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**Passare dalla "scansione" alla "gestione" delle vulnerabilità**

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# Igor Falcomatà

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- **Attività professionale:**
  - **analisi delle vulnerabilità**
  - **simulazioni di attacco**
  - **consulenza**
  - **formazione**
- **Altro:**
  - **fondatore sikurezza.org**
  - **attivo in vari Linux User Group**
  - **ISACA Venice**



## Dirk Boeing

Security Engineer, Greenbone AG

- **Esperto tedesco di sicurezza informatica con oltre 25 anni di esperienza.**
- **Specializzato in sicurezza delle reti, strategie di cybersecurity e sviluppo del mercato internazionale.**
- **Con Greenbone, impegnato nella promozione di soluzioni di cybersecurity sostenibili a livello globale.**



# Agenda

In questa sessione vedremo come implementare una strategia efficace di Vulnerability Management, passando da un approccio una tantum o occasionale alla gestione continuativa delle vulnerabilità.

Analizzeremo come trasformare un mero requisito di compliance in un vero e proprio strumento per potenziare la resilienza e la cybersecurity aziendale.

Esploreremo i fattori critici per condurre scansioni efficaci e complete su infrastrutture complesse ed eterogenee e capiremo come prioritizzare le vulnerabilità più critiche per ottimizzare le strategie di remediation.

# Improving the Security of Your Site by Breaking Into it

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# 1993

## Introduction

Every day, all over the world, computer networks and hosts are being broken into. The level of sophistication of these attacks varies widely; while it is generally believed that most break-ins succeed due to weak passwords, there are still a large number of intrusions that use more advanced techniques to break in. Less is known about the latter types of break-ins, because by their very nature they are much harder to detect.

CERT. SRI. The Nic. NCSC. RSA. NASA. MIT. Uunet. Berkeley. Purdue. Sun. You name it, we've seen it broken into. Anything that is on the Internet (and many that isn't) seems to be fairly easy game. Are these targets unusual? What happened?

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## Fade to...

A young boy, with greasy blonde hair, sitting in a dark room. The room is illuminated only by the luminescence of the C64's 40 character screen. Taking another long drag from his Benson and Hedges cigarette, the weary system cracker telnets to the next faceless ".mil" site on his hit list. "guest -- guest", "root -- root", and "system -- manager" all fail. No matter. He has all night... he pencils the host off of his list, and tiredly types in the next potential victim...

<http://www.porcupine.org/satan/admin-guide-to-cracking.html>



**SATAN**

**1995**

## **(Security Administrator Tool for Analyzing Networks)**

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### **SATAN Information**

- [What SATAN is about](#)
- [SATAN updates](#)
- [Bulletins from vendors etc.](#)
- [A SATAN demo with all documentation](#)
- [What you need in order to run SATAN](#)
- [Downloading your own SATAN copy](#)

### **SATAN Hints and tips**

- [Workaround for Netscape](#)
- [Hints and tips for LINUX users](#)

<http://www.porcupine.org/satan/>

Il **Vulnerability Scanning** è un processo automatizzato di identificazione delle vulnerabilità di sicurezza in un sistema, rete o applicazione. Si avvale di strumenti specifici (scanner di vulnerabilità) per analizzare configurazioni, software e servizi alla ricerca di debolezze note che potrebbero essere sfruttate da attaccanti.

### **Caratteristiche del Vulnerability Scanning:**

- **Automazione:** utilizza software dedicati per eseguire scansioni su larga scala.
- **Identificazione delle vulnerabilità note:** confronta il sistema con database di vulnerabilità (es. CVE, NVD).
- **Non intrusivo (o poco intrusivo):** a differenza del penetration test, non sfrutta attivamente le vulnerabilità ma le rileva.
- **Rapporto sui rischi:** fornisce una valutazione del rischio associato a ogni vulnerabilità rilevata.

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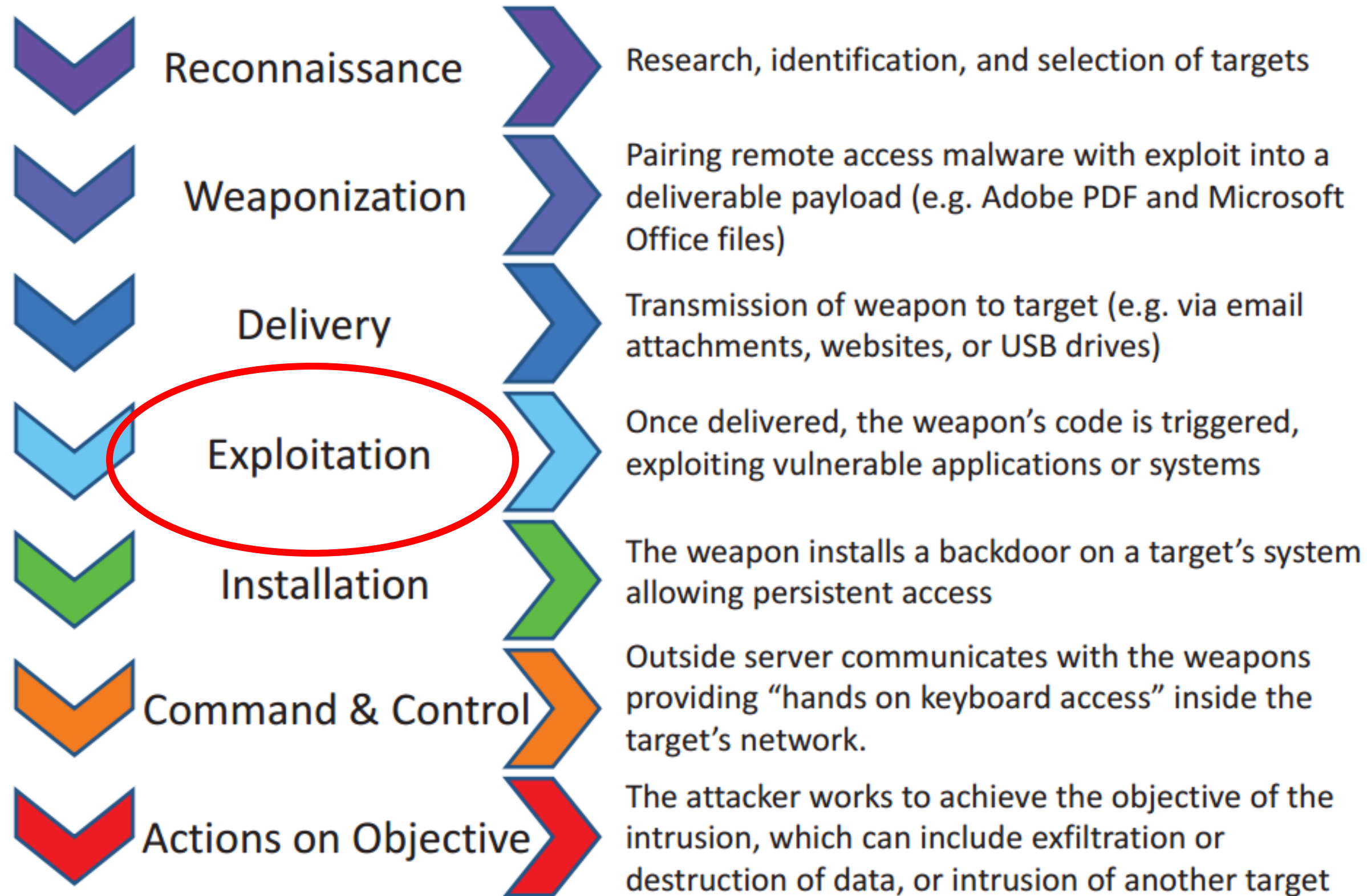


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ICS

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<https://attack.mitre.org/matrices/enterprise/>

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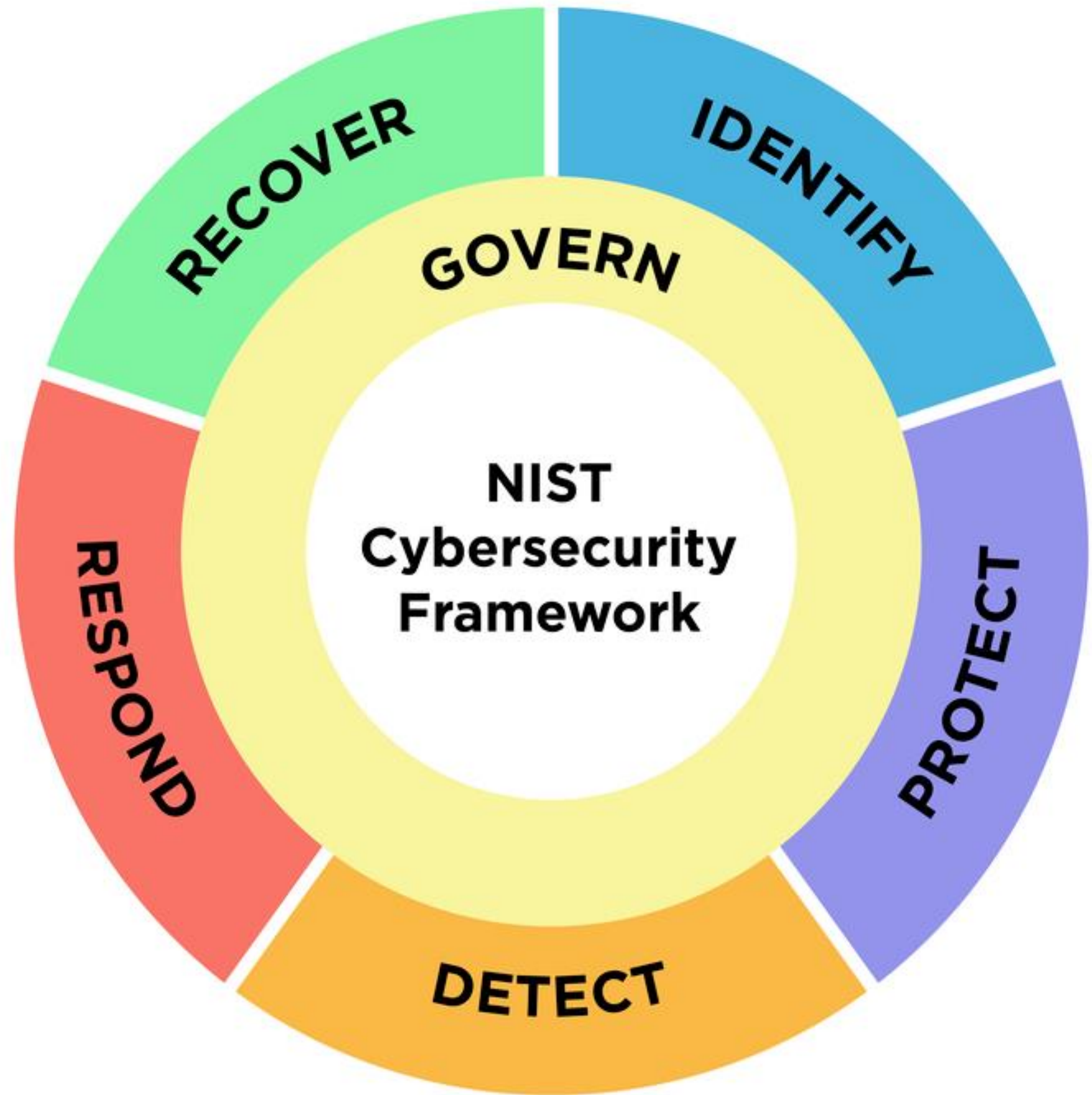
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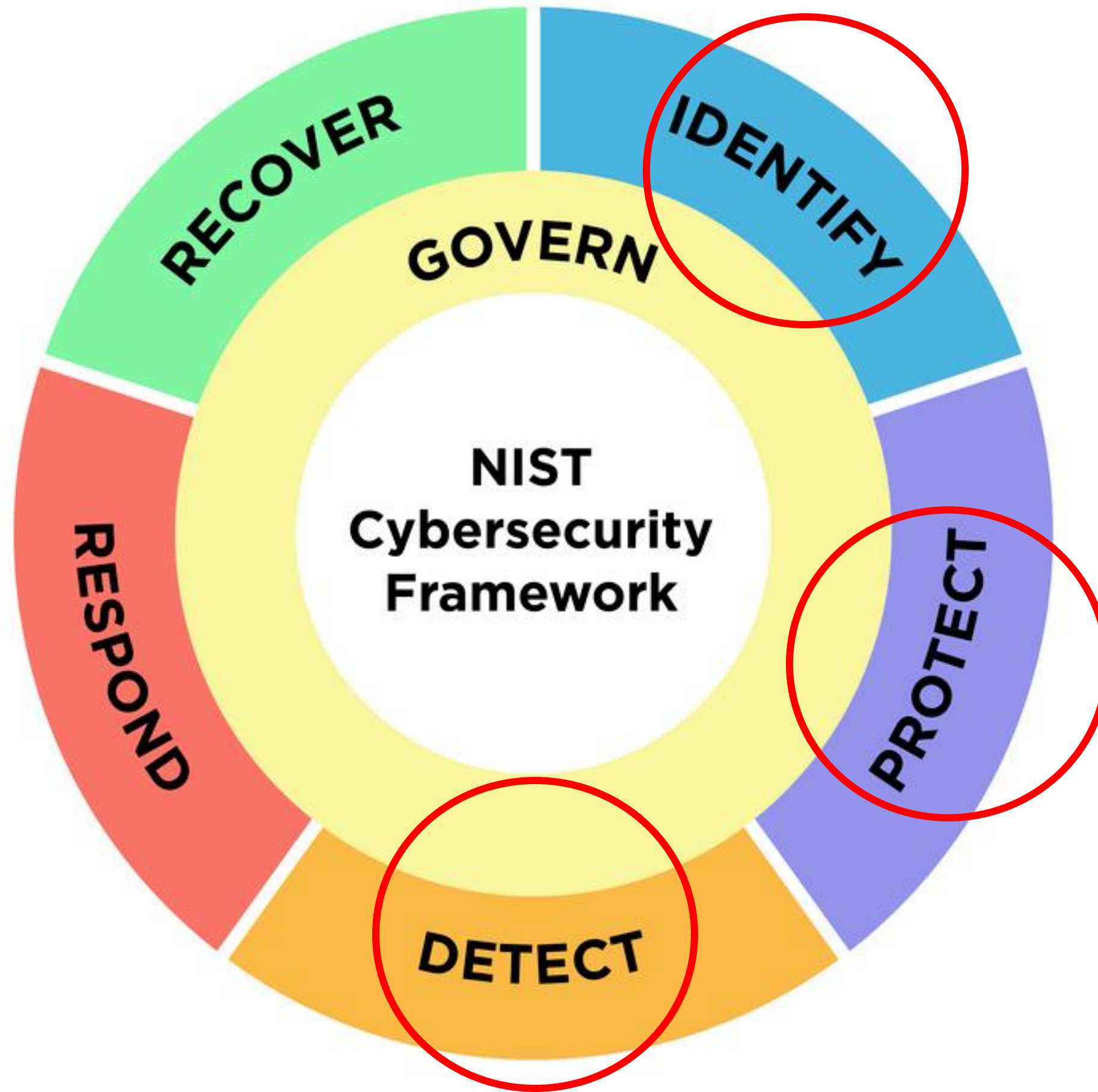
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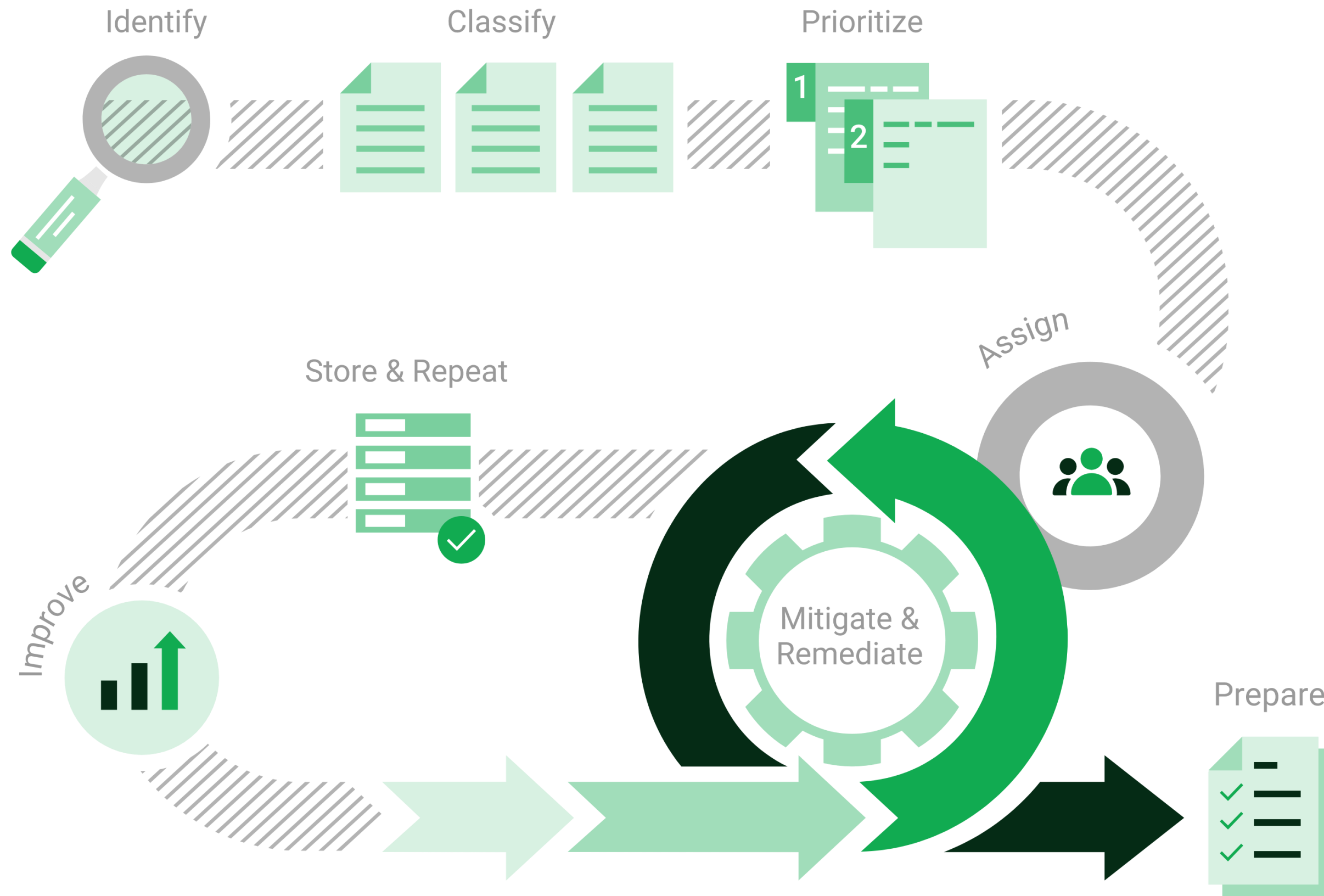
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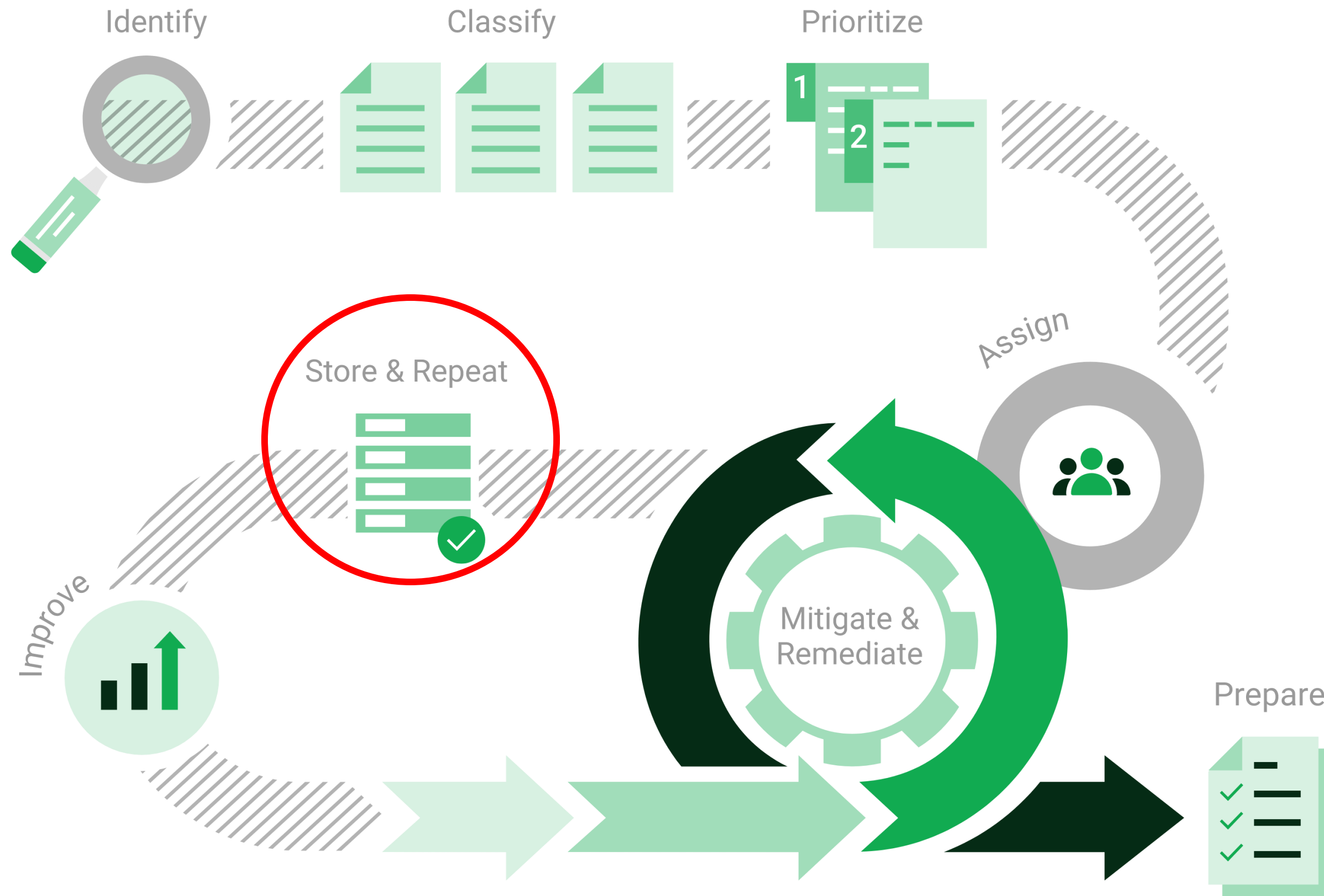
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## New Schedule ✕

Name

Schedule 1

Comment

Start Date

08/01/2025



Start Time

16:00



Now

Timezone

Coordinated Universal Time/UTC



Run Until

Open End

End Date

08/01/2025



End Time

17:00



Duration

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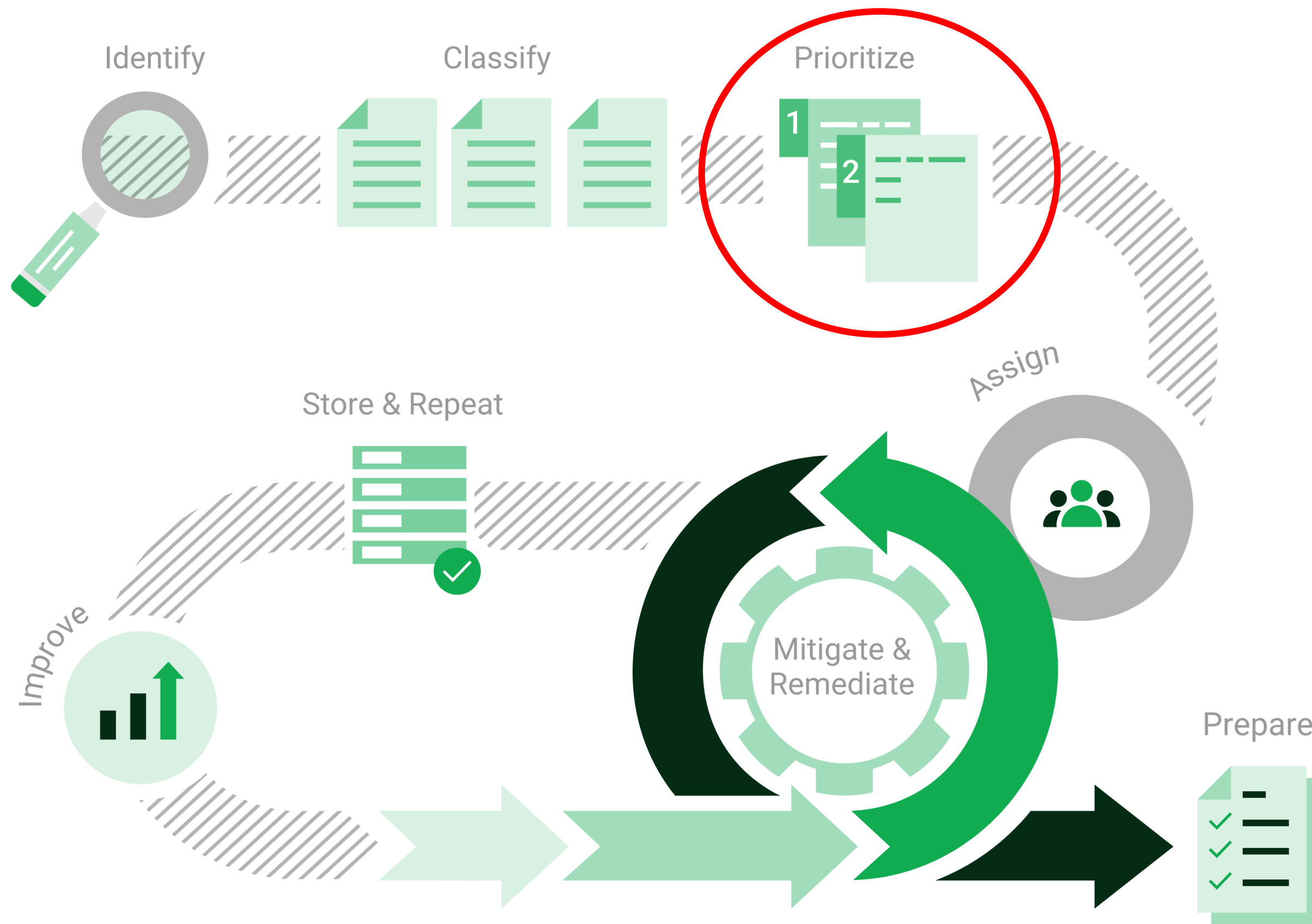
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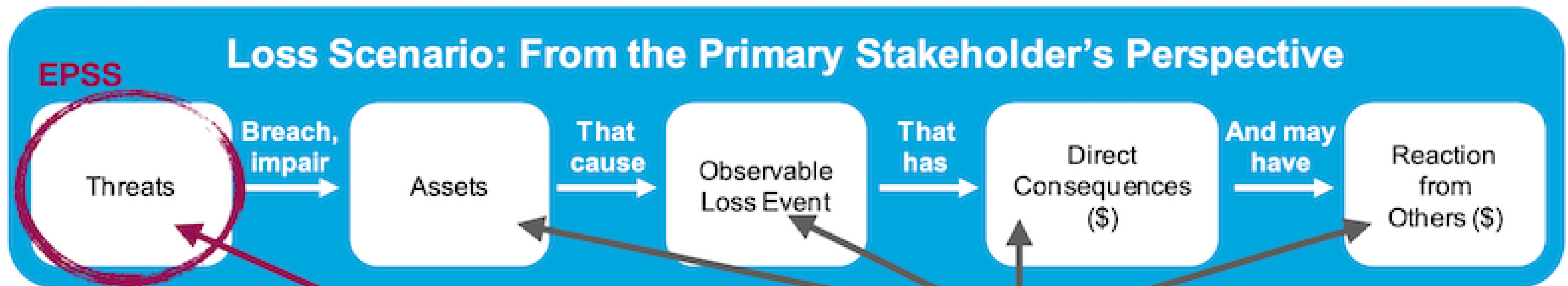
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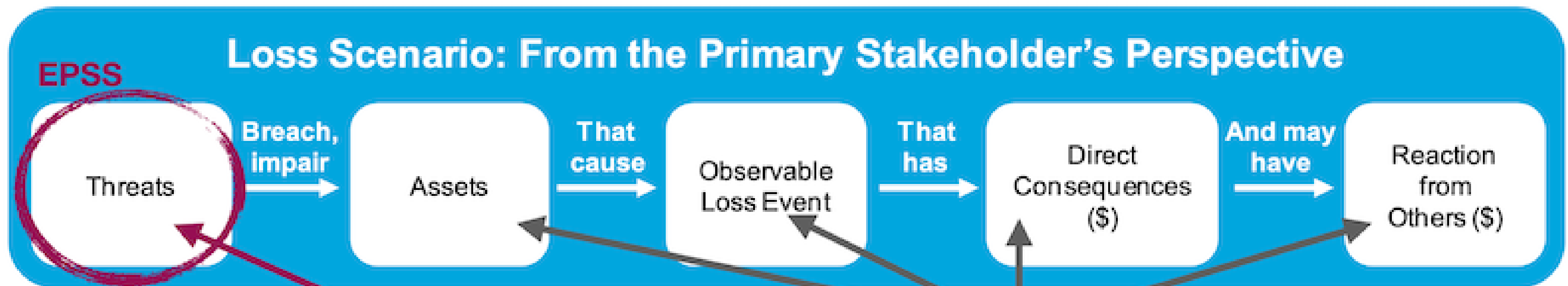
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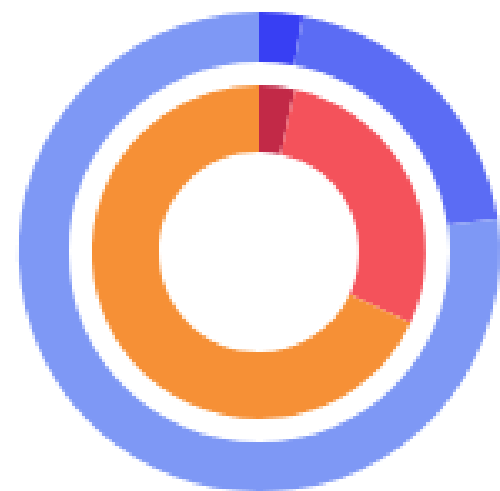
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*"Le scansioni esterne devono essere eseguite almeno una volta ogni tre mesi e dopo ogni modifica significativa all'infrastruttura o alle applicazioni."*

*"Le scarse risorse eseguite, le misure prese, sono state significative"*

### New/Updated CVEs



215 CVEs created, 384 CVEs updated since yesterday

1806 CVEs created, 2612 CVEs updated in the last 7 days

4295 CVEs created, 10167 CVEs updated in the last 30 days

### Known exploited vulnerabilities

Since yesterday

4

Last 7 days

9

Last 30 days

36

### Recent EPSS score changes

>5%

6

>10%

2

>50%

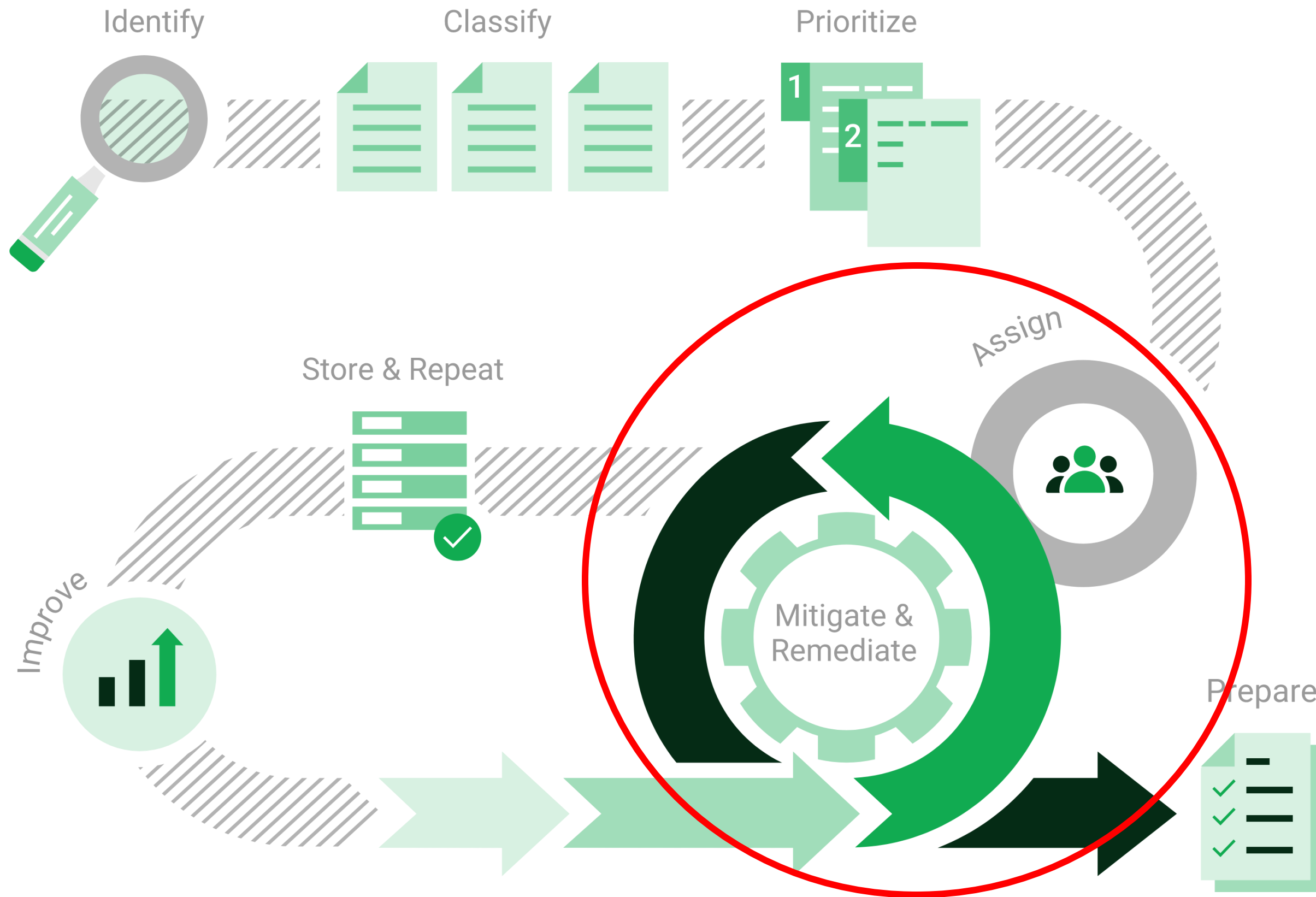
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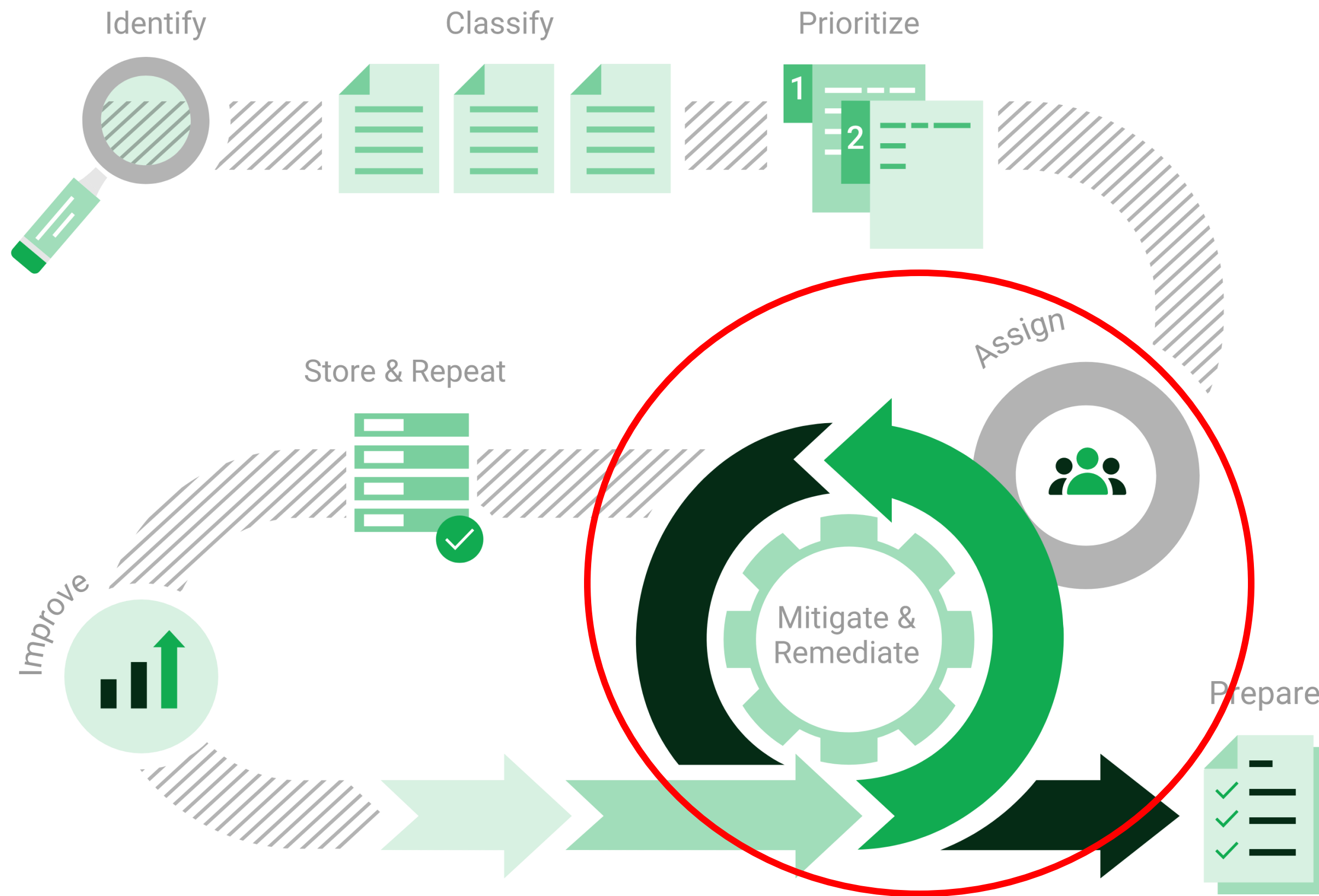
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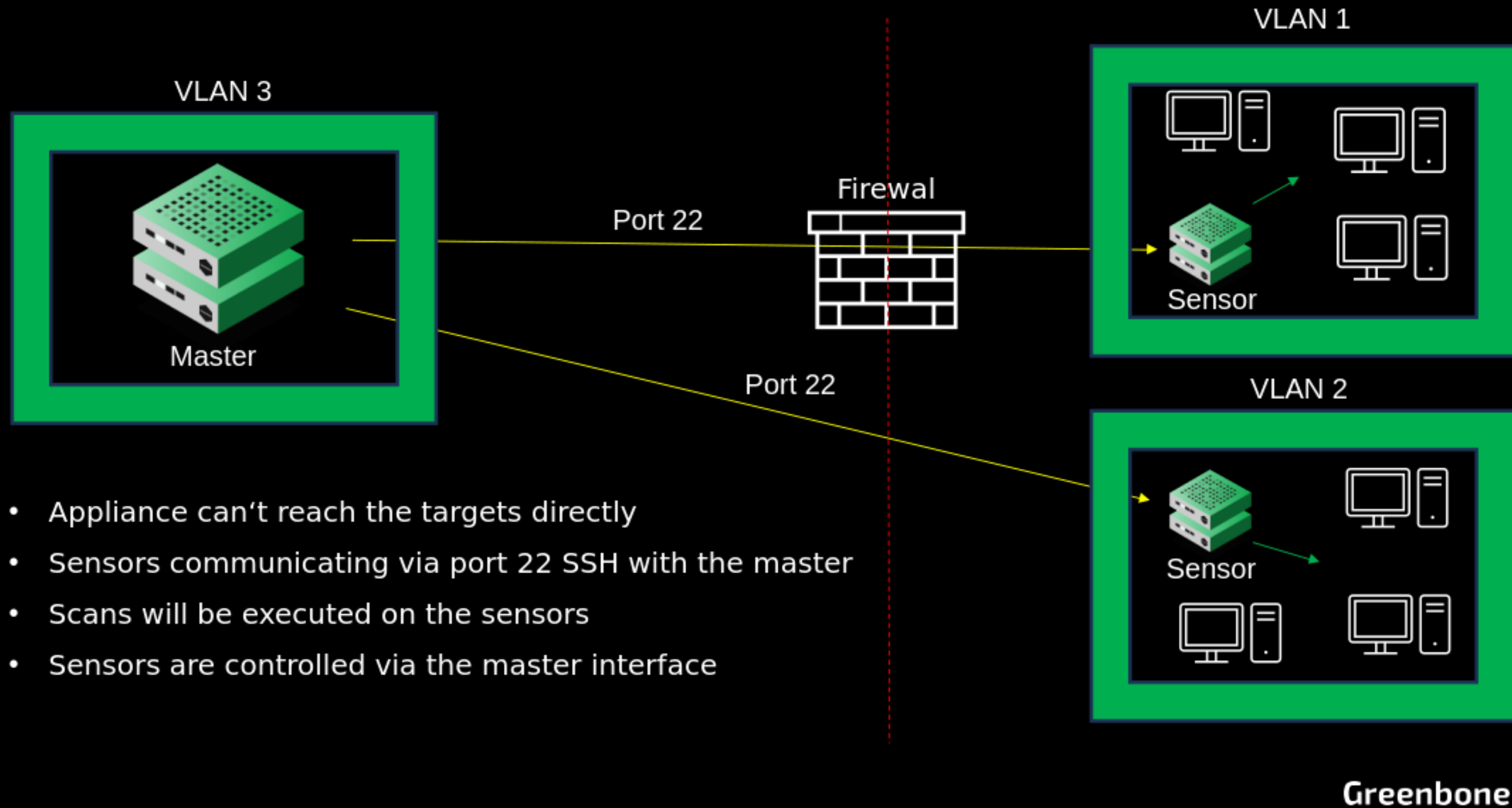
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# Perimetro di scansione incompleto:

- **Scansione solo da Internet (no LAN)**
- **Reti segmentate (VLAN, ecc)**
- **Reti remote (WAN, ecc)**
- **Sistemi in cloud (IaaS, ecc)**
- **Postazioni di lavoro**
  - **spente o non raggiungibili (es. "Road warrior")**
  - **firewallate**
  - **applicazioni "client"**

# SCENARIO: MASTER / SENSOR



## 9.3 Configuring an Authenticated Scan Using Local Security Checks

An authenticated scan can provide more vulnerability details on the scanned system. During an authenticated scan the target is both scanned from the outside using the network and from the inside using a valid user login.

During an authenticated scan, the appliance logs into the target system in order to run local security checks (LSC). The scan requires the prior setup of user credentials. These credentials are used to authenticate to different services on the target system. In some circumstances the results could be limited by the permissions of the users used.

The VTs in the corresponding VT families (local security checks) will only be executed if the appliance was able to log into the target system. The local security check VTs in the resulting scan are minimally invasive.

The appliance only determines the risk level but does not introduce any changes on the target system. However, the login by the appliance is probably logged in the protocols of the target system.

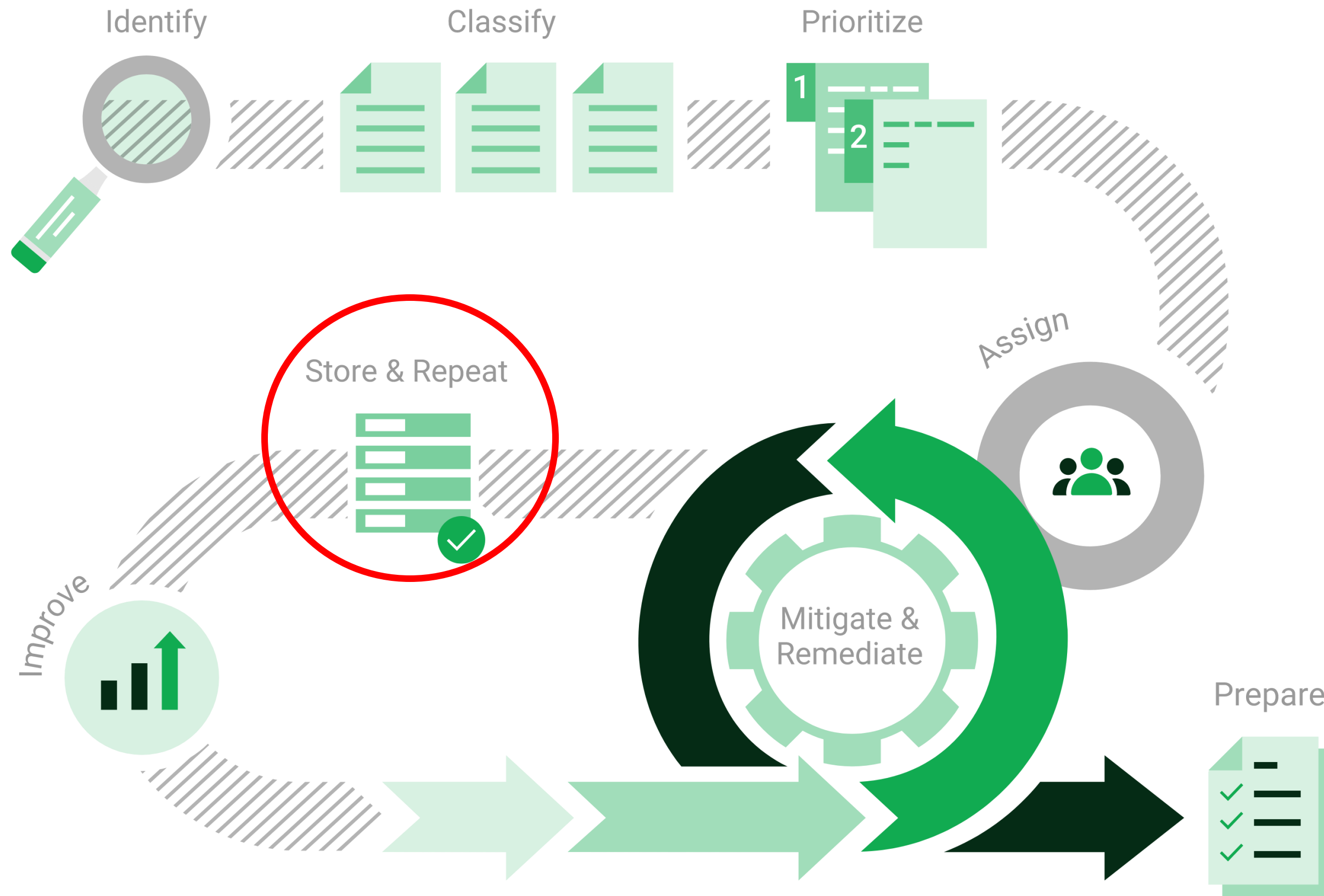
The appliance can use different credentials based on the nature of the target. The most important ones are:

- **SMB**  
On Microsoft Windows systems, the appliance can check the patch level and locally installed software such as Adobe Acrobat Reader or the Java suite.
- **SSH**  
This access is used to check the patch level on Unix and Linux systems.
- **ESXi**  
This access is used for testing of VMware ESXi servers locally.
- **SNMP**  
Network components like routers and switches can be tested via SNMP.

<https://docs.greenbone.net/GSM-Manual/gos-24.10/en/scanning.html#configuring-an-authenticated-scan-using-local-security-checks>

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# Punti chiave

- **Asset management**
- **Categorizzazione degli asset**
- **Prioritizzazione vulnerabilità / risoluzioni**
- **Automazione e orchestrazione**
- **Metriche e KPI**
- **Scansione frequente / continua**
- **Vulnerability feed completo e aggiornato**

## **Bonus:**

- **Open Source**
- **Sovranità tecnologica**



# Open Source

## History of the OpenVAS project

In 2005, the developers of the vulnerability scanner Nessus decided to discontinue the work under open-source licenses and switch to a proprietary business model.

At this point, developers from Intevation and DN-Systems – the two companies which would later found the Greenbone AG – were already contributing developments to Nessus, focusing on client tools. The works were primarily supported by the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI).

In 2006, several forks of Nessus were created in response to the discontinuation of the open-source solution. Of these forks, only one has continued to show activity: OpenVAS, the Open Vulnerability Assessment System. OpenVAS was registered as a project at Software in the Public Interest, Inc. to hold and protect the domain “openvas.org”.

The years 2006 and 2007 brought little activity other than cleanups of the status quo. But in late 2008, the Greenbone AG, based in Osnabrück, Germany was founded to drive OpenVAS forward. Essentially, Greenbone’s business plan was about 3 cornerstones:

1. Go beyond plain vulnerability scanning towards a comprehensive vulnerability management solution.
2. Create a turn-key appliance product for enterprise customers.
3. Continue the open-source concept of creating a transparent security technology.

<https://greenbone.github.io/docs/latest/background.html>

# Q&A



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