THE ACCENTURE CYBER DEFENSE SOLUTION

A MANAGED SERVICE FOR CYBER DEFENSE FROM ACCENTURE AND SPLUNK.
YOUR CURRENT APPROACHES TO CYBER DEFENSE COULD BE PUTTING YOU AT RISK

Cyber-attacks are increasingly threatening and costly. They drain $450 billion annually from the global economy—a number that some project will reach $2 trillion by 2019. Highly sophisticated attackers can hide their tracks for weeks, months and even years without being noticed. Organizations need to match that sophistication in their defensive tactics and in their ability to bounce back quickly if a breach does occur.

Most companies focus cybersecurity investments on detection and remediation. But that alone is not enough to fight the high volume and advanced level of today’s attacks, especially across endpoints and networks. Overwhelming data volumes slow the responses of traditional security information and event management tools. Companies also struggle to manage and track the large number of available data center and cloud cybersecurity technologies.

To be successful, three crucial ingredients are needed: visibility across the entire organization, a layered approach to defense, and solutions that are purpose-built from the inside out to provide protection for their industry’s specific needs. What’s required is an increased ability to see the environment from end-to-end, capturing security events and detecting anomalies as they occur, and a way to quickly generate meaningful insights to respond, strategically and tactically, in near real-time.

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Fortunately, companies now have a new weapon: a highly advanced managed cyber defense solution from Accenture and Splunk. The comprehensive solution employs tools such as machine learning, analytics and automation to provide the advanced search, correlation, threat detection and incident management capabilities needed to more effectively thwart cyber-attacks. To power these tools and processes, Accenture and Splunk collect, analyze and act upon all data that is available to them from structured and unstructured as well as private and public sources. These include logs, clickstreams, sensors, web servers, custom applications, hypervisors, containers, operational technology, social media and cloud services.

THE RESULTS ARE RAPID

Accenture and Splunk’s cyber defense solution helps organizations respond to and remediate sophisticated cyber threats at both speed and at scale. This data-driven security solution employs an array of technologies, combining both Accenture and Splunk’s unique and proprietary capabilities. It’s a platform that provides a comprehensive approach, including behavioral analytics which enable security teams to quickly detect and respond to threats based on a broader context than is possible with legacy security products.
REAL-TIME CYBERSECURITY PROTECTION AT FREEPORT MCMORAN

Freeport-McMoRan Inc., a premier international natural resources company, taps into the Accenture cyber defense solution to help secure its hybrid cloud enterprise as a service. Accenture’s solution provides a scalable, affordable, fast and standardized managed security service that helps Freeport-McMoRan rapidly understand its security environment to get ahead of threats that target its hybrid cloud.

Before Freeport-McMoRan began using the Accenture cyber defense solution, a cyber security stress test contractor discovered that its “red team” could reside in the company’s systems and extract data undetected for several days. A subsequent test demonstrated that the Accenture cyber defense solution enabled Freeport McMoRan to detect an intrusion the same day and prevent any loss or compromise of data.

With continuing innovations from Accenture and Splunk, companies can:

- Reduce the number of point products, which in turn reduces complexity and cost
- Increase resilience
- Mitigate risk
- Prepare for the threats affecting their specific industry, present and future
- Build end-to-end security to protect their entire value chain
- Enhance compliance
- Keep pace with even the most sophisticated attackers

FLEXIBLE AND EFFECTIVE

Companies need to consider how to most effectively deploy their security solutions and resources. Accenture and Splunk provide guidance to help clients understand the best approach based on their unique requirements - on premise, in the cloud or in a hybrid cloud environment with additional options for the solutions to be operated in-house, or managed by Accenture as an integrated service.
Next-generation firewall covers functionalities of IDK/IPS, anti-virus, malware protection, URL filtering, proxy and DLP that can replace what is currently in line and add latency.

Splunk collects data feeds from Palo Alto Networks and Tanium platforms as well as other data sources. Splunk native apps (ES, UBA and response framework TAs from PA and Tanium.) The Accenture cyber defense solution “content pack” is used as integration points.
A POWERFUL COLLABORATION BY INDUSTRY LEADERS IN CYBER SECURITY

The Accenture cyber defense solution includes members of a broader ecosystem. For example, the solution includes Accenture and Splunk, as well as:

- Palo Alto Networks, a next-generation security company leading a new era in cybersecurity by safely enabling applications and preventing cyber breaches for tens of thousands of organizations worldwide.

- Tanium, which automates and integrates cyber threat intelligence, and delivers precise and granular endpoint threat detection and remediation at network speeds.

The combination and integration of these industry leaders powers a host of integrated solutions. Consider one example: mitigating the risks of ransomware. Ransomware typically installs itself after a victim clicks an attachment or link in a phishing email, or when a victim visits a hacked website that runs code that can exploit vulnerabilities in the underlying operating system of the user’s device.

How does the Accenture cyber defense solution respond? In this scenario, Splunk collects logs from an organization’s firewalls and endpoints, correlating and analyzing that data to find suspicious events. Splunk can then launch endpoint scans in Tanium and automatically quarantine infected hosts.

Incident responders can download indicators of compromise (IOCs) with Tanium IOC Detect which provides an automated way to run scheduled detection scans against endpoints. In this case, Tanium Connect checks in with the Palo Alto Networks’s Next Generation Firewall to see if it has encountered a possible threat. If so, the data will be forwarded to WildFire—Palo Alto Networks’s cloud-based threat analysis service. Tanium Connect will query WildFire for the IOC it created. After Tanium downloads the new IOC, an analyst can run a detection scan against the endpoints.

FULL AUTOMATION AVAILABLE

Organizations seeking end-to-end visibility require a new approach, based on data and analytics-driven security. Bringing together network and endpoint technologies with powerful analytics, rapid response and automation allows companies to address the full spectrum of security challenges they face.

The Accenture cyber defense solution managed service can be fully automated to detect unknown assets or malware, and then quarantine suspicious hosts on a client’s firewall. Ransomware detection is automated on the Palo Alto Networks’s Next Generation Firewall and on endpoints with Tanium and Palo Alto’s Traps Advanced Endpoint Protection.

Splunk correlates firewall and endpoint data to automatically quarantine suspicious hosts. Any of these steps, however, can be converted to require human, manual intervention.
A client starts downloading a file
Md5 hash is calculated from the file
The hash is checked against WF database

Connect checks periodically PA for new threats

WF returns IOC for threat
SOC is alerted in ACDP app
SOC must manually launch IOC detect in Tanium

The Connect contacts WF for threat IOC
WF returns IOC for threat

TANIUM CONNECT

The Connect updates IOC module

SOC is alerted in ACDP app

WF is informed about malware detection
PA returns info about new threat

TANIUM IOC

The file is sent to WF for analysis
WF is informed that hash for the file is not in the WF database

MALWARE

WF

WF

Malware starts working

Traps detects exploit based on behavior pattern and stops it
SOC must manually launch IOC detect in Tanium

The file is not malware. The only result we see would be in WildFire statistics.

WildFire NOT detects malware and the client is infected
FW stops malware calling home by Anti-spyware function (IDS)

End

The client is infected
Malware starts working

Traps NOT stops malware
Malware is still working

SOC

SOC is alerted in ACDP app
Accenture and Splunk Security Services help build cybersecurity from the inside out, managing strategy and risk, cyber defense, digital identity, application security and managed security.

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