

# File Analysis with TruffleHog

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Identify, Assess and Report Credential Leakage with TruffleHog



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**TruffleHog is a security assessment tool that performs assessments of git source code repositories looking for high entropy strings and secrets.**





**Easy to operate command line tool**

**Scalable, assess single or multiple git repositories**

**OpenSource License**

**Available to download on GitHub**

**Includes default and custom checks**

**Automated or manual reporting**



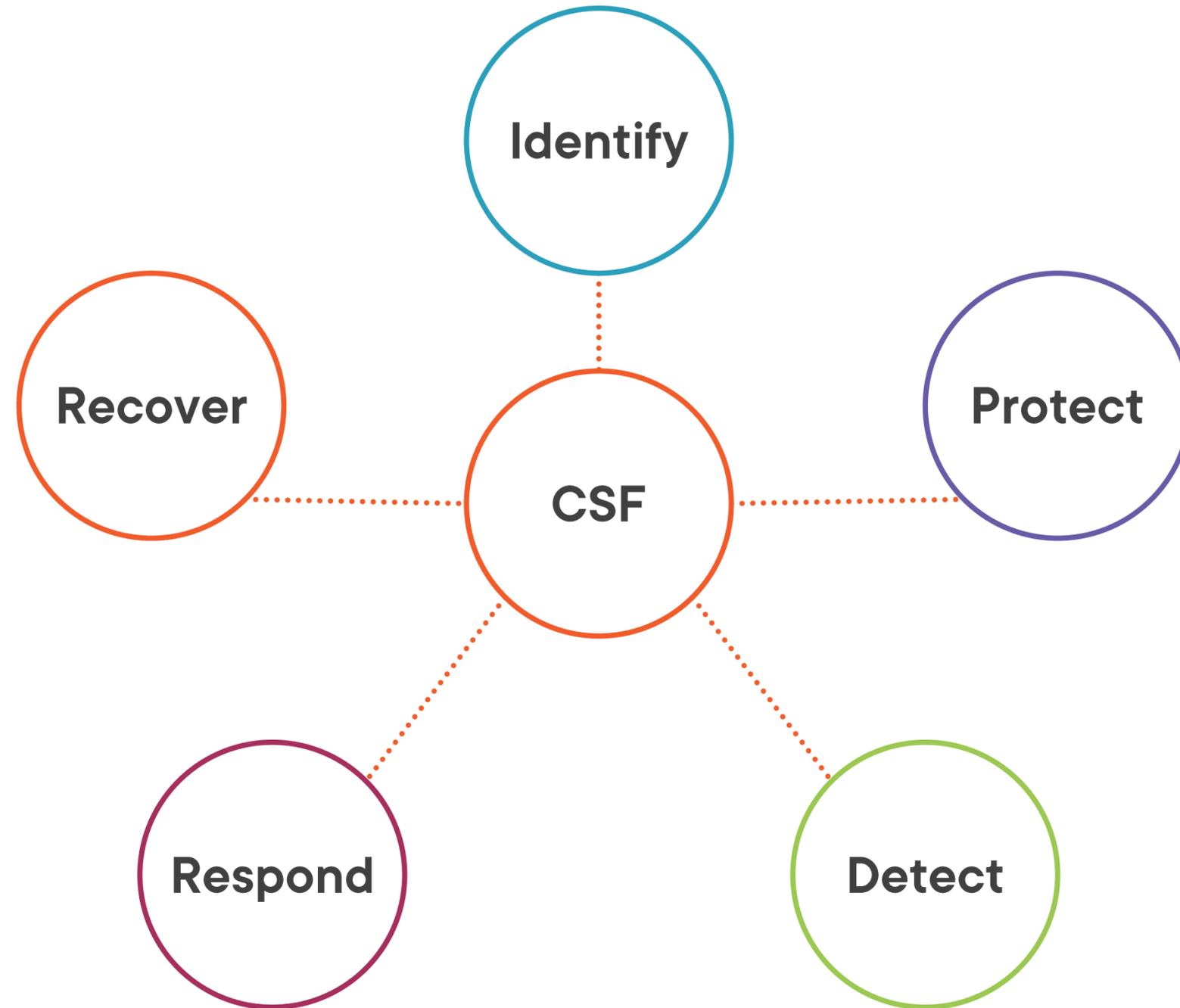


**Search for high entropy strings or custom regex searches**

**Flexible reporting onscreen or to file**



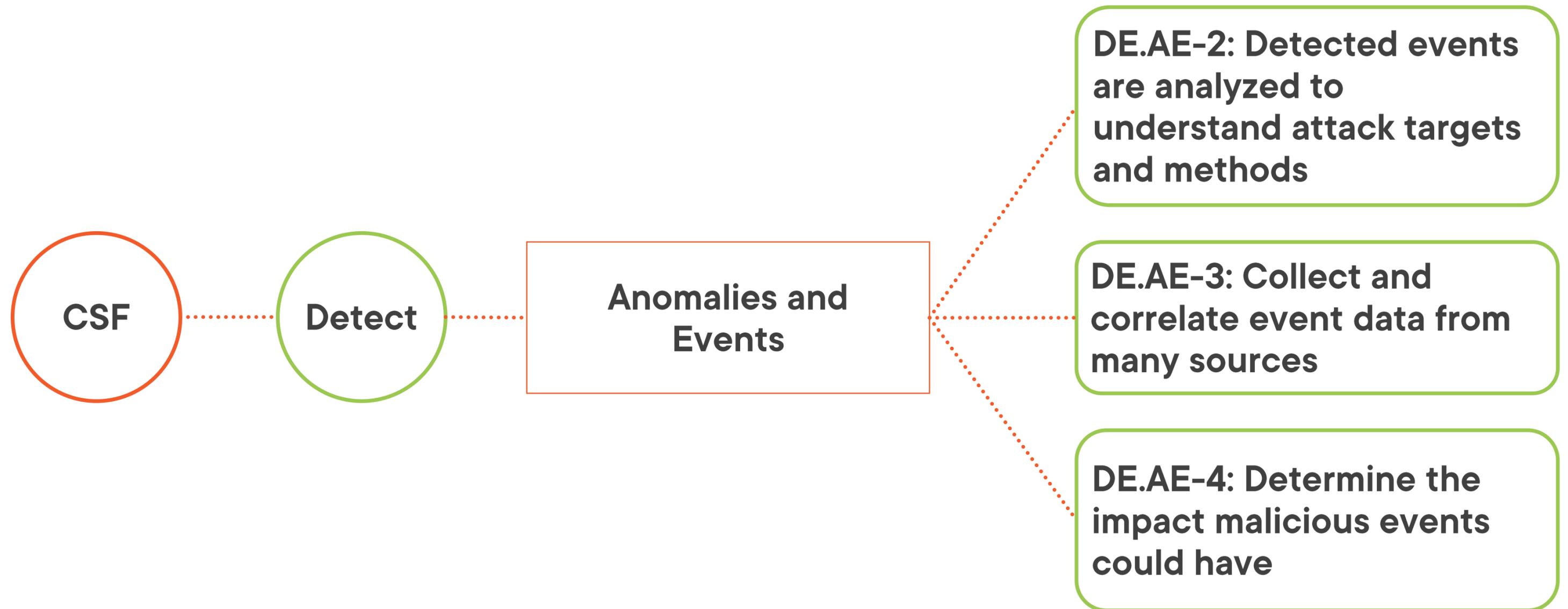
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# MITRE ATT&CK

## Data Analysis Type

**Network Analysis**

**OS Analysis**

**Application Analysis**

**Infrastructure Analysis**

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**Incident Management**



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**T1552:**  
**Unsecured Credentials**



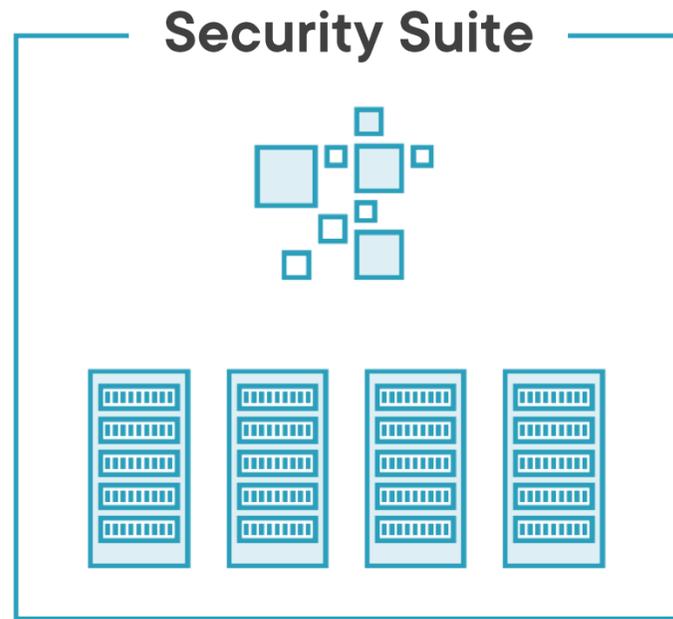
# MITRE SHIELD

## T1552:

### Unsecured Credentials

**DTE0012 – Decoy Credentials:** Create user credentials that are used for active defense.  
(DUC0084)

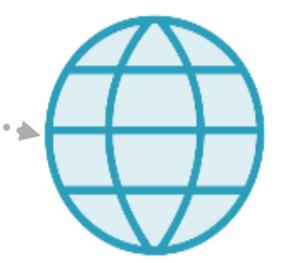




**Developers**



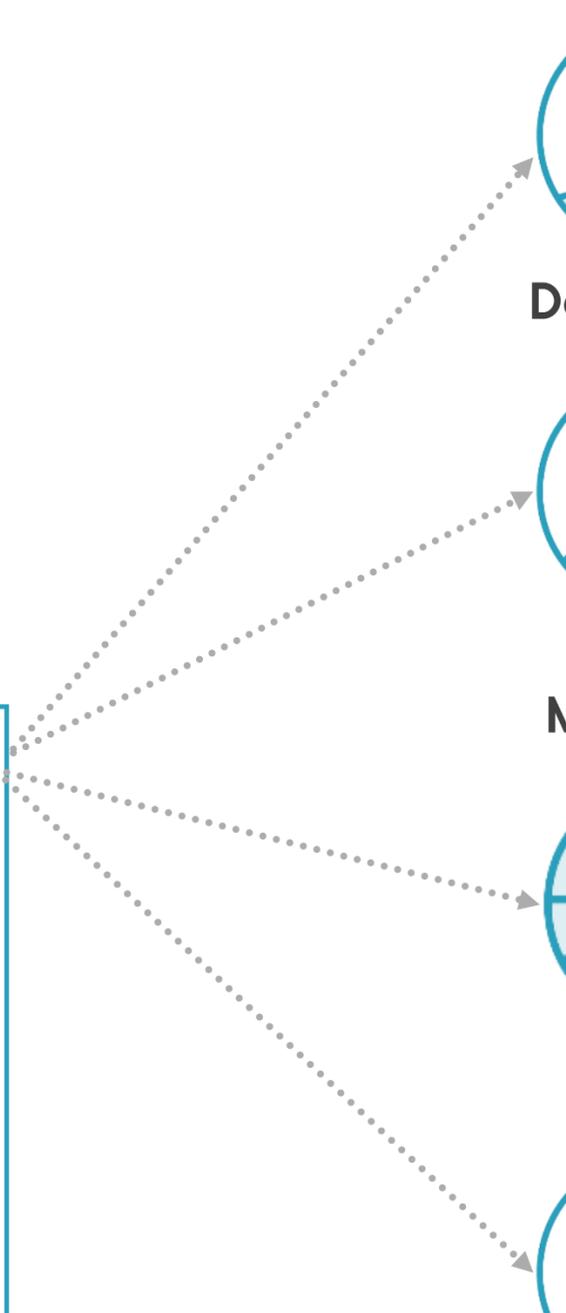
**Project Managers**



**Public**



**Security Engineering**





**Perform manual runs (security)**

**Perform automated runs (devops)**





**TruffleHog needs access to your git repositories to perform assessments.**

**Installation details are available on the [TruffleHog GitHub page](#).**



# KEY TAKEAWAYS

## **Exposed Credentials**

**Develop ability to detect  
credentials and secrets**

## **Attacker Motivations**

**Understand attackers  
techniques and persistence**





## Cybersecurity

Is a challenging but rewarding experience



## Technology

TruffleHog is one of many tools that will aid the cybersecurity professional



# The Dangers of Credentials in Code

**Data Breaches**

**Lateral Movement**

**Privilege  
Escalation**



# Source Code in your Environment

**Version Control**

**Package  
Management**

**Websites**

**File Sharing**

**Collaboration Tools**

**Commit History**



# Reasons credentials appear in Commit History

## Developer

Correcting code,  
updates...

## Legacy Features

Product updates,  
replacing old tech...

## Code Reviews

Removing insecure  
code, dev notes...



# Code Additions and Deletions

microsoft / Microsoft-365-Defender-Hunting-Queries

Watch 134

Star 935

Fork 258

Code

Issues 6

Pull requests 22

Actions

Projects

Wiki

Security

Insights

Pulse

Contributors

Community

Commits

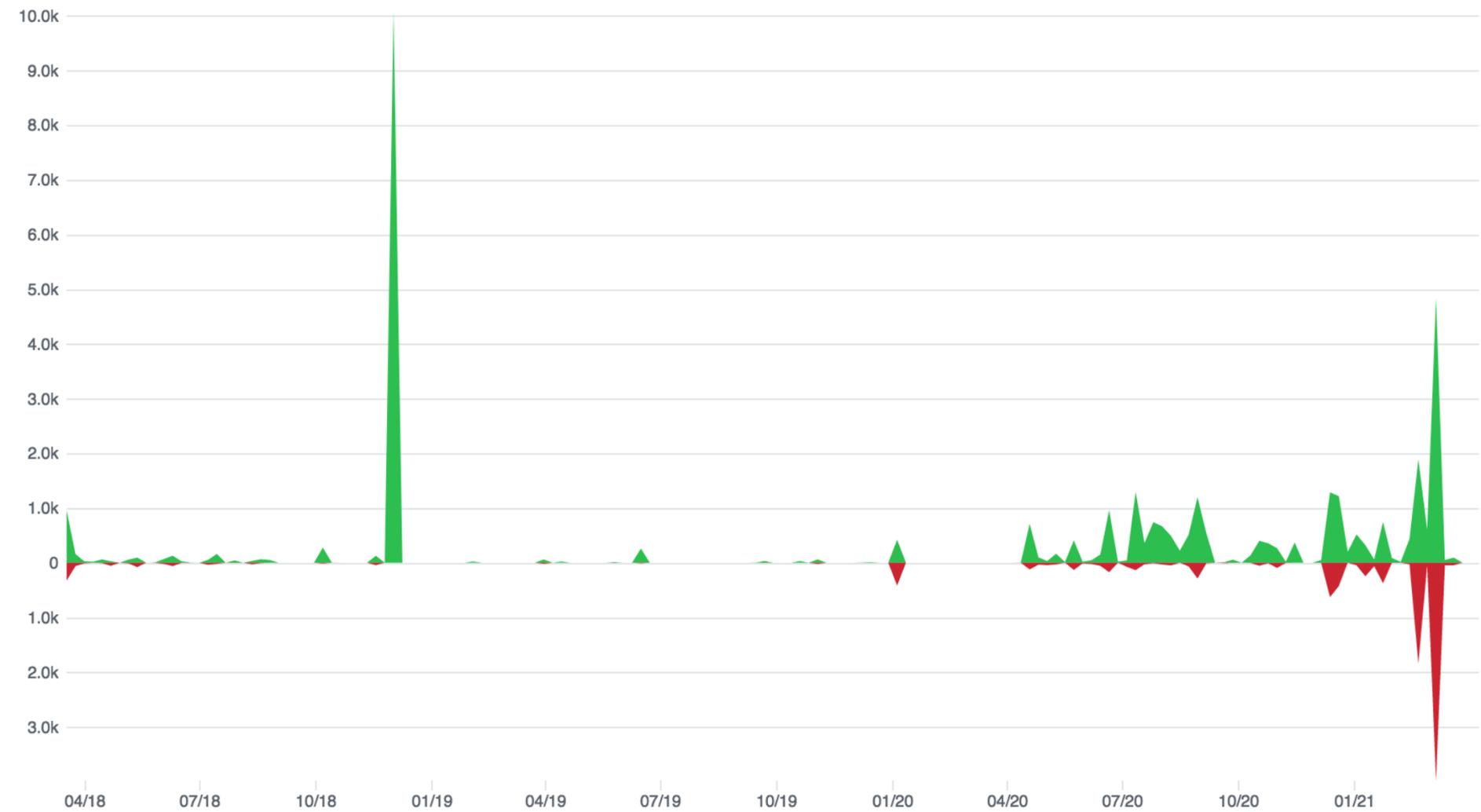
Code frequency

Dependency graph

Network

Forks

Additions and Deletions per week



# Preventing Exposed Credentials

**Security  
Awareness**

**Code Reviews**

**Training**



# General Remediation Actions

## Remove Code

Edit and remove  
credentials from code

## Disable Credentials

Disable accounts so  
they cannot be used

## Review Settings

Secure the repo, set  
to private

## Rotate Credentials

Changing a password  
from old to new

## Incident Response

Manage security  
incidents



# Public vs Private Repositories

## Public

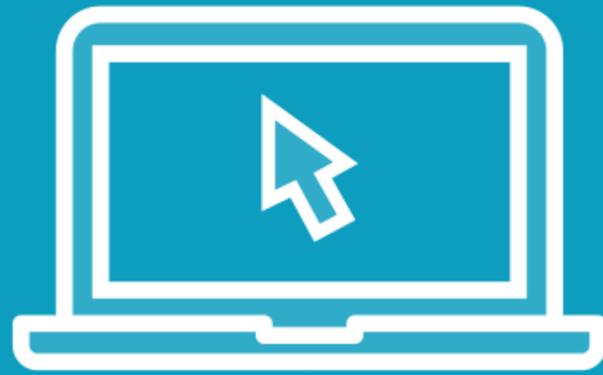
**Open to the all, anyone with  
an Internet connection**

## Private

**Restricted to organization  
members**



Demo

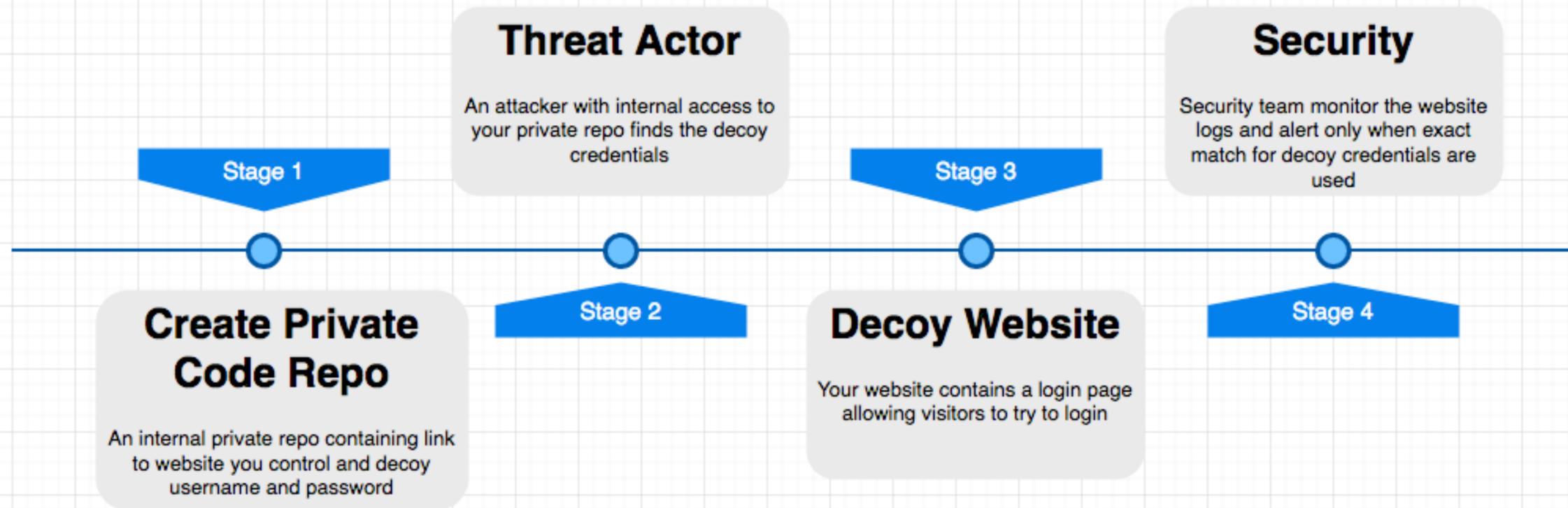


**Using decoy Credentials**

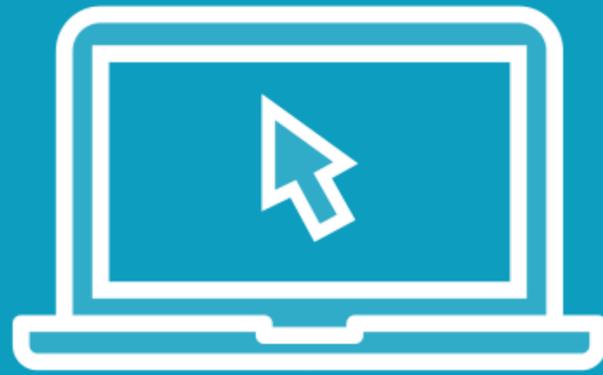
**Assessing for Credential Leakage**



# Active Defense



# Demo



**Custom search criteria using TruffleHog**

**Scenario: as a security engineer I want to detect Azure Storage Keys**

