



Connecting and Protecting  
the Networked World®

**OWN YOUR DEFENSE:  
NETWORK-BASED  
SECURITY  
FROM LEVEL 3**



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# FACE THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

It's ironic; many of the same things that drive business forward today are often the primary points of entry or vectors of attack that can damage your organization.

Mobile workers accessing networks through an array of devices can increase productivity and collaboration—but create new challenges for maintaining firewalls. New channels and platforms for deploying applications and engaging with customers can improve brand loyalty—but open new points of vulnerability. Nearly seamless anytime, anywhere access to information can help drive sales on a 24-hour cycle—but requires eternal vigilance.



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Threats to your organization can come from anywhere. That's why it's essential to have security intelligence based on global visibility across multiple network layers and service portfolios. Level 3 provides this perspective, identifying and defending against threats, including those that may have gone undetected by traditional patchwork security solutions. And because we offer network-based security, the porous nature of point solutions is eliminated.

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- Often launched to distract focus from other attacks or fraudulent transactions

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- **Spyware**

Software that threatens privacy due to malicious redirecting (hijacking) of users to servers that secretly collect users' data

- **Ransomware**

Malicious code that holds victims' data hostage until a "ransom" fee is paid

- **Viruses, Trojans and worms**

Various types of malicious code that infiltrate IT systems, consume resources, inflict damage to critical systems, or steal or destroy data

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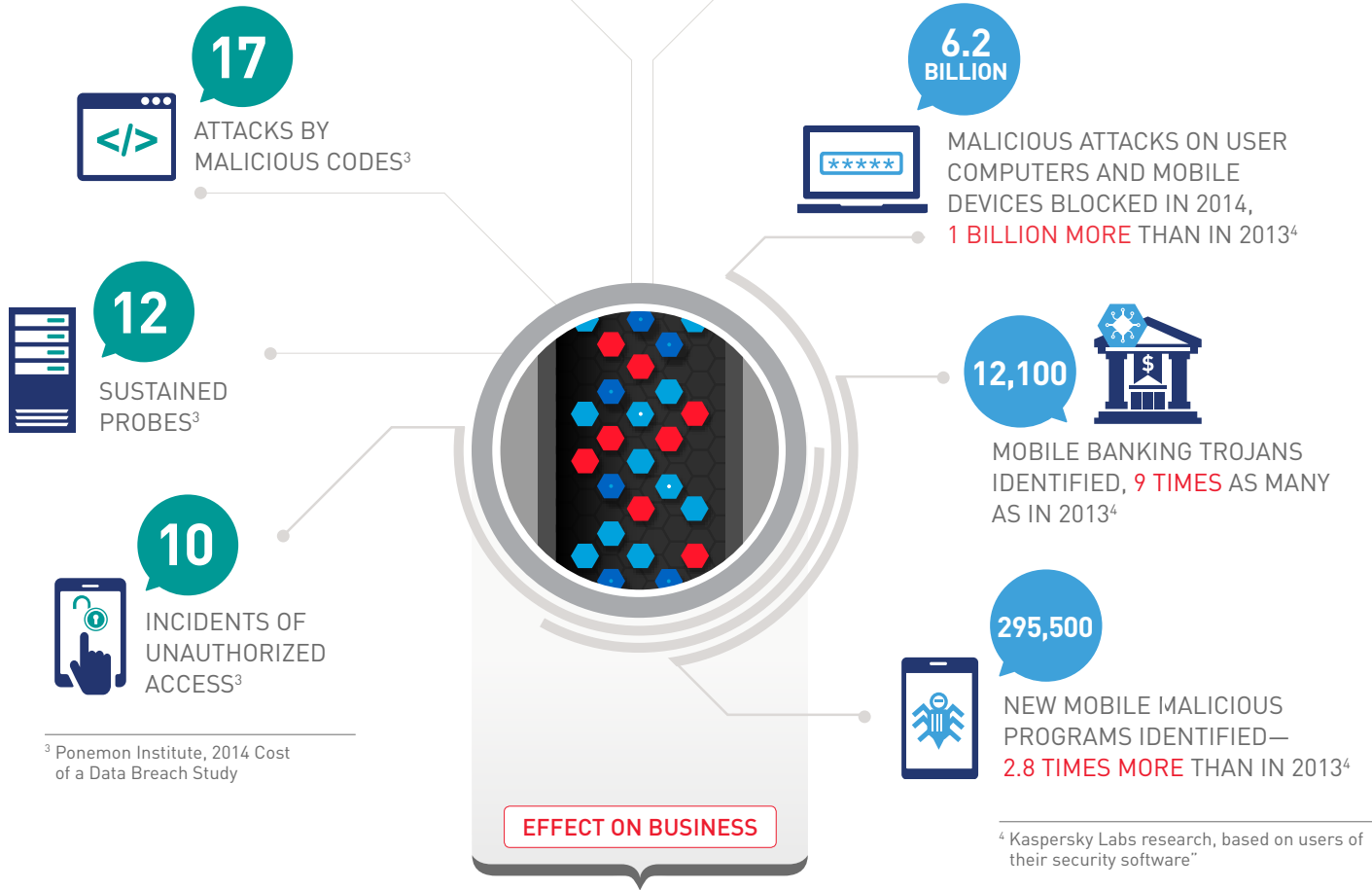
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## EVERY MONTH, YOU FACE

## INCREASING THREATS



## FINANCIAL IMPACT

## LOST BUSINESS VALUE





# OUR PERSPECTIVE ON SECURITY

The sophistication, persistence and global nature of today’s complex cyber threats require a more effective defense. Our approach is rooted in the idea that we’re all stronger when we work together to take on these increasingly difficult challenges.

Attackers commonly share their expertise and methods. The security community must partner as well. Collaboration will benefit everyone as we leverage our combined expertise and strategies for safeguarding data while maintaining privacy.



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During September 2014, the information security community identified an emerging persistent threat to Internet traffic. Nicknamed SSHPsychos, the new botnet demonstrated an ability to launch massive DDoS attacks Internet-wide. Level 3's Threat Research Labs and Cisco's Talos Group worked together to investigate the threat, block its traffic from the Level 3 network, and perform outreach to other network operators globally to remove it from the Internet.

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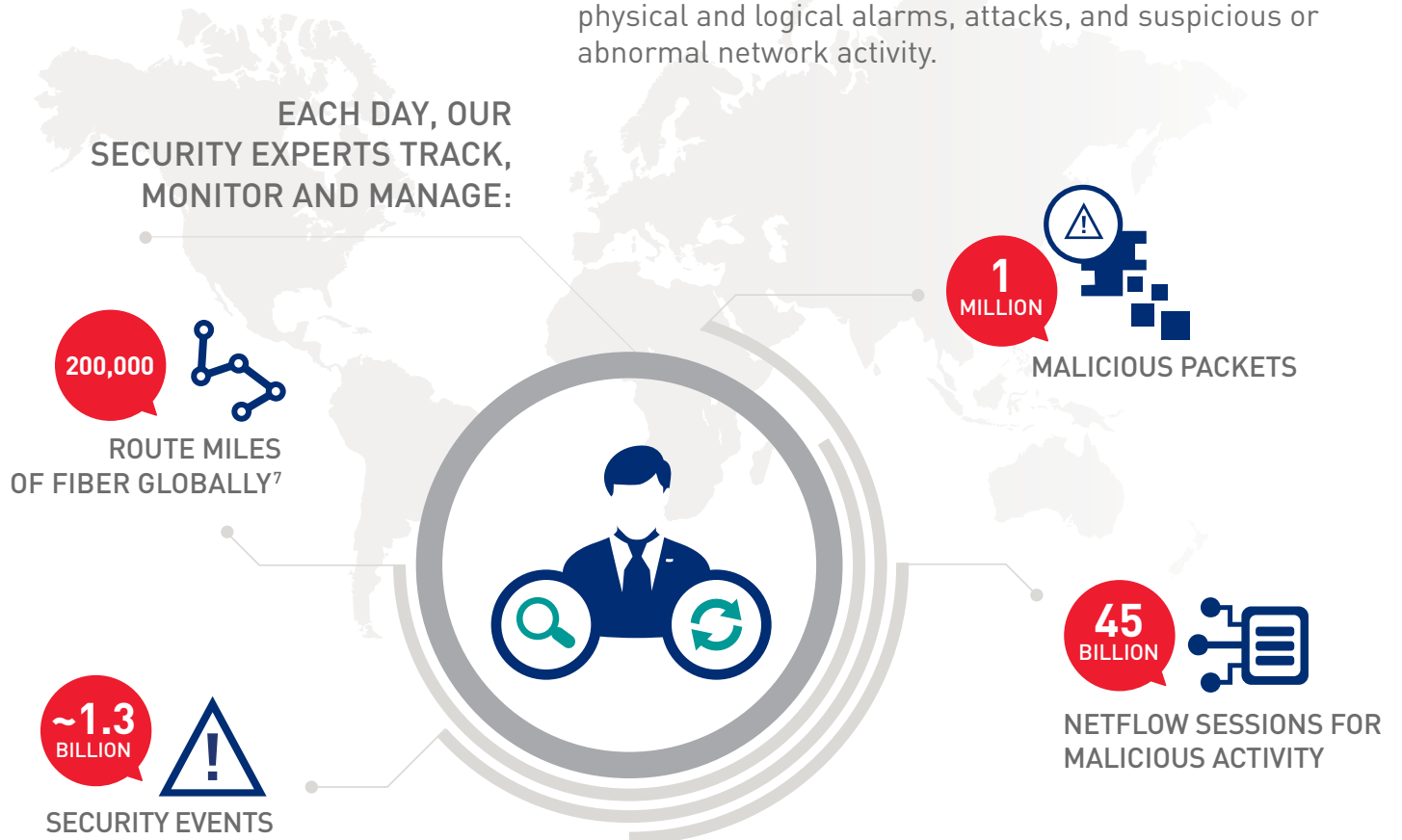
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## LEVEL 3 TAKES ON POSEIDON +



## SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTERS

Staffed 24x7 with analysts and engineers ready to efficiently respond to your security issues, our SOC's respond to physical and logical alarms, attacks, and suspicious or abnormal network activity.



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We monitor command and control servers worldwide, along with known malware and phishing domains, giving us deep visibility into where threats originate. Every day, experts in our Threat Research Labs proactively analyze the global threat landscape, sharing that information to help defend our customers and the public Internet. We also track communications traffic, seeking abnormalities such as changes in traffic patterns, which can indicate an impending attack. Armed with this threat information, Level 3 acts to protect our customers and our network.

## RESEARCH LABS

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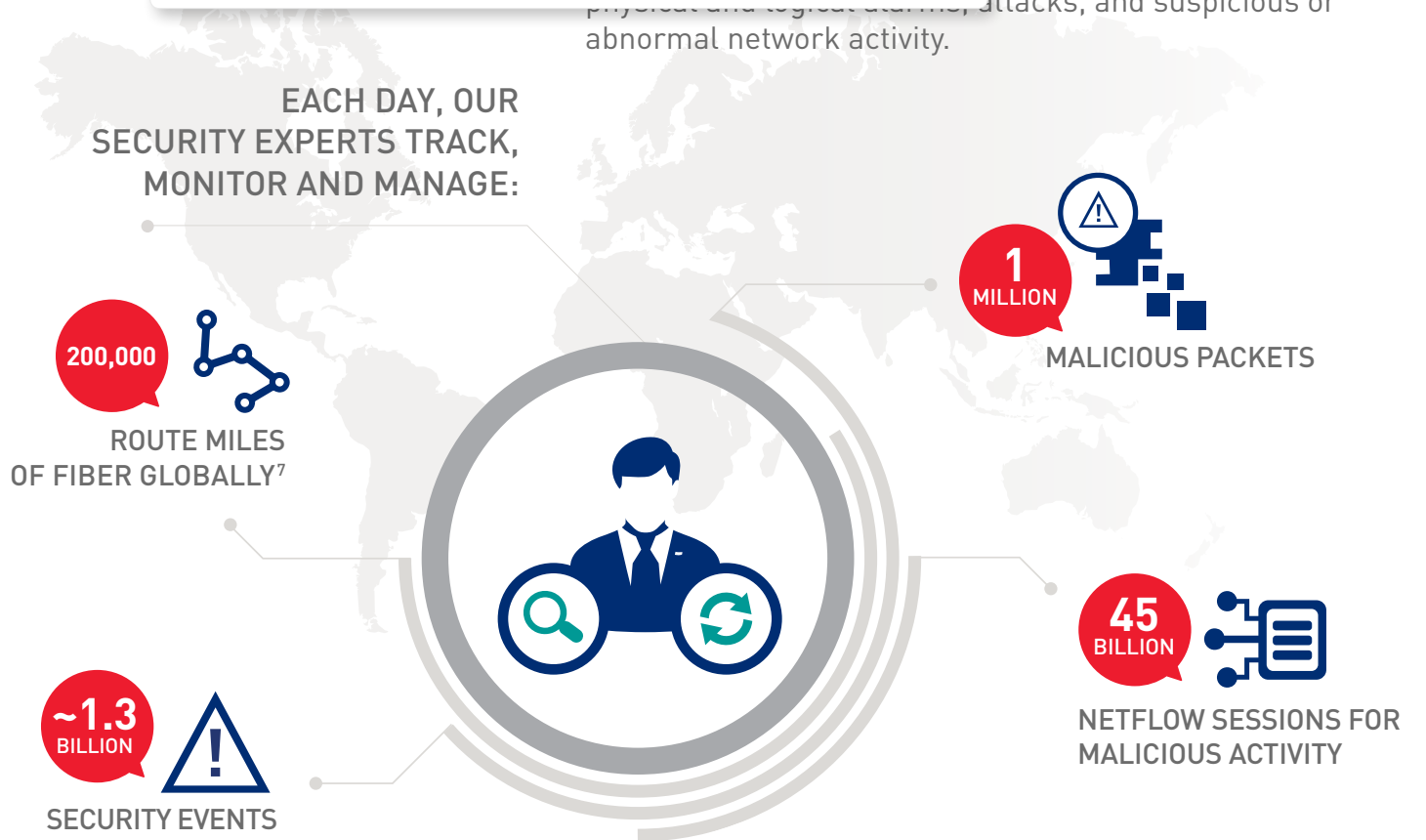


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PoSeidon, one of the most sophisticated recent examples of point-of-sale (PoS) malware, stole credit card data from compromised PoS systems and sent it to hackers in near real time. Level 3 Threat Research Labs monitored traffic to identify victims, isolated the attack's criminal origins, and worked quickly to reduce the impact of the attack.

[READ MORE.](#) +

REAL-WORLD SUCCESS

EACH OF OUR SECURITY EXPERTS MONITOR AND MANAGE

200,000



ROUTE MILES OF FIBER GLOBALLY<sup>7</sup>

MALICIOUS PACKETS

~1.3 BILLION



SECURITY EVENTS

45 BILLION



NETFLOW SESSIONS FOR MALICIOUS ACTIVITY



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# NETWORK-BASED SECURITY OWN YOUR DEFENSE

Traditional point security solutions have had their day. But those reactive, isolated point solutions are simply unable to keep pace with the complexities of today's business environments and the evolving nature of threats.

Point solutions are labor intensive, needing to be individually managed and updated, and trying to get a complete picture of an organization's security posture is time consuming—if it can be done at all.

## LEVEL 3 IS THE BETTER CHOICE FOR NETWORK-BASED SECURITY

Proactive, network-based security from Level 3 eliminates the complexity of point solutions and simplifies the management of your security profile. Level 3 will work with you make the transition to an outsourced model, helping you cut the costs of administration and reduce capital investment requirements—freeing budget and staff for other critical business needs.

## WE MAKE THE CONVERSION TO NETWORK-BASED SECURITY EASY

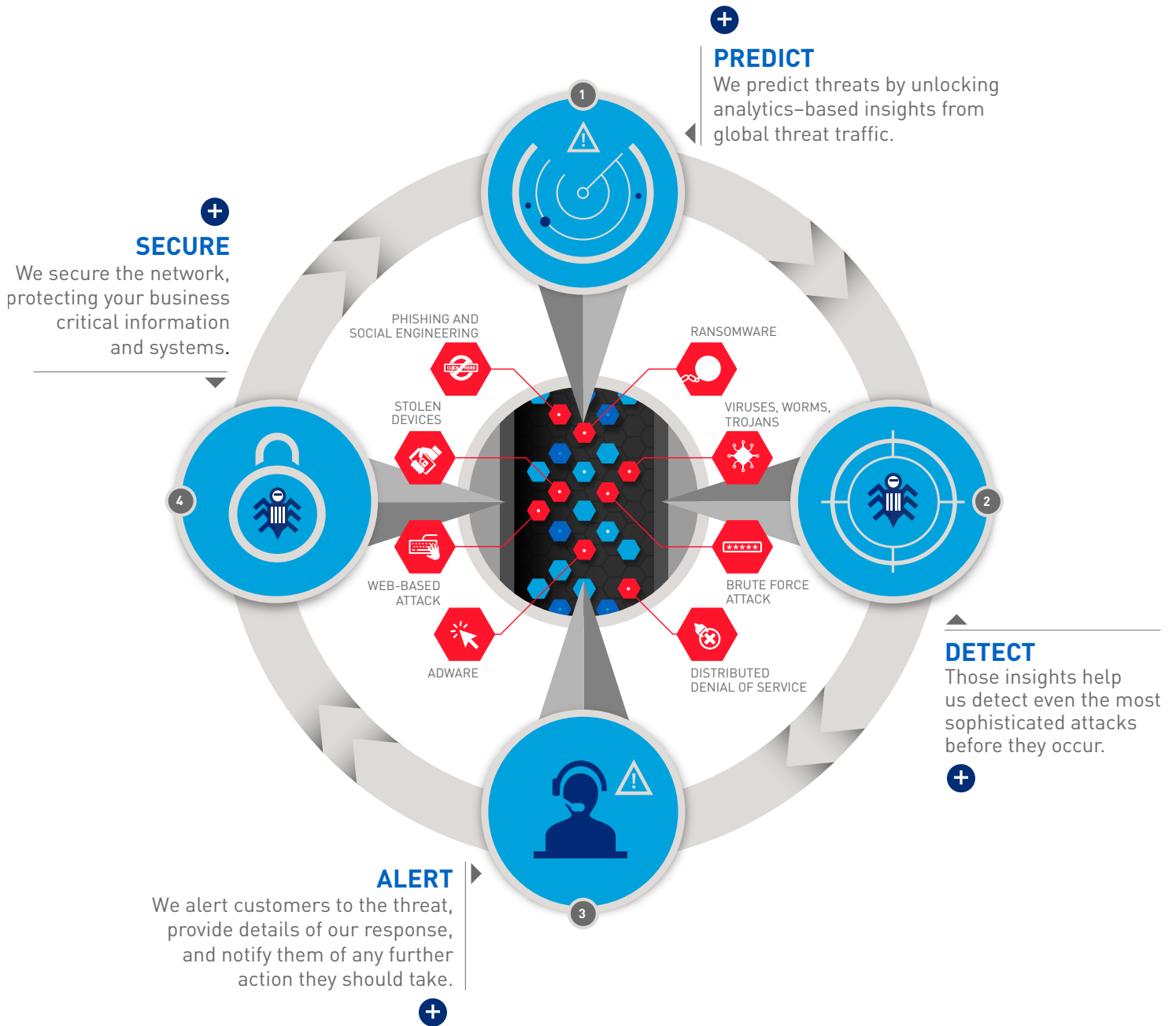
Transition incrementally, to evaluate the service with very low risk. We'll identify the most efficient implementation strategy, while minimizing disruption through comprehensive support and guidance every step of the way.



BACKED 24X7 BY CERTIFIED, HIGHLY EXPERIENCED SECURITY PROFESSIONALS, NETWORK-BASED SECURITY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO DELIVER A LAYERED DEFENSE THAT ENHANCES SECURITY AS BUSINESSES EVOLVE AND GROW.

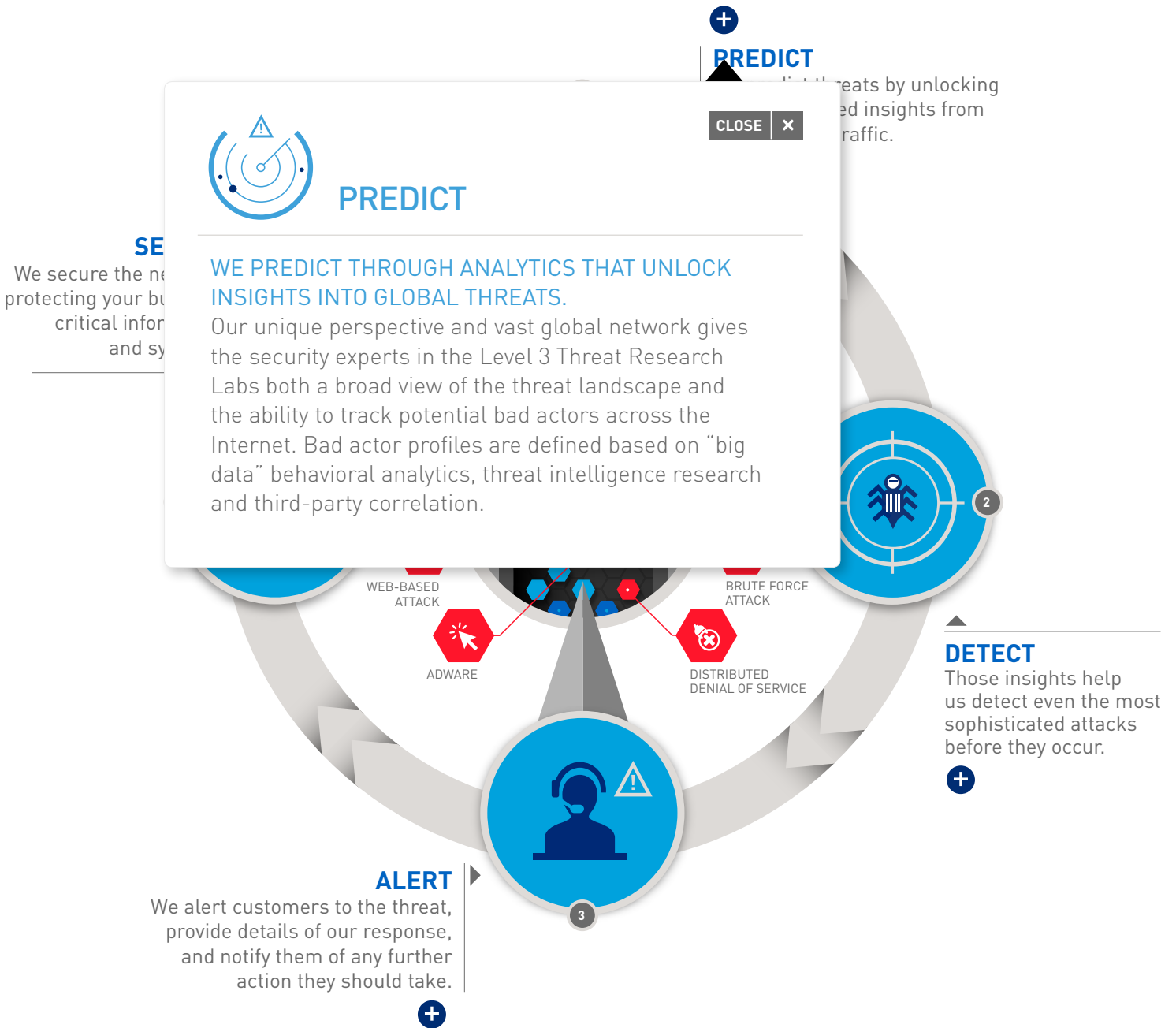
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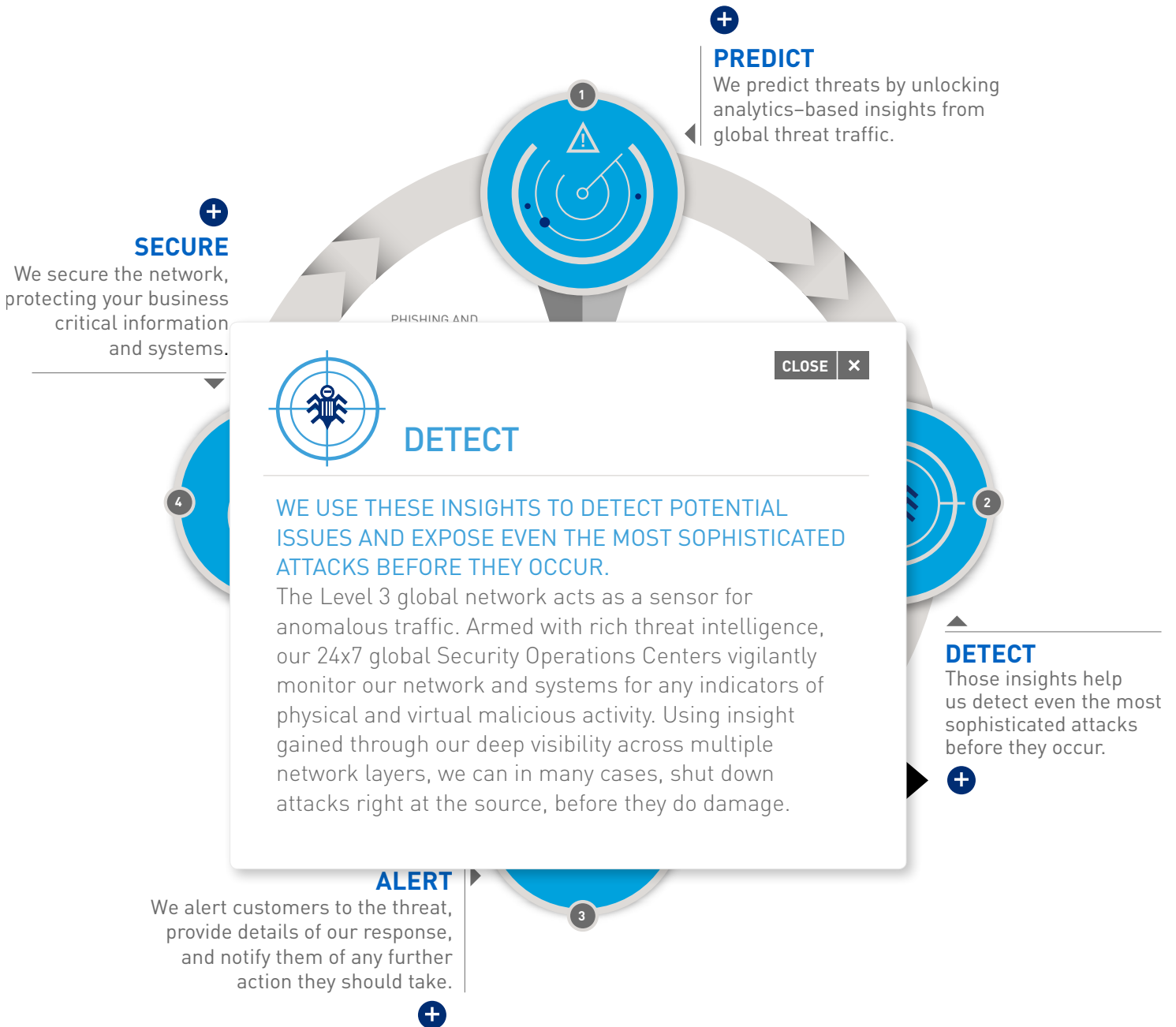
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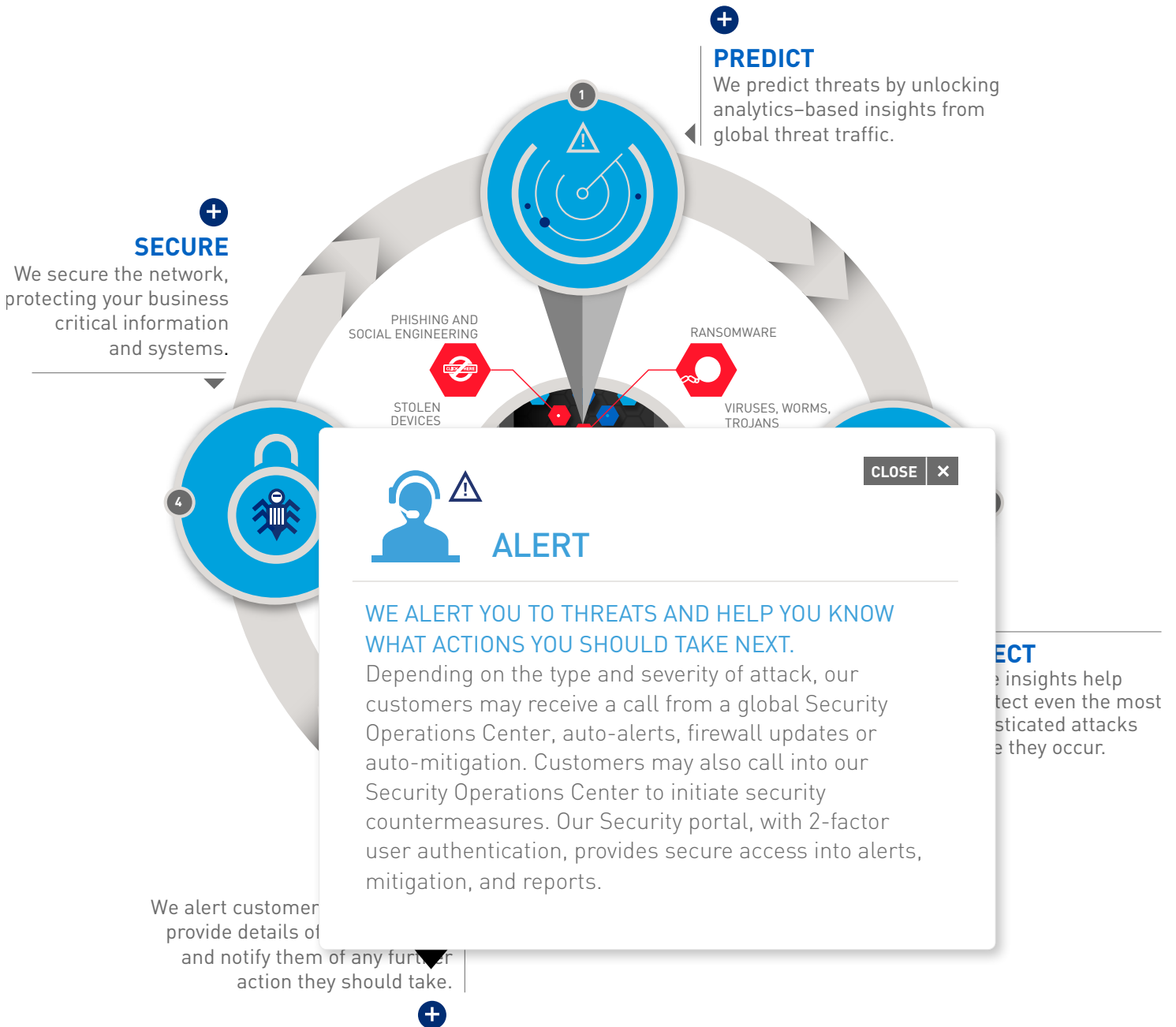
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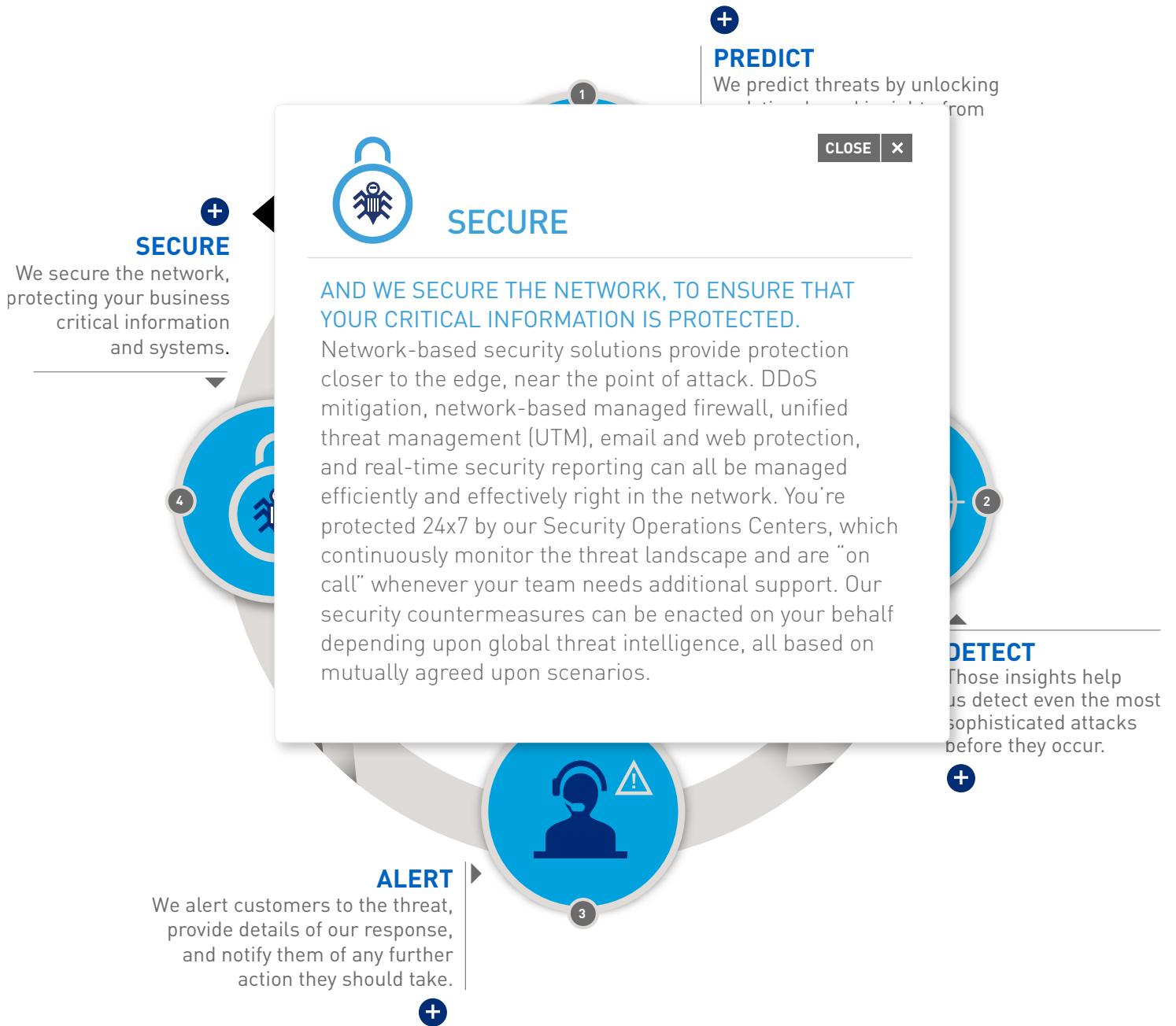
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# THE LEVEL 3 MANAGED SECURITY SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Level 3 is dedicated to providing you with 24x7 business continuity. The size and sophistication of our global network gives us access to a massive amount of security threat data, so we can help protect you from attacks before they affect your business.





## SECURITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Defending against today’s complex security threats requires a dedicated team of specialists. By drawing on expertise and insight gained from serving a global customer base and managing a diverse fiber network, we will develop a comprehensive security plan that enables your business to operate with confidence wherever you choose.

### ➔ KEY FEATURES

- Identifies areas of concern through penetration testing and vulnerability assessments
- Defines a security strategy that maps security policy to critical applications, corporate culture, staff, processes and technologies
- Augments your security blueprint to include a recommended plan, set of priorities and expected return on investment (ROI)
- Measures results and value creation
- Provides a trusted security advisor every step of the way

### ➔ BENEFITS

- Provides unbiased advice on the state of your current security posture
- Delivers a clear roadmap and detailed action plan for improving your network security
- Enables rapid return on investment

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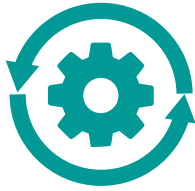
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## LEVEL 3 DDoS MITIGATION SERVICE

Today’s highly sophisticated distributed attacks require more than typical scrubbing center mitigation techniques. Our network-based DDoS mitigation solutions defend enterprise resources through a multi-layered security approach backed by extensive threat research.

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### ➔ KEY FEATURES

- Provides 4.5 Tbps of attack ingestion capacity
- Can be paired with network protection services that includes routing, filtering and rate limiting
- Enables reroute and scrubbing of all Internet connections, not just Level 3 on-net capacity
- Connect via GRE, Proxy or more than 250 multiprotocol label switching (MPLS) points of presence (POPs) globally

### ➔ BENEFITS

- Leverages Level 3 threat intelligence capabilities, based on our global IP networks, content delivery networks (CDNs) and domain name server (DNS) networks, which enable unique visibility into attack traffic and emerging threats
- Helps ensure business continuity and safeguard brand reputation, by keeping critical assets and systems up and running
- Simplifies operations, through network-based, carrier-agnostic service with a single point of contact for threat resolution



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## LEVEL 3 EMAIL AND WEB DEFENSE

Block attacks from the network's edge with easy-to-deploy, cloud-based defensive services. We provide always on email and web protection, safeguarding your employees and helping them stay productive—wherever business takes them.

### ➔ KEY FEATURES

- Protects inbound and outbound emails with multilayered protection that includes spam, malware, reputation, virus, worm, content, attachment and email attack filters
- Helps ensure email continuity, even if email systems go offline
- Utilizes email encryption technologies and strategies with advanced data loss prevention and compliance capabilities
- Provides content scanning, document fingerprinting and transport layer security
- Delivers a strong and reliable web defense, with protections against dynamic web-based malware via advanced web filtering technology

### ➔ BENEFITS

- Scales easily to support organizations of any size
- Simplifies management of email and web security policies through an intuitive administrative console
- Ensures continuity, keeping your email systems safe and available



## LEVEL 3 SECURE ACCESS SITE, MOBILITY AND CELLULAR SERVICES

Moving managed firewalls and UTM into the network helps you to simplify security infrastructure and operations, while reducing costs. And with gateways on four different continents, we offer a low latency access option for improved Internet speeds and quick application response times.

### ➔ KEY FEATURES

Delivers the protections you need most:

- 24x7 proactive monitoring and alerts
- Firewall
- Premises or cloud-based deployments
- Intrusion protection
- Web content filtering
- Antivirus/Anti-spam
- Real-time security reporting

### ➔ BENEFITS

- Scales easily and cost effectively to support networks regardless of size, number of sites, traffic volumes or geographic location
- Controls both capital expenditures and operating expenses, while providing predictable monthly costs and freeing staff for other projects
- Simplifies IT management by providing Level 3 experts, knowledge, systems and technologies that deliver “always on” Internet security
- Defends against a wide range of malware and attack types, helping secure your Internet connections from threats to business-critical applications, systems and endpoints

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Our dedicated team of certified security specialists provides 24x7 monitoring and threat analysis of your security appliances for a complete view of security incidents. And we'll keep your network safe—without sacrificing accessibility.

### ➔ KEY FEATURES

Three options are available:

- **Site option:** Extends virtual private network (VPN) access to small or remote offices with a basic Internet connection, and helps ensure data remains unmodified and private while in transit.
- **Mobility option:** Securely connects remote users or teleworkers to networks, critical data and applications via laptops, tablets or smartphones
- **Cellular option:** Provides secure 4G/LTE cellular connectivity for small remote sites, providing backup in the event of primary VPN connectivity failure.

### ➔ BENEFITS

- Delivers confidence through continuous protection of your sensitive data
- Solutions managed and monitored 24x7 by our security experts, which frees resources, so your team can focus on growing your business
- Drives better productivity by giving employees safe, secure network access from anywhere, on any device

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Our comprehensive vantage point and global footprint enables us to monitor massive Internet traffic volumes for malicious activity. We can help you identify threat communications before they infiltrate your data, systems and network.

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- Provides threat impact reporting that gives insights on botnet behavior, DDoS attack patterns and other vulnerabilities
- Speeds research into geographic trends, victim and successful attacker profiles, and discover why tracking two-way communications is critical for mitigating evolving cyber threats.

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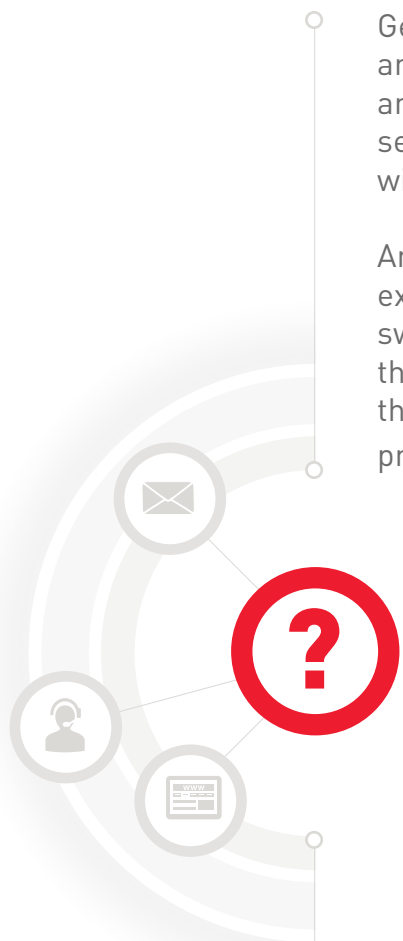
- Reveals where threats originate, through regular monitoring of known command and control servers, as well as malware and phishing domains
- Tracks traffic to detect abnormal spikes that are a leading indicator of cyber threats
- Helps defend against social engineering, using techniques that focus on intelligent, role-based targeted attacks

# DEFEND YOUR BUSINESS WITH NETWORK-BASED SECURITY FROM LEVEL 3

Greater protection than traditional point security solutions. Less complexity. Simpler management. It's time for network-based security from Level 3.

Getting started is easy. Our security solutions architects are ready to assess your current security infrastructure and explore how our network-based security and managed security solutions can help keep your organization secure, within the ever-evolving global threat landscape.

And, if you're currently planning your next network expansion, this may be the perfect time to make the switch. We can implement network-based security on just the expanded network area only, so you can experience the benefits firsthand, before rolling out this improved protection across the organization.



LEARN MORE ABOUT NETWORK-BASED SECURITY, OR OTHER LEVEL 3 SECURITY SERVICES, AT:

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