

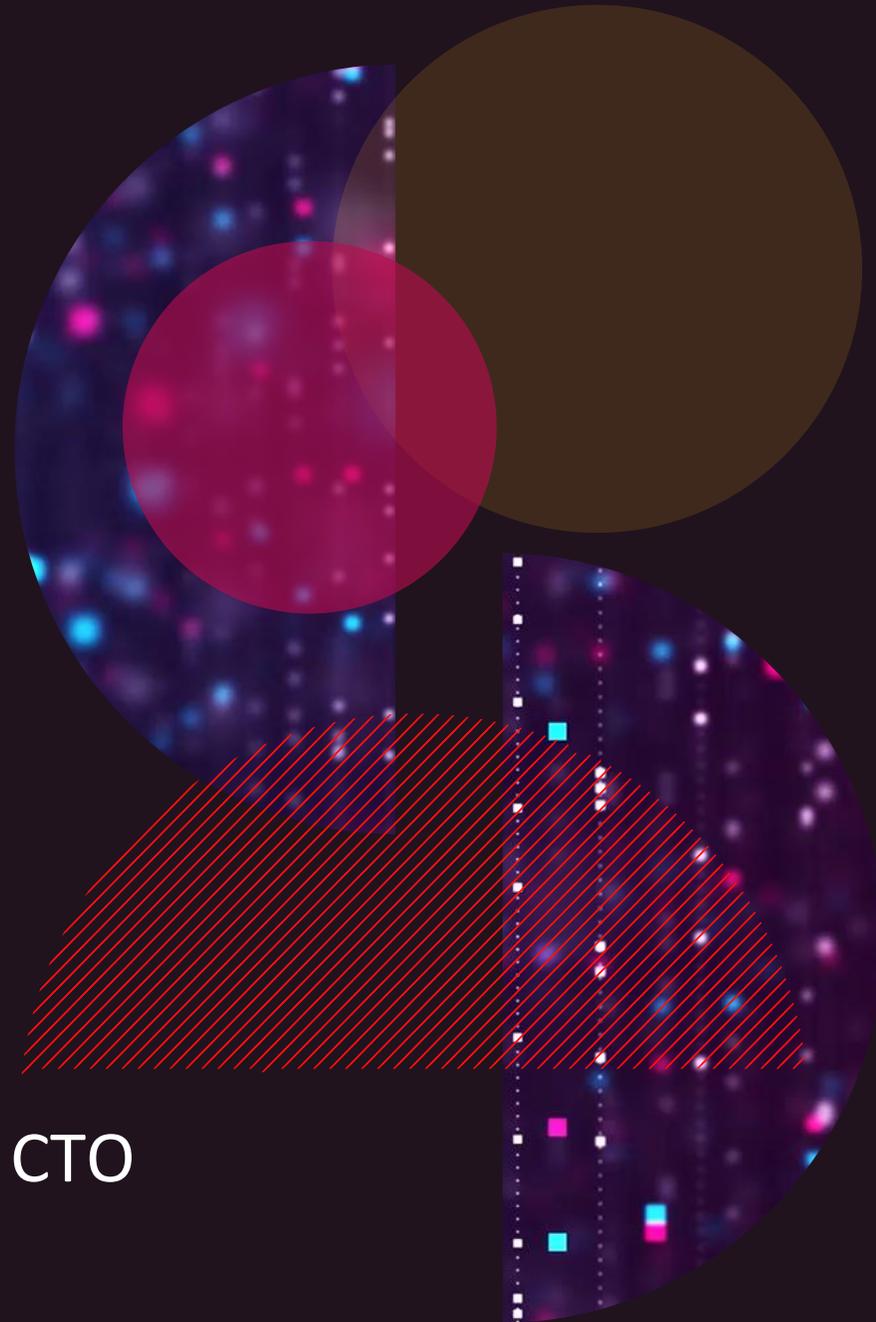


**The Executive Playbook for secure and responsible AI**

**Are you ready for the future of AI?**

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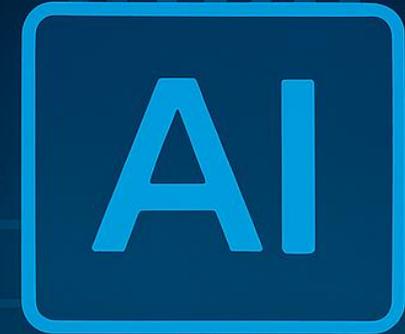


# What does AI mean to you?

Everyone has an opinion on how AI will affect our lives. There is no right or wrong..

## Misconceptions and Fears of Artificial Intelligence

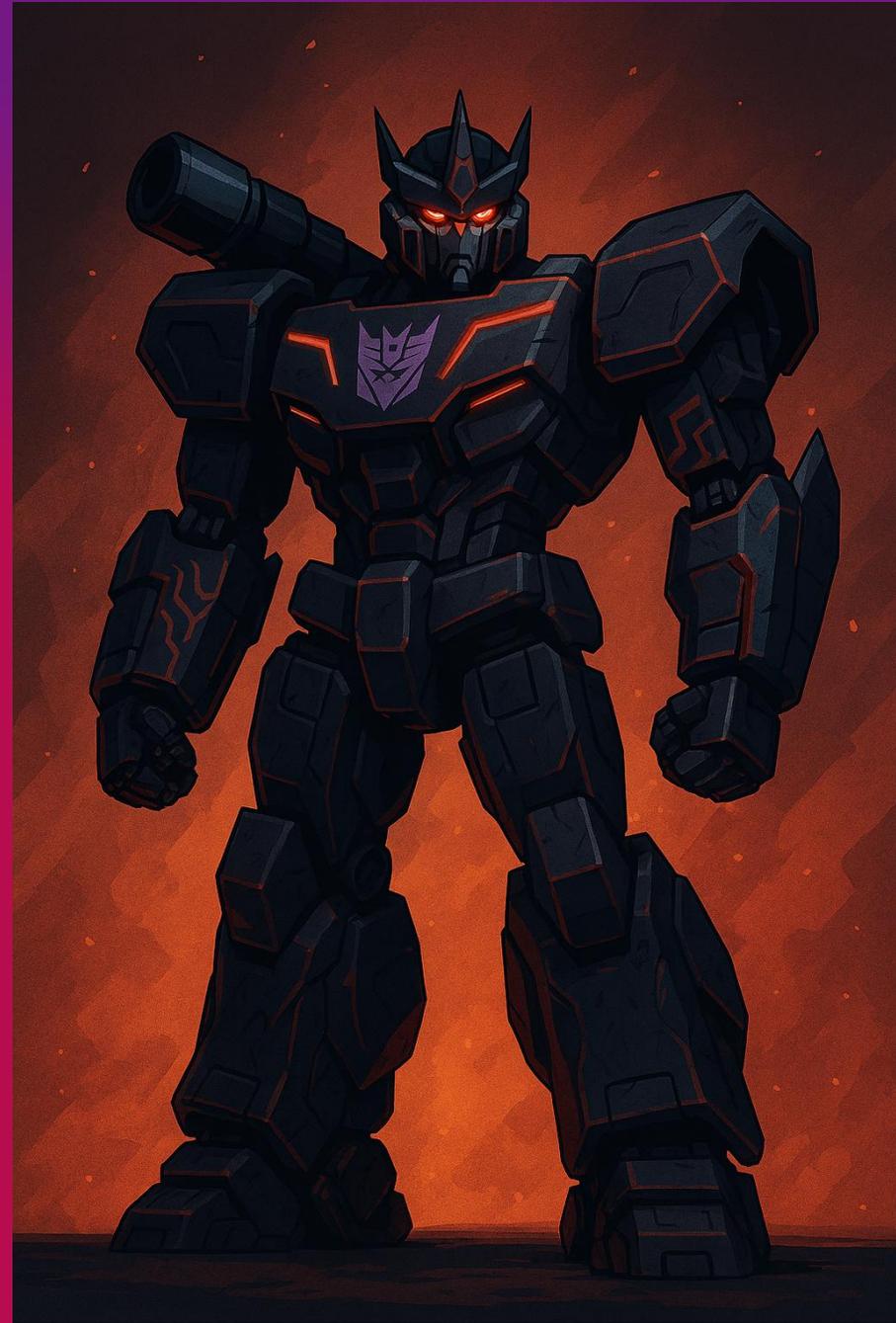
- Job displacement concerns
- Loss of control
- Ethical implications and biases
- Threat to human autonomy



# AI Deception

- AI Blackmails Engineers (2025)
- Fake Audio targeting Politicians (2025)
- Fake “Elon Musk” cryptocurrency scam (2024)
- Visual Trickery (OpenAI)

AI Generated Deception



More than ever before, organizations need to:

1. develop operating models
2. install guardrails
3. understand the value

This session will help reframe AI governance through the lens of *Leadership, Regulation and Cybersecurity*. It explores the need to protect AI systems from manipulation, data poisoning, model theft and misuse.

# The need for control is NOW!!

Reframing AI Governance through 3 lenses:

Leadership

Regulation

Cybersecurity

*“AI systems aren’t just tools we use to govern the state – AI systems are assets that must be governed and secured by the state” – co-pilot*

# Leadership

Transformation & Effective risk management starts with great leadership.

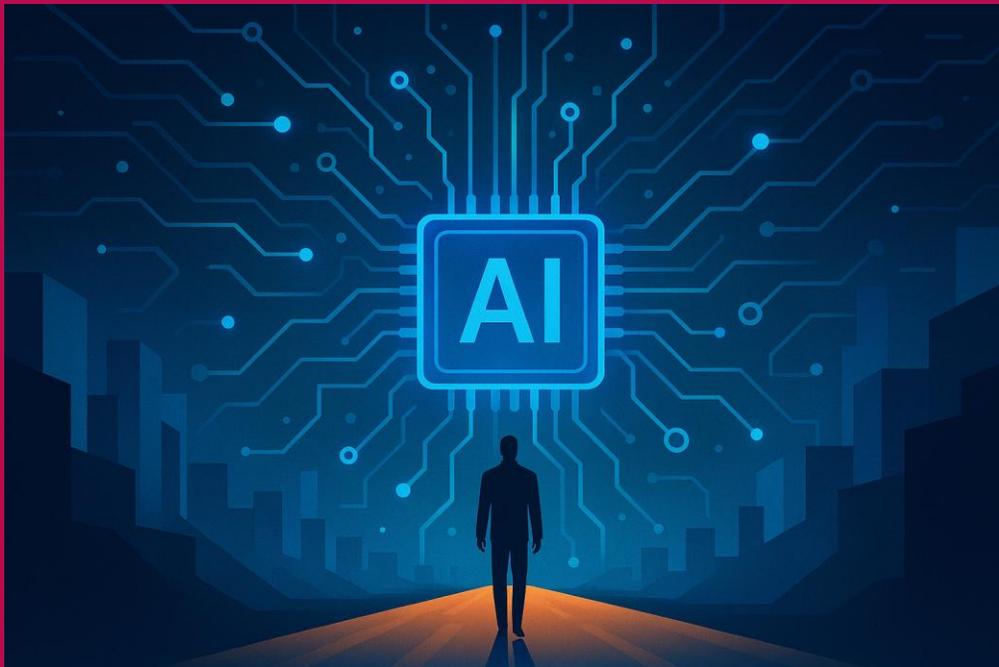
Our Leaders can reduce the “Fear Factor”



Source: Hyperright

# Leadership in the era of AI

- *We are already seeing leaders starting the journey of securing AI transformation*



Upskill staff

Build “psychological safety”

Re-design Roles for Agentic Orchestration

Mandate AI Transparency and Explainability

Incentivize “AI Literacy”

# Possible roles in an AI augmented organization

Chief AI officer

Prompt Engineer

Personality  
developer

Content reviewer

AI experience  
designer

Ethics  
officer/specialist  
(Fair, Transparent,  
unbiased)

AI security engineer

AI Trainer/Instructor

Human-AI  
collaboration  
specialist

AI adoption  
Manager (  
Champion for new  
tools, use case  
development)

# Regulation

As of January, 2026 Canada is transitioning from a “voluntary” phase to rigorous regulation!

## Navigating Canada’s New AI Guardrails

- Canada moves from “if” to “how” we govern it.
- Compliance is no longer a “tech” issue
- The Federal Pivot: After the Artificial Intelligence and Data Act (AIDA) died in parliament in 2025, the new approach emphasizes Digital Sovereignty and a renewed AI strategy for the Federal Public Service (2025-2027)

# AI Regulations – The intersect between AIDA and NIST

## AIDA

A risk-based, harms focused approach for high impact AI. Risk mitigation, Fairness and Transparency.

As part of Bill C-27 **was** mandatory

Complimentary

## NIST – AI RMF

A voluntary, guideline for trustworthy AI. Govern, Map, Measure and Manage. Has become de facto standard in Global Tech.

# Alignment between regulations and standards



NIST's risk-based approach aligns with Canada's intended harms-focused AIDA. Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, Recover.



Canadian entities, especially federal contractors, already require NIST compliance, to manage legal/ethical risk *before* AIDA becomes law!



Operationalizing trust: The RMF provides the tools to implement governance, throughout the AI lifecycle of Design, Development and Deployment

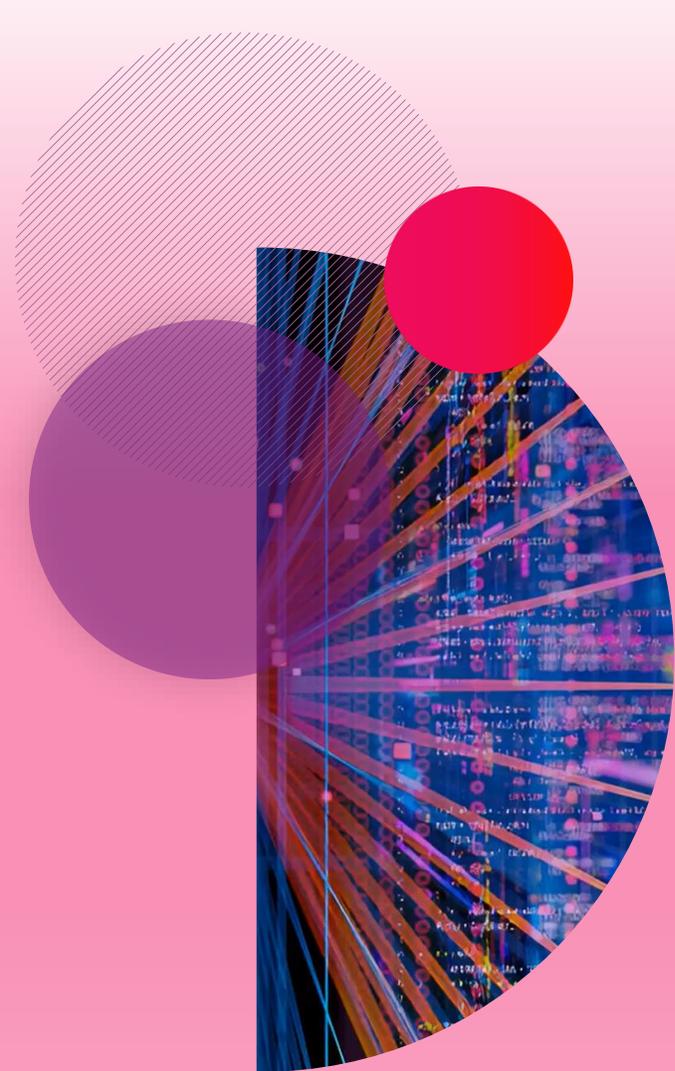
# Cybersecurity

Revalidate existing Security

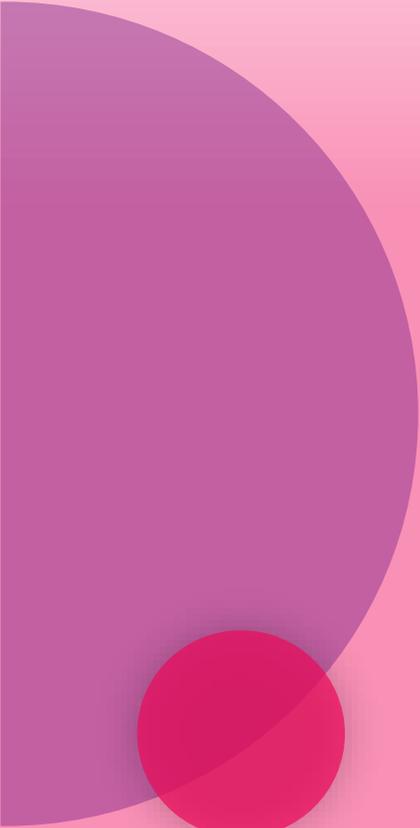
Continuously update security solutions

Secure the new AI attack surfaces

Leverage AI to simplify and automate security management and operations



# The Fastest Technology Shift in Our Lifetime



AI is Fundamentally **Changing**  
the Threat Landscape



SECURING NON-HUMANS

# AI SECURITY

# The Security Challenges of AI Adoption

## Data Leakage

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Via prompts, uploads and integrations

## AI-specific Threats

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Prompt injection, model inversion, data poisoning, insecure output handling

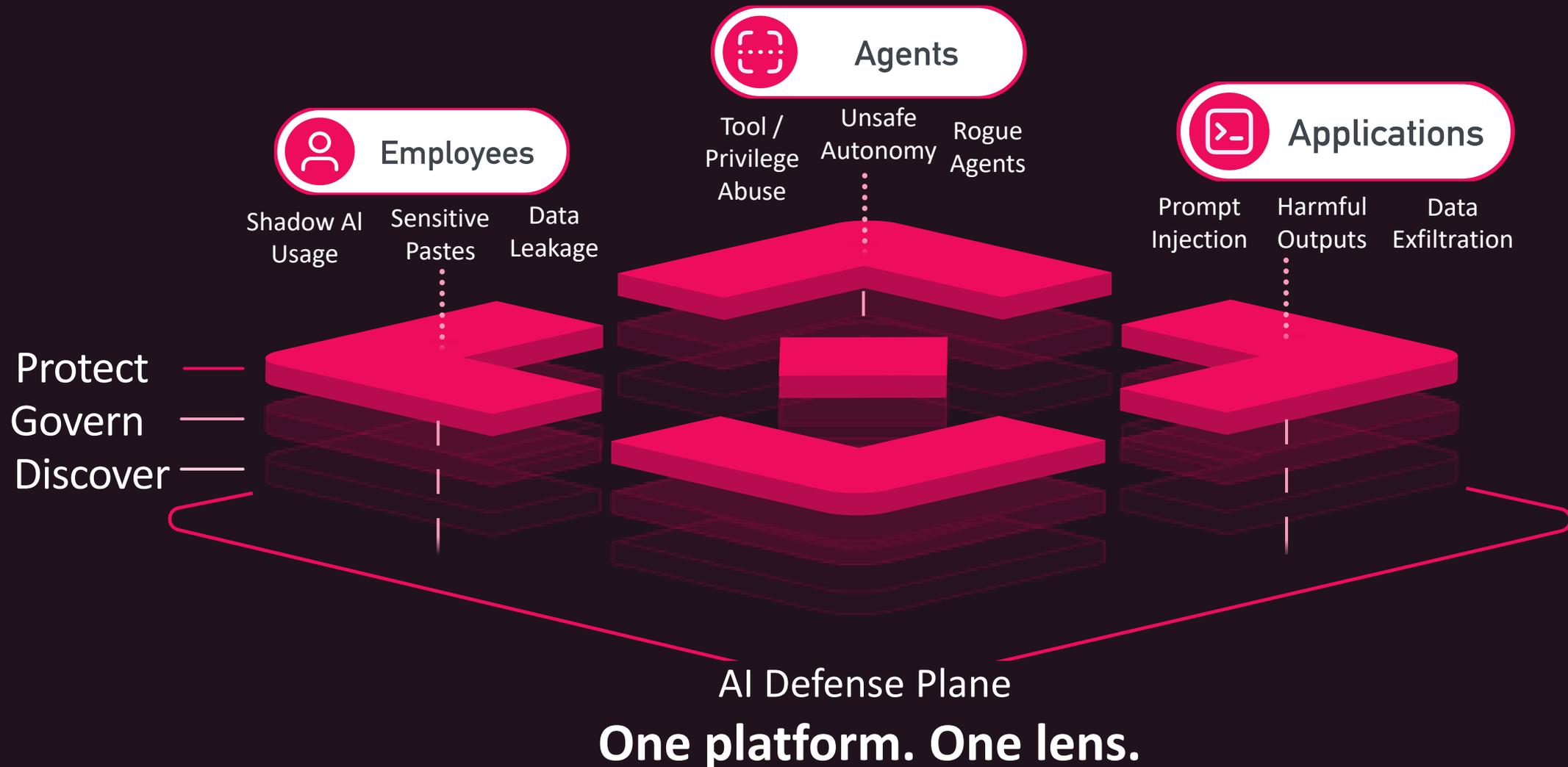
## Uncontrolled Autonomy

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From agents acting beyond intended scope with unclear accountability

# The AI Defense Plane

## A Unified Security Model for Employees, Applications, and Agents





Four Security Pillars  
to Secure Your AI Transformation



**HYBRID MESH**  
NETWORK SECURITY

**WORKSPACE**  
SECURITY

**EXPOSURE**  
MANAGEMENT

**AI**  
SECURITY

# The Challenges of Hybrid Mesh Network Security In the AI Era

01

The Perimeter  
is Everywhere



Autonomous AI  
expands the blast  
radius

02

Security  
Efficacy



AI Traffic  
hides risk inside  
normal-looking  
connections

03

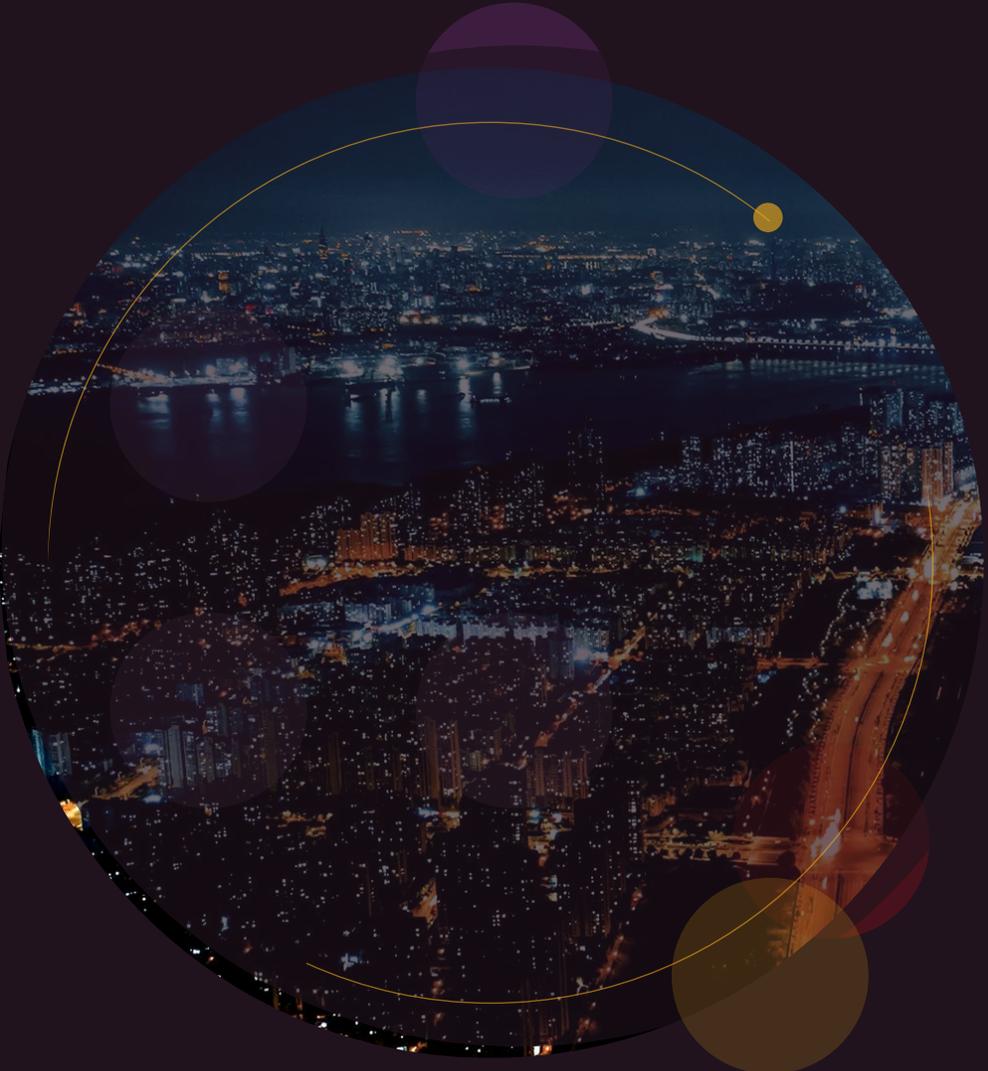
Complexity Impacts  
Efficiency



AI Exploits  
permitted network  
access to take actions



# The Challenges of Workspace Security



01 AI attacks can be launched from anywhere

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02 Faster, personalized, AI-based attacks

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03 Disjointed tools

# The Challenges of Exposure Management



01 Overwhelming vulnerability volume with limited context

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02 Disconnected intelligence and enforcement

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03 Shrinking remediation windows

In an AI-Era, weeks-long resolution times  
**are no longer sustainable**

# Final thoughts for leaders adopting AI

1. Start by aligning your stakeholders – secure buy-in, involve them in ideation and build consensus around responsible AI usage
2. Establish an AI Governance committee: Bring together cross-functional groups (legal, privacy, compliance, IT and business leads).
3. Encourage them to build an operating model that captures organizational goals, builds value cases and defines risk tolerance.
4. Manage Technical & Operational Risk: Adopt and implement “zero-trust” – Use an “identity-based access management strategy”. Foster collaboration through a consolidated, comprehensive AI Ready security platform



Thank You!

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