

Transforming Security Operations to Punch Above Your Weight Class

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Agenda

Organizations today face the challenge of combating sophisticated cyber threats with limited security resources, making it difficult to efficiently manage risks across multiple tools and vendors. To address this, there is a critical need for integrated, AI-driven solutions that unify threat detection, investigation, and response. By leveraging the combined capabilities of Cisco XDR and Splunk, organizations can achieve enhanced visibility, reduce alert fatigue, and accelerate threat remediation through automation and advanced analytics, empowering security teams to prioritize critical threats, streamline investigations, and "punch above their weight class" in defending against evolving cyber risks.

The Problem

Digital resilience is a \$400B problem

Total direct cost of downtime:

\$200M

Per year per company

Hidden cost of downtime:

94%

Report slowed innovation



Organizations are doubling down on cyber resilience as it is critical to achieve digital resilience

“The ability to **anticipate**, **withstand**, **recover** from, and **adapt** to adverse conditions, stresses, attacks, or compromises on systems that use or are enabled by cyber resources.”



Your Challenges



Limited Staff
vs
24/7 threats

Network
blind spots

Alert Fatigue
Tool Crawl

Manual
investigation delays

Security is a problem of plenty

Detect, investigate, & respond in real time to build resilience



Network team



IT team



Security team



Engineering team



Shaping the SOC of the future



CENTRALIZED

Centralization with a unified SOC platform

Unified Threat Detection, Investigation, & Response

Federated data
management

Advanced threat
detections

AI-accelerated
investigations

Automated
response

Unified security analyst experience

Using AI: Fighting for an Unfair Advantage

Shaping the SOC of the future



CENTRALIZED
ACCELERATED BY AI
DISTRIBUTED

AI

AI Assistants that change the way humans
and machines interact with each other

Experience

Data

Efficacy

Models

Why?

How?

Economics

Governance

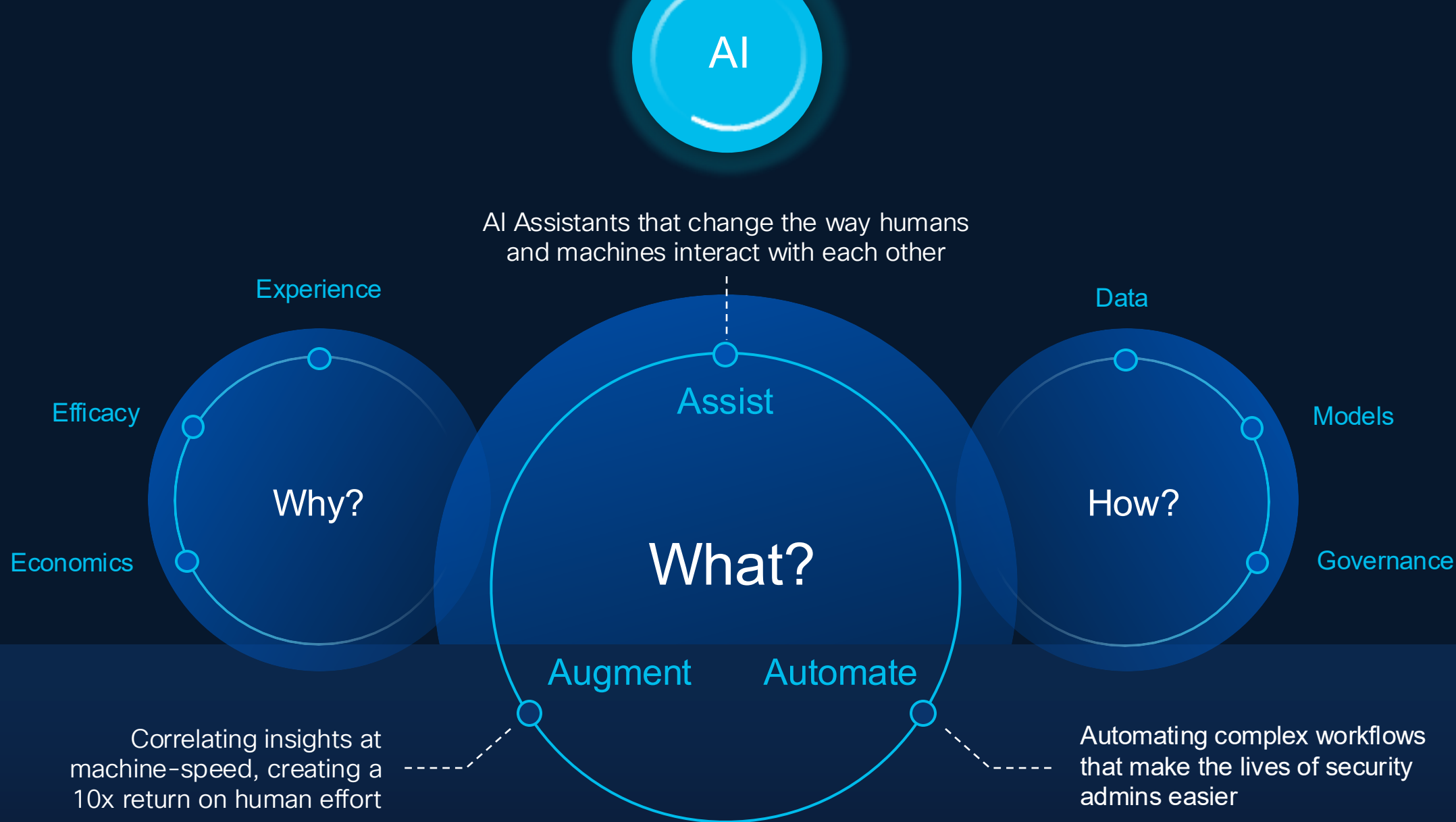
What?

Augment

Automate

Correlating insights at
machine-speed, creating a
10x return on human effort

Automating complex workflows
that make the lives of security
admins easier



We Are Leveraging AI Across The Portfolio

Assist

AI Assistant Experience

Give your admins superpowers.
Simplify management, improve outcomes.

Augment

AI Powered Detection

Correlate 550B security events at
machine-speed.

Automate

Autonomous Actions

Learn from human-to-machine
interactions to automate complex
playbooks.

Cisco Security Cloud

Breach Protection

User Protection

Cloud Protection

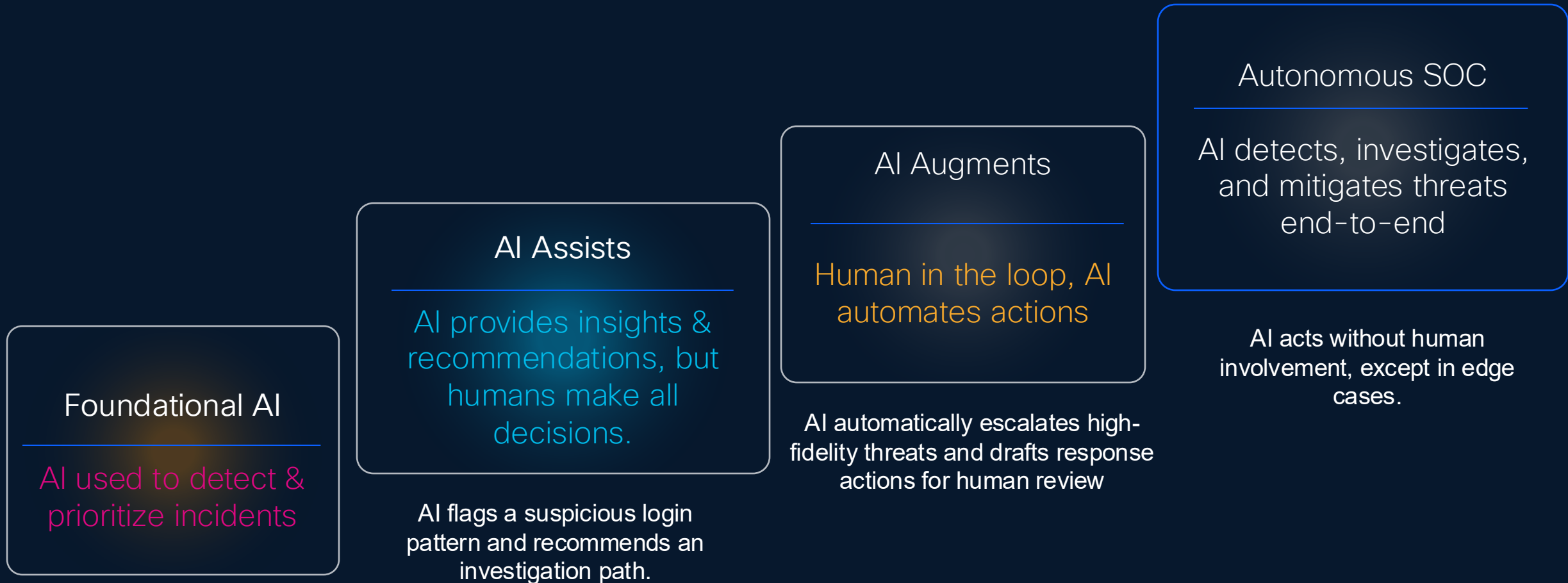
Firewall Foundation

AI-driven Security Operations

Unified Threat Detection, Investigation & Response (TDIR)



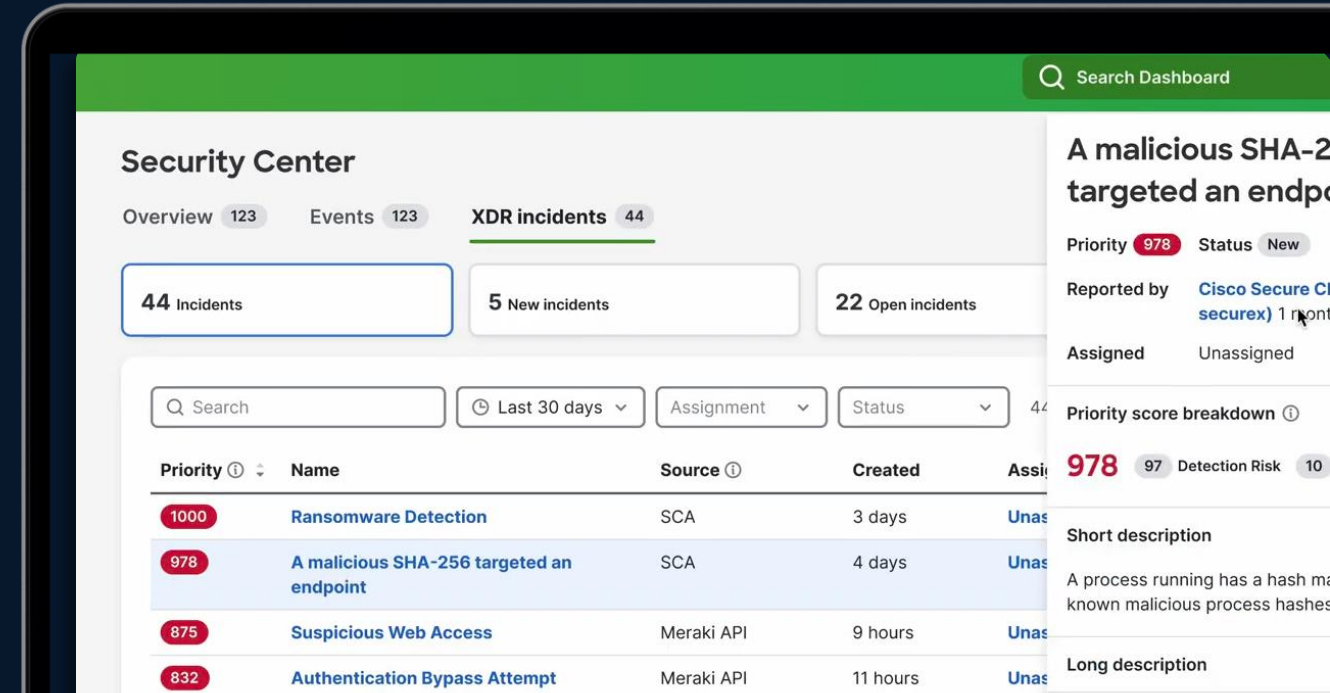
Journey to the self-driving SOC



XDR: Instincts and Fundamentals in the Ring

Cisco XDR

Innovating to detect and stop common attacks



Optimized for
lean teams

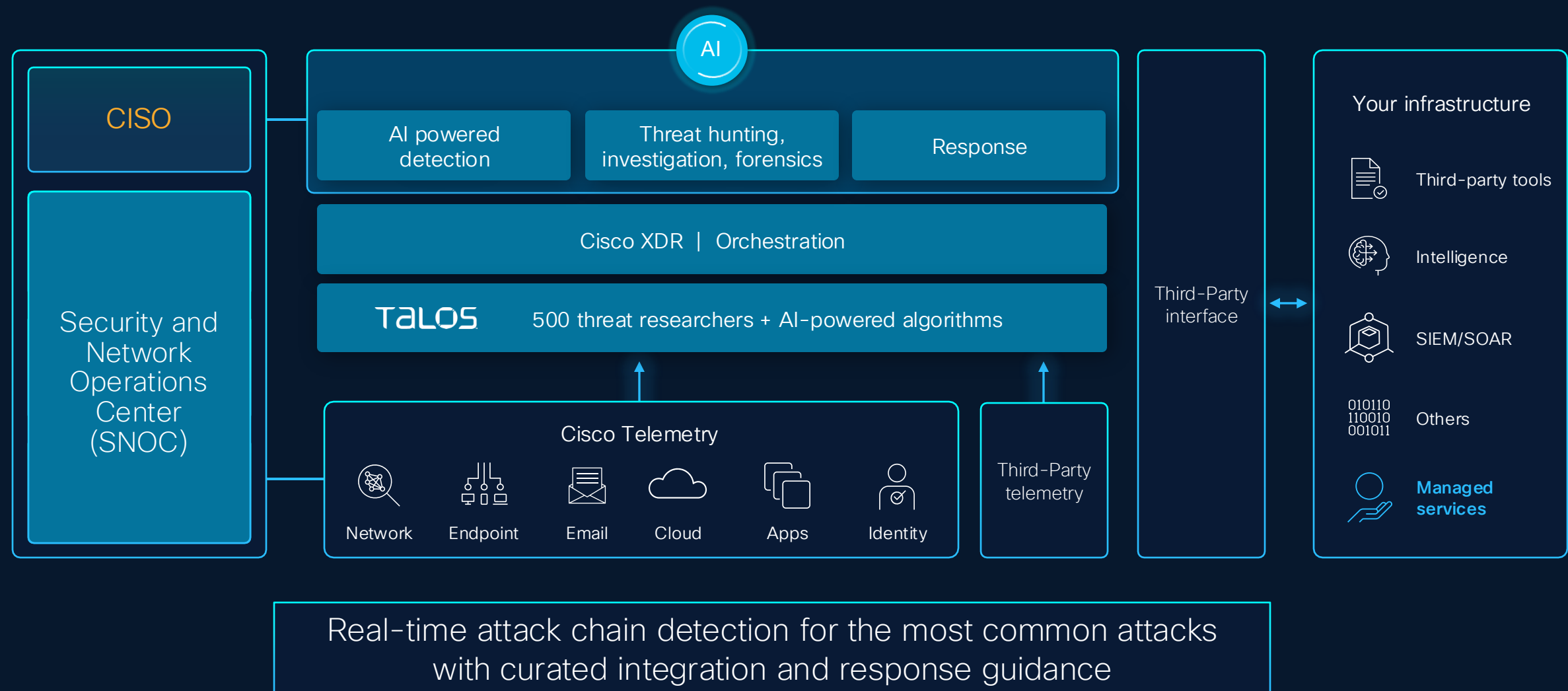
Speed to value

Deeply integrated
with the network

Every Meraki MX becomes a sensor

In under 60 seconds

Simplify security operations with AI-driven Cisco XDR



Our open XDR integrates with competitive EDR tools

Cisco XDR has curated integrations with the top best-of breed security vendors

Cloud Telemetry supported:

Cisco, AWS, Google, Microsoft Azure

Endpoint Telemetry supported:

Cisco, CrowdStrike, Cybereason,
Microsoft Defender for Endpoint,
Palo Alto Networks, SentinelOne, Trend Micro

Firewall Telemetry supported:

Cisco, Check Point, Fortinet, Palo Alto Networks

NDR Telemetry supported:

Cisco, Darktrace, ExtraHop

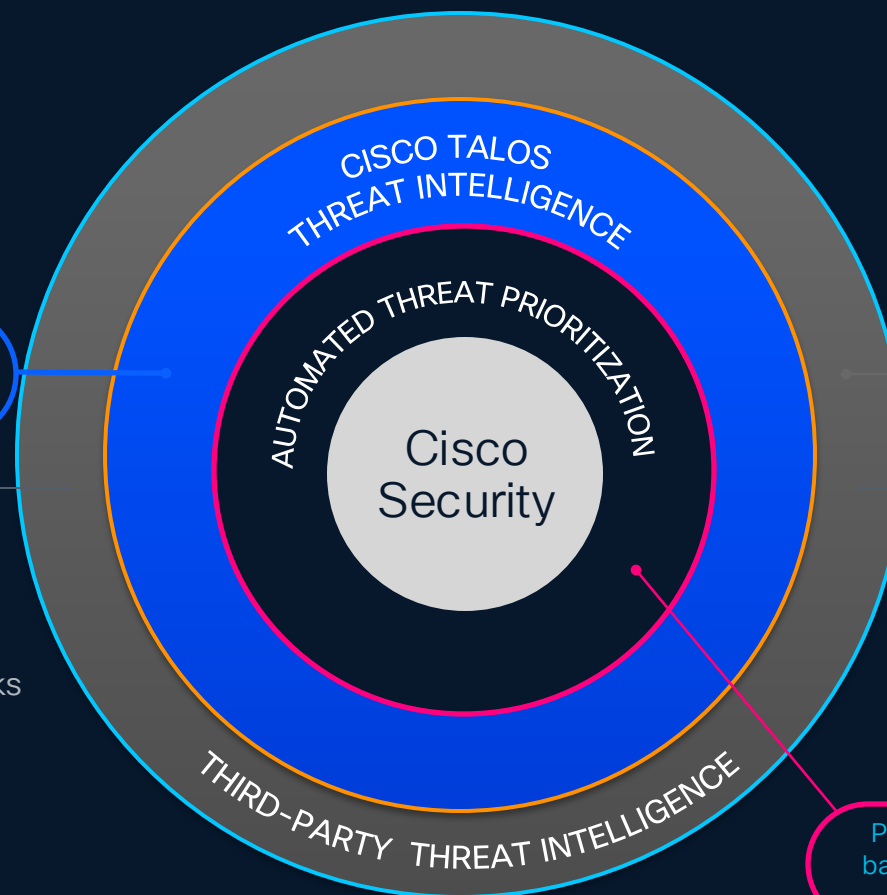
Email Telemetry supported:

Cisco, Microsoft 365, Proofpoint

Cisco Talos: Unrivaled collection
of actionable intelligence for
known and emerging threats

Identifies tactics, techniques,
and procedures (TTPs) used

Prioritizing threats
based on impact to
the business



Introducing Cisco XDR 2.0

Clear verdict. Decisive action. AI speed.

Instant Attack Verification

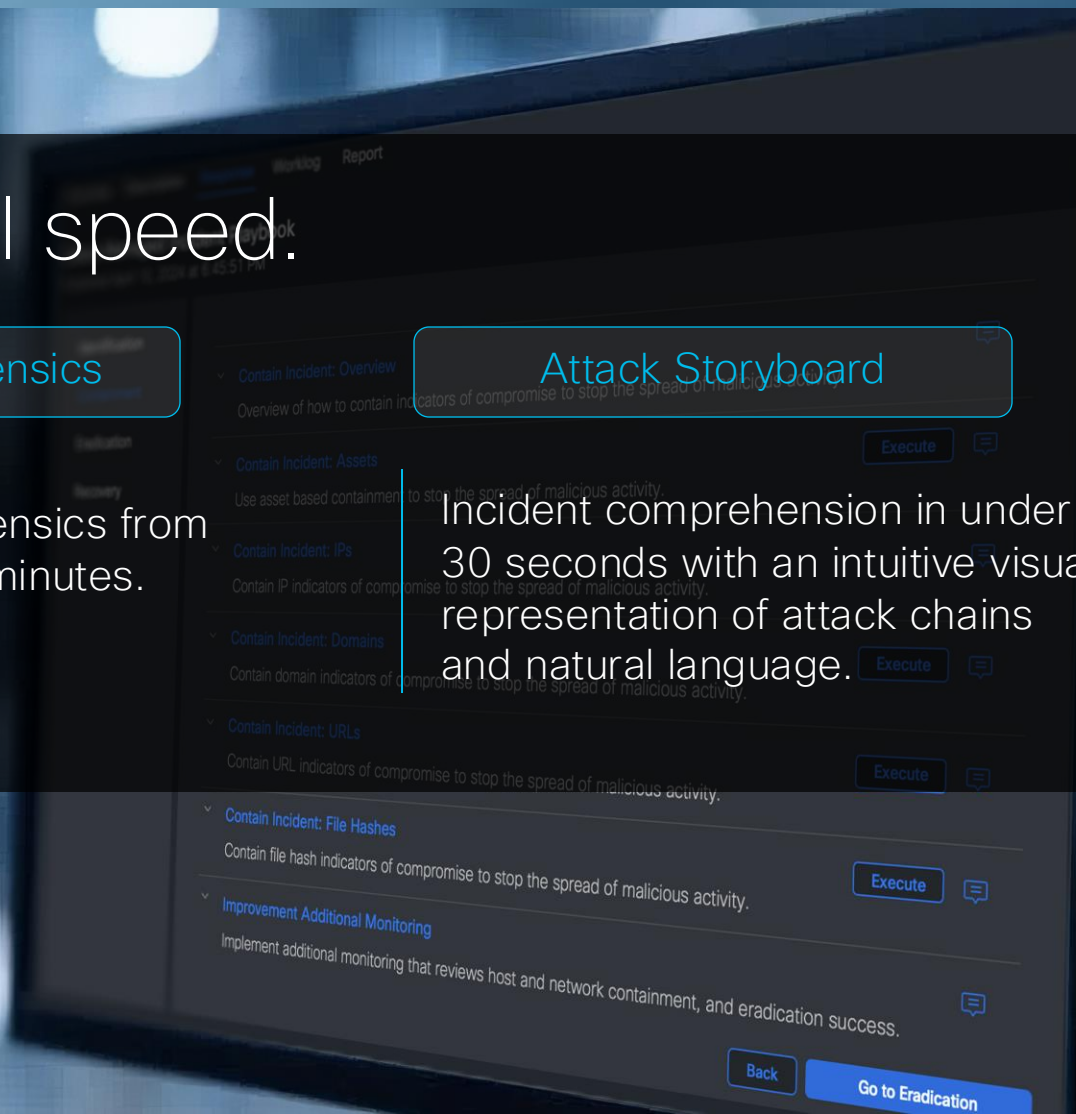
Multi-agent, agentic AI to quickly confirm threats, enabling decisive, automated response

Automated Forensics

Market leading forensics from every endpoint in minutes.

Attack Storyboard

Incident comprehension in under 30 seconds with an intuitive visual representation of attack chains and natural language.



Instant Attack Verification with a Clear Verdict

Clear verdict. Decisive action. AI speed.

Each alert is analyzed by AI agents to **eliminate false positives**

Multiple AI agents launch investigation plan to **verify** real attack with a clear **verdict**

Trigger a **decisive response** through playbooks in XDR/SOAR

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Incident 453

Multi-Stage Malware Attack with Exfiltration

Overview Detection Response Worklog Report

Summary

On October 8th, 2024, user Darin received a phishing email, resulting in the IcedID malware installation on endpoint Darin-windows11 and subsequent communication with a suspicious IP.

By October 9th, 3.2 GB of data was exfiltrated from endpoint misty-windows to an external IP.

Next Steps

Verification

Review data transfer logs to confirm data exfiltration to IP **162.125.13.18**.

Containment

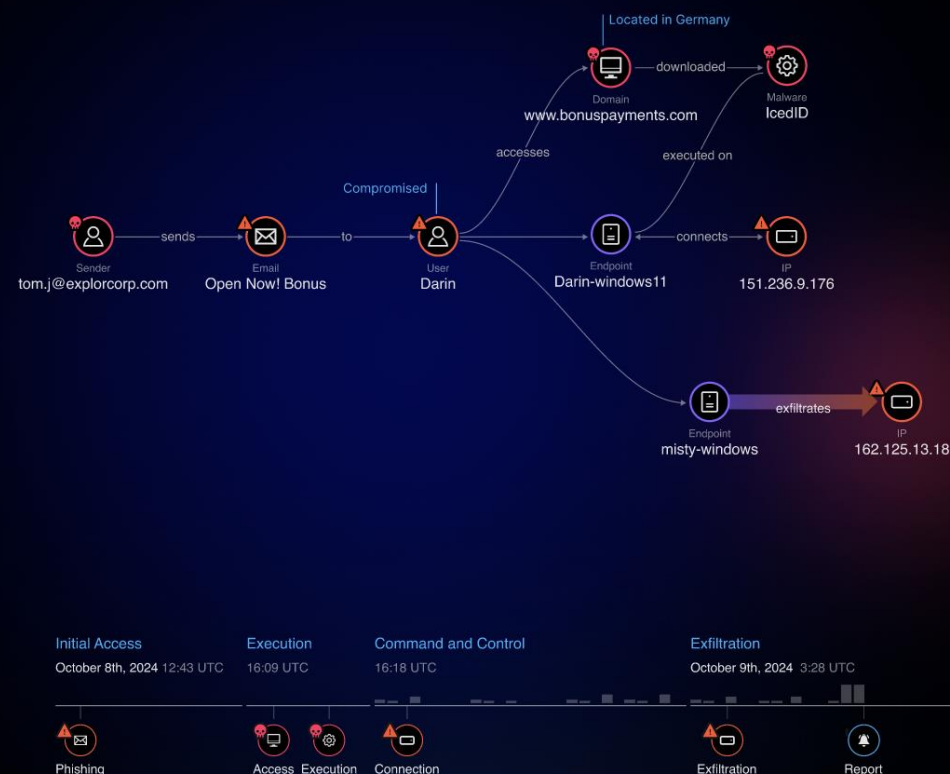
Isolate **endpoints** to prevent further damage.

Block malicious **IPs and domains** to stop communication.

Recovery

Reimage **endpoints** to restore a clean state.

Perform a full incident review and enhance email and network **policies**.



Automated Forensics to Gather Evidence Instantly

Clear verdict. Decisive action. AI speed.

The screenshot displays the Cisco XDR interface. At the top, the header shows the Cisco XDR logo, navigation icons, and the user 'Alexander Business Corp, Inc'. The main content area is titled 'Incidents' and shows a specific incident: 'Suspicious Email Activity Leading to Malware Alert Chain'. It is reported by 'Cisco Email Threat Defense' on '2024-03-11 23:37:32 UTC'. The incident description mentions a suspicious email mapped to the MITRE ATT&CK Tactic Initial Access, triggering a group of two alerts named 'Suspicious Email Findings by Initial Access'.

Below the incident details, there are tabs for 'Overview', 'Detection', 'Response', 'Evidence', 'Worklog', and 'Report'. The 'Evidence' tab is selected, and a blue arrow points to it. The 'Evidence' section shows a table of evidence items:

Evidence name	Asset
Acquisition 001	egonspengler-mac-5739
Acquisition 001	jmelnitz-mac-0978
Acquisition 001	ltully-mac-3461
Acquisition 001	pvenkman-win-4827
Acquisition 001	slimer-mac-5739
Acquisition 001	rstance-mac-1234
Acquisition 001	wzedmore-win-4827
Acquisition 001	zuul-win-5487

Below the table, there is a 'Dashboard' section with several metrics and charts:

- Overview:** Assets: 1, Evidence Categories: 133, Total Evidence: 127,892.
- MITRE ATT&CK:** Tactics: 8, Techniques: 15, Findings: 222.
- Finding Type:** A donut chart showing 241 total findings, categorized by severity: 0 High, 4 Medium, 237 Low, and 0 Matched.
- Top Assets Breakdown:** A horizontal bar chart showing the top asset 'egonspengler-mac-57...' with 237 findings.

On the right side of the interface, there are three status messages indicating 'Forensic acquisition complete' for the assets 'egonspengler-mac-5739', 'jmelnitz-mac-0978', and 'ltully-mac-3461'.

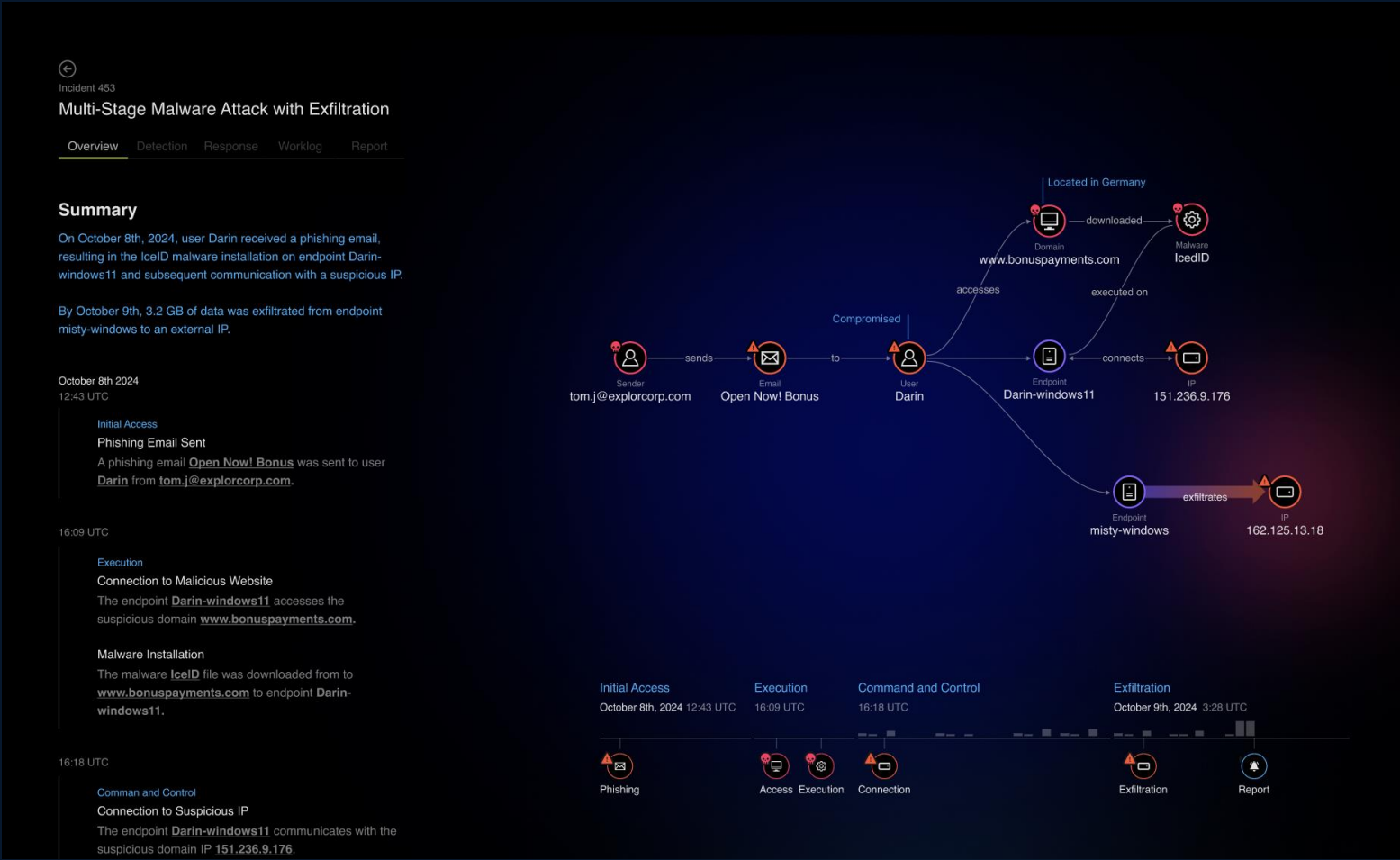
Trigger **forensics** before you know that you need it

100s of evidence components are captured even from **compromised** device

Evidence builds **confidence** to take **decisive** next steps

Attack Storyboard to Comprehend an Incident in 30 Sec

Clear verdict. Decisive action. AI speed.



Turn complex attacks into **visual narratives** with explanation summary

Attack graph **mapped MITRE** tactics

Unified workflow from investigation to remediation with no context switching

Cisco SOC of the future

Advanced threat detections

90
PERCENT

Faster to identify root cause of threats

Real-time attack
chain detection

Curated and
custom detections

Automated threat
enrichment with
Cisco Talos

Cisco SOC of the future

AI-accelerated investigations



Reduction in case management time

AI-guided
investigations

Unified
investigations and
threat hunting

Fully automate
threat analysis

Cisco SOC of the future

Automated response

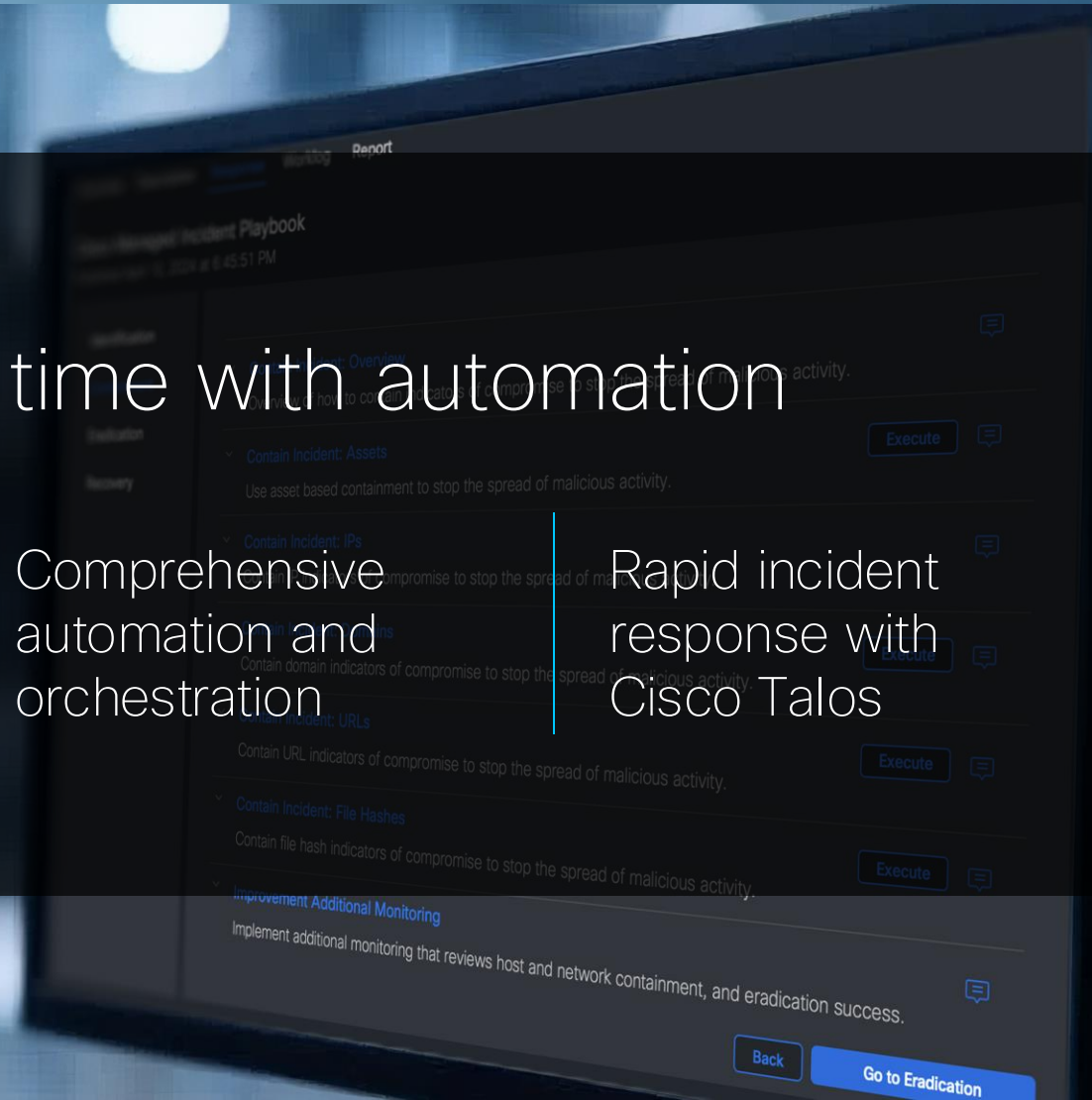
5X

Faster response time with automation

Pre-built
responses for
quick action

Comprehensive
automation and
orchestration

Rapid incident
response with
Cisco Talos



The Cisco XDR difference

Clear verdict. Decisive action. AI speed.



Agentic AI paired with
human intelligence

Create clarity and increase
confidence in every decision
with Agentic AI



Network + Endpoint
at the core

Detect the most advanced
attacks since Cisco XDR is
powered by network insights



Open and unified
approach to XDR

Get unified visibility via broad
integrations with Cisco security
solutions and third-party tools

Security Operations Simplified

Detect sooner

Prioritize by impact

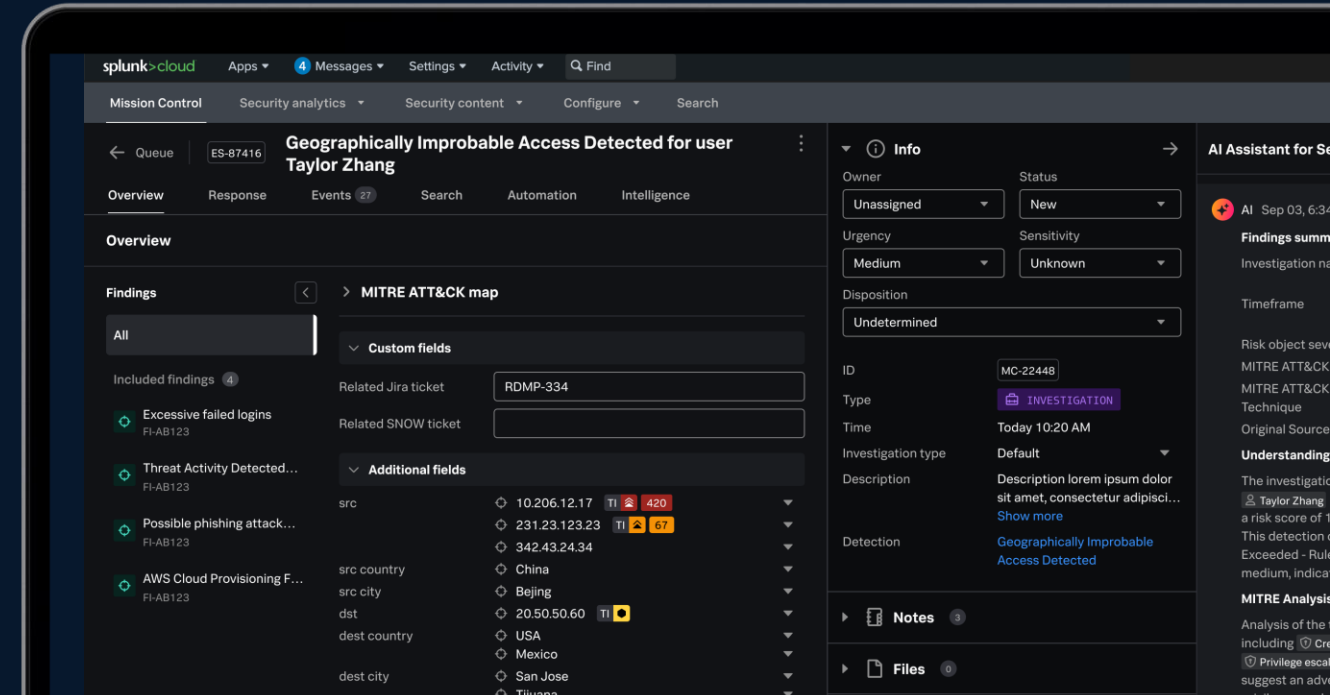
Speed up investigations

Accelerate response

Splunk ES: Using Insights to Exploit Every Advantage

Splunk Enterprise Security

Market-leading SIEM with
AI-powered capabilities



Unmatched
visibility

Empowers
advanced detection

Fuels operational
efficiency

Effective security operations require



Visibility

Of the Attack Surface

Telemetry
& Logs

Cisco Security Cloud
Technical Add-on:
+25K downloads

+



Knowledge

Knowing what to look for

Threat Intel, Indicators,
Detections, Context

Cisco Talos: 2,000 new
samples analyzed
every minute

+



Action

Ability to take Action

Policies, Blocking,
Patching, Remediating

SOAR ecosystem:
+300 connectors with
+2,800 automated actions

Cisco SOC of the future

Federated data management



Reduction in event size for more efficient SecOps

Shape, store
and access data
your way

Optimize costs
and enhance
decision making

Data pipeline
management to filter,
mask, enrich, route
data pre-ingest

Power the SOC of the future

Data Management and Federation

Search, Analyze and Manage Data Wherever it Resides

Effectively manage complex data management needs. Seamlessly access data stored across different data stores for search and analytics.

Transform Threat Detection

Tackle an Expanding Threat Landscape

Author and engineer detections to support a range of detection methodologies and effectively implement detection as code.

Reduce Risk Exposure

Reduce Your Exposure to Risk and Compliance Gaps

Unleash continuous asset discovery to enhance compliance posture and close gaps in security controls.

Simplify SecOps with AI

Simplify the Analyst Experience with AI

Augment your SOC team with AI to help analysts with routine yet error-prone tasks such as writing investigative summaries.

Unify TDIR

Unify TDIR with Automated Workflows

Coordinate and collaborate across the TDIR lifecycle with automated workflows using custom SOAR playbooks.

Cisco integrations made seamless

The Cisco Security Cloud app enables easier integration of your Cisco data sources within Splunk

Single application that packages all Cisco Security integrations in a single offering based on “gold standard” best practices

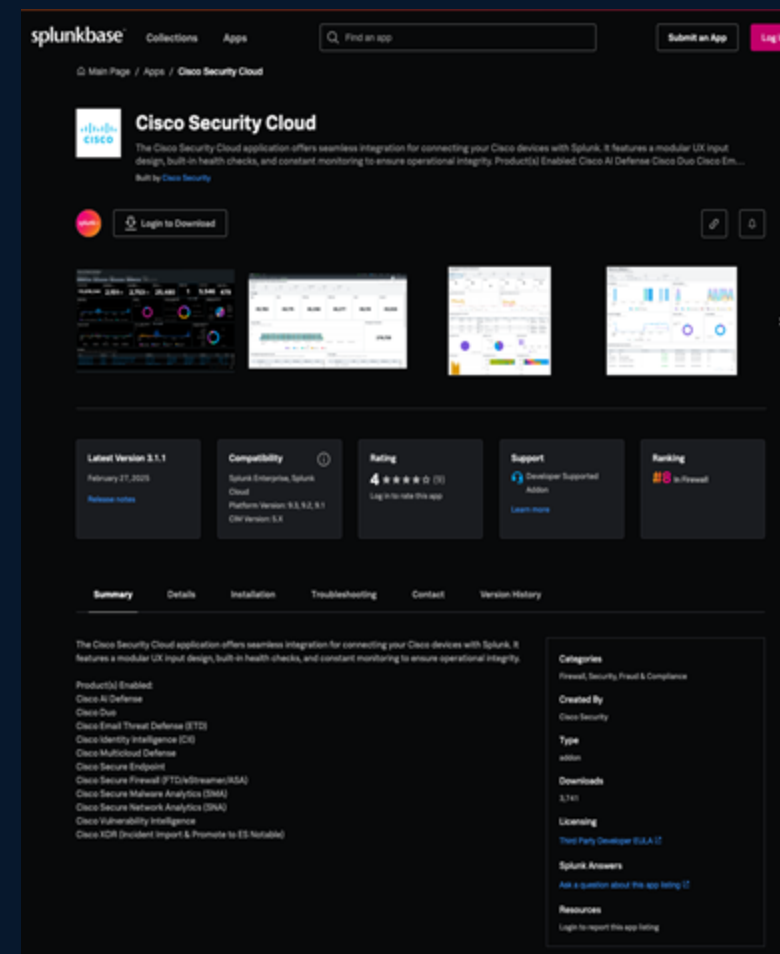
Replaces the older individual Cisco TA's and Apps that are now archived

Available Today:

- AI Defense
- Secure Network analytics
- XDR (Incident Reporting)
- Email Threat Defense
- Multi Cloud Defense
- Secure Firewall (FTD, Estreamer, ASA)
- Malware Analytics
- Secure Endpoint
- Kenna Vulnerability Intelligence
- Identity Intelligence
- Duo

Next Up:

- Secure Workload
- Isovalent (Hypershield)
- Crosswork Cloud



Splunk Security delivering a comprehensive approach

World class detection approach for the SOC of the future

Pre-built detections

- 1,700+ Curated Detections by Splunk Threat Research
- 225+ Analytic Stories
- 75+ Automation Playbooks

Rule-based detections

- Event-based Detections
- Findings-based Detections
- Adaptive Response Actions
- Automation Rules and SOAR Playbooks

Dynamic detections

- ML-based Detections
- Real-time Behavioral Analytics
- Risk-Based Alerting

Custom detections

- Fully customizable built-in detections
- Full flexibility to create custom detections
- Machine Learning Toolkit

Automatic threat intelligence enrichment

(Threat Intelligence Management, Talos Threat Intelligence, 3rd Party)

Integration with cybersecurity frameworks

(Threat Topology Visualization, MITRE ATT&CK, NIST CSF 2.0, Cyber Kill Chain®)

Detection authoring and management

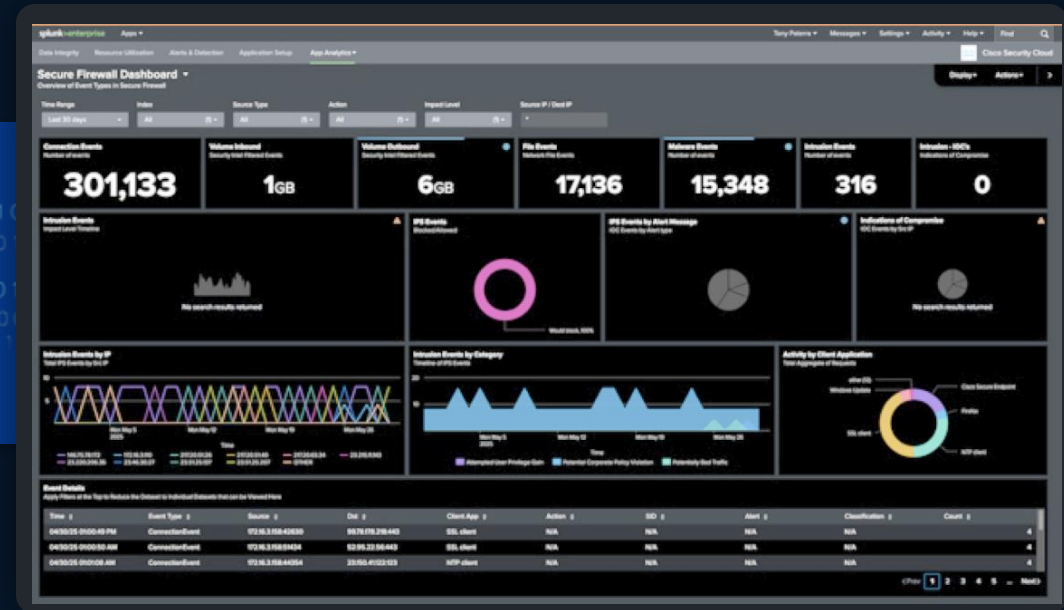
(Automatic Detection Versioning, Open-Source Tools)

NEW

Security Insight, on Us

Free Cisco firewall logs to Splunk*

AVAILABLE since August 2025



New detections | Automated response

*Ingest up to 5GB/device/day requires Firewall Threat Defense subscription and Splunk license

Enterprise Security 8.0

The Market-Leading SIEM to Power the SOC of the Future

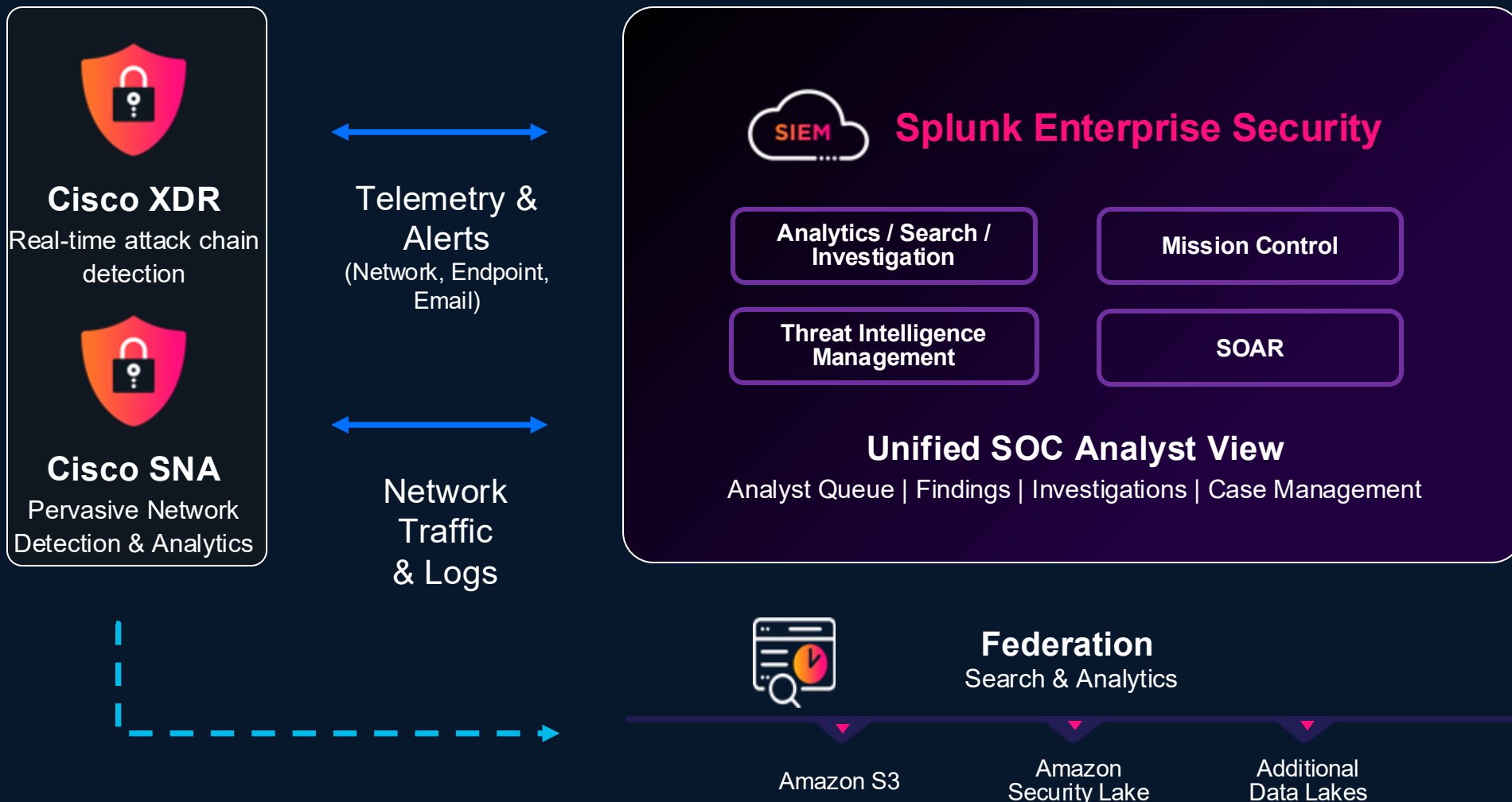
- Improved case management capabilities
- Native Splunk® SOAR integration
- Enhanced detection engineering capabilities
- Simplified terminology for security analytics

The screenshot displays the Splunk Enterprise Security 8.0 interface. The main title is "Investigation of findings from the same entity [bstoll@splunkshirtcompany.com]". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Overview:** Shows a "Findings" list on the left with filters like "All" and "MITRE ATT&CK map". The main area displays a "MITRE ATT&CK map" with various attack techniques like "Reconnaissance", "Resource Development", "Initial Access", "Execution", "Permissions", "Privilege Escalation", and "Defense Evasion".
- Custom fields:** A section for defining custom fields, including "Related Jira ticket" (RDMP-334), "Related SHOWN ticket", "Destination" (bstoll@splunkshirtcompany.com), "Destination category" (workstation), "Destination city" (San Francisco), "Destination country" (US), "Destination DNS" (bstoll), "Destination Expected" (false), "Destination IP address" (10.0.1.4), "Destination NT hostname" (bstoll.splunkshirtcompany.com), "Destination owner" (ben.stoll), "Destination PCI domain" (untrust), "Destination requires antivirus" (false), "Destination should time synchronize" (false), "Destination should update" (false), "File hash" (586E56F4D8963C0546163AC31C865D7), "Process" (powershell.exe), "Entity built" (americas), "Entity category" (technical), "Entity priority" (critical), and "Entity type" (user).
- Related investigations:** A section for viewing related investigations, including "History", "Drill-down search", "Drill-down dashboard", and "Original event".
- Adaptive responses:** A section for viewing adaptive responses, including "Response", "Mode", "Time", "User", and "Status".
- Next steps:** A section for viewing next steps, including "None".
- Info:** A sidebar on the right containing details about the case, including "Owner" (Marquis Montgomery), "Status" (New), "Urgency" (Medium), "Severity" (Unknown), "Disposition" (Undetermined), "ID" (ES-00001), "Type" (Investigation), "Time" (Today 9:50 AM), "Investigation type" (Default), "Description" (5 findings were detected that were associated with bstoll@splunkshirtcompany.com), and "Detection" (Same Entity Finding Aggregation).
- Notes:** A section for viewing notes, including "Search notes", "Machine infected", "Blocked outbound network access", and "Next steps".
- Files:** A section for viewing files, including "Drop your files here or browse" and "at file types supported".

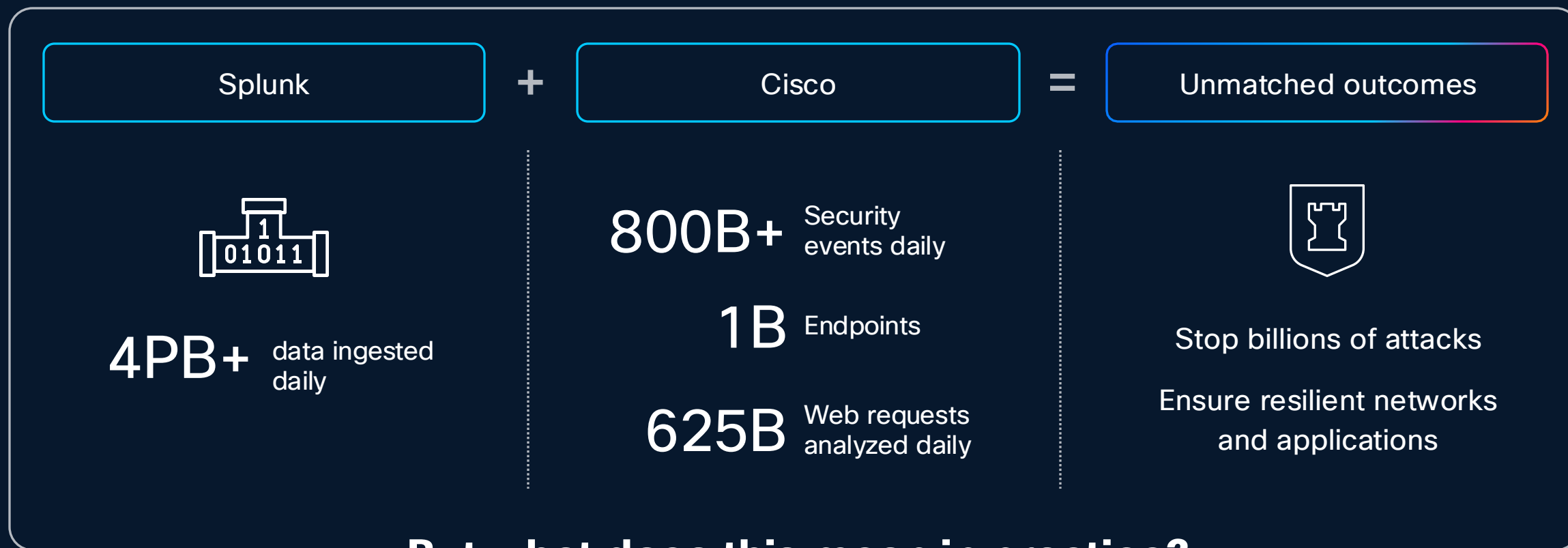
Unifying Threat Detection, Investigation and Response

Splunk Enterprise Security: The Core of the Unified TDIR Experience



**The SOC: Float Like a
Butterfly, Sting Like a Bee**

Splunk and Cisco drive actionable insights



But what does this mean in practice?

Strategy Guiding Principles



Integration

- Combine the best fit of the Cisco + Splunk portfolios to deliver a custom-fit solution unique to Customers needs.
- Allow for all personas to work within a similar set of views/platforms to reduce switching costs and tool sprawl.



Automation

- Make hyper-automation a priority in all aspects of the design and execution of this solution.
- Innovate wherever possible to reduce manual work and total cost of ownership.
- Increase Customers potential for future success and scalability.

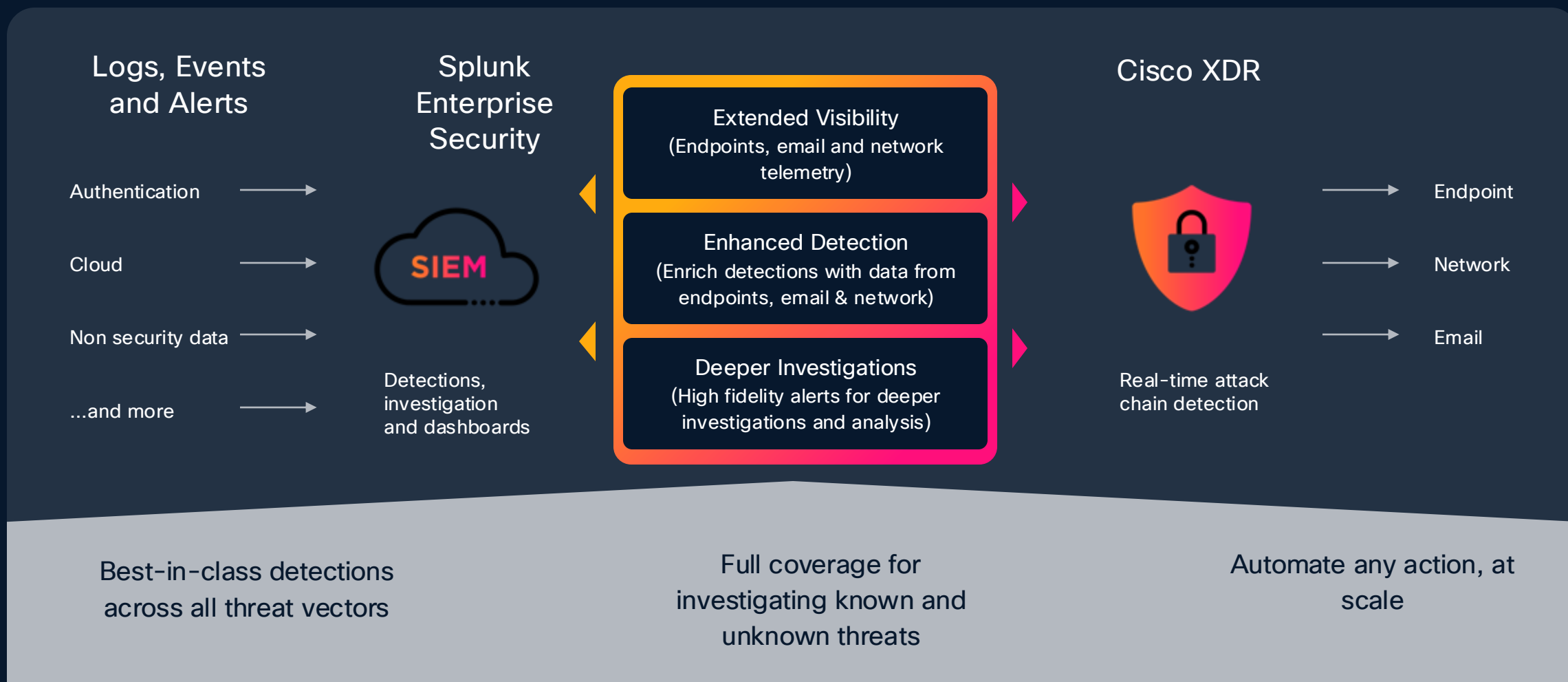


Simplicity

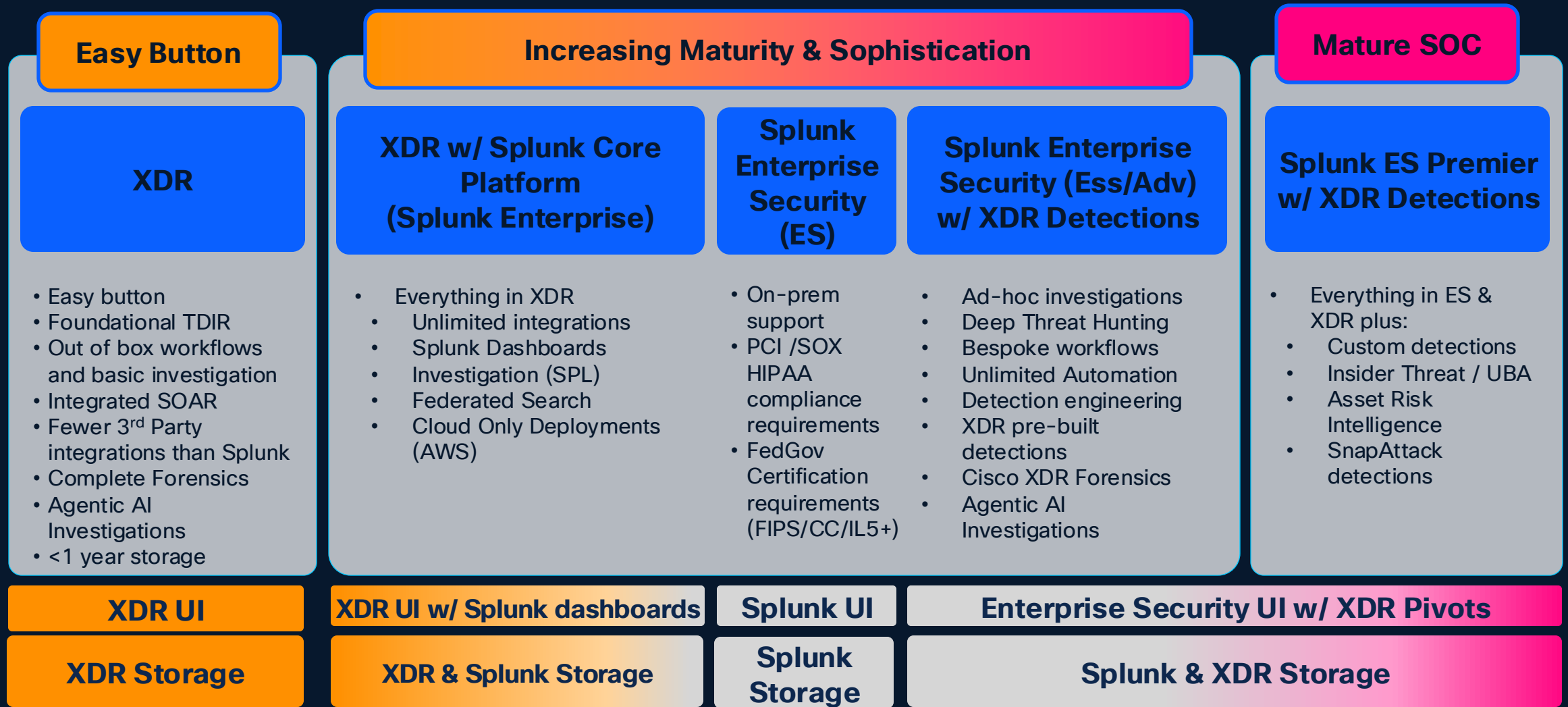
- Define guidelines around data hygiene and intake processes to reduce technical debt and complexity.
- Implement processes around continuous monitoring and improvement of data sources, reports, and detections.

Expand detection surface and context

Cisco XDR integration with Splunk ES



Unified TDIR: XDR w/Splunk dashboards, federated search and long-term log storage



Additive features & functionality starting with XDR, adding Splunk Core then layering in Enterprise Security advanced security use cases

Customer Product Integrations - Security

Foundational

Transformative

Maximized

Efficient User and Workload Pricing

**Breach Protection Suite
Cisco XDR**

Premier – Managed XDR
Advantage – Third-Party Integrations
Essentials – Cisco Only

**Cisco XDR +
Splunk Cloud /
Enterprise**

Splunk Enterprise Security

Essentials

Cisco XDR

Premier

SOAR, TIM
Cisco XDR,
UEBA

Add-ons

Asset Risk
Intelligence,
Attack Analyzer

Breach Protection Suite

Secure Network Analytics, Secure Endpoint, Email Threat Defense, Identity Intelligence, Malware Analytics

Customer Provided Integrations

Email, Proxy/Secure Access Service Edge, Firewall, Netflow, Zeek, Packet Capture, Endpoint Protection, SOAR, Identity, Cloud, and others security tools.

Delivering critical capabilities for a foundational TDIR solution

	Cisco XDR	Splunk Security	Cisco + Splunk
Threat Detection:	Built-in detections focused on email, network & endpoint	Supports custom detections across any data source	Best-in-class detections across all threat vectors
Investigation:	Built-in workflows for common investigations	Flexible investigations including ad-hoc threat hunting	Full coverage for investigating known and unknown threats
Response:	Built-in responses for quick actions	Rich automations with custom playbooks	Automate any action, at scale.
	Easy-to-Use	Flexible	Complete Solution

Better together: SOC of the Future

Market leading SIEM + Innovative XDR

Federated data
management

Advanced threat
detections

AI-accelerated
investigations

Automated
response

EMBEDDED AI

CONTENT AND THREAT RESEARCH



User/Cloud/
Breach/



Networking



Third-party
tools



Talos



Clouds



Devices



Data
centers



Applications

What Cisco brings to the security problem

Cisco Security Cloud



Thank you

