Illusive Identity Risk Management
Eliminate the #1 Vector for Cyberattacks: Access to Privileged Identities

- All ransomware and targeted cyberattacks exploit privileged identities
- All organizations have endpoints or servers with exploitable privileged identities
- All organizations are at risk of being compromised until they discover and eliminate exploitable privileged identities

Ransomware Exploits Privileged Identities
Despite the deployment of privileged account management (PAM) and multi-factor authentication (MFA), 1 in 6 enterprise endpoints and servers still have identity risks that let attackers gain the privileges they need. Privileged identities are the number one vector for ransomware and other targeted cyberattacks. When an attacker first lands on a host, it’s very rarely their end target, so they must escalate privilege, and move laterally to achieve their objectives. Attackers have access to a wide variety of attack tools such as Bloodhound, Cobalt Strike, Mimikatz, and ADFind, making it fast, easy, and effective for them to exploit privileged credentials — and hard for organizations to detect it. It’s not surprising that 79% of organizations have had an identity-related breach in the past 2 years¹ and that ransomware has surged to record-breaking levels.

Exploitable Identities are Commonplace
Privileged identities are more at risk than many realize. A close examination of a recent high-profile ransomware attack provides compelling evidence of the risk and potential costs of not fully understanding and remediating exploitable identity risks.

An Example Attack at CNA Insurance: A ransomware operator used credential stuffing to access the network via RDP. Stolen credentials were used for initial access, and from there the attacker escalated privileges to Domain Admin, then encrypted critical data, exfiltrating some of it. CNA ultimately paid a $40M ransom to recover from the attack.

Exploitable Identity Risks
- Service Accounts
- Local Admin Accounts
- Shadow Admin Accounts
- Exposed Credentials & Cloud Tokens
- Legacy App Accounts
- Open RDP Sessions

¹ Source: Dimensional Research - Identity Security: A Work in Progress
Many of these identity risks result from ordinary business and IT operational processes. The following are examples of some common processes that increase risk:

- Usernames and passwords are cached on endpoints by user applications, such as browsers, SSH, FTP, PTTY, and databases, none of which are protected by PAM.
- Domain admin credentials are retained in system memory after a remote support session, or a cached in a legacy application of an unprotected service account.
- Users are inadvertently extended with excessive ‘shadow’ privileges due to the complexity inherent in configuring identity directory objects and groups.

### Identity Risk Assessment

To get started in understanding the privileged identity risks in your environment, Illusive offers an Identity Risk Assessment that is as easy as 1-2-3: share one IT endpoint, spend two hours with Illusive’s identity security expert, and receive three actionable insights specific to your organization. Illusive illuminates hidden identity risks, including:

- Unmanaged local admin accounts
- High risk connections to critical IT infrastructure and business assets
- Cached domain admin credentials contained on endpoints
- Unmonitored privileged users
- Improperly disconnected RDP sessions with heightened access
- Ambiguous shadow admins

### About Illusive

Illusive takes away the one thing attackers need to be successful – access to privileged identities. Founded by nation-state attackers, Illusive protects customers against the attack vector exploited in all recent ransomware and targeted cyber attacks by discovering and automatically remediating privileged identity risk. Illusive provides security teams with the visibility they need to prioritize risk remediation efforts, enable zero trust initiatives, and avoid red-team embarrassments and audit findings. Designed to beat attackers at their own game, Illusive’s technology is trusted by the largest global financials and pharmaceuticals. Illusive has participated in over 140+ red team exercises and has never lost one!