

# CYBER SYNC UP

COMBATting CYBER CRIME



# Welcome

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# Battlefield Cyber Defence Strategies



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## AGENDA

# what we will cover

- How I got here?
- Modern battlefield
- Warfare strategies used to defend businesses
- Combat mindset

SHIELDS UP

# modern battlefield

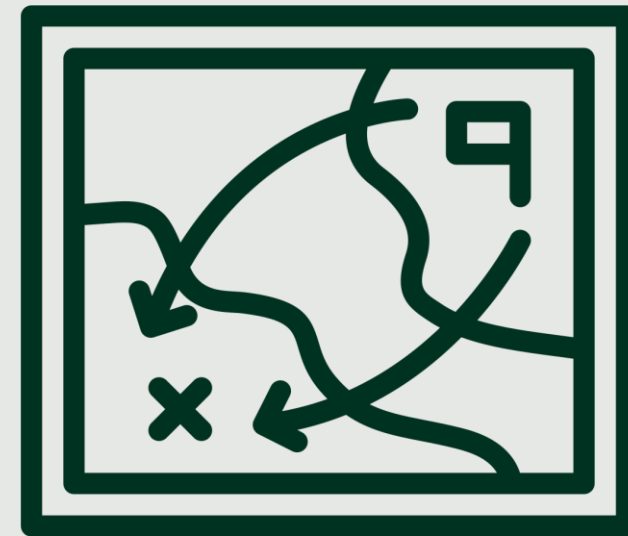
- The new front line is business and individuals
- Age of competition
- Requirement to build organisational resilience



BATTLEFIELD TO THE BOARDROOM

# warfare strategies and tactics

- Risk Management
- Cyber Threat Intelligence
- Kill Chain and MITRE ATT&CK
- Critical Factor Analysis
- Wargaming
- Training



# good guys vs bad guys

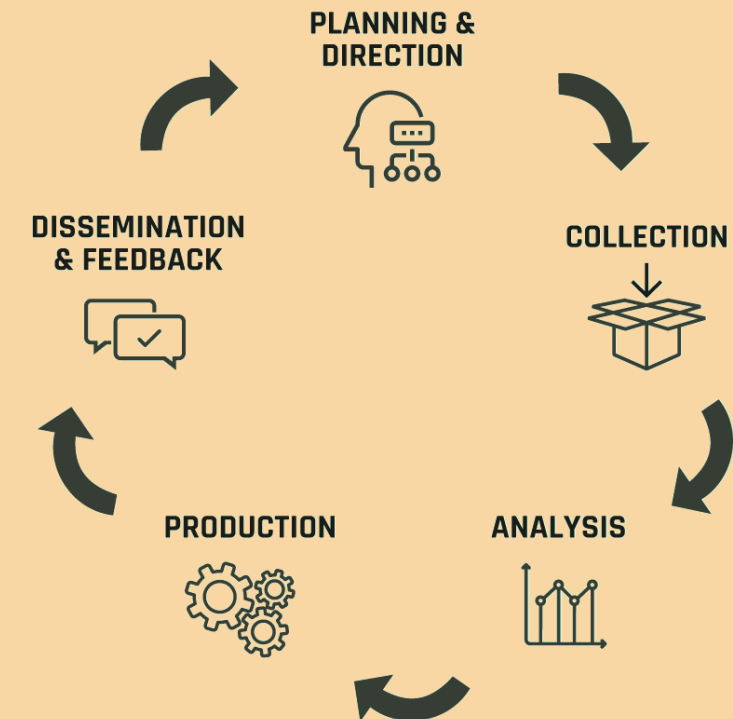
- What are you trying to protect?
  - Crown jewels, business continuity, sensitive information
- Who or what are you trying to protect it from?
- Who would target you?
  - $\text{Threat} = \text{Capability} + \text{Intent} + \text{Opportunity}$
- What are the likely or dangerous ways in which you would be targeted?
  - Risk scenarios
- What can we do to reduce the likelihood and/or impact?
  - Controls and response plans



MAKING BETTER DECISIONS

# cyber threat intelligence

- Intelligence is all about enhancing decision making
- Understanding the threat and the tactics
- Intelligence sharing
- What questions need answering?

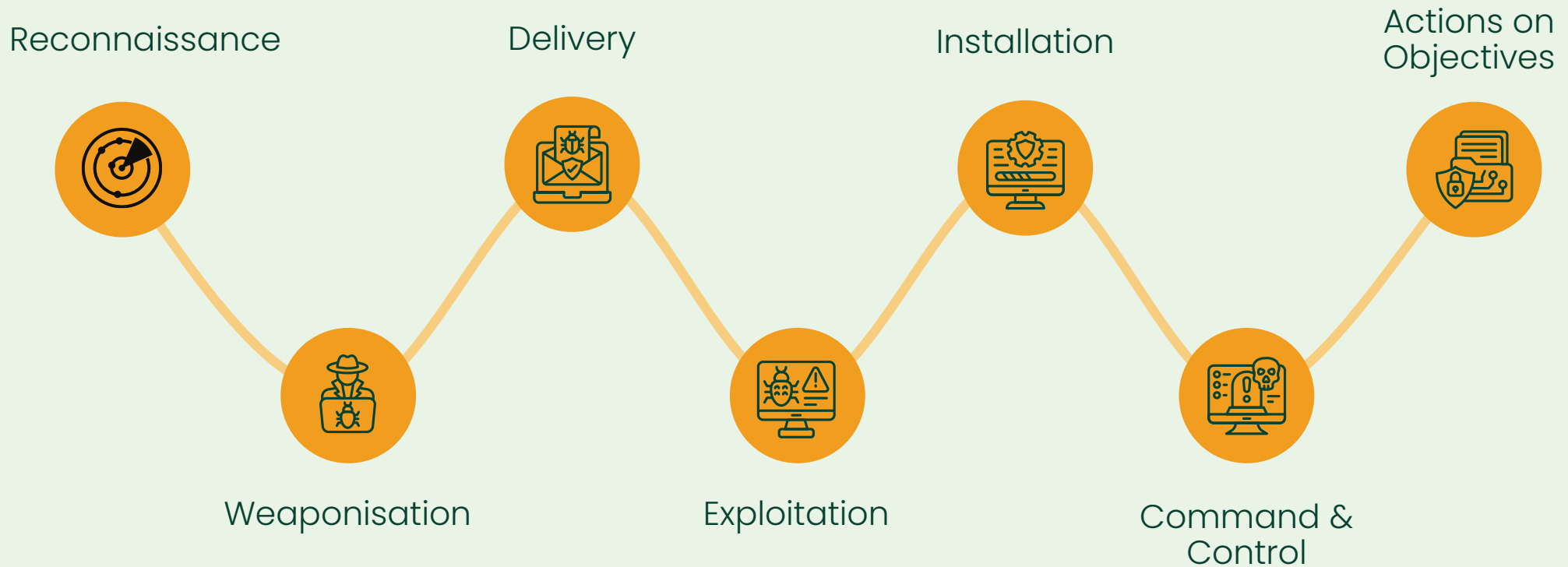




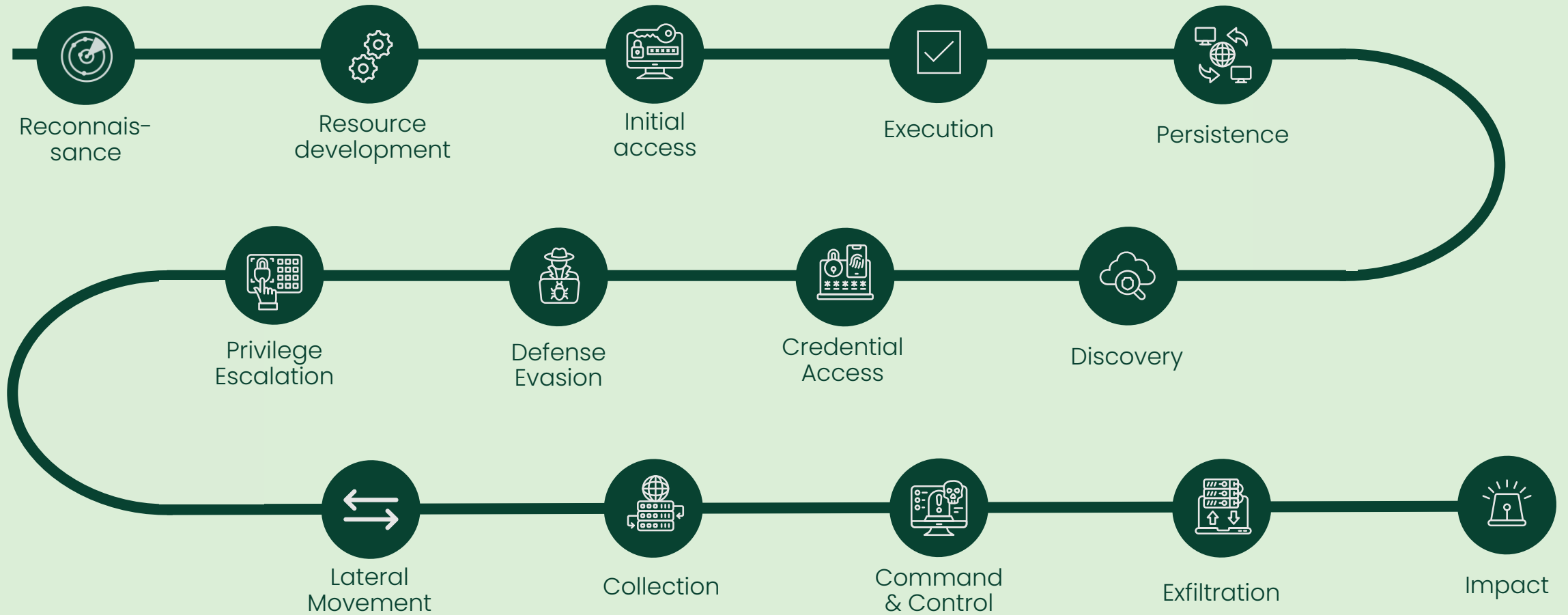
# cyber threat intelligence

- What threat actors are currently targeting businesses in my industry or region?
- What are the most common tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) used by these threat actors?
- Are there any recent cyber incidents or data breaches affecting companies like mine?
- What are the most critical vulnerabilities affecting my technology stack right now?
- Are any of my key vendors or third-party providers currently compromised or being targeted?

# cyber kill chain



# mitre att&ck



EXAMPLE SCENARIO

# ransomware

## Initial Access



- Awareness training
- Email philtering
- MFA
- Password managers

## Consolidation



- MDR
- Network Segmentation
- Conditional Access
- Access Management

## Exploitation



- MDR
- Offline backups
- Incident Response Plan
- Data Loss Prevention

EXPLAINING WHAT CYBER RISKS LOOK LIKE

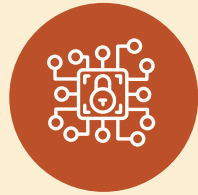
# risk scenarios

## MALWARE



- Ransomware
- Remote Access Trojans
- Keyloggers
- Botnet Agents

## DENIAL OF SERVICE ATTACKS



- Overwhelm key services
- Physical and online

## PHISHING



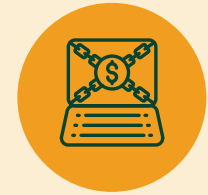
- Email compromise
- Browser in a browse

## INSIDER THREATS



- Sensitive data loss
- Malicious or accidental

## FINANCIAL THEFT



- Social engineering
- Push payments
- Online banking fraud
- PCI

THREAT INFORMED DEFENCE

# what should I prioritise?

resources



ANALYSE RISK SCENARIOS

# critical factor analysis

## Initial Access

## Consolidation

## Exploitation

PHISHING

VALID  
CREDS

INTERNET  
EXPOSED  
SERVICE

C2

PRIVILEGE  
ESCA-  
LATION

ENCRYPT  
DATA

EXFILTRATE  
DATA

DESTROY  
BACKUPS

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MFA

Patching

MDR

Training

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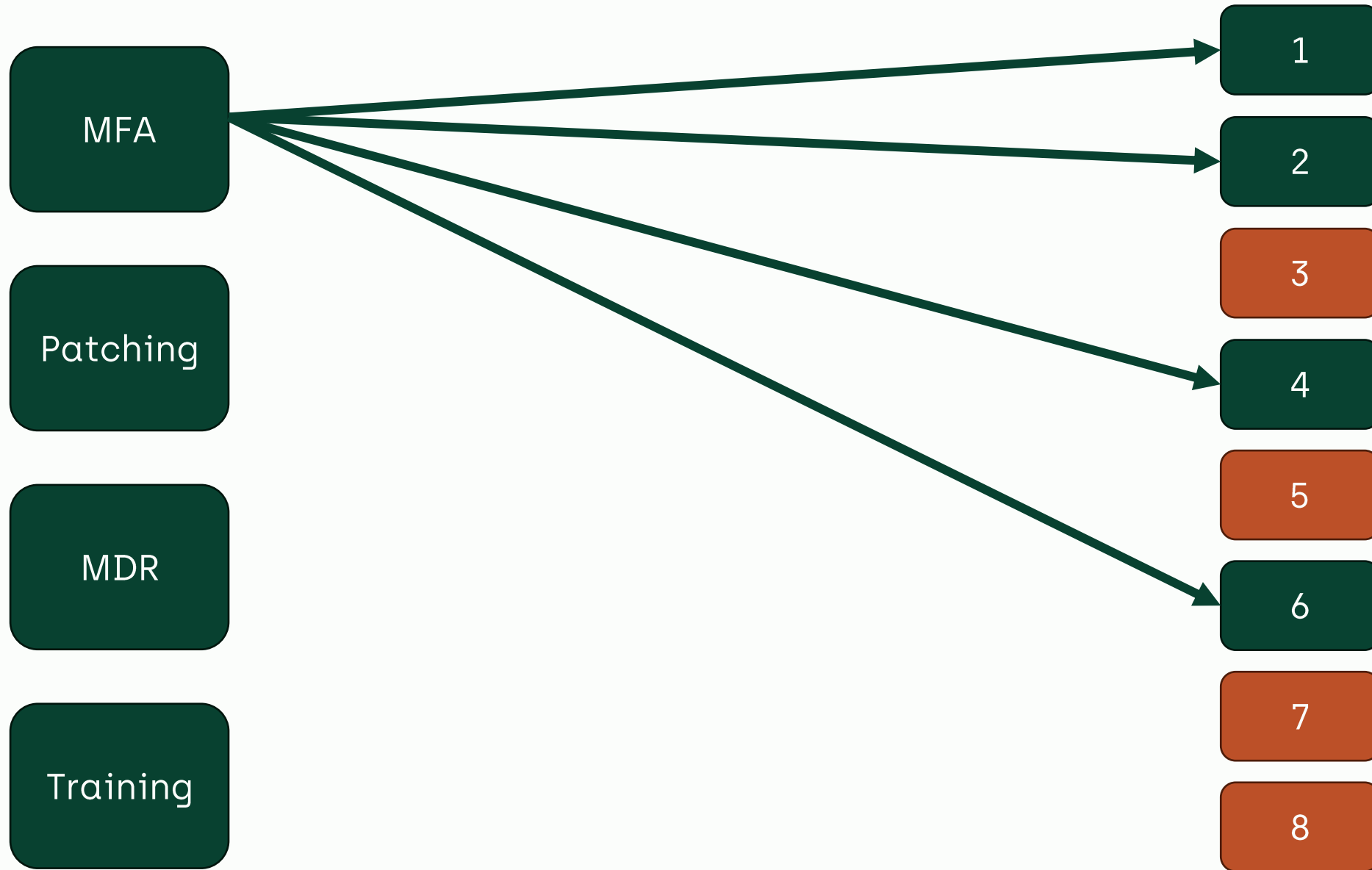
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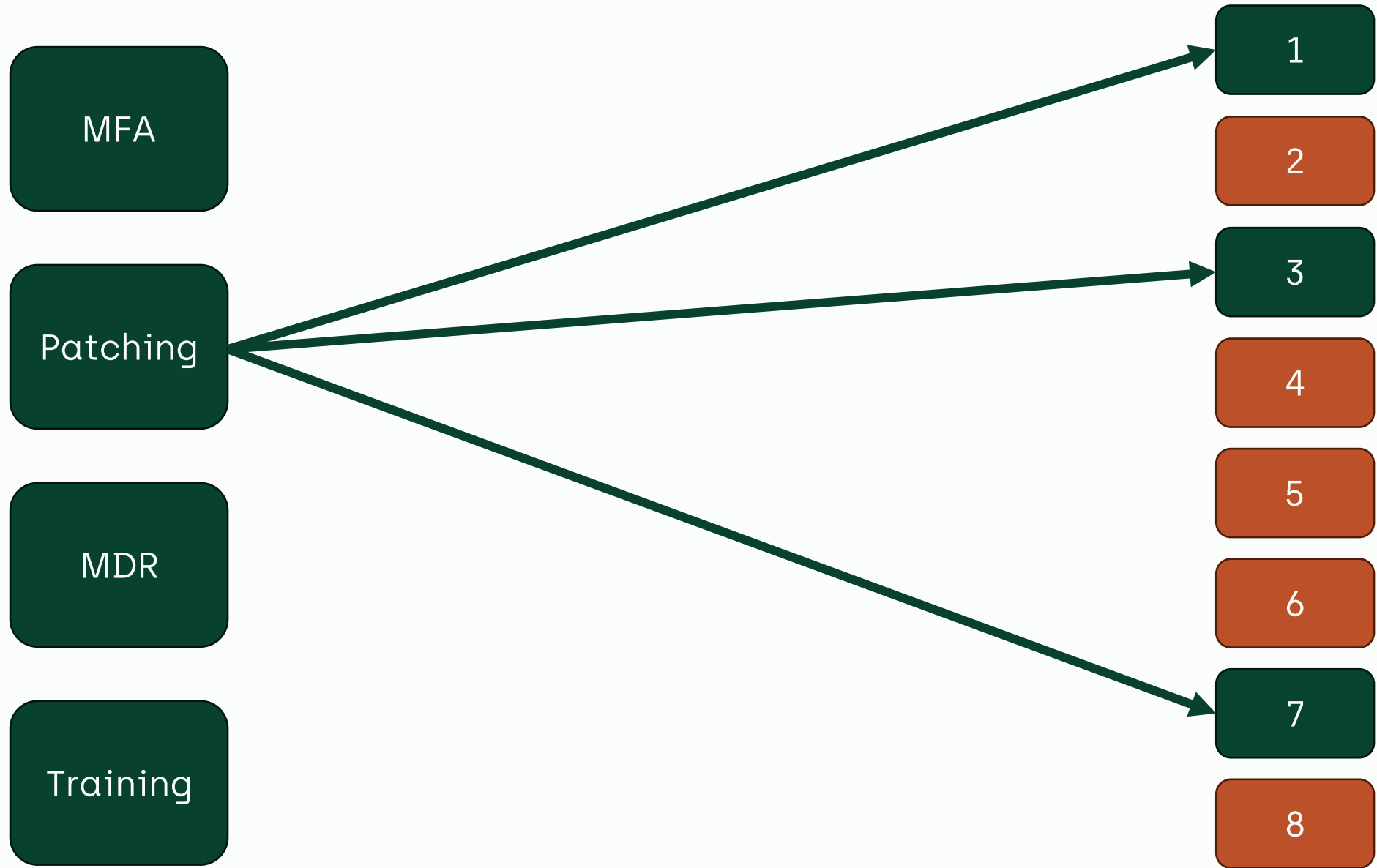
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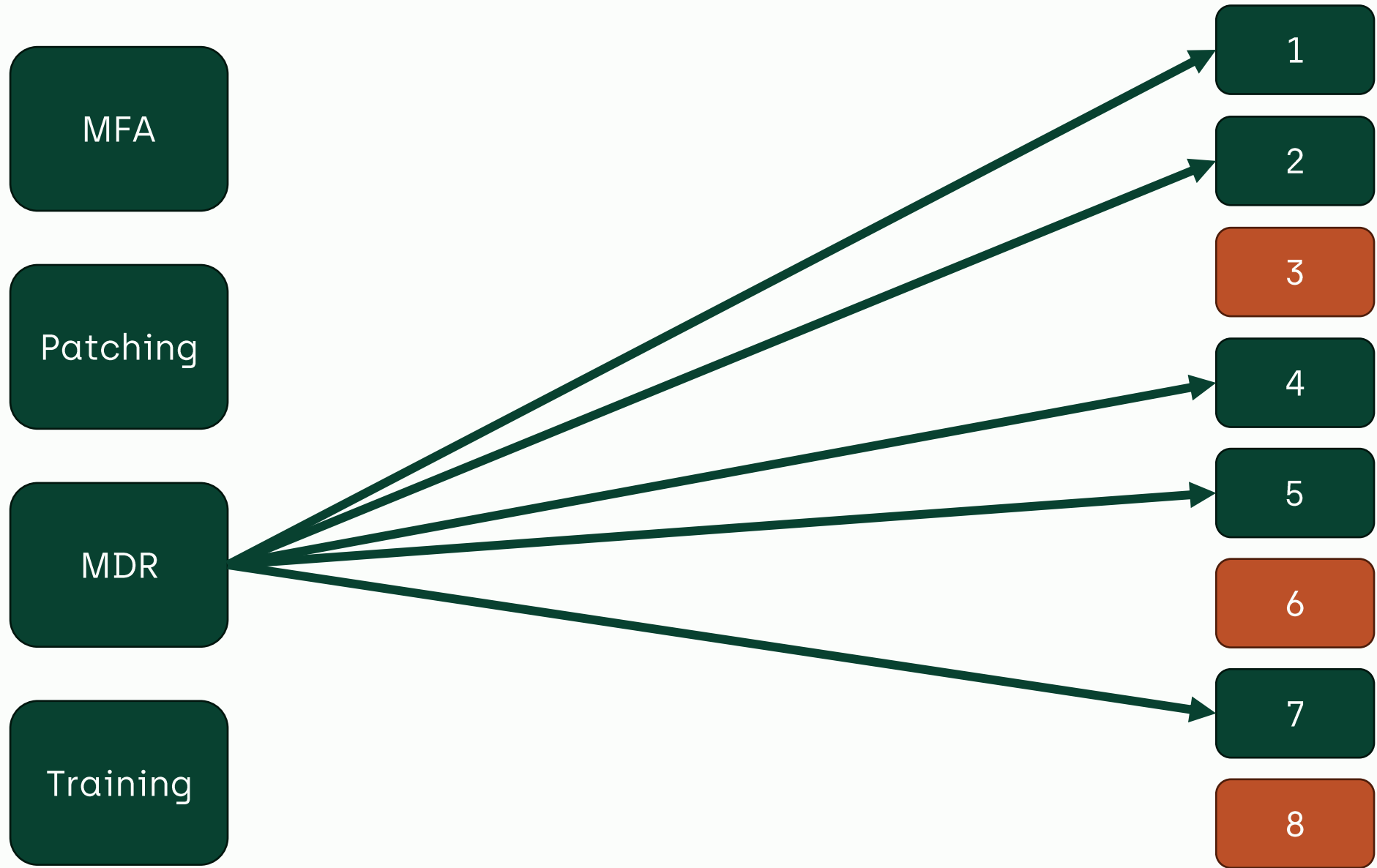
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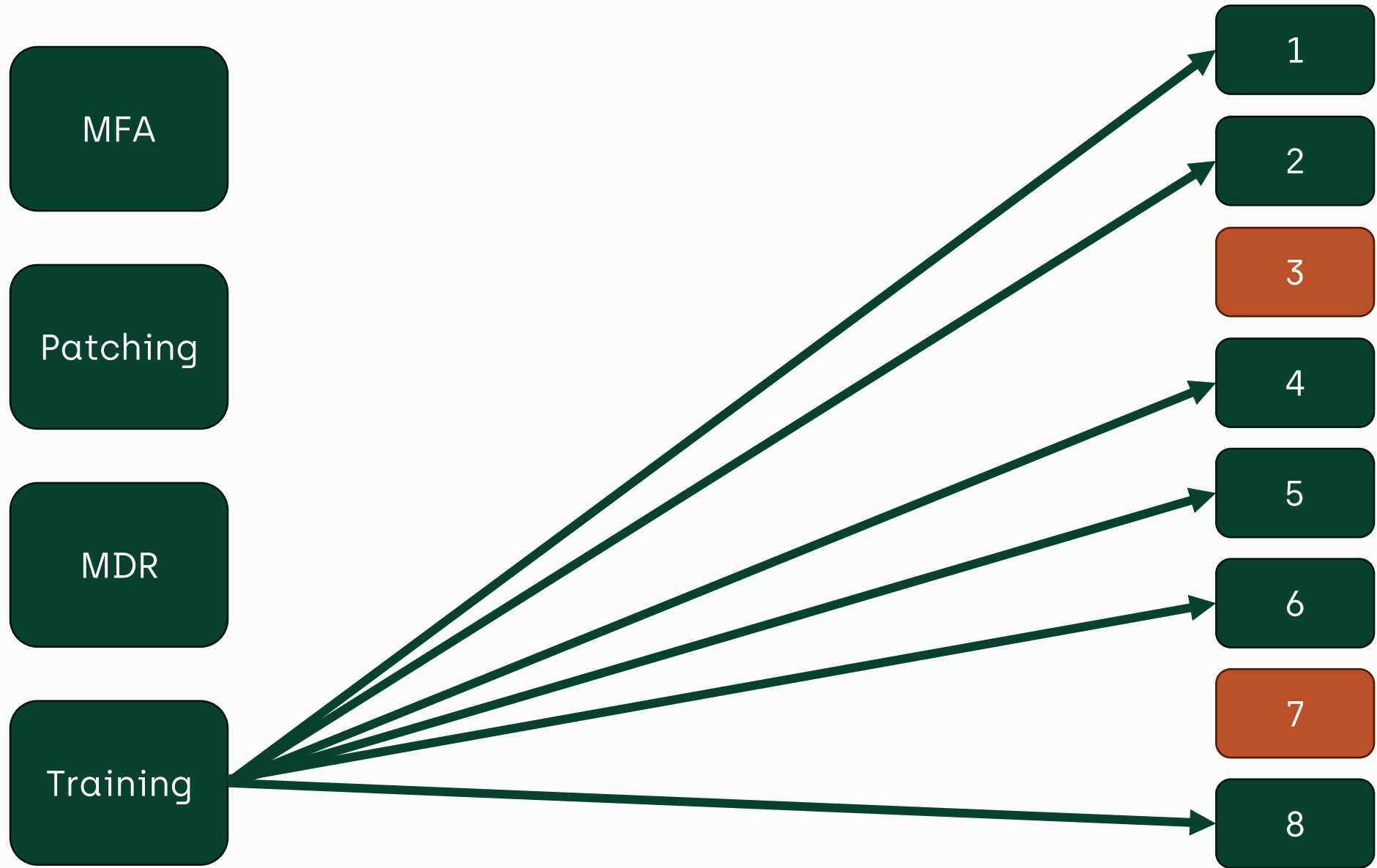
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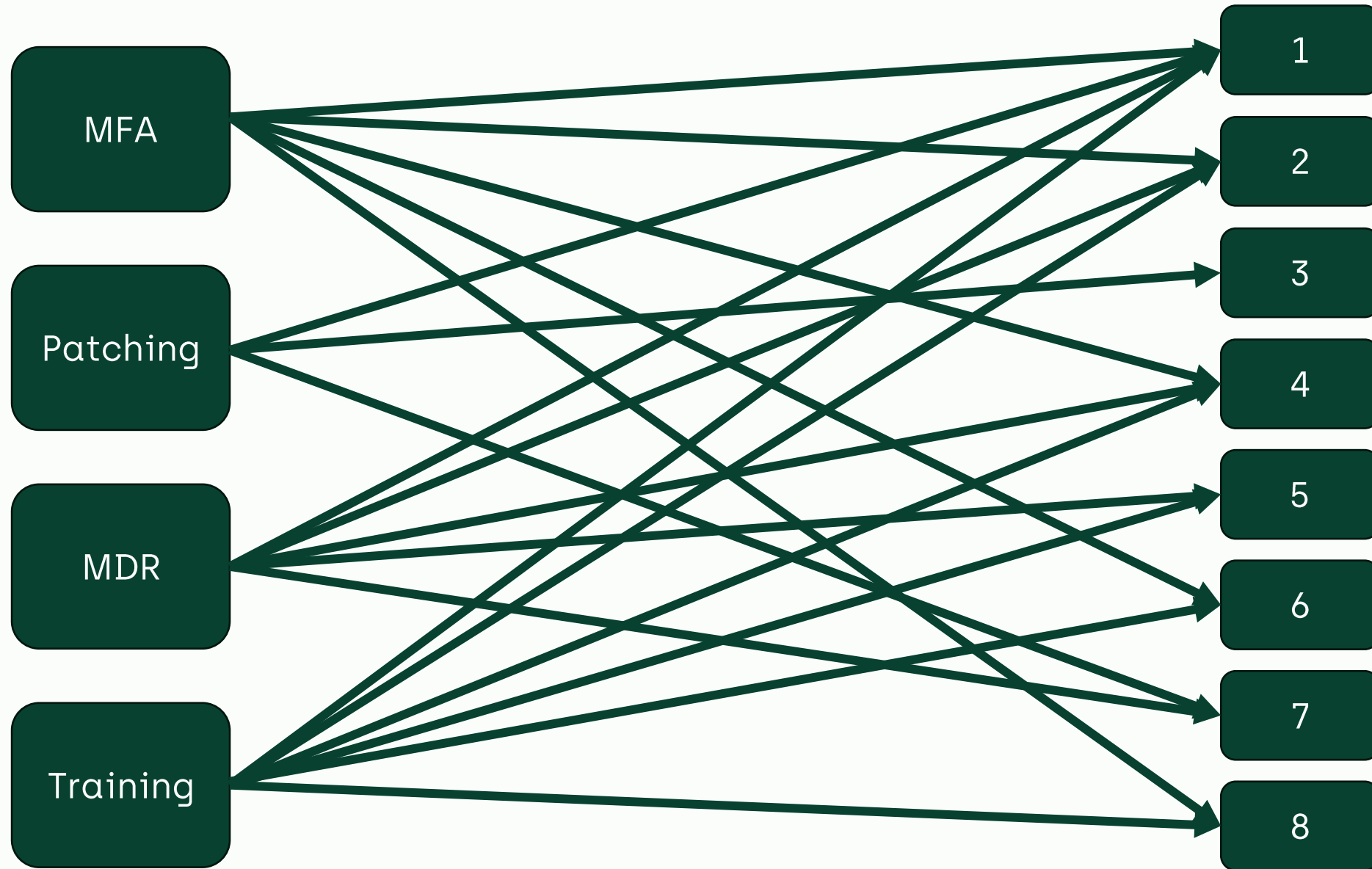












ARE YOU PREPARED?

# training and response

- Train hard, fight easy
- Do you know what to do in the event of a cyber incident?
- Cyber Awareness Training
- Response Planning
- Wargaming = Tabletop exercises



*In preparing for battle I have found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.*

*- Dwight D. Eisenhower*

BATTLEFIELD TO THE BOARDROOM

# combat mindset

- Know what is valuable
- Know thy enemy
- Prioritise your resources
- Train hard, fight easy





# Behind Enemy Lines

## Demonstrating Real-World Cyber Threats



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# CYBER THREAT LANDSCAPE UPDATE

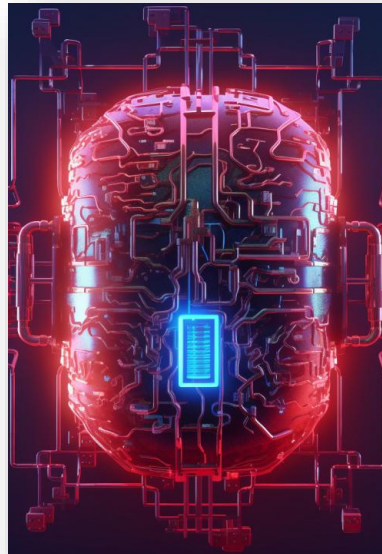
# CYBER LANDSCAPE



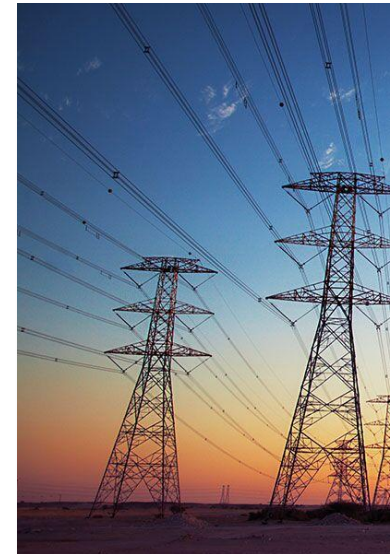
**2023-2030  
Australian Cyber  
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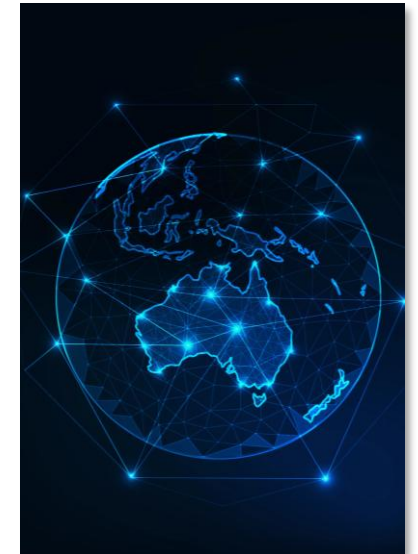
**ASD Annual Cyber  
Threat Report**



**The Impact of AI**



**Critical  
Infrastructure**



**Cyber Security Bill  
2024**



# RECENT ATTACKS

## FUNLAB

The Lynx ransomware group claimed responsibility for the attack on Funlab, owner of Strike Bowling, compromising of employee data.

2024  
SEP



## THE PLASTIC BAG CO.

The Plastic Bag Company was hit by the Sarcoma ransomware group, exposing sensitive data, including tax and insurance records.

2024  
OCT



## FOLLOWMONT TRANSPORT

Akira ransomware group claimed to have stolen 230GB of sensitive data from Queensland logistics company, Followmont Transport.

2024  
NOV



## NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY

The Fog ransomware group breached systems including student enrolment, timetabling, payroll and email, exfiltrating approx. 62GB of data.

2025  
JAN



## GENEA

The Termite ransomware group claimed responsibility for the breach that affected patient management systems and PII including medical history.

2025  
FEB



An aerial view of a city skyline, likely New York City, with a network of glowing blue lines and nodes overlaid on the image, suggesting a digital or cyber theme. The text is white and centered on the left side of the image.

# MCGRATHNICOL RANSOMWARE SURVEY



# SUMMARY OF 2024 FINDINGS

69%

of surveyed businesses have experienced a ransomware attack in the past five years



42%

fell victim to a single attack, 26% were targeted repeatedly



84%

of businesses that suffered a ransomware attack in the past five years paid a ransom



75%

paid the ransom within 48 hours



65%

negotiated prior to making a ransom payment



\$1.35m vs \$1.42m

estimated average cyber ransom that was paid

average ransom business leaders would be 'willing' to pay

79%

of business leaders say it should be mandatory to report ransomware attacks to the authorities

↑ from 60% in 2023



88%

say their view of a company would be negatively affected upon learning of a ransom payment

↑ from 83% in 2023



93%

of business leaders believe their organisation is 'prepared' for a ransomware attack

↑ from 88% in 2023



80%

of businesses have an incident response plan in place

↑ from 61% in 2023



44%

of businesses have experienced a malware attack or a Business Email Compromise attack (39%) in the past 12 months



## OTHER KEY FINDINGS



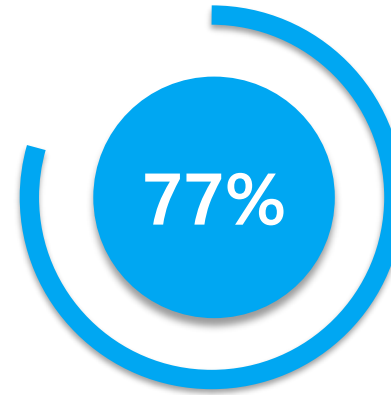
### INSURED

91% of businesses are now insured against ransomware attacks, with an average coverage amount of **\$1.47 million**.



### IR PLAN

80% of businesses have an incident response plan in place.



### BOARDS

77% of businesses now have a formal board notification protocol.



### RANSOM PAYMENT

Only **one in ten** businesses say they would not pay under any circumstances.

# RESULTS

## Timeframe and Negotiation for Ransom Payment



- Two in three negotiated prior to making the ransom payment.

**21%**

**made payment  
within 24 hours**

**53%**

**made payment  
between 24-48 hours**

**24%**

**made payment after  
48 hours**

- Businesses earning \$50 million+ were approximately three times more likely to pay the ransom within 24 hours, without negotiation.

## Willingness to Pay a Ransom



- Businesses aged over 10 years are more likely to not pay a ransom, under any circumstances.

**83%**

**of businesses are  
willing to pay a ransom**

**34%**

**would be willing to  
pay \$1 million or more**

**\$1.42m**

**the average cyber ransom that  
businesses would be willing to pay**

- Those in older businesses aged over 10 years are more likely than those in businesses aged up to 10 years to say their business wouldn't pay a ransom under any circumstance.
- In contrast, those in businesses aged up to 10 years are more likely than those in businesses aged 10 years or older to say their business would pay an amount.

# RESULTS

## Cyber insurance

### Uptake



Nine in ten (91%) respondents say their business is currently insured against a ransomware attack (up from 79% in 2023).

### Policy Questions



One in ten (9%) who are insured are unsure of the cover amount (unchanged from 2023).

### Impact of Paying



Interestingly, those in businesses that decided to pay the ransom are more likely than peers in businesses that didn't to say the business was able to get insured or re-insured (92% compared to 74%).

### Average Policy Coverage



The estimated insurance coverage average is \$1.47m (up from \$1.37m in 2023).

### Approval



Nine in ten (89%) say their business was able to get insured or re-insured against future attacks after the attack (up from 81% in 2023).



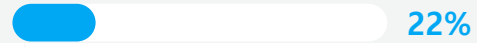
# Results

## Mode of Entry

Email Fraud



Malware



MITM Attack



Text Fraud



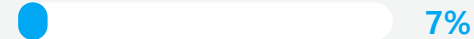
Insider Threat



Zero-Day



Compromised  
Credentials



CVE



No 1 type of attack –  
**Business Email  
Compromise and  
Infostealers**



# INFOTEALER OVERVIEW

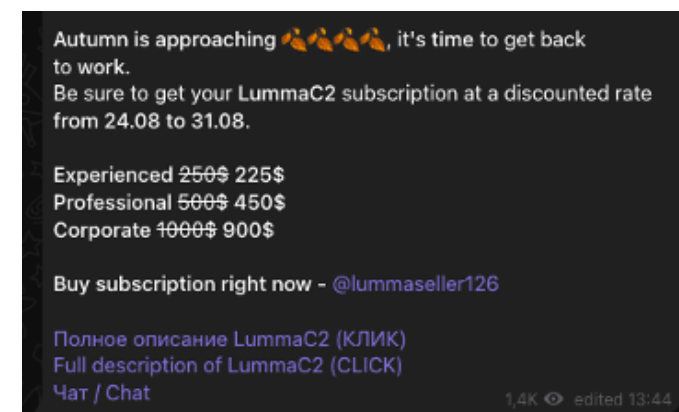
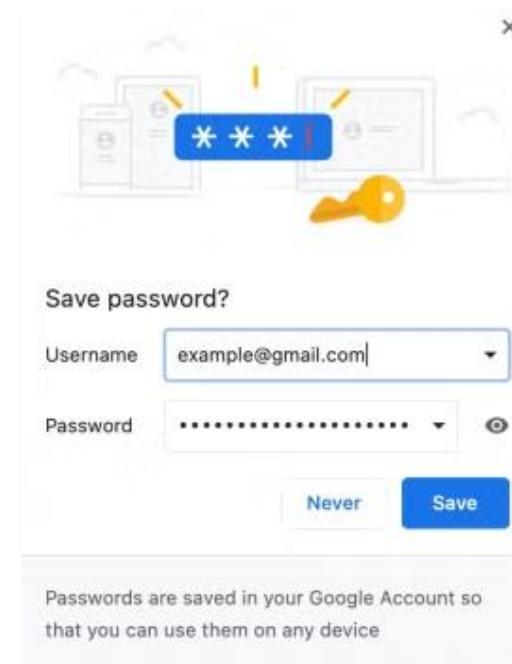
## What is an Infostealer?

A type of malware designed to steal sensitive information that is often delivered via phishing emails and malicious web-based downloads.

Infostealers run as a background process, capturing sensitive data through the following techniques:

- Keylogging, to capture typed information
- Stored-credential theft
- Form grabbing, to intercept user inputs on websites
- Screenshot capture and clipboard monitoring

Some of the most common Infostealers include LummaC2, RedLine, Emotet, and Zeus.



# LUMMA INFOTEALER – INFORMATION CAPTURED

System information is captured from the victim's device...

LummaC2, Build 20231409  
LID(Lumma ID): BhgGkI--IB2

- PC: [REDACTED]
- User: [REDACTED]
- Domain: [REDACTED]
- Workgroup: [REDACTED]
- ComputerNameDnsHostname: [REDACTED]
- ComputerNameNetBIOS: [REDACTED]
- OS Version: Windows 10 (10.0.19045)
- HWID: [REDACTED]
- Screen Resolution: 3840x2160
- Language: en-US
- CPU Name: Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-6700K CPU @ 4.00GHz
- GPU: NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3060
- Physical Installed Memory: 32768MB

- IP Address: [REDACTED]
- Country: AU

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Брут и отработка крипто 70/30 > <https://t.me/HUBHEAD>

Депозит на форумах 5BTC. Берем балансы от 1000\$. За время работы снято более 5.000.000\$  
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Login credentials that were previously saved in Google Chrome are captured...

SOFT: Chrome  
URL: <https://www.bcf.com.au/Member/Login>  
USER: [REDACTED]  
PASS: [REDACTED]

SOFT: Chrome  
URL: <http://www.entropialife.com/about/Signup.aspx>  
USER: [REDACTED]  
PASS: [REDACTED]

SOFT: Chrome  
URL: <https://www.seek.com.au/jobdetails/29883139/apply>  
USER: [REDACTED]  
PASS: [REDACTED]

SOFT: Chrome  
URL: <https://login.eveonline.com/Account/LogOn>  
USER: [REDACTED]  
PASS: [REDACTED]

SOFT: Chrome  
URL: <https://www.polarpersonaltrainer.com/>  
USER: [REDACTED]  
PASS: [REDACTED]

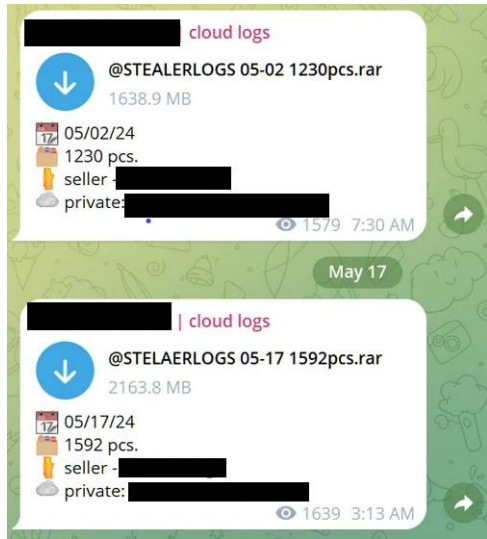
SOFT: Chrome  
URL: <https://careers.careersaustralia.edu.au/jobtools/jncustomlogin.JobSeekerToolBoxAction>  
USER: [REDACTED]  
PASS: [REDACTED]



# CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE – CREDENTIALS FOR SALE

- Privileged credentials for the victim's environment were listed for sale on an underground marketplace
- These credentials were sourced from the Infostealer infection on the employee's device
- The credentials were listed for sale for 5 Bitcoin (approximately \$290K at the time of listing)
- Credentials were purchased by an affiliate of the ransomware group LockBit 3.0

## Underground marketplace post...



*"Brute and crypto mining 70/30 > <https://t.me/HUBHEAD>*

*Deposit on forums 5BTC. We take balances from \$1000. Over \$5,000,000 withdrawn during operation*

*Brute and withdraw cryptowallets 70/30"*

# THREAT ACTOR TACTICS INFOSTEALER AND MALWARE DEMO



# How fast can we break Microsoft Office 365 MFA





# How fast can we break Microsoft Office 365 MFA

## Available exclusively to cybersecurity professionals

~~Microsoft 365~~ is available exclusively to the owners or employees of legitimate red team or penetration testing companies.

*We put the extra effort to ensure ~~Microsoft 365~~ Pro is used legitimately, by pre-screening potential buyers, before the purchase option is made available.*



### Focus on what you do best

- **For red teamers**

If you perform phishing as one of the initial vectors of gaining entry into the organization.

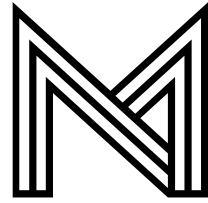
- **For penetration testers**

If you want to test and improve the company security by demonstrating a successful phishing attack from potential attackers.

- **For internal red teams**

If you perform security assessments in your company to test the security of employees and company resources.





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# The Shifting Legal Landscape

Recent cases and updates



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# Dispatches from the Frontline



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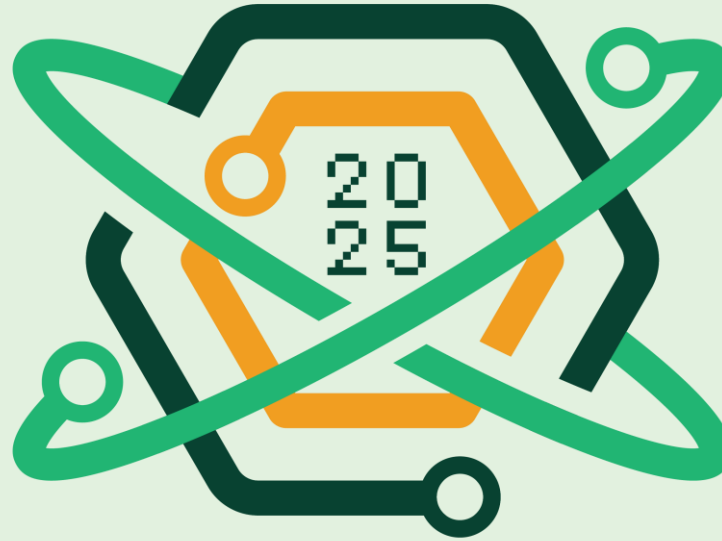
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