



# DATA SCIENCE OR BLACK MAGIC – CYBERSECURITY THREATS IN CANADA

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## **.CA**

**2.7 million** .CA domains  
with 100% uptime.

## **Cybersecurity Services**

**100,000** new cybersecurity threats  
blocked daily by D-Zone Firewall.

## **Registry Services**

Robust top-level domain  
products and services.

### **We support initiatives that enhance Canadians' Internet experience:**



#### **Global Internet Leadership**

- Support internet governance and standards through global organizations such as ICANN and CENTR



#### **Canadian Initiatives**

- **11** Internet Exchange Points nation-wide
- **280,000+** internet performance tests conducted last year



#### **Community Initiatives**

- More than **\$4.2 million** in grants to **102** projects through our Community Investment Program

# ~~BOTNETS, DATA BREACHES, DDOS,~~ ~~RANSOMWARE,~~ BITCOIN MINING IS THE NEW BLACK\*

Low cost + easy money = perfect storm

## **What everyone is seeing**

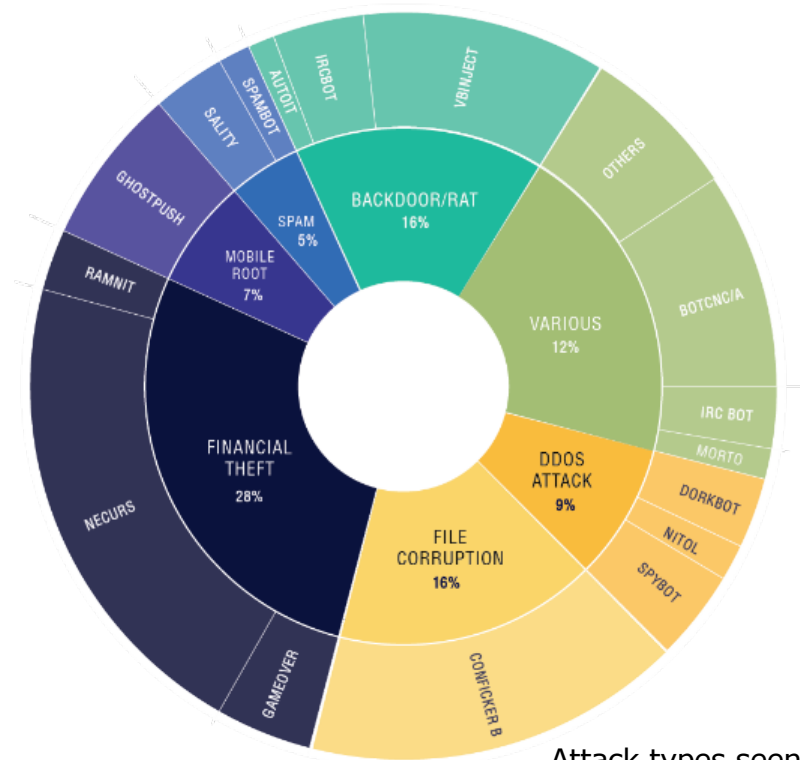
- ✓ Ransomware like Locky, CryptXXX, Cerber, Ghost Push, SAMSAM, Spora, Wannadie, SurLocker (the list goes on and on) provide “professional” tools for hackers...and attacks have grown 752%
- ✓ Tools like Locky and Goldeneye are estimated to have raked-in \$1 billion in 2017

## **What CIRA saw**

- ✓ Botnets are on the rise with malicious queries across our global network reaching 101 million daily queries in Spring 2017<sup>1</sup>

1 Nomimum data science Q3 2017 security report

# THEFT IS A TOP MOTIVATOR BUT THE REST OF THE "THREAT PIE" IS GROWING TOO



Attack types seen





# CANADIAN PERSPECTIVE

- Cybersecurity costs us an estimated \$2 billion
- Failed cybersecurity results in lost productivity
- Failed cybersecurity has out of pocket costs



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## Canadian firm pays \$425,000 to recover from ransomware attack



**Howard Solomon** @howarditwc  
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A major Canadian company was forced to pay \$425,000 in Bitcoin over the weekend to restore its computer systems after suffering a crippling ransomware attack that not only encrypted its production databases but also the backups as well.

"They literally had no choice but to pay" because the backups were frozen, said



# CYBERSECURITY INTERNET STATISTICS

## Q3 2017 DDoS Attacks Key Facts

- Gaming top targeted industry
- Top target – 612 attacks (avg 7 / per day)

## Compared to Q3 2016 (Yr Over Yr)

**3%↓** Total DDoS attacks

**2%↓** Infrastructure layer (3 & 4) attacks

**2%↓** Reflection-based attacks

**20%↑** Average number of attacks per target

## Compared to Q2 2017 (Qtr Over Qtr)

**8%↑** Total DDoS attacks

**8%↑** Infrastructure layer (3 & 4) attacks

**4%↑** Reflection-based attacks

**13%↑** Average number of attacks per target

## Q3 2017 Web Application Attacks Key Facts

- SQLi & LFI attacks – 85% of web app attacks
- USA top target **AND** sourced country

## Compared to Q3 2016 (Yr Over Yr)

**69%↑** Total web application attacks

**217%↑** Attacks sourcing from the U.S.

**62%↑** SQLi attacks

## Compared to Q2 2017 (Qtr Over Qtr)

**30%↑** Total web application attacks

**48%↑** Attacks sourcing from the U.S.

**19%↑** SQLi attacks

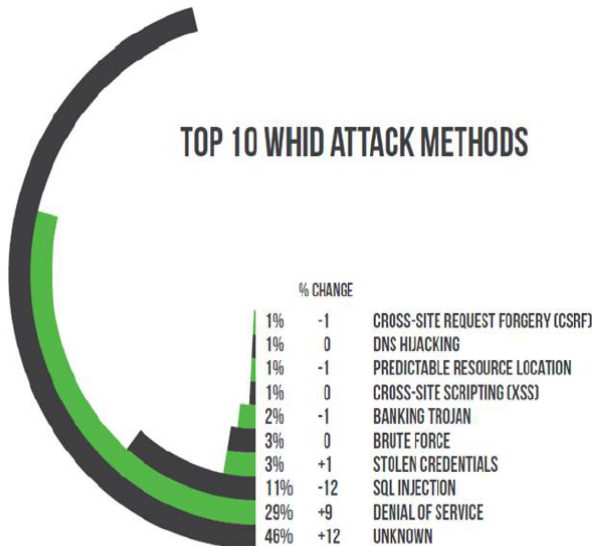
# ATTACKS ARE HAPPENING EVERYWHERE

Attacks are sophisticated and varied...

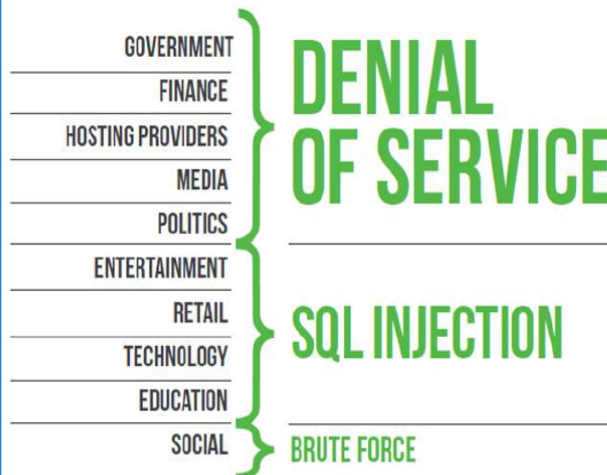
...industry agnostic...

...and easier to organize, command and control

## TOP 10 WHID ATTACK METHODS



## TOP WEB ATTACK METHOD BY VERTICAL MARKET



Source: Trustwave 2013 Global Security Report

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Layers 3-5, Layer 7, DNS, Direct-to-Origin, Large, Small & Stealthy



# HOME OFFICE WORKERS: BYOD AND SHADOW IT

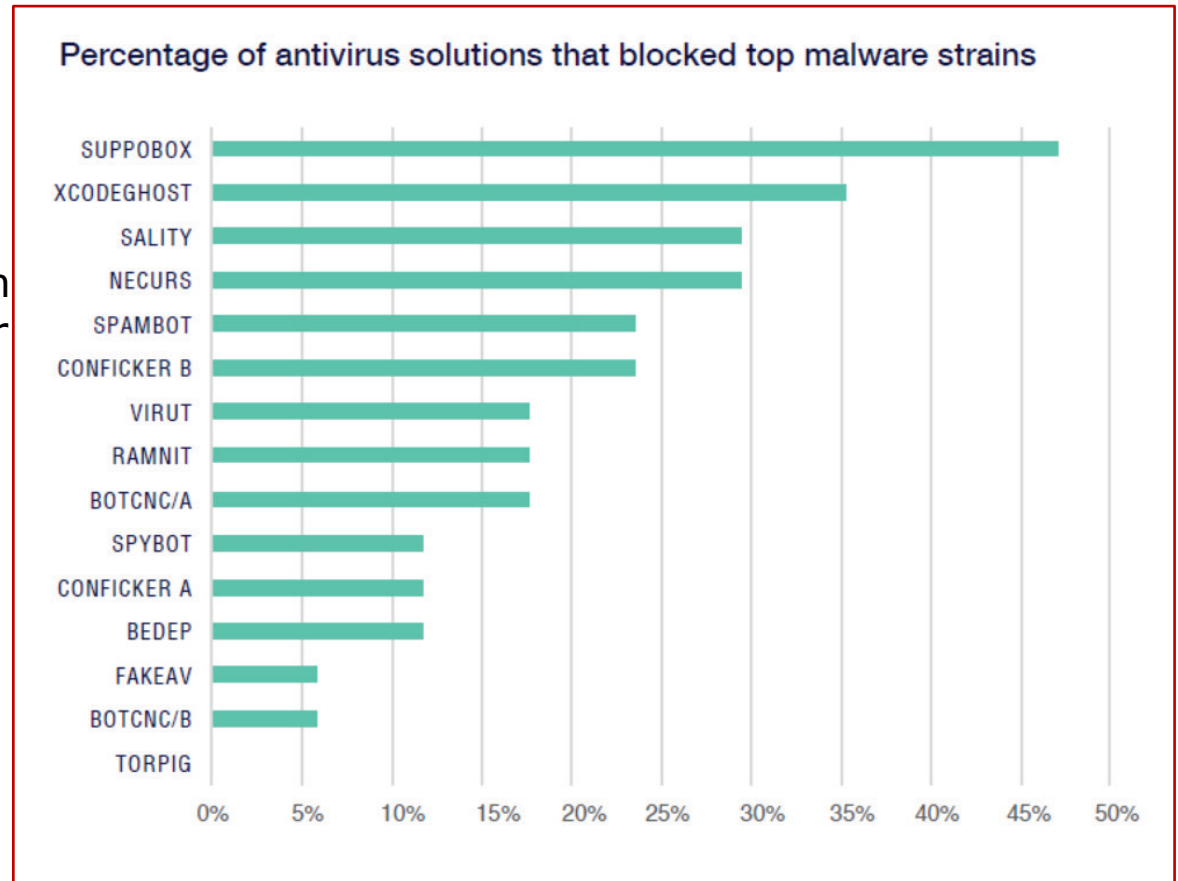
- Telecommuting is offered by **59%** of companies\*
- Full time telecommuting up by 20 percent
- **72%** of organizations offer at least some BYOD\*\*
- Home users install all kinds of things on their home networks, part of the shadow IT dilemma

“As a good Canadian  
dresses in layers...  
...so too needs to be  
their cybersecurity”



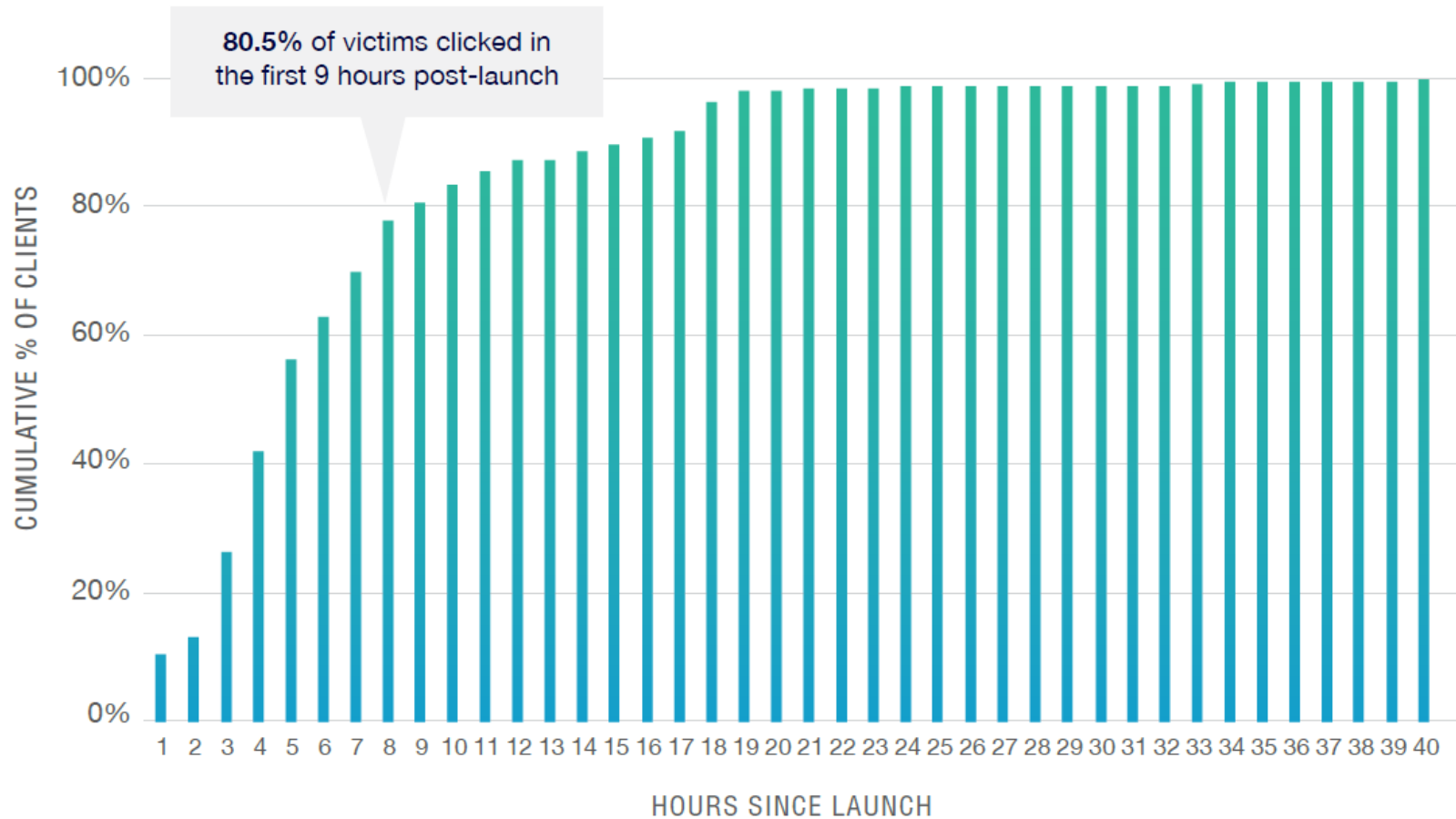
# DEFENCE IN DEPTH

- Every security tool responds differently to threats
- During a zero-day situation there is a global fog-of-war
- Having multiple defensive layers is a recommended best practice to protect your organization



Think antivirus is good enough? We analyzed top solutions to see how effective they were at blocking malware

# SPEED SAVES



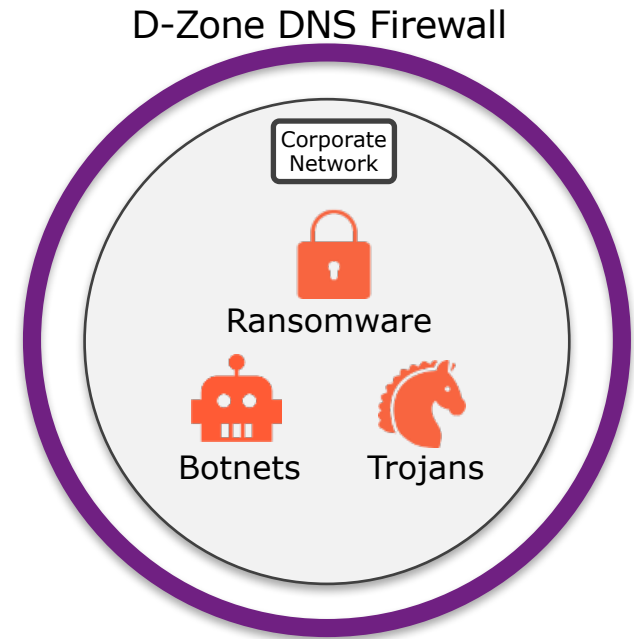
"Being able to block new threats as they come in has reduced our impacted user rate by 80 - 90%"

– Trent University



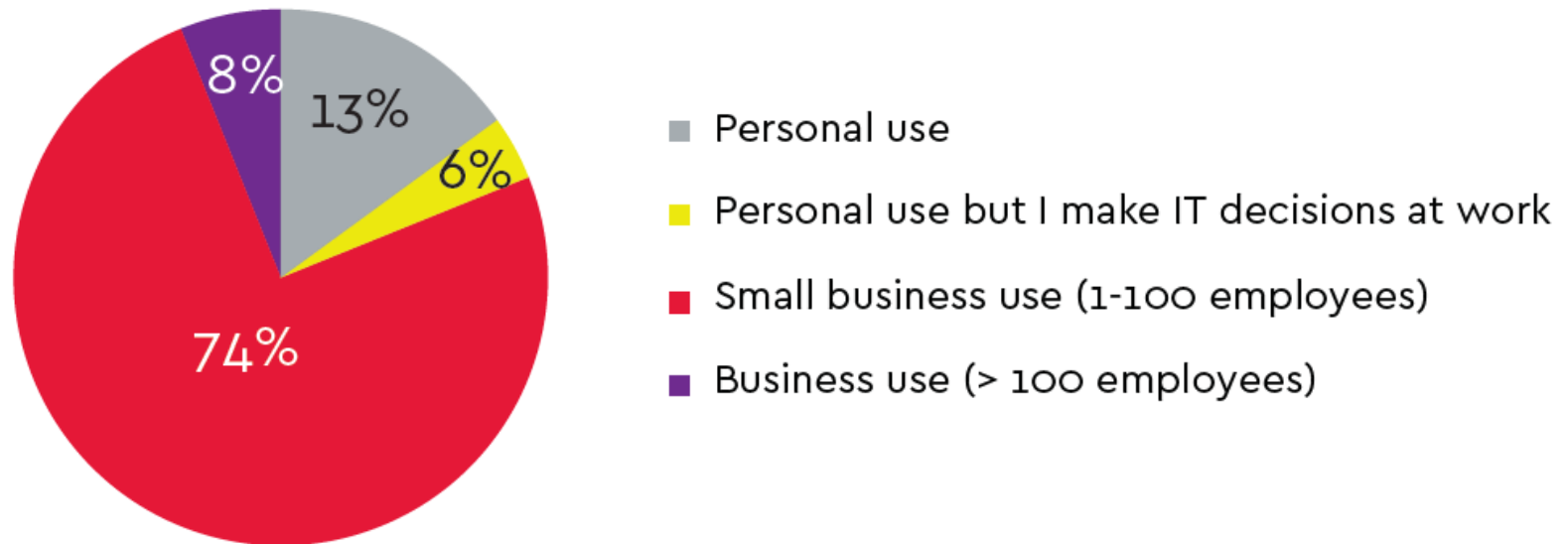
# THE THREAT IS ALREADY INSIDE

- 100% of organizations that have deployed D-Zone DNS Firewall already had undetected malware and botnets on their network – some very serious like key-loggers
- D-Zone picked-up the malware as it tried to call home to the host server

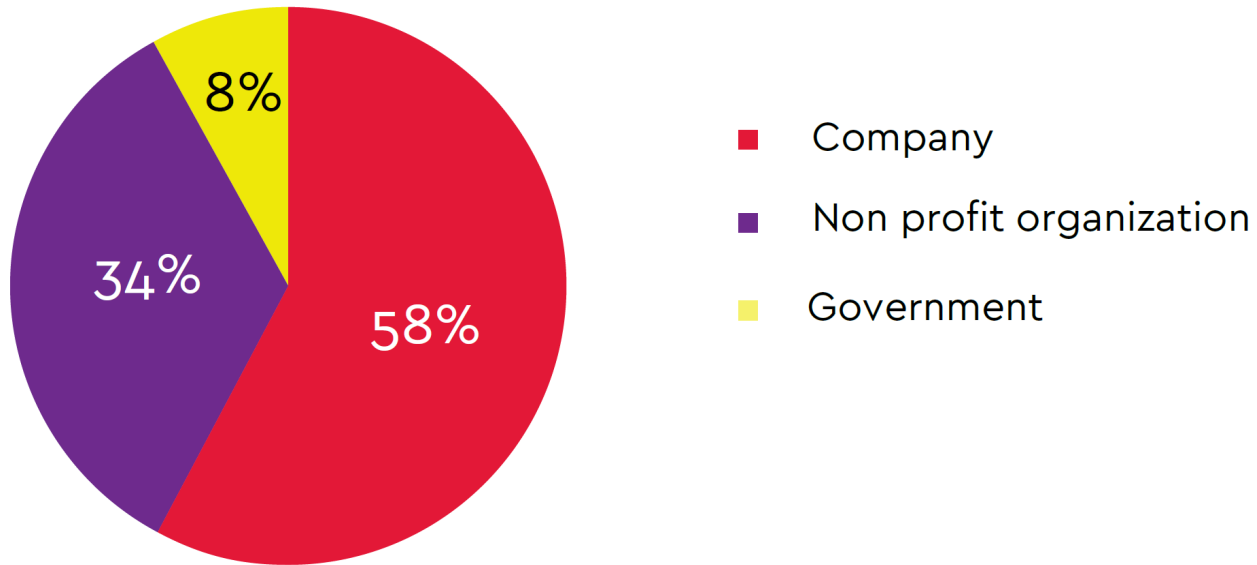


# CIRA CYBERSECURITY SURVEY - RESPONDENT BREAKDOWN

We asked questions relevant to the circumstances of the respondents



# ORGANIZATIONAL TYPES RESPONDING





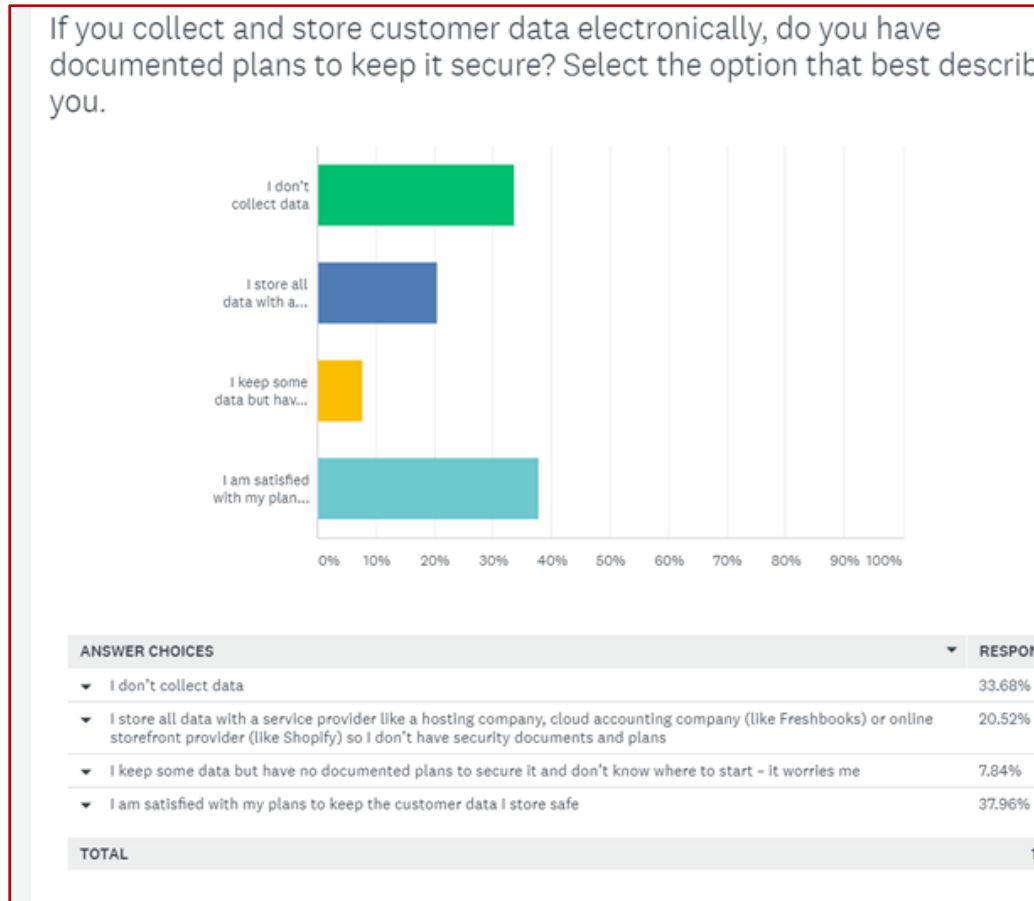
## SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Awareness of threats is high
- ✓ Concern about threats is high
- ✓ Cyber-attacks are having a real impact
- ✓ Most individuals are living on a hope and prayer
- ✓ Organizations are using several cybersecurity solutions
- ✓ The bad guys are still getting in



# DATA CONCERN

Some organizations don't appear to have a concern about customer data – will new PIPEDA\* rules change this?



\*The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) - amendments related to **mandatory reporting** have been passed in the Digital Privacy Act, 2015. These amendments may come into effect sometime this year or next. GDPR in Europe already has this.

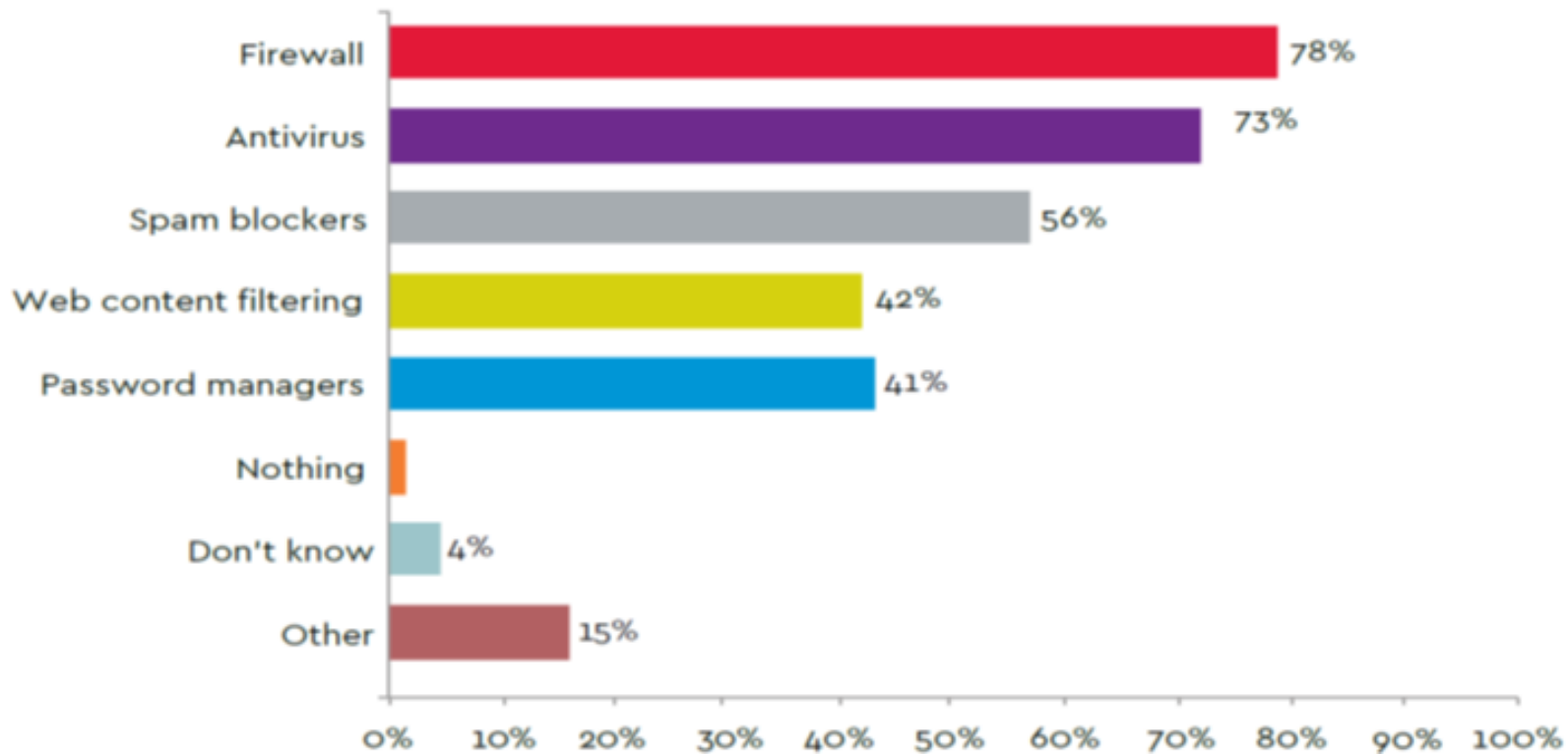
## WHAT WE KNOW

**79%** of companies collect data from individuals.

**21%** of users trust companies with their data

- BSI Group

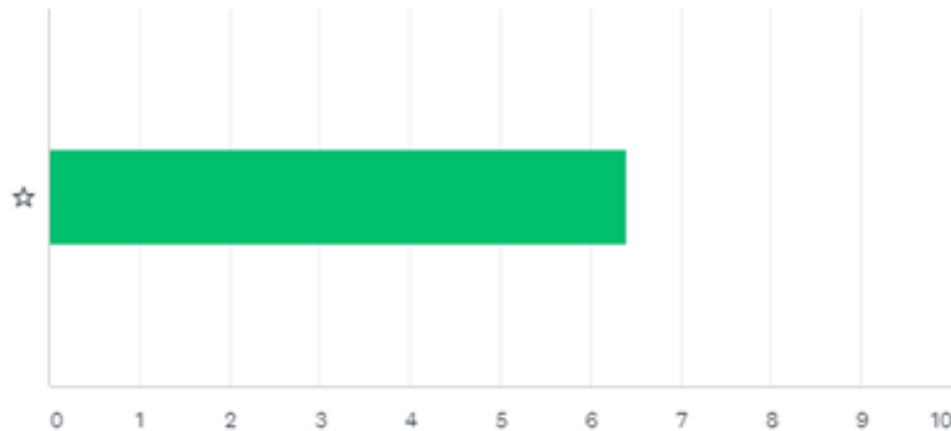
# LARGER ORGANIZATIONAL LAYERS



- Larger organizations report 2X more problems
- With money to invest in application and data-layer security it is no surprise that the #1 reported layer is endpoint security (i.e. stopping humans from messing-up)

# CONFIDENCE IN PLATFORMS VS. MALWARE

How confident are you in your security tools to protect you from malware and phishing?

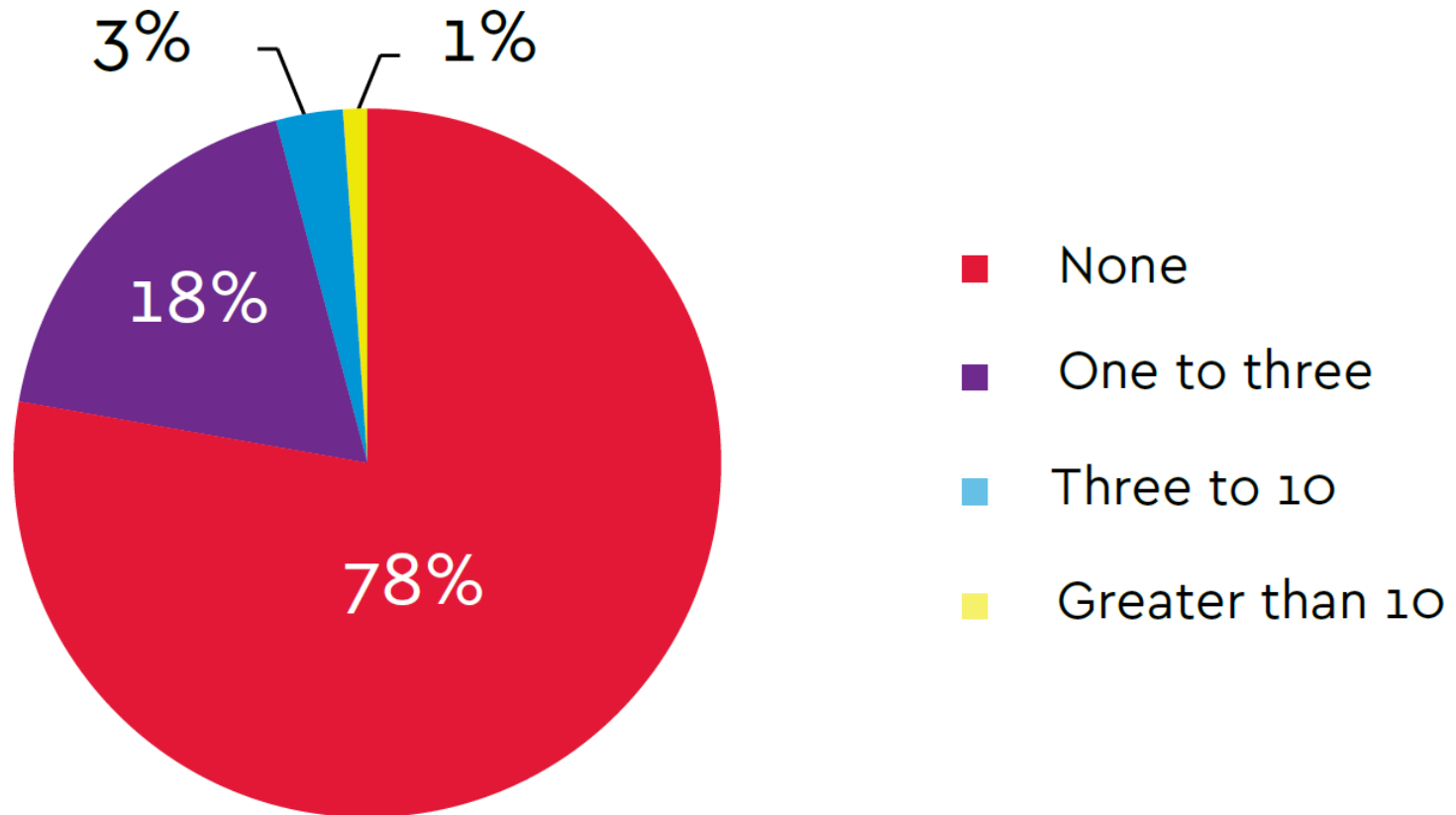


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☆	3.96% 8	1.49% 3	4.95% 10	5.94% 12	20.30% 41	10.89% 22	16.83% 34	18.32% 37	8.91% 18	8.42% 17

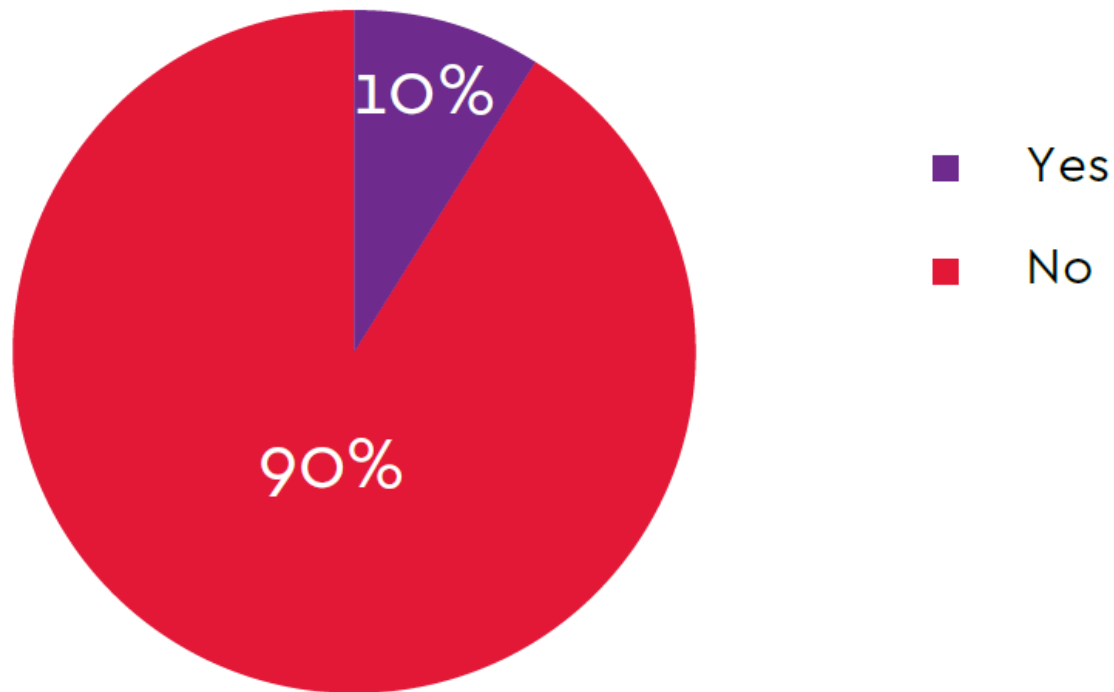


# DDOS ATTACKS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

22% of organizations experienced a user-impacting DDoS attack



10% OF ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HAD THEIR  
ONLINE PRESENCE BROUGHT DOWN IN THE  
LAST 24 MONTHS

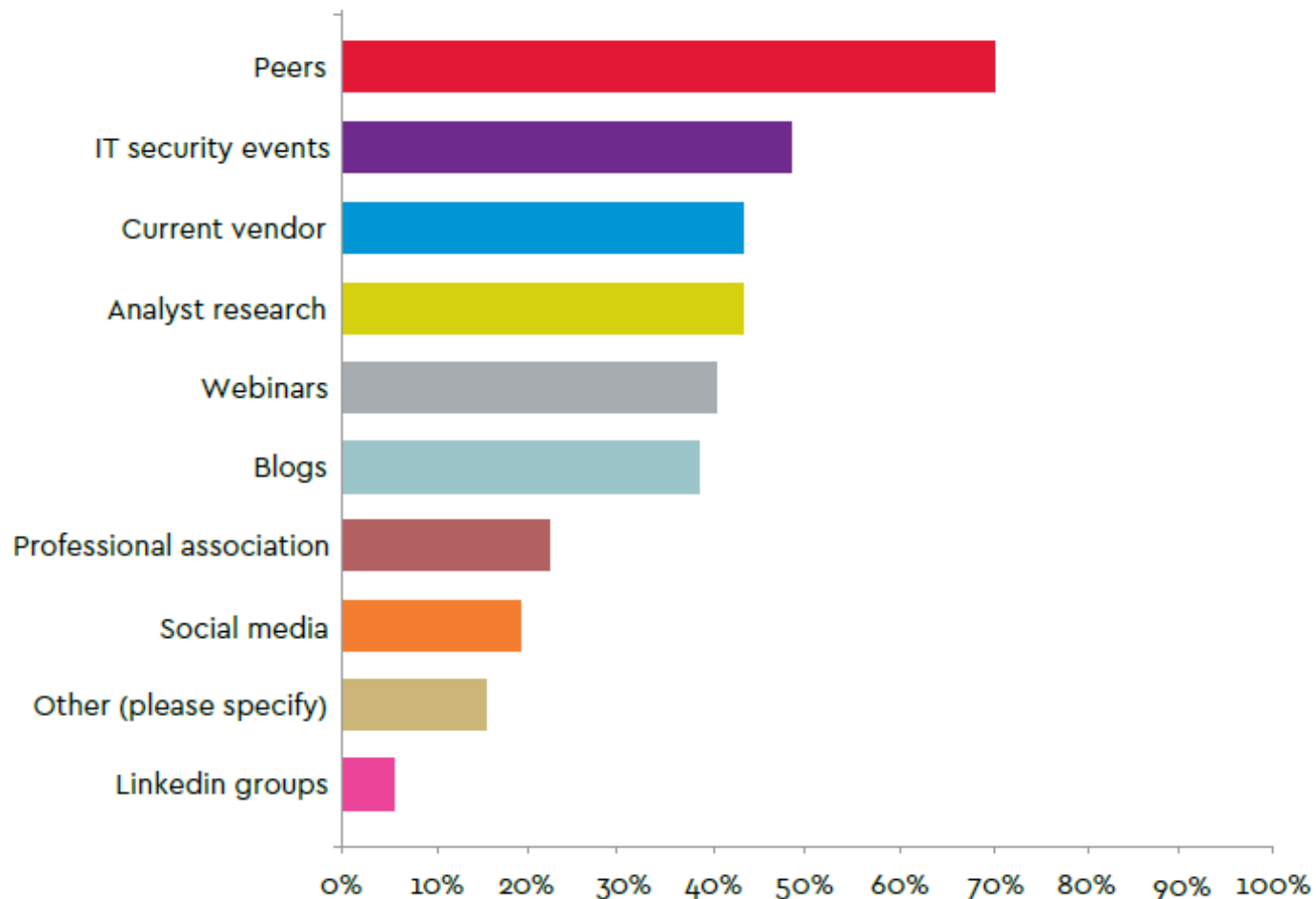




32% OF ORGANIZATIONS  
REPORT AN EMPLOYEE  
GAVE AWAY INFORMATION  
IN A PHISHING ATTACKB

# WHERE DO IT PEOPLE REPORT GOING TO LEARN

Where do organizations with >100 employees go to get the information IT security services? (Select your top 3)







It is getting late, so let's wrap this up



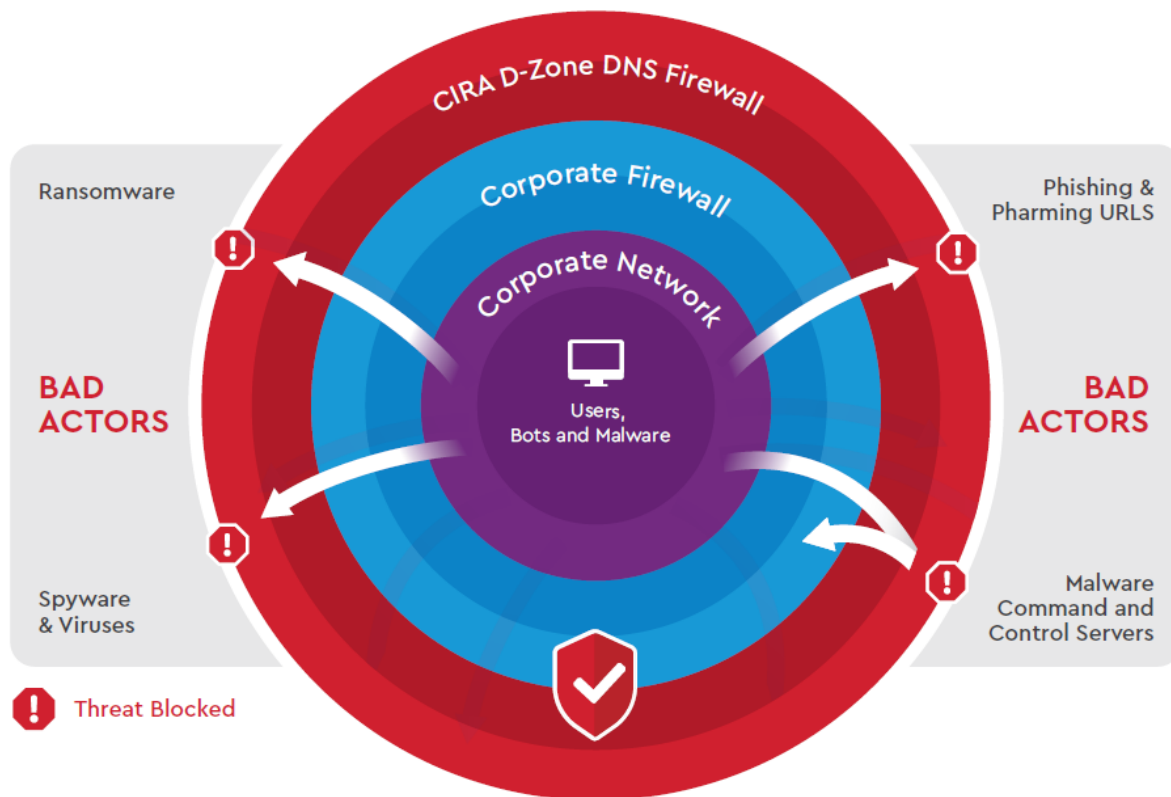


# SUMMARY

We aren't winning and it is costing us a lot of resources

- Organizations are investing a lot in security
- The bad guys are still getting in. Organizations report:
  - 19% report successful ransomware attacks
  - 22% report successful DDoS attacks
  - 32% report successful phishing attacks

# AND NOW A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPONSOR



## Detect

Real time and historical analysis of global DNS data to detect security threats

## Feed

Policy enabled recursive DNS servers are updated with real-time threat feeds

## Enforce

Servers examine DNS transactions and block domain and IP security threats and filtered sites and categories

## Report

Malicious activity is identified and reported

## Mitigate

Locate and quarantine infected devices

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

## IT WORLD CANADA

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### Canadian IXPs join secure routing initiative to close Internet loopholes



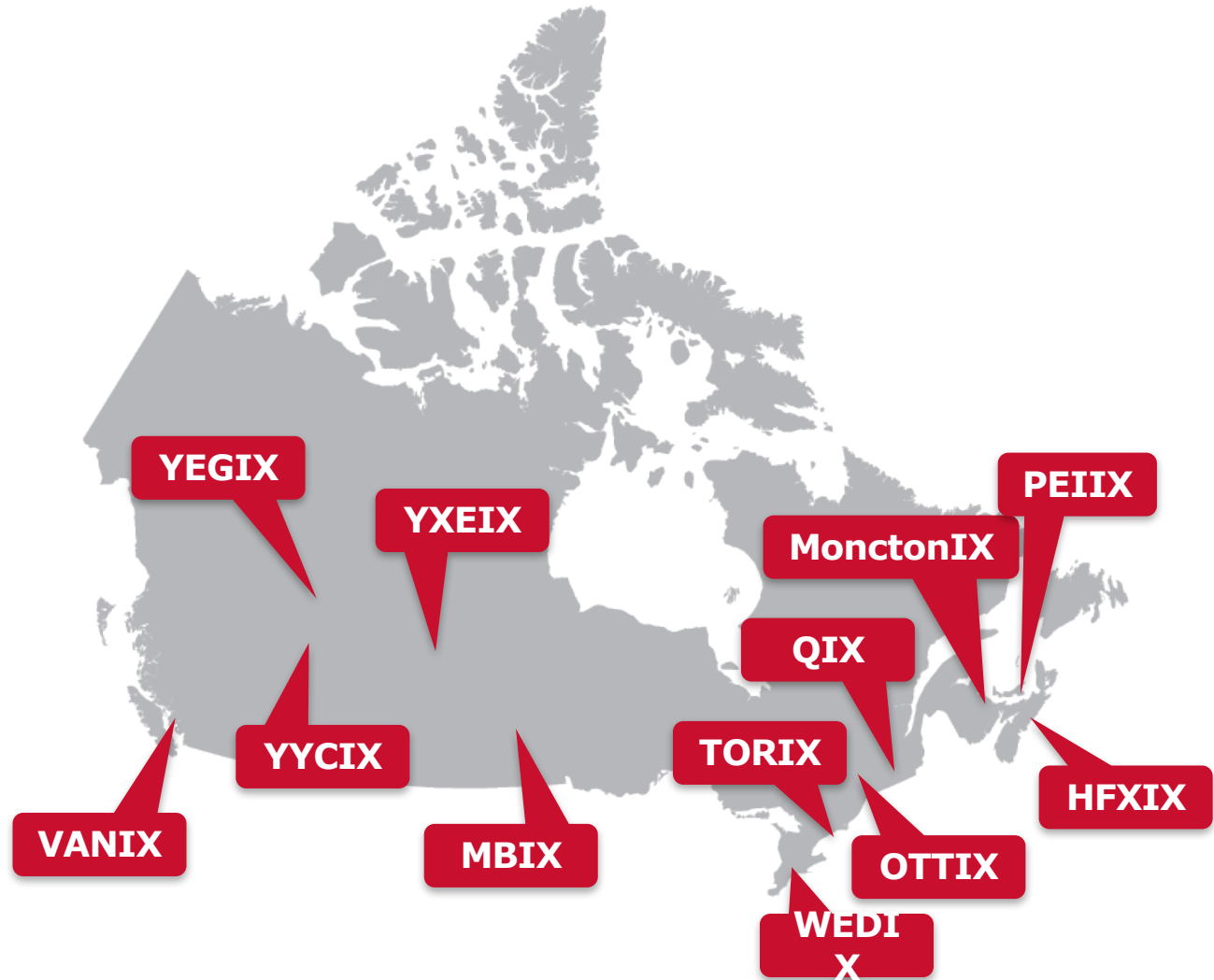
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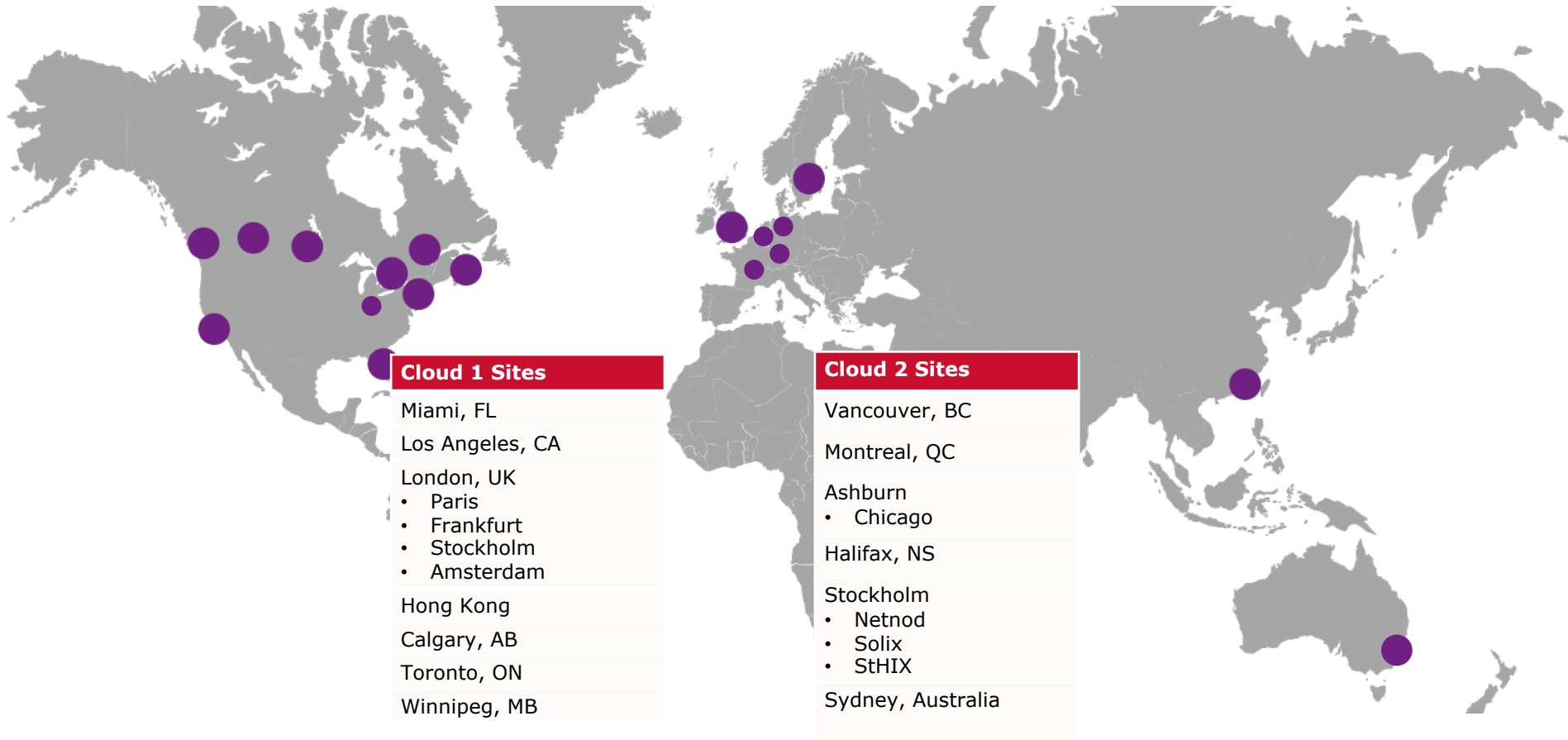
# CIRA HELPS BRING THE INTERNET TO CANADA

Helping  
support a  
cross-country  
network of  
Internet  
Exchange  
Points

- ✓ Faster
- ✓ More Reliable
- ✓ Sovereign



# A GLOBAL DNS SERVICE FOR CANADA





## D-ZONE DNS FIREWALL KEY BENEFITS

A cloud-based firewall that uses the DNS to block malware

- ✓ Blocks users from clicking on nefarious urls
- ✓ Blocks malware that gets on your network from calling out to its command and control servers
- ✓ Located in Canadian data centers for performance and data sovereignty
- ✓ Unique data science adds over 100,000 new malicious domains every single day





Questions?

