

THE IDENTITY SECURITY RECKONING: TOP 10 PREDICTIONS FOR 2026

Connecting 2025's Dots to Forecast the Year Ahead

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The Industrialization of Cybercrime
Will Further Commoditize
Plug-and-Play Identity Attacks
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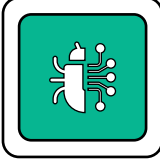
The Threat Actor Community
Will Keep Splitting and Shifting
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Identity (And Non-Human Identity) Sprawl Will Be Tougher to Wrangle In
- 4



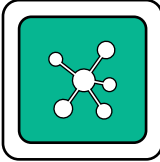
Insider Threats
Will Become Mainstream
- 5



AI-Enabled Cybercrime & The AI Arms Race
Will Play Out – For Bad or Good
- 6



Attackers Will Continue
to Innovate to Bypass Defenses
- 7



Pathways to Supply Chain Compromise Will Multiply
- 8



Synthetic Identity Fraud
Will Gain More Momentum Using
Stolen Data and AI
- 9



Distractions Like Megabreaches and Combolists Will Keep Popping Up
- 10



Defenders, Teams, and Workflows
Will Morph – and Unite



“With the speed that technology moves, cybercrime evolves in lockstep and it is equal parts fascinating to watch and challenging to keep up with. The commoditization and influence of the dark web will continue to complicate things, and will no doubt make 2026 another nonstop year for defenders.”

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