

# Agari Advanced Threat Protection

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# Email is the Top Attack Vector for Social Engineering Attacks



**96%** of Social Attacks Use Email

Even as attackers expand to new vectors, Email must be a top priority



**88%**

YoY Rise in Business  
Email Compromise

**22%** of employees  
will click on a  
phishing link



Source: Verizon Data Breach Report & FBI IC3 Annual Report

# Cybercriminals can Easily Take-on a Persona to Exploit Victims

The image shows a screenshot of an email inbox with several annotations in red. The annotations are: 'Urgent' pointing to the subject line, 'Familiar Request' pointing to the sender's name 'Ravi Khatod', 'Authoritative Figure' pointing to the sender's email address '<ceoravi@gmail.com>', 'Existing Relationship' pointing to the recipient's name 'Raymond Lim', and 'Intent' pointing to the main body of the email. The email content is: 'Hi Raymond, Are you available to move quickly today? I ...' and 'Are you available to move quickly today? I need you to be ready to process a wire transfer and I want the money to hit the beneficiary account before the bank cut-off time today. As you know, I'm at a conference today, so I can give you the details when I get back to the office. Get back to me ASAP.' The email is signed 'Thanks, Ravi'.

**Inbox** Filter Filter Agenda

**Next:** No events for the next two days.

Ravi Khatod  
Urgent 5/10/2017  
Hi Raymond, Are you available to move quickly today? I ...

**Urgent** — Familiar Request

**Authoritative Figure**

**Existing Relationship**

**Intent**

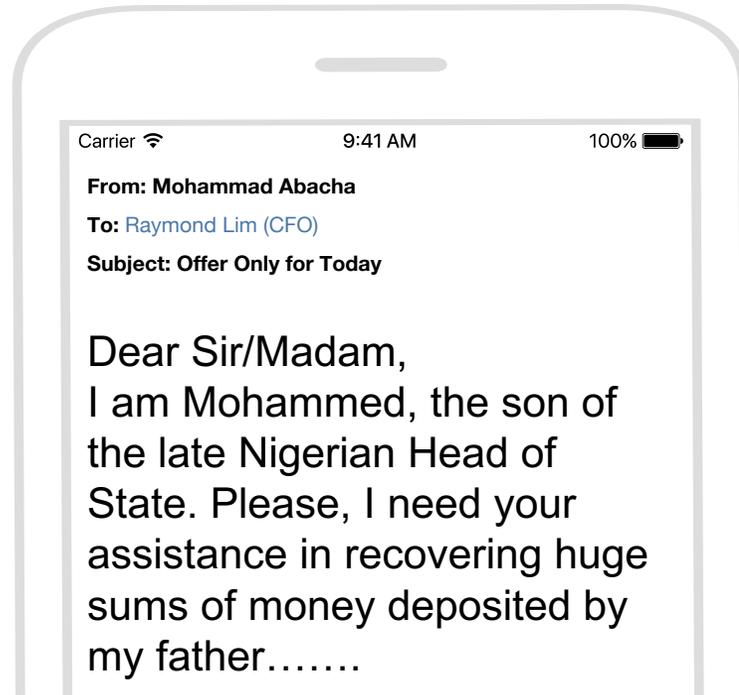
Raymond,

Are you available to move quickly today? I need you to be ready to process a wire transfer and I want the money to hit the beneficiary account before the bank cut-off time today. As you know, I'm at a conference today, so I can give you the details when I get back to the office. Get back to me ASAP.

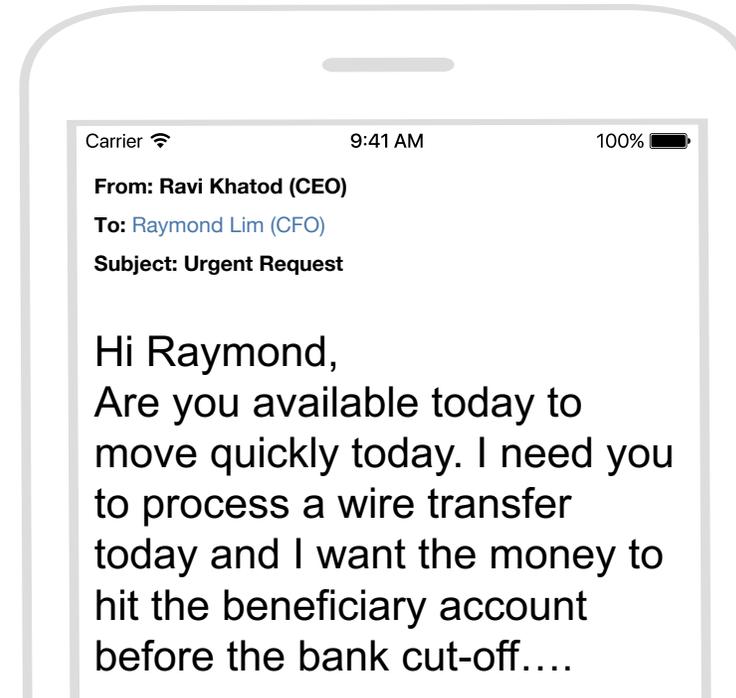
Thanks,  
Ravi

# While Content Analysis can Discover Intent & Attacker Insight....

## Unsolicited Scam



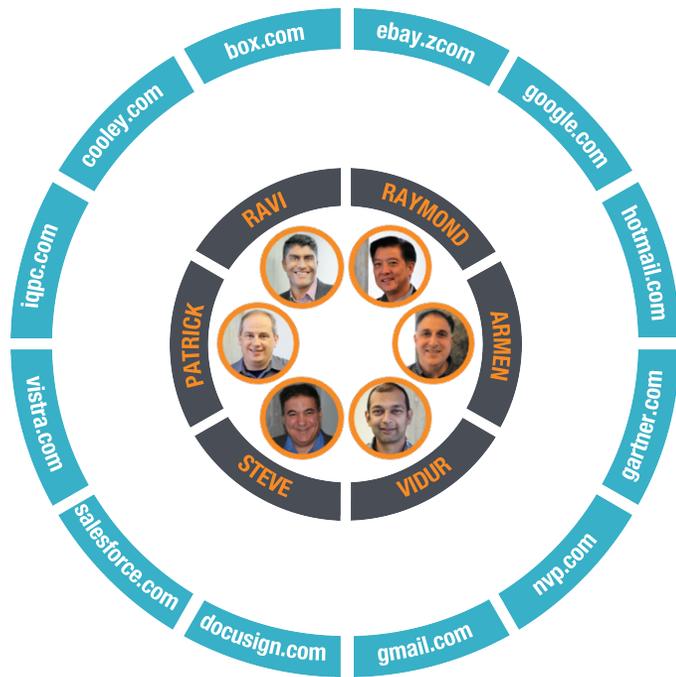
## Business Email Compromise



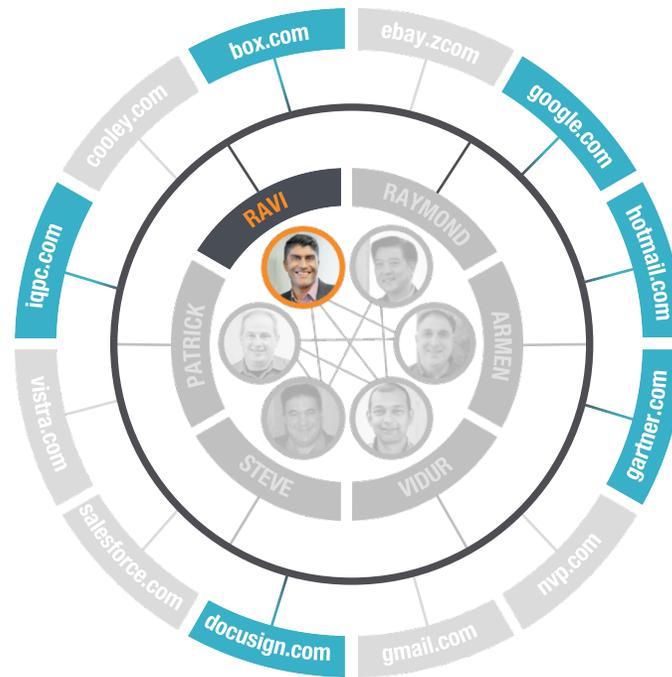
... To Justify Further Actions

# Modeling Sender Identity & Behavior Can Lead to Faster Prevention

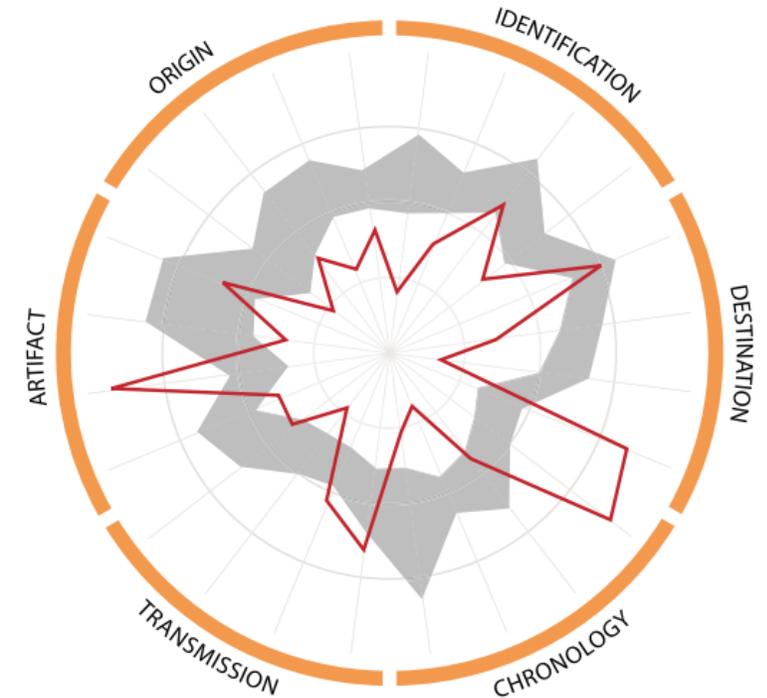
### Map and Authenticate Identities



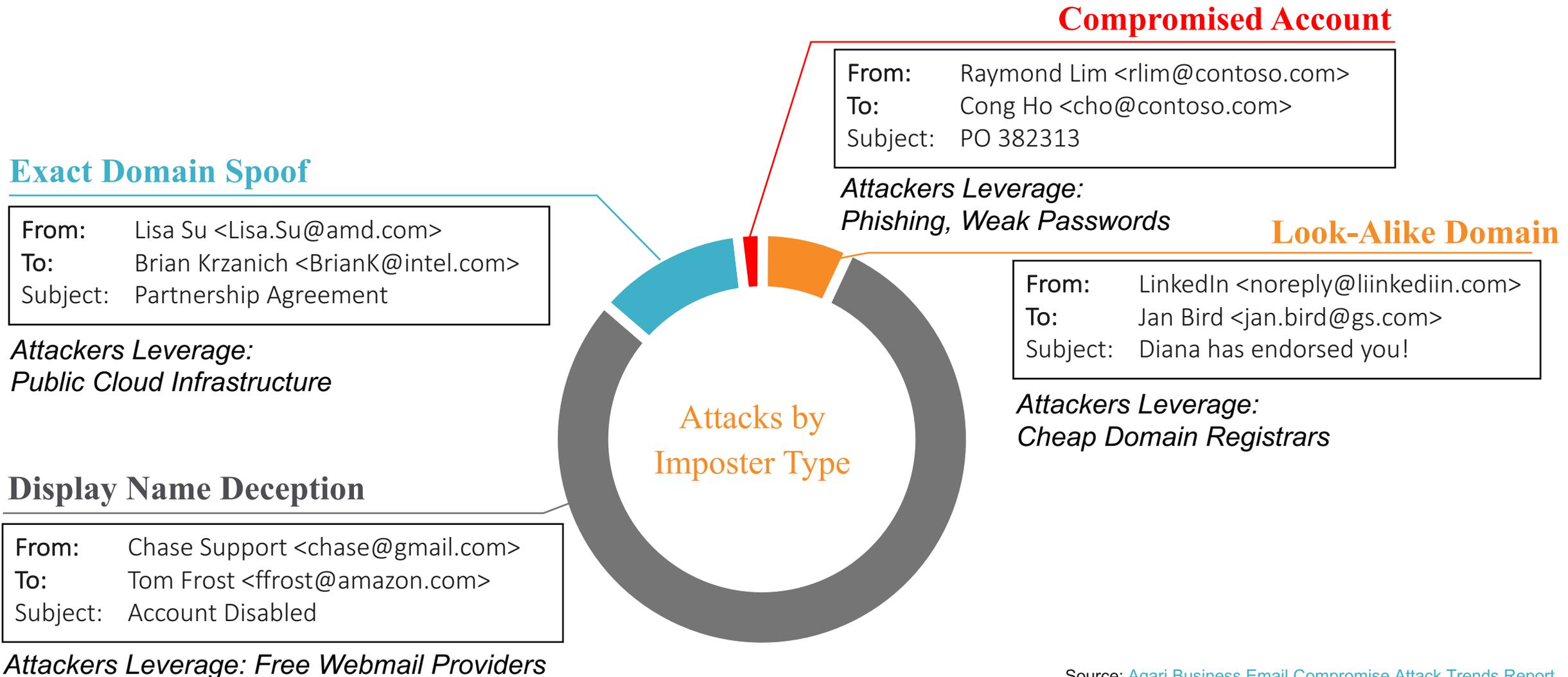
### Learn and Model Behavioral Relationships



### Score Message vs. Expected Behavior



# Making Phishing Prevention More Efficient



## Compromised Account

**From:** Raymond Lim <rlim@contoso.com>  
**To:** Cong Ho <cho@contoso.com>  
**Subject:** PO 382313

*Attackers Leverage:  
Phishing, Weak Passwords*

## Look-Alike Domain

**From:** LinkedIn <noreply@liinkediin.com>  
**To:** Jan Bird <jan.bird@gs.com>  
**Subject:** Diana has endorsed you!

*Attackers Leverage:  
Cheap Domain Registrars*

## Exact Domain Spoof

**From:** Lisa Su <Lisa.Su@amd.com>  
**To:** Brian Krzanich <BrianK@intel.com>  
**Subject:** Partnership Agreement

*Attackers Leverage:  
Public Cloud Infrastructure*

## Display Name Deception

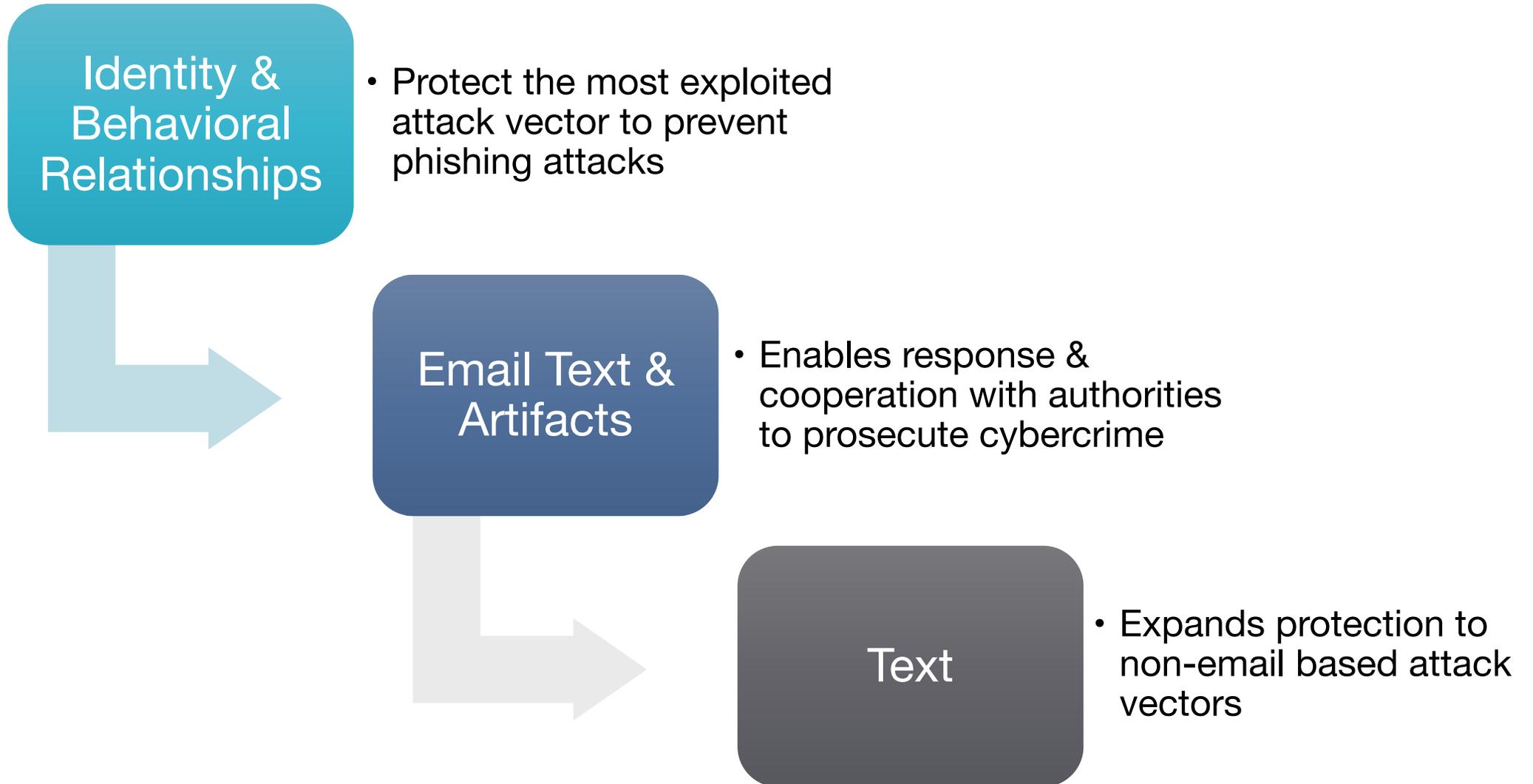
**From:** Chase Support <chase@gmail.com>  
**To:** Tom Frost <ffrost@amazon.com>  
**Subject:** Account Disabled

*Attackers Leverage: Free Webmail Providers*

Source: [Agari Business Email Compromise Attack Trends Report](#)

# Ultimately, Using In-Depth Email Analysis Expands Protection

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# Next Steps

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**Connect with Agari  
at Black Hat:**

**Stop by Booth #600**



**Attend an Agari  
Live Session at  
Black Hat Europe**

**Title: Understanding the  
Criminal Mind**  
How Western European  
BEC Syndicates Leverage  
Business Intelligence

**Date/Time:** Wednesday,  
Dec. 5, 2:55pm-3:30pm

**Learn More About  
Defending Against  
Social Engineering:**



**[Agari.com/social-  
engineering](https://agari.com/social-engineering)**

# Thank You

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