

Strengthening Your Cybersecurity and Risk Reduction

A Vulnerability Management Journey

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KPN at a Glance.



12 m Mobile subscribers

- Consumer 4,4 m
- Business 2,2 m
- Wholesale 5,4 m



4.3 m Broadband customers

- Consumer 2,8 m
- Business 389 k
- Wholesale 1,1 m

5,2 mlnKPN Fiber Connections

By the end of **2026**, **80**% households will have access to fiber from KPN.



Since 2011, we've been using 100% green electricity and we've been completely climate neutral since 2015.

€1,2 bn Investments Yearly Capex

9.771 fte

Employees



EONNECT

WINDLE

BEST IN TEST

KPN
2/2024

MOBILE NETWORK TEST
IN THE NETHERLANDS
WENG SHORE SHARE SOOT

Umlaut

KPN best mobile network 2024



Ecovadis

Platinum CSR rating 2024



SBI

KPN most sustainable telecombrand 2024 (NL)









Complexity of the KPN Organisation and Infrastructure

Siloed business units

Segmented infrastructure

Different network layers (layer 2, 3, hybrid)

On-Premises and Cloud (Azure and AWS)

280,000 assets

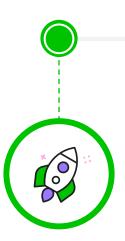
- 240,000 network devices

400,000 IP addresses



2012

Shit hits the fan!!!!





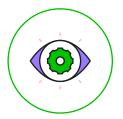
Strengthening Our Cybersecurity and Risk Reduction!!!

The early days

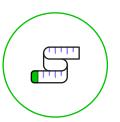
2012



No Vulnerability
Management



No insights



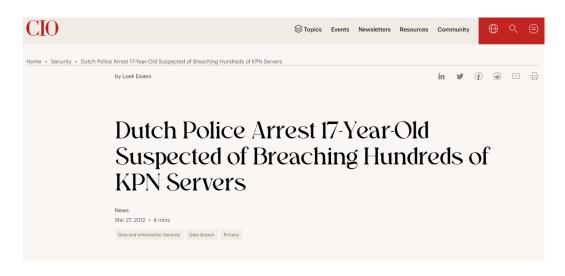
No measurement



No clue about risks









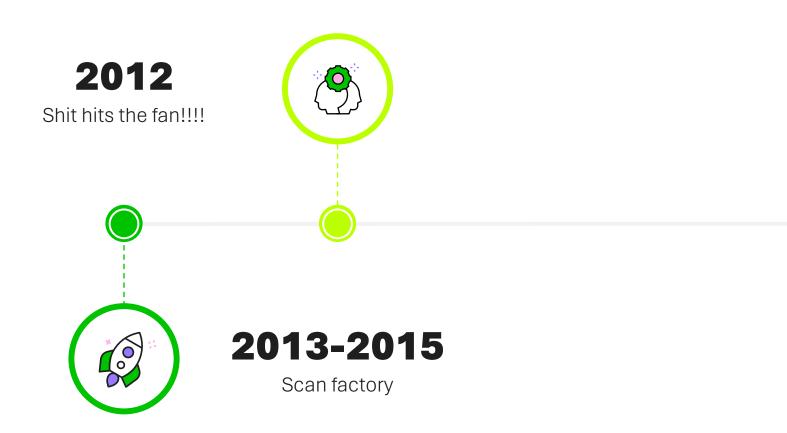
'Zo'n jonge KPN-hacker, daar sta je wel even van te kijken'

INTERVIEW De Nationale Recherche trekt alle registers open wanneer begin februari blijkt dat KPN wordt bedreigd door een hacker. Het spoor loopt van Rusland via Zuid-Korea naar Australië. Rechercheurs vliegen de hele wereld over. Uiteindelijk vinden ze de verdachte op een bijzondere plek. Een interview met Wilbert Paulissen, hoofd van de Nationale Recherche.

Elsbeth Stoker, Wil Thijssen 7 april 2012, 21:51



THIS IS YOUR WAKE UP CALL





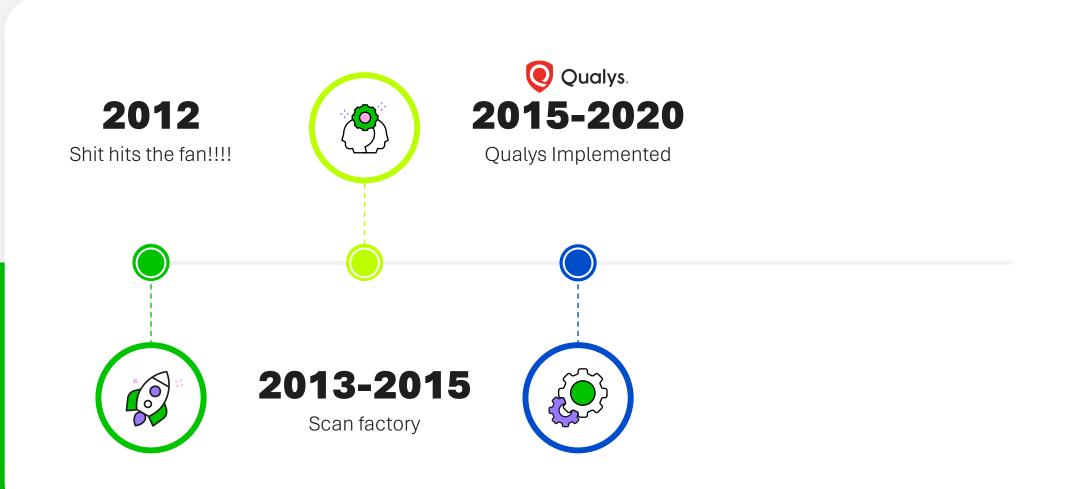
Vulnerability Management in the Early Days



The
"Scan
Factory"









Qualys Initial Environment







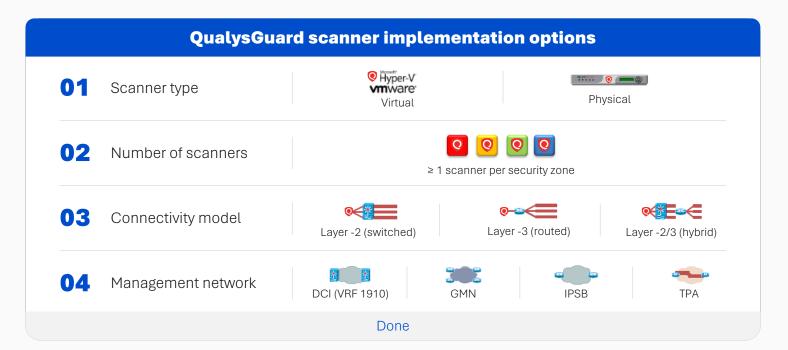


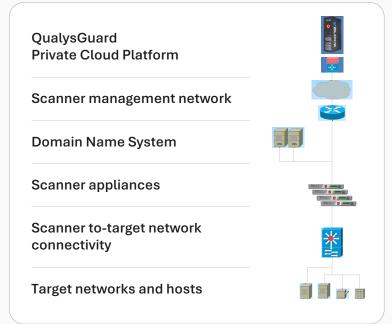
Private Cloud Platform (PCP)

250+ network scanners

4 external scanners

Unauthenticated scanning

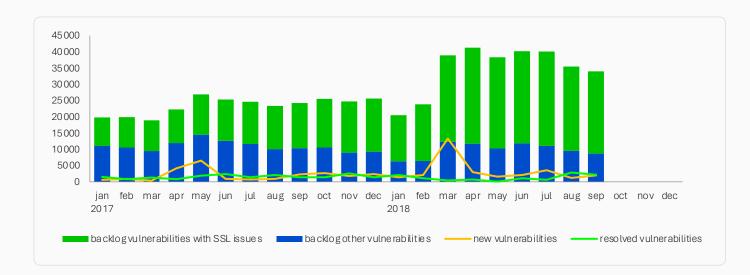






TruRisk Insight Using Qualys' Central Environment

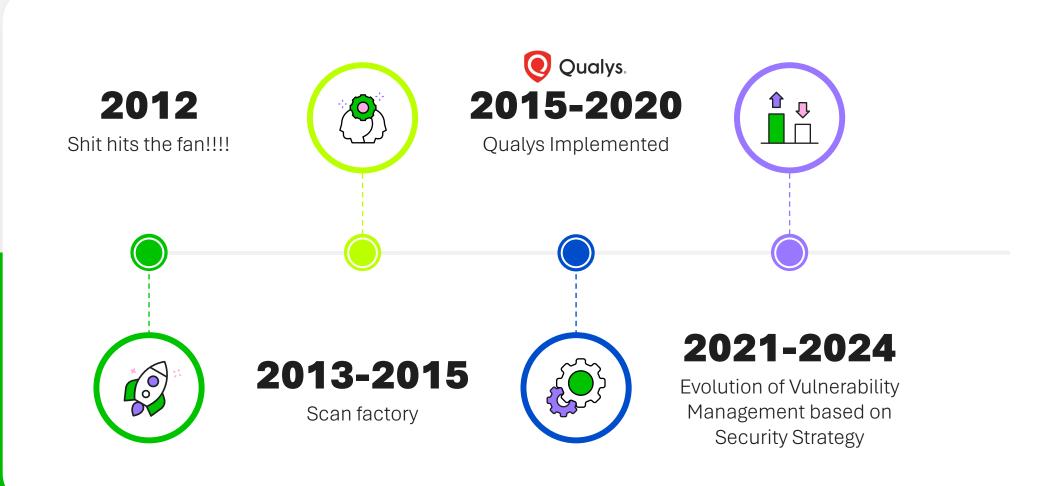
- To provide more insight to the technical teams, SRT is evolve to become a VM portal for technical teams
- How are we going to prioritize?
 - Prio table introduction
- Are there unknown assets?
 - CMDB challenge
 - "Ghost" scanning



| SRT priority | Action → | Mail Spoc's | 2 weeks | 1 month | 2 months | 6 months | Best effort |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Scanner ↓ | Zone ↓ | Prio 1 | Prio 2 | Prio 3 | Prio 4 | Prio 5 | Prio 6 |
| External | Black red | Critical | Hi | | Medium | | Low |
| External | Other (illegal) | Critical | Should not happen, report to CERT/SOC, log as P1 | | | | |
| Internal | Black red blue | | Critical | Hi | Medium | | Low |
| Internal | Orange | | | Critical | Hi | Me-lo | Low |
| Internal | Green | | | | Critical | Hi | Med-Low |

| CVSS Scores |
|-------------------|
| Critical 9.0-10 |
| High 7.0-8.9 |
| Medium 4.0-6.9 |
| Low 0.1-3.9 |
| Informational 0.0 |







What Makes a Winning Security Team

The security team is not limited to CISO, it is the entire organization

01

Doing It Together

Opening up CISO to the rest of the organization to define a strategy and what we will do together.

02

Changing The Mindset

Creating a culture of shared responsibility for security and transparency on vulnerabilities.

03

Adding New Skills

Adding new talent to the CISO team with the skills to change the mindset in the organization.



Creating A Clear Vision

Having a clearly defined vision and goals that resonate within the organization.



Qualys Environment Evolution



Three environments (On-Premise, Azure and AWS) to manage regarding Vulnerability Management so the SCP is introduced



From Unauthenticated to Authenticated scanning



22.000 agents installed, need to grow to 40.000 (No workstations of employees)



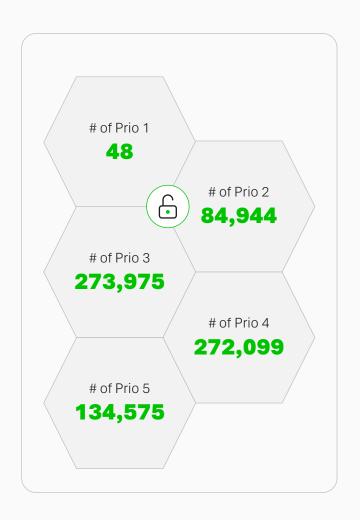
Container sensors



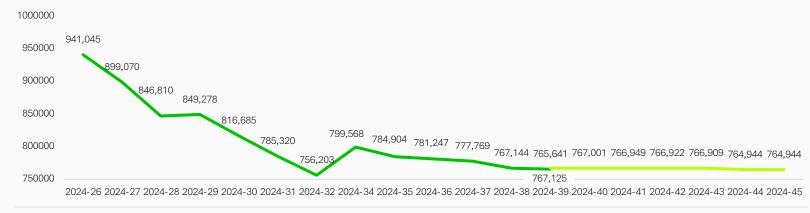
Hardening of assets via Qualys agent, Compliance module



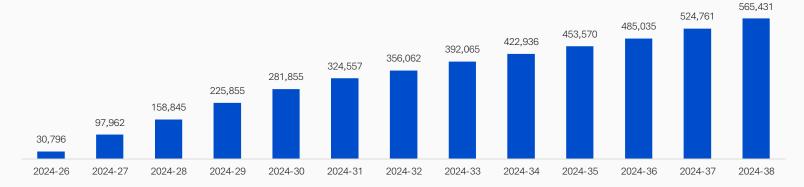
More Reporting and Measurement Possibilities



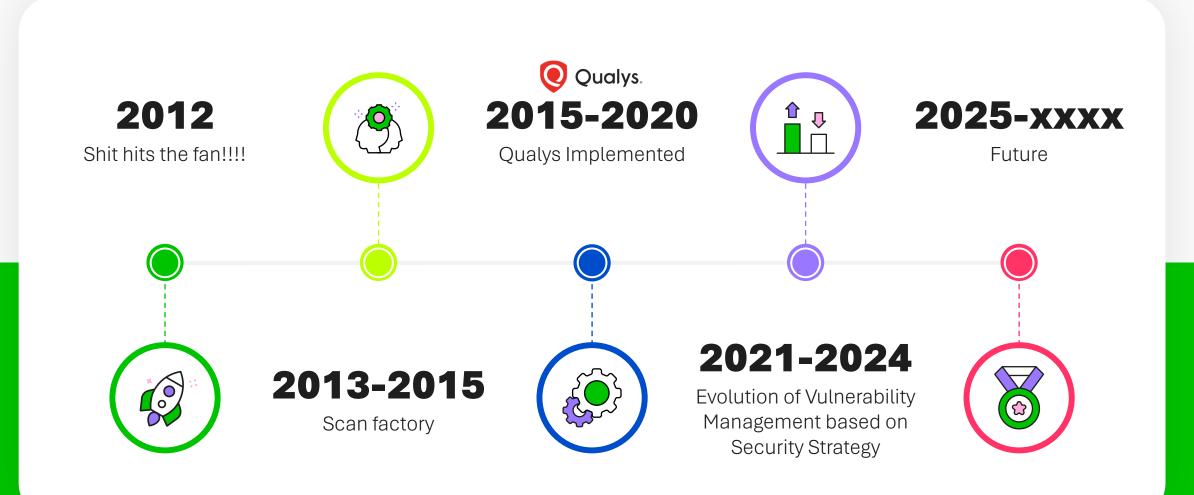
Actual & forecast



Cumulative fixed total for the last 13 weeks









Future (Short and Middle Term)



Embed QDS and
TruRisk in the
Vulnerability
Management process



Custom Assessment and Remediation (CAR) for incident Response



Web Application
Scanning (WAS) use for
pre-scanning assets
before submitting to
the KPN REDteam



Vault implementation started for authenticated scanning with network scanners

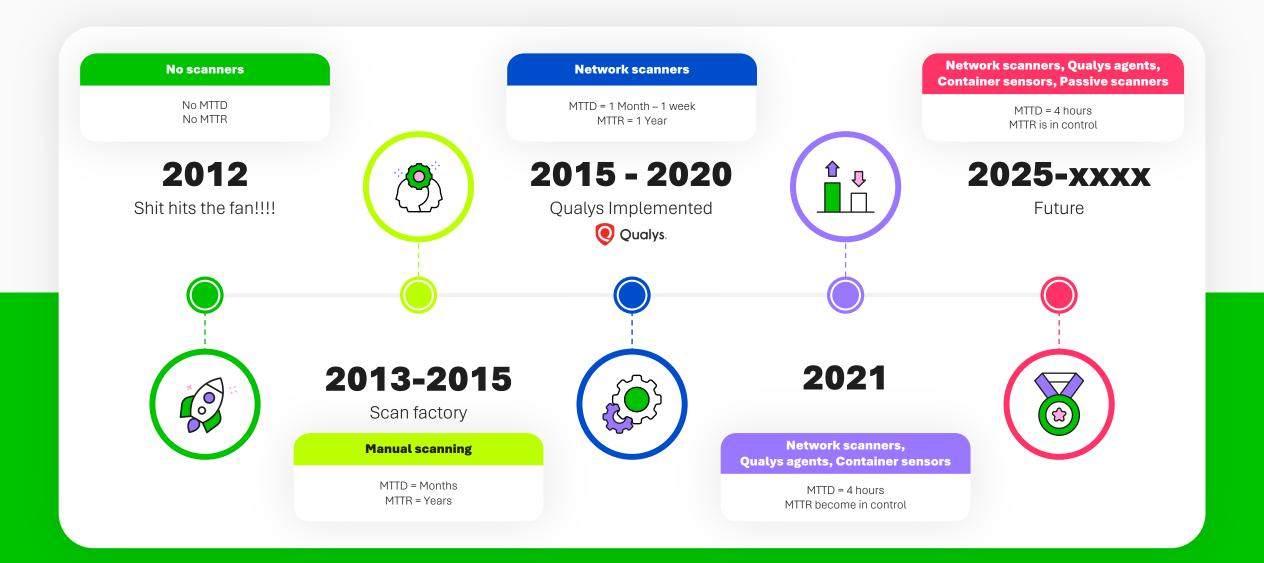


"Automatic" Patch Management

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|-------------------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Scanner ↓ | Prio 1 | Prio 2 | Prio 3 | Prio 4 | Prio 5 | Prio 6 |
| In-/external, all zones | Critical | High | Medium | Low | | Info |

| CVSS Scores | QDS Scores |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Critical 9.0-10 | Critical 90-100 |
| High 7.0-8.9 | High 70-89 |
| Medium 4.0-6.9 | Medium 40-69 |
| Low 0.1-3.9 | Low 0-39 |
| Informational 0.0 | Informational 0.0 |









Together, within the organization and with Qualys, from numbers to real TruRisk and remediation on time!!!!

