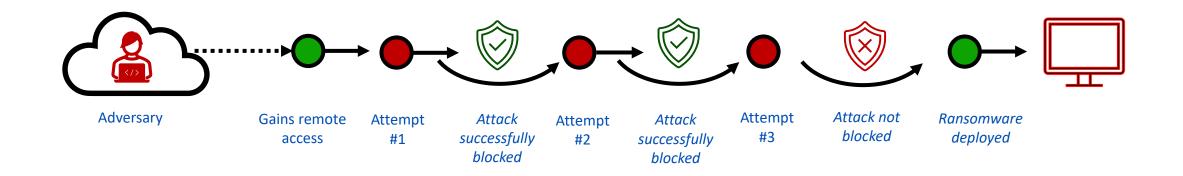
# **Active Adversary Report 2023**

Combatiendo el Cibercrimen como servicio con CiberSeguridad como servicio

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# **Understanding Active Adversaries**



## Cybercrime-as-a-service: The Naughty Nine

#### Access-as-a-service

Gaining access to compromised accounts and systems in bulk through RDP and VPN credentials, web shells, and exploitable vulnerabilities

#### Malware-as-a-service

Facilitating the distribution of malware within specific regions or sectors with watering-hole attacks, crossover with access-as-a-service listings, and other vulnerabilities

## Phishing-as-a-service How threat actors are offering end-

How threat actors are offering end-toend services for cloned sites, hosting, emails to bypass spam filters, and other phishing campaigns

#### OPSEC-as-a-service

Bundled services provided by threat actors designed to hide Cobalt Strike infections to minimize the risk of detection

### Crypting-as-a-service

Common on many forums, crypting as a service involves the use of encrypted malware to bypass detection for a one-time purchase or subscription

### Scamming-as-a-service

Designed as classified ads, scamming kits and services help threat actors pose as support specialists for cryptocurrency scams

### Vishing-as-a-service

How threat actors offer to rent voice systems to receive calls where victims opt out and speak to a bot, rather than a human

### Spamming-as-a-service

Infrastructure designed to build or manage bulk spamming services through a variety of mechanisms, including SMS and email

### Scanning-as-a-service

Offering access at discount prices for legitimate commercial tools such as Metasploit and Burp Suite to find and exploit vulnerabilities





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## Who Is the Sophos X-Ops Incident Response Team?

### Who

### **Core Team**

50 Digital Forensic Specialists35 Deployment Engineers

## Backed by:

150+ MDR SOC Analysts 400 Malware Analysts in SophosLabs

### What

## Immediate Response

Quickly triage, contain, and neutralize active threats

## **Threat Removal**

Eject adversaries from your estate to prevent further damage

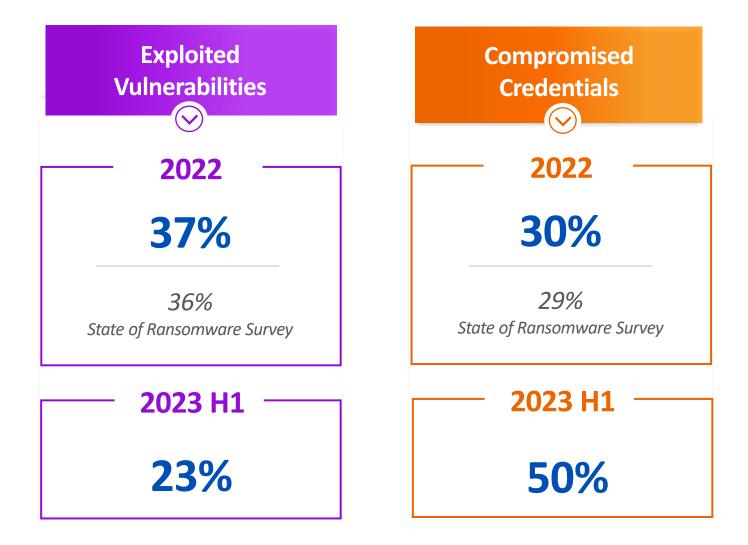
## **Analysis of 232 Incident Response Cases**

2022 - 1H 2023





# **Evolving Attack Vectors**





## Ransomware dwell time





# La falta de MFA deja la puerta abierta a los adversarios.



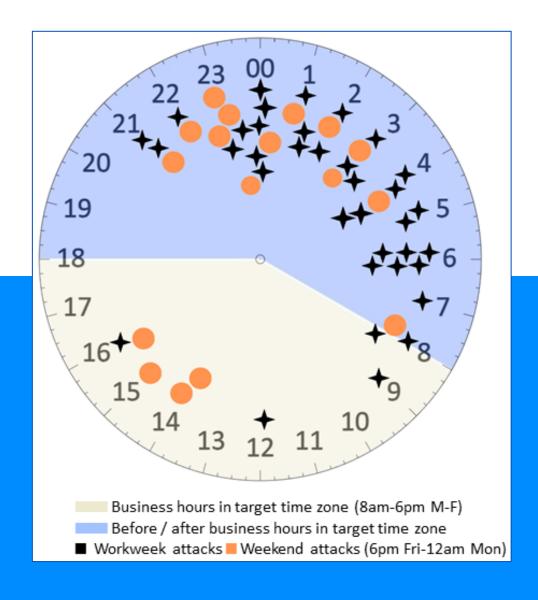


De los incidentes que remediamos en la primera mitad de 2023 no tenían configurada la autenticación multifactor (MFA).

## **Attackers Target Off-Hours**

91% de los ataques ransomware comienzan fuera del horario laboral

9 ide cada 10 ataques ocurren fuera de entre las 8am to 6pm entre semana.



## **Disabling Protection Is Now Commonplace**

Percentage of Active Directory compromises where adversaries disable protection



# Summary Recommendations

## **Changing the Story: A Two-Prong Approach**

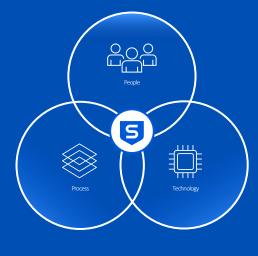
Slow Adversaries

**Accelerate Defenders** 

## Managed Detection and Response: Cybersecurity as a Service

MANAGED DETECTION AND RESPONSE

# Superior security outcomes delivered as a service



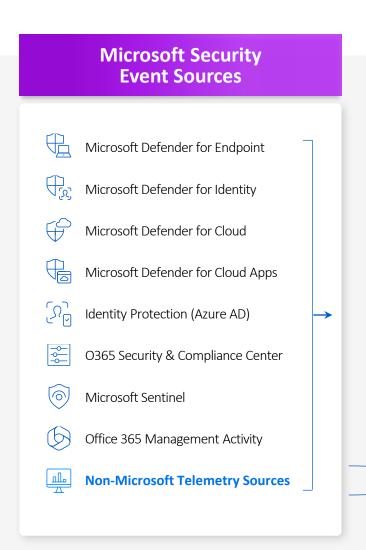
- Instant Security Operations Center (SOC)
- **24/7 Threat Detection and Response**
- Expert-Led Threat Hunting
- Full-Scale Incident Response Capabilities
- Superior Cybersecurity Outcomes

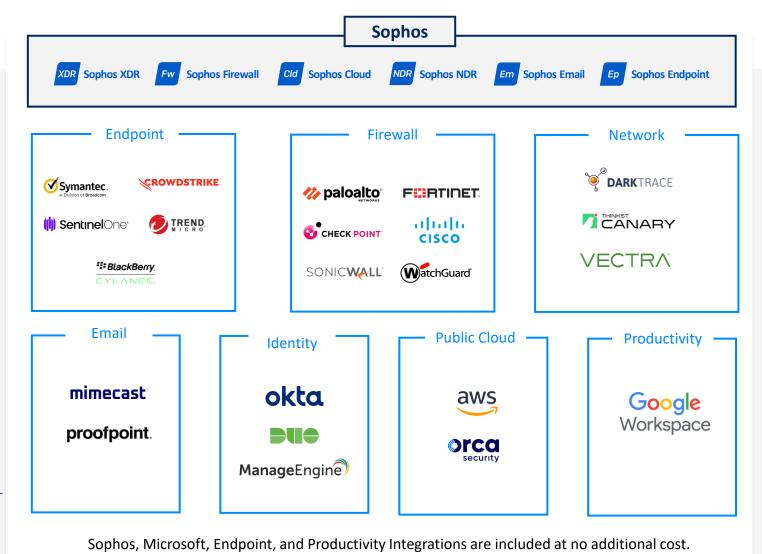
# Sophos MDR responds to threats 96% faster than internal security teams



\*AV-Test 2021 average score; Sophos Managed Threat Response current performance metrics

# **Sophos MDR Telemetry Sources**





Other integration packs are chargeable add-ons.

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