

# Cybersecurity and Cybercrime in the Digital Age

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# Evolving Threat Landscape

- **500k new malware** are created and spread every day
- **90% cyberattacks** begin with a phishing email
- **81% of breaches** involve weak or stolen passwords
- **87% of senior managers** admit to have accidentally leaked business data
- **99 days in average** from intrusion to detection
- **\$150M estimated** cost per breach **by 2020**
- **\$8 trillion** estimated cost of cybercrime to global economy **by 2022**
- **Emerge of AI and ML** is changing the game in cybersecurity

# THE LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION IS INCREASING

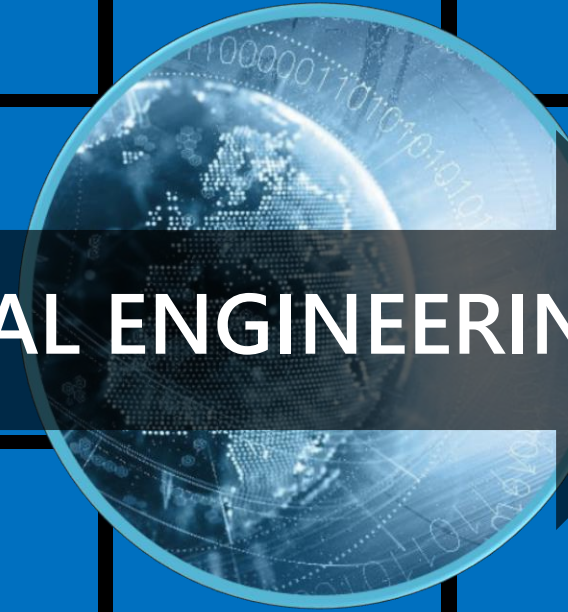
Hacking as a hobby



Hacking for financial gain



Nation-state attacks



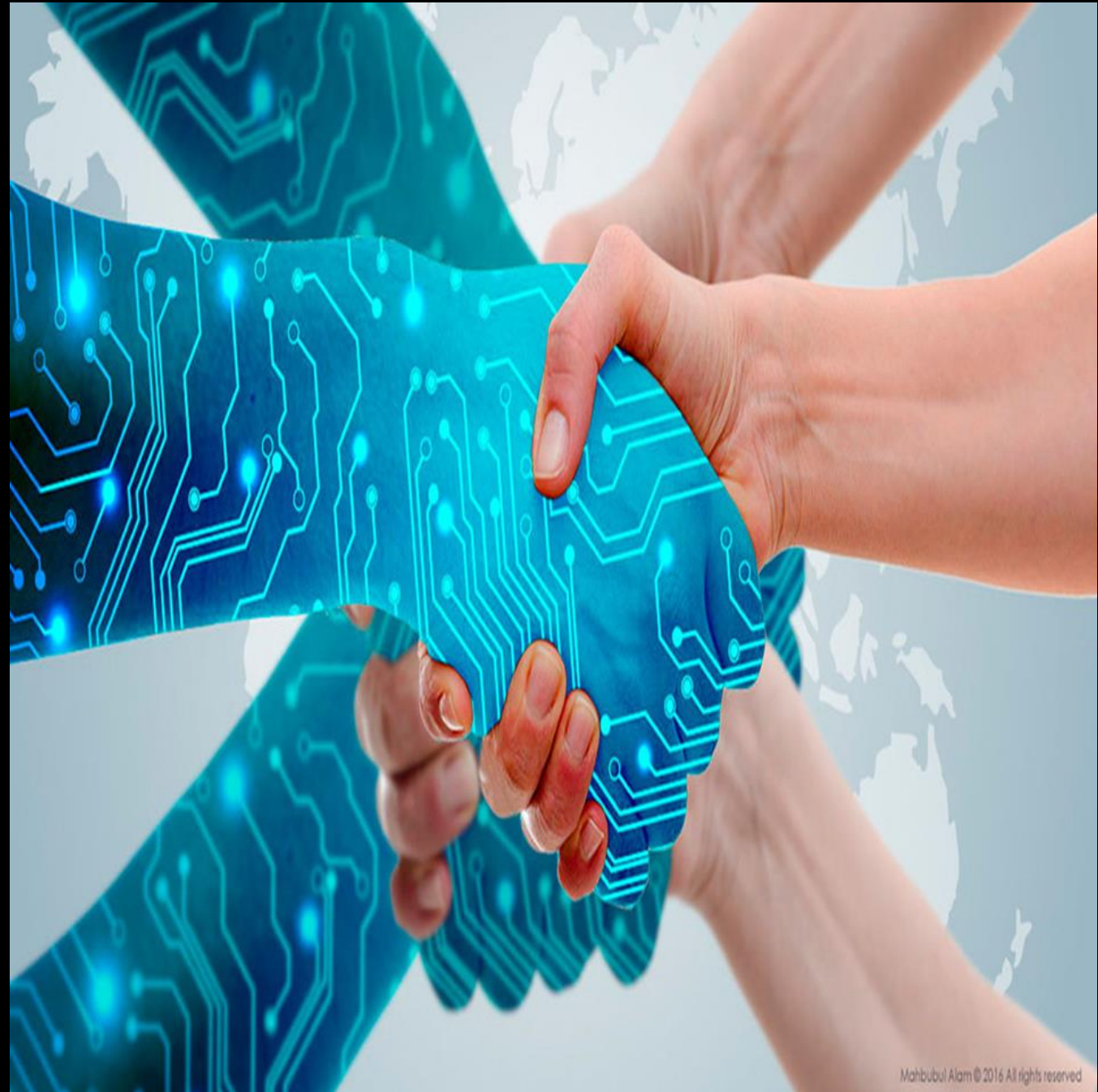
**SOCIAL ENGINEERING**

**"Security is an arms race,** and the security of machine learning and pattern recognition systems is not an exception"

-- Battista Biggio, University of Cagliari

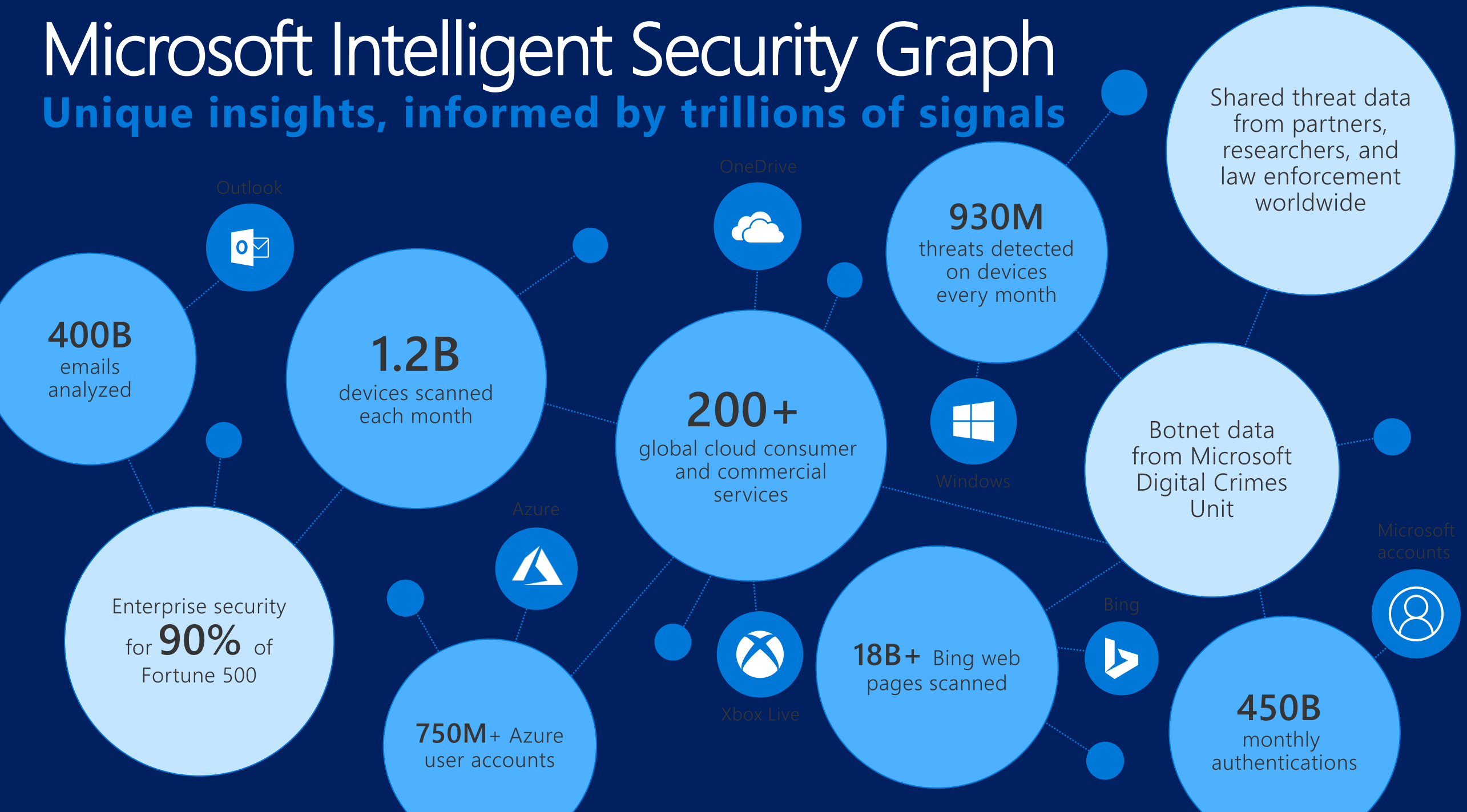


- Use of AI **requires effective methods to detect fraudulent behavior** and protect people from cyberattacks.
- At the same time, AI **plays an important role in developing new effective security methods**.



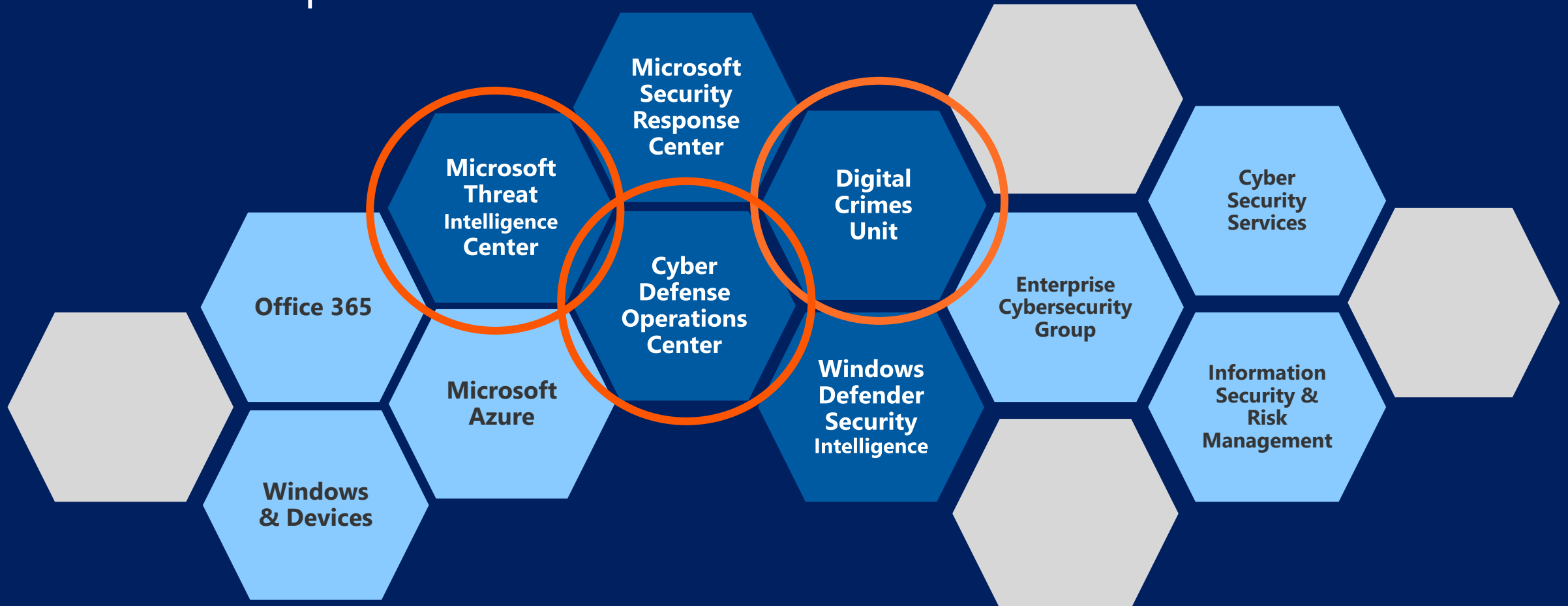
# Microsoft Intelligent Security Graph

Unique insights, informed by trillions of signals





# Working Together – **Coordinated** Response



# DCU Programs

Dedicated to enabling a safer digital world, the DCU focuses on five specific programs



Tech  
Support  
Fraud

The diagram consists of a horizontal row of five blue hexagons, each containing a program name. The hexagons are separated by small gaps. The first hexagon on the left is labeled 'Tech Support Fraud'. The second is 'Online Child Exploitation'. The third is 'Global Strategic Enforcement'. The fourth is 'Cloud Crime and Malware', which is highlighted by an orange circle. The fifth is 'Nation-State Actors'. There are also four light gray hexagons in the background, one at the top left, one at the top right, one at the bottom left, and one at the bottom right, creating a honeycomb-like pattern.

Online  
Child  
Exploitation

Global  
Strategic  
Enforcement

Cloud  
Crime and  
Malware

Nation-  
State  
Actors



The image shows a dark, modern interior with a large, illuminated sign that reads "Microsoft Cybercrime Center". Below the sign is a large, three-dimensional wooden map of the world. The sign is lit from below, creating a strong glow and casting shadows on the wall and the map.

# Microsoft Cybercrime Center

## Digital Crimes Unit

Leading the fight against cybercrime

Protecting people, organizations and our cloud through **global disruptions** and **enforcement actions** against cybercriminals

Investigations, forensics and analytics

Machine learning, AI and data visualization

Public and private partnerships

Creative legal strategies





# Botnet Takedowns and Malware Disruption Operations

## OPERATION Conficker

**Feb 2010**  
Microsoft-lead model of industry-wide efforts to counter the threat

Botnet Worm sending SPAM and attempting to steal confidential data and passwords

## OPERATION Waledac

**Feb 2010**  
First MS takedown operation, proving the model of industry-led efforts  
Disconnected 70,000-90,000 infected devices from the botnet

Botnet Worm sending SPAM

## OPERATION Rustock

**March 2011**  
Supported by stakeholders across industry sectors  
Involved US and Dutch law enforcement, and CN-CERT  
  
SPAM, in average 192 spam messages per compromised machine per minute

## OPERATION Kelihos

**Sep 2011**  
Partnership between Microsoft and security software vendors  
First operation with named defendant

SPAM, Bitcoin Mining, DDoS attacks

## OPERATION Zeus

**March 2012**  
Cross-sector partnership with financial services  
Focused on disruption because of technical complexity

Identity Theft / Financial Fraud

## OPERATION Nitol

**Sep 2012**  
Nitol was introduced in the supply chain relied on by Chinese consumers  
settled with operator of malicious domain

Malware Spreading, DDoS attacks

## OPERATION Bamital

**Feb 2013**  
Bamital hijacked people's search results, took victims to dangerous sites  
Takedown in collaboration with Symantec, proactive notification and cleanup process

Advertising Click Fraud

## OPERATION Citadel

**June 2013**  
Citadel committed online financial fraud responsible for more than \$500M in losses  
Coordinated disruption with public-private sector

Identity Theft / Financial Fraud

## OPERATION Sirefef

**Dec 2013**  
ZeroAccess hijacked search results, taking victims to dangerous sites  
It cost online advertisers upwards of \$2.7 million each month

Advertising Click Fraud

## OPERATION Game over Zeus

**June 2014**  
GameoverZeus (GOZ) was a banking Trojan

Worked in partnership with LE providing Technical Remediation

Identity Theft / Financial Fraud

## OPERATION Bladabindi & Jenxus

**June 2014**  
Malware using Dynamic DNS for command. It involved password and identity theft, webcam, etc.  
Over 200 different types of malware impacted.

Identity Theft / Financial Fraud / Privacy Invasion

## OPERATION Caphaw

**July 2014**  
Caphaw was focused on online financial fraud responsible for more than \$250M in losses  
  
Coordinated disruption with public-private sector

Identity Theft / Financial Fraud

## OPERATION Ramnit

**Feb 2015**  
Malware stealing credential information from banking websites. Configured to hide itself.

Credential Information Theft/Disabling Security Defenses

## OPERATION Simda

**April 2015**  
Theft of personal information, including banking passwords, as well as installing and spreading other malicious malware.

Theft personal data/Install and spread other malware

## OPERATION Dorkbot

**December 2015**  
Used for Cybercriminal activities such as credential harvesting for financial fraud  
DDoS attacks and the downloading of malicious payloads.

Financial Fraud, DDoS Attacks

## OPERATION Avalanche

**November 2017**  
Int'l criminal syndicate involved in phishing attacks, online bank fraud, and ransomware. Also refers to the network of systems used to carry out the activity.  
Initial takedown global law enforcement occurred on 30 November 2016.

Criminal Syndicate

## OPERATION Gamarue

**November 2017**  
Sold as a Crime kit, AKA Andromeda bot, first seen in Apr 2012. Distributed at least 80 different malware families.  
Disruption started Dec 2015 involving Windows Defender team, DCU and partnered with ESET, global LE agencies, and private industry partners.

Malware Spreading Botnet

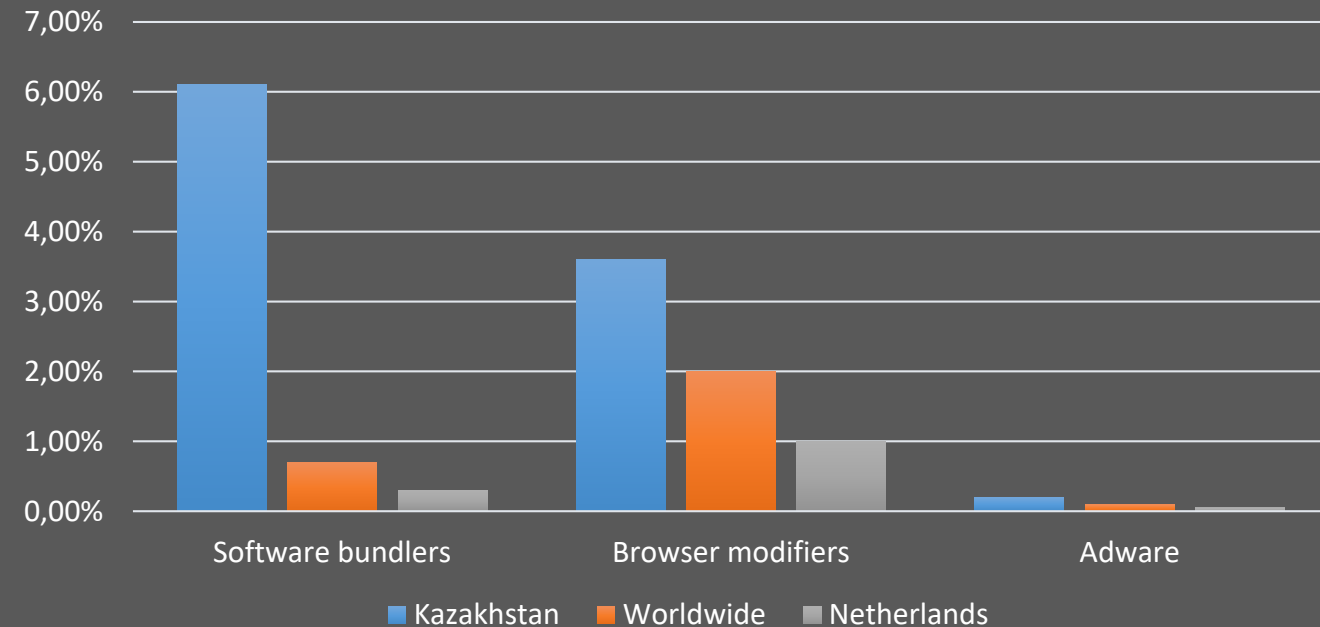
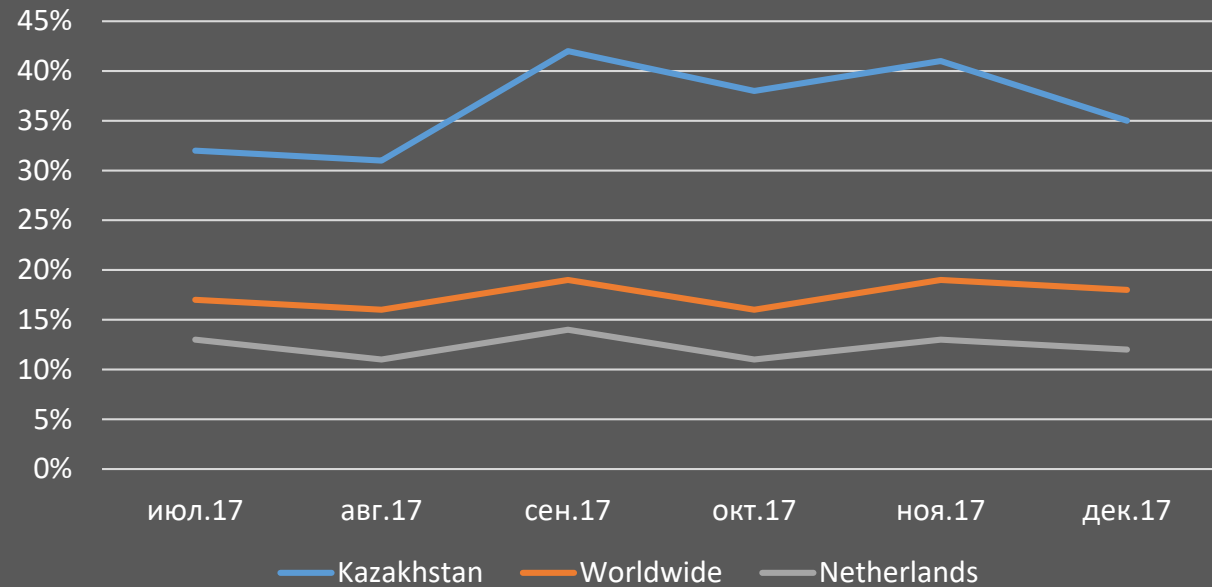


Threats 30 - Days

- Avalanche
- B106
- Bamital
- Caphaw
- Citadel
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- Dorkbot
- Gamarue
- Gameover Zeus
- Ramnit
- Simda
- Sirefef
- Waledac
- Zbot



# Malware and NG soft rate trends in **Kazakhstan** & **Netherlands**



# Challenges to Kazakh companies & startups in building digital economy and adopting AI

Cybersecurity risks

Unclarity and misinterpretation of data protection regulations

Data localization policy („Digitization law“)



# Digital Policy Recommendations

Strengthen collaboration between Government and IT Industry to combat NG software and improve cybersecurity with reasonable and affordable cost – hybrid model recommended

Create a working group between Government, Business & IT Industry to identify and amend data management policies (build on EU example)

Develop Government guidelines on the use of Cloud with appropriate security safeguards to accelerate Digital Kazakhstan and Artificial Intelligence development and adoption



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