



Unified Attack Surface Management

with an Attacker's and Defender's View



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GUIDANCE

Vulnerability management

This area provides advice, guidance and other resources aimed specifically at those with an interest in vulnerability management.

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2. Identify your assets

Understanding what systems and software you have on your technical estate, who is responsible for what, and which vulnerabilities are present.

Thinking behind this principle

Understanding what systems and software you have on your technical estate is fundamental to effective vulnerability management. It's just as important to understand *who* is responsible for each system or service you identify.

Once you have identified this, it's important to agree the tasks which the security and IT system maintainers carry out. This should include the cadence and nature for reporting on detected vulnerabilities, the time and effort system maintainers should allocate to correcting issues, and agreeing the appropriate priority of an IT incident, such as if a critical vulnerability is exploited in the wild.

Asset discovery

The NCSC has separate [guidance for organisations about Asset management](#) but your essential aim here is to identify and monitor the systems, services, cloud infrastructure, mobile devices, hardware and software in your estate. Each category may need a different approach and it's important to minimise gaps by not omitting a category, or conflating





National Cyber Security Centre

Type of estate	Rollout	Update completed within
Internet-facing services and software	Install on test environment or backup first. Test and rollout (a phased rollout can be used if applicable).	5 days
Operating system and applications	<p>These updates should be applied automatically, as soon as an update is published.</p> <p>Phased rollout, for example 10% of the estate updated per day.</p> <p>Pause/rollback if issues encountered.</p>	7 days
Internal/air-gapped service and software	Install on test environment or backup first. Test and rollout.	14 days

NCSC Guideline for Asset Management Program

- 1 Asset Discovery should include on-prem, cloud infra, hardware, mobile devices, **Digital footprints, Internet-connected devices**
- 2 Map Assets, software, systems and vulnerabilities to the **owners and dept**
- 3 Identify & Reduce the risk from **Obsolete (EoL/EoS) & Extended-support Products**
- 4 **Accurate and availability** of information in **CMDB** supported by tools for collection
- 5 Identify & Reduce **the risk of Misconfig** and make **Remediations at scale easy**



2. IDENTIFY YOUR ASSETS

- Understanding what systems and software you have on your **technical estate, who is responsible for what, and which vulnerabilities are present.**
- Agree on the tasks which the security and IT system maintainers carry out. This should include the cadence and nature for reporting on detected vulnerabilities, the time and effort system maintainers should allocate to correcting issues, and agreeing the appropriate priority of an IT incident.
- Asset Discovery**
 - identify and monitor the systems, services, cloud infrastructure, mobile devices, hardware and software in your estate.
 - Asset discovery, and cataloguing and managing your estate as it changes over time, is a continual process. Automating these processes means you can focus on the results.
- Obsolete and Extended-Support Products**
 - The best remediation here is to migrate to a supported product before it reaches end of life. Where this isn't possible, you will need to manage the risks associated with obsolete products.
 - The NCSC recommends that once a product is out of mainstream support you migrate to a supported version.
- Configuration Management**
 - The NCSC has device security guidance to help organisations choose and configure devices securely, and one of the most effective security controls are application allow lists.
 - We recommend that you automate configuration audits, and that they provide coverage across your whole estate. Where possible, any new system should be deployed using infrastructure as code and configuration as code, to reduce the risks of misconfiguration and make remediation at scale easy.

Qualys CyberSecurity Asset Management (CSAM) Can Help...

Align with NCSC Asset Management guideline & Turbocharge Risk-Based VM Program

Step 0 of Measuring Risk

Managing Your Internal and External Attack Surface Risk

Find and close asset visibility gaps

- ✓ Entire Attack Surface Coverage
- ✓ Most comprehensive asset discovery in the market



Discover over 30% more assets

Turbocharge VM with business context

- ✓ Improve Asset Coverage for the VM Program
- ✓ Drive accurate risk prioritization based on asset category, asset configuration and business context.



5x effectiveness for ACS

Internal assets

Agent, Scanner, Sensors



External assets

Open-source Tech & Qualys Internet scanner



Cloud assets

Monitor your Cloud environment



Assets from 3rd parties

API-Based Connectors



IoT/OT and rogue assets

Passive Network Sensing & CAPS



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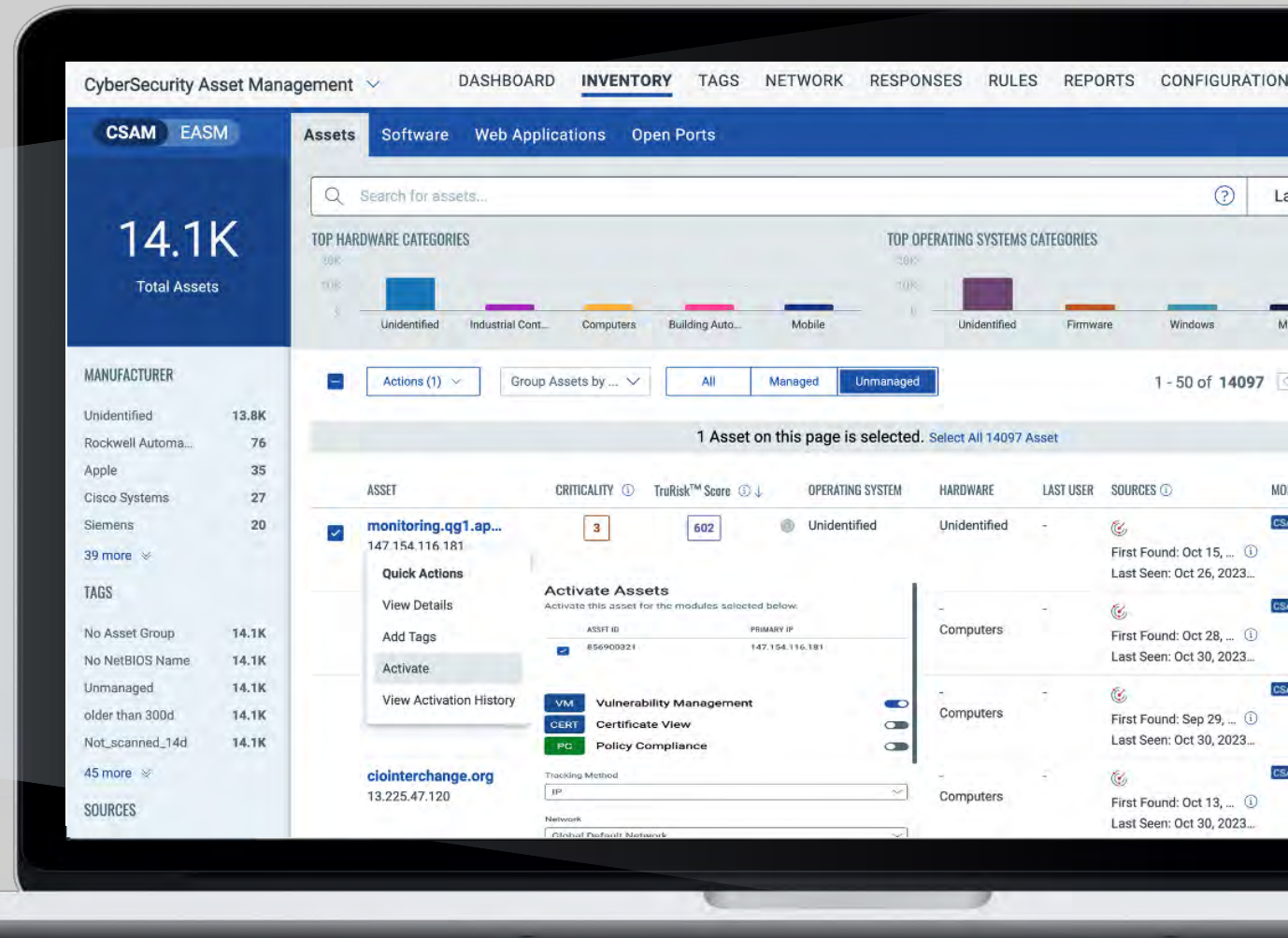
De-risk Your Business

External Attack Surface Discovery & Monitoring

External Attack Surface Management (EASM)

Attackers' View – Outside-in perspective

- 1 Discover 'Previously Unknown' internet-facing assets
- 2 Monitor Cyber Risk for M&A Entities, 3rd party vendors, subsidiaries
- 3 Identify & remediate security gaps and misconfiguration issues
- 4 Continuous monitoring - Be alerted when unknown assets, domains, subdomains are found
- 5 Operationalize asset data with One-click into VM, WAS, Patch, ITSM & SOC



Patent Pending EASM Discovery Technology

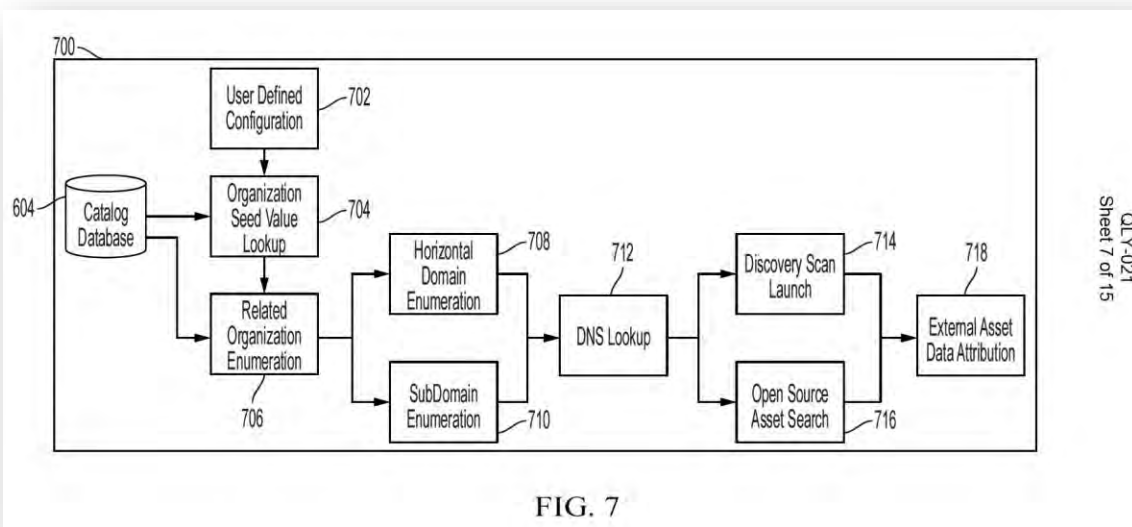
United States Patent

Patent Pending: 18385892



Title of Invention:

SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DISCOVERING EXTERNAL ATTACK SURFACE BASED ON IDENTIFICATION DATA



Summary

- Helps discover 30-40% average unknown internet-facing assets with high fidelity and confidence scores.
- Identify Organizations internet-facing assets along with its Subsidiaries and M&A's with high accuracy.
- Reduce **Noise created by typical EASM solutions** that use sub-optimal vuln detection based on basic banner-grabbing techniques etc.

Open-source Technology & Qualys Internet scanner



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Identity for everyone



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The Free Encyclopedia



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De-risk Your Business

Internal Attack Surface Discovery & Monitoring

Introducing Qualys Cloud Agent Passive Sensor

For detecting 100% of devices' communication in the network

Continuously Monitor and Reduce Internal Attack Surface

✓ **Single, Lightweight, extensible, self-updating & centrally managed Agent**

Customizable Qualys Agent for various systems, filters data from public or home networks

✓ **Get away from the limitation of network taps**

Non-intrusive network reporting with auto-elected Master Reporter per domain, showing managed/unmanaged assets in Qualys platform

✓ **Passive sensing**

Data will be sniffed passively in the subnet by listening to broadcasts and multicasts

- Collect rich asset metadata using ARP, DHCP, SSDP, NetBios, mDNS, CDP/LLDP, LLMNR, WSD and more.



Identify Rogue Devices even in IOT environment without a massive investment in sensors and new systems

CyberSecurity Asset Management - CSAM

Defenders' View – Inside-out Perspective

1 Comprehensive **Asset discovery & Inventory** – Cloud, On-prem, IoT/OT, Internet-facing

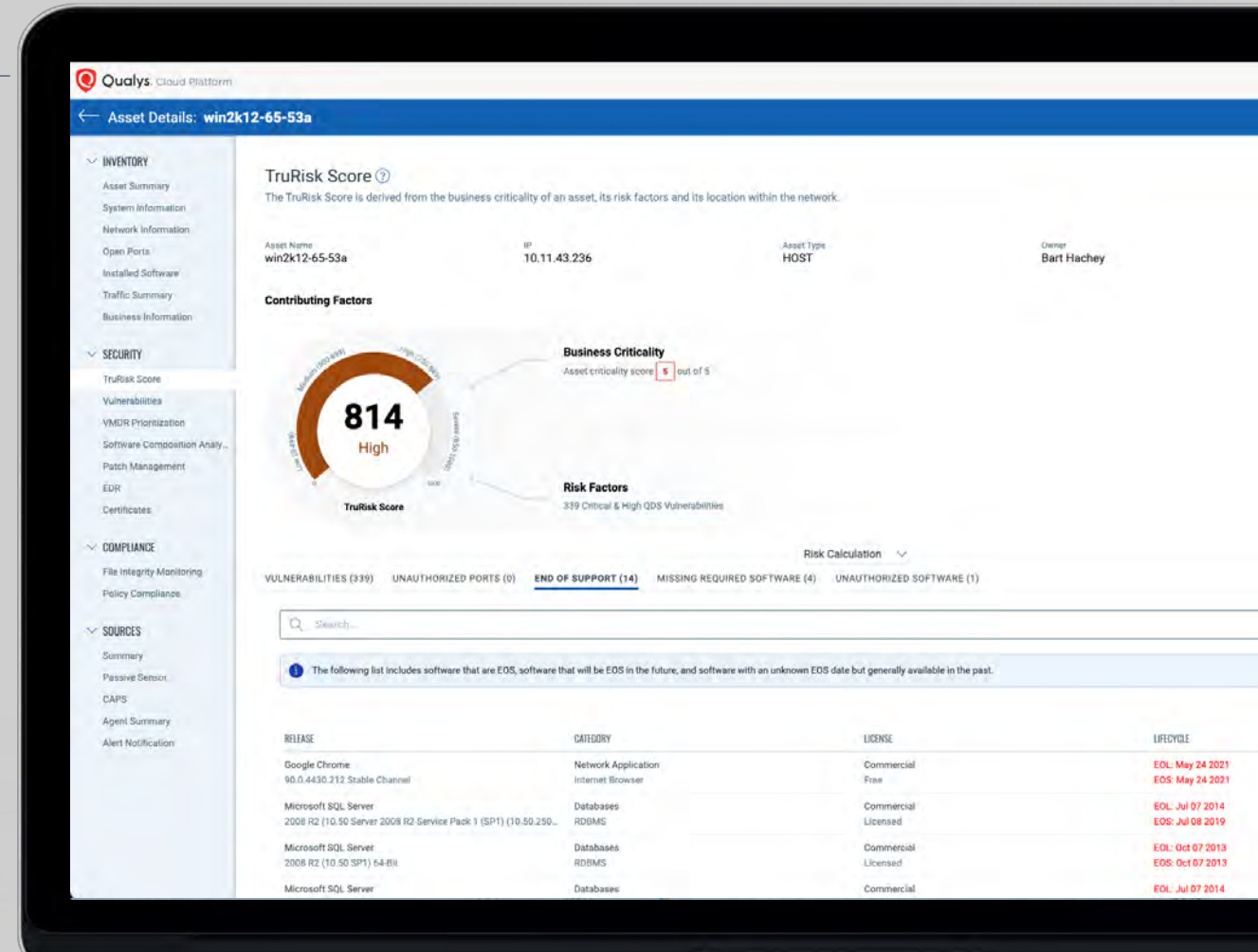
2 **Third-party integrations** for asset aggregation and intelligence

3 **Bi-Dir CMDB Sync** for enriching inventory with **business context**

4 **Cyber Risk Assessment of Inventory**

- Unauthorized Software, Ports
- Find Security Agent Coverage
- Manage EoL/EoS (Tech-Debt)

5 **Risk-based prioritization** and remediation workflows **with Qualys TruRisk**

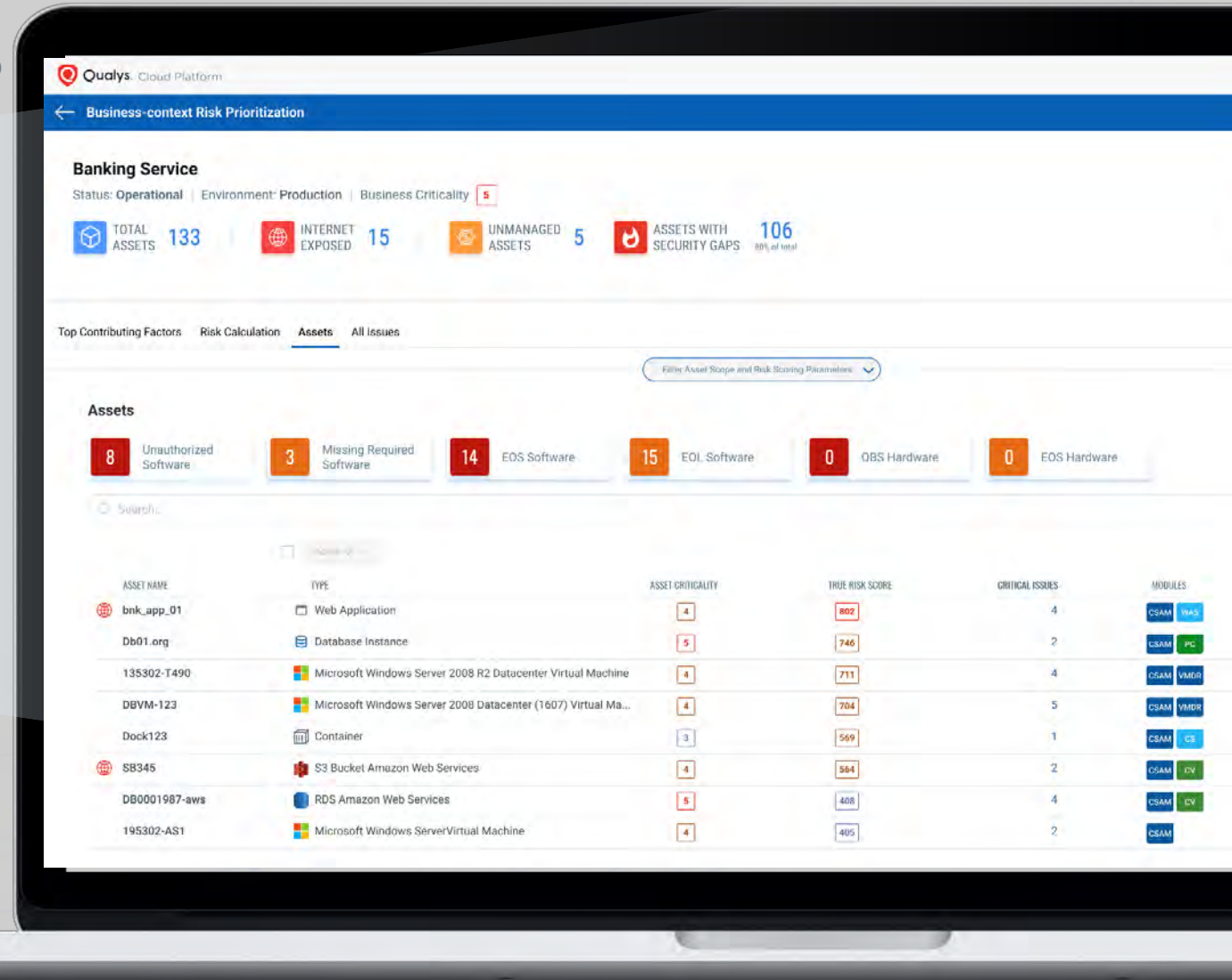


Purpose-built Inventory for Cyber Security Team

Risk-Based Prioritization

... Must Include 3rd-Party (Non-Qualys) Environment

- 1 Bring in missing 3rd party assets to Qualys for unified inventory and attack surface risk assessment and monitoring
- 2 Risk-Based prioritization with 3rd party business context
- 3 3rd Party Connectors for CMDB, AD, Webhook, and Security and IT tools
 - ServiceNow CMDB, BMC Helix, Active Directory, VMware, CrowdStrike, Zscaler, Splunk, Jira, etc.



Bringing Together External + Internal Attack Surface

Purpose-built for Cybersecurity and VM/Risk teams

1 External Attack Surface Management

Attacker outside-in perspective.



Discover and continuously monitor outside-in digital footprint internet-facing assets



Natively integrate with VMDR (or other) for vuln analysis and prioritization



Continuously improve and implement attack surface management (ASM) strategies



2 Internal Attack Surface Management

Defender inside-out perspective

Discover Cloud, On-prem, Data center, IT, OT/IoT and Rogue Assets



Security, compliance, and Risk-based prioritization



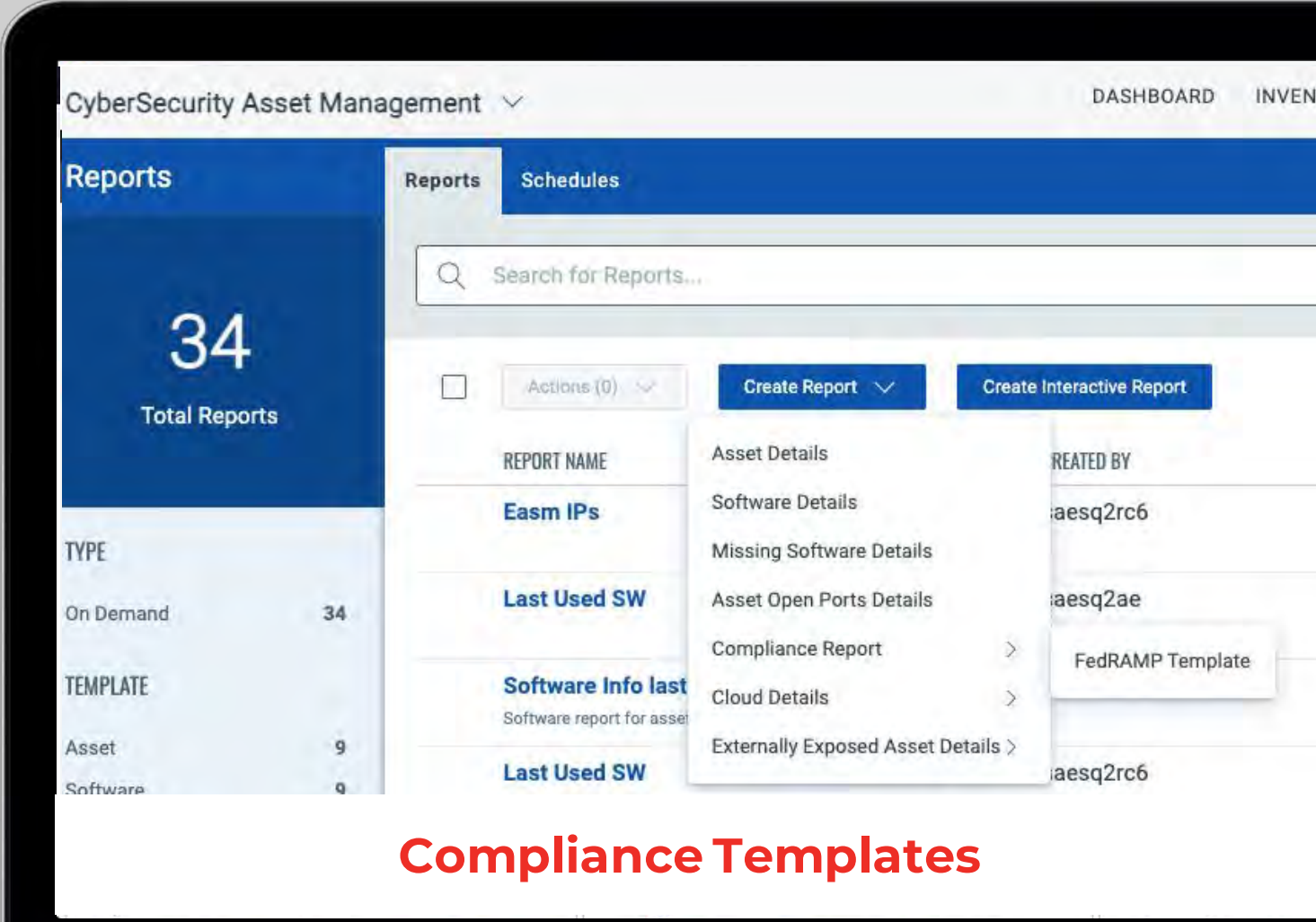
Orchestrate and Automate Workflow across IT and Security



Communicate Cyber Risk

To Drive Business Outcomes

- Create a **single source of truth**
- **Communicate cyber risk** to all stakeholders in your organization
- Provide **complete context** for every stage of the workflow



Compliance Templates

Eliminate Cyber Risk

With a Continuous, Actionable Inventory



Discovery internal rogue and external unknown unmanaged assets and bring them to VM, WAS, PC Scan



Proactively find and plan upgrade the EoL/EoS Software and associated vulnerabilities



One-click Uninstall workflow for unauthorized, open source software



Accelerate the incident triage and response

Turbocharge your Risk-Based VM Program

Monitor & Reduce Attack Surface

Accelerate Incident triage & remediation workflow

- Automate VMDR, WAS scans & Patch remediation workflow
- Bi-Dir Workflow with CMDB, SIEM, Datalake
- Uninstall Software

Enable Risk-Based Prioritization, reporting & remediation

- Extend risk-based detection with Qualys TruRisk to Asset Management program
- Quantify cyber risk over time



Discover & Monitor Entire Attack Surface

- Internal Known/Unknown assets
- External Unknown assets
 - Multi-Cloud assets
 - 3rd Party Integration

Improve asset coverage
Complement ServiceNow Discovery and SCCM tools

Bring missing assets to CMDB & QLYS



Orchestration & Automation



Enrich with Business Context

- Save time by automating CMDB updates
- Boost your CMDB with high-fidelity data
- Import Business Information and Criticality from 3rd-party sources



CyberSecurity Asset Management + External Attack Surface Management



Risk-based Prioritization



Detect Security Gaps & Quantify Risk

- End of Life (EOL) / End of Service (EOS) Software
- Unauthorized software
- Missing agents and security tools
- Unsanctioned ports
- Expired SSL certs, ...

Bring missing cyber risk asset context to CMDB & SNOW VR

ROI: Delivering Business Outcomes

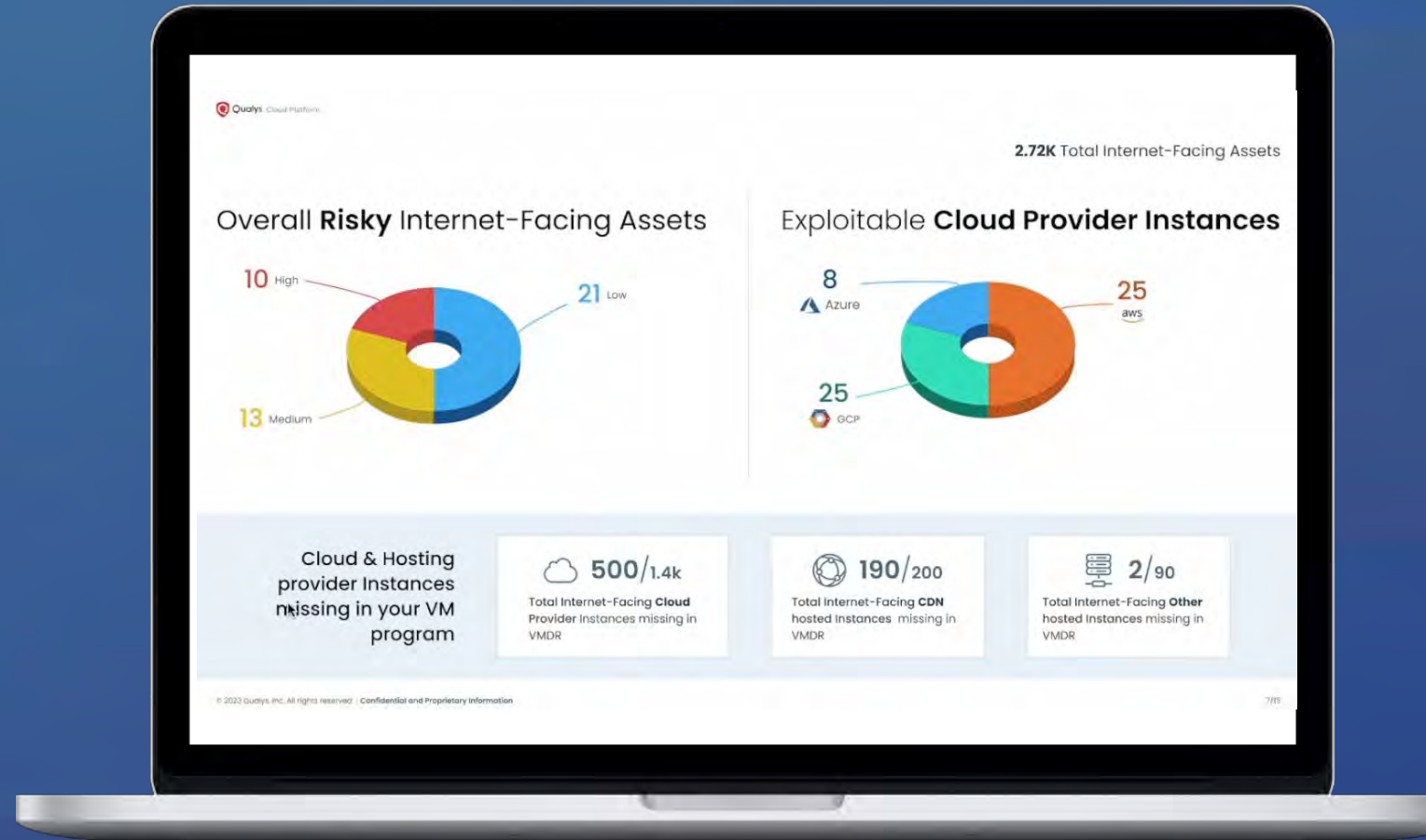
Reduce the Attack Surface with a Unified Approach



External Attack Surface Report

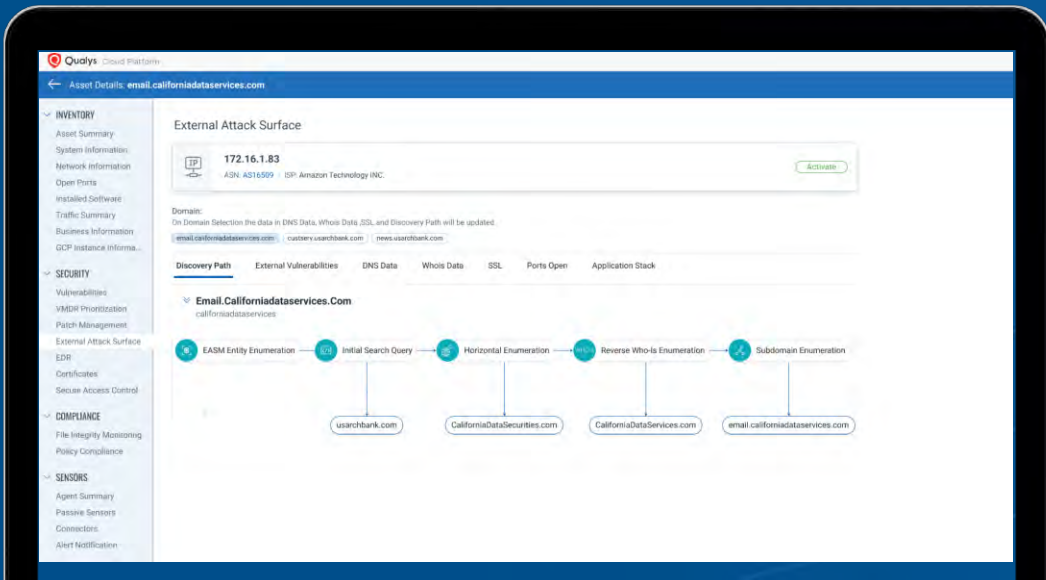
Get Yours Now

1. Know your Risk on Internet-facing Assets
2. View Your Attack Surface
3. Prioritize Your Risk Accordingly...



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