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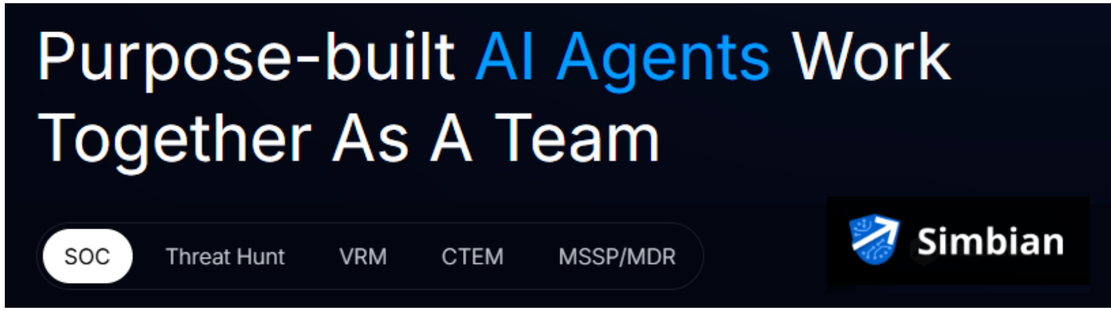
Agentic Security Org

Position agentic AI as a virtual SOC team, with agents mapped to organizational functions.

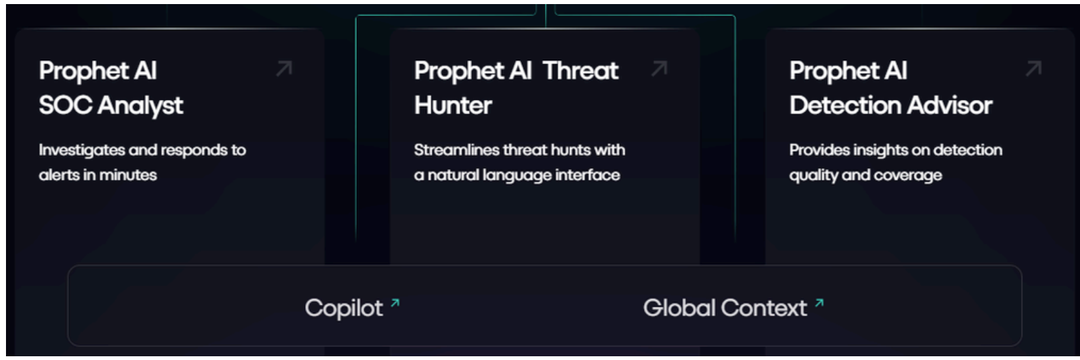
- **Agent Types:** Compliance Agent, SOC Agent, CTEM Agent.
- **Value Prop:** Consolidates multiple budget lines (compliance automation, detection engineering, exposure management) into a single spend. Helps CISOs rationalize tool sprawl.
- **Target Market:** Large enterprises under pressure to reduce SOC headcount costs while staying compliant.
- **Strategic Angle:** Sell a replacement narrative —“your next SOC analyst is an agent.”



Agentic Specialists

Focus on deep expertise in one problem domain, delivering best-in-class autonomous, semi-autonomous and recommender workflows.

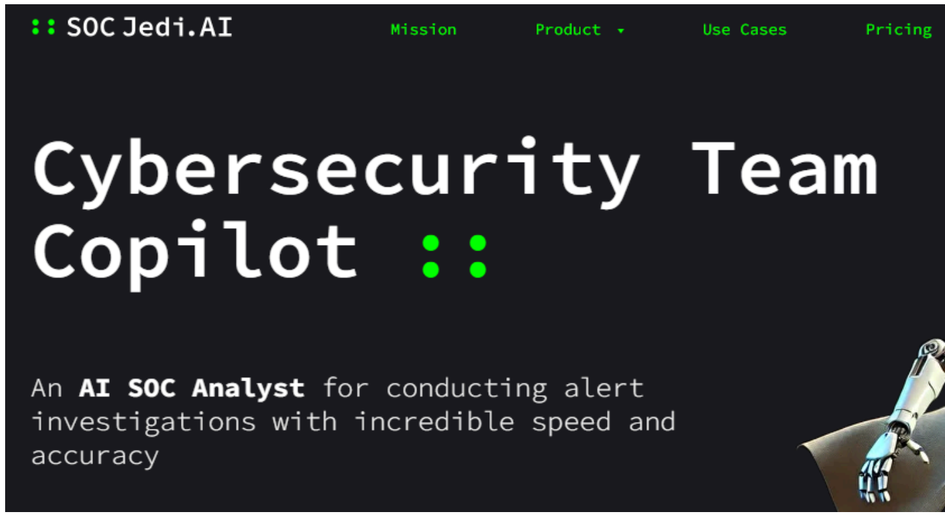
- **Agent Types:** SOC Analyst Agent, Detection Hygiene Agent, Threat Intelligence Agent, Forensics Agent.
- **Value Proposition:** Delivers sharper, measurable ROI in a pain-point area (e.g., reduce investigation times by 60%). Establishes credibility and trust in narrow scope before expanding.
- **Target Market:** Security teams with defined gaps or overworked specialists.
- **Strategic Angle:** Land-and-expand: start with one specialist agent, then scale across other domains.



Generalist Agents

Market a security co-pilot / assistant that handles everyday SOC and security hygiene tasks.

- **Agent Types:** General Security Agent for alert triage, log searches, report drafting, compliance Q&A.
- **Value Proposition:** Broad coverage across multiple tasks; ideal for SMBs/SMEs without dedicated SOC analysts.
- **Target Market:** Underserved mid-market firms that can’t afford enterprise SOC platforms.
- **Strategic Angle:** Accessibility and democratization: “SOC-as-a-Service in a box.”



Platform Agents

Position as the AI upgrade path for existing SIEM, SOAR, and XDR platforms.

- **Examples:** Integrated SIEM Agent for rule tuning, SOAR Agent for playbook maintenance, XDR Agent for detection efficacy.
- **Value Proposition:** Embeds agentic AI into established workflows and platforms, increasing stickiness of existing tools.
- **Target Market:** Enterprises and vendors looking to extend the life and ROI of sunk investments.
- **Strategic Angle:** Augmentation narrative: “Don’t rip-and-replace your stack, make it agentic.”
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Meta-Strategies for Agentic Security GTM

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Agents for Our Platform / Ecosystem

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Agents that Bridge Platforms / Ecosystems

Agents for Our Platform / Ecosystem

Incumbents already own a platform (SIEM, SOAR, XDR, CNAPP, etc.). Building native agentic capabilities enhances stickiness, increases ACV, and blocks challengers.

Advantages (for existing vendors):

- **Feature Consolidation → Retain Spend:** Keep budgets from leaking to point solutions.
- **Upsell & Cross-Sell → Revenue Expansion:** Sell agents as add-ons or usage-based SKUs.
- **Data Gravity → Platform Lock-In:** Agents rely on native data and workflows → higher switching costs.
- **Customer Retention → Defensibility:** Block startups by owning the “agentic SOC” narrative.
- **Market Narrative → AI Leadership**: Reframe platform as AI-driven, not legacy.

Strategic Angle for Incumbents:

- **Defensive:** Prevent agent startups from poaching budget line-items.
- **Offensive:** Transform from log collector or alert engine into a comprehensive agentic SOC platform.
- **Monetization:** Create an “agent marketplace” where customers subscribe to specialized AI agents within your ecosystem.

Agents for Someone Else’s Platform / Ecosystem

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Advantages

- **Fast Adoption:** Tap into large installed bases instantly.
- **Lower Friction:** Deliver value inside tools customers already use.
- **Credibility:** Association with established vendors builds trust.
- **Distribution:** Leverage marketplaces and partner channels.
- **Optionality:** Build presence while scouting acquisition paths.

Risks:

- Dependence on third-party platform roadmap and economics.
- Potential to get squeezed or replaced if/when platform owner builds native agents.
- You need to prove radical improvement, or it is difficult to justify the transformation effort

Use Case: Fast-track adoption, win credibility by extending existing SIEM/SOAR/XDR platforms.

Agents that Bridge Platforms / Ecosystems

Build cross-platform “meta-agents” that act as glue between multiple tools and datasets.

Advantages

- **Solve Fragmentation: Unify workflows across siloed stacks.**
- **High Value: Address enterprise pain of tool sprawl.**
- **Neutral Positioning: Not tied to one vendor → broader trust.**
- **Stickiness: Become the orchestration layer customers depend on.**
- **Strategic Leverage: Potential to evolve into “agent marketplace” layer above incumbents.**

Risks:

- **Technically harder:** integration complexity, shifting APIs, Partner politics
- Harder to monetize if seen as middleware.

Use Case: Position as the agent orchestration layer or “universal SOC assistant” that spans platforms. “If your tools are fragmented, your Agents shouldn’t be”

Meta-Strategy	Key Advantages	Primary Risks
Agents for Our Platform / Ecosystem	• Retain spend (stop budget leakage) • Expand revenue (add-ons, SKUs) • Deepen lock-in (native data & workflows) • Defend position (block startups) • Signal innovation (refresh brand)	• Slower adoption if customers are entrenched elsewhere • Higher R&D and ecosystem build costs • Risk of “AI-washing” if agents don’t deliver real value
Agents for Someone Else’s Platform / Ecosystem	• Fast adoption via large installed base • Lower friction (inside existing tools) • Credibility through vendor association • Distribution via app stores & channels • Optionality for partnerships or acquisition	• Dependency on platform owner’s roadmap • Margin squeeze from marketplace economics • Vulnerable if vendor launches competing native agents • Difficult to justify transformation effort
Agents that Bridge Platforms / Ecosystems	• Solve fragmentation across stacks • Deliver high value (tool sprawl relief) • Neutral positioning builds trust • Stickiness as orchestration layer • Strategic leverage as future agent marketplace	• Technical complexity of integrations • Constant churn as APIs & platforms evolve • Risk of being commoditized as “middleware” • Harder monetization model vs. native platforms

Sequencing Playbook for Agentic Security Meta-Strategies

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For Startups

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For Imcumbents

Sequencing Playbook for Agentic Security Meta-Strategies: Startups

Maximize adoption + credibility before incumbents can react.

Start with Someone Else's Ecosystem

- Fastest way to reach users (Splunk, Sentinel, CrowdStrike app stores).
- Build trust by solving painful niche problems (specialist agents).
- Revenue = early traction, design partner validation.

Expand into Bridging Agents

- Differentiate from point-solution apps by unifying across platforms.
- Positions you as the neutral orchestration layer rather than just an add-on.
- Builds stickiness with customers who value toolchain rationalization.

Evolve to Own Platform

- Once credibility + customer base are established, introduce your own agentic platform.
- Reframe earlier agents as modules inside your ecosystem.
- Requires funding & maturity to sustain ecosystem build.

Startup sequencing strategy: Land inside → Bridge across → Build your own.

Sequencing Playbook for Agentic Security Meta-Strategies: For Incumbents

Defend platform, retain spend, expand revenue, beat other platform players.

Fortify Own Ecosystem

- Native agents deepen lock-in and protect budgets.
- Market narrative shift: “[Vendor] is now agentic.”
- First movers can set the standard for “agentic SOC platforms.”

Leverage Someone Else’s Ecosystem (Selectively)

- Use integrations to pull data/workflows from rival platforms back into your orbit.
- Trojan horse approach: “agents that make Splunk better… but work best with our data.”

Bridge (Carefully)

- Offer cross-platform agents only when customer pressure demands it.
- Position as multi-cloud/multi-platform support, but bias toward your ecosystem.
- Maintain balance: solve customer sprawl without undermining your core moat.

Incumbent sequencing strategy: Fortify own → Infiltrate rivals → Bridge on your terms.