



The journey of security automation

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Agenda

- Security Automation
- Node-RED High Level
- Demo
- Node-RED Deep Dive
 - Nodes
 - Workflow
 - Playbooks
 - Workflow management
- From automation to AI

Threat Monitoring



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How do I know

Is my company's data leaking here?

Leaking data exchanged online **almost every minute**

Auditing



<input type="checkbox"/>	User Name ↕	Password	Password Last Used ↕	Access Keys	User Creation ↕
<input type="checkbox"/>	Admin	✓	2014-10-20 13:18 PDT	1 active	2014-10-20 12:21 PDT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alice	✓	2014-10-20 13:23 PDT	1 active , 1 inactive	2013-10-28 11:47 PDT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brigid	✓	2014-10-20 13:58 PDT	None	2014-08-25 12:06 PDT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carlos		N/A	1 active , 1 inactive	2014-10-20 10:57 PDT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ConsoleSSOTest		N/A	1 active	2014-07-28 09:39 PDT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan	✓	2014-10-20 13:58 PDT	1 active	2014-10-20 10:57 PDT
<input type="checkbox"/>	EC2_test	✓	2014-10-20 13:58 PDT	None	2014-01-16 09:26 PST

How do I ensure every user

- MFA enabled
- Password rotate every 3 months
- Decommissioned user is removed

More than **100s** users I am managing

Investigation



Analyze reported phishing?

- Analyze Header
- Analyze URL
- Analyze Attachment
- Analyze Content
- Delete Email

3-5 reported emails/minute, **30** minutes per investigation

Reporting



Generate reports for different stakeholders for information from different places

- Vulnerability scanner
- End point
- Network
- SIEM
- Etc.



1-2 times every month, data from 5-10 tools needs to be consolidated

Security Control validation



How do I make sure

- DLP is working
- Network detection is working
- Endpoint detection is working
- Etc.

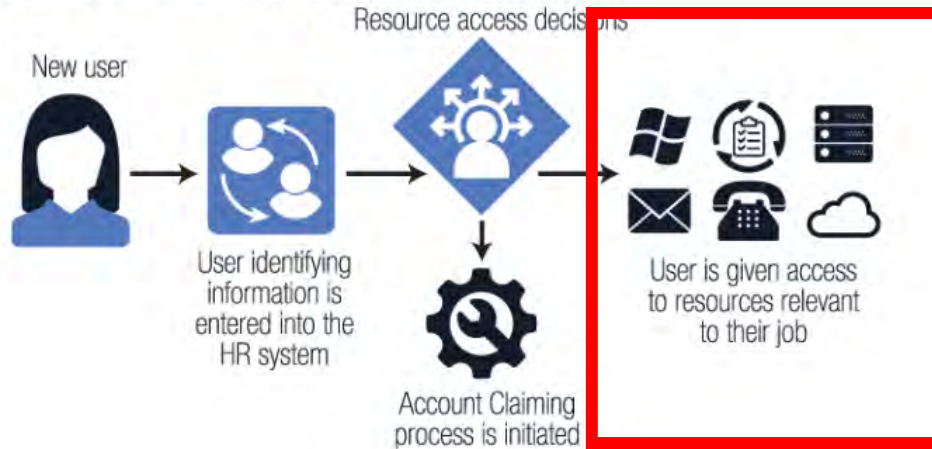
Hackers work any time, need to validate
Continuously

“Security control validation represents the discipline of ensuring that any controls in place are actually working as required.”



Administrative Tasks

The onboarding process



Why do I spend time on

- Adding new people to a list of software
- Remove them when they leave

Am I supposed to work on

- Discover risks
- Mitigate risks

Add users one by one, boring and yet **risky**

What if we can automate?

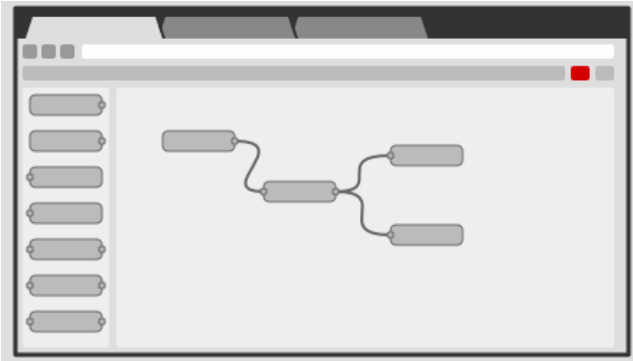


What is unique about Node-RED

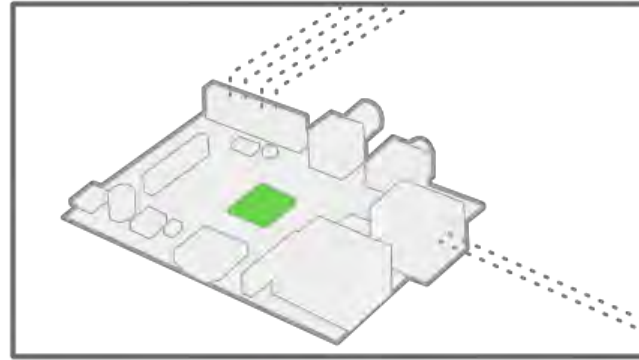
- Less Code or No-Code Platform
- Large community
- **>3000** 3rd party integrations



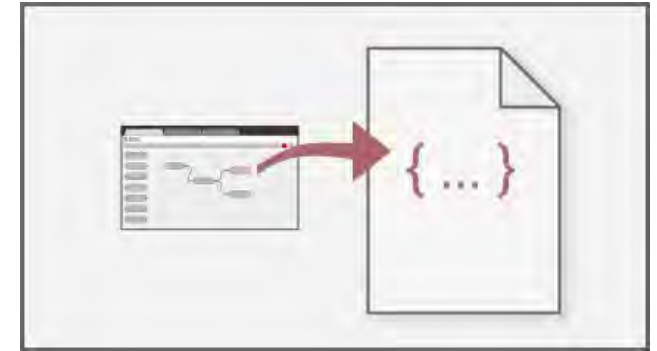
Node-RED high level



Browser-based flow editing



Built on Node.js



Easy Share

Quick View

The screenshot shows a workflow editor interface. On the left is a 'Nodes' panel with categories: analysis (sentiment), input (inject, catch, status, link, scheduler, syslog input), output (debug, link, http response), and advanced (feedparser). The main workspace shows a workflow with three nodes: 'IP 8.8.8.8', 'ip geo', and 'msg.payload'. On the right is a 'Helper' panel for the 'ip geo' node, showing information, help, inputs, and output. Annotations include: 'Menu' with an arrow pointing to a dropdown icon in the top right; 'Add Workflow' with an arrow pointing to a '+' icon in the top right; and 'Nodes' with an arrow pointing to the left-hand node list.

Menu

Add Workflow

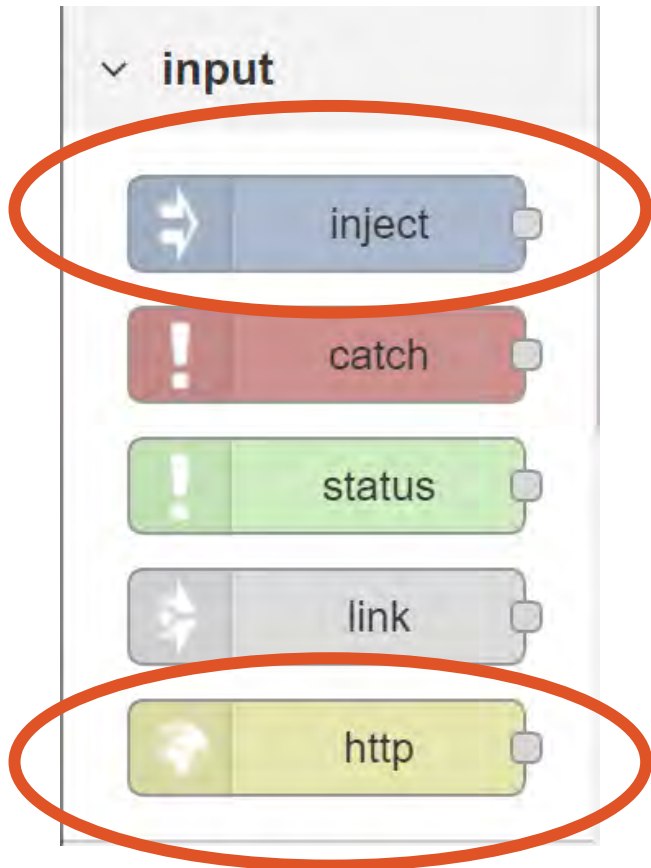
Nodes

Helper

Nodes

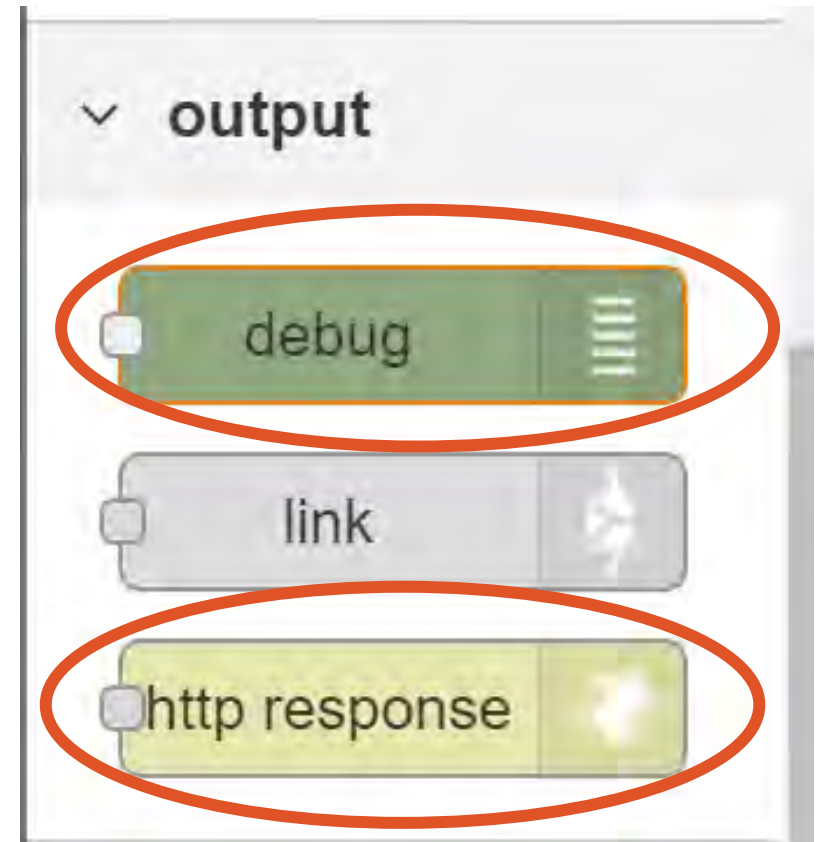
- Input Node
- Output Node
- Utility Function Node
- Third Party Action Node

Input - Output Type

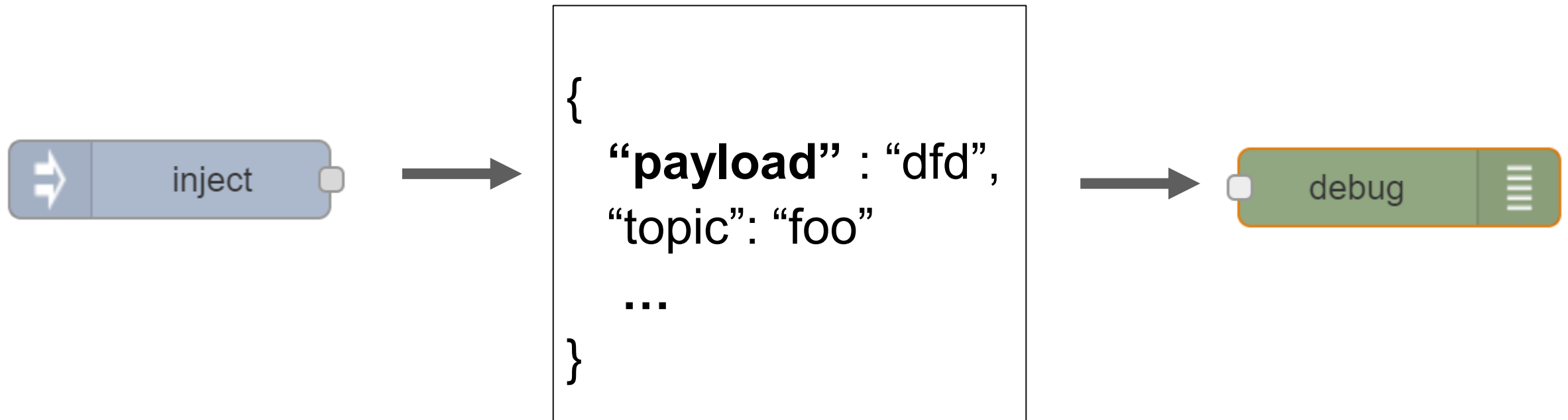


Two Mode:

- **Repetitive/Ad-hoc Task (Proactive)**
- **Rest API (Passive)**



Message passed between nodes

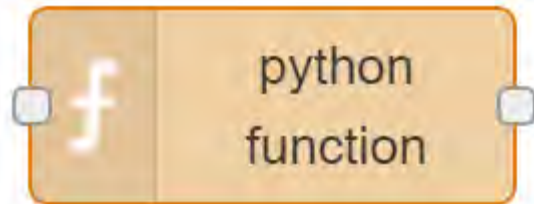


Data Object: msg

More Nodes – Flexible Function

function

- function
- template
- delay
- trigger
- comment
- http request
- switch
- change



Name

function

Function

```
1 msg.payload = {  
2   "a" : "b"  
3 }  
4 return msg;
```

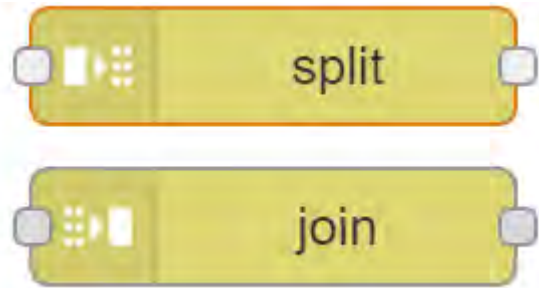
Name

Python Function

Script

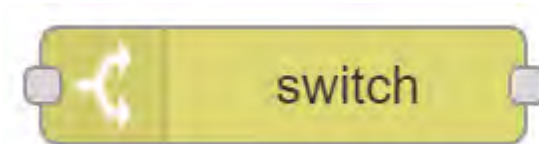
```
1 import json  
2 config = json.loads(input())  
3 data= json.loads(input())  
4  
5 #add your code here  
6 if 'a' in data:  
7   print(data['a'])  
8 else:  
9   print("not found")  
10 #return value using print(value)
```

More Nodes – Logic Function



Splits a message into a sequence of messages.

Joins sequences of messages into a single message.



node properties

Name

Property

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="is false"/>	→ 1 [
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="is true"/>	→ 2 [

More Nodes – Third Party Integrations

Alexa Ranking

Carbon Black

Crowd Strike

Have I Been Pwned

JIRA

NESSUS

Rapid7 Nexpose

Rapid7 Appspider

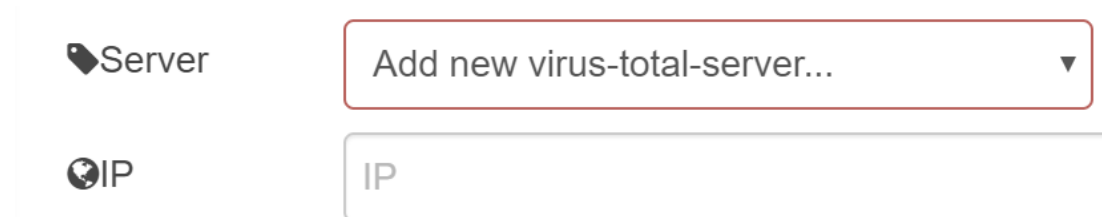
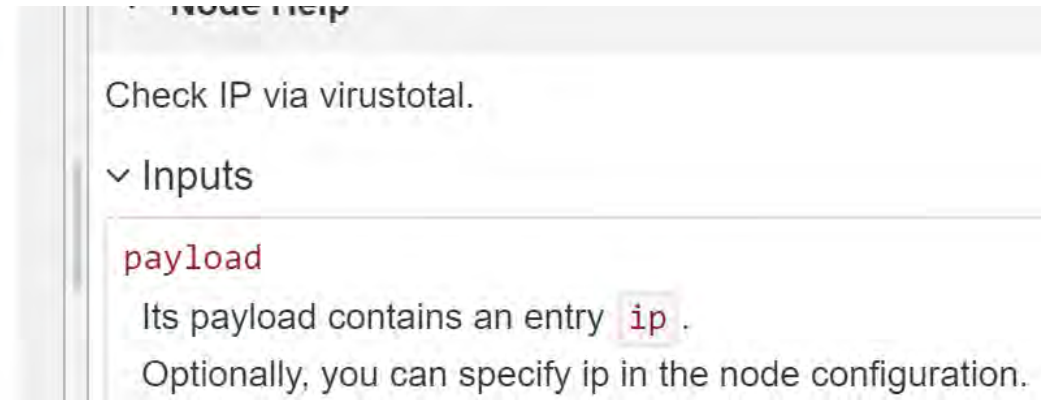
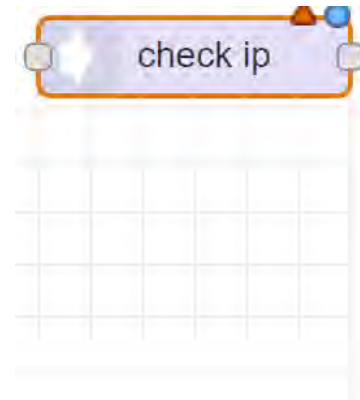
Service Now

Shodan

ThreatCrowd

Sumologic

VirusTotal



Workflow Management

- Playbooks
- Workflow sharing

More Demos

- IoC extractor
- Phishing Investigation
- Http request
- Report automation



Yes, automation is cool!



Monitoring

Pastebin.com
AdHocUrl



Incident Response

Send email
Enrich Ip
Block Ip



Compliance/Audit

Cloud User audit
Policy Validation



Security Control

DLP verification



Administration

Provision new employees
Dismiss employee



Report

PowerBI
Google Data Studio

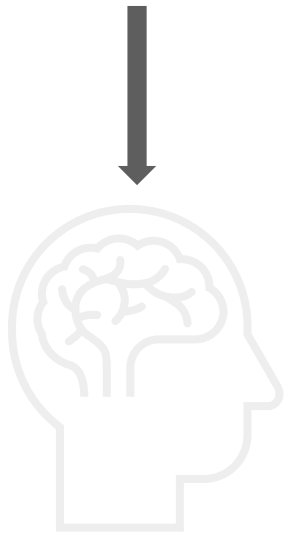


From ad-hoc automation to AI

How do I know if something is truly malicious?

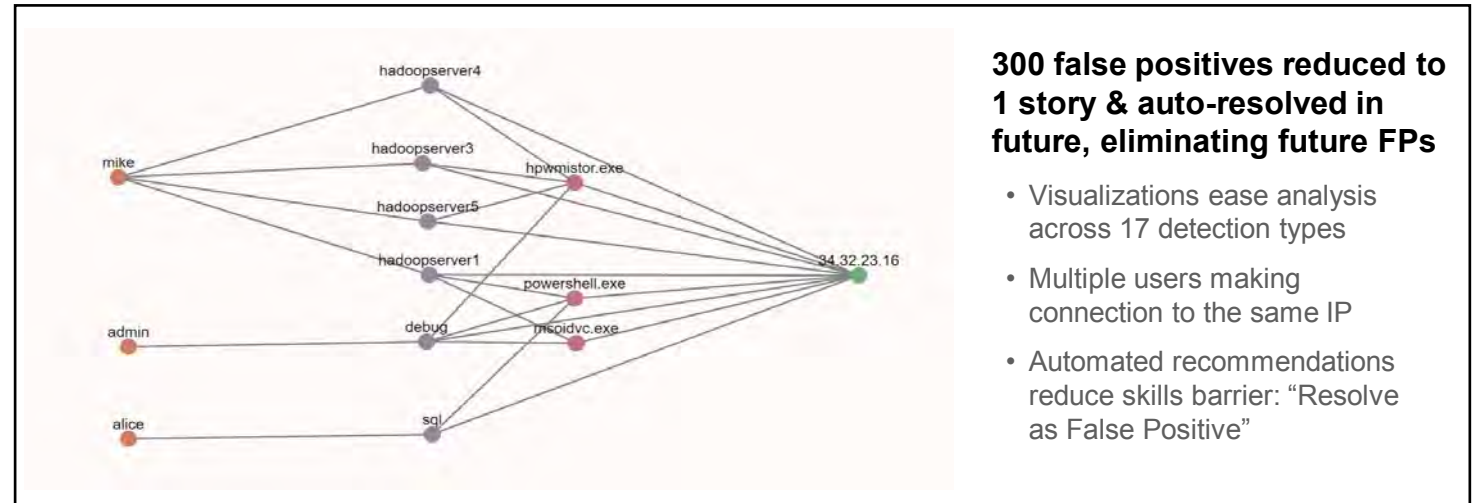
1,000 alerts/day

- Analysis unmanageable
- 10 min/alert = 166 hours/day
- Risks go undetected



False positives
easier to identify

True positives
aligned with MITRE
ATT&CK stories



300 false positives reduced to 1 story & auto-resolved in future, eliminating future FPs

- Visualizations ease analysis across 17 detection types
- Multiple users making connection to the same IP
- Automated recommendations reduce skills barrier: "Resolve as False Positive"

Reported Phishing

8:12:33 | PHISHING | bryan@gmail.com | receiver@phish.com | www.scam.com

Login From Medium Risk Region

13:12:33 | CLOUD | bryan | azure vm1 | 23.34.34.53

Abnormal Process Connection

13:13:33 | END POINT | bryan | azure vm1 | powershell.exe | 34.32.23.12

Beaconing Detected

18:12:33 | NETWORK | bryan | azure vm1 | 34.32.23.12 | every 5 mins

Data Exfiltration

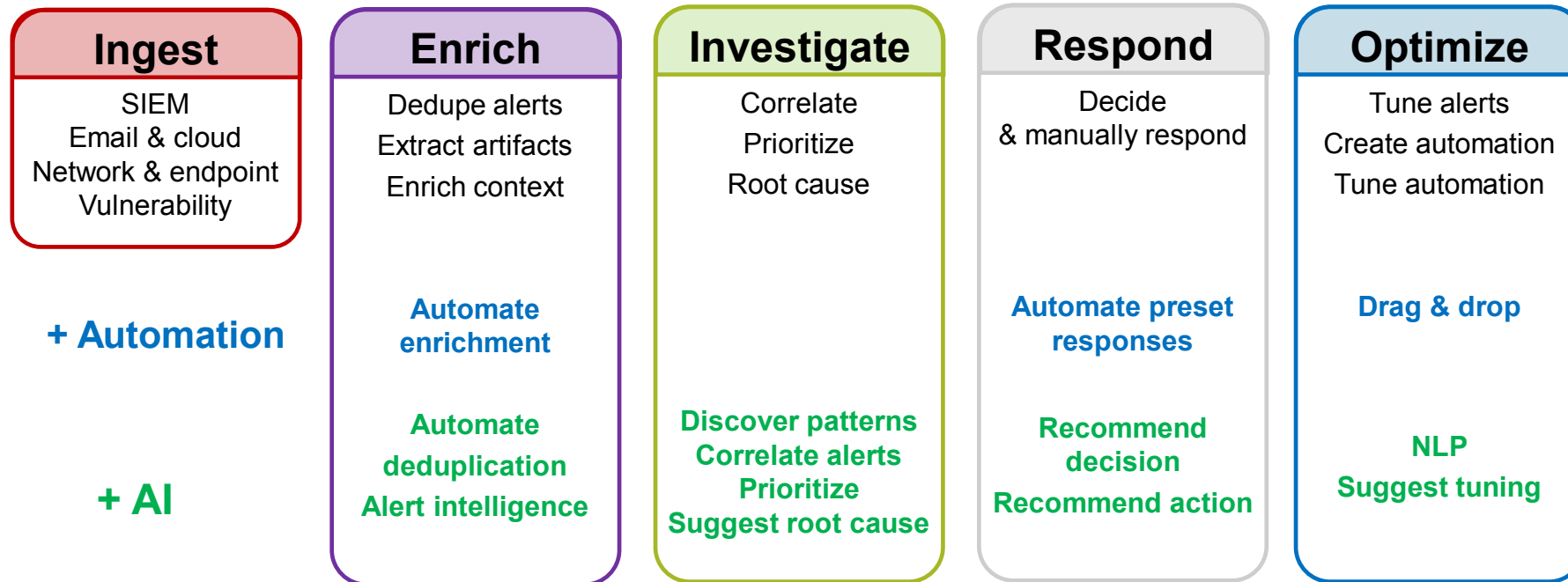
23:12:33 | NETWORK | bryan | azure vm1 | 34.32.23.12

5 detections tell story of Bryan's account phished, accessed & used for exfiltration

- Timelines speed alert's story
- Automated recommendations: "Speak with Bryan, isolate & clean host, reset passwords"

Automation vs AI

Process-driven vs Data-driven



Create automation using AI

The screenshot shows a workflow automation tool interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Playbook', 'Adhoc:Compromised User', and 'Flow 1'. A central grid area is partially obscured by a dialog box titled 'Assitant (Beta)'. The dialog box contains a text input field for 'Please describe your workflow:' with the placeholder text 'Enter workflow descriptions here', a 'Generate nodes' button, and 'Cancel' and 'Import' buttons at the bottom. To the right of the dialog box, a sidebar shows 'info' and 'history' tabs, with 'info' selected. Under 'Information', there is a table with the following data:

Project	2020_2_
Flow	"6b4628
Name	Flow 1
Status	Enabled

Below the 'Information' section, there is a 'Flow Description' section with the text 'None'.

On the left side of the interface, there is a list of nodes categorized by type:

- Assets: nexpose asset
- Remediation: nexpose remediation solution
- Vulnerability: nexpose asset vulnerability, nexpose ip vulnerability and solution
- Regular Expression: regularexpression
- Remedy: remedyCreate
- Response: scramble password



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