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Hackers don't break in, they log in

Warum der Schutz von Identitäten immer wichtiger wird!



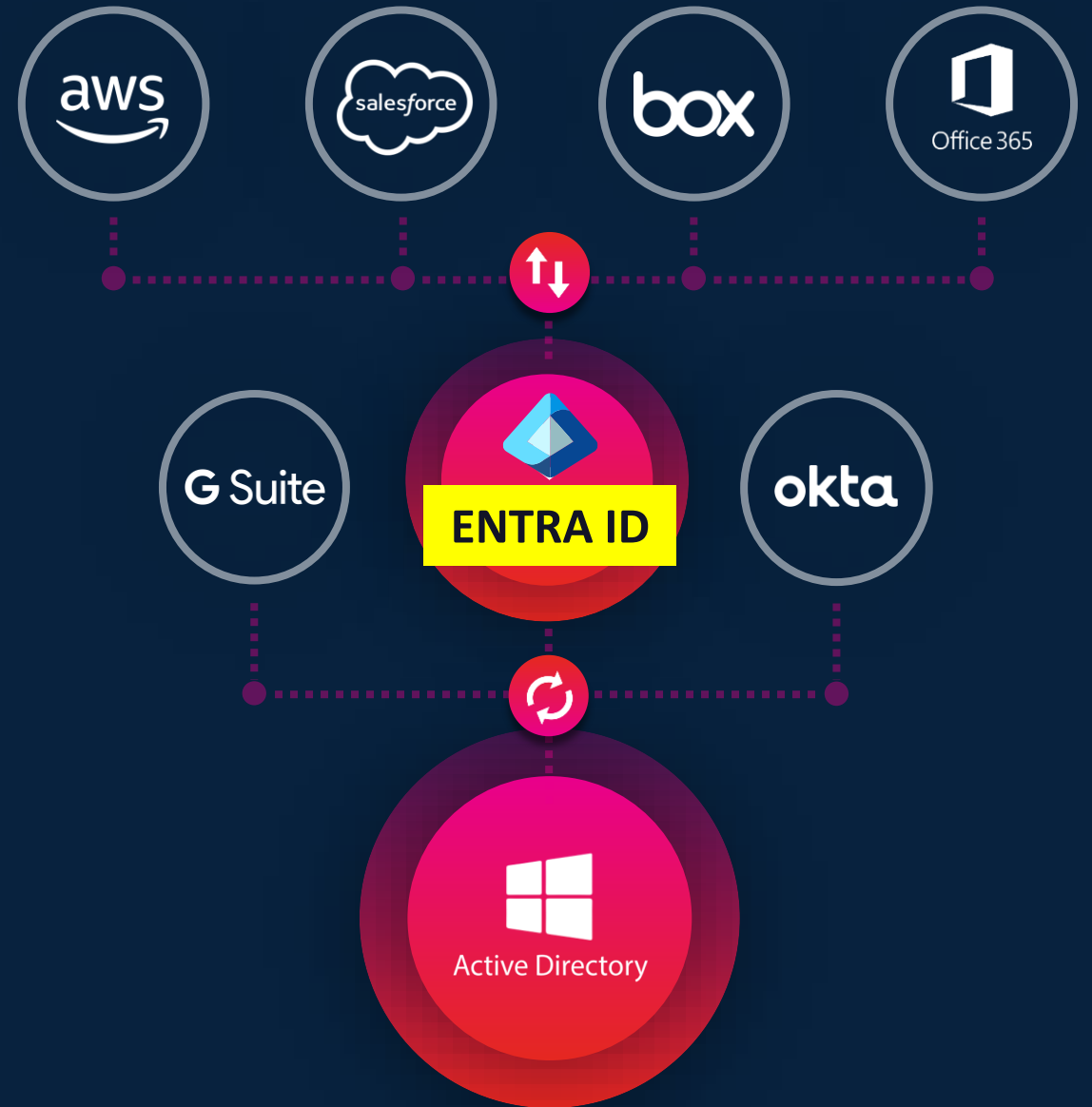
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KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

Wenn AD nicht sicher ist, ist es nichts mehr

- 90% aller Angriffe involvieren Identitäten-Missbrauch
- Systemische Schwachstellen machen AD zu einem begehrten Ziel
- Cloud Identitäten synchronisieren mit AD
- Zero Trust Modell bedarf hybride AD-Integrität



Für **90% von Unternehmen**, beginnt Identität mit AD

#1 NEW TARGET

90 % der untersuchten Angriffe beinhalten AD in irgendeiner Form, unabhängig davon, ob es sich um den ursprünglichen Angriffsvektor handelt oder um Persistenz oder Berechtigungen angestrebt wird

- Mandiant



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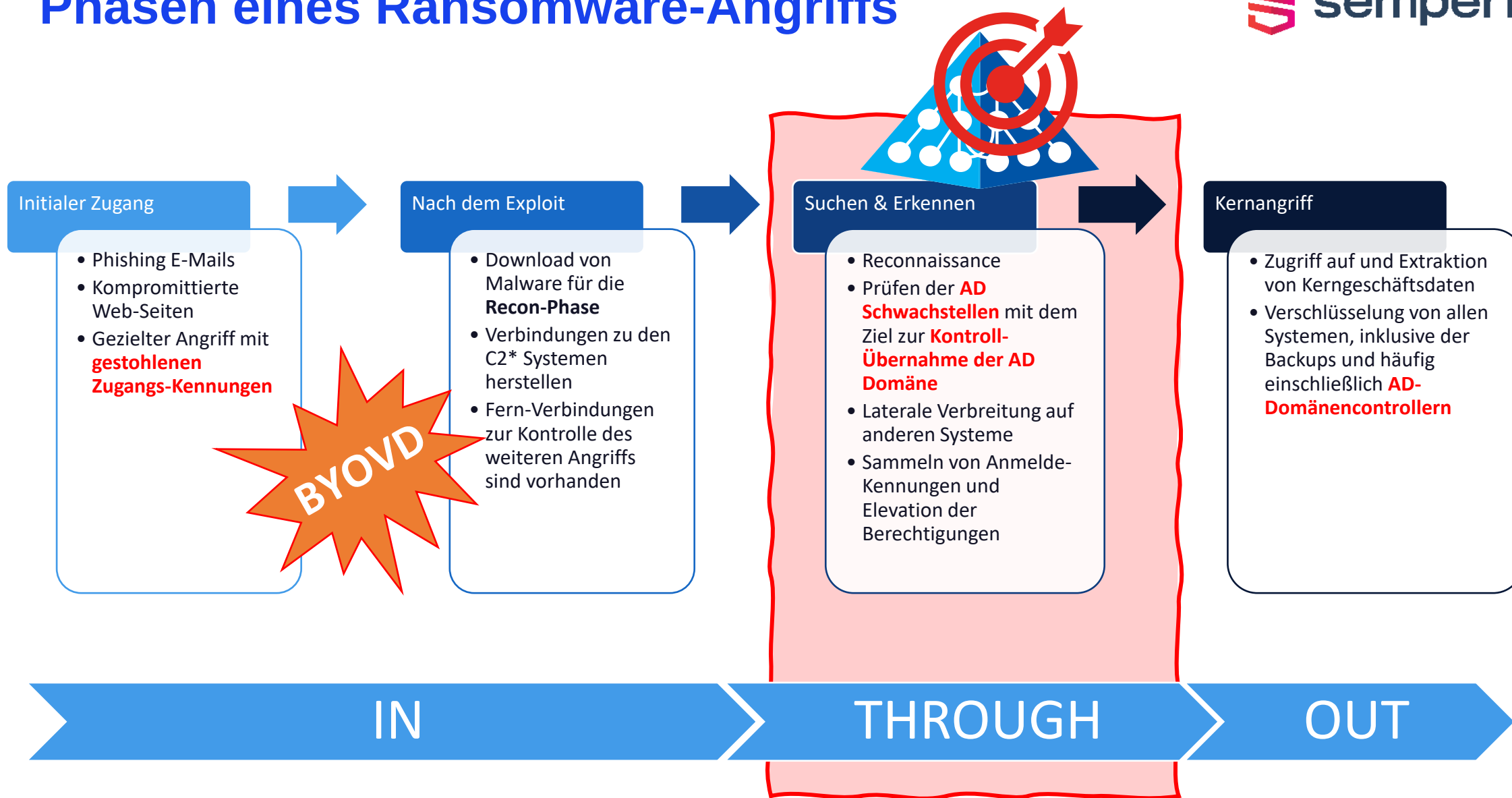


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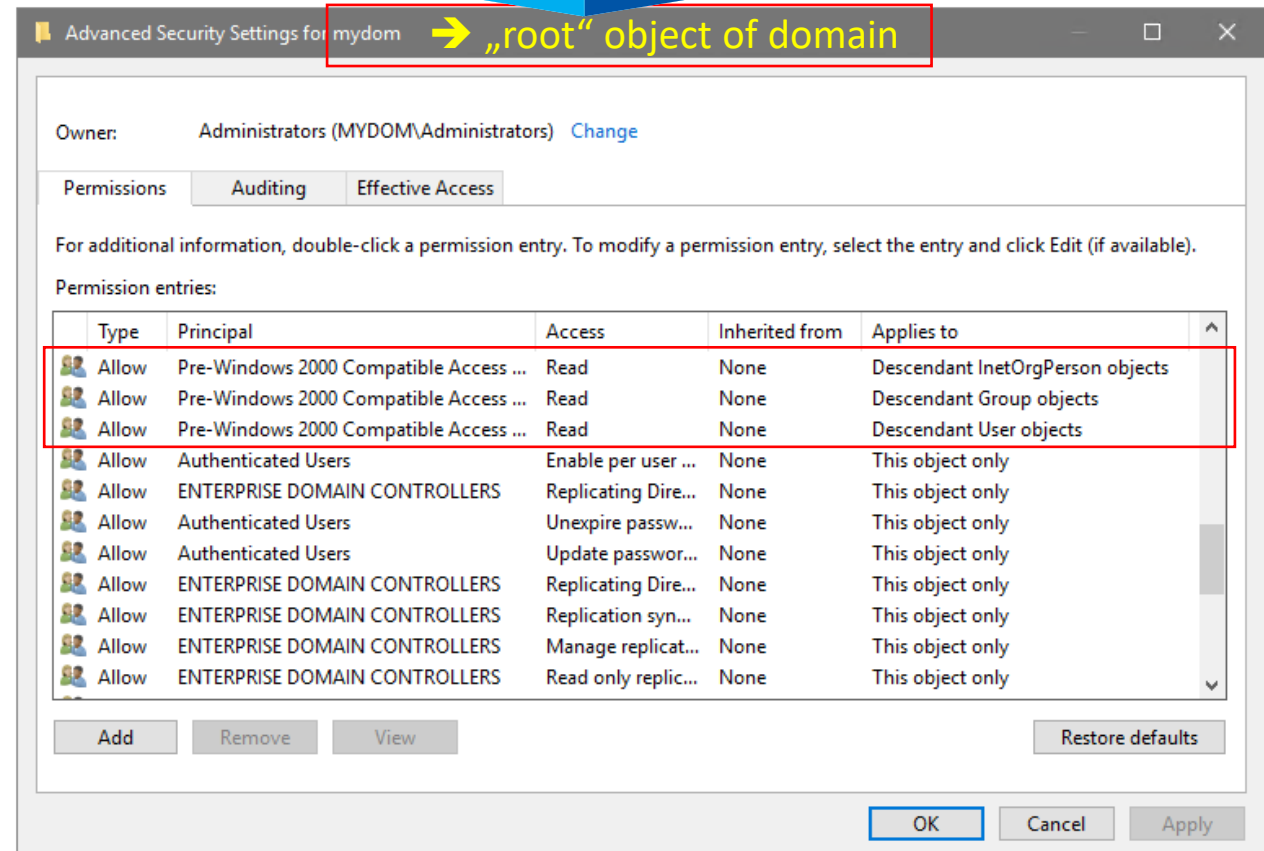
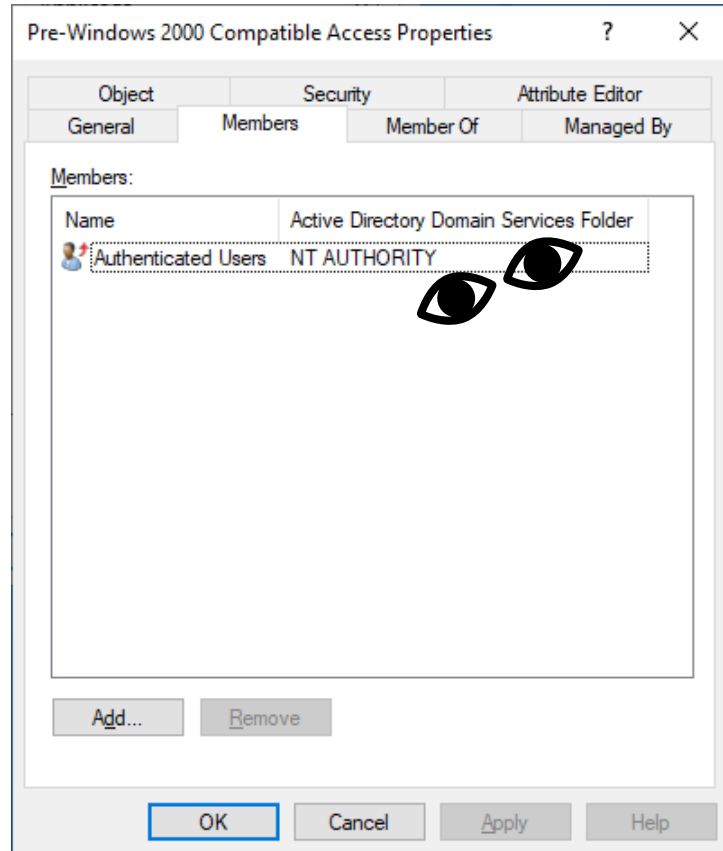
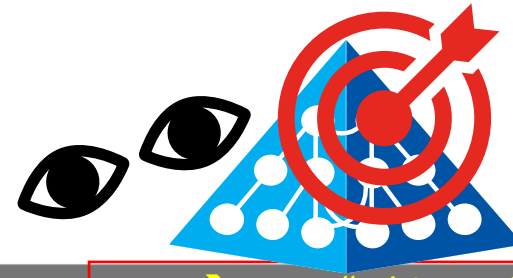


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Phasen eines Ransomware-Angriffs



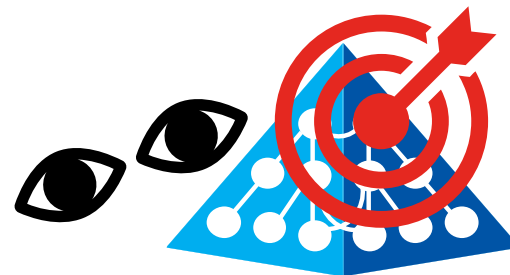
Standard LESE-Rechte in AD



Siehe SEMPERIS BLOG

<https://www.semperis.com/blog/security-risks-pre-windows-2000-compatibility-windows-2022>

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Active Directory Users and Computers

File Action View Help

Active Directory Users and Computers

mydom.local

- Builtin
- Computers
- Domain Controllers
- ForeignSecurityPrinci
- Keys
- LostAndFound
- Managed Service Acc
- MyOU
- Program Data
- System
 - AdminSDHolder
 - ComPartitions
 - ComPartitionSets
 - DomainUpdates
 - IP Security
 - Meetings

Advanced Security Settings for AdminSDHolder

Owner: Domain Admins (MYDOM\Domain Admins) [Change](#)

Permissions Auditing Effective Access

For additional information, double-click a permission entry. To modify a permission entry, select the entry and click Edit (if available).

Permission entries:

Type	Principal	Access	Inherited from	Applies to
Allow	Cert Publishers (MYDOM\Cert Publi...		None	This object only
Allow	Windows Authorization Access Gro...		None	This object only
Allow	Terminal Server License Servers (MY...		None	This object only
Allow	Terminal Server License Servers (MY...		None	This object only
Allow	Everyone	Special	None	This object only
Allow	SELF	Special	None	This object only
Allow	SELF	Special	None	This object and all descendant objects
Allow	MSOL_5c0317387a29 (MYDOM\MS...	Read/write all properties	None	This object only
Allow	Domain Admins (MYDOM\Domain ...	Special	None	This object only
Allow	Enterprise Admins (MYDOM\Enterp...	Special	None	This object only
Allow	Pre-Windows 2000 Compatible Acc...	Read	None	This object only
Allow	Administrators (MYDOM\Administr...	Special	None	This object only
Allow	Authenticated Users	Read	None	This object only
Allow	SYSTEM	Full control	None	This object only

Add Remove View [Restore defaults](#)

[Enable inheritance](#) **Inheritance is disabled (blocked)**

OK Cancel Apply

AdminSDHolder

These permissions are “stamped” periodically on all your privileged groups and users (!)

Weitere Details:

<https://www.semperis.com/wp-content/uploads/resources-pdfs/resources-improving-ad-security-posture-adminsdholder.pdf>

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Der Ernstfall - Beispiel aus dem realen Leben



DAS OPFER

- Mittlerer Osten
- Telco & Banking
- Kritische Infra
- Mehr als 1.000 Server

ENGAGEMENT

- Laufender Angriff, aber Opfer lebt noch
- QGROUP* bittet SEMPERIS um Unterstützung

DIE ANGREIFER

- Nicht einer, sondern mehrere!
- Bekannte Gruppen aus unterschiedlichen Ländern

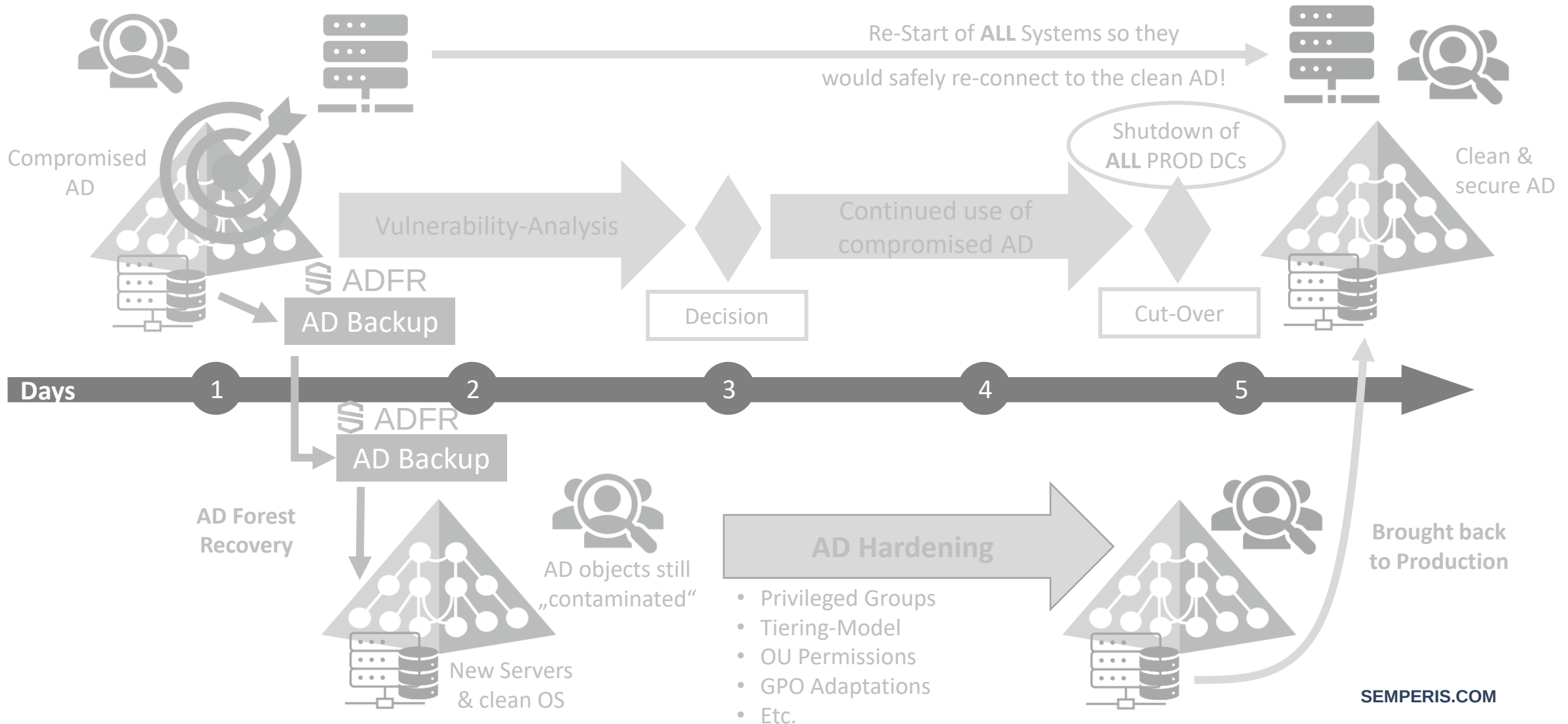
Es benötigte eine sehr koordinierte Zusammenarbeit zwischen den Experten von QGROUP und SEMPERIS, um diese Angriffe zu bekämpfen!

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Isolated Network



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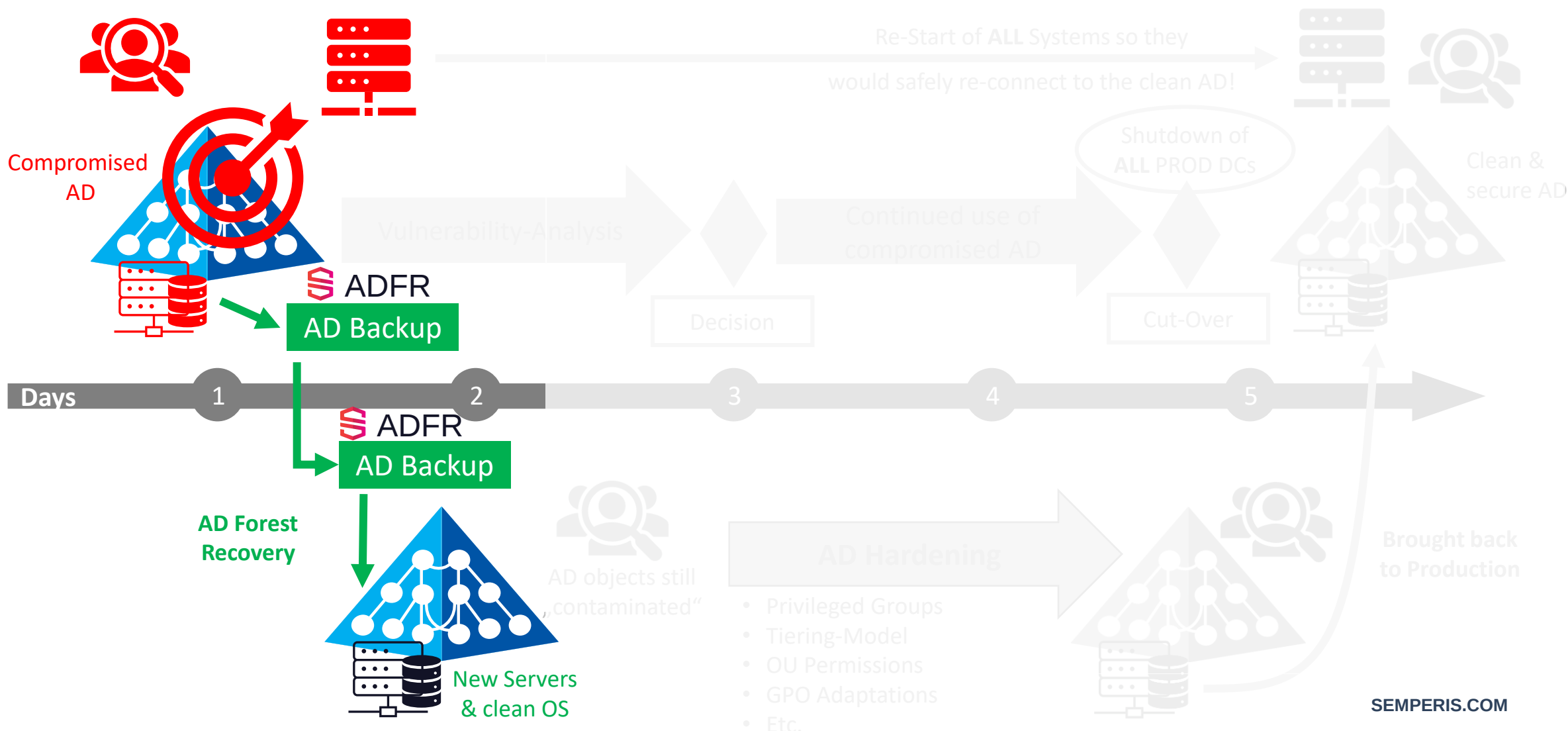


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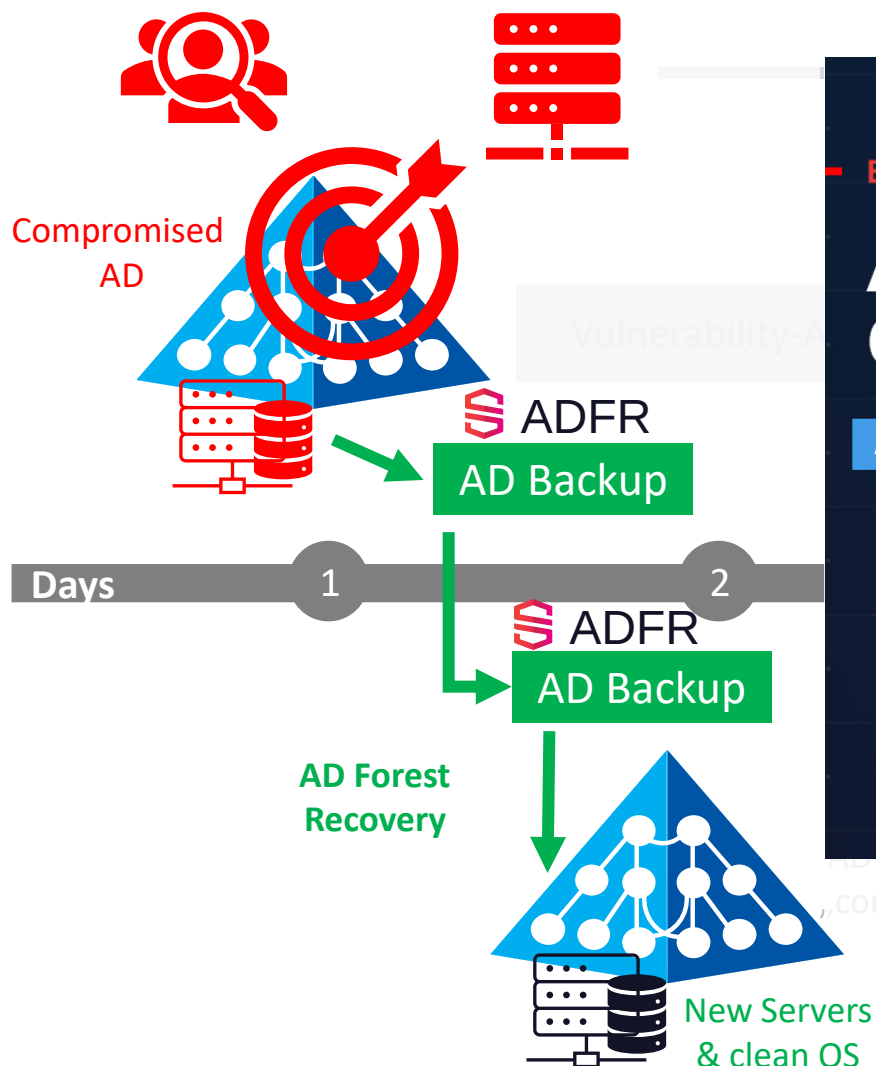
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Re-Start of ALL Systems so they

BACKUP COMPARISON

ADFR vs. other Domain Controller backups

ADFR	Other	Bare Metal Backup
116 MB (500 MB uncompressed)	Active Directory Boot File	Active Directory Boot File
	Operating System	Operating system, other volumes
	11 GB	17.7 GB

ADFR backups

- ✓ Contain no OS → no OS-resident malware in recovery
- ✓ Remove dependence on source hardware → recover anywhere
- ✓ Are significantly smaller
- ✓ Provide faster backup and recovery
- ✓ Require less storage

Other

Bare Metal Backup

System State Backup

Operating System

Operating system, other volumes

MALWARE

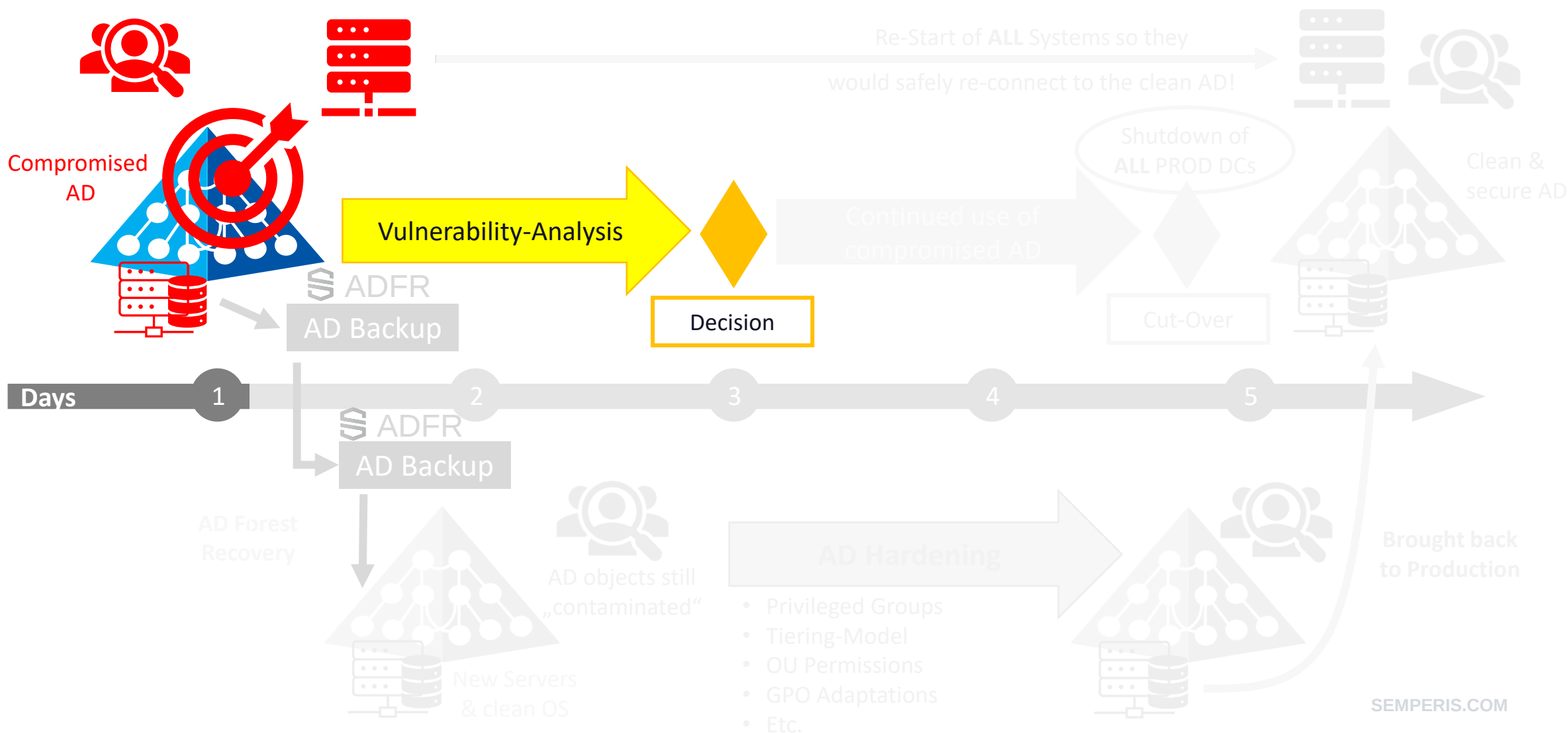
- Privileged Groups
- Tiering-Model
- OU Permissions
- GPO Adaptations
- Etc.

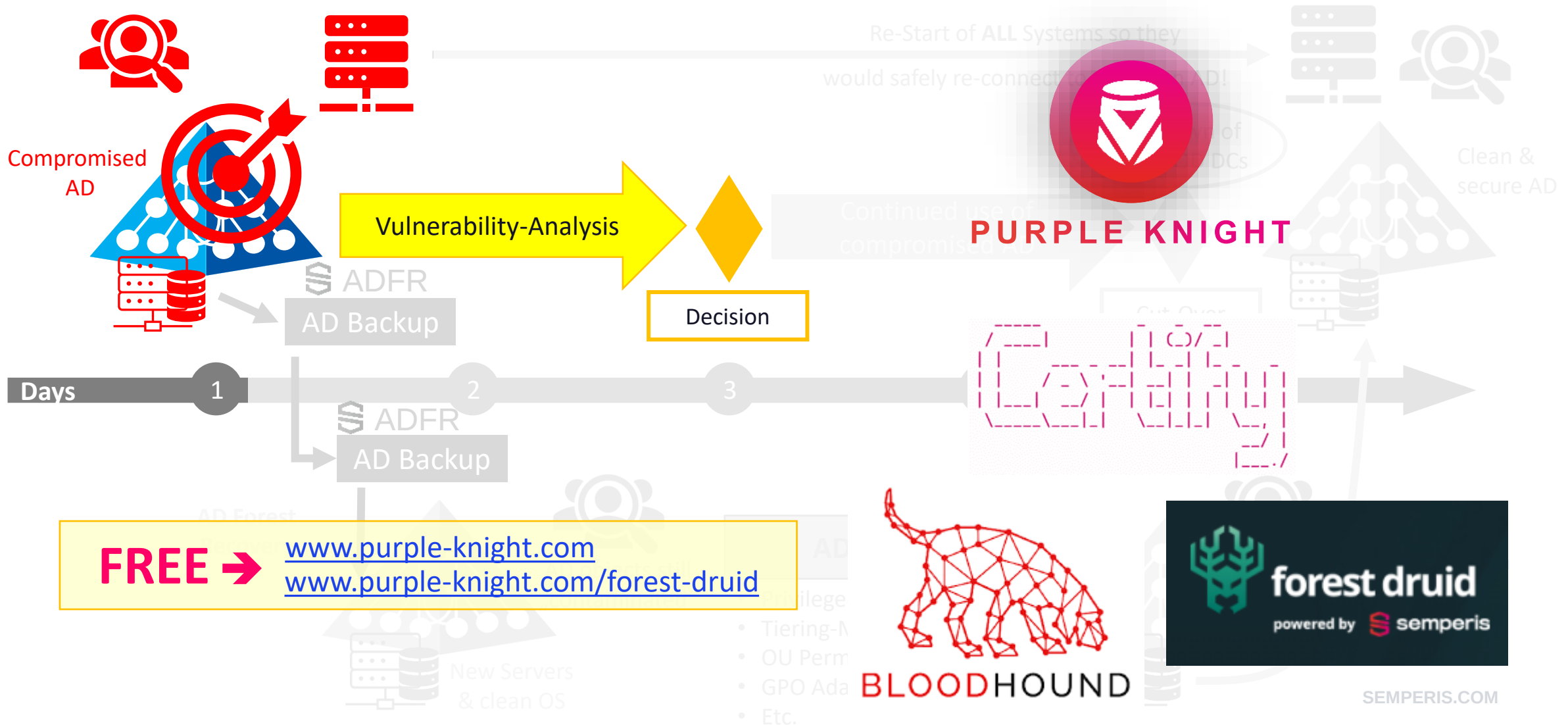
PHASE II – AD Schwachstellen Analyse



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Gefährliche AD-Rechte & MEHRERE Angreifer



SECURITY INDICATOR

Dangerous control paths expose certificate templates

SEVERITY

Warning

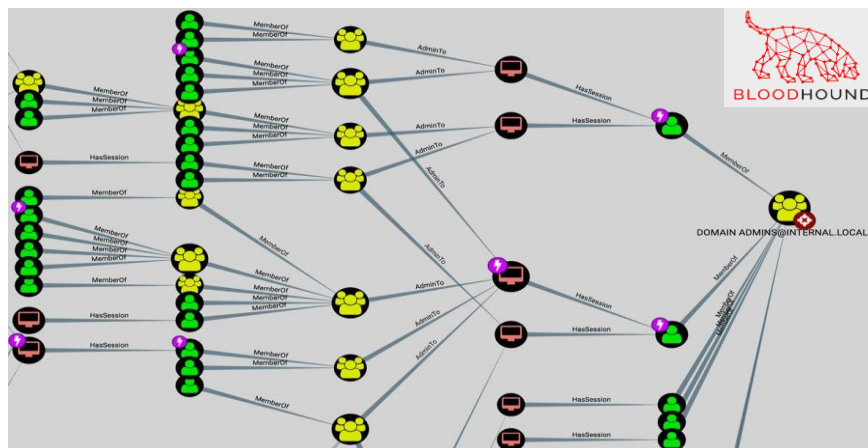
WEIGHT

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Security Frameworks

MITRE ATT&CK

- Credential Access



Domain Computers were allowed to change certificate templates – which allows intruders to create their own authentication certificates for any user!

A special **helpdesk account** was granted the rights to **reset the password** of everyone in the domain.

And **EVERYONE** was permissioned to reset the password of the helpdesk account!

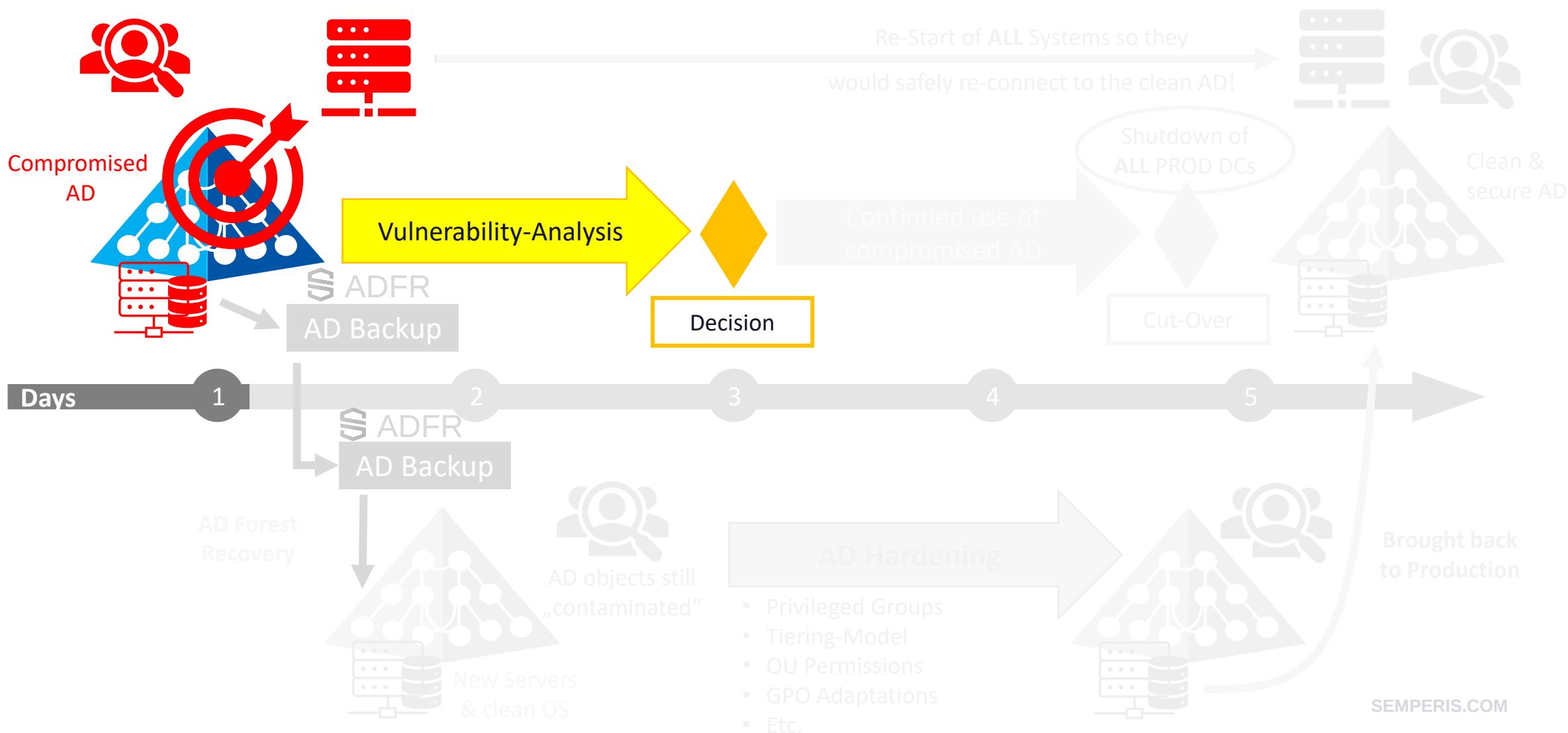
Analysis of EDR Team showed that **MULTIPLE attackers were active** in the environment at the SAME time (**four** different “fingerprints” were found) – intruders were happily re-using the existing Domain-Admin accounts whenever one of the AD admins changed their password!

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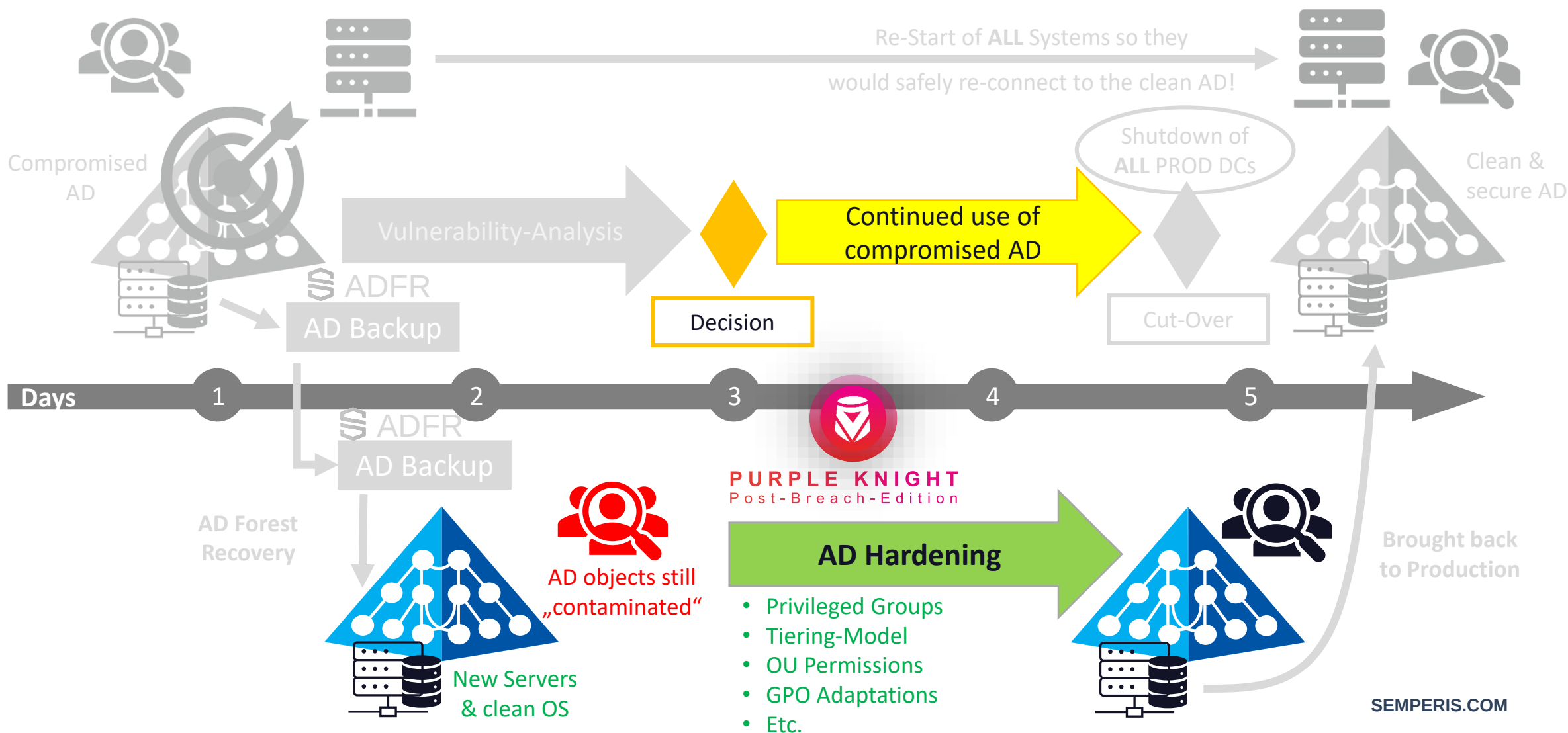


PHASE III – Divide and Conquer!



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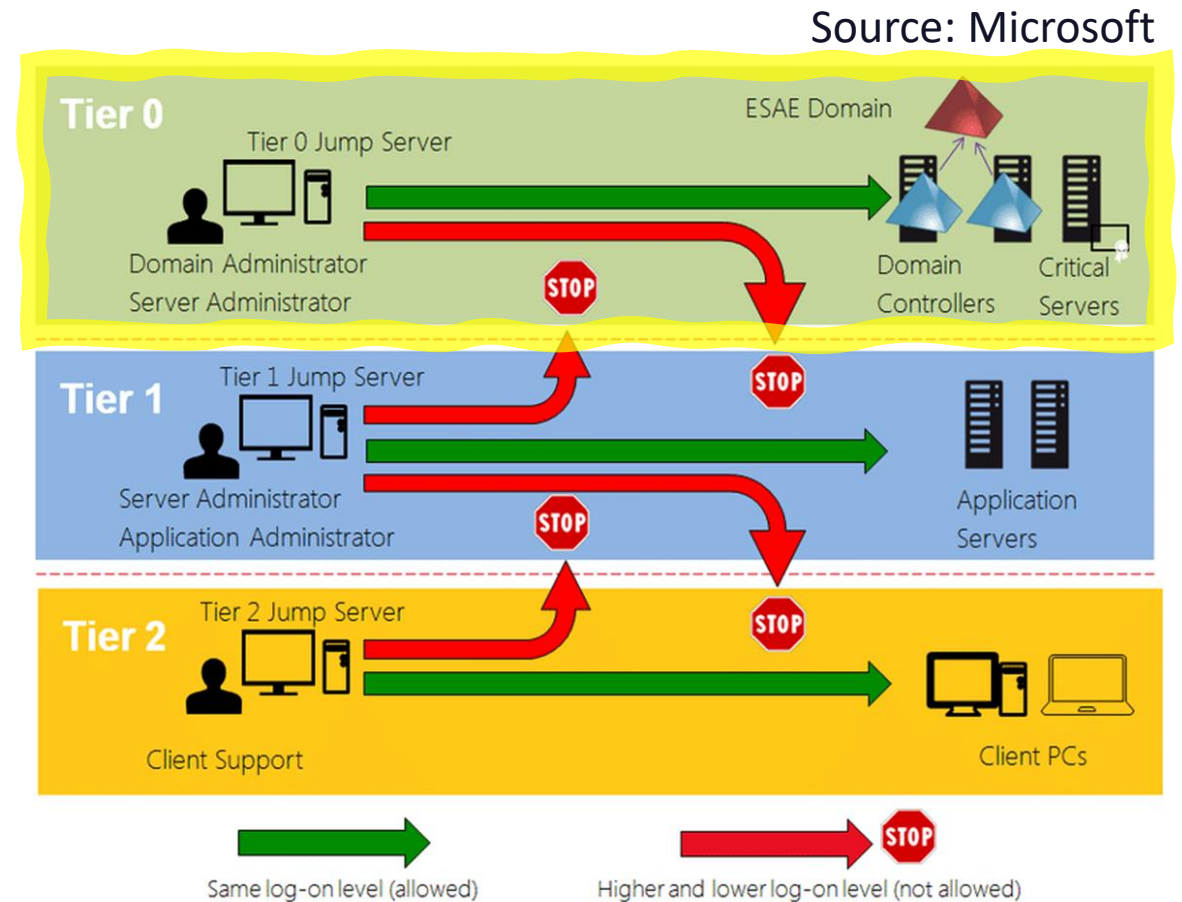
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AD Härtungs-Autobahn ...

1.5 Tage verfügbar um AD zu härten

- Tiering-Model (w/o MFA)
- NEW accounts in Privileged Groups
- Protected Users group
- No Privileged Accounts with SPNs
- OU Permissions
- GPO Adaptations
- ...

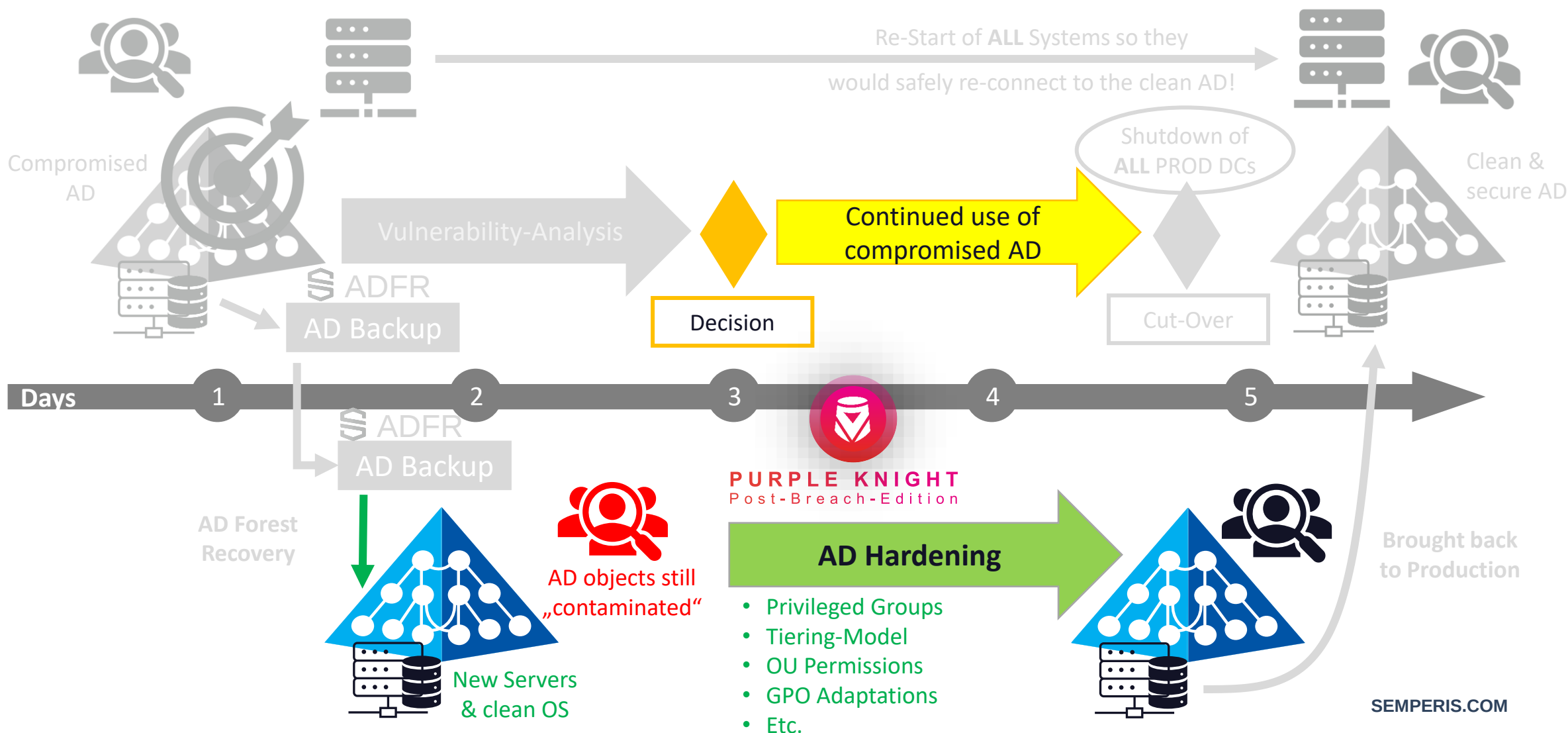


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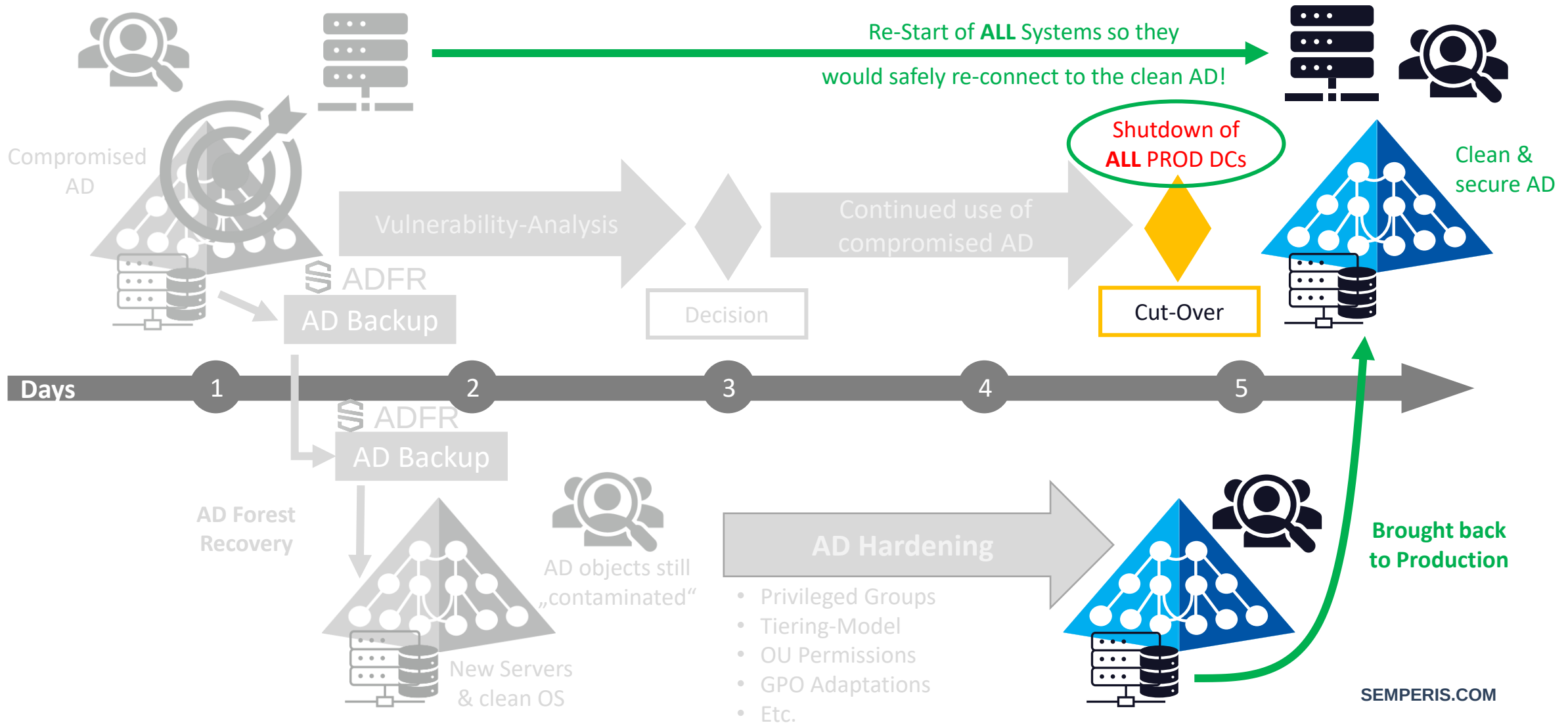


PHASE IV – Gehärtetes AD zurück zu PROD



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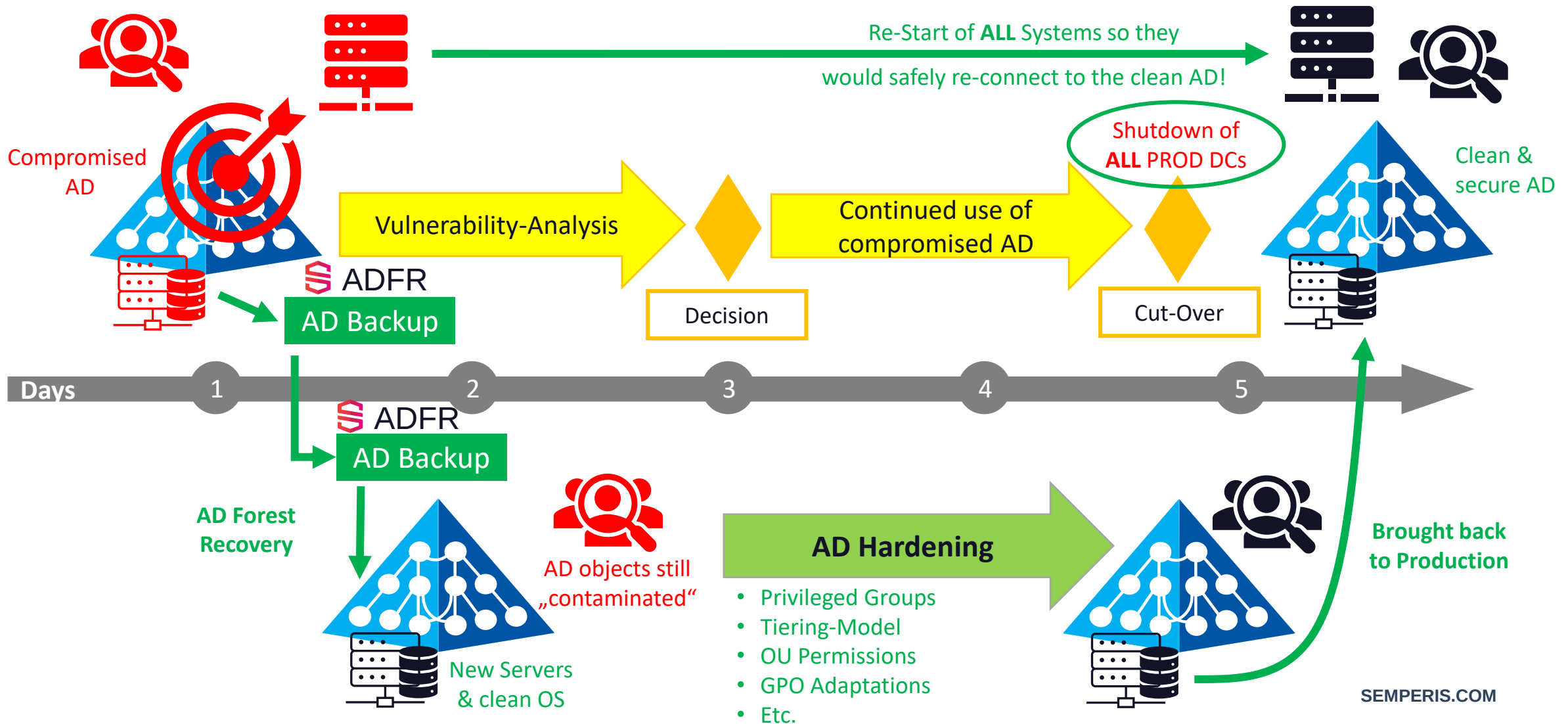
Quelle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clpBpGQ0XTI>
... oder suche nach "changing tires while driving" 😊

Der Ernstfall – das Opfer hat ÜBERLEBT!



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Kernergebnis



1. Sehr SCHNELLE Wiederherstellung eines funktionierenden und SICHEREN Active Directory Forest
2. Keine gehackten privilegierte Kerberos Tickets für die Angreifer mehr im Zugriff
3. Alle existierenden Kerberos Tickets AAD „Pass-Through Authentication“ (PTA) haben nach der Wiederherstellung problemlos funktioniert

Semperis hat geholfen, dass sie überleben!

PRODUKTANGEBOT

Semperis Purple Knight™

(PK) **Bewertung der Sicherheit eines Kunden AD** mithilfe eines Active Directory-Sicherheitsscanners, der von der Elite der Microsoft-Identitätsexperten entwickelt und gepflegt wird.

Semperis Directory Services Protector™

(DSP) **Echtzeit-Tracking und AD-Auditing** mit granularer Suche, Abgleich und Wiederherstellung von Objekten und Attributen mit höchster Datenintegrität durch Quellkorrelation.

On-Premise Active Directory
und Azure Active Directory

Semperis Active Directory Forest Recovery™

(ADFR) **Vollständig automatisierte AD Forest Disaster-Recovery** mittels eines einfachen Restore-Wizards, erstmalig mit Hardware-agnostischer & Malware-freier AD-Wiederherstellung.

— Thank you

Fragen? Kommt zum Round-Table 5 ...



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