

Keep Pace

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European digital commitments

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We will help build a broad AI and cloud ecosystem across Europe.

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We will uphold Europe's digital resilience even when there is geopolitical volatility.

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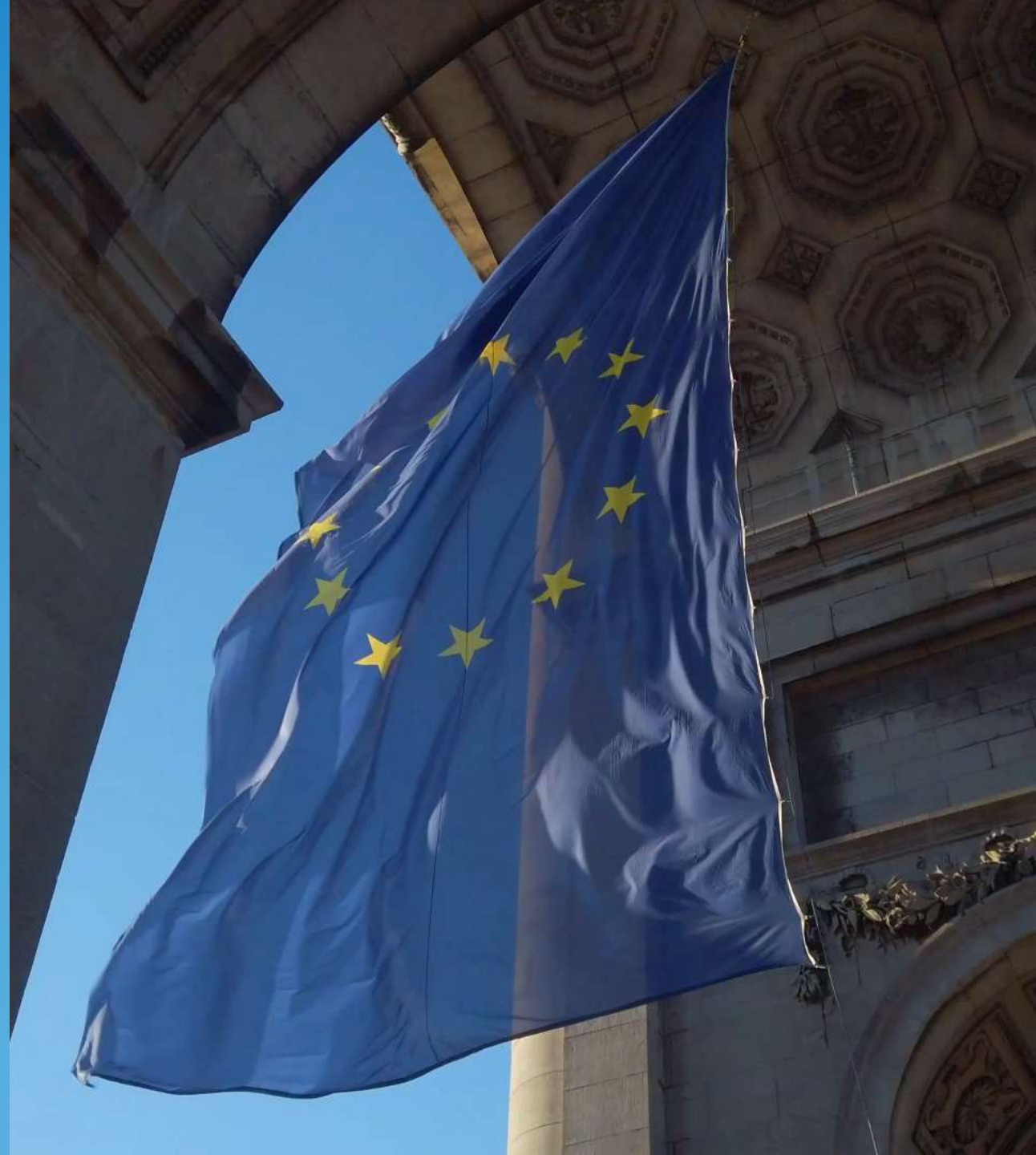
We will continue to protect the privacy of European data.

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We will always help protect and defend Europe's cybersecurity.

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We will help strengthen Europe's economic competitiveness, including for open source.



We are **committed** to Europe

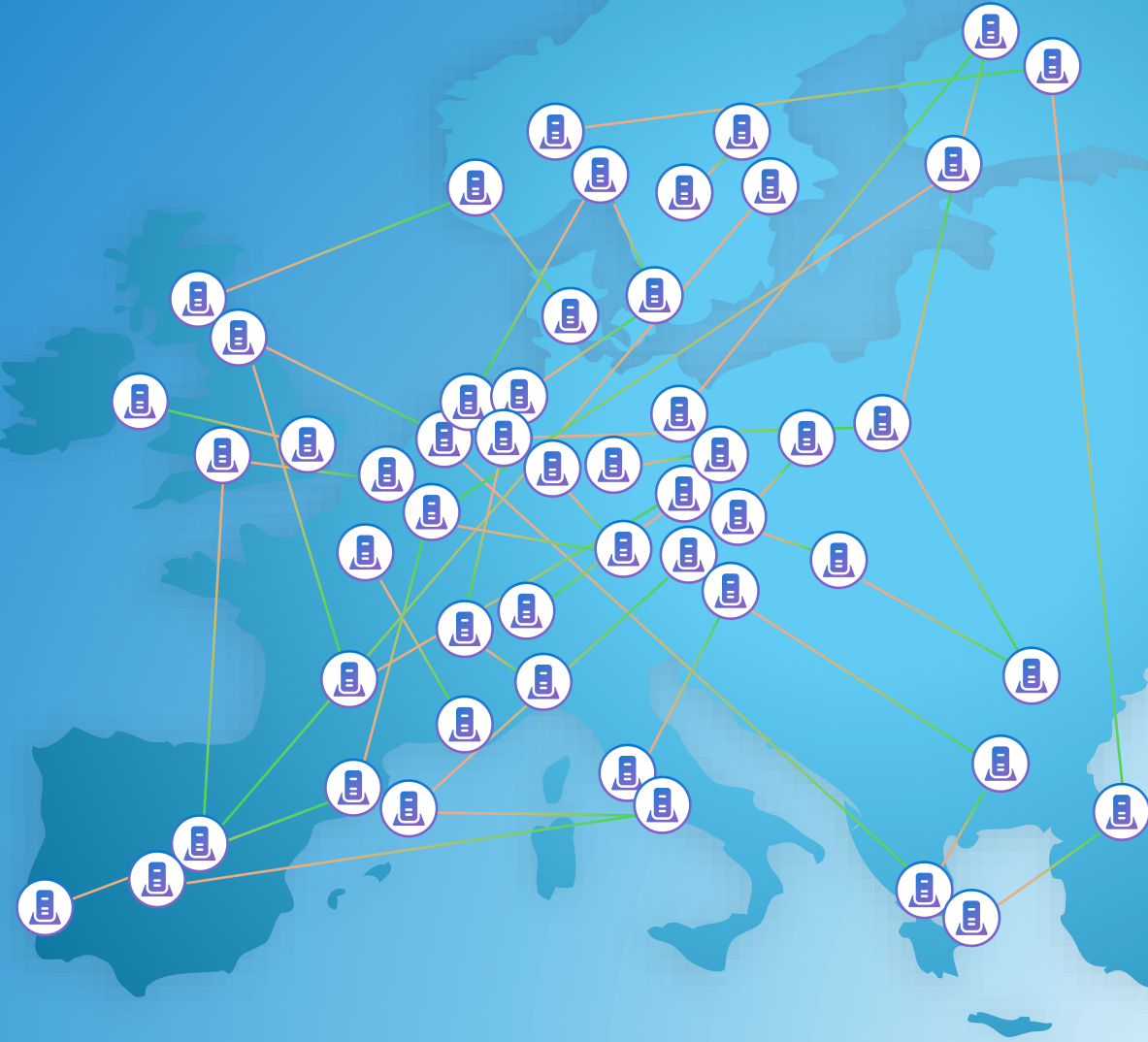
Microsoft Ireland
Operations Limited Board

Significant footprint (+20%)

Regionally-specific services

EU data boundary

EU-specific contract terms



COMMITMENT

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We will always help protect and defend Europe's cybersecurity.

Deputy CISO for Europe

About my role

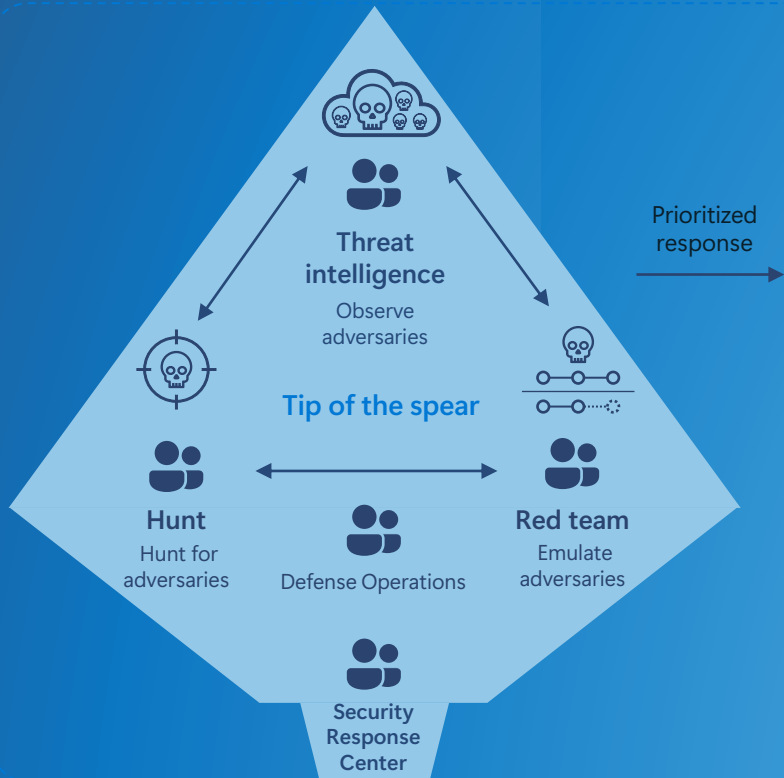
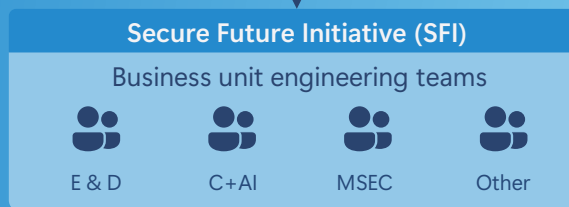
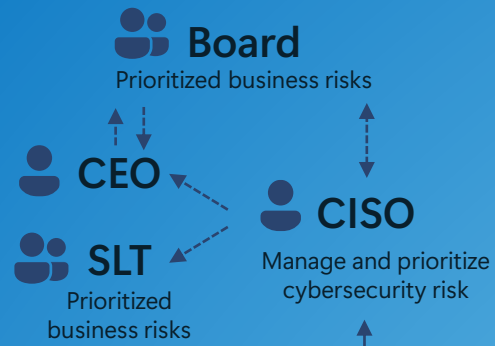


A Protect MSFT and its customers

B Comply with European regulations

C Secure by default

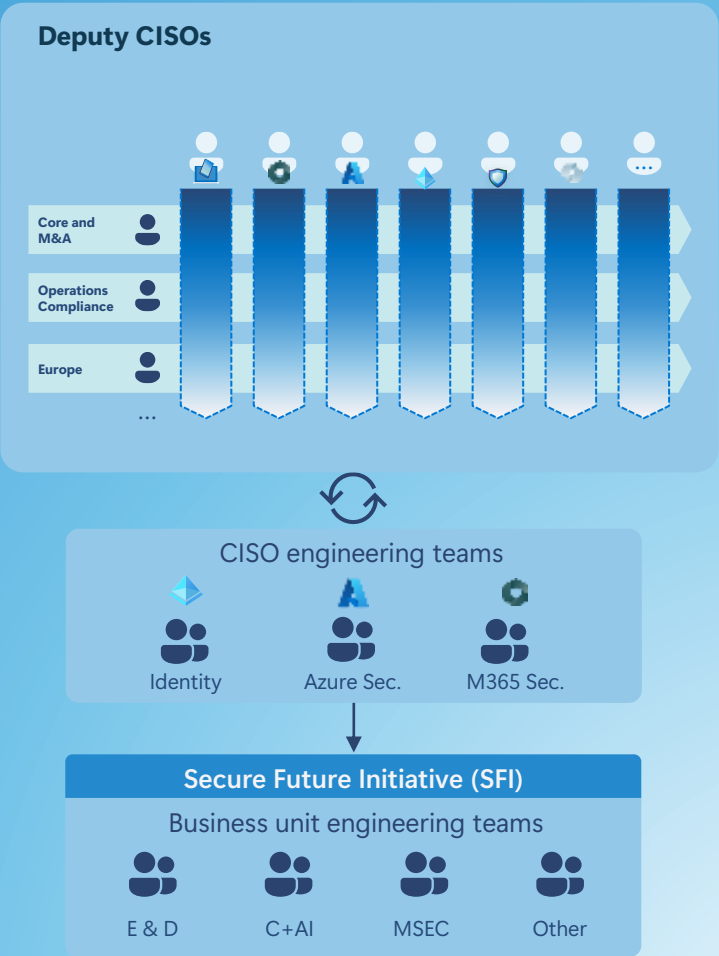
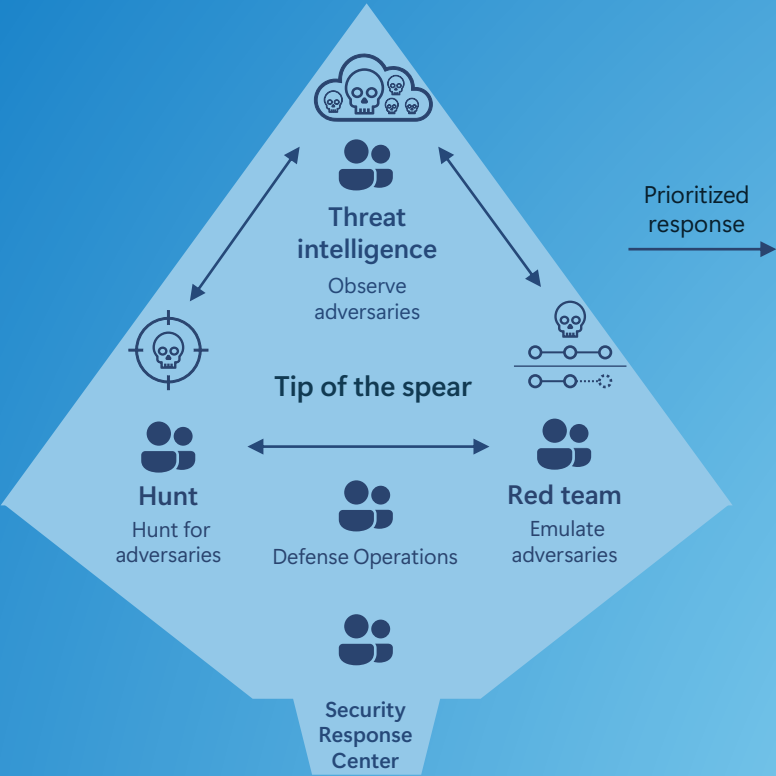
Cybersecurity Risk Management



Outside the CISO org

Impactful structure and operation

- Meeting twice a week (or more)
- Cross-function expertise and decision making
- Quasi-real-time threat-informed defense
- Visibility and impact at scale
- Durable improvements in infrastructure and services



Active defense



Microsoft tenants

Customer tenants



Microsoft infrastructure and services

Secure by Default

Security Risk Management



Microsoft tenants

Customer tenants

Microsoft infrastructure and services

Secure Future Initiative (SFI)



Secure by design



Secure by default



Secure operations

Security principles

Security culture and governance

Engineering pillars



Protect tenants and isolate production systems



Protect identities and secrets



Protect networks



Protect engineering systems



Monitor and detect threats



Accelerate response and remediation

Paved path

Continuous improvement

Standards

Baseline Security Mode

Hardening our digital defenses with Microsoft Baseline Security Mode

November 10, 2025 | Jason Kellington

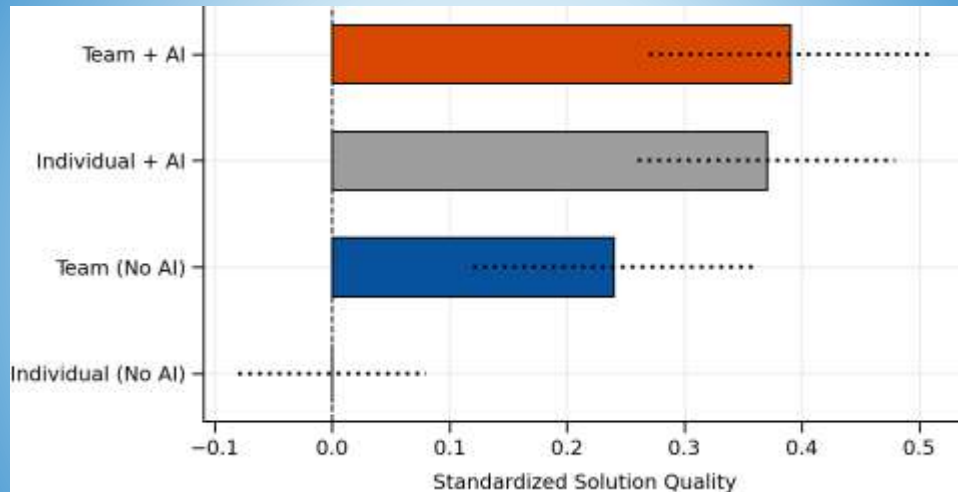


- 🛡️ Turns Secure Future Initiative learnings into protection of tenants against known attack paths.
- 🛡️ Built-in impact analysis, exclusions, and staged rollout enable to adopt protections safely and at scale.
- 🛡️ One entry point in the Microsoft 365 admin center.
- 🛡️ Expansion across Microsoft 365, Entra, Intune, Purview, Dynamics 365, and Azure in fall 2026.
- 🛡️ All new tenants come with BSM controls
- 🛡️ Customers benefit from how Microsoft defends itself.

AI Impact



The Cybernetic Teammate



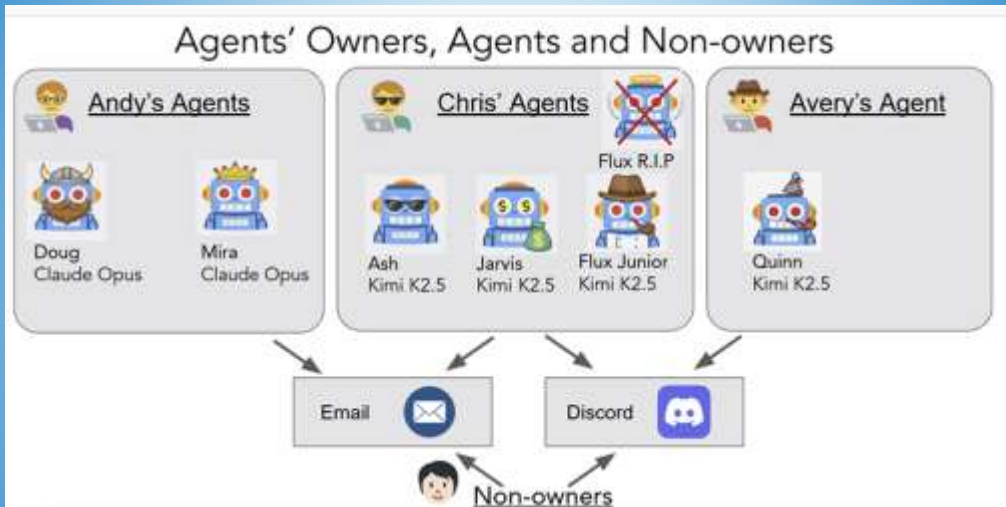
- 🛡️ Harvard Business School field experiment with P&G employees
- 🛡️ Individuals+AI produce better quality than teams
- 🛡️ AI democratizes expertise
- 🛡️ AI reduces bias from dominant individuals in teams
- 🛡️ Individuals are happier, with an AI companion

Agents of Chaos

🛡️ Exploratory study of AI agent behaviour (OpenClaw)

- Unauthorized compliance with non-owners
- Disclosure of sensitive information
- Execution of destructive system-level actions
- Identity spoofing vulnerabilities
- Cross-agent propagation of unsafe practices
- Partial system takeover

🛡️ Issues with accountability, authority, and responsibility



AI Powered Risks



In the Hands of our Adversaries



- 🛡️ Spear phishing efficiency: 54% click rate*
- 🛡️ Automated discovery of vulnerabilities
- 🛡️ Cyber attacks – kill chain
 - Democratization, tailoring
 - Acceleration
 - Increase in scale

* [Evaluating-Large-Language-Models-Ability-to-Automate.pdf](#)



In our Hands

- 🛡️ Spear phishing
 - Use AI to detect (97% success rate*)
- 🛡️ Vulnerabilities
 - Discover our own vulnerabilities**
 - Patch at our own pace
- 🛡️ Incident response
 - Identify our most (and least) critical assets
 - Contain without perfect knowledge

* [Evaluating-Large-Language-Models-Ability-to-Automate.pdf](#)

** [Project Glasswing](#)

AI Agents at Work



Agentic AI Controls

Controls



- 🛡️ Product security
 - OWASP AI
 - MITRE ATLAS
 - Secure by design
- 🛡️ Enterprise security
 - NIST CSF, NIST 800-53, ISO 27001
 - MITRE ATT&CK
 - CIS Baselines
 - Secure by default
- 🛡️ Controls update frequency and coverage...







AI Agents – New Hires



- 🛡️ Gaps in our understanding
 - Black boxes
 - Non deterministic
- 🛡️ Pace of technological evolution
- 🛡️ Pace of task execution
- 🛡️ Democratization of development – shadow Agents
- 🛡️ Gaps in our frameworks (HR policies)

Proposed Reference Model



-  **Values** Corporate values the agent must respect
-  **Autonomy** What actions is the agent allowed to take?
-  **Scope** Which access to data, systems, agents?
-  **Configuration** Guardrails, filters, policies at runtime
-  **Product** Model, pipeline, API, SDK security
-  **Data** Provenance, lineage, classification, integrity

Proposed Reference Model



Values

- Should AI agents respect the same corporate values as humans?

Autonomy:

- Can AI agents modify, delete data?
- Can they carry out financial transactions and to which threshold?
- Are they allowed to take initiative?
- Can they launch physical action?
- Is a human-in-the-loop required for critical actions?
- Do we need a "kill switch"?
- Can we roll back their actions?

Scope:

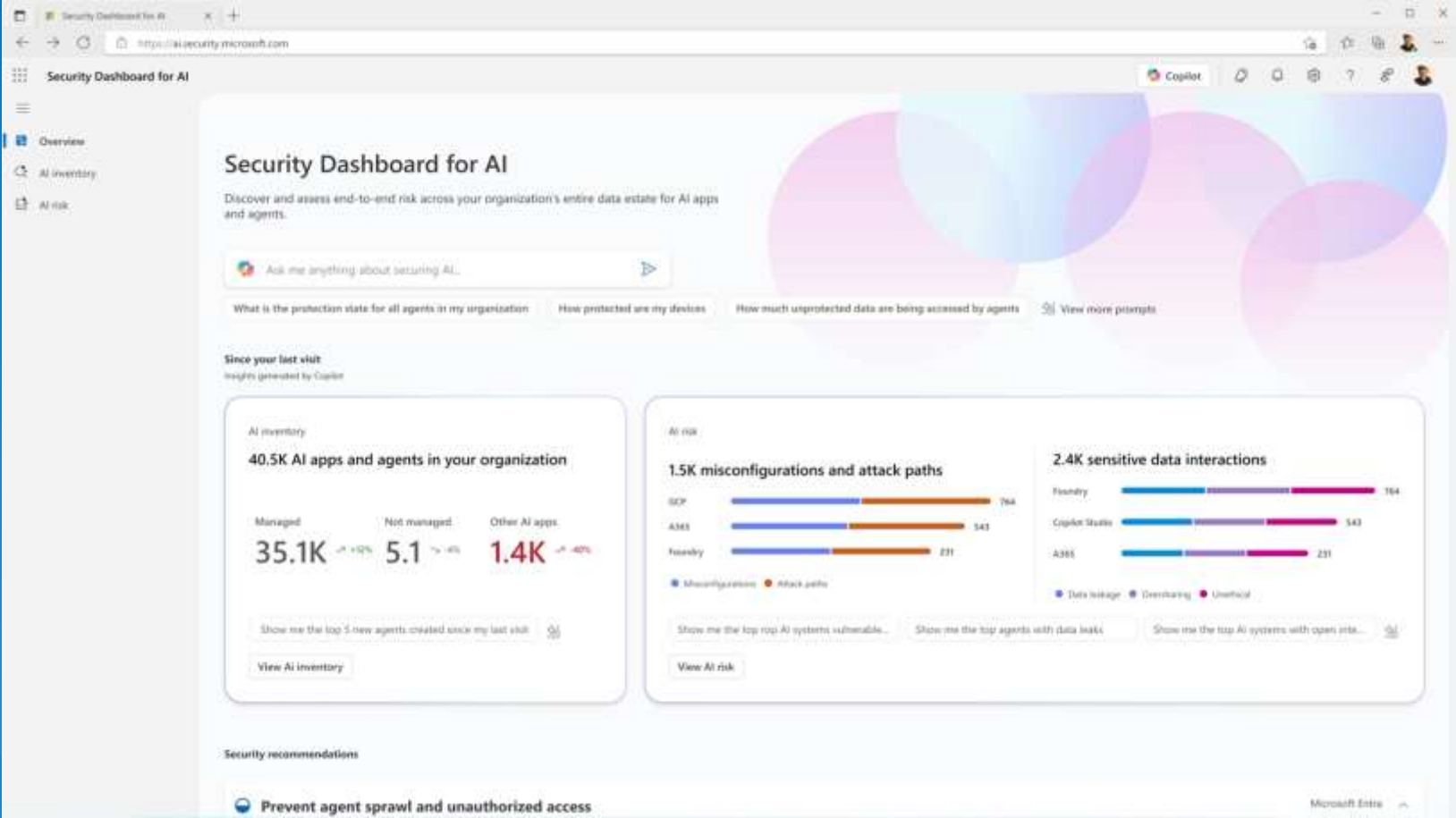
- To what data, services, systems has the agent access?
- Do AI agents have access to the internet and to other agents?
- What are their primary role and success factors?

Data layer is the foundation

- Provenance, lineage, classification, integrity

How do we train and contain the AI agents?

Security Dashboard for AI



Microsoft Security Dashboard for AI

Wrapping up

- 🛡️ Use AI to defend
 - 🛡️ Respond to incidents with incomplete knowledge
 - 🛡️ Treat AI agents as employees
 - 🛡️ Train and contain your AI agents
 - 🛡️ Deploy AI controls at pace - by default
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- 🛡️ Call to action: Update our control frameworks



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Thank you!

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