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Self Defending Networks in Action



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Agenda

- **The Need for a Self Defending Network**
- What is SDN? What is it made of?
- Examples and Scenarios on Integration, Collaboration and Adaptiveness

An Evolution of Security Threats Beyond Worms and Viruses

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Trial Shows How Spammers Operate

LEESBURG, Va. Nov 14, 2004

Trial of Prolific Spammer Shows How He Sent 10 Million E-Mails a Day, Made \$750,000 a Month

During the trial, prosecutors focused on three products that Jaynes hawked: software that promises to clean computers of private information; a service for choosing penny stocks to invest in; and a "FedEx refund processor" that promised \$75-an-hour work but did little more than give buyers access to a Web site of delinquent FedEx accounts.

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<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,1>

encrypts it, then demands a ransom from the
computer owner to get the material back.

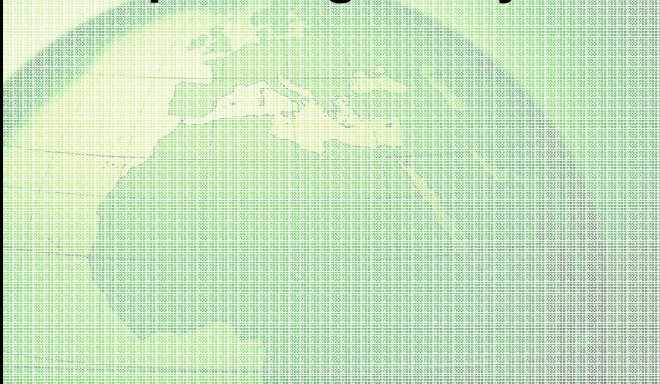
<http://www.cnn.com/2005/TECH/internet/05/25/ransomware/index.html>

Facts on the Ground: Real Threats Affecting Real Networks

James Ancheta,
small time
hacker from
California



Ancheta used a variety
of malware to take
control of **400,000**
computers globally



Ancheta used these
machines to make over **One
Hundred Thousand** dollars

- Renting the machines to spammers
- Installing adware on the machines

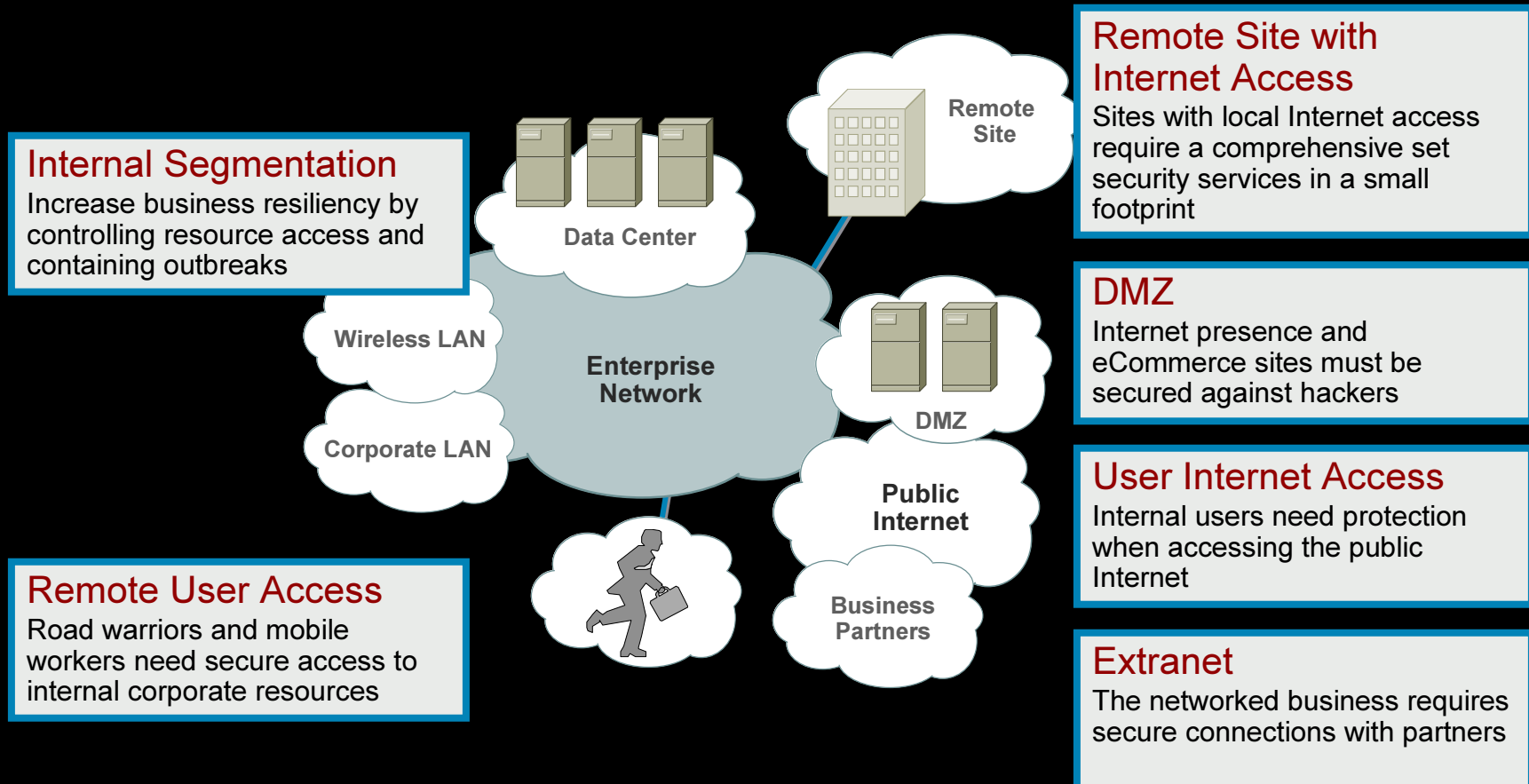
He got caught while
infecting computers
used in weapons
research by the US
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Sentenced to 5 years
in jail in May 2006



The Need for a New Paradigm

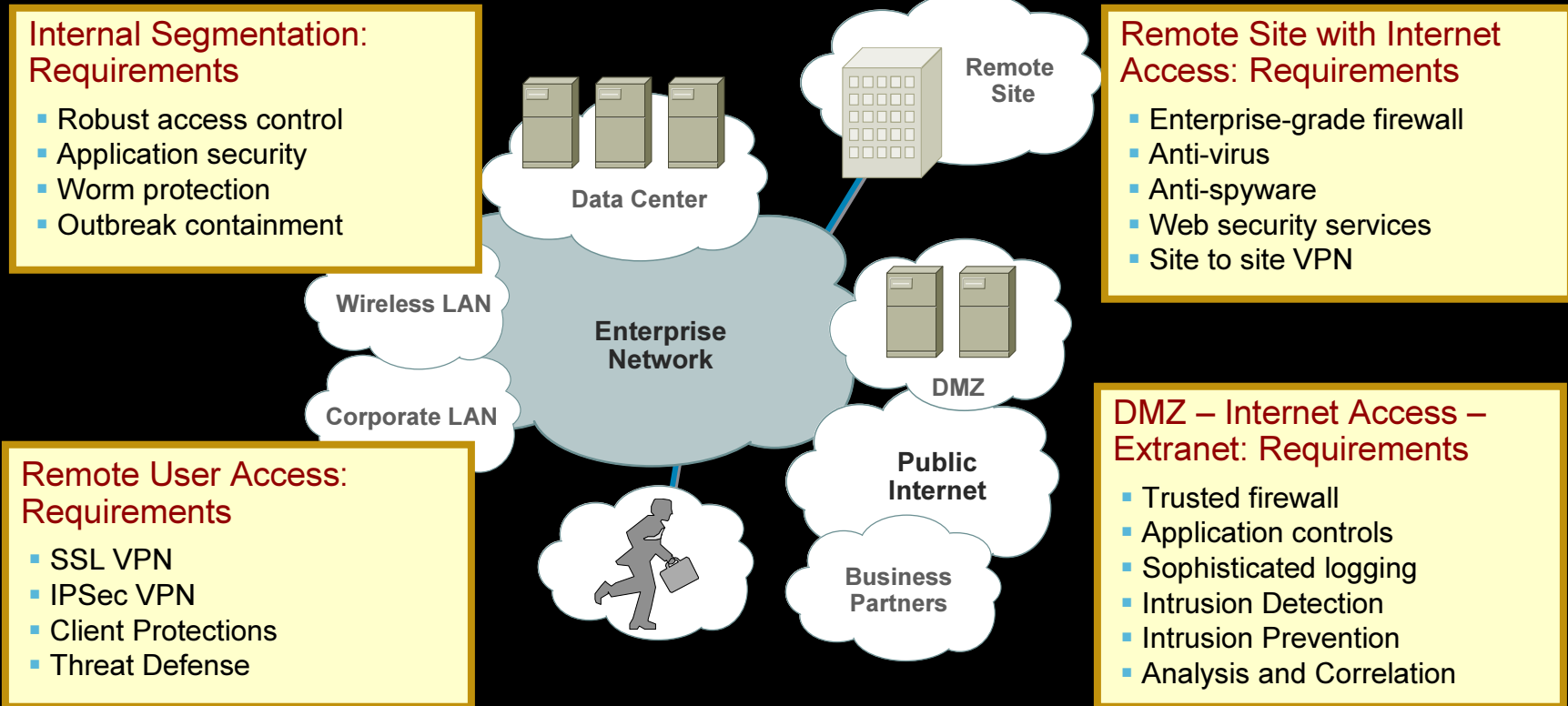
Enterprise Security Business Needs Evolving



➤ **Multiple Environments, each with specific business drivers and organizational needs**

Meeting Needs Requires Many Services

Complex Location-specific Requirements



Operational Inefficiencies from Multiple Platforms and Consoles

May Require Compromise on Protection

Complex Design and Configuration

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Comprehensive Security Strategy

Keeping Outsiders Out, Insiders Honest, Endpoints Safe

Threat Defense



Defend the Edge:

- **Integrated Network FW+IPS**
Detects and Prevents External Attacks



Protect the Interior:

- **Catalyst Integrated Security**
Protects Against Internal Attacks



Guard the Endpoints:

- **Cisco Security Agent (CSA)**
Protects Hosts Against Infection

Trust and Identity



Verify the User and Device:

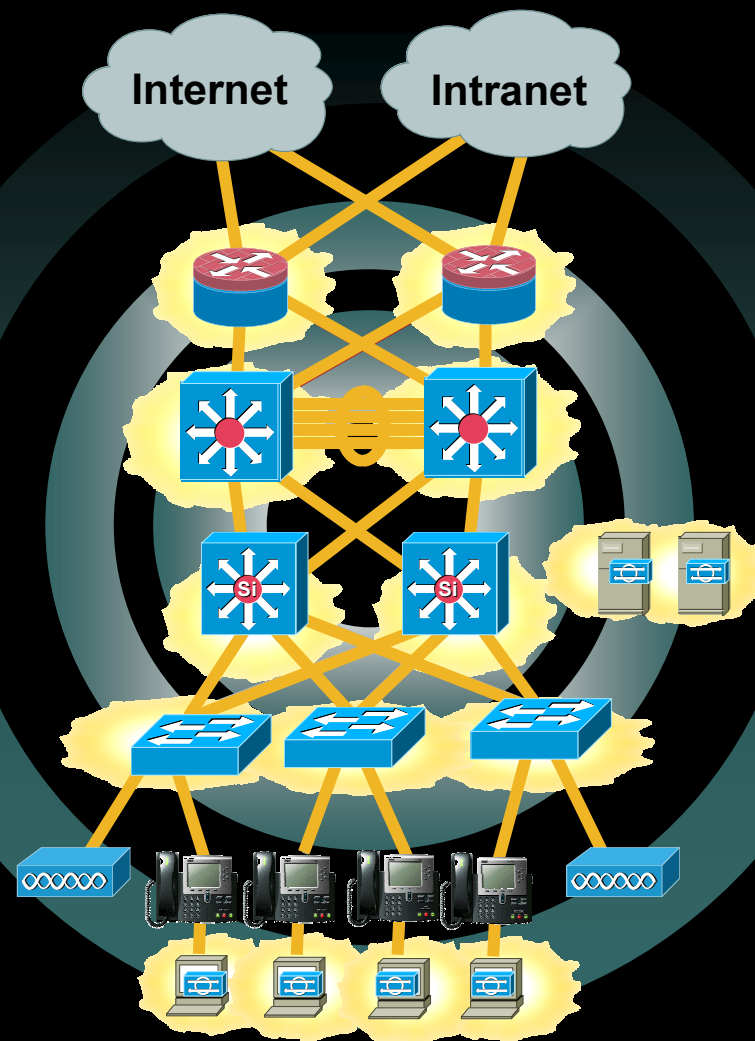
- **Identity-Based Networking/NAC**
Control Who/What Has Access

Secure Comm.

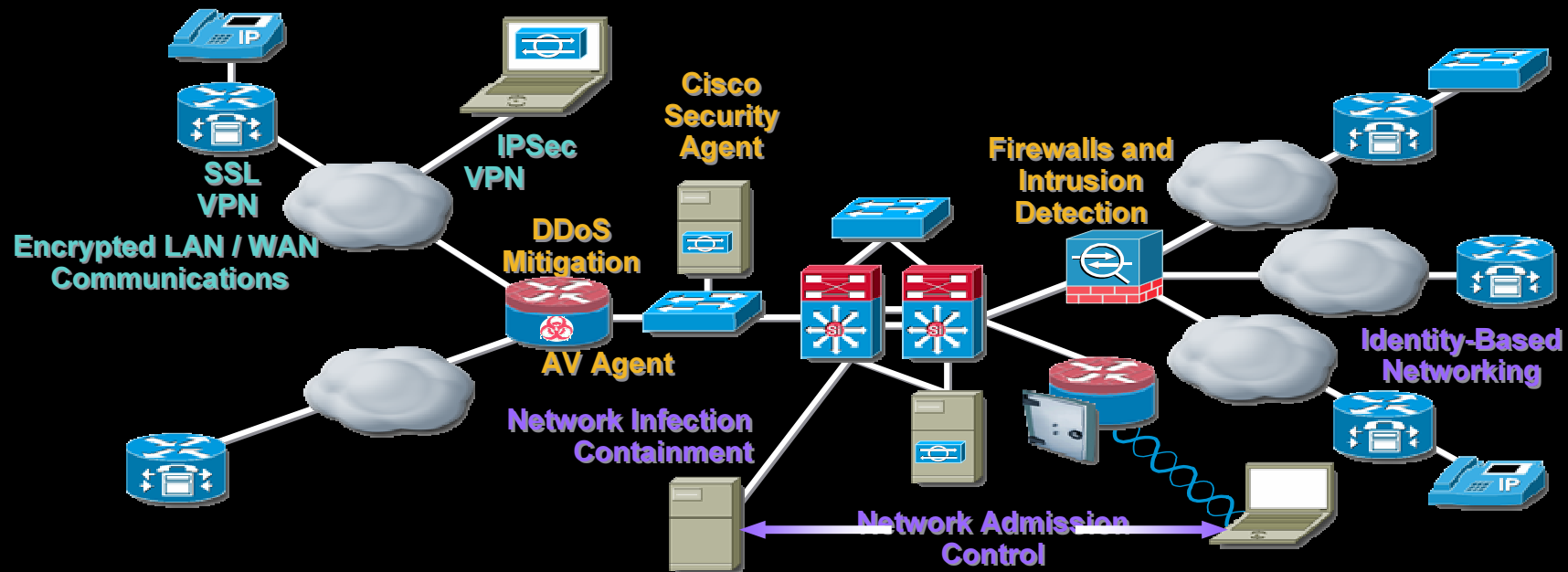


Secure the Transport:

- **IPSec VPN**
- **SSL VPN**
- **MPLS**

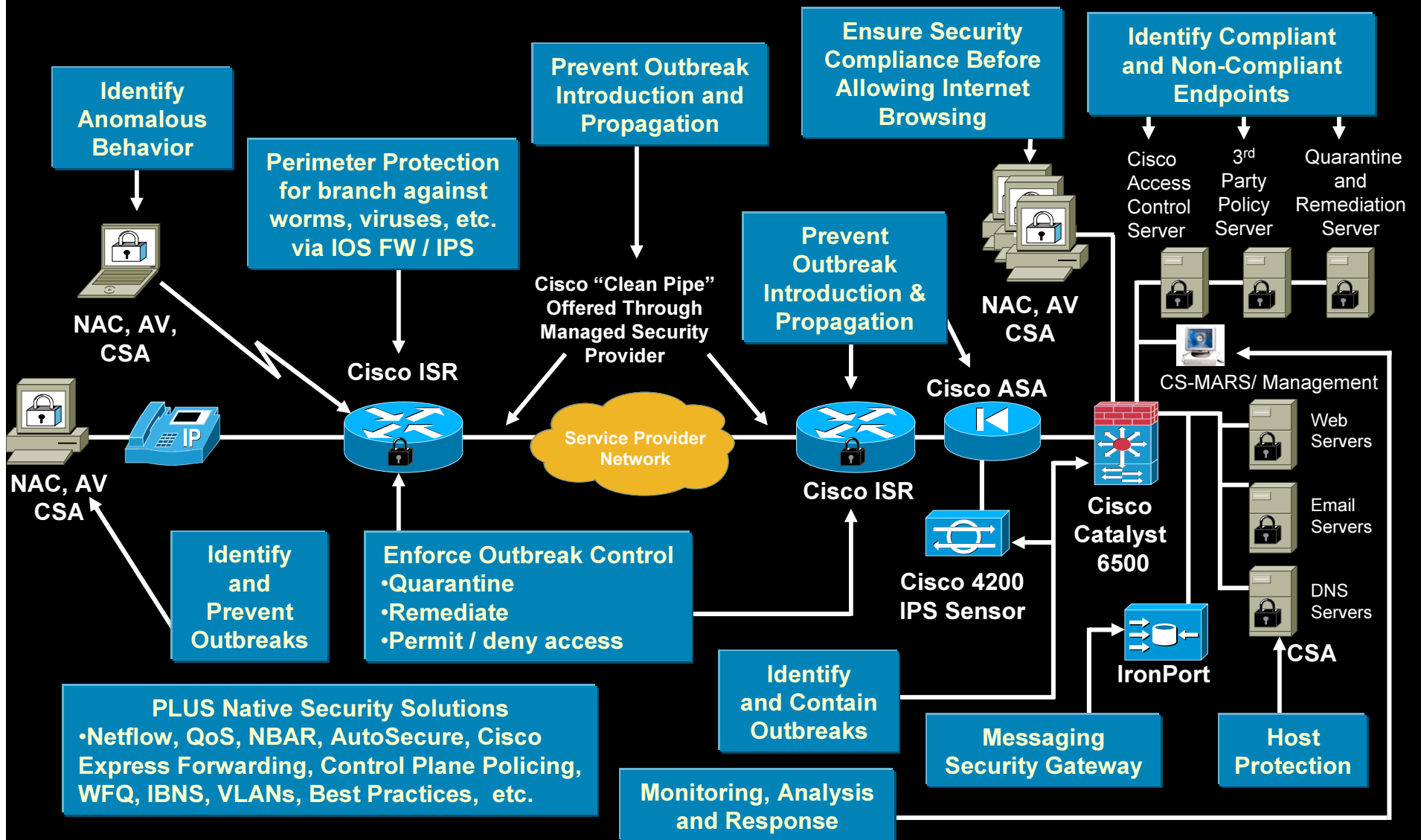


Properties of a Self-Defending Network



- **Network Availability:** remain active when under attack
- **Ubiquitous Access:** provide secure access from any location
- **Admission Control:** authenticate all users, devices, and posture
- **Application Intelligence:** enable network-based application visibility
- **Day-Zero Protection:** ensure endpoints are immune to new threats
- **Infection Containment:** rapidly identify & contain virulent attacks

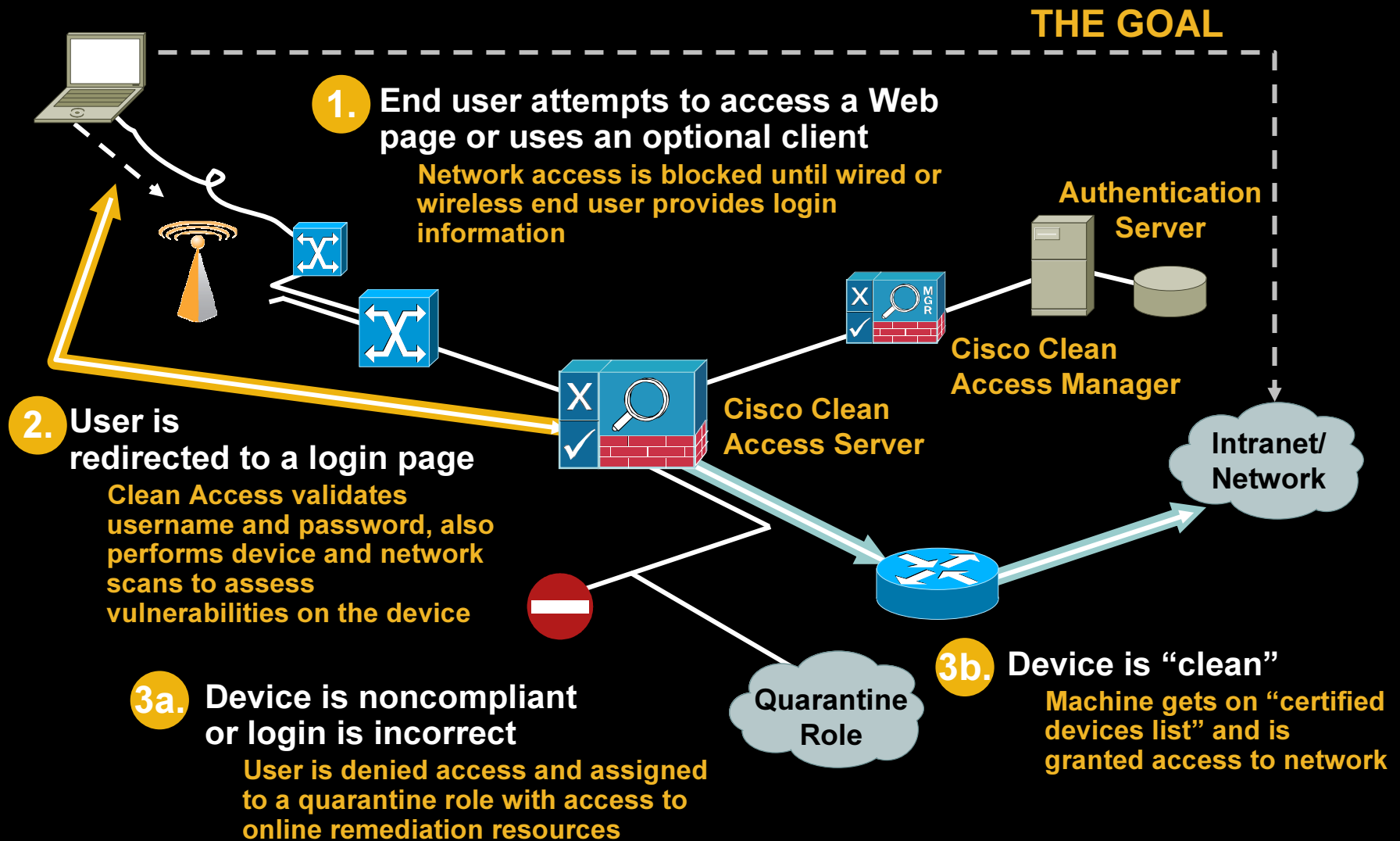
Self Defending Network (SDN) in Action



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Self Defending Network (SDN) in Action: *Cisco NAC Appliance*



SDN in Action

Mitigating Threats through IPS Rate Limiting

- Rate limiting on routers and switches allows sensors to dynamically throttle traffic at strategic points across the network

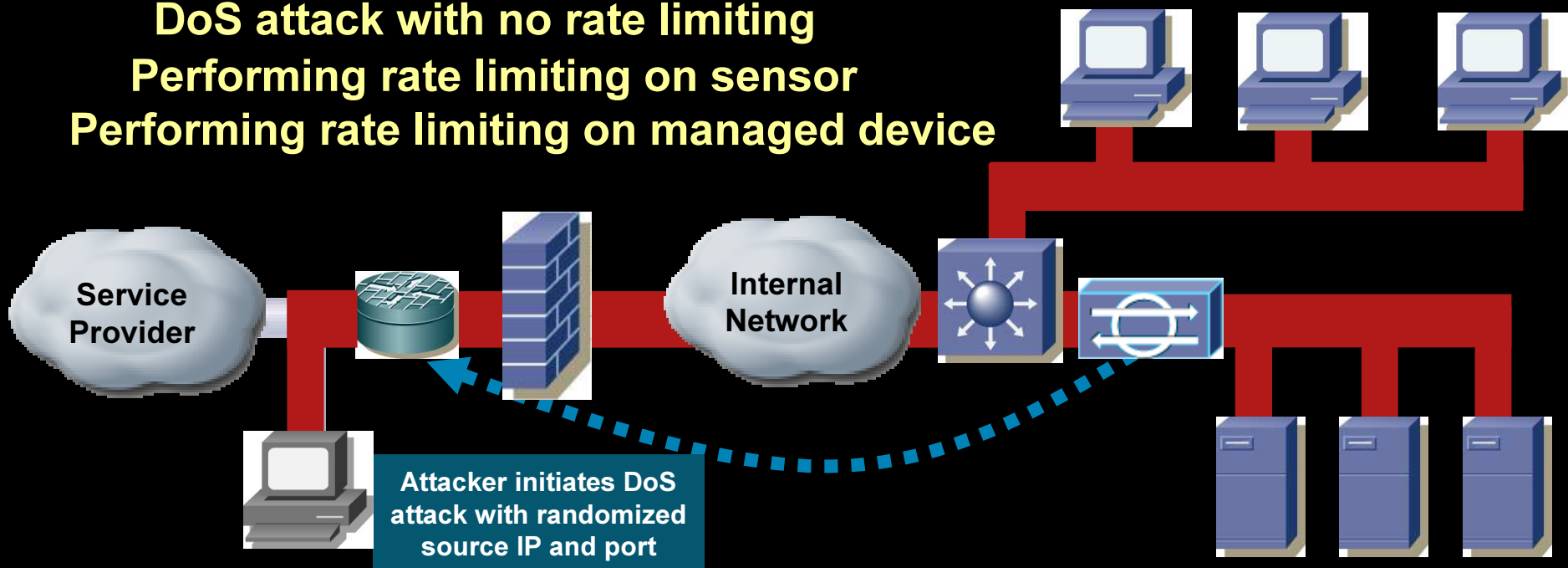
Flexible rate limiting parameters based on source IP, port information, and service type

Device management performed over a secure communications channel

DoS attack with no rate limiting

Performing rate limiting on sensor

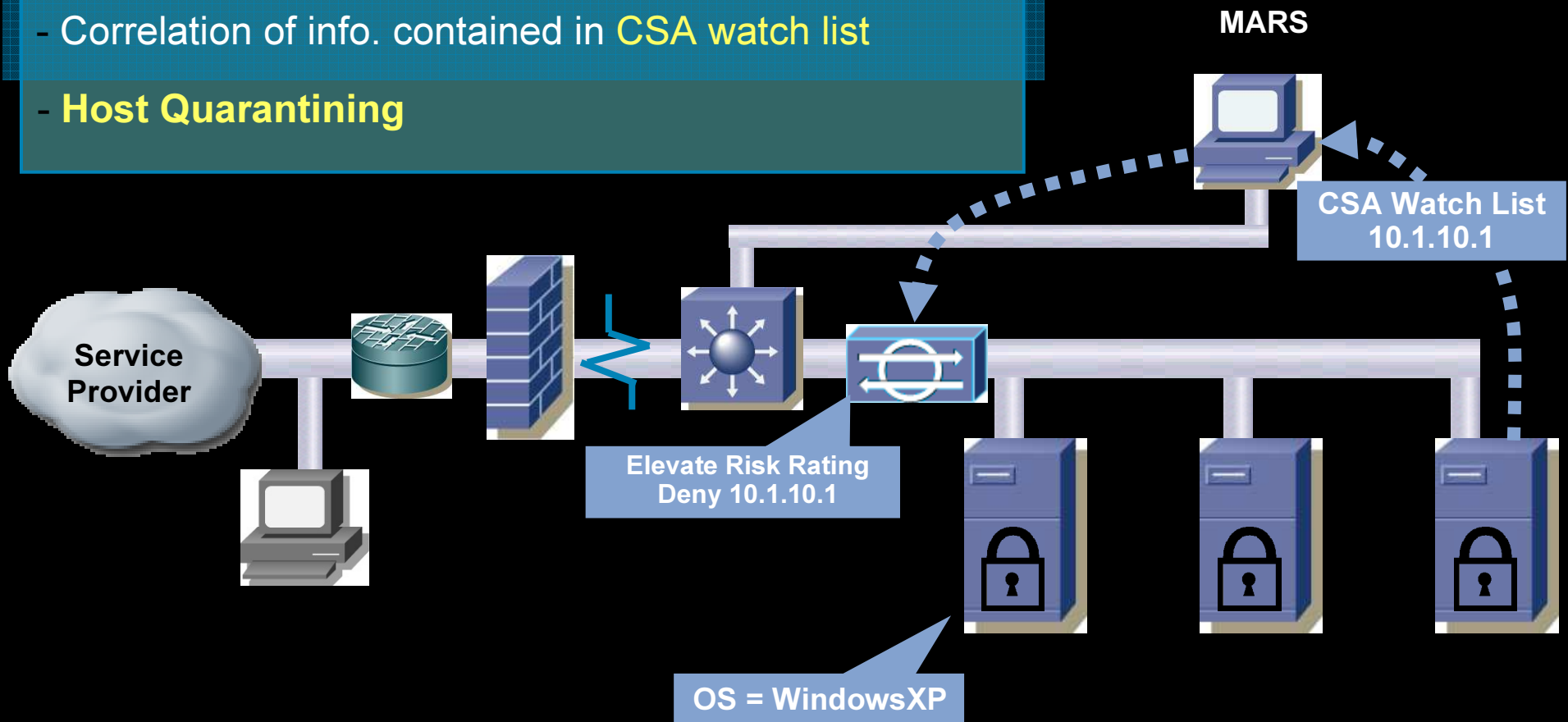
Performing rate limiting on managed device



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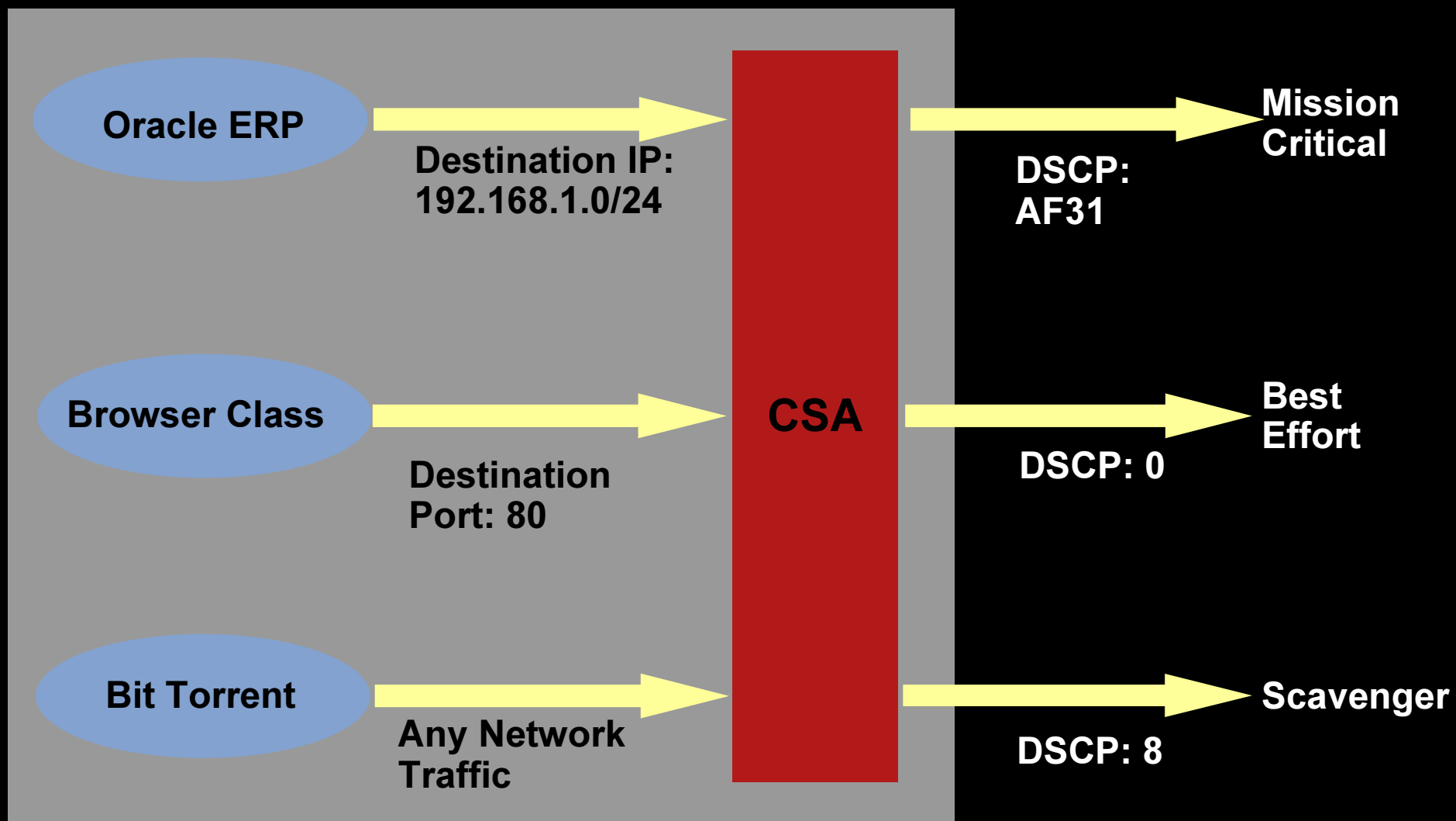
IPS-CSA Collaboration Example

- Enhanced contextual analysis of endpoint
- Ability to use CSA inputs to influence IPS actions
- Correlation of info. contained in CSA watch list
- **Host Quarantining**



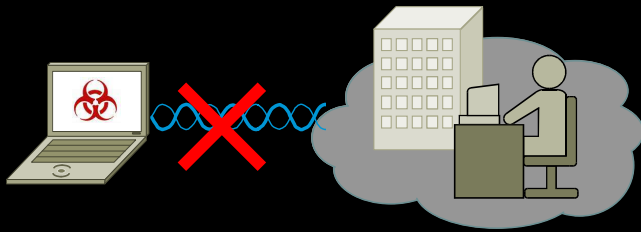
SDN in Action

Cisco Security Agent and Infrastructure Integration

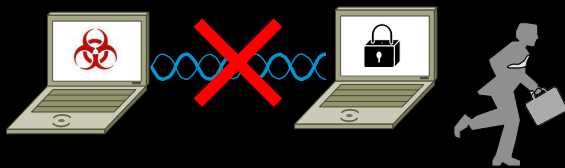


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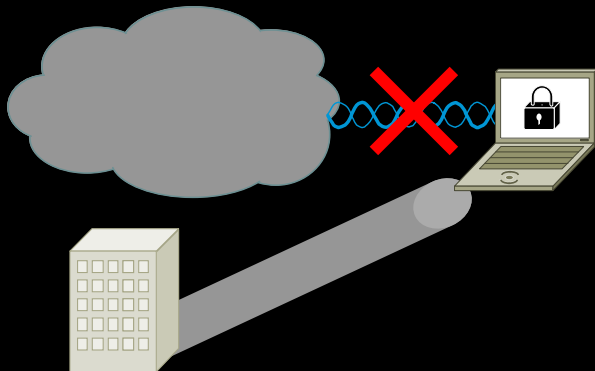
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Disable wireless NIC when wired is active



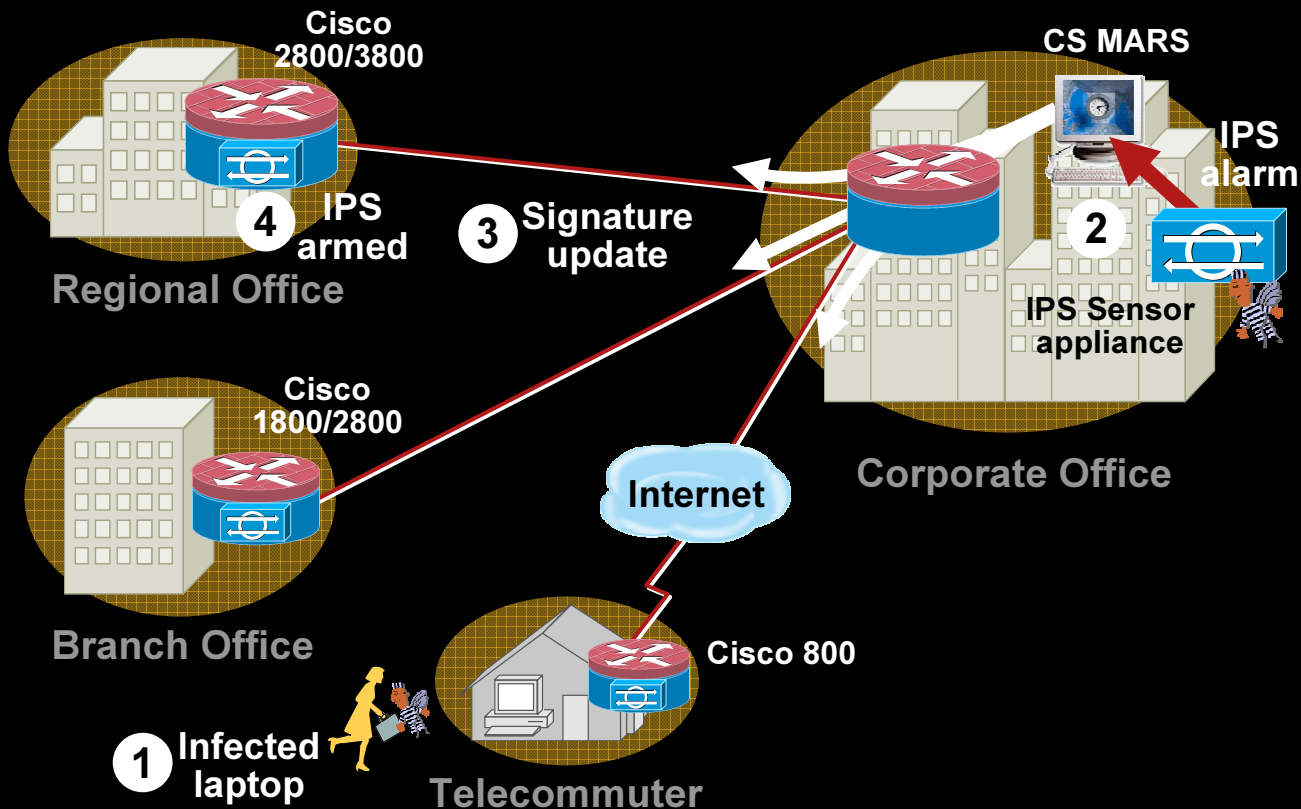
**Connection restrictions -
certain SSIDs, encryption, ad-hoc**



**Require VPN connection when out
of the office**

SDN 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

SDN in Action

CS MARS and CS Manager Example

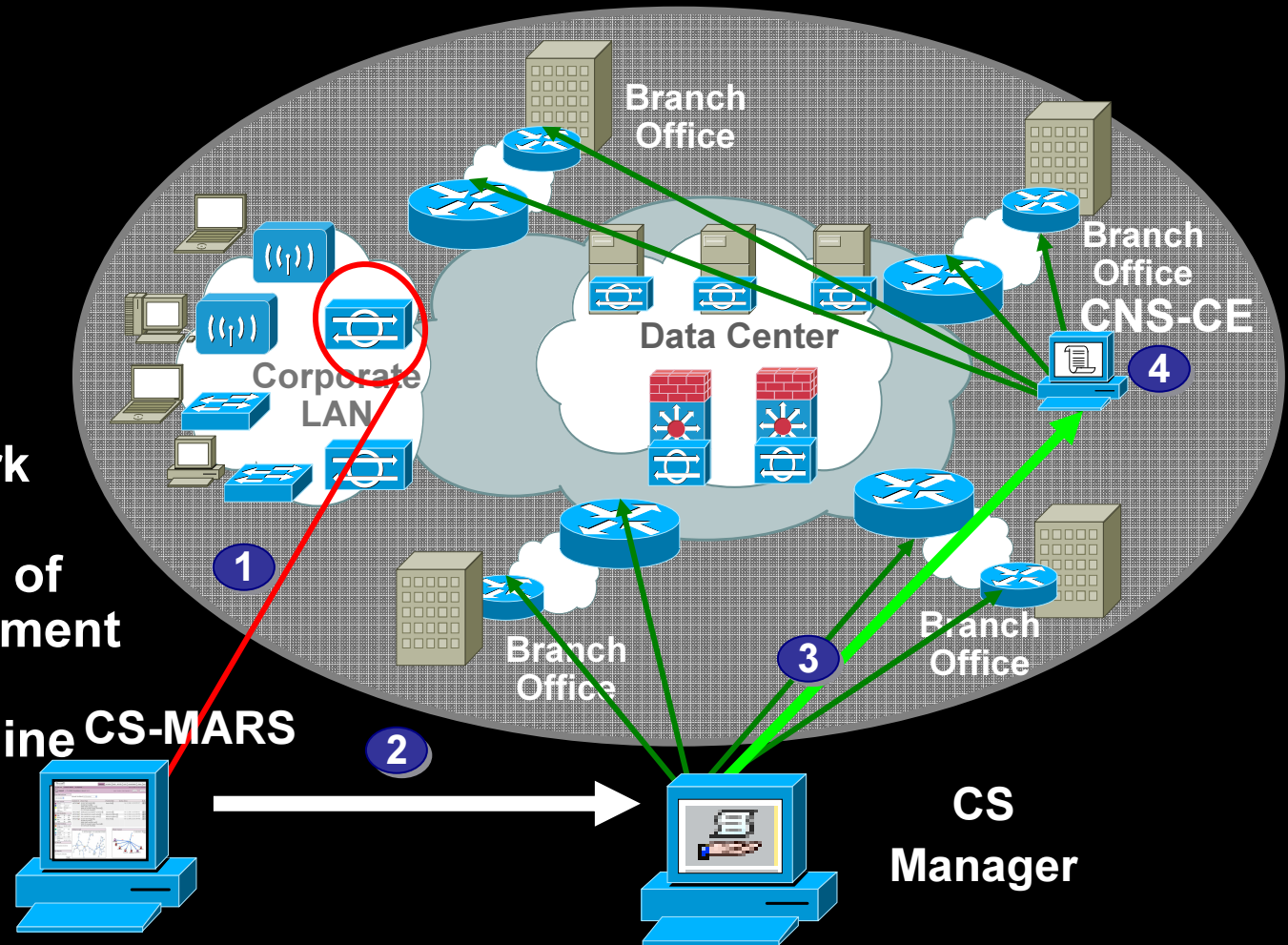
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1 CS MARS detects an Incident

2 CS Administrator updates a Shared Policy In one place 

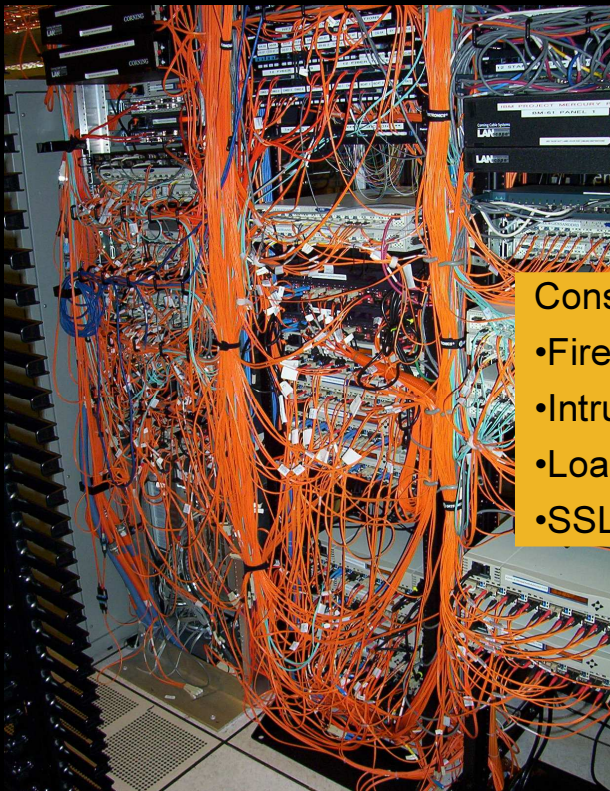
3 A single deploy to protect the network

4 Scale through use of distributed deployment using CNS Configuration Engine CS-MARS



SDN in Action

Integrated Data Center Services



Consolidation of multiple services:

- Firewalls
- Intrusion Prevention
- Load Balancing
- SSL Termination



Why Cisco?

We Are Committed to Security

Product and Technology Innovation

- 2500 security-focused engineers, \$300Mil R&D
- 22 acquisitions added to our solution portfolio
- \$1.8 Billion in Security Revenue
- 250+ NAC partners worked collaboratively with us to deliver an unprecedented security vision

Responsible Leadership

- NIAC Vulnerability Framework Committee
- Critical Infrastructure Assurance Group
- PSIRT—responsible disclosure
- MySDN.com—intelligence and best practices sharing

“Because the network is a strategic customer asset, the protection of its business-critical applications and resources is a top priority.”

—John Chambers, CEO, Cisco Systems®

References

Good links to visit:

<http://www.cisco.com/go/security>

<http://www.cisco.com/go/sdn>

<http://www.cisco.com/go/nac>

<http://www.cisco.com/go/mars>

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<http://www.cisco.com/go/intellishield/trial>

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