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UNCOMFORTABLE **TRUTHS** AND  
**ONE** COMFORTABLE **TRUTH** ABOUT

# THE STATE OF CYBERSECURITY POSTURE MANAGEMENT



ESG survey of ~400 IT and cybersecurity professionals reveals key insights into how organizations approach cybersecurity posture management, what some of the coverage gaps are and how they plan to improve it.

# #1

## POSTURE MANAGEMENT IS ONE OF THE LEAST MATURE AREAS OF CYBER SECURITY



**70%**

HAVE MORE THAN 10 SECURITY TOOLS



**73%**

AGREE SPREADSHEETS REMAIN A KEY ASPECT OF SECURITY POSTURE MANAGEMENT



**69%**

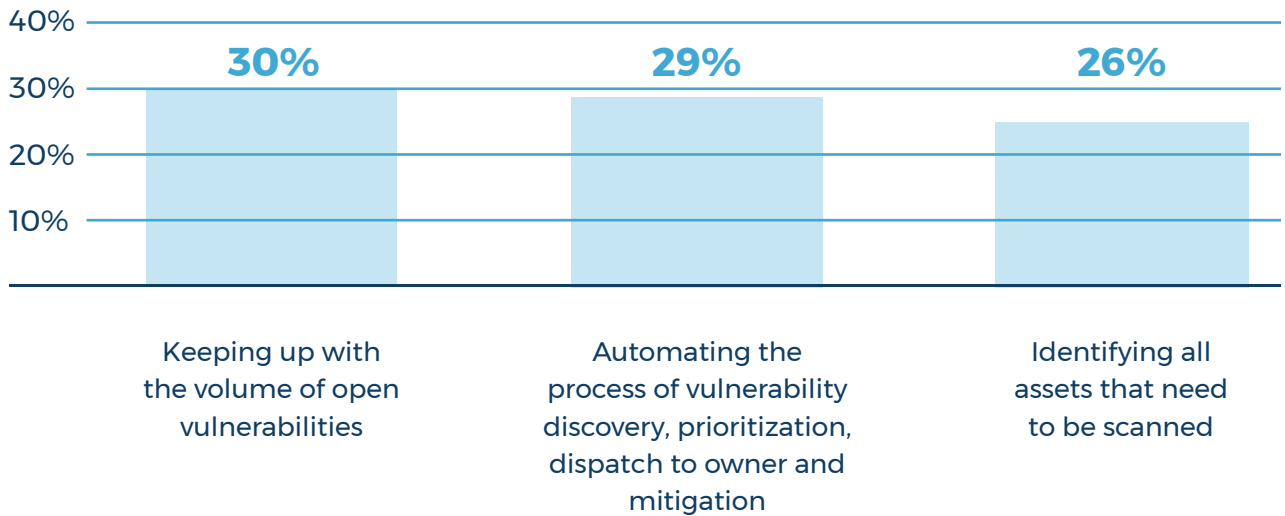
FEEL THAT IT HAS BECOME MORE DIFFICULT OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS

Consolidating data and the output from disparate tools and manual processes is a huge challenge. The lack of integration between tools also results in inaccurate and incomplete visibility.

# #2

## SECURITY TEAMS ARE OVERWHELMED

*"What are the top 3 challenges associated with vulnerability management at your organization?"*



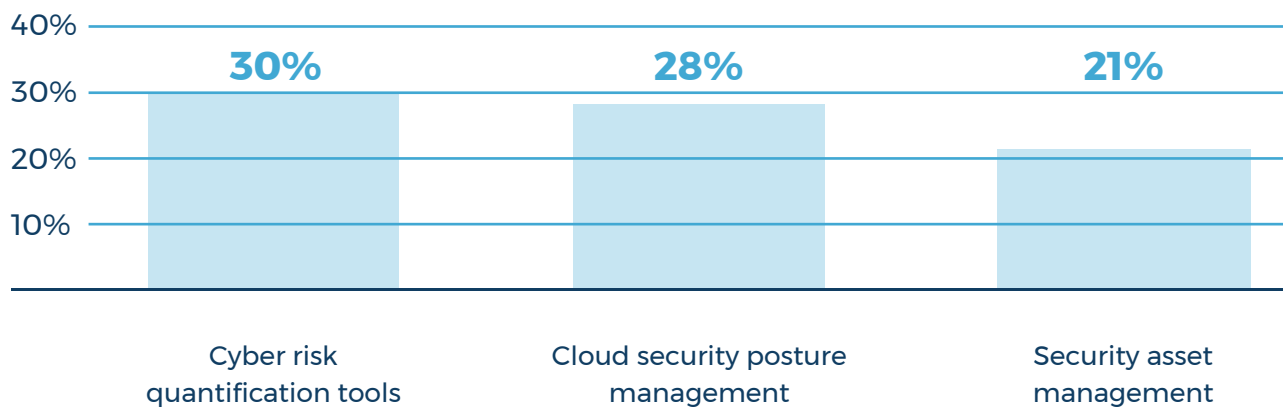
# #3

## BUDGETS NEED TO BE RESHUFFLED

80%

of organizations will increase their spending on security hygiene and posture management over the next 12 to 18 months.

### KEY AREAS OF INVESTMENT



## ONE COMFORTABLE TRUTH

# CALCULATING CYBER RISK IN MONETARY TERMS IS A WINNING APPROACH

36%

say calculating cyber risk in terms of dollars, euros, etc. is the one of the most important security posture management metrics for their organization. Money is a common language that allows everyone involved to make better decisions.

Source: ESC Research study, Security Hygiene and Posture Management Trends, October 2021.



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