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Empowering Resilient Technology

Rising DRAM Prices

Are Silently Reshaping Cybersecurity

Visibility. Detection. Response.

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The Board Needs to Know

DRAM price shocks *force long-term hardware* ***choices*** *that reshape security risk in ways most* ***boards haven't accounted for.***

- **Visibility gaps widen** before budgets adjust (6–12 months).
- **Refresh misalignment** means AI gets fast hardware while security stays slow.
- **Cloud offload expands** compliance scope quietly as vendor risk rises.

There are three problems.

Problem 1: *Visibility Will Decline First*

When DRAM costs spike, teams silently reduce logging, disable detections, & delay SIEM expansion. This will start happening even as ***AI enabled attacks are accelerating****.*

- High-value detections disabled to save storage.
- Incident dwell time extends 2–3 weeks and associated costs compound.[1]
- Insurance risk: claims denied for lack of evidence.
- Regulatory gap: auditors expect logs you're no longer keeping.

1: Breaches contained in under 200 days cost 23% less. Extended dwell time from reduced logging can add $1M+ in breach costs. IBM Ponemon 2025.

Problem 2: *Refresh Misalignment Creates Blind Spots*

AI gets new hardware on aggressive cycles. Security infrastructure stays on 2018 boxes.

- GPU/AI nodes funded first. SIEM storage lags 2–3 years.
- New AI workloads run without instrumentation on under-resourced platforms.
- Failed audits: can't prove controls on legacy hardware.
- EDR/analytics too slow to keep up with faster attack surfaces.

Problem 3: *Cloud Offload Expands Compliance Scope*

To dodge DRAM costs, orgs push logs to cloud without updating scope, then discover vendor lock-in and ***new, unexpected audit failures.***

- Logging moves to vendor without updating audit/assessment scope.
- Third-party capacity risk becomes your risk.
- Breach investigation delayed by vendor SLAs.
- Hidden compliance creep: HIPAA, PCI, ISO 27001, SOC 2, CMMC scope gaps.

Constrained resources can force smarter choices, driving teams to become faster at finding real threats.

Solution 1: *Make Memory a Design Input*

Optimize detection engineering for constrained resources *without losing breach coverage.*

- Tune high-value logs (e.g., auth, admin, crown-jewels) only.
- Compress or summarize low-signal data.
- Set unbreakable baselines (what can never be turned off).

Result: 60–70% cost reduction. Same coverage.

Solution 2: *Align Hardware & Security Priorities*

- Sync refresh cycles: Tie SIEM/EDR/analytics upgrades to AI/data budget cycles, so security capacity grows with workloads
- Reset SLAs: Judge SOC on risk reduction, not data volume; test reduced visibility in tabletops.
- Be intentional about cloud: When offloading, update threat models, contracts, compliance scope. Prove controls before incidents.

Result: Your AI infrastructure & security stay in sync.

A Winning AI Strategy

Cyber Strategy

Assess NIST CSF maturity, **quantify** DRAM impact, and **build** a roadmap that balances AI growth with sustainable visibility.

Smart AI Adoption

Prioritize high-ROI use cases, **embed** guardrails, and **align** AI projects with realistic hardware and observability plans.

Hardware Efficiency

Optimize hardware usage by designing processes that **maximize performance while minimizing costs** and resource waste.

Compliance & Cloud

Define scope, **create** evidence plans, and **align** with NIST 800-171, CMMC, ISO 27001, SOC 2 to make controls provable.

Detection & Logging

Establish baselines, **tune** SIEM, **redesign** retention, and **create** runbooks for leaner hardware without losing critical signals.

Sustainable Visibility

Ensure continuous monitoring and reporting to **maintain** security posture as AI and cloud adoption expand.

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Let's Assess and Address Your Risk

In **30 days**, we'll identify where DRAM constraints are silently eroding your security visibility and deliver a roadmap to reclaim it **without blowing your budget**.

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