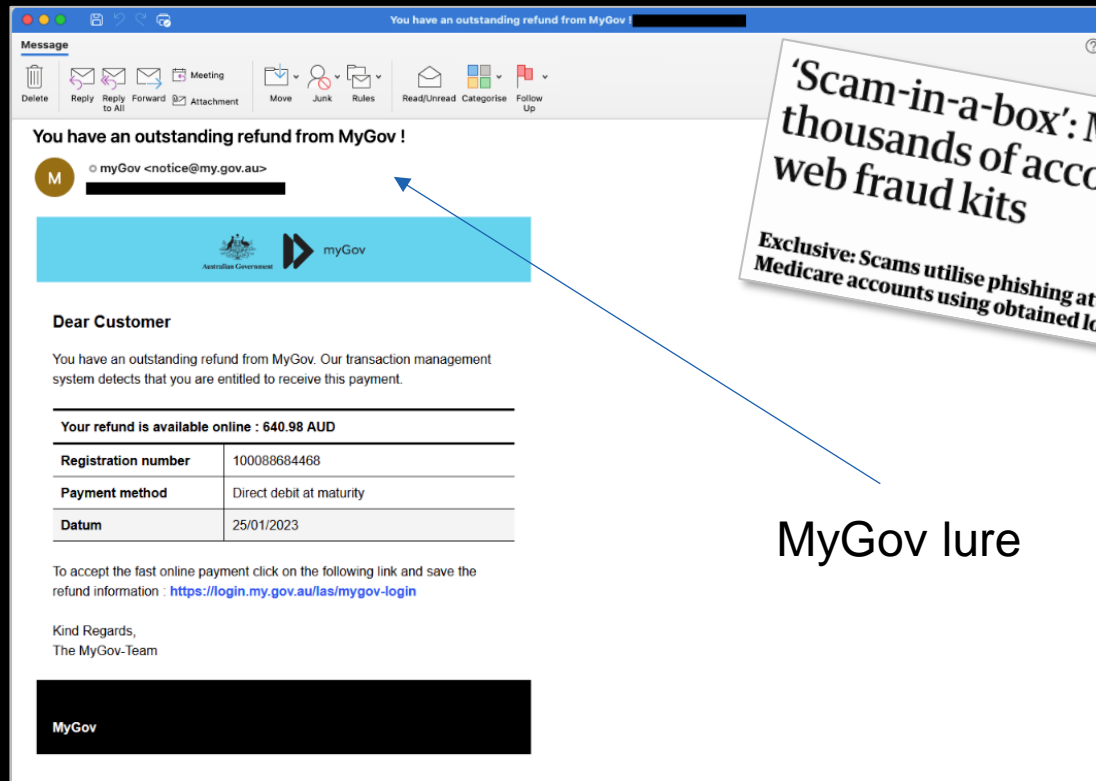
Reported cyber attacks over  
a period of 12 months, by  
Australia FinServ  
organizations.

**Phishing attacks** at the top  
with 88%.<sup>1</sup>



[1] "Cybersecurity in Financial Services Australia." Akamai [link](#)

# Credential Phishing Targeting Users



# How can AI and LLM Help?



Re: Info for payment



jsmith@abcinc.com

To: nicole.kay@globalmanufacture.com

Reply Reply All Forward ...

Wed 9/30/2020 3:03 PM

## Urgent Reminder

Kindly hold on the wire, do not send payment yet. We just got information from ABC Bank that our account is currently undergoing Tax audit and any payment sent there will not be credited.

Will you be able to send an ACH payment?

if you can, kindly let me know so that we can send you our ACH information.

But if you prefer to make the payment via wire, we can send you our subsidiary wire information to make the payment.

Your early reply would be appreciated.

This is a difficult type of email to spot

It has no malware, talks about financial transactions in an official way - similar to a normal email.

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LLMs help us highlight key phrases (not new) but also allow us to understand the intent of the email.

We use this in combination with other factors (previous history, characteristics) to spot the fraud



# How can AI and LLM Help?



**Evidence**

**Condemnation Summary** Forensics Screenshots Samples

**Affected Users**  
• 0 affected users.

**Overview**  
Proofpoint detection and response overview.

**20 Total Messages**  
The first message was seen at 2023/03/18 06:00 PM

0 Delivered Messages

0 Clicks

0 Replies

0 Threat Response Quarantines

**Observations**  
This threat was determined to be malicious based on the following observations.

**AI Inferred Theme**

- Banking Fraud** (3 Messages)  
The email's content suggests an attempt to deceive a company into paying for products or services they didn't purchase or redirect payment of a legitimate invoice to an account they control.
- Financial Transaction Indicators** (3 Messages)  
Suspicious text relating to financial transaction indicators refers to certain phrases or requests that raise concerns about potential fraudulent activities related to money. These indicators can include requests for personal information, urgent payment requests, offers that seem too good to be true, or requests to transfer funds to unfamiliar accounts.
- Money Movement** (2 Messages)  
Suspicious text in emails regarding money movement refers to messages that contain unusual or alarming content involving requests for personal financial information or unauthorized transfers of funds, or suggest potential scams.

[View all observations](#)

**Involvement**

**Attack Progression** TRAP Quarantines

**Messages**

Blocked	Delivered
20	0

**Delivered Messages**

With Rewritten URLs	With non-rewritten URLs
0	0

**Clicks on rewritten URLs**

Blocked	Permitted
0	0

[View Details](#)

**People**

Intended (20) At Risk (0) Impacted (0) Affected VIPs (0)

Person	Total Messages
jsmith@acme.com	1
ironald@acme.com	1
mli@acme.com	1

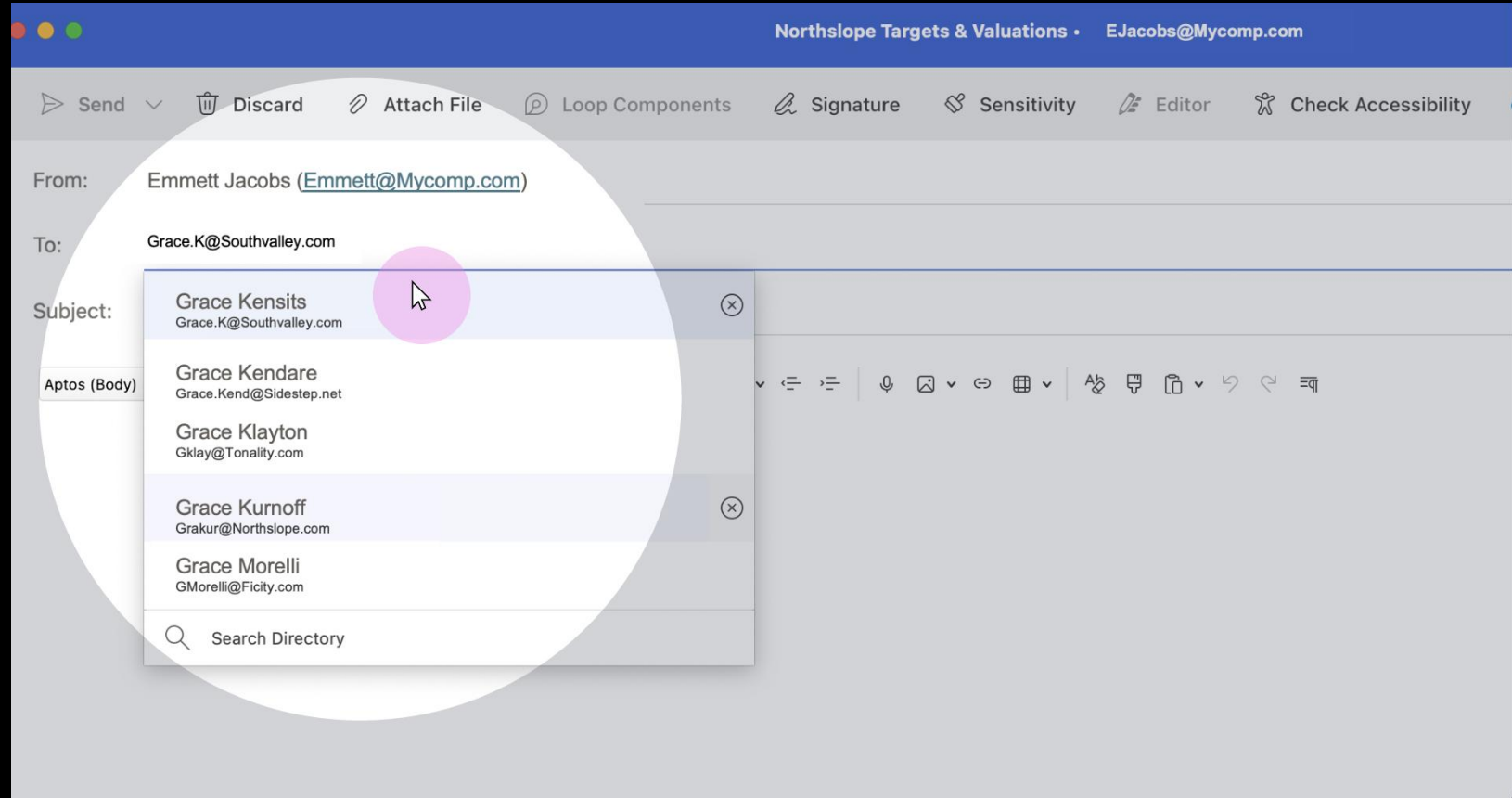
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AI then allows us to understand the threat and gives us human instructions on why it was stopped

Further, it gives us the ability to suggest next steps and further action

# Now Moving onto Accidental Email Loss

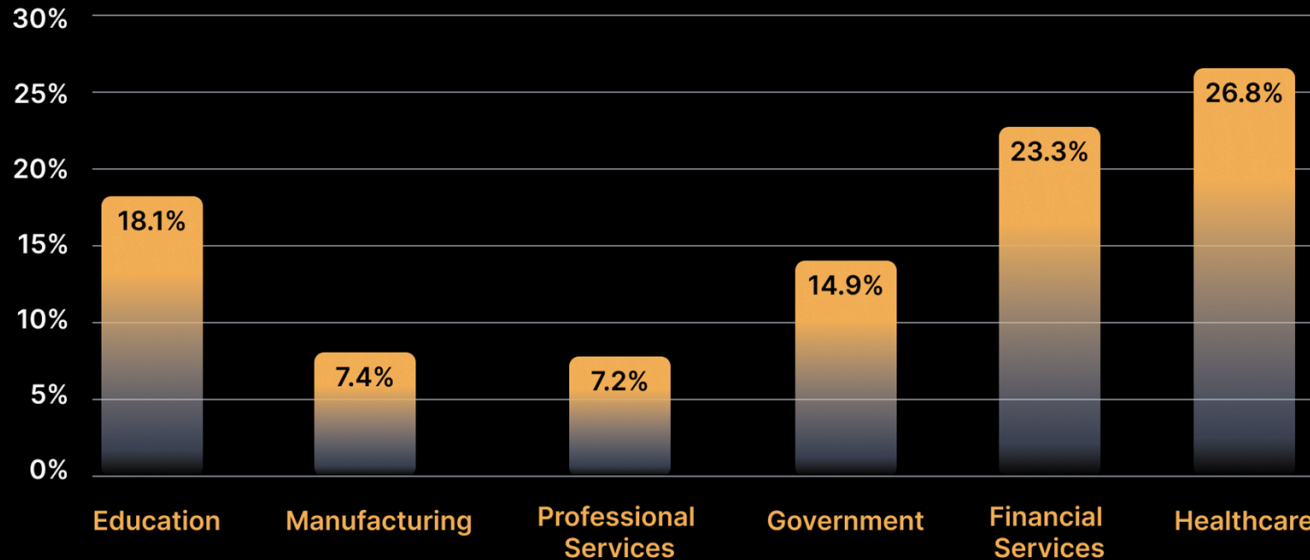
# Misdirected Email – A Common Problem



# Reminder: How big is the risk?



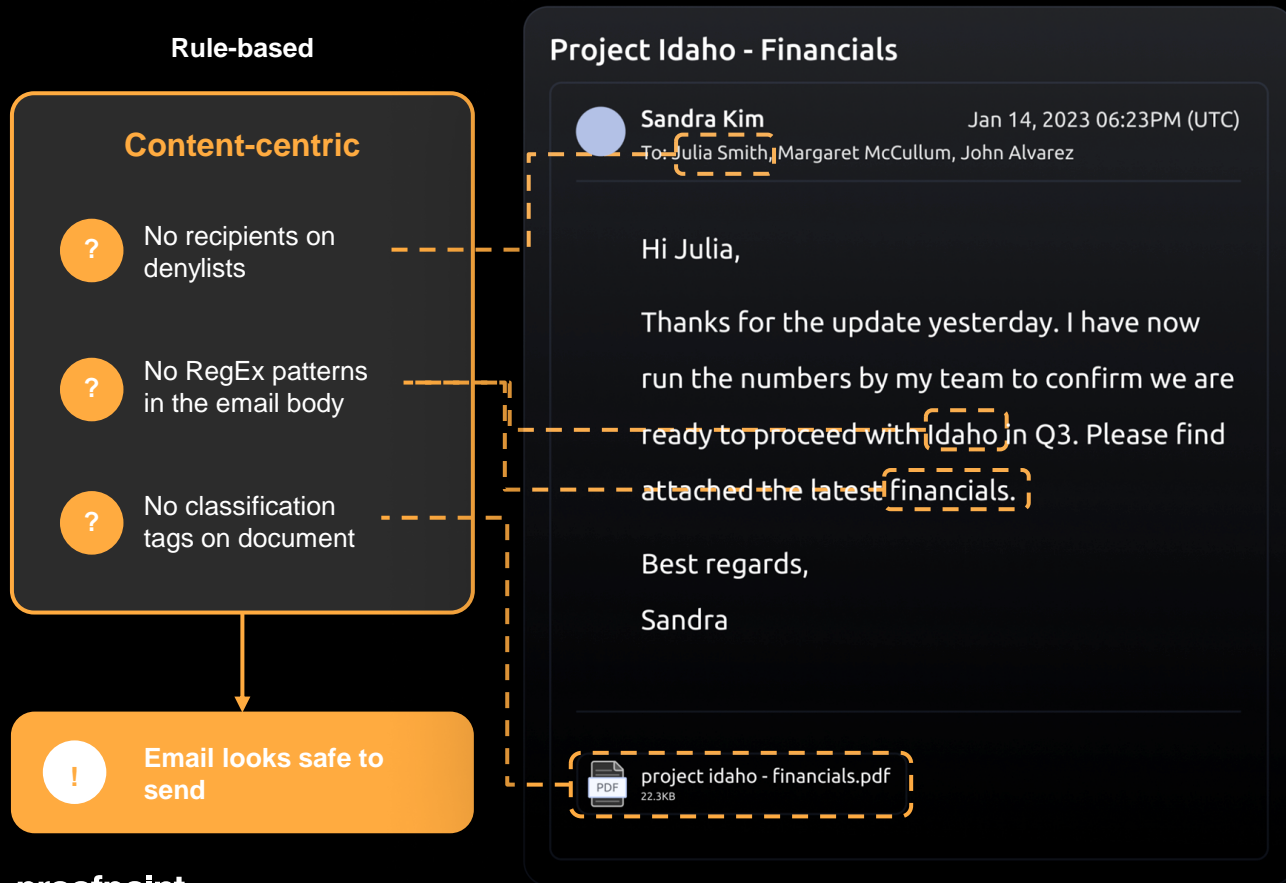
Email Misdelivery as % of Data Breaches



Source: 2022 Verizon DBIR

# How can AI Help?

# Rule-based Email DLP Systems Are Blind to Many Data Loss Incidents



# Adaptive Email DLP Automatically Detects What Rule-based DLP Misses

## Rule-based

### Content-centric

- ? No recipients on denylists
- ? No RegEx patterns in the email body
- ? No classification tags on document

! Email looks safe to send

## Project Idaho - Financials



Sandra Kim

Jan 14, 2023 06:23PM (UTC)

To: Julia Smith, Margaret McCullum, John Alvarez

TESSIAN

Is this the correct recipient?

julia.smith@onebank.com (Julia Smith)

There is similarly names contact in your network [julia.smith@twofin.com](#) (Julia Smith), who has a stronger correlation to the keywords contained in the subject.

Would you still like to send this email?

Send email

Don't Send email

Sandra



project idaho - financials.pdf  
22.3KB

## AI-based

### Behavior-centric

- ! Recipients not normally seen on emails together recipients on denylists
- ! Sensitive project information not associated with recipient
- ! Attachment content not associated with recipient



Misdirected email prevented

# Want more Information?

## Come & see us at the **Proofpoint Booth**

### We have an incentive to drop by as well....





# Enter to Win!

## Cloudy Bay Deluxe Wine Hamper

- 1 x Bottle Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc Wine
- 1 x Bottle Cloudy Bay Pinot Noir Wine
- 1 x Bottle Cloudy Bay Pelorus Sparkling Wine
- 1 x Bottle Cloudy Bay Chardonnay Wine



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