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Extended Detection and Response (XDR)

A practical guide for security teams: capabilities, limitations and implementation



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Signals from every layer, connected



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From scattered alerts to one incident



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Ransomware, phishing, identity, cloud



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incident, not fifty alerts

XDR connects signals from endpoints, identity, email, cloud and network

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What XDR connects

Endpoints

Laptops, desktops and servers, through EDR

Identity

Sign-ins, MFA and privilege changes

Email

Phishing, attachments and links

Cloud

Workloads, storage and SaaS

Network

Traffic, DNS and connections

Response

Isolate, disable, quarantine, block, revoke

How XDR works



Collect

Telemetry from each layer

Normalise

One common format

Correlate

Related alerts, one incident

Investigate

One timeline

Respond

Across every tool

The value is not more alerts, but fewer, better ones, with context and the means to act.

One attack, two views

Attack step	Separate tools	With XDR
Phishing email delivered	Low-priority email alert	Step 1 of one incident
Malware runs on a laptop	Separate endpoint alert	Device isolated
Stolen password used abroad	“Unusual sign-in” alert	Account disabled, sessions revoked
Bulk download from the cloud	Separate cloud alert	Access blocked
For the analyst	4 alerts in 4 consoles	1 incident, contained in minutes

Where XDR is genuinely useful

Ransomware

Catch early steps and isolate devices before encryption

Phishing and BEC

Link the email, the click and the misused account

Identity attacks

Impossible travel, MFA fatigue, privilege escalation

Cloud threats

Connect cloud activity to its source

Small teams

Less alert fatigue, automated containment

Faster response

Shorter time to detect and contain

XDR and its neighbours

Technology	What it does
EDR	Endpoints only; XDR builds on it
SIEM	Logs from everywhere; retention, search and compliance
SOAR	Automates workflows; needs other tools for detection
MDR / MXDR	A managed team runs detection and response for you

The limits of XDR

Still needs people

Triage, tuning and decisions, ideally 24/7

Not always a SIEM replacement

Audits may need long-term log retention

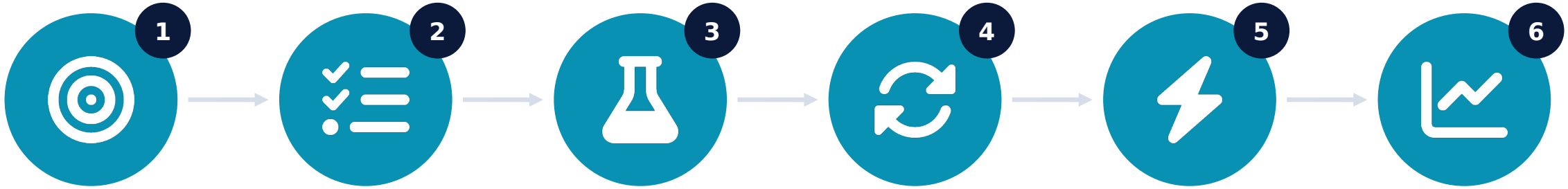
Blind spots remain

Legacy, OT and unmanaged devices

Automation has risks

Wrong containment hurts the business

Six steps to a useful rollout



Map gaps	Pick use cases	Pilot	Phase in	Automate carefully	Measure
What would you miss?	Two or three first	Real data, real integrations	Endpoint and identity first	One-click, then automatic	MTTD and MTTR

Check independent results such as the MITRE ATT&CK Evaluations before choosing.

Key takeaways

- XDR turns many weak signals into one strong, actionable incident.
- It works best with clear use cases, careful automation and people who own the response.
- Pilot it on your own environment and measure the results.

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