

# New Paradigms for the Next Era of Security

*Sounil Yu*

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The measure of success is not whether you have  
a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is  
the same problem you had last year.

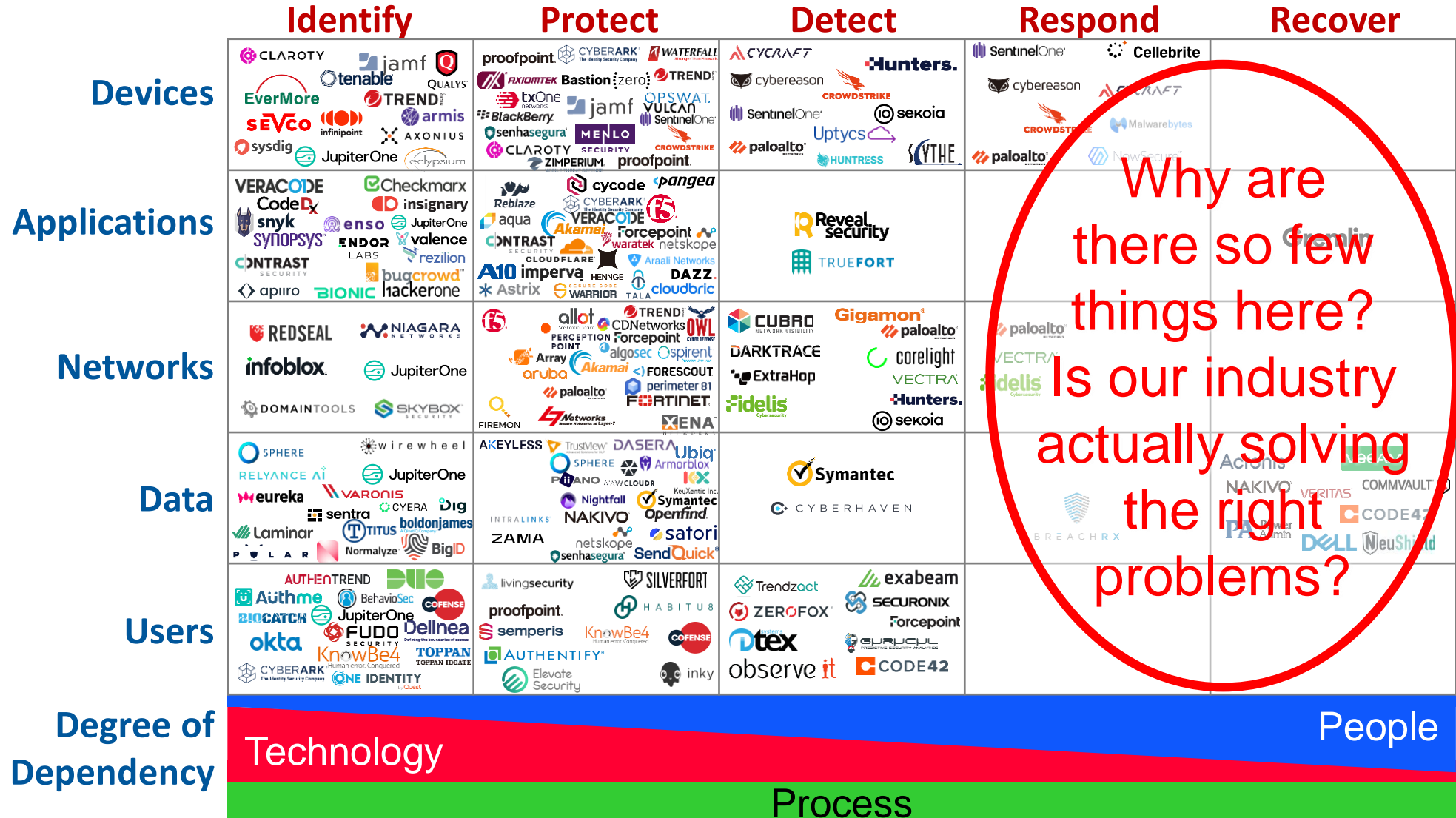
*John Foster Dulles*

We cannot solve our problems  
with the same thinking we  
used when we created them

*Albert Einstein*

# Cyber Defense Matrix

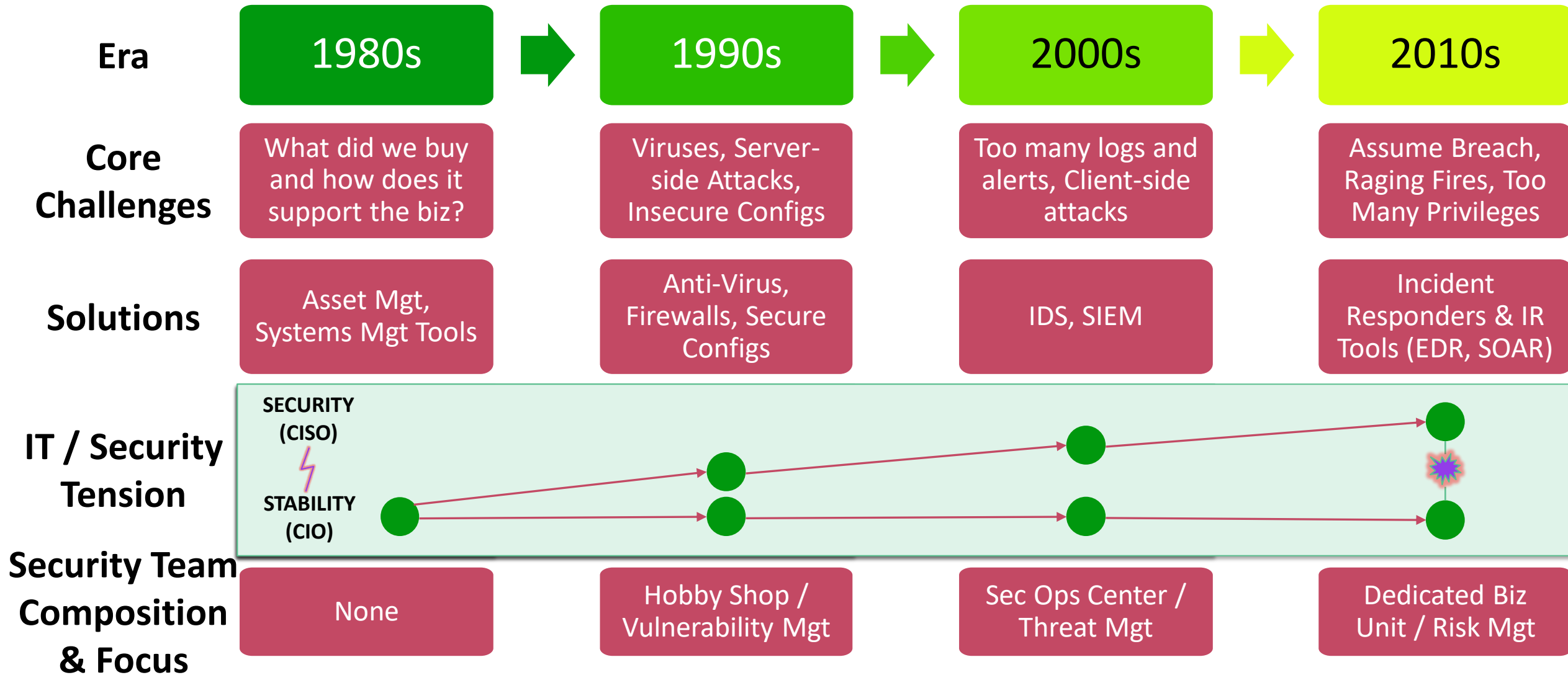
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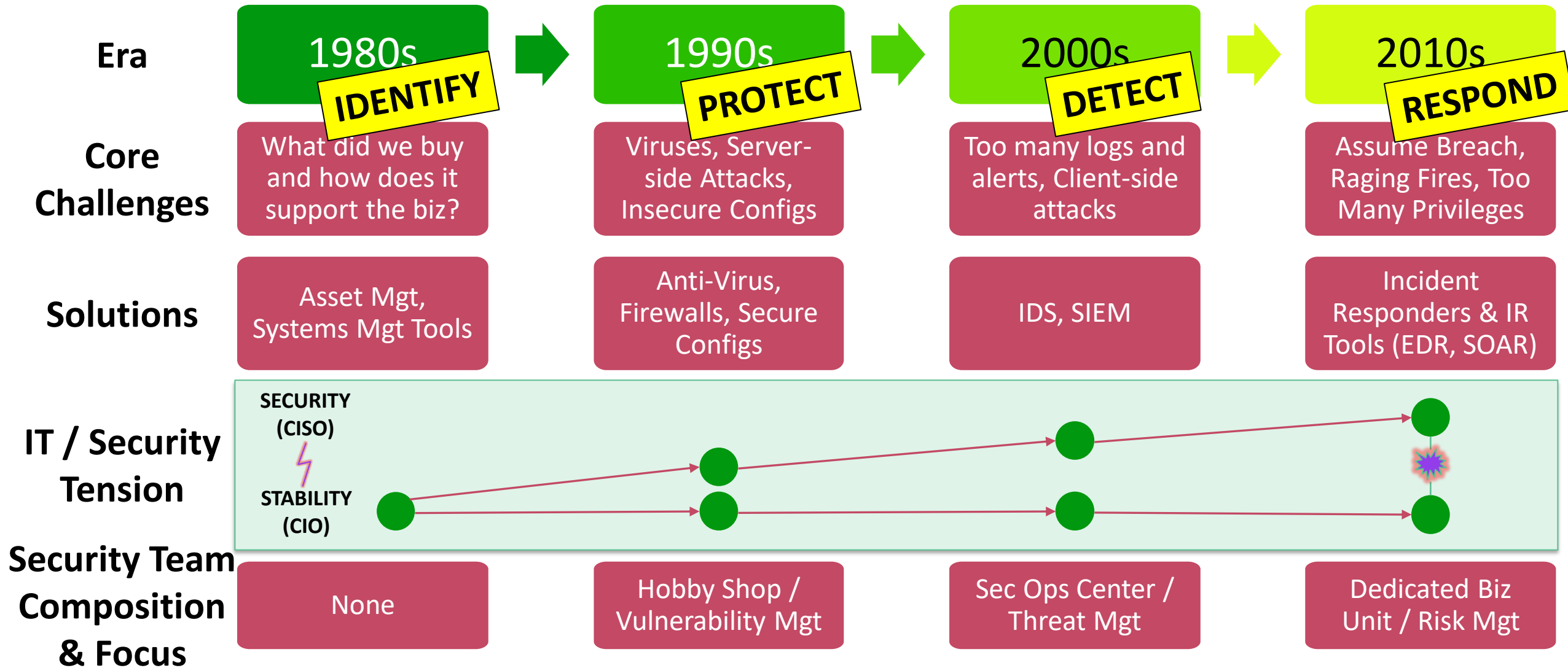
Why are there so few things here?  
Is our industry actually solving the right problems?

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# A Quick History of IT and Security



# Mapping to the NIST Cybersecurity Framework



# 2020s: Age of Recovery (or Resiliency)

What kind of attacks should we see in the 2020s that would challenge to our ability to RECOVER or cause irreversible harm?

**Confidentiality**



**Integrity**



**Availability**



# Ransomware

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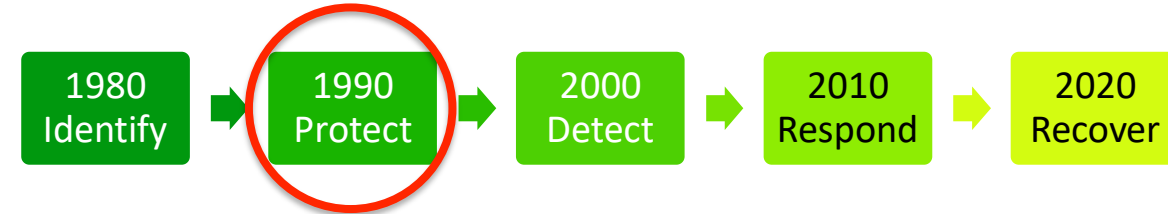
# Forging ahead or regressing back?

Recent advertising campaign from major vendor



JOIN THE PREVENTION AGE  
STOP CYBER BREACHES

- A call to go back to the 1990s?

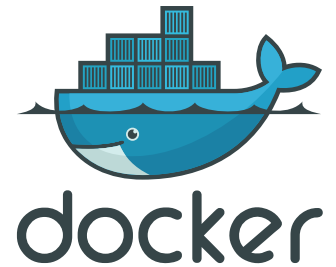
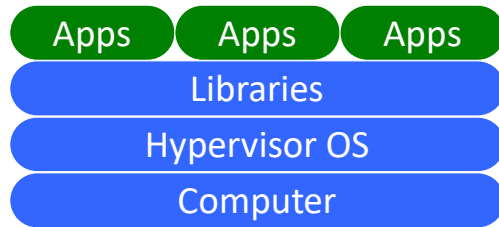


- How will prevention mitigate the impact of ransomware?
  - Remember, we learned “assume breach” in the 2010s
  - Prevention minimizes the occurrences, but does not address the impact or ability to recover

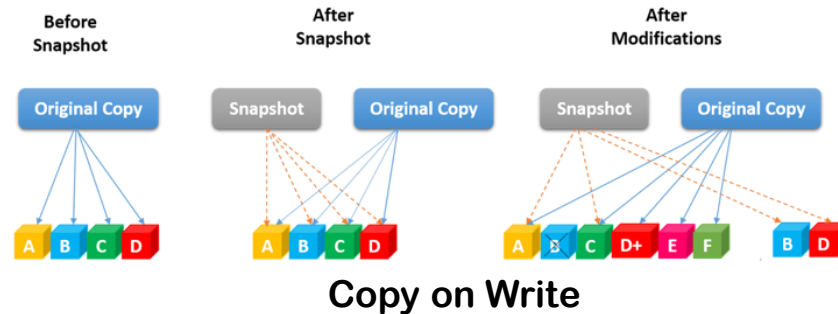
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## SERVERLESS ARCHITECTURE



Content Delivery Network





# The DIE Triad



**Distributed**

**DDoS**  
**Resistant**

The best solution against a distributed attack is a distributed service



**Availability**



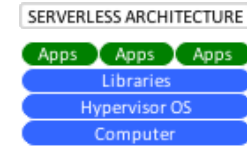
**Immutable**

**Changes Easier to**  
**Detect and Reverse**

Unauthorized changes stand out and can be reverted to known good



**Integrity**



**Ephemeral**

**Drives Value of Assets**  
**Closer to Zero**

Makes attacker persistence hard and reduces concern for assets at risk



**Confidentiality**

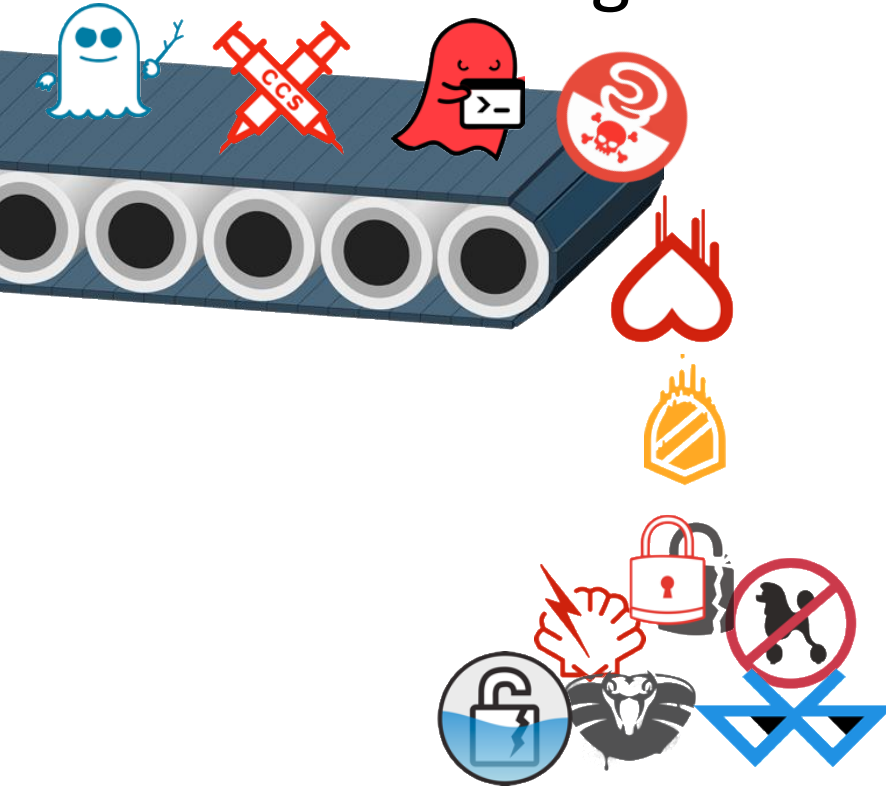


# The Alternative: An Endless Conveyor Belt of Vulnerabilities and Threats

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Likelihood} \times \text{Impact}$$



Never Ending Vulns



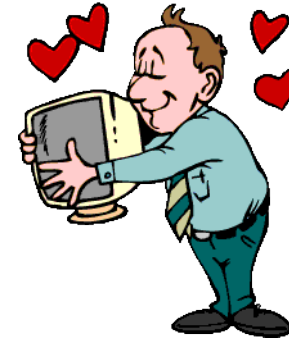
Never Ending Threats



# Pets vs Cattle



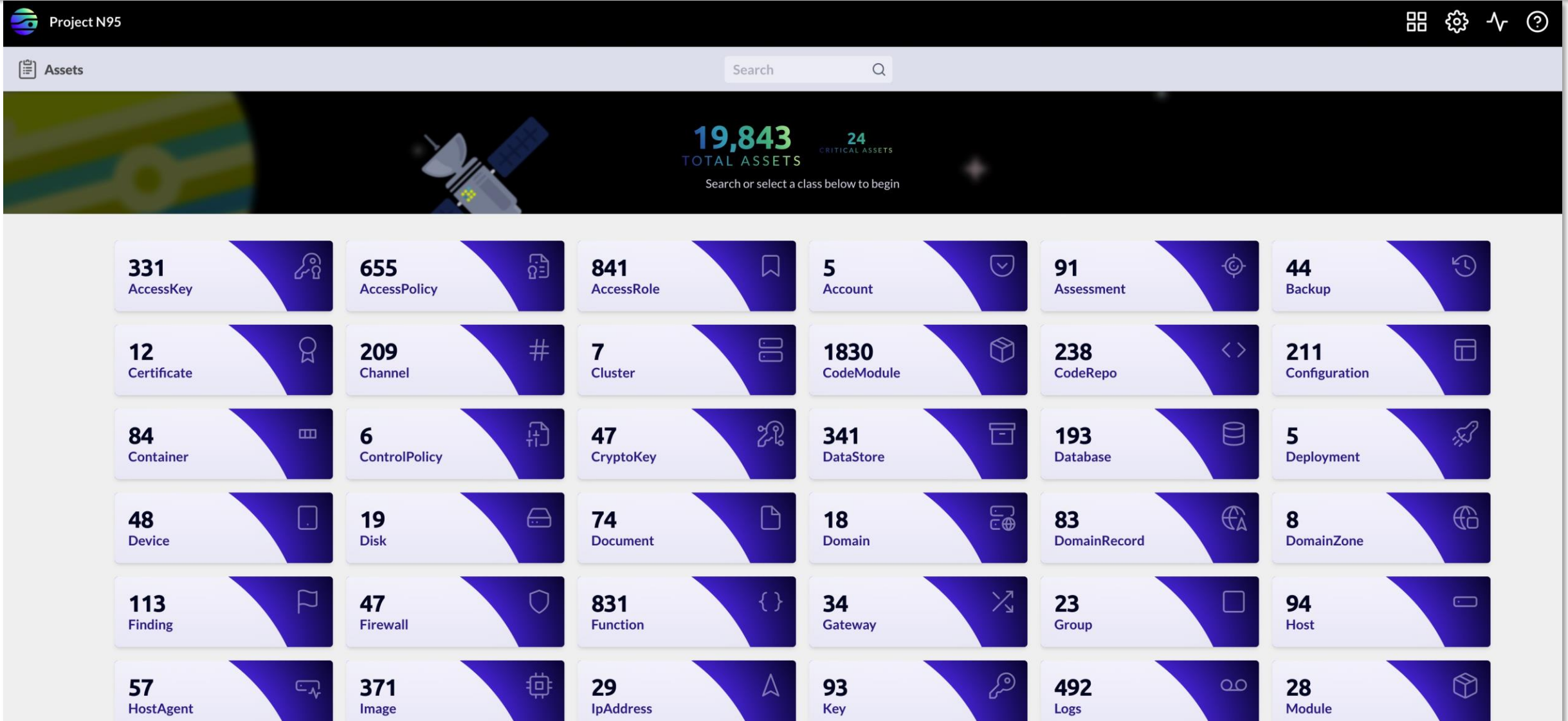
- Given a familiar name
- Taken to the vet when sick
- Hugged



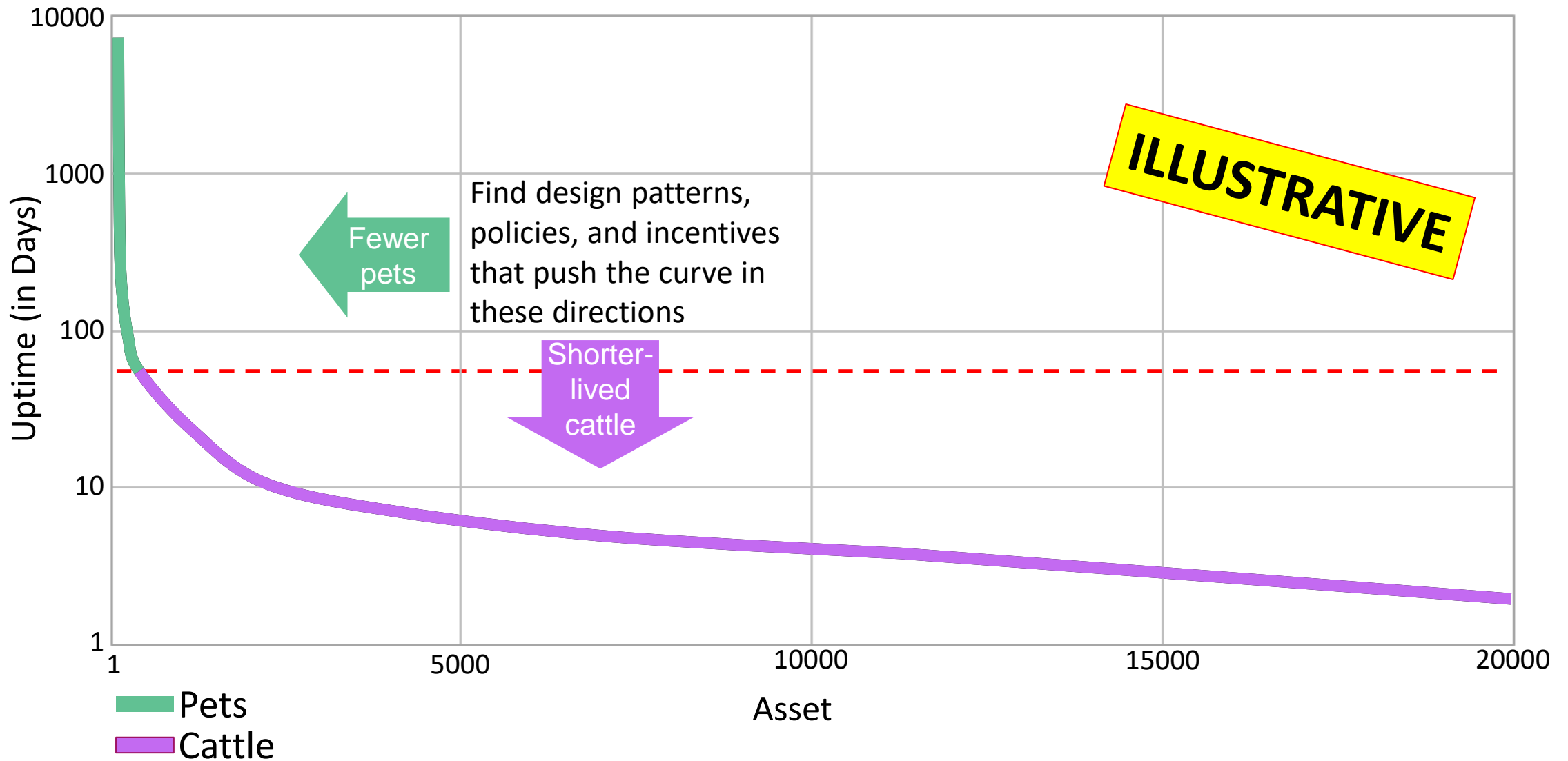
- Branded with an obscure, unpronounceable name
- Culled from herd



# Which of these are pets? Which are cattle?

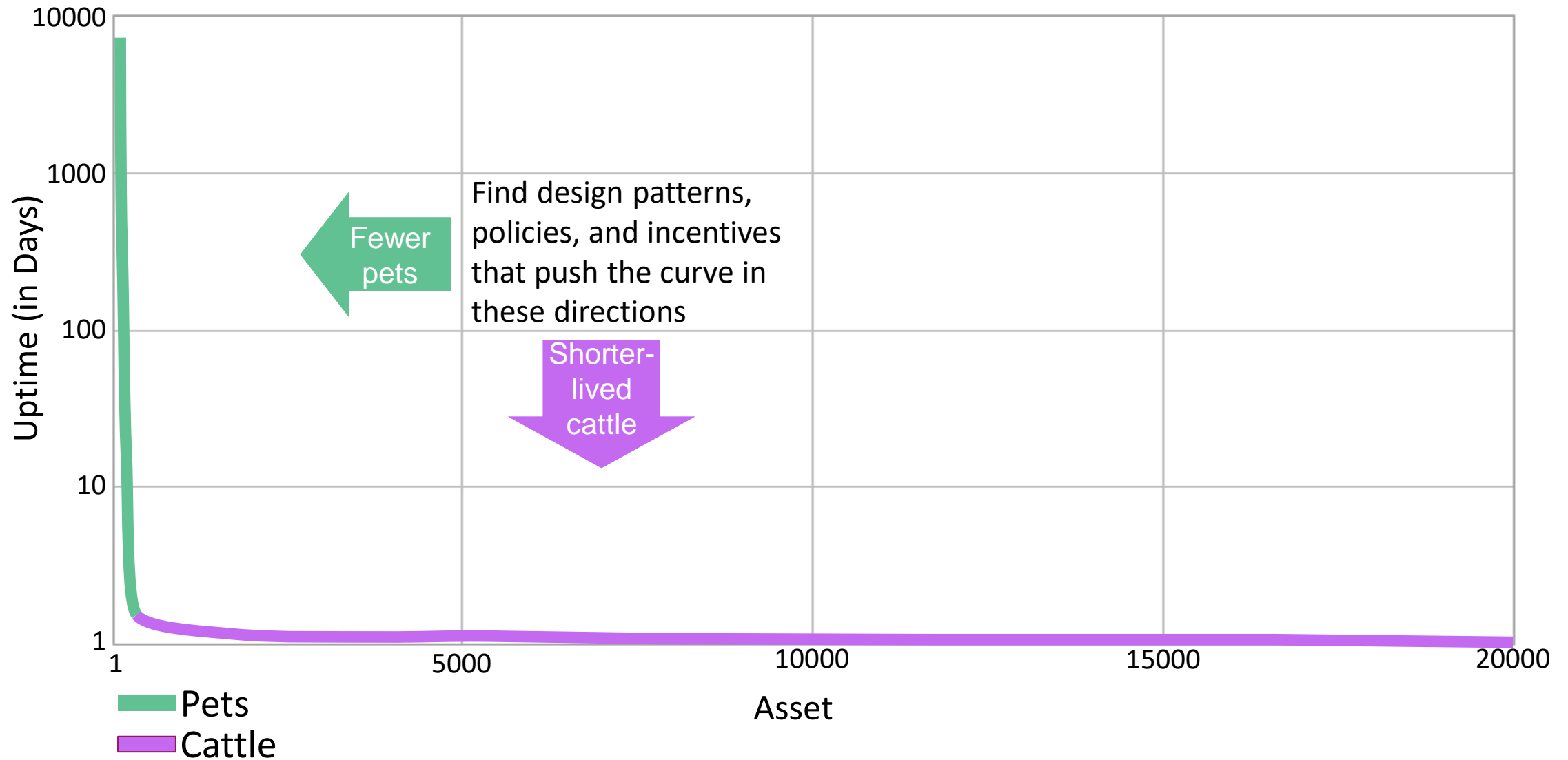


# Measuring Resiliency: Pets vs Cattle Curve

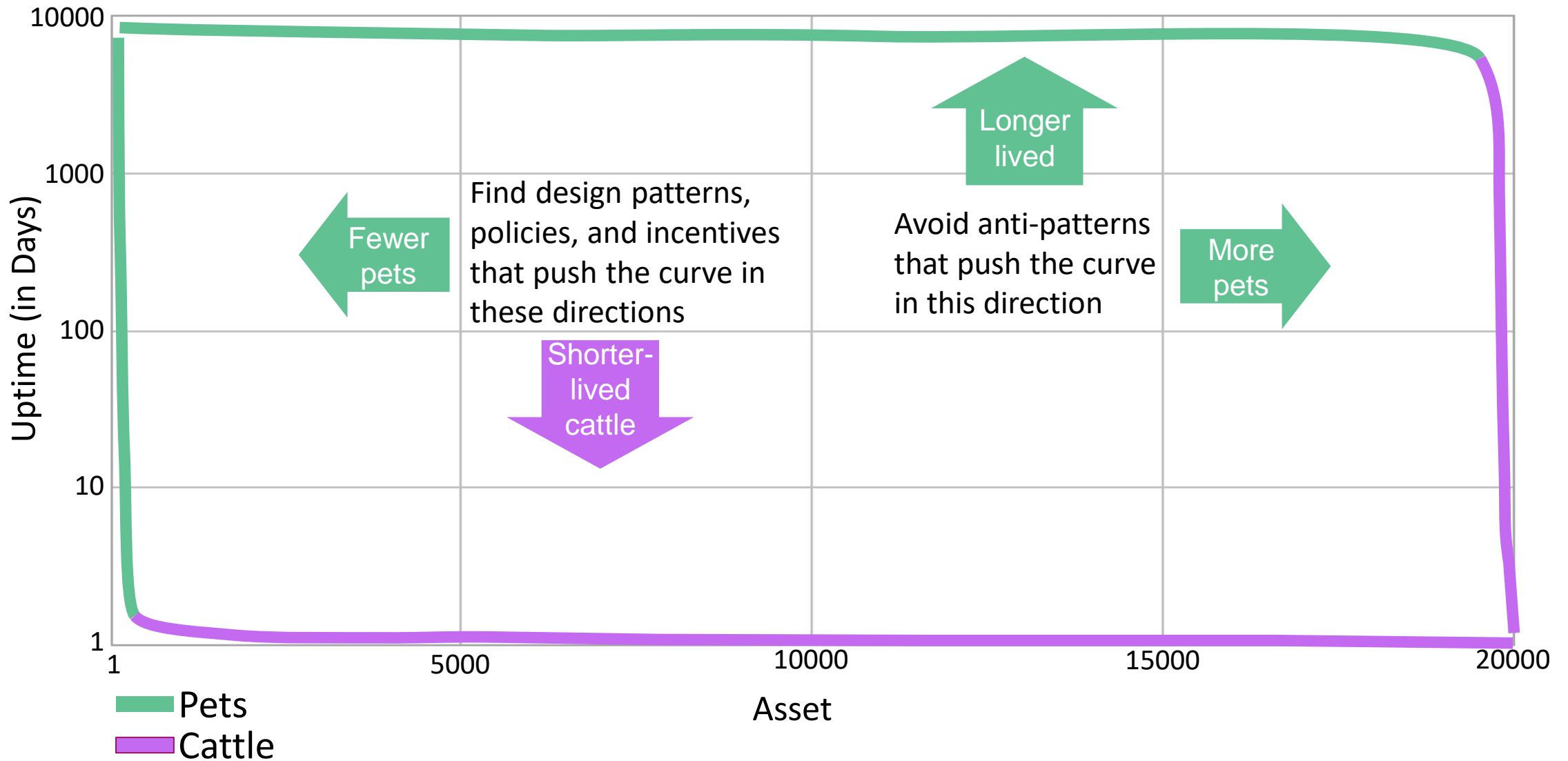




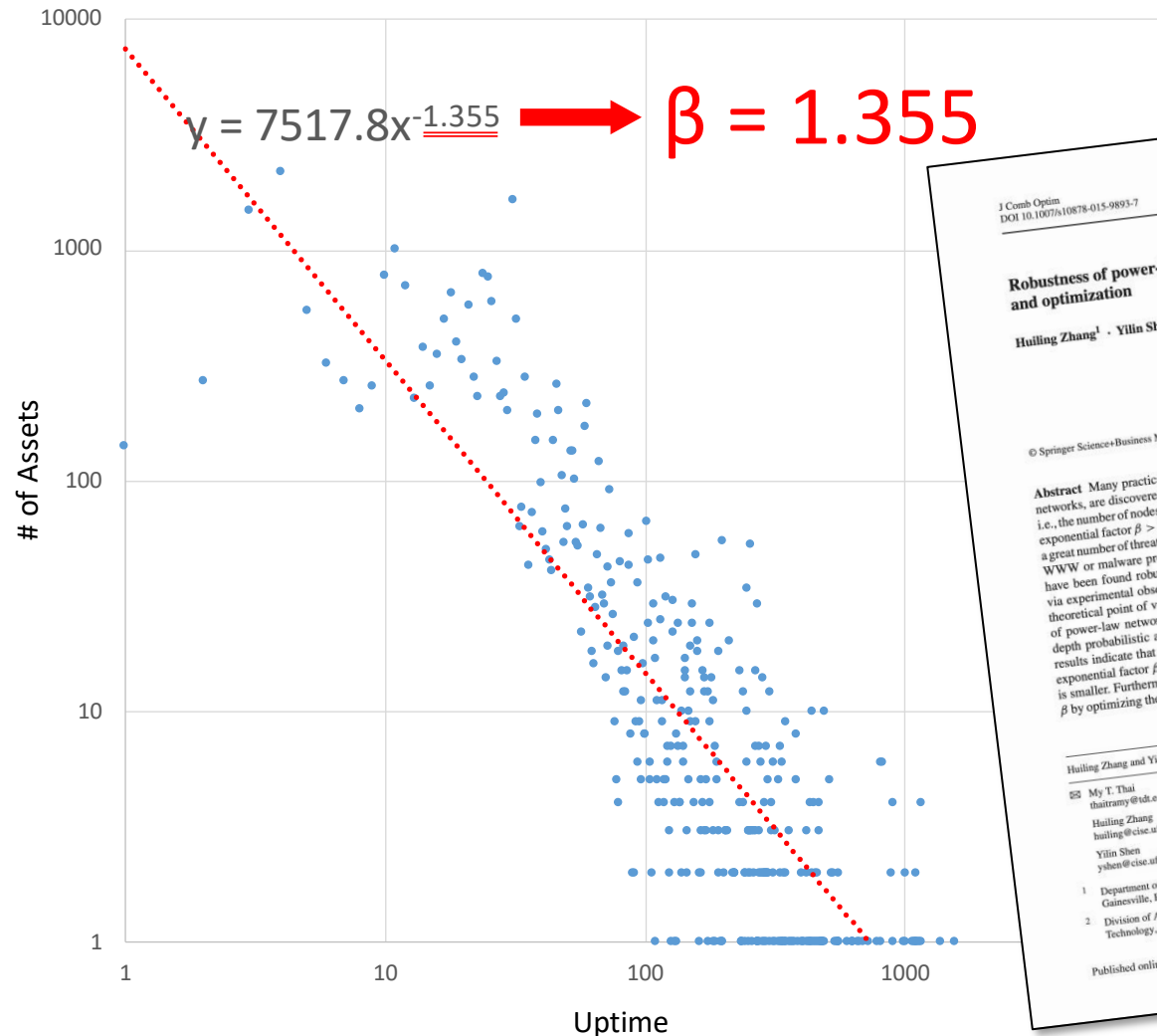
# More Ephemeral = More Resilient?



# Less Ephemeral = Less Resilient?



# Benchmarking Resiliency



- If  $\beta$  is  $< 2.9 \rightarrow$  tolerates random failures
- If  $\beta$  is smaller  $\rightarrow$  more robust against intentional attacks  
(More short-lived cattle causes  $\beta$  to be smaller!!)
- Best range is  $1.8 < \beta < 2.5$  when optimizing for both vulnerabilities and costs
- If  $\beta < 1.8 \rightarrow$  maintenance cost is very expensive
- If  $\beta > 2.5 \rightarrow$  robustness is unpredictable because it depends on the specific attacking strategy

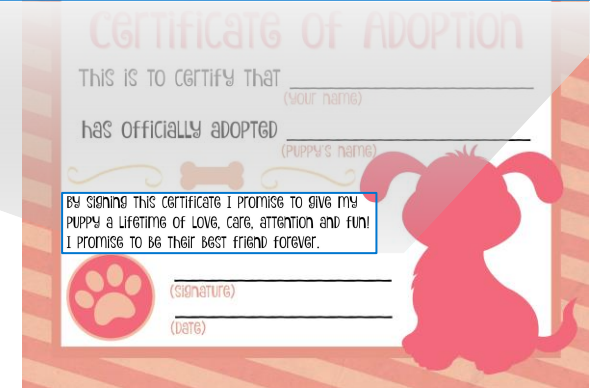
Source: Huiling Zhang, Yilin Shen, and My T. Thai; Robustness of power-law networks: its assessment and optimization, 2015; <https://www.cise.ufl.edu/~mythai/files/15joco.pdf>



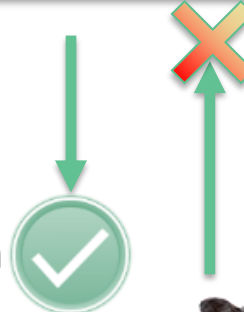
# Pets vs Cattle Controls

By signing this certificate I promise to give my PUPPY a LIFETIME OF LOVE, care, attention and fun! I promise to be their BEST friend forever.

Discourage / Disincentivize



- decommissioning
- creative destruction
- rebooting/reimaging
- privacy enhancing tech

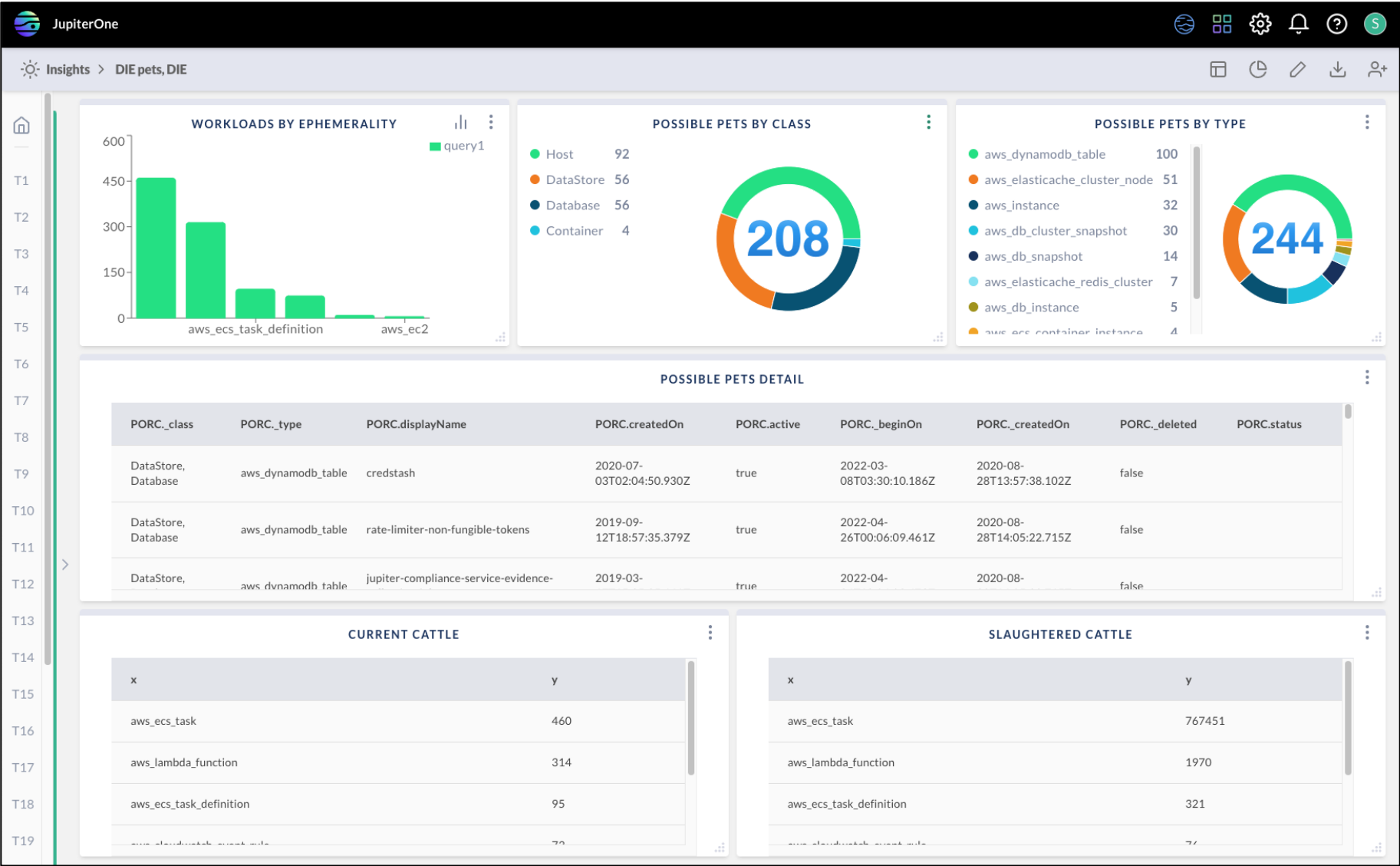


- modifying an immutable container
- letting an asset live longer than needed
- patching in place

Encourage / Incentivize



# Pet Management at my \$dayjob



# The DIE Triad Changes Roles and Responsibilities

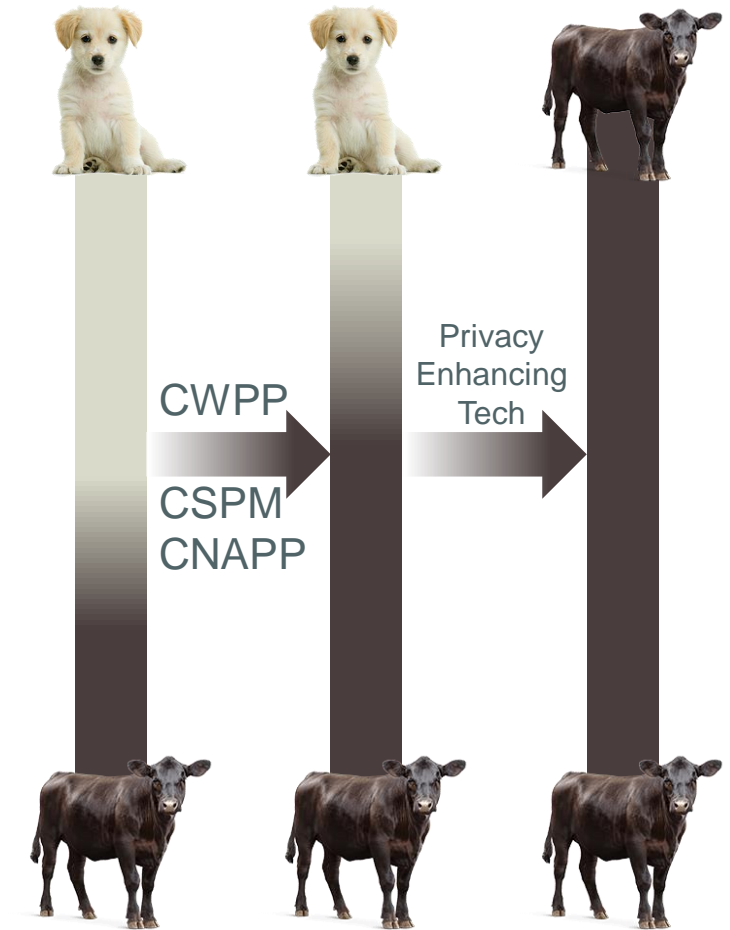
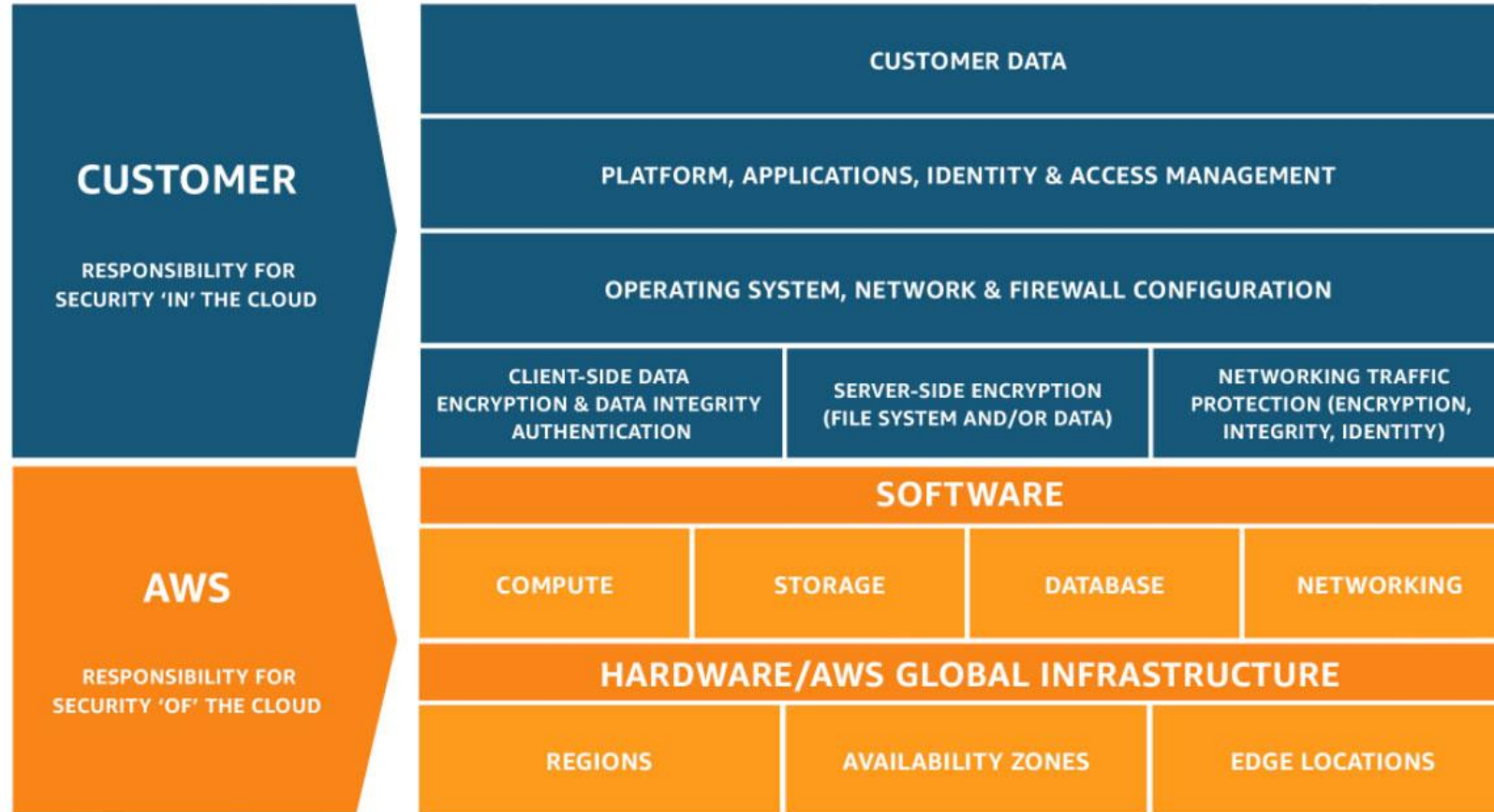
## Cyber Veterinarians



## Cyber Pet Control Officer



# The distribution of “Pets” and “Cattle” change across the Shared Responsibility Model and with cloud native maturity



# Applying DfE to Data: Privacy Enhancing Technologies

Data Minimization  
Homomorphic Encryption  
Secure Multiparty Computation  
Blockchain  
Tokenization  
Synthetic Data / Differential Privacy  
Trusted Execution Environments  
PII Vaults  
Secret Sharing  
Federated Learning



# Applying DIE to Data: Privacy Enhancing Technologies



DIE Triad  
Alignment

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**PII Vaults**

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Pet Control

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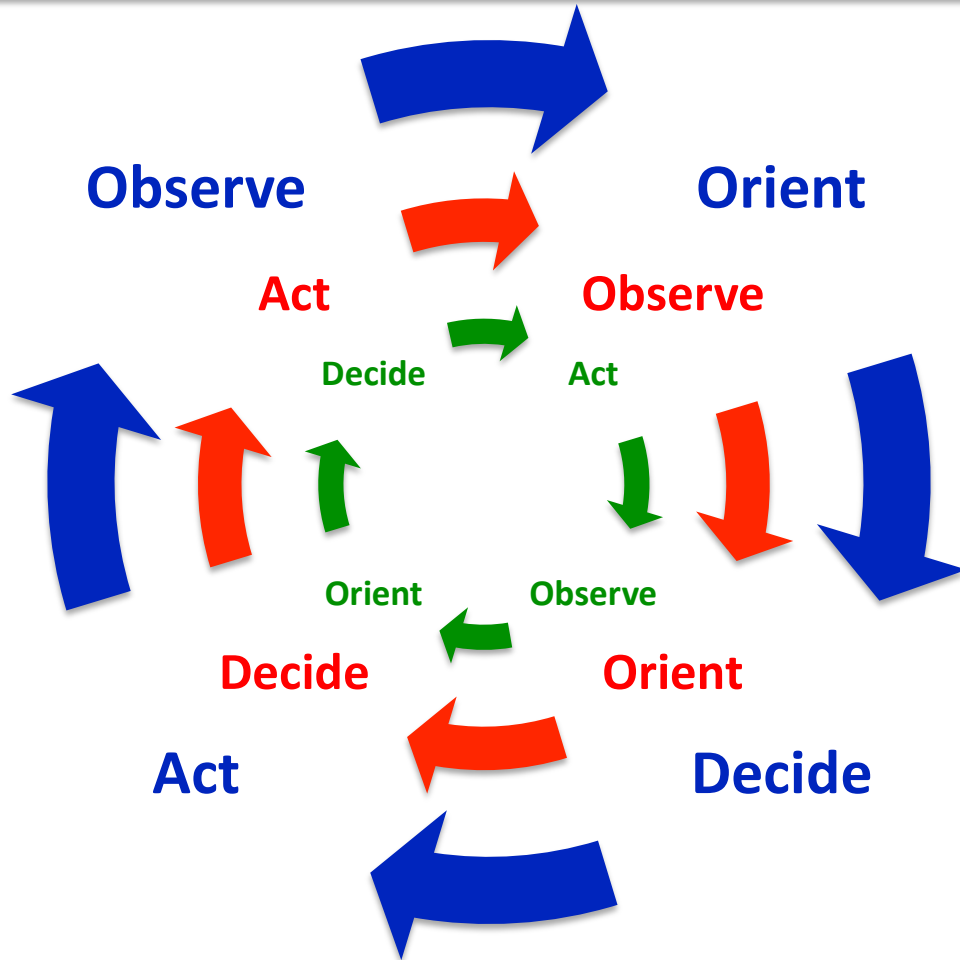
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**Privacy By Design (DIE) is not the same as Security By Design (CIA)**

# DIE and the OODA Loop



Defender OODA Loop



Attacker OODA Loop



Business OODA Loop  
w/Traditional CIA Restrictions



Natural Business OODA Loop with DIE

DIE design patterns that allow businesses to move faster naturally shorten the OODA loop

$$(\text{OODA}_{\text{Business}} - \text{OODA}_{\text{CIO+CISO}} = \text{Shadow IT})$$

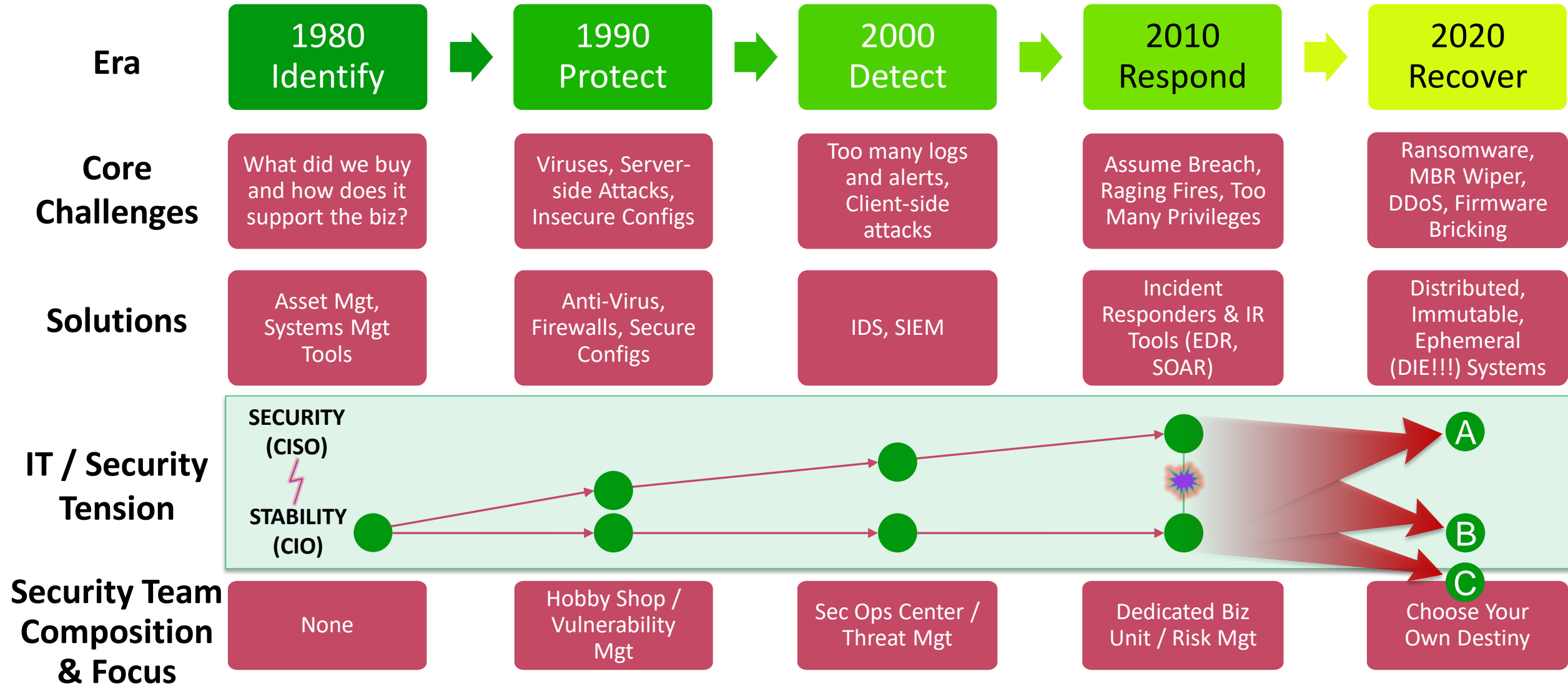
Larger swaths of risk are quickly being eliminated at newer companies, at earlier and earlier stages. And usually ***not because security*** was the goal.

– Ryan McGeehan

<https://medium.com/starting-up-security/you-dont-need-a-chief-security-officer-3f8d1a76b924>



# Completing the NIST CSF





# Fragility vs Resiliency vs Antifragility

## Destiny A



(C.I.A)

Harm mitigated through bolt-ons and workarounds that create instability

## Destiny B



(D.I.E.)

Harm results in destruction but no change in configuration

## Destiny C



D.I.E. + Chaos Engineering + Creative Destruction

Harm finds unknown pets and removes them to make system even more DIE-like

**Chaos Engineering Redefined:**  
Intentional discovery of unknown  
pets that exacerbate fragility

**Creative Destruction Redefined:**  
Intentional removal of known  
pets that exacerbate fragility

# Secure (CIA) != Resilient (DIE)

WTH does  
that mean?!

## Secure your resilience.

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# Summary

- The next era in IT and Security will manifest more irreversible attacks that challenge and undermine our ability to RECOVER
- Better PROTECT, DETECT, and RESPOND capabilities may reduce occurrences of malicious events but are insufficient against well-executed destructive/irreversible scenarios
- Our best countermeasure is to avoid pet creation (that requires CIA) and promote cattle creation (built to DIE)

**Death to CIA! Long live DIE!**

# Questions?



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