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What is Network security monitoring (NSM)?

*"The **collection**, **detection**, **analysis**, and **escalation** of indications and warnings to detect and respond to intrusions. NSM is a way to find intruders on your network and do something about them before they damage your enterprise."*

-The practice of network security monitoring

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NSM key concepts:

"prevention eventually fails"

- Focuses on collection of information
- Focuses on the adversary, not the vulnerability
- Cyclical process

- **People**… The most important part of NSM

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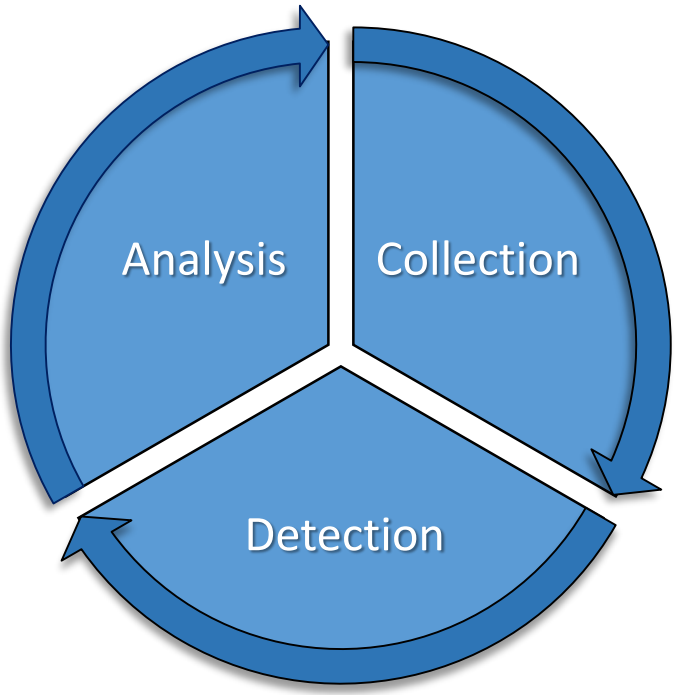

Three Phase Model:

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2. Detection Phase
3. Analysis Phase

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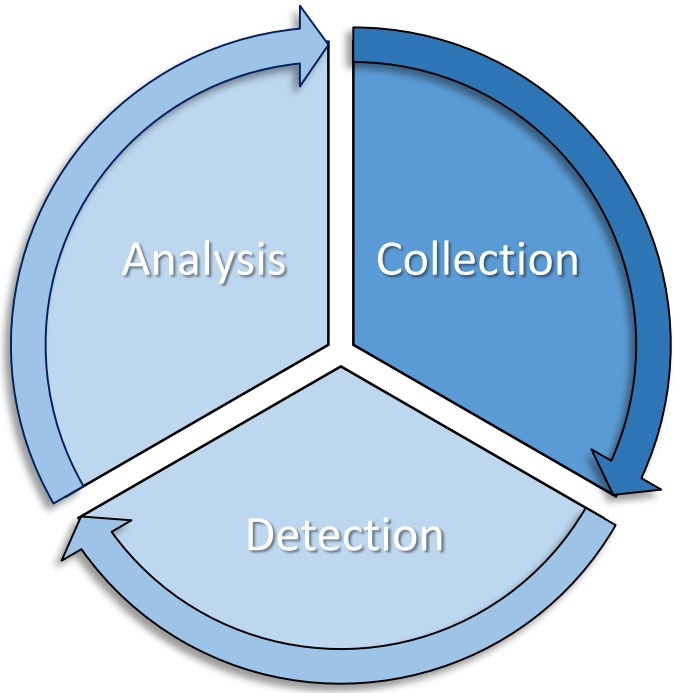

Phase 1: Collection

- Most important step
- Several types of data
  - Full content data
  - Session data
  - Packet string data
  - …
- Initially, one of the more labour-intensive parts

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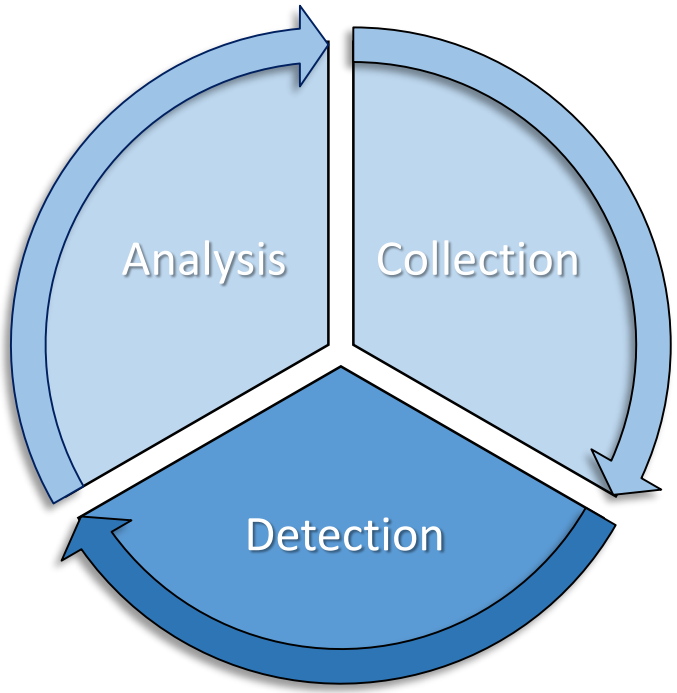

Phase 2: Detection

- Collected data is examined
- **Alerts** are generated based on:
  - Signatures
  - Anomolies
  - Statistically based
- Often function of software
  - ➢ **Intrusion detection Systems** (**IDS**) (Snort, Bro, Suricata,..)

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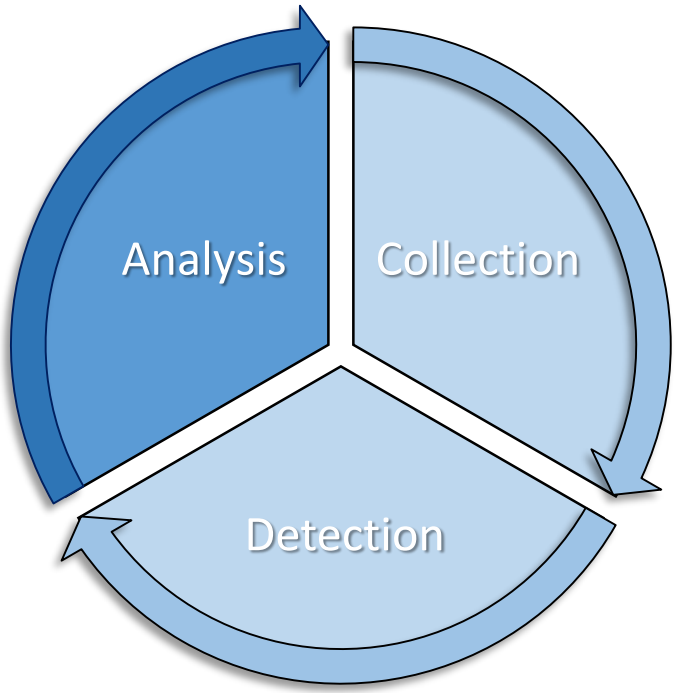

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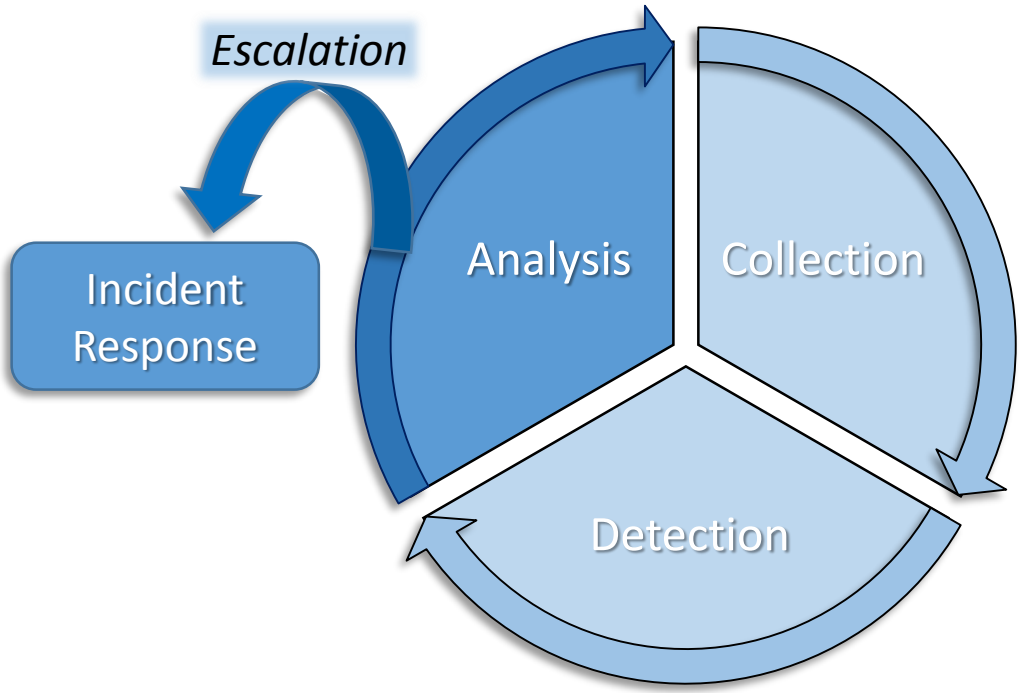

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➡ ***Issues that most ICS do not face!***

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Getting started with Network Security Monitoring

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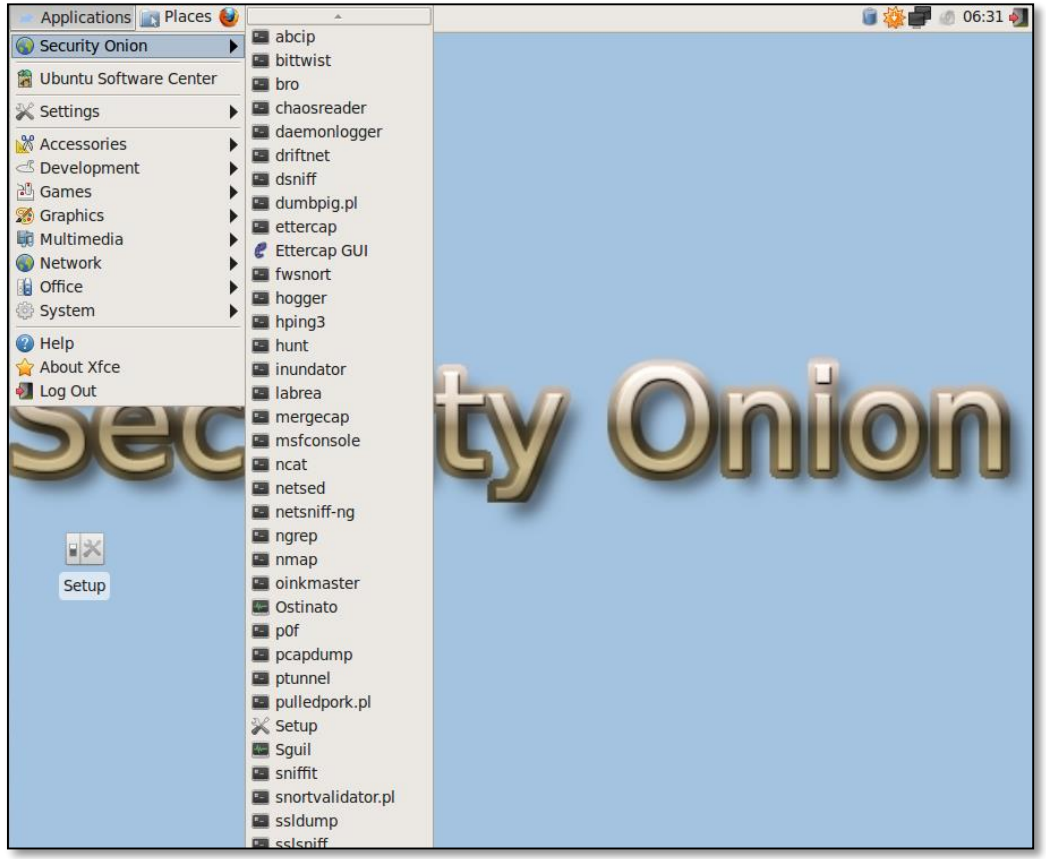

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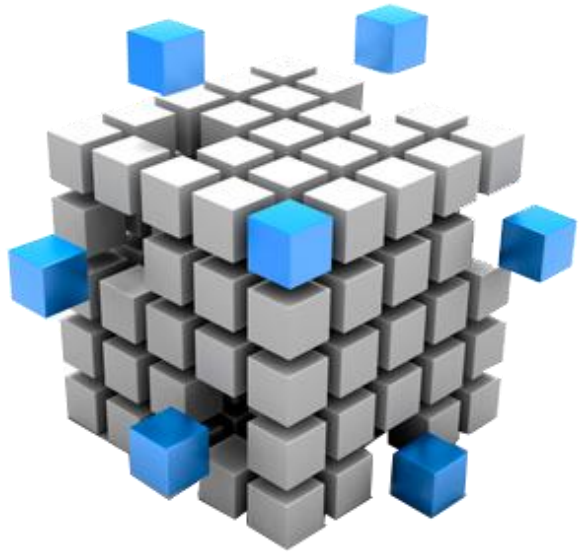
Bro Platform:

- Open-source Real-time network analysis **framework**
  - *Packet Capture*
  - *Protocol Analysers*
  - *Event Engine*
  - *Interfacing*
  - *Programming Language (Bro-Scripts)*

⇒ *Users/analysist build their own deployment*



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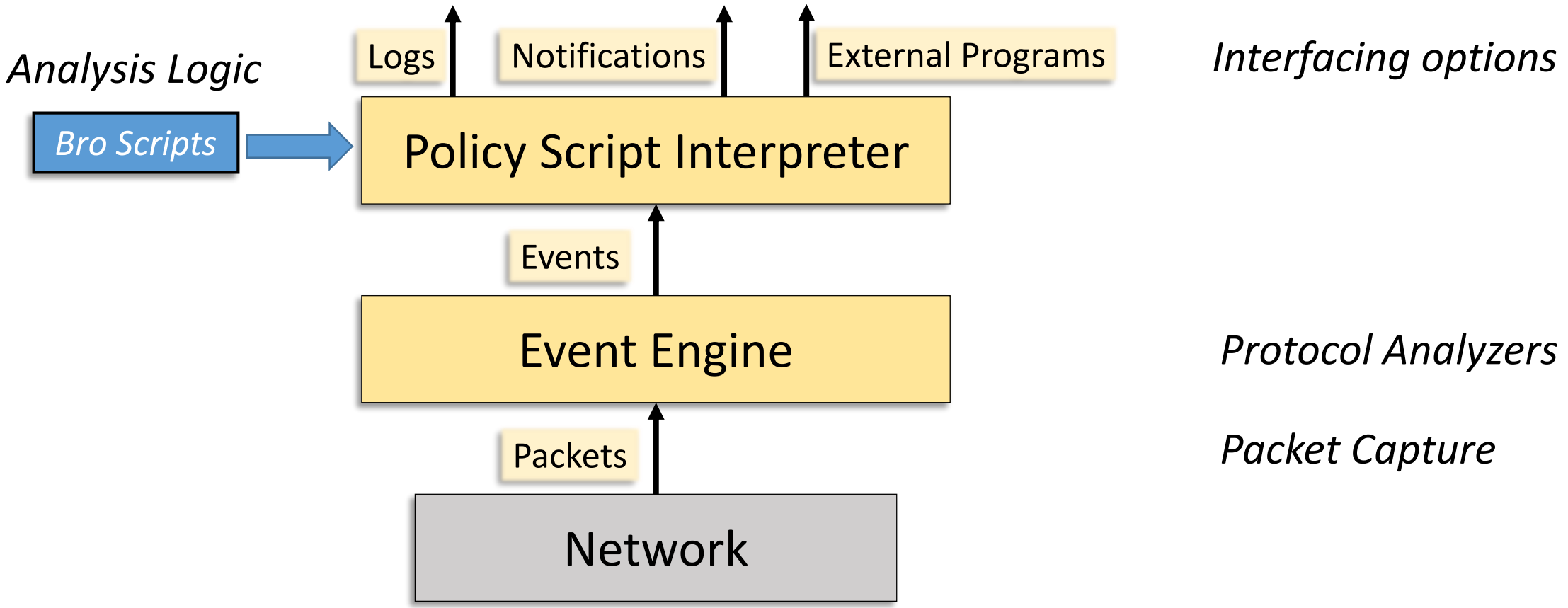

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Bro Platform:

Advantages:

$\Rightarrow$*Flexible*

- **In-depth inspection** for suspicious activity
  - Based on signatures
  - Based on Anomaly Detection
- Traffic analysis tasks outside security domain
  - Performance measurements
  - Trouble shooting
- pre-installed and **community** based scripts

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Bro Platform:

Advantages:

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- Build in support for many protocols:
  - *ARP, AYIYA, BackDoor, BitTorrent, ConnSize, DCE_RPC, DHCP, DNS, File, Finger, FTP, Gnutella, GTPv1, HTTP, ICMP, Ident, InterConn, IRC, KRB, Login, MIME, MySQL, NCP, NetBIOS, NTP, PIA, POP3, RADIUS, RDP, RPC, SIP, SNMP, SMB, SMTP, SOCKS, SSH, SSL, SteppingStone, Syslog, TCP, Teredo, UDP, ZIP,…*
  - Modbus & DNP3

- Dynamic protocol Detection

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Bro Platform:

Difficulties:

$\Rightarrow$ *Not Plug and play*

- Deployment needs to be configured for the environment
- User created scripts to leverage the real power of Bro
- Documentation still being developed
- Smaller community then Snort (but growing)

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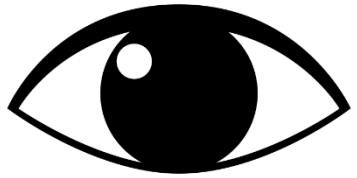

Protocol Logs

Detailed protocol logs for each network protocol; including logs for tunnels, files & more

Notices

Bro-IDS is preconfigured with a variety of signature and anomaly notifications

Actions

Bro programming language is the real power; pivot to external applications, take advanced protocol based decisions & more

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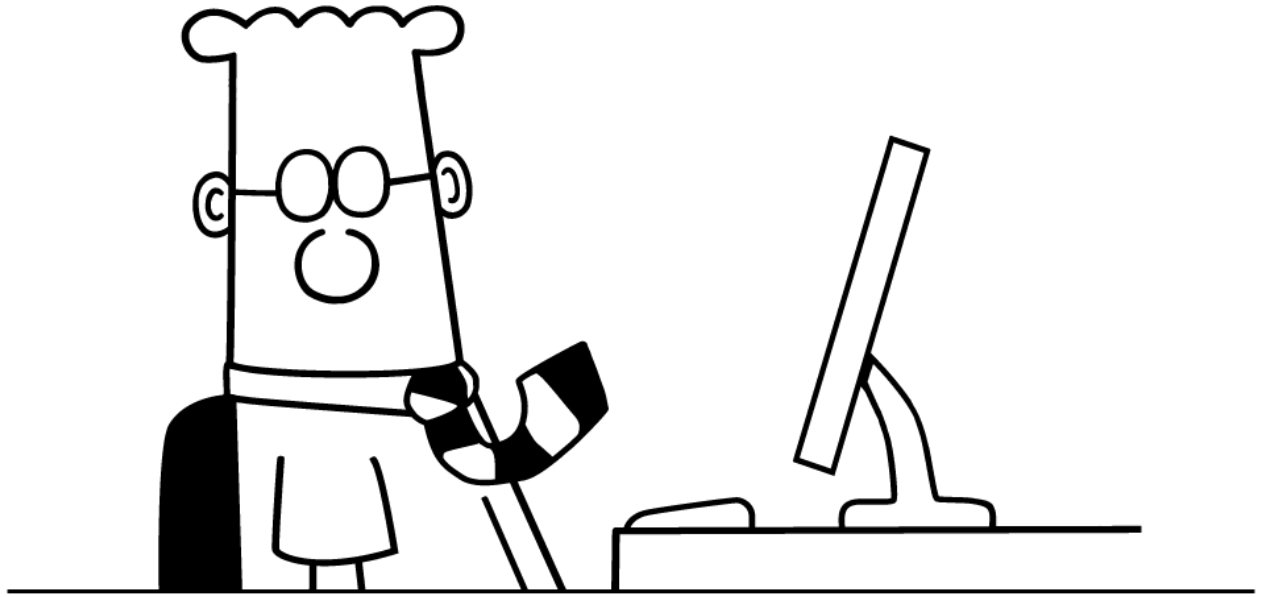

Live Demo

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