

z/OS Expertenforum in Vitznau:

IBM Z CyberVault

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The question is not IF you will be attacked but WHEN

\$53 Billion

Predicted economic losses of the next global cyber attack

\$3.86 Million

Average total cost of a data breach*



\$8 Billion

Estimated global cost of WannaCry attack*

280 Days

Average amount of time hackers spend inside IT environments before discovery*

\$??? Million

GDPR fine for one data breach*

* Cost of a Data Breach Report 2020, Ponemon Institute
* Rensince news May 23 2017



Honda Hackers May Have Used Tools Favored by Countries

The New York Times



'Payment sent' - travel giant CWT pays \$4.5 million ransom to cyber criminals



The Garmin Hack Was a Warning

As ransomware groups turn their attention to bigger game, expect more high-profile targets to fall.



UBS logic bomber jailed for eight years

Real-life BOFH ordered to pay \$3.1m restitution

Switzerland: Comparis, various Swiss Communities

A cyber attack can quickly put you out of business

In an age of ongoing digital transformation, cybercrime has quickly become today's fastest growing form of criminal activity.

Increase in data breach observed due to remote work during COVID-19.

Sixty percent of business who are victimized by a cyber attack go out of business within [six months](#).¹



CLOSED
FOR BUSINESS

Mainframes becoming a target

A large amount

of all active code
runs on the mainframe

A large amount

of enterprise data is
housed on the mainframe

Today's technologies have eliminated "mainframe isolation"



Attack vectors

Definition:

- **Malware** is any software intentionally designed to cause damage to a computer, server, client, or computer network. A wide variety of malware types exist, including [computer viruses](#), [worms](#), [Trojan horses](#), [ransomware](#), [spyware](#), [adware](#), [rogue software](#), [wiper](#) and [scareware](#).
- **Ransomware** as a type of malware from cryptovirology that threatens to publish the victim's data or perpetually block access to it unless a ransom is paid.

Attack vectors:

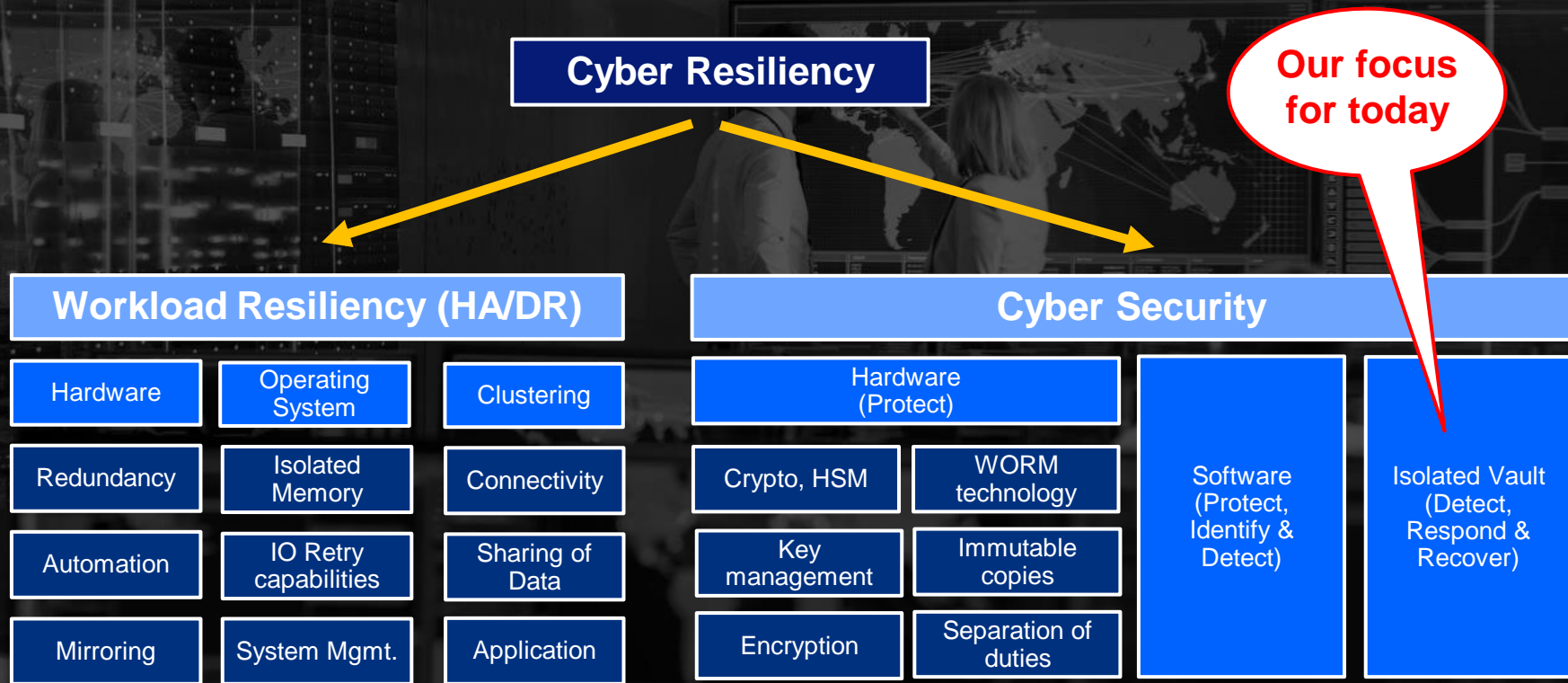
(▪ **Malware**)

- **External intrusion**

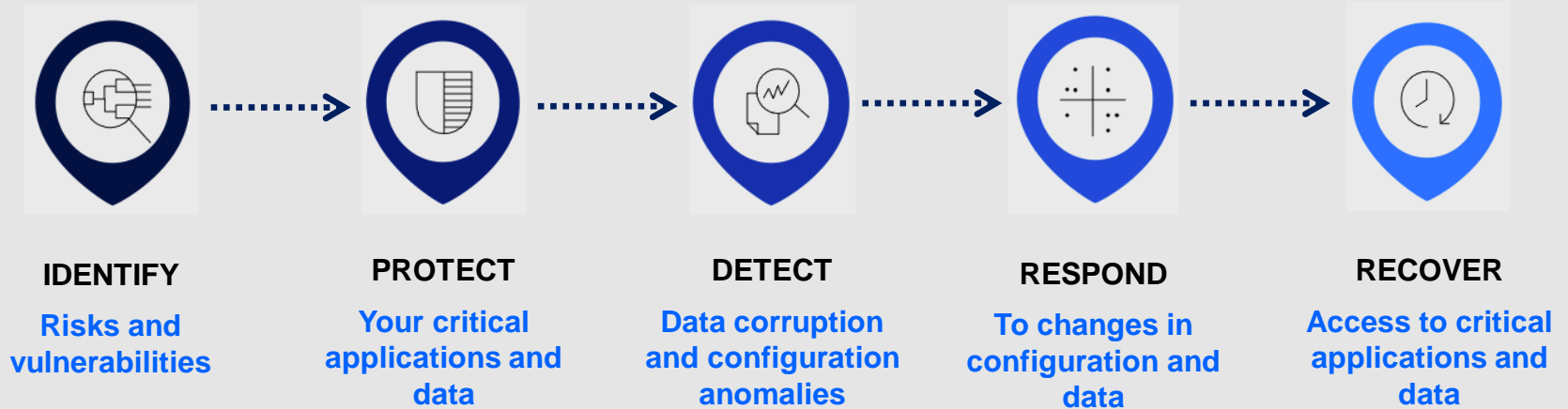
but also:

- **Unintentionally** corrupted files / databases by SW bugs or handling errors (human errors)
- **Internal attacks**

Cyber Resiliency - High Level View



Cyber Resiliency lifecycle (based on “NIST Cybersecurity Framework”)



NIST = National Institute of Standards and Technology of the USA Government

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IDENTIFY

Risks and vulnerabilities



PROTECT

Your critical applications and data



DETECT

Data corruption and configuration anomalies



DISA-Stig
(Checking a companies security setup against best practises)

Proactive actions required
(Immutable disk copies, Logical Worm, separation of duties)

Software Tools
(Access patterns, write activity, ...)

All three components are important and need to run in production. However, the “DETECTION” is the most critical - and complicated part.

There are no “error messages” you can use as trigger as a result of a logical corruption.

Access pattern and write activity analysis can easily lead to “false alarms” - how many of those do you tolerate ?

This is clearly a future AI topic

From a z/OS point of view

- **z/OS is the most securable platform in the industry, but security does not come by default. To prevent from any incident, do you...**
 - Constantly check for vulnerabilities ?
 - Enforce the security policies ?
 - Monitor security events and incidents ?
 - Data base activity monitoring in place ?
 - ... ?



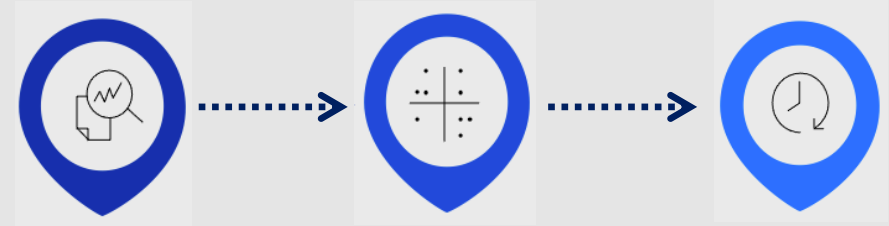
- Are you ready for an IBM z/OS Security Health Check ? [IBM z/OS Security Health Check](#)

Cyber Resiliency lifecycle (based on “NIST Cybersecurity Framework”)

It is maybe not possible to run all checks regularly in production - so why not using the immutable copies for advanced checking ?

“RESPOND” also includes, that you are able to identify where the corruption started - to avoid a reoccurrence.

The “RESPOND” and “RECOVER” phase must be tested and prepared in an isolated environment.



DETECT

Data corruption
and configuration
anomalies

RESPOND

To changes in
configuration and
data

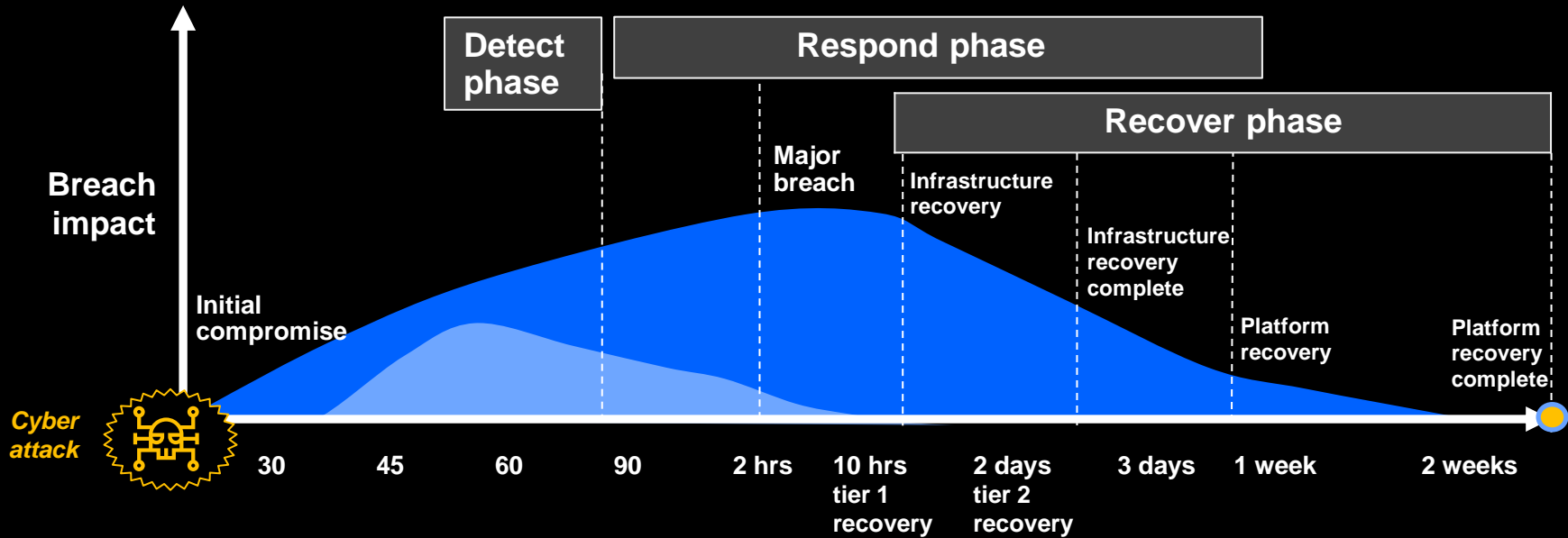
RECOVER

Access to critical
applications and
data

Isolated Environment

(Advanced checking, analysis of data outside
production, testing recovery actions)

Early detection is key to significantly reduce the impact of breaches



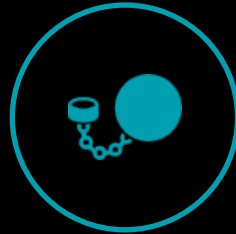
(Remark: timeline is an example, however based on real client experience)

“If we are a victim of logical corruption
.... how could we recover our 300 most critical services within 24 hours?”



Focus

How do we **reduce outage time** as a result of corruption or destruction of data and systems ?



Problem

Existing HA/DR protects from **physical** infrastructure outages. Traditional backups are specific to **individual** databases and do not allow re-creation of a consistent system image.

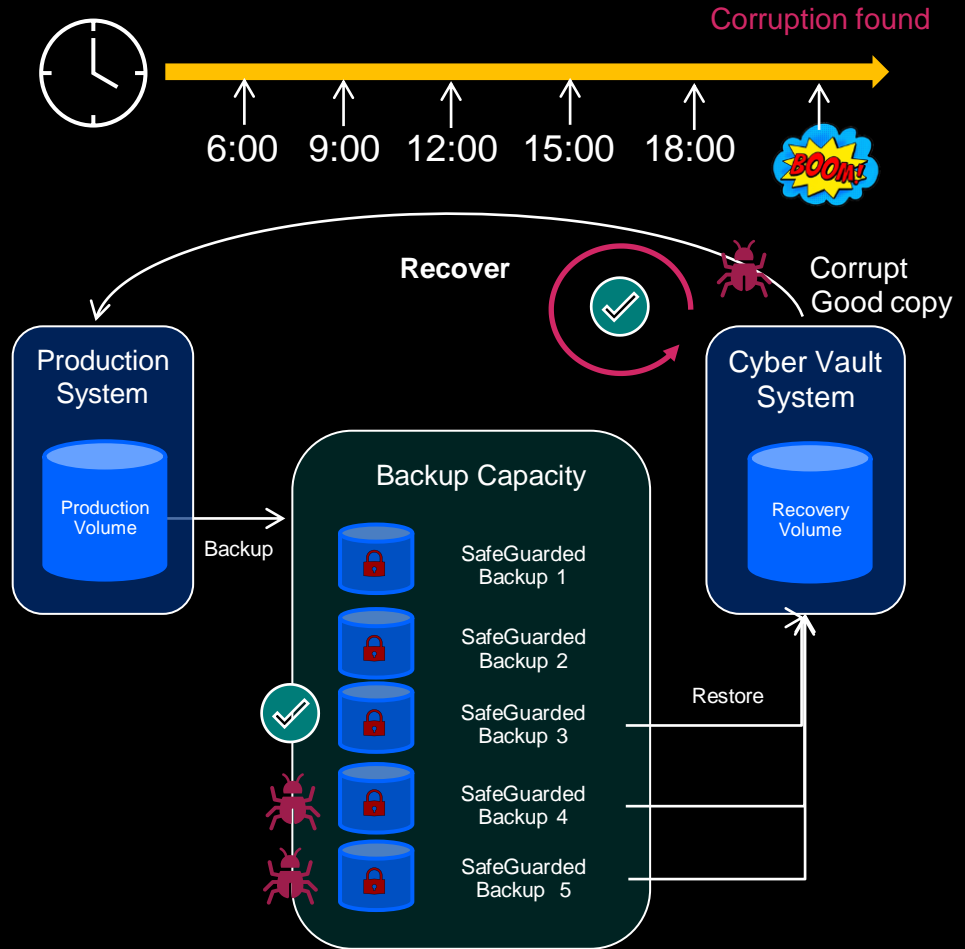


Solution

Establish a set of **recent 'point in time' copies** of the entire system, with ability to **regularly inspect quality** of data in the isolated vault, and test recovery scenarios.

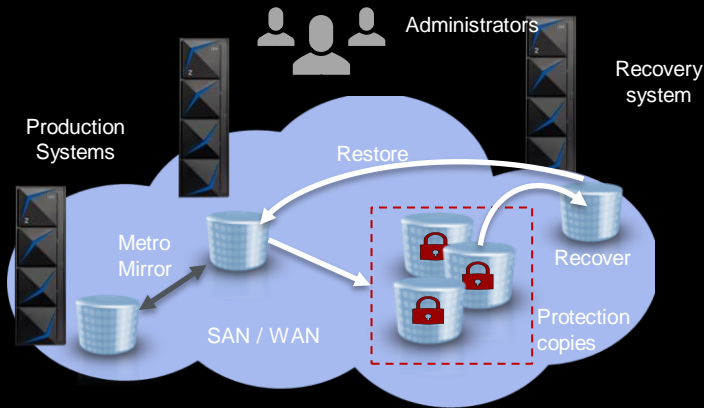
IBM Storage provides SafeGuarded Copy

- Prevent sensitive point in time copies of data from being modified or deleted due to errors, malicious destruction or ransomware attacks.
- Create up to **500** SafeGuarded Backups for a production volume stored in SafeGuarded Backup Capacity, which is not accessible to any server.
- The data is accessible only after a SafeGuarded Backup is recovered to a separate recovery volume.
- Recovery volumes are used with a data recovery system for:
 - Data validation
 - Forensic analysis
 - Restore production data
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 - Test application and system changes
 - Proactive vs. reactive checks



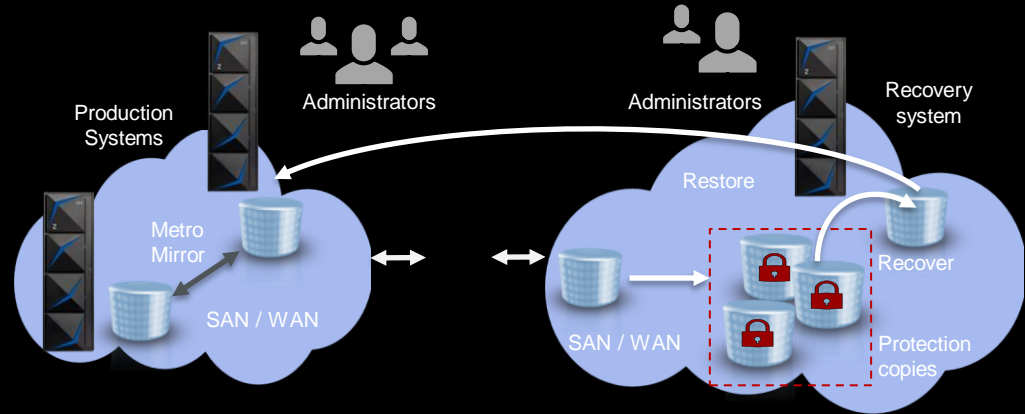
Air gap: Virtual or physical isolation of protection copies

Virtual isolation



- The protection copies are created in one or more storage systems in the existing high availability and disaster recovery topology
- The storage systems are typically in the same SAN or IP network as the production environment

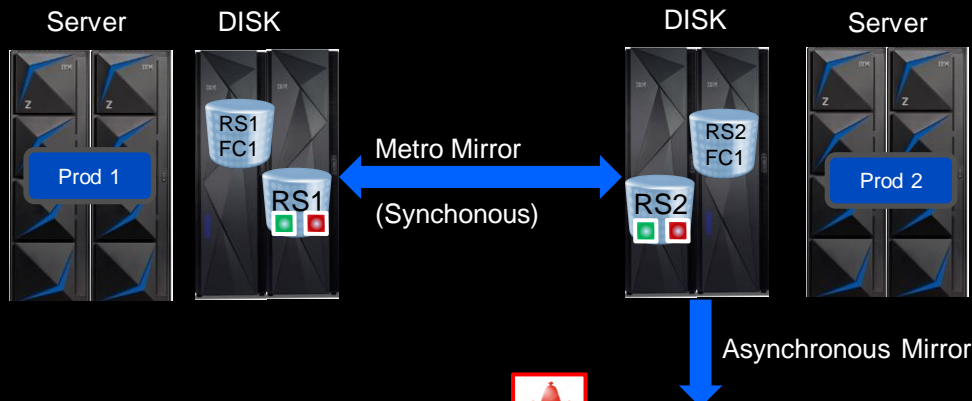
Physical isolation



- Additional storage systems are used for the protection copies
- The storage systems are typically not on the same SAN or IP network as the production environment
- The storage systems have restricted access and even different administrators to provide separation of duties

Cyber Vault deployment example - large UK bank

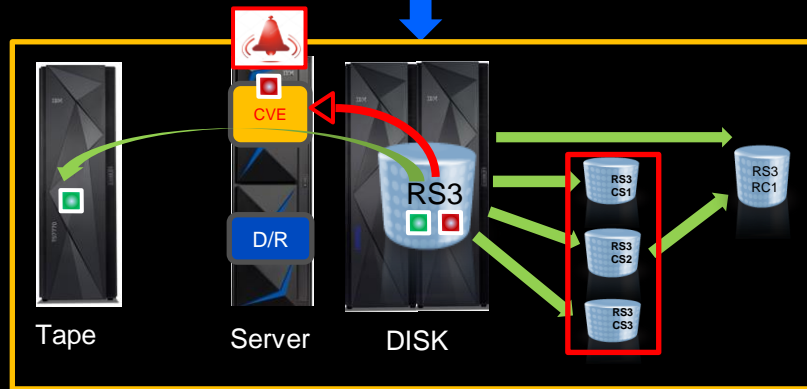
Physical Airgap (and Isolation) with Global Mirror



■ = "Good" copy of data

■ = "Bad" copy of data

CVE = "Cyber Vault Environment" to enable ongoing validation and recovery actions.



Alert sent in case of anomaly detection. Otherwise copy (optionally) on tape

Validation - Forensic Analysis - Surgical Recovery in a Cyber Vault

Validation

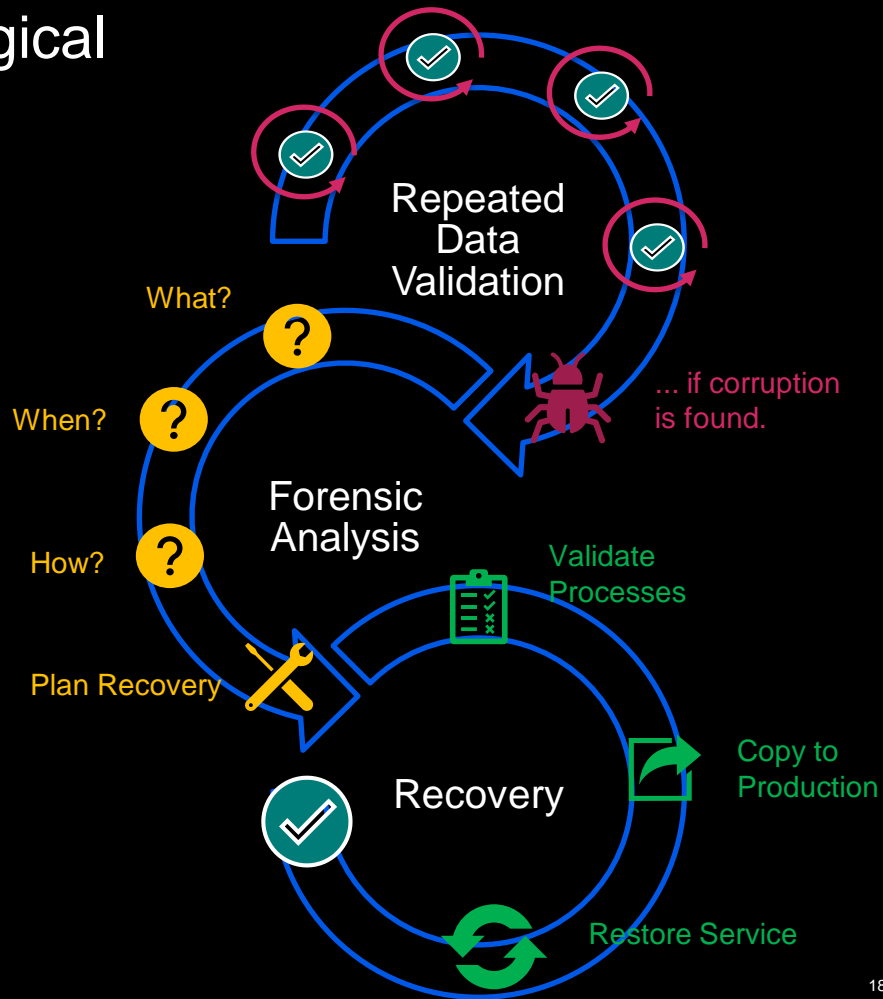
- Repeatabe and Automated
- Time Consistent Copy is clean
- System is operational

Forensic Analysis

- What, when and how data was corrupted ?
- Can't be automated
- Tools may help, but also application knowledge is required

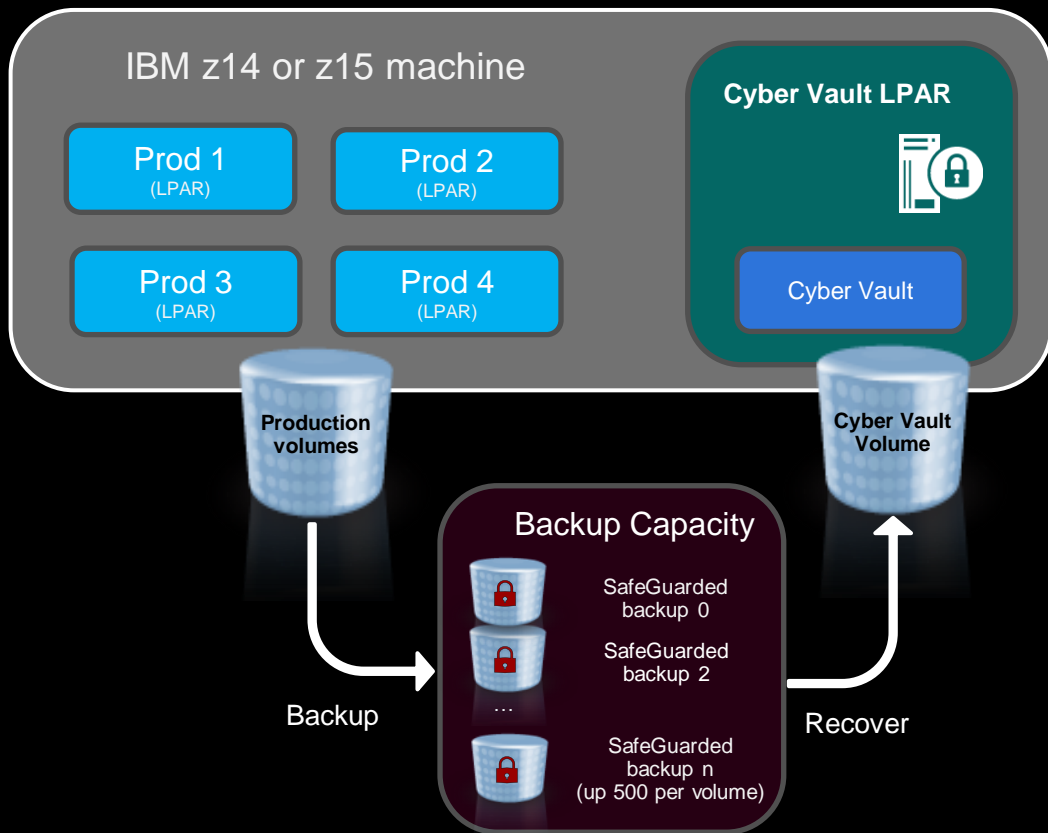
Recovery

- Execute Recovery Actions - Surgical or Catastrophic.
- Use existing templates and predefined procedures



Data validation details

Identify problems



At least once a day...

Phase 1: IPL with production image

At least one LPAR per Sysplex is required

- System Recovery Boost upgrade record used for one IPL per day
- Check Sysplex infrastructure

Phase 2: Data structure validation

- Db2 restart (all data sharing group members), Utilities, Log analysis
- IMS restart, Utilities
- Catalog tools (Tivoli, IDCAMS, ISV products)
- VSAM Indexcheck, Datacheck
- SMSshm, SMSrmm tools
- RACF (IRRUT200), zSecure-Audit
- ISV software (CA1, CA7, ...)

Phase 3: Data content validation

- Customer application program(s)

If no issue found: Create tape copy

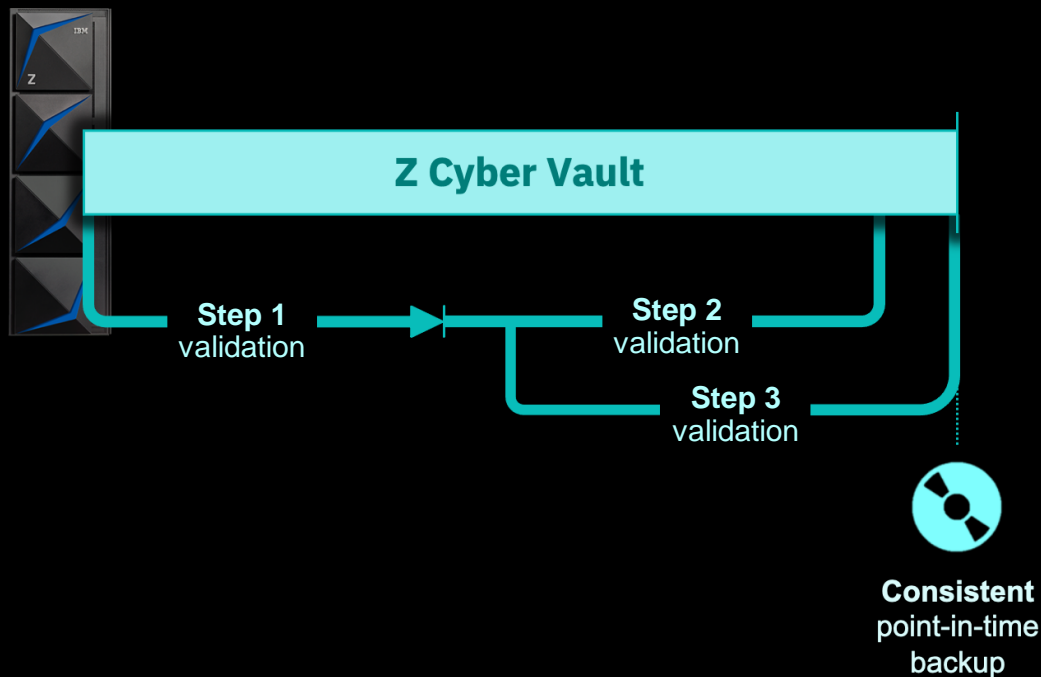
Automation is key...

IBM Z Cyber Vault systems image validation

Step 1
z/OS System

Step 2
z/OS Subsystems
& Data Structure

Step 3
Application Data



IBM Z Cyber Vault software selection

This is an initial list of software required to provide Cyber Vault capabilities.
ISVs can also be part of this list

z/OS

Catalog / VTOC / VVDS

Tivoli Advanced Catalog Management for z/OS Enhanced checks on catalog integrity, runs faster than standard IDCAMS utilities, has extensive repair capabilities.

DFSMS

Advanced Audit for DFSMSshm Faster than standard HSM audit, has a connection to RMM to cross check tapes.

Security

zSecure Audit Can check unauthorized update of static libraries (load libraries, JCL, ...).
Guardium S-TAP (Db2 & IMS) Potential identification of malicious database activities to help identify starting point of corruption.

Datasets

IZBR Fast identification and recovery of datasets being open during backup.

Db2 Subsystem

Db2 Log Analysis Tool Creation of data value change reports and fast recovery of changes recorded in the Db2 log.

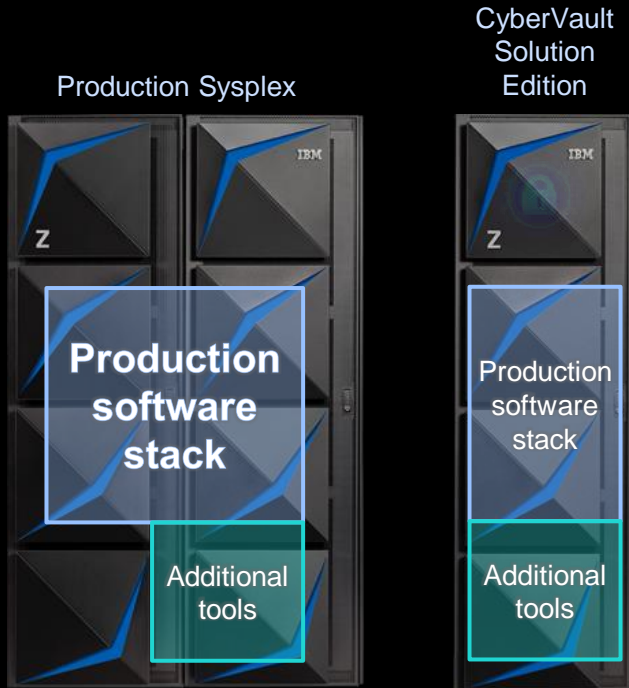
Db2 Recovery Expert Data structure check for all Db2 databases.

IMS Subsystem

IMS High Performance Pointer Checker Data structure check for all IMS databases.

IMS Recovery Expert Speeds up backup and recovery processes.

IBM Z Cyber Vault software



IBM Z Cyber Vault provides air gapped data corruption protection and tools to detect issues and speed recovery. This isolated environment requires hardware and software that will be configured and priced as a “Solution Edition” in order to provide the best value.

- The IBM Z Cyber Vault will be started from a copy of the existing production environment that has already been replicated. This means that all the current software in production needs to be available (and licensed) in the IBM Z Cyber Vault. This includes all IBM and non-IBM software.
- For enhanced diagnostics and recovery, additional IBM Software could be required in both the production Sysplex and the Cyber Vault.
- IBM will work with you to identify your specific needs and requirements in a discovery and architecture workshop to define a final software list.
- If the required software is not currently licensed, it can be provided through the IBM Z Cyber Vault Solution Edition contract as a limited use license.

IBM Z Cyber Vault Challenge

Prepare to Recover

- IBM Z Cyber Vault is an extension of the current DR concept
- RPO > 0 and unpredictable RTO are challenging for every business
- Analysis and recovery of such an incident is very time critical for the business
- A large variety of recovery plans as they depend on the type of attack.
- As we are used from the current DR preparation:
Management and employees need to be aware, educated and regular training is essential

IBM Z Cyber Vault is a solution (not a product) based on IBM technology, products & services, help to minimize the impact of such an incident.

This end up typically a project (with a larger scope)

Implementation is typically step by step approach

IBM Z Cyber Vault Solution



IBM Storage

Data volumes and active copies generated and maintained

DS8000 SafeGuarded Copy

Immutable backups

TS7700 Virtual Tape with Encryption and/or WORM

Secure air gapped data vault

IBM Z and Software

The only System with a 99.99999% availability

EAL 5+ certified Cyber Vault for IBM Z LPAR for validation, testing and forensics
Data monitoring, consistency and anomaly detection

Management Software

IBM Security solutions

IBM Services

IBM GDPS provides services, clustering technologies, and server and storage replication and automation.

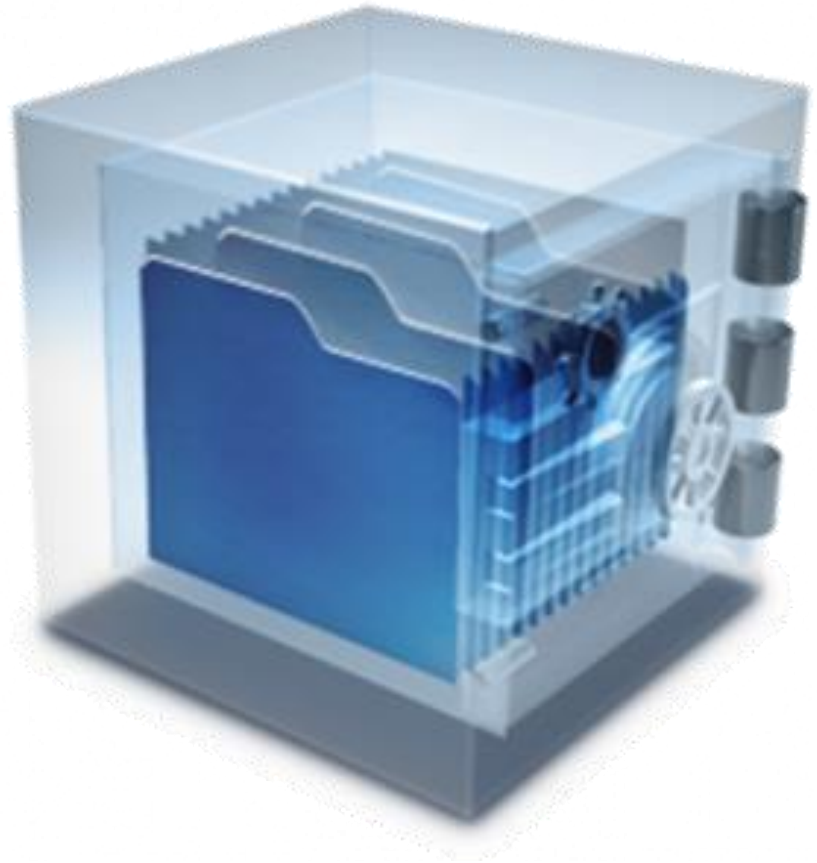
Logical Data Corruption(LCP) and Copy Services Manager (CSM) enhancements manage the entire recovery environment

IBM Lab Services risk assessment and deployment services

IBM Z Cyber Vault

A secure, air-gapped solution to ensure you can recover your data to a good, known version –

No matter what!



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