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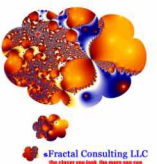
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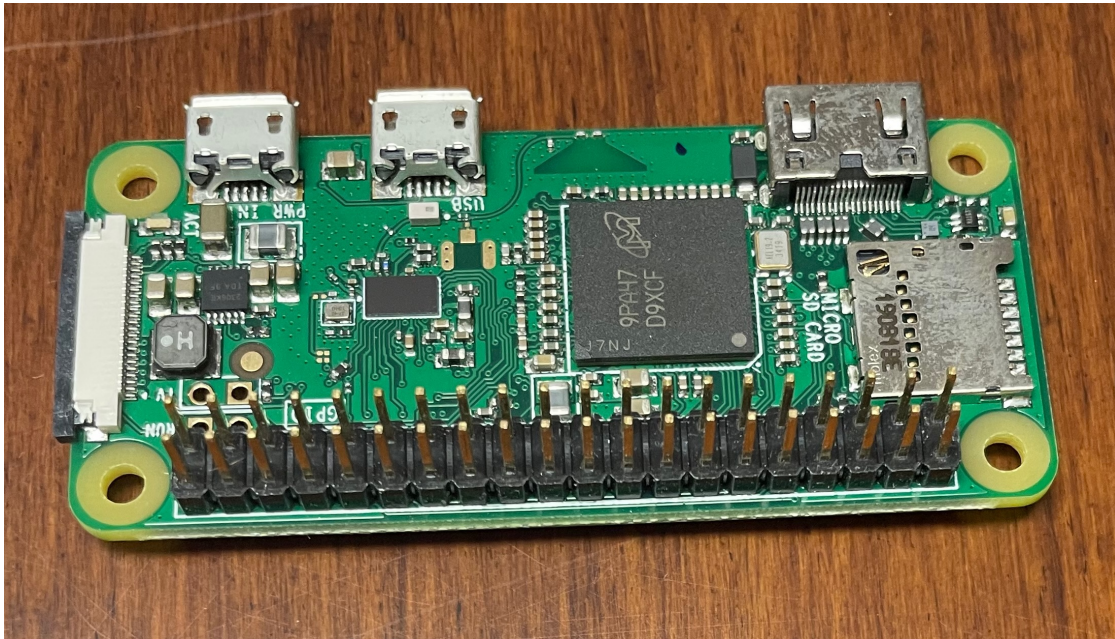
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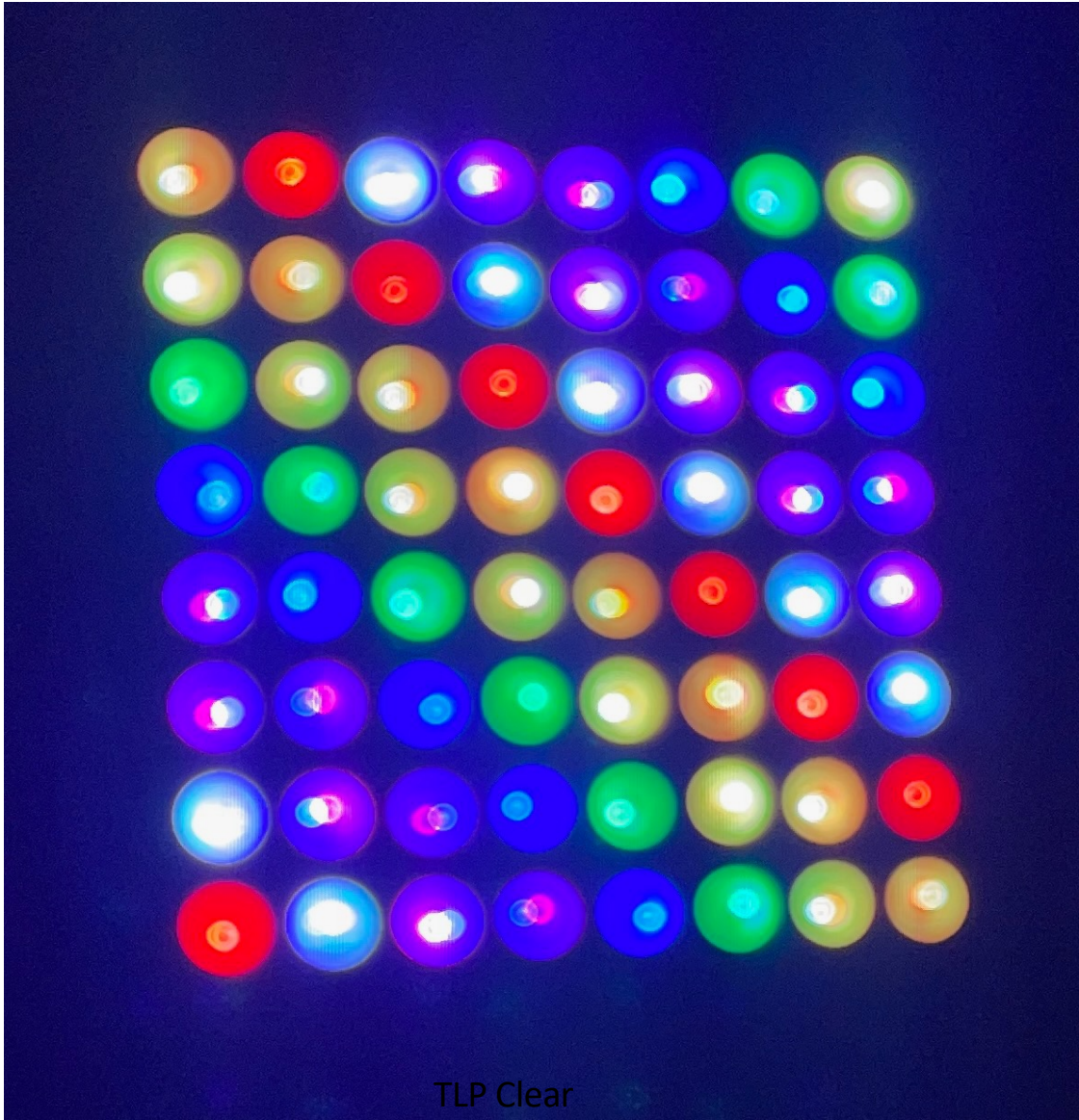


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**Making Standards-Based, Interoperable Cybersecurity a Reality**

**OCA is building an open ecosystem where cybersecurity products interoperate without the need for customized integrations**

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# OASIS OPEN

Where open source and open standards thrive

**2000+**  
PARTICIPANTS

**6**  
CONTINENTS

**70+**  
COMMUNITIES

**150+**  
STANDARDS

- Nonprofit, 501(c)(6), member-driven organization
- Built on openness, inclusivity, and innovation
- ANSI-certified process
- Setting standards since 1993



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**IoB**

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**In cybersecurity,  
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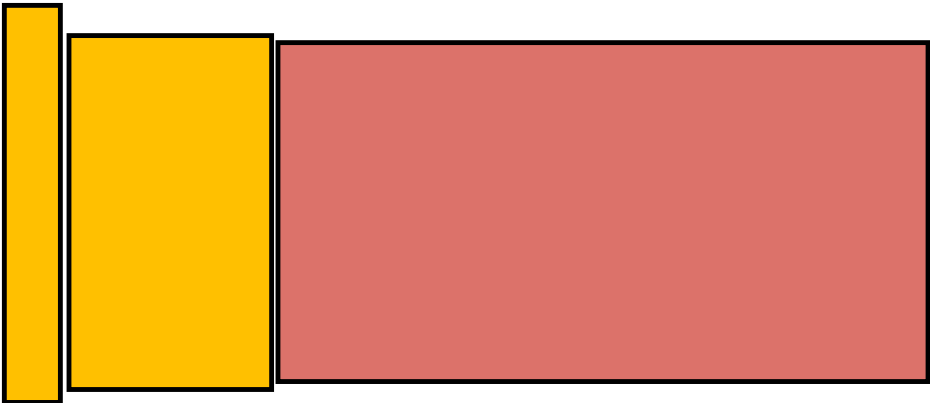


Zombie Hoard from Night of the Living Dead

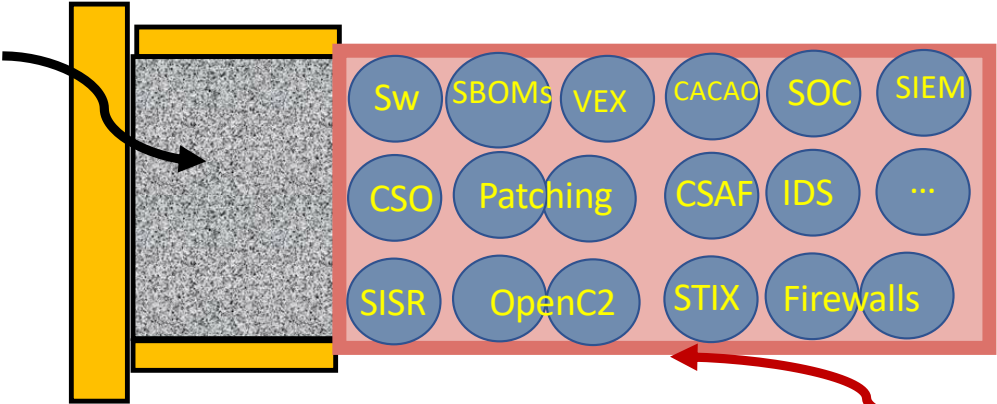


Boom Stick from Ash Vs the Evil Dead





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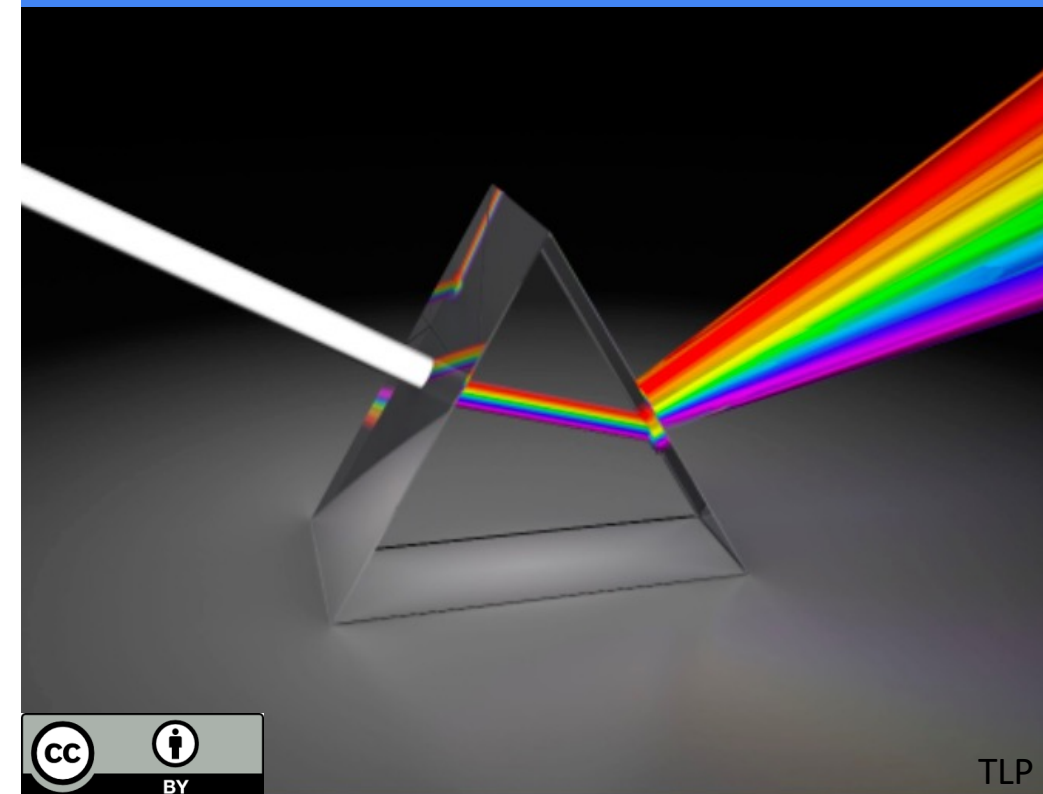
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**Sharing**

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# Automation



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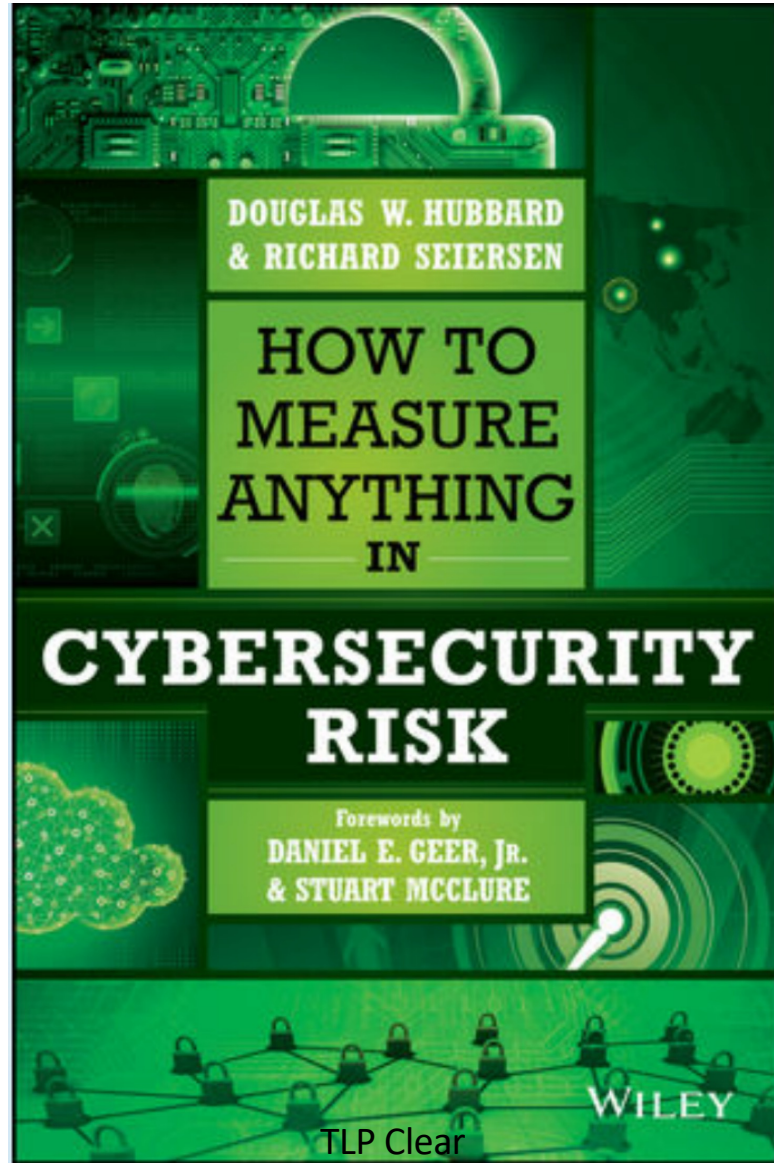


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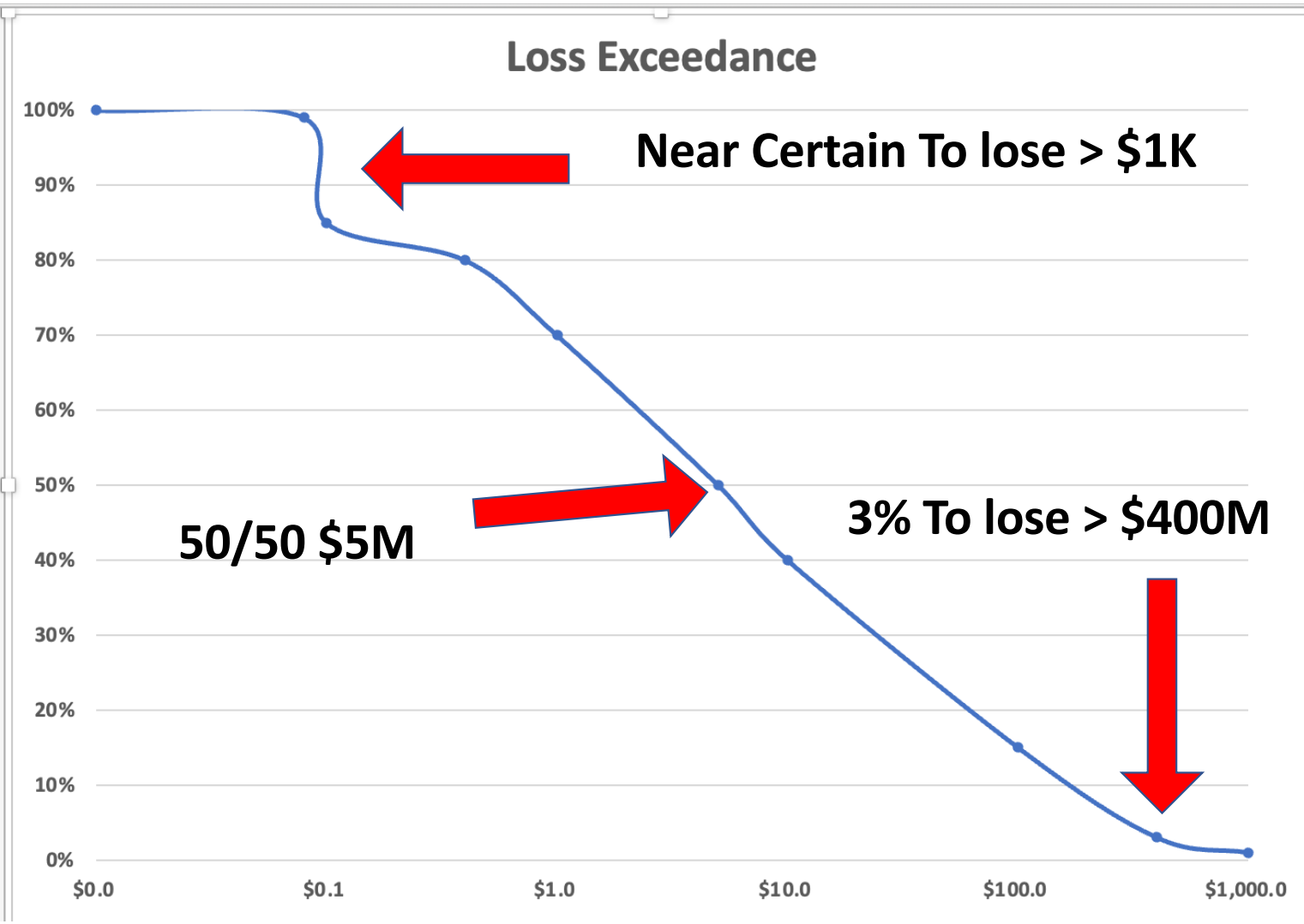


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# Loss Exceedance



**Near Certain To lose > \$1K**

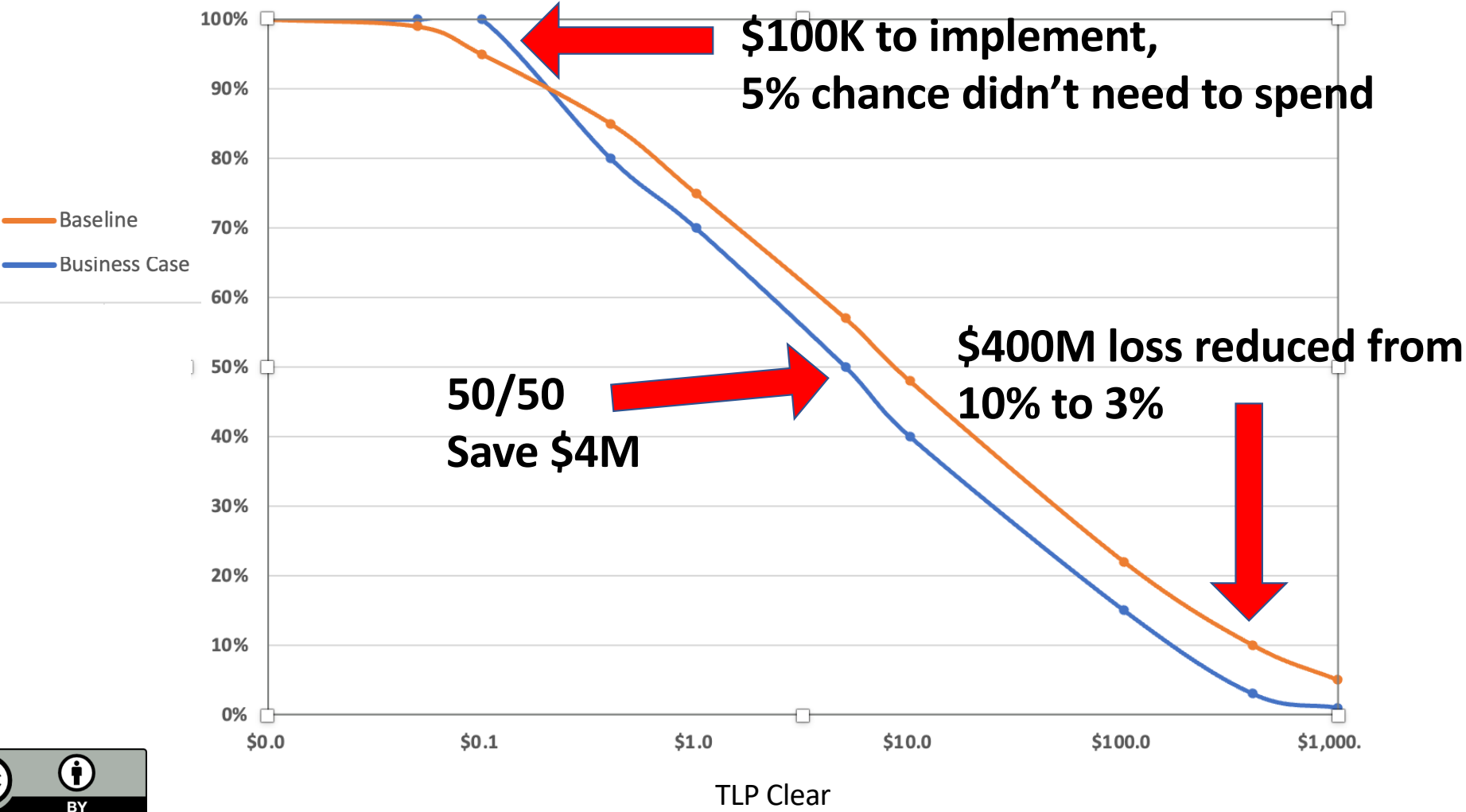
**50/50 \$5M**

**3% To lose > \$400M**

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### Loss Exceedance



# Demonstrated/Observed Gains So Far

10,000x increase in triage capacity

Complexity

tion of increasingly complex workflows  
s  
ring of ops status, mission priority, risk  
posture, local policy/ROE with no reduction of

driver, non-signature-

100-400x volume of indicator-to-mitigation completed

n of commercially available,  
increasingly interoperable solutions  
• 10-20-fold increase in orchestration

Reduced ops timeline on fully automated flows by over 99%

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- 25%-30% Efficiency Gain in SOC Analysts



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- 25%-30% Efficiency Gain in SOC Analysts



- 98% Savings (\$1.06M) in processing phishing emails



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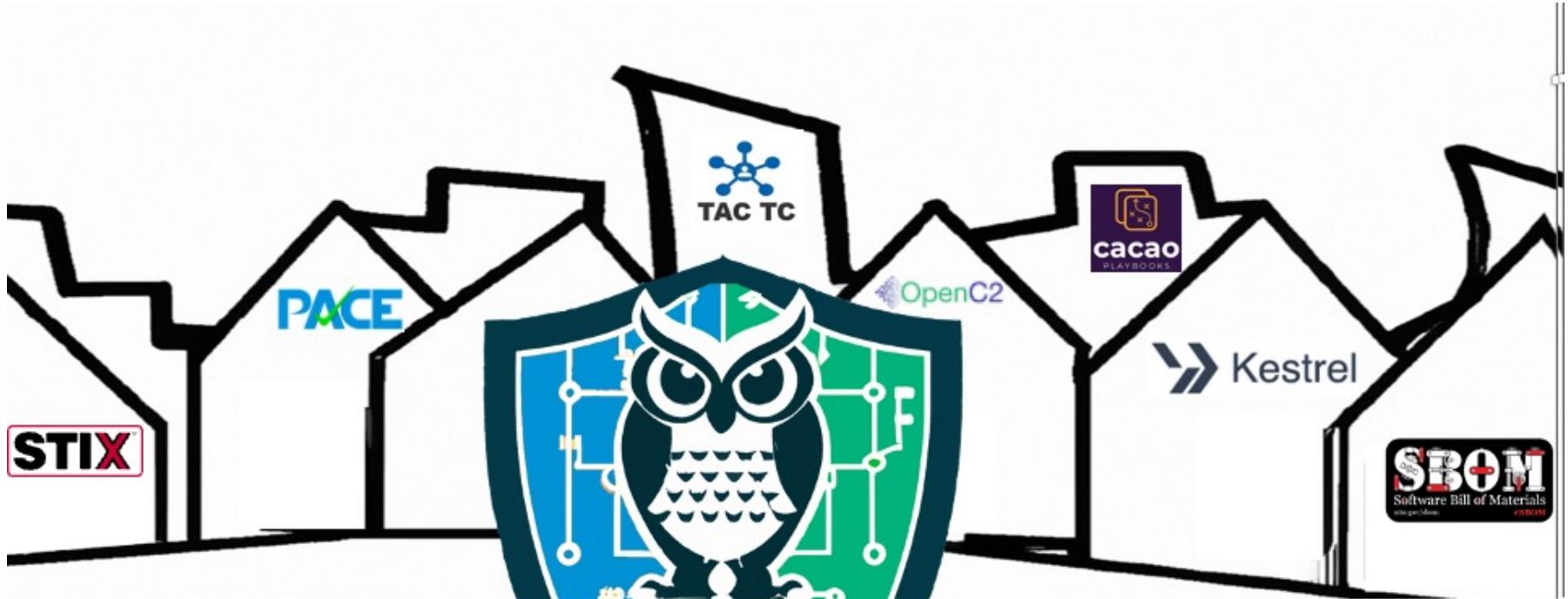
## Cybersecurity Automation SubProject

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It is a forum where products from all vendors, researchers, and software publishers can freely exchange information, insights, and reference implementations via commonly developed code and tooling, using mutually agreed upon technologies, specifications, and procedures.



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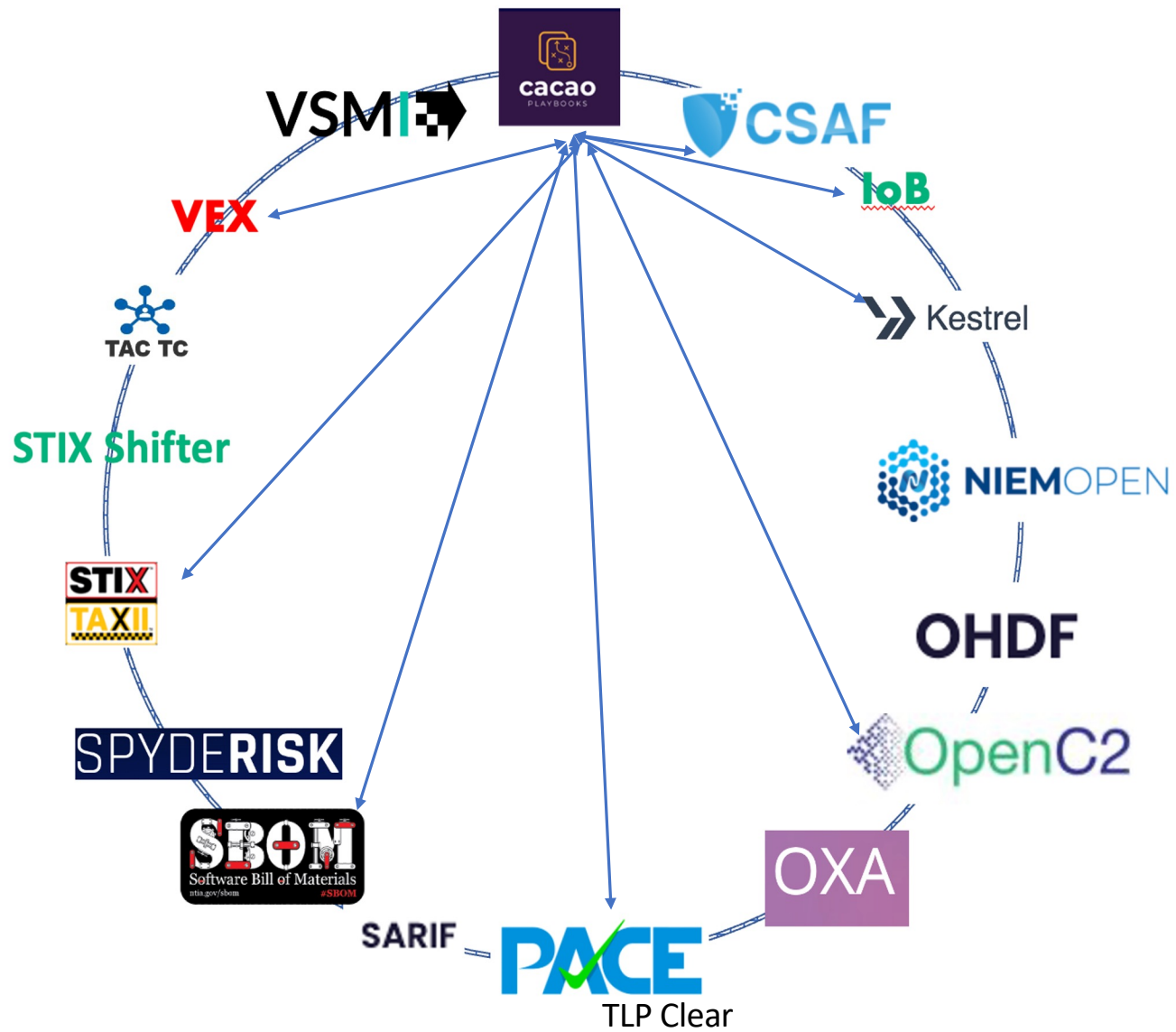




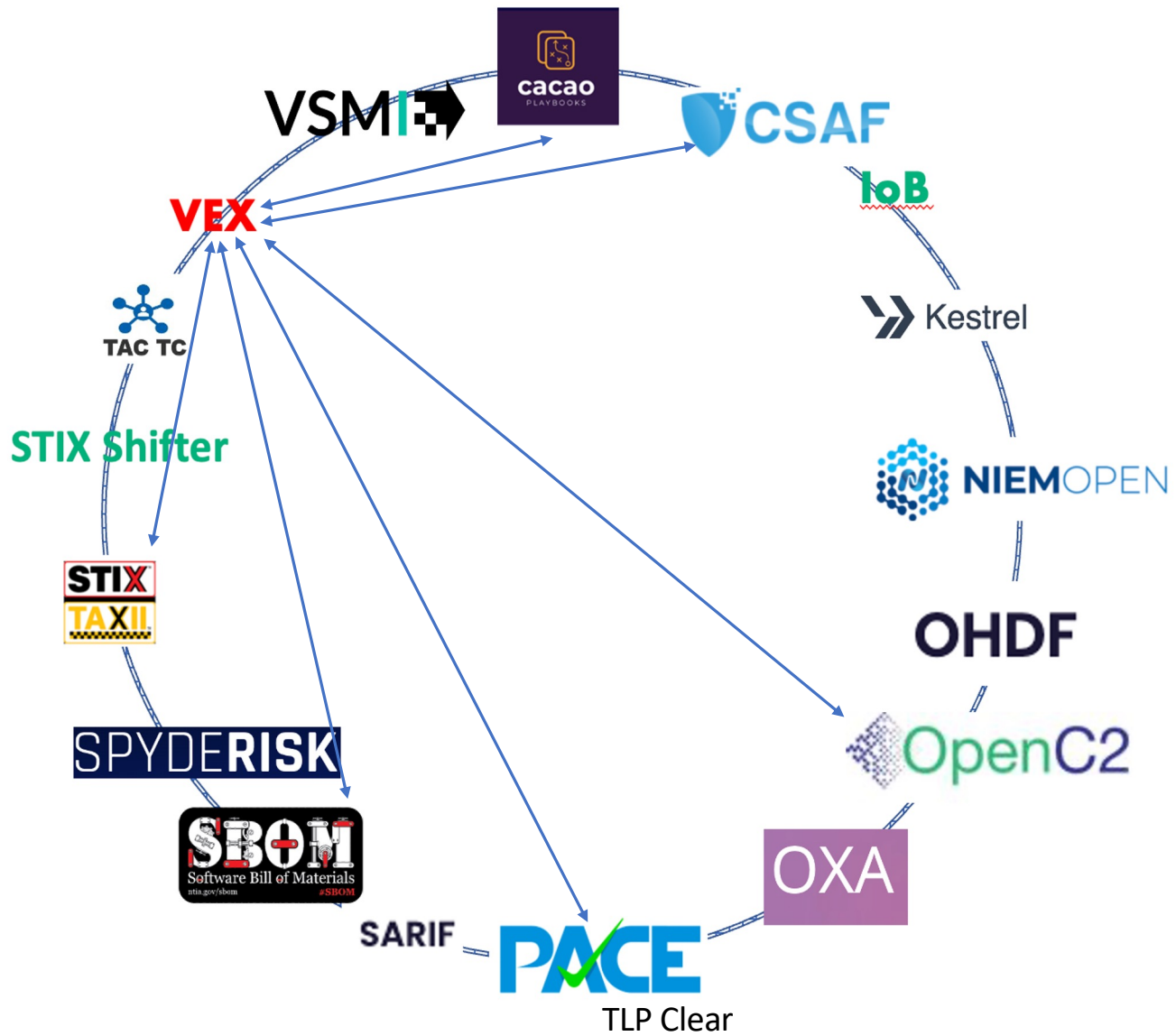












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## Machine to Machine

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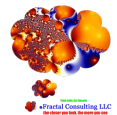
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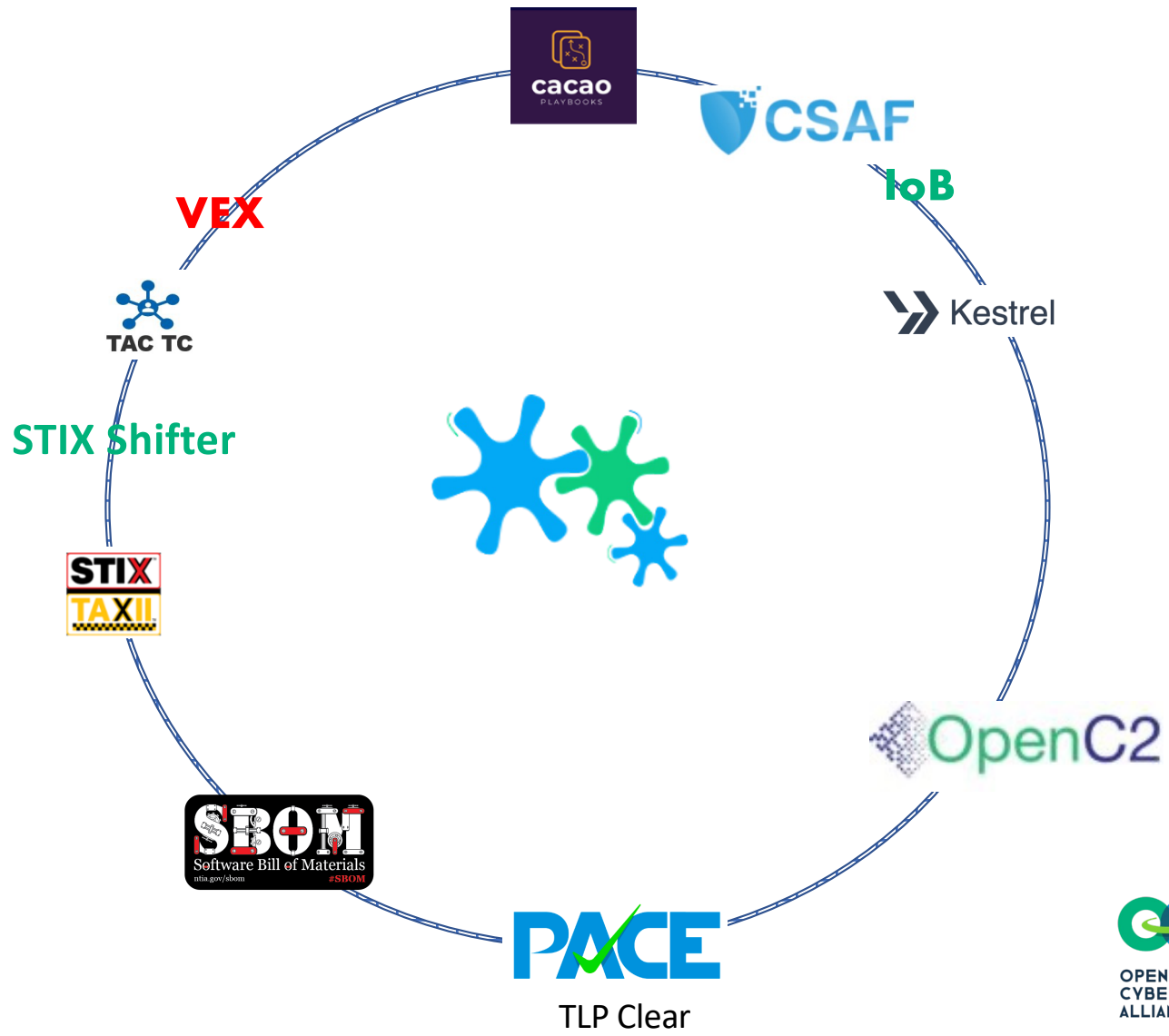


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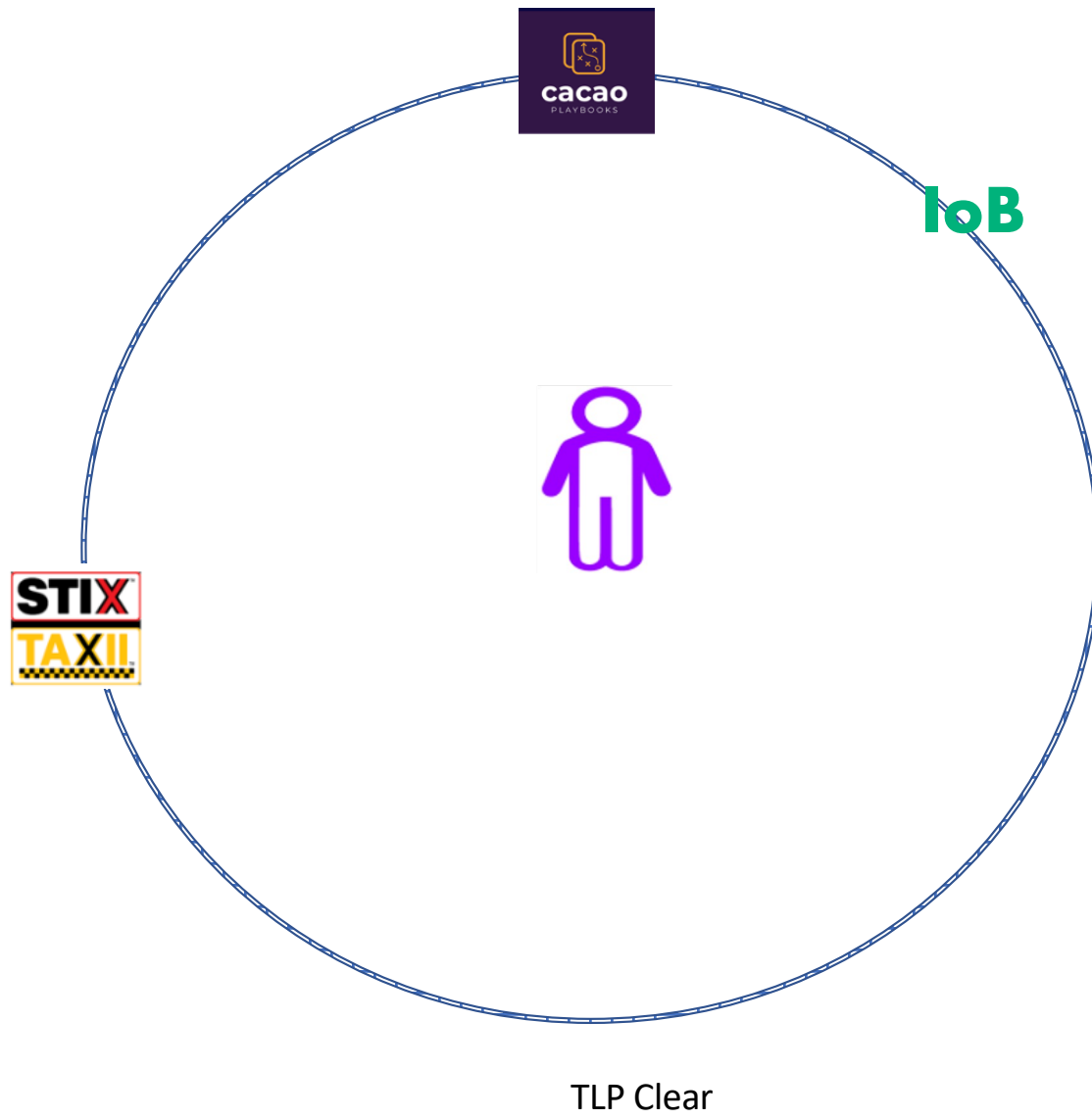
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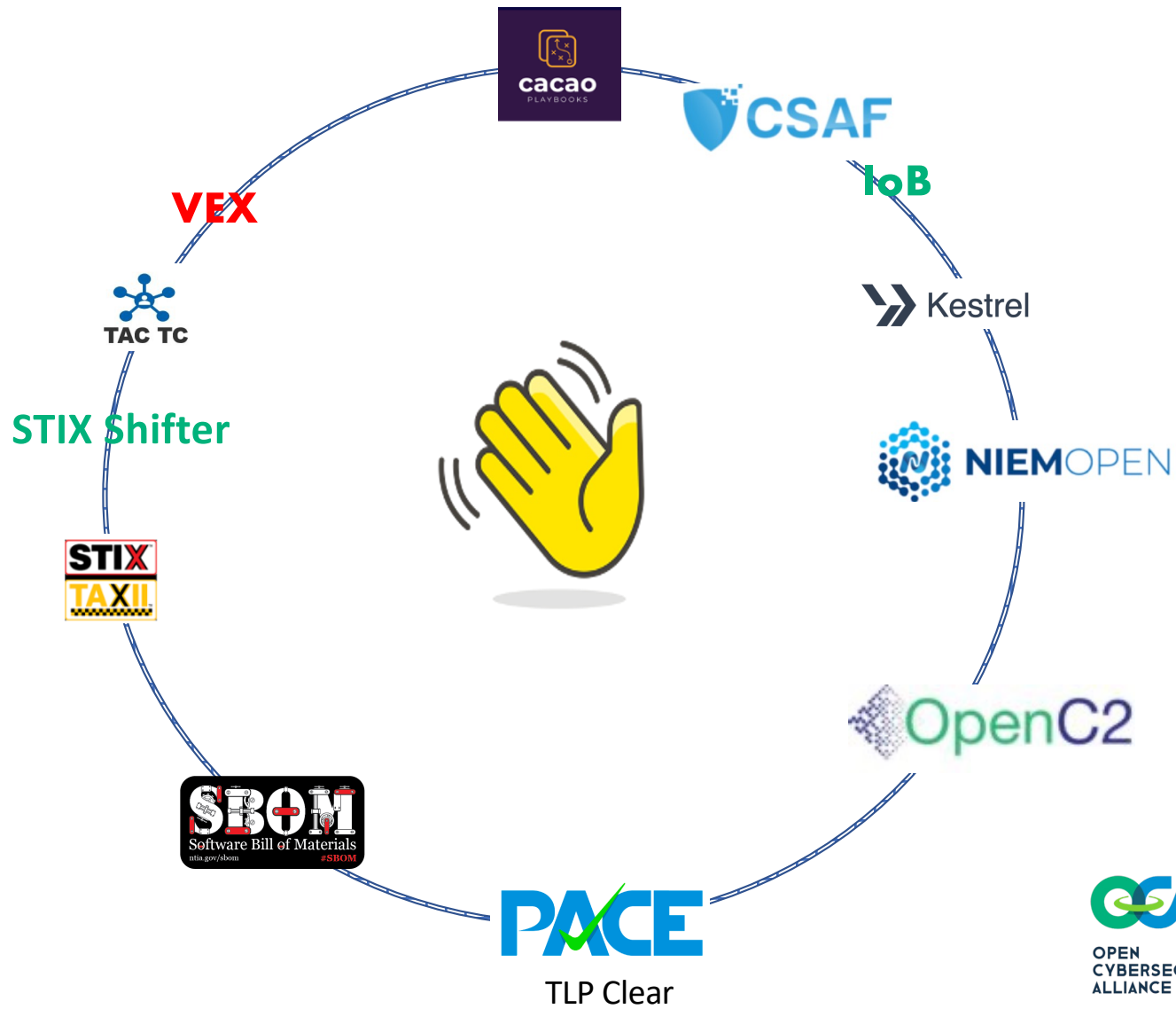
Human to Machine



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# The WhitchyWashy Ransomware Use Case

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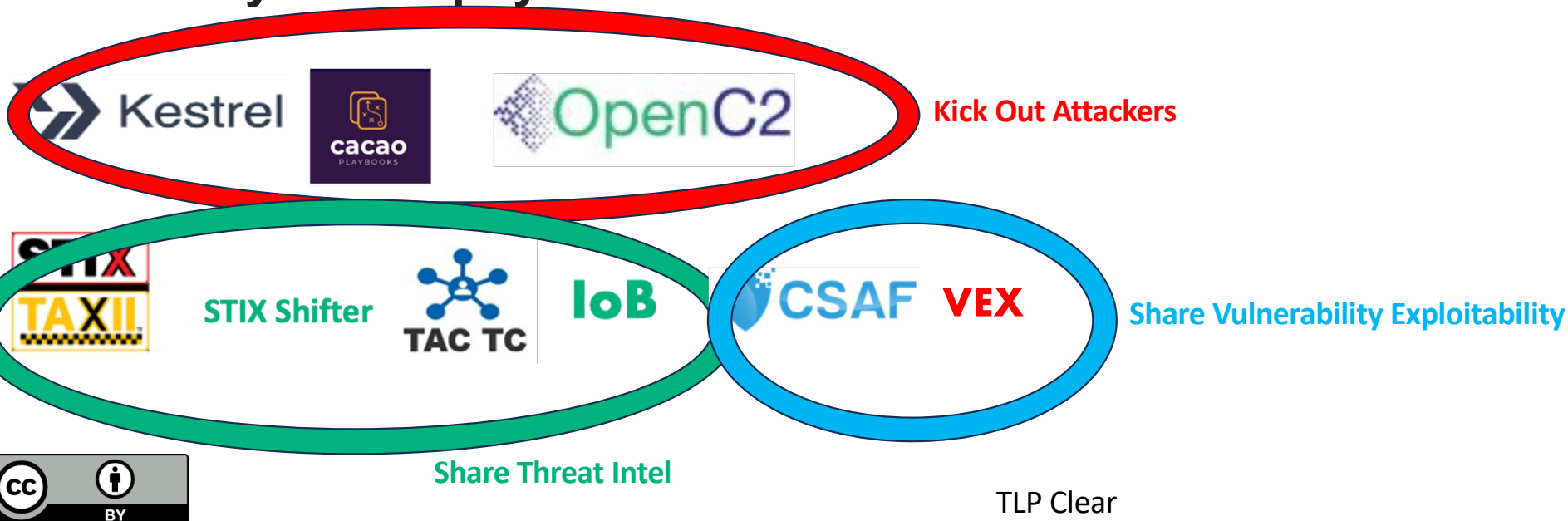


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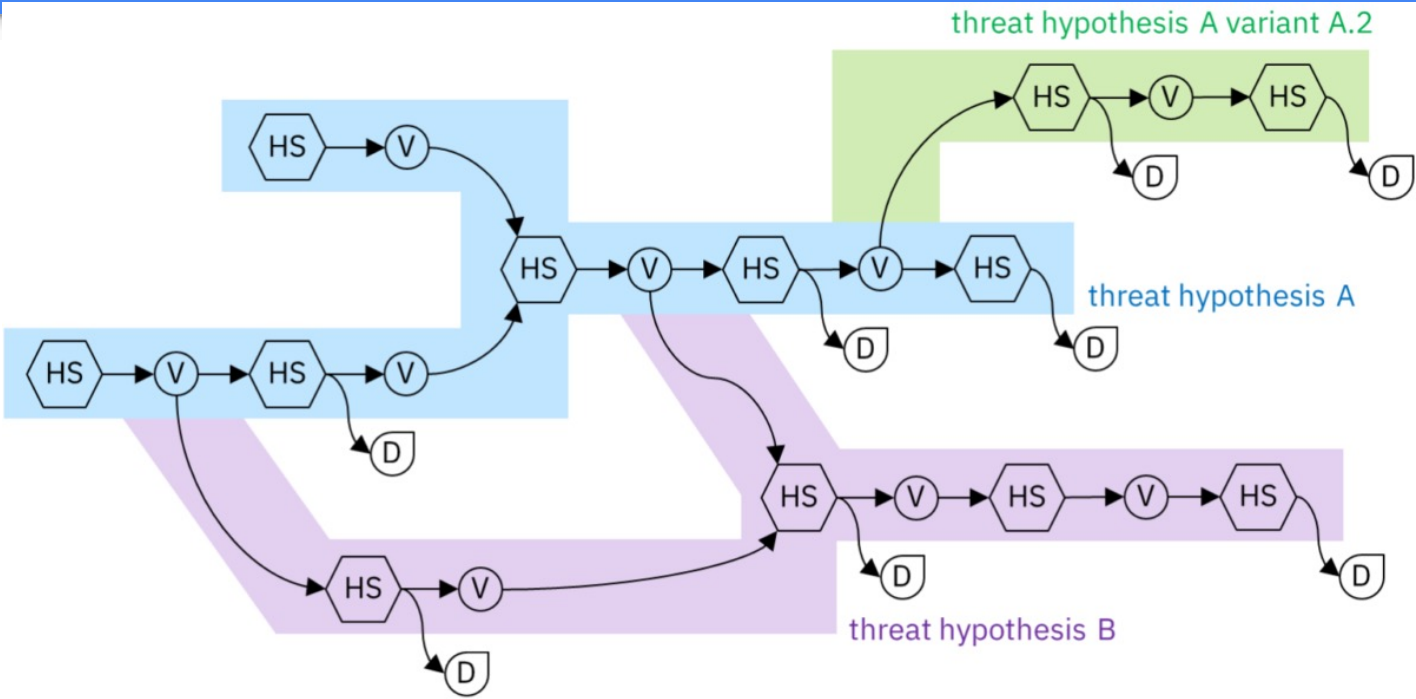
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# Kestrel

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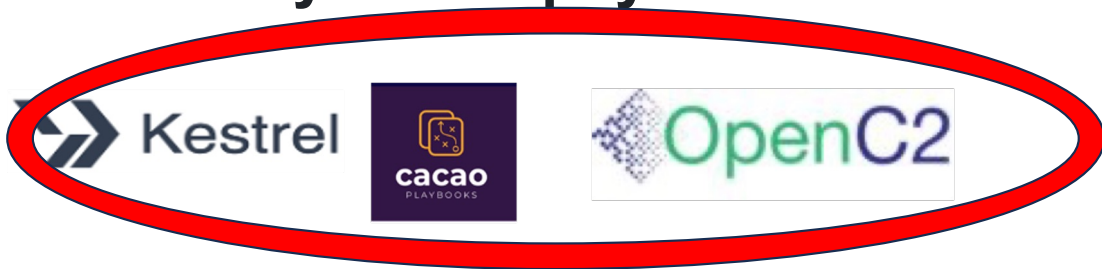
(V) Kestrel variable    (D) Kestrel display object    (HS) Kestrel hunt step

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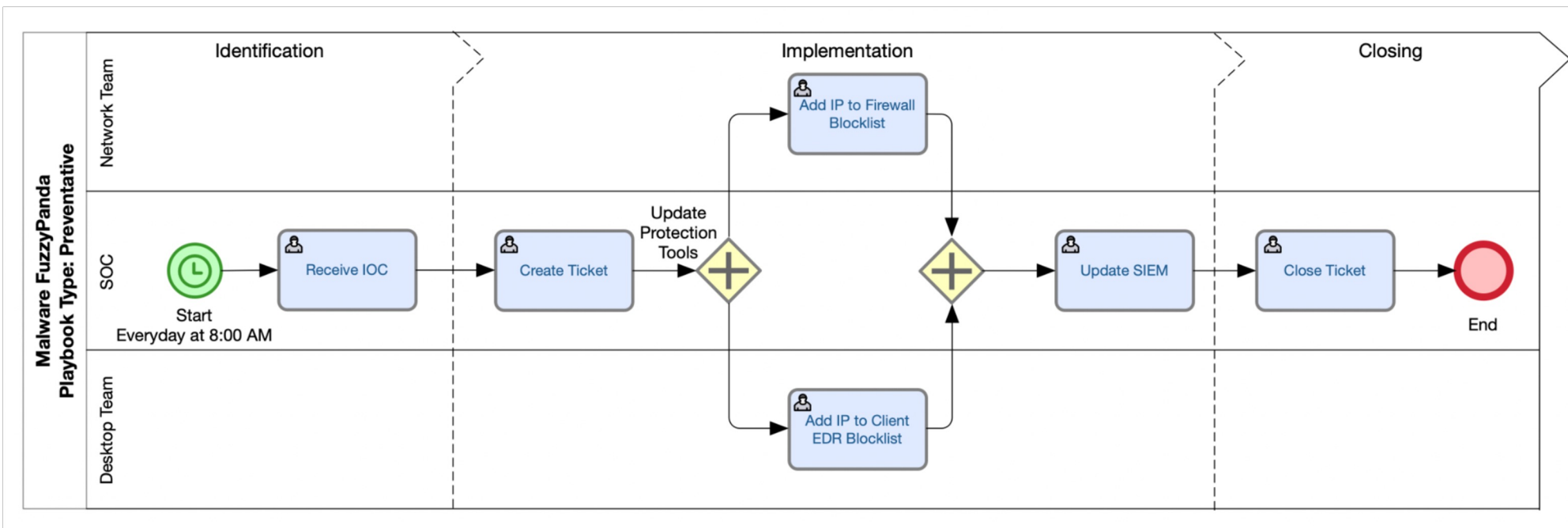
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# CACAO

## Collaborative Automated Course of Action Operations



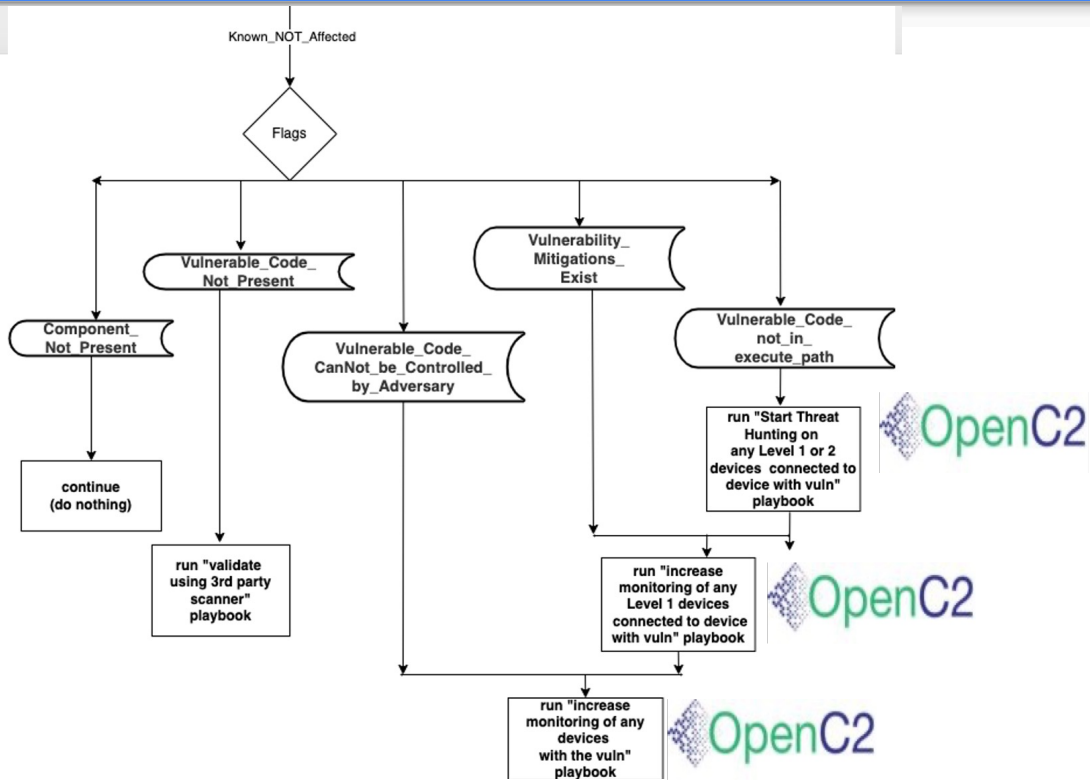
# CACAO Playbooks in Diagram Form / Similar to BPMN



- 81 existing playbooks written by CISA in BPMN
  - <https://github.com/cisagov/shareable-soar-workflows>
- Open Source Tool to Covert BPMN to CACAO Playbooks
  - <https://github.com/cydarm/bpmn-to-cacao>

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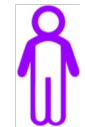
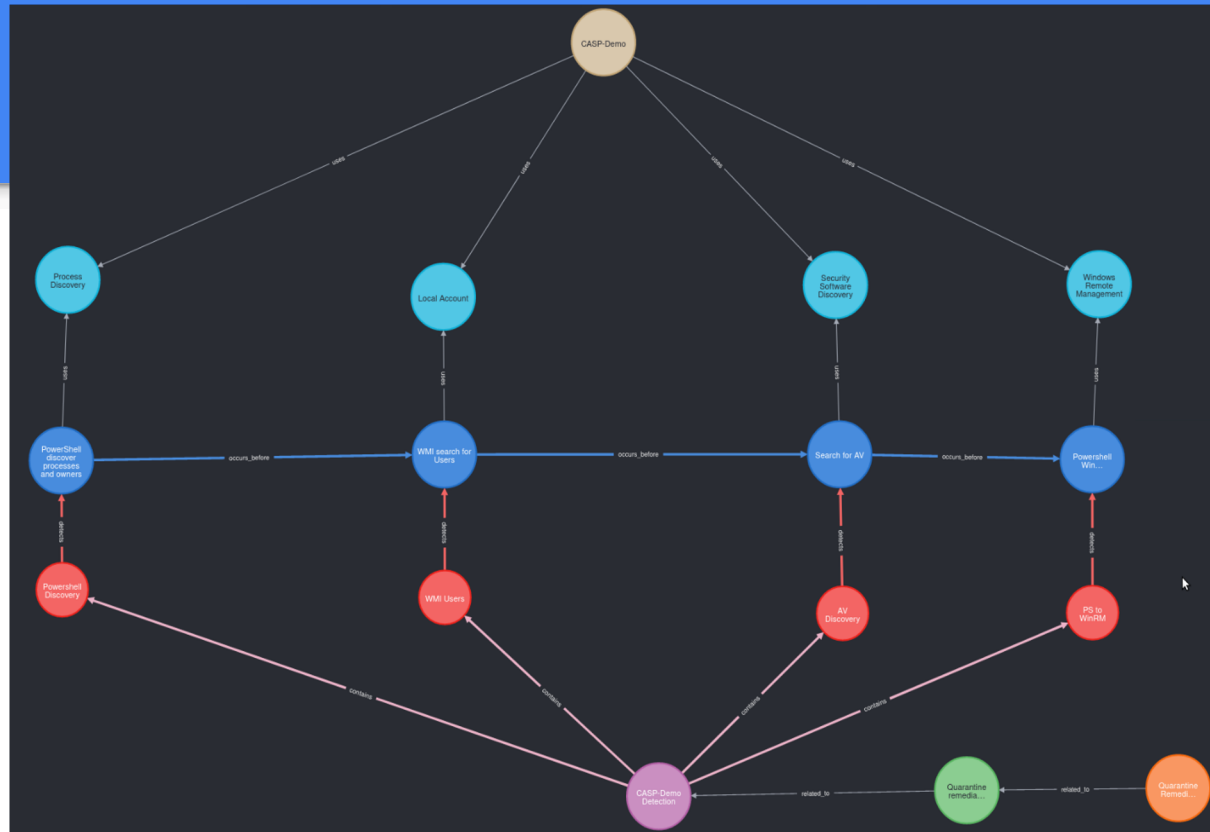


Share Threat Intel

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# Converting STIX to Neo4J Visualizations

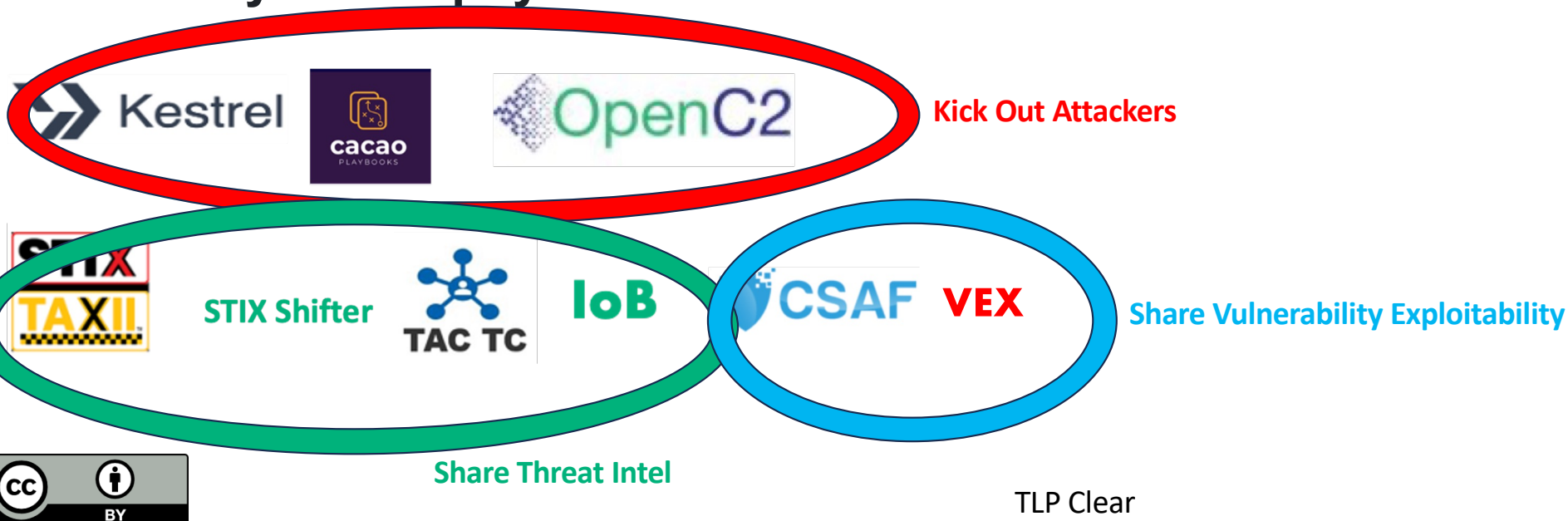


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# Posture Attribute Collection and Evaluation

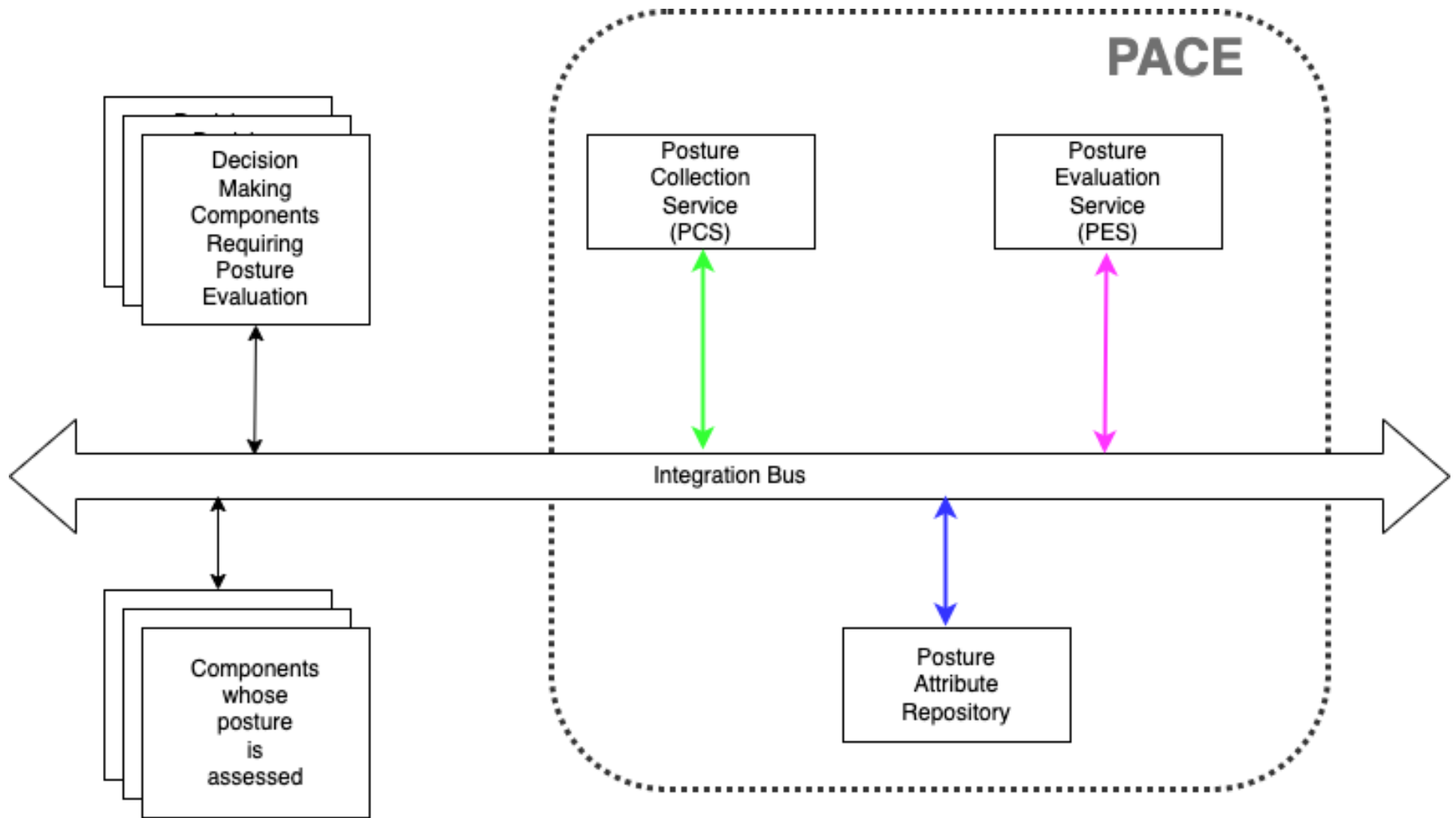


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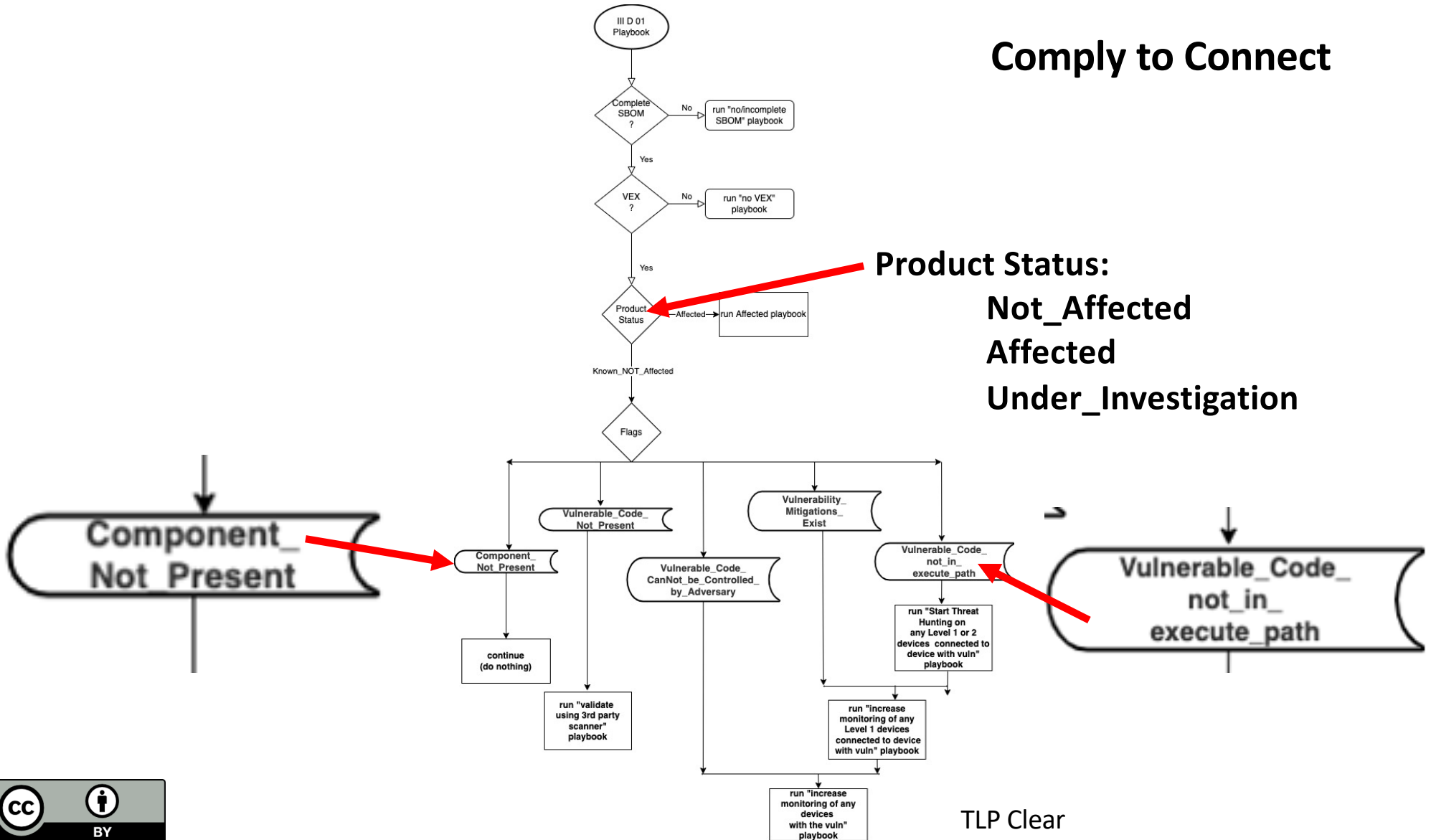


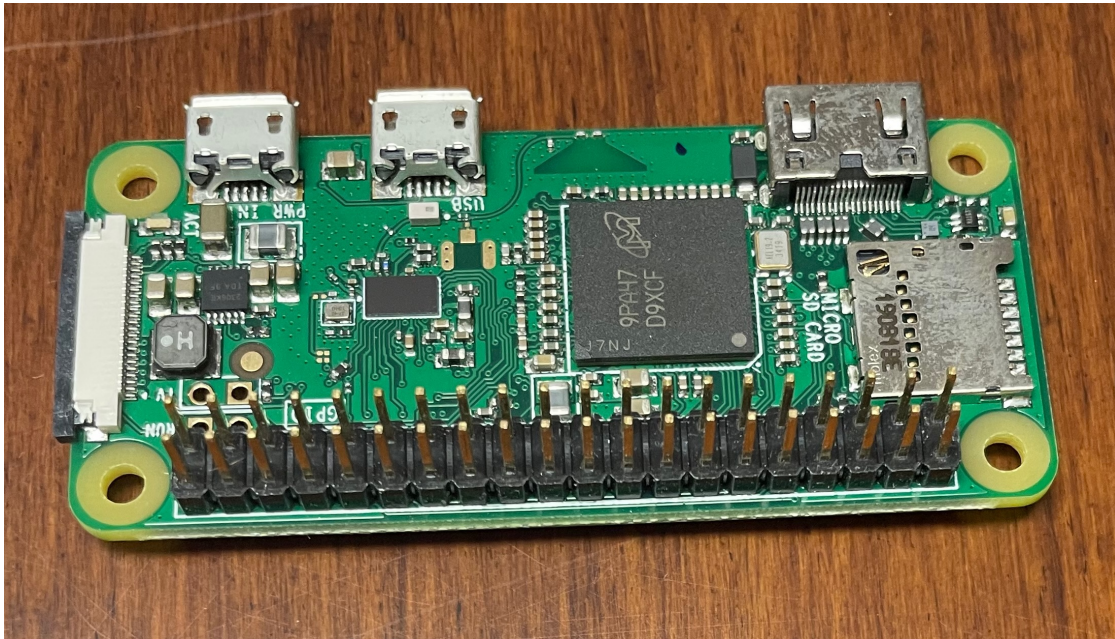
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# Cybersecurity Automation Village



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# Next

## Cybersecurity Automation Village



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- Still in planning stages
- 2-day event
- NJ? DC?
- March 2024

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