

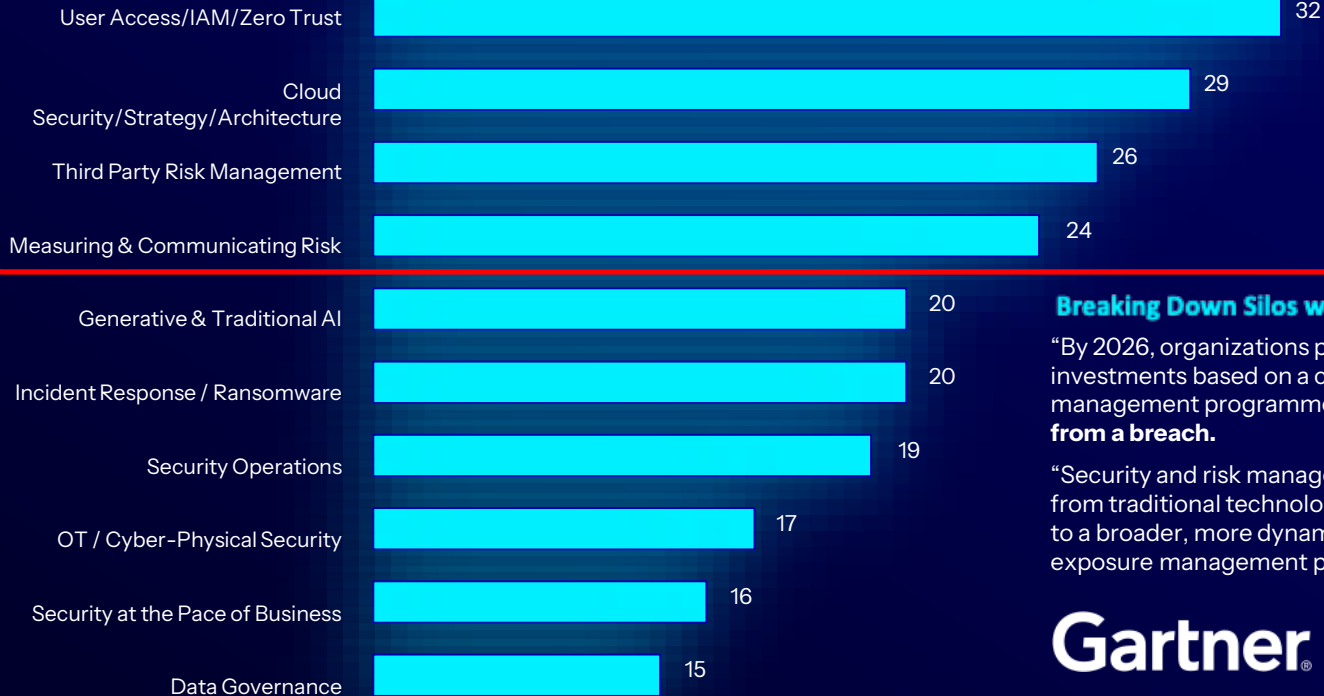
People don't **hack** in: They **log in** with your **credentials**

Embracing Identity Security: The Key to Zero Trust and Continuous Threat Exposure Management

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2024 top 10 CISO priorities



Breaking Down Silos with Exposure Management

“By 2026, organizations prioritizing their security investments based on a continuous exposure management programme will be **3X less likely to suffer from a breach.**”

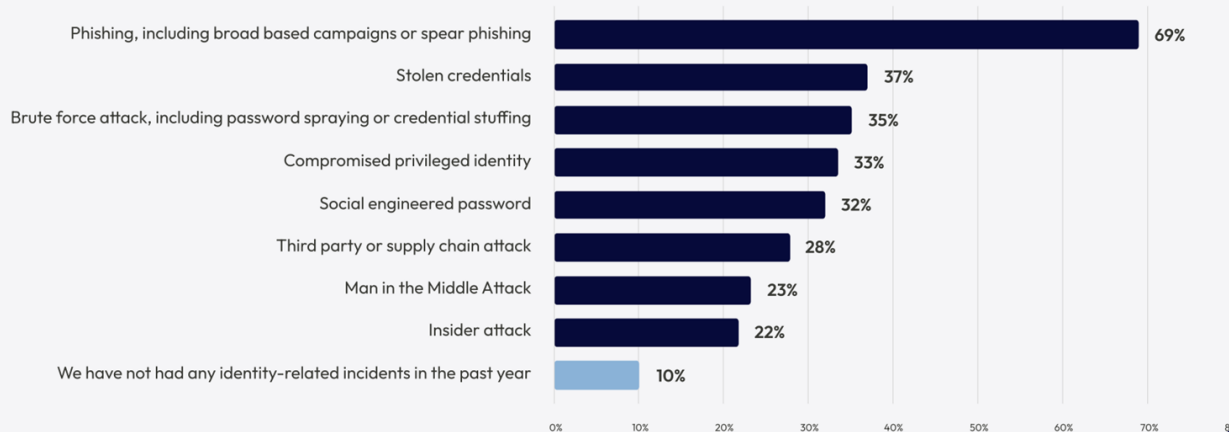
“Security and risk management leaders should...pivot from traditional technology vulnerability management to a broader, more dynamic continuous threat and exposure management practice.”

Gartner®

Identity Attacks are on the RISE

What kind of identity-related incidents has your company had in the past year?

Choose all that apply.



Source: <https://www.idsalliance.org/white-paper/2024-trends-in-securing-digital-identities/>

“84% of identity stakeholders **said incidents directly impacted their business.”**

– IDSA Survey

“91% of **companies invoked incident response for an identity-related incident in the past year.**”

– IDSA Survey

How Identity Sprawl Fuels Attacks

Identity is challenging and dynamic!

Rapid adoption of Cloud, SaaS, and remote work is fragmenting and expanding the attack surface.

How identity sprawl manifests:

1. **Blind spots**—too many identities to monitor across multiple providers (AD, Entra ID, Okta...)
1. **Hygiene**—too many weaknesses to discover and track (misconfigurations, excessive permissions).
1. **Risk**—too much risk to assess and remediate in time

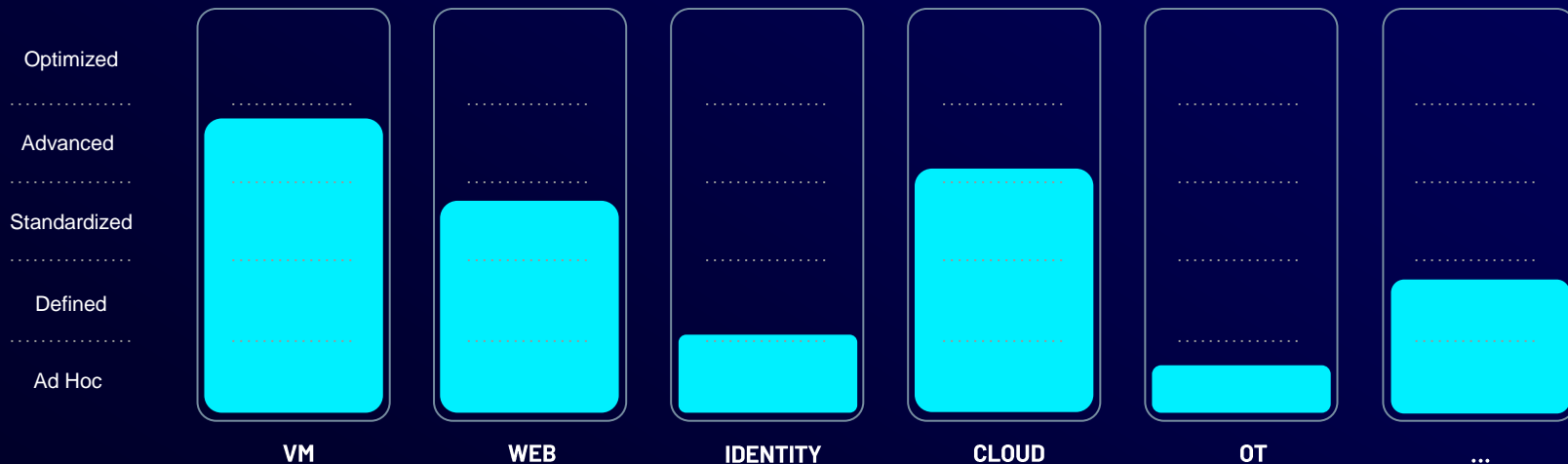


Identity Sprawl Aides Attacks

- 🔍 Blind Spots → Unseen Attack Paths
- 🔒 Weak Hygiene → Exploitable Misconfigurations
- ⚠️ Unquantified Risk → Delayed Response
- ⌚ Slow Remediation → Extended Dwell Time

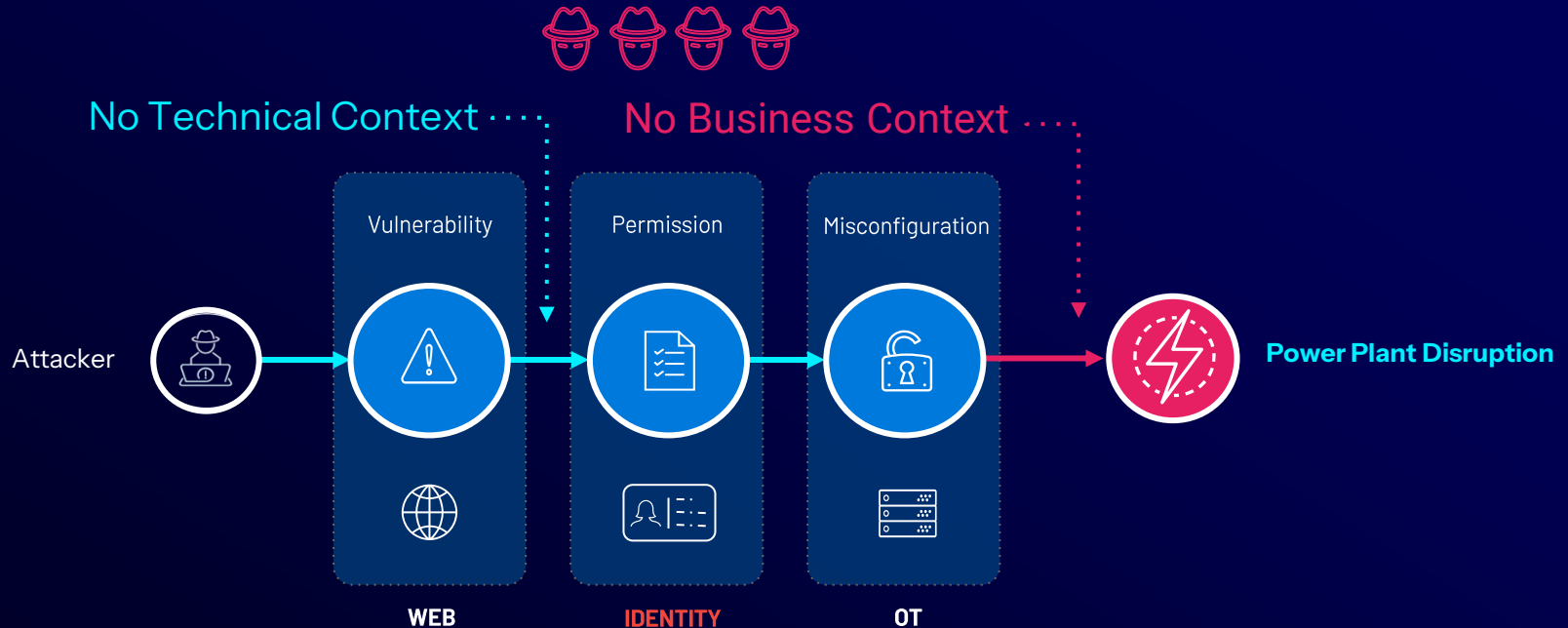
Today: Proactive security is siloed – with varied levels of maturity....

How does this align
with your reality?



Challenge: Attackers don't honor silos...

Unseen Exposure



UNIFY INSIGHTS – Share context and prioritize true exposure

The screenshot displays the Tenable One Attack Path Analysis interface. The top navigation bar includes the Tenable One logo and the title "Attack Path Analysis". Below this, a sidebar on the left contains a "Dashboard" tab and a "Discover" tab, along with a "Back to Attack Paths" link. The main content area shows a detailed attack path analysis for the title "tools reached Public Internet via domain controller DC01". The path description states: "An attacker gained access to tools, a Windows server. They then used PowerShell and Exploitation for Privilege Escalation to discover and exploit a vulnerability on the server. This allowed them to access the credentials of the domain administrator, SVC WAZUH. The attacker then used Domain Groups to discover the groups that SVC WAZUH was a member of. They then used Remote Desktop Protocol to access the domain controller, DC01, they used Exfiltration Over Symmetric Encrypted Non-C2 Protocol to exfiltrate data from the domain controller to the internet, Public Internet." Below the text is a yellow sticky note with a thumbs up icon. The attack path diagram at the bottom shows the sequence of events: "tools" (192.168.2.25.8) contains the "Service" (WazuhSvc), which caches the credentials of "SVC WAZUH" (TC0PFW...wazuh). This service is a member of the "Testing Group" (TC0PFW...group), which is a member of the "Temporary Admins" (TC0PFW...admins), which is a member of the "DA-ADM Accounts" (TC0PFW...adm accounts). The path also includes "System Service Discovery", "Exploitation for Privilege Escalation", and "PowerShell".

On the right side, an "AI Assistant" chat window is open. It shows a user message: "apa sih itu lsa secrets" (Oct 22, 2024). The AI response explains: "LSA Secrets" (T1003.004) adalah teknik yang digunakan dalam serangan dunia maya untuk mencuri kredensial dengan menargetkan Local Security Authority Subsystem Service (LSASS). LSASS adalah proses sistem di Windows yang bertanggung jawab untuk menegakkan kebijakan keamanan dan mengelola kredensial pengguna, termasuk kata sandi hash. Pada skenario ini, teknik "LSA Secrets" digunakan.

SolarWinds Breach TTPs: On Prem to Cloud Compromise

Total Impact: \$90 Billion

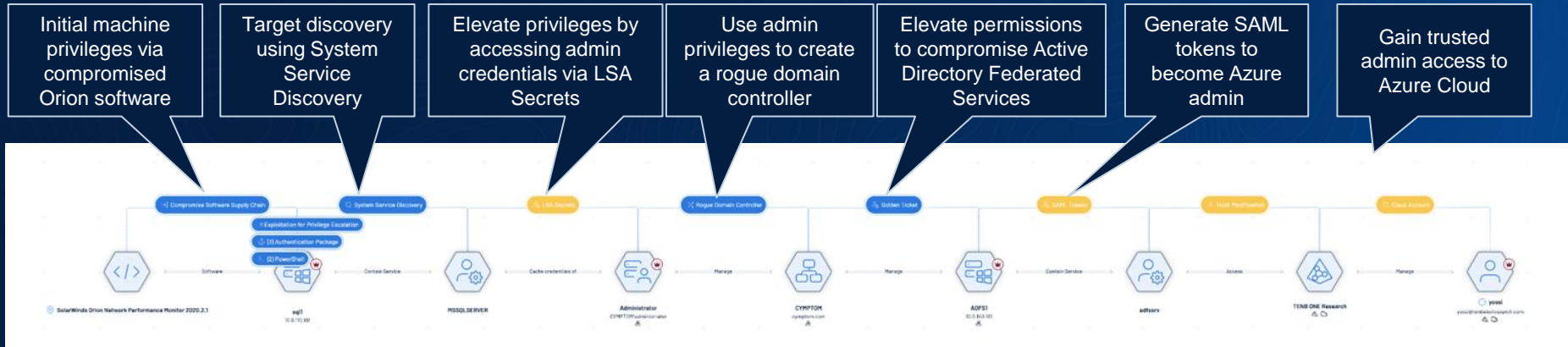
Type: Supply Chain Compromise

Material Impact: 11% of annual revenue, Espionage, Exfiltrated Data

Domains: Identity, VM, Cloud

Sponsor: APT29, Russia

Important Note: Pure play cloud security can not detect or prevent this attack, because it lacks Identity & VM context on premises.



NotPetya: Identity/IT to OT Compromise

Total Impact: \$10 Billion

Type: Malware

Material Impact: Destroyed Data,
Disrupted Operations/Critical Infra

Domains: OT, Identity, VM

Sponsor: Sandworm, Russia GRU

Key Takeaway:

Pure-play OT security cannot detect or prevent this attack because tools lack Identity & IT context.

Initial access via phishing or brute force

Escalate privileges with credentials from LSASS memory

Lateral movement as admin

Escalate privileges with access to domain controller

Exploit vuln to automatically spread malware

Lateral movement to engineering workstation

Unauthorized change using downloaded code



Octo Tempest (2023)

Financially-motivated ransomware group (= Scattered Spider = UNC3944 = Muddled Libra)



“For **identity-based persistence**, Octo Tempest targets **federated identity providers** using tools like **AADInternals** to federate existing domains, or spoof legitimate domains by adding and then federating new domains. The threat actor then abuses this federation to generate forged valid security assertion markup language (SAML) tokens for **any user of the target tenant with claims that have MFA satisfied**, a technique known as **Golden SAML**.”

Similar techniques have **also been observed using Okta** as their source of truth identity provider, leveraging Okta Org2Org functionality to impersonate any desired user account.”

Storm-0501 (2024)

Financially-motivated ransomware group



“Following a successful **pivot from the on-premises environment to the cloud** through the compromised Microsoft Entra Connect Sync user account or the cloud admin account compromised through cloud session hijacking [...]

Once Global Administrator access is available for Storm-0501, we observed them **creating a persistent backdoor access** for later use by creating a **new federated domain** in the tenant. This backdoor enables an attacker to sign in as any user of the Microsoft Entra ID tenant in hand [...]”

Storm-0501 (2024)

Financially-motivated ransomware group



“The threat actor used the open-source tool **AADInternals**, and its Microsoft Entra ID capabilities to create the backdoor. [...] If the target domain is managed, then the attackers need to convert it to a federated one and **provide a root certificate to sign future tokens** upon user authentication and authorization processes. If the target domain is already federated, then the attackers need to **add the root certificate as “NextSigningCertificate”**.

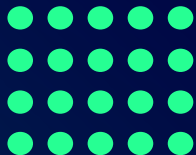
[...] The threat actor uses the AADInternals commands [...] which can be used to **impersonate any user in the organization and bypass MFA to sign in to any application.**
[...]

To scale, we must approach security from an attacker's perspective...

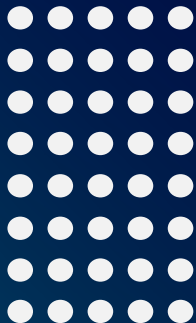
Discover the Attack Surface

1

Identities



Assets

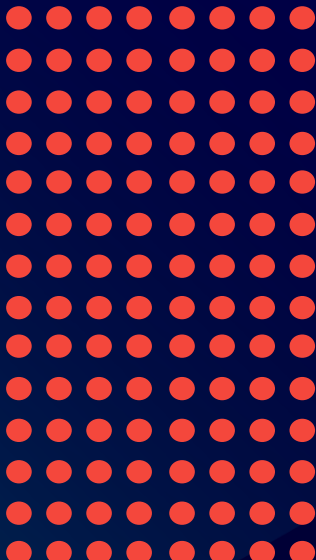


Identify external & internal
facing assets & identities

Identify Preventable Risk

2

Vuln | Misconfig | ExcessPermissions

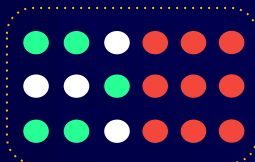


Detect 3 forms of risk used to
gain access & move laterally

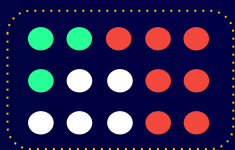
Align with Business Context

3

Business Service A



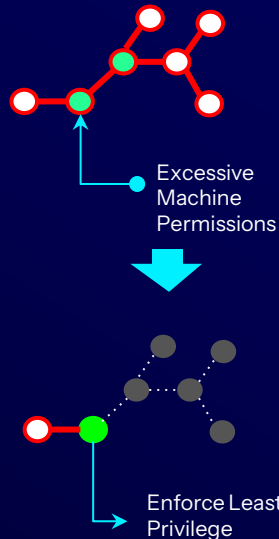
Business Process B



Link assets, identities & risk to
business to focus on what matters

Remediate True Exposure

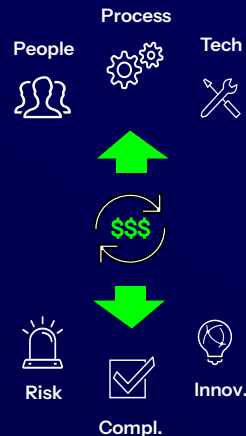
4



Assess attack path viability and
choke points for remediation

Continuously Optimize Investments

5



Measure and prioritize
resources for better outcomes



Tenable One

exposure management platform

UNIFY VISION

See all your assets & risks
across the attack surface

UNIFY INSIGHT

Gain critical context to
prioritize true exposure

UNIFY ACTION

Mobilize response across
teams to eradicate risk



Multi-
cloud



Federated
identities



Hybrid
applications



Unmanaged
devices



OT
and IoT



Private cloud
and IT



Gartner defines CTEM as a program (not a platform)...



Continuous Threat Exposure Management (CTEM)

Set of processes and capabilities that allow enterprises to continually and consistently evaluate the accessibility, exploitability and exposure of an enterprise's digital and physical assets.

1. **Scoping**: Align on what is important to the business.
2. **Discovery**: Identify assets and risk across the attack surface.
3. **Prioritization**: Determine risks likely to be exploited for impact.
4. **Validation**: Verify whether attackers can exploit existing controls.
5. **Mobilization**: Communicate and remediate risk

Gartner's first published use of EM was in 2022

UNIFY VISION – Streamline hygiene and investigation

AI – Natural Language Search

Cross-domain Inventory + Normalization

The screenshot shows the Tenable Assets dashboard. At the top, there are filters for Vulnerability Management (33%), Identity Exposure (59%), and Web Application Security (<1%). Below these is a table of assets. A red box highlights the 'win-vuln-dc' asset, which has an AES score of 996 and is classified as a 'Device'. Other assets listed include 'webapp-jf.duckdns.org' (AES 970, Web Application), 'administrator' (AES 959, Person), 'plc #34' (AES 952, Device), 'Dockerfile' (AES 942, Device), 'docker.io/imieil/bad-dock...' (AES 932, Infrastructure), 'win-exchange' (AES 931, Container), and 'ex-empire-06' (AES 924, Device).

The screenshot shows the Tenable Assets dashboard with a search bar at the top. The search criteria is 'Assets' and the results are 'Recently discovered assets with no agents'. The search bar has a red box around it. Below the search bar is a table of assets. The table has columns for Name, AES, Class, Last Updated, Sources, and See Details. The assets listed are 'se-win-auto' (AES -, Class Device, Last Updated August 20, 2024), 'logrhythm' (AES -, Class Device, Last Updated August 17, 2024), and 'gc' (AES -, Class Resource, Last Updated August 22, 2024).

The screenshot shows the Tenable Assets dashboard with the details of the 'se-dc1' asset. The asset is a 'Device' and has an 'Asset Exposure Score' of 993/1000, an 'Asset Criticality Rating' of 10/10, and 'Weaknesses Identified' of 3,746. Below these metrics are tabs for Properties, Attack Paths, Weaknesses, Tags, Exposure Cards, Relationships, and Users. The 'Users' tab is selected, showing a list of users: 'Administrator', 'samd', and 'SE-K8S-NFSS'. Each user has a 'Key Properties' section with details like Class, ACCOUNT, Sources, Created Date, and Last Observed At.

Recently discovered assets with no agent

Asset Details, Users & Relationships

^ Included Assets

Search for asset name or asset ID

Name	Sources	Class	AES ▾	Weaknesses	Choke Points	Attack Paths	Associated Tag...	Last Updated	See Details
Administrator		 Account	<div><div></div></div> 958	<div><div></div></div> 7	<div><div></div></div> 18	<div><div></div></div> 3.2m	21	November 1, 2024	See Details >
Administrator		 Person	<div><div></div></div> 958	<div><div></div></div> 7	<div><div></div></div> 0	<div><div></div></div> 0	17	November 1, 2024	See Details >
admin		 Person	<div><div></div></div> 952	<div><div></div></div> 7	<div><div></div></div> 0	<div><div></div></div> 0	15	October 30, 2024	See Details >
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srv1		 Device	<div><div></div></div> 936	<div><div></div></div> 2k	<div><div></div></div> 1.8k	<div><div></div></div> 1.6m	12	October 30, 2024	See Details >
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qa-kerb		 Account	<div><div></div></div> 912	<div><div></div></div> 5	<div><div></div></div> 17	<div><div></div></div> 1.4m	12	October 30, 2024	See Details >
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DC1		 Account	<div><div></div></div> 909	<div><div></div></div> 0	<div><div></div></div> 0	<div><div></div></div> 1	10	October 31, 2024	See Details >
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[Back to Asset Inventory](#)

ACCOUNT

Administrator

Sources: Tenable Vulnerability Management Tenable Identity Exposure (AD) Hide Summary

About this asset

The asset 'Administrator' is a privileged account in the Active Directory environment. It is a built-in account used for administering the computer/domain. This account has a high asset criticality score, indicating its importance to the organization. The asset has a relatively high asset exposure score, suggesting that it is exposed to potential threats. Some of the key vulnerabilities associated with this asset include the use of a non-expiring password, weak password practices, and the potential for Kerberos delegation abuse.

Weaknesses

The asset is vulnerable to several critical risks, including: 1. **Unrestricted Password Expiration**: The account has a non-expiring password, which increases the risk of unauthorized access if the password is compromised. 2. **Weak Password Practices**: The asset is susceptible to password attacks due to potential password weaknesses, such as weak password complexity or reuse across multiple accounts. 3. **Kerberos Delegation Abuse**: The asset allows unconstrained Kerberos delegation, which could lead to privilege escalation if the service allowed to delegate is compromised.

Gen AI

Privilege Escalation

Unauthorized Access and Control

Properties

Score Breakdown

Attack Paths

Weaknesses

Tags

Members

Exposure Cards

Relationships

Exposure Signals

Search for an attack path or priority...

Search

Filter

Name		Path Priority Rating	Nodes	
A service account qa-user takes full control of a group Administrators to gain access to a service DomainAdminService and then the computer ws1		High	> >	See in APA
Attacker exploits CVE-2024-21440 to gain access to srv1		Medium	> > > >	See in APA
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UNIFY INSIGHTS – Share context and prioritize true exposure

The screenshot displays the Tenable Cloud Security interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with categories like Dashboard, Inventory, Findings, Activity Log, IAM, Data, Workload, Kubernetes, IaC, Policies, Compliance, and Reports. The 'Findings' section is active, showing a list of AWS resources under the 'Compute' category, with 'EC2 Instances' selected (128 items). The main panel shows details for a specific finding titled 'AnotherAwesomeRequestMaker' (EC2 Instance | Org2Account2). It includes filters for 'Finance8', 'Vulnerable', 'Public', and 'Privileged'. Below this, a table lists 7 findings with columns for Open Time, Severity, Policy, Account, and Resources. The 'Severity' column is highlighted in yellow.

Open Time	Severity	Policy	Account	Resources
May 22, 2023 3:31:19 AM	Critical	Virtual Machine has vulnerabilities that should be addressed	aws Org2Account2	AnotherAwesomeR
Mar 16, 2022 8:23:24 PM	Critical	Public EC2 Instance	aws Org2Account2	AnotherAwesomeR
Sep 14, 2021 8:06:46 PM	Critical	Overprivileged IAM Role	aws Org2Account2	EC2InstancesWeb/
May 30, 2023 3:04:09 AM	High	EC2 Instance metadata service supports insecure version	aws Org2Account2	AnotherAwesomeR
May 23, 2023 6:04:35 PM	Low	EBS Snapshot is not encrypted with KMS	aws Org2Account2	vol-01c3044a6715
May 22, 2023 3:04:36 AM	Low	EBS Volume is not encrypted with KMS	aws Org2Account2	vol-01c3044a6715
Jun 19, 2024 2:15:43 AM	Informational	EC2 instances must have an "Owner" tag	aws Org2Account2	AnotherAwesomeR

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The screenshot displays the AWS IAM console interface, specifically the 'Overview' tab for the 'EC2InstancesWebAppRole' IAM Role. The role is identified as 'Overprivileged' and has a 'Critical' severity level. It is associated with the 'aws Org2Account2 (226366691213)' and was opened on September 14, 2021, at 8:06 PM.

The left sidebar shows the AWS navigation menu with categories like AI, Compute, Containers, Data, IAM, Kubernetes, Management, Network, and Security. The 'Compute' section is expanded, showing various services like Auto Scaling Groups, EBS Snapshots, EBS Volumes, EC2 Images, EC2 Instances (128), Elastic Beanstalk Environments (3), Lambda Functions (34), Launch Configurations (12), and Launch Templates (20).

The main content area displays the role's details and a diagram illustrating its permissions and the resources it can access. The diagram shows the role's permissions (AmazonS3FullAccess, AmazonS3FullAccess, AmazonS3FullAccess) and the resources it can access (3 EC2 Instances, 3 ECS Services, 44 S3 Buckets, tcs-test-bad-bucket, ermetic-demo-us-west, Amazon S3 Object Limit Service, Amazon S3 Service, test-bucket-org2account).

The diagram also includes a legend for the severity levels:

- All permissions are excessive
- Some permissions are excessive
- No permissions are excessive

UNIFY INSIGHTS – Share context and prioritize true exposure

Open Findings

Open Time x Accounts x Category x Severity x Policy x Sub-Status x Creation Time x Resource Owner x Resource Environment x 5,797 Items in 296 groups Group By Policy v ⓘ Ⓜ Ⓝ Ⓟ

Compliances x Label x Starred x +

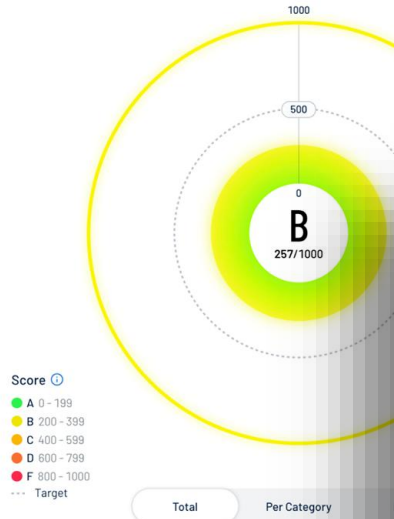
Category	Policy	Findings	Accounts	Compliance	Severity ↓
> IAM	Overprivileged Microsoft Entra ID User in subscription	53	5 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +13	<div><div></div></div> 62% Critical
> IAM	Overprivileged IAM Role	280	6 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +13	<div><div></div></div> 11% Critical
> Workload Protection	Virtual Machine has vulnerabilities that should be addressed	71	11 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +11	<div><div></div></div> 17% Critical
> IAM	Overprivileged IAM Group	12	4 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +13	<div><div></div></div> 67% Critical
> Workload Protection	Virtual Machine has an operating system which is at or near...	53	9 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +11	<div><div></div></div> 15% Critical
> IAM	Overprivileged Managed Identity in subscription	20	4 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +13	<div><div></div></div> 35% Critical
> Kubernetes	Overprivileged publicly accessible group or user in Kubernetes...	7	6 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +11	<div><div></div></div> 86% Critical
> Workload Protection	Virtual Machine has an unpatched operating system	38	8 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +10	<div><div></div></div> 16% Critical
> IAM	Overprivileged IAM User	44	5 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +13	<div><div></div></div> 11% Critical
> Custom	These principals should not have these permissions on these...	48	2 Accounts		<div><div></div></div> 8% Critical
> Network	Public EC2 Instance	67	4 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +11	<div><div></div></div> 4% Critical
> Data	Public KMS Key	2	2 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +12	<div><div></div></div> 100% Critical
> Workload Protection	Virtual Machine has a suspected malicious file	2	2 Accounts	CSA ACSC ⓘ +7	<div><div></div></div> 100% Critical
> Secrets	Cloud Run Service is exposing secrets	1	1 Account	CSA ACSC ⓘ +7	<div><div></div></div> 100% Critical

UNIFY ACTION – Optimize risk posture and investments

Focus on Critical Apps, Locations, Processes

Communicate compliance posture

✓ Digital Commerce Service



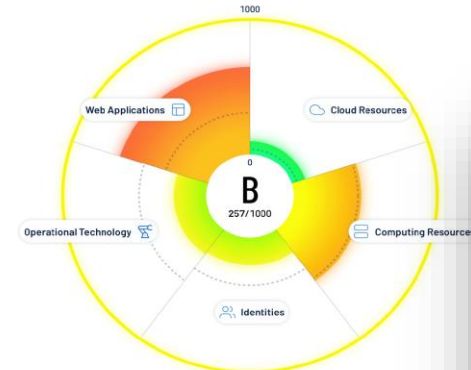
Risk Posture
by Domain

Your score is inside target. Web Applications is most exposed.

Benchmarks

B Total Population
257/1000

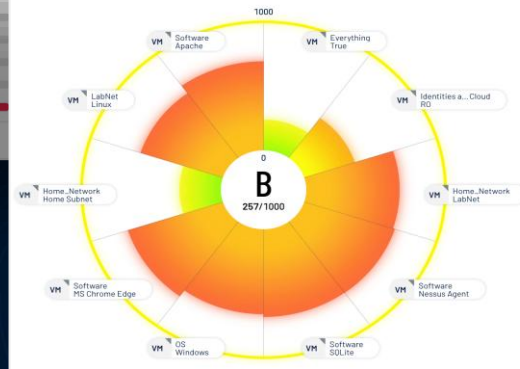
✓ Digital Commerce Service



Understand
domain exposure

Standard	Summary	
> PCI DSS v4.0	<div><div></div></div> 10%	
> AWS Well-Architected Framework	<div><div></div></div> 31%	
> CIS Benchmark for AWS v1.5.0	<div><div></div></div> 61%	
> GDPR	<div><div></div></div> 57%	
> HIPAA	<div><div></div></div> 70%	
> ISO 27001	<div><div></div></div> 55%	

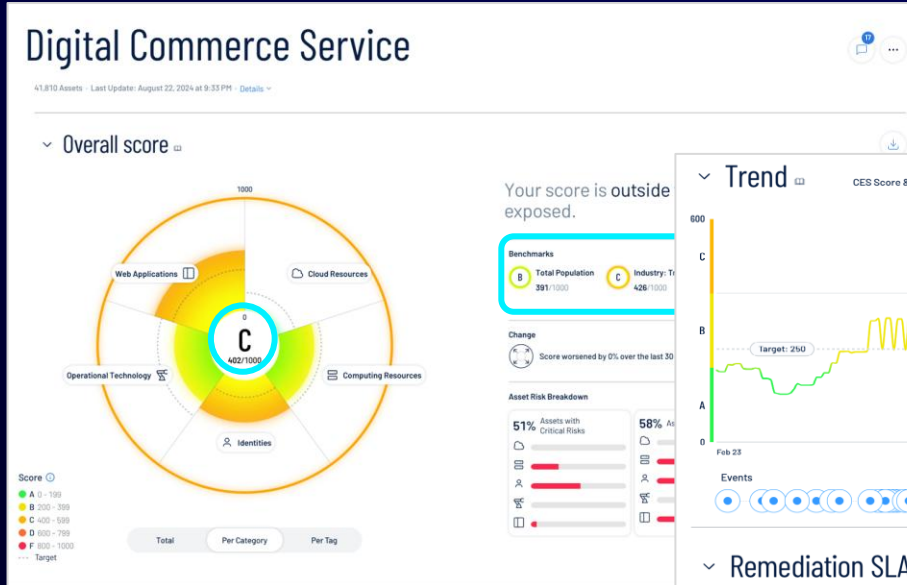
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Risk Posture
by Tag

UNIFY ACTION – Optimize risk posture and investments

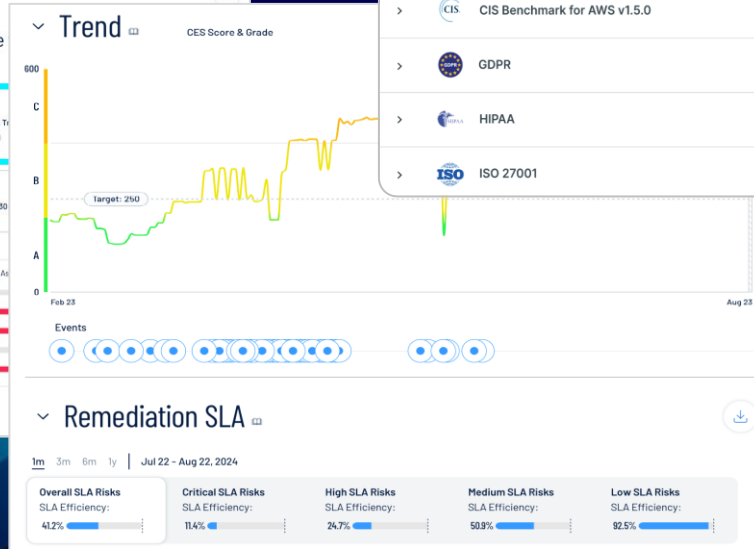
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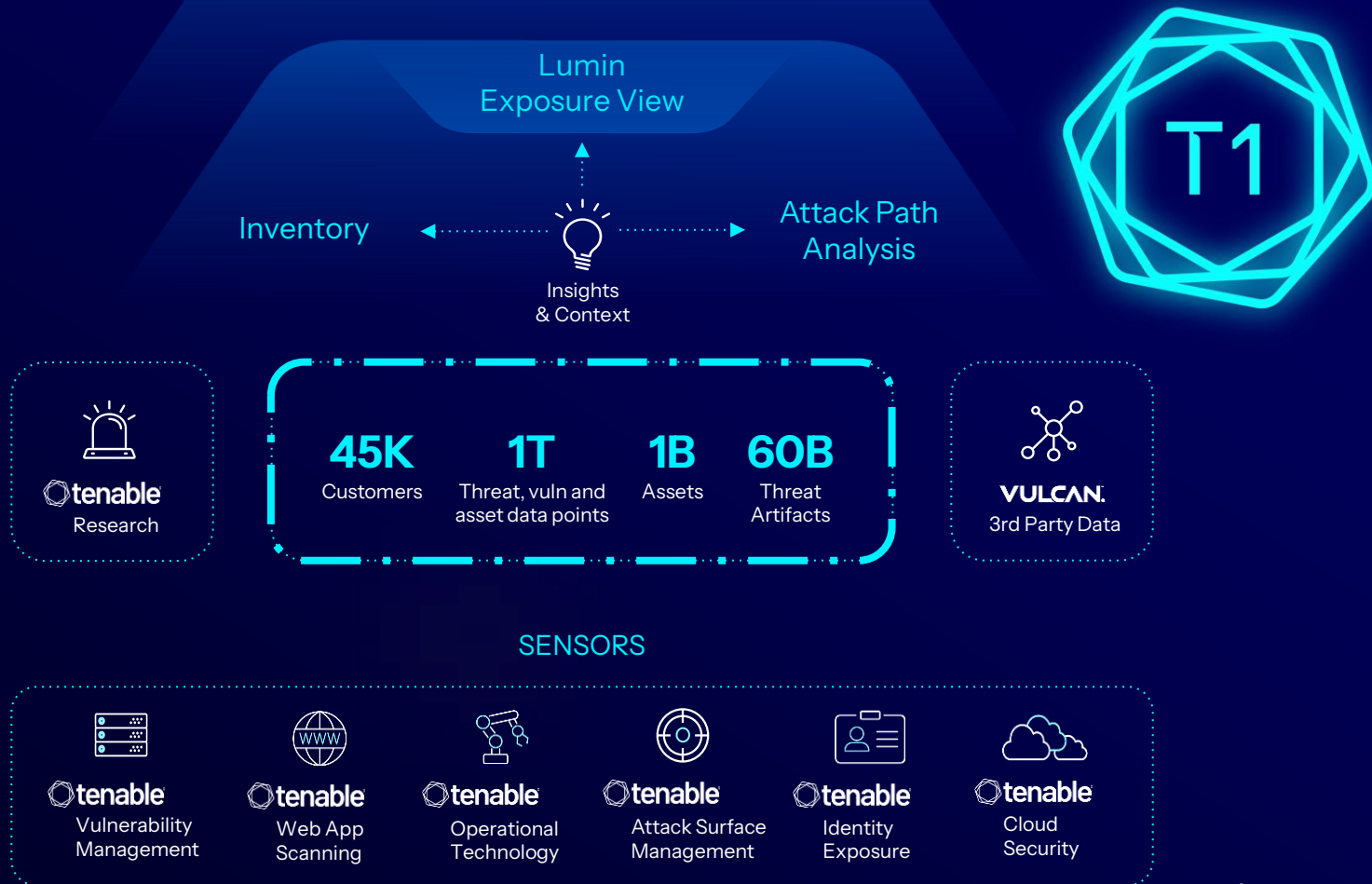
Risk Posture
by Domain

Compliance

Standard	Summary	
PCI DSS v4.0	10%	
AWS Well-Architected Framework	31%	
CIS Benchmark for AWS v1.5.0	61%	
GDPR	57%	
HIPAA	70%	
ISO 27001	55%	



Key Performance Indicators



Tenable One Case Study: Expected Security Operations Outcomes

Requirements	Current Scenario	Outcome Target
Time to Assess and Correlate all Risk Findings	1-2 Days	Less than 6 Hours
Time to prioritize on Risk Treatment	5 hours	10 Minutes
Forensics Capacity	6 IOC/day	120 IOC/day
Consoles	More than 3	1-2
Support Handling/Respond	1 Days	Less than 3 hours

EFFICACY

- Average Time assess all digital assets reduces dwell time to less than 6 hours.
- Full use of Threat Intel and Artificial Intelligence gives customer a higher confidence that security is effective with very low false Positive rate

EFFICIENCY

- 66% reduction in technology components reduces that cost of security.
- 85% decrease in manual effort allows customer to repurpose the analysts to harder tasks.
- 350% increase in IOC handling capacity with Attack Path analysis



Your Exposure Ends Here