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Cyber Defense with a Tactical Security Mission Task

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Introduction



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Threat Mitigation Strategy





Cyber Security Lifecycle

Identify

- · What assets are business critical
- · What is the business security goa
- Assess your security maturity

Recover

 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

Protect

Implement Risk Mitigation Plan

Respond

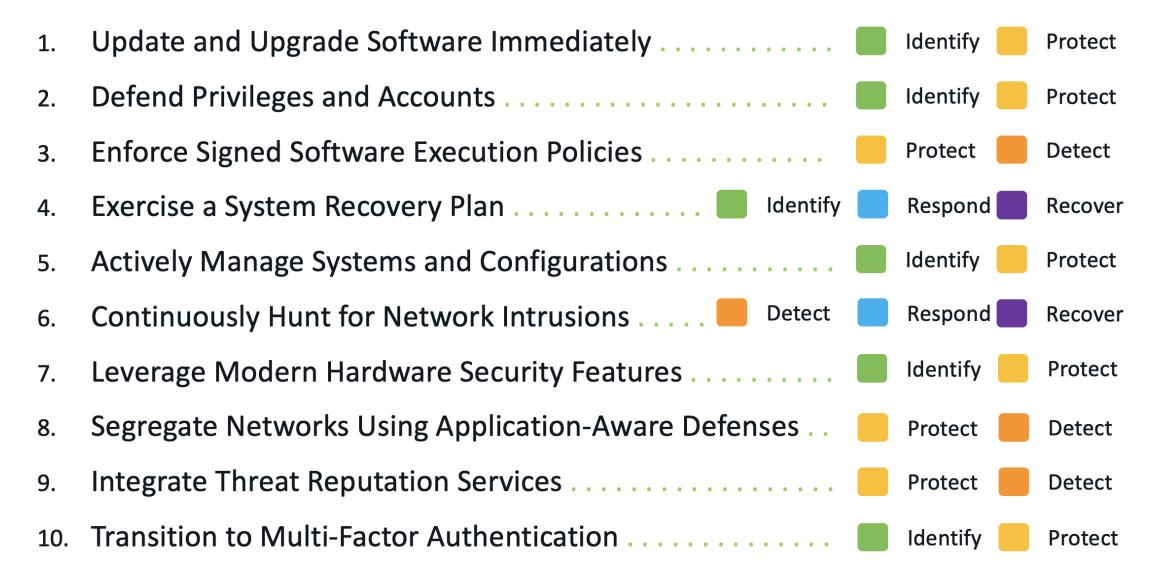
- Conduct Threat Response actions
- Conduct Threat Mitigation Actions
- Implement Threat Emulation Plan

Detect

- Monitor your assets for any abnormal behavior
- Threat Hunting to identify adversary presence within your environment



NSA's Top 10 Cybersecurity Mitigation Strategies



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NSA's Top 10 Cybersecurity Mitigation Strategies

Update and Upgrade Software Immediately

- Critical Asset Inventory
- Continuous Asset Vulnerability Scanning
 Example: Qualys, RAPID7, Tenable
- Monitoring the software update requirement
- Patch Testing

Defend Privileges and Accounts

- Role-Based Access (RBAC)
- Network Segmentation Security

Enforce Signed Software Execution Policies

- Application Whitelisting
- Have a Good Software baseline to compare to
- Vulnerability and System Process Monitoring is still essential on signed software
 - o Example: SolarWinds, Log4j

Exercise a System Recovery Plan

- Save the known good (previous) configuration
- Test the backup before implementation
- Segregate Backup Data

Actively Manage Systems and Configurations

- Inventory of network devices and software
- Identify and Remove stealth or unneeded hardware or software

Continuously Hunt for Network Intrusions

- Continuous Threat Monitoring and Proactive Threat Hunting
- Have SIEM or SOAR tools available that can ingest and correlate all the logs of threat evidences

Leverage Modern Hardware Security Features

- Monitor End of Life or End of Support devices and Schedule a hardware refresh
 - Those EoL or EoS does not get software patch release or support

Segregate Networks Using Application-Aware Defenses

- Identity and Segregate business critical assets
- Gain Visibility into all application conversations
- Prevent Attacker's lateral movement by Implementing Segmentation with least privilege communication

Integrate Threat Reputation Services

Open Source:

- o Talos: LINK
- o VirusTotal: LINK
- o Hybrid-Analysis: LINK
- SANS Internet Storm: LINK
- o URL Scan: LINK
- MITRE ATT&CK: LINK

Transition to Multi-Factor Authentication

- · Biometric verification
- SMS Token Authenticator
- Hardware Token Authentication
 - o Example: Common Access Card (CAC), YubiKey
- Software Token Authentication
 - o Authentication Application Example: Duo Mobile, Google Authenticator

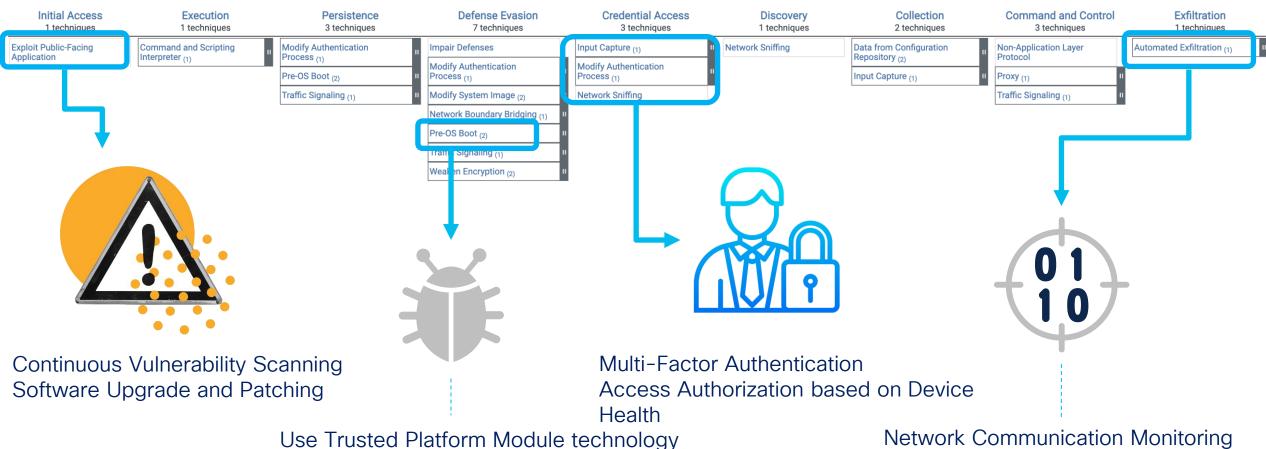


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MITRE ATT&CK® Use Case



MITRE ATT&CK® Use Case - Data Exfiltration



System properties Monitoring

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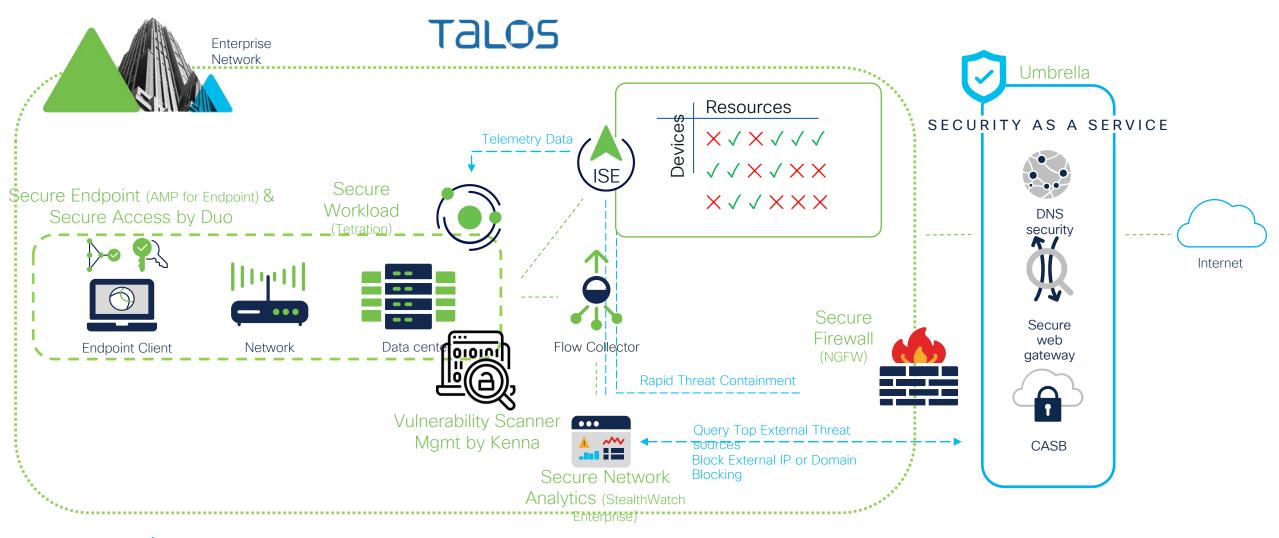
Abnormal Behavior Detection and Response

MITRE ATT&CK® Use Case - APT28

Execution Persistence **Initial Access** Resource Development Reconnaissance **Acquire Domains Active Scanning** Command and Script Account Manipulation Vulnerability Spear phishing Interpreter Application Exchange Email Valid Accounts Powershell External Remote Services Delegate Permission Gather Victim Identity Cloud Accounts • Windows Command Credentials Shell Keys/Startup Folder Phishing for Information Logon Script Malicious File (Windows) Malicious Link **Defense Evasion** Access Token Manipulation **Credential Access Privilege Escalation** Token Discovery Impersonation/Theft Access Token Manipulation File and Directory Brute Force Masquerading Token Impersonation/Theft Discovery Input Capture Match Legitimate Boot or Logon Auto-start **Network Sniffing** Keylogging Name or Location Execution Peripheral Device **Network Sniffing** Valid Accounts Registry Run Keys/Startup Discovery Steal Application Application Access Folder Process Discovery Token Token Login Script (Windows) Pass the Hash **Exploitation for Privilege** Cloud Accounts Command and Control Exfiltration **Lateral Movement** Collection **Automated Collection Exploitation of Remote Services** Data Transfer Size Limited Communication through SMB/Windows Admin Shares Data from Information Mail Protocols **Use Alternate Authentication** Repositories Web Protocols Sharepoint Material Web Service Application Access Token Data from Local System Bidirectional Communication Data from Network Shared Drive Pass the Hash Data from Removable Media

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Cisco Security Summary: Data Exfiltration



Platform Drill Down



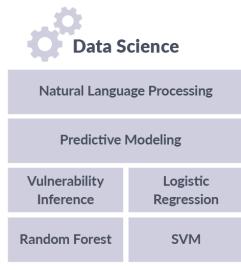
Vulnerability Management





Vulnerability Scanner Manager: How Kenna Works







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Access Control



Secure Access by Duo: Attributes



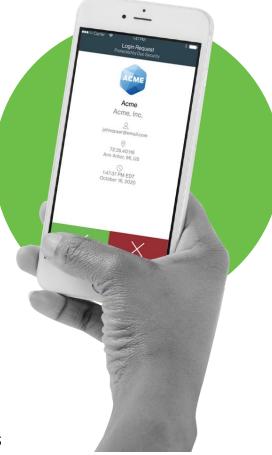
Mobile Devices

- Corp managed asset status
- Biometrics (Touch/Face) status
- Screen lock status
- OS condition (tampered) status
- Encryption status
- Platform type
- Device OS type
- Device OS version
- Device owner
- Duo Mobile version

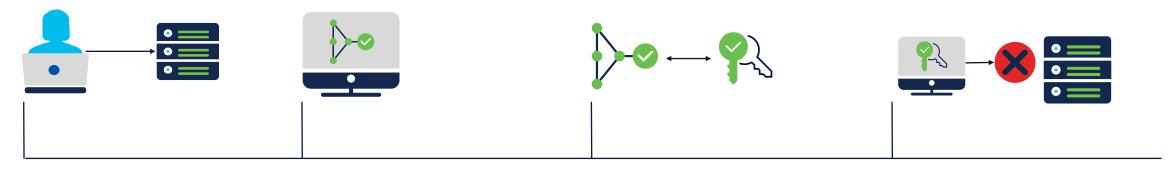


Laptops / Desktops

- Disk encryption
- Firewall enabled
- Device password
- OS patch level (Win 10)
- Third party agents
- Corp managed asset status*
- OS type & versions
- Browser type & versions
- Flash & Java plugins versions
- OS, browser and plugins status



Secure Access by Continuous Endpoint Inspection



Users use their devices to access application

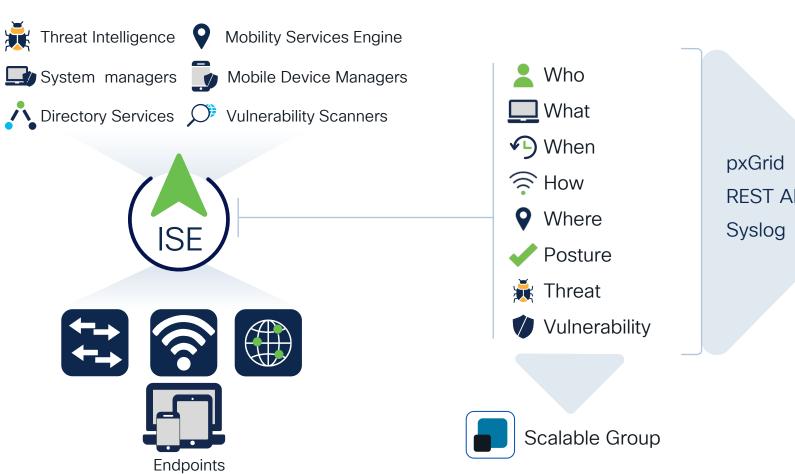
Cisco Secure Endpoint running on the device detected malware

Cisco Secure Endpoint notifies Duo about the infected device

Duo blocks that device from accessing apps



Identity Services Engine: Visibility & Access Control



Context Reuse for analysis & control



REST API

Secure Network Analytics

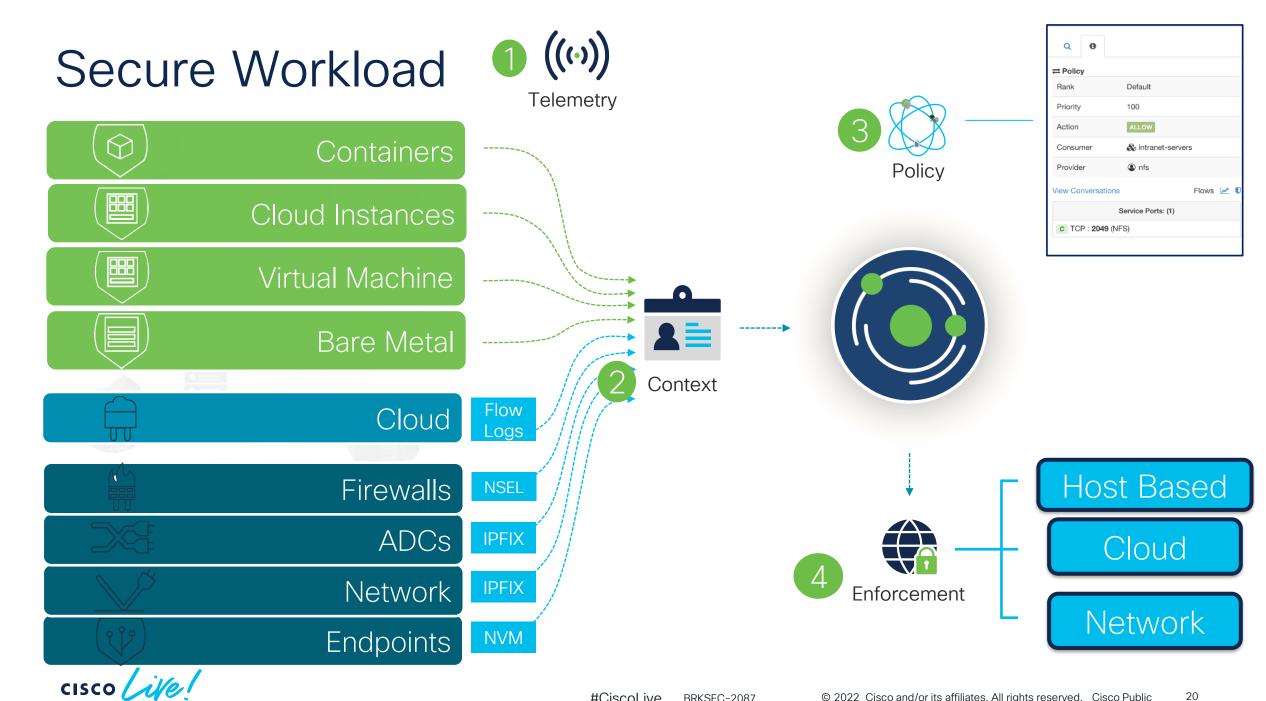
Secure Firewall

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• + 3rd Party Partners



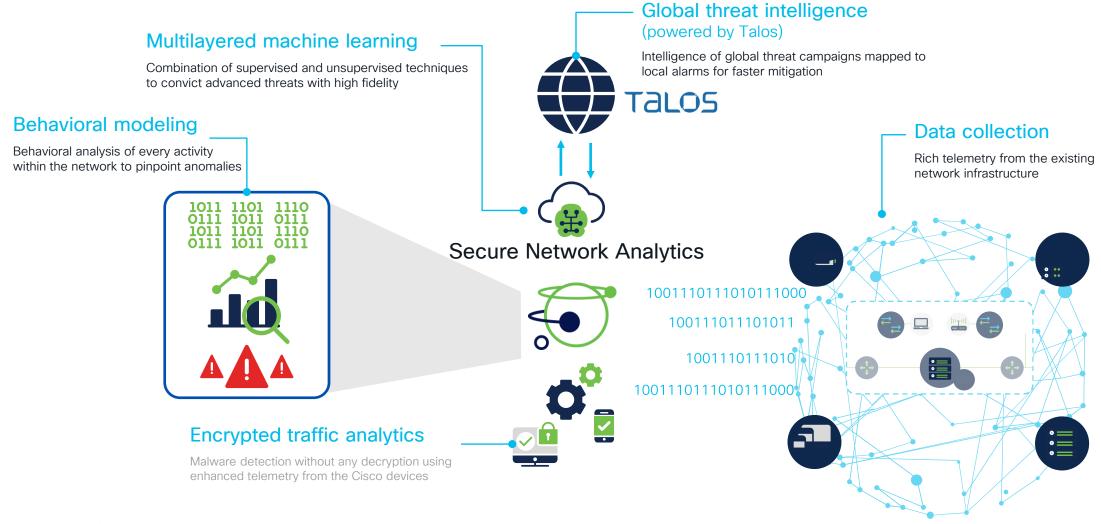




Threat Detection and Response



Secure Network Analytics



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Mapping to the MITRE ATT&CK Enterprise matrix

Initial Access

- · Drive-by Compromise
- · Exploit Public-Facing Application
- · External Remote Services
- Spearphishing Attachment
- Spearphishing Link
- Trusted Relationship
- Valid Accounts

Execution

- · Dynamic Data Exchange
- Exploitation for Client Execution
- PowerShell
- · Scheduled Task
- Windows Management
- Instrumentation
- Windows Remote Management

Exfiltration

- Automated Exfiltration
- Data Compressed
- Data Encrypted
- Data Transfer Size Limits
- · Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol
- Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel
- Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium
- Scheduled Transfer

Privilege Escalation

- Scheduled Task
- Valid Accounts

Defense Evasion

- BITS Jobs
- DCShadow
- · Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information
- Disabling Security Tools
- Port Knocking
- · Redundant Access
- · SIP and Trust Provider Hijacking
- Valid Accounts
- Web Service

Credential Access

- Account Manipulation
- Brute Force
- Forced Authentication
- LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning and Relay
- Network Sniffing

Collection

- · Data Staged
- Data from Information Repositories
- · Data from Network Shared Drive
- Email Collection

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Discovery

- · Account Discovery
- Application Window Discovery
- · File and Directory Discovery
- Network Service Scanning
- Network Share Discovery
- Network Sniffing
- Password Policy Discovery
- · Remote System Discovery
- System Information Discovery
- System Network Connections Discovery
- System Service Discovery

Lateral Movement

- Application Deployment Software
- Exploitation of Remote Services
- Remote Desktop Protocol
- Remote File Copy
- · Remote Services
- · Windows Admin Shares
- · Windows Remote Management

Persistence

- Account Manipulation
- BITS Jobs
- External Remote Services
- Port Knocking
- Redundant Access
- SIP and Trust Provider Hijacking
- Scheduled Task
- · Valid Accounts

Command and Control

- Commonly Used Port
- · Communication Through Removable Media
- Connection Proxy
- · Custom Cryptographic Protocol
- Data Encoding
- Data Obfuscation
- Domain Fronting
- · Domain Generation Algorithms
- · Fallback Channels
- · Multi-Stage Channels
- Multi-hop Proxy
- · Multiband Communication
- Multilayer Encryption
- Port Knocking
- Remote Access Tools
- Remote File Copy
- · Standard Application Layer Protocol
- Standard Cryptographic Protocol
- Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
- Uncommonly Used Port
- Web Service

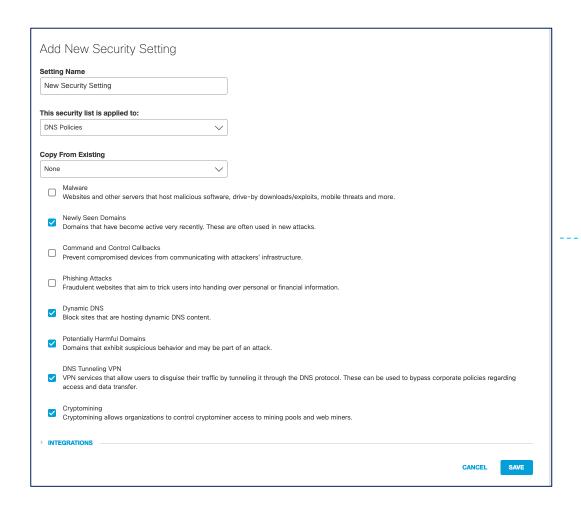
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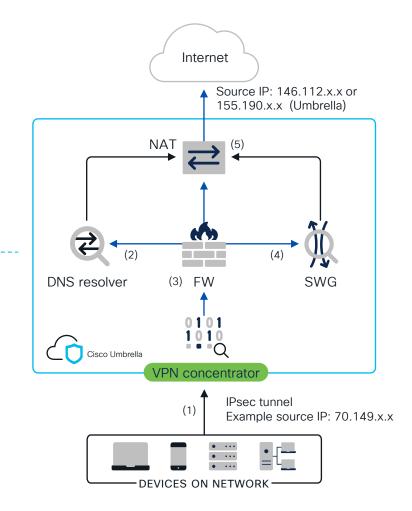
- · Network Denial of Service
- Resource Hijacking

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Cisco Umbrella - DNS, CDFW, SWG







Endpoint Prevention, Detection & Response



Secure Endpoint: Prevent, Detect, Respond

Threat Intelligence



Anti-Malware Endpoint Detection & Response



Malware Analytics



PREVENT



DETECT

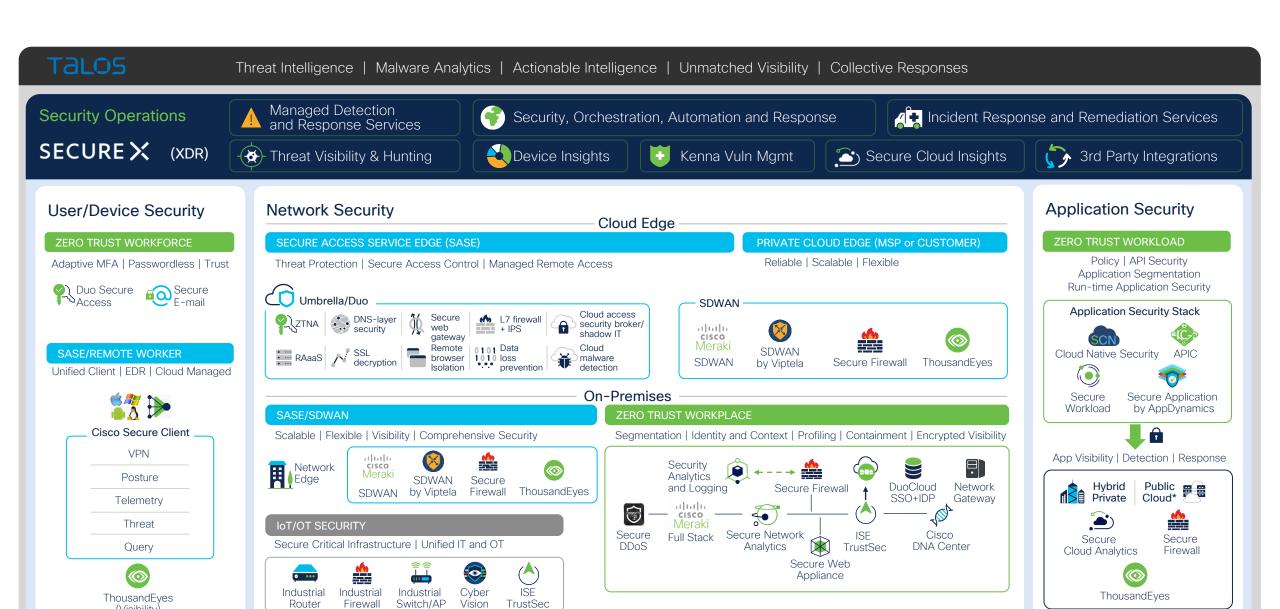


File Reputation	Network Flow Correlation	System Process Protection	Indications of Compromise	Global Threat Alerts	Retrospective Security
Signature-based Antivirus	Machine Learning	Exploit Prevention	Prevalence Analysis	SecureX Threat Hunting	Endpoint Isolation
File Grouping Engine	Ransomware Protection	Script Protection & Control	Vulnerable Surface Detection	API Integrations	Automated Actions & Orchestrator
	Behavior Protection		Orbital Advanced Search		Cross-Platform Response



Cisco Security Reference Architecture







(Visibility)

Conclusion



Wrap Up

- Track the inventory of your Business-Critical Assets
- Conduct scheduled Vulnerability Scanning, and Prioritize your business-critical asset for Vulnerability Patching
- Continuous Threat Monitoring and Proactive Threat Hunting using Threat Intelligence tools
- Build a strategy and Execute Network Segmentation Least Privilege Access & Least Privilege Communication
- Segregate Backup Data
- Gain Visibility into your application and device communication within your network
- Use Modern Security Features for more detection, prevention, and faster response to Security Incidents
- Transition to Multi-Factor-Authentication

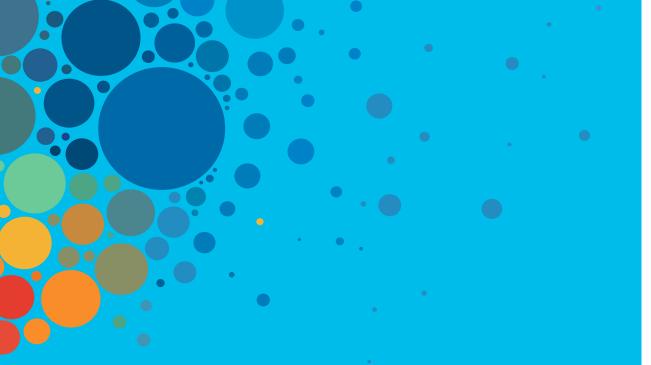


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 - MITRE ATT&CK Enterprise matrix LINK
- Cisco Umbrella LINK
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