SENTINEL

Autonomous cyber response. Sub-45-second.

BUILDING TOWARD A SEED ROUND

Not raising yet. Starting the conversation early, ahead of a seed round to scale the team and take Sentinel from private beta to public beta across every industry we serve.

WHAT WE'RE BUILDING

Autonomous cyber response that contains threats in under 45 seconds. No SOC required.

TRACTION

Live in beta with 12 customers across 5 industries, 80% more detections.

FOUNDER

Built and shipped solo at 16, while studying at university.

HLD Software Group

Hamish Leahy, Founder & CEO

Team

Founder-led today, with the roles this raise funds already mapped out.

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Hamish Leahy

Founder & CEO

- 16 years old and a university student, already shipping production-grade security infrastructure
- Writes every line of code across Cloudflare Workers, Supabase, React Native, and TypeScript
- Runs HLD's managed IT and cybersecurity practice directly, which surfaced the problem Sentinel solves
- Built HLD intensively over 2 years
- The next raise will fund Sentinel's first dedicated engineering and hires

Traction

Sentinel is live in beta with 12 customers across 5 industries.

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BETA CUSTOMERS

Across 5 industries

80%

INCREASE IN DETECTIONS

Vs. previous tooling

60%

REDUCTION IN FALSE FLAGS

Fewer wasted alerts

45%

DETECTION RATE UPLIFT

Vs. baseline, on tested scenarios

Technical whitepaper complete, covering the full detection-to-containment pipeline and compliance mapping. Broader release expected within 3–6 months.

The problem

The threats are overwhelming, from nation-state actors to Janet in accounts pressing the wrong button. Either way, and everything in between, most companies can't respond fast enough, and real damage gets done.

Human response is too slow

Sentinel reduces hours to minutes, and minutes to seconds, when it comes to response time.

24/7 SOC coverage is unaffordable

Most mid-sized companies can't staff round-the-clock security operations.

Threats sit undetected

Without automated response, threats can go undetected until real damage proves they're there.

The solution

Sentinel is a 24/7 autonomous cyber response platform. It detects and stops threats without human delay or error, covering the full MITRE ATT&CK framework.

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SECONDS TO CONTAIN A THREAT

Detect

Continuously monitors activity across all systems in real time, protecting against external intrusion attempts and internal misuse.

Decide

Classifies the threat automatically, without waiting on an analyst to notice or triage it.

Respond

Contains and stops threats in under 45 seconds, before damage spreads.

Business model

Sentinel is priced to make strong security response affordable for any team.

Sentinel costs far less than a six-figure salary

Priced per organization and subscription-based, reducing costs, not adding to them.

Revenue scales with AI adoption

As companies hand more work to AI agents, the number of things needing governed and defended only grows, and so does the addressable spend per customer.

Where we're headed

We're not fundraising yet. This is the shape of the round when we open it, and what it's for.

SEED

NOT YET OPEN

Building the relationships now, ahead of a round priced below the headcount cost it replaces, with revenue built to scale as customers hand more work to AI agents.

Where the round will go

Scale the team

Fund Sentinel's first dedicated senior detection-engineering and SOC integration hires.

Move beta to public availability

Take Sentinel from 12 beta customers in 5 industries to public beta across every industry we serve.

Extend runway to get there

Broader release is expected within 3–6 months of close, on the same technical foundation already shipping in beta.

Why Sentinel wins

A wave of point solutions, and several major platform vendors, are all moving into this space. Most are bolted onto someone else's stack.

Point-solution vendors

- Discover and flag risky machine identities
- Sit outside the actual control path
- Bolted onto infrastructure they don't own
- Often assembled through acquisition, not built natively

Sentinel

- Sits in the actual control path, not beside it
- Detects and responds, doesn't just alert
- Built into infrastructure we own from day one
- Native, not assembled through acquisition

Competitive comparison

Named players span network, endpoint, logs, dev-time code, and model evaluation. Sentinel is the only one built natively around machine and AI agent identity.

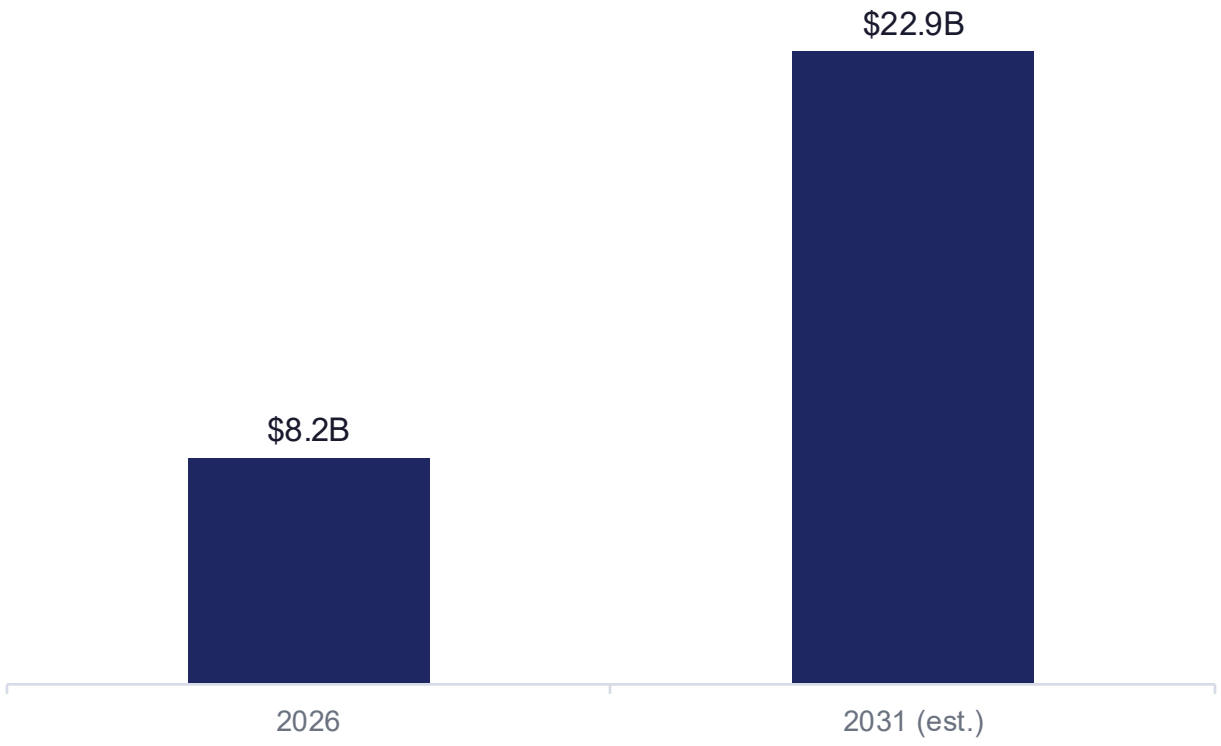
	Darktrace	CrowdStrike	Splunk	Nullify	Harmony Intel.	Sentinel
Detects and responds without human sign-off	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Defends live production infrastructure	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
Purpose-built for machine & AI agent identity	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Publishes a sub-45-second containment SLA	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

Based on each vendor's public product documentation.

Market

Sentinel sits in the machine identity and cyber response market, growing fast as AI agents multiply the number of things that need watching.

Machine identity & cyber response market ($B)



A second independent estimate

$11.14B → $27.33B

2025 to 2033, a separate sizing of the same category.

Growth is increasingly driven by AI agent identities, not older service-account and API-key categories.

Let's build the standard for autonomous cyber response.

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