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StorageGuard



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“ Ransomware attacks are targeting organizations' network-attached storage (NAS) and backup storage devices. ”

SecurityIntelligence

“ 2021 will see a major emphasis in developing more comprehensive storage system security ”

**Forbes**

# ABOUT US

Founded in 2005,  
helping enterprises with:

- Proactively preventing outages and data loss incidents on critical IT
- Ensuring the security of data storage systems
- Refenced in [Gartner's new report on Cyberstorage](#), the first such report on this topic.

## SELECTED CUSTOMERS

# SUCCESS STORY - LEADING BANK

THE CUSTOMER

- An American multinational bank and financial services company\*

CHALLENGE (CONTINUED)

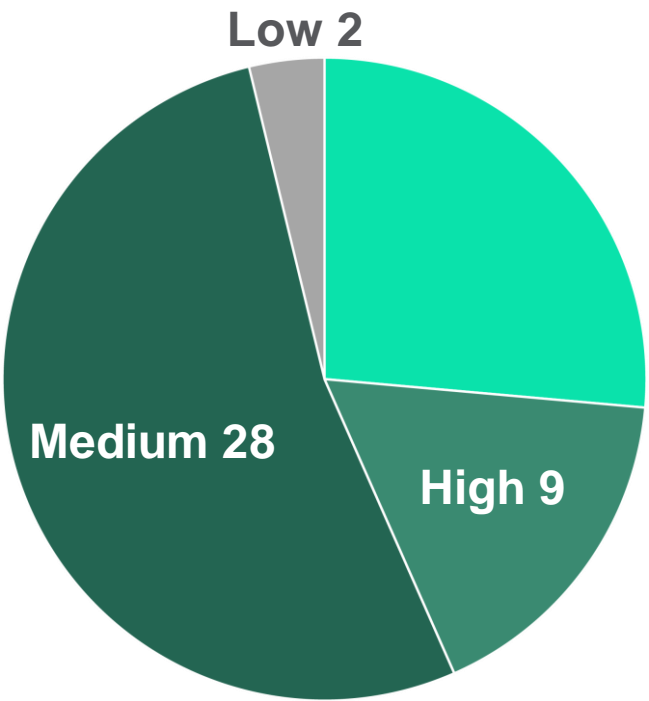
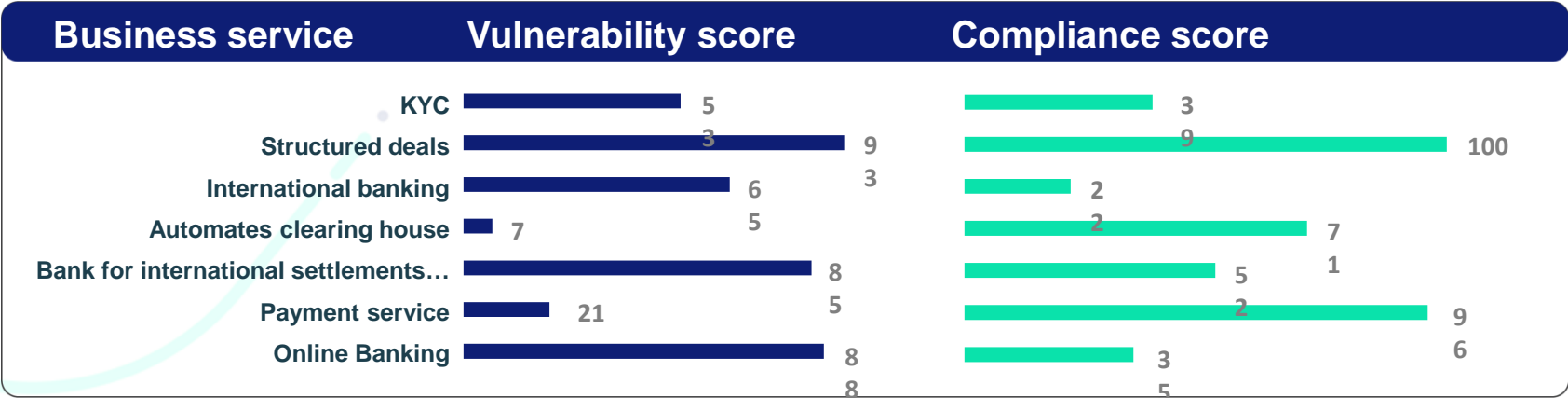
- Manual analysis is not feasible
- Failure to meet auditor deadlines for remediating the gap

CHALLENGE

- No repeatable and trackable method to assess the security of business-critical data enterprise storage systems
- Ransomware concern

SOLUTION BY CONTINUITY SOFTWARE

- Continuous scanning and analysis of the bank IT systems worldwide
- Overall health and compliance reports





NIST Special Publication 800-209

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# Security Guidelines for Storage Infrastructure

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Doron Pinhas

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National Institute of  
Standards and Technology  
U.S. Department of Commerce



# FROM THE NEWS

New ransomware attacks target your **NAS** devices

Over 13K iSCSI storage clusters left exposed online without a password

New attack vector opens backdoor inside enterprise disk storage arrays and people's NAS devices.

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## Linux Variant of REvil Ransomware Targets VMware's ESXi, NAS Devices

threatpost

3 minute read

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The storage server was left open for about a week and exposed everything from sensitive FBI investigations to data related to patients with AIDS.

Millions of sensitive files on a storage server belonging to the Oklahoma Department of Securities were left exposed for a week – including credentials, internal docs and personal data stretching back decades.

**OCIE risk alert:** “Misconfigured **security** settings on a **storage** device could result in unauthorized access to information”

**Anomali Discovers New Ransomware Targeting Consumer, Enterprise Storage Devices**

Devices Frequently Store High-Value Files and Backups, Usually Don't Have Commercial Antivirus Protection Deployed



Safeguarding Customer Records and Information in Network Storage –

During recent examinations, the Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations (“OCIE”) identified security risks associated with the storage of electronic customer records and information by broker-dealers and investment advisers in various network storage solutions, including those leveraging cloud-based storage.<sup>1</sup> Although the majority of these network storage solutions offered encryption, password protection, and other security features designed to prevent unauthorized access, examiners observed that firms did not always use the available security features. Weak or misconfigured security settings on a network storage device could result in unauthorized access to information stored on the device.

**Gartner:** “Harden the components of enterprise **backup** and **recovery** infrastructure against attacks... routinely examining backup application, **storage** and network access.... safeguard backup **storage** media and accessibility”

Smarter With Gartner

6 Ways to Defend Against a Ransomware Attack

threatpost

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## LenovoEMC Storage Gear Leaks Sensitive Financial Data

Author:

Tom Spring

July 16, 2019 / 3:59 pm

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## Why Enterprise Ransomware Attacks Are on the Rise

While ransomware attacks on consumers have declined, enterprise ransomware attacks have seen a more than 300% increase in the last year.

Brien Posey | Jun 24, 2019

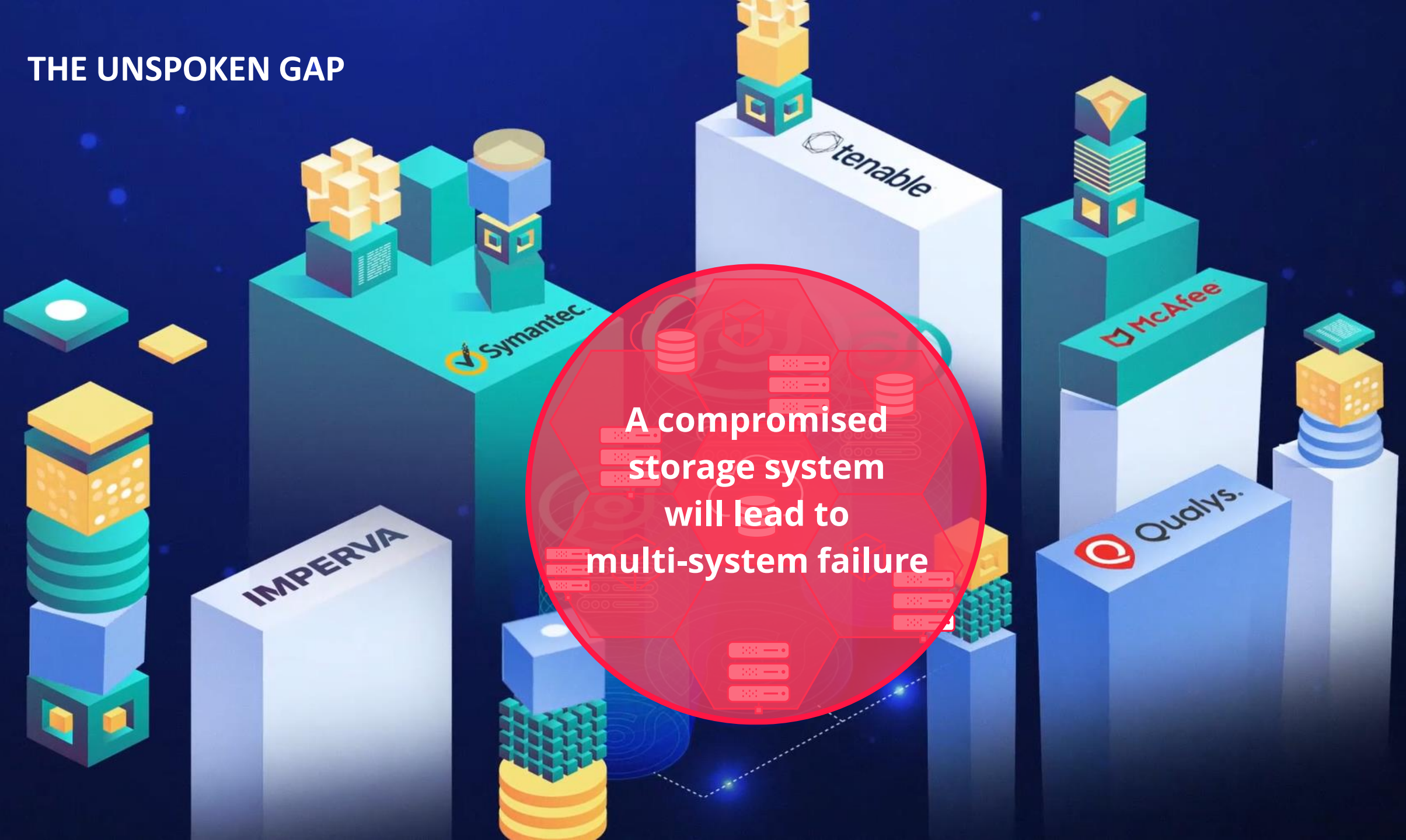
Over **6,300**  
security issues detected  
across hundreds of  
storage devices

On average, an  
enterprise storage  
device has **15**  
vulnerabilities or  
security  
misconfigurations

Out of these **15**  
vulnerabilities and  
misconfigurations,  
**3** are high or critical  
risks



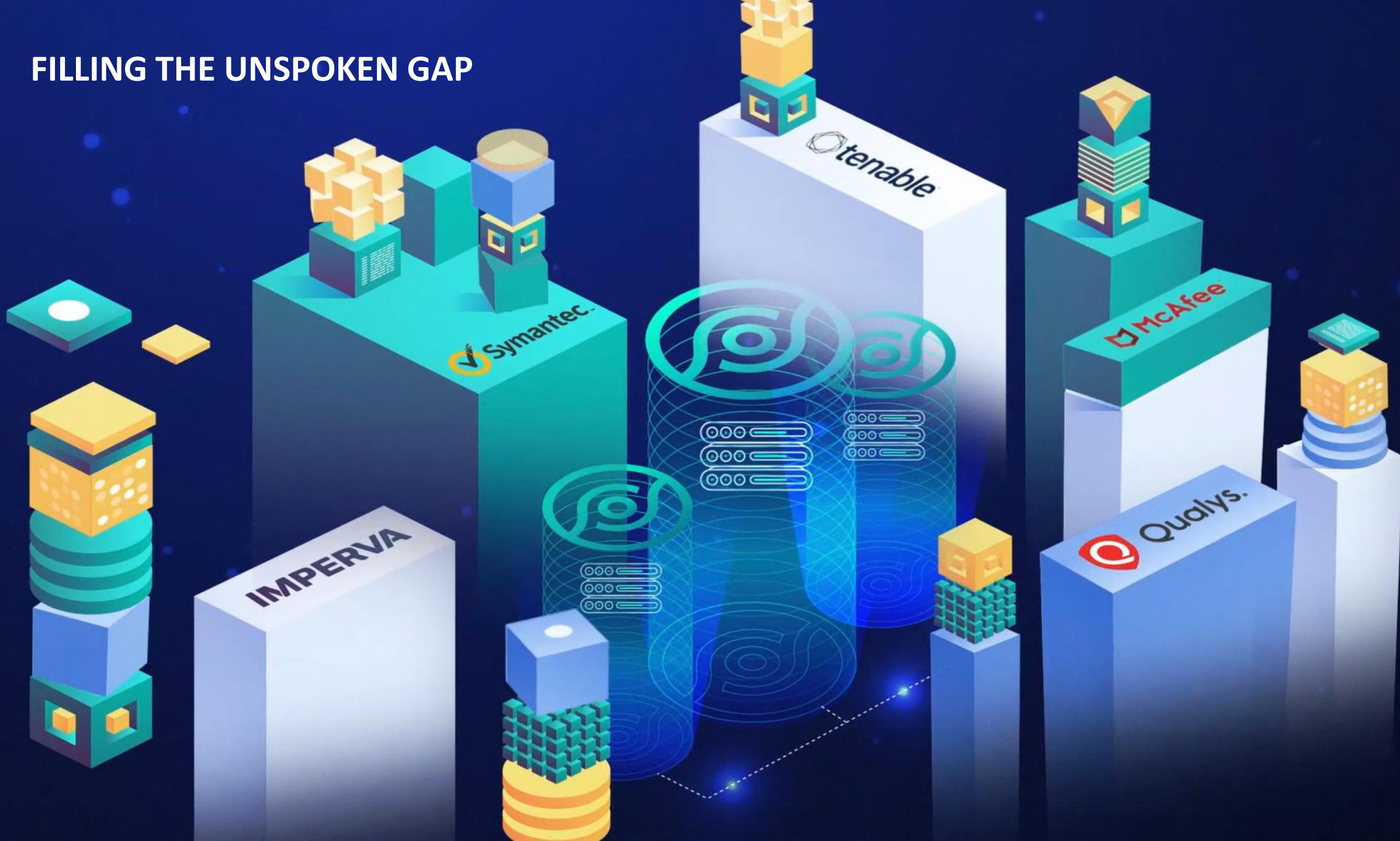
# THE UNSPOKEN GAP



A compromised  
storage system  
will lead to  
multi-system failure



# FILLING THE UNSPOKEN GAP

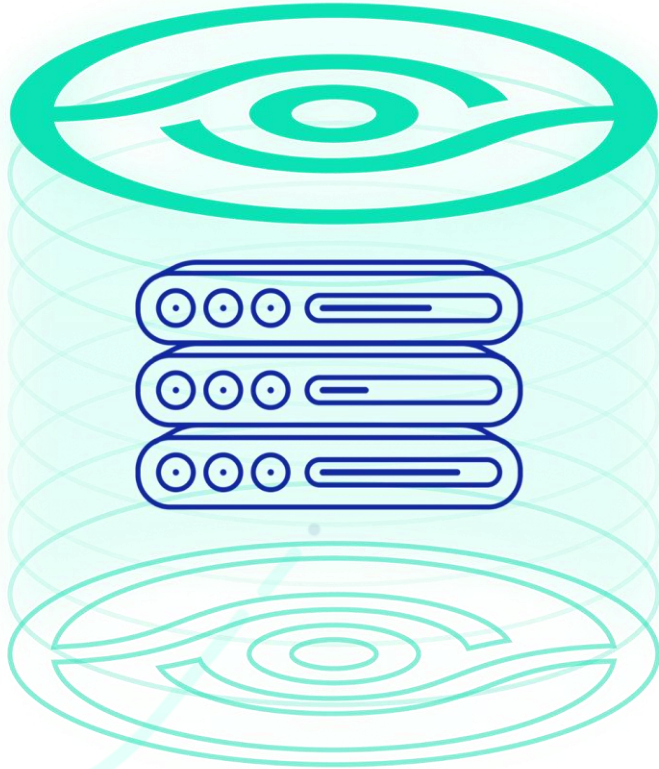


# IS IT TIME FOR STORAGE SECURITY

	Commonly-held Assumption	Reality
<b>Data</b>	Data is already secured at multiple layers (OS, Database, Network...)	Storage & Backup is where 100% of your data lives!
<b>Attack Surface</b>	Small and deep inside the perimeter/datacenter	Large, vulnerable, and reachable
<b>Threat Level</b>	Most attacks target users, end-points, servers	Number of attacks on storage is small but growing; however, impact can be devastating
<b>Ransomware</b>	Most ransomware encrypts data on end-points/servers; securing storage can't stop that	Storage & Backup is the last line of defense against any ransomware attack -- secure data copies & backups essential for recovery!
<b>Existing Tools</b>	Lots of tools already in place for vulnerability scanning (e.g., Rapid7, Nessus, Qualys)	Existing tools offer almost zero coverage for storage, storage management, and backup

# THE SOLUTION - STORAGEGUARD

Validation of security configurations and vulnerability management for storage & backup systems



## Built-in risk knowledgebase of security configuration best practices

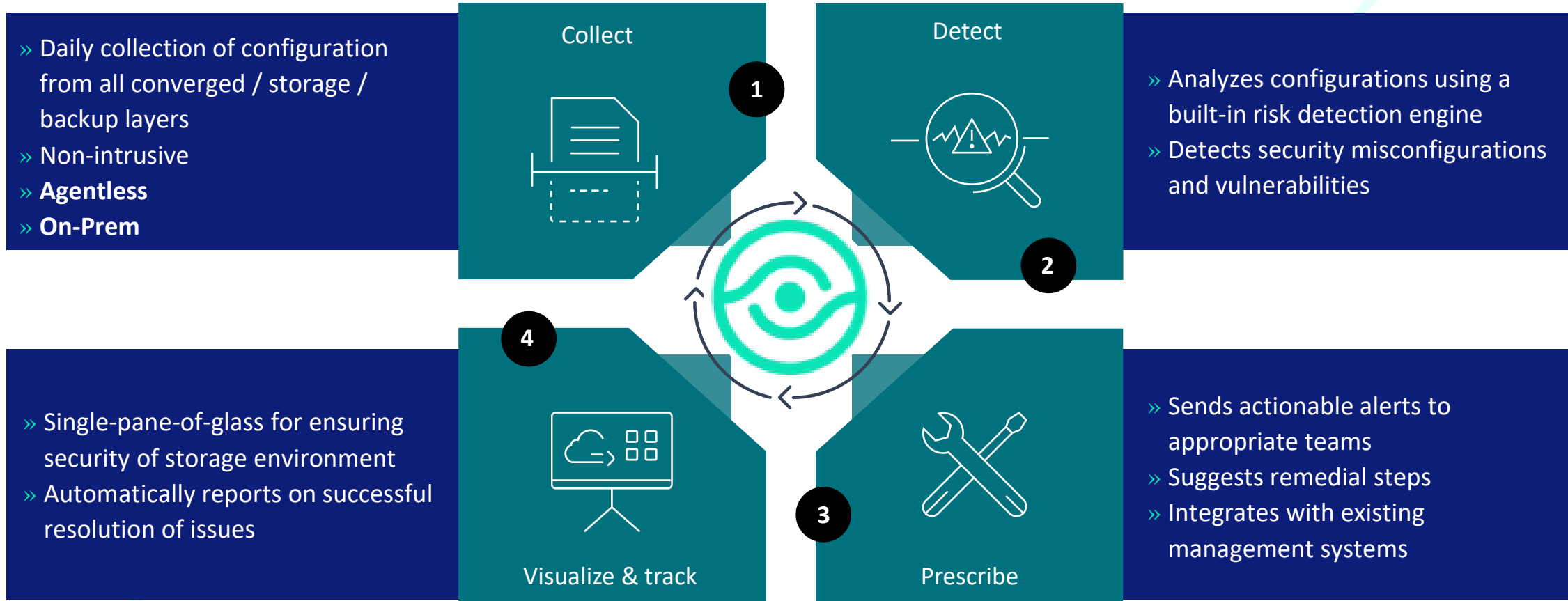
- Vendor best practices, community-driven baseline requirements
- Ransomware protection, vulnerabilities and compliance checks
- Configuration checks for Administrative Access, Authentication, Authorization, Audit Log, Data access, Services and Protocols, Isolation, ISO27001, CIS, NIST and more.

## Focus on converged and storage systems

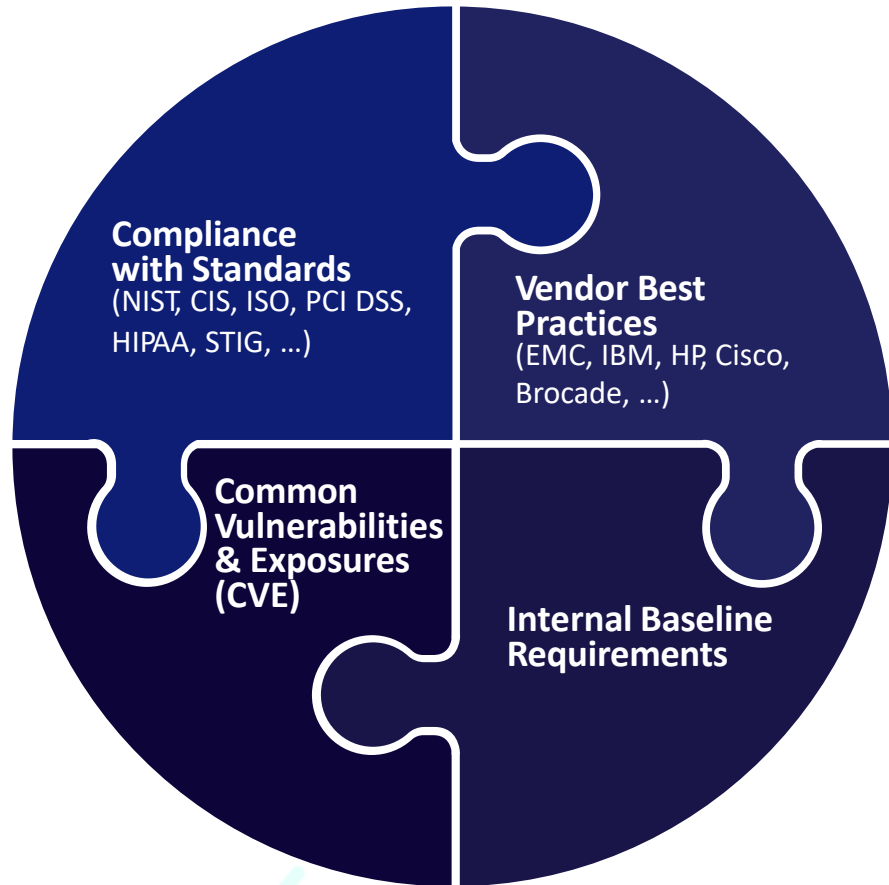
- Block, object, Cloud, IP storage, storage network, data protection systems,
- Storage management systems, Virtual SAN, NAS/SAN, File System and more



# HOW IT WORKS



# THE RISK KNOWLEDGEBASE SOURCES



## Four main sources, including:

- Automatic checks based on standard, interpreted for each device type
- Automatic checks for comprehensive and ongoingly updated vendor best practices
- Automatic checks for storage system vulnerabilities
- Automatic checks for community-driven security baseline configurations

# THE RISK KNOWLEDGEBASE CATEGORIES

## Authentication

- AD / LDAP, Vaulting, Radius
- Kerberos, MFA
- Login & passwd requirements

## Authorization

- Role configuration
- Restricted Admin access
- Default accounts / passwords

## SAN / NAS

- Zoning and masking
- CIFS and NFS access
- Port config

## Vendor best practices

- Dell EMC, IBM, HP, Hitachi
- Cisco, Brocade, NetApp
- Infinidat, Amazon, more.

## Administrative access

- Management systems / Apps
- CLI /API/SMI-S servers
- Automatic logoff, sessions

## Encryption

- At rest / In transit
- Encryption level, FIPS, Hashes
- Admin / User access, SSL/TLS

## Vulnerabilities

- Storage CVE detection
- Approved versions

## Leading standards

- ISO 27001, NIST, CIS SANS
- NYDFS, SEC, FFIEC, HIPAA
- FIPS, PCI DSS and more.

## Audit log

- Central Logging
- Log Retention
- Log Config and Immutability

## Services / Protocols

- Telnet, FTP, RSH, SSH, Rlogin
- NFS, CIFS (SMB)
- SNMP, NDMP, SMTP

## Ransomware protection

- Vendor / industry best practices
- Protection policies

## And more...

- Antivirus settings
- Time synchronization
- And more...

## COVERAGE

- Block Storage Arrays
- Storage Network Switches
- Storage Management Applications / Servers
- Storage Virtualization Systems
- Data Protection Appliances
- Object Storage
- Storage Area Network (SAN)
- Server-based SAN (Virtual SAN)
- Network Attached Storage (NAS)
- Backup Systems
- Cloud storage\*
- Converged / Blade / Hypervisor\*



# STORAGEGUARD SUPPORT MATRIX

SAN Arrays	File Storage & NAS	Storage Virtualization	Storage Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dell EMC Symmetrix • VMAX • PowerMAX</li> <li>Dell EMC XtremIO • PowerStore</li> <li>Dell EMC VNX • VNX2 • Unity • PowerVault ME</li> <li>NetApp FAS/AFF • cDOT • 7-mode • filer</li> <li>Hitachi VSP/USP • AMS • HUS • G-Series</li> <li>IBM DS • XIV • IBM SVC • V7000/5000 • Storwize • A9000/R • V9000 • FlashSystem • Spectrum Virtualize • Spectrum Accelerate • N-Series</li> <li>HPE XP • 3PAR • Primera • Nimble*</li> <li>Infinidat InfiniBox</li> <li>Pure • Huawei*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NetApp FAS/AFF • cDOT • 7-mode</li> <li>Dell EMC Isilon • PowerScale • VNX/2 • Unity</li> <li>IBM N-Series • Hitachi NAS* • HPE StoreEasy* • Infinibox • Pure • Huawei*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dell EMC VPLEX</li> <li>IBM SAN Volume Controller • Spectrum Virtualize</li> <li>NetApp FlexArray*</li> </ul>	
Server-based SAN & HCI	Object Storage	Data Protection	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dell EMC PowerFlex (ScaleIO / vxflex OS)*</li> <li>VMware VSAN*</li> <li>Nutanix*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hitachi Content Platform (HCP)</li> <li>Dell EMC Elastic Cloud Storage (ECS)</li> <li>IBM Object Storage* • NetApp StorageGRID*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dell EMC RecoverPoint • Dell EMC Data Domain • Dell EMC PowerProtect DD • Dell EMC Avamar • IDPA</li> <li>NetBackup • Commvault* • HP StoreOnce • Veeam* • Cohesity* • Rubrik* • Networker*</li> <li>IBM Spectrum Protect (Tivoli Storage Manager)*</li> </ul>	
	Storage Network	Cloud Storage*	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brocade directors / switches • OEM versions</li> <li>Cisco MDS • Nexus • OEM versions</li> <li>HP VirtualConnect / FlexFabric</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amazon Elastic Block Storage • S3 • Glacier</li> <li>Azure Blob / Disk Storage</li> <li>Nasuni • Zadara</li> <li>NetApp Cloud Volumes ONTAP</li> </ul>	
	Storage Appliance		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IBM Spectrum Scale* • Hadoop Appliance*</li> <li>Oracle ZFS* • Oracle Exadata storage*</li> </ul>		

(\*) roadmap items

Date

from Jan-21-22 📅

to Jan-27-22 📅

## System types

- ☐ Brocade
- ☐ Cisco
- ☐ DataDomain
- ☐ ECS
- ☐ HDS
- ☐ Infinidat
- ☐ NetApp Vserver
- ☐ NetApp cluster
- ☐ NetBackup
- ☐ RecoverPoint
- ☐ VNX

## Risks during a selected period

Total open risks  
**335** +0%

Average open risks per system  
**19** +0%

Max open risks per system  
**49** -0%

Scan Coverage  
**75%**

## Scan Coverage

System Type	Discovered	In Scope	Scanned
VNX	1	1	1
NetBackup	1	1	0
NetApp cluster	1	1	1
NetApp Vserver	7	7	7
Infinidat	1	1	1
HDS	5	5	1

10 items



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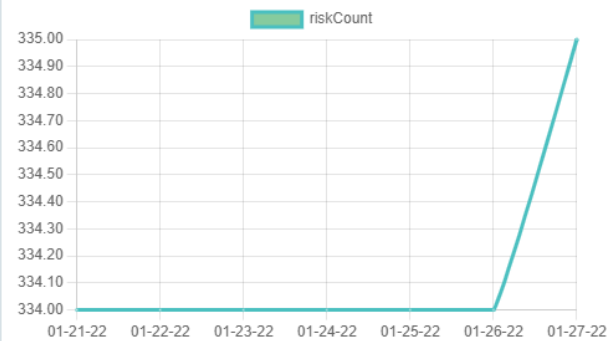
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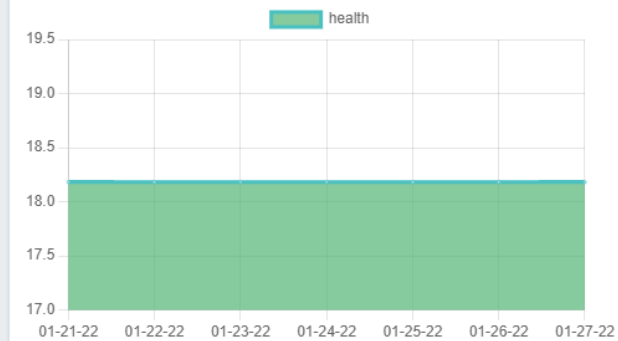
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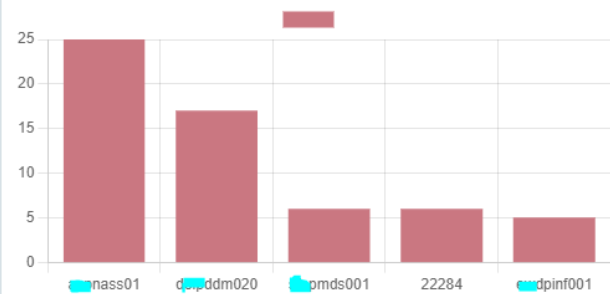
## New risks



## Systems health



## Highest-risk system



Check name | [DSA-CVEs]: ECS vulnerability analysis: DSA-2021-273 ...

Send feedback

ECS ECS\_PDC01: vulnerability identified (DSA-2021-273)

Suppress

Mark complete

#602 Dec-23-21

High Urgency

Warning Severity

Open Status

Storage Domain

Description



CVE-2021-44228 CVE-2021-45046 ECS

DSA-2021-273: Dell EMC ECS remediation is available for the Apache Log4j Remote Code Execution Vulnerability that may be exploited by malicious users to compromise the affected system.

link: <https://www.dell.com/support/kbdoc/en-us/000194612/dsa-2021-273-dell-emc-ecs-security-update-for-apache-log4j-remote-code-execution-vulnerability-cve-2021-44228>  
CVSS Score: 10.0

Vulnerable version

- 3.6.1.0.126874.b09da837a1a

Impact

The Apache Log4j Remote Code Execution Vulnerability may be exploited by malicious users to compromise the affected system.

Activity log



Notes

Add a note

Resolution

update to version 3.6.2.1 or higher



Check name | [DSA-CVEs]: NetApp cDOT vulnerability analysis: NTAP-20211029-0003 ...

Send feedback

NetApp cluster prdnass01: vulnerability identified (NTAP-20211029-0003)

SuppressMark complete

#298

Dec-16-21

High Urgency	Warning Severity	Open Status	Storage Domain
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Description

CVE-2021-22945

CVE-2021-22946

CVE-2021-22947

NetApp

NTAP-20211029-0003: Multiple NetApp products incorporate libcurl. Various versions of Libcurl are susceptible to vulnerabilities which when successfully exploited could lead to disclosure of sensitive information, addition or modification of data, or Denial of Service (DoS).

link: <https://security.netapp.com/advisory/ntap-20211029-0003/>  
CVSS Score: 9.8

Vulnerable version

- 9.8P5

Notes

Add a note

Resolution

update to version 9.9.1P5 or higher.

Impact

Successful exploitation of these vulnerabilities could lead to disclosure of sensitive information, addition or modification of data, or Denial of Service (DoS).

Activity log

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List

Check name | [DSA-Isilon]: K170D00M0230: Antivirus server configuration ...

Send feedback

Isilon **IsiClus** at **TLV**: Antivirus(ICAP) server not configured

#35 Nov-28-21

SuppressMark complete

Medium  
Urgency

Warning  
Severity

Reopened  
Status

Storage  
Domain

Description

CIS Control

CIS Control 8.1

Isilon

ISO

ISO/IEC 27001

+7

An EMC Isilon storage system is not configured. OneFS sends files through ICAP to a server running third-party antivirus scanning software (ICAP servers). ICAP servers scan files for viruses.

Configured ICAP servers

- None

Impact

Without anti-virus scanning, malicious software can attack systems, disable a network, or lead to compromise of data.

Activity log

Notes

Add a note

Resolution

The following command can be used to add an ICAP server:

```
isi antivirus servers create {param1}

# param1 URL of the ICAP server
```

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List

Send feedback

Check name | [DSA-Brocade]: K0204000P115: Default passwords ...

Brocade **brocade01.lab** at **TLV**: Default passwords are used

#641 Nov-24-21

Suppress

Mark complete

High  
Urgency

Error  
Severity

Reopened  
Status

Storage  
Domain

Description

BrocadeCIS ControlCIS Control 4.2CommunityFFIEC+6

Default users for a Brocade SAN switch are configured with the default (factory) known passwords.

Default password used

- root

Customizable parameters for this check:

- Default users: user, root, factory.admin

Impact

Malicious individuals (external and internal to an organization) often use vendor default settings, account names, and passwords to compromise operating system software, applications, and the systems on which they are installed. Because these default settings are often published and are well known in hacker communities, changing these settings will leave systems less vulnerable to attack. Even if a default account is not intended to be used, changing the default password to a strong unique password and then disabling the account will prevent a malicious individual from re-enabling the account and gaining access with the default password.

Activity log

Notes

Add a note

Resolution

To solve this issue you must change password for default user accounts.

```
passwd {param1} -old {param2} -new {param3}

# param1 user account
# param2 old password
# param3 new password
```



Check name | [DSA-NetApp]: K0502I0MP908: Ransomware protection Policy (cDOT) ...

Send feedback

NetApp cluster **NetApp-Lab** at **TLV**: Ransomware filtration is not configured

SuppressMark complete

#601Nov-24-21

High Urgency	Error Severity	Reopened Status	Storage Domain
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Description

CIS ControlCIS Control 8.1ISOISO/IEC 27001ISO/IEC 27001 A.12.2.1+7

The system is not configured to block ransomware attacks. File policies can be defined to block writes to an export or share that is suspected as ransomware.

Ransomware protection

- None

Customizable parameters for this check:

- Blocked file operations:** create
- Known ransomware file extensions:** .locky,.locked,.encoderpass,.ecc,.ezz,.exx,.zzz,.xyz,.micro,.encrypted,.crypto,.crypt,.crinf,.r5a,.XRNT,.XTBL,.R16M01D05,.pzdc,.good,.LOL,.OMG

Impact

Allowing ransomware to be written the shares or zones increases the risk of a successful ransomware attack. Furthermore since shares and exports are commonly accessible to large number of endpoints, ransomware may spread faster and wider.

Activity log

Notes

Add a note

Resolution

Configure file policies to block traffic that is suspected as ransomware:

```
fpolicy policy event create -vserver {param1} -event-name ransomware_EVENT -
protocol cifs -file-operations create rename

fpolicy policy create -vserver {param1} -policy-name ransomware_POLICY -events
ransomware_EVENT

fpolicy policy scope create -vserver {param1} -policy-name ransomware_POLICY -
shares-to-include * -file-extensions-to-include {param2}

fpolicy enable -vserver {param1} -policy-name ransomware_POLICY -sequence-
number 2

# param1 vserver name
```

Check name | [DSA-NetApp]: K1002I0MP0375: CIFS SMB version status ...

Send feedback

NetApp cluster **cl\_nas02**: SMBv1 and SMBv2 are enabled

SuppressMark complete

#841Jan-11-22

High Urgency	Error Severity	Open Status	Storage Domain
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Description

CISA Ransomware Guide

ISO/IEC 27040

Microsoft

NetApp

NIST SP800-209 NC-SS-R19

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A vulnerable SMB version is enabled on the storage system. Threat actors use SMB to propagate malware across organizations.

Violation:  
"is-smb1-enabled": "true"  
"is-smb2-enabled": "true"

Impact

SMBv1 and SMBv2 are highly vulnerable and should not be used. For example, Wanna cry and Petya are forms of malware that took advantage of SMBv1 weaknesses.

Activity log

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Notes

Add a note

Resolution

NOTE: Analyze and mitigate any existing dependencies that may break before disabling SMBv1 or SMBv2.

The following command can be used to change CIFS options:

```
vserver cifs options modify -vserver {param1} -smb1-enabled false -smb2-enabled false

# param1 vserver name
```

Check name | [DSA-DataDomain]: K110CI00P690: Session timeout ...

Send feedback

DataDomain p\_dd020: Idle session timeout is incorrectly configured

SuppressMark complete

#121Dec-13-21

Medium Urgency	Warning Severity	Open Status	Storage Domain
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Description

CIS Control🔒

CIS Control 16🔒

DataDomain

NIST🔒

NIST SP800-53🔒

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Inactivity (idle session) timeout is incorrectly configured on an EMC Data Domain system. The configured timeout is above the required value, thus enabling user session to live for a long period of time and increasing the risk of unauthorized or malicious access.

Services with infinite session timeout

- Ftps, Ftp, Ssh/Scp, Telnet

Impact

Remote-access technologies are frequent "back doors" to critical resources and cardholder data. By disconnecting remote-access technologies when not in use ,access and risk to networks is minimized. Users must be logged out of the system after a period of inactivity to minimize the possibility of an attacker using their system to extract information from the organization.

Activity log

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Notes

Add a note

Resolution

The following command can be used to set the timeout:

```
adminaccess {param1} option set session-timeout {param2}

# param1 ftp, ssh, etc.

# param2 timeout-in-secs
```

# BENEFITS OF USING STORAGEGUARD

Ensure storage systems are hardened and can withstand ransomware and other cyber-attacks

## Protection & Compliance

- Eliminate manual security validation efforts
- Obtain valuable remediation guidance
- Meet IT Audit requirements: providing evidence for compliance
- Eliminate configuration drift: tracking security configuration changes

## Visibility & Prioritization

- Reporting and dashboarding of remediation status and risk reduction trends
- Routinely updated risk knowledgebase
- Easily customizable with required additional security checks





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