

# Cybersecurity Startups:

Hacking into a Growing Market Opportunity

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# Cybersecurity Startups | Executive Summary

- **Cybersecurity landscape shifting.** The cybersecurity market has grown to \$120B, underpinned by an increase in the frequency and severity of cybercrime over recent years. As cyber threats have increased, though, legacy technology has become increasingly less effective at mitigating them.
- **A wave of startups are driving innovation within the sector to meet new security challenges.** Key “next gen” technologies include: cloud/IoT security, predictive analytics, deception-based security, autonomous systems and segmentation.
- **Robust venture capital funding private cybersecurity sector.** VC funding for cybersecurity firms totaled [\\$3.5B in 2016 and has continued at record levels into 2017](#). Over 1,500 startups are currently operating in the sector according to Crunchbase, including a handful of “unicorns” (Tanium, illumio, CrowdStrike, Cylance and Zscaler).
- **Key investment positives for investors looking at cybersecurity start-ups** incl. (1) strong revenue growth prospects, driven primarily by higher enterprise spending, (2) a market ripe for disruption given the emergence of new security threats and (3) the likelihood of increased consolidation as incumbents try to stay relevant. Growing competition as well as technological obsolescence are risks.



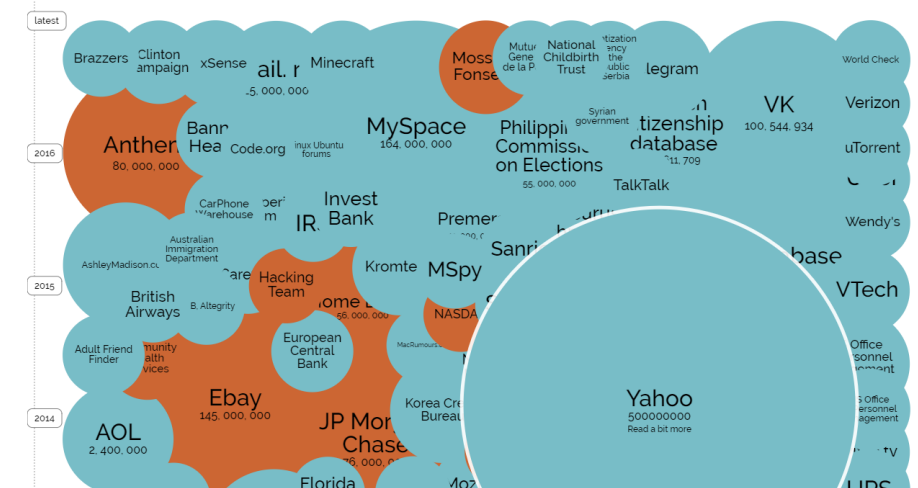
# Cybersecurity – A Shifting Landscape

Cybersecurity is poised to become a key challenge for the modern economy. A staggering 4B records were exposed to data breaches last year, including notable attacks on Yahoo (twice), Dyn and the Democratic National Committee. This number is expected to increase – Cybersecurity Ventures estimates cybercrime could cost the global economy \$6T annually by 2021, up from \$3T in 2015.

**Old security models broken; new tools needed.** As cyber risks grow, legacy technologies have become increasingly less effective in mitigating them. Several key changes are driving this trend: (1) the volume of data transmitted is growing rapidly, with global IP traffic projected to reach 3.3 ZB\* by 2021 (vs. 1.2 ZB in 2016), (2) data is increasingly stored outside of datacenters, which traditional security systems were designed to protect and (3) hackers are becoming more sophisticated at undermining legacy security tools.

**Startups stepping up to the challenge.** Key innovations introduced by these companies to address emerging cybersecurity challenges include cloud/IoT security, segmentation, predictive analysis, deception security, autonomous systems, and quantum encryption.

## Largest Data Breaches



Source: informationisbeautiful.net

<http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/worlds-biggest-data-breaches-hacks/>

\* ZB = zettabyte. 1 ZB = 1e<sup>15</sup> megabytes (MB).



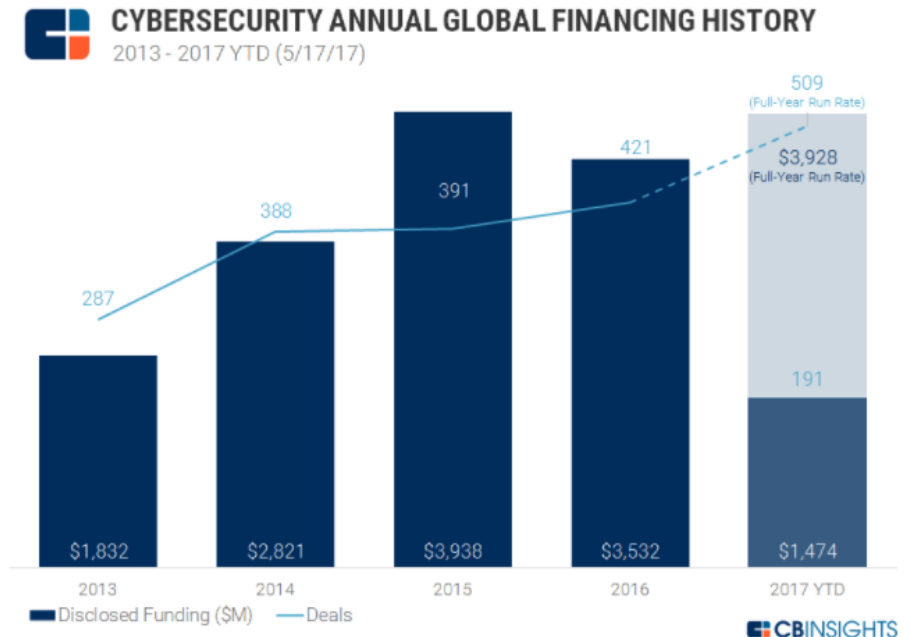
# Startups Bolstered by Strong VC Interest

**Cybersecurity has attracted robust venture funding.** 2016 marked a robust year for private security financing, with [\\$3.5B invested in 400 start-ups \(CB Insights\)](#). This momentum continued into 2017, with 1Q17 marking a five-year record for VC-based cybersecurity deals. Prominent venture firms invested in the space include Andreessen Horowitz, Bessemer Venture Partners, Accel Partners, Intel Capital, and Lightspeed Venture Partners.

**Cybersecurity-dedicated funds also arriving on the scene.** Earlier in 2017, [Trident Capital](#) launched a \$300M cybersecurity fund. The fund—which was oversubscribed at its debut—is one of the largest dedicated exclusively to cybersecurity. Allegis Capital and TenEleven Ventures also focus on the sector.

**Over 1,400 cybersecurity start-ups are currently operating.** Unicorns (companies valued at \$1B or more) include Tanium (\$3.8B), Illumio (\$1B), CrowdStrike (\$1B), Cylance (\$1B) and Zscaler (\$1B).

## VC-backed cybersecurity deals



Source: Bloomberg, CB Insights



# Investment Themes and Risks for Cybersecurity Startups

## Key Themes

- > Large and growing market
- > Limitations of incumbent software opening market to innovators
- > Consolidation likely as incumbents play catch up

## Key Risks

- > Technological obsolescence
- > Competition heating up



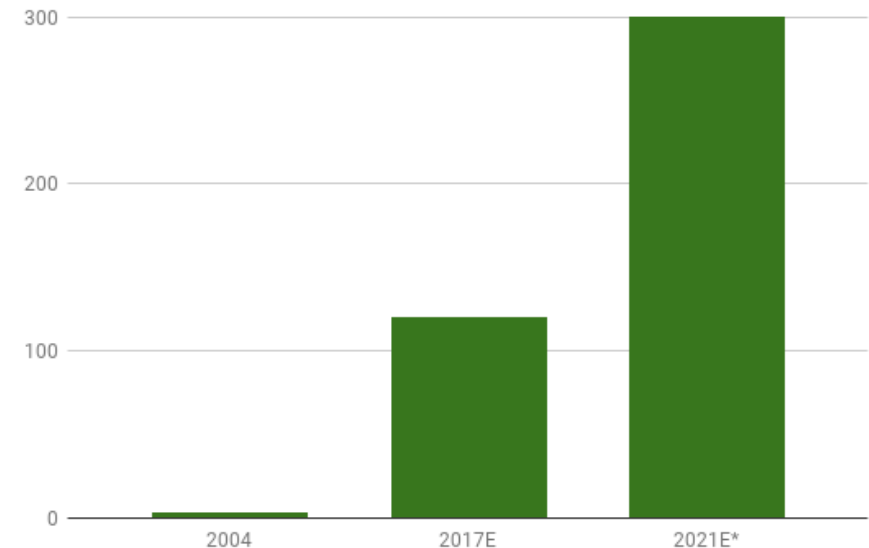
## > Theme: Large and growing market

The global cybersecurity market stands at [~\\$120B currently](#) according to Cybersecurity Ventures, underpinned by an uptick in the severity and frequency of cyber attacks over recent years. The firm projects this spending will grow to over [\\$1T cumulatively through 2021](#), which we estimate would equate to a ~26% CAGR. We believe this estimate is reasonable assuming cybercrime and security costs rise proportionally with IP traffic.

**Enterprise market is the largest driver of spend, with companies rushing to safeguard digital assets.** Cybersecurity budgets are growing [more than double](#) the pace of overall IT budgets. Expectedly, industries with the largest exposure to sensitive data -- telecom, finance, government, healthcare and utilities -- are the largest contributors to overall security spending.

**“Blank check” attitudes towards fighting cybercrime are increasing.** Bank of America is the most notable example of this, recently putting [no cap](#) on its cybersecurity budget. Other enterprises/entities that have notably stepped up budget allocations include JP Morgan (to [\\$500M](#) annually from \$250M previously) and the US government ([\\$19B](#) from \$14B last year).

### Cybersecurity Ventures spending forecast



Source: Cybersecurity Ventures and EquityZen estimates

\*2021 spending estimated using Cybersecurity Ventures total 2017-2021 spending estimate (\$1T) and assuming a constant growth rate between 2017 and 2021.



# > Theme: Limitations of incumbent software opening market to innovators

**We believe the cybersecurity market is ripe for disruption as changes in the IT/security landscape have undermined the effectiveness of incumbent tools:**

- Most were designed for on-premise server environments and traditional endpoints (e.g. desktops) and cannot protect the cloud and IoT devices (e.g. phones, tablets, smart devices) – two key components of the emerging IT landscape.
- Many are static and reactive and best used to thwart known security threats. Hackers have become more sophisticated at bypassing these controls. For example, polymorphic malware can change its electronic signature to avoid detection by traditional anti-malware programs and “zero day” attacks exploit vulnerabilities in existing code to penetrate a network undetected.
- Legacy tools often require significant human resources to implement. This model will become less tenable, in our view, as data volumes continue to expand. A projected [2m global shortage of cybersecurity talent by 2019](#) will only add to this problem.

Startups have introduced several key innovations to address these challenges (summarized in table at right).

Incumbent technology issue	Innovation	How it helps
Designed for on-premise server / desktop infrastructure	Cloud/ IoT Security	Secures new IT landscape of cloud computing and alternative endpoints (tablets, mobile phones, etc.)
Designed to protect against known attacks and vulnerabilities, which hackers can increasingly circumvent	Predictive analytics	Can identify known and previously unknown threats by looking at anomalous behavior in a network
	Deception-based security	Seeks to trap hackers that do manage to penetrate network
	Segmentation	Sets up obstacles that make it more difficult for intruders to access a company’s most sensitive information
Requires significant human resources	Artificial intelligence/ automation	Can automate incident detection and response to reduce human workload; offers more efficient security for large volumes of data/traffic
Traditional encryption keys (RSA, SSL, DES and AES) can be broken with enough computing power	Quantum encryption	Quantum encryption leverages principles of quantum mechanics; a quantum key is theoretically unbreakable



# > Theme: Consolidation likely as incumbents play catch-up

**Start-ups have led recent wave of technological innovation within cybersecurity.** Many of these companies focus narrowly on niche markets within the broader sector (e.g. cloud security, predictive analytics, deception-based security, etc.) and do not provide comprehensive solutions for customers.

**We believe larger players will look to roll up smaller rivals to maintain relevance.** Leading vendors such as Cisco, Symantec and Oracle have all used M&A to augment their market position historically. These acquisitions can generate meaningful synergies for large corporations as they apply more expansive data to the innovative, acquired technology.

**Cloud security and predictive analytics have been key areas of focus for consolidation in the past.** We believe autonomous systems companies could also prove attractive targets going forward given the ongoing proliferation of data along with the growing shortage of cybersecurity professionals.

## Incumbents have a history of rolling up smaller rivals...

Date	Acquirer	Target	Sector	Price
Feb 2017	Sophos	Invincea	Predictive Analytics	\$100M
Feb 2017	Palo Alto Networks	LightCyber	Predictive Analytics	\$105M
Feb 2017	HPE	Niara	Autonomous systems	NA
Jan 2017	Amazon	Harvest.ai	Autonomous systems	<a href="#">\$20M</a>
Sep 2016	Oracle	Palerra	Cloud Security	NA
Aug 2016	Symantec	BlueCoat	Cloud Security	\$4.65B
Aug 2016	Cisco	CloudLock	Cloud Security	\$293M
Oct 2015	Cisco	Lancope	Predictive Analytics	\$453M
Jun 2015	Cisco	OpenDNS	IoT Security	\$635M

Source: Crunchbase and EquityZen estimates

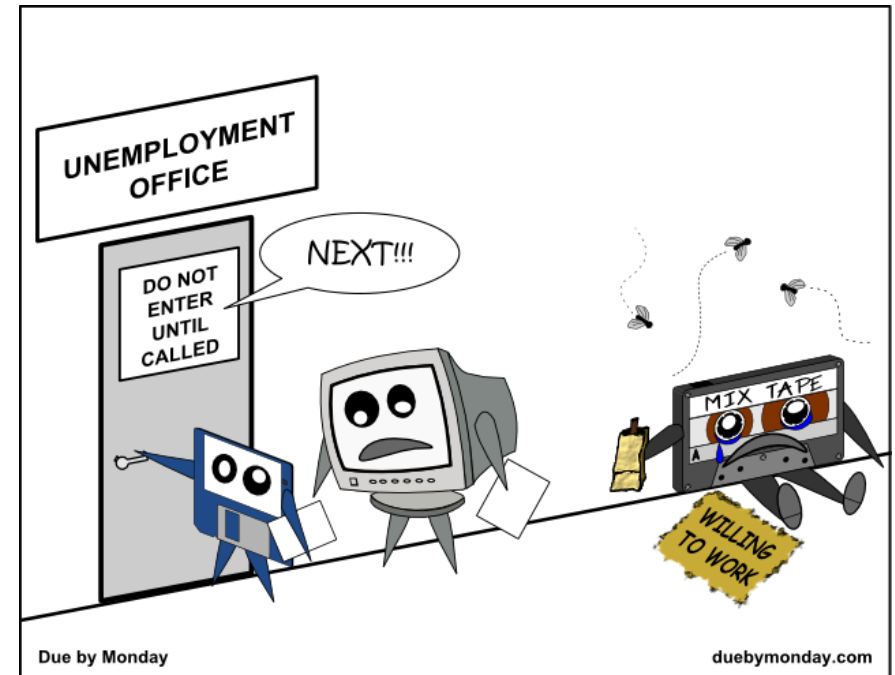




## > Key Risks

**Competition heating up.** The influx in venture capital funding has led to a surge in the number of cybersecurity startups, with over 1,500 in operation currently. Some sub-sectors are more exposed to higher competition than others. Endpoint security has started to show signs of increasing saturation and cloud/IoT security has seen a growing number of new entrants recently. That said, many solutions (even within subsectors) are complementary, rather than substitute, technologies.

**Technological obsolescence.** Cybercrime and security has become a hotly contested arms race, with new technologies being developed and hackers continually seeking to circumvent them. Current technologies could be rendered obsolete or irrelevant as new technologies replace them or as new threats emerge.



# Appendix A: The New Cybersecurity Landscape

> Cloud/IoT Security

> Segmentation

> Predictive Analytics

> Deception-Based Security

> Autonomous Systems

> Quantum/Post-Quantum Encryption

> Anti-Phishing



# > Cloud/IoT Security

What is it?

Cloud/IoT security tools bring key security infrastructure to cloud-based computing environments and internet-connected devices.

Why is it important?

Traditional security tools are no longer sufficient as cloud, IoT expand security perimeters beyond traditional on-premise servers and equipment.

Market commentary

- IoT has seen a huge [uptick in early –stage companies](#) in recent years
- Cloud security growth pegged at a [~26% CAGR through 2022](#).

Key Players<sup>^</sup>



<sup>^</sup> Companies may compete in more than one sub-sector. Key players in a category can specialize in different security areas and listed companies may not directly compete against each other.



# > Segmentation

What is it?

Segmentation vendors separate computer networks so that each network component is only visible to authorized viewers.

Why is it important?

Attackers that penetrate a segmented network encounter a series of “locked doors” as they try to move through the system, thus impeding their path to sensitive/critical data and reducing the damage they can inflict.

Market commentary

- Companies in the segment continue to report strong growth:
- illumio [reported 400% growth](#) in bookings during 2016, its second year in operation
- vmware’s NSX grew bookings [by 50% in 4Q16](#), pushing its annualized revenue run rate over \$1B

Key Players<sup>^</sup>



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# > Predictive Analytics

What is it?

Looks for unusual behavior and traffic in a network that might signal the presence of malware. Unlike legacy systems that scan network traffic for known threats, predictive intelligence solutions often rely on signature-less or anomaly-based indicators to detect harmful behavior in real time.

Why is it important?

Threat signatures are increasingly becoming a thing of the past as hackers use more sophisticated tools to circumvent cybersecurity defenses. For example, [point-and-click exploit kits](#) enable attackers to create unique signatures for every attack.

Market commentary

- Prominent startups in this category have reported strong growth in recent years:
- Cylance recently reported [283% YOY revenue growth](#); 2016 revenue estimated at [~\\$45m](#).
- CrowdStrike reported a [400% increase](#) in transactions valued at >\$1m.

Key Players<sup>^</sup>

ANOMALI



CYLANCE



CROWDSTRIKE

Carbon Black.

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# > Deception-Based Security

What is it?

Uses advanced luring technology to deceive attackers and entice them away from sensitive information and critical infrastructure.

Why is it important?

Deception-based security can step in when traditional prevention methods fail, identifying attackers and tricking and/or trapping them before they cause harm. They can also provide valuable insight into the data hackers are looking for as well as their techniques.

Market commentary

- Research & Markets projects the deception-based security market will grow to \$1B by 2021, equating to a ~10% revenue CAGR

Key Players<sup>^</sup>

**TRAPX**  
SECURITY

 **illusive**<sup>™</sup>

 **Cymmetria**

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# > Autonomous Systems

What is it?

Uses machine-learning and AI to police networks and automate attack/intrusion detection and response without human intervention. Can be used in conjunction with other cybersecurity tools (e.g. predictive analytics).

Why is it important?

Data is growing at an exponential rate, far outpacing the capacity of IT teams to analyze this data and monitor for anomalies. A shortage of cybersecurity talent will only further compound this problem, with a [shortfall of 2.0M professionals](#) expected by 2019. Autonomous systems address these issues directly by automating aspects of security operations. Vectra Networks, for example, claims its product can [reduce threat investigation workloads by up to 29X](#).

Market commentary

- Market still nascent; however, we see this as a key emerging frontier in cybersecurity.
- Available disclosures suggest strong traction: sift science experienced its [third consecutive 250%+ revenue growth year in 2016](#), Endgame ranked as one of the [500 fastest growing firms](#) in North America by Deloitte.

Key Players<sup>^</sup>



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# > Quantum Encryption

What is it?

Utilizes principles of quantum mechanics in encryption technology – uses photons of light to physically transfer cryptographic keys securely between two parties (e.g. browsers and web servers).

Why is it important?

Traditional encryption keys are prone to compromise. In theory, quantum encryption makes it impossible for an attacker to copy data encoded in a quantum state.

Market commentary

- Promising technology, but still in early stages and has yet to see broad-based adoption.
- Likely to see most demand from industries that handle a lot of sensitive data (finance, government, healthcare and utilities).

Key Players<sup>^</sup>



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## > Anti-Phishing Tools

What is it?

Anti-phishing tools attempt to identify phishing content. Phishing is a form of fraud, where cyber criminals send emails under the guise of being a reputable company to induce individuals to review personal information (passwords, credit card numbers, etc.).

Why is it important?

Phishing has become a primary attack tool among hackers to penetrate both individuals and corporations. According to PhishMe, [91%](#) of breaches start with spear phishing.

Financial Data/  
Projections

- PhishMe reported an annual revenue run rate of [\\$50M in early 2017](#), with its flagship product experiencing 350% YOY sales growth.
- KnowBe4 has similarly shows substantial revenue increases, with [1Q17 sales up 261%](#) from the prior year.

Key Players<sup>^</sup>

**PHISHME** KnowBe4

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# Appendix B: Select Cybersecurity Startup Profiles\*

> Anomali

> CipherCloud

> Carbon Black

> CloudPassage

> CrowdStrike

> Cylance

> Endgame

> Exabeam

> ForeScout

> illumio

> PhishMe

> ProtectWise

> Sift Science

> Tanium

> vArmour

> Vectra Networks

> Zscaler

\* Includes select companies with \$50M+ of total funding



# > Anomali



## Description

Anomali's technology facilitates cyber risk detection and identification by correlating tens of millions of threat indicators against real time network activity logs and up to a year or more of forensic log data. The company was founded in 2013.

## Business Model

Anomali generates revenue from sales of on-premise and SaaS threat intelligence products, including Anomali ThreatStream and Anomali Enterprise. A subscription to Anomali ThreatStream, which [accounts for the bulk of revenues, starts at \\$5,000.](#)

## Management Team

Hugh Njemanze	CEO
Colby DeRodeff	Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer
Wei Huang	Chief Technology Officer

## Financials

Anomali does not disclose financial data. The company announced [record adoption rates](#) among large enterprises in 2016. Anomali now counts 25% of the Fortune 100 and four of the largest five US banks among its customers.

Total Funding:  
\$56M

### Key Investors

GENERAL  CATALYST



# > CipherCloud



## Description

CipherCloud is a cloud security platform that protects against data loss and security compliance violations. The company was founded in 2010 and was a pioneer in cloud encryption and tokenization. CipherCloud was also the [first Cloud Access Security Broker \(CASB\) vendor to offer an integrated mobile app.](#)

## Business Model

CipherCloud's product suite is sold on a subscription basis and includes out of the box security solutions for Salesforce, SAP SuccessFactors, ServiceNow, Adobe Analytics Cloud, Office 365, Box, Dropbox and Google Drive. The company also offers implementation, training and management services related to its products.

## Management Team

Pravin Kothari	Founder & CEO
Dev Ghoshal	SVP, Global Alliances & Customer Success
Simon Pius	CFO

## Financials

CipherCloud does not disclose financials or pricing. When CipherCloud was first launched in 2011, it charged \$5-20 per user monthly, typically under a three to five year contract.

Total Funding:  
\$74M

### Key Investors

ANDREESSEN  
HOROWITZ



Index  
Ventures



## > Carbon Black

# Carbon Black.

### Description

Carbon Black offers cyber threat detection and response. The company offers “streaming prevention” technology to thwart both malware and non-malware attacks. Carbon Black was founded in 2003 by former offensive security hackers for the US government.

### Business Model

Carbon Black offers both SaaS and on-premise security solutions. The company has three product offerings: Cb Defense, Cb Response and Cb Protection.

### Management Team

Patrick Morley	President & CEO	Thomas Hansen	EVP and Chief Revenue Officer
Tom Barsi	SVP, Corporate and Business Development		
Roman Brozyna	Chief Information Security Officer		

### Financials

Carbon Black generated ~\$70M of revenue in 2015. The company [confidentially filed for an IPO](#) last year.

Total Funding:  
\$190M

### Key Investors

**SEQUOIA**   **.406 Ventures** **KPCB** | KLEINER PERKINS CAUFIELD BYERS **HIGHLAND CAPITAL PARTNERS**





# > CloudPassage

## Description

CloudPassage offers next-gen server security and compliance solutions. CloudPassage Halo, its flagship product, provides instant visibility and continuous protection for servers in data centers, private clouds and public clouds. The company was founded in 2009.

## Business Model

CloudPassage Halo is sold on a subscription basis. The company does not disclose pricing, which reportedly starts at [\\$350 per year](#).

## Management Team

- Robert Thomas CEO
- Carson Sweet Co-Founder and CTO
- Vitaliy Geraymovych Co-Founder and SVP, Advanced Engineering

## Financials

CloudPassage does not disclose financials. The company’s customer base includes [over 100 major enterprises](#), including GE, Xero, Dollar Shave Club, and FHLBank San Francisco.

## Total Funding: \$89M

### Key Investors





## > CrowdStrike

### Description

Founded in 2011, CrowdStrike specializes in next-generation endpoint protection designed to prevent, detect and mitigate security breaches. The company's security platform is 100% cloud delivered.

### Business Model

CrowdStrike sells security software and services. The company's key product is [CrowdStrike Falcon](#), which features a next-gen anti-virus, endpoint detection and response, managed threat hunting and threat intelligence. Pricing is subscription-based and reportedly starts at [\\$50 per endpoint](#).

### Management Team

George Kurtz	Co-Founder, President & CEO	Burt Podbere	CFO
Dmitri Alperovitch	Co-Founder & CTO		
Colin Black	CIO		

### Financials

CrowdStrike does not disclose financials. The company continues to see strong growth, recently reporting a 476% increase in new endpoint protection subscriptions and a [400% increase](#) in transactions valued at >\$1m. CrowdStrike has [endpoint deployments in 176 countries](#) and processes 40B security events each day.

Total Funding:  
\$256M

### Key Investors

**ACCEL** PARTNERS **WARBURG PINCUS**  **VENTURES** **capitalG**



Signifies company with \$1B+ valuation



# > Cylance



## Description

Cylance applies artificial intelligence, algorithmic science and machine learning to identify malware before it can execute. The company was founded in 2012.

## Business Model

Cylance earns revenue through software sales and consulting services to enterprises. The company's product-suite includes CylancePROTECT (its flagship anti-malware software) as well as CylanceOPTICS and CylanceV. CylancePROTECT is also available in a home edition for employees who connect to work networks from home.

## Management Team

Stuart McClure	Founder, President & CEO	Brian Robins	CFO
Ryan Permeh	Founder & Chief Data Scientist		
Daniel Doimo	COO		

## Financials

Cylance recently reported [283% YOY revenue growth](#). 2016 revenue has been estimated at [~\\$45m](#). The company's technology is [deployed on over 10M endpoints](#).

Total Funding:  
\$177M

### Key Investors

**khosla ventures**

**Blackstone**

**FAIRHAVEN  
CAPITAL**

**INSIGHT  
VENTURE PARTNERS**

  
**DFJ GROWTH**



Signifies company with \$1B+ valuation





## > Endgame

# ENDGAME.

### Description

Endgame uses machine learning and data science to prevent and detect cyber attacks. All prevention and detection functions occur autonomously. The company was founded in 2008 by Christopher Rouland.

### Business Model

Endgame earns revenue through software sales and add-on services.

### Management Team

Nathaniel Fick	CEO
Jamie Butler	CTO
Hyrum Anderson	Technical Director of Data Science

### Financials

Endgame does not disclose financials. The company recently secured a [\\$19M contract with the US Air Force](#), one of the largest cybersecurity deals in 2016.

Total Funding:  
\$93M

#### Key Investors



**KPCB**

KLEINER  
PERKINS  
CAUFIELD  
BYERS



# > Exabeam



## Description

Founded in 2013, Exabeam is a big data security analytics company that leverages machine learning to home in on attackers in a network. The company's software service tracks user activity in a network using a customer's existing log data and then alerts IT security teams of anomalous events.

## Business Model

Exabeam charges by user, with [pricing ranging from \\$5 to \\$50](#) per user, depending on the total number of users in an organization (larger organizations will have lower per user costs).

## Management Team

Nir Polak	CEO & Co-Founder
Domingo Mihovilovic	CTO & Co-Founder
Sylvain Gil	VP, Products & Co-Founder

## Financials

Exabeam does not disclose financials. The company has enjoyed strong growth in recent years, with [2016 revenue nearly tripling year-over-year](#).

Total Funding:  
\$65M

### Key Investors



**LIGHTSPEED**  
VENTURE PARTNERS

NORWEST

VENTURE  
PARTNERS



ICON VENTURES



Cisco Investments



# > ForeScout



## Description

ForeScout is focused on IoT security. The company's products allow customers to view all IoT devices (e.g. mobile phones, tablets, other smart devices) connected to their respective networks. Customers can then ensure that these devices meet their security protocols or choose to remove the devices from their network. ForeScout was founded in 2000.

## Business Model

ForeScout's product portfolio includes CounterACT, Orchestrate (an extended module) and Enterprise Manager. CounterAct and Enterprise Manager are sold as appliances with a license for a maximum number of devices (between 100 to 10,000). Similarly, extended modules are licensed for a maximum number of devices.

## Management Team

Michael DeCesare	CEO and President	Dror Comay	Co-Founder and Chief Architect
Pedro Abreu	Chief Strategy Officer		
Oded Comay	Co-Founder and CTO		

## Financials

ForeScout has not disclosed recent financials. The company reported revenues of ~\$125M in 2015, with growth of 50% year over year since 2012. It was also estimated to be cash neutral as of 2015. Through June 2017, ForeScout has sold ~43M enterprises licenses. The company [confidentially filed for an IPO](#) earlier this year.

## Total Funding: \$163M

### Key Investors



Signifies company with \$1B+ valuation



## > illumio



### Description

Illumio is a data center and cloud security vendor. The company specializes in microsegmentation, which walls off a network to reduce the attack surface for cyber threats and keep intruders away from sensitive data. Illumio was founded in January 2013.

### Business Model

Illumio prices its Adaptive Security Platform based on the number of virtual enforcement nodes in a network. The company does not disclose pricing on its website.

### Management Team

Andrew Rubin	CEO
PJ Kirner	CTO & Founder
Alan Cohen	Chief Commercial Officer

### Financials

Illumio does not disclose financials. The company has seen strong demand growth, announcing [400% year-over-year bookings growth](#) in 2016.

Total Funding:  
\$313M

#### Key Investors

ANDREESSEN  
HOROWITZ

ACCEL  
PARTNERS

GENERAL  CATALYST

J.P.Morgan  
Asset Management

BLACKROCK



Signifies company with \$1B+ valuation



## > PhishMe



### Description

PhishMe provides solutions help companies protect themselves against phishing attacks. The products uses a customer's employees as an active line of defense against these attacks, enabling them to identify, report and mitigate threats. The company was founded in 2011.

### Business Model

PhishMe offers four SaaS products: PhishMe Simulator, PhishMe Reporter, PhishMe Intelligence and PhishMe Triage. The company also offers consulting services for training and threat management. PhishMe Triage is the company's flagship product and automates phishing incident response for emails reported as suspicious by a customer's employees.

### Management Team

Rohyt Belani	Co-Founder and CEO
Aaron Higbee	Co-Founder and CTO
Jim Hansen	COO

### Financials

PhishMe reported an annual revenue run rate of [\\$50M in early 2017](#), with PhishMe Triage experiencing 350% YOY sales growth.

Total Funding:  
\$58M

#### Key Investors



# > ProtectWise



PROTECTWISE™

## Description

Founded in 2013, ProtectWise facilitates threat protection through its ProtectWise Grid platform. Akin to a security camera, ProtectWise Grid records live-streams of a customer's network activity and then helps them analyze data for potential threats. Customers can even rewind the recording if needed to see how hackers penetrated their network. ProtectWise Grid is 100% cloud delivered.

## Business Model

ProtectWise is delivered as a subscription service. Pricing reportedly [starts at \\$40,000 a year](#), but varies with [the amount of network traffic](#) as well as the length of time historical network data is retained for analysis.

## Management Team

Scott Chasin	Co-Founder and CEO	Michael Lipfield	CFO
Gene Stevens	Co-Founder and CTO		
Ramon Peypoch	Chief Product Officer		

## Financials

ProtectWise does not disclose financials. CEO Scott Chasin has suggested that the company continues to [double its customer count quarter-over-quarter](#).

Total Funding:  
\$62M

### Key Investors

TOLA  
CAPITAL

ARSENAL  
VENTURE PARTNERS

  
PALADIN  
CAPITAL GROUP



## > Sift Science



### Description

Sift Science uses machine learning technology to analyze data and detect fraudulent behavior. The company has a full suite of fraud prevention products including account takeover, payment fraud, content abuse, promo abuse and account abuse. The service is primarily targeted towards areas where fraud is most prevalent (e-commerce, payment networks, online marketplaces). Sift science was founded in 2011 by former Google engineers.

### Business Model

Sift Science's products are sold on a subscription basis. Pricing varies from \$1,000/month for 15,000 billable events to \$10,000/month for 225,000 billable events (see plans [here](#)). The company also offers an enterprise products for clients with more intense usage. Prominent customers include: Airbnb, Zoosk, HotelTonight and OpenTable.

### Management Team

Jason Tan	Co-Founder and CEO
Russell Fujioka	President and COO
Fred Sadaghiani	CTO

### Financials

Sift Science does not disclose financials. The company's products are used by over 6,000 websites and apps. Assuming most of these customers are smaller and mid-sized companies that use Sift Science's smaller pricing plans (up to \$2,500), we estimate revenue would be as high as ~\$180M.

Total Funding:  
\$54M

#### Key Investors



# > Tanium



## Description

Tanium is a security and systems management solution that allows customers to scan all endpoints in a network in real-time to detect vulnerabilities. The company was founded in 2013.

## Business Model

Tanium employs a subscription-based model for its security solutions. The company does not disclose pricing on its website.

## Management Team

David Hindawi	Co-Founder and Executive Chairman
Orion Hindawi	Co-Founder and CEO
Chris Bream	CTO

## Financials

Tanium does not disclose financials. The company claims its revenue has [grown over 100% a year](#), with 150% net renewals.

Total Funding:  
\$306M

Key Investors  
**ANDREESSEN  
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# > vArmour



## Description

vArmour offers data defined perimeter security solutions for mobile, virtual, and cloud platforms. The company focuses on enterprises, offering security policy management, software-based segmentation and microsegmentation and cyber deception. vArmour was founded in 2011.

## Business Model

vArmour employs a subscription-based model . Pricing [starts at \\$5,000](#)/hypervisor for an annual subscription.

## Management Team

Tim Eades	CEO
Roger Lian	Co-Founder and VP of Engineering
Michael Shieh	Co-Founder and CFO

## Financials

vArmour does not disclose financials. The company had 165 customers last year, and was targeting 450 customers in 2017 (173% growth).

Total Funding:  
\$83M

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# > Vectra Networks



## Description

Vectra Networks offers security software that uses machine learning and behavioral analytics to automate cyber attack detection and response. The company was founded in 2010.

## Business Model

Vectra Networks earns revenue through sales of hardware and software. The Vectra X-series platform is [reportedly priced at \\$68,000](#) for the hardware and software. Hardware support costs an additional \$1,600 while software support and updates are provided with no additional costs.

## Management Team

Hitesh Sheth	President & CEO
Oliver Tavakoli	CTO
Howie Shohet	CFO

## Financials

Vectra Networks does not disclose their financials and has not provided recent operating metrics. The company announced that they recorded bookings growth of nearly 400% in 2015 over 2014.

Total Funding:  
\$93M

### Key Investors

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# > Zscaler



## Description

Zscaler is a cloud security company that enables companies to move to the cloud with secure, policy-based access to the internet and private apps. The company's services are 100% cloud delivered. Zscaler was founded in 2008 by Jay Chaudhry.

## Business Model

Zscaler offers five products through a subscription-based service: its flagship solutions, Zscaler Internet Access and Zscaler Private Access, as well as Cloud Sandbox, Cloud Firewall and Zscaler App. Pricing varies based on number of features and users protected.

## Management Team

Jay Chaudhry	Founder & CEO	Amit Sinha	EVP of Engineering and Cloud Operations, CTO
William Welch	COO		
Remo Canessa	CFO		

## Financials

Zscaler has not disclosed recent financials. The company saw [2x growth in sales](#) in 2015 and was [cash flow neutral](#) as of that year. According to Crunchbase, the company has over 5,000 customers, including 50 Fortune 500 companies. Zscaler is [reportedly considering an IPO](#).

Total Funding:  
\$185M

### Key Investors



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