

# Pragmatic Data Security

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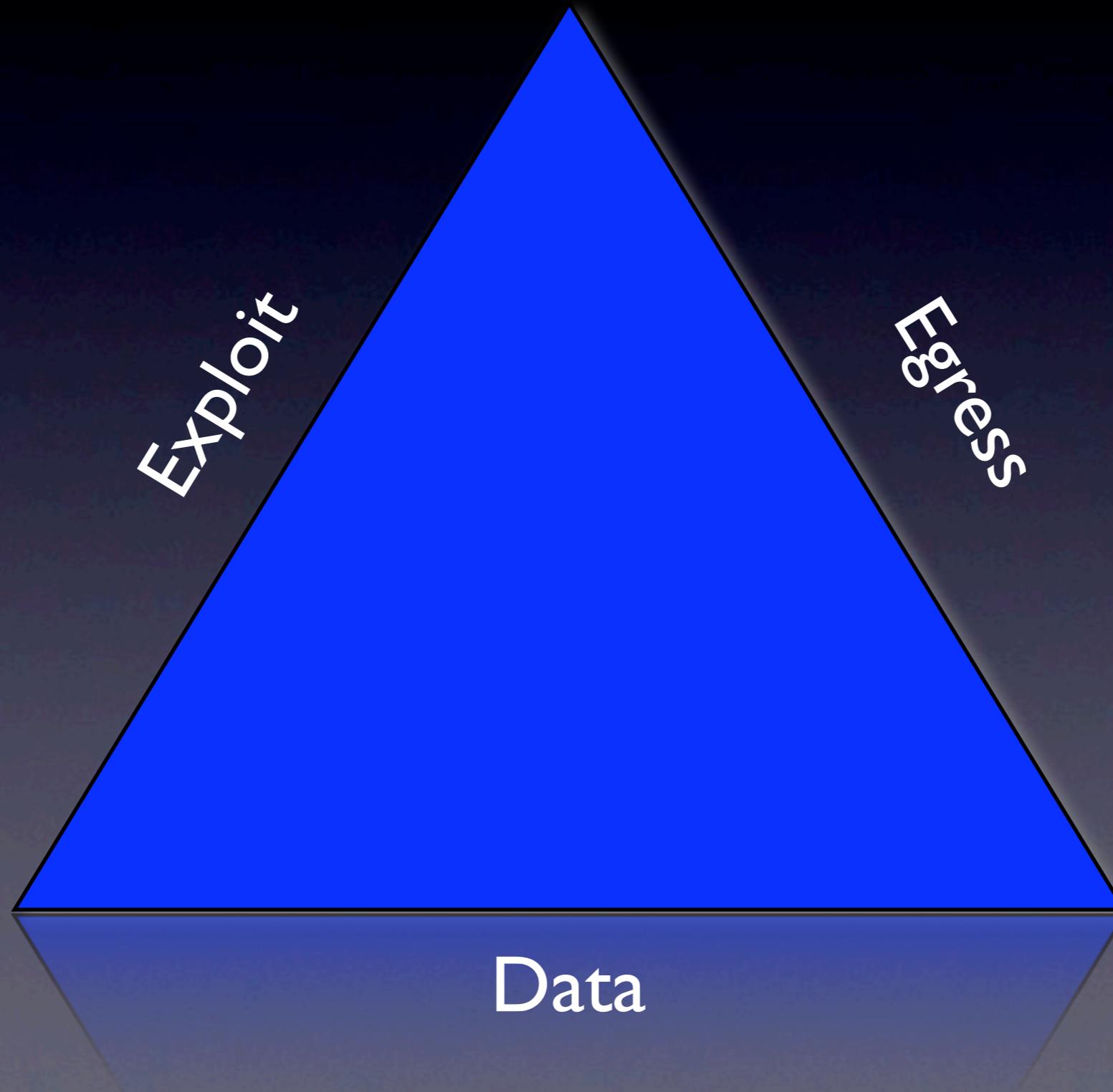
# Do you feel the pain?

- No standards
- No architectures
- No money
- Many products
  - None of which work together
  - All of which make the same claims, despite conflicting features.

# The Pragmatic Philosophy

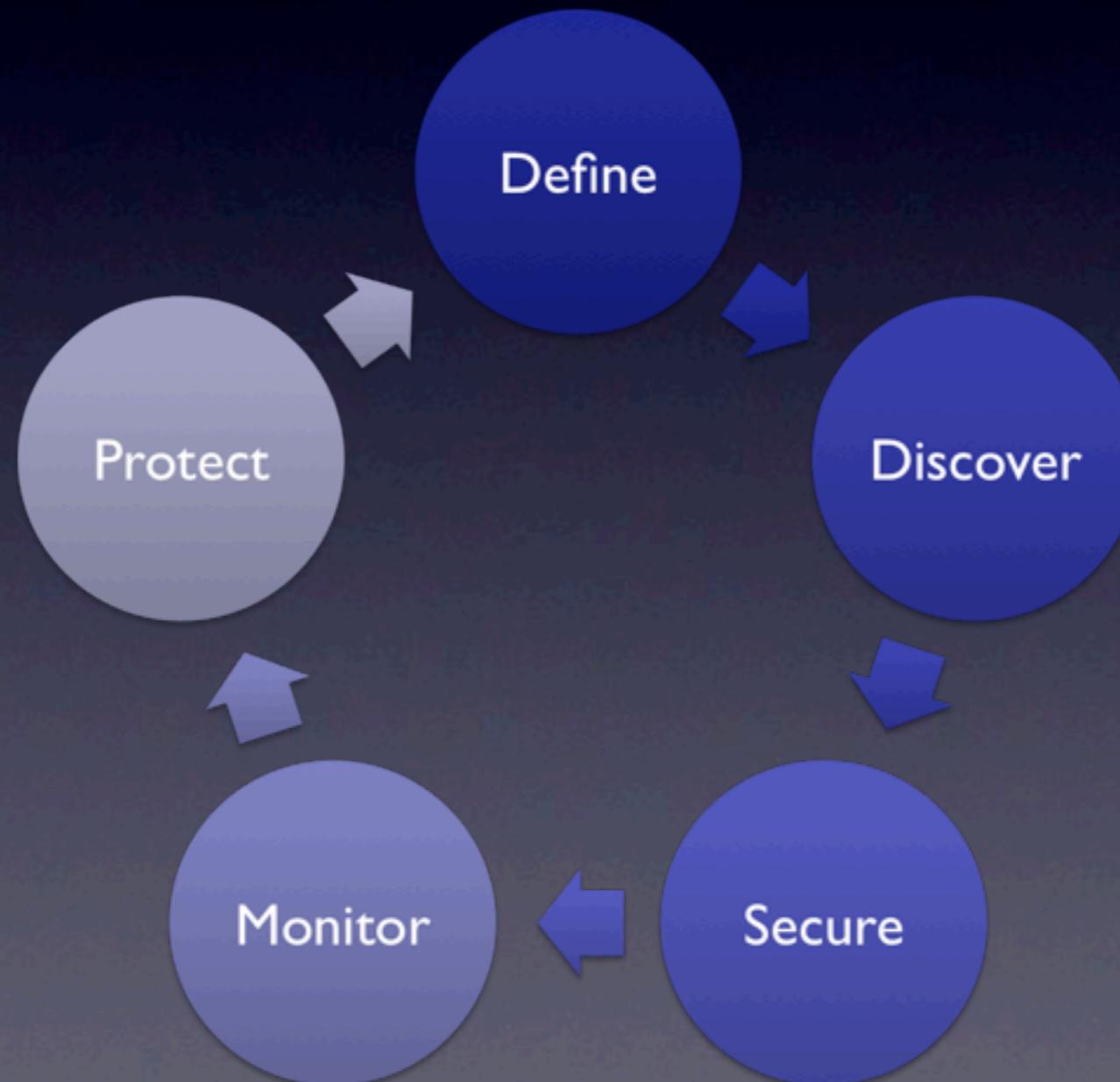
- Keep it simple
- Keep it practical
- Start small
- Grow iteratively
- Eat the elephant
- Document everything

# Data Breach Triangle



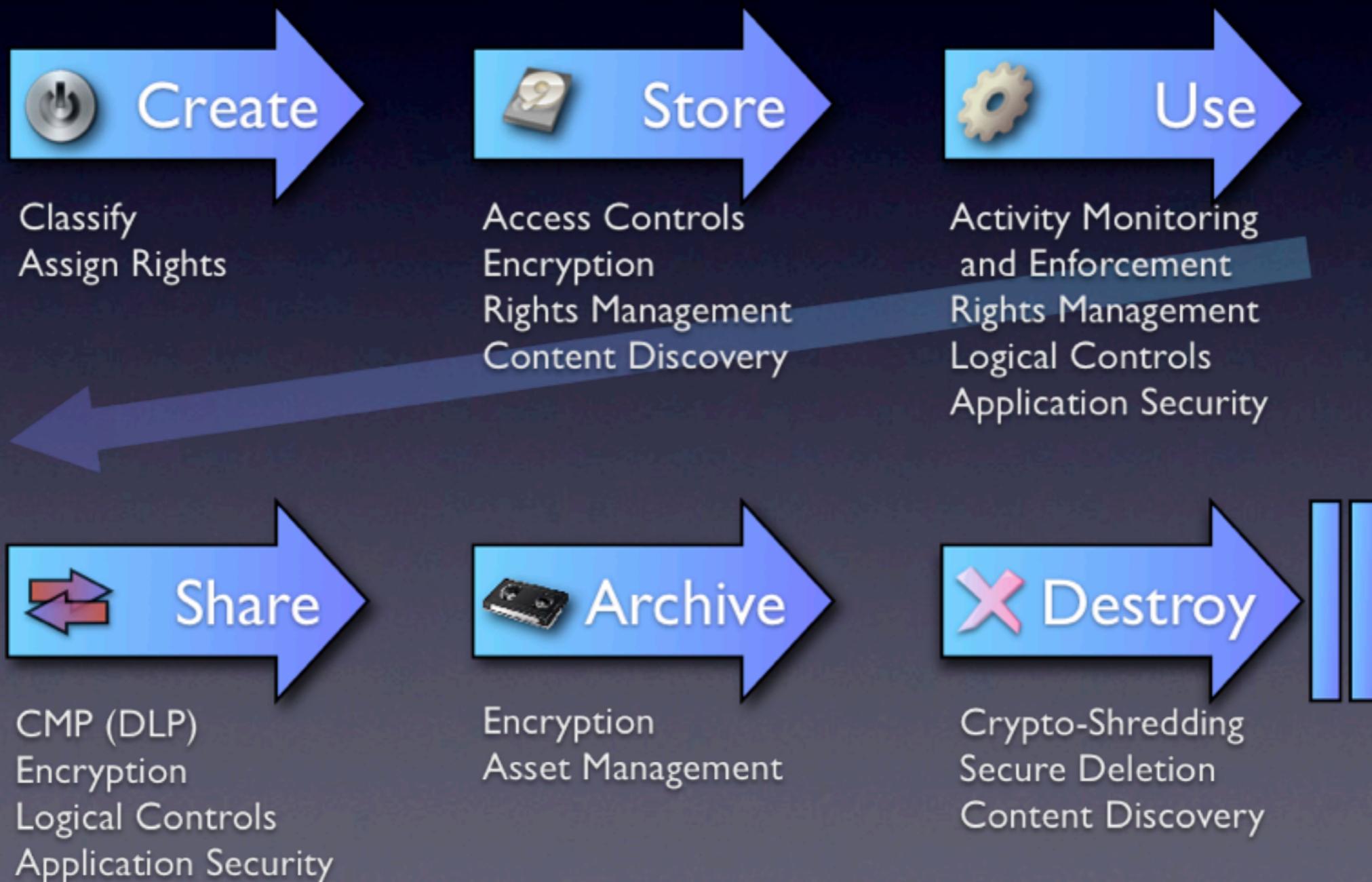
# BASIC

# Pragmatic Data Security Cycle



# Advanced

# The Information-Centric Security Lifecycle



# The Two Sides of Data

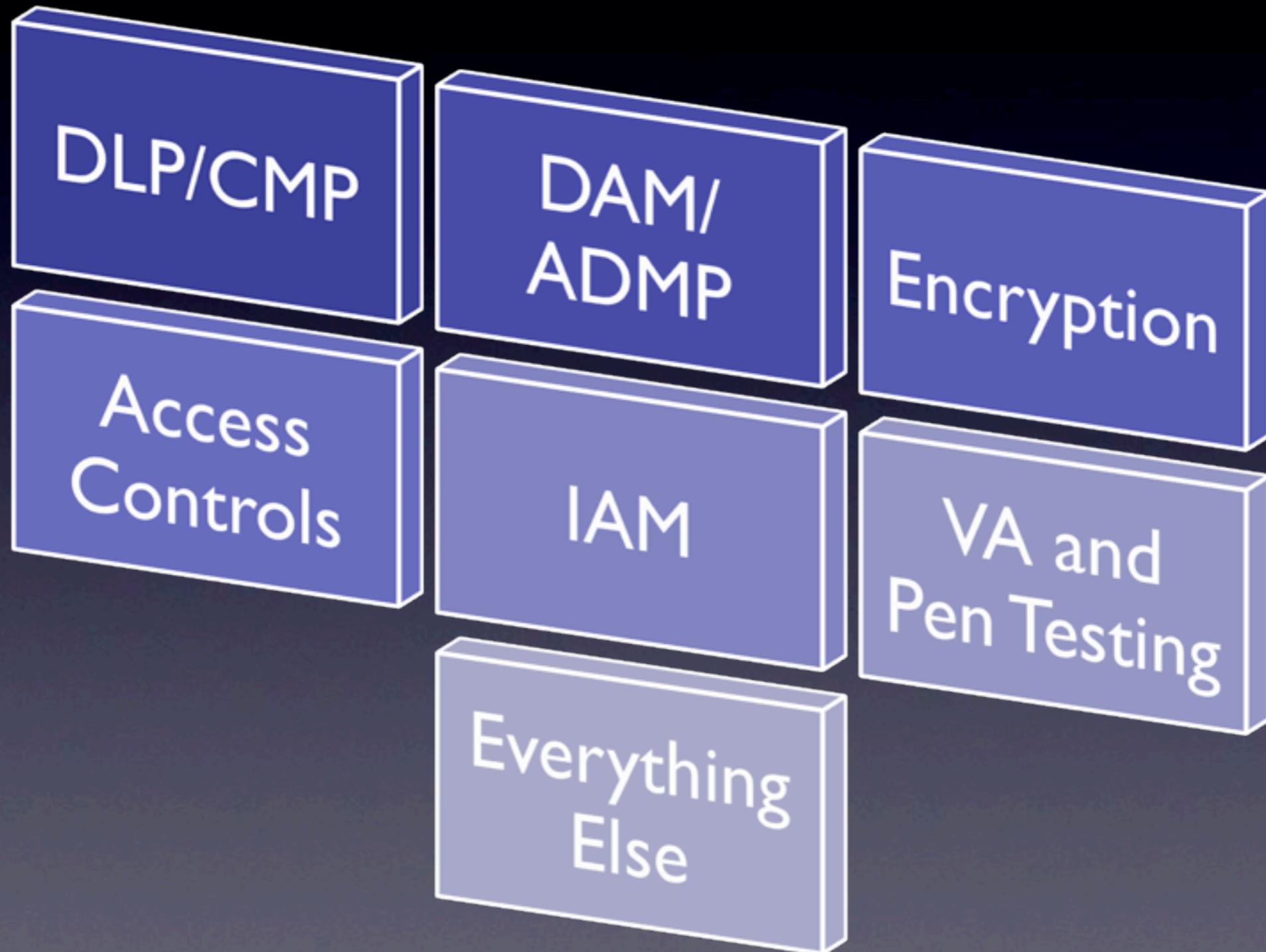
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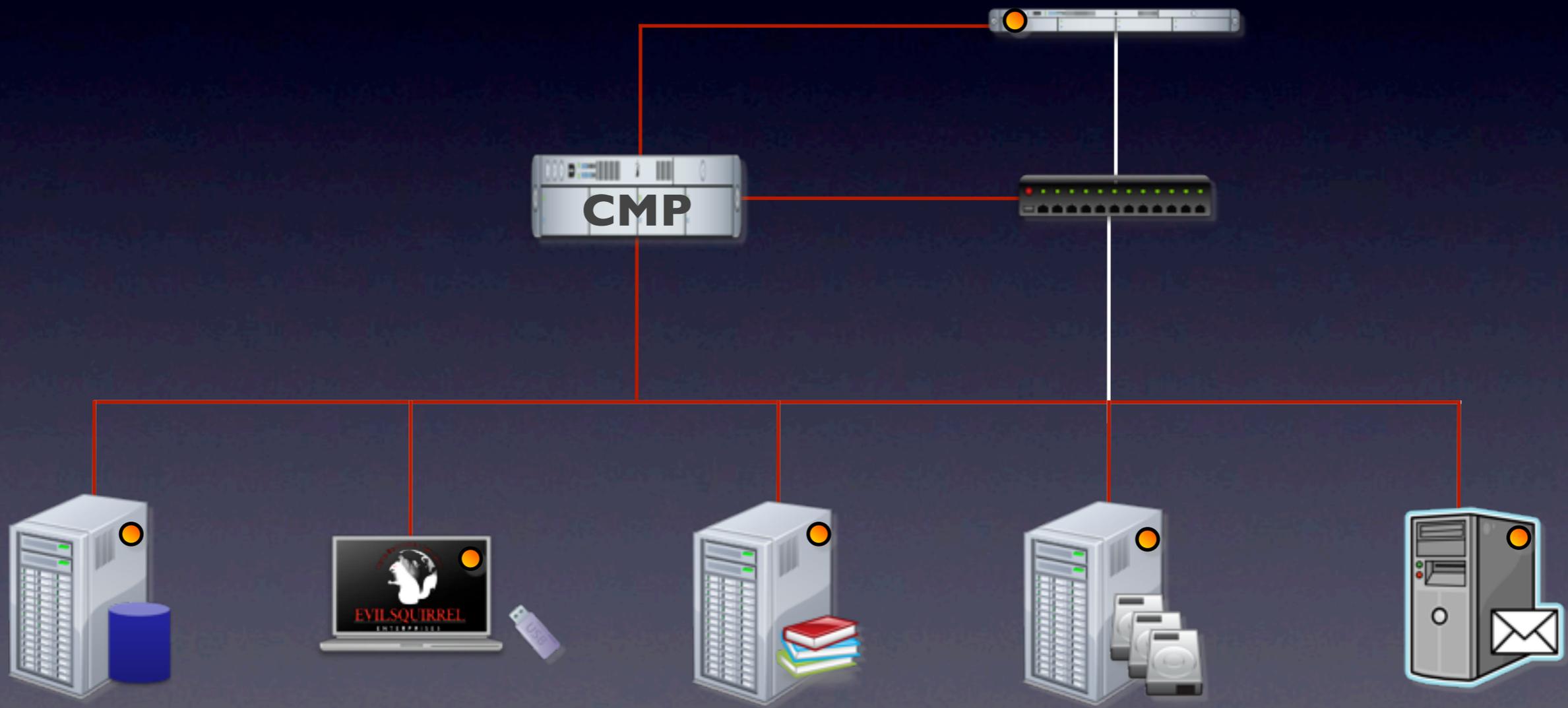
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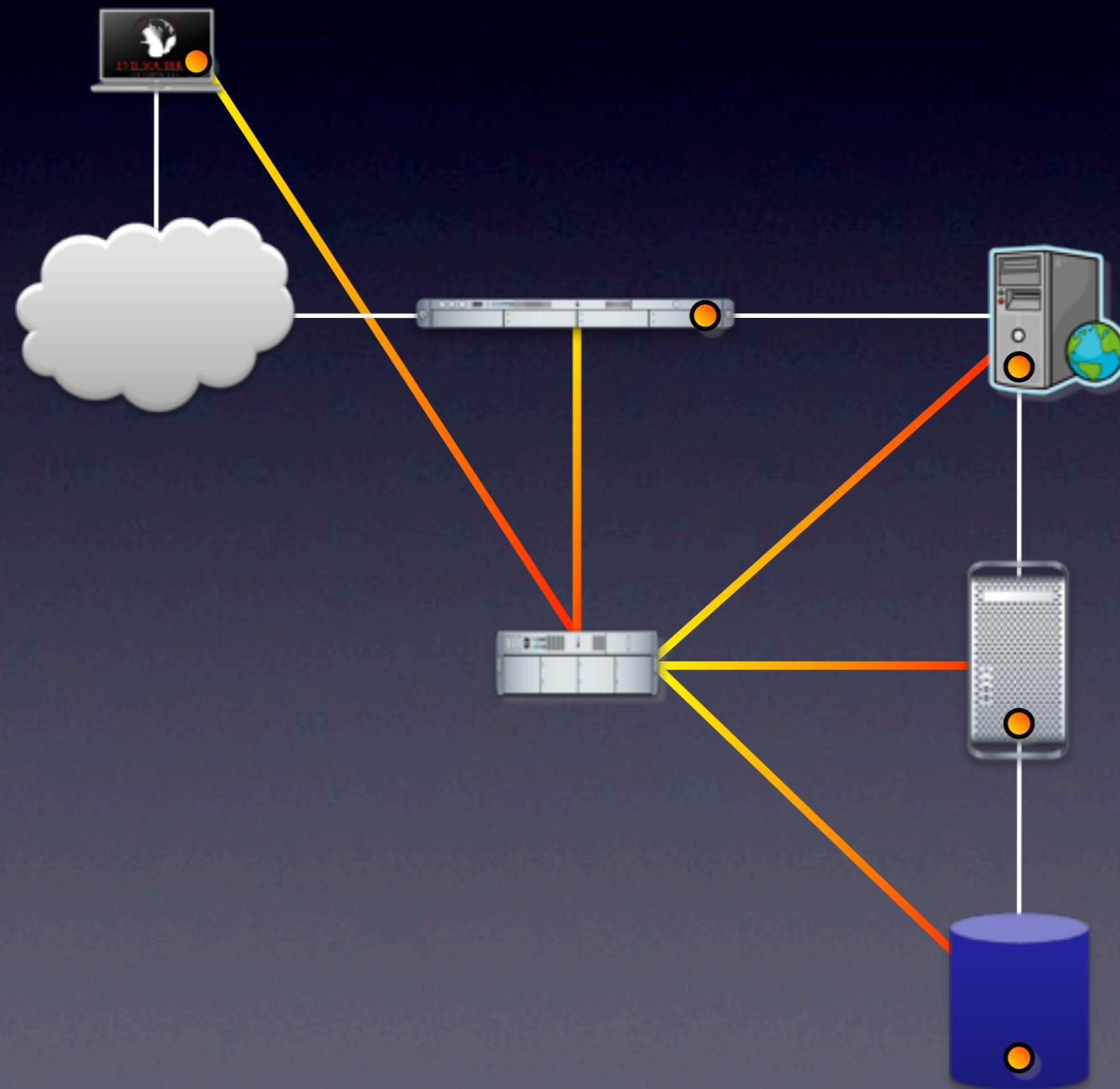
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# CMP



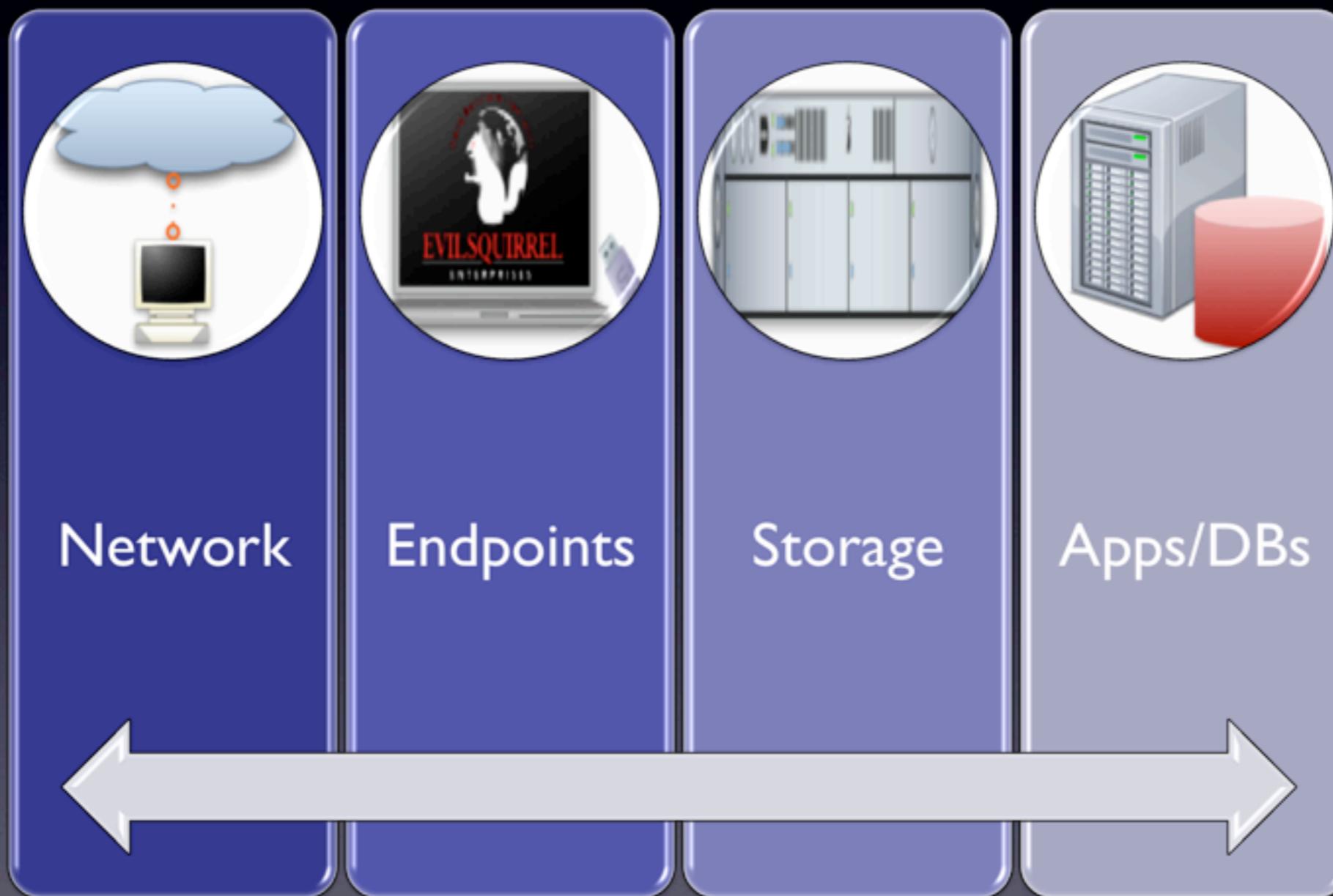
# ADMP



# Getting Started

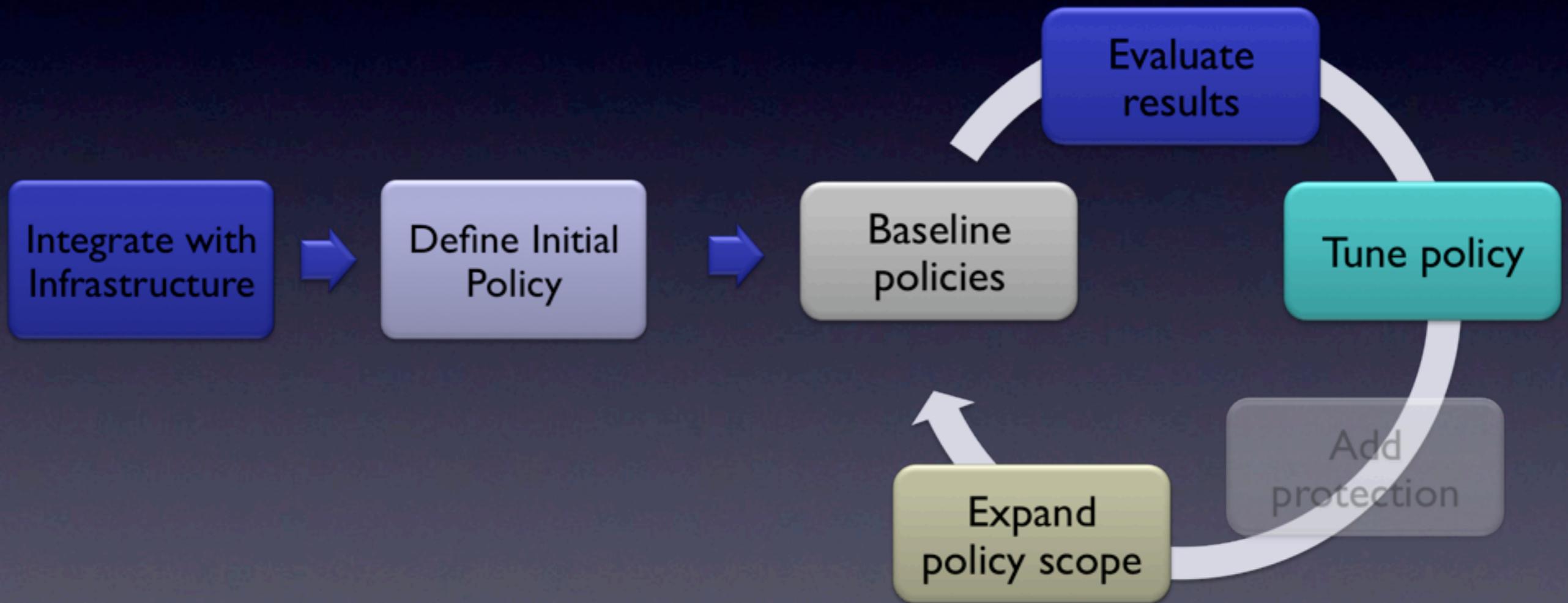
# Discover

1. Define sensitive data.
2. Find it.
3. Correlate back to users.
4. Assess vulnerabilities and penetration test.



# Techniques

DLP	DAM	Network Tools	eDiscovery/Classification	FOSS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Network monitoring</li><li>• Server/endpoint discovery</li><li>• Some DB discovery</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DB only</li><li>• Not all tools support</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WAF/UTM/IPS/etc.</li><li>• Many now include RegEx monitoring</li><li>• Extremely limited</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Servers/storage</li><li>• Limited analysis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Network and storage</li><li>• Basic RegEx</li><li>• Some file cracking</li></ul>



# VA and Pen Testing

- Find vulnerabilities
  - Focus on sensitive data stores.
  - Use specialized tools for web apps and databases.
- Penetration test
  - Validates risks.
  - Determines information exposure.

# What You Should Do

- Start with 1-3 data types.
- Use CMP/DLP to find them in storage and on endpoints.
- Use DAM/ADMP (or CMP) to find in databases.
- FOSS tools can help for basic data/PII, but not IP.

# Secure

- Fix access controls.
- Remove unneeded data.
- Lock down access channels.
- (Maybe) encrypt

# Access Controls



# Encryption



# DRM



# The Three Laws of Encryption



If Data Moves Physically or Virtually



For Separation of Duties



Mandated Encryption

# Where to Encrypt

## Separation of Duties

- Database Fields
- Workstation File/Folder
- Server
- NAS
- Applications

## Movement/Media Protection

- Tape
- SAN
- Laptops/FDE
- Email
- Portable Media

# Encryption Options

File/Folder



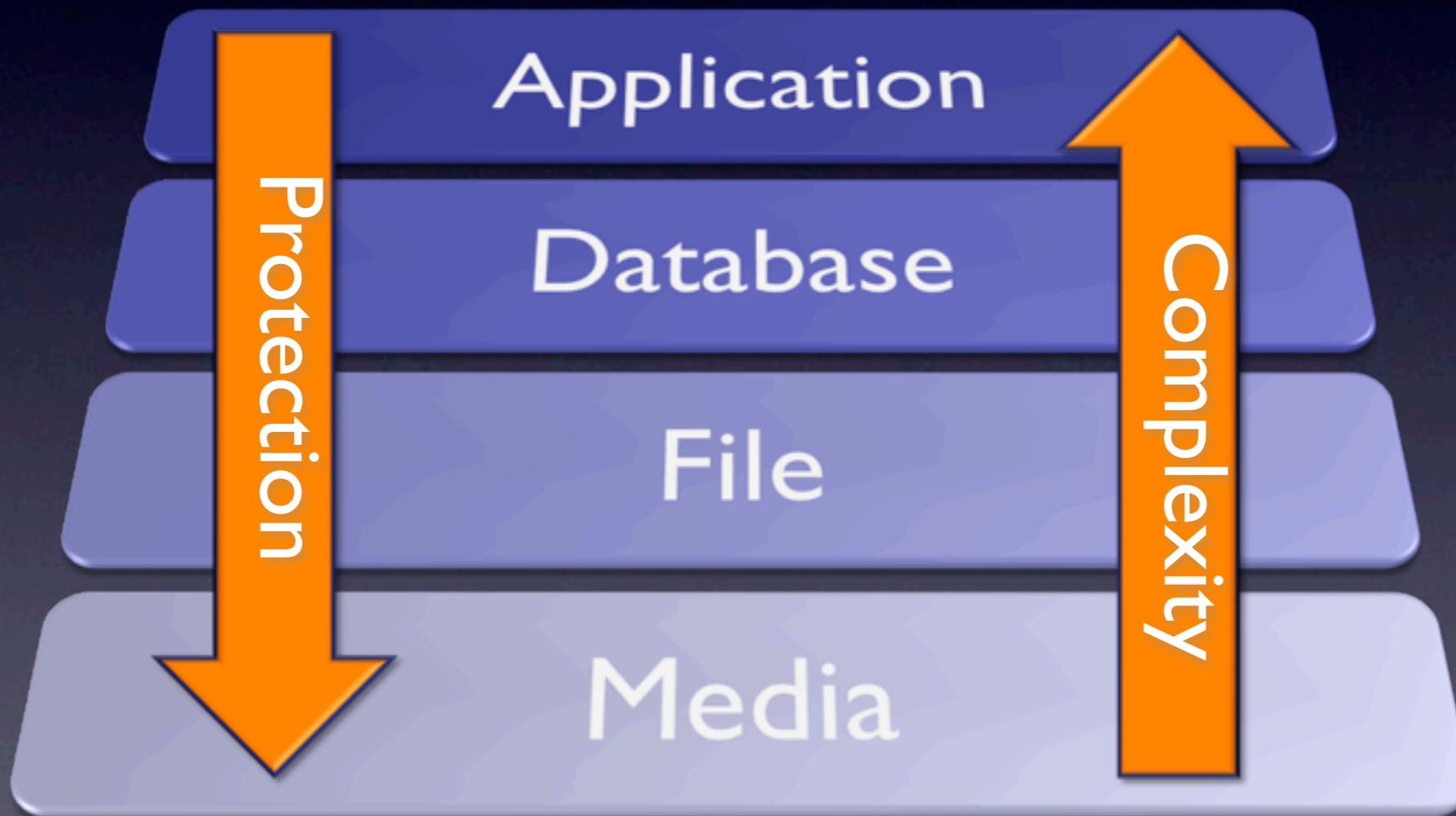
Application/  
Database



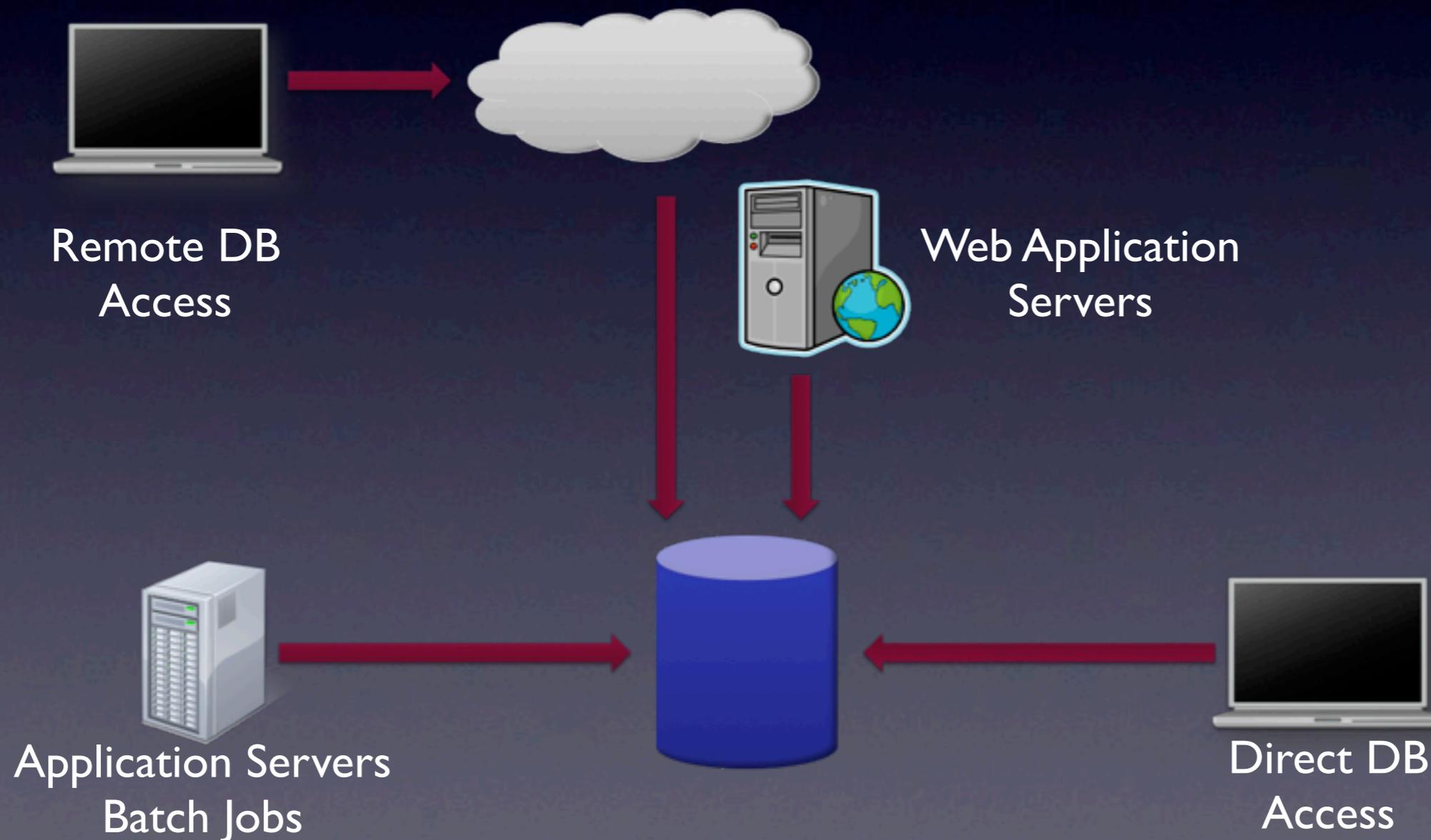
Media



# Encryption Layers



# Access Channels



# Data Masking

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Production



Development



ID	Name	SSN
1	Smith	111-22-3333
2	Jones	444-55-6666
3	Doe	777-88-9999

ID	Name	SSN
1	Johns	123-45-6789
2	George	453-67-7356
3	Blike	245-12-7329

# What You Should Do

- Remove/quarantine viral data.
- If you can't map access controls to users, just lock it down and manage exceptions.
- Encrypt laptops, backup tapes, and portable media.
- Lock down application and database access channels.
- Begin data masking.

# Monitor

- DLP/CMP for the network, storage, and endpoints.
- DAM/ADMP for databases.
- Egress filtering.
- Other tools may help, but give a false sense of security.

# Content Analysis

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Partial Document Matching



Database Fingerprinting



Statistical



Exact File Matching



Categories

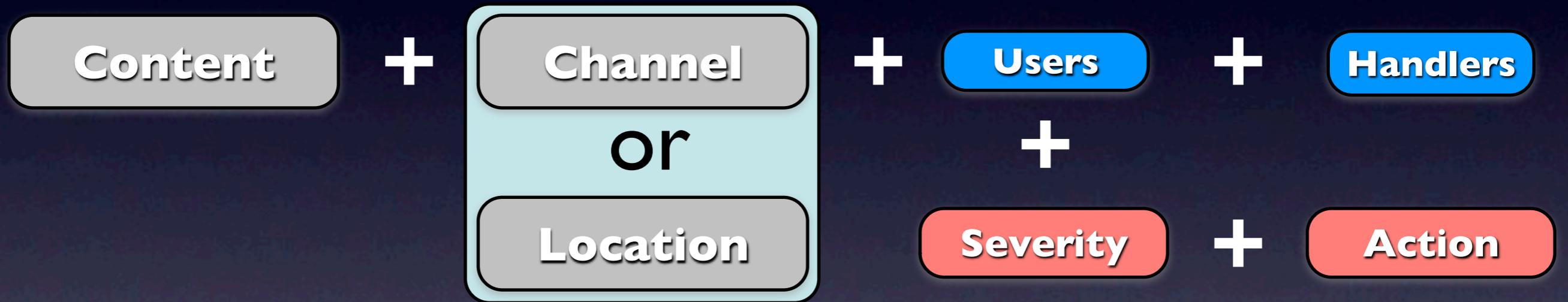


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Rules

# Policy Creation

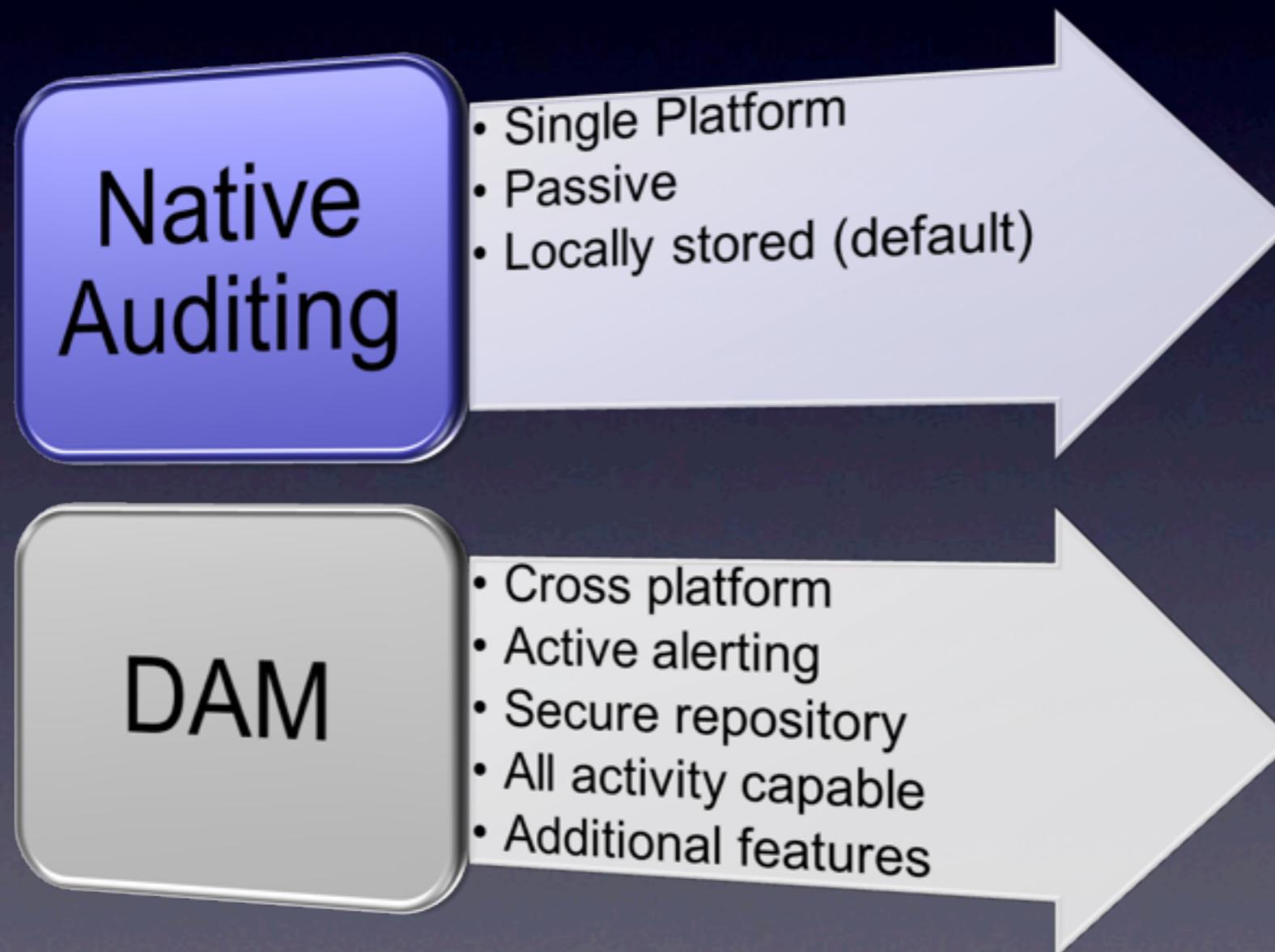


Directory Integration  
Application Integration  
Agent Management

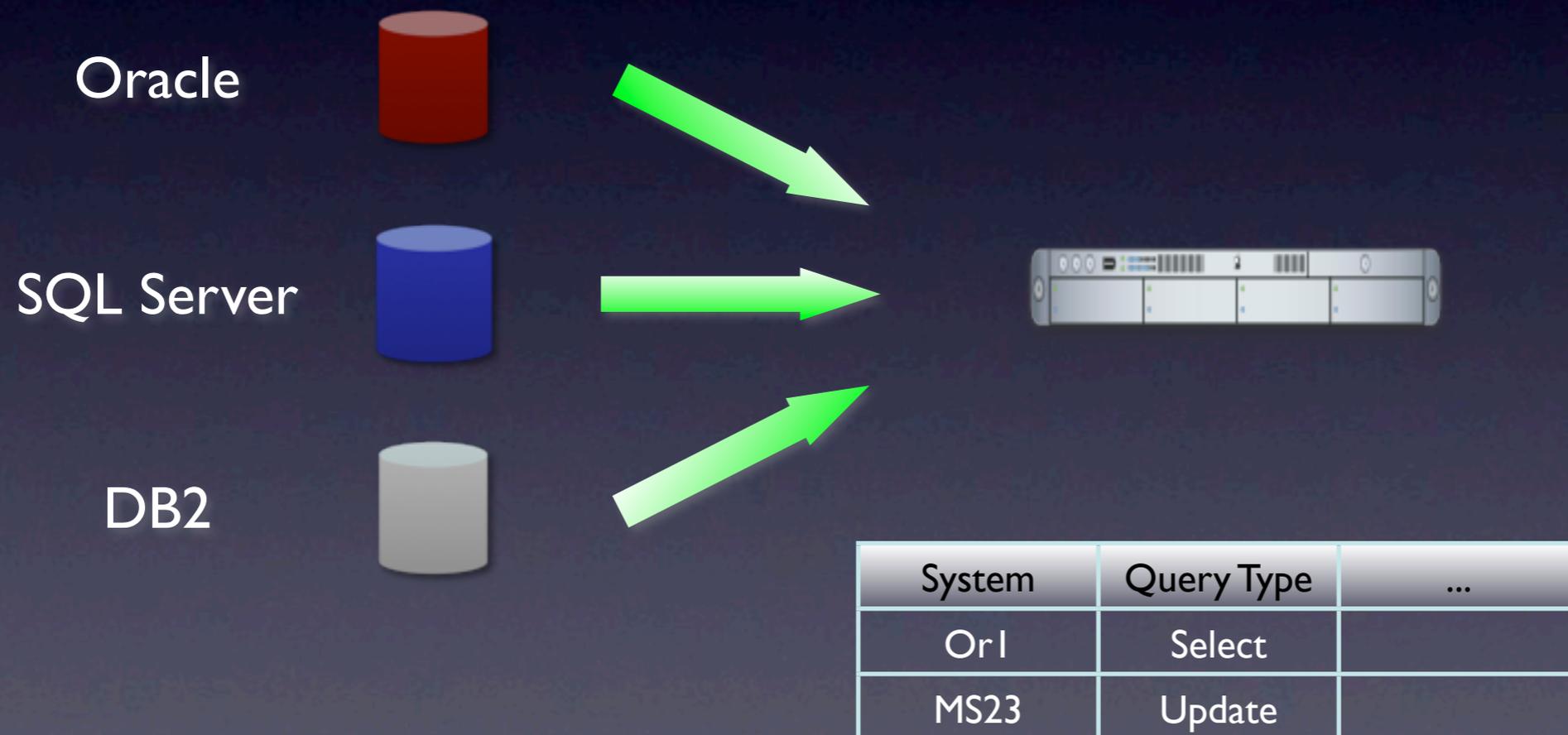
# Incident Management

ID	Time	Policy	Channel/ Location	Severity	User	Action	Status
1138	1625	PII	/SAN1/files/	1.2 M	rmogull	Quarantine	Open
1139	1632	HIPAA	IM	2	jsmith	Notified	Assigned
1140	1702	PII	Endpoint/ HTTP	1	192.168.0.213	None	Closed
1141	1712	R&D/Product X	USB	4	bgates	Notified	Assigned
1142	1730	Financials	//sjobs/C\$	4	sjobs	Quarantine	Escalated

# DB Auditing vs. Activity Monitoring



# Aggregation and Correlation



# Alternatives/Adjuncts

- SIEM
  - Many SIEM tools now include DAM support, or can pull (some of) audit logs.
- Log Management
  - Many also now include some database support
- Triggers
  - A bad option, but free and might be good enough under some circumstances

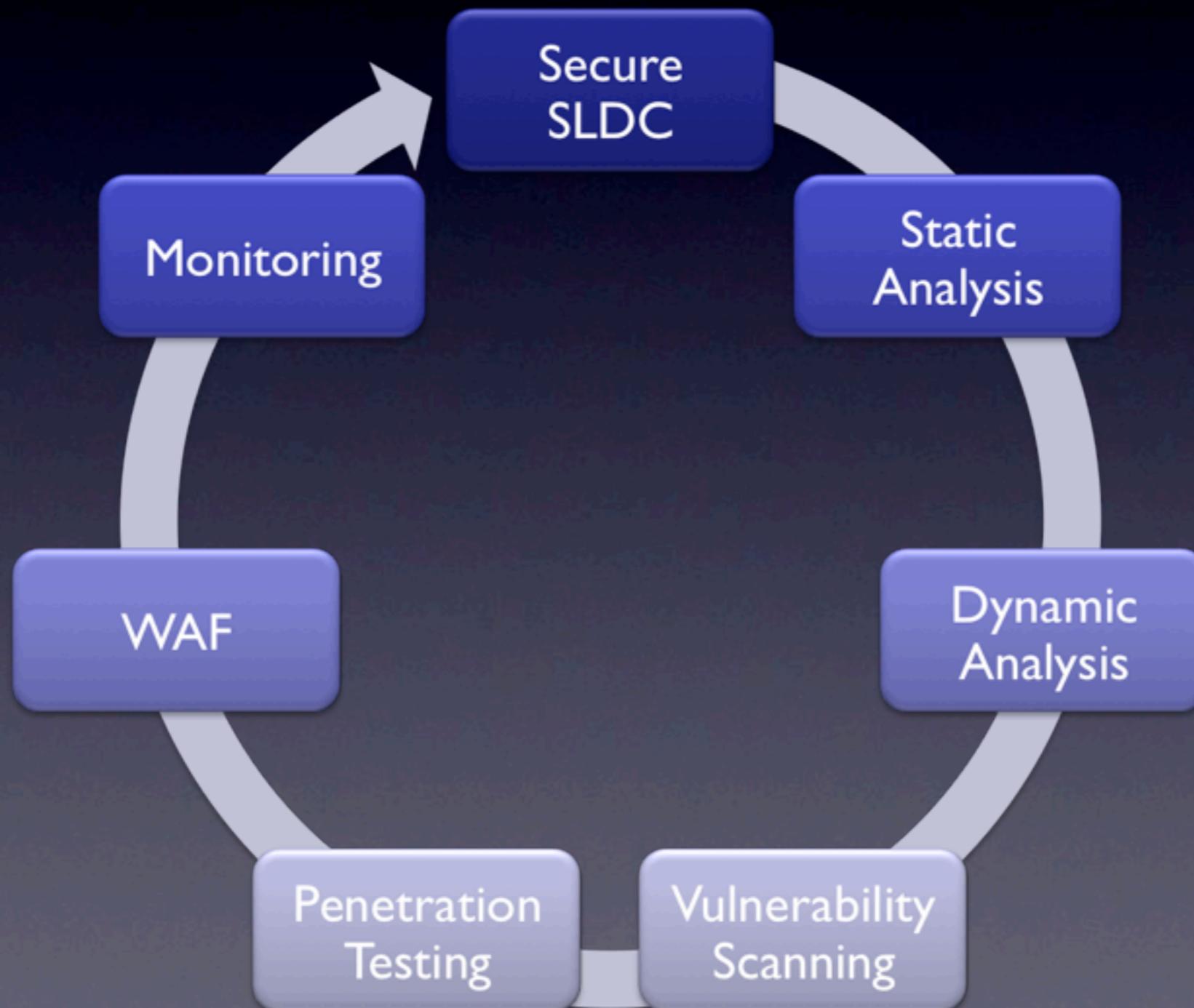
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- Focus network DLP/CMP on transaction areas first, since that's where the worst losses occur.
- Use DAM on priority databases, then expand.
- Other logging/monitoring can help, but is not content specific, and won't give great results.
- Monitor sensitive data on endpoints with DLP, especially portable storage transfers.

# Protect

- Secure web applications.
- Validate encryption.
- Use DLP/CMP for network communications and endpoints.
- Set DAM policies for proactive alerting.

# Web Application Security



# CMP Deployment Modes

## Passive

- Monitoring only

## Bridge

- Block, but some data leaks

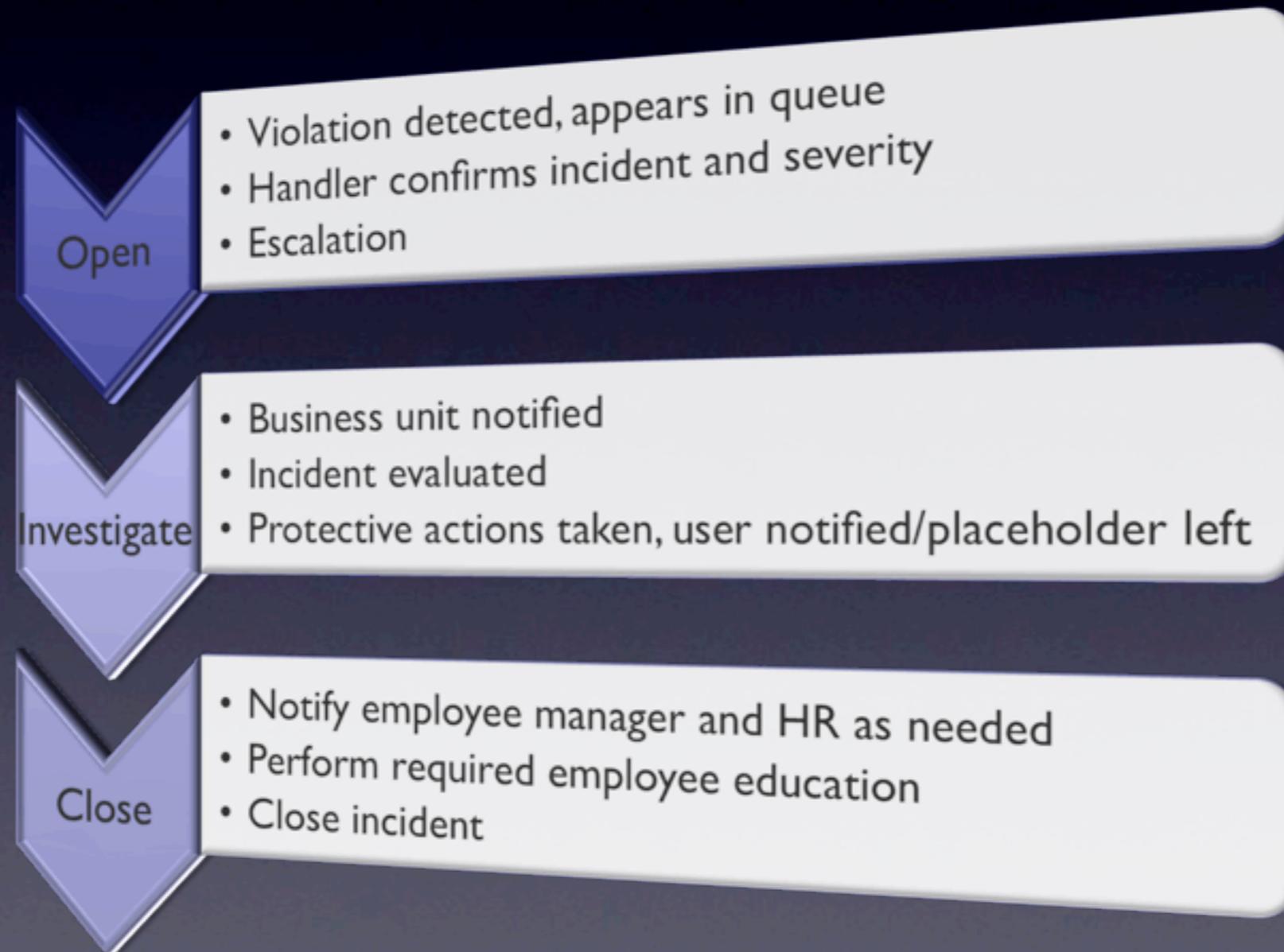
## Proxy

- Full blocking
- Often requires integration

# Endpoint Options

- DLP/CMP for content-based blocking.
- Portable device control or encryption for gross protection.
- Monitor/shadow files with CMP or PDC.

# Defining Process



# Egress Filtering

- Segregate sensitive networks/transactions paths
- Lock channels with firewall/UTM
- Filter content with DLP
- Application control/next gen firewalls
- Hide behind a VPN

# What You Should Do

- WAFs offer the quickest protection for web applications.
- DLP/CMP for network monitoring and blocking.
  - You may use existing email and network tools to protect PII, but it will be more difficult to manage and offer less protection.
- PDC or DLP/CMP for endpoint data protection (on top of encryption).

# Data Security on the Cheap

- Focus on as few critical data types as possible.
- Use FOSS or existing tools for discovery.
- Prioritize with VA and penetration testing.
- Leverage features in existing tools.
  - Email/web filtering
  - USB blocking
  - OS-based encryption

# Your Best Options

- Start with DLP/CMP content discovery.
- Identify databases with sensitive data, and start activity monitoring (DAM).
  - Focus VA and penetration tests on these systems, especially if accessed via web applications. This is the single biggest channel for major breaches.
- Encrypt all laptops.
- Egress filter transaction networks.
- Slowly minimize use of protected data. Do you *really* need to let that many people access it? Can you consolidate it?

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