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Identifying Supply Chain Threats

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An Honest Assessment

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AGENDA

- Who's this guy?
- Where are we with supply chain security?
- How do I assessment my risk to supply chain attacks?
- What resources are available today to help?

WHO AM I?

- Began career at Sandia National Labs doing nation-state level, red teaming activities.
 - Focused on reverse engineering and vulnerability exploitation work against embedded systems
- Worked for Raytheon SI-Gov/Cyber Security Innovations group.
 - SME on PProT technologies for COTS equipment
 - Graduate of Raytheon and US Navy anti-tamper courses
- Now working at Intel as the lead for the Security Assurance and Cryptography team.
 - Authored internal and external Intel documents for supply chain threat models
 - Assisting in the development of supply chain specification for ISO and USG

SUPPLY CHAIN IN THE NEWS

December 2013, Target suffered a data breach exposing 40 million customer debit and credit cards. The source of the breach was a 3rd party heating and air conditioning company with VPN credentials to Target's network.



In 2014, ForcePoint discovered malicious modules included in AutoCAD files. It is believed that the responsible party is very sophisticated and primarily interested in industrial espionage. As of 2018, over 40 unique variants of the malicious module have been discovered.

December 2020, Reuter's reported on a supply chain attack against SolarWinds, a major US information technology firm. Through a number of hacks and malware, attackers were able to compromise build and update servers to transmit malicious binaries to SolarWinds customers.



STATE OF SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

- "The harsh reality is that the state of our software supply chain is mediocre at best, partially due to the overwhelming complexity of the software supply chain itself."
 - *Liz Miller, VP and Principal Analyst at Constellation*¹
- "Supply chain attacks are increasingly popular with attackers since they can access the information of larger organizations or multiple organizations through a single, third-party vendor."
 - - *Identity Theft Resource Center, 2020 Data Breach Report*²
- CrowdStrike reports³ about 2/3 of respondents think their organization still has work to do to be prepared to defend against supply chain attacks.
 - Only 1/3 see supply chain attacks as concerning for their organizations over the next 12 months.

LET'S LEVEL SET

- Intel Compute Lifecycle Assurance⁴ (CLA) initiative identifies four primary stages of product lifecycle:
 1. Build
 2. Transfer
 3. Operate
 4. Retire
- What standards and efforts exist today are primarily focused on Transfer and Operate phases, with little education or definition on the Build phase.
- In this presentation, we'll focus on the Build phase and how it can be assessed.

ASSESSING SUPPLY CHAIN RISK

- Determining your risk of attack and how to mitigate them is a four step, constantly recurring process:
 1. Establish the lifecycle
 2. Identify the threats
 3. Determine your mitigations
 4. Invest, invest, invest
- BE HONEST ABOUT YOUR ASSESSMENT!!!

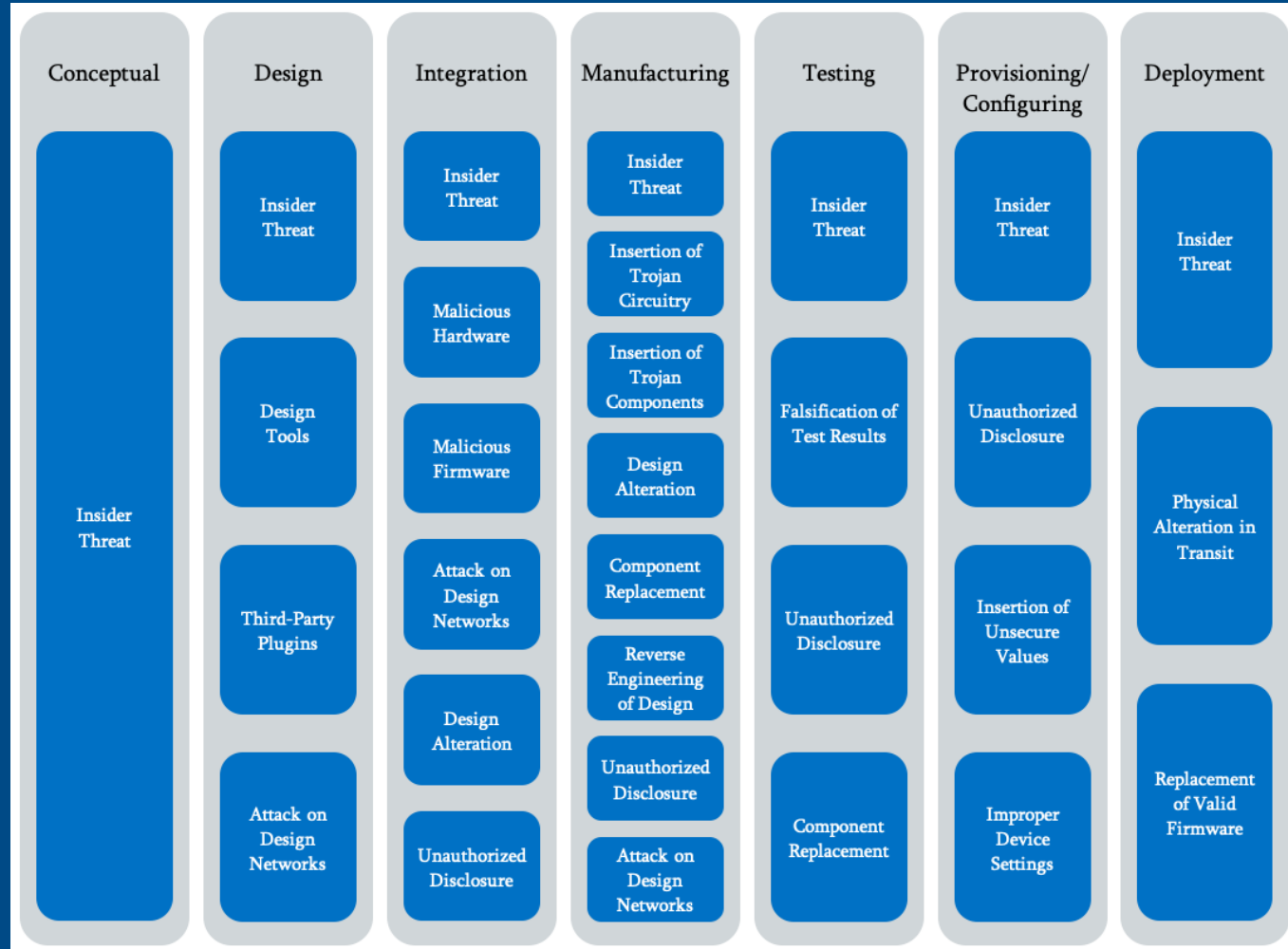
ESTABLISH THE LIFECYCLE

- Supply chains can be vulnerable across the entire lifecycle of the product.
- No single consistent lifecycle definition across Industry.
- The Build stage of the CLA has its own stages, requiring a recursive dive into each stage.
- This results in a multi-level structure of threats, starting from a Concept stage all the way to the Deployment stage.

IDENTIFYING THE THREATS

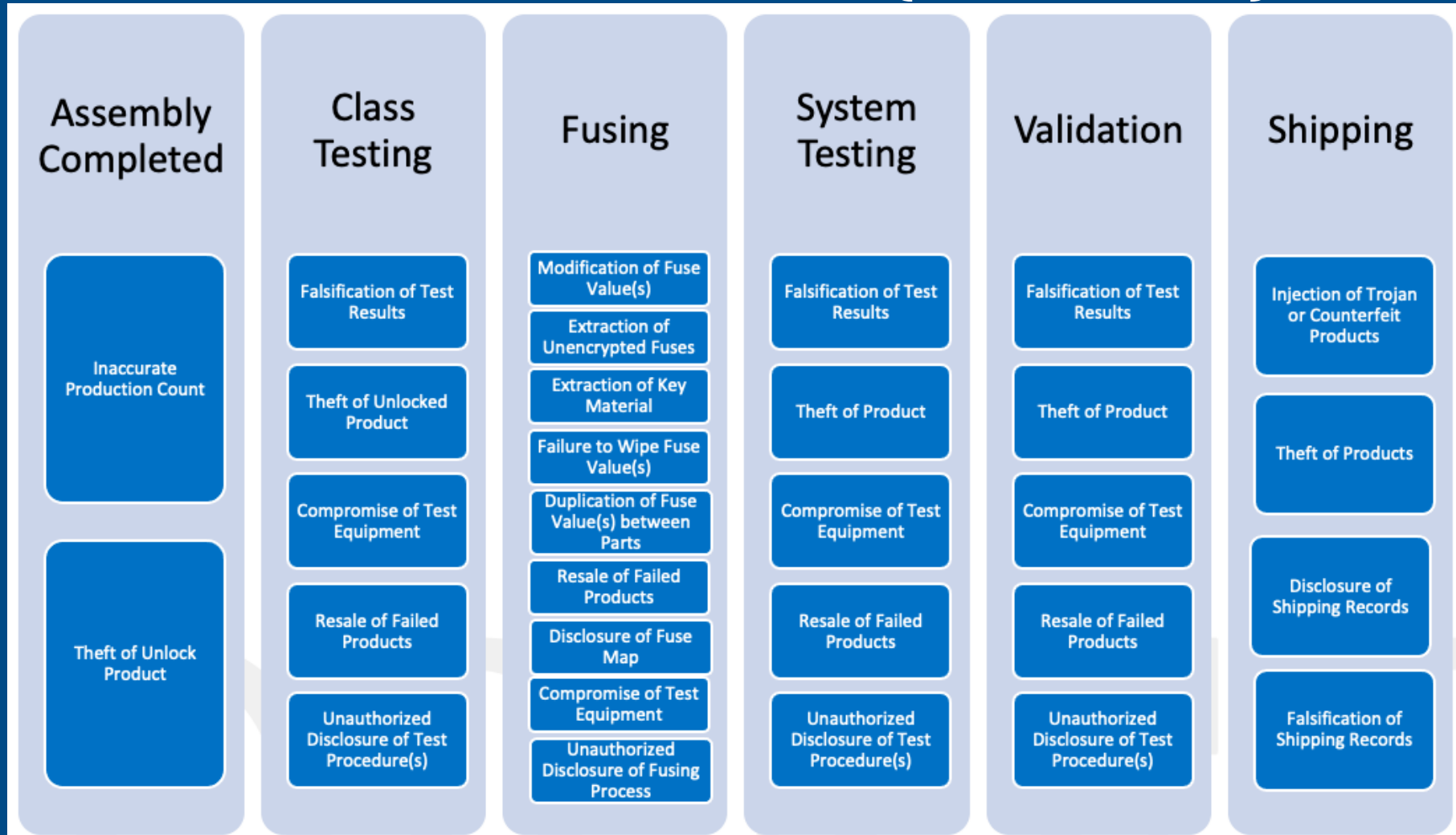
- No existing, single source of supply chain threats.
- Manufacturing is a multi-stage, multi-tier process with no single very few “sole-source” products.
- Threats affect every manufacturer and supplier, with attackers focusing on the weakest links.
- Currently a very manual process with limited amounts of automation at various stages (although it is getting better!)
- Despite differences between manufacturer processes, the threats are actually fairly standard.

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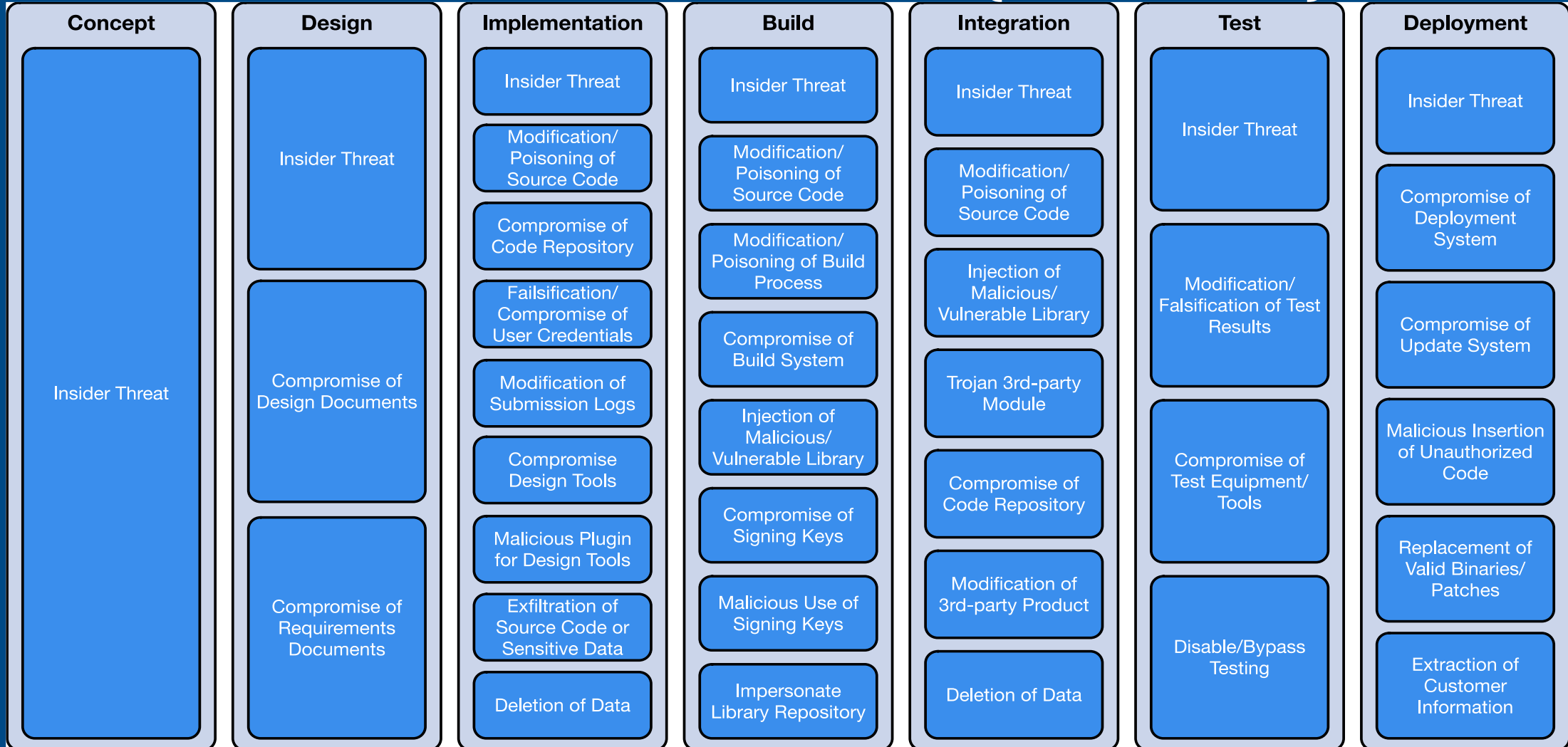


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KEEP DRILLING DOWN (1K FT VIEW)



SW SUPPLY CHAIN THREATS (10K FT VIEW)



DETERMINING YOUR MITIGATIONS

- Create a list of your mitigations and overlay it with the attacks.
- Now that you have the threats and mitigations identified, assess how you are doing.
 - Do I have a mitigation for this attack?
 - Is it a complete or partial mitigation?
- Identify the gaps and determine what is necessary to move your mitigations from
 - no -> partial
 - no -> complete
 - partial -> complete.
- Most mitigations have a negative impact in some aspect of your company, so consult your employees!

INVEST, INVEST, INVEST

- Create a strategy for investment.
 - As with most things in supply chain, no single formula for determining priorities.
- Suggested criteria for consideration:
 - Risk to your company (Low, Medium, High)
 - Impact to your customers (Minimal, Moderate, Huge)
 - Likelihood of exploit (Low, Likely, Certain)
 - Cost of partial and complete mitigation (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$)
- Sequence of invest is non-deterministic as it is, fortunately or unfortunately, often driven by current events.

SUGGESTIONS ON INVESTMENT

- Look for the low-hanging fruit or “best bang for your buck” opportunities.
- Establish timeline for tackling larger investment mitigations.
- Be transparent with your investments and your strategy.
- Plan for uncertainty, i.e. be flexible!

GET INVOLVED

- Practice transparency and push for transparency
 - Encourage your suppliers to share more information about their supply chains
 - Prepare to share more about your own supply chain
 - For ideas, check out Intel's Compute Lifecycle Assurance effort
- Support efforts in standards bodies
 - Global Semiconductor Alliance Security WG – Trusted Supply Chain
 - Trusted Computing Group – Supply Chain Security Working Group
 - ISO/IEC SC27 WG4 TR6114 – “Security assurance throughout the life cycle”
 - SEMI – Initiative for traceability starting at wafer test with unique chip identity
 - NIST – Cybersecurity framework and best practices in supply chain risk management
 - IIC – Industrial IoT Security Framework
 - NIST NCCOE – Supply Chain Assurance
 - Accelera – Security Assurance for Electronic Design Integration (SA-EDI)
- Engage on policy and US Government efforts
 - NIST working to update 800-161 on supply chain risk management practices
 - DHS releasing information on supplier engagement practices through its supply chain risk management task force
 - Understand provisions in Executive Orders from Presidents Trump and Biden on supply chain
 - Understand compliance requirements associated with Section 889 from FY19 NDAA

CONCLUSION

- Supply Chain attacks are not going away; if anything, they'll get worse!
- We must do more and we must be honest with ourselves about what needs to be done.
- Establish the lifecycle, identify the threats, determine your mitigations, and invest, invest, invest!

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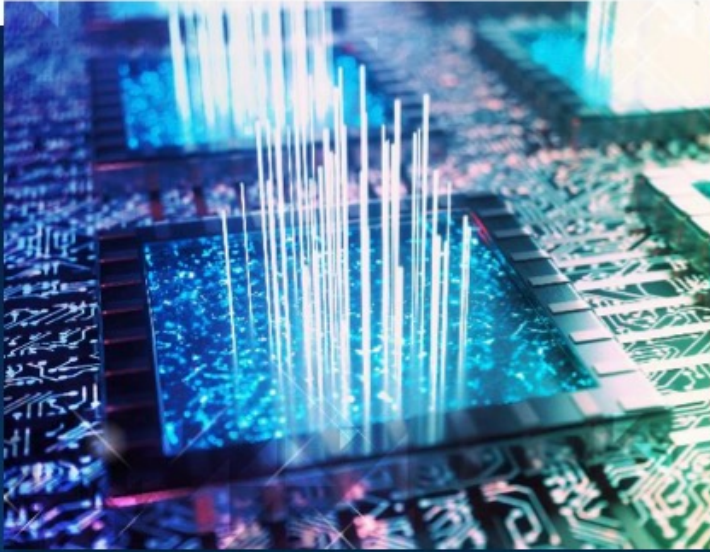
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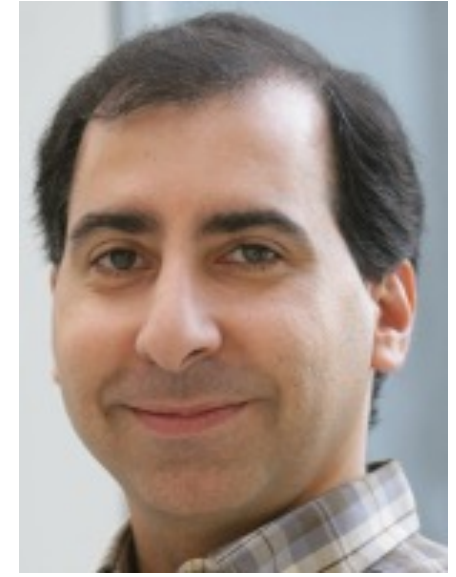
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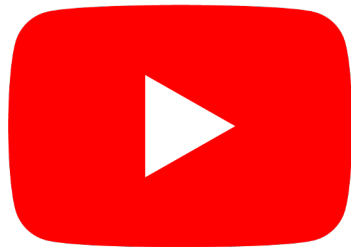
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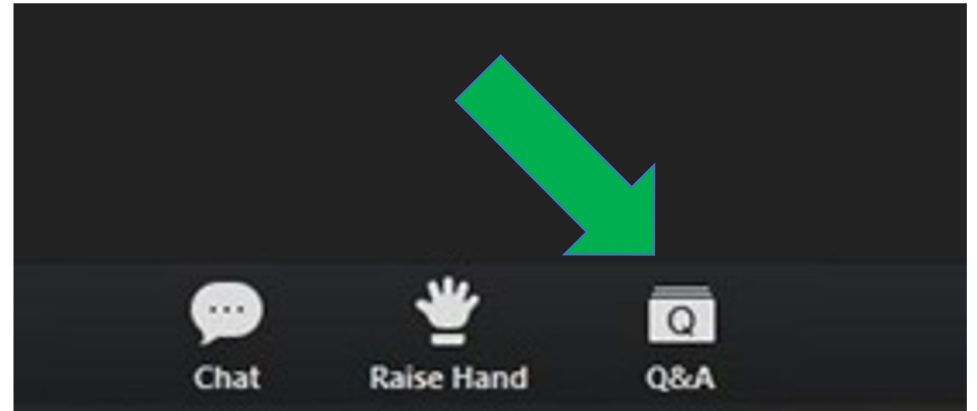
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