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# AI Driving Broader, Deeper Nth Party Cyber Risk Assessment

**Trading Up from Tradeoffs**

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# Today's Session:

- The State of AI & ML
- AI Breakthroughs & Limitations
- Third Party Risk: Opportunities & Challenges with AI
- Real-world AI-powered TPRM success stories
- Q&A



# Definitions

- **AI:** Artificial Intelligence
- **ML:** Machine Learning
- **LLMs:** Large Language Models

# The State of AI & ML

**What is machine learning (ML):** A type of AI where machines learn from data to perform tasks like classification and prediction

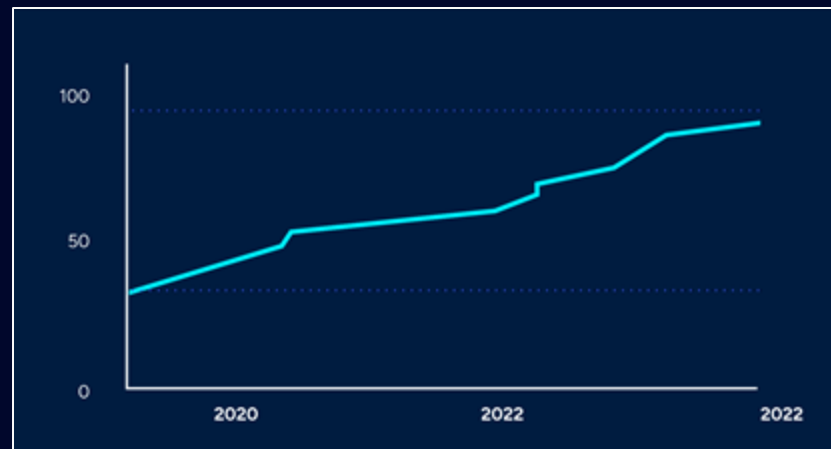
## Three main types of ML:

- **Supervised learning:** Trains on labeled data (data with answers) to create models for tasks.
- **Unsupervised learning:** Discovers hidden patterns in unlabeled data.
- **Reinforcement learning:** Learns through trial and error, used for training AI robots or game-playing algorithms.

# Breakthroughs with LLMs

- **Generative Capabilities:** Capable of generating text, images, video, content, research, etc.
- **Scaling & Efficiency:** Can follow prompts to complete tasks, check work, or collect information.
- **Conversational AI:** User input can improve a LLM's reliability and safety.

The Rise of Superhuman Capital



Data Source: Foundation Capital

# Limitations with LLMs

- **Accuracy and Reliability:** LLMs can be unreliable at times, generating responses that are factually incorrect
- **Context Issues:** LLMs may struggle to grasp the nuances of language, like understanding the different meanings of a word depending on the context.
- **Bias and Fairness:** LLMs inherit biases from the data they're trained on
- **Misinformation:** There's a risk of LLMs generating misleading or factually incorrect information
- **Limited Creativity:** LLMs are better at remixing existing information than coming up with truly original ideas.

# The Challenge

Complex and growing vendor ecosystems are expanding the attack surface for all businesses.

71%

of all software will  
be SaaS by 2026<sup>1</sup>

100%

of tech footprints will be  
third-party<sup>2</sup>

65%

of breaches are due to  
third party failures<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Forrester, 2018; The Year Of Enterprise DevOps, 2018; Accenture, DevOps Adoption, 2018; Interop ITX, 2018 State of DevOps, 2018; Google, State of DevOps, 2019; Blissfully, 2019 Annual SaaS Trends Report, 2019; BetterCloud, State of the SaaS Powered Workplace, 2017; Cisco, Global Cloud Index 2018; Forbes, State Of Enterprise Cloud Computing, 2018; <sup>2</sup>Ponemon, 2019; CarbonBlack, 2019; Bomgar, 2018; Crowdstrike, 2018; Soha Systems, 2016; IBM, Cost of Data Breach, 2019; Forbes (Statista), Average Cost of Data Breach, 2020, Statista, Annual Number of Data Breaches in US, 2020

# Third Party Risk: Complex & Growing Problems



Current assessment approaches are **expensive and slow**



Companies are forced to choose between **competitive advantage and security**



**Staff shortages and limited compliance expertise** are adding to security team challenges



# How Existing Solutions Fall Short



Up to **75% of vendors** refuse to fill out questionnaires



90% of high severity findings are **false positives**



As much as **98% of reports** are **invalid**



Only **6%** of vendors can be assessed on public data alone



**80% of security teams** say they can't keep up



Questionnaire-based assessments take **60-90 days** on average



Up to **90% of CISOs** report high stakeholder frustration



Effective third party risk management is more than a safeguard--it's the ability to rapidly innovate while eliminating risk.

In short, it's a competitive advantage."



Alexander Hughes  
Information Technology and Compliance Executive



**How can AI turn TPRM from “red tape”  
into a competitive advantage?**

# How to Win in Third Party Risk with AI

- Reduce time to assess
- Reduce manual work
- Reduce risk
- Maintain compliance
- Scale

# Building Comprehensive Risk Assessment with AI

Aggregate data from diverse public and private sources.

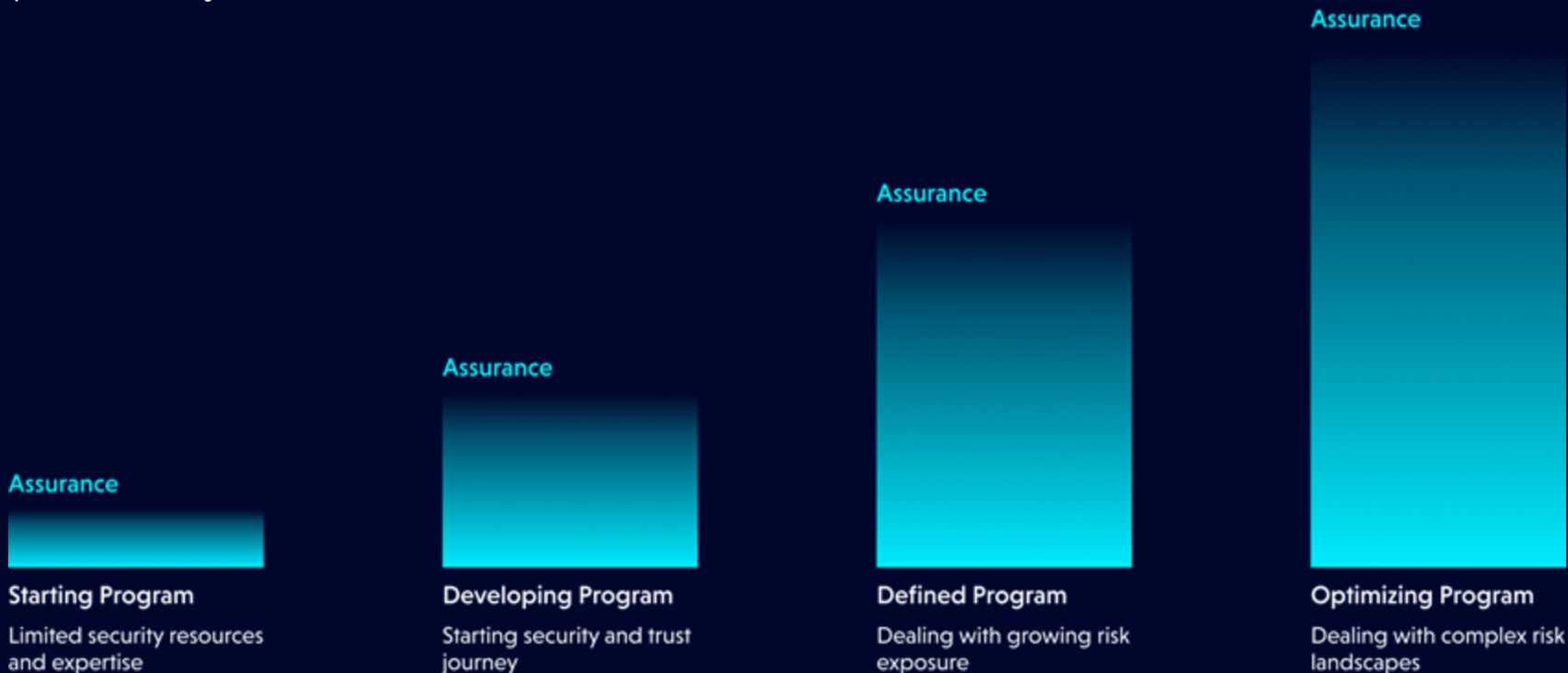


**Artificial Intelligence** automatically discovers, classifies, and assesses relevant control information.



# Security Program Maturity and Assurance

The more mature a security program becomes, the more assurance there is to their customers that the frequency and impact of security incidents will be minimized.



# Building Comprehensive Risk Assessment with AI

You can measure this assurance and accurately and flexibly determine risk.



## Limited Assurance

### Starting Program

Limited security resources and expertise



## Moderate Assurance

### Developing Program

Starting security and trust journey



## Standard Assurance

### Defined Program

Dealing with growing risk exposure



## Advanced Assurance

### Optimizing Program

Dealing with complex risk landscapes

# High Level Use Cases Required

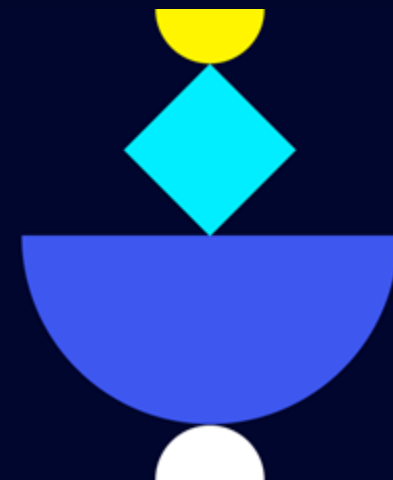
- Automated Inherent Risk Calculation
- Automated Artifact Analysis
- Automated Control Categorization and Analysis
- Automated Population of Questionnaires
- Framework Handling
- Control Effectiveness Determination
- Assurance Determination
- Residual Risk Determination
- Nth Party Identification
- Public Resource Monitoring - Entity Matching and Risk Determination



## Sample Use Case

# Analyzing a SOC Report

- Identify and classify artifacts
- Detect standards
- Validate scope
- Analyze Auditor Opinion
- Detect audit period
- Determine validity
- Identify exceptions
- Detect subservicers
- Determine audit rigor
- Calculate control density



# What's Required to Build

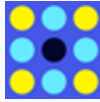
- Open Source and Proprietary AI Tools and Infrastructure
- Sr. Software Developers with AI Experience
- Sr. Machine Learning Engineers
- Sr. Security Architects
- Sr. Risk Architects
- Sr. Auditors w/ Specific Framework Experience
- Training Data - Tens of thousands of artifacts of each type, to train across 25+ frameworks & 100s of artifact types

# What Companies are Achieving with AI



<5 mins

Spent per assessment



5-7 days

Average time-to-assess



↑ 98.4%

Response and completion rates



↑ ↑ ↑

Higher coverage and accuracy



96%

Less work



↓75%

Risk exceptions and acceptance



25x

More risk vendors caught



↓95%

Reducing risk from third-parties

“ Without AI, I was going to need **3 more analysts** - going with an AI solution was an **easy decision** that made perfect sense.”

**Kevin Donis**  
Information Security Risk Lead

## Critical Business Issues

- Time consuming, unscalable and **very manual assessment process**
- Lack of standardized processes and continuous tracking
- **Low visibility** into vendor population

## Solution Requirements

- **Centralized solution** for tracking risk data
- Quickly assess new vendors, **unblocking the procurement process**
- Solution needed to **automate at scale**

## Results with AI for TPRM

- Expedited the vendor assessment process from **6-8 weeks to 1-2 weeks**
- Allowed the team to start assessing potential vendors allowing the Security Team to help **influence the buying decision**.
- Within **6 months**, the onboarded vendor network was able to **double**
- Built trust and cooperation with vendors by providing an **easier painless process**

## Global Financial Services Firm

“What’s really amazing is the accuracy. AI provides everything we need to know to make qualified risk decisions.”

### Critical Business Issues

- **Unable to assess and onboard** third-party vendors consistently with existing solution
- Unfortunately in 1 year, they **assessed less than 33% of the required population**

### Solution Requirements

- Centralized view of their large partner ecosystem
- Ease of use for third-party vendors and partners
- Accelerate and onboard all of their contracted vendors
- Ability to quickly implement the new solution

### Results with AI for TPRM

- In one month, assessed **2x more than the previous solution was able to deliver in 1 year**
- Empowered the team to make qualified risk decisions across their entire vendor footprint
- **8x** completed assessments
- Decreased time spent on assessments from months to days; **average assessment completed in < 2 weeks**

# cruise

a subsidiary of General Motors

“AI has completely automated the process, reducing staff expenses by 90%, time to completion by 50% while supporting 117% more vendor assessments.”

**Alexander Hughes**  
Information Technology and Compliance  
Executive

## Critical Business Issues

- Rapid growth of the organization led to increasing assessment demands
- Not enough security staff to cover the growing backlog
- Existing process was labor intensive and frustrating for stakeholders and vendors

## Solution Requirements

- Assist the team in getting through the growing back log
- Leverage automation where possible to allow their team to keep up
- Provide quality risk data and reporting

## Results with AI for TPRM

- Cruise is able to complete **117% more assessments per month**
- **Improved employee morale** by automating the manual processes so the security team could focus on their core tasks.
- **Reduce overall risk** through quality and consistent insights
- Reduced rate of security **exceptions by 75% while detecting 5x more risky vendors**
- 100% of the backlog was **eliminated in the first 60 days**

# Choosing a Trustworthy Third Party Risk Provider



## Reduce Risk

- Choose an established and trusted vendor
- Vendor has a trustworthy approach to AI



## Drive Operational Efficiency

- Look for patented AI technology
- Choose a solution that supports frameworks, regulations, and standards that your business needs



## Fast Track Your Business

- Company that has expertise, data, third party audit experts, and models to deliver with precision



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## Q&A!

- Raise your hand
- If you're thrown the ball,  
ask your question!

