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The Five Pillars of Autonomous SOC Maturity

AI is transforming the security operations center (SOC), and the journey to autonomy starts with a clear framework. We partnered with TAG Cyber to outline an evidence-based roadmap for the journey from automated to AI SOC.

1 Autonomous Analysts with Human-in-the-Loop Oversight

- AI and automation handle Tier-1 tasks, like triaging alerts and initial investigations.
- Senior analysts remain crucial for complex judgment and business continuity.

2 Continuous Investigation & Adaptive Detection

- Telemetry-driven monitoring detects subtle anomalies.
- AI supports proactive defense, tracking evolving threats in real-time.

3 AI-Guided Response & Playbook Optimization

- Playbooks dynamically adapt to incidents.
- AI accelerates containment while human validation ensures accuracy.

4 Integrated Compliance & Risk Reporting

- Automates evidence collection and reporting aligned to NIST, ISO, and other frameworks.
- Dashboards provide real-time oversight for leadership and auditors.

5 Platform-Orchestrated SOC Architecture

- Orchestration unifies SIEM, EDR, XDR, and other tools.
- Centralized operations reduce tool sprawl and improve ROI.

Practical Tips for SOC Leaders

- Start by automating Tier-1 and reporting tasks.
- Re-engineer playbooks for AI-guided workflows.
- Invest in training to balance human judgment with automation.
- Partner with vendors and advisors to accelerate adoption.

Autonomy in Action: The Balance of AI and Human Expertise

Even in an AI SOC, human expertise remains essential. Rather than replacing humans and their intellect and judgment, AI is transforming how SOC teams operate. AI is shifting SOC tasks as we know them today to make way for a new class of cybersecurity functions, such as AI prompt engineers, AI governance specialists, AI threat analysts, and more. For more in-depth guidance on how to transform your SOC to a more autonomous state, download the Guidebook for Autonomous SOC Enablement.

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