



Threats of the Future ... Be prepared

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Qualys Mission & Company Overview

- Single focus on Managed Vulnerability Assessment
- 1400+ key customers growing at 100+ per month, includes:
 - Allied Irish Bank, Royal Bank of Scotland, Crédit Agricole, Société Générale, BASF, Mercedes-Benz, Allianz, AXA-IM, Swiss Re, Swisslife, Air France, Migros, LVMH, Cartier, Tag-Heuer, British Telecom, Cable & Wireless, KPN, Portugal Telecom, T-Mobile, Swisscom...
 - Google, Apple, Adobe, Peoplesoft, Hewlett-Packard, Agilent, VeriSign, New-York Trade Board, Chicago Board of Options Exchange, Federal Reserve Bank, First State Bank, Bank of the West, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Blue Cross/Blue Shield...
- Founded in March 1999
 - 120+ Employees, 60+ in R&D and operations
 - Global offices in US, France, Germany and UK
- Advisors
 - Howard Schmidt, Becky Bace, Phil Zimmerman
- \$60M in funding
 - Trident Capital, Deutsche Bank ABS Ventures, Philippe Courtot (CEO) & VeriSign
- Headquartered in Redwood Shores, CA

Exploiting Systems is Getting Easier

- **Weakening Perimeters**
 - Multiple entry points
 - Wireless and VPN connectivity points
- **Increasing complexity of networks and applications**
 - Thousands of exploitable vulnerabilities
 - Shortage of qualified security staff
- **Increasing sophistication of attacks**
 - Simple and automated attack tools
 - Designed for large scale attacks
 - Attack sources hard to trace

Where are the issues ?

- A Multitude of insecure Protocols and Services
 - telnet, ftp, snmp
- Known default settings
 - Passwords, SNMP community strings
- System Design Errors
 - Setup and Access control errors
- Software Implementation Flaws
 - Input validation, lack of sanity checks
- User Triggered Issues
 - Email and Browser related

First Generation Threats

- Spreading mostly via email, file-sharing
- Human Action Required
- Virus-type spreading / No vulnerabilities
- Examples: Melissa Macro Virus, LoveLetter VBScript Worm
- Replicates to other recipients
- Discovery/Removal: Antivirus

What happened since then ?

- Security flaws in all relevant software packages
- 40 new vulnerabilities per week
- Internet Explorer: 100+ vulnerabilities
- 802.11 wireless security broken
- Successful attacks against the Internet root DNS servers
- Popularity of the “Port 80 Loophole”
- Major worm outbreaks

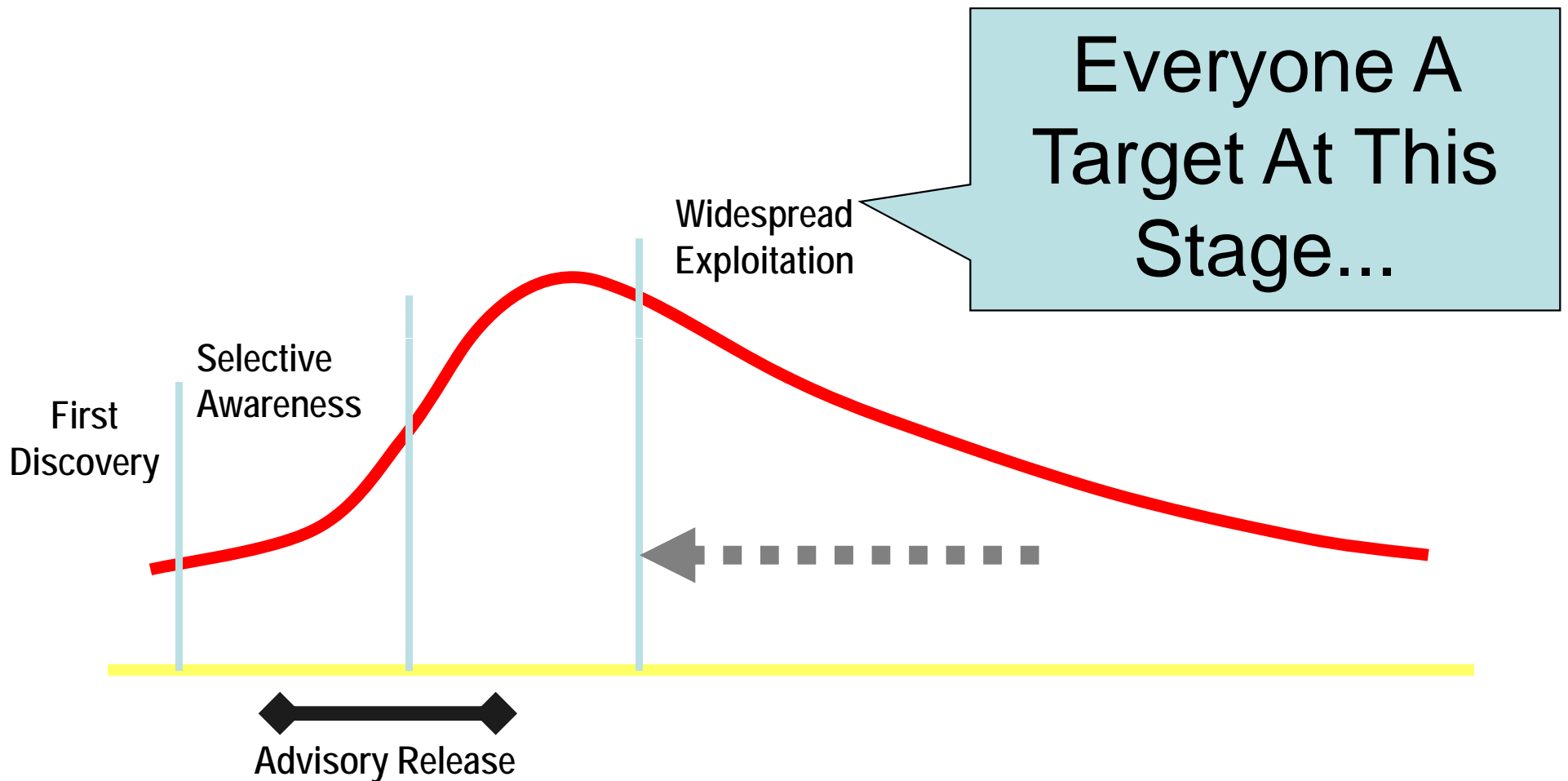
Second Generation Threats

- Active worms
- Leveraging known vulnerabilities
- Low level of sophistication in spreading strategy (i.e. randomly)
- Non Destructive Payloads
- Blended threats (consists of virus, trojan, exploits vulnerabilities, automation)
- System and Application level attacks
- Remedy: Identify and Fix Vulnerabilities

What's Next ?

- Improved speed and strategy to identify new vulnerable targets
- Popularity of the exploited system/application/platform
- Affecting New Technologies/Applications
- Shortening Vulnerability/Exploit Life-Cycle

Vulnerability and Exploit Lifecycle



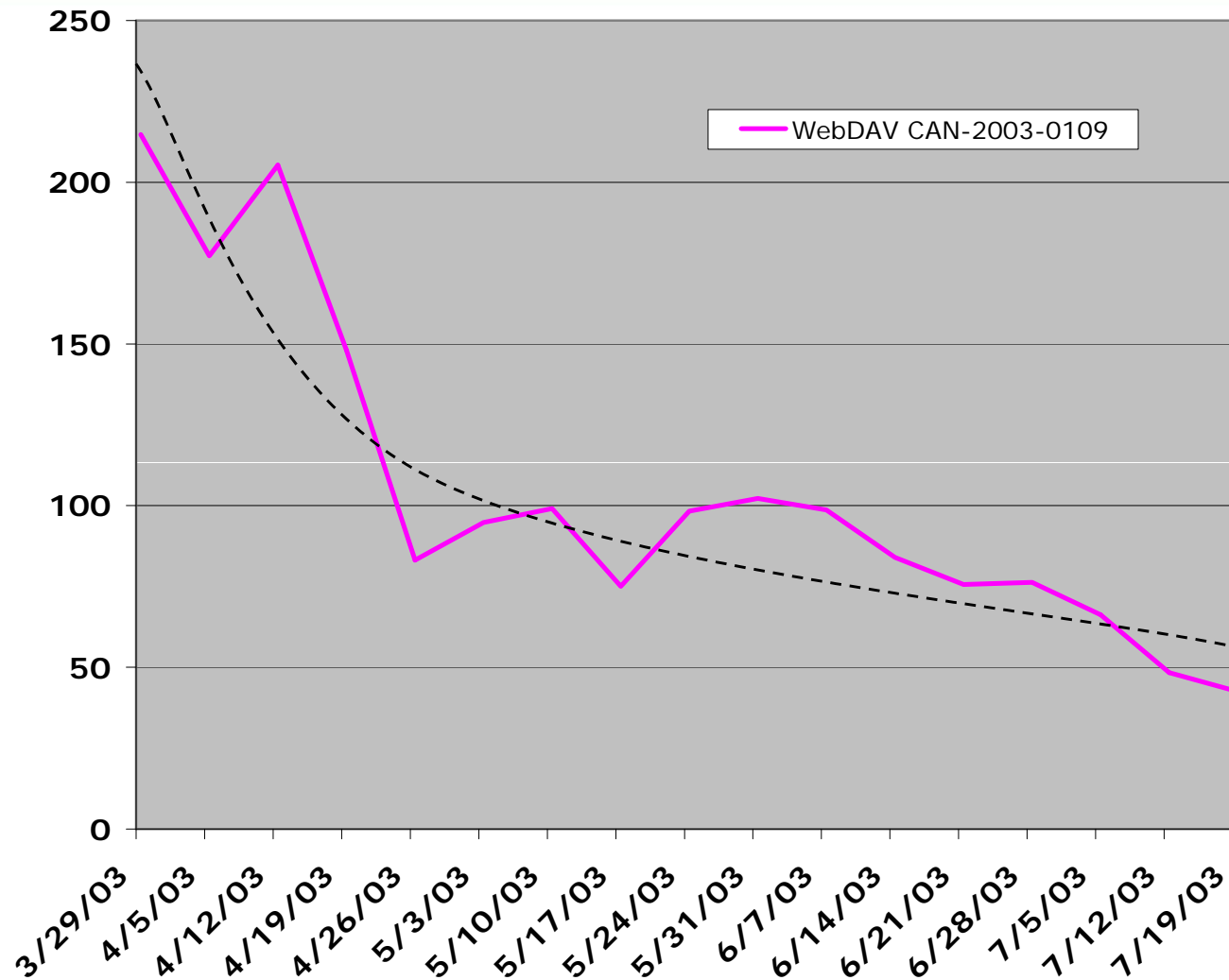
Third Generation (Future) Threats

- Leveraging known and unknown vulnerabilities
- Precompiled list of initial victims to provide aggressive growth
- Active Payloads
- Leveraging polymorphic techniques and encryption to prevent discovery
- Multiple attack vectors
- Impact on new Technologies (Instant Messaging, Wireless Networks, Voice over IP,...)

Qualys Research

- Understanding prevalence, window of exposure and lifespan of vulnerabilities in real world
- Timeframe: January 2002 - Ongoing
- Methodology: Automatic Data collection with statistical data only – no possible correlation to user or systems
- Largest collection of real-world vulnerability data:
 - 3,011,000 IP-Scans
 - 1,905,000 total critical vulnerabilities
 - 2,054 unique vulnerabilities
 - 1,175 unique critical vulnerabilities

Microsoft WebDAV Vulnerability

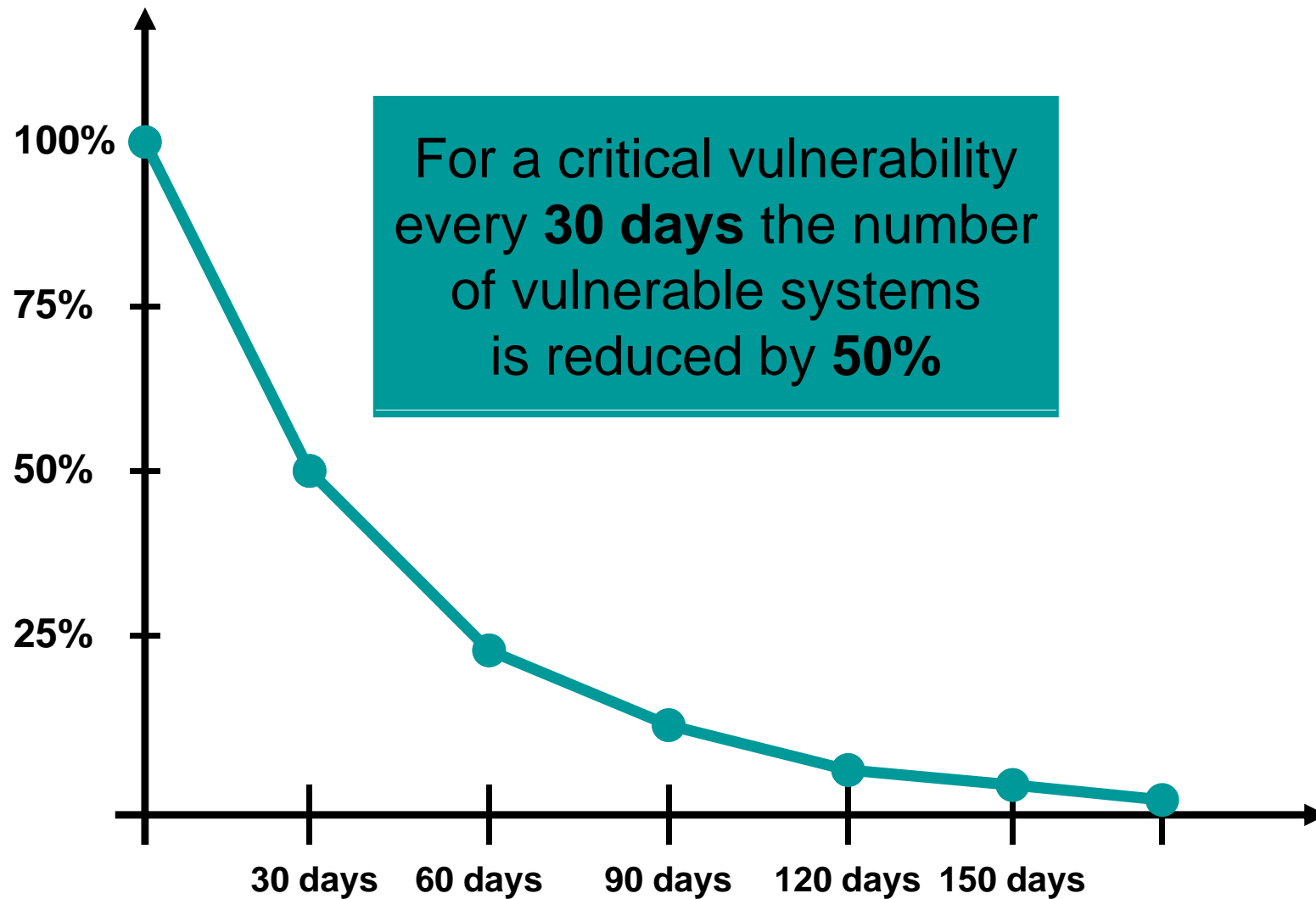


Microsoft Windows 2000
IIS WebDAV Buffer
Overflow Vulnerability

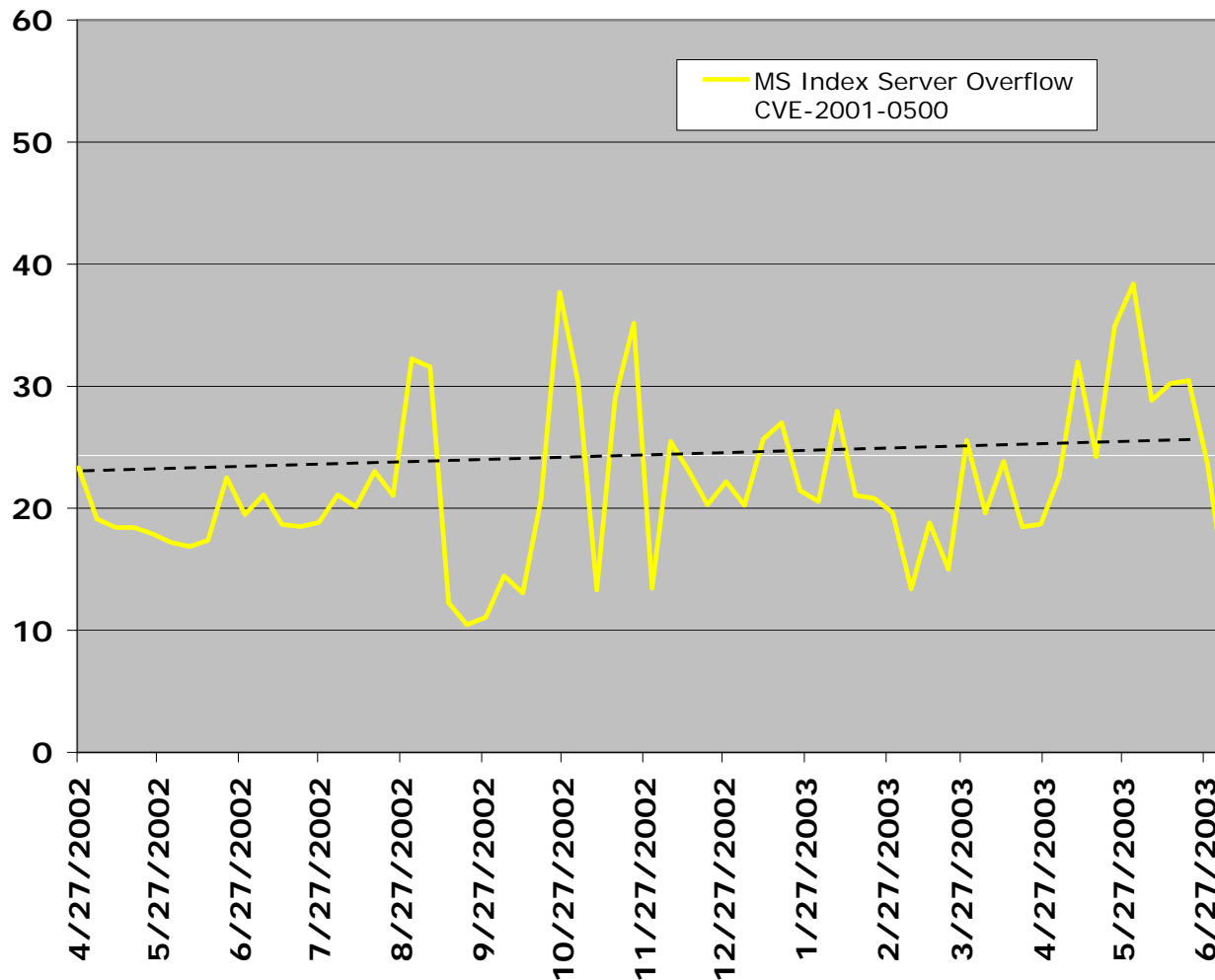
CAN-2003-0109
Qualys ID 86479

Released: March 2003

Vulnerability Half-Life



MS Index Server Overflow (CodeRed)

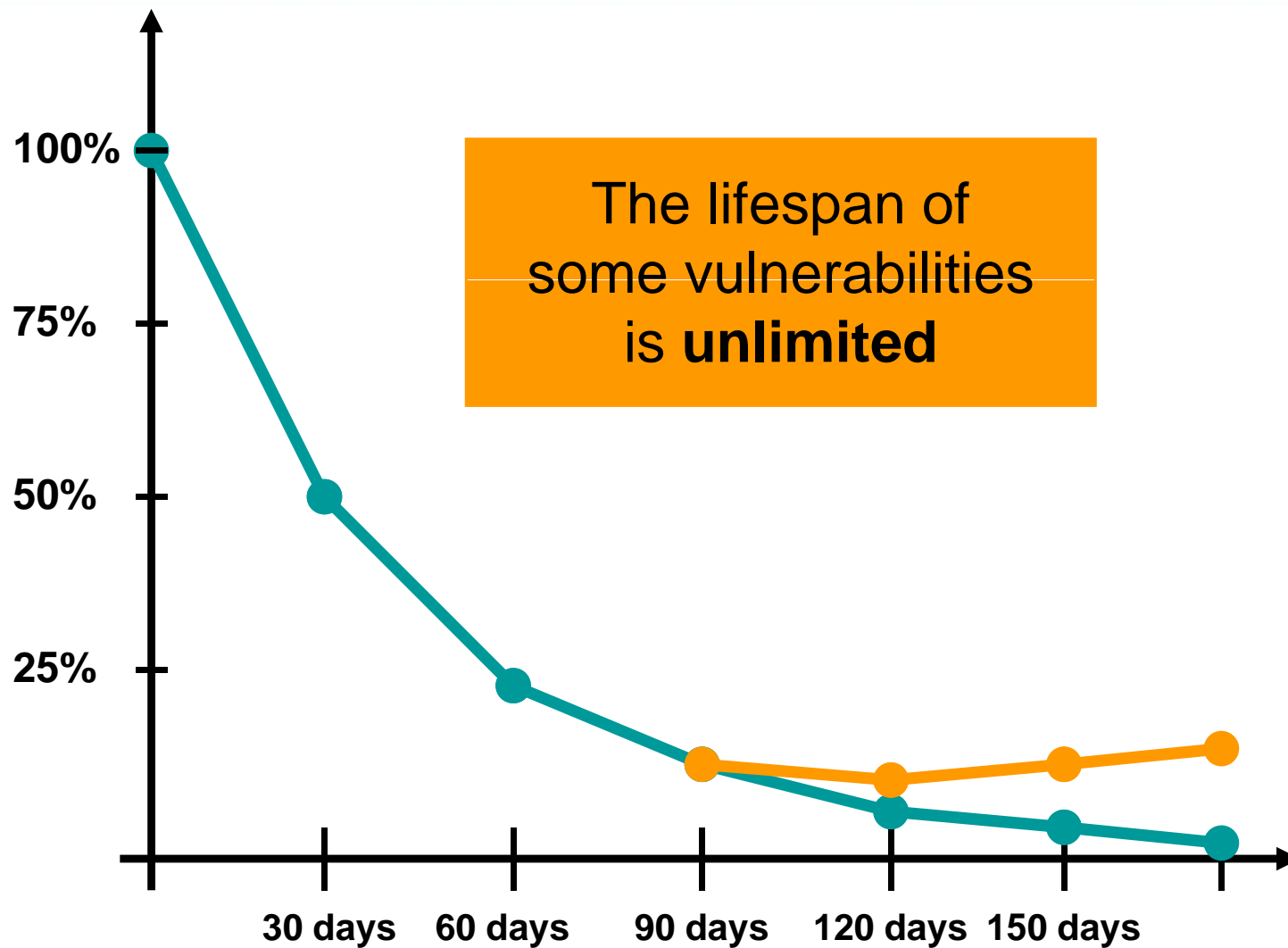


**Microsoft Index Server
and Indexing Service
ISAPI
Extension Buffer
Overflow
Vulnerability**

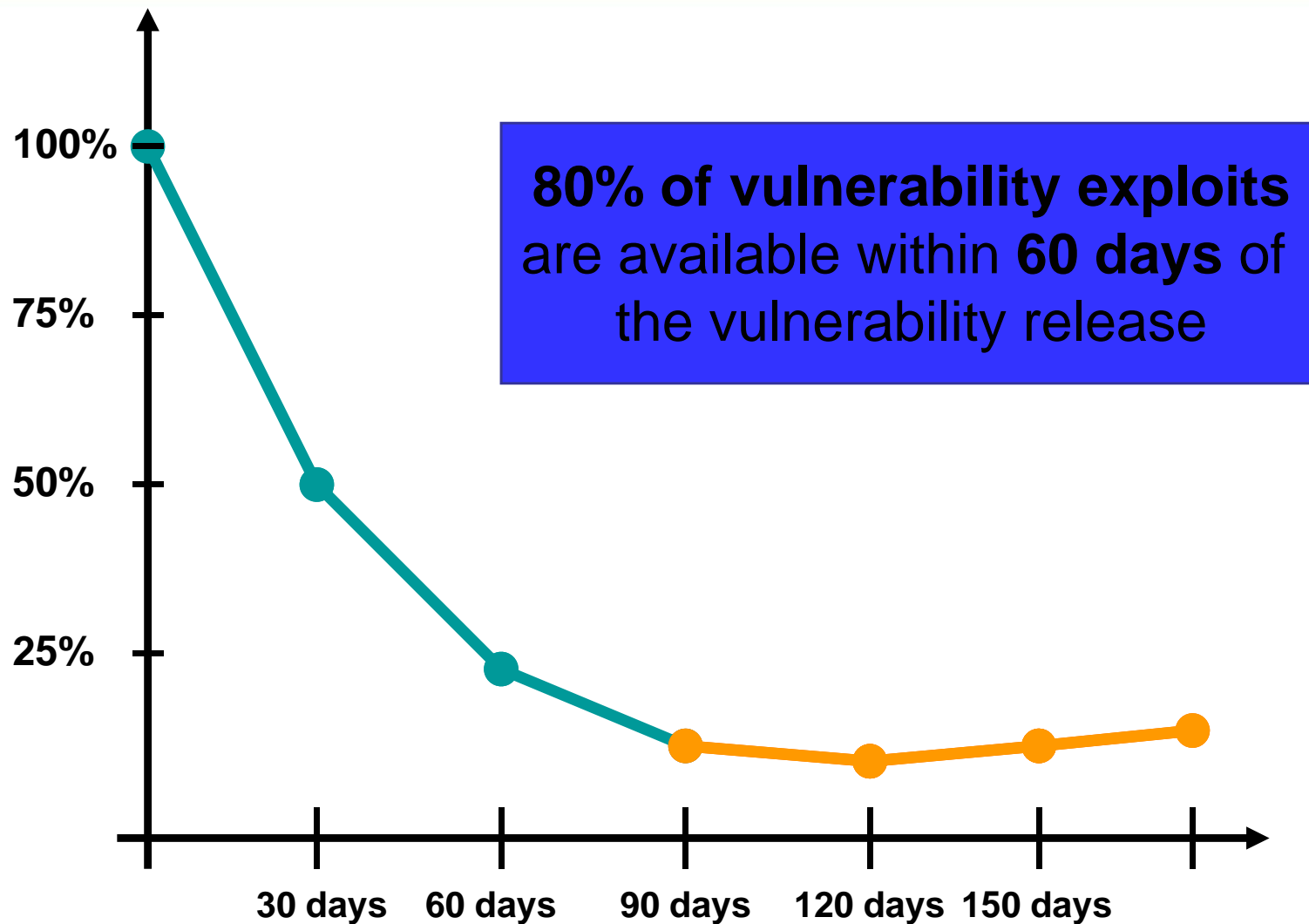
CVE-2001-0500
Qualys ID 86170

Released: June 2001

Vulnerability Lifespan



The Impact of an Exploit



Changing Top of The Most Prevalent

Vulnerability	CVE	Jul-02	Jan-03	Jul-03
Apache Mod_SSL Buffer Overflow Vulnerability	CVE-2002-0082	x		
Microsoft Exchange 2000 Malformed Mail Attribute DoS Vulnerability	CVE-2002-0368	x		
Microsoft Index Server and Indexing Service ISAPI Extension Buffer Overflow Vulnerability			x	
Microsoft IIS FTP Connection Vulnerability			x	
Microsoft IIS Chunked Encoding Vulnerability			x	
Microsoft IIS HTR ISAPI Extension Vulnerability			x	
Microsoft IIS 4.0/5.0 External Authentication Vulnerability			x	x
Microsoft IIS CGI Filename Vulnerability			x	x
Microsoft IIS Malformed Header Vulnerability			x	x
Microsoft IIS HTR Chunked Encoding Vulnerability			x	x
Apache Chunked-Encoding Memory Corruption Vulnerability	CVE-2002-0392	x	x	x
OpenSSH Challenge-Response Authentication Integer Overflow Vulnerability	CVE-2002-0639	x	x	x
Multiple Vendor SNMP Request And Trap Handling Vulnerabilities	CAN-2002-0012		x	x
ISC BIND SIG Cached Resource Record Buffer Overflow (sigrec bug) Vulnerability	CAN-2002-1219		x	x
Microsoft Windows 2000 IIS WebDAV Buffer Overflow Vulnerability	CAN-2003-0109			x
Sendmail Address Prescan Possible Memory Corruption Vulnerability	CAN-2003-0161			x
Microsoft SMB Request Handler Buffer Overflow Vulnerability	CAN-2003-0345			x
Microsoft Windows DCOM RPC Interface Buffer Overrun Vulnerability	CAN-2003-0352			x

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The Laws of Vulnerabilities

1. Half-Life

The half-life of critical vulnerabilities is 30 days and doubles with lowering degrees of severity

2. Prevalence

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3. Persistence

The lifespan of some vulnerabilities is unlimited

4. Exploitation

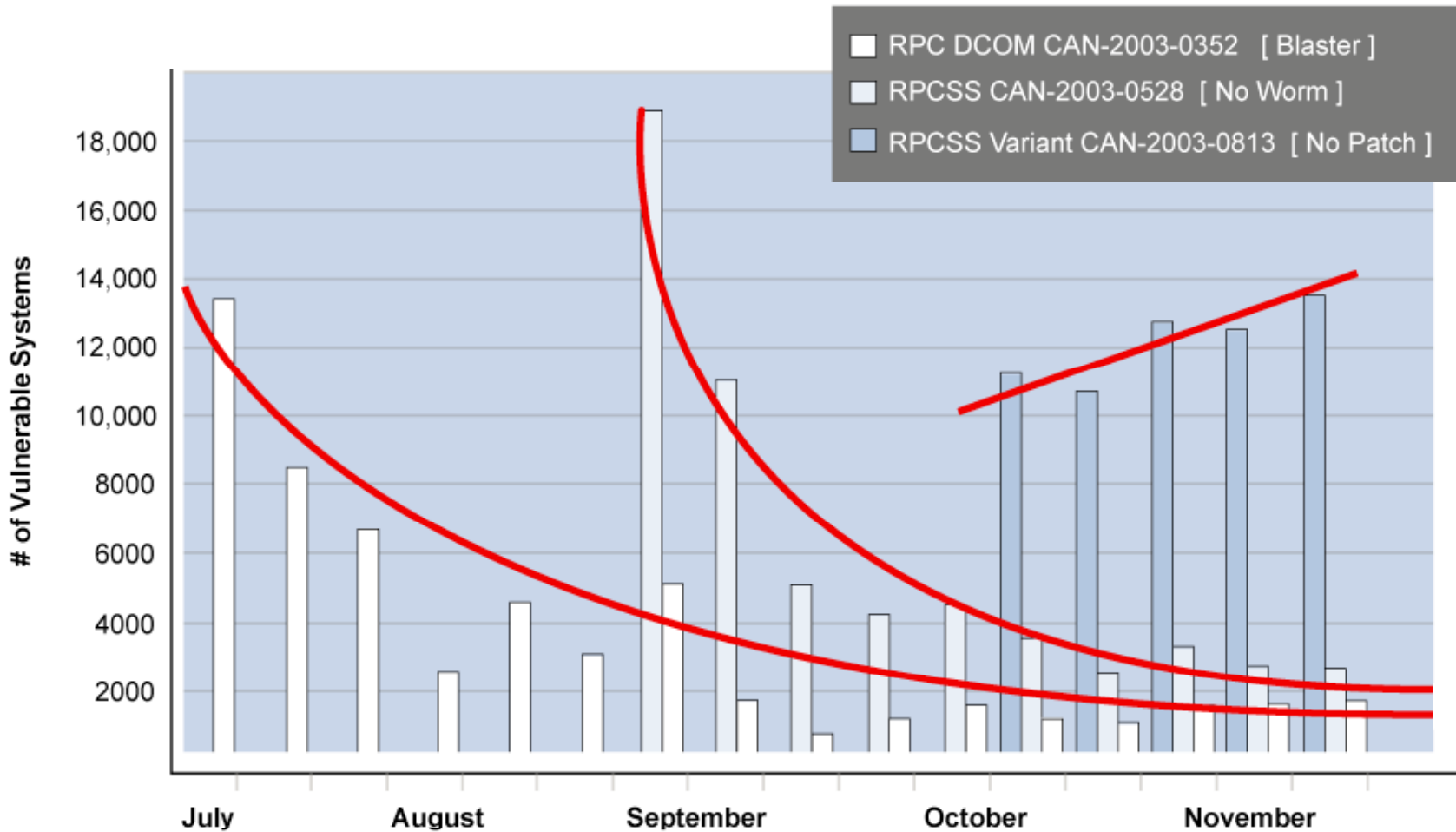
80% of vulnerability exploits are available within 60 days of the vulnerability release

RV10 Index of Most Prevalent Vulnerabilities

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Microsoft IIS Malformed HTR Request Buffer Overflow Vulnerability	<u>CVE-2002-0071</u>
Apache Chunked-Encoding Memory Corruption Vulnerability	<u>CVE-2002-0392</u>
Microsoft Windows 2000 IIS WebDAV Buffer Overflow Vulnerability	<u>CAN-2003-0109</u>
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Microsoft Windows DCOM RPC Interface Buffer Overrun Vulnerability	<u>CAN-2003-0352</u>
Microsoft Windows DCOM RPCSS Service Vulnerabilities	<u>CAN-2003-0528</u>
Microsoft Messenger Service Buffer Overrun Vulnerability	<u>CAN-2003-0717</u>
Microsoft Windows RPCSS Code Execution Variant Vulnerability	<u>CAN-2003-0813</u>
Microsoft Windows ASN.1 Library Integer Handling Vulnerability	<u>CAN-2003-0818</u>
Writeable SNMP Information	No CVE assigned

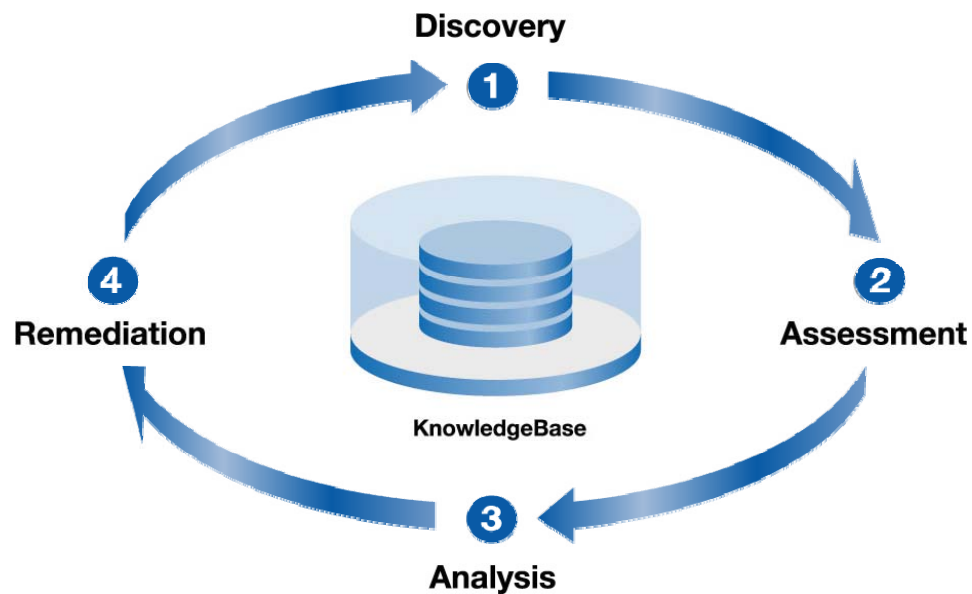
To Watch in 2004: Remote Procedure Call Vulnerabilities



Proactive Approach: Vulnerability Management

- 1) Identify network topology and points of entry**
- 2) Identify services, operating systems and applications**
- 3) Identify and prioritize critical vulnerabilities**
- 4) Remedy vulnerabilities and verify fixes**

Vulnerability Management Defined



4 Remediation

The screenshot displays the 'Remediation' section of a web application. It includes a search filter for 'Open' tickets and a table of tickets. The table has columns for Ticket #, State, Due Date, IP, Severity, Vulnerability Title, and Owner.

Ticket #	State	Due Date	IP	Severity	Vulnerability Title	Owner
000017	Open (5)	10/30/2003	64.41.134.60	5	MS-SQL 0.0 UDP Slammer Worm Buffer Overflow V...	Tim McDowell
000000	Open (5)	10/30/2003	64.41.134.60	5	Microsoft Index Server and Indexing Service L...	John Smith
000009	Open (5)	10/30/2003	64.41.134.60	5	Microsoft CGI Filename Decode Error Vulne...	John Smith
000010	Open (5)	10/30/2003	64.41.134.60	5	Microsoft IIS 4.0/5.0 File Permission Canonic...	John Smith
000011	Open (5)	10/30/2003	64.41.134.60	5	Microsoft IIS 4.0/5.0 Extended UNICODE Remate...	John Smith
000012	Open (5)	10/30/2003	64.41.134.60	5	Microsoft IIS UTF Directory Traversal and Rem...	John Smith
000013	Open (5)	10/30/2003	64.41.134.60	5	Microsoft Windows 2000 IIS WebDAV Buffer Over...	John Smith
000014	Open (5)	10/30/2003	64.41.134.60	5	Microsoft Windows Media Services NSISlog DLL...	John Smith
000004	Open (5)	11/04/2003	64.41.134.60	4	Null Password NetBIOS Access	John Smith
000005	Open (5)	11/04/2003	64.41.134.60	4	Microsoft IIS Malformed HTR Request Buffer Ov...	John Smith
000006	Open (5)	11/04/2003	64.41.134.60	4	Microsoft IIS HTR ISAPI Extension Heap Overfl...	John Smith
000007	Open (5)	11/04/2003	64.41.134.60	4	Microsoft IIS Administrative Pages Cross Site...	John Smith
000015	Open (5)	11/04/2003	64.41.134.59	4	SSL Server Has SSLv2 Enabled Vulnerability	John Smith
000016	Open (5)	11/04/2003	64.41.134.60	4	Remote Windows User List Disclosure Vulnerabi...	Sam Horner
000003	Open (0)	10/27/2003	64.41.134.60	5	Microsoft Windows DCOM RPC Interface Buffer O...	John Smith
000018	Open (0)	10/27/2003	64.41.134.60	5	Microsoft Windows DCOM RPCSS Service Vulnerab...	John Smith

Summary

- Automated Attacks against widely deployed systems and applications are increasing in number and sophistication
- Next Generation Worms will be spreading faster than any possible human response
- Timely and complete detection and remediation of security vulnerabilities is the most effective preventive measure

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