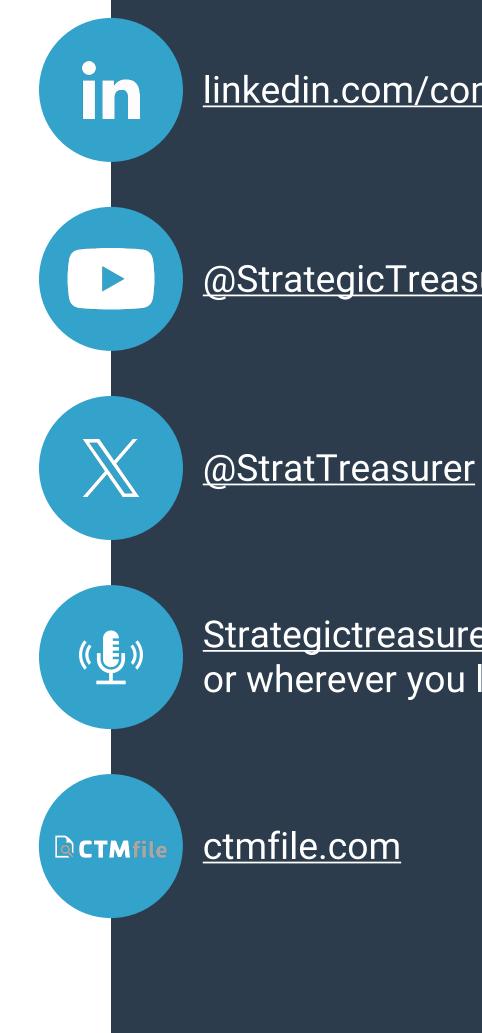


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# CONFRONTING EMERGING PAYMENT THREATS

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### WHAT

Discussing emerging payment threats, along with strategies and technologies to safeguard your payment processes.



### WHEN

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### WHERE

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## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS & ANALYSIS



**TRENDS**WITH PAYMENTS



### PROTECTING AGAINST FRAUD

MULTIFACETED APPROACH



### PAYMENT-SPECIFIC TRAINING

UPDATING THE HUMAN FIREWALL



### **FRAUD SITUATION**

EVOLVING LANDSCAPE



### **TREASURY'S ROLE**

AS SUPERINTENDENT OF PAYMENTS



### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

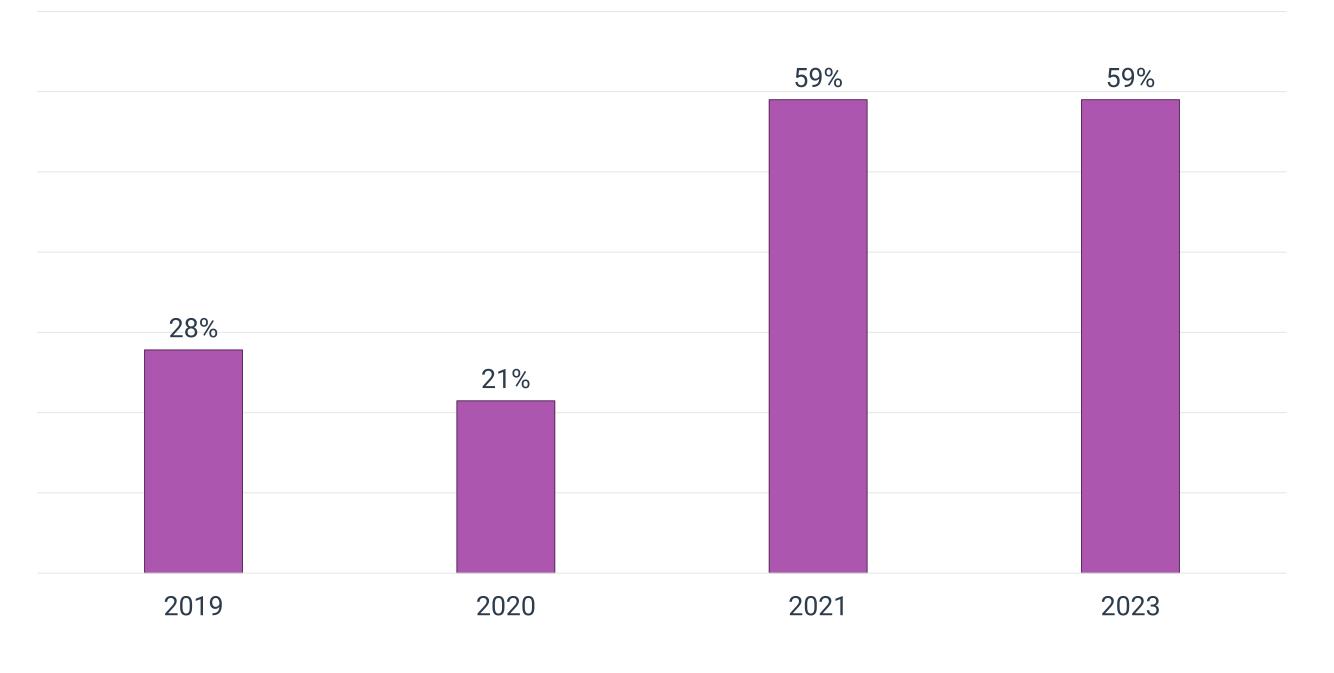
AND FINAL THOUGHTS



## **PAYMENT TRENDS** EXPECTATIONS OF GROWTH IN INNOVATION

» Where do you expect to see the largest amount of growth in payments innovation in the next three (3) years?





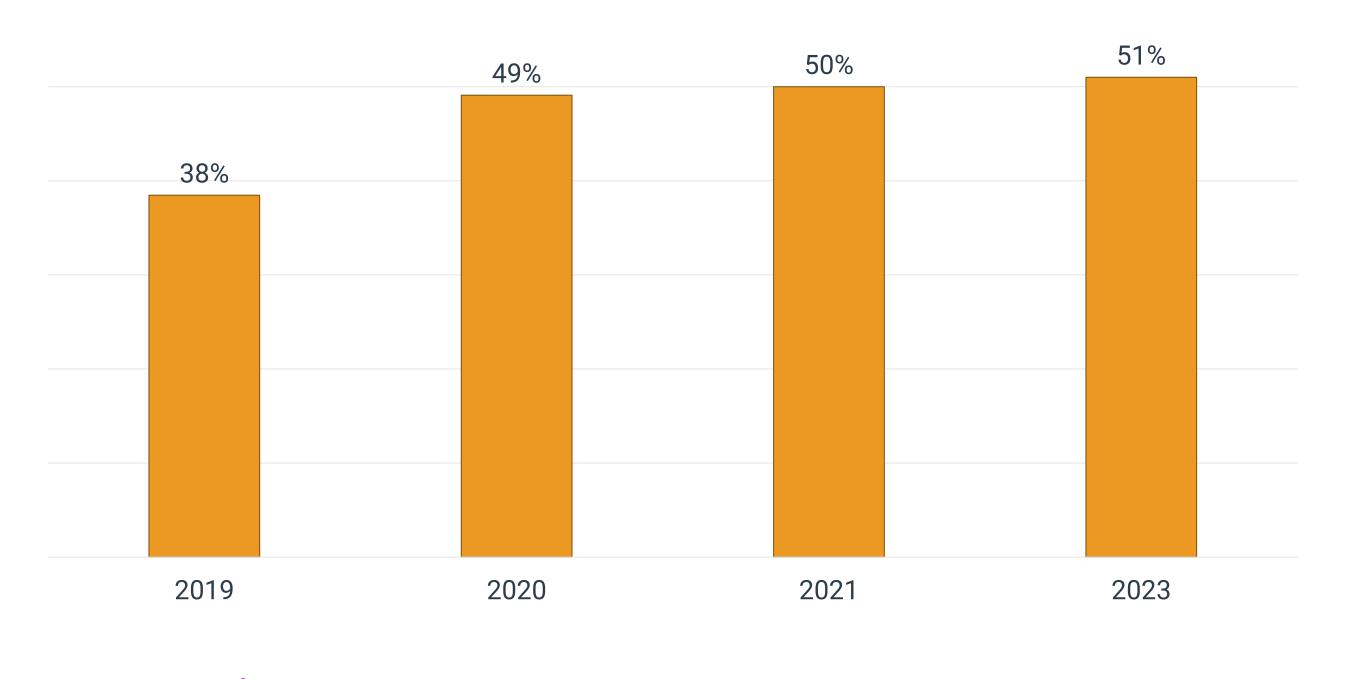
From 2019 to 2023, faster or real-time processing topped the list for upcoming growth in payments innovation

Source: Treasury Perspectives Survey. Not all responses displayed.



### **PAYMENT SECURITY AND CONTROL INCREASING IN IMPORTANCE YEAR AFTER YEAR**

When asked to rank five payment features in order of importance, the following percentage of respondents selected "security and control over payments" as the most important item.



Each year, security and control was the top choice, except for 2019, when it tied with timing/speed

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## **EVOLVING LANDSCAPE** WITH DIGITAL PAYMENTS

### Innovations bring both benefits and new vulnerabilities



### **Positives**

- New technology, AI and ML, increases payment rail options
- Improved cash flow management due to faster delivery and finality
- Improved working capital management
- Reduced administrative costs
- Increased efficiency
- Better relationships with suppliers
- Integration with ERP systems

- fraudulent payments
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• Faster finality leaves less time to catch and recall

 Criminal advancement outpacing corporate awareness, training and resources

Potential increased attack surface due to more points of entry such as payment portals

Attractiveness of unauthorized push payments

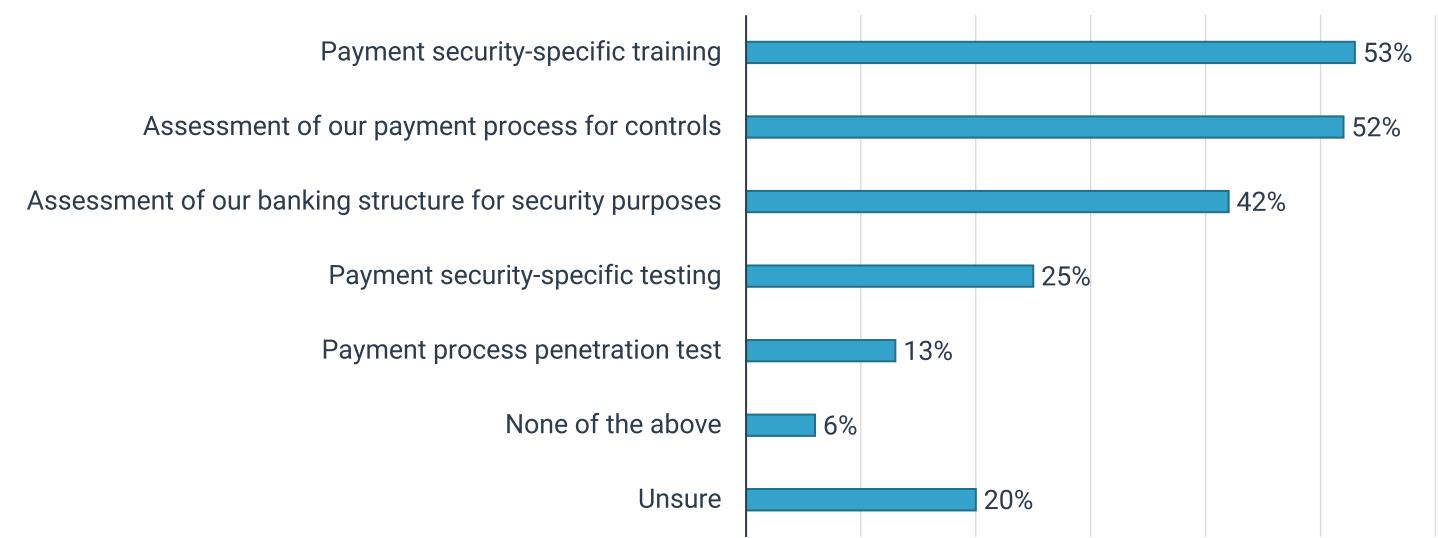
• Theft of credentials for payment platform

Criminals utilizing AI and ML to locate vulnerabilities to divert payments



# **POLL QUESTION**

### Poll 1 - In the past 12 months we have done the following: (all that apply)







### **SYNTHETIC MEDIA CONVINCING YOU TO SEND MONEY**

### Deepfake



#### Threat

- Generative AI creates realistic and convincing synthetic media, including images, videos and audio
- Social engineering via fake, but credible, media
- Authorized push payments fraud
  - CEO/CFO fraud
  - Vendor fraud

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• Verify identity of individuals through additional channels (out-of-band validation) • Separate phone call • In-person confirmation

Educate employees and vendors about existence of deepfake technology and risks associated with it

• Al-based detection tools specifically designed to detect deepfake audio or video

• Develop and regularly update incident response

• Act quickly if fraud occurs



## **EMAIL FRAUD** ATTEMPTS TO FOOL YOU

### **AI-powered phishing attacks**



- Threat
- Al algorithms analyze vast amounts of data or previous breaches to craft highly tailored and convincing phishing emails
- Targeted toward specific individuals within organization
- Gaining unauthorized access to financial systems or sensitive information

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• Regular employee training on identifying suspicious emails and being wary of urgent or unusual

Email filtering and security systems that use AI and machine learning to detect phishing attempts

• Multi-factor authentication (MFA) required for accessing sensitive systems or performing financial transactions

 Anti-phishing tools that leverage AI to detect and block phishing attempts in real time



## **ACCOUNT COMPROMISE** LOGGING IN AS IF THEY'RE YOU

### Al-enhanced account takeover (ATO) attacks



### **Threat**

- Al is used to automate and enhance efficiency of account takeover attacks
- Al-driven algorithms can rapidly test stolen credentials across various platforms to identify valid combinations and gain access to corporate accounts
- Strong authentication mechanisms such as biometrics, hardware tokens or app-based authenticators
- Al-driven behavioral analytics to monitor user activity, detect anomalies and flag deviations
- Real-time monitoring of account activity to quickly detect suspicious behavior
- Automated account lockout policies that temporarily lock accounts after a certain number of failed login attempts





## **CONNECTED DEVICES OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBTLE ENTRY**

### IoT (internet of things) device exploitation



### **Threat**

- Hackers can compromise IoT devices to intercept or manipulate financial transactions, especially where IoT devices are linked to payment systems or sensitive financial data
- Becoming more prevalent in corporate environments
- Weak security protocols or outdated firmware can be exploited

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 Segment IoT devices onto separate networks from critical financial systems

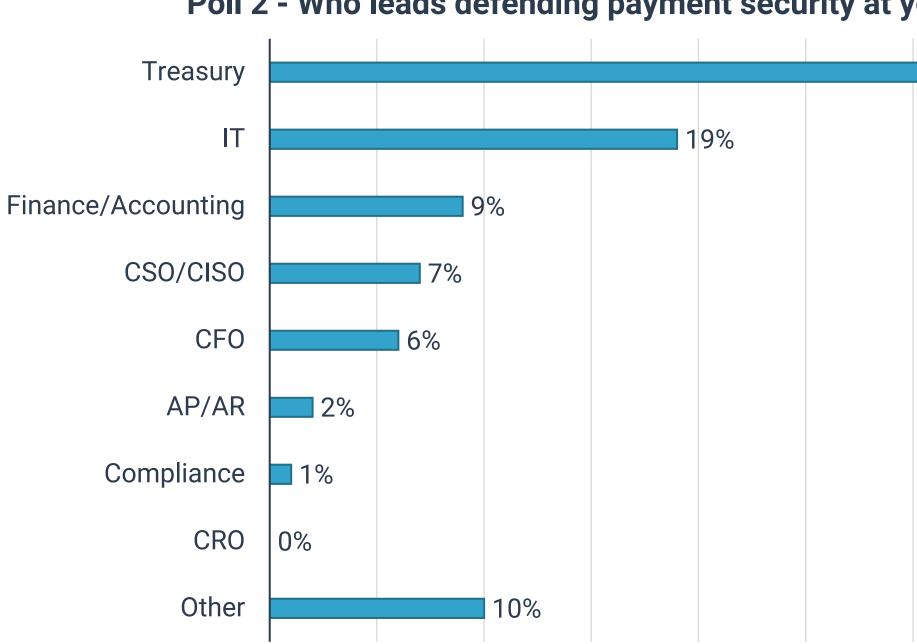
• Regularly update IoT firmware

Enforce strong password policies (unique, complex) for IoT devices and change default passwords immediately upon installation

Conduct thorough security assessments and due diligence when selecting IoT vendors



# **POLL QUESTION**



Poll 2 - Who leads defending payment security at your organization?



	46%



# **STRATEGIES**

### ACROSS NUMEROUS AREAS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION



- Ongoing payment security training
- Out-of-band validation
- Segregation of duties



- AI/ML anomaly detection
- Multifactor authentication
- Update in a timely manner



- Banking structure
- Account purposes



• Payment flow assessment • Payment penetration testing



 Trusted networks • Validation with third party • Community learning • Validation steps with payee



## **IMPROVING PAYMENT SECURITY QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**



What is our inventory of payment flows?



Where are we exposed?







What are the biggest risks?

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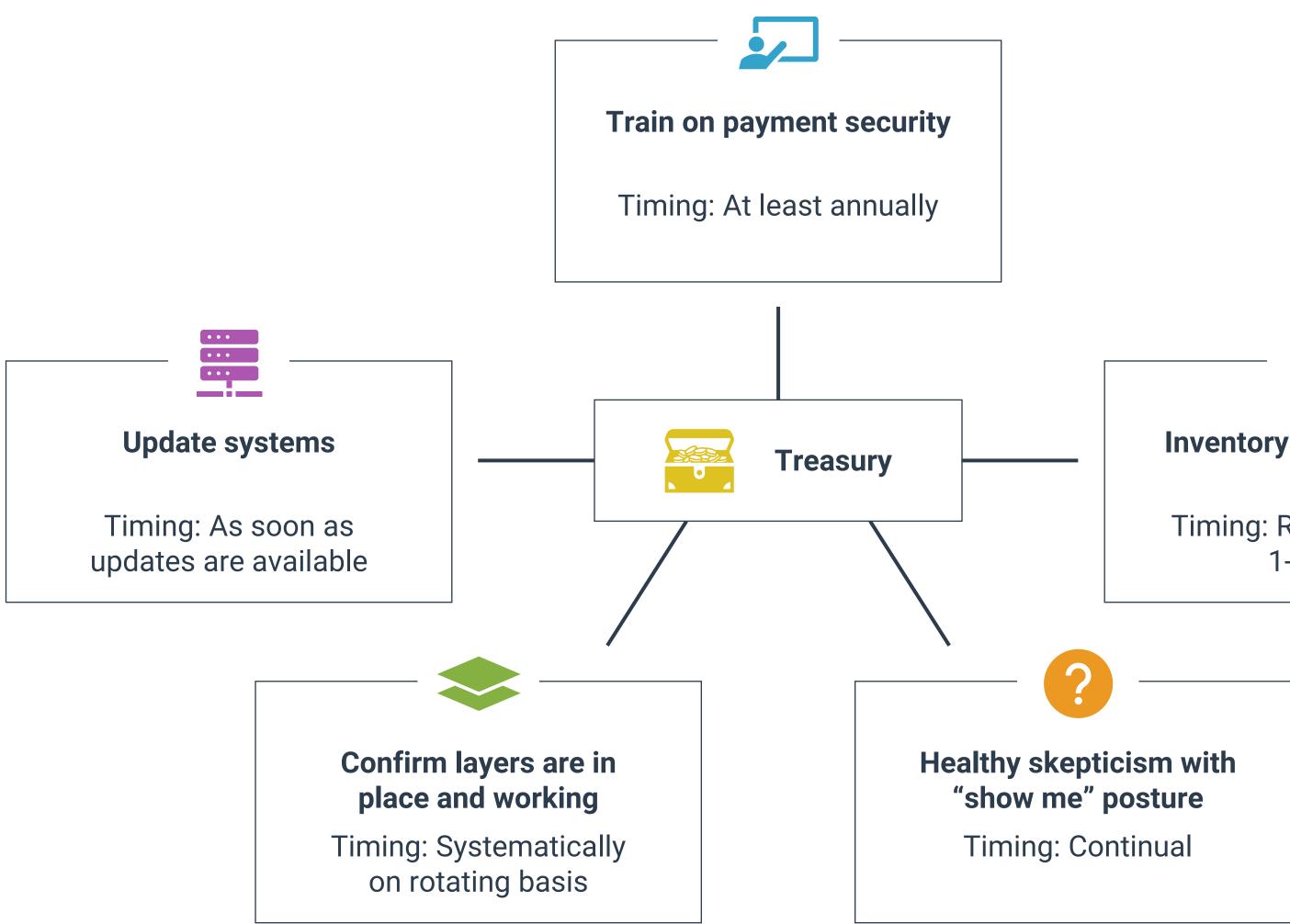
What do we need to do? Now Next month/period Permanently

How does our posture need to change?

Who in our organization needs paymentspecific fraud training?



## **TREASURY'S ROLE** SUPERINTENDENT OF PAYMENTS AND PAYMENT SECURITY







### **Inventory payment flows**

Timing: Recurring, every 1-2 years



# **POLL QUESTION**







## **KEY TAKEAWAYS** IDEAS AND POINTS TO BRING BACK TO THE OFFICE





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### TRAINING

- Payment-specific
- Update human firewall
- Ongoing



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