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Internet Web Access Security Best Practices



ABSTRACT

This document aims to explain the Check Point approach to securing access to Internet. It provides architectural references for what, why and how organizations should consider when securing access to Internet in modern and effective way.

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BUSINESS DRIVERS FOR SECURE WEB ACCESS

Today, the Internet has become an instrumental part of business operation. Being connected is essential to running a modern-day company. The evolution of web-applications has increased the complexity of our interactions with the internet; with this comes an increased security risk. Some of these include:

- **Malware threats:** Popular applications can be manipulated and weaponized against the users to propagate malware.
- **Exploits:** File-sharing programs, forums etc. are exploited by bad actors and used to propagate malware and pivot into networks.
- **Bandwidth hogging:** Applications that use a lot of bandwidth, such as streaming media, can limit the bandwidth that is available for alternate applications, which may be more crucial for business operation.

- **Loss of Productivity:** Employees are known to spend time on social networking sites, and other applications, which can seriously decrease business productivity. As employers are not aware of the extent of the misuse of company time, they are unable to effectively track how their business is affected by such practices.

An effective web access solution should fulfill the following requirements:

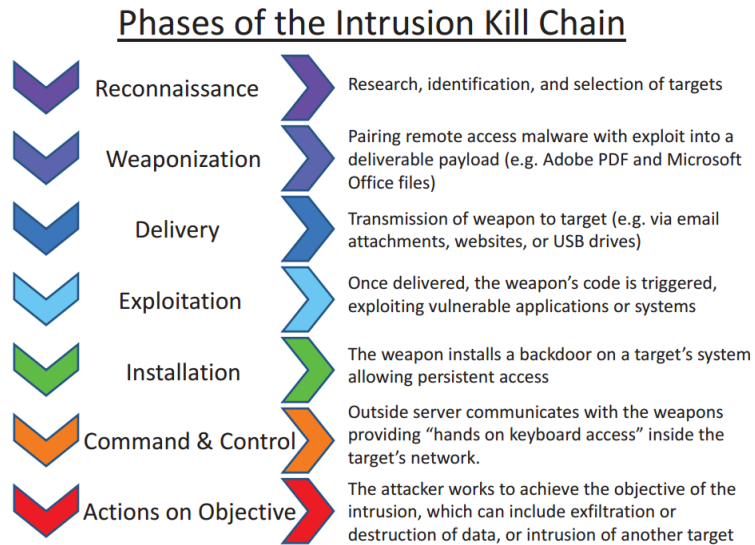
- **High Security:** Protect against known and unknown threats including sophisticated multi-vector cyber-attacks. Prevent infection and mitigate post-infection risk if necessary.
- **Easy Administration:** Simple and intuitive management consoles, unified policies, single point of logging and monitoring.
- **User Interaction:** Educate employees on proper Internet usage, and highlight inappropriate use and Internet dangers through user feedback.
- **Low TCO:** Consolidated and automated security infrastructure will result in savings on both capital expenditure and operating expenses.

UNDERSTANDING THE CYBER KILL CHAIN

Unfortunately, there is no way to protect the entire network with a single product. In order to build an appropriate defense and choose a proper set of solutions, it is important to understand the “Cyber kill chain”, as coined by the Lockheed Martin Corporation. The kill chain model proposes that although attacks may occur in phases, each can be disrupted through strategically established controls.

Lockheed Martin illustrates how a cyber threat impacts a network through a cyber-attack model, whereby the attack progresses through several stages; beginning with the initial infiltration and culminating in total data capture. The progression of the attack can be viewed as follows:

- **Reconnaissance:** The intruder selects a target, researches it, and attempts to identify vulnerabilities in their network.
- **Weaponization:** A remote access malware weapon is created, such as a virus or worm, tailored to capitalize on one or more vulnerabilities.
- **Delivery:** The weapon is transmitted to the target (e.g. via e-mail attachments, websites or USB drives).
- **Exploitation:** The weapon's program code is triggered and takes action on the target network to exploit its vulnerability.
- **Installation:** The malware weapon installs an access point (e.g. "backdoor") to be used by the intruder for persistent access to the target network.
- **Command and Control:** The intruder now has "hands on the keyboard" access, as a result of the communication and access provided by the malware weapon.
- **Actions on Objective:** The intruder is now free to successfully take action and achieve their intended goals; such as data exfiltration, data destruction, or encryption for ransom.



The cyber kill chain along with our knowledge of user behaviour has lead organistaion to adopt a multi-point approach to protecting from internet-based threats and specifically threats presented to user. The following paper outlines some common best-practice architecture that aims to reduce the attack surface for user-egress traffic and limit the blast-radius of attacks should they be able to infect users.

Security professionals world-wide are aware of the threats posed by users and the intent; the following best-practice is the first line in protecting organisation where these dangers exist.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS FROM TODAY'S CYBER THREATS

In the current cyber environment, where multiple attack vectors are far too common, it is not enough to only rely on the security gateway.

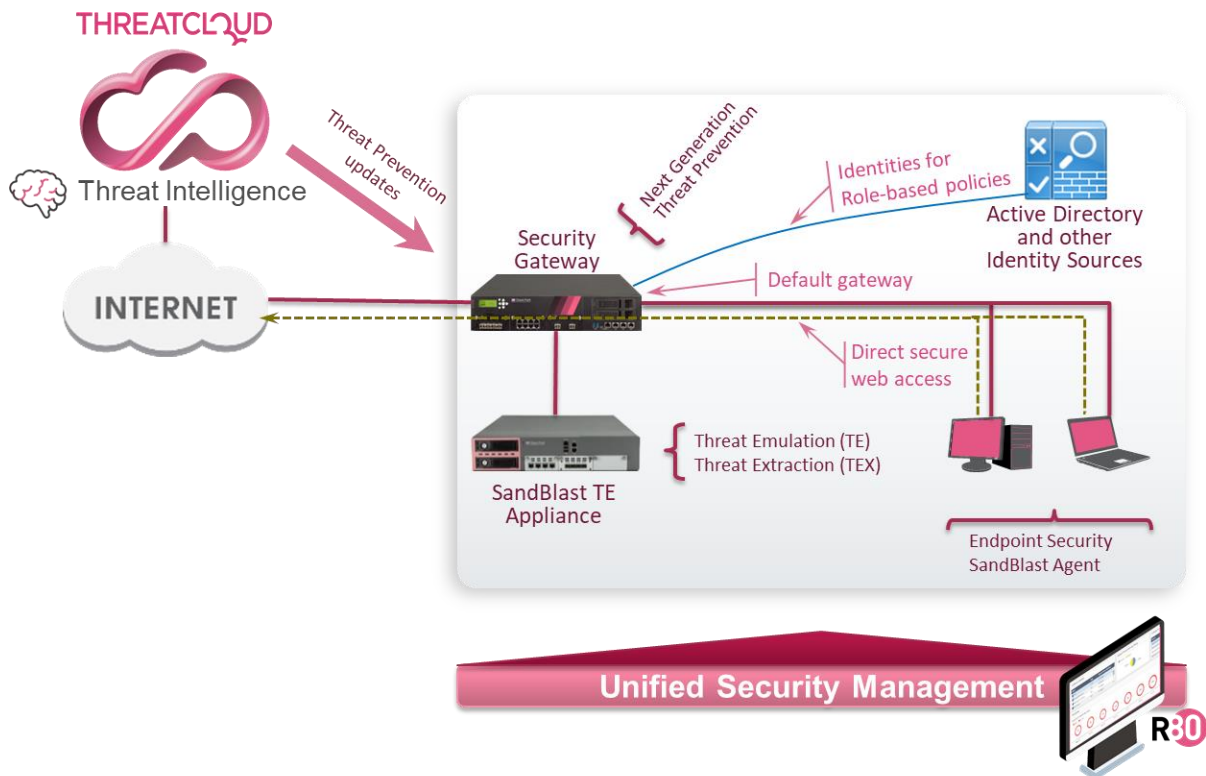
Defensive courses of action must be taken against the cyber kill chain:

- **Detect:** Determine whether an intruder has gained interest in the company network.
- **Deny:** Prevent information disclosure and unauthorized access.
- **Disrupt:** Stop or change outbound traffic (to the intruder).
- **Degrade:** Counter-attack unauthorized command and control.
- **Deceive:** Interfere with a command and control attack.
- **Contain:** Initiate network segmentation changes.

It is necessary to build a fully consolidated cyber security architecture that will provide protection against the latest and most advanced cyber-attacks at every stage, as well as future cyber threats across all networks, endpoint, cloud and mobile.

Check Point offers ultimate security architecture; designed to resolve the complexities of growing connectivity and inefficient security, and allow enterprises to integrate aligned security architecture into their current security strategy, rather than rely on point solutions.

This architecture is able to protect threats coming through networks, endpoint, cloud and mobile.



Routed traffic inspection

Check Point's solution is simple, yet powerful and includes various technologies capable of stopping an attack at every stage of the kill chain. It also intends to combine protection at the network level and at the endpoint itself.

This holistic product is vital for forward thinking businesses, as Endpoint Security provides an extra layer of protection guarding beyond threats, which can be stopped at the perimeter using powerful security gateways, especially since the internet is not the only attack vector.

CHECK POINT PUT TO THE TEST

NSS Labs, Inc. released results for its 2019 Breach Prevention Systems (BPS) Group Test and recognized Check Point Next Generation Threat Prevention Appliance with Endpoint Security, as NSS Labs Recommended.

The NSS Labs BPS report significantly incorporates multiple solutions that enable a vendor to provide a breach prevention posture to its customers. Involving multiple solutions provides synergy between various security components that, when combined, effectively block attacks throughout the cyber kill chain. In Check Point's case, the solution involved a myriad of technologies such as SandBlast Network, SandBlast Agent, threat extraction, anti-bot and more.

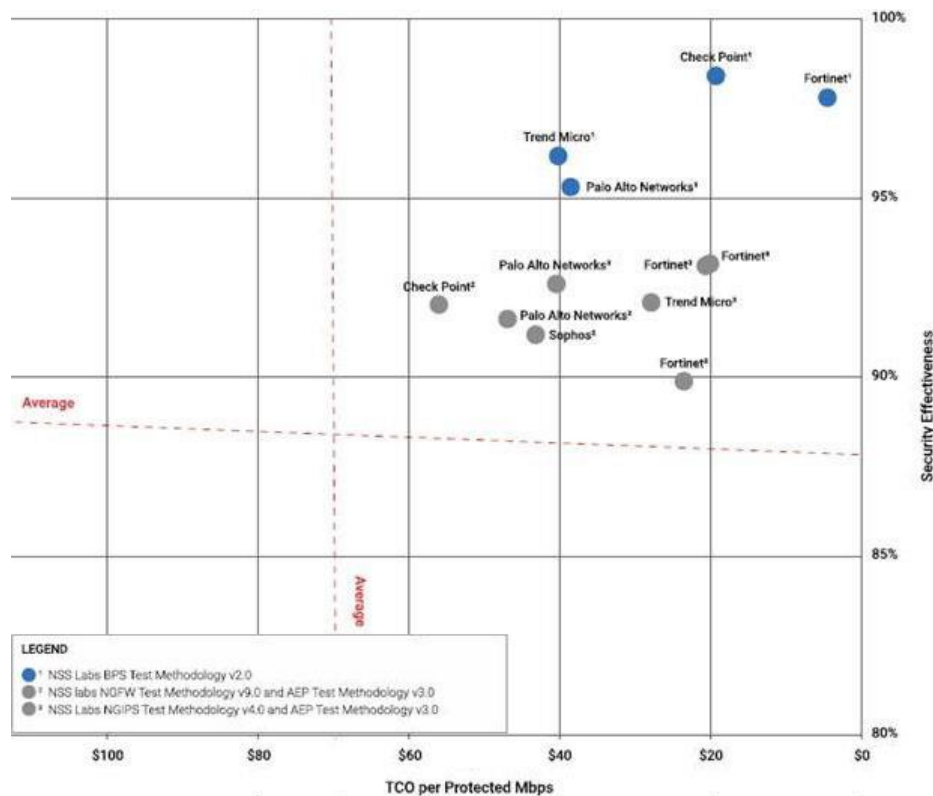


In the introduction to its analysis of the BPS Security Value Map, NSS Labs wrote: “The Breach Prevention Systems (BPS) Security Value Map (SVM) is based upon data collected over thousands of hours of testing during NSS’ most recent tests including our Next Generation Firewall (NGFW), Next Generation Intrusion Prevention Systems (NGIPS), Breach Prevention Systems (BPS), and Advanced Endpoint Protection (AEP) Group Tests”.

These results mark Check Point’s third NSS Labs Recommended, in 2019, and the 20th NSS Labs Recommended rating since the company began testing with NSS in 2010.

[Download the report and Security Value Map](#) to learn more about the NSS Labs test and how Check Point performed:

- Clear #1 ranking in breach prevention posture
- #1 in NGFW + AEP combined
- Demonstrated significant added value when using network and endpoint protections together (Infinity)
- 100% block rate
- 100% malware PREVENTION, email and web
- 100% exploit resistance
- 100% catch rate in post infection
- 98.4% Overall Security Effectiveness
- 0% False positives



Security Value Map NSS Labs BPS

View Check Point’s other awards and recognitions: <https://www.checkpoint.com/about-us/awards-and-recognition/>

CHECK POINT PRODUCTS AND FEATURES

Network protection



6500



6800



1600



2600

2019 Appliances

Security features:

- Firewall (FW)
- Identity Awareness (IDA)
- Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)
- URL Filtering (URLF)
- Application control (APCL)
- Antivirus (AV)
- Anti-Bot (AB)
- Threat Emulation (TE)
- Threat Extraction (TEX)



TE100X



TE250X



TE1000X



TE2000X

SandBlast Appliances

(Threat Emulation/Extraction)

- Deep malware inspection at the CPU level, where exploits cannot hide
- Inspects broad range of documents and common file-types, as well as URLs linked to files within emails
- Integrates static analysis, dynamic analysis,
- AI and behavioral based Machine Learning algorithms implemented in over 40 detection engines to ensure maximum detection and catch rates.
- Removes active content and other exploitable content from documents
- Clean and reconstruct files to PDF for best security, or keep original format

Comprehensive threat protection is available in two simple packages for Check Point appliances:

- **Next Generation Threat Prevention (NGTP):** Includes multi-layered protection from known, signature-based threats including Antivirus, Anti-Bot, IPS, App Control, URL Filtering and Identity Awareness.
- **Next Generation Threat Prevention & SandBlast™ (NGTX):** Extends NGTP multi-layered protection with zero-day attacks protection using SandBlast Threat Emulation / SandBlast Threat Extraction.
- **Threat Emulation and Treat Extraction:** Protects against unknown zero-day attacks by detecting and blocking evasion-resistant malware, while rapidly delivering safe content to users. Delivered as a SandBlast appliance or as a cloud service.

Real-time security intelligence delivered from ThreatCloud:





- Leverage the industry's first collaborative network to fight cybercrime.
- Identify over 280 million addresses analyzed for bot discovery, over 12 million malware signatures and 1 million malicious websites.
- Dynamically update attack information from a worldwide network of sensors and the industry's best malware feeds.
- Combine information on remote operator hideouts, botnet communication patterns and attack behavior to accurately identify bot outbreaks.
- Receive up-to-the-minute bot intelligence from the ThreatCloud knowledgebase, including zero-day bot attacks discovered by Check Point Threat Emulation.

Protection from malicious downloads and applications:







- Identify websites delivering malware.
- Prevent malicious files from being downloaded.
- Acceleration technologies ensure high threat prevention performance.

- Enable specific applications while blocking risky or insecure applications.



Policy Enforcement

 Firewall	Limits network access to only permitted services and allowed network segments
 Identity Awareness	Limits access to users with the proper credentials i.e. only to those who have authorized access
 Application Control	Limits access to approved applications and enable and educate users on safe use of the Internet
 URL Filtering	Limits access to approved sites and enable safe use of the Internet

Threat Prevention

 IPS	Enables virtual-patching of network services and applications that may be vulnerable to exploits
 Antivirus	Prevents known malware
 Anti-Bot	Detects and block bot behaviors and communications with known Command and Control servers
 Anti-Spam	Detects and block known email sources of spam
 Sandboxing	Inspects files for malicious content and behaviors
 Threat Extraction	Delivers safe content to users while files are analyzed in the background

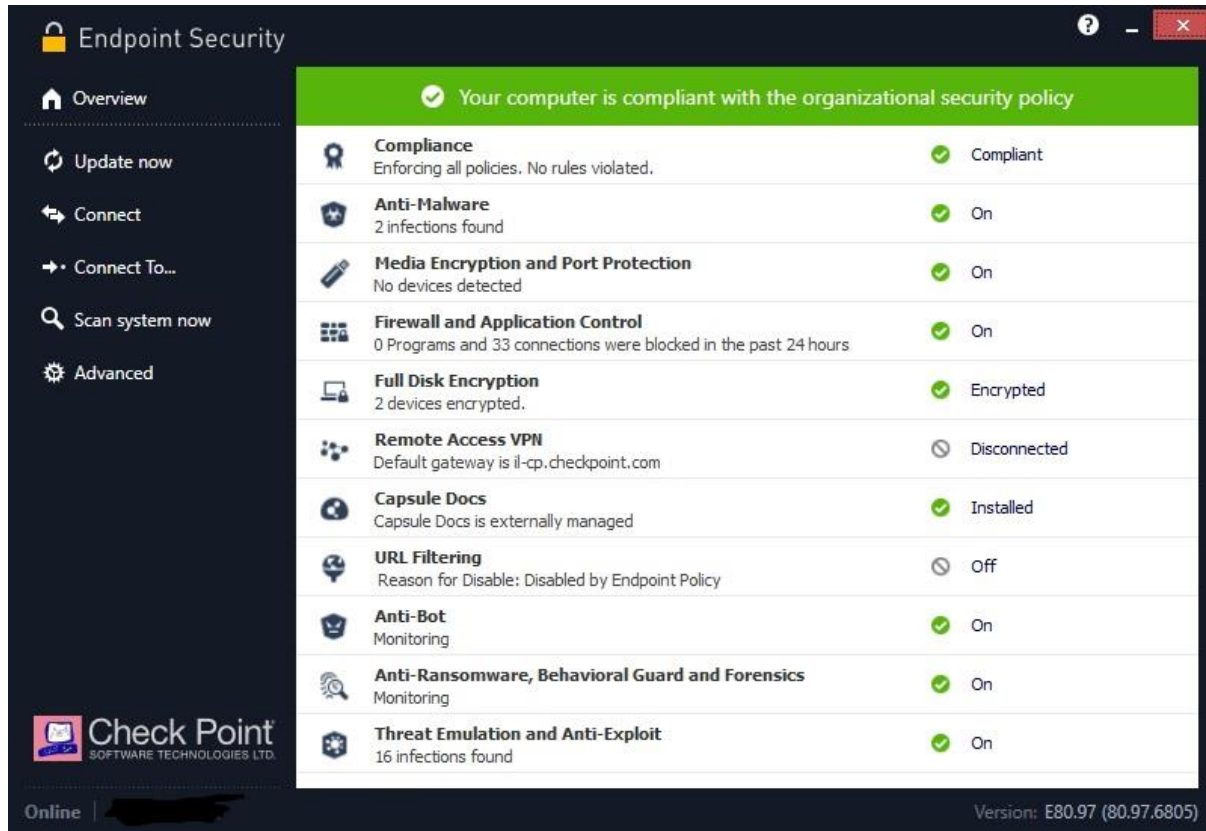
Data Protection

 Content Awareness	Restricts the Data Types that users can upload or download
 Data Loss Prevention	Protects personal healthcare information (PHI), personally identifiable information (PII), financial data and others








Additional Features

SSL Decryption	Performs analysis inside the encrypted traffic
User Check	Interacts with users in case of incidents, educate users on safe use of the Internet
Proxy	Supports legacy connection methods

Endpoint Protection



Endpoint Security Client + SandBlast Agent protections installed on the endpoints

	Firewall and Compliance	Limits network access to only allowed services and allowed network segment building Zones
	Anti-Bot	Detects and blocks bot behaviors and communications with known Command and Control servers
	Antimalware	Detects and remediates all forms of malicious behavior including zero-day malware
	Safe Browsing Anti-Ransomware Anti-Phishing	Prevents access to malicious websites Prevents cyber-extortion attacks and automatically reverses any damage done to files from the attack Detects and blocks malicious URLs sent to the device
	Forensics	Monitors and records all endpoint events: files affected, processes launched, registry changes, network activity
	Media Encryption	Enforces encryption of removable storage media
	Full Disk Encryption	Secures all information on endpoint hard drives including user data and Operating System files

A combination of the Security Gateway and Endpoint protections ensures that a business is secure at every stage of the cyber kill chain and lets them maximize protection through unified management, monitoring and reporting.

HOW TO INTEGRATE NEW SOLUTIONS INTO EXISTING SYSTEMS

Check Point customers can easily enable additional features on their current Internet gateway¹.

Network Security (14)
Management (0)

Access Control:

- Firewall
- IPsec VPN
 - Policy Server
- Mobile Access
- Application Control
- URL Filtering
- Identity Awareness
- Content Awareness

SandBlast:

- Threat Emulation
- Threat Extraction

Threat Prevention:

- IPS
- Anti-Bot
- Anti-Virus

Advanced Networking & Clustering:

- Dynamic Routing
- SecureXL
- QoS
- Monitoring

Other:

- Data Loss Prevention
- Anti-Spam & Email Security

Gateway security features

4.1	Block abuse / high risk applications	* Any	Internet	Inappropriate Sites	* Any	Drop Blocked Messag...	Log
4.2	Block download of executables from untrusted sites	* Any	Internet	Uncategorized	Download Traffic Executable File	Drop Blocked Messag...	Log Accounting
4.3	Ask user upon possible personal data exposure	* Any	Internet	http	Upload Traffic PCI - Credit Card Numbers U.S. Social Security Numbers...	Inform Access Notificat... Once a day Per application/...	Log
4.4	HR can access to social network applications	HR	Internet	Facebook Twitter LinkedIn	* Any	Inform Access Approval Once a day Per application/...	Log

Access policy fragment

List of applications and social network widgets are available at [AppWiki \(https://appwiki.checkpoint.com/\)](https://appwiki.checkpoint.com/):

¹ Most features include a 30 days trial period. Please note that this may affect network performance and user accessibility.

Type to Search 8,009 Applications

Include 255,736 Social Network Widgets Hide Filters

Risk

ALL

5 Critical (222)

4 High (712)

3 Medium (1531)

2 Low (259694)

1 Very Low (1557)

Categories

ALL

Anonymizer (222)

Blogs / Personal Pages (5)

Browser Plugin (53)

Business / Economy (935)

Computers / Internet (108)

Download Manager (105)

Tags

ALL

Anonymizer (220)

Blogs / Personal Pages (12)

Browser Plugin (70)

Browser Toolbar (30)

Cloud Services (510)

Computers / Internet (156)

Application Name	Category	Risk
3proxy.com	Anonymizer	5
A4Proxy	Anonymizer	5
ASProxy	Anonymizer	5
Act Mobile	Anonymizer	5
Airvpn	Anonymizer	5
AliveProxy	Anonymizer	5
Amaze VPN	Anonymizer	5
Anonine	Anonymizer	5
Anonymizer Universal	Anonymizer	5
Anonymizers/proxy avoidance sites	Anonymizer	5

Application Details

Risk: Critical

3proxy.com 5

Tags: Anonymizer

3Proxy is a free web proxy service that masks IP addresses enabling users to connect to websites anonymously.

Tags: Anonymizer , Encrypts communications , Stealth Tactics

The application database is sizable (8000+ apps) and is grouped by multiple characteristics simplifying rule base creation. It also includes 250000+ social network widgets.

Typically, it is recommended to prohibit applications with critical risk for all users.

Administrators can block the Anonymizer category, which contains 200+ entries and automatically grows as the Check Point research team adds new anonymizers. This guarantees that users will be unable to bypass corporate policies, without extra effort from the administrator.

Furthermore, with a single rule administrators can block everything related to games, such as web sites, network games, social networks widgets and more. Categories are being updated automatically, so administrators need not be concerned when new games become available.

games 7,993 Applications

Include 255,736 Social Network Widgets

Application Name	Category	Risk
Games Radar	File Storage and Sharing	3
All Slots Online Casino	Gambling	3
Europa Casino	Gambling	3
Norsk Tipping	Gambling	3
Vegas Red Casino	Gambling	3
HyvesGames	Games	3
MineCraft	Games	3
Mokitown	Games	3
Moove Online	Games	3
Playstation Network	Games	3
Steam	Games	3
The Sims Online	Games	3
Virtual Magic Kingdom	Games	3
War Rock	Games	3
Why Robbie Rocks	Games	3
YY Voice-games	Games	3
TrayGames	Instant Messaging	3
DreamBox	Education	2
(Crime Lords) - Mafia City Mobsters	Facebook Widgets	2
(Full Moon Vampire) - Twilight Blood Wars	Facebook Widgets	2
(Fupa Games) - Arcade Blitz	Facebook Widgets	2
(High Seas Pirates) - Pirate World Clan Ahoy	Facebook Widgets	2

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Games to block

No.	Name	Applies To	Actions
	Full Disk Encryption		
	Media Encryption & Port Protection		
	User Authentication (OneCheck)		
	Capsule Docs		
	Anti-Malware		
	SandBlast Agent Anti-Ransomware, Behavioral Guard and Forensics		
	SandBlast Agent Anti-Bot		
	SandBlast Agent Threat Extraction, Emulation and Anti-Exploit		
	Compliance		
	URL Filtering		
	Firewall		
	Access Zones		
	Application Control		
	Client Settings		

Endpoint Security Management Console (collapsed sections)

Check Point offers a consolidated security solution across both network and endpoint. This includes a unified Management Server for managing both the Network environment (gateways) and the endpoint environment (desktops / laptops / servers) from a single location.

Benefits:

- A single Management Server and a single SmartConsole assures easier administration and decreases time to deployment.
- The single Security Events Management platform provides near real time security monitoring across all layers. Having the relevant attack diagnostics and visibility enables organizations to respond quickly and remediate their systems in case of a security breach.
- Reduces hardware and licenses costs, as well as operational IT maintenance costs.

BEST PRACTICES FOR CONFIGURATION

1. Activate security blades on the Internet gateway in the SmartConsole

Use Access control (Application Control, URL Filtering, Identity Awareness, Content Awareness) as well as Threat Prevention and Sandblast (IPS, Anti-Bot, Anti-Virus, Threat Emulation Threat Extraction).

2. Build Network Security policy

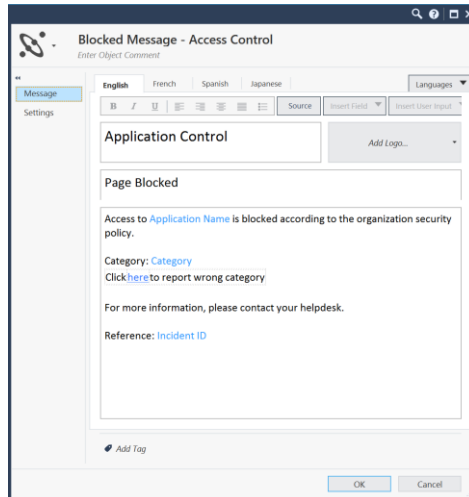
- Block abuse/high risk applications.

4.1	Block abuse / high risk applications	* Any	Internet	Inappropriate Sites	* Any	Drop	Blocked Message...	Log
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– Block the download of executables (i.e. from untrusted sites).

4.2	Block download of executables from untrusted sites	* Any	Internet	Uncategorized	Download Traffic Executable File	Drop Blocked Messag...	Log Accounting
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– Inform users about block reason using the Blocked Message (User Check).



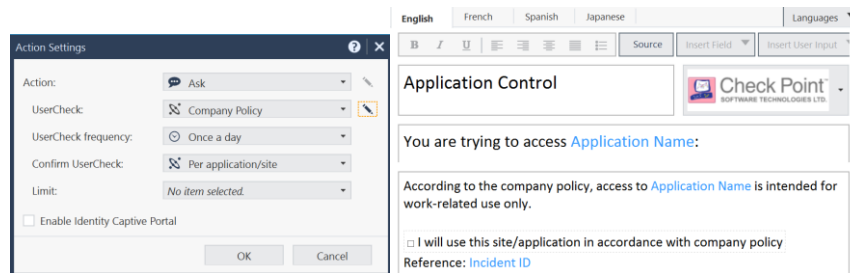
– Control user uploads to avoid confidential information leakage.

4.3	Ask user upon possible personal data exposure	* Any	Internet	http	Upload Traffic PCI - Credit Card Numbers U.S. Social Security Numbers...	Inform Access Notificat... Once a day Per application/...	Log
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– Create rules according to user roles (groups).

4.4	HR can access to social network applications	HR	Internet	Facebook Twitter LinkedIn	* Any	Inform Access Approval Once a day Per application/...	Log
4.5	All employees can access YouTube and Vimeo for work purposes	* Any	Internet	YouTube Vimeo	* Any	Ask Company Policy Once a day Per application/...	Log

– Educate users on proper Internet usage.



– In addition to outgoing web access, create other network access rules including Internet/DMZ, LAN and Data Center – all in the same console.

5	DNS outgoing access	DNS Server	ExternalZone	* Any	domain-udp domain-tcp	* Any	Accept
10	External mail traffic	Mail Relay	* Any	* Any	smtp SMTPS	* Any	Accept

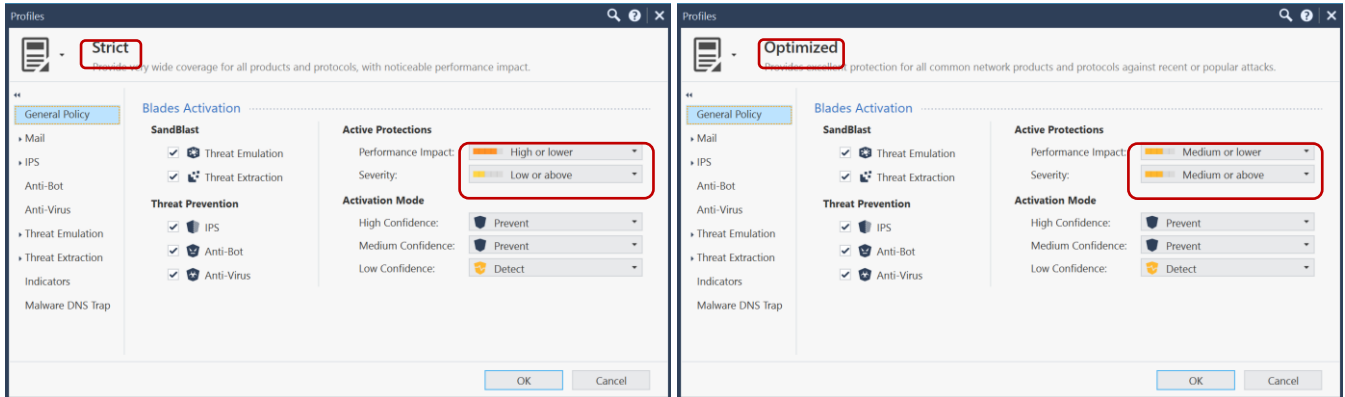
Data Center Access (11-12)							
11	RDP Exceptions	* Any	* Any	* Any	Remote_Desktop_Pro... Remote_Desktop_Pro...	* Any	RDP Exceptions
11.1	Alert on remote RDP attempts	ExternalZone	* Any	* Any	* Any	* Any	Drop
11.2	Allow RDP for Helpdesk	IT Helpdesk Users	* Any	* Any	* Any	* Any	Accept
11.3	Allow RDP for internal lab	* Any	Internal Lab Net	* Any	* Any	* Any	Accept
11.4	Cleanup	* Any	* Any	* Any	* Any	* Any	Drop

3. Build a Threat Prevention policy

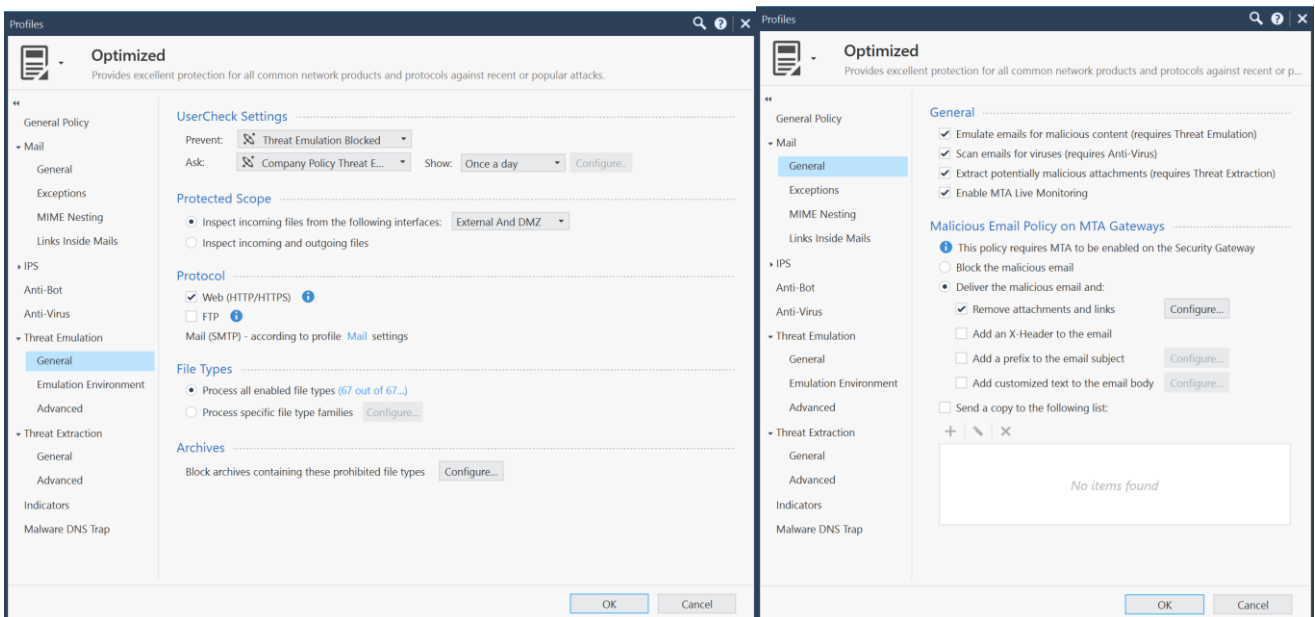
- Create rules for different scopes (the data center may require extra protections).

No.	Name	Protected Scope	Protection/Site/File/Blade	Action	Track
1	Data Center Protection	Data Center LAN	N/A	Strict	Log Packet Capture Forensics
2	Recommended Protections	* Any	N/A	Optimized	Log Packet Capture Forensics

- Configure security profiles.

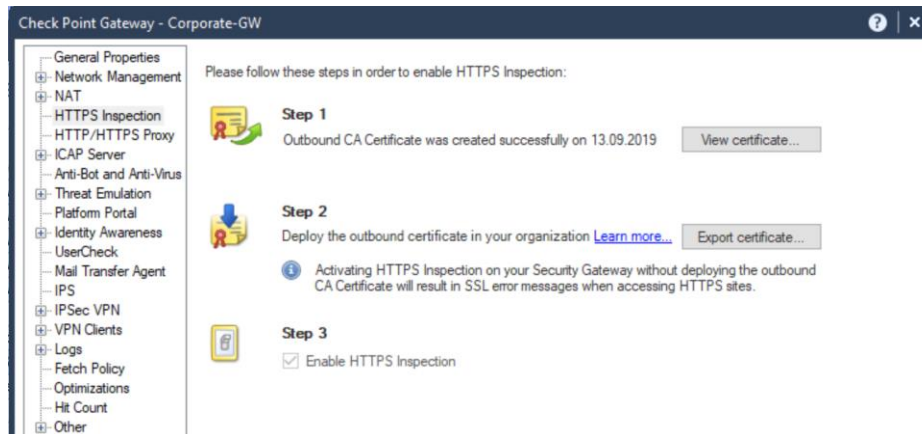


- Configure Threat Emulation and Threat Extraction.



4. Activate Outgoing SSL Inspection to control encrypted traffic

- Choose relevant gateways.

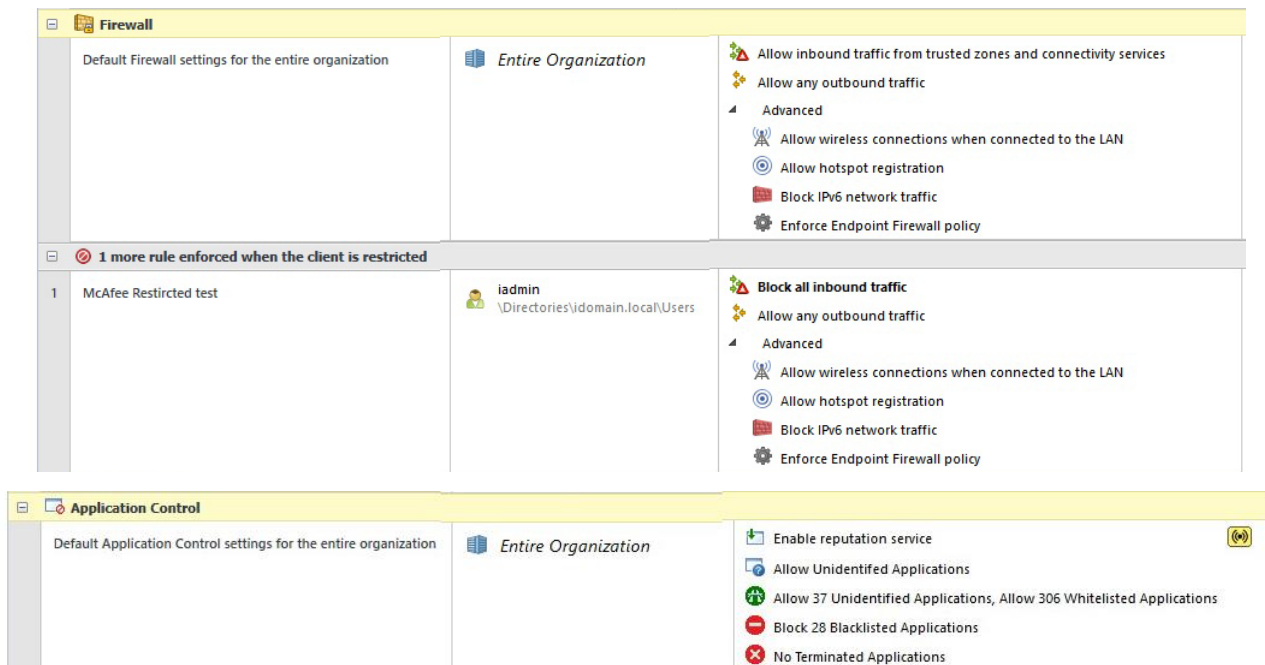


- Create exceptions if needed (for example, 'do not inspect financial services to comply with legislation/privacy requirements').

No.	Name	Source	Destination	Services	Site Category	Action	Track	Blade	Install On	Certificate
1		Any	Internet	https HTTP_and_HTTPS_proxy	Financial Services	Bypass	Log	All	All	Outbound Certi
2	Predefined Rule	Any	Internet	https HTTP_and_HTTPS_proxy	Any	Inspect	Log	All	All	Outbound Certi

5. Configure Endpoint Security

- Access rules including NAC integration with 3rd party solutions.



- Threat Prevention blades.

Anti-Malware	Default Anti-Malware settings for the entire organization	Entire Organization	Disable malware protection
SandBlast Agent Anti-Ransomware, Behavioral Guard and Forensics	Default Forensics settings	Entire Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatically analyze and remediate infections Use default monitoring settings Quarantine all attack elements Default File Quarantine Settings Anti-Ransomware and Behavioral Guard Settings
SandBlast Agent Anti-Bot	Default Anti-Bot settings	Entire Organization	Disable anti-bot protection
SandBlast Agent Threat Extraction, Emulation and Anti-Exploit	Default SandBlast Agent Threat Extraction, Emulation and Anti-Exploit settings	Entire Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect web downloads with Threat Emulation Emulate files written to file system Use SandBlast Cloud for Threat Extraction and Emulation Exclude Checkpoint domain Zero Phishing Settings Prevent legitimate applications exploitation attempts

– Add additional components if needed.

Full Disk Encryption	Default Full Disk Encryption settings for the entire organization	Entire Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not encrypt local hard disks - Encrypt only minimum volumes require... Authenticate user before OS loads (Pre-boot) Automatically learn and authorize logged in users Enable lock screen authentication (OneCheck)
Media Encryption & Port Protection	Default Media Encryption settings for the entire organization	Entire Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow reading any data from storage devices Encrypt business-related data written to storage devices Allow connecting essential devices (keyboard, mouse and network adap... Advanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow offline access to encrypted storage devices (upon creation) Require storage devices to be scanned and authorized, allow self a... Log critical and security events Default UserCheck messages Allow access to storage devices encrypted at current site only Encrypted storage devices are fully accessible by all users

6. Publish and install the policy on all relevant gateways

Install Policy

Policy: Corporate_Policy

Access Control Changes data is not available

Threat Prevention

View changes Policy Targets Search...

Sta...	Name	IP Addr...	Version	Last...	Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corporate-GW	198.51.100.5	R80.20	-	First Office gateway
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ThreatEmulationDevice	192.0.111.13	R80.20	-	Threat Emulation

Install on 2 gateways out of 2

Install Mode

Install on each selected gateway independently

For gateway clusters, if installation on a cluster member fails, do not install on that cluster.

Install on all selected gateways. If installation on a gateway fails, do not install on all gateways of the same version.

Install Cancel

7. Deploy Endpoint Security clients

Check Point SmartEndpoint, Server: ckp-demo-emea-1-85e39bcd-hap2(cloud)

Overview | Policy | Users and Computers | Reporting | **Deployment**

Packages For Export

Configure Endpoint Security client packages which contains Software Blades, Export and install using 3rd party deployment utility.

Download Package... Add Package Remove Package

Name	Version	Settings	Desktop Blades	Laptop Blades
Package_Selman	Endpoint Client Version: 81.20.7481	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Export to: VG_Selman Supports upgrade from clients prior to E80 Silent mode not active Legacy Secure Access upgrade not supported Legacy Full Disk Encryption EW upgrade not supported 	Selected blades	Selected blades
Express Setup Wizard Package	Endpoint Client Version: 81.20.7481	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not export to Virtual Group Does not support upgrade from clients prior to E80 	Selected blades	Selected blades

Endpoint Clients

Initial Client Version: 81.20.7481 [Download] 81.20.7481 81.10.7191

Mac Client Version: 80.89.0081 [Download]

Administrator: admin | Read/Write

8. Monitor and fine-tune policies

Check Point SmartConsole

Objects | Install Policy | Record | Session | Publish

Logs | General Overview | New Tab

Queries | All Time | Enter search query (Ctrl+F)

Showing first 50 results (999 ms) out of at least 532 results

Time	B.	A.	T.	Seve...	Con...	Su...	Perf...	Source	Source Machine Name	Source User Name	Destination	Attack Name
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								102.160.102	robert-laptop	Robert White	10.226.111.67	
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								102.160.14	robert-laptop	Robert White	10.226.111.193	
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01						1		192.168.72.211			10.7.98.16	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								192.168.3.4			10.18.5.90	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								10.59.1.144			10.10.82.164	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01						1		192.168.91.18			10.5.33.4	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01						1		192.168.38.194			10.38.193.100	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								10.59.1.144			10.10.82.164	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								192.168.74.235			10.63.99.14	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01						1		192.168.72.211			10.7.98.16	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								192.168.74.235			10.63.99.14	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								10.1.174.98			192.168.55.61	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								192.168.15.81			10.10.202.36	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								192.168.38.194			10.38.193.100	Web Server Enforcement Violation
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								10.0.247.192	Linda Hill		10.135.105.84	Streaming Engine: TCP SYN Modified Retr
01 Aug 19, 5:05:01								10.0.247.192	Linda Hill		10.135.105.84	Streaming Engine: TCP SYN Modified Retr

URLs | Files

40 tasks in progress | Cloud Demo Server | No changes | admin

The screenshot displays the 'General Overview' dashboard in Check Point SmartConsole. The interface includes a search bar at the top, a navigation sidebar on the left, and a main content area with several data visualization components.

Statistics Summary:

- 45 Gateways and Servers (Reported these events)
- 28 Published Sessions (Applied by administrators)
- 13 Critical Attack Types (Not prevented by policy)
- 7 Infected Hosts (With bots)

Software Blades Table:

Blade	Logs
IPS	1.7K
Application Control	411
Firewall	307

Attack Prevention by Policy: A pie chart showing 46% Prevent (blue) and 54% Detect (yellow).

Critical Attacks Allowed by Policy Table:

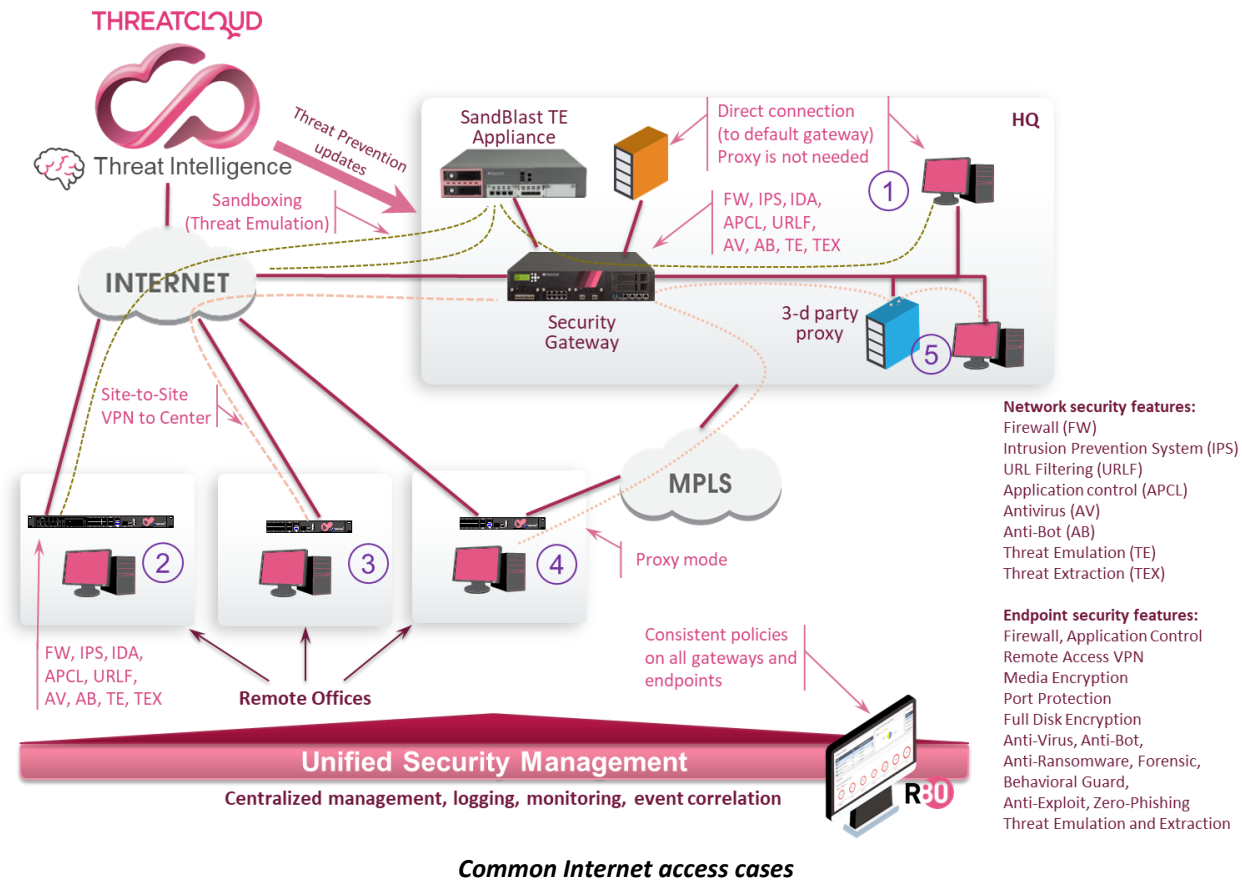
Attack	Severity	Blade	Logs
MIT Kerberos kadmind RPC Library RPC...	Critical	IPS	100
Backdoor.Win32.Taldoor.A	Critical	Anti-Bot	11
Microsoft Windows RASMAN Service M...	Critical	IPS	8

Timelines:

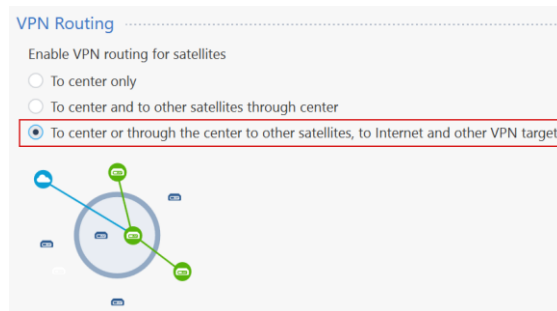
- Security Incidents (by Logs):** A timeline showing 1,6K incidents (High and Critical) from Aug 17, 2018 to Sep 11, 2019.
- Applications and URL Filtering (by Logs):** A timeline showing 43 Critical, 571 High, and 571 Medium incidents over the same period.

Allowed High Risk Applications: A horizontal bar chart showing LogMeIn rescue and LogMeIn as the highest risk applications.

USE CASES



- ① **Direct connection**
 - Default route through the Internet perimeter gateway
 - Suitable for endpoints and servers even if their applications do not support proxy
 - All security features including Threat Emulation and Threat Extraction
- ② **Additional NGFW/NGTP/NGTX Internet gateway**
 - Direct connection (as #1)
 - All security features
 - Security policy is centrally managed (the same or slightly differ from the HQ)
 - Sandboxing (TE/TEX) is implemented via Sandblast in HQ
- ③ **Through HQ via VPN**
 - Remote Office gateway uses the Internet only to establish Site-to-Site VPN to the HQ
 - All traffic including the Internet is routed through the VPN to the HQ



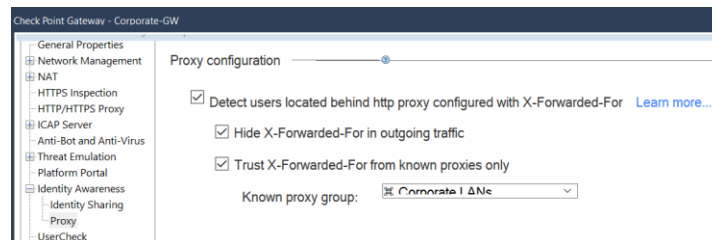
- Outgoing Web Access policy is enforced by the HQ gateway
- All security features

4 HQ Security Gateway as a proxy

- Browsers of Remote Office users are configured to use the HQ security gateway as a proxy
- The same policies and security features are enforced as for 'direct connection' (point 1)

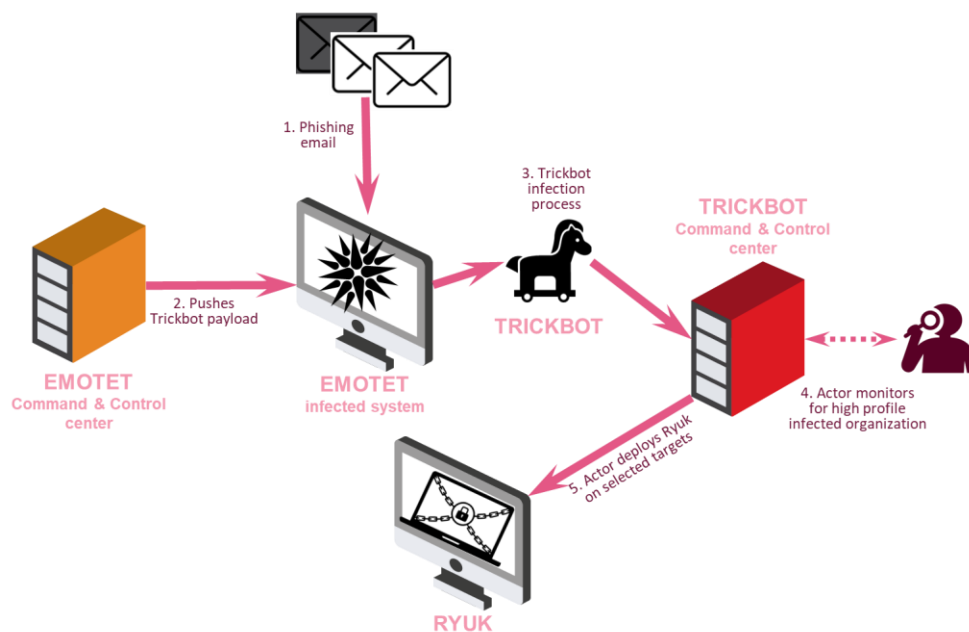
5 3rd party proxy

- Legacy 3rd party proxy can be used for the transition period
- Application Control, URL Filtering and Identity Awareness Security Gateways can use X-Forwarded-For HTTP header, which is added by the proxy server, to see identities of users behind the 3-d party proxy IP address and apply individual policies to users.



THREAT SCENARIO

Consider the following triple attack: Emotet + Trickbot + Ryuk.



Emotet initiates TrickBot, which deploys Ryuk

The first stage of the attack starts with a weaponized Microsoft Office document attached to a phishing email. This file contains a malicious, macro-based code. Once the user opens the document, the malicious file will run cmd and execute a PowerShell command. The PowerShell command attempts to download the Emotet payload.

When the Emotet payload executes, it looks to continue its malicious activity by further infecting and gathering information on the affected machine. It initiates the download and execution of the TrickBot Trojan by communicating with and downloading from a pre-configured and remote malicious host.

TrickBot is a modular Trojan. Once the machine is infected with TrickBot, it begins to steal sensitive information. Meanwhile, the attackers check to see if the target machine is part of an industry they are looking to target. If it is, they download the Ryuk ransomware payload and use the admin credentials, stolen using TrickBot, to perform lateral movement, and reach the assets they intend to infect.

The ransomware dropper Ryuk.exe checks the system architecture and drops its main payload accordingly. The dropper also stops multiple services and processes related to antimalware products by using the netstop and taskkill commands. The main Ryuk payload injects itself into multiple processes and achieves persistence using the registry.

To ensure the victim is forced to pay to decrypt the valuable files, Ryuk changes the configuration of and deletes the Virtual Shadow Copy. Ryuk then encrypts files on the disk, changes the extension to .RYK, and drops a ransom note RyukReadMe.txt created with notepad.exe in every processed folder.

Looking to the MITRE ATT&CK Enterprise matrix, which provide a list of methods and techniques used by hackers, it can be seen that Check Point can detect and prevent such an attack at almost every stage:

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command And Control	Exfiltration
3 items	7 items	5 items	5 items	8 items	6 items	8 items	3 items	3 items	7 items	2 items
Spearphishing Attachment	Command-Line Interface	Hooking	Hooking	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	Brute Force	Account Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Data from Local System	Commonly Used Port	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel
Spearphishing Link	PowerShell	New Service	New Service	Disabling Security Tools	Hooking	Process Discovery	Remote File Copy	Email Collection	Custom Command and Control Protocol	Data Encrypted
Valid Accounts	Scheduled Task	Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder	Process Injection	Modify Registry	Credential Dumping	System Information Discovery	Windows Admin Shares	Man in the Browser	Remote File Copy	
	Scripting	Scheduled Task	Scheduled Task	Obfuscated Files or Information	Credentials in Registry	System Network Configuration Discovery			Standard Application Layer Protocol	
	User Execution	Valid Accounts	Valid Accounts	Process Injection	Credentials in Files	File and Directory Discovery			Standard Cryptographic Protocol	
	Windows Management Instrumentation			Scripting	Network Sniffing	System Service Discovery			Uncommonly Used Port	
	Execution through API			Valid Accounts		Domain Trust Discovery			Custom Cryptographic Protocol	
				Software Packing		Network Sniffing				

MITRE ATT&CK matrix: Technics used by Emotet + Trikbot

Besides stopping the attack, it is also possible to generate a comprehensive report at the endpoint.

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Exfiltration	Impact
Remote Logon 1 event	Command-Line Interface 4 events	Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder 1 event	Process Injection 22 events	Modify Registry 683 events		Browser Bookmark Discovery 10 events		Data from Local System 1929 events	Commonly Used Port 13 events		Data Encrypted for Impact 85 events
Valid Accounts 1 event	Execution through API 663 events	Scheduled Task 1 event	Scheduled Task 1 event	Process Injection 22 events				Man in the Browser 6 events			Inhibit System Recovery 2 events
	Scheduled Task 1 event	Valid Accounts 1 event	Valid Accounts 1 event	Scripting 4 events							Process Termination 44 events
	Scripting 4 events			Valid Accounts 1 event							Service Stop 368 events
	User Execution 1 event										

Ryuk malicious activity in the MITRE ATT&CK Matrix format.

CONCLUSION

There are many options to secure Internet web access: from very simple solutions to utilizing extremely complicated and expensive technology. The multi-vendor approach requires multiple solutions, such as gateways to protect the Perimeter, proxy/web isolation for outgoing Internet access, multiple endpoint protections and more. Simply deploying a sole protection across these varied environs is challenging, i.e. it is difficult to keep policies consistent when using proxy and for direct connections.

Moreover, multi-vendor solutions typically require more effort to be put into place because the administrator will have to coordinate the integration of disparate (and potentially incompatible) systems. Procurement efforts are also higher as negotiations of multiple contracts will need to take place, and not every contract will be the same length

and/or will be renewed at the same time. The management and monitoring of consoles, product upgrades, staff training and more, will require significant time and labor input, as well as a high monetary investment.

	Network	Endpoint	Operations
Multi-vendor	Perimeter firewall Proxy / web isolation	Antivirus + antimalware	3 management servers 3 consoles Inconsistent policies Multiple service contracts
Check Point	Firewall NGTX ²	Endpoint Security ³	1 management server Unified consoles and policies Single point of support


Check Point delivers an effective security architecture by uniquely combining three key elements:

- One security platform: leverages unified threat intelligence and open interfaces.
- Preemptive threat prevention: blocks the most sophisticated attacks before they happen.
- Consolidated system of single management, modular policy management and integrated threat visibility.

With 64 different security engines, Check Point protects against known and unknown threats across all networks, endpoints, cloud, mobile, and IoT. In addition, Check Point SandBlast Zero-Day Protection provides advanced protection against zero-day malware with technologies such as threat emulation (sandboxing), threat extraction (safe content delivery), anti-phishing, endpoint forensics, and anti-ransomware.

ENGINES FOR KNOWN THREATS

- Intrusion prevention
- Anti-bot
- Anti-virus
- URL filtering
- URL reputation
- IP reputation
- Domain reputation
- Anti Phishing
- Identity Awareness
- DDoS



- CPU-level inspection
- Malware DNA
- Threat emulation
- Threat extraction (CDR)
- Campaign hunting (AI)
- Context aware detection (AI)
- Huntress (AI)
- Zero-phishing
- Anti-ransomware
- Account takeover
- Malware evasion resistance

ENGINES FOR UNKNOWN THREATS

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² Includes multi-layered protection from known threats AND zero-day attacks using SandBlast Threat Emulation, SandBlast Threat Extraction, Antivirus, Anti-bot, IPS, App Control, URL Filtering and Identity Awareness

³ Endpoint Threat Emulation and Extraction, Zero-Phishing, Anti-Ransomware, Endpoint Anti-Bot, Anti-Exploit, Behavioral Guard, Endpoint Anti-Virus, Forensic collection and automated reports; Endpoint Firewall, Application Control, Port Protection, Endpoint Compliance, Remote Access VPN; Full Disk Encryption (FDE), Media Encryption (ME)

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