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Data Literacy for Cybersecurity & Threat Intelligence Teams Playbook

Reading threat and alert data well enough to prioritize the real risk amid the noise

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Overview

A framework for building data literacy within cybersecurity and threat intelligence teams — alert prioritization rigor, base rate reasoning for threat likelihood, and appropriately weighing threat intelligence feed reliability, addressing the specific challenge of separating genuine security signal from the substantial noise cybersecurity data environments generate.

Cybersecurity teams already work extensively with alert and threat

data — isn't that already strong data literacy? Extensive exposure builds familiarity, but genuine literacy means applying base rate reasoning and rigorous prioritization to distinguish genuine threats from the substantial noise most security environments generate — skills that go beyond routine alert triage experience alone.

What's the most common data literacy gap specifically in

cybersecurity threat assessment? Not accounting for base rates when interpreting an alert or detection — even a fairly accurate detection system can produce more false positives than true positives if the underlying threat is genuinely rare, a statistical reality that intuition alone often misses.

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