



# Communication + Social Network Insider Threat Vulnerability Assessment

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## Approach

The biggest problem with intrusion detection is the “allowances” afforded to resources inside. Evaluation of the vulnerabilities in the computer network based on who/what can do “anything” The “anything” computers are a vulnerability: limits anomaly or rule based intrusion detection.

### Motivation

CERT 2004 Report Evaluating Insider Threat Incidents:

83% of incidents at workplace

70% of incidents happened during working hours

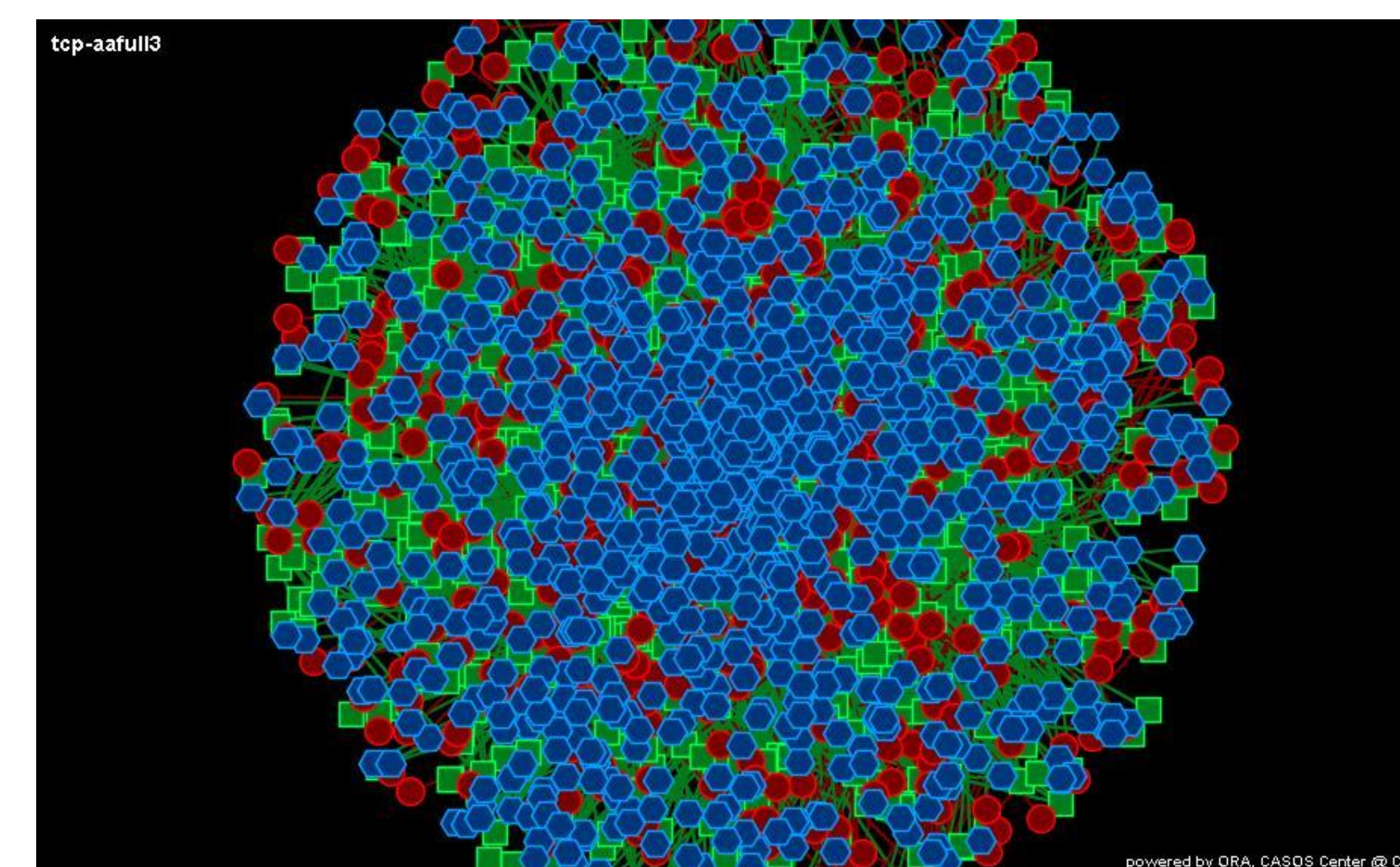
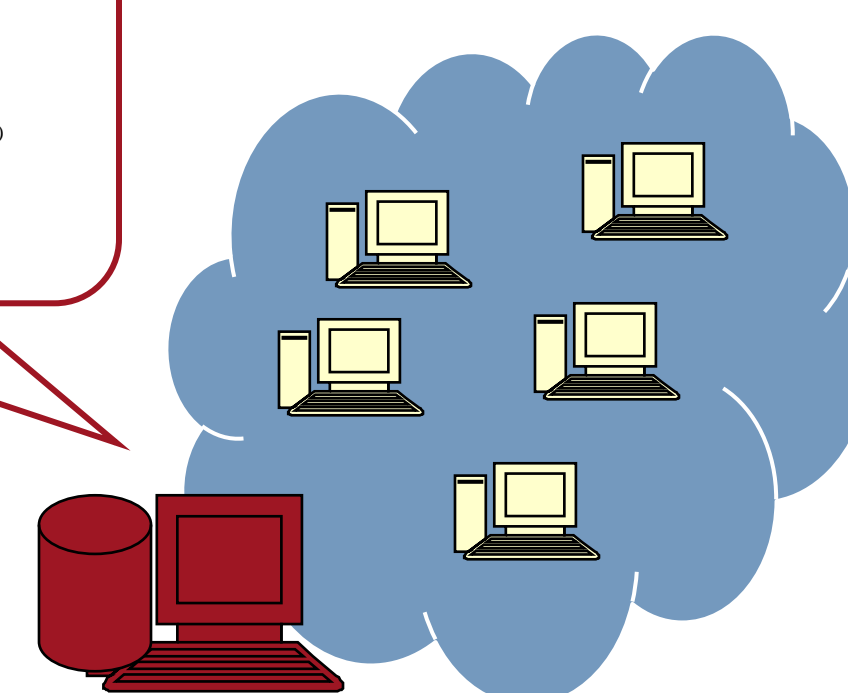
87% of insiders used simple authorized commands

9% of insiders employed advanced programs

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DARPA 1999 IDS Dataset

Intrusion detection systems were tested in the off-line evaluation using network traffic and audit logs collected on a simulation network.



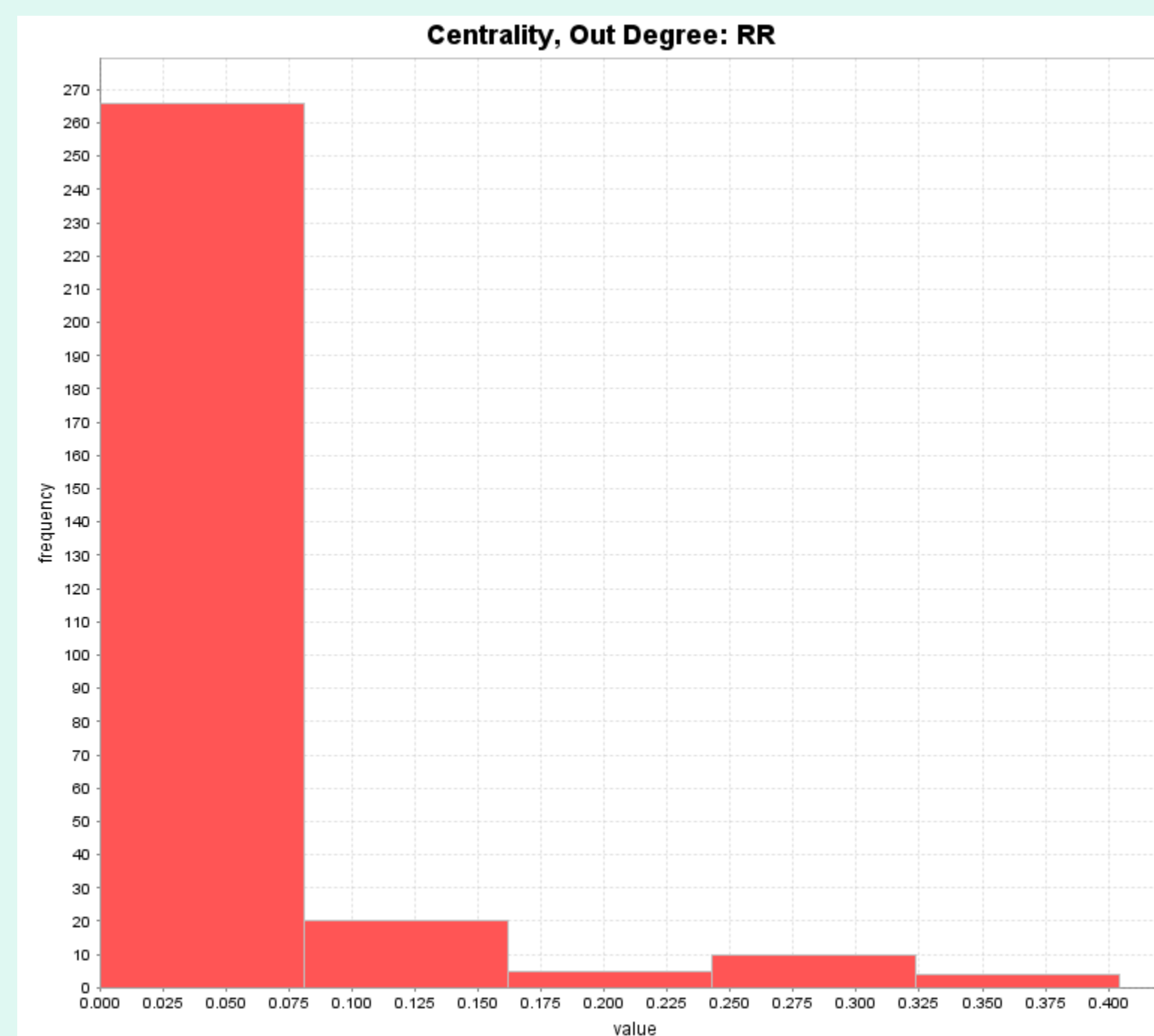
DyNetML Visualization of DARPA 1999 IDS Dataset

Using ORA metrics to evaluate the DARPA 1999 IDS Dataset for Insider Threat Vulnerabilities

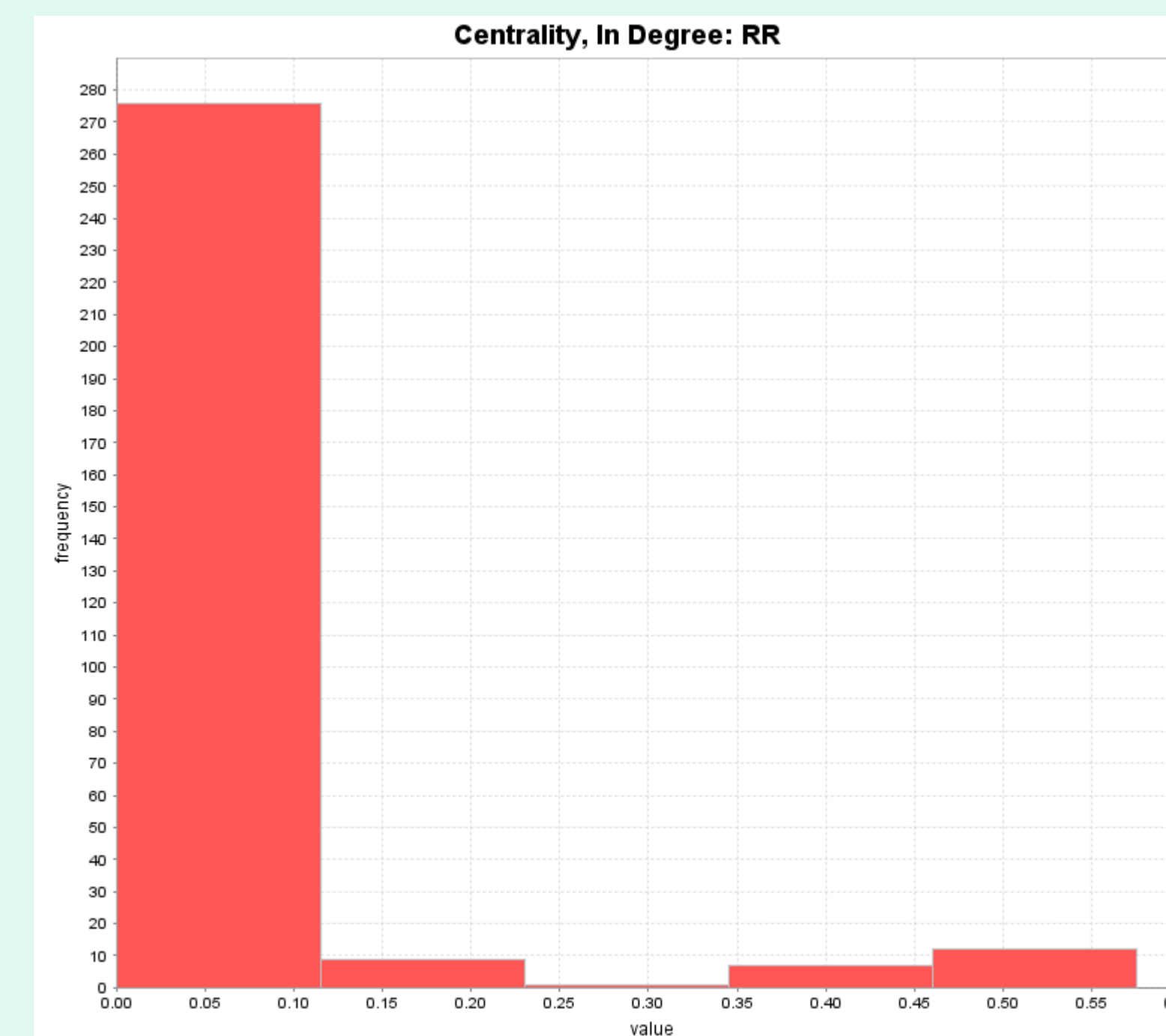


Recommendation: Use an automated IDS system for most computer. Use a human-based IDS system for the centralized computer

Less activity on computer the easier for an anomaly or rule based intrusion detection system to identify uncharacteristic behavior. Only a handful of machines are very active on network

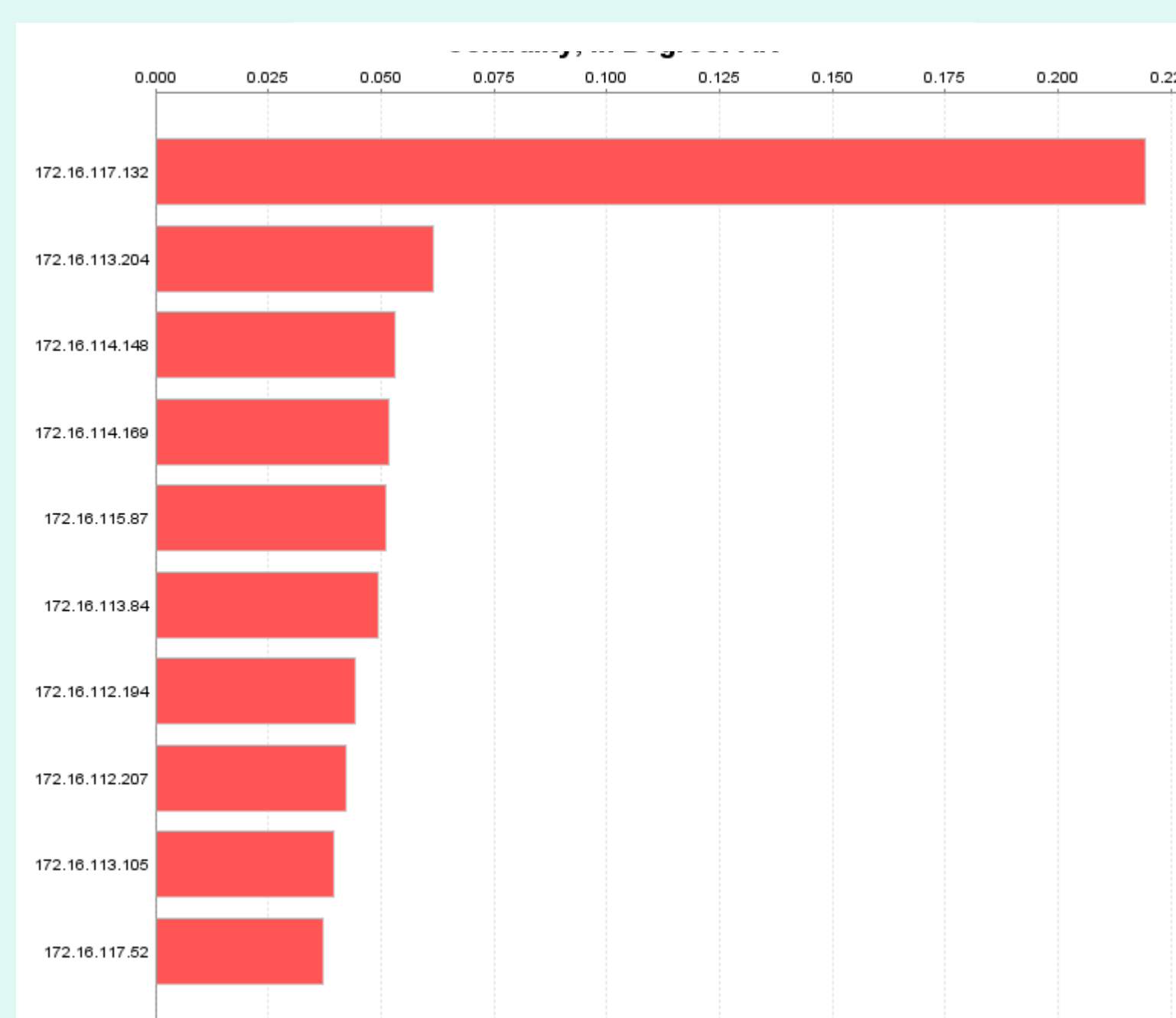


Client Computers Activity

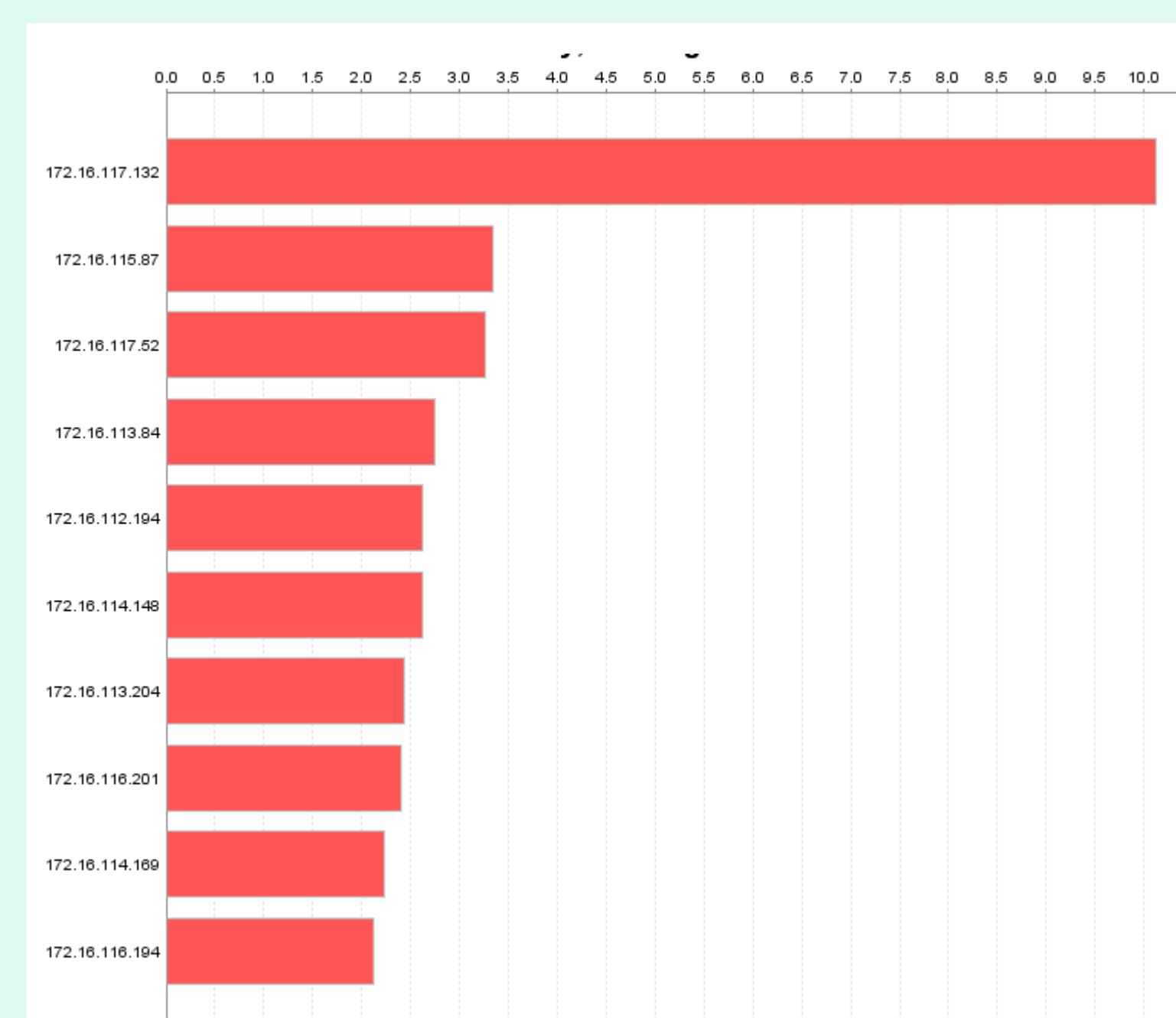


Server Computers Activity

Smaller the number of users and the smaller number of computer tasks the easier for an anomaly or rule based intrusion detection system to identify uncharacteristic behavior

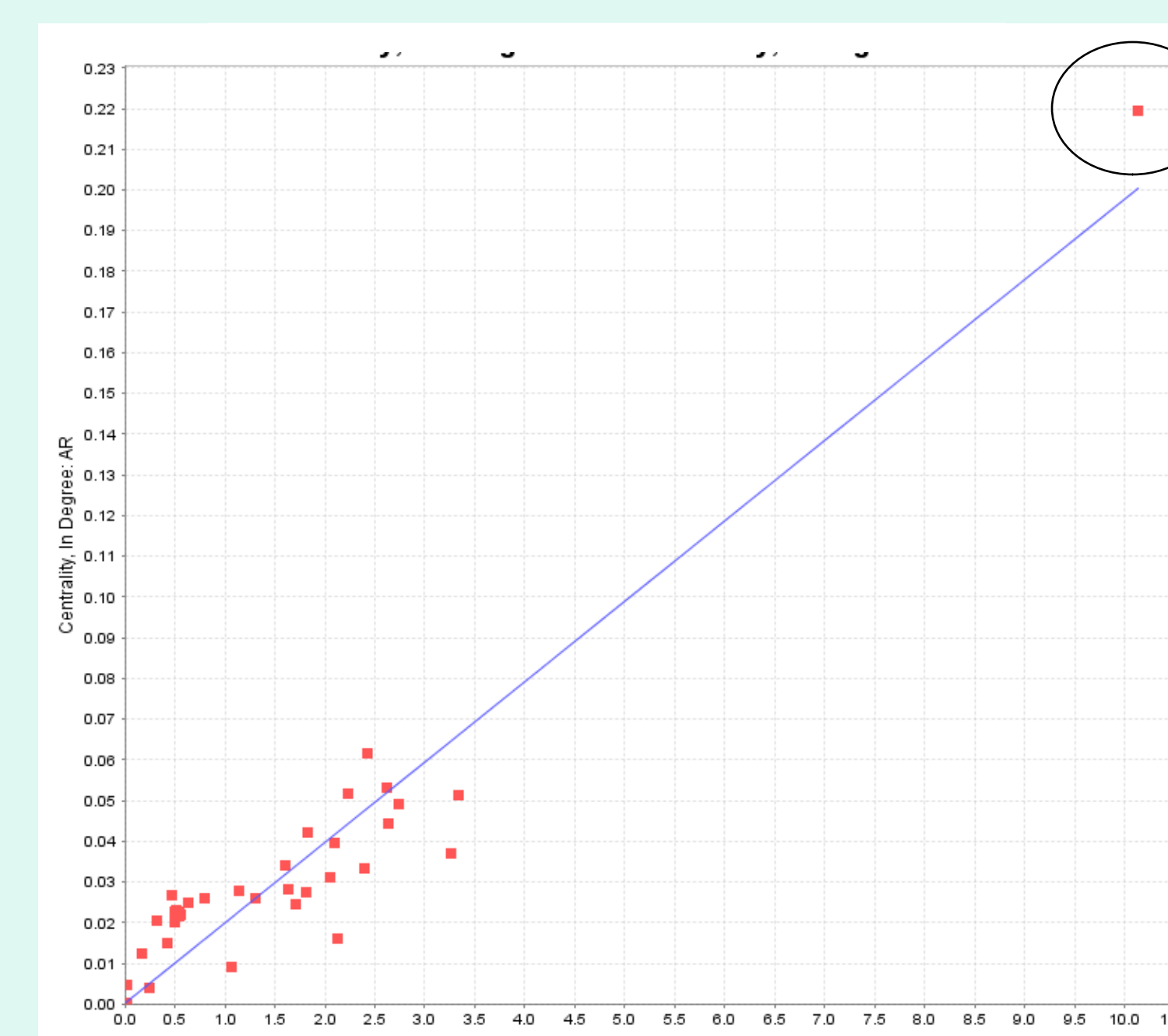


Users Per Computer



Tasks Per Computer

Evaluation shows an ultra-centralized system. One machine is the most vulnerable. Cannot use an IDS on that central machine.



Users vs. Tasks Comparison

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