Anatomy of an attack
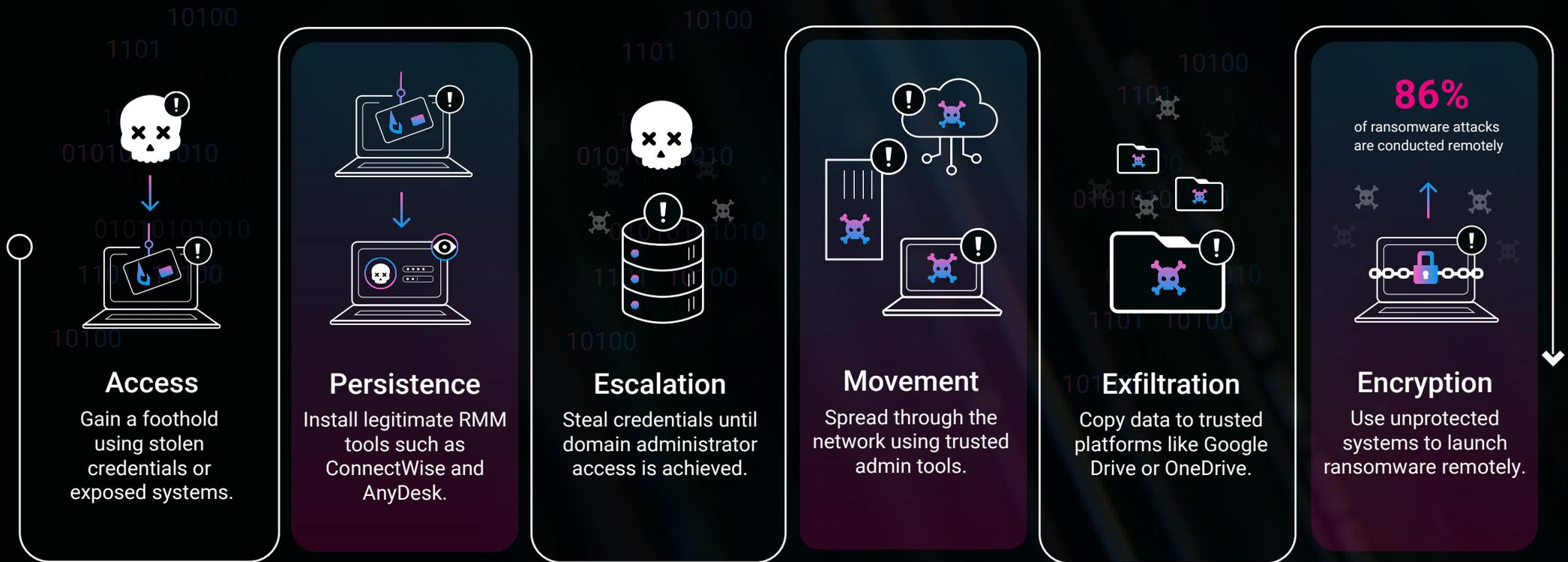
Cyberattacks against businesses are stealthy, layered takeovers that shift control from defenders to attackers.

Access
Gain a foothold using stolen credentials or exposed systems.

Persistence
Install legitimate RMM tools such as ConnectWise and AnyDesk.

Escalation
Steal credentials until domain administrator access is achieved.

Movement
Spread through the network using trusted admin tools.

Exfiltration
Copy data to trusted platforms like Google Drive or OneDrive.

Encryption
86% of ransomware attacks are conducted remotely

Use unprotected systems to launch ransomware remotely.

To find out more about the latest cybercrime tactics, and how to defend against them, **download the 2026 State of Malware report.**

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