



Pioneering Quantum Safety:

Securing Tomorrow's Digital World

Agenda:

- **Securing the Quantum Future: A Leadership Imperative**
- **The Reality of Quantum Risk: What CISOs Need to Know**
- **How to Take Action Now**
- **Collaborating for Quantum-safe**

Urgency is in the air

“Quantum-Safe” Crypto Hacked by 10-Year-Old PC

› Many challenges still lie ahead for postquantum cryptography

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Chinese Researchers Tap Quantum to Break Encryption

But the time when quantum computers pose a tangible threat to modern encryption is likely still several years away.

Preparing for the Quantum Threat: The Urgent Need for Next-Generation Cryptography

As quantum computing advances, organizations must adopt future-proof security strategies to safeguard data against emerging threats

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THE BIG STORY

The Quantum Apocalypse Is Coming. Be Very Afraid

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UK urges critical orgs to adopt quantum cryptography by 2035

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The UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has published specific timelines on migrating to post-quantum cryptography (PQC), dictating that critical organizations should complete migration by 2035.

The new guidance aims to provide a structured migration plan with specified milestones for all organizations to follow. It will also serve to highlight the real security risks of falling behind.

"Quantum computing is set to revolutionize technology, but it also poses significant risks to current encryption methods," [stated NCSC's CTO, Ollie Whitehouse](#).

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Quantum computing is coming for your cryptography, warns NCSC

No need to panic just yet, but plans to move to quantum-safe alternatives should be in place by 2028 at the latest

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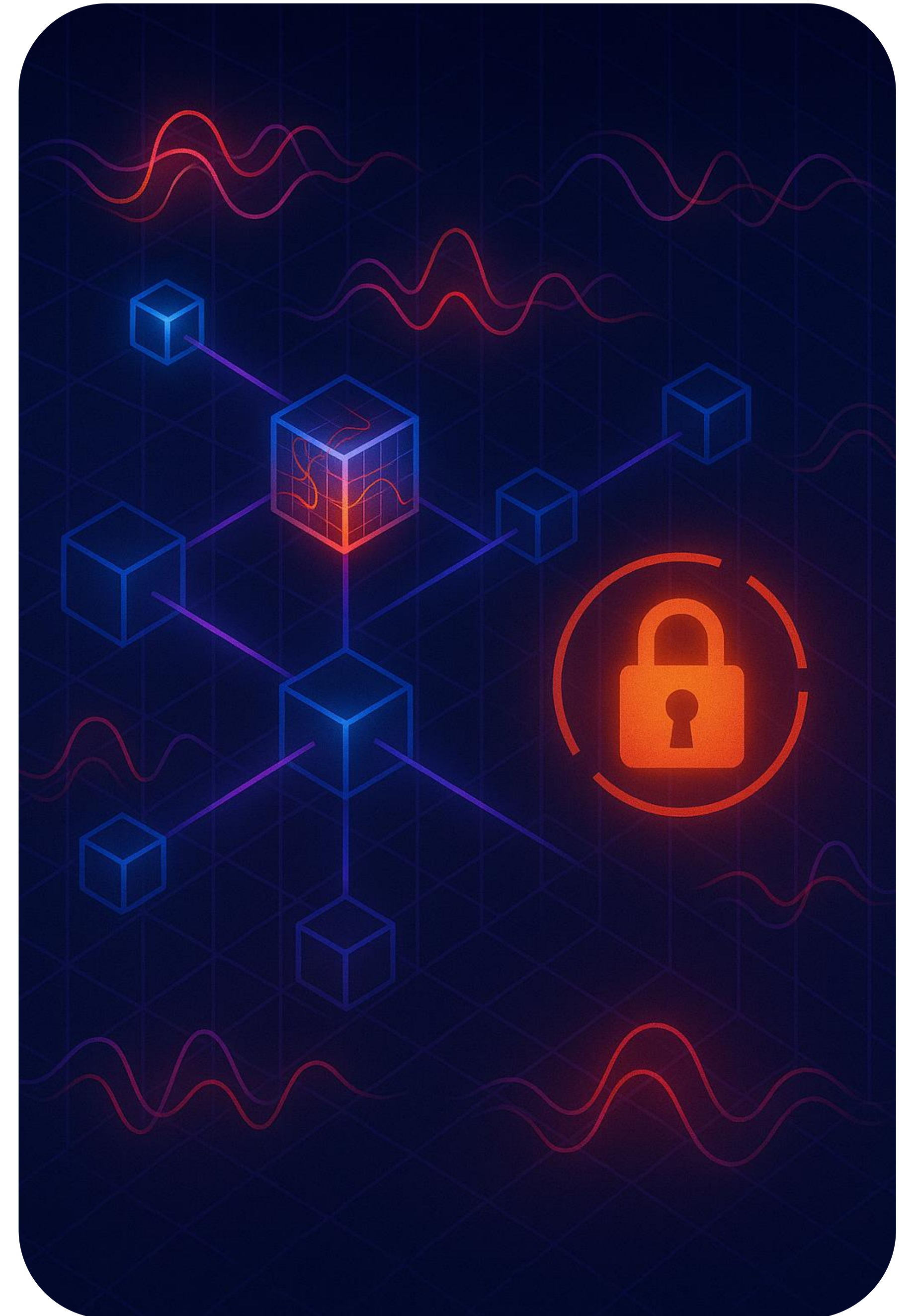
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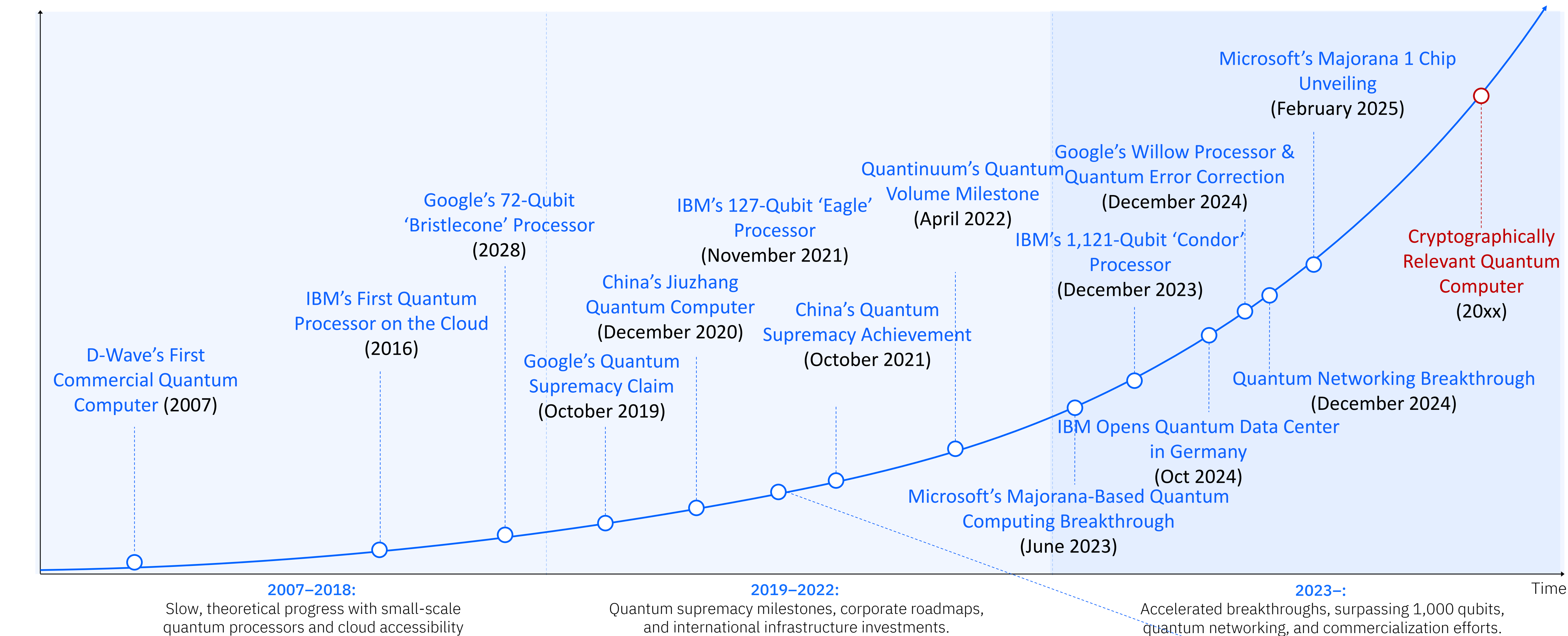
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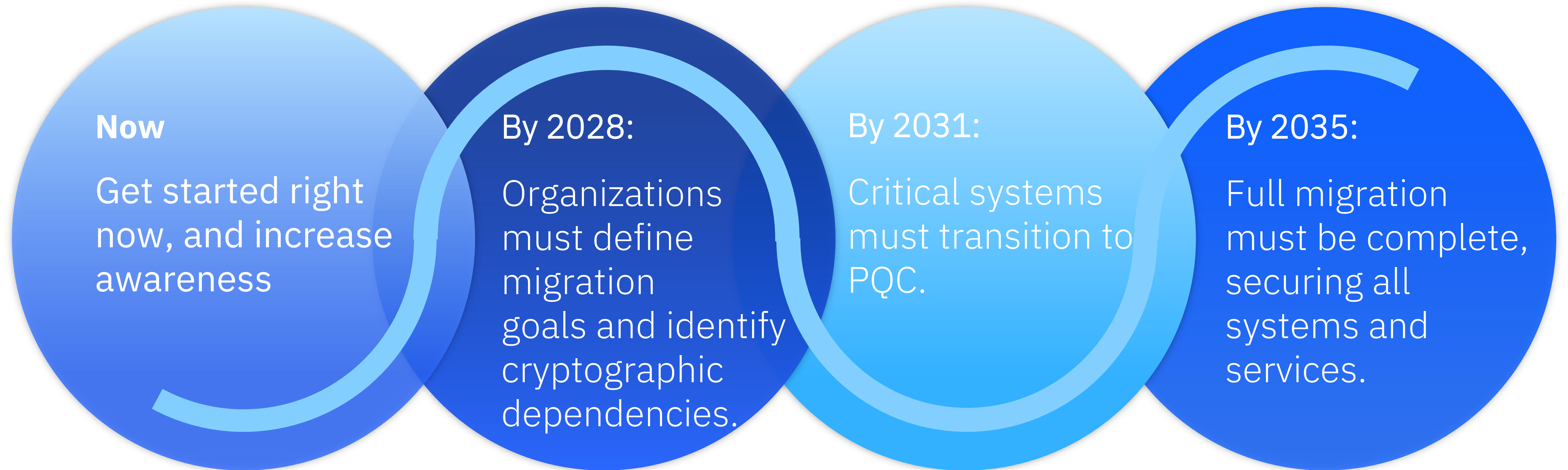
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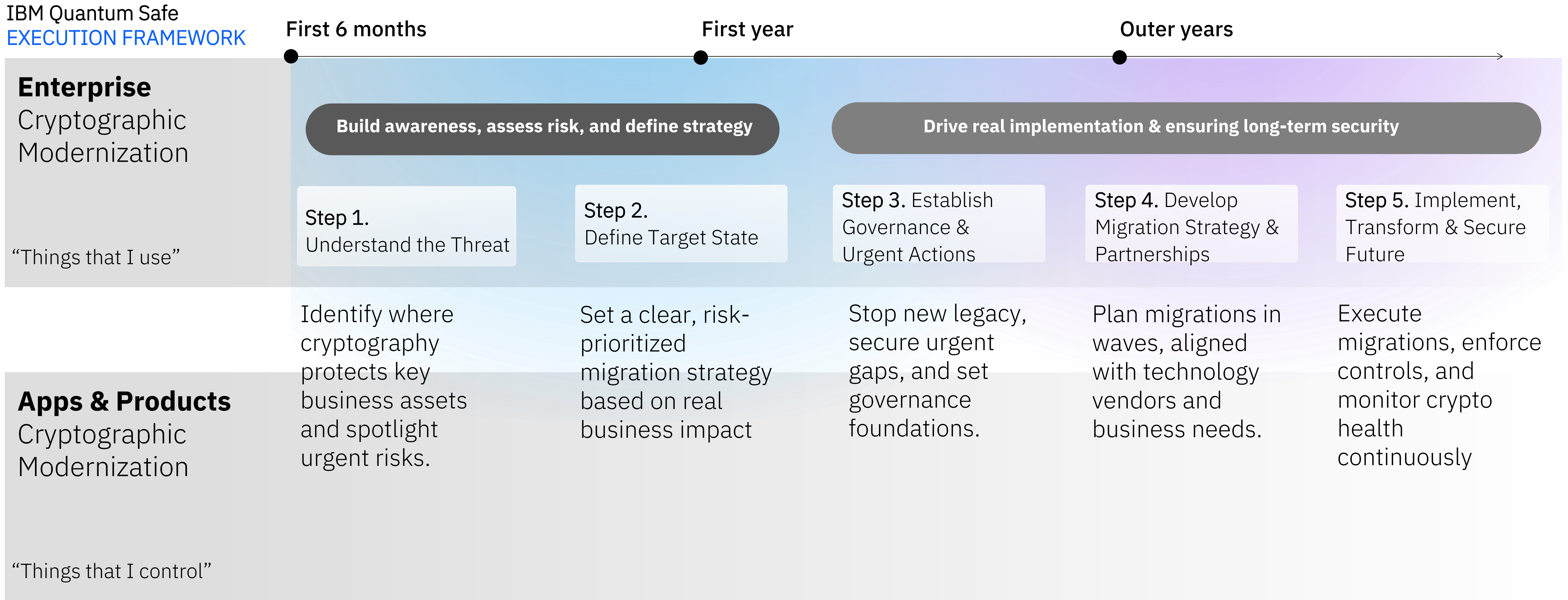
The Quantum Risk – What’s Happening, and Why It Matters



Why Act Now – The Urgency for Action



Peeling the Onion – A Strategic Approach to Quantum Safe



Quantum Safe and the Board

Framing the Business Case



#1

Proactive
Migration



#2

Reactive
Breach +
Regulatory
Fines



#3

Loss of
Customer
Trust

Organizing the Journey

It Takes a Village

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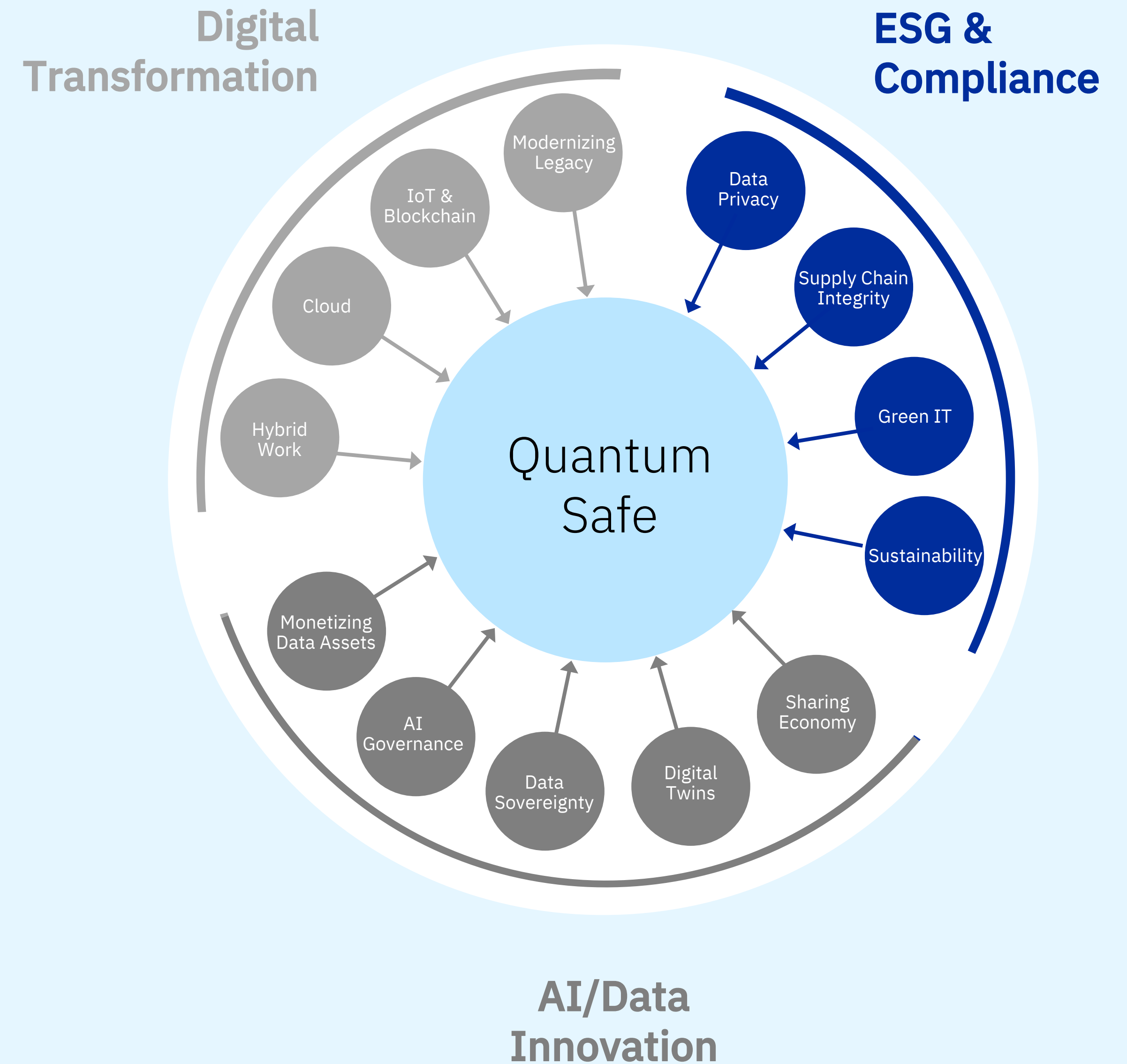


3rd party Software and
Infrastructure Service Providers

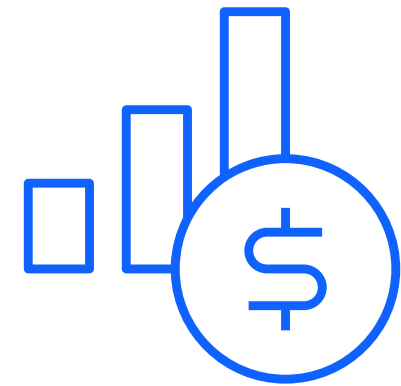


Competing Priorities

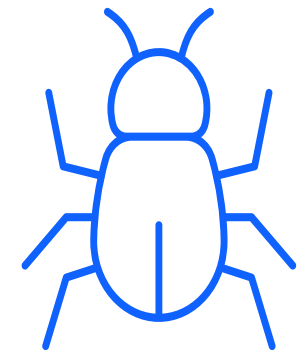
How to Tackle It Without Overload



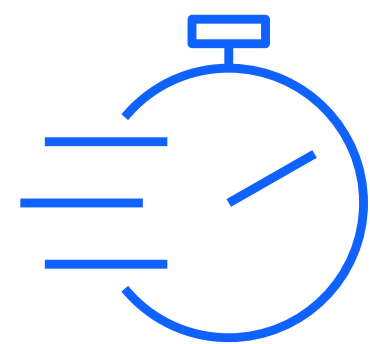
What Happens If We Wait?



Increased complexity and urgency of migration



Attackers may already be stealing encrypted data



Early adopters gain a strategic edge in security and regulatory compliance

Conclusion & Call to Action —

Secure the Future, Now

The time to act is now—quantum security transitions take years

Strategize and engage with quantum-safe cryptography initiatives

Invest in partnerships, research, and workforce readiness

The companies that prepare now will lead the post-quantum era

Quantum Safe Landscape

Survey conducted in 2024 and 2025

N = 75 Total Respondents

- 25 Telecommunication brands
- 25 Banking & Financial brands
- 25 Federal Government

Typical Job Title:

- **C-Suite:** CIO, CTO, CISO, CSO...
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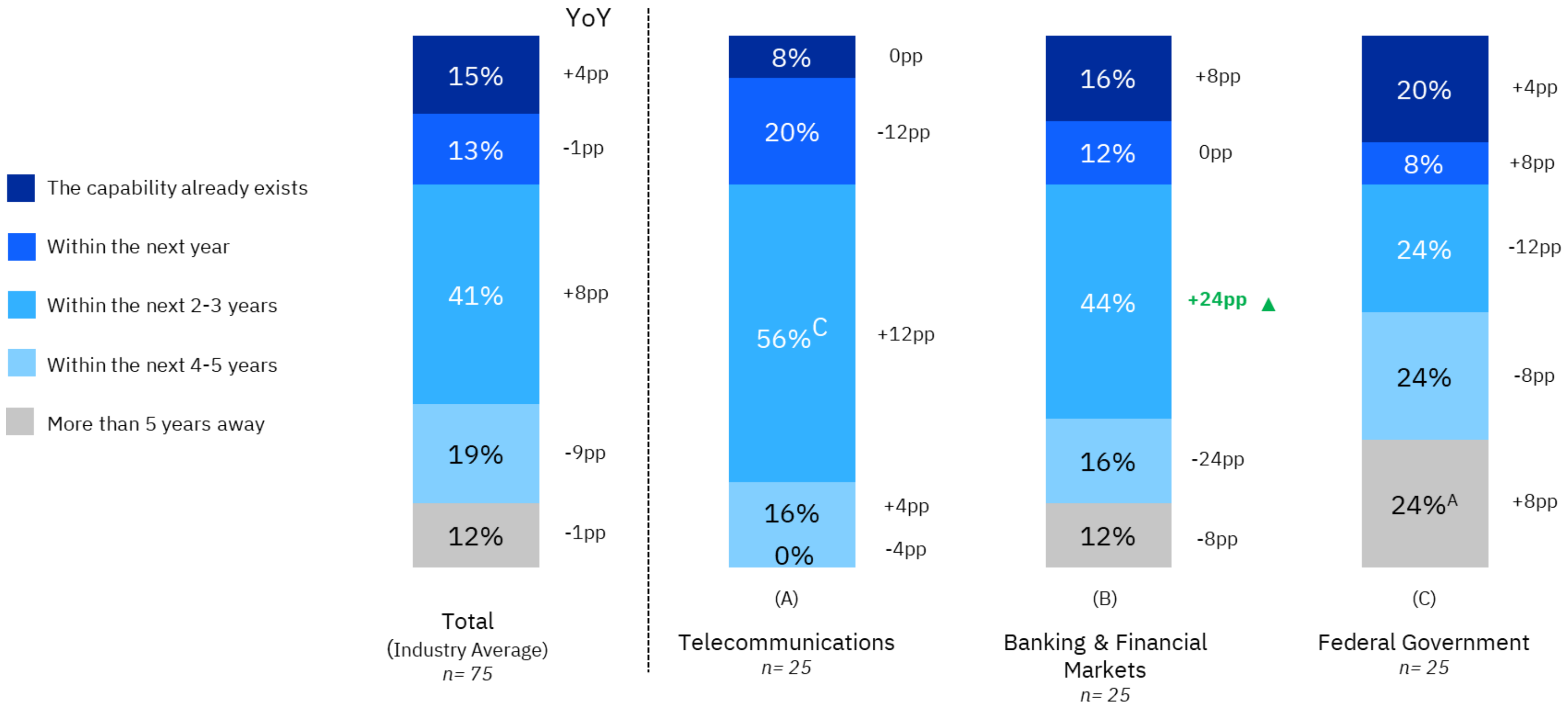
Question: When do you expect that quantum computers will be capable of breaking traditional data security or encryption methods?

56%

Of interviewees believe quantum decryption is 2-3 years away.

28%

Of interviewees expressed extreme concerns towards "Harvest Now Decrypt Later" Risk Attacks



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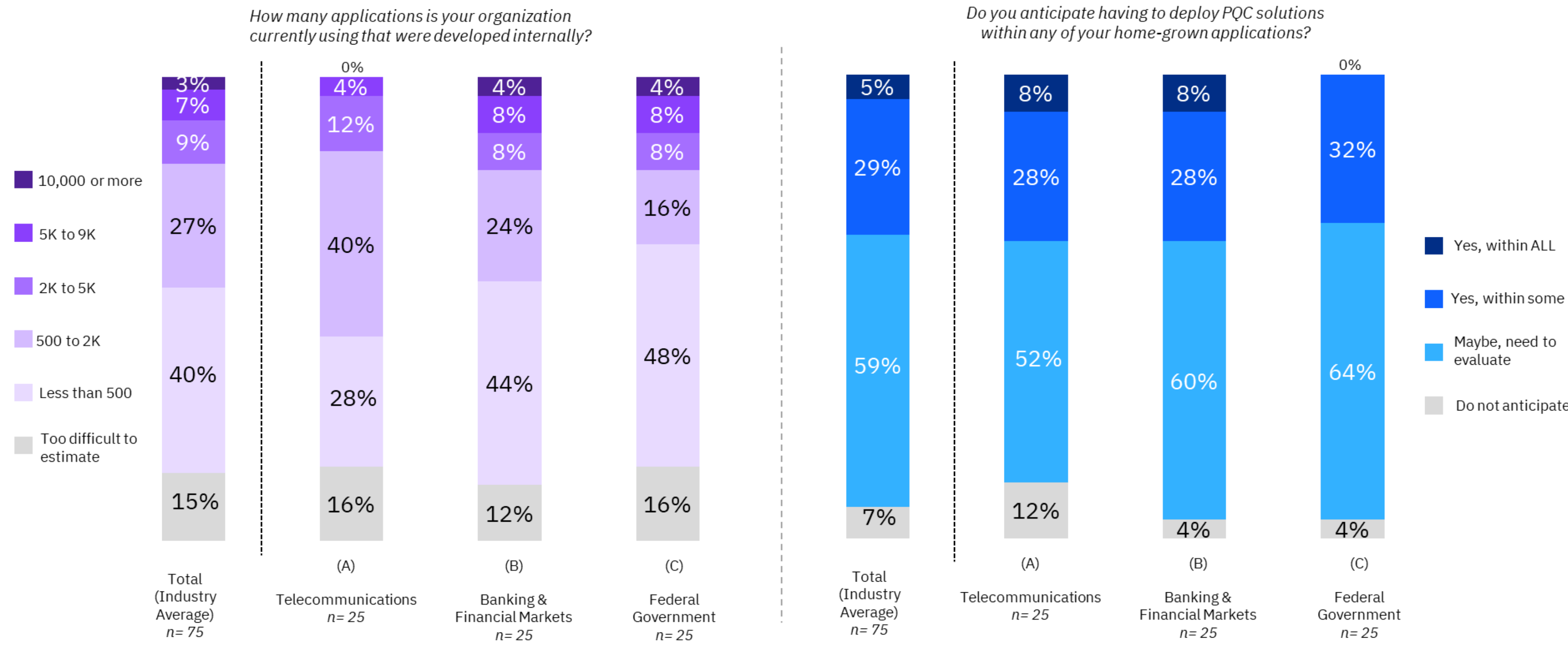
Question: Approximately how many applications is your organization currently using that were developed internally?

46%

Of organizations run 2000+ self-developed apps — most have not been evaluated for PQC readiness

34%

Of interviewees are prioritizing homegrown applications



Column Letters A,B,C, signify significant difference across industries at the 90% Confidence Interval

Quantum Safe Landscape

30 Minute Survey
conducted from December 2024 – February 2025

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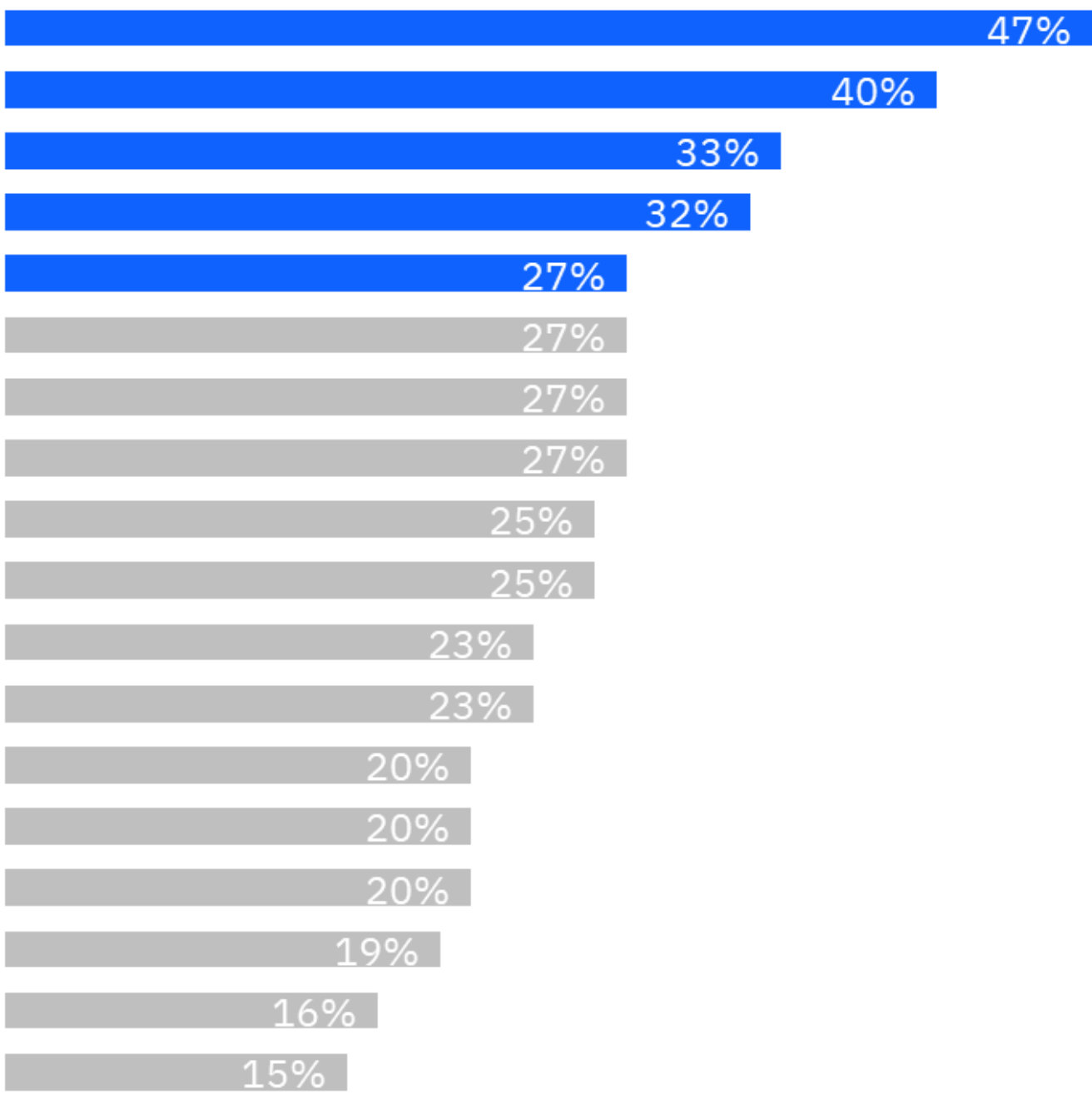
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Question: Which of the following are **MOST IMPORTANT** when deciding on PQC solutions?

- PQC Integrates with existing security
- Adheres to standards
- Assure customers data is quantum safe
- Able to address quantum & classical threats
- Well established provider of info sec solutions
- Applicable use cases
- Identify current and future vulnerabilities
- Partners to consult best practices
- Top Tier experts to advise
- Testing prior to full implementation
- Supports PQC transformation
- Enables crypto-agility
- Training and Educations
- Provides future ready applications
- Offers ability to bundle
- Prioritize where to apply PQC
- Leader in PQC
- Thought leadership in PQC



47%

Of interviewees prioritizes integrations with existing security / system

40%

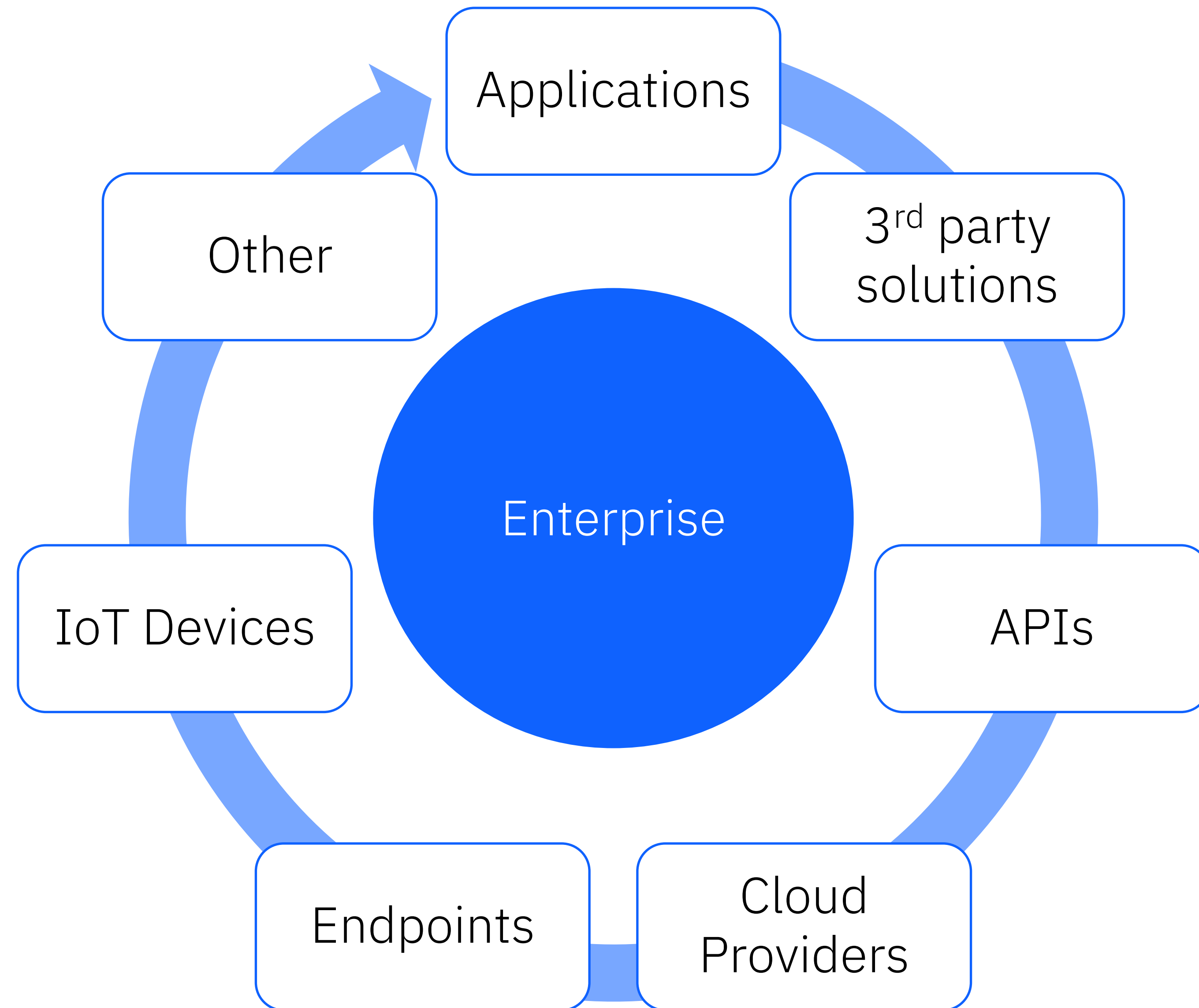
Of interviewees are prioritizing adherence to standards

| 2025 Ranking | 2024 Ranking |
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| #1 | #5 |
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| #15 | #14 |
| #16 | #12 |
| #17 | #4 |
| #18 | N/A |

Enterprises operate with many dependencies

Cryptographic transformation begins with a clear understanding of business objectives, assets, and dependencies, coupled with a strong governance model.

Once we can understand the dependencies, we can assess the risk, prioritize vulnerabilities, and plan remediation actions accordingly.

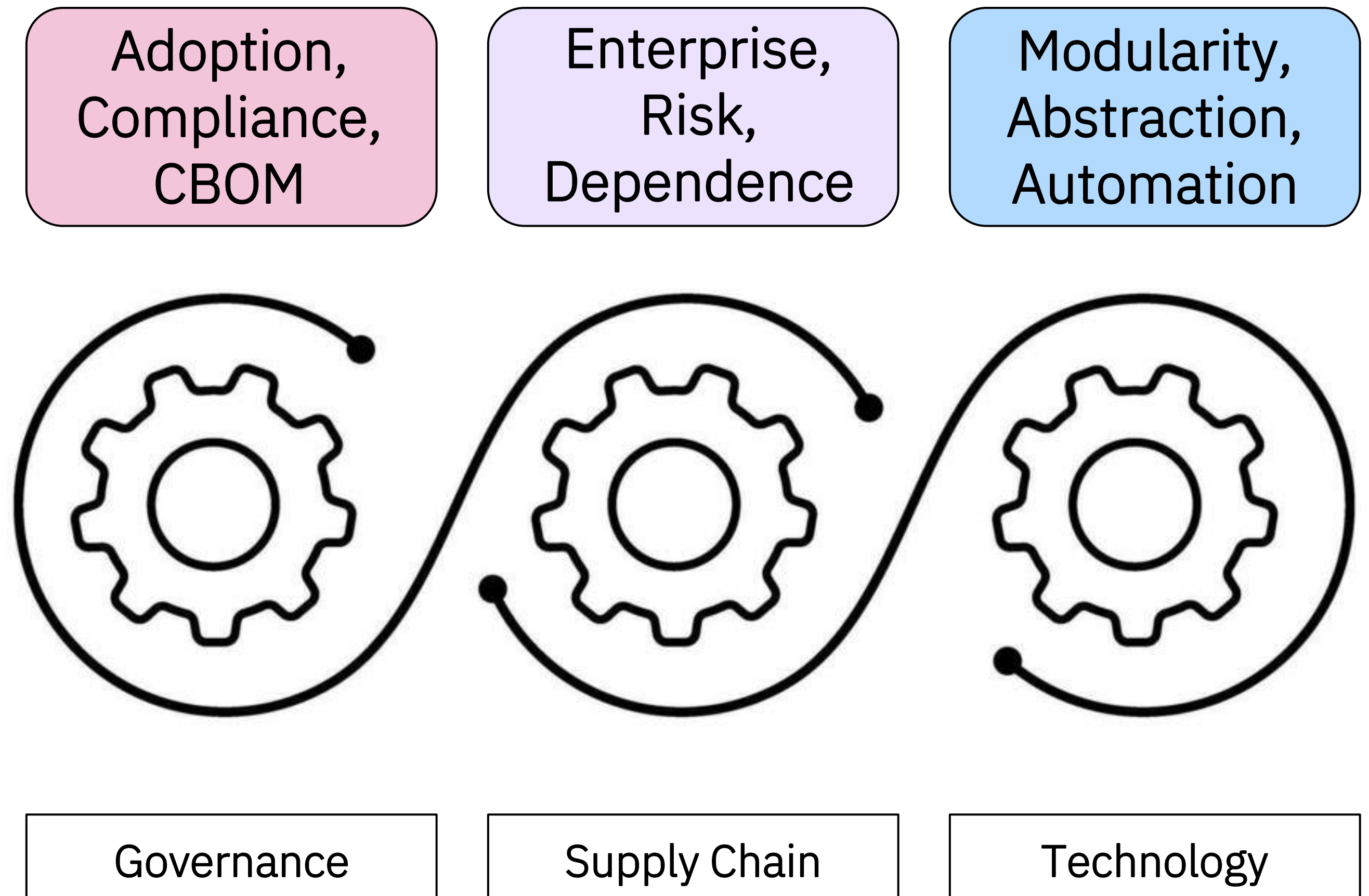


Quantum-safe future requires crypto-agility

What is cryptographic agility?

The **ability** for an organization, platform, system, application, and network **to quickly**:

- **Update** cryptography when it is broken.
- **Change** cryptography when regulations change.
- **Monitor** that cryptography is used properly.
- **Retire** cryptography when it is out of date.



Quantum-safe technologies

Cryptography management for the quantum era



IBM Quantum Safe Explorer

Discover cryptography and vulnerabilities in custom applications.

Obtain insights on code-level risks to guide remediation efforts.

Remediate at-risk cryptography by pinpointing precise location in code.



IBM Guardium Quantum Safe

Gain visibility into cryptography use across the enterprise network and applications.

Enable faster compliance by applying internal and regulatory policies.

Prioritize vulnerabilities, based on policies, to accelerate remediation actions and track progress.



IBM Quantum Safe Remediator

Protect application and network endpoints today without any application changes.

Evaluate the performance of quantum-safe cryptographic algorithms

Mitigate “Harvest Now, Decrypt Later” scenarios



Client scenario:

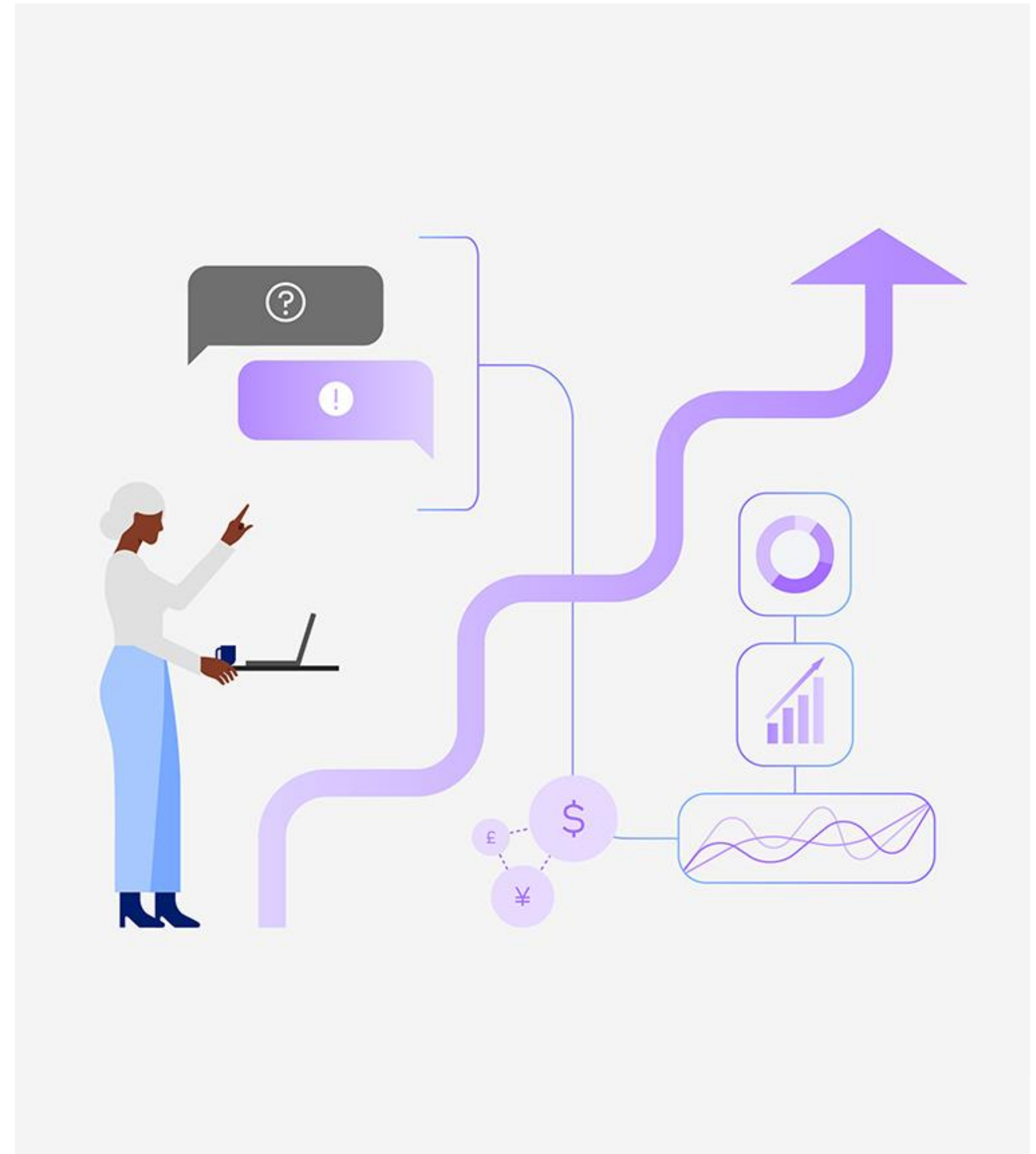
A large global financial institution

Challenge:

- The client's environment includes 4000+ homegrown applications with cryptography embedded. Without automation, it will be difficult to manage and scale.
- The client stressed for crypto-agility from the beginning and wanted to have solutions in place to achieve their goal.

Approach:

- Scanning all in-house applications and conducting static code analysis through parameter tracing to find code vulnerabilities.
- Developing a plan and prioritization to remediate identified vulnerabilities. Reviewing architecture of business-critical client facing application
- Identifying use of anti-patterns.



IBM Quantum Safe Explorer | Discover cryptography



Application Developer

CryptoUtils.javaBouncyCastle.java

```
61 * @return
62 */
63 public static Key generateKey(String cipher, int keySize) {
64     SecretKey key = null;
65     try {
66         KeyGenerator keyGenerator = KeyGenerator.getInstance(cipher);
67         keyGenerator.init(keySize);
68         key = keyGenerator.generateKey();
69     } catch (NoSuchAlgorithmException e) {
70         Log.error("Failed to generate key. No such algorithm.", e);
71     }
72     return key;
73 }
```

PROBLEMSOUTPUTDEBUG CONSOLETERMINALPORTSEXPLORER SCAN RESULTS

Cryptographic results

LanguageJava

895Lines12Files192Cryptographic artifacts46Algorithms22Vulnerabilities

Filters

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keygen - DES (64)

3 Vulnerabilities

Cryptographic function

☒ keygen☒ encrypt

Algorithms

☐ AES☐ Blowfish☐ RSA☐ Serpent

Public key size

Private key size

Blocksize

Library

Properties

| | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| library | JCA |
| name | javax.crypto.KeyGenerator.getInstance |
| variant | 3DES |
| primitive | [blockcipher, mac, streamcipher] |
| oid | 1.2.840.113549.2.4 |
| digestSize | [0, 64, 128, 512] |
| assetType | algorithm |
| isFinal | 0 |
| blockSize | 0 |
| KeySize | [0, 32, 56, 168] |

Vulnerabilities

Non-quantum-safe public-key algorithm: Blowfish

Severity Major

The product uses a broken or insecure cryptographic algorithm or protocol. A post-quantum cryptographic algorithm is recommended such as CRYSTALS-Kyber, CRYSTALS-Dilithium, LMS, or XMSS.

<https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/327.html>

Broken variant: Blowfish

Unauthorized library: BSAFE

Inadequate key size: 32

Inadequate key size: 32

Function parameter trace

type javax.crypto.Cipher

cipher

{VARIABLE: line 32}

fx"AES/CBC/PKCS5Padding". getInstance()

Algorithms

Blowfish

DES

Key size

32 (2)

64 (2)

128 (2)

64 (2)

112 (4)

Vulnerabilities

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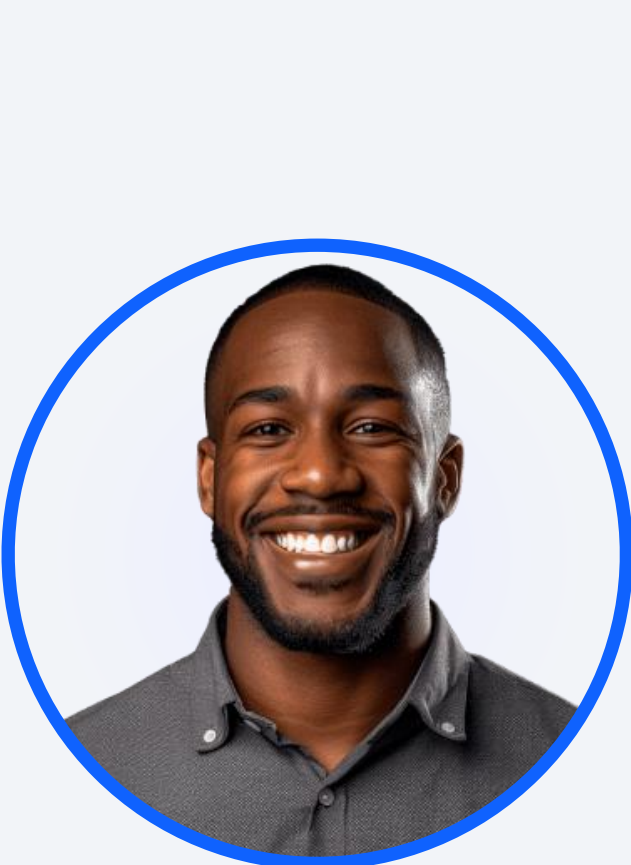
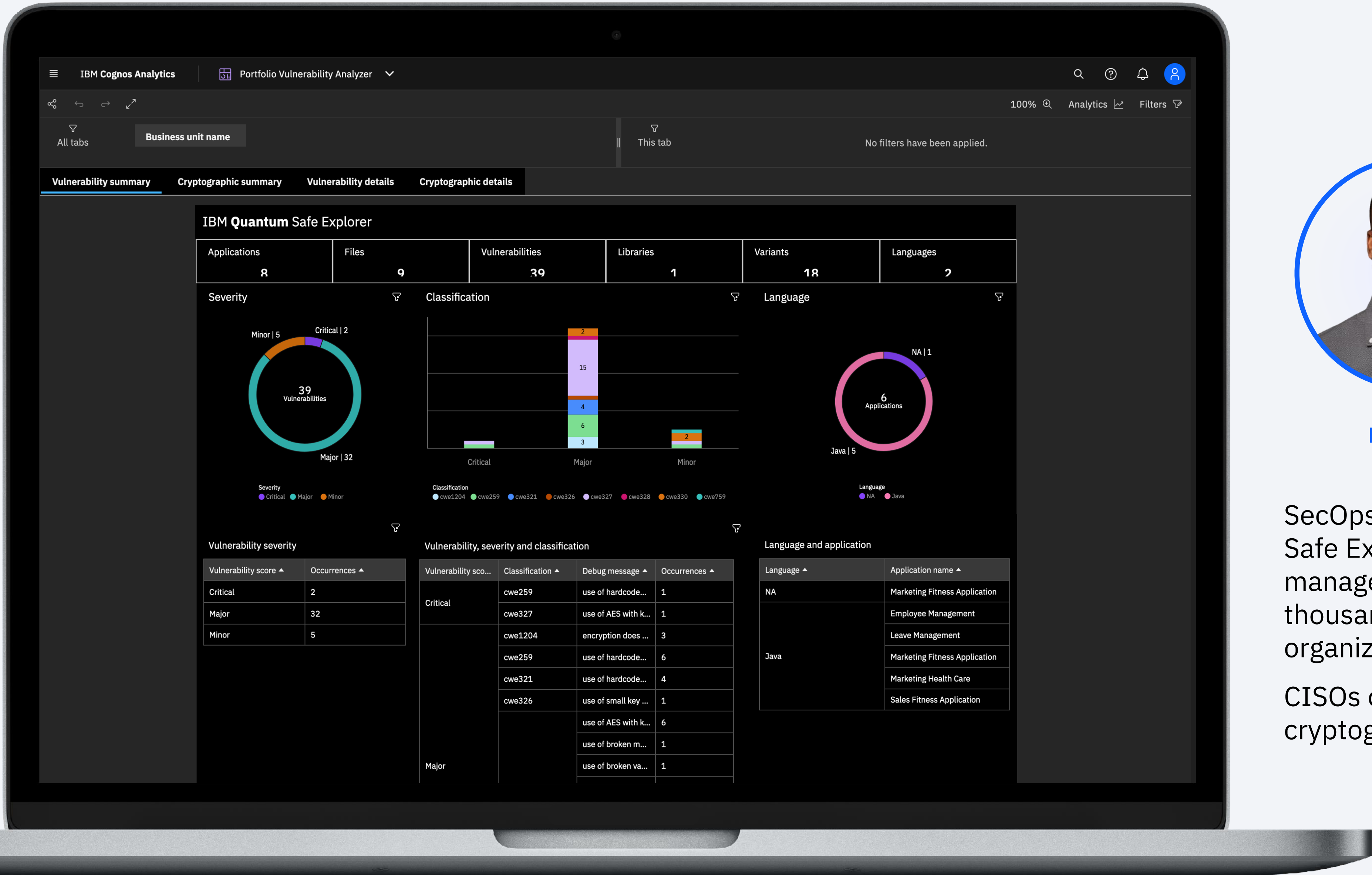
Using IBM Quantum Safe Explorer, application developers can easily discover cryptographic artifacts and vulnerabilities, using these insights to update source code.

They can also identify bad coding practices and act on recommendations to implement crypto-agile best practices.

Once the code has been remediated, they can rescan and validate the results.

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IBM Quantum Safe Explorer | Draw insight



SecOps
Manager

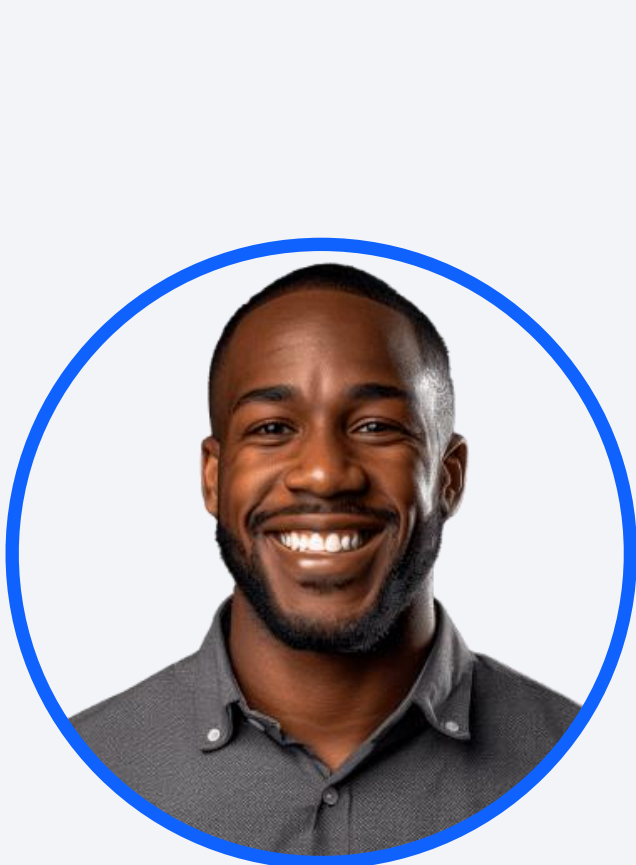
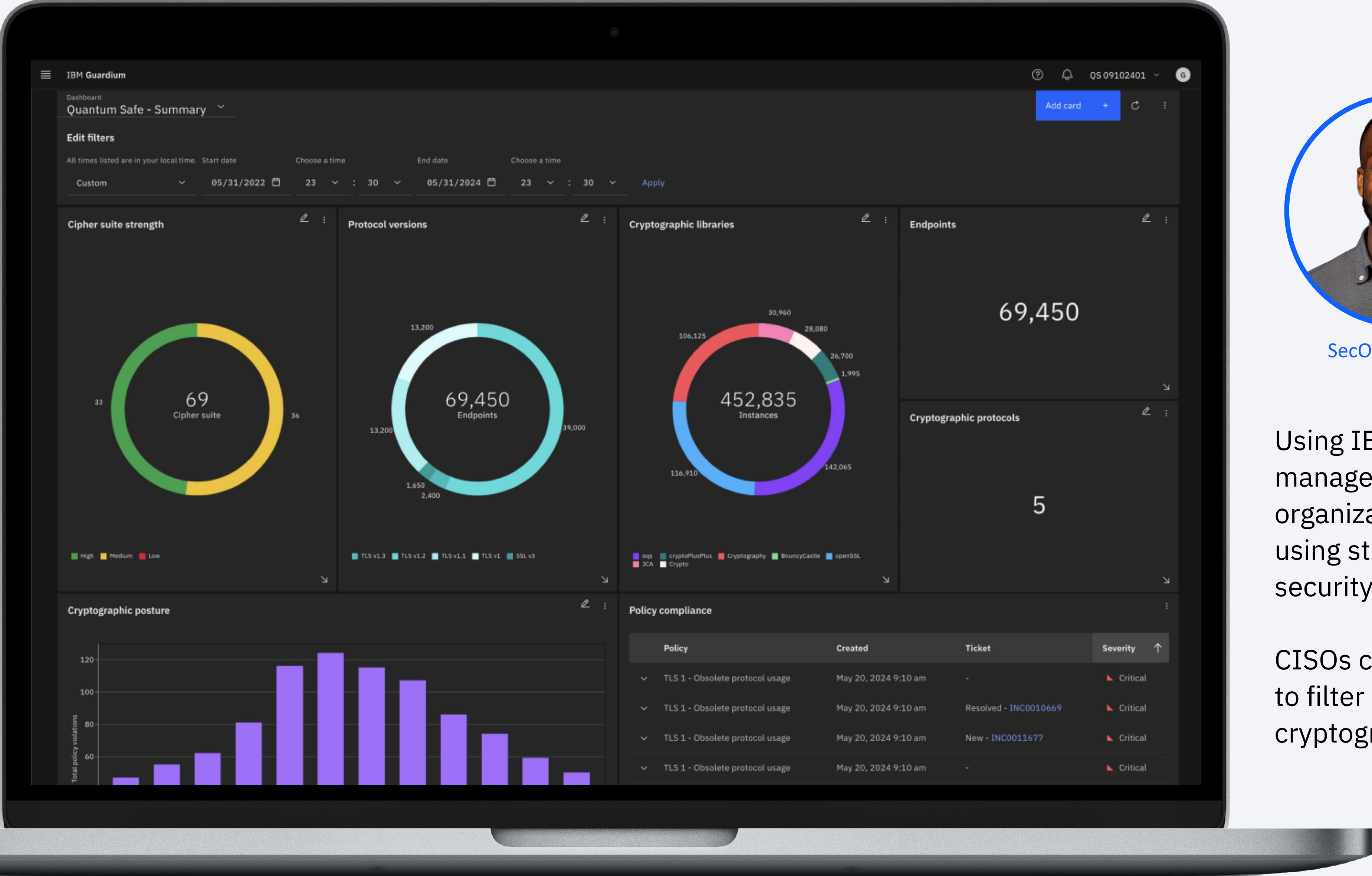


CISO

SecOps managers can use IBM Quantum Safe Explorer to aggregate, evaluate, and manage cryptographic vulnerabilities in thousands of applications across their organization to prioritize remediation.

CISOs can filter and track their enterprise’s cryptographic posture over time.

IBM Guardium Quantum Safe | Analyze risk posture



SecOps Manager



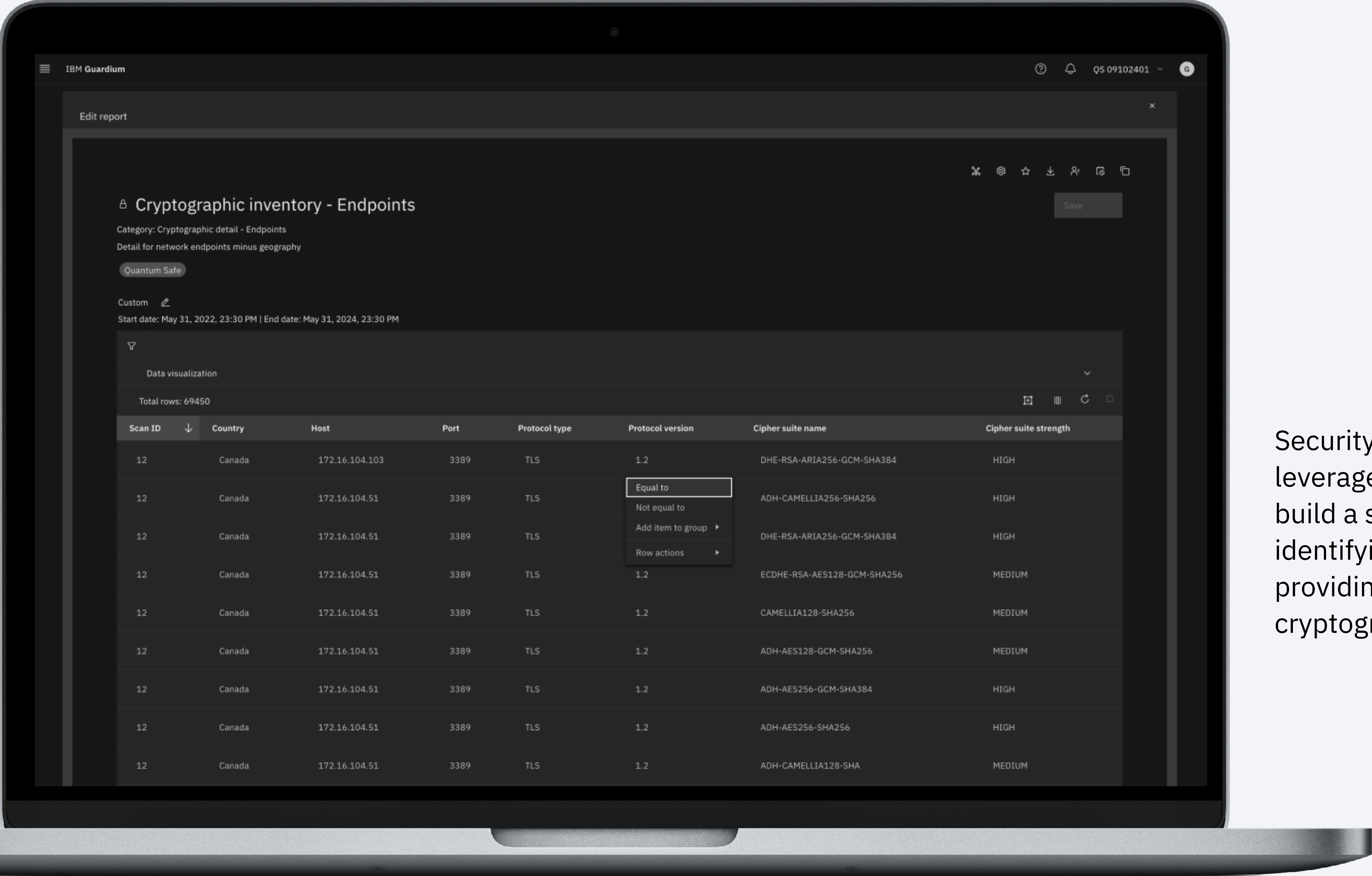
CISO

Using IBM Guardium Quantum Safe, SecOps managers can assess and evaluate their organization’s cryptographic risk posture, using standard PQC policies or custom security policies to prioritize remediation.

CISOs can use IBM Guardium Quantum Safe to filter and track their organization’s cryptographic posture over time.



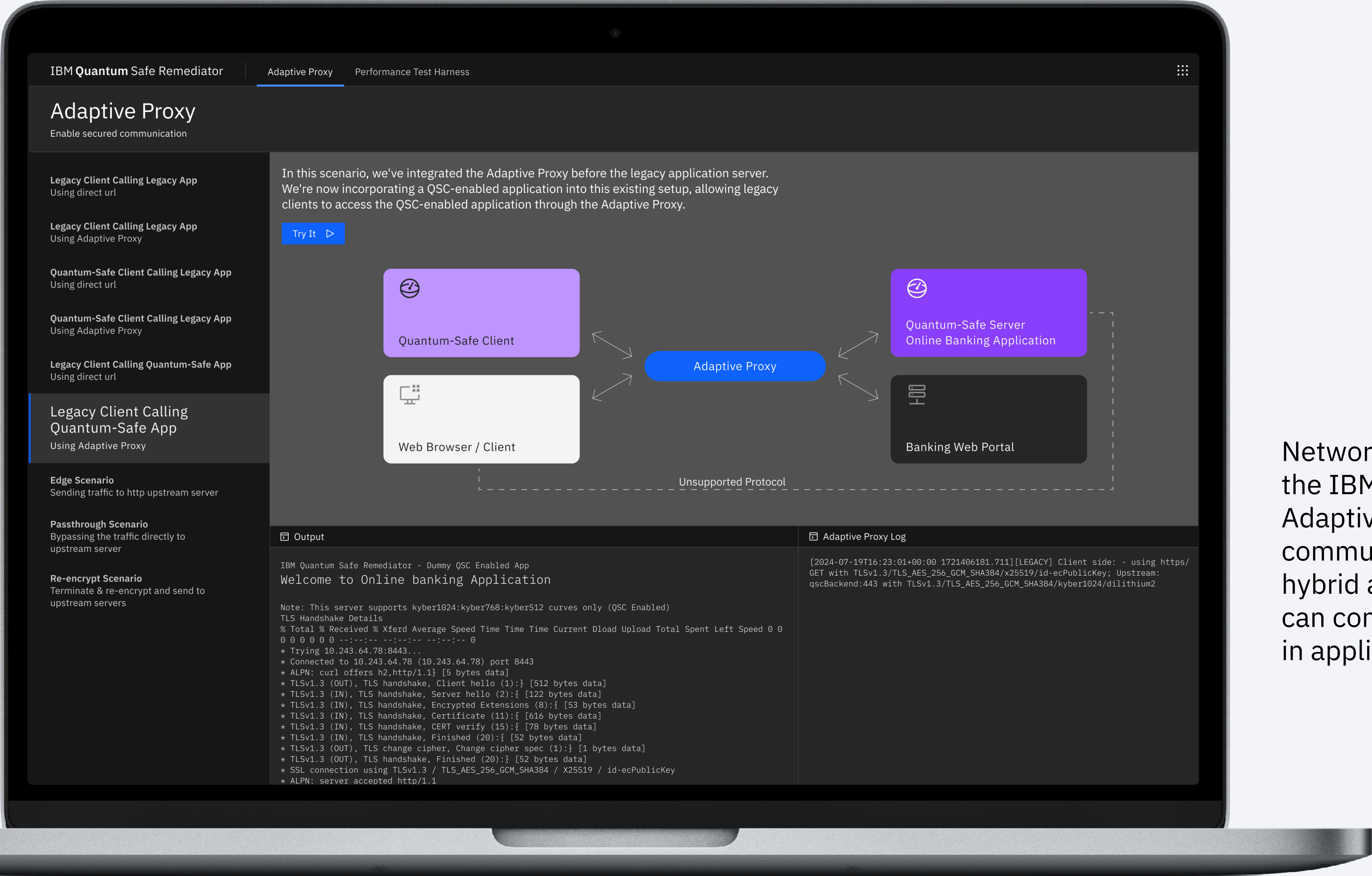
IBM Guardium Quantum Safe | Deepen visibility



Security Infrastructure Architect

Security Infrastructure Architects can leverage IBM Guardium Quantum Safe to build a strong security strategy around identifying and mitigating potential risks by providing visibility into and prioritization of cryptographic vulnerabilities.

IBM Quantum Safe Remediator | Adaptive Proxy

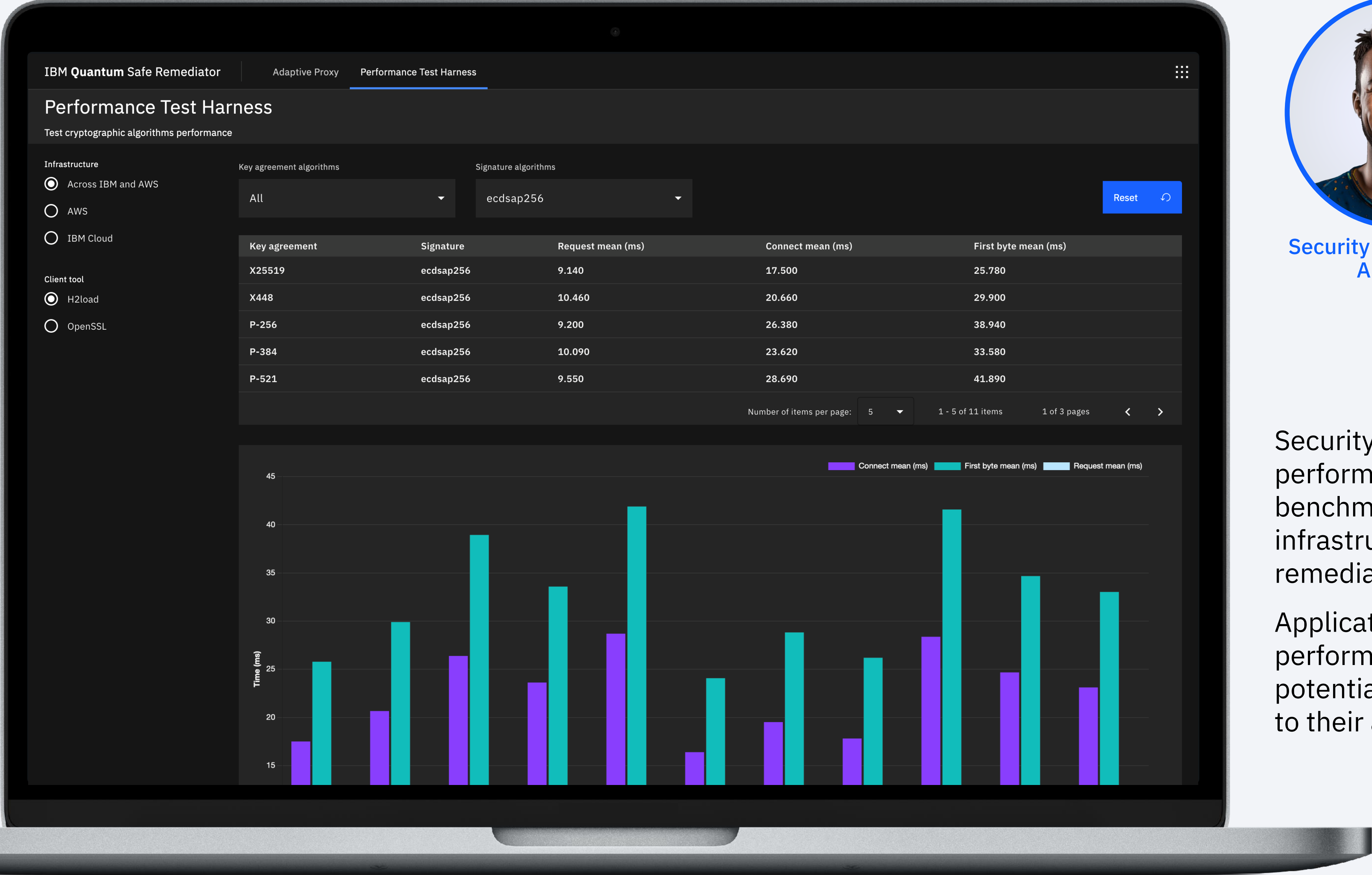


Network Security Administrator

Network security administrators can use the IBM Quantum Safe Remediator Adaptive Proxy to configure communication, ensuring clients using hybrid and PQC encryption algorithms can communicate without changing code in applications.



IBM Quantum Safe Remediator | Performance harness



Security Infrastructure Architect



Application Developer

Security infrastructure architects can use the performance test harness to view benchmark data and understand impact on infrastructure performance so they can make remediation recommendations to the CISO.

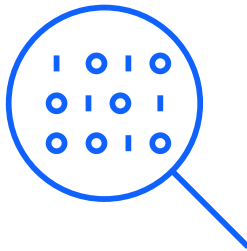
Application developers can use the performance test harness to understand the potential impact of recommended upgrades to their applications prior to making changes.

What should organizations do next?

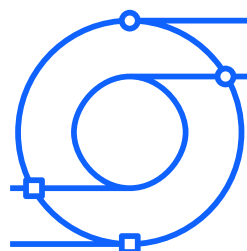
Consider your quantum-safe readiness →



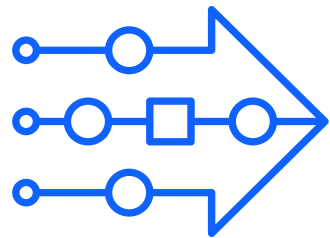
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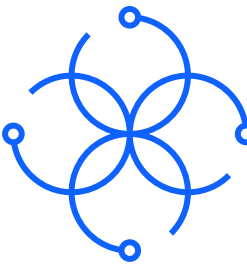
Discover and observe **cryptography** across your enterprise IT landscape.



Establish cryptographic **governance** within your enterprise and across the supply chain.

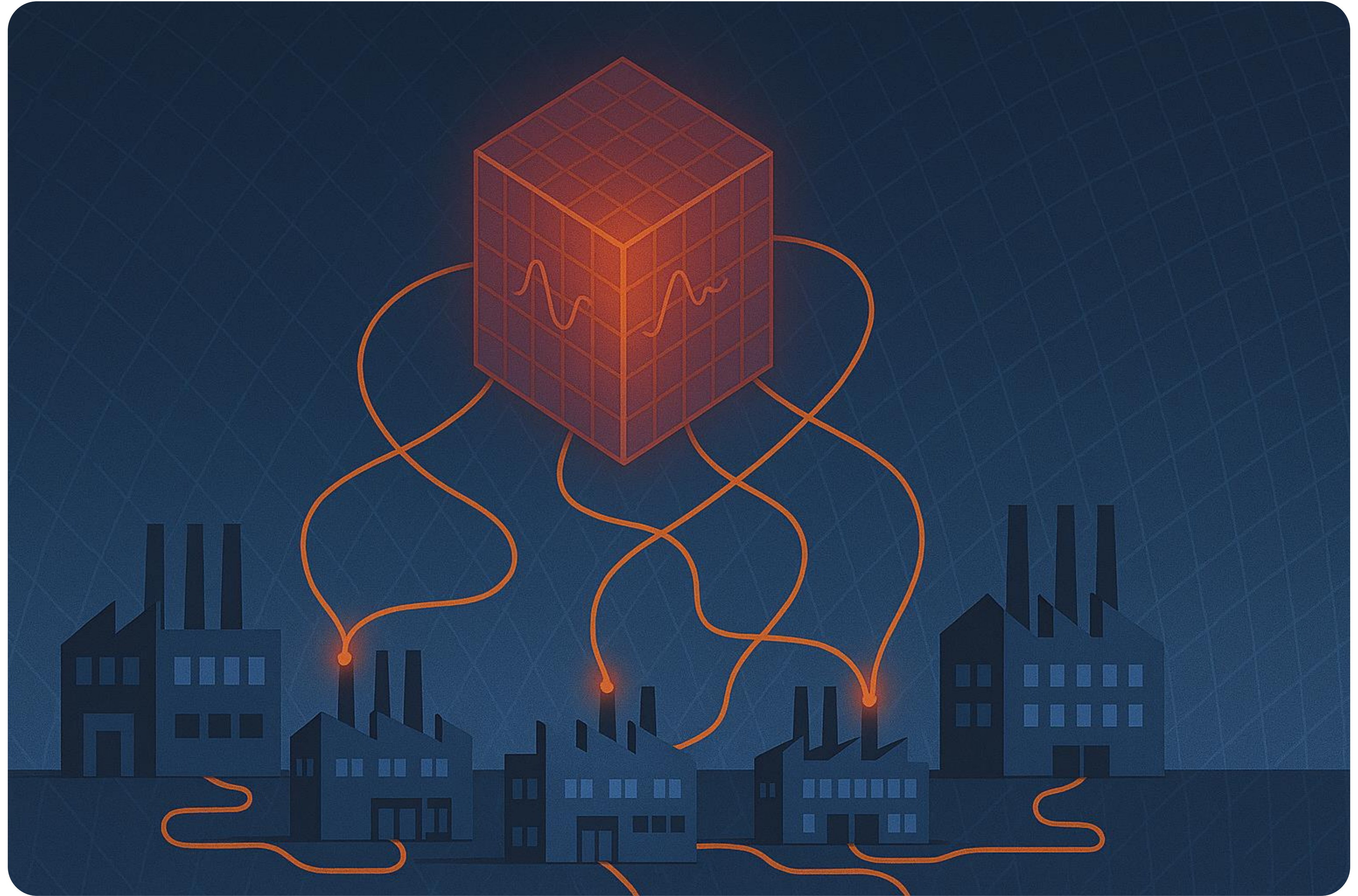


Begin migrating to post-quantum cryptography using code and network remediation practices.



Get involved with quantum-safe **consortia** to stay up to date on best practices for implementation.

Why Collaboration Matters in the Quantum Era



What Industry Collaboration Looks Like

Sharing threat models

Coordinating migration patterns

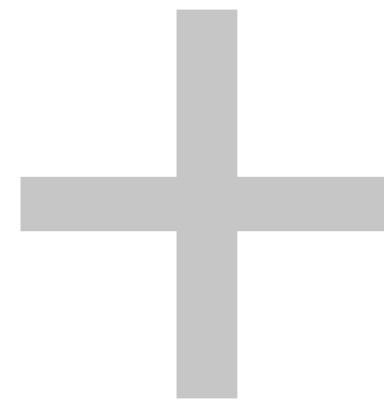
Engaging in open standards

Collectively shaping procurement expectations

Future-Proofing Data Security

1 Stop creating
net-new legacy now

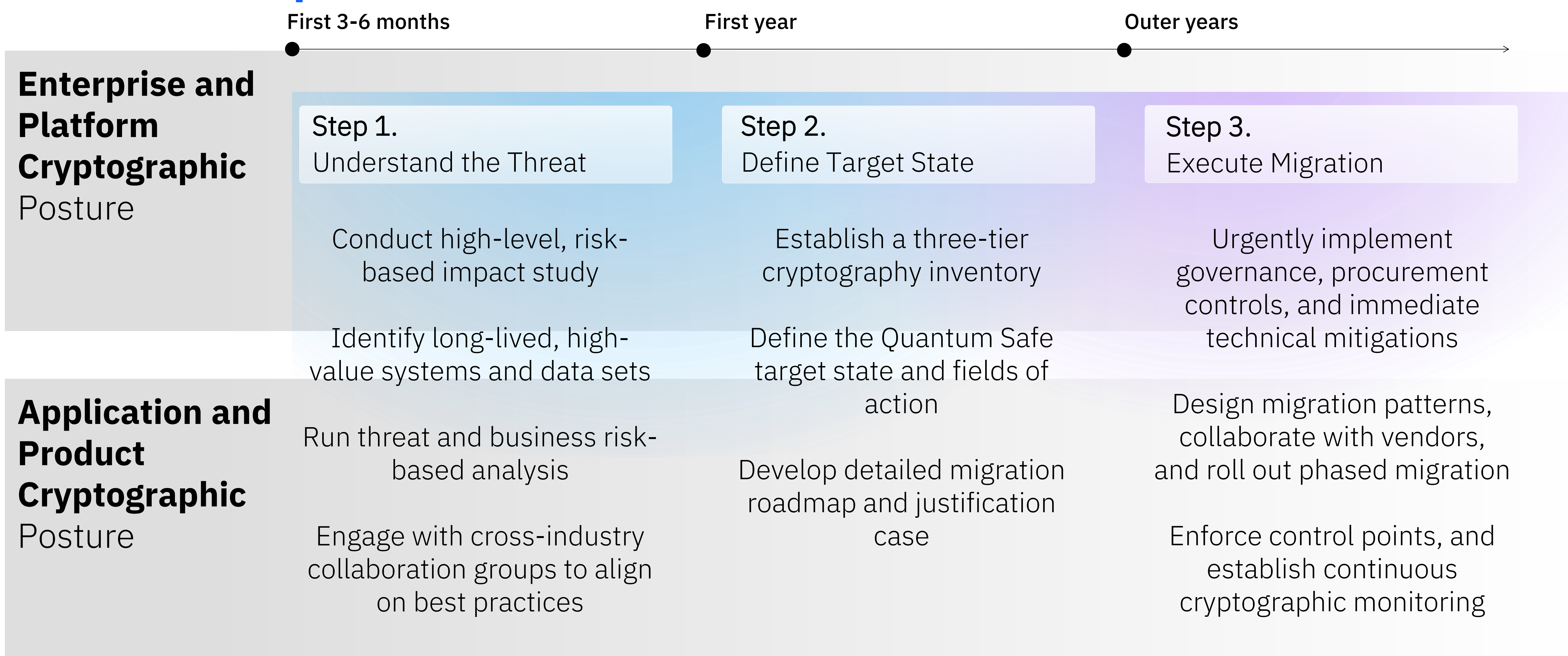
2 Prioritize long-lived
data & assets



3 Build agile, risk-based
migration programs

4 Think
in waves

Your Organization's Next Steps



How can IBM help – What value we bring



Strategic Clarity on Quantum Risk

We help clients demystify quantum risk by translating complex cryptographic exposure into clear business impact. Our **award-winning methodology**, combined with **structured migration orchestration platform** and **threat impact analysis**, enables leadership to make informed, risk-based decisions. Unlike others, **we anchor quantum security in real-world business contexts**, not just technology layers.

Accelerated Readiness Through AI-Powered Execution

We drastically reduce time-to-insight by **combining expert consulting with AI and automation**. Our use of digital workers and **research-led automation tools** allows for rapid discovery of cryptographic assets, scalable risk modeling, and continuous compliance tracking—making us **faster and more scalable** than traditional consulting models.

Seamless Migration with Proven Patterns and Tools

We de-risk and simplify the transition to quantum-safe through **field-tested patterns** and modular **migration frameworks**. From crypto-agility patterns and **network & cryptography-as-a-service** to the **industry’s first migration orchestration platform**, our **pre-built solutions** ensure clients can move from planning to execution smoothly, even across complex estates.

Deep Industry Influence and Future-Proof Alignment

We align client roadmaps with global standards and future cryptographic landscapes. As **contributors to NIST PQC**, founders of **industry consortiums**, and partners in **national-level quantum security initiatives**, we ensure our clients are always aligned with the latest standards, regulatory expectations, and emerging best practices.

