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The film follows a bizarre rendition of King Arthur (“Son of Uther Pendragon”) and the Knights of the Round Table (and Patsy) as they roam about Britain (knocking coconuts together as sound effects to make up for the lack of horses) seeking the Holy Grail (including in a castle occupied by French soldiers who inform him that Arthur’s mother was a hamster and his father smelt of elderberries). But I digress.

Mr Holloway makes the following points from his analysis of events in the movie.

1. Build security on secure foundations (unlike Prince Herbert’s father who built his castle in a swamp).
2. Use security information and event management (SIEM) to avoid being overwhelmed, as by the Knights Who Say “Ni!”
3. Avoid false positives, as when Sir Lancelot rushes off to Swamp Castle to rescue – Prince Herbert.
4. Beware the presumption of causation based on correlation, as when Sir Bedevere tests a woman accused of being a witch by claiming that she would weigh as much as a duck – and thus be made of wood.
5. Be sure to store log files so that you can interpret current security alerts in the light of data – unlike the Knights’ focus on the incomplete record left by Joseph of Arimathea about the Castle of aaaaaarrrrrrrrrgggghhhhh.
6. Remain flexible in setting and adapting policies – unlike the Black Knight who repeats “None shall pass” regardless of circumstance.

I urge all Monty Python nuts^H^H^H^Hfans to enjoy Mr Holloway’s excellent essay.

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