



L'evoluzione degli attacchi DDoS

Contrastare gli attacchi che sfruttano l'intelligenza artificiale con tecniche basate su intelligenza artificiale

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14.6M
RPS

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Attack Background

6-day-long attack campaign

100 hours, 4.5M RPS avg

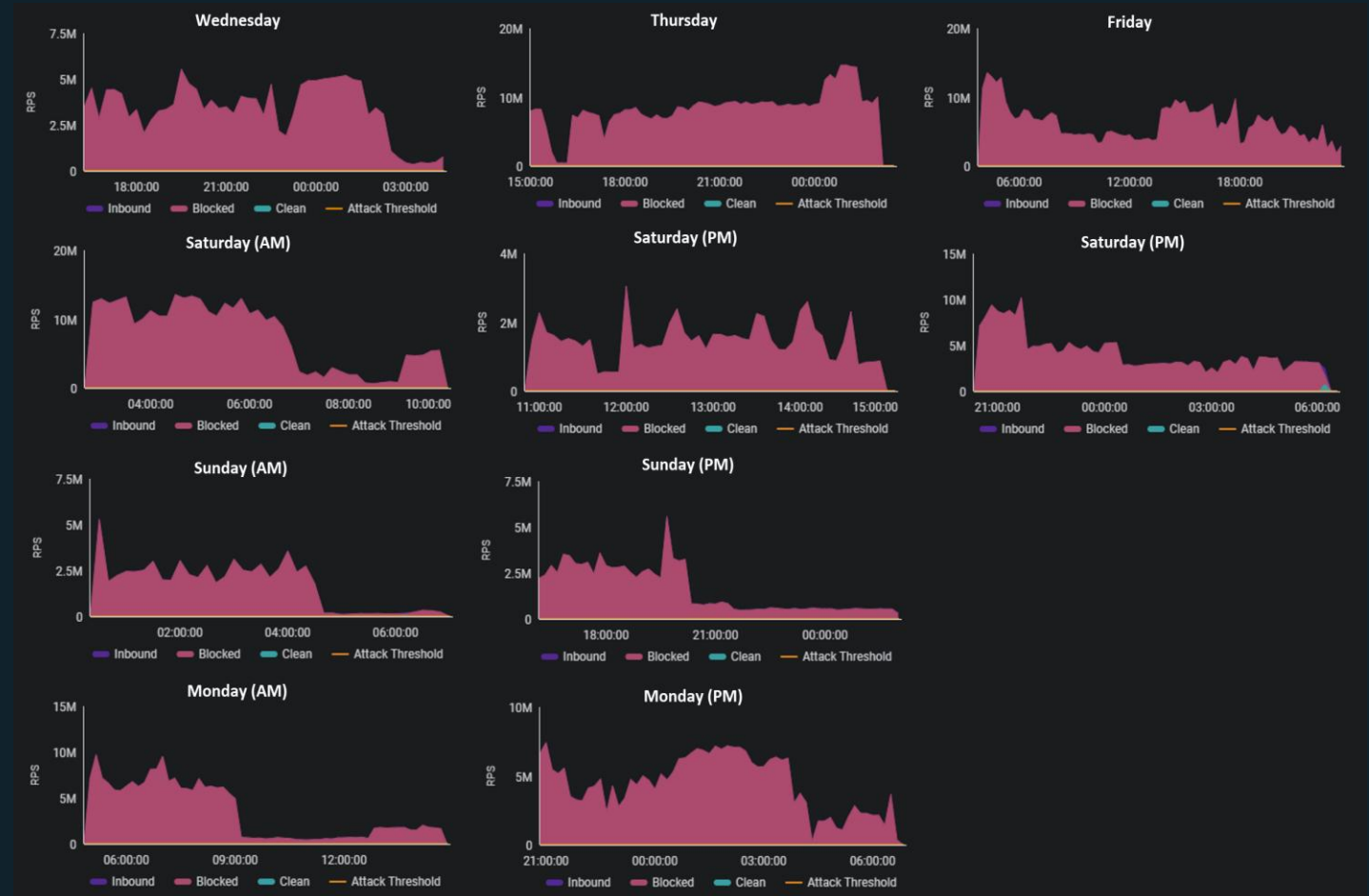
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Shifting Threat Landscape



+393%

DDoS attack volume FSI WW;
+177% # attacks on **FSI EMEA**
(2024 vs. 2023)



+35%

Bad bot transactions
71% of bot traffic is **BAD** bots



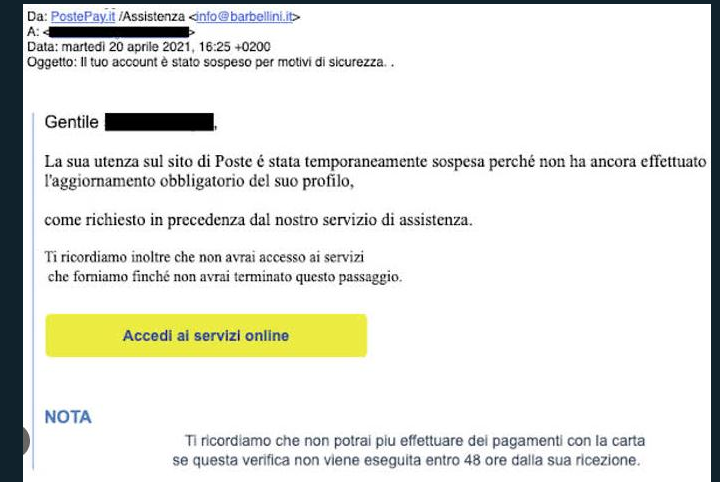
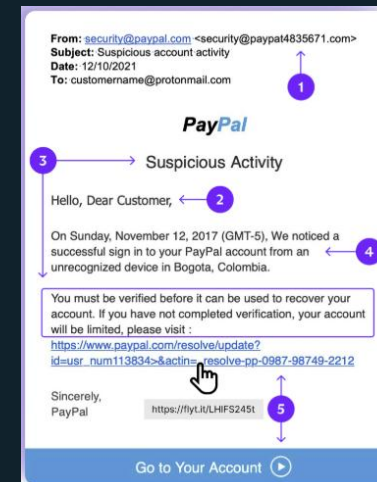
+549%

Web DDoS Attacks
2024 vs. 2023



Attacks increase in frequency, size & complexity across
all attack vectors

More and more emulated legitimate traffic used during attack campaigns



Web DDoS – Attack vector able to emulate legitimate traffic

- ➔ Higher in volume – Ultra high RPS
- ➔ Encrypted floods
- ➔ Appear to be legitimate requests
- ➔ Multiple, sophisticated evasion techniques (randomized headers, IP spoofing, etc)

API Business Logic – Attack vector able to emulate legitimate traffic

BLAs target **logical flaws in the way an API handles requests**. For example:

- Manipulating API calls to alter pricing in e-commerce applications
- Bypassing rate limits to scrape sensitive data
- Exploiting order workflows to initiate fraudulent transactions

BLAs often exploit **API flows, involving multiple endpoints or sequences of API calls**

Attacks driven by AI – Making BLAs more scalable, harder to detect, and more dangerous than ever before.





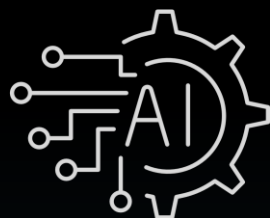
How Attackers Are Using AI



Attackers Use AI in Cyber Crime



Advanced
Phishing &
Deepfakes



AI-Enhanced
Attacks



Lowering Entry
Barrier for New
Cybercriminals



Direct Attacks
on AI Systems

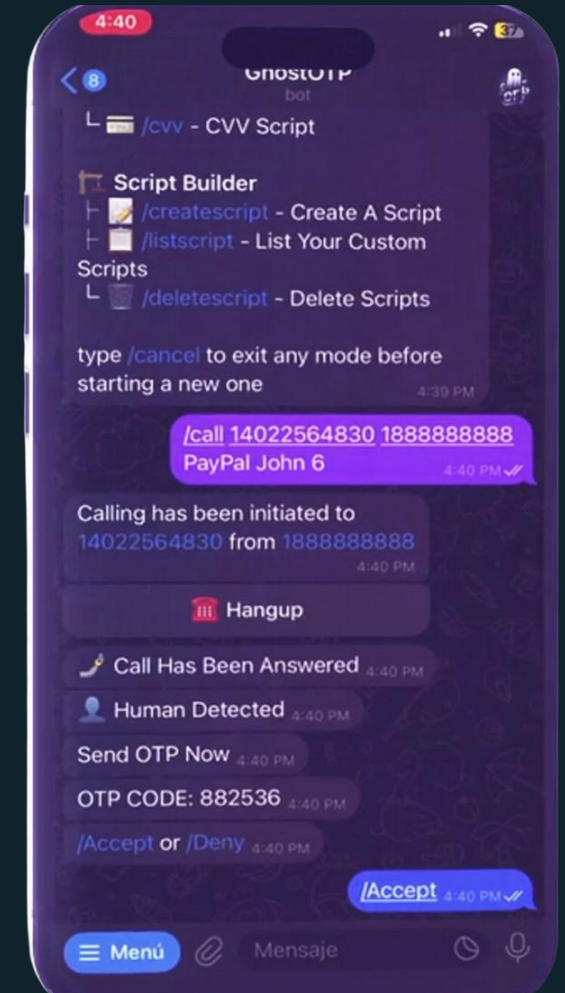
FraudGPT: AI Bot for Offensive Purposes

- Owner: Canadiankingpin23
- Since July'23. Advertised on underground marketplaces & Telegram
- Established presence on Telegram to avoid exit scams
- Cost: \$200/mth - \$1700/yr



OTP AI Bots Target Bank User's 2FA: 5 Simple Steps

- 1 Gain list of users that enabled 2FA
- 2 Automated call using OTP bot service to impersonate the bank
- 3 Simultaneous access to target account triggering the 2F code to be sent
- 4 Victim acts with a sense of urgency and shares the 2F code
- 5 Attacker gets access & locks victim out of the account



OTP Bot Operated via Telegram

All-in-One Modern Attack Tools on Github



Features And Methods

Layer7

- GET | GET Flood
- POST | POST Flood
- OVH | Bypass OVH
- RHEX | Random HEX
- STOMP | Bypass chk_captcha
- STRESS | Send HTTP Packet With High Byte
- DYN | A New Method With Random SubDomain
- DOWNLOADER | A New Method of Reading data slowly
- SLOW | Slowloris Old Method of DDoS
- HEAD | <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Methods/HEAD>
- NULL | Null UserAgent and ...
- COOKIE | Random Cookie PHP 'if (isset(\$_COOKIE))'
- PPS | Only 'GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n\r\n'
- EVEN | GET Method with more header
- GSB | Google Project Shield Bypass
- DGB | DDoS Guard Bypass
- AVB | Arvan Cloud Bypass
- BOT | Like Google bot
- APACHE | Apache Exploit
- XMLRPC | WP XMLRPC exploit (add /xmlrpc.php)
- CFB | CloudFlare Bypass
- CFBUAM | CloudFlare Under Attack Mode Bypass
- BYPASS | Bypass Normal AntiDDoS
- BOMB | Bypass with codesenberg/bombardier
- KILLER | Run many threads to kill a target
- TOR | Bypass onion website

**DDoS attack
vectors**

**Bot attack
vectors**

**Web
application
exploits**

**Built-in
bypass again
common
defenses**



Attackers don't distinguish between WAF, DDoS, Bot attack vectors



Need an integrated platform to overcome all-in-one attack tools



*New world
problems will **not**
be solved with
old world
solutions*

What is Needed to Stay Ahead?

Intelligent Security

powered by
AI-based
algorithms

Integrated Platform

correlating
across wide
array of
threats

Consistent Protections

across all
environments
and entry
points

Expert Defense

with 24/7
security
experts by
your side



Only way to drive lower MTTR,
save costs & protect your brand

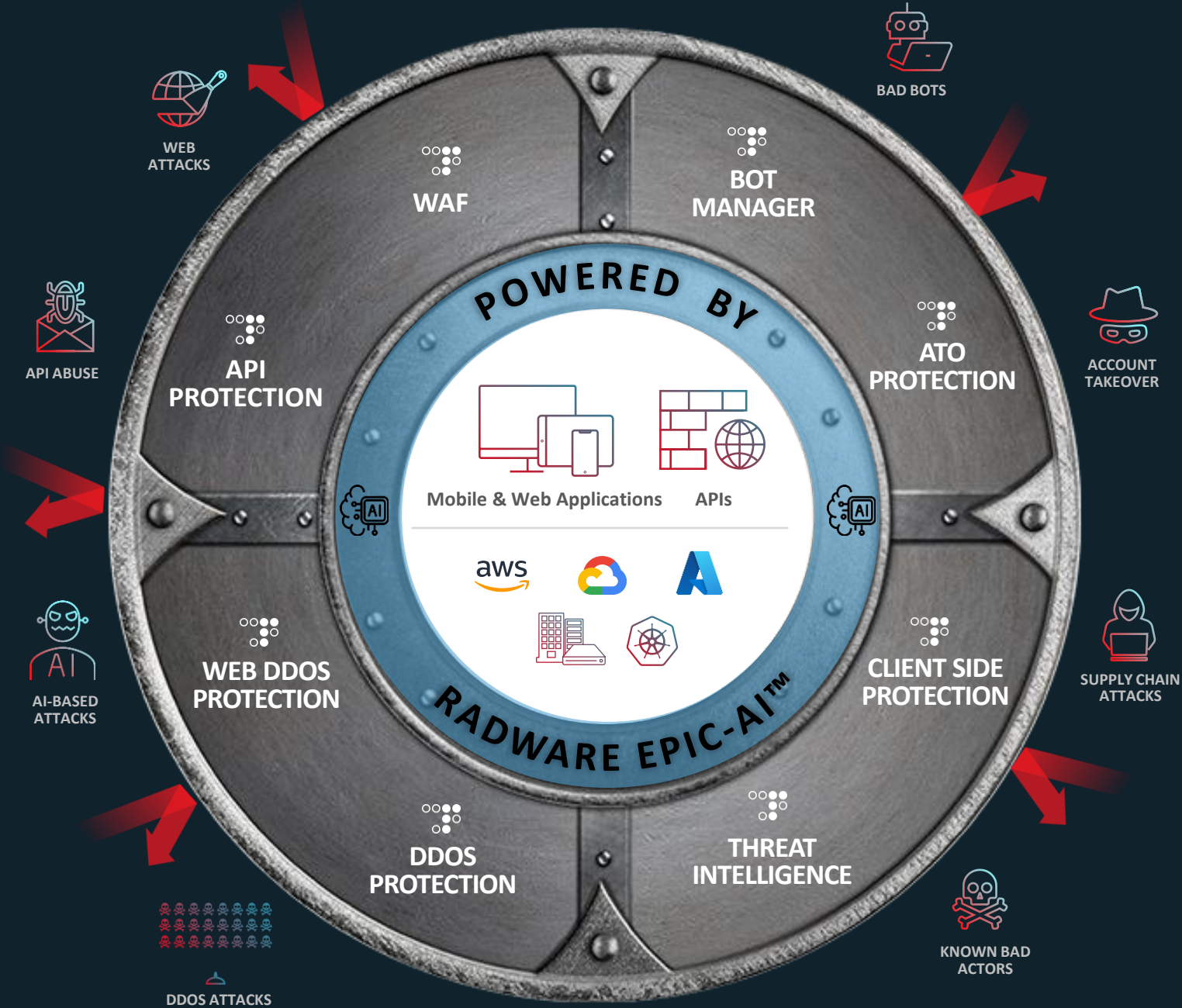
Complete Protection by Radware's Cloud Security Platform



Gartner
Peer Insights™

“Truly *exceptional protection* for web apps & APIs”

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Unmatched Compliance to the Strictest Standards

ACN QC2	Certificazione Agenzia della Cybersecurity Italiana
ISO 27001	Information Security Management Systems
ISO 27017	Information Security for Cloud Services
ISO 27018	Information Security Protection of Personally identifiable information (PII) in public clouds
ISO 27701	Privacy Information Management for PII controllers and processors
ISO 27032	Security Techniques -- Guidelines for Cybersecurity
ISO 28000	Specification for Security Management Systems for the Supply Chain
EU GDPR	EU General Data Protection Regulation
PCI-DSS	Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
US SSAE16	SOC-1 Type II, SOC-2 Type II





Attack Story: UAE Bank Under Attack



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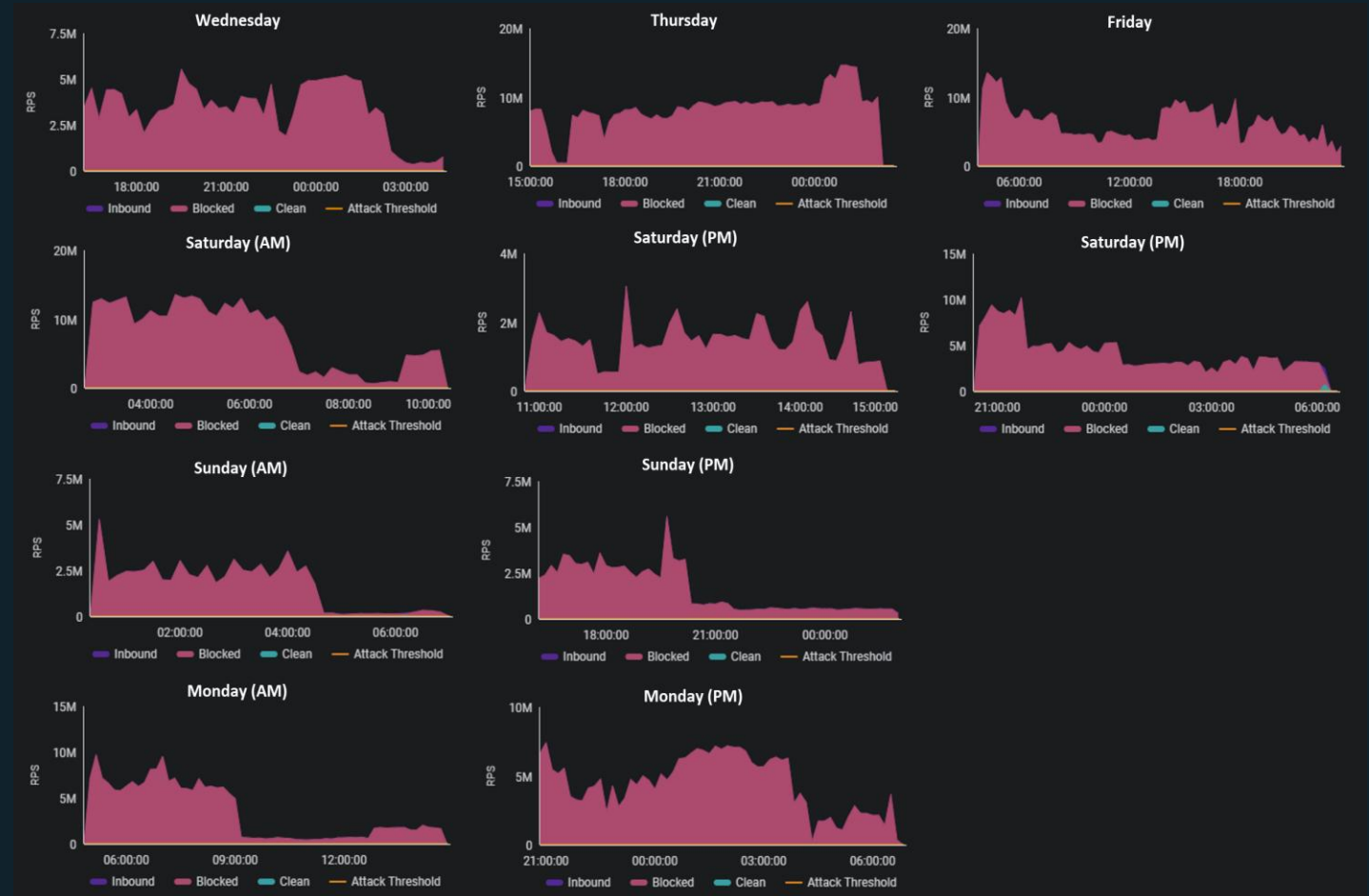
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How Did the Bank Stay Protected?



Attack Peaks

Up to

14.6M
RPS

Attack Length

Several days w/ multiple waves lasting

10-20
HOURS

Attack Signature

Signature created in real-time includes

27
PARAMETERS

“Layer 7 application DDoS protection is **where it shines**. Mean time to **remediation** is within **seconds**.”

Radware Customer,
Tech Services



Fight AI with AI: AI-based algorithms create signatures in real-time

Best Practices for Application Security

Need to fight AI with AI



EXPERT DEFENSE

AI-empowered SOC tools & managed services to lower MTTR



INTEGRATED PLATFORM

Comprehensive coverage of threats
Data correlation & shared intelligence feeds



INTELLIGENT SECURITY

AI-powered protections for Web DDoS, DNS, API, Client-side & Bot attacks



CONSISTENT PROTECTIONS

Seamless, full visibility & control across clouds & data centers



Thank you!

