



From the Windows to the Walls

**Physical Red Teaming
for Security Professionals**

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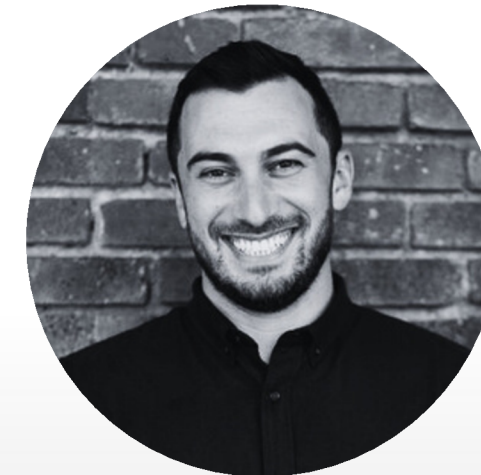
About Us

PRM: We conduct, build, and train red teams, helping organizations mature and improve security.

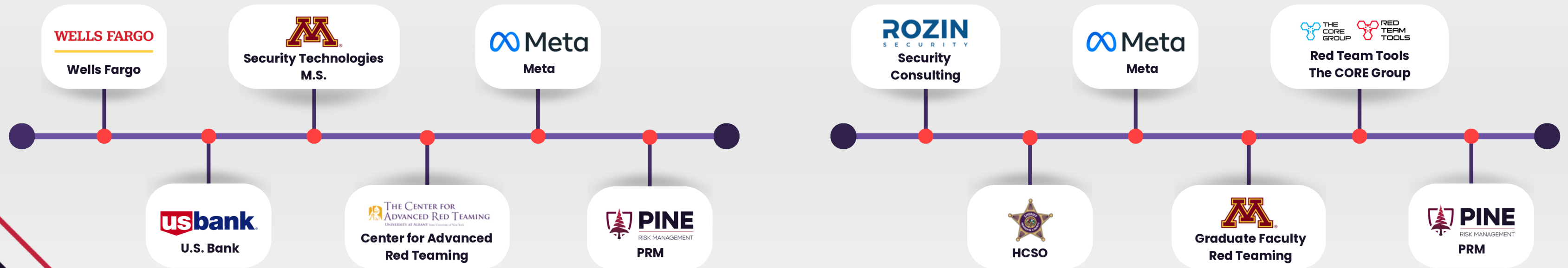
Meta: Started largest physical red team in Silicon Valley, hired dozens of testers, and built a team to oversee findings remediation across global office and data center footprint.



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Agenda



What makes a good physical **red** teamer?

Step 1: Foundation

- The Mindset: What is **red** teaming?
- The basics of physical security
- Analytical Red Teaming
- Cyber Red Teaming



Step 2: Technical Skills

- Social Engineering
- OSINT
- PACS
- Bypass Techniques
 - Lockpicking

Step 3: Professional Skills

- Systems Thinking
- Ethics & Laws
- Red Teams Gone Wrong
- Managing Red Team Risk
 - Effective Scoping
- Learning from the real bad people (Effective Threat Modeling & Adversary Emulation)
- Security Frameworks, Standards, and Regulations
- Report Writing and Impactful Communication

Resources

Breaking into Red Teaming - Overview

Part 1 - Fundamentals

Part 2 - Technical Skills

Part 3 - Professional Skills

▶ **Physical Red Teaming Ethics Scenarios**

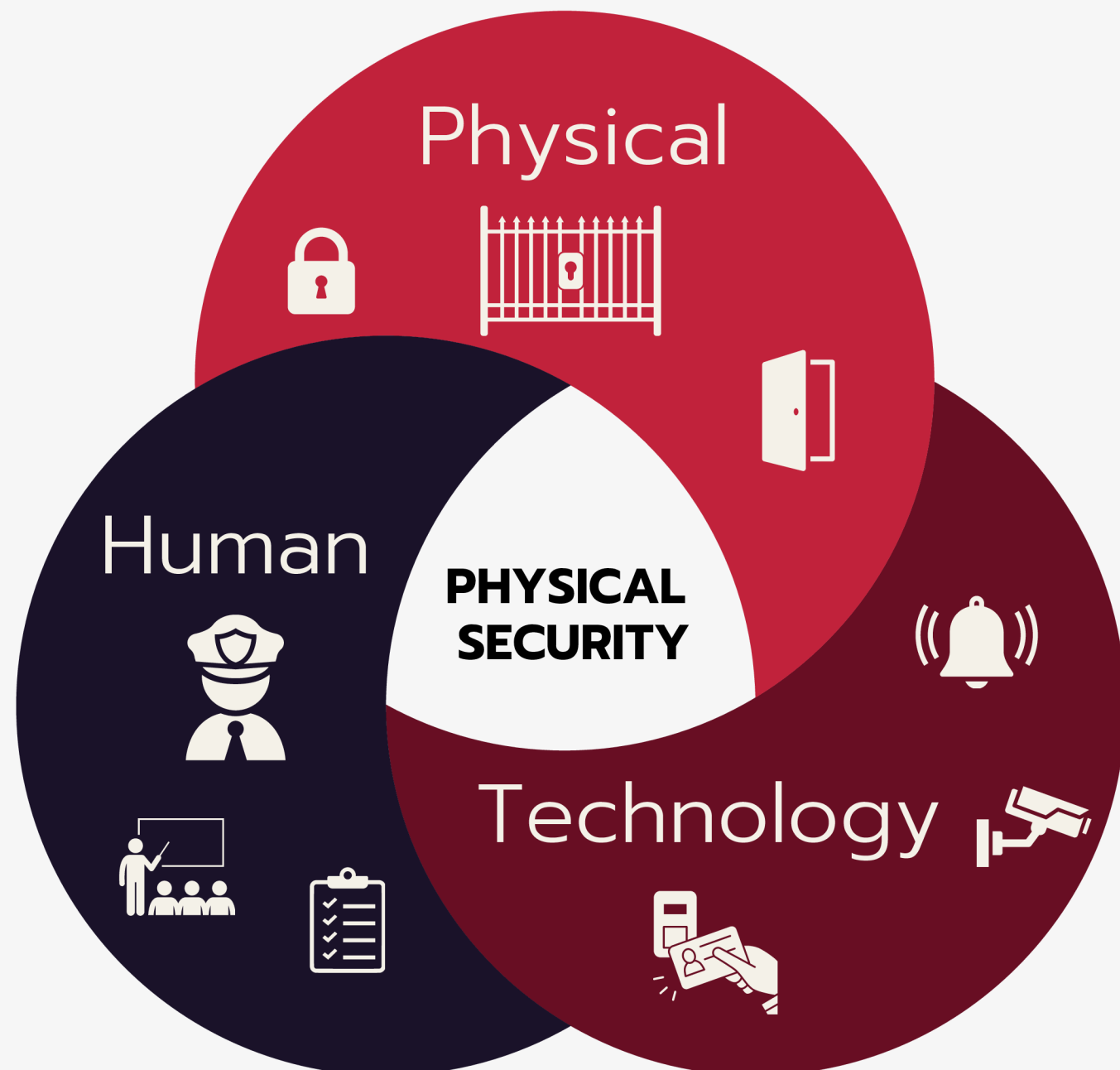
STEP 1

THE FOUNDATION



Physical Security

Protecting People, Assets, and Reputation. Security measures that deny unauthorized access to facilities, equipment, and resources and to protect personnel and property from damage or harm.



Components of Physical Security

Physical: Doors, locks, gates, bollards, etc.

Technology: PACS, CCTV, Radios, Investigative, and Intelligence tools

Human: Guards, Analysts, Managers, Awareness, Processes & Procedures

Physical Security

Physical Security Teams & Activities



Threat Management



Event Security



Travel Safety



Business Continuity



Systems and Design



Quality Assurance



GSOC



Red Team



Investigations



Intellectual Property Protection



Supply Chain Security



Security Awareness



Insider threat management



Guard-force management



Governance, Risk, and Compliance



Audit



Protective Design



Resilience



Protective Intelligence



Executive Protection

& More 

Physical Security

Goals of Physical Security



Deter



Detect



Prevent
Protect / Delay



Alert



Respond



Recover

Define Red Teaming

Stress Testing:

Testing a system with the goal to improve it



Types of Red Teams

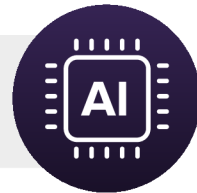
CYBERSECURITY



PHYSICAL SECURITY



AI



ANALYTICAL RED TEAMING



PRIVACY



Types of PhySec Assessments

ASSET FOCUSED
ASSESSMENT



VULNERABILITY FOCUSED
ASSESSMENT

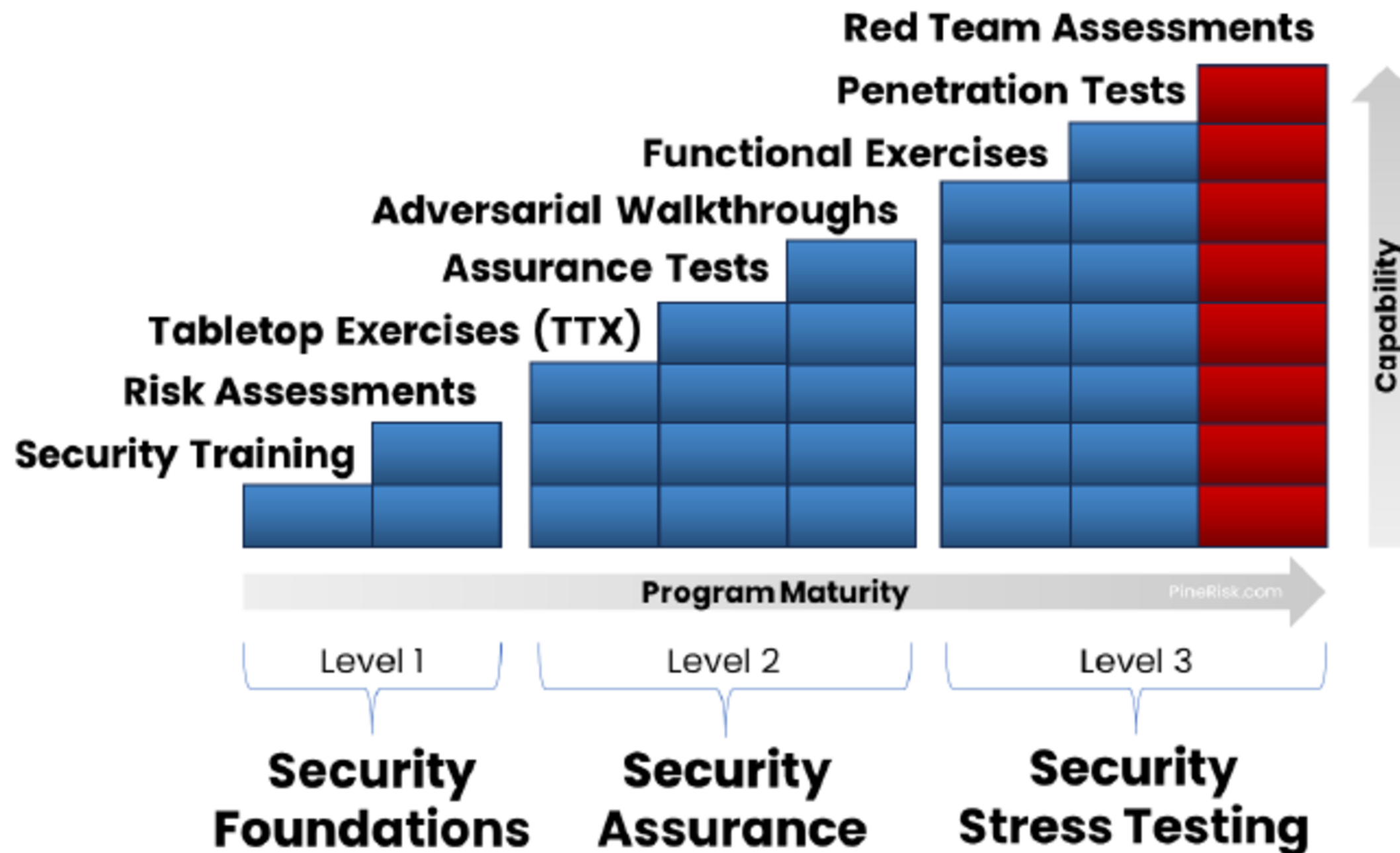


THREAT FOCUSED
ASSESSMENT



Physical Red Teaming

Security Maturity Spectrum



Principles of Physical Red Teaming

UNDERCOVER

The Red Team is a Blue Team in Disguise

- ▶ Collaborate and support



SAFE TO FAIL

Red Teaming is an Exercise

- ▶ Never fire people for failures
Systemic, Not Individual
- ▶ Blameless Lessons Learned



WHY

Do It for the Right Reasons

- ▶ No Ego



BE CREATIVE

Think outside the box

- ▶ Test the untestable
- ▶ Don't limit yourself
- ▶ It's your role to think of things the blue team doesn't



STEP 2

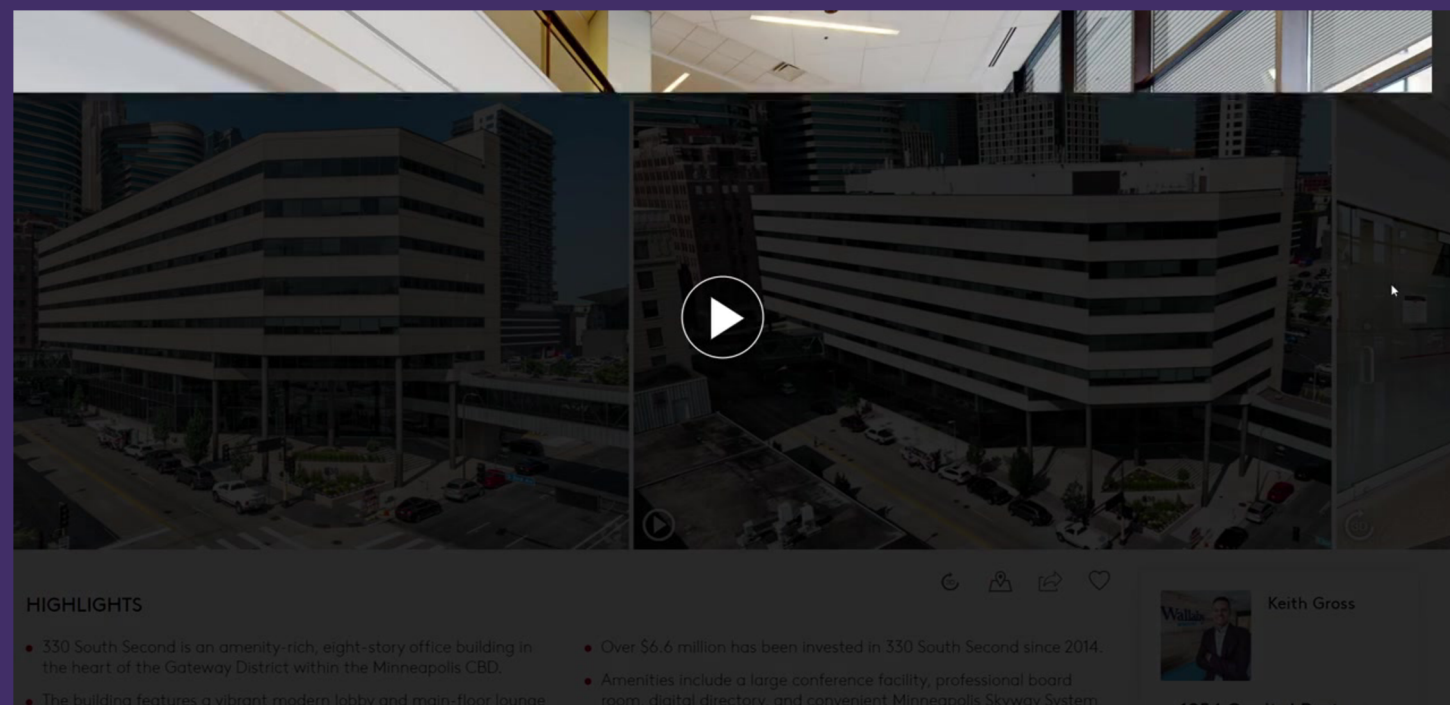
TECHNICAL SKILLS



OSINT for PhySec **Red** Teaming

Building

- ▶ **Blueprints**
 - Tax Records for Building Owner
 - Building Manager
 - Leasing Office
 - City Records, Construction Permits
- ▶ **360 Tours**
 - Leasing Agents



Routes In & Intel Gathering

- ▶ **Find Vendors**
 - Listed on their website
 - News articles
 - Purchase orders
 - Photos
 - [Surveillance / Probing]
- ▶ **Find Co-Tenants**
- ▶ **Find Empty Floors**
- ▶ **Crime Maps**
- ▶ **Wifi (WIGLE)**
- ▶ **Complaints and Neighborhood Conversations**
- ▶ **Employees (LinkedIn)**
 - Photos, Discussions, etc.
- ▶ **Photos Inside**
 - Tags and Geolocation

Double Door Tools

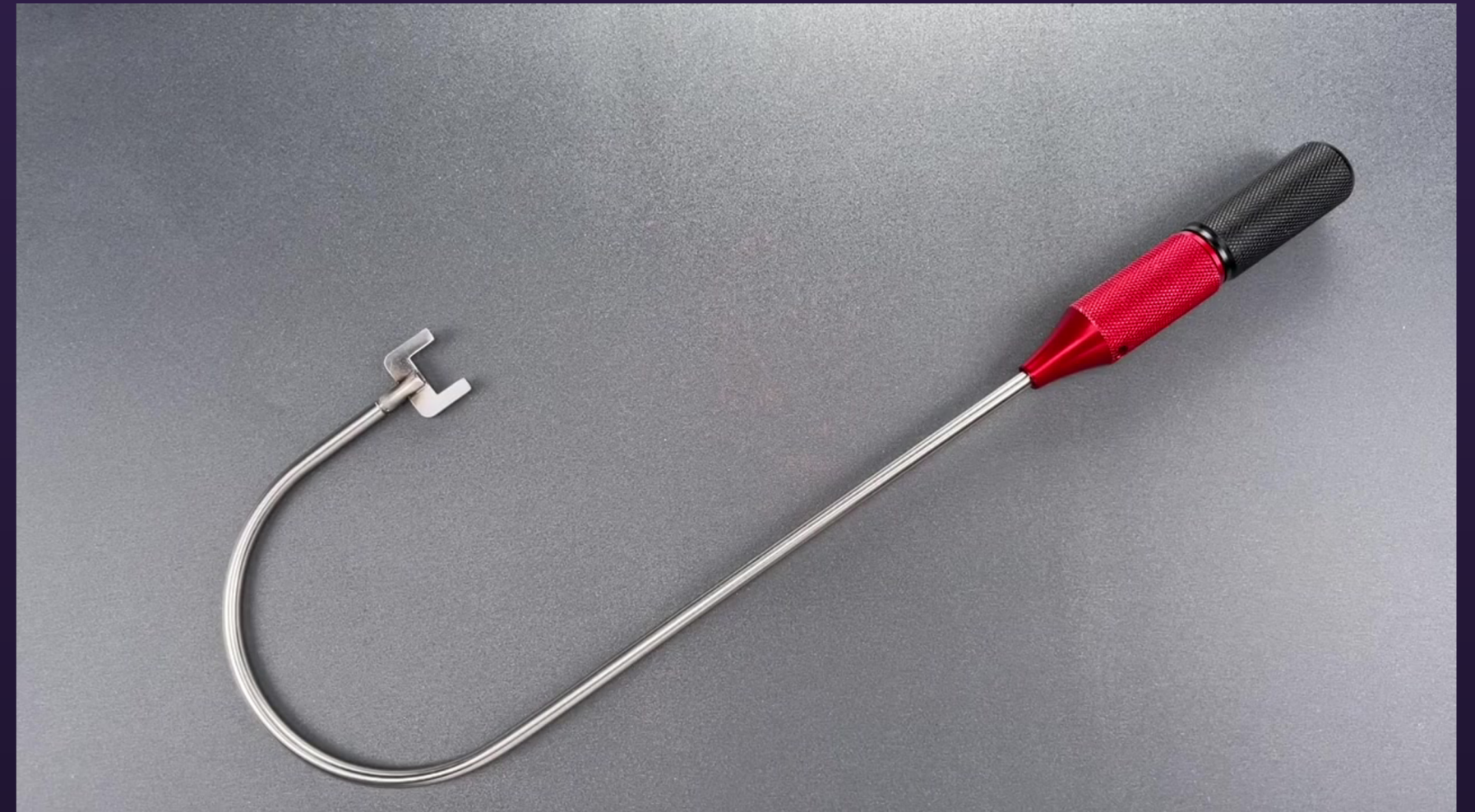




Door Bypass Techniques



Commercial Door Hooks & J-Hook



Hinge Pin and UDT



Key-Pain

T-Pain @TPAIN

I DID IT BOIS!!!! Im officially a restaurant owner. Got my keys today and I'm scared as shit. BUT! I can no longer ignore the paths God has set for me just because I don't understand or I'm scared. (1/4)



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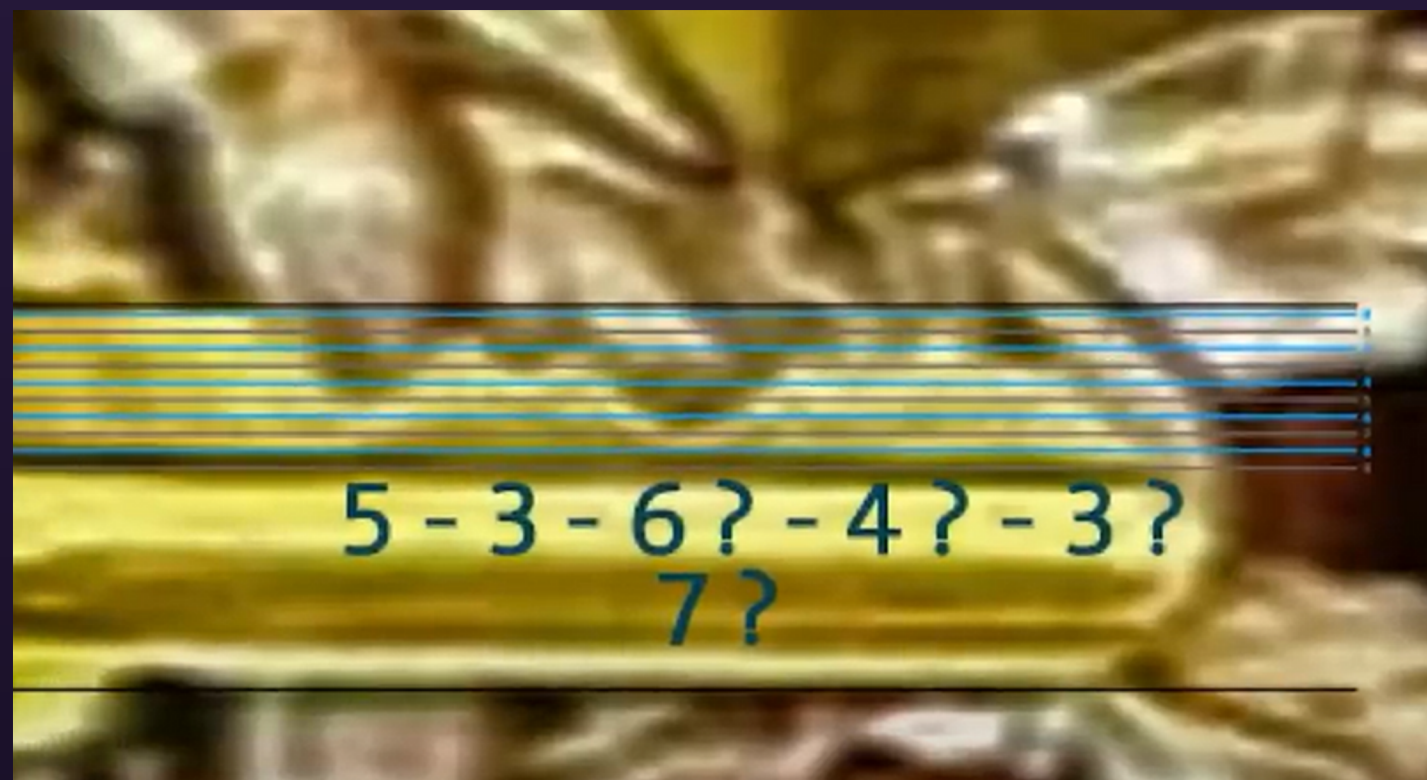
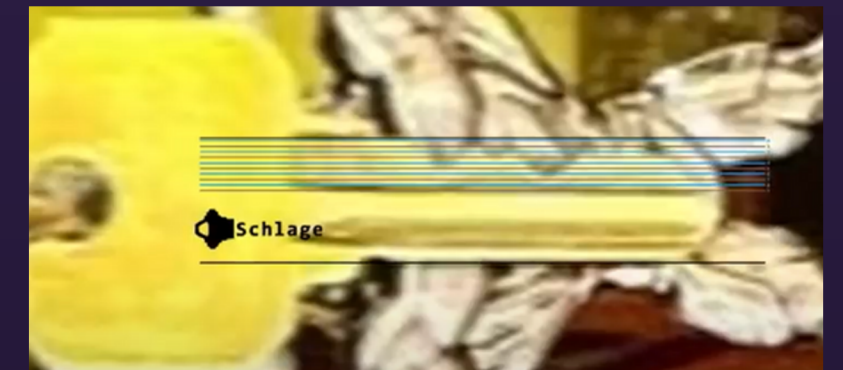
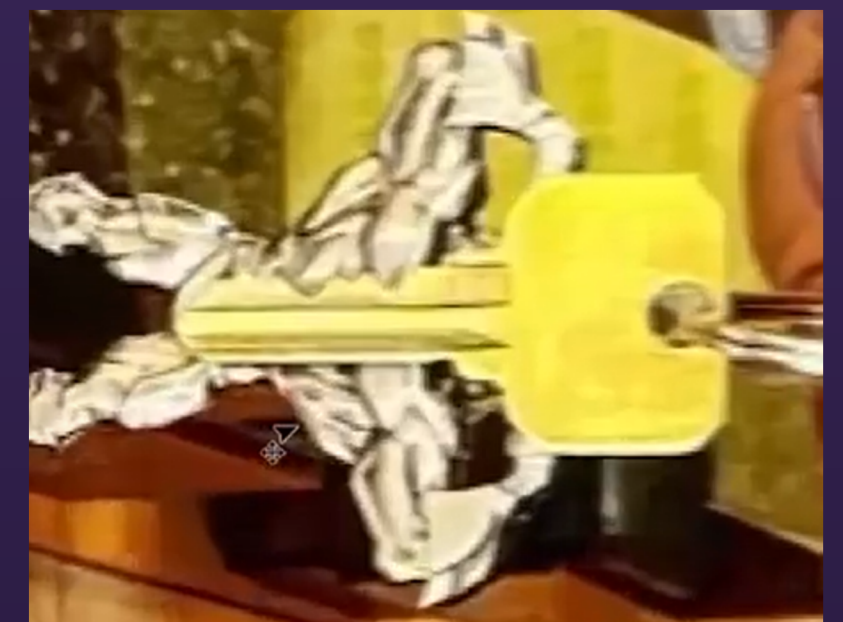
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T-Pain @TPAIN

Replying to @TeosGirlfriend6

Then what? You gonna take some cups and a chair? 😂 Thanks for the heads up tho. I just got the keys today. No way the locks are gonna be the same next week. Thanx tho

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TYPE
Schlage Classic

OUTLINE
5-pin

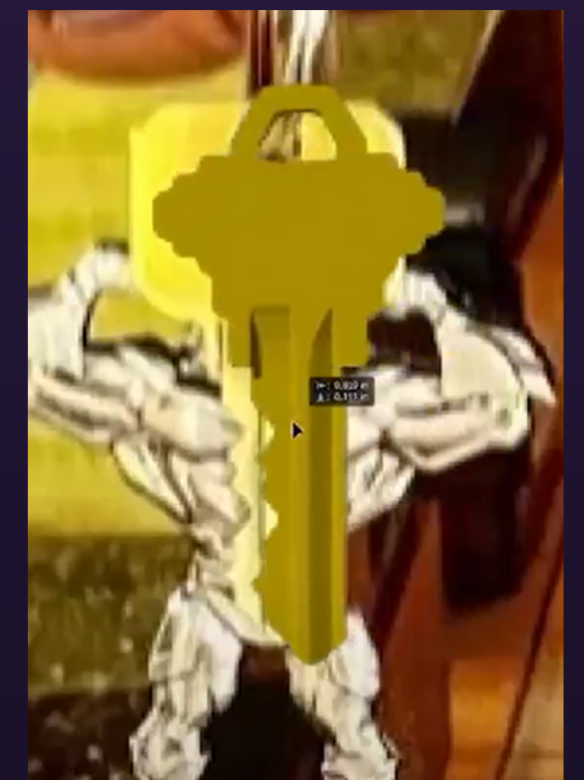
WARDING
C

Bitting is specified from bow to tip, 0-9, with 0 being the shallowest cut and 9 being the deepest. Example: 25363

BITTING
53633

GENERATE

Download STL



Canned Air, Interception, & Badge Cloning



Social Engineering

Impersonation

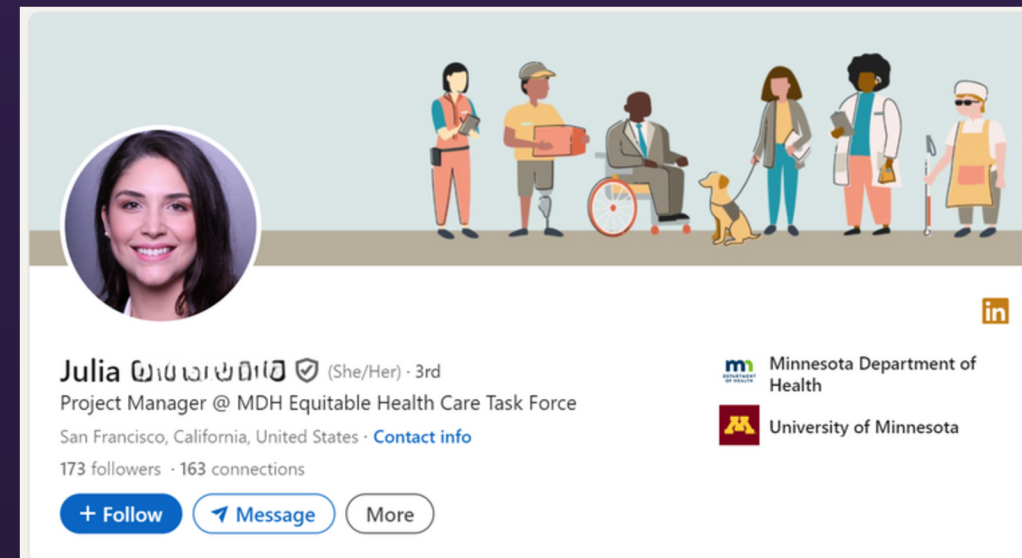
- Temporary Badge & Full Access
- Access to Restricted Areas & Material
- IT Support

DeepPhishing

- Deepfakes
- Voice Cloning
- AI Support

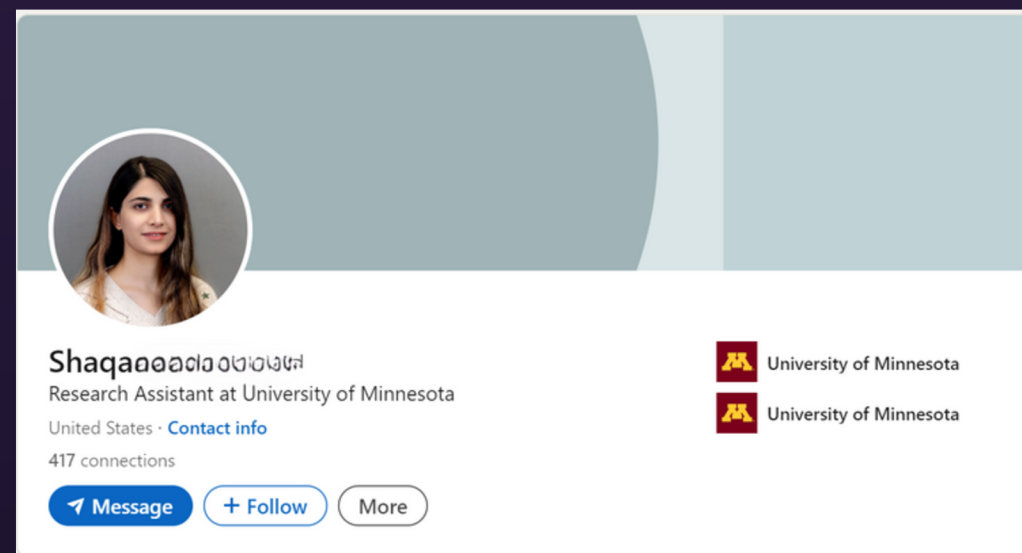
Pretexting

- Set Up Appointments
- Information Gathering
- Initial Access



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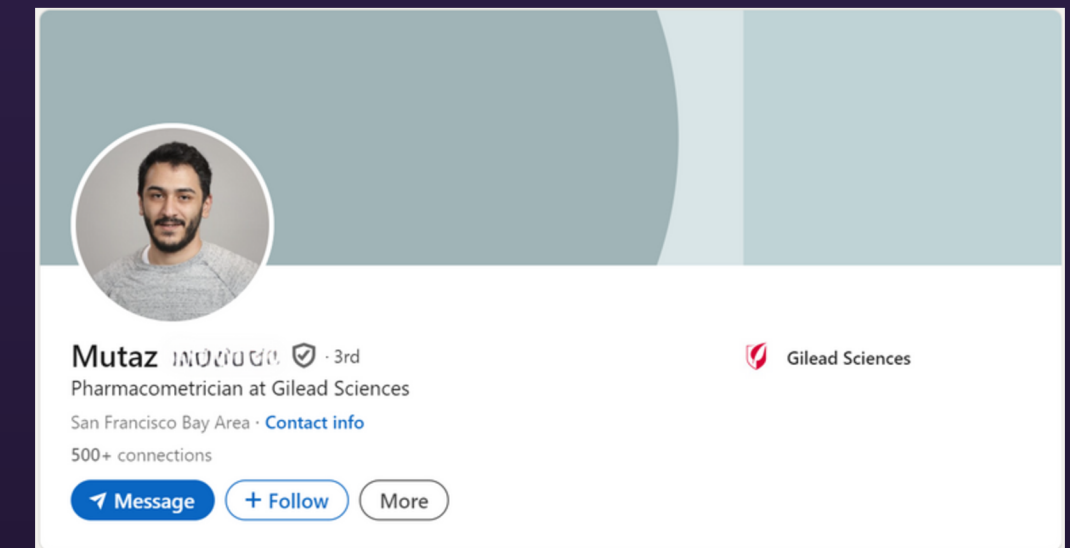
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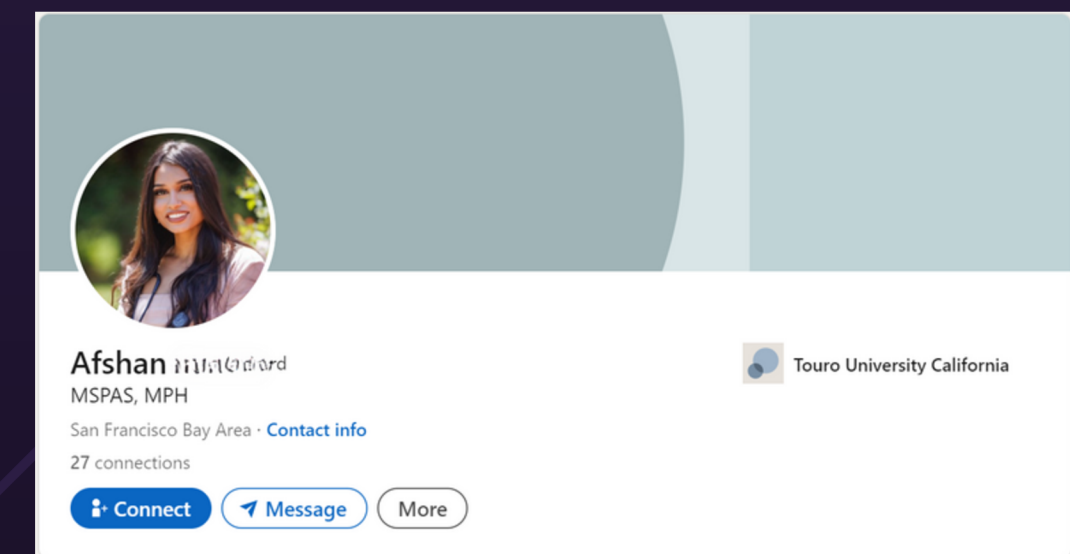
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STEP 3

THE PROFESSIONAL

RED TEAMER

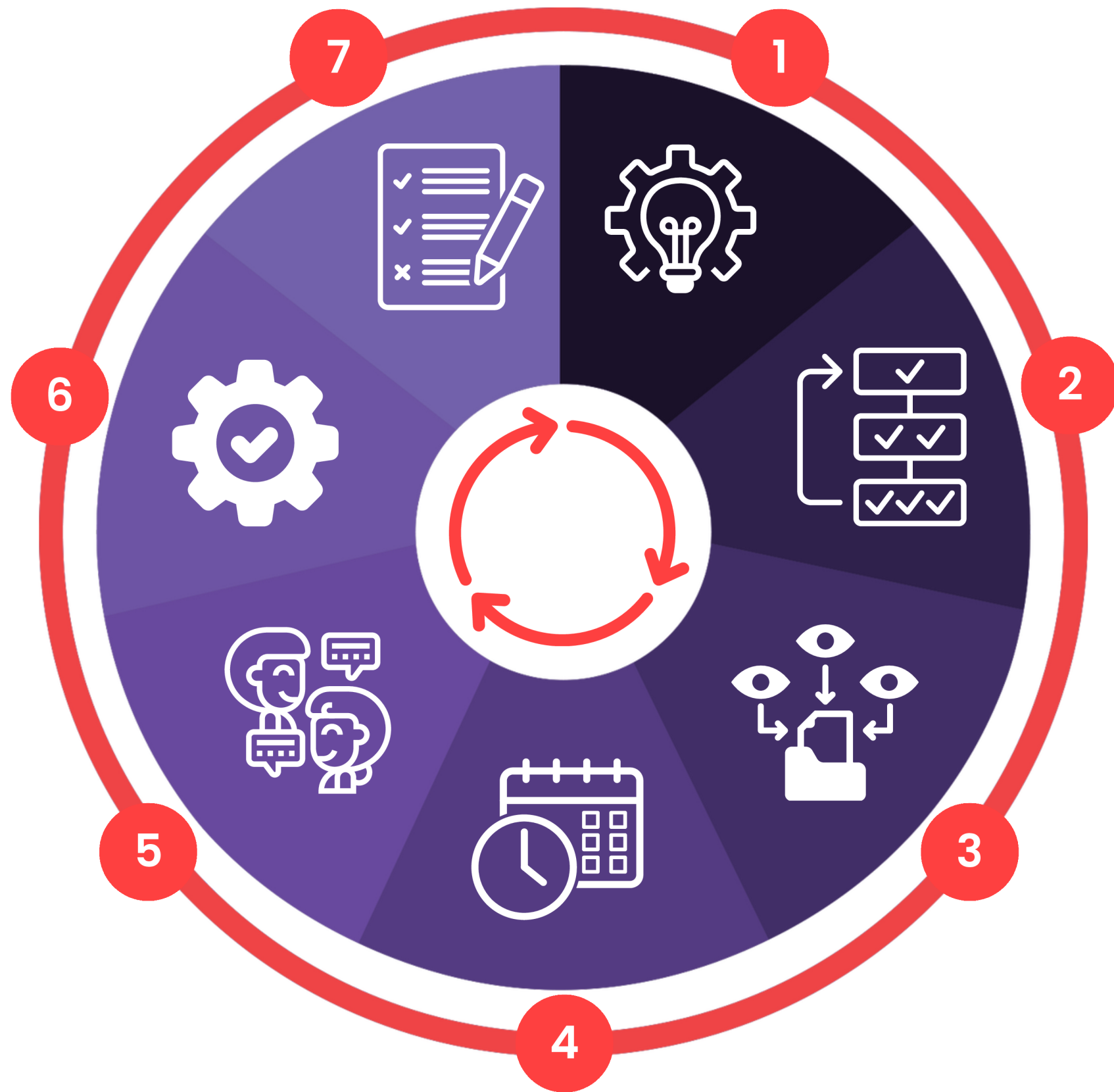


Case Study

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Radio Thefts,
Bugs,
and Foot Chases,
Oh My

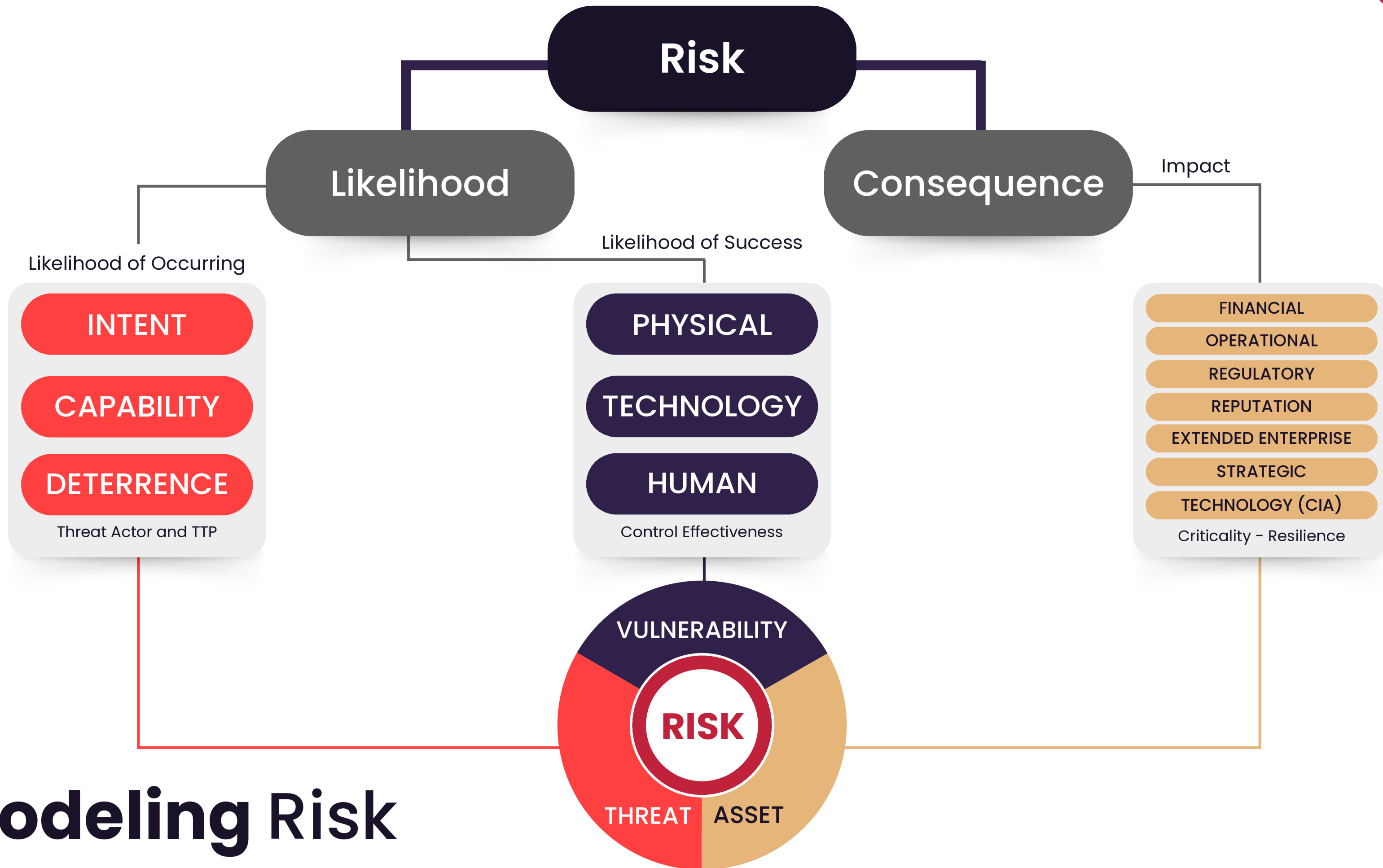
Red Team LifeCycle



- 1 IDEATION
- 2 PRIORITIZATION
- 3 INTEL GATHERING
- 4 PLANNING
- 5 REHEARSAL
- 6 EXECUTION
- 7 REPORTING

remediation if you are a narc

Modeling Risk





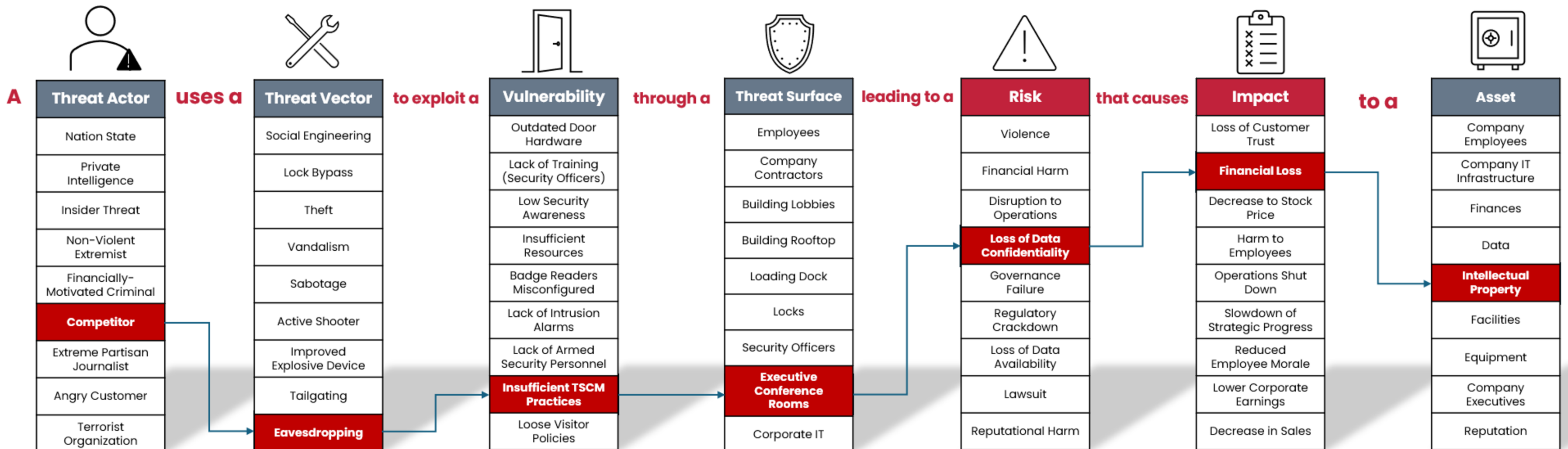
Physical Security Threat Modeling

Resource

Threat Modeling Overview

Basic Threat Modeling
Visualization:

- Standard
- Long



Selling the Red Team

Camera Above Desk



\$32M Truck Bomb



Bank Misconfiguration



Underwriters



Benefits of Testing Physical Security

1 **Breakdown Boundaries / Silos**

- Don't give the adversary an advantage


4 **Increased Collaboration between Physical / Cyber**

2 **Holistic View of Company's Security Risks**

5 **Better Assessments**

3 **Unassigned Areas of Responsibility**

- Fiber-tapping
- Vendor Onboarding
- Insider Threat



6 **Reduce Risk**

De-Risking

The goal of red teams is to reduce the risk to the organization, not to increase it. Ensure tests do not cause undue risk or disruption.

Categories or Risk:

EHS, Legal, Privacy, Compliance, GSOC, Tenant/Landlord, Firearms/Weapons, Other Risks

Key Question: Do you Notify Law Enforcement?

Authorization Confirmation:

If you get caught, how do they confirm you are authorized?

LoA, Phone Numbers, Internal Post/Page, Notification of LE

Laws: Review OpsPlan against local laws

STOPPOP: When is the operation done? What are the triggers for stopping early?

Common Pitfalls

DON'T:

Create vulnerabilities and leave them
(even if the client says it's ok)



Reach for your LoA in your back pocket
while a cop points an AR15 at you



Bring your Politics to Red Teaming



Commit Crimes (you're authorized, or
not)



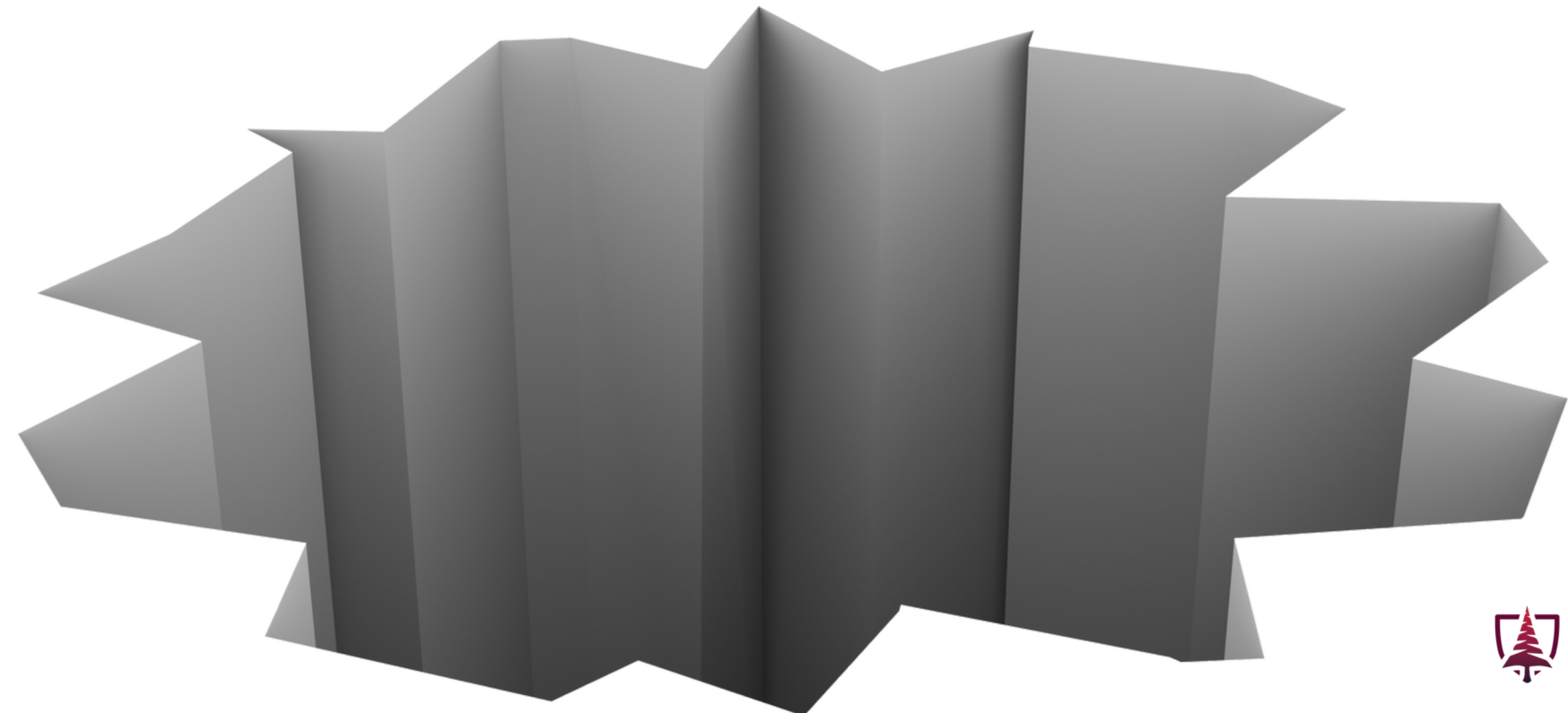
Steamroll



Brag (Afterward or outside of reporting
chain)



Use a fake Letter of Authorization (Get out
of Jail Free card)



Physical Red Teams

Gone Wrong

- Helicopter
- Long Guns
- Special Delivery
- Fire Alarms
- Steamroller
- Tel Aviv

Resource

▶ [Physical Red Team Lessons Learned](#)



Let's Get Physical

Seven Steps for Cyber Teams to Conduct Good Physical Assessments

TALK

Talk to the Physical Security Teams Early



UNDERSTAND

Understand their needs, strengths, known weaknesses, goals, etc.



SCOPE

Focus on objectives



DE-RISK

Get Authorization



COMMUNICATE

Before, during, and after with all parties



DEBRIEF

Show & Tell



FRAMING

Present, frame, and communicate your findings effectively. Know your audience. Technical terms don't work, pose it in terms of risk, threat model, and threat actors. They don't know what APTs are targeting your networks, so use the data you have to tell a compelling story.



Contribute to the Industry

Physical red teaming is immature as a profession

IF YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE:

Publish stories, write frameworks, give talks. ✓

Develop tools, Open Source Them. ✓

Learn about Physical Security:

Go to a conference, take a course, and translate it to Cybersecurity professionals. ✓

Take effective and mature aspects of the cybersecurity and try applying them to physical security. ✓

Resources

Locks & Leaks

locksandleaks.substack.com



Red Team Tools

www.redteamtools.com



Resources From This Talk

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