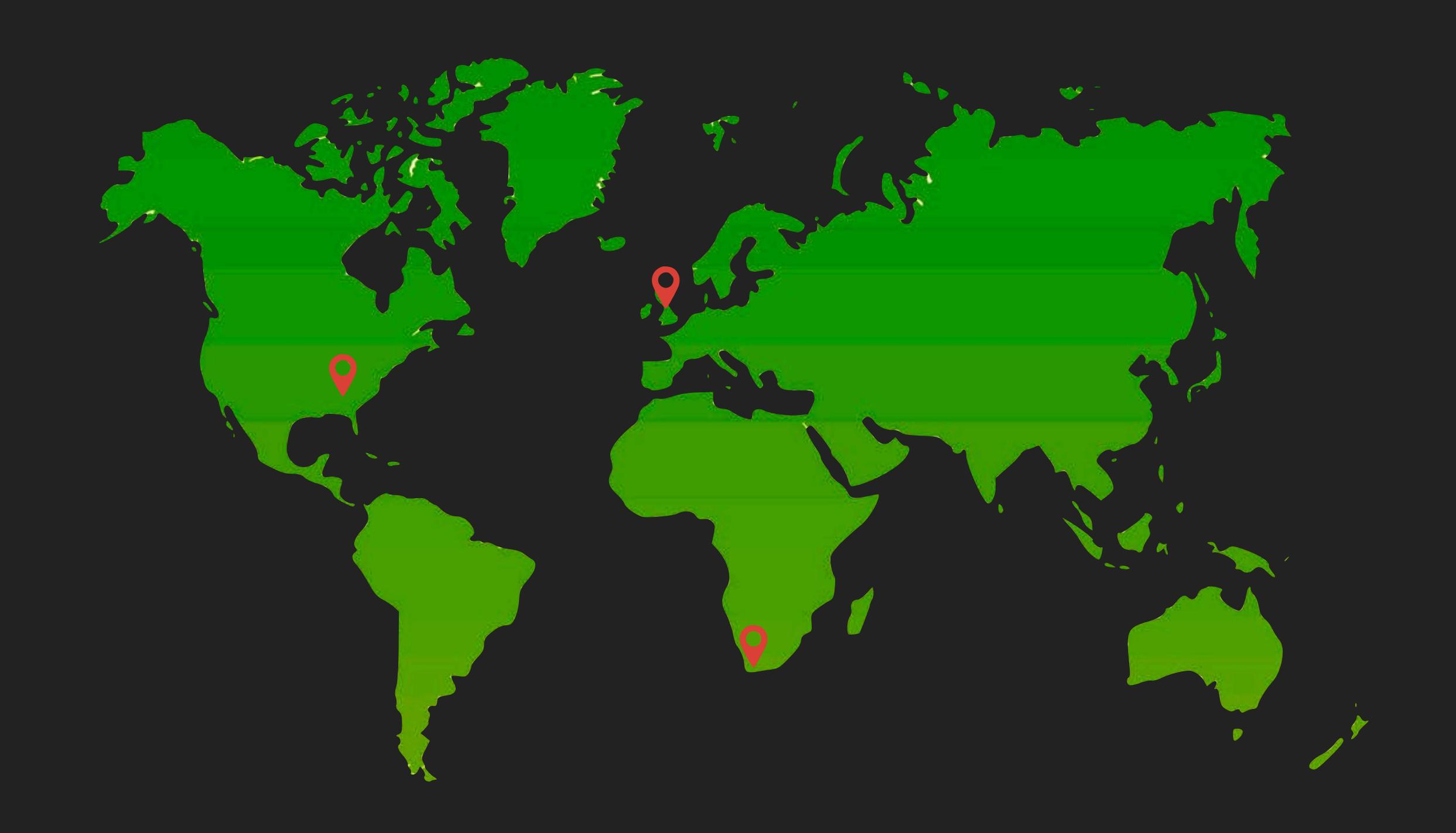
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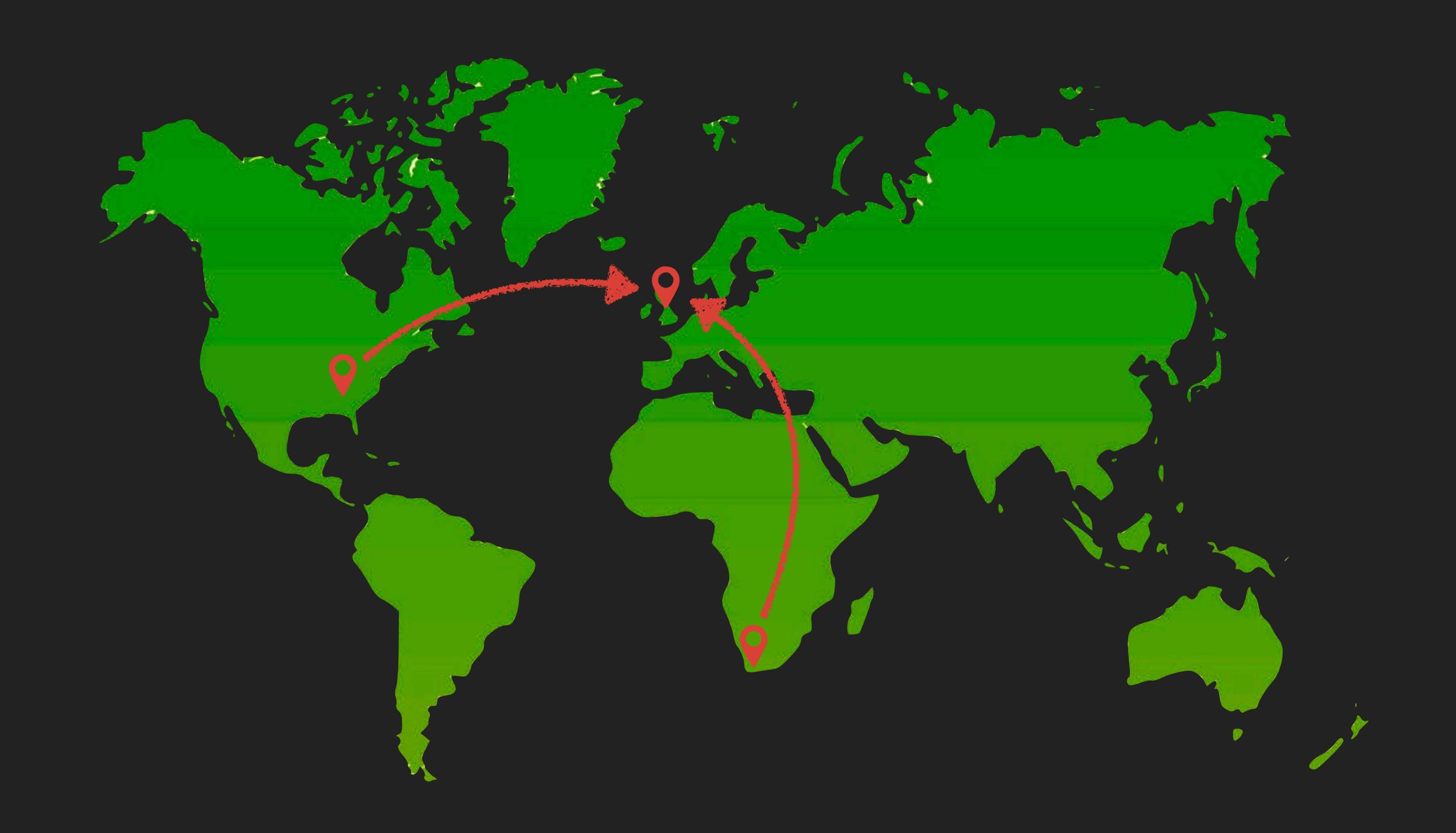
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STATE OF PLAY

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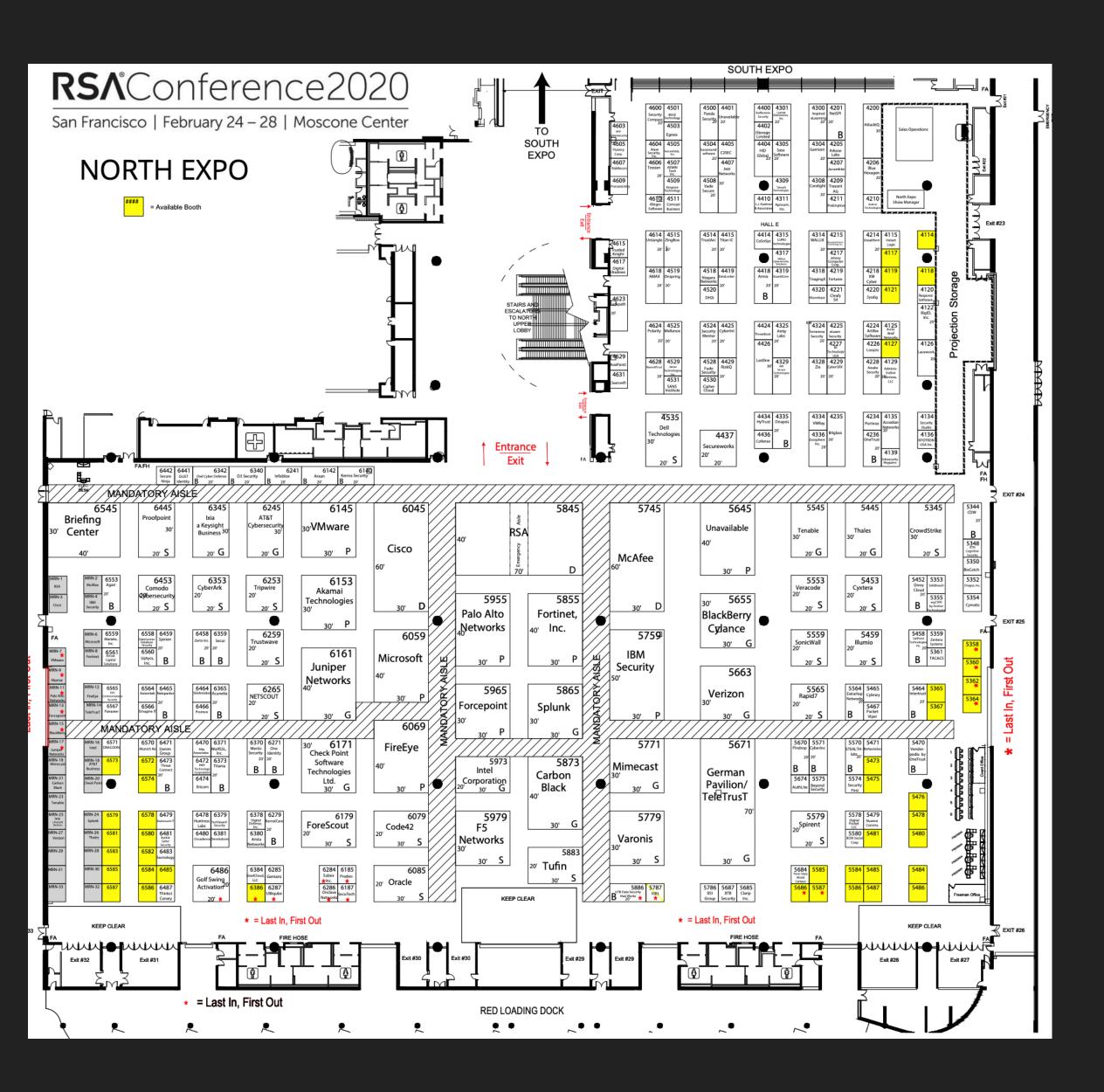
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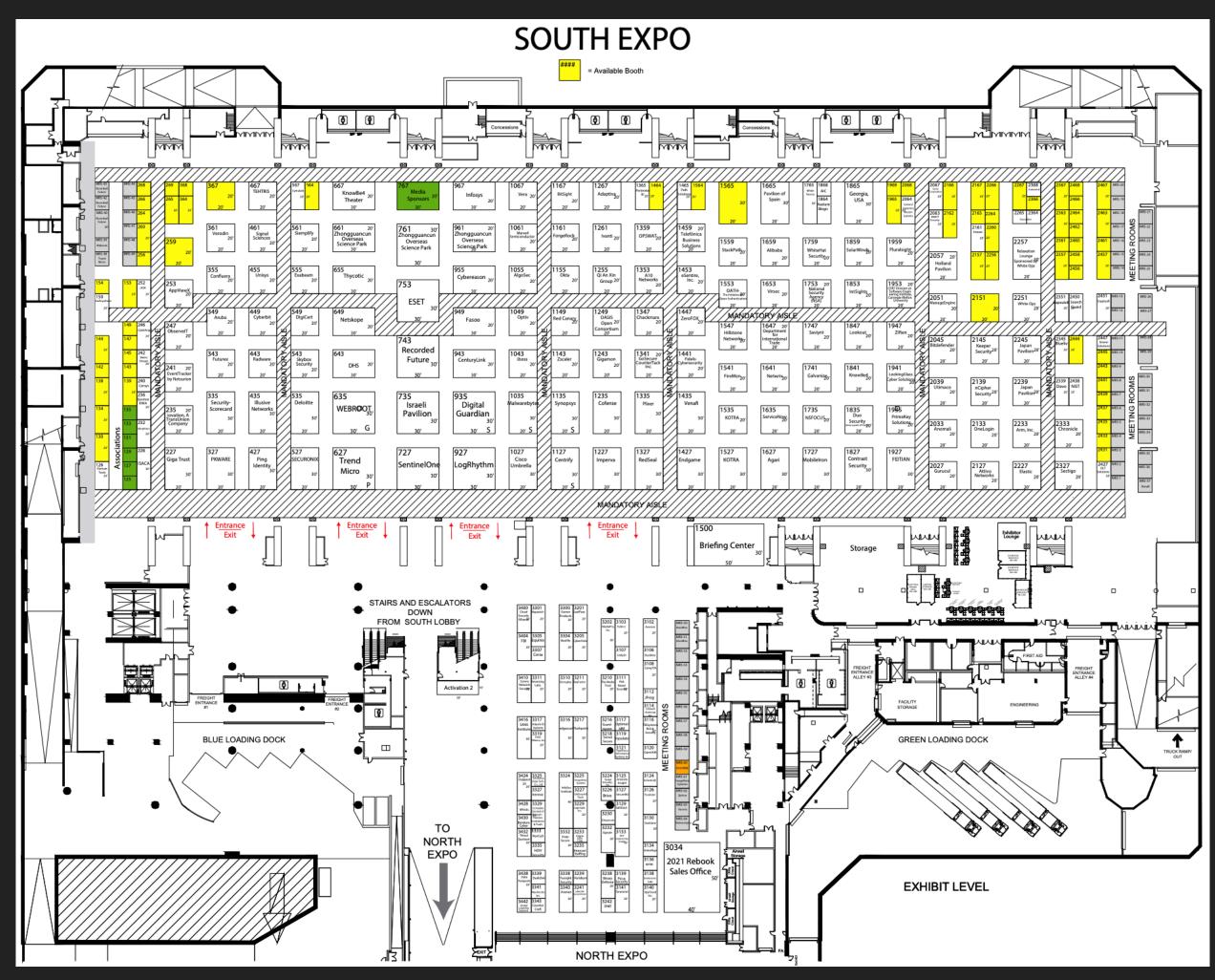
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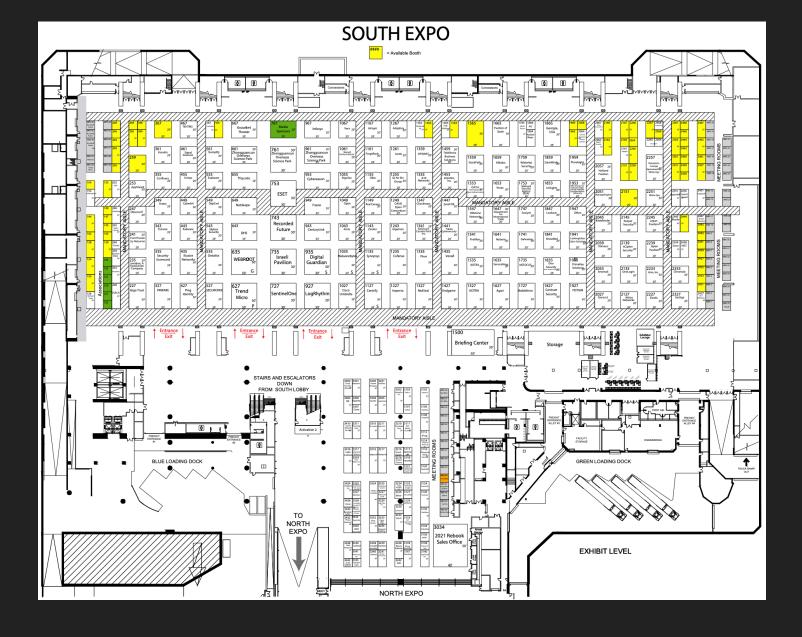
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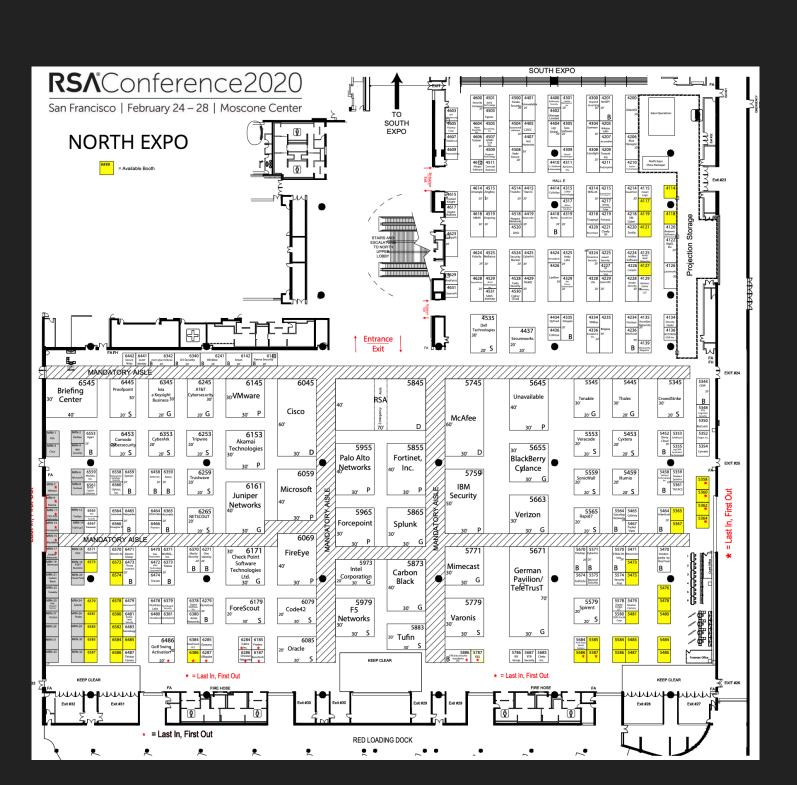




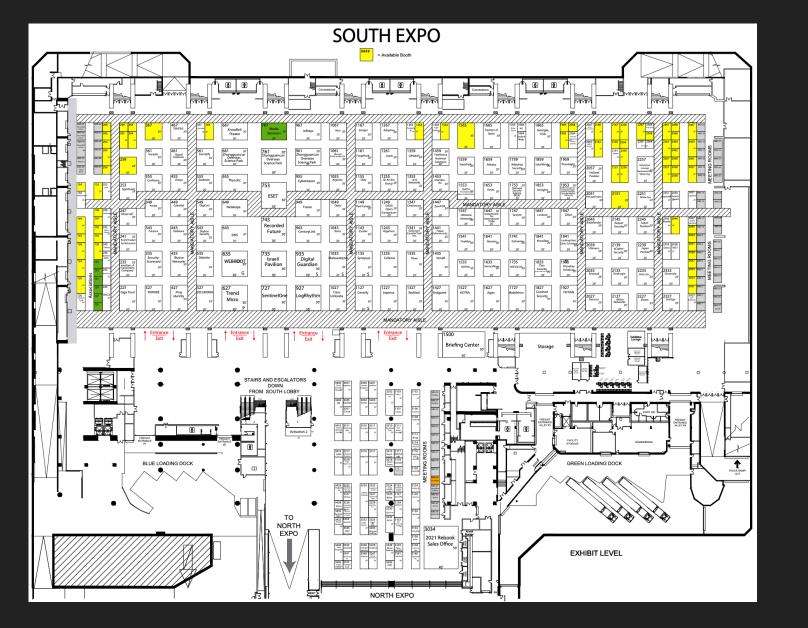


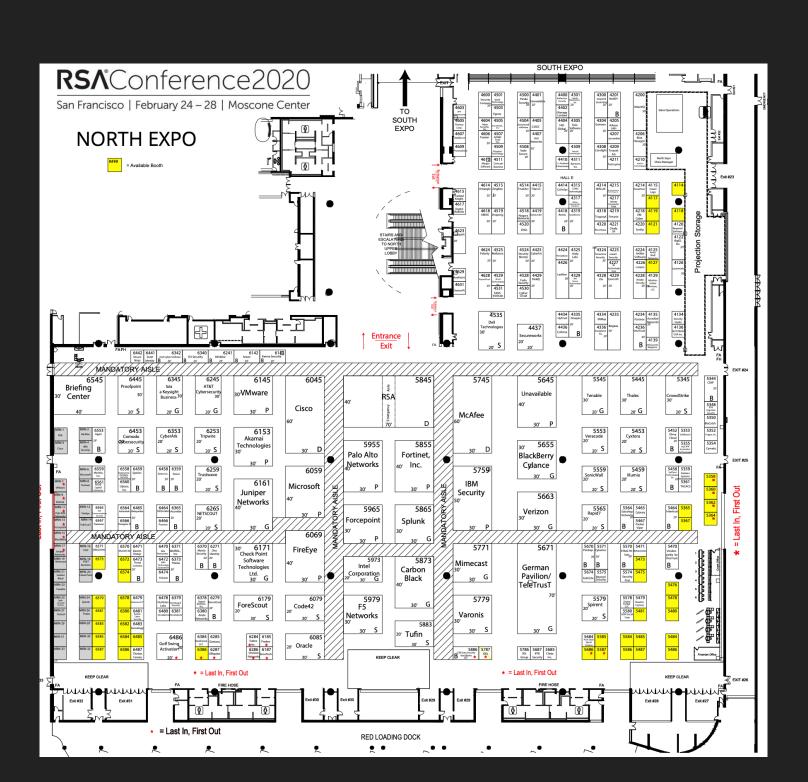




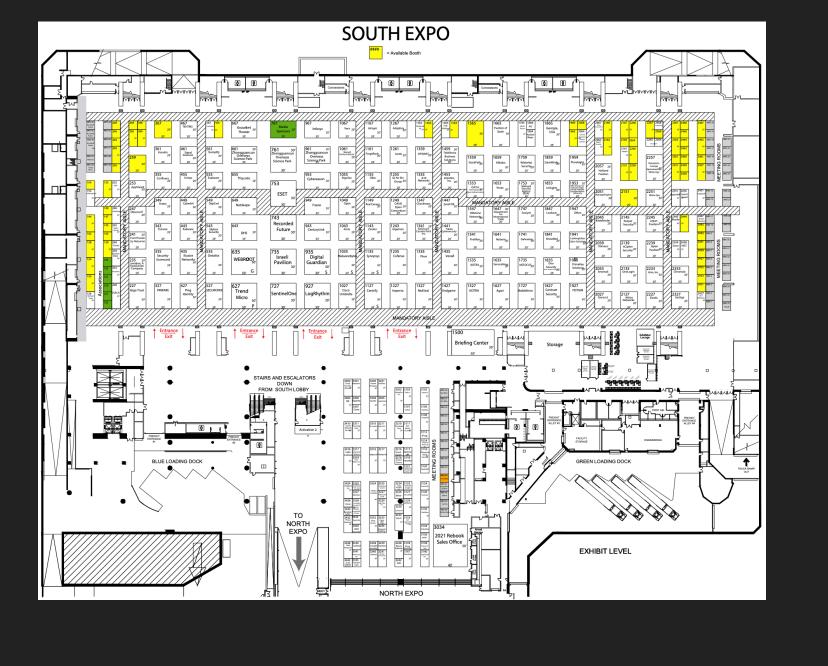


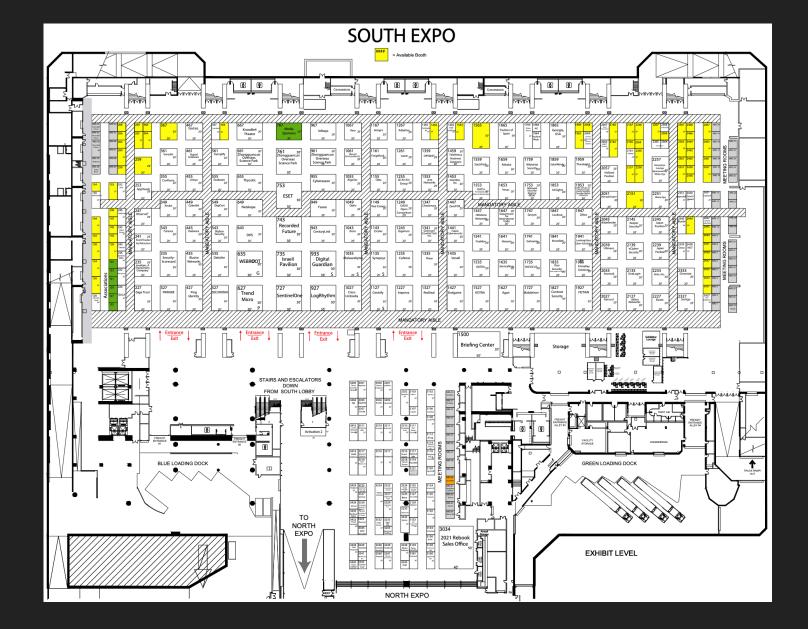




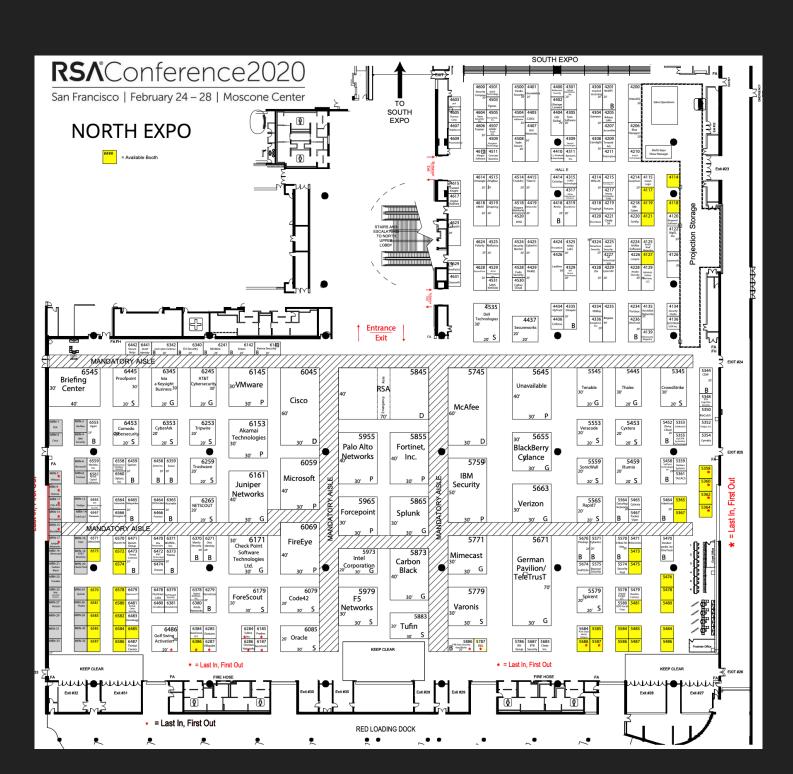




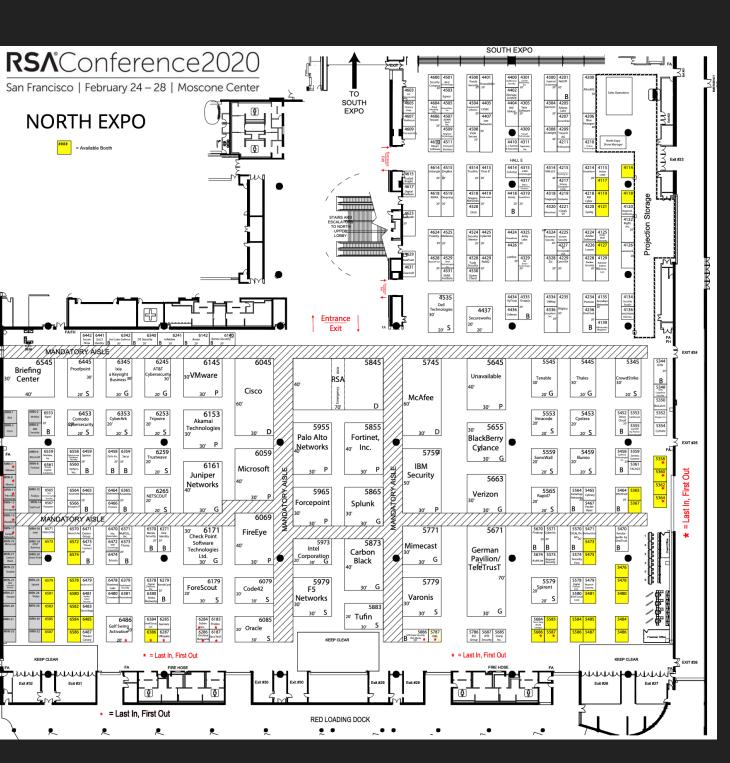


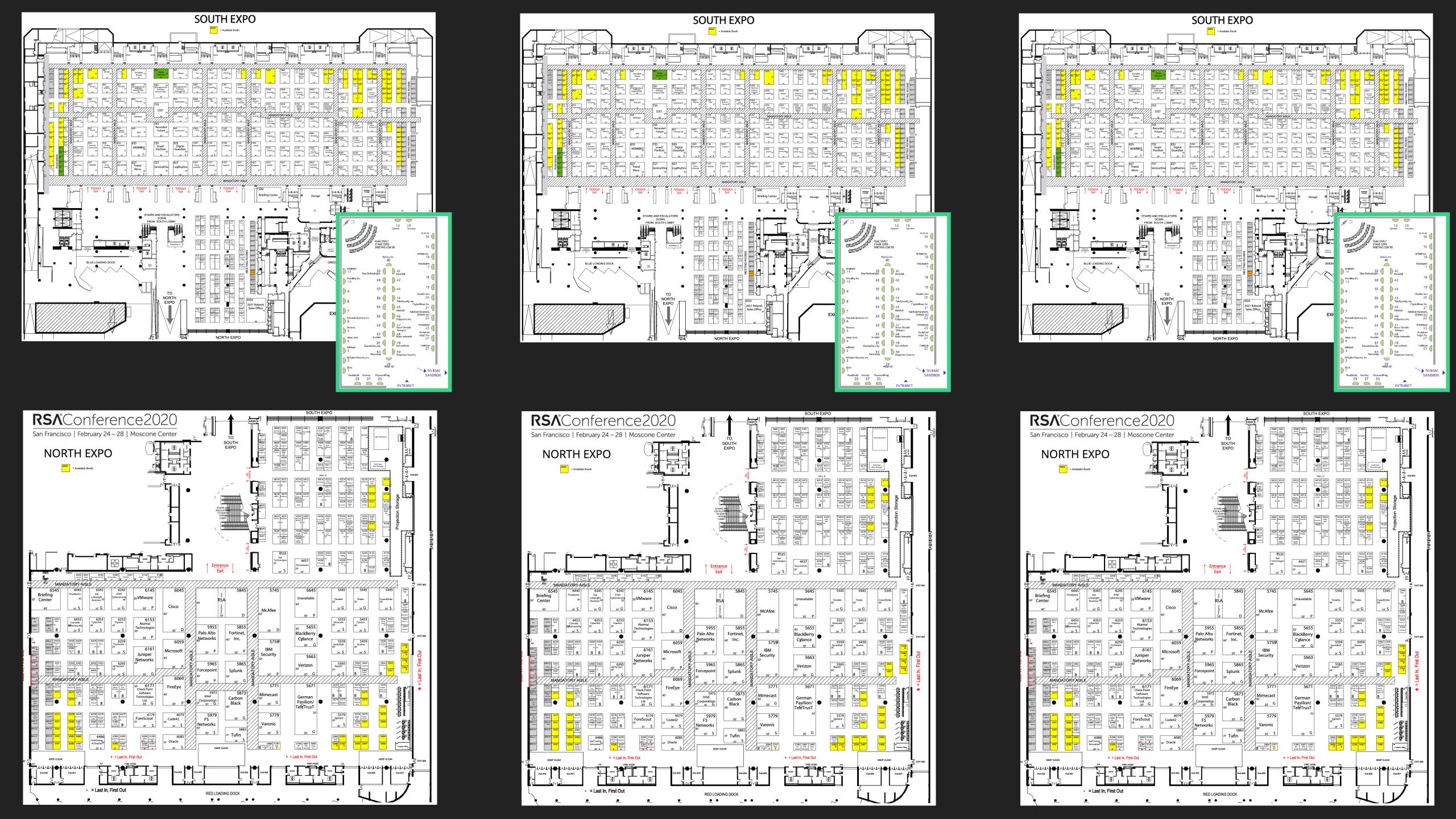












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Rocky Mountain Information Security Conference (RMISC)

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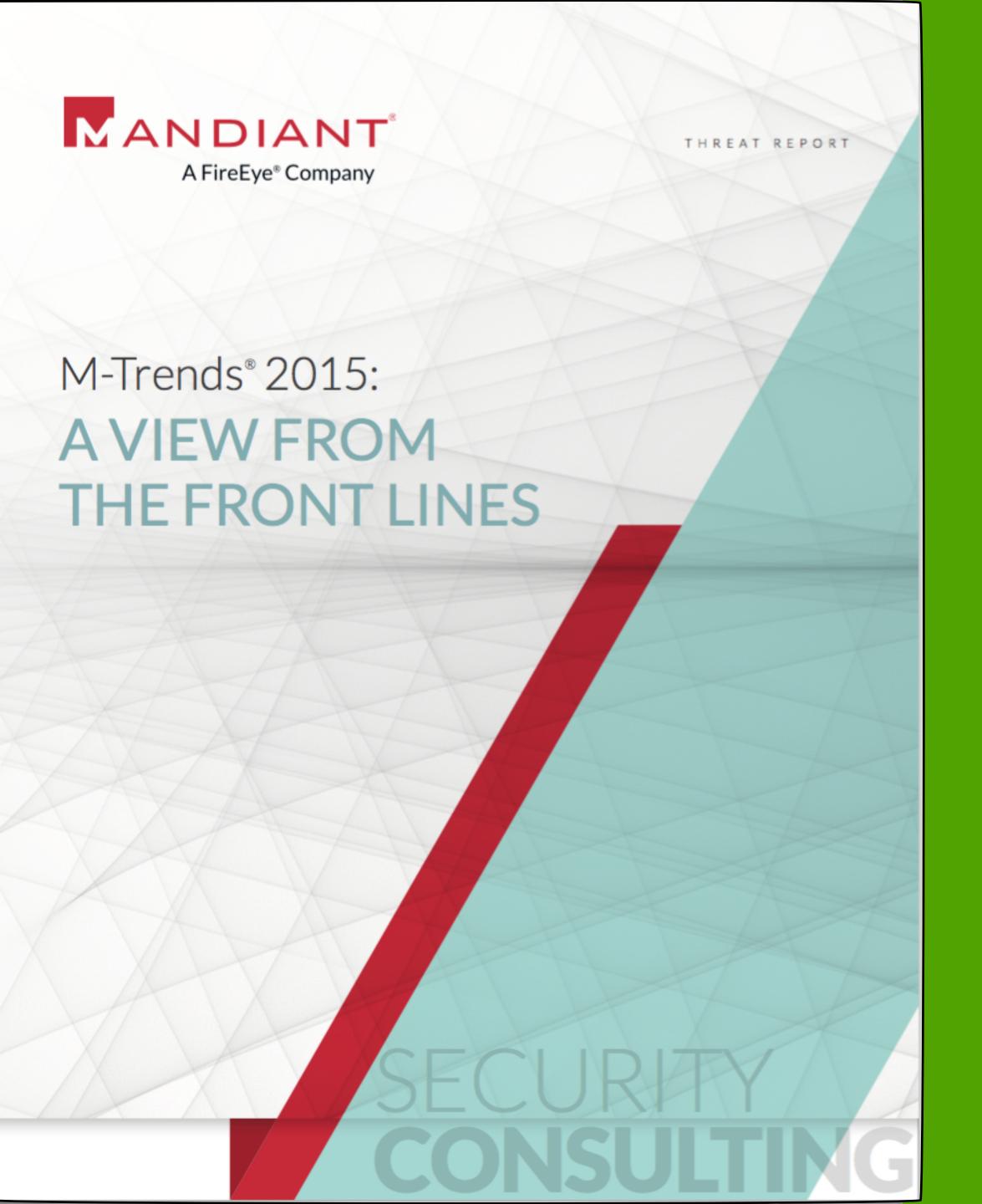
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92% OF FEW C. ORGANISATIONS INVESTIGATED WERE NOTIFIED ABOUT THE BREACH BY A 3RD

- 2012 Verizon DBIR



205 DAYS STEEL MEDIAN TIME FOR ATTACKERS TO EXIST ON A NETWORK BEFORE BEING DISCOVERED

- 2015 M-Trends Report

(IBM Security

Cost of a Data Breach Report 2019

THE AVERAGE TIME TO IDENTIFY A BREACH IN 2019 WAS 206 DAYS

- 2019 IBM / Ponemon

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WHY THO?



WE RAISE MONEY BADLY



WE BUILD PRODUCTS BADLY



WE DO SALES BADLY

(FOR INFOSEC COMPANIES)

THE VC MODEL IS BROKEN



GROWTH SCALE

"VC's INVESTINEXITS"



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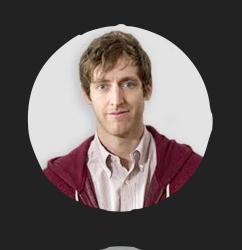


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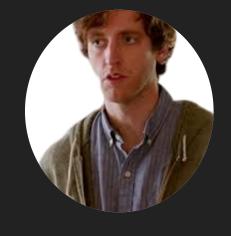
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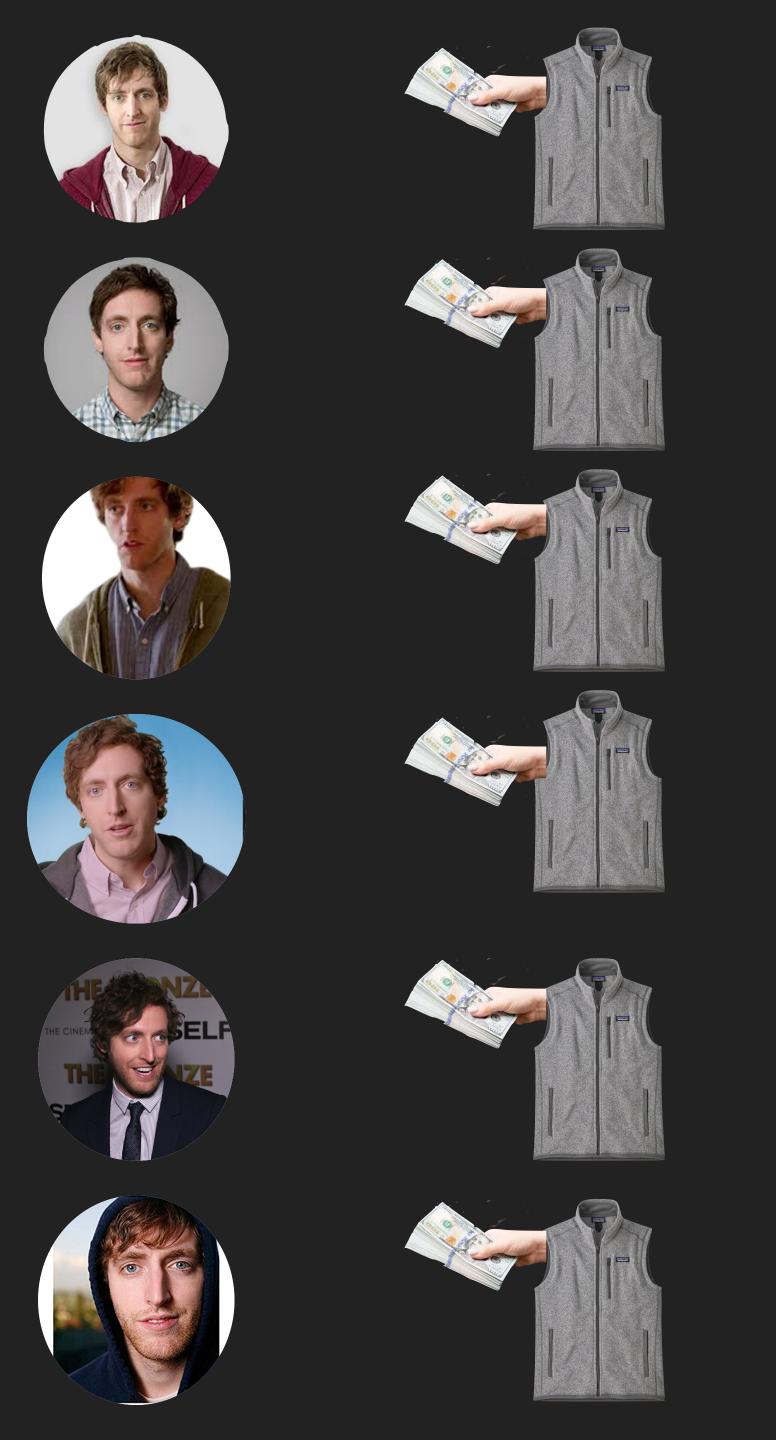


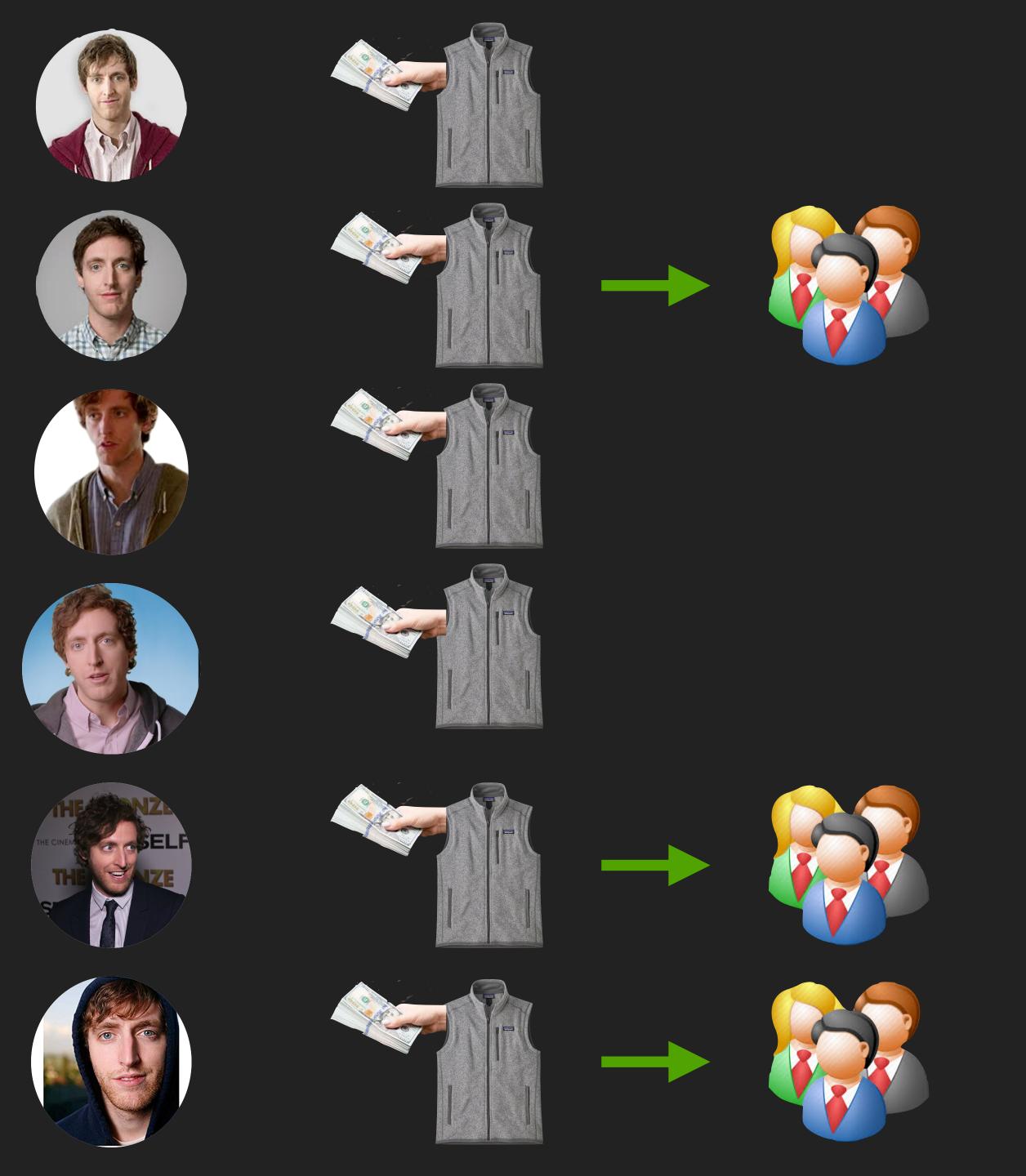


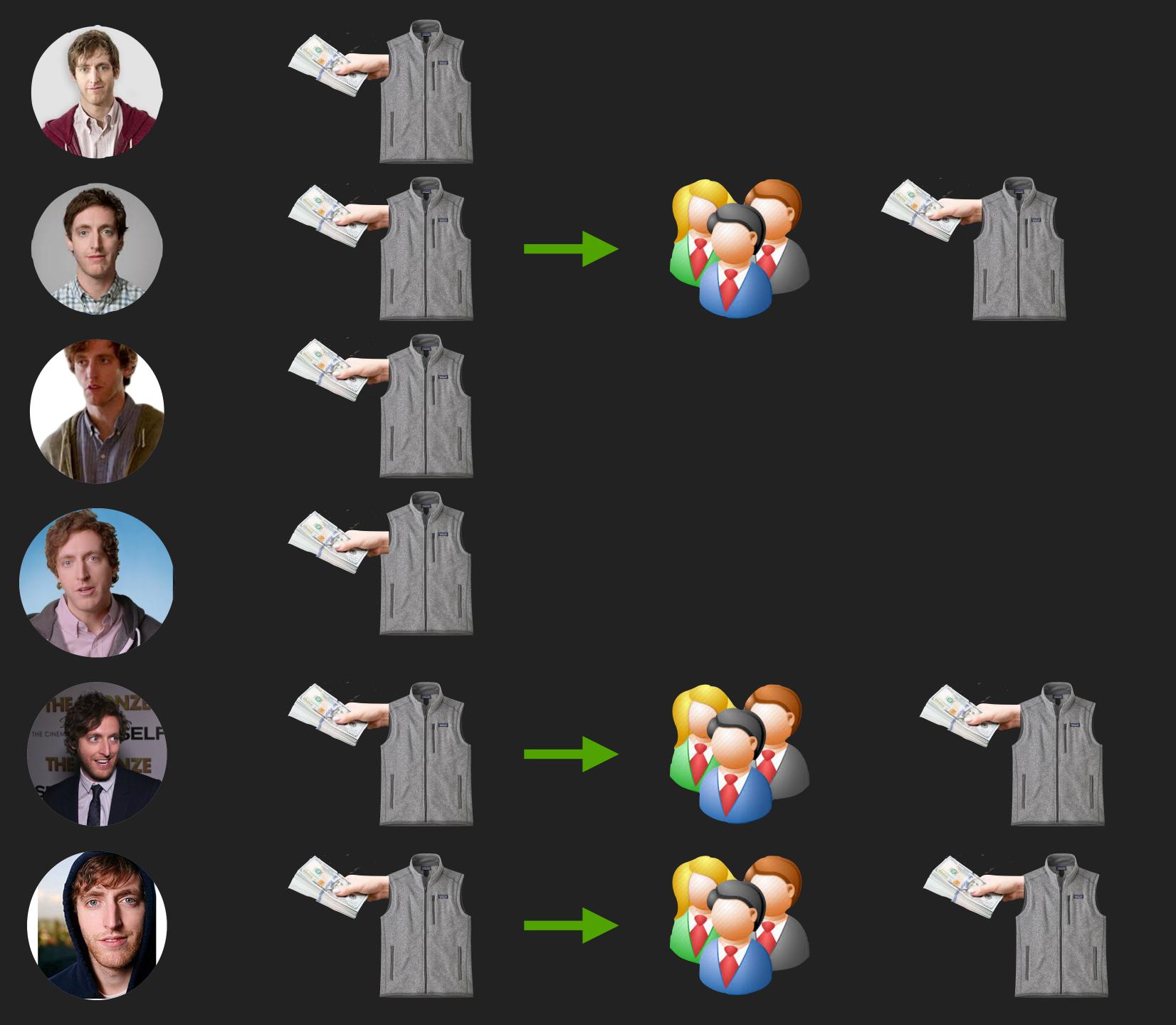


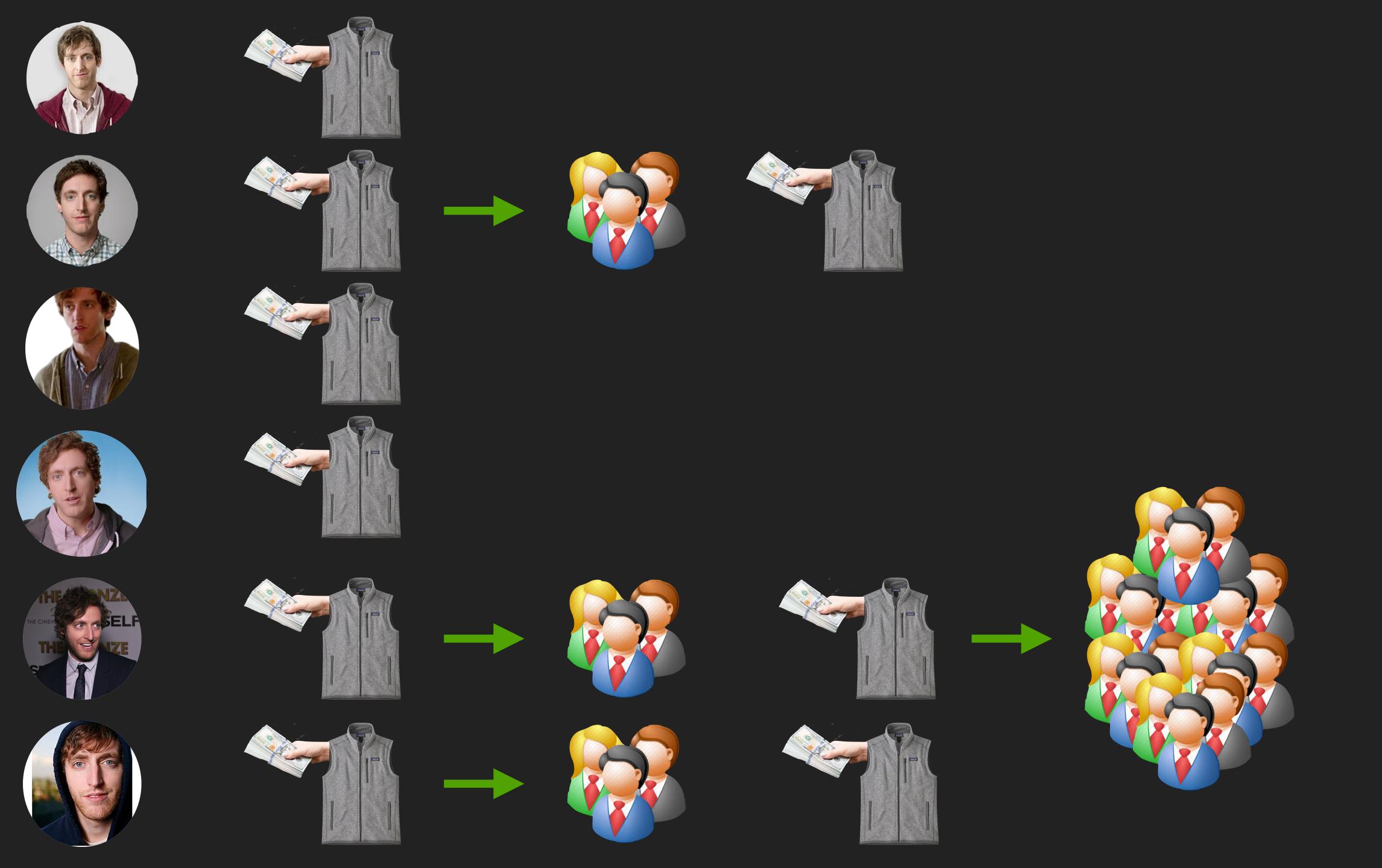


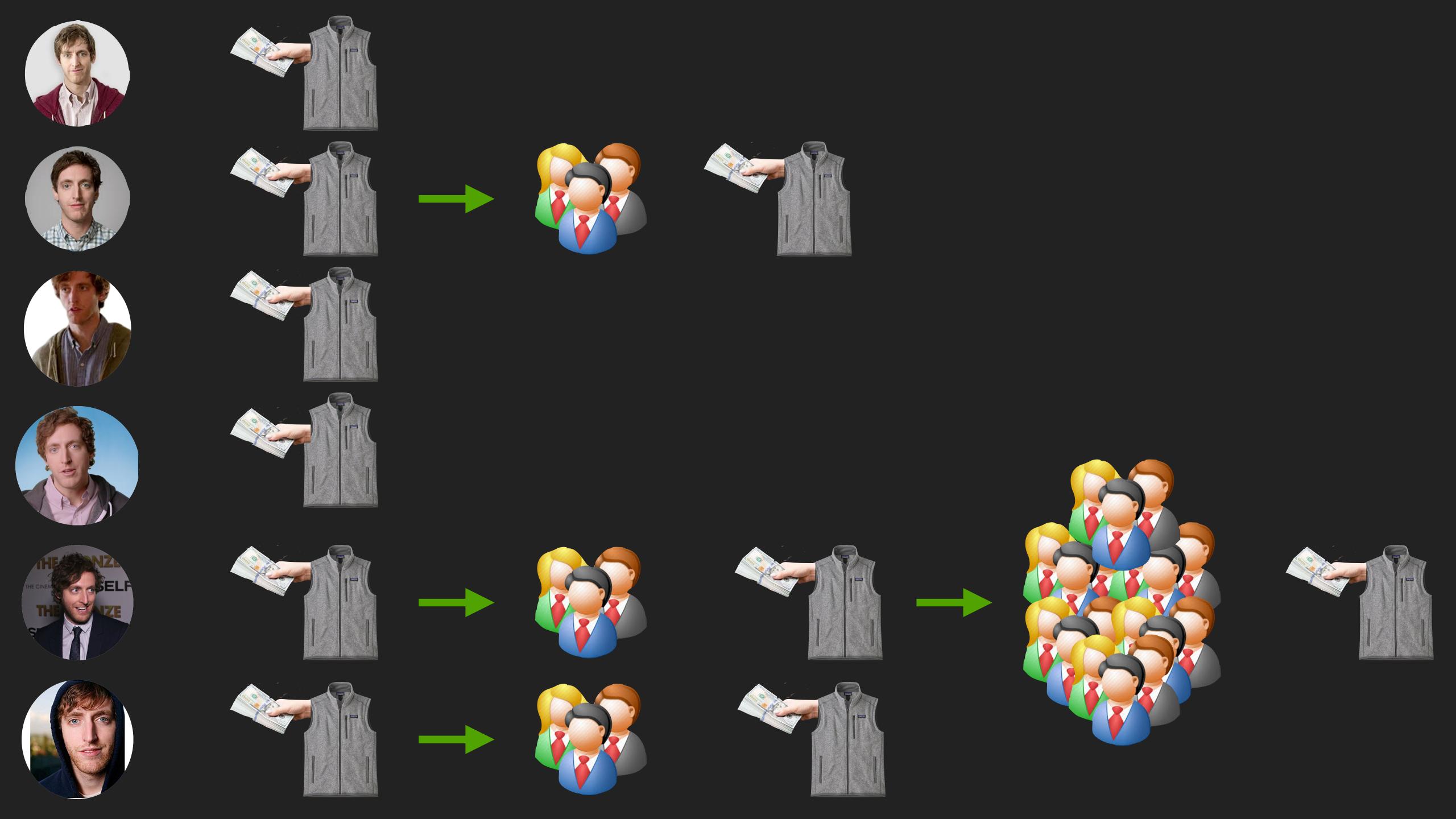




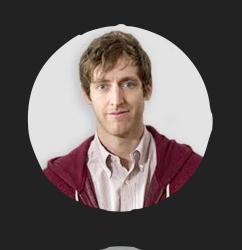




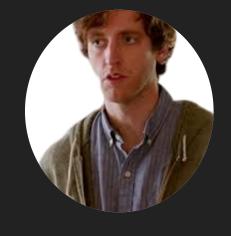








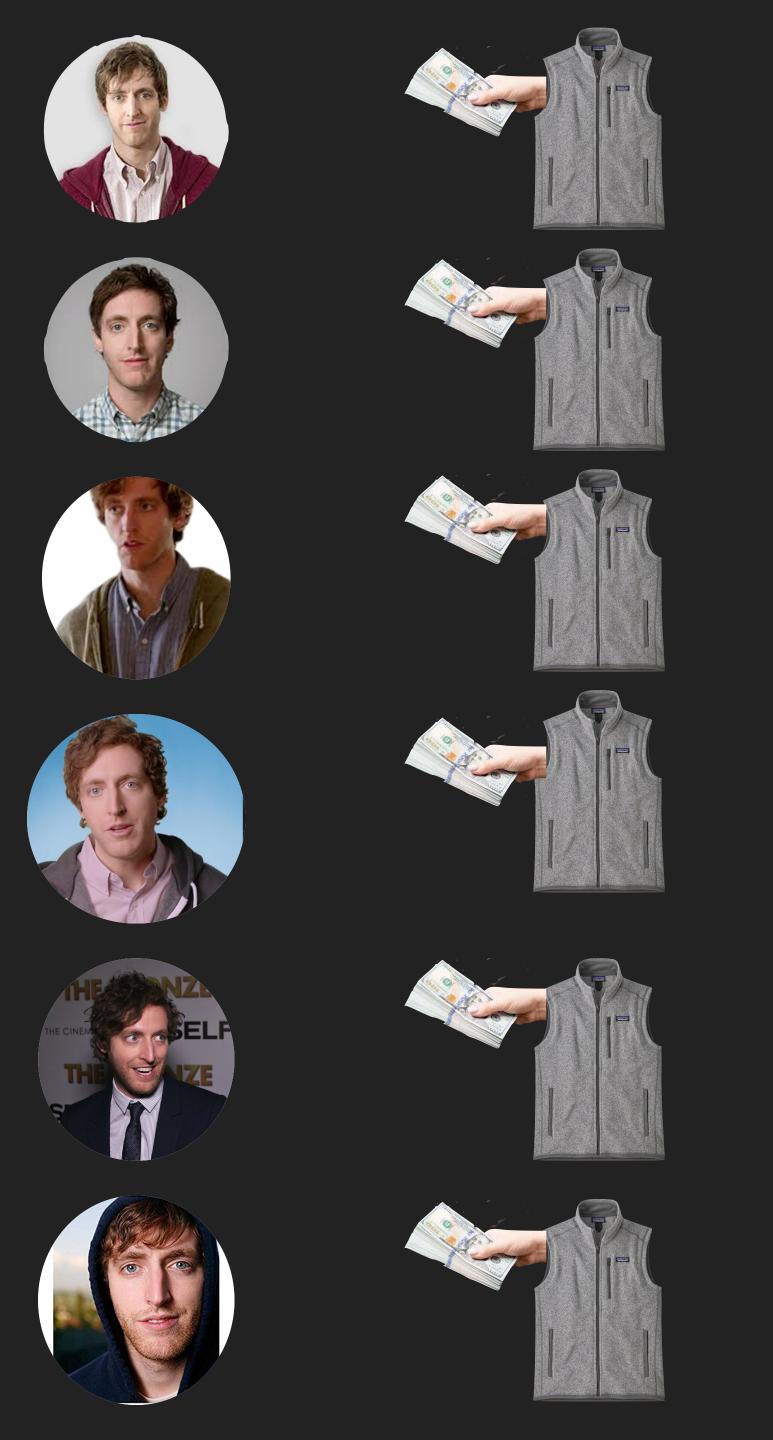
































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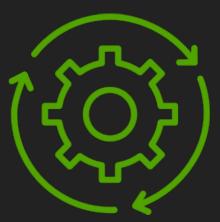


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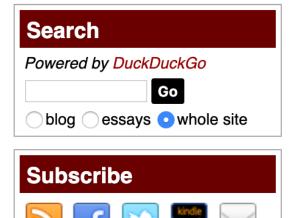
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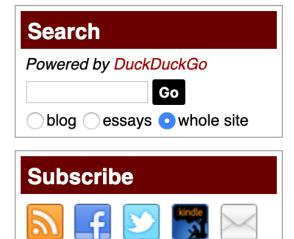
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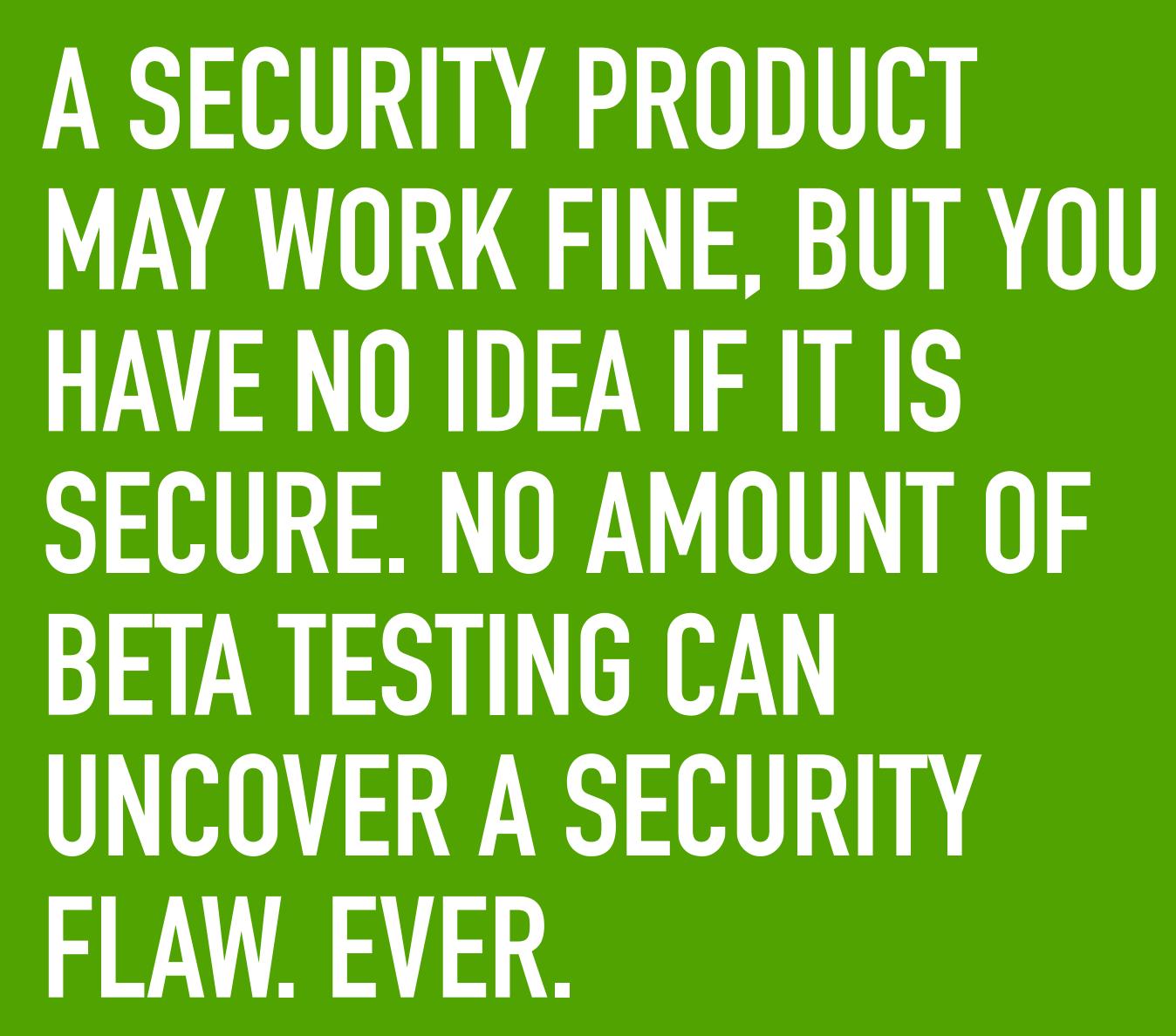
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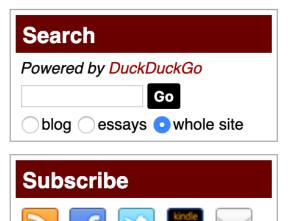
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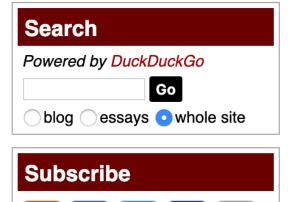
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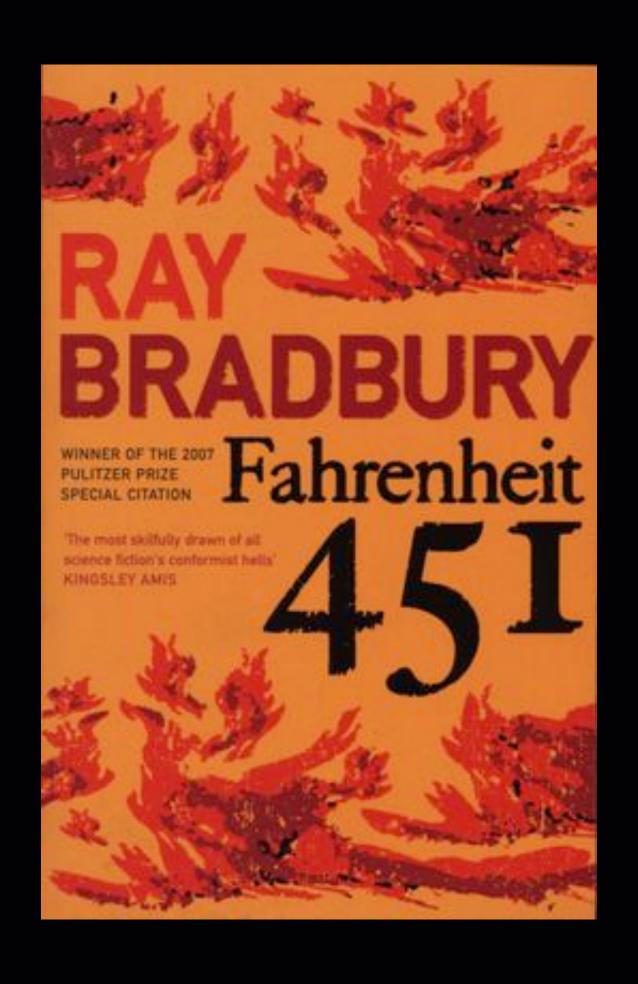
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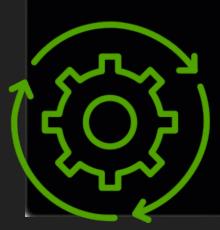




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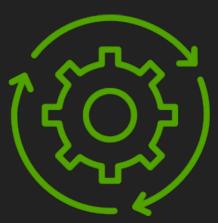
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INSECURE SECURITY PRODUCTS







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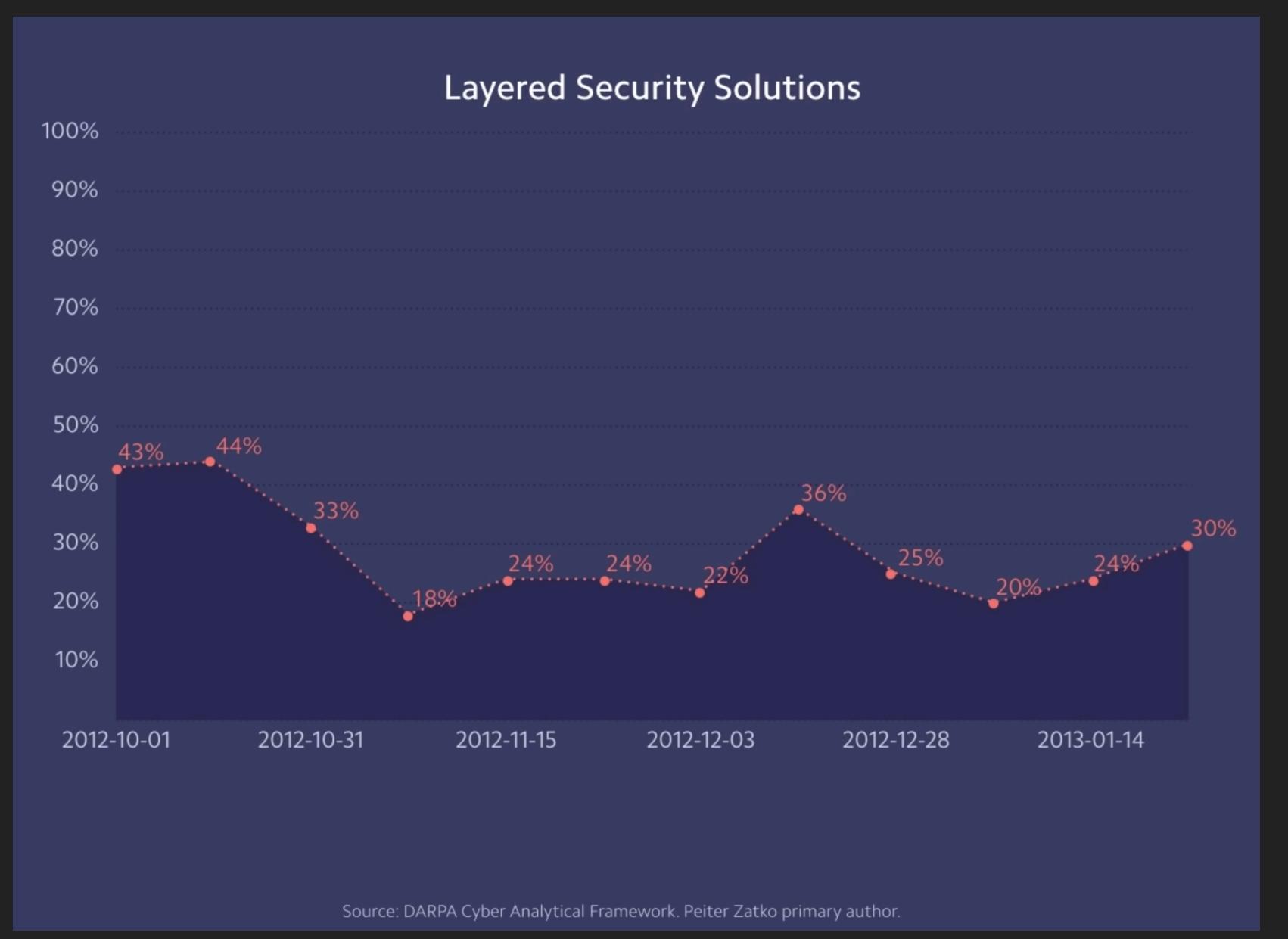


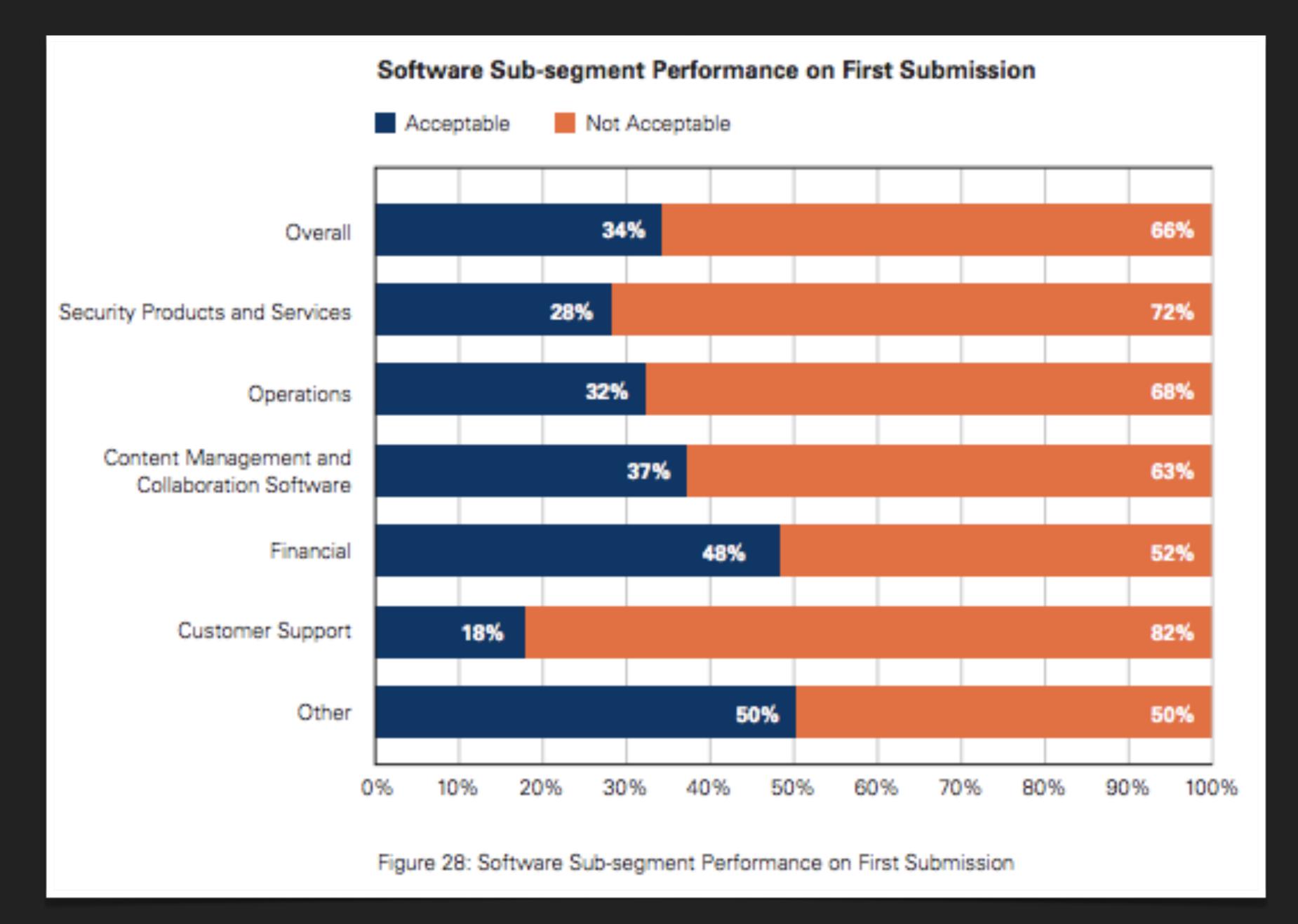




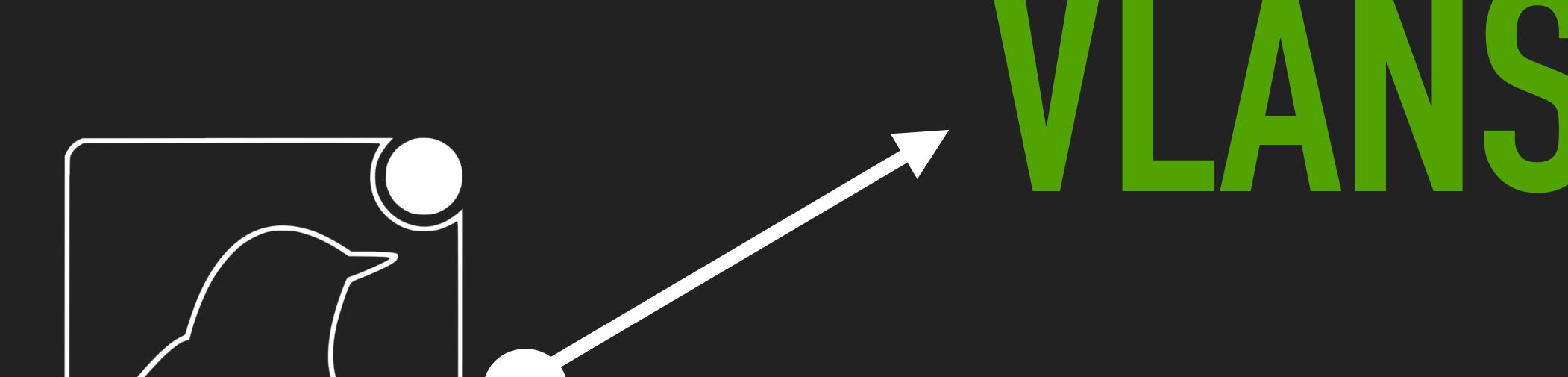
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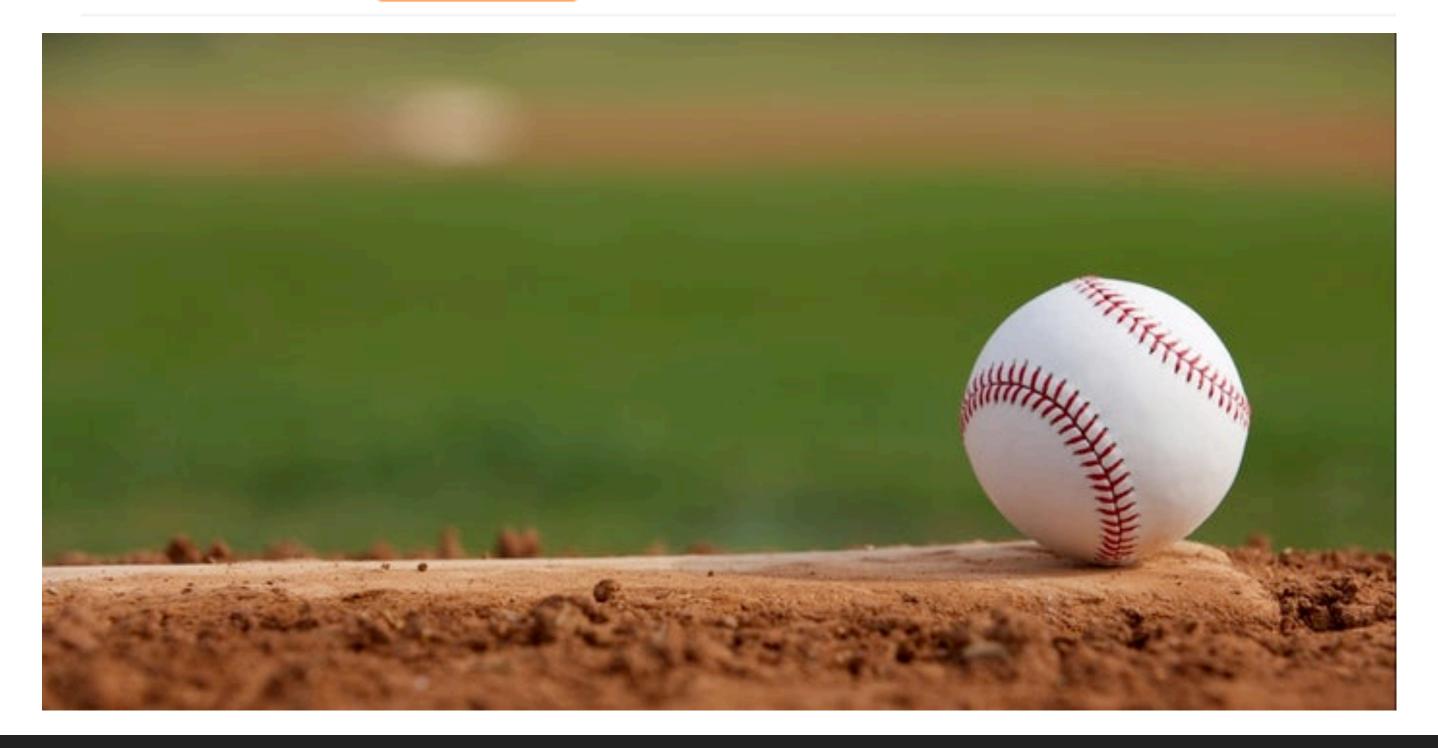
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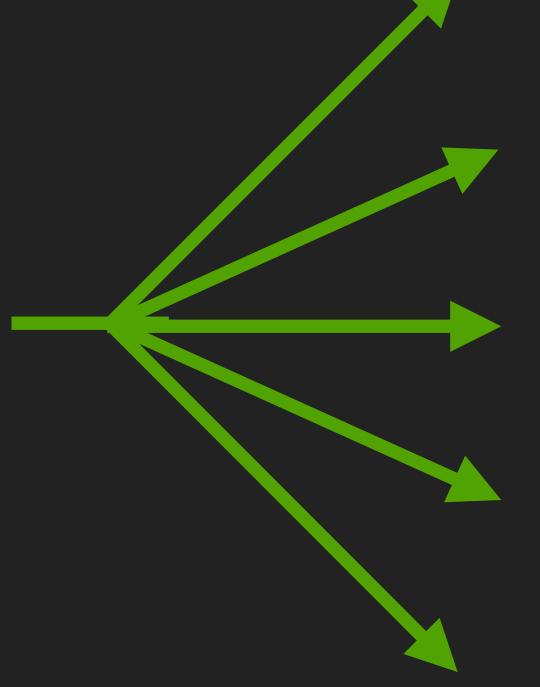


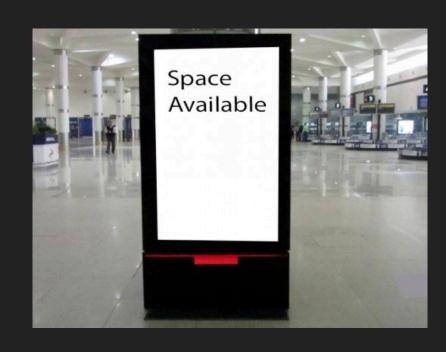


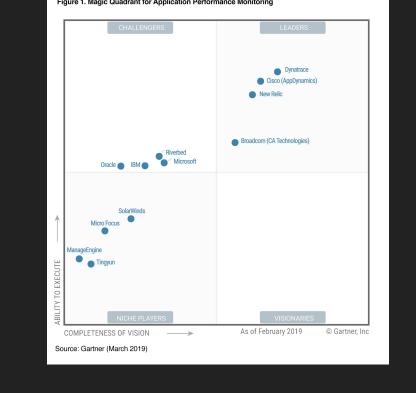




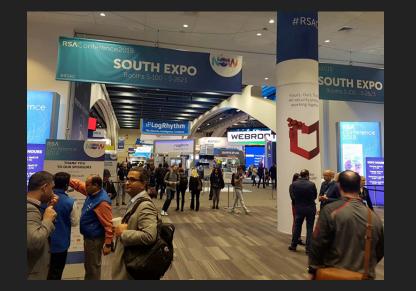


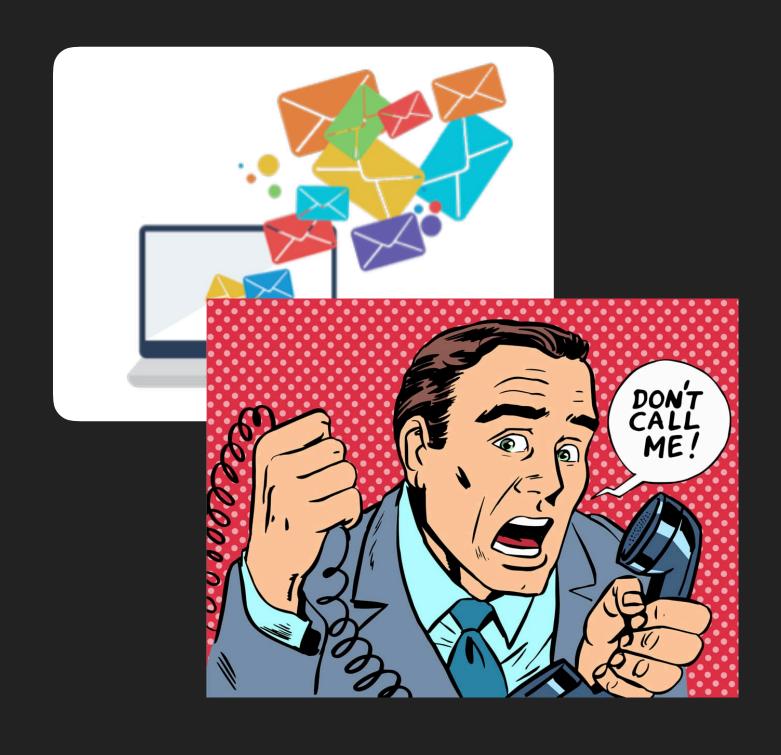








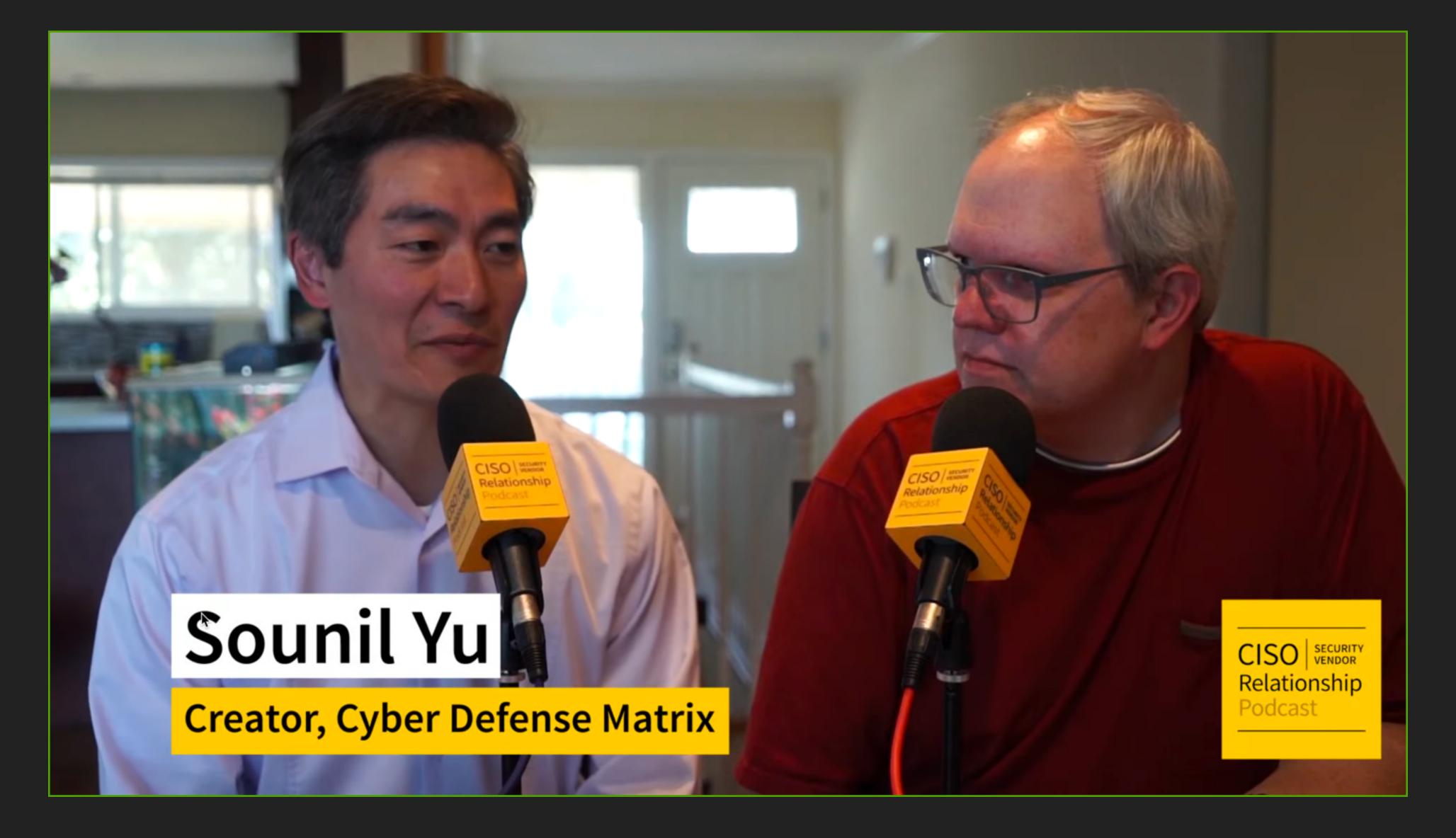






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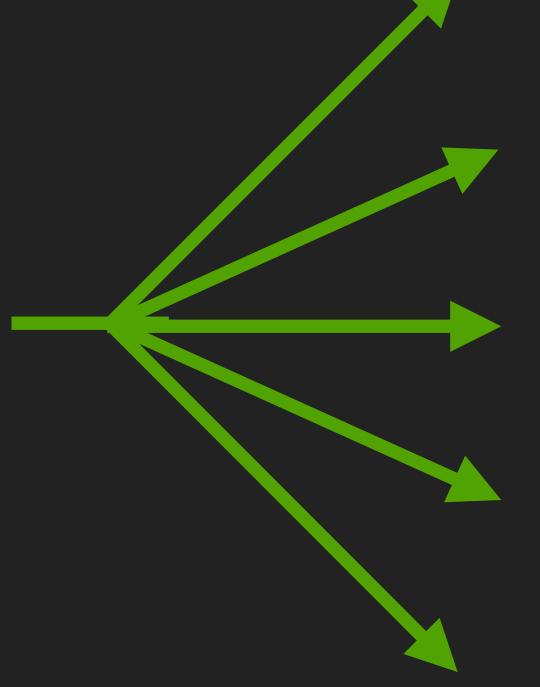


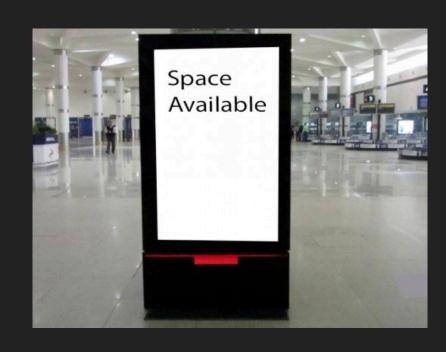


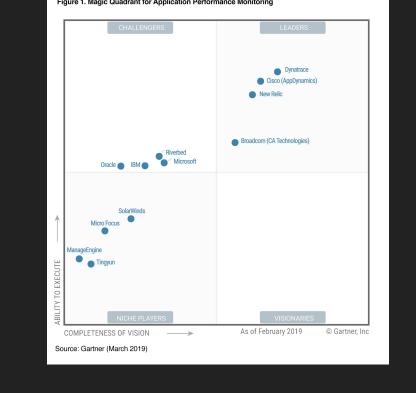




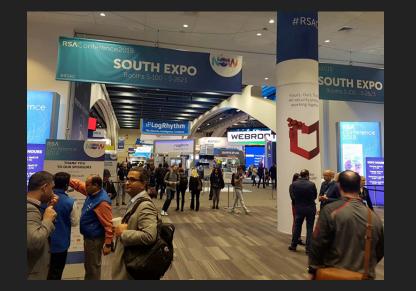


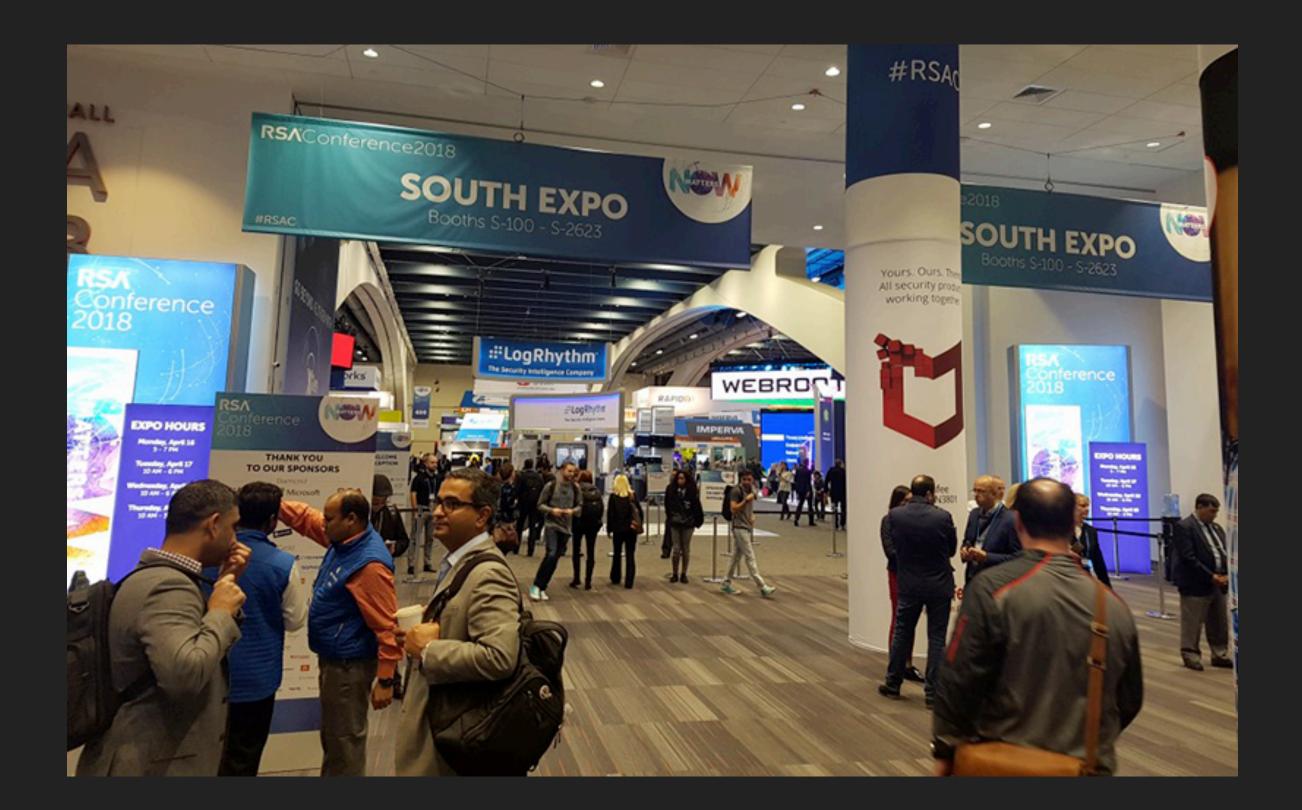


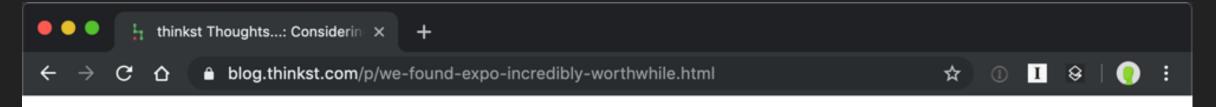












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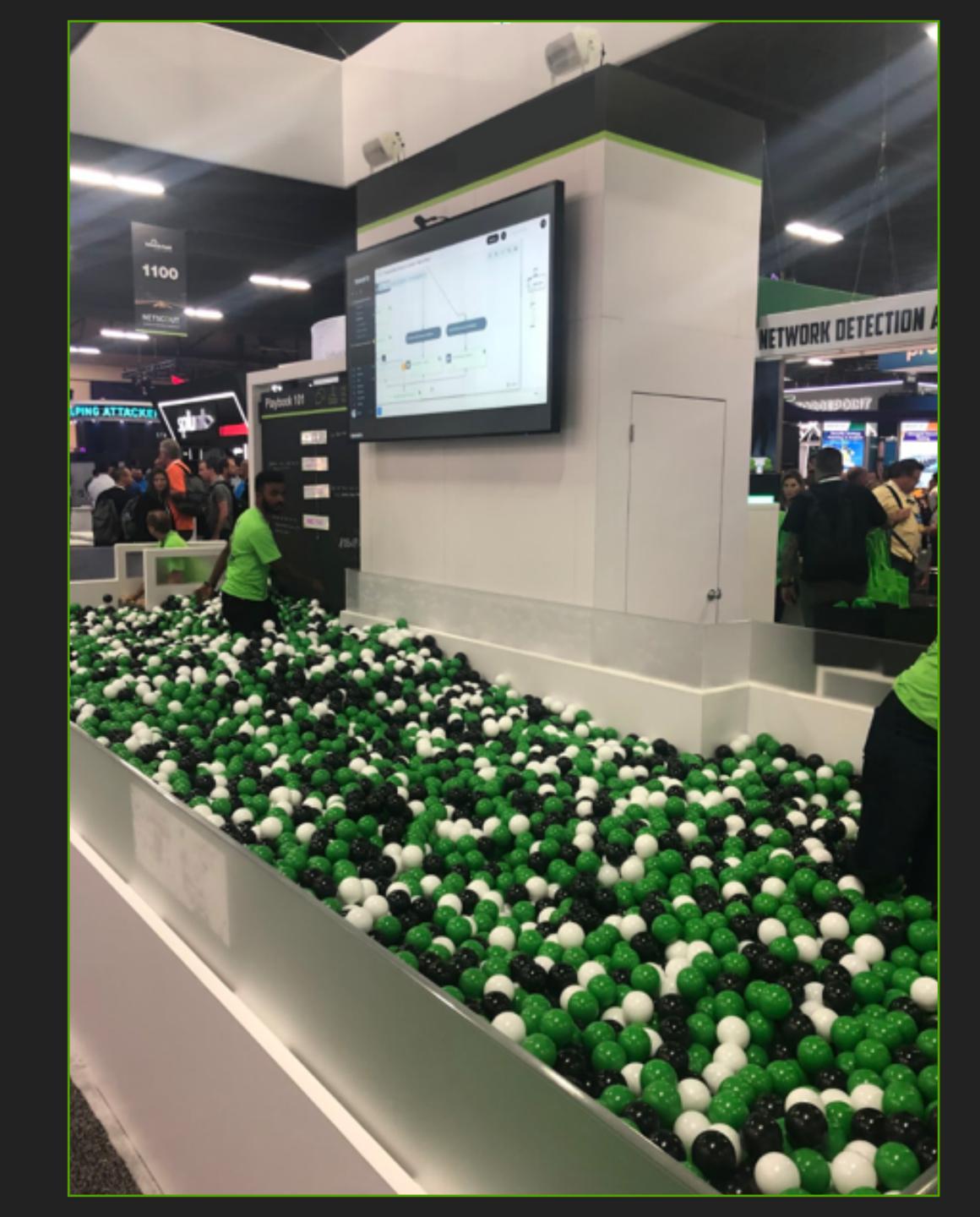
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Thinkst'ers have spoken at a heap of security conferences across careers spanning decades, and yet last year (2017) was the first time any of us actually attended RSAC (https://www.rsaconference.com/), when I attended the expo (almost accidentally). At the time I was surprised by a bunch of things, from its insane size to the bizarre vendor shenanigans. As I walked the expo floor I asked an array of vendors if they felt the show was worth it for them. The answers were mixed but most gravitated towards an uninspiring "We don't get huge value, but it will send a negative signal if we aren't here". While this confirmed my old bias that RSAC is exhibit-A of everything wrong with the industry, I was able to set-up multiple meetings for every one of my days in town and all the folks I met were (or became) Canary customers. Last year's tiny foray seemed promising and a proper run at the expo was something we had to test ourselves.

So we decided to try a booth for 2018, and figured we'd document our experience (and thoughts) along the way. In this post you'll find a full breakdown of all our costs for attending and boothing at RSAC, including what it takes to get a space; kitting it out with furniture, equipment, swag and more; staffing the booth; the crazy that is conference pricing; and the logistics for actually making it happen.









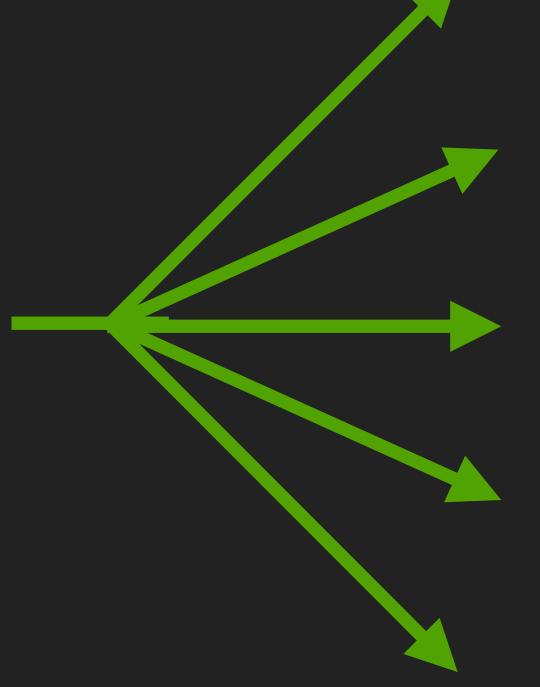
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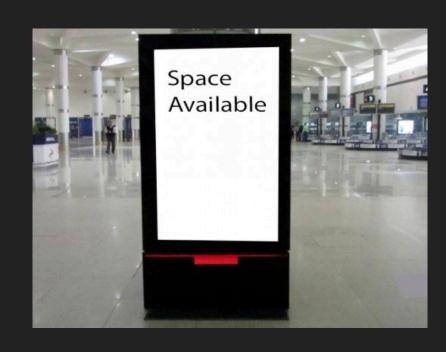


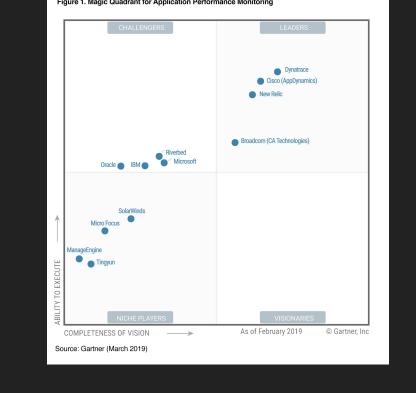




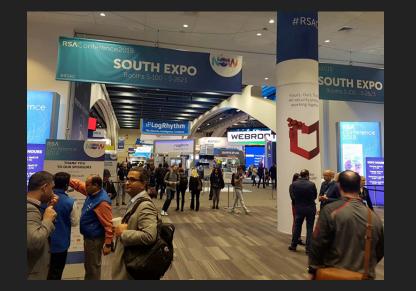














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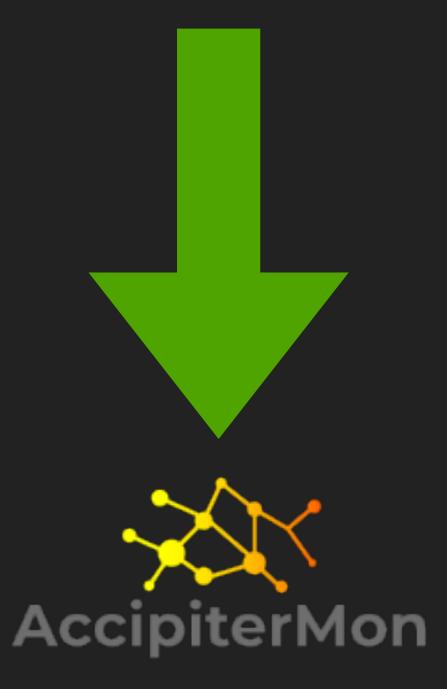


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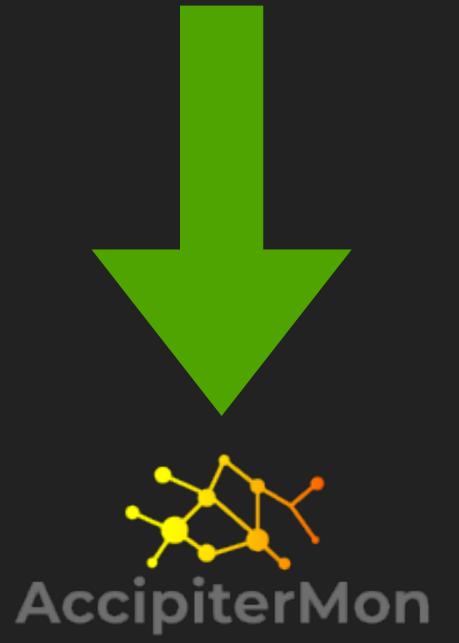


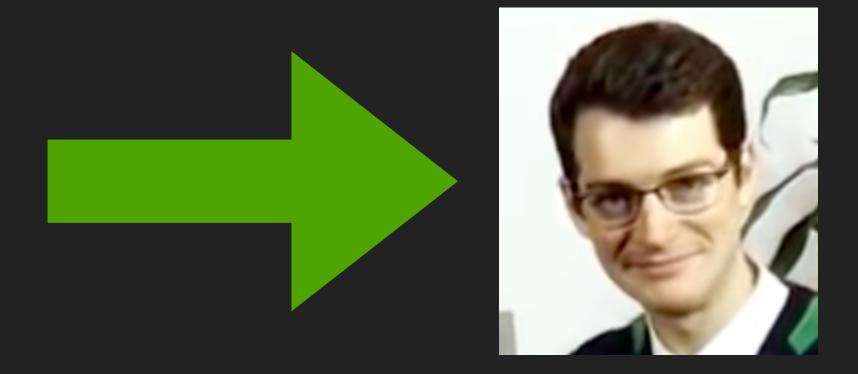






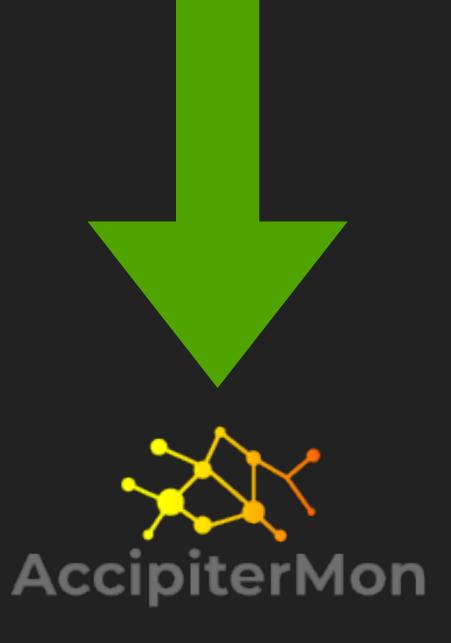










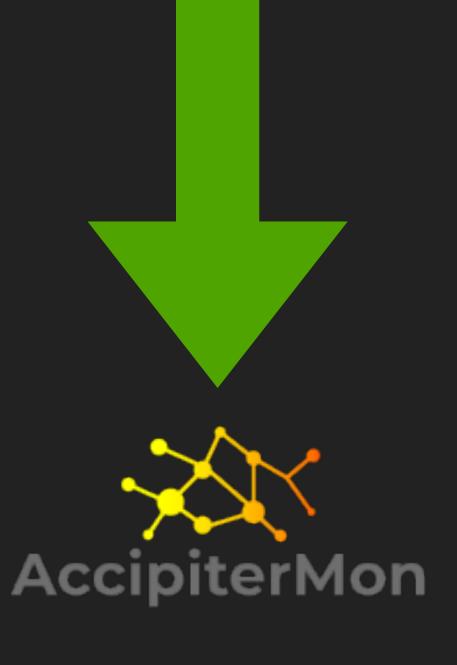












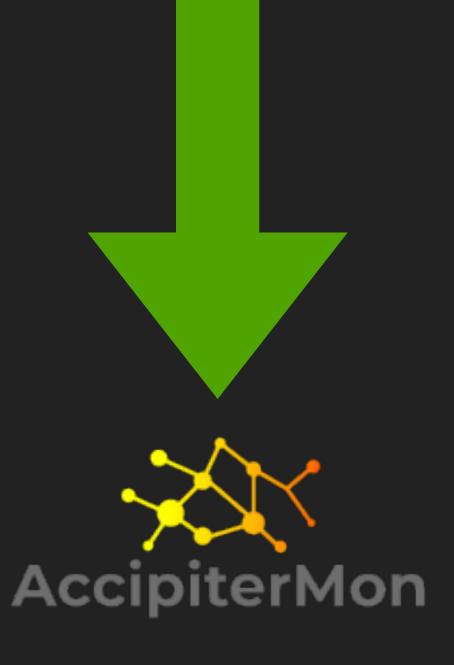


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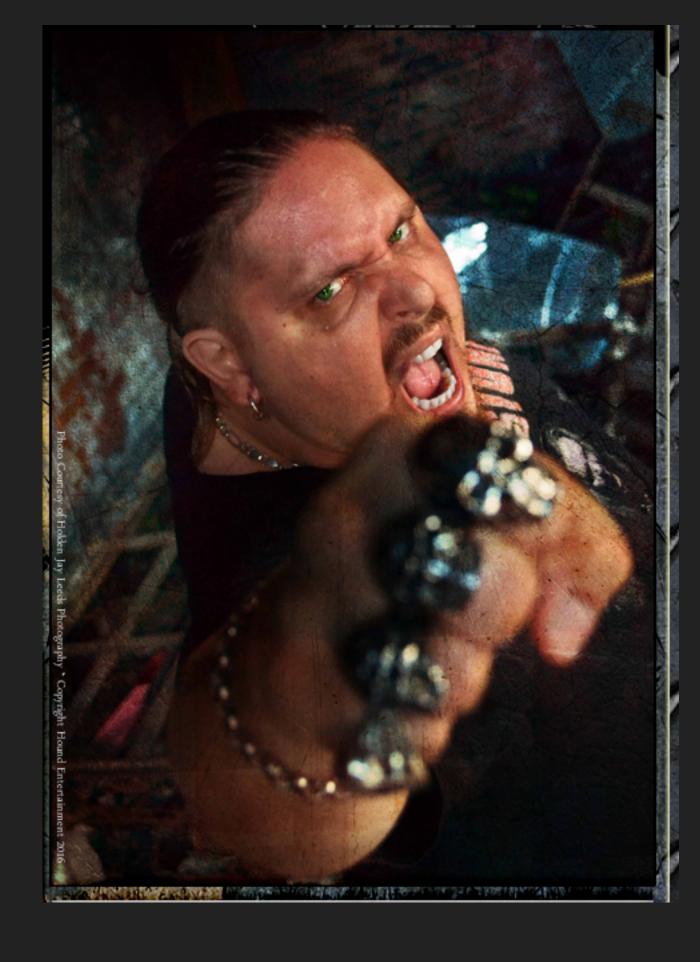




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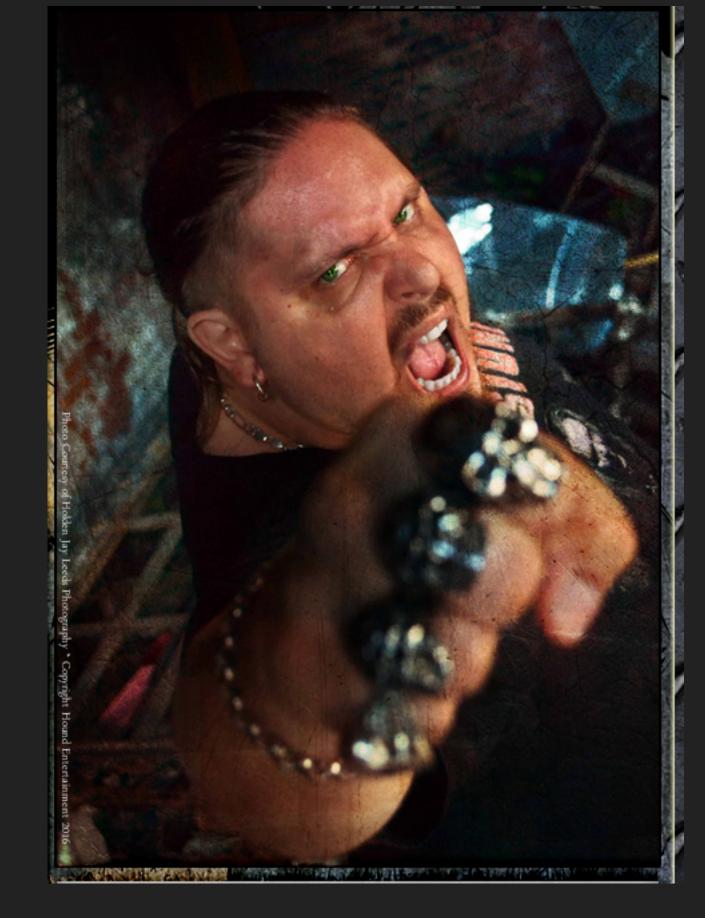


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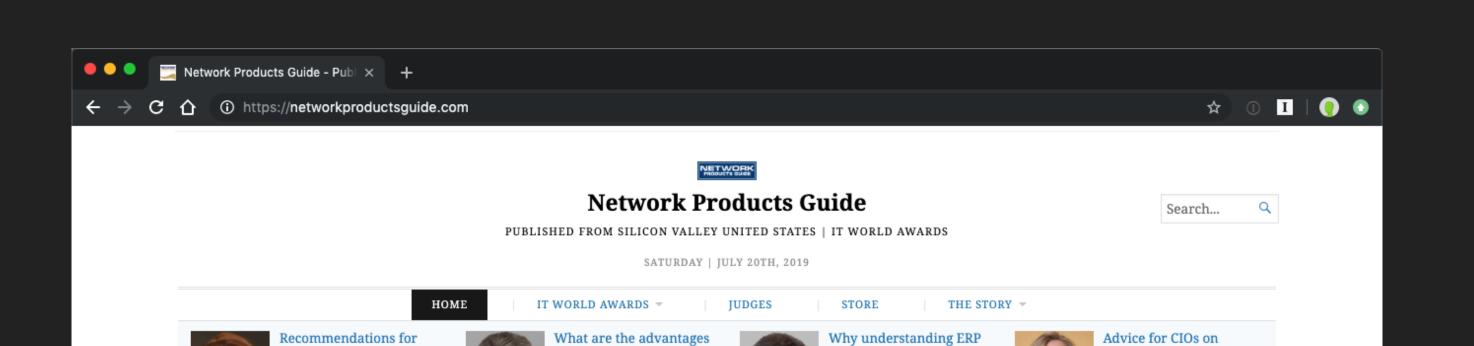












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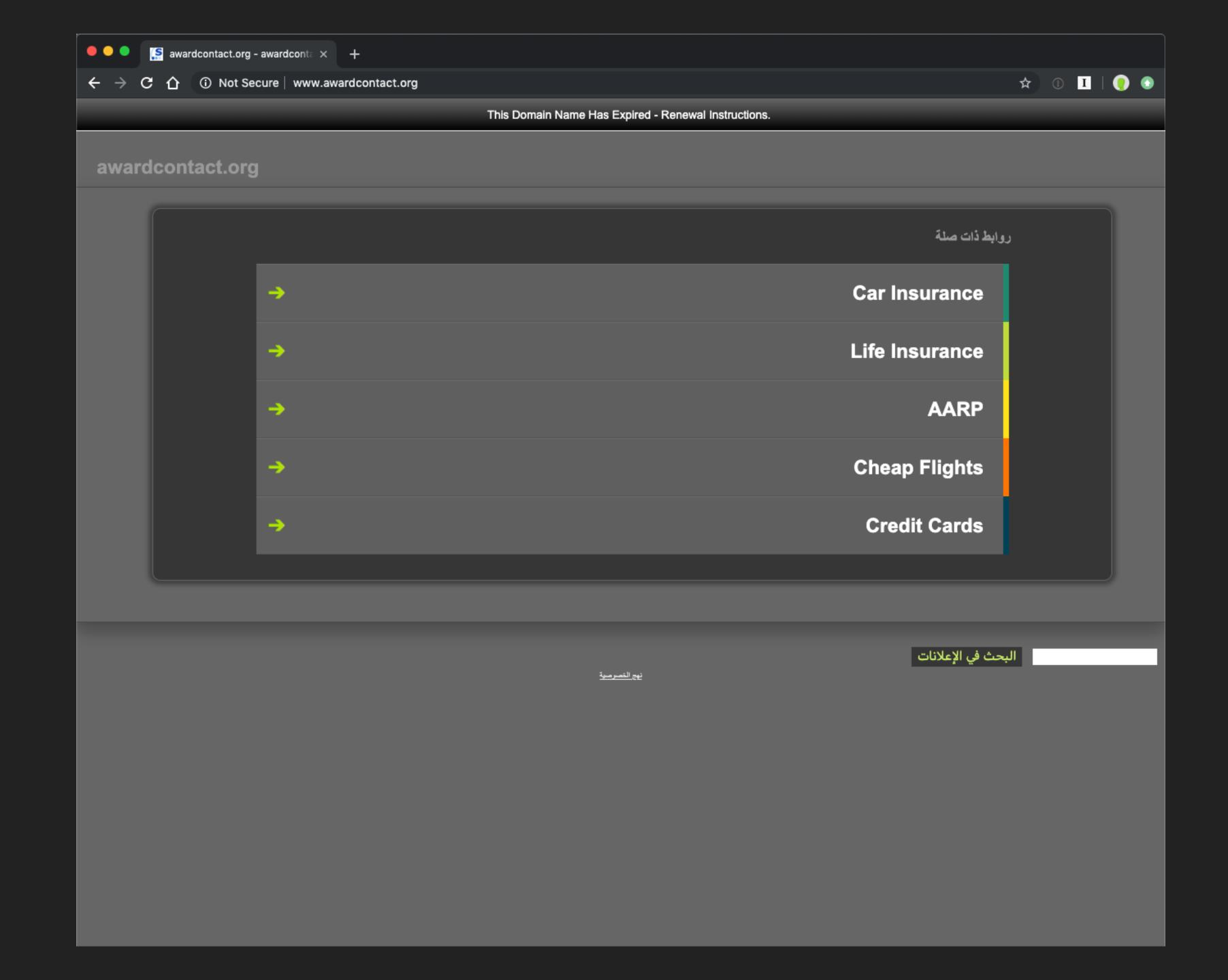


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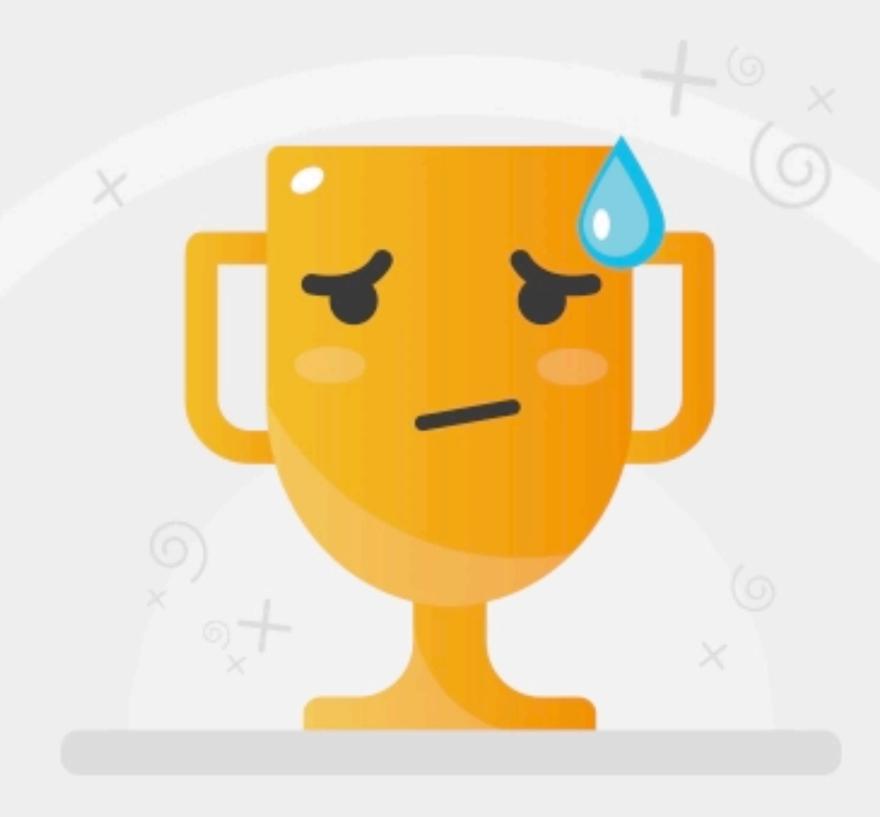












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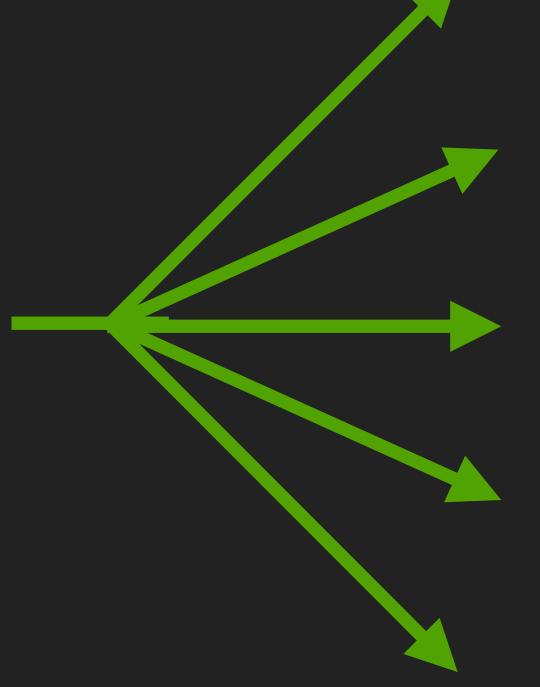
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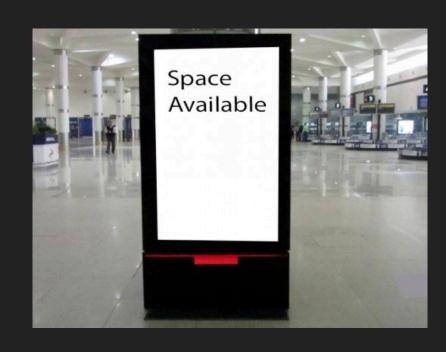
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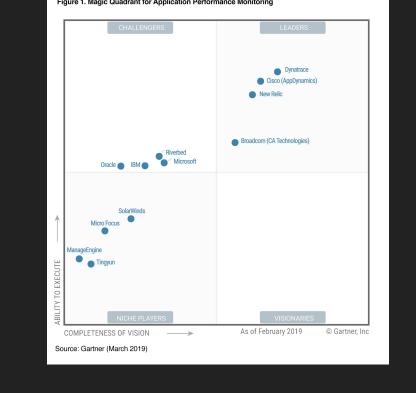




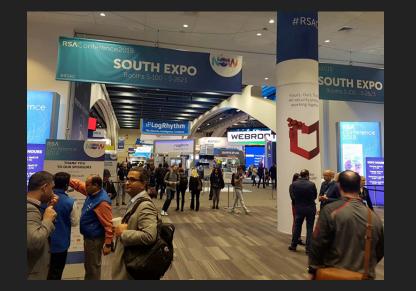








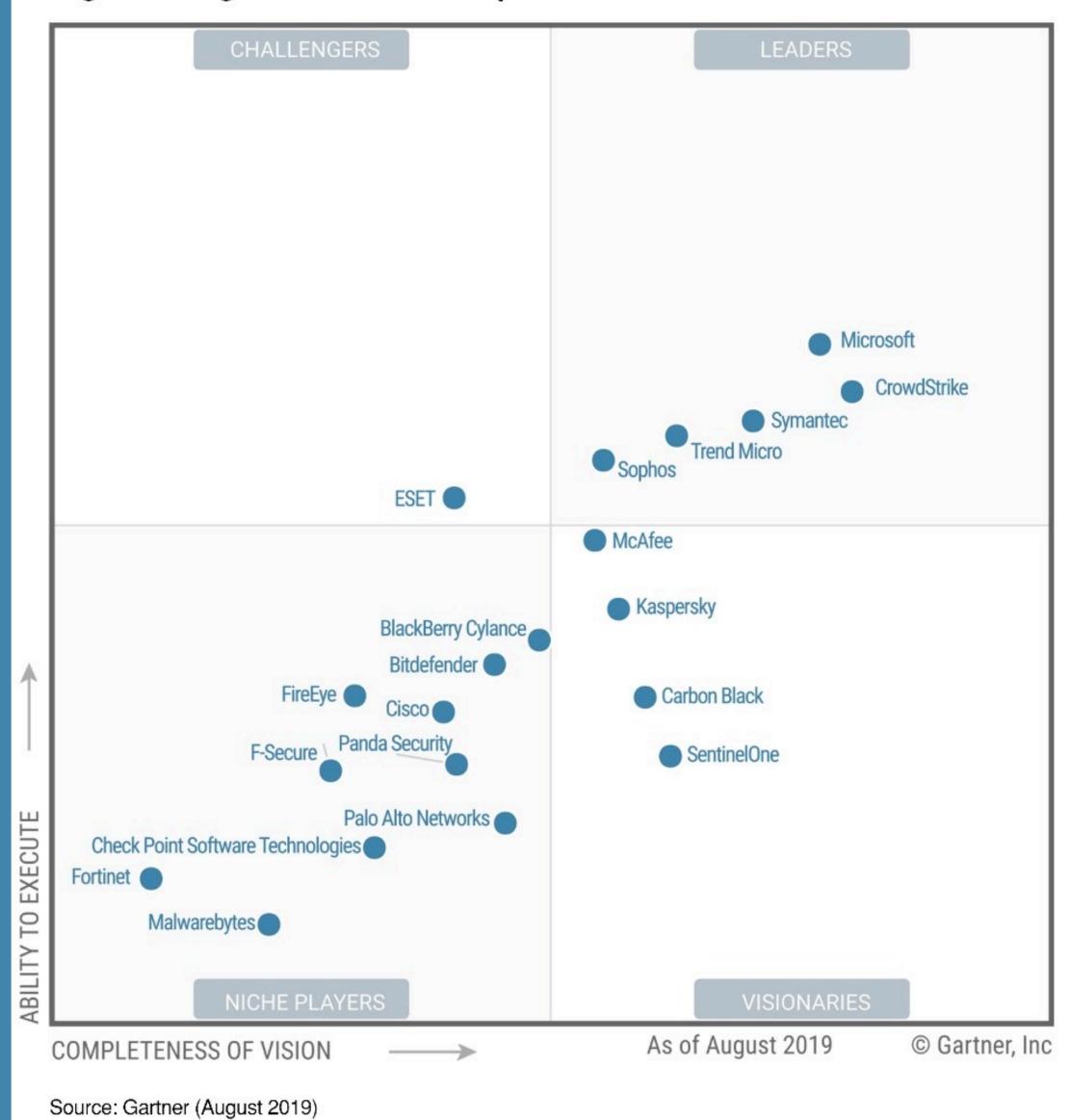












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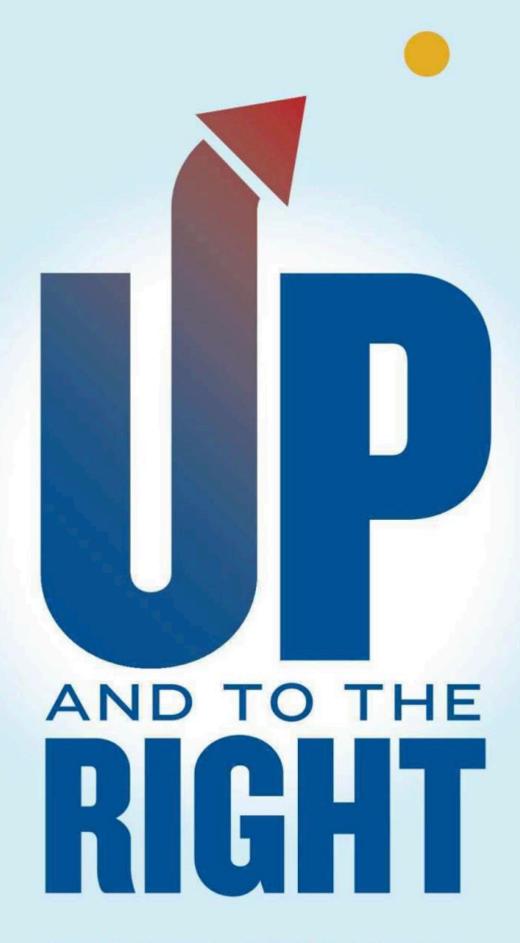
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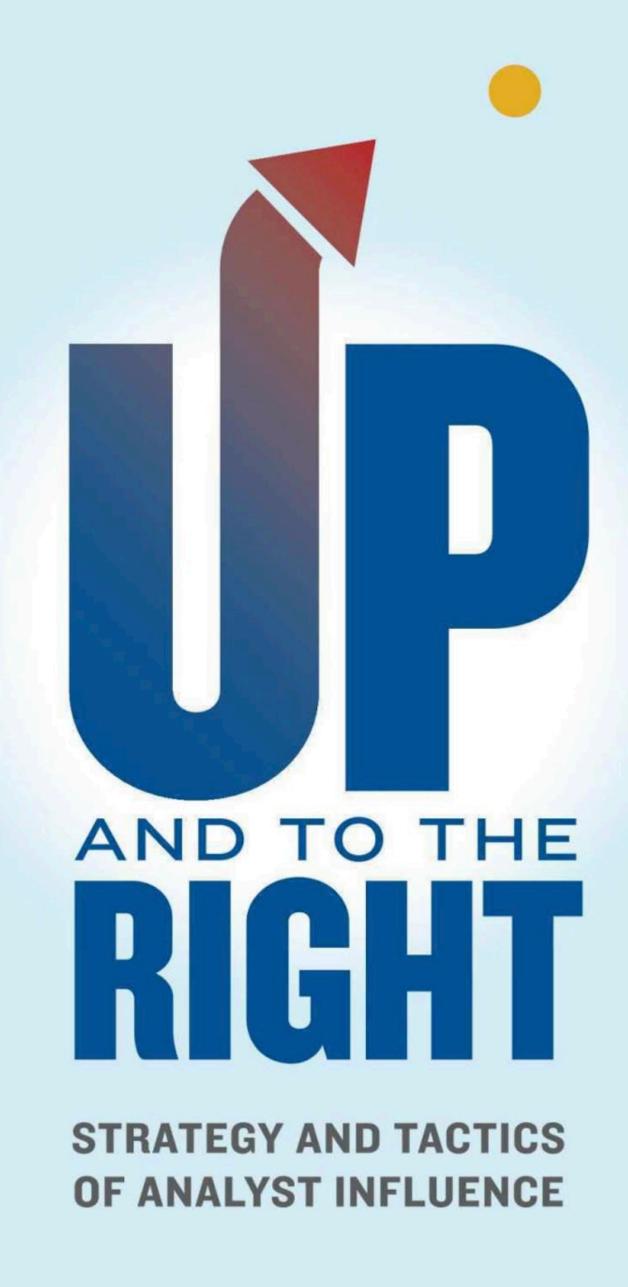
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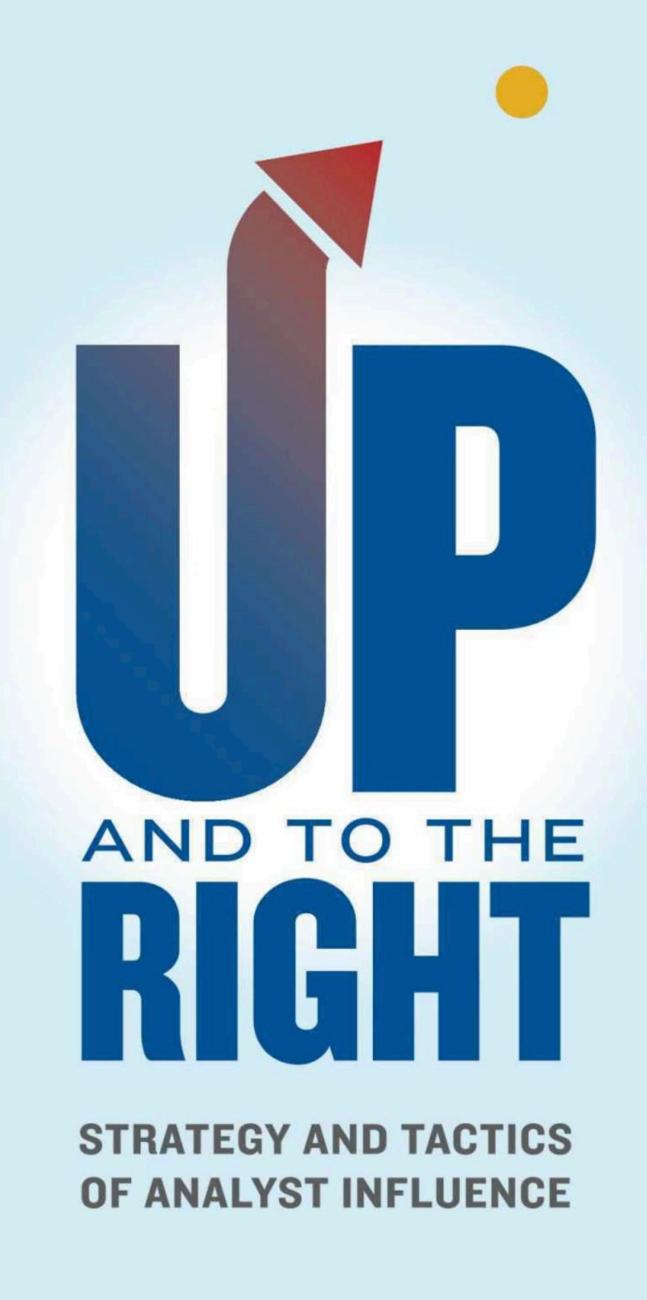
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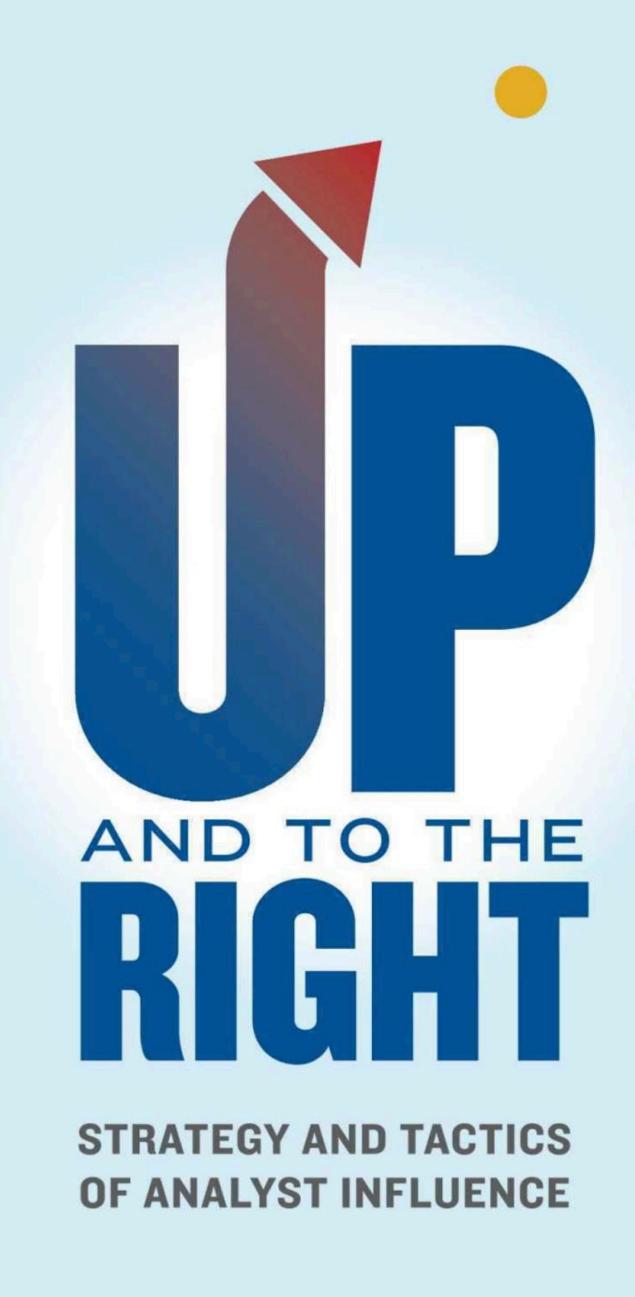
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GET THE ANALYST PROMOTED. PROMOTE THE ANALYST TO GARTNER MANAGEMENT. START WITH YOUR GARTNER SALES REP. SUMMITS AND THE IT SYMPOSIUM ARE OPPORTUNE MOMENTS TO CHAT WITH GARTNER EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT. UPPER MANAGEMENT MAY NOT EVEN KNOW THE NAME OF YOUR ANALYST. MAKE SURE THEY DO. OF COURSE YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LAY IT ON THICK. YOU CAN EVEN BE NEGATIVE. ANALYSTS ARE JUDGED BY HOW MUCH IMPACT THEY HAVE. PISSING OFF THE VENDORS COULD BE A GOOD THING FOR THE ANALYST. NEGATIVE COMMENTS FROM END-USER CLIENTS ARE OF COURSE BAD, SO GET YOUR DROP THE ANALYST'S NAME OFTEN.





Make something people want.





Make something AN ANALYST THINKS people want.



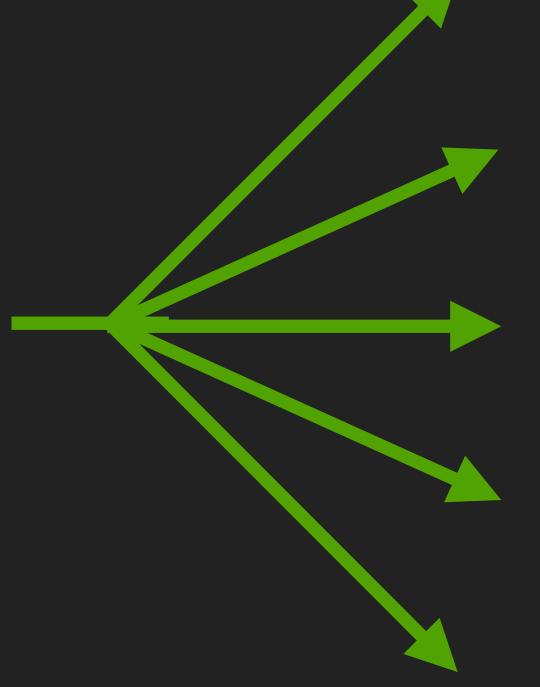


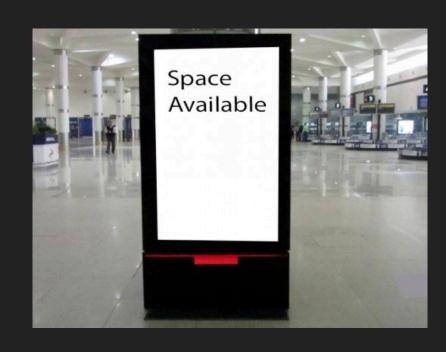


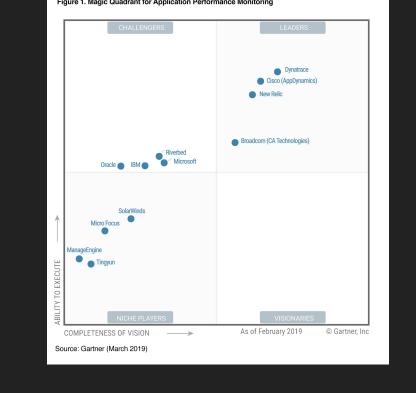




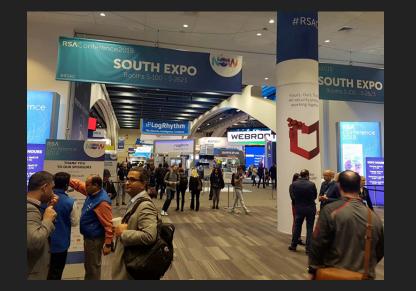












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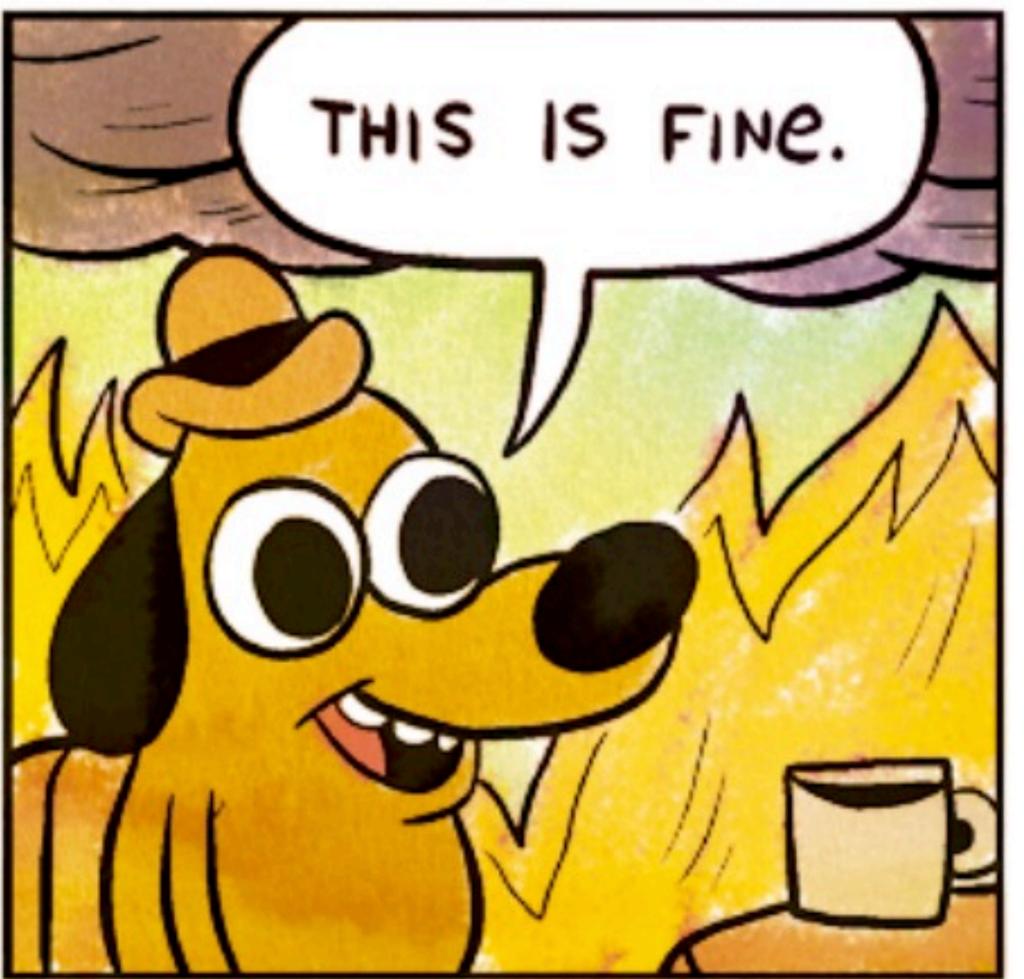


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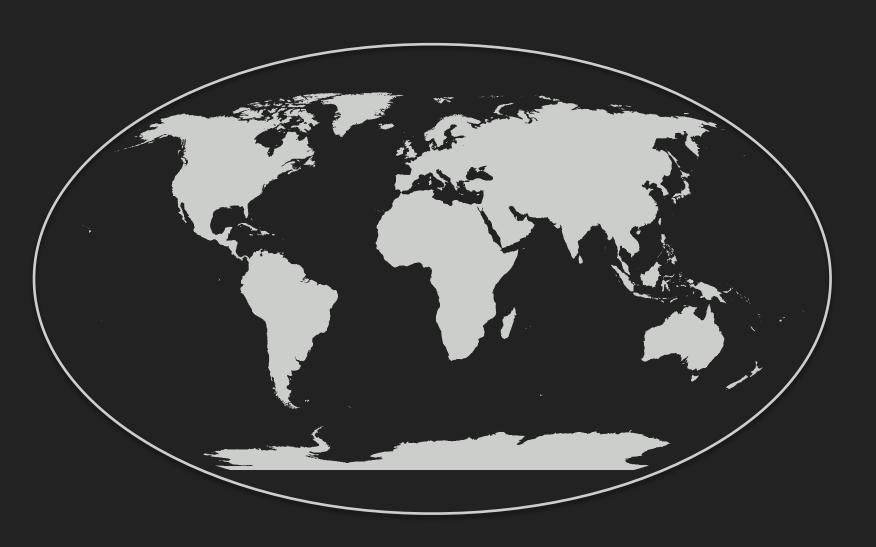
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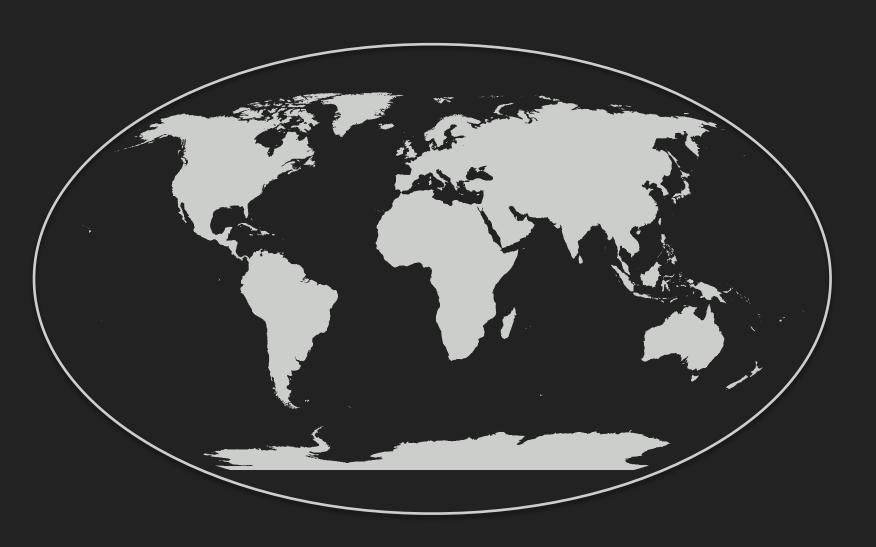








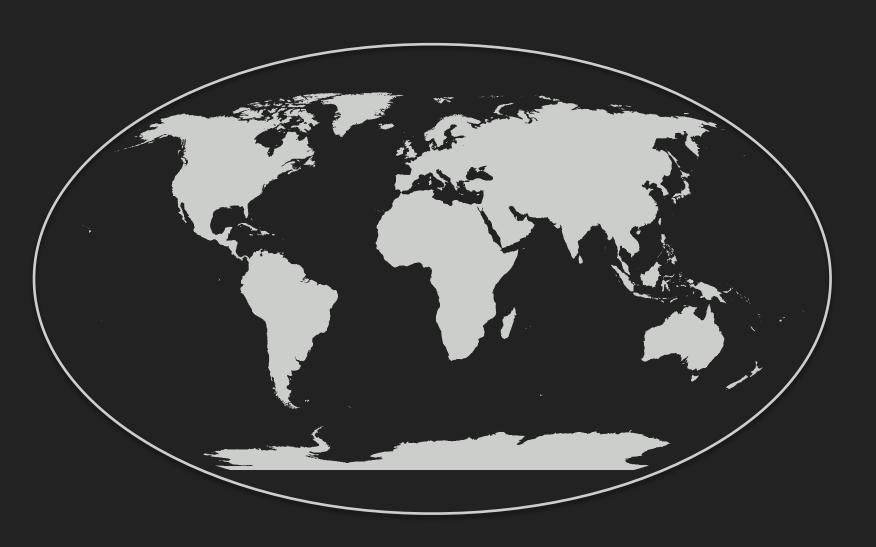






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THE OLD WAY SAID:

- YOUR PRODUCT DIDN'T MATTER;
- YOU COULD HAVE "O" USERS BUT WALL TO WALL ANALYST COVERAGE;
- YOU COULD FOOL PEOPLE WITH FAKE AWARDS;
- YOUR USABILITY COULD BE TERRIBLE AS LONG AS YOUR AIRPORT ADS WERE SLICK;
- YOUR SECURITY PRODUCT COULD BE INSECURE, AS LONG AS YOU HAD THE BIGGEST BOOTH AT RSAC;



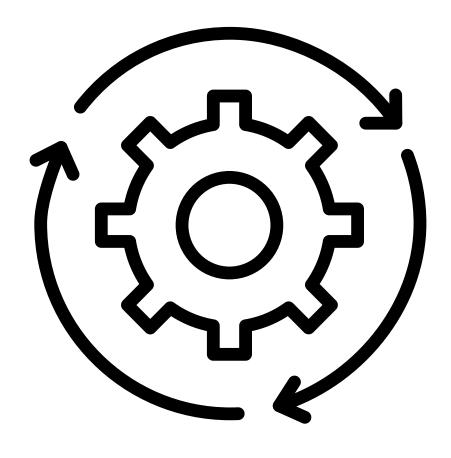
MAYBE ITS TIME TO LET THE OLD WAYS DIE...

A Star is Born

BUYERS:

- DEMAND MOREPUSH BACK MORE
- STARTUPS:
 - THE OLD WAY FAILEDWE CAN BE THE CHANGE





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