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# In eComm We Trust

## *Securing Payments and Disrupting the Cybercrime Pandemic*

The Next Generation of  
Commerce: Are you ready?



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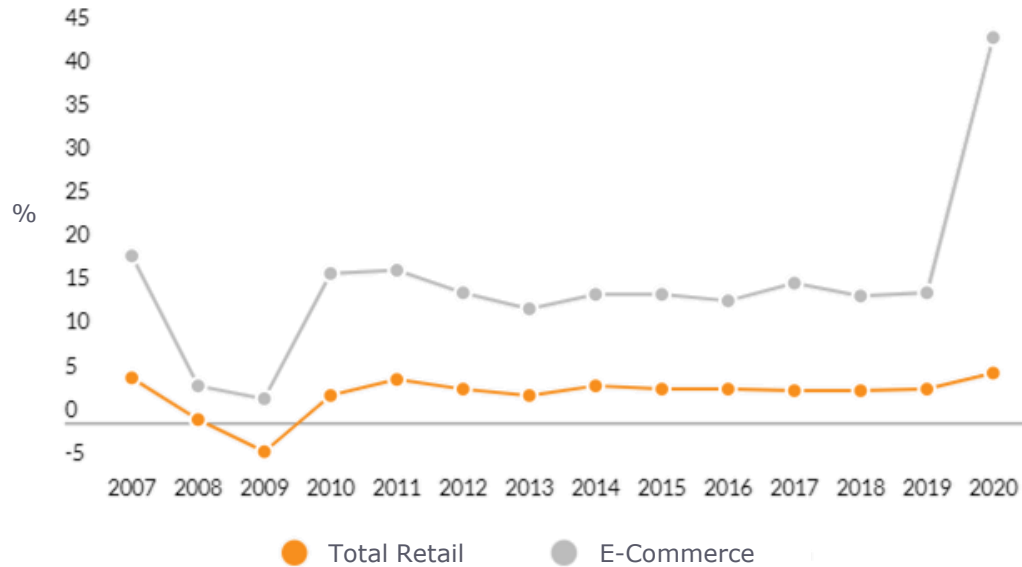
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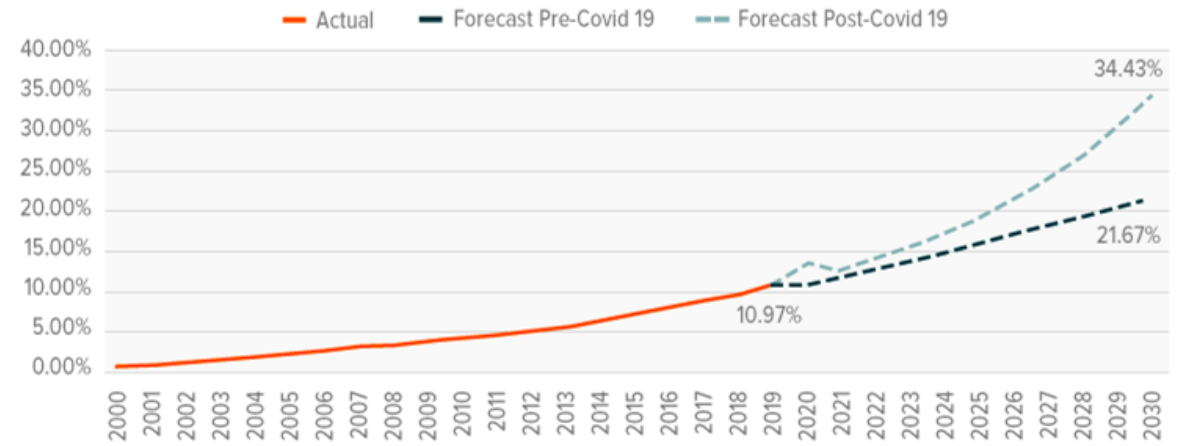
# E-Commerce Before and After COVID-19

The global pandemic re-charted the foreseeable path for retail online commerce

**Year-on-Year Growth**  
Total US Retail vs. E-Commerce Sales



**US E-Commerce Penetration\***  
Pre-COVID 19 vs. Post-COVID 19



Actual E-Commerce as % of Total Retail Sales (as released per US Census Bureau) for 2020:

- Q1 11.8%
- Q2 16.1%
- Q3 14.2%
- Q4 14.0%

After a sharp initial spike, online retail sales have **outperformed expectations**

Why?

# The fourth payments revolution

Ilustrative

*Analog*

## The First Revolution

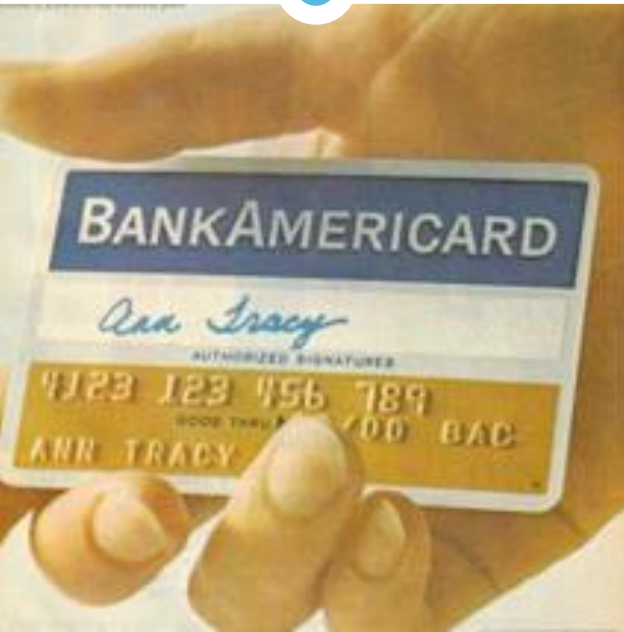
Introduction of the payment card



*Digital*

## The Third Revolution

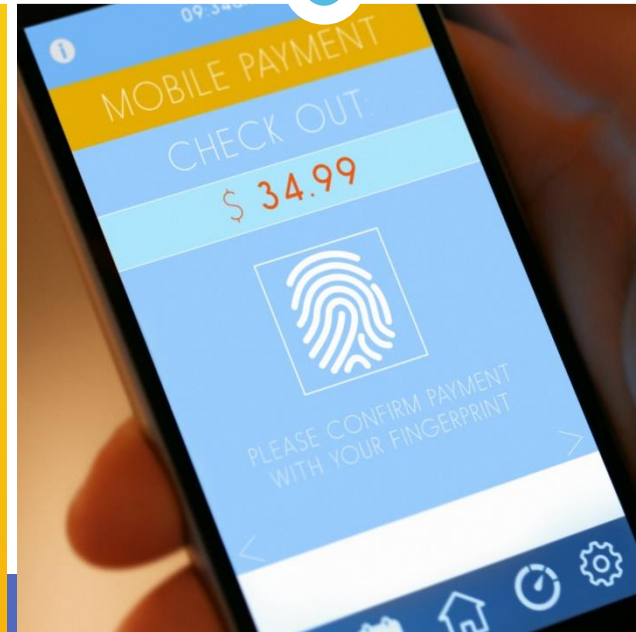
Tokenization and enhanced data



*Electronic*

## The Second Revolution

Magnetic and chip cards



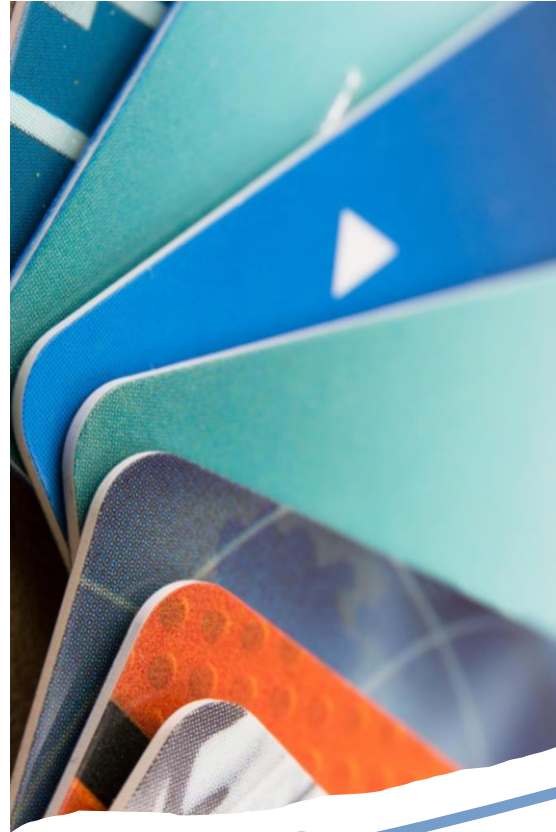
*Near future*

## The Fourth Revolution

Emerging technologies (Quantum Computing, AI, IOT, Biometrics)

# The evolving nature of fraud

Fraud scope



**Illustrative** **The First Revolution**  
Dumpster diving

**The Second Revolution**  
Stolen & counterfeit cards

**The Third Revolution**  
Mass data breaches

**The Fourth Revolution**  
Emerging threat vectors

## Small Businesses



- Large population (~5MM+)
- Low/no security controls

### Actionable Items

- Implement secure technology – EMV chip, P2PE, tokenization
- Perform security basics: password management, patching systems /

## Integrators & Resellers



- Frequently targeted by hackers
- Improper Point-of-Sale (POS) implementation
- Always-on remote access connectivity
- Common username / passwords

### Actionable Items

## Hospitality Industry



- Increased focus on hotels and restaurants
- Typically, back of house servers or property management systems
- Common breach methods include social engineering or spear phishing attacks
- Malware on systems allows attackers to gain access

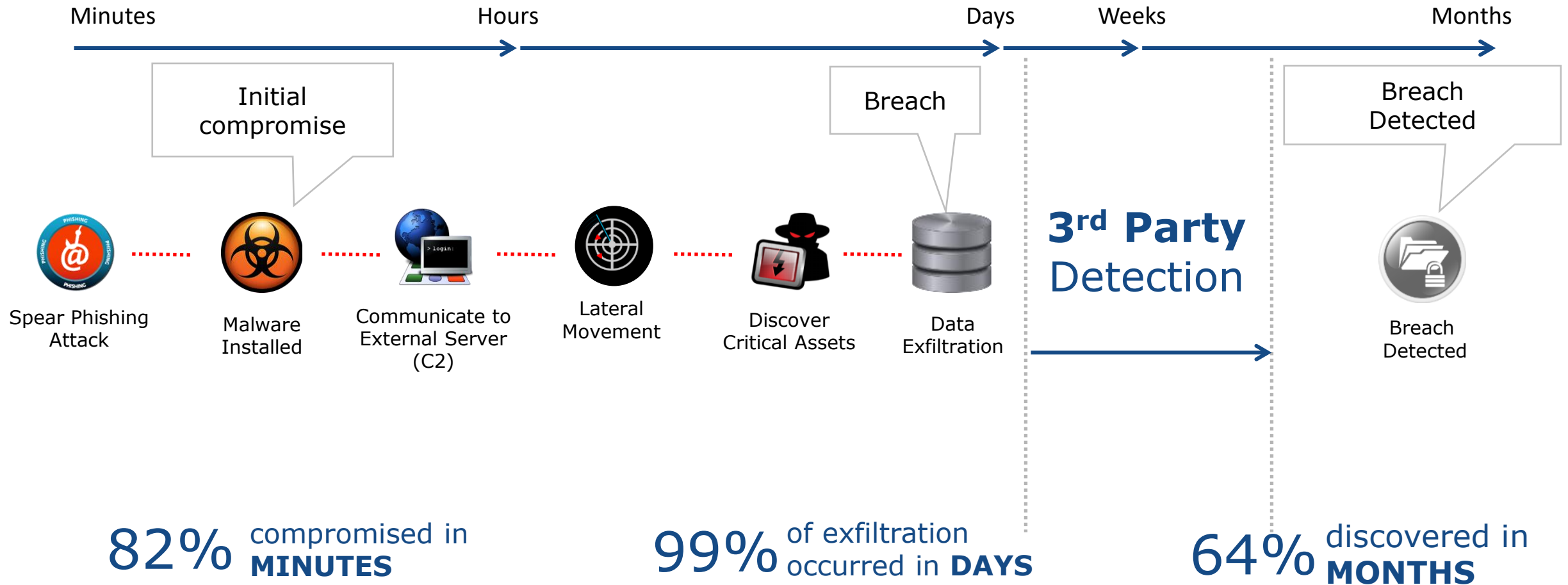
# Who are the Targets?

Hackers and Fraudsters target specific industries and victims

# The Challenge for **The Merchant**



# Attackers Quickly Turn Incidents into Breaches



# GAP OF GRIEF



## SECURITY DETAIL

Account lockouts

Failed user access attempts

Web shell deletions

Buffer overflows

SQL injections

Cross-site scripting

Denial-of-service

IDS/IPS events

Incident level fixes

## BUSINESS RISK

How bad is it?

Who was it?

How did they get in?

What information was taken?

What are the legal implications?

Is it under control?

What are the damages?

What do we tell people?

## 2020 In Review: Mass Digitalization Spurs on Fraud



**470 million**  
SWEATSHOP ATTACKS



**3.9 billion**  
BOT ATTACKS



**4.9 billion**  
TOTAL ATTACKS



**14.8 billion**  
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS



**23%**  
ATTACK RATE



**11%**  
HUMAN ATTACKS VS BOTS



**17.5%**  
MOBILE ATTACK RATE  
VS DESKTOP

## What Changed in 2020?



### The Digitized World

With much of the world stuck inside for large parts of the year, people turned to digital channels for everything from shopping to gaming to streaming media and more. In fact, the Arkose Labs network saw 4 times as many transactions overall compared to the prior year.



### The Changing Face Of Fraud

As noted earlier, socio-economic factors brought on by Covid-19 forced many typically law-abiding citizens into fraud to make ends meet. There was also an onslaught of chargebacks, as consumers canceled trips and demanded refunds for orders taking too long to ship.



### A Stress Test Of Fraud Systems

The massive spike in digital traffic to online platforms, made for something of an unexpected stress test for fraud systems. Suddenly, old models of what suspicious behavior looked like were thrown out the window, and for many platforms daily traffic was at rates normally only reserved for the business times of year.



### The New Home Office

The switch to remote working spurred a much-needed digital transformation for internal fraud and security teams. Many realized that large teams were no longer required to be on-site, and servers could be monitored and even power switches turned on and off remotely.



### New Attack Types

2020 saw a rise in hybrid attacks, as bots were used to launch many large scale/low reward attacks that relied on brute force, with humans supplementing attacks in which more nuance was required. Account takeover attacks in particular spiked, as fraudsters targeted the wealth of new accounts created by consumers using digital services for the first time.

## 2020 End of the Year Survey: Insights from the Field



### Stimulus Fraud

Stimulus checks provided a new way to make instant cash, with an influx of fake or stolen identities were created to open new fake accounts and gain unemployment checks.



### Friendly Fraud

There was an alarming increase in the amount of friendly fraud, with people disputing genuine transactions, fueling a spate of more organized refund fraud attempts.



### Human Click-Farms

There was a spike in human click-farms, as jobless people and those stuck to their homes looked for opportunities to earn money, regardless of where it came from.



### New Avenues

As the number of new digital users swelled, fraudsters found a larger window of opportunity. From price gouging to delivery scams—especially masks and sanitizers—fraud rings milked every opportunity to monetize attacks.



### Phishing & Social Engineering

Fraudsters used spam, social media, and social engineering techniques to play on the panic around COVID-19 to trick users into sharing their passwords. They even targeted labs creating vaccines for COVID-19 with ransomware.

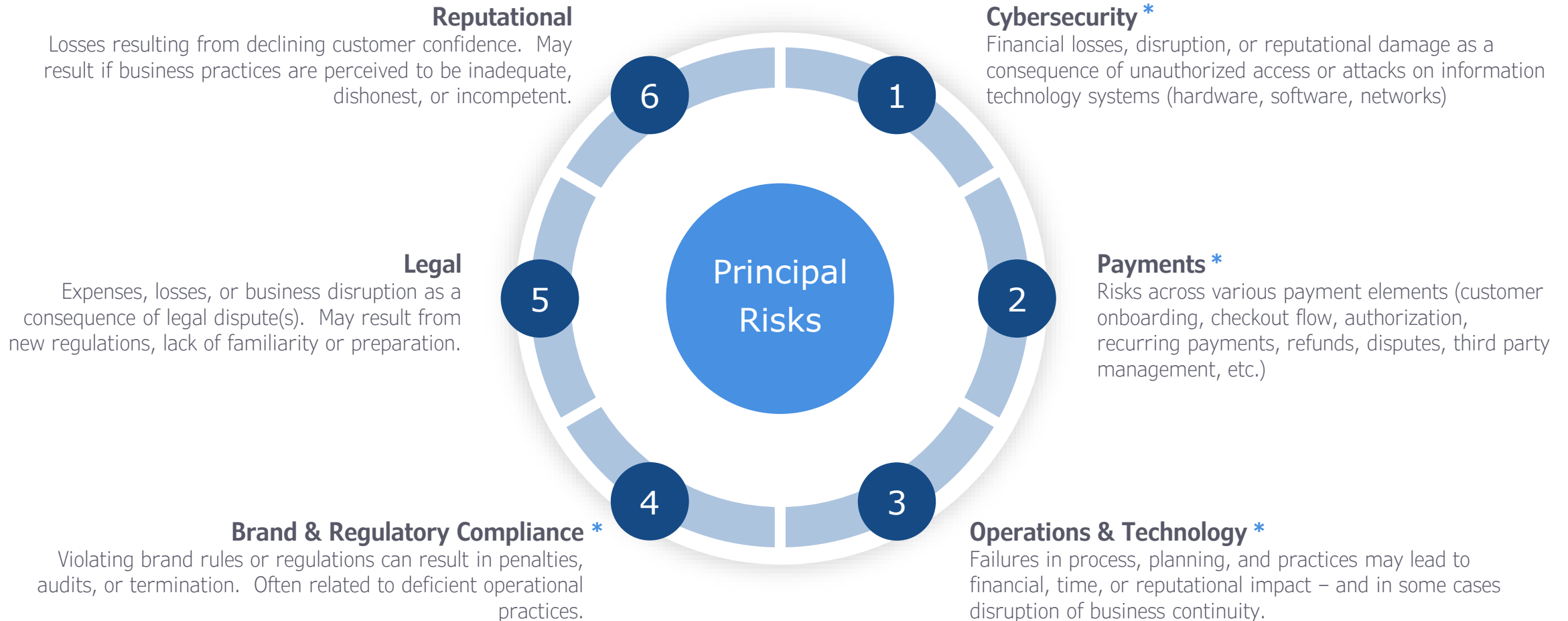


### Synthetic Identity

The shift to cash to CNP caused businesses to relook at authorization, fraud models and how to manage identities, especially in the wake of fraudsters increasingly using synthetic identities.

*Digital transformations tend to affect nearly every facet of a business: strategy, ops, tech, process and people*

## *6 key risk areas to consider for E-Commerce businesses*



\* GM Ssectec offers support in these areas

# Immediate Actions

## *Short-term activities for E-Commerce merchants*

Ensure PCI compliance and regular third-party reviews

Evaluate data from multiple sources to better recognize and block unusual customer payment behavior

Make sure customers know what they are paying for at checkout and in the future



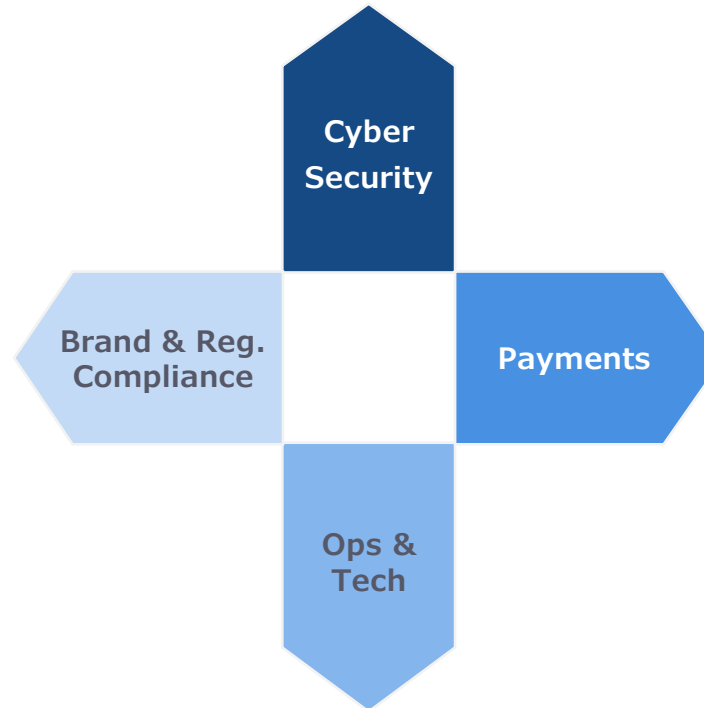


# Immediate Actions

## Short-term goals for E-Commerce merchants

*Achieve PCI compliance; Require complex passwords and two-factor user authentication;  
Review data encryption practices; Ensure solid data breach response plan*

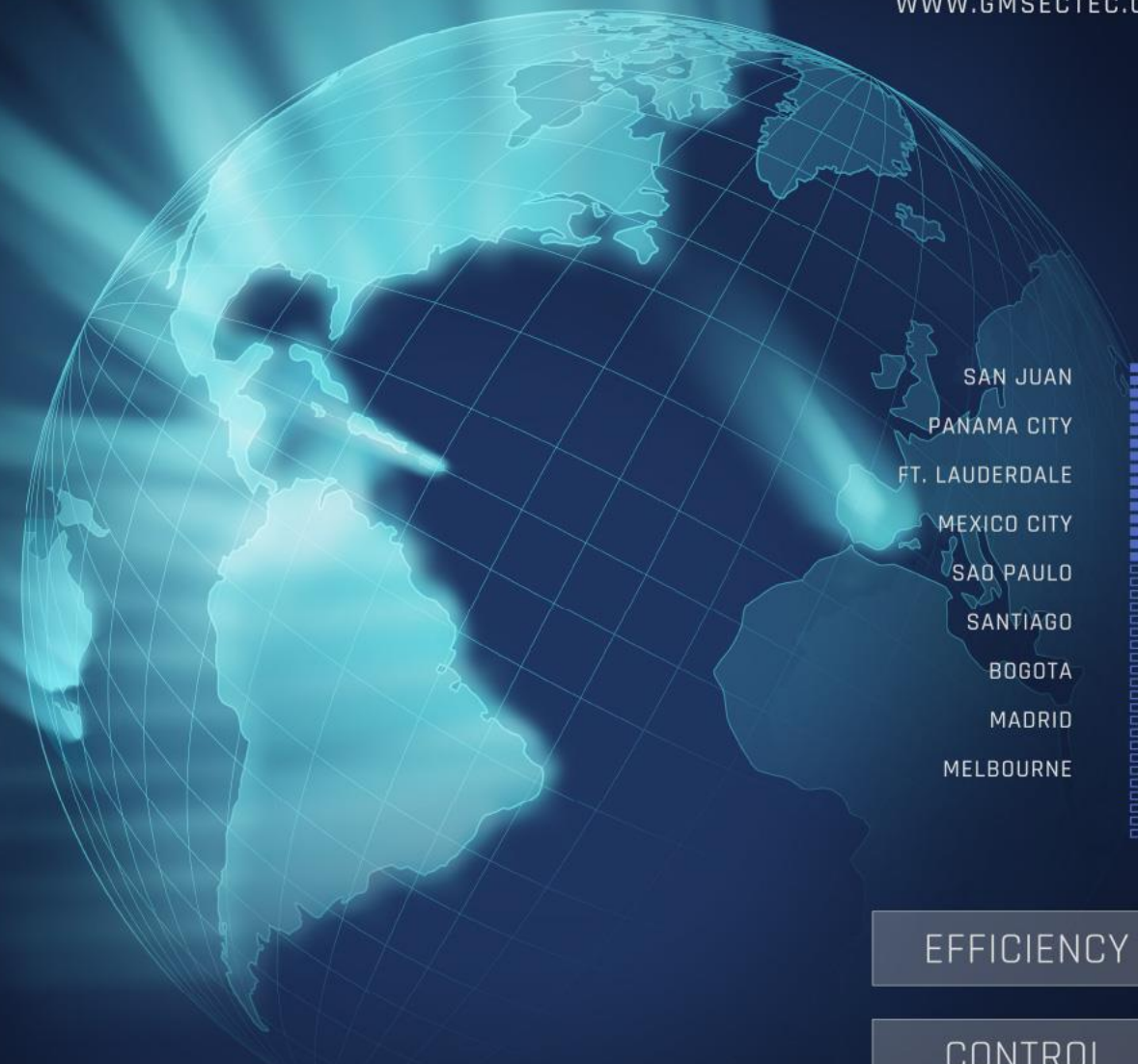
*Make sure customers know what they are  
paying (at time of checkout and in the  
future); Comply with consumer privacy and  
data protection regulations*



*Understand disputes, chargebacks, and  
authorizations; Evaluate acceptance of  
expanded online payment options*

*Review existing solution providers' capabilities to support post-pandemic business plans;  
Deliver consistent experiences across the customer journey (all channels and touch points)*





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