Technical Dive into Network Admission Control and Next Generation Event Management (MARS)

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Network Admission Control

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- Overview on Network Admission Control
- NAC Deployment models

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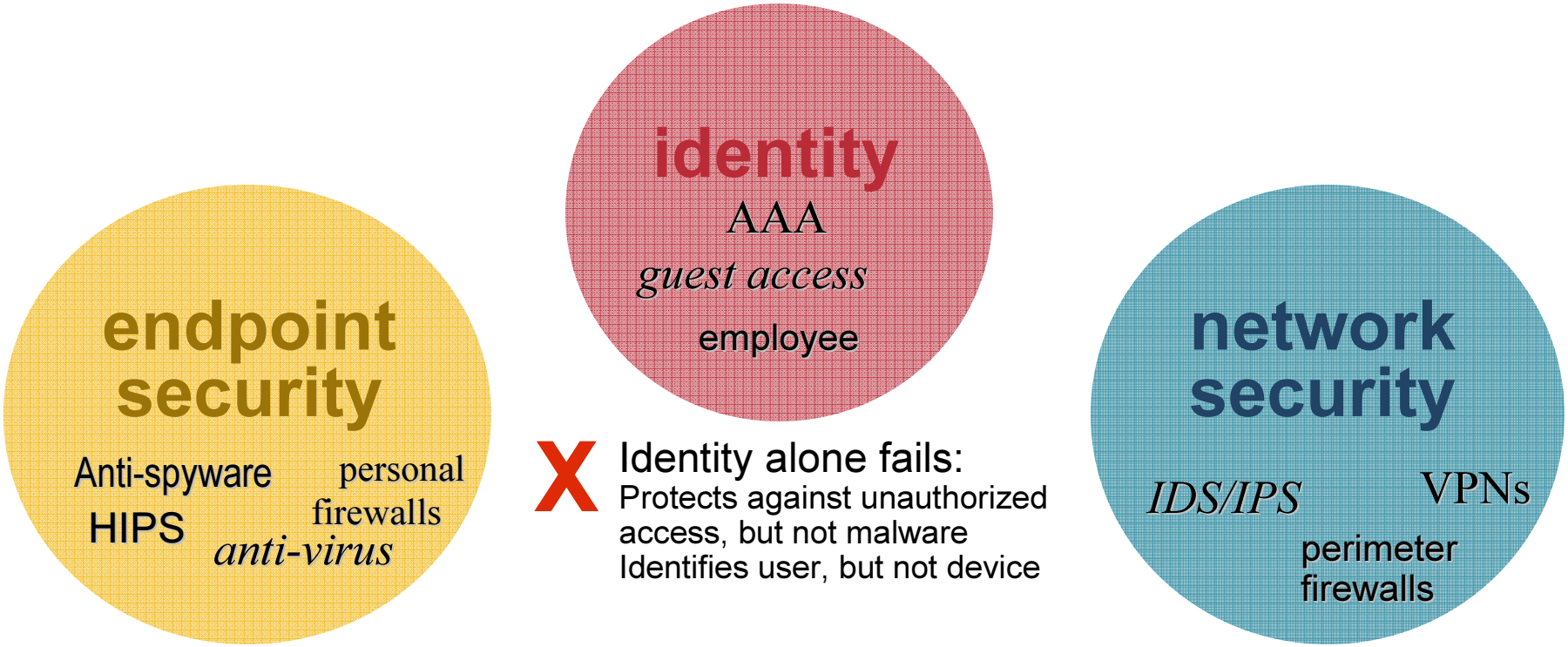
Complexity Demands Defense-in-Depth



X Identity alone fails:
Protects against unauthorized access, but not malware
Identifies user, but not device

X Endpoint security alone fails:
99% have AV, but infections persist!
Host based apps are easily manipulated—even unintentionally
Time gap between virus and virus def/repair

X Network security alone fails:
Firewalls cannot block legitimate ports
VPNs cannot block legitimate users
Malware signatures must be known
Detection often occurs after-the-fact

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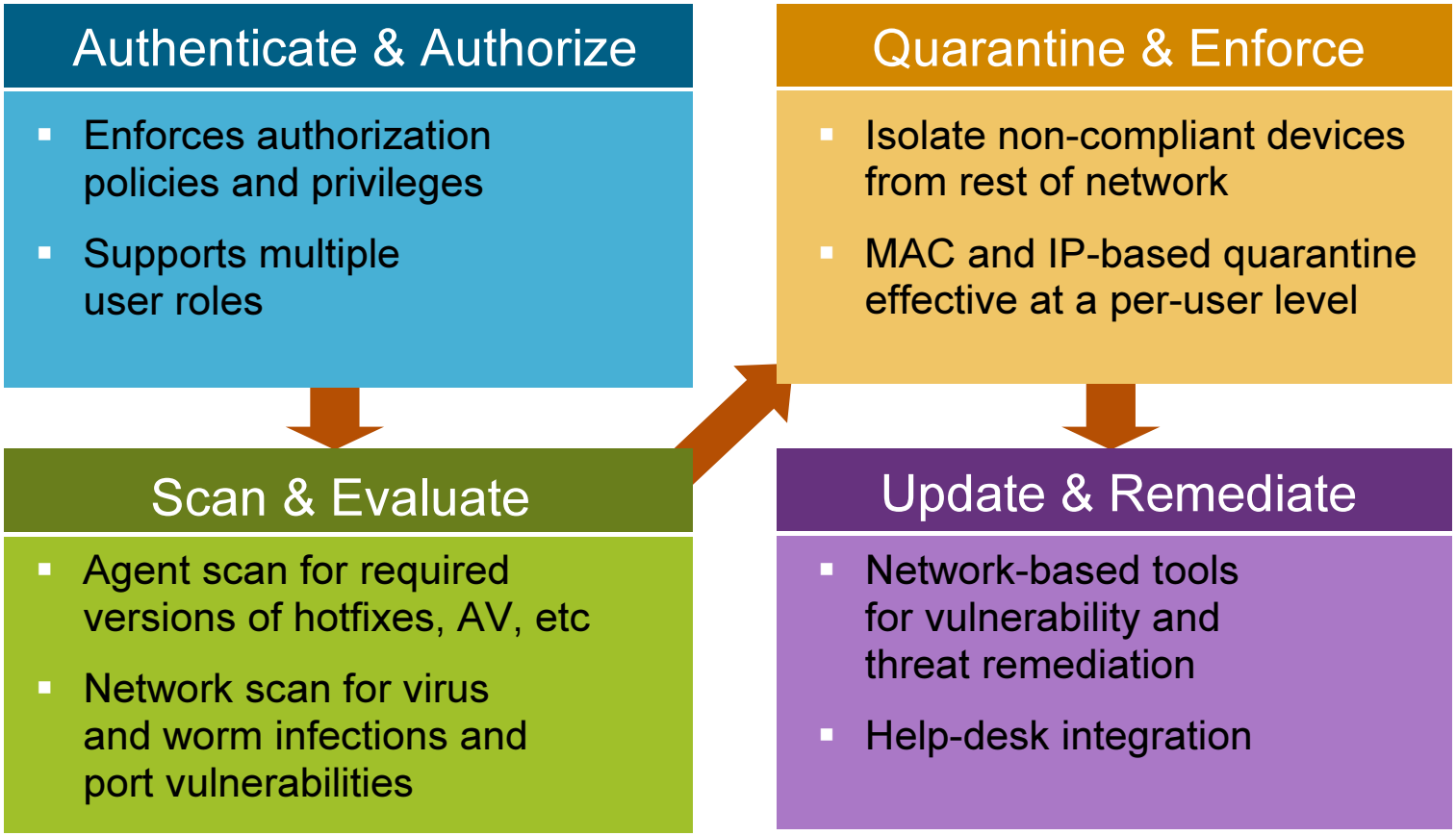
Make Access Contingent on Compliance

First, establish ACCESS POLICIES. Then:



NO COMPLIANCE = NO NETWORK ACCESS

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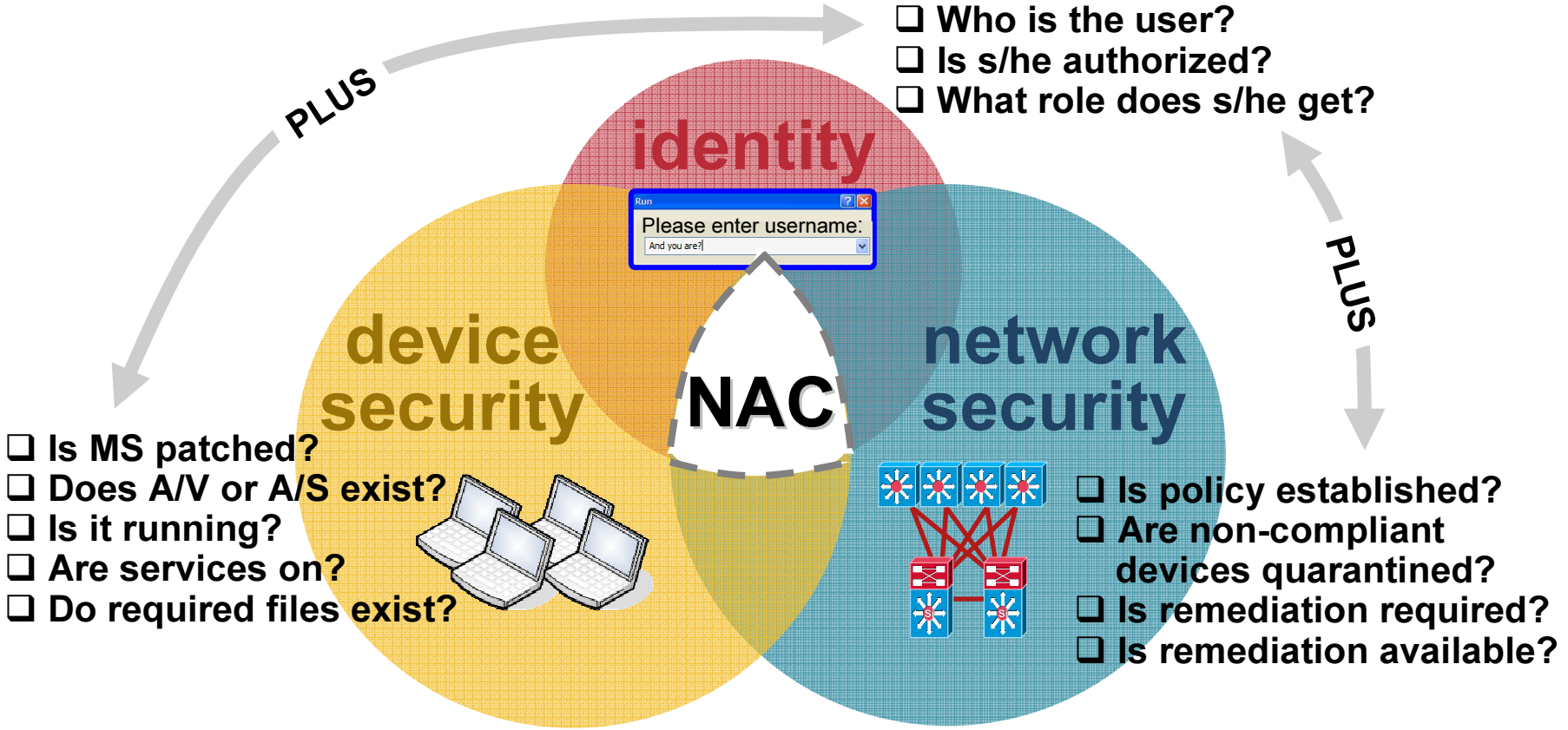
What Is Network Admission Control?

Using the network to enforce policies ensures that incoming devices are compliant.



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Four Key Capabilities of Cisco NAC

	SECURELY IDENTIFY DEVICE & USER	ENFORCE CONSISTENT POLICY	QUARANTINE AND REMEDIATE	CONFIGURE AND MANAGE
WHAT IT MEANS	**Uniquely identifies users and devices, and creates associations between the two**	**Assess and enforce a ubiquitous policy across the entire network**	**Acts on posture assessment results, isolates device, and brings it into compliance**	**Easily creates comprehensive, granular policies that map quickly to user groups and roles**
WITHOUT IT . . .	Critical to associate users and devices with roles to know which policies apply; prevents device spoofing.	A decentralized policy mechanism (e.g. on endpoint) can leave gaping security holes.	Just knowing a device is non-compliant is not enough—someone still needs to fix it.	Policies that are too complex or difficult to create and use will lead to abandonment of project.

Any robust NAC solution must have all four capabilities.

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Cisco NAC Is Widely Deployed Today

- Cisco NAC Appliance has 2500+ customers
- Mid-market and large enterprises
  - Financial services
  - Healthcare
  - Public sector
  - Manufacturing
- **One product for all use cases**
  - Remote access VPN
  - Guest users
  - Wireless
  - LAN
  - VoIP

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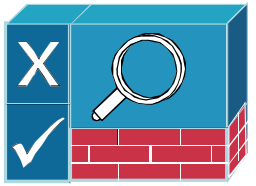
NAC Appliance Components

- **Cisco NAC Appliance Manager**

  Centralizes management for administrators, support personnel, and operators

- **Cisco NAC Appliance Server**

  Serves as posture, remediation and enforcement access control

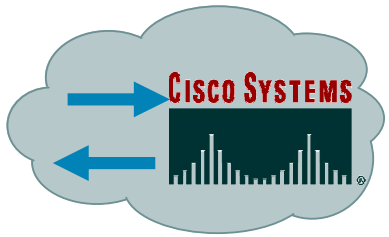


- **Cisco NAC Appliance Agent**

  Optional lightweight client for device-based registry scans in unmanaged environments

- **Rule-set Updates**

  Scheduled automatic updates for anti-virus, critical hot-fixes and other applications



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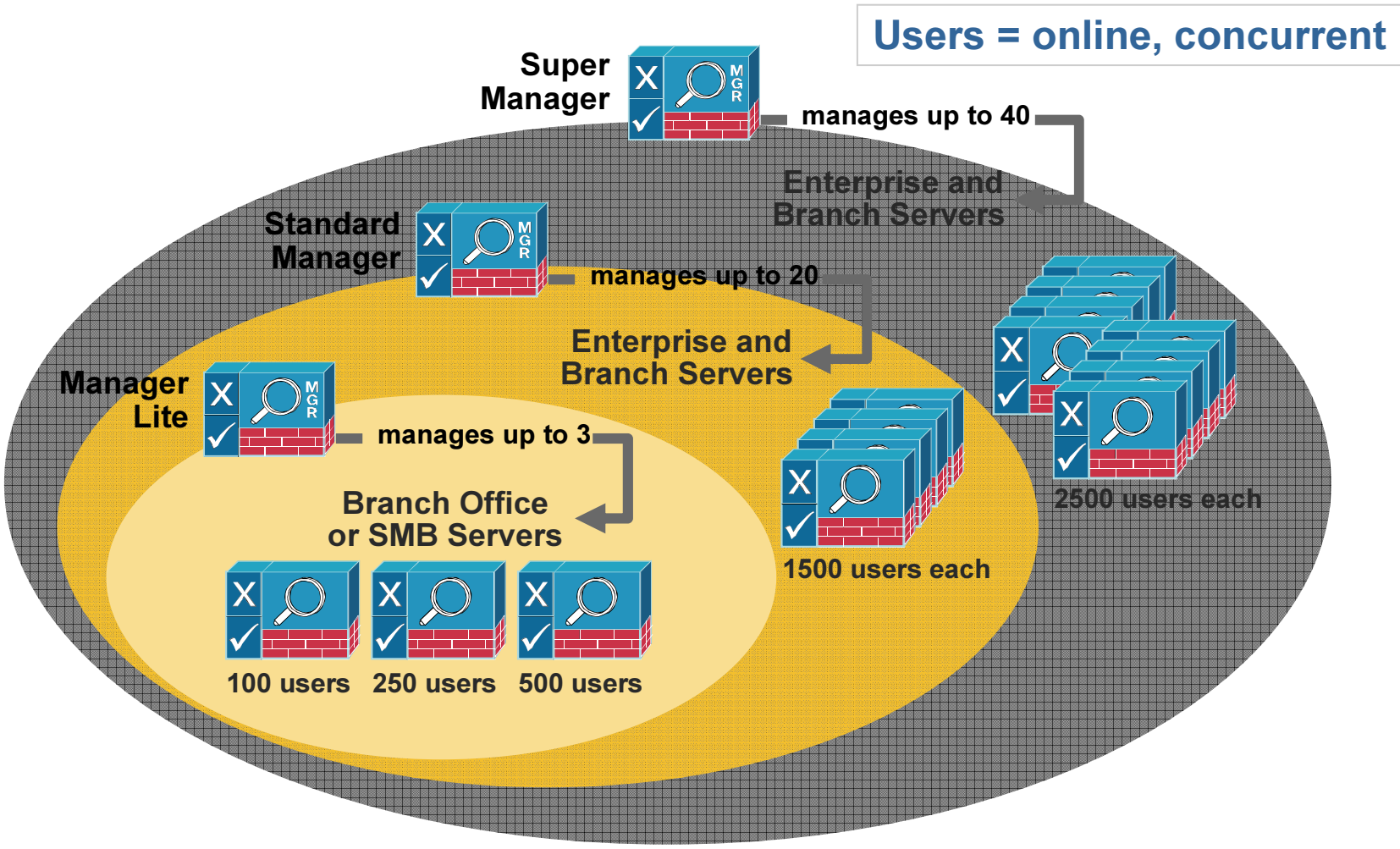
NAC Appliance Sizing (100,000+ User support)



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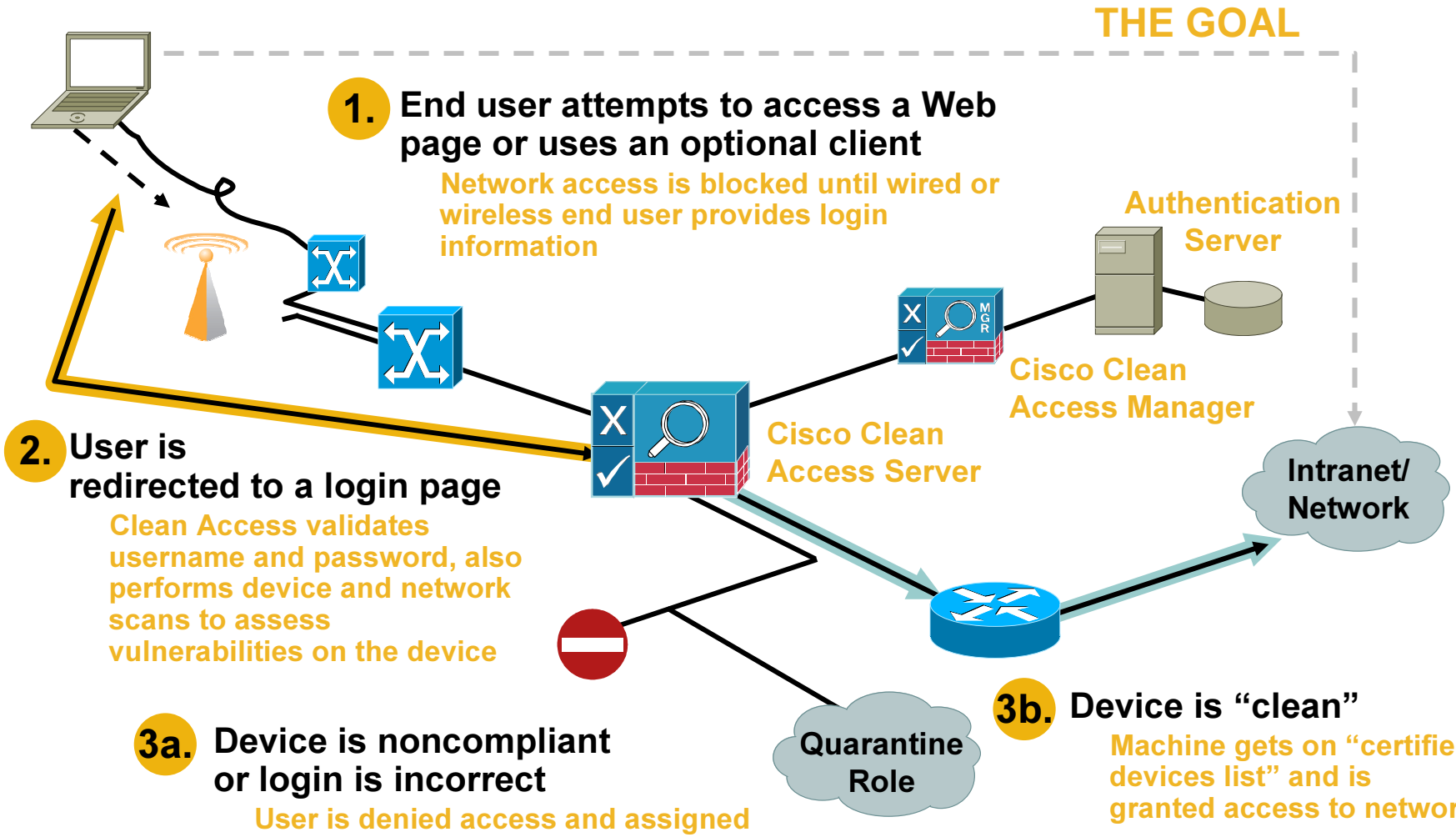
Cisco NAC Appliance Overview



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Endpoint Security Posture

End User Experience Demo

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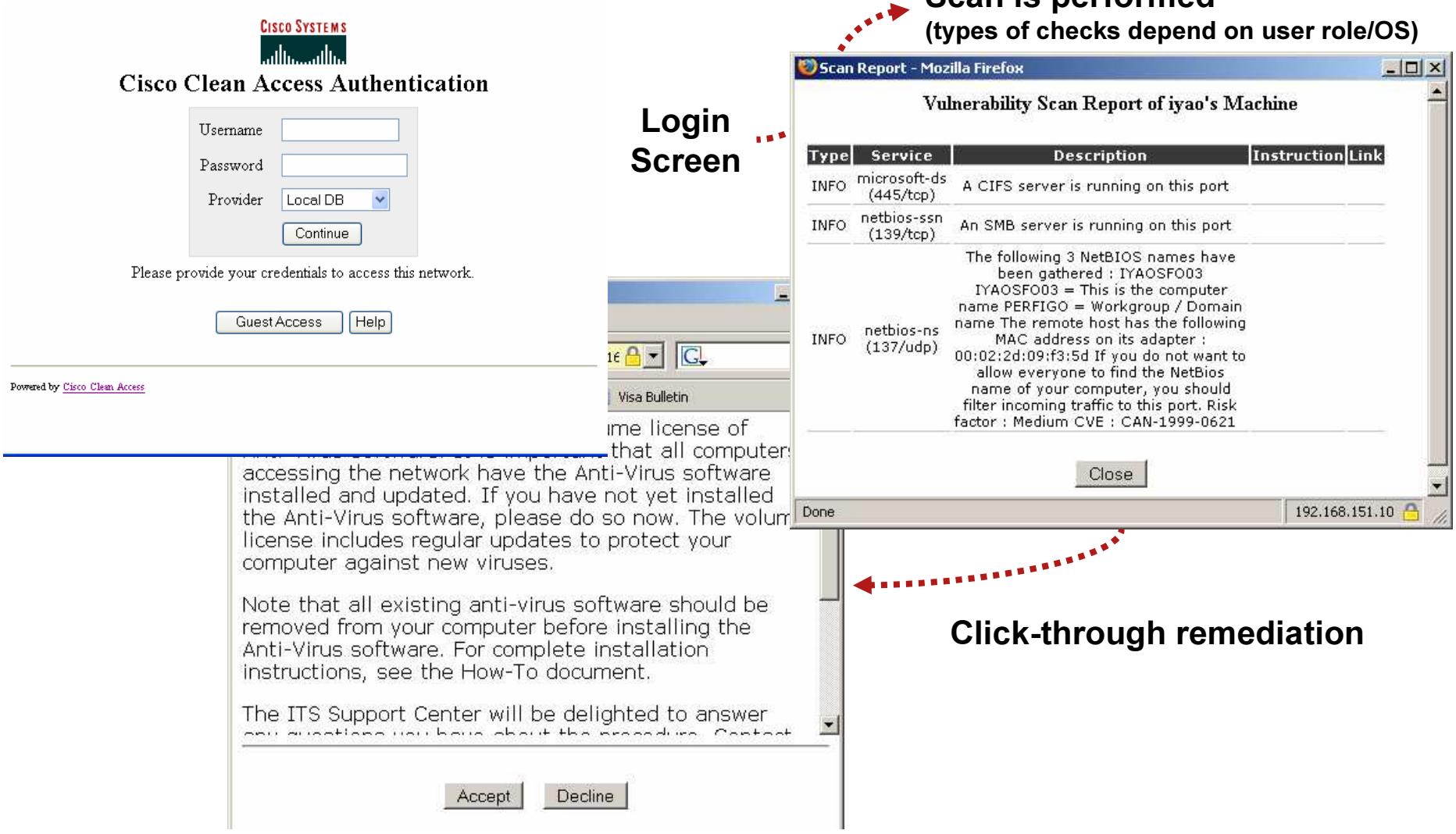
End User Experience: Web-based



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Cisco NAC Appliance Partnerships

Cisco NAC is committed to protecting customer's investments in partner applications

NAC Appliance Supports Policies for 250+ Applications, Including These Vendors:

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NAC - Microsoft Support

Current Support

Window OS Agent Support
Vista (Business Edition)
XP (Home/Pro/MCE/Tablet)
2000/ME/98 (Agent)

Windows Agentless Support
WinCE, WinMobile
IE5.x, 6.x and 7.x

Windows Language Pack Support
15+ languages supported

Windows Hotfixes/AV Checks
Auto-updates to pre-configured Hotfix and oneCare AV checks

Windows Update via windowsupdate.com
Redirect to windowsupdate.com for remediation

Windows Update via WSUS
Ability to configure Windows Updater parameters
Launch WSUS agent for auto-remediation

GPO/Login

AD Single-Sign-On
Windows 2003/2000 Server

GPO Launch post Authentication
Ability to launch GPO to tie AD desktop policy to access VLAN

Login Script "hold" Configuration
Provide a configuration to hold login script mapping till access VLAN

Upcoming

WSUS Agent immediate launch
Ability to force WSUS agent to remediate now

Microsoft SMS Agent remediation
Launch SMS Agent during remediation or x-days old

Vista Consumer Support

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Examples of Posture Assessment

Corporate Asset Tag

- Unique registries inserted into corporate devices
- Corporate PKI certificates installed in corporate devices

Microsoft Hotfixes:

- Critical hot-fixes checks (provided via Cisco automated updates)
- SUS/WUS running or AU Options (can force setting)
- Patch Management SW running (can launch qualified .exe)

Security Applications:

- HIDS (CSA) or Personal Firewall installed and running
- AV installed, running and latest DAT (can launch AV)
- Anti-Spyware installed and running
- Encryption software installed and running

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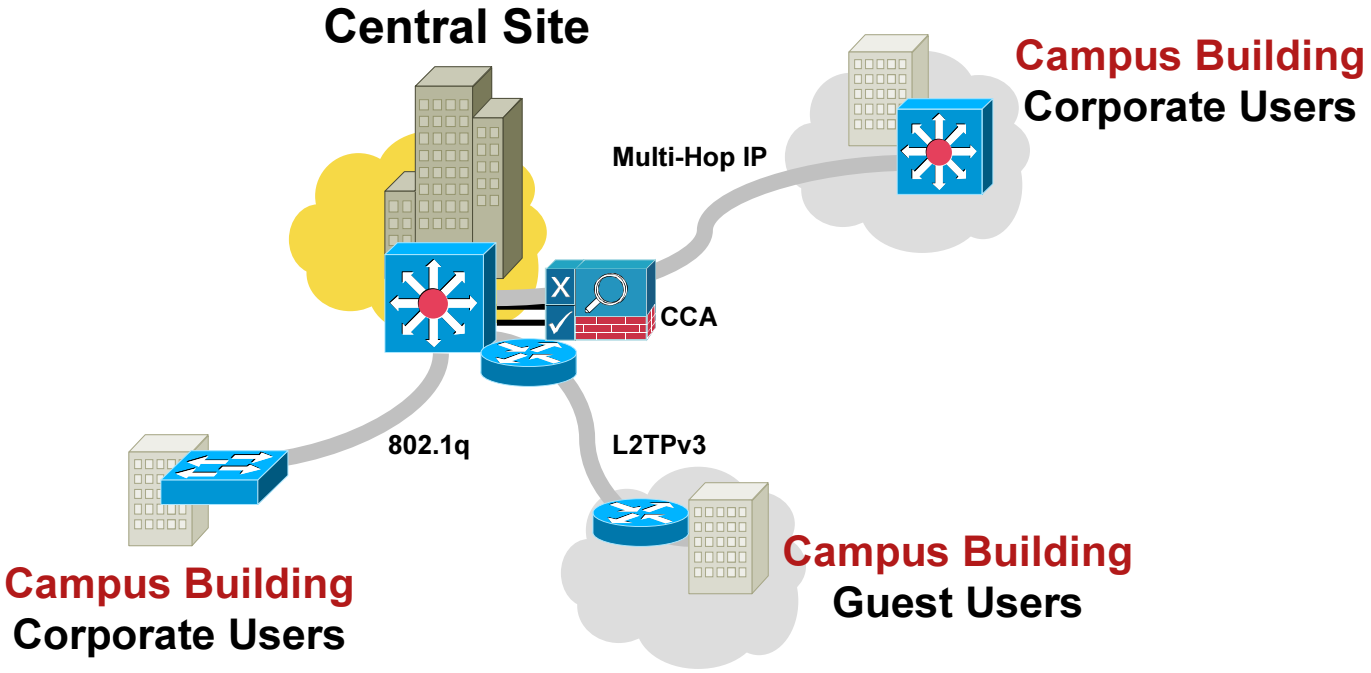
NAC Appliance for Corporate LAN



FEATURES	BENEFITS
▪ Supports 802.1q trunking ▪ Supports both L3 multi-hop and L2 ▪ Supports L2TPv3 tunneling ▪ Supports both inband and out-of-band	▪ Enables central deployment mode ▪ End user devices can be several hops away ▪ Extends enforcement to campus buildings

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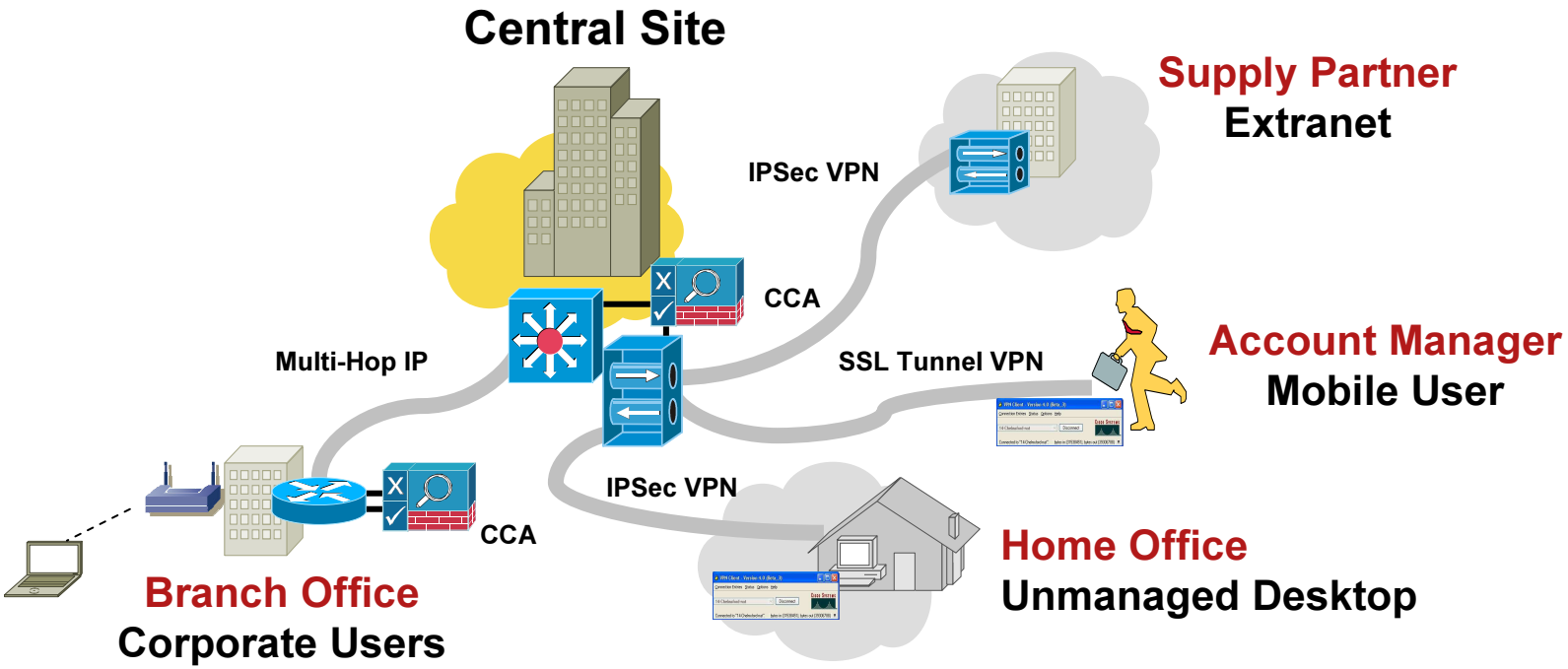
NAC Appliance for Remote Users



FEATURES	BENEFITS
▪ Supports IPSec and SSL Tunnel VPNs ▪ Supports site-to-site VPNs ▪ Supports VPN user sign-on	▪ Extends policy enforcement and compliance to remote access and VPN users ▪ Extends enforcement to site-to-site VPN partners ▪ Leverages VPN sign-on for single-sign-on

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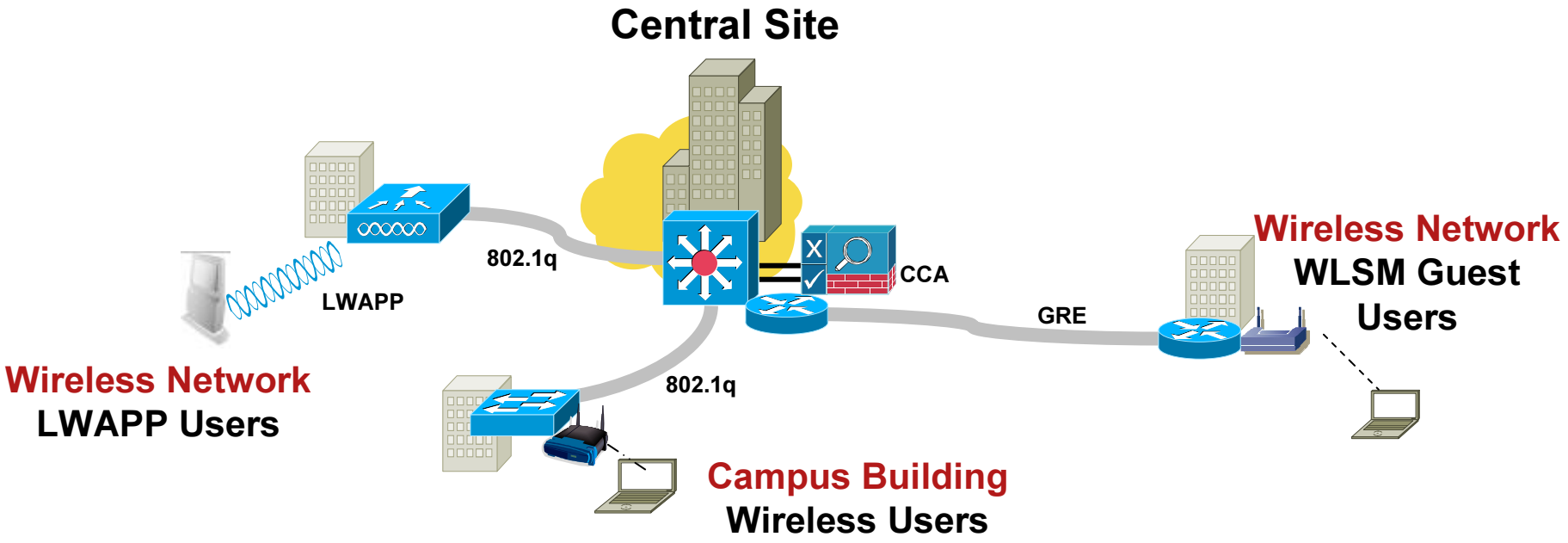
NAC Appliance for Wireless Users



FEATURES	BENEFITS
▪ Supports 802.1q trunking ▪ Support L2TPv3 or GRE tunneling ▪ Supports thin or thick wireless 802.11 APs ▪ Supports Wireless user sign-on	▪ Enables central deployment mode ▪ End user devices can be several hops away ▪ Extends enforcement to any wireless networks ▪ Leverages EAP sign-on for single-sign-on

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Deployment Tips and Best Practices

In-Band

- Required for wireless.
- Required for VPN.
- Deployed in 'Real-IP' mode when users are multiple hops away from the CAS.
- Direct traffic to the untrusted interface (eth1) using 802.1q or policy-based routes for users or
- VLANs that need to become certified.

Out-of-Band

- Deployed in networks where high network throughput is required.
- MAC notification is preferable to Link-State notification as a means of trap reporting because it is quicker.
- To ensure proper SNMP configuration enterprise wide, the use of an SNMP manager such as Cisco Works is highly recommended.
- If deploying into a network with VOIP, MAC Notification is required on the access switch if PC's will be plugged into the back of the phone.

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Monitoring, Analysis and Response System

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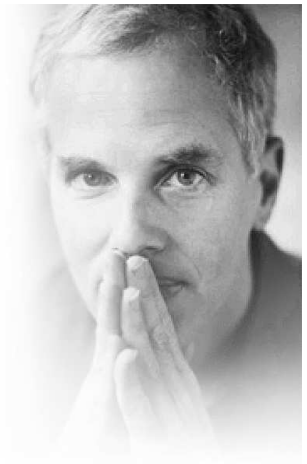
Security Logging



	Events /Sec	MB/Hr
Small VPN Gateway	50	27.4
Entry Firewall	100	54.8
High Router	200	109.6
Mid IPS	400	219.2

Reasons for logging:

- **I don't need it, so I don't log it**
- **I log for troubleshooting reasons**
- **I log for security analysis**
- **I am logging for legal reasons**

Too Many Devices, Too Much Data—All to Find a Needle in a Haystack

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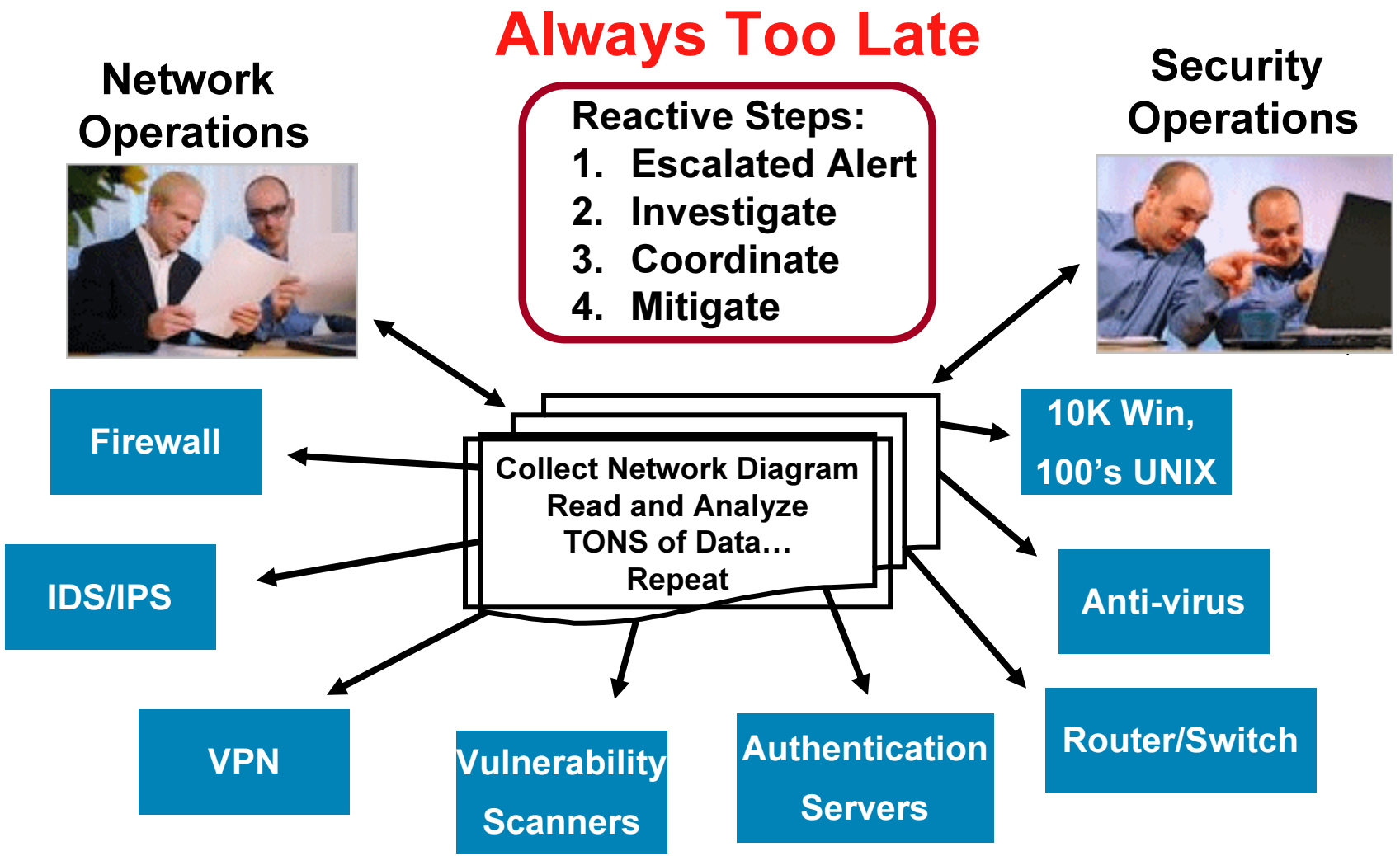
Security Operations Response



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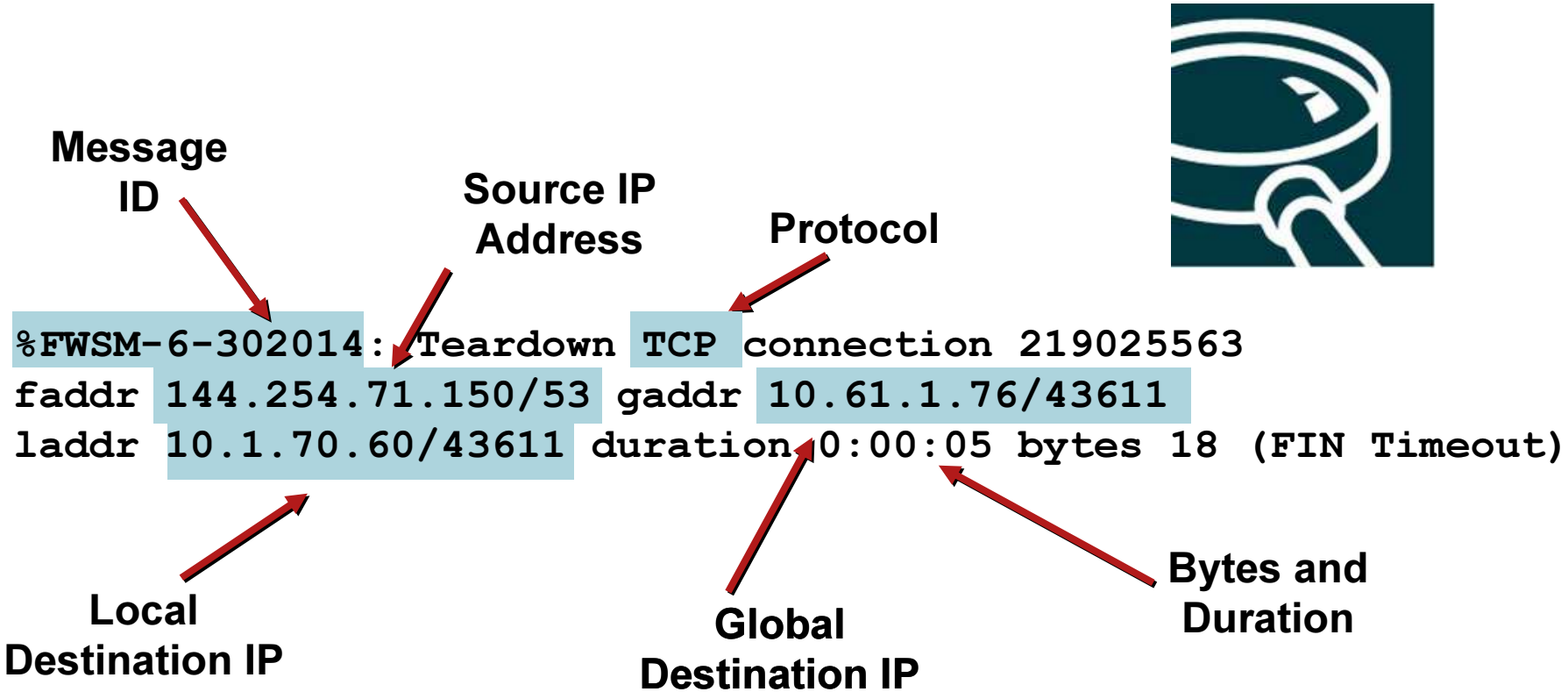
Interpreting a Syslog Message



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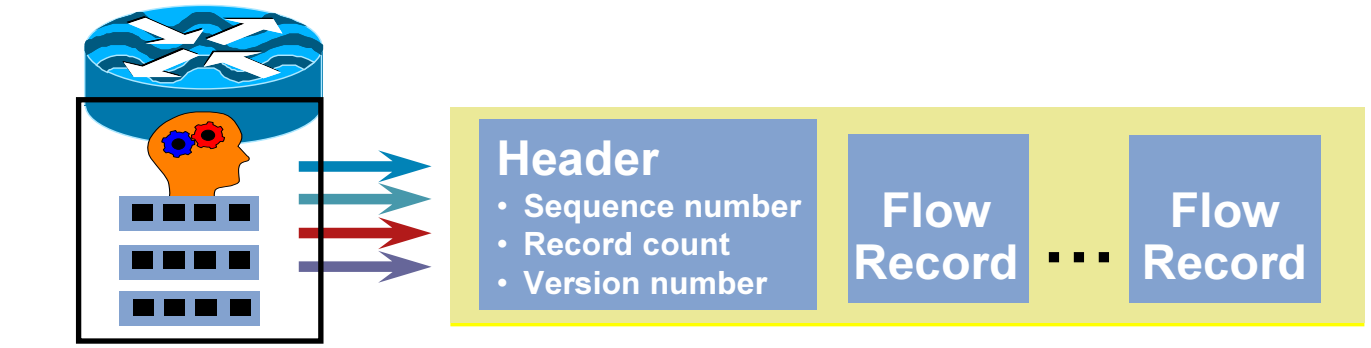
NetFlow

```
router (config-if)#ip flow ingress
router (config)#ip flow-export destination 172.17.246.225 9996
```

- NetFlow is available on routers and switches
- Have syslog like information without having to buy a firewall
- One NetFlow packet has information about multiple flows



NetFlow Cache

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Cisco Security - MARS Feature Overview

Summary:

- Next Generation SIM/STM Appliances
- Transforms raw network and security data into actionable intelligence

Key features

- Collect, aggregate & correlate from heterogeneous devices in a single appliance
  - SDEE, Syslog, Host logs, Firewall logs …. From Cisco, Non-Cisco and Custom devices
  - No software agents required
- Network behavioural Analysis and Reporting (NBAR)
  - Netflow and Traffic Flow analysis provides enhanced threat detection precision
- Topological Awareness
  - Device Configuration (+NAT, +Routing) knowledge critical to global decision making
  - Attack-path views for detailed investigation and troubleshooting
- Centralized dashboard for Unified Security Operations
- Mitigation Capabilities
  - Layer 2 / Layer 3 Mitigation Suggestions (port disable, shun commands, ACLs etc.)
- Policy-Management Linkages

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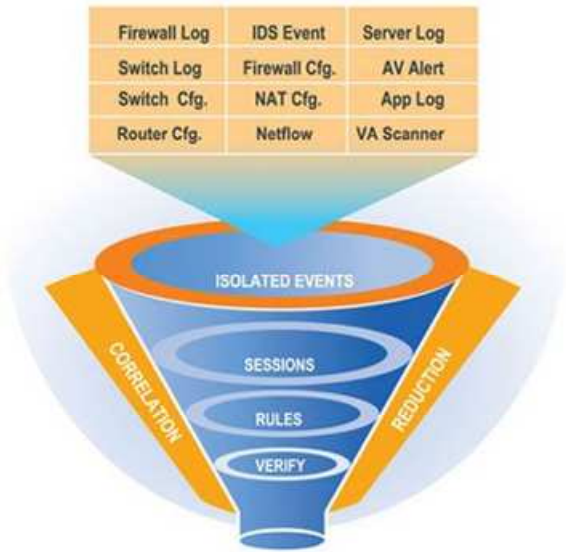
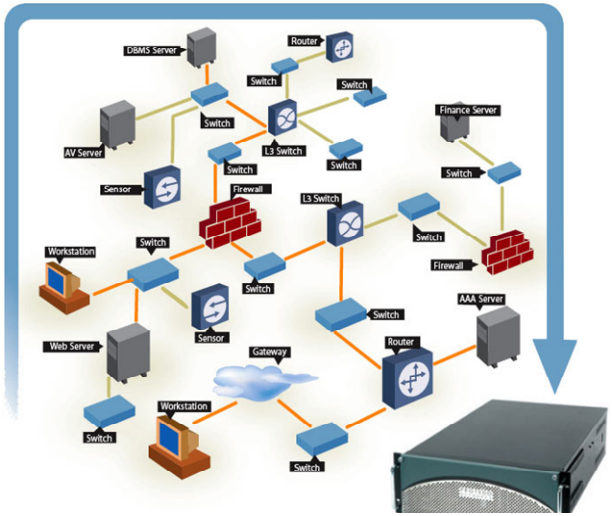
Cisco Security – MARS
Monitoring, Analysis and Response System

- **Command and control of your existing investment to build "pervasive security"**
- **Correlate data from across the Enterprise**

  NIDS, Firewalls, Routers, Switches, CSA

  Syslog, SNMP, RDEP, SDEE, NetFlow, Endpoint event logs, Multi-Vendor
- **Rapidly locate and mitigate attacks**





- **Key Features**

  Determines security *incidents* based on device *messages*, *events*, and "*sessions*"

  ***Incidents* are topologically aware for visualization and replay**

  Mitigation on L2 ports and L3 chokepoints

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Key Concept and Terminologies

- Events—raw messages sent to CS-MARS by the monitoring/ reporting devices
- Sessions—events that are correlated by the CS-MARS across NAT boundaries
- Incidents—identification of sessions to correlation rules

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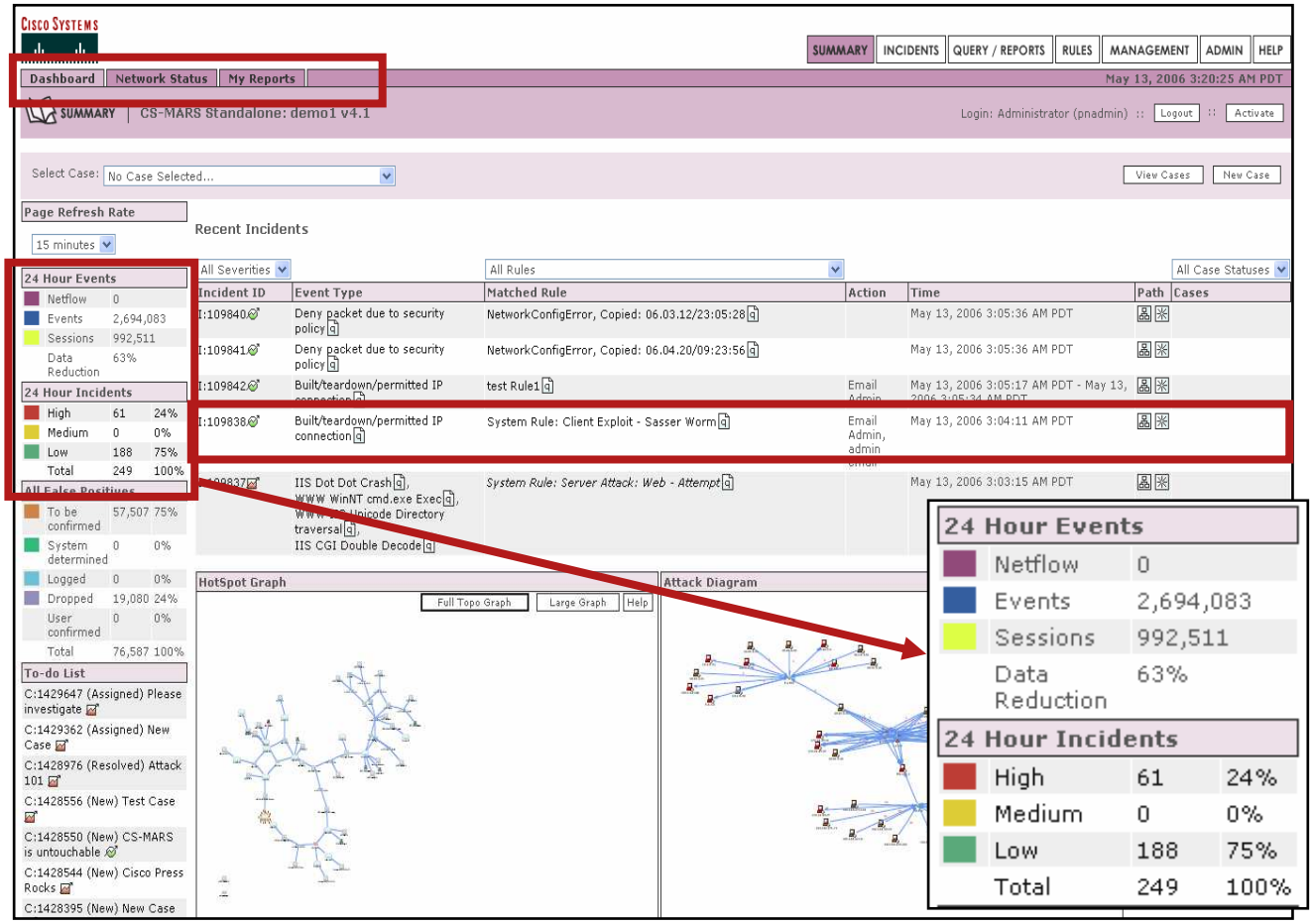
Command and Control:
Critical Data Reduction



Incident Dashboard
- **Aggregate**
- **Correlate**
- **Summarize**

2,694,083 Events

992,511 Sessions

249 Incidents

61 High Severity Incidents

I Need to Clean My Network and Investigate Further

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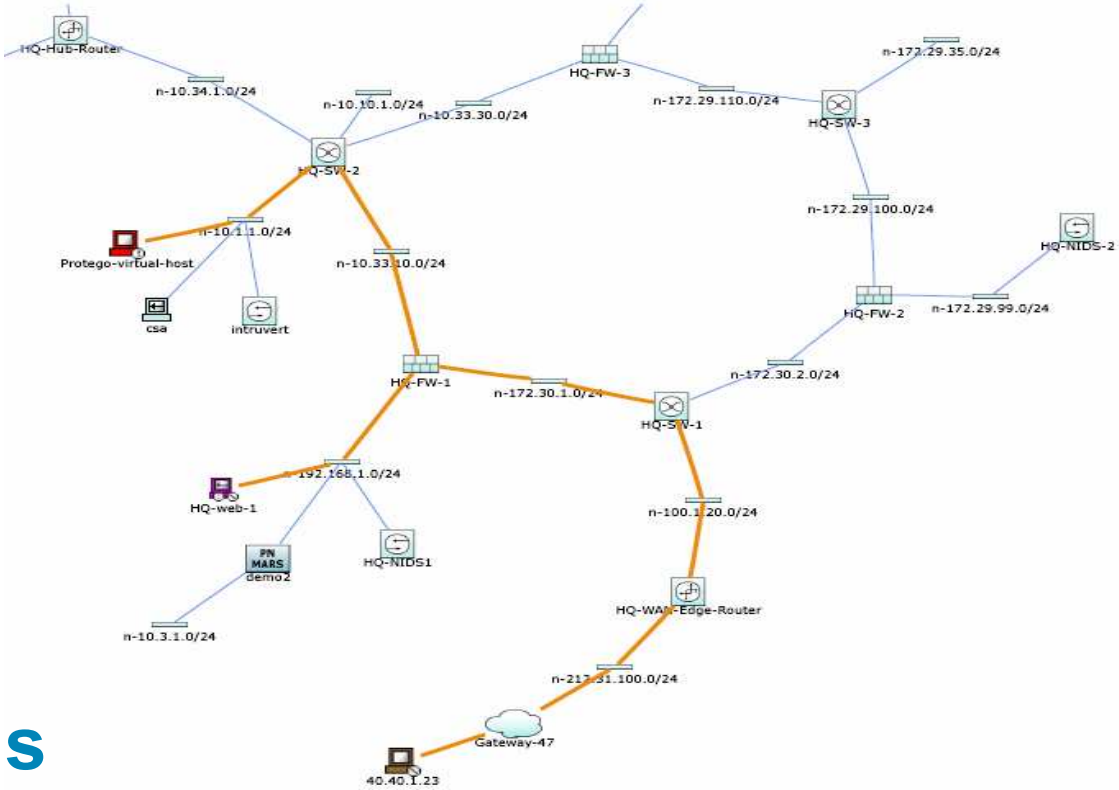
Attack Topology Awareness



SureVector Analysis

Visible and accurate attack path

Drill-down, full incident and raw event details

Pinpoint the true sources of anomalous and attack behavior

More complete and accurate story

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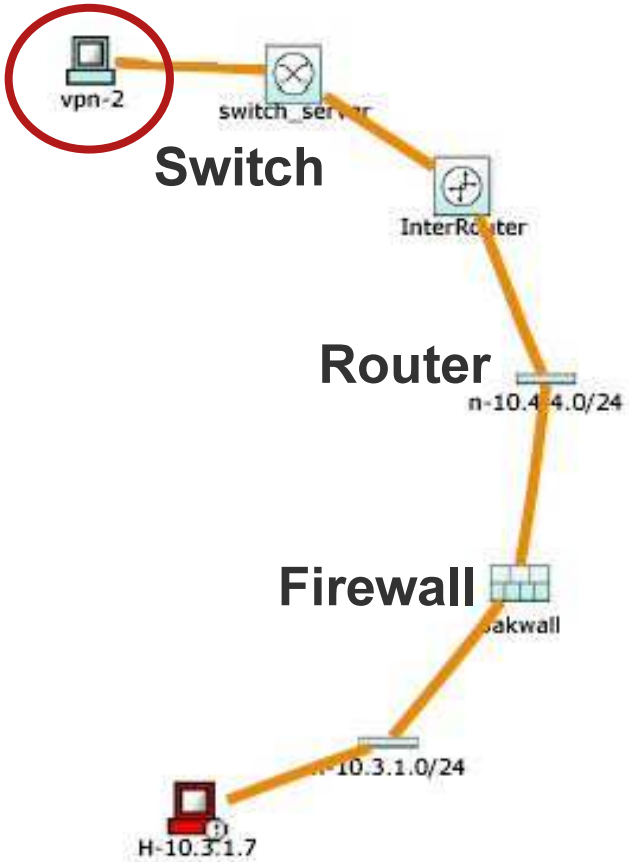
Command and Control: Attack Mitigation

- **Use control capabilities within your infrastructure**
  - **Layer 2/3 attack path is clearly visible**
  - **Mitigation enforcement devices are identified**
  - **Exact mitigation command is provided**



Enforcement Device: switch_server, Suggested

Enforcement Device Information

Device	Type	Manager	Children	Log To	Collects From	Info
switch_server	Cisco Switch-IOS 12.2	Protego Networks MARS 1.0 on pnvalis		N/A		

Interface Information

Direction	IP Address	Interface Name	DNS Name	MAC Address	MAC Update Time

Recommended Policy/Command

```
configure t
interface FastEthernet0/4
  no ip address
  shutdown
```

Push Cancel

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Compliance Reports

Popular Reports With Customization and Distribution Options
Queries Saved as Rules or Reports—Intuitive Framework

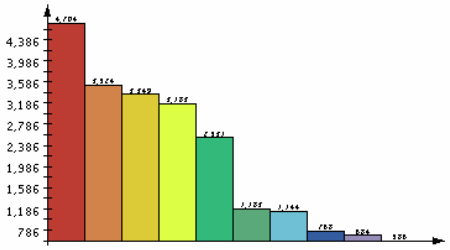
Report: Activity: Denies - Top Destination Ports Sep 8, 2004 1:07:45 PM PDT

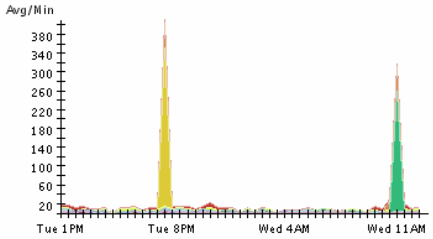
Name	Schedule	Format	Recipients	Query	Description	Status	Submitted	Time Range
Activity: Denies - Top Destination Ports	*Every hour*	*Normal*	None	*Event type: AttacksProtected, FirewallPolicyViolation/ACL, Query Type: Destination Ports ranked by Sessions Time: 1dd:0hh:0mm:0ss*	This report ranks the destination ports to which attacks have been targetted but denied.	Finished: Sep 8, 2004 1:07:43 PM PDT	Sep 8, 2004 1:07:39 PM PDT	Sep 7, 2004 1:07:39 PM PDT - Sep 8, 2004 1:07:39 PM PDT

Report type: Destination Ports ranked by Sessions, 1dd:0hh:0mm:0ss

Source IP	Destination IP	Service	Events	Device	Severity	Zone	Operation	Rule	Action	Reported User
ANY	ANY	ANY	AttacksProtected, FirewallPolicyViolation/ACL	ANY	ANY	CA	None	ANY	ANY	ANY

Keywords: [None]





Rank		Count (# of sessions)	Raw Destination Port
	1	4704	445
	2	3524	80
	3	3349	26686
	4	3183	135
	5	2531	47683
	6	1183	1026
	7	1144	0
	8	768	139
	9	684	9898

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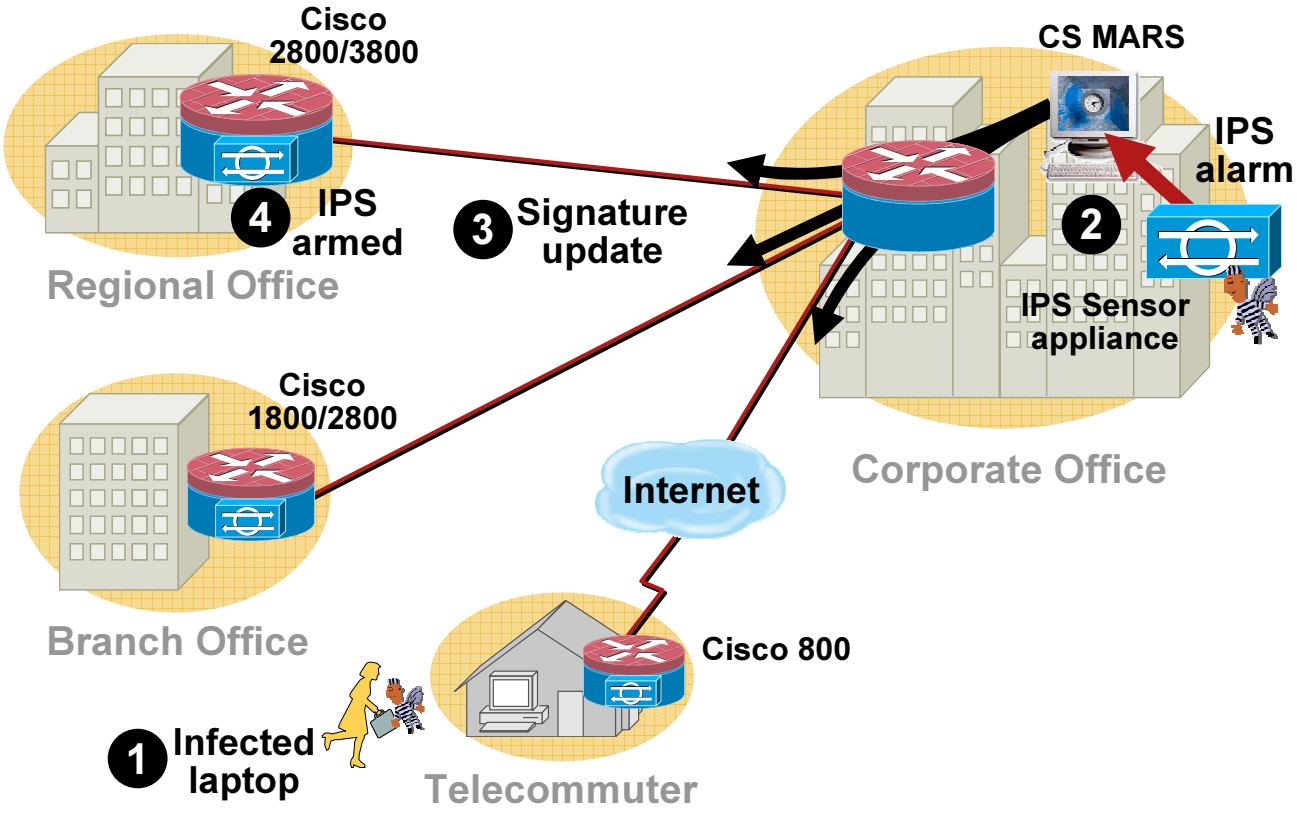
MARS in Action:

Distributed Threat Mitigation with IPS



1. Infected telecommuter connects to the corporate network
2. Virus sets off IPS alarm on the sensor appliance at corporate office
3. CS MARS distributes signatures to all security routers
4. Armed routers protect all remote sites

Benefits:

- Automating mitigation reduces administrative costs
- Dropping malicious traffic near source preserves WAN bandwidth & performance
- Adapting to attacks at branch routers uses security resources efficiently

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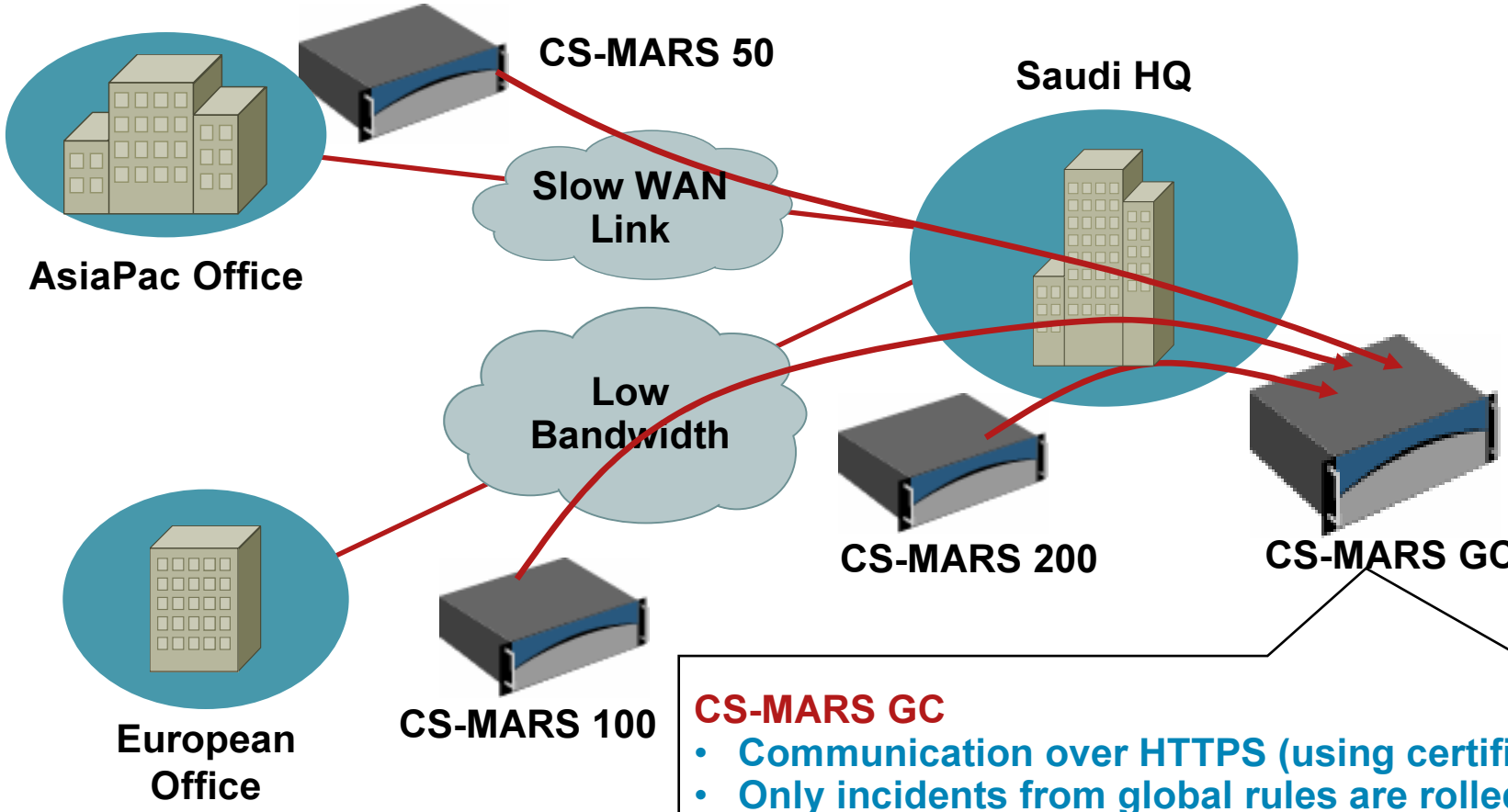
CS-MARS Deployment



CS-MARS GC

- Communication over HTTPS (using certificates)
- Only incidents from global rules are rolled up

- GC can distribute updates, rules, report templates, access rules, and queries across LC

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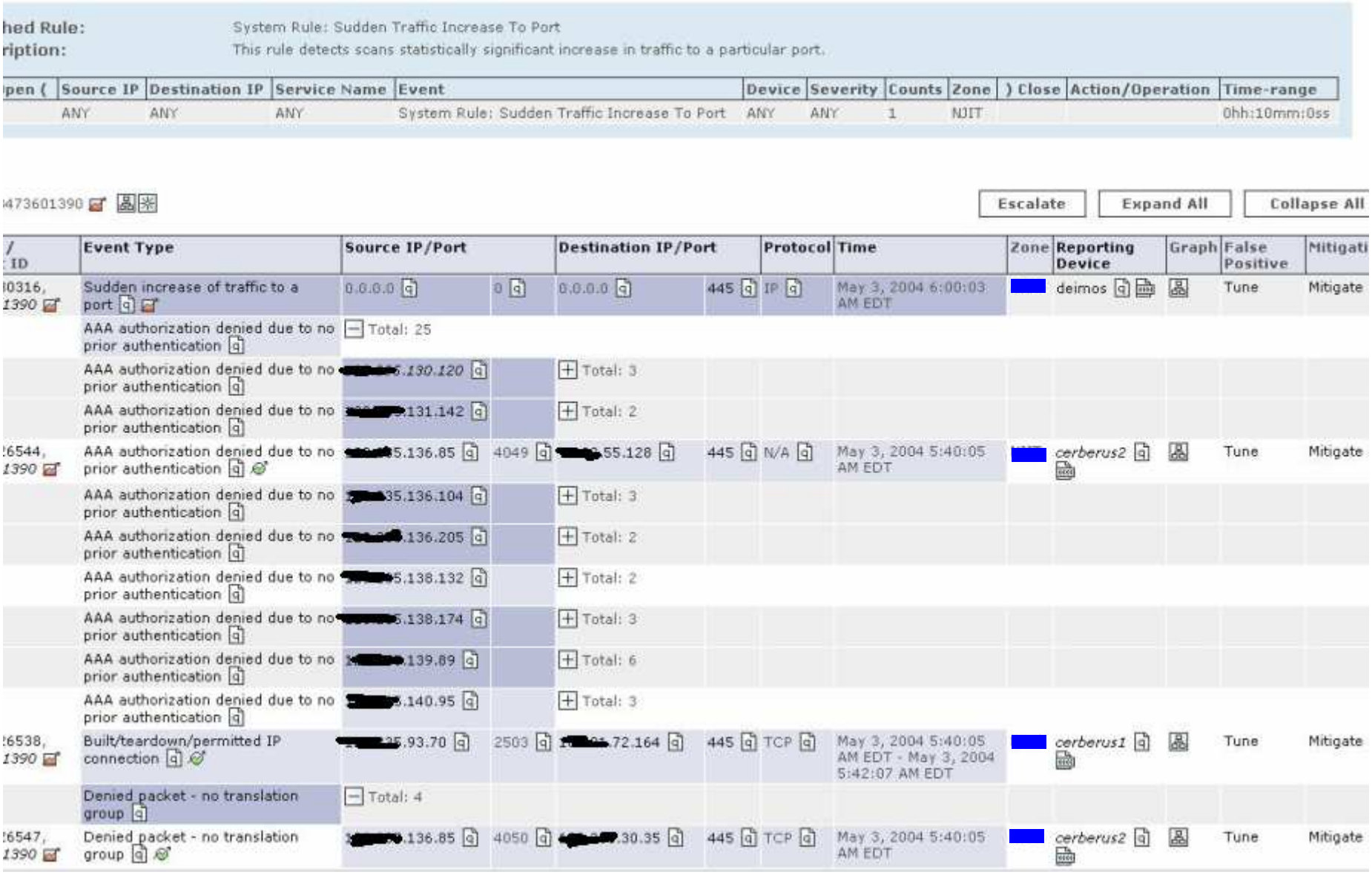
Incident that Pops Up in the Dashboard



hed Rule: System Rule: Sudden Traffic Increase To Port
ription: This rule detects scans statistically significant increase in traffic to a particular port.

pen (	Source IP	Destination IP	Service Name	Event	Device	Severity	Counts	Zone	) Close	Action/Operation	Time-range
	ANY	ANY	ANY	System Rule: Sudden Traffic Increase To Port	ANY	ANY	1	NJIT			0hh:10mm:0ss

473601390 Escalate Expand All Collapse All

/ ID	Event Type	Source IP/Port		Destination IP/Port		Protocol	Time	Zone	Reporting Device	Graph	False Positive	Mitigati
0316, 1390	Sudden increase of traffic to a port	0.0.0.0	0	0.0.0.0	445	IP	May 3, 2004 6:00:03 AM EDT		deimos		Tune	Mitigate
	AAA authorization denied due to no prior authentication	Total: 25										
	AAA authorization denied due to no prior authentication	[redacted].130.120		Total: 3								
	AAA authorization denied due to no prior authentication	[redacted].131.142		Total: 2								
6544, 1390	AAA authorization denied due to no prior authentication	[redacted]5.136.85	4049	[redacted]55.128	445	N/A	May 3, 2004 5:40:05 AM EDT		cerberus2		Tune	Mitigate
	AAA authorization denied due to no prior authentication	[redacted]35.136.104		Total: 3								
	AAA authorization denied due to no prior authentication	[redacted].136.205		Total: 2								
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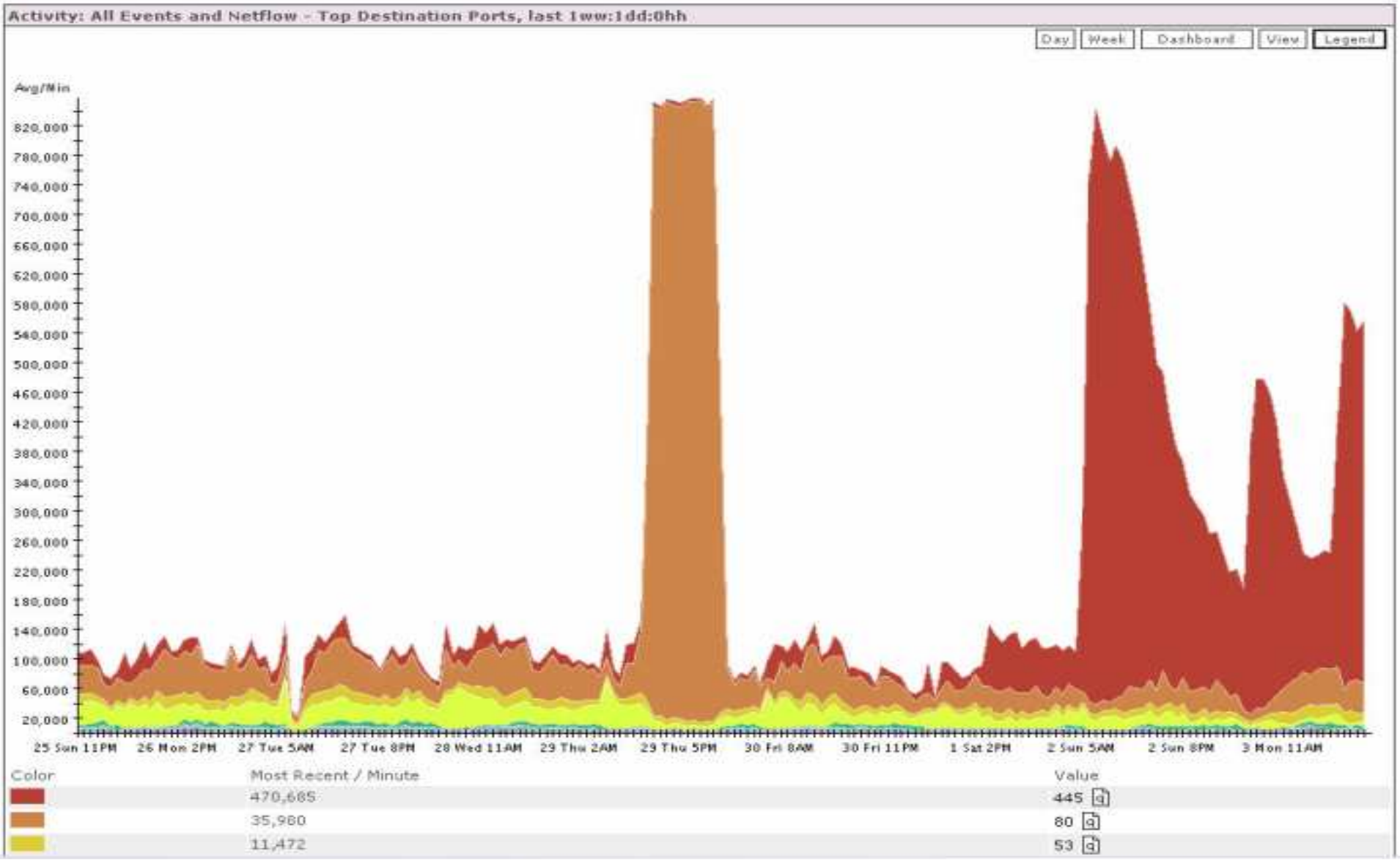
	AAA authorization denied due to no prior authentication	[redacted].139.89		Total: 6								
	AAA authorization denied due to no prior authentication	[redacted].140.95		Total: 3								
6538, 1390	Built/teardown/permitted IP connection	[redacted].93.70	2503	[redacted].72.164	445	TCP	May 3, 2004 5:40:05 AM EDT - May 3, 2004 5:42:07 AM EDT		cerberus1		Tune	Mitigate
	Denied packet - no translation group	Total: 4										
6547, 1390	Denied packet - no translation group	[redacted].136.85	4050	[redacted].30.35	445	TCP	May 3, 2004 5:40:05 AM EDT		cerberus2		Tune	Mitigate

Graph Says It All



Example of Compromised Hosts

Rank	Count (# of Sessions)	Raw Source IP	Defined Hosts
1	102572	[redacted].130.160	
2	40339	[redacted].132.44	
3	36881	[redacted].203.82	dhcp-203-82
4	36595	[redacted].202.66	dhcp-202-66
5	35827	[redacted].134.196	
6	35622	[redacted].134.75	
7	35428	[redacted].133.80	
8	35307	[redacted].134.199	
9	35167	[redacted].138.196	
10	34070	[redacted].136.118	
11	33376	[redacted].136.205	
12	32931	[redacted].203.42	dhcp-203-42
13	30390	[redacted].133.16	
14	27682	[redacted].30.120	
15	22031	[redacted].138.166	
16	19681	[redacted].140.154	
17	19135	[redacted].130.82	
18	18229	[redacted].140.5	

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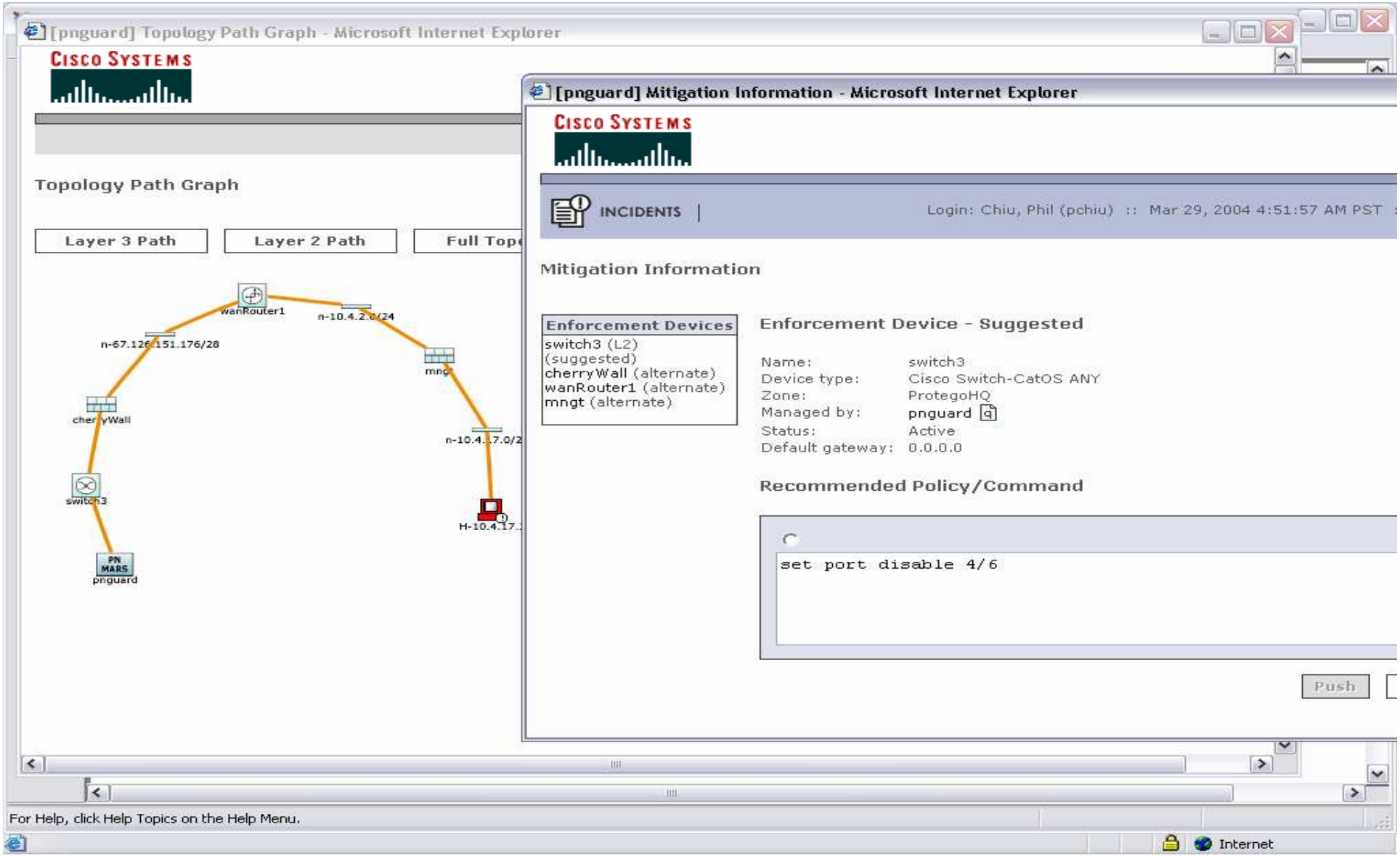
Attack Path with Layer 2 Mitigation



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