

The Best Practices of Ransomware Recovery



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Veeam is the clear market leader

83%

of the Fortune 500
trust Veeam with
their data

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Market Share in
#1 worldwide
IDC, 2H2021

200+

Top Industry
Awards

450K+

Customers
worldwide

HQ in Columbus, Ohio



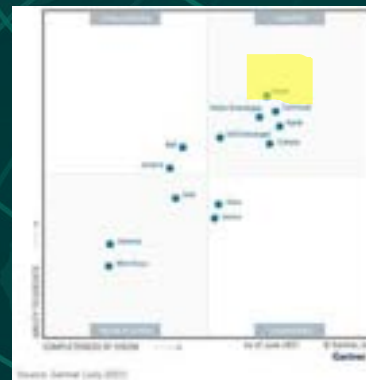
FORRESTER®

“Forrester showcases Veeam
as a market leader in Data
resiliency solutions (Q3 2019)”



Gartner®

2021 (6 years in a row): “Gartner
Magic Quadrant for Data Center
Backup and Recovery recognizes
Veeam as a Leader.”



Veeam named a Leader for the 6th time!

Figure 1: Magic Quadrant for Enterprise Backup and Recovery Software Solutions



Source: Gartner (July 2022)

Gartner named Veeam as a Magic Quadrant **Leader for the sixth time** for its highest Ability to Execute and Completeness of Vision

Veeam is a Leader in Enterprise Backup & Recovery Solutions!

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Data Protection Trends Report 2022

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Organizations

1000+

Employees

Hong Kong and Taiwan

The Ransomware Threat

40%

of servers have at least one
unexpected outage

60%

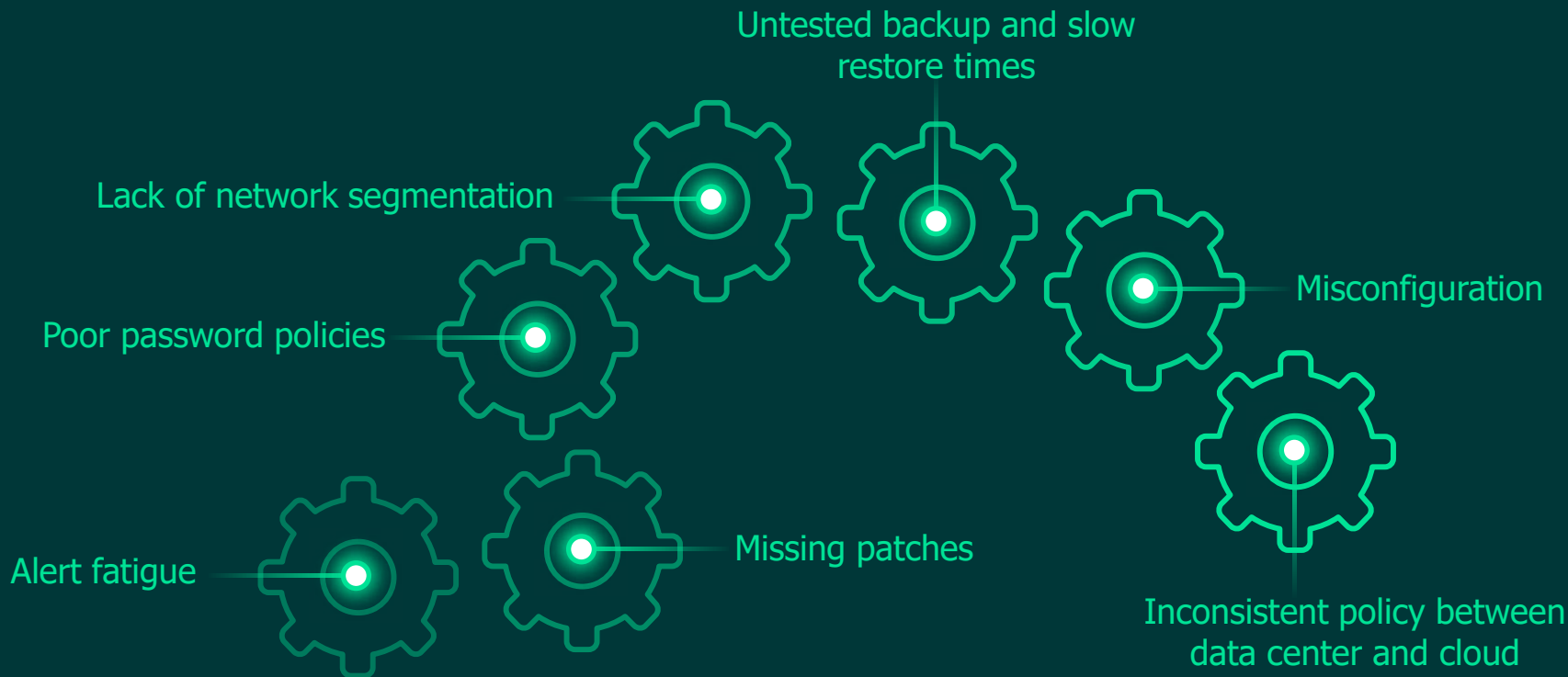
of organizations had outages
caused by **ransomware**

36%

of data on average was
unrecoverable after
a ransomware attack

Why is ransomware effective?

People, processes, technology



6 Stages of an Advanced Ransomware Attack



Stage 1: Observation

Information is gathered on the victim's people, processes and technology in play

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Stage 4: Preparation (30days)

Snooping around without being detected and comprise higher value targets

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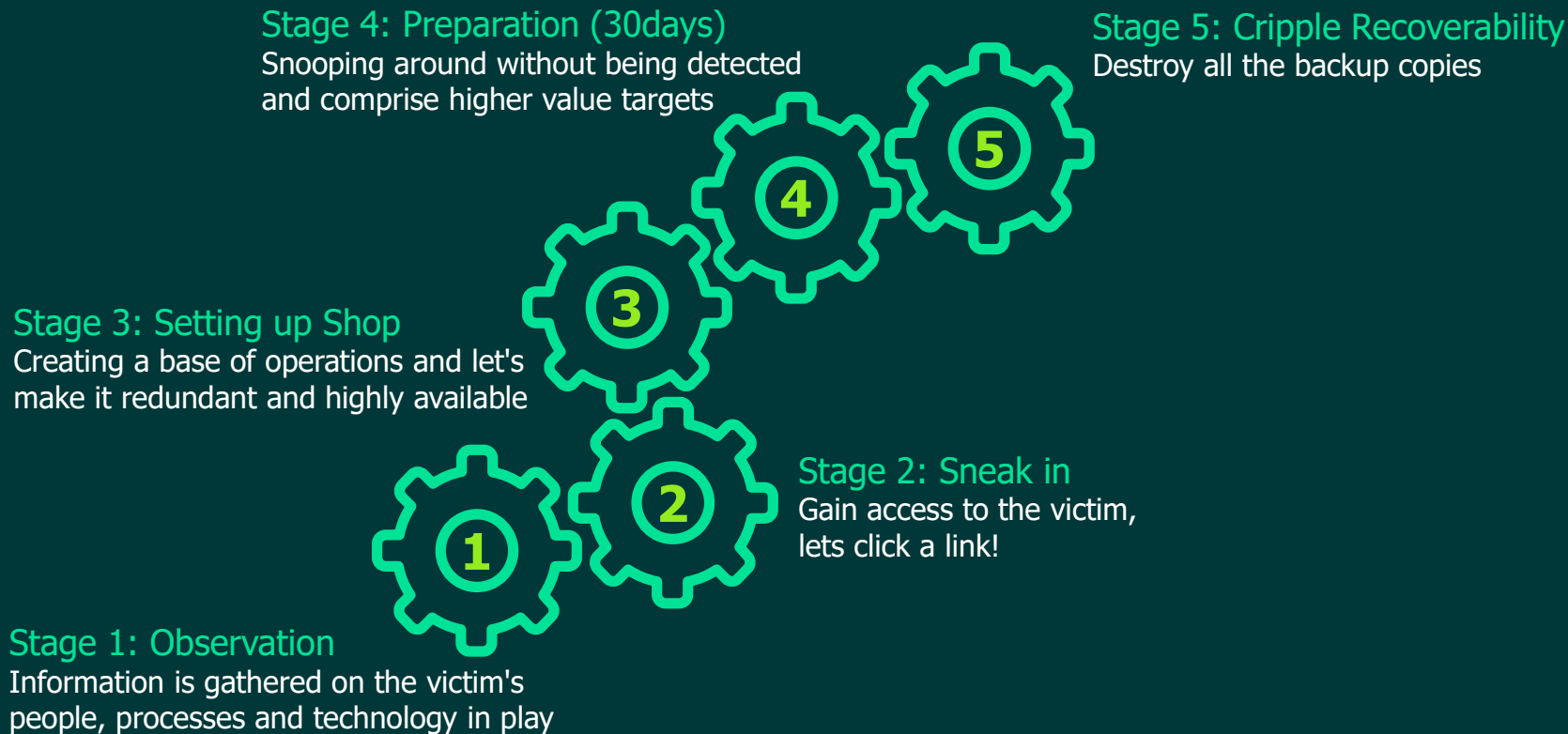
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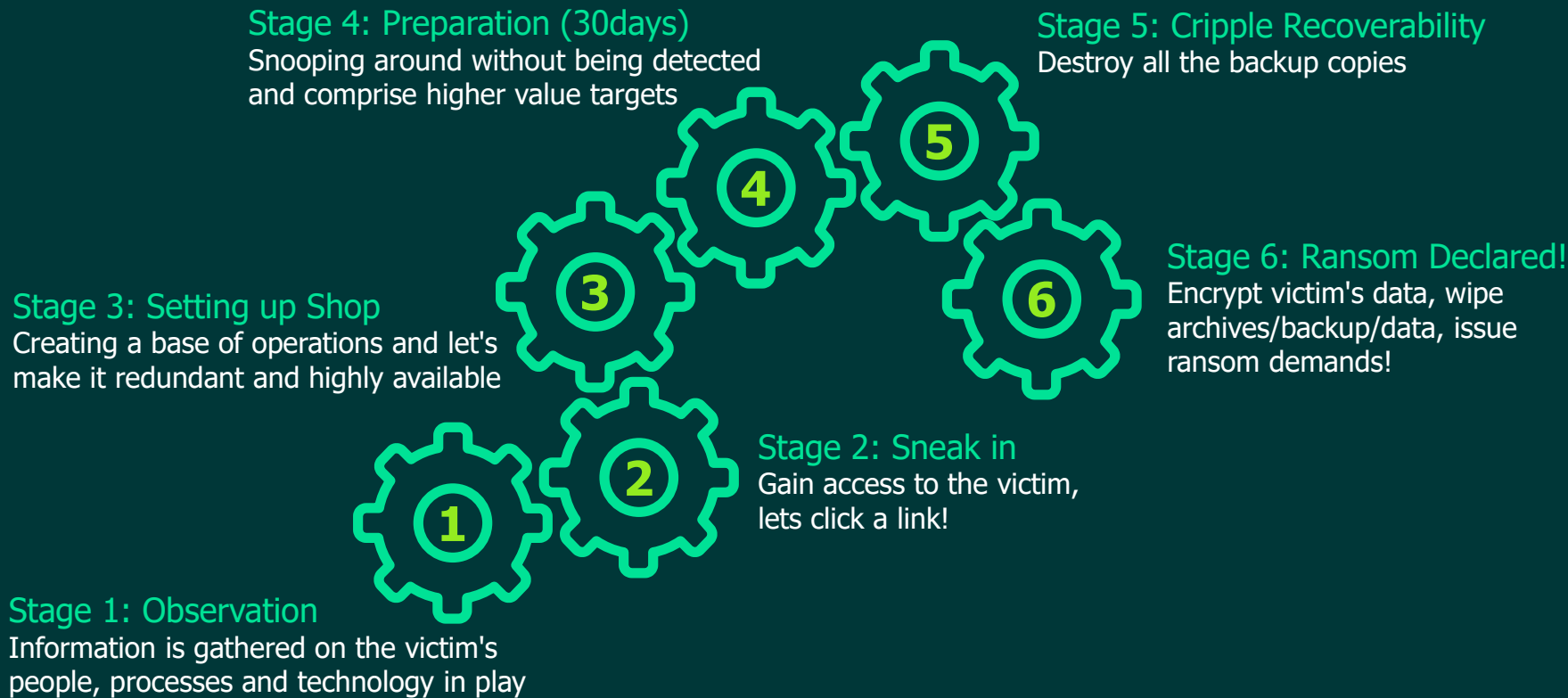
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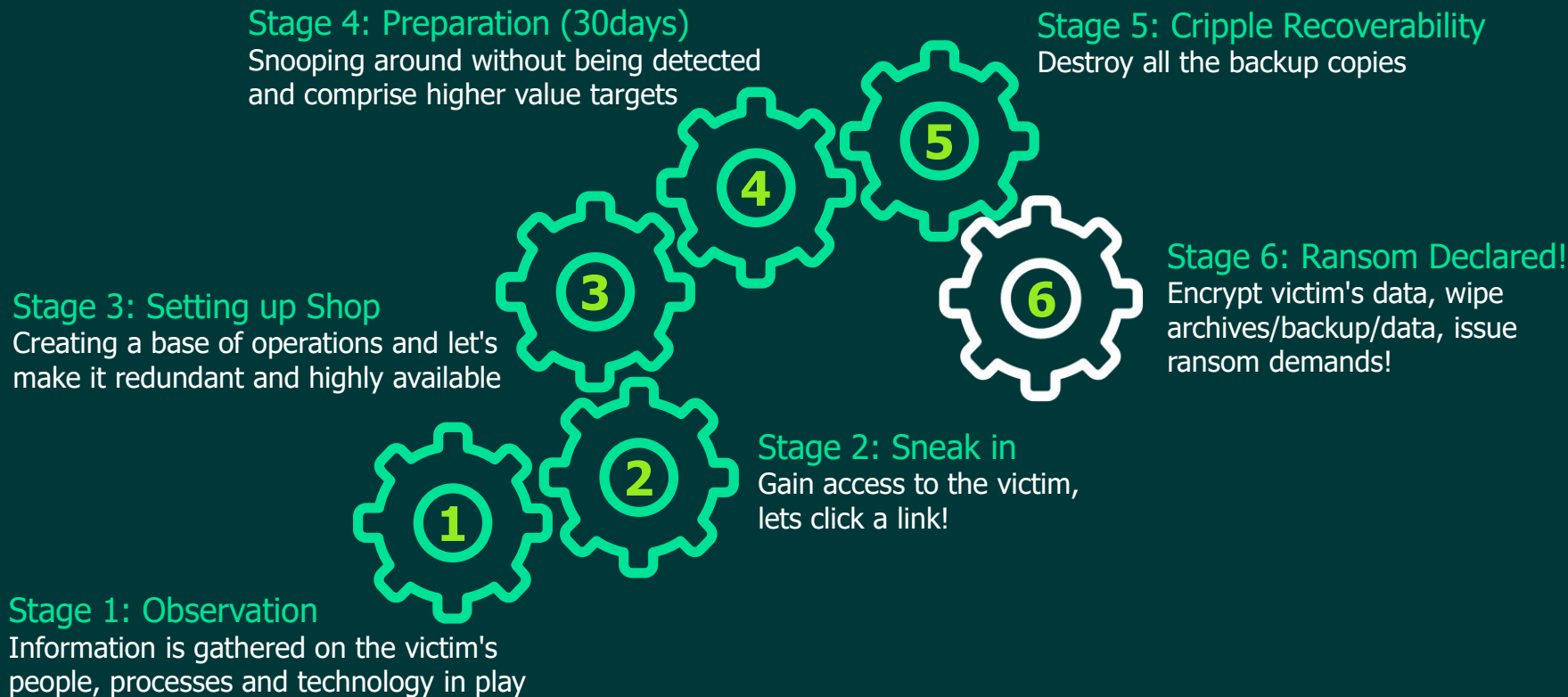
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Ransom Declared

ClopReadMe.txt - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

Your network has been penetrated.
All files on each host in the network have been encrypted with a strong algorithm.
Backups were either encrypted or deleted or backup disks were formatted.
Shadow copies also removed, so F8 or any other methods may damage encrypted data but not recover.
We exclusively have decryption software for your situation
No decryption software is available in the public.
DO NOT RESET OR SHUTDOWN - files may be damaged.
DO NOT RENAME OR MOVE the encrypted and readme files.
DO NOT DELETE readme files.
This may lead to the impossibility of recovery of the certain files.
Photorec, RannohDecryptor etc. repair tools are useless and can destroy your files irreversibly.
If you want to restore your files write to emails (contacts are at the bottom of the sheet) and a
(Less than 5 Mb each, non-archived and your files should not contain valuable information
(Databases, backups, large excel sheets, etc.)).
You will receive decrypted samples and our conditions how to get the decoder.

Attention!!!
Your warranty - decrypted samples.
Do not rename encrypted files.
Do not try to decrypt your data using third party software.
We don't need your files and your information.

But after 2 weeks all your files and keys will be deleted automatically.
Contact emails:
[REDACTED]
or
[REDACTED]

The final price depends on how fast you write to us.

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Immutable Backup

Backup Data should not be able to modify or erased during the retention period.

Veeam 's suggestions

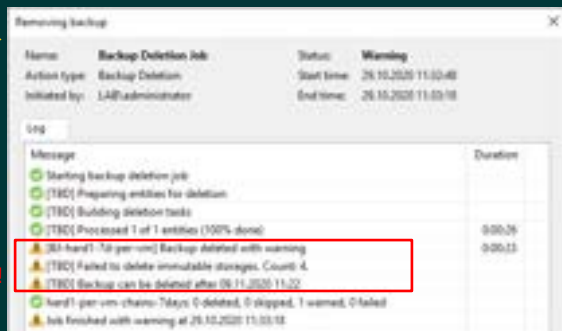
- Make use Veeam 's hardened Linux repository (WORM Storage)
- Software feature, no additional costs



Access Veeam Console via Privileged Account

Try to DELETE the backup images

DELETE failed!!!



Immutable Linux Repository



Backup server Console

- SEC 17a-4(f), FINRA 4511(c) and CFTC 1.31(c)-(d)

Best practices for ransomware protection



Three different
copies of data



Two different media



One offsite copy

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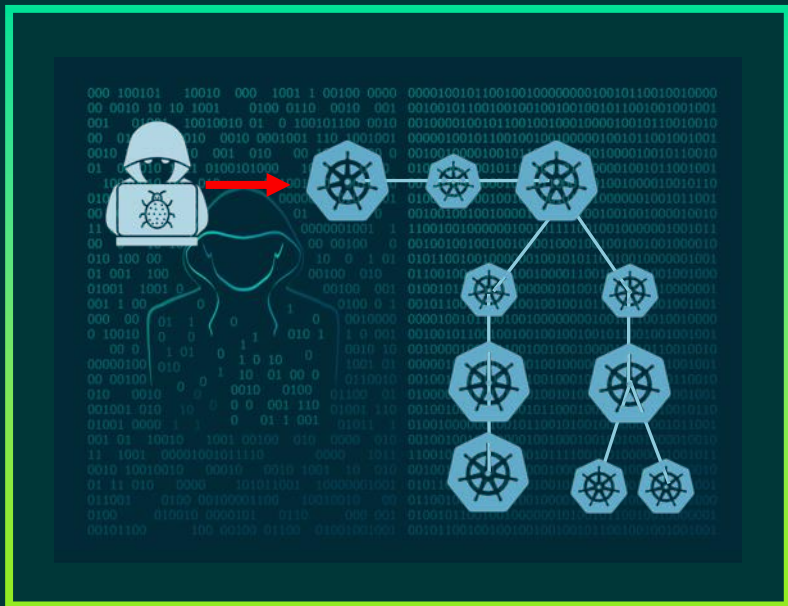


Of which is:
offline air-gapped
or immutable



No errors after
automated backup
testing &
recoverability
verification

Don't skip your containers backup



Kubernetes Security Issues: Nearly a Million Instances Exposed on Internet

Julien Maury June 20, 2022



```
HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
Content-Type: application/json
WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm="kubernetes-master"
Date: Tue, 21 Jun 2022 11:13:29 GMT
Content-Length: 165
```

Cybersecurity researchers have found more than 900,000 instances of Kubernetes consoles exposed on the Internet.

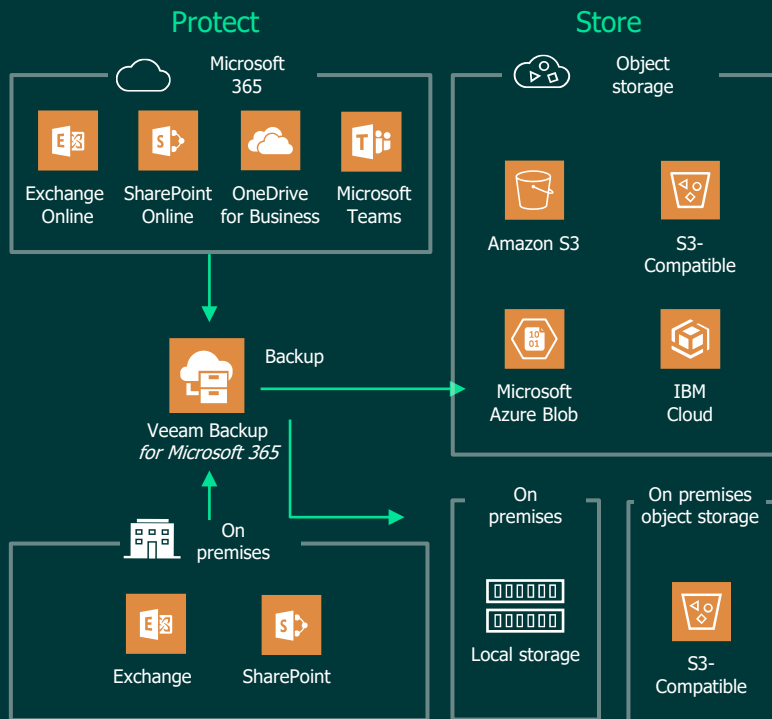
Cyber researchers detected misconfigured Kubernetes instances that could expose hundreds of thousands of organizations. The researchers found a number of indicators of exposure in the open source container orchestration platform.

Source: <https://www.esecurityplanet.com/applications/kubernetes-exposed-on-internet/>

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Regain control of Your Microsoft 365 data



I thought SaaS
cannot be attacked ?



Malicious software through API

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Make a **backup** copy to your
datacenter or **cloud storage**

Automated Verification

Exchange SureBackup Job Session 10/11/2018 8:25:48 AM

VM status:

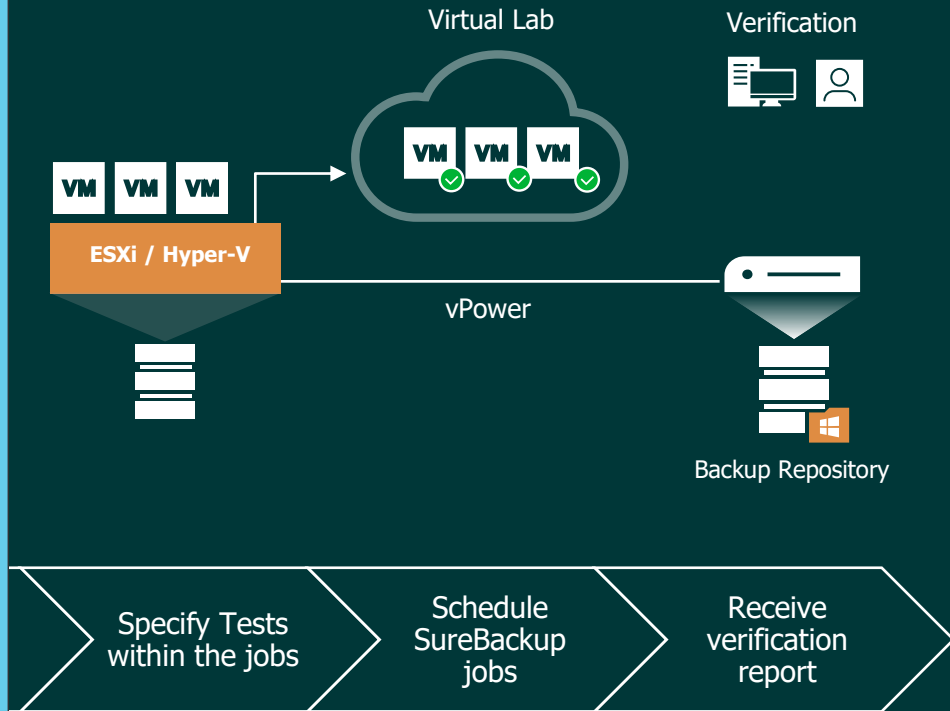
Name	Status	Heartbeat	Ping	Script	Verification	Antivirus scan
dns01	Success	Success	Success	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled
dc03	Success	Success	Success	Success	Success	Disabled
exch01	Success	Success	Success	Success	Success	Disabled
apache02	Starting	Pending	Pending	Disabled	Pending	In progress

dns01 log:

Message	Duration
Running ping test(s)	0:00:15
Network adapter 1: name VM Network, usable	
Network adapter 1: IP address fe80::5fa:130f:b61c:7929, skipped - IPv4 supported only	
Network adapter 1: IP address 172.17.0.1, OK	0:00:15
Results: 1/2 test(s) passed, 0 failed, 1 skipped	
Summary: 50% total pass rate	
Application initialization	0:02:00
Waiting for 120 more seconds...	
Note: operation will be continued at 10/11/2018 8:34:59 AM	
Summary: application is initialized	

Stop Session

Close



Protected VMs

Description

This report lists protected and unprotected VMware vSphere and Microsoft Hyper-V VMs including their last backup job status.
Note: VM replicas created by Veeam Backup & Replication jobs are not accounted in this report.

Report Parameters

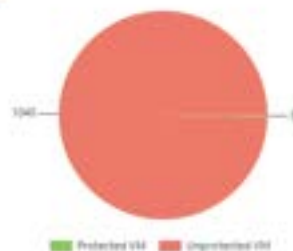
Scope:	Virtual Infrastructure
RPO:	24 hours (1/16/2021 3:00:00 AM)
VM exclusion rules:	
Job type:	VM Backup, Replication, Backup Copy, vCD Backup, vCD Replication
Analyze VM templates:	Yes
Included jobs:	—

Summary

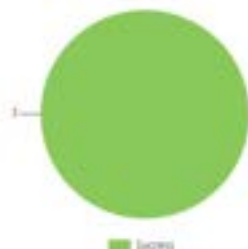
VMs Overview

Total VMs:	1112
Including Templates:	42
Including VM Replicas:	469
Protected VMs:	3
With Backup:	3
With Replication:	0
Unprotected VMs:	1040

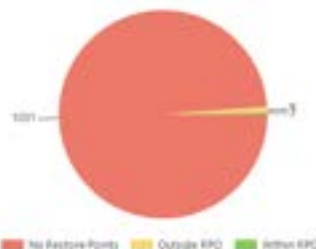
Protected VMs



VM Last Backup State



VM Last Backup Age



Any
unprotected
VMs?

Selected Object: xfs_5T - 0 errors, 1 warning

Search...

Filters: All

Status	Time	Source	Type	Name
Warning	10:16:51 PM	This object (xfs_5T)		Immutability change tracking

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Alarm Details

Description

Fired by event: VeeamImmutabilityIntervalDaysDecreased
Event description: The immutability interval (days) for the backup repository has been changed. Previous value was 71 days, new value is 7 days.
Initiated by: Administrator

Unexpected
Changes ?

How fast is your restore ?

How long will it take to transfer **10 TB** of data over a **10 Gbps** link?

$10 \text{ TB} = 10 * 1,024 \text{ (GB)} * 1,024 \text{ (MB)} = 10,485,760 \text{ MB}$

$10,485,760 \text{ MB} / 900 \text{ MB/s} = 11,651 \text{ seconds}$

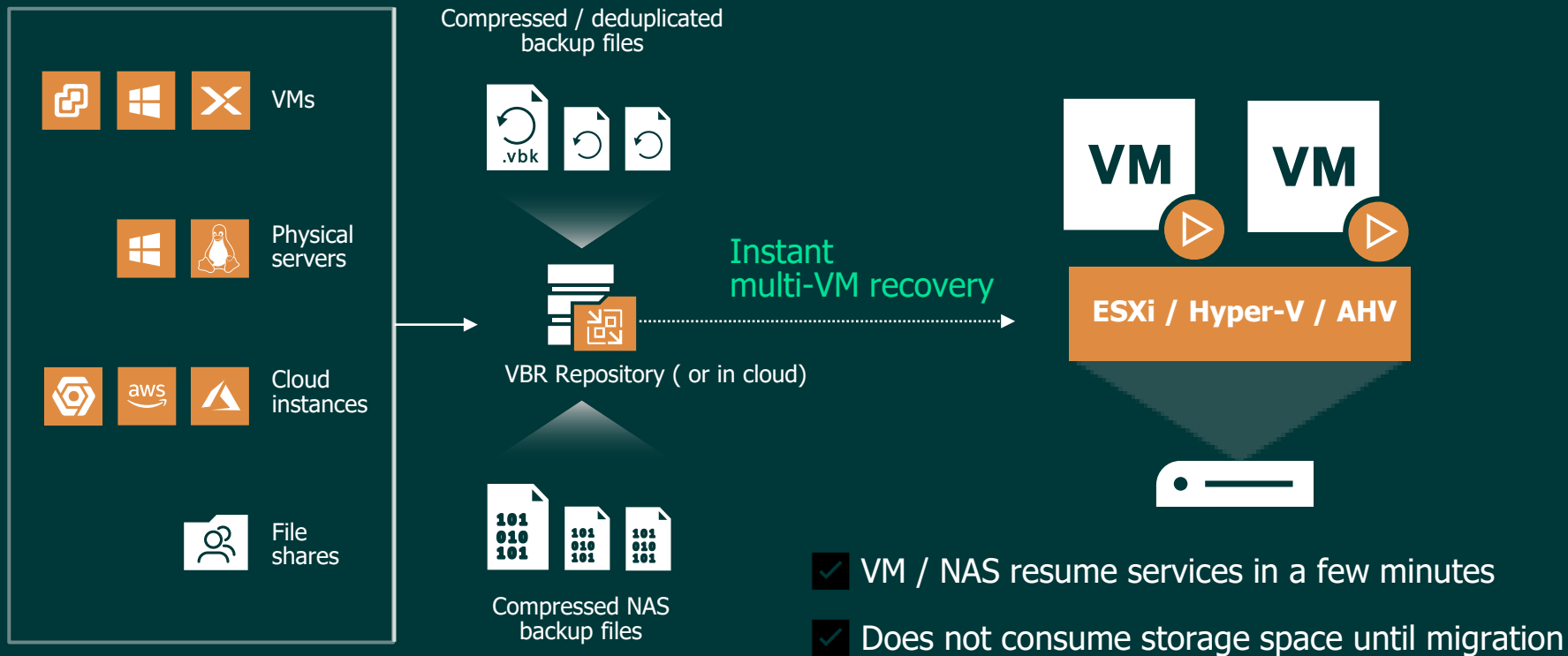
$11,651 \text{ seconds} / 60 \text{ seconds} = 195 \text{ minutes}$

195 minutes / 60 minutes
= 3 hours 15 minutes



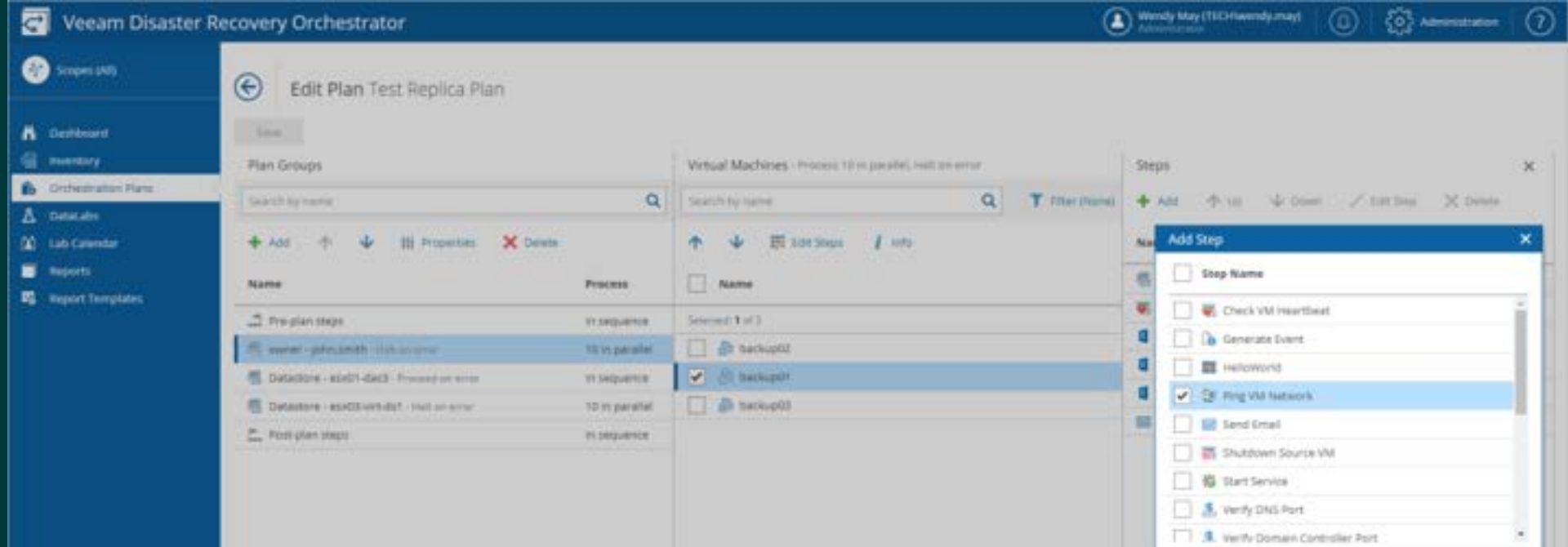
Enough Space to restore ?

Restore your service ASAP



What else ?





RPO		
Result	Check	Details
[i] Info	RPO	Target RPO is 24:00:00 (HH:mm:ss)
✓ Success	Target RPO Met	Yes
✓ Success	VMs not meeting RPO	None
✓ Success	Worst RPO failure	None

RTO		
Result	Check	Details
[i] Info	RTO	Target RTO is 01:00:00 (HH:mm:ss)
[i] Info	Duration	Plan execution duration was 00:18:17 (HH:mm:ss)
✓ Success	Target RTO Met	RTO achieved

Meet Your RTO and RPO

VM Demo-MSSQL

[Back to VM Group Members](#)

Detailed Documentation of your Verification test/ Restore Execution

Step Results and Duration

Result	Step	Start Time	End Time	Duration
✓ Success	Check VM license and availability	11:28:43	11:28:43	00:00:00
✓ Success	Shutdown Source VM	11:28:43	11:28:45	00:00:02
✓ Success	Restore - Recovery	11:28:45	11:32:44	00:03:59
✓ Success	Check VM Heartbeat	11:32:44	11:33:19	00:00:35
✓ Success	Verify SQL Port	11:33:19	11:33:51	00:00:32
✓ Success	Restore - Migrate	11:33:51	11:46:56	00:13:05

Check VM Heartbeat

Timestamp	Details
11:32:44	Step 'Check VM Heartbeat' execution started
11:32:44	Execution attempt 1 of 1
11:32:44	Connecting to the vCenter Server immvnc01.im.lab
11:32:44	Poll 1: The VM Heartbeat check completed successfully
11:32:54	Poll 2: The VM Heartbeat check completed successfully
11:33:04	Poll 3: The VM Heartbeat check completed successfully
11:33:14	Poll 4: The VM Heartbeat check completed successfully
11:33:14	VM Heartbeat checked successfully
11:33:19	Step 'Check VM Heartbeat' execution finished

Verify SQL Port

Timestamp	Details
11:33:19	Step 'Verify SQL Port' execution started
11:33:19	Execution attempt 1 of 11
11:33:25	Starting PowerShell script
11:33:36	Trying connect to server '10.122.0.251' and port '1433'
11:33:36	Successfully established a connection with the server '10.122.0.251'
11:33:51	Step 'Verify SQL Port' execution finished

Ransomware:

Secure Backup is your last line of Defense

Ransomware
is a **disaster**



Backup:

1. Protect with immutable backups
2. 3-2-1-1-0 Rule
3. Detect, monitoring and alert for visibility

Recovery:

1. Restore ASAP
2. Do I have enough space to restore ?
3. Automation

Thank you

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