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Project: Xcitium Endpoint Protection and Response System

Introduction

Xcitium OpenEDR is a free, open-source Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) solution that follows a client-server model. A centrally managed cloud server provides comprehensive threat monitoring and control, while each endpoint device runs a lightweight agent that reports data to the cloud manager. This setup enables you to detect, analyze, and respond to malware and security threats in real time.

In this project, you will configure and manage Xcitium OpenEDR to monitor endpoint devices, review security data, and apply critical patches—all from the centralized **Xcitium Cloud Manager**.

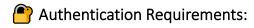
Project Objectives

By completing this project, you will be able to:

- Set up and configure **Xcitium Cloud Manager**
- Add and register endpoint devices in the **OpenEDR** system
- View and analyze endpoint telemetry and threat data in Cloud Manager
- Manage and deploy **endpoint patches**
- Perform and review **malware scans** on endpoints

Prerequisites

To complete this project successfully, ensure you have the following:



- A smartphone with an **Authenticator App** installed, such as:
 - Google Authenticator
 - Microsoft Authenticator
 - LastPass Authenticator
 - o 2FAS

Device Requirements:

- At least one internet-enabled device to act as the **endpoint**, such as:
 - Windows PC
 - o macOS computer
 - o Linux machine
 - o Android phone/tablet
 - o iOS phone/tablet

Note: You can set up both the **Xcitium Cloud Manager** and endpoint agent on the same device if needed.

Before You Begin

- Ensure you have administrator privileges on any device where you plan to install software.
- Download the required software from the official <u>Xcitium OpenEDR website</u>.
- Familiarize yourself with the Xcitium dashboard layout and available tools.

Project Workflow

- 1. Create a Xcitium Account and log into the Cloud Manager
- 2. **Install Endpoint Agent** on the selected device
- 3. **Register and link the device** with your Xcitium account
- 4. **View endpoint data** in the Cloud Manager dashboard
- 5. **Initiate a malware scan** from the dashboard and review results
- 6. Check for and deploy patches to secure the endpoint
- 7. (Optional) Add more devices and scale your endpoint protection system

Set up open source version of Xcitium Cloud Manager

- Open your browser and enter https://openedr.com/.
- 2. Select Get Started for Free.



1. Enter your information to create a free account.





2FA Account Protection Enabled

If you lose access to your authentication device, you'll need one these backup codes to login to your account.

Make a copy of these codes, and store it somewhere safe offline or secured digitally.

Each backup code may be used only once.

▶ Download backup codes as txt file

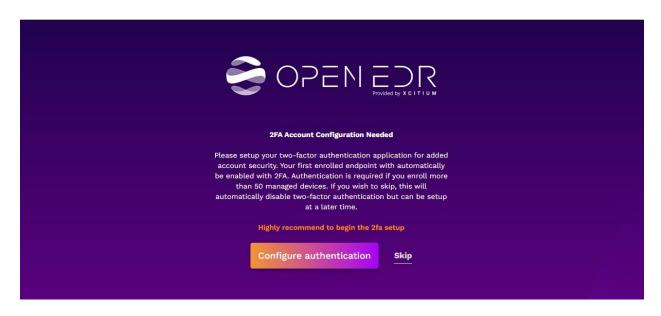


Set Secret Questions

Setting up secret questions will enhance your account security, and will be needed in case you forget your password, or when you need to reset Two Factor Authentication method.

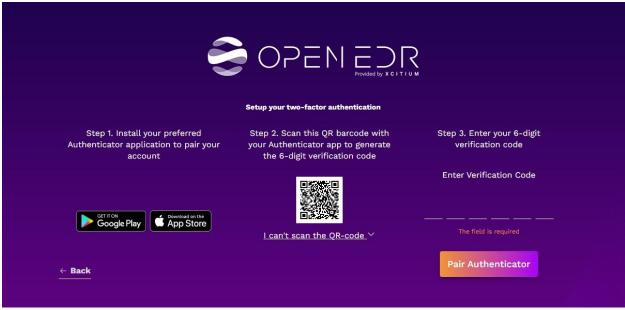
* Answer 1

 After creating your account, Xcitium will prompt you to set up multifactor authentication (MFA) using the authenticator app on your mobile device. If you don't have an authenticator app, you can download one from Google Play or the Apple Store.

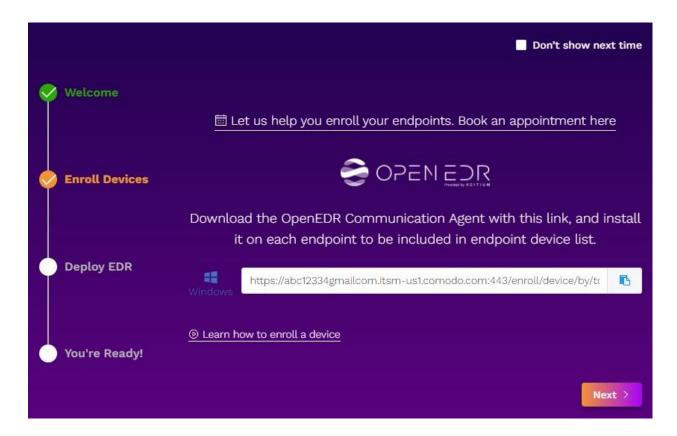


1. Use the authenticator app to scan the onscreen QR barcode to generate a six-digit verification code. Type or enter this code in the **Enter Verification Code** field on your browser window, and then select **Pair Authenticator**.

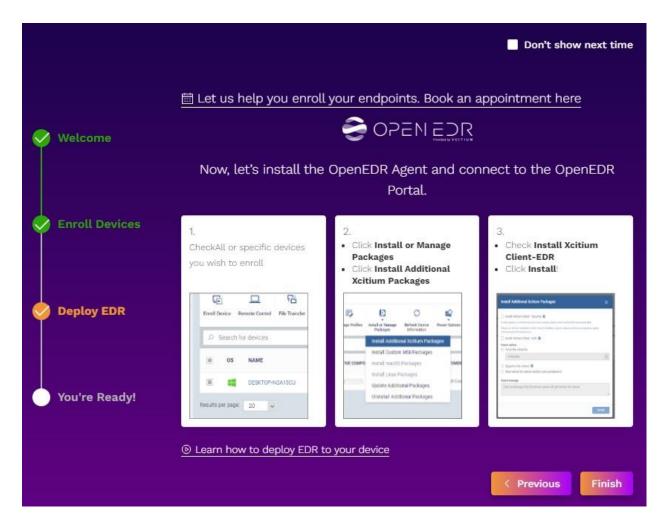
Note: You might see an optional, **Set Secret Questions** window. This lab does not require that you complete this task. Select the **Skip** option to bypass this task.



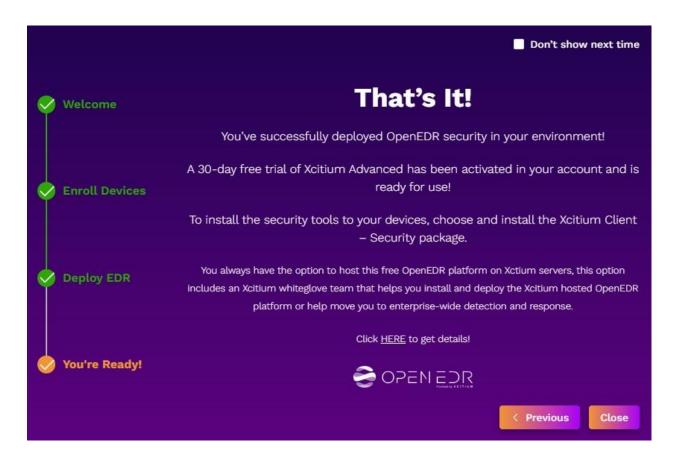
1. The **Welcome** screen opens. Select **Next**.



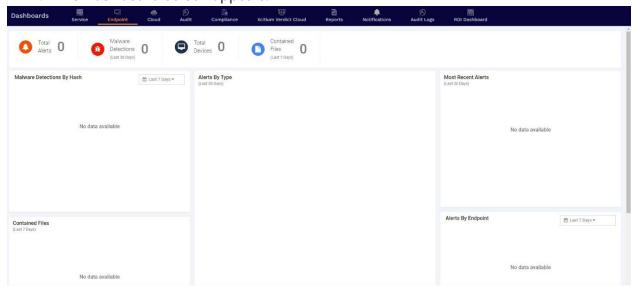
1. On the **Enroll Devices** screen, select **Finish**.



1. Next, select **Close** on the **That's It!** page.

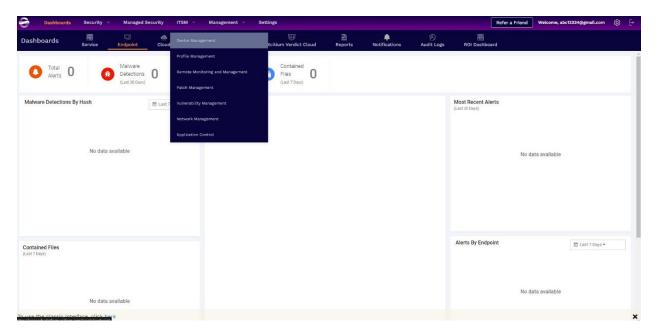


1. The **Dashboard** screen appears.

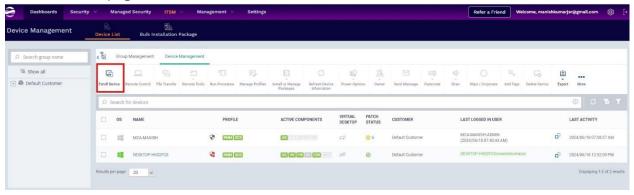


Add an endpoint device to the OpenEDR system

Now you've set up the OpenEDR Cloud Manager. In this task, you'll add endpoints to the Cloud Manager.



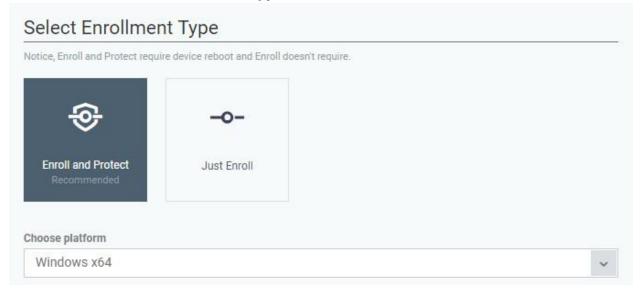
1. On the **ITSM** menu, select **Device Management** to open the **Enrollment Wizard** page. Next, select **Enroll Device**.



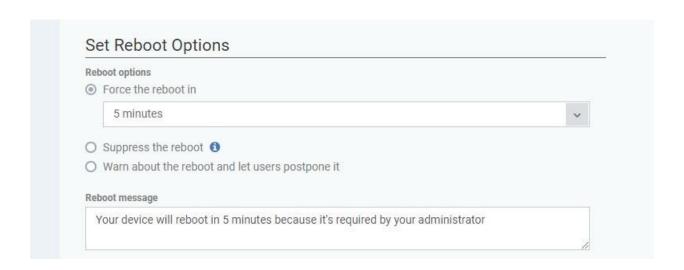
1. Select the operating system for your device.

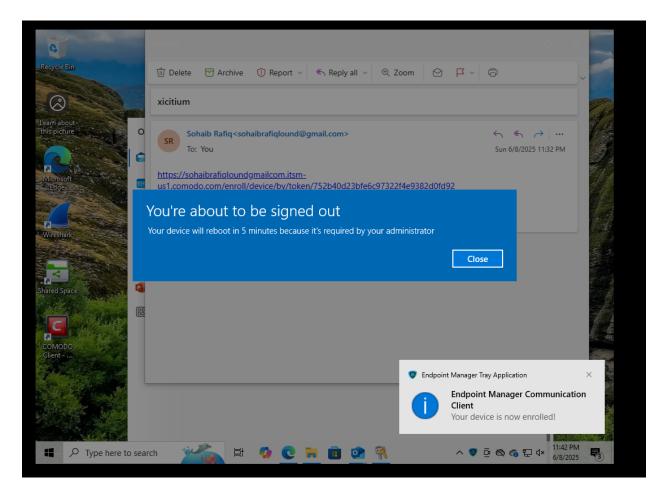


1. From the **Select Enrollment Type list**, select **Enroll and Protect**.

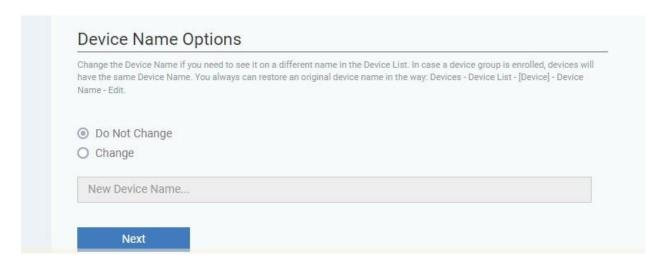


1. Now, select your preferences from the **Set Reboot Options** list.

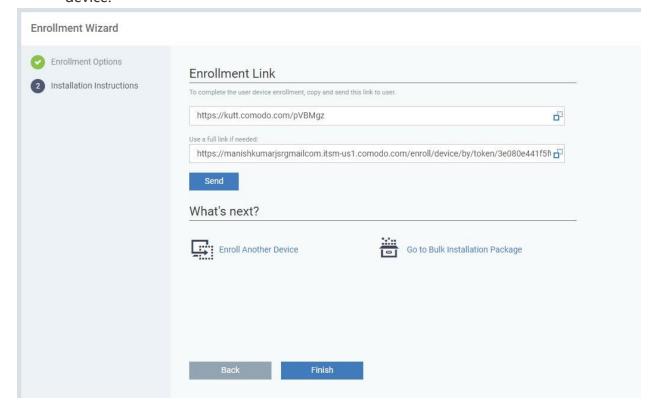




1. Keep the default values unchanged, scroll to the end of the page and select **Next**.



1. Enter the enrollment link into your browser's address bar or access the link on the device.



- 1. Select Finish.
- 2. The Open EDR Cloud Manager is now active on your device. Next, install the client program, or agent, on the device.
- 3. Open the enrollment link to get the **Enrollment Wizard**.

4. Follow the installment instructions on the Enrollment Wizard page. Depending on your device, you will be prompted to download either an installer or an app.

Note: The agent name will vary depending on the device.

1. Now open the installer and restart your device to finish the agent setup process.

Welcome to Enrollment Wizard

In order to complete the connection of your device, follow the instruction below

Installer

Download Windows Installer

Installation Instruction



Step 1

Run installer of Communication Client after download complete. After that, your device will be enrolled and appears in Device List



Step 2

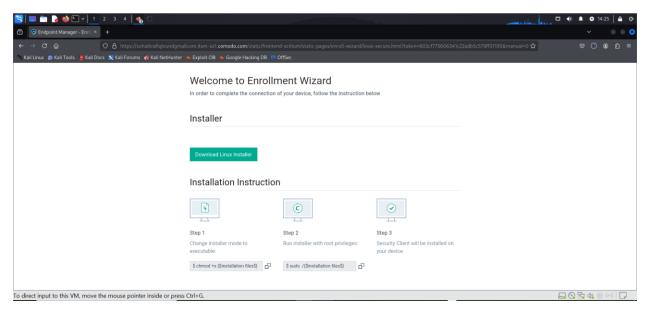
After Communication Client is installed, Security Client will be installed on your device automatically



Step 3

Your device will be rebooted after installation of Security Client is completed

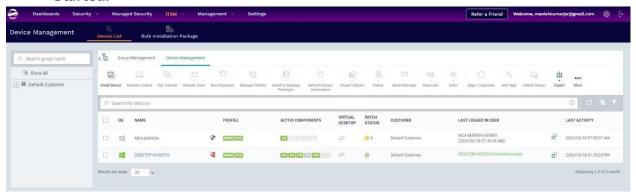
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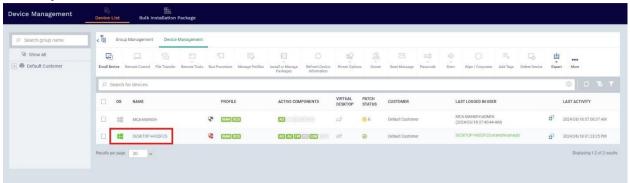
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(windows@ windows)-[~/Downloads]
$ sudo ./itsm_13LSSNf3_ccsl_installer.run
[sudo] password for windows:
Creating directory /tmp/installer_1747160873/agent
Verifying archive integrity... All good.
Uncompressing Linux ITSM Agent/10.1.50439.25030 100%
systemd system
https://mdmsupport.comodo.com/enroll/resolve/token/13LSSNf3
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Created symlink '/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/itsm.service' → '/etc/systemd/system/itsm.ser
before install ces ls
ITSM
Note, selecting 'ccs-linux' instead of '/tmp/installer_1747160873/linux-security.deb'
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:

libbfio1 libglapi-mesa libglynd-core-dey openidk-23-ire p
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- 1. After completion of the agent installation, you will verify that the agent can communicate with the Cloud Manager.
- Visit https://openedr.com/ and log into the OpenEDR Cloud Manager. Select Get Started.



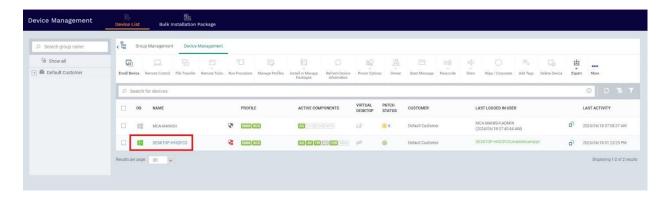
 Select ITSM and then Device Management to view the connected devices. Check for your listed device.



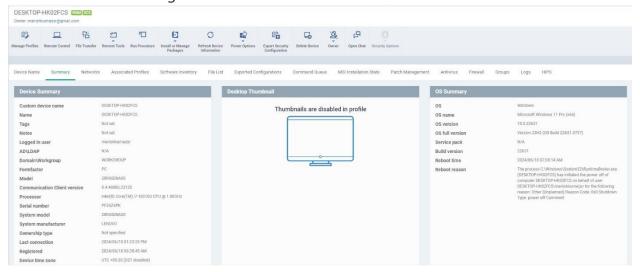
Locate endpoint data in the Cloud Manager

Now that agent and the cloud manager are communicating well, let's look at the steps to analyze the data collected by the Cloud manager to manage endpoint protection.

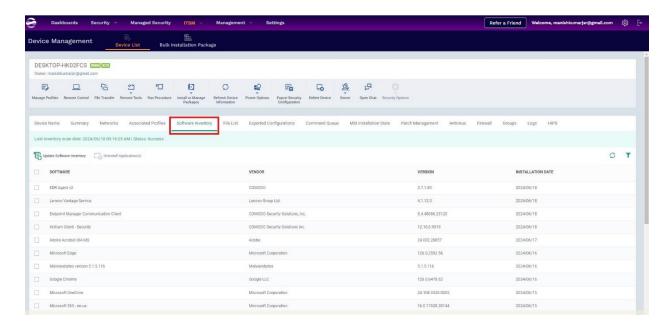
1. Select your device on the **Device Management** pane.



1. Review the detailed information on the **Summary** page for device's hardware, operating system, security software, and performance metrics, including CPU, RAM, and network usage.



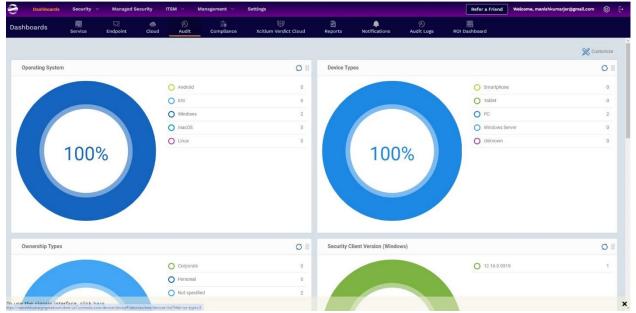
1. Navigate to the **Software Inventory** tab to access a detailed list of all applications installed on the device.



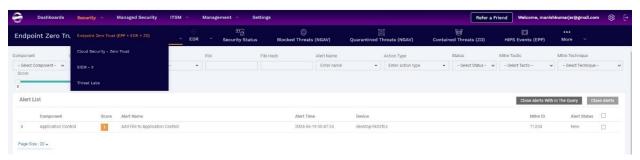
- 1. Navigate away from the **Device List** to explore additional information captured from endpoints. Explore the **Audit** pane.
- Select the **Dashboard** tab.



Select the Audit tab to get an overview of the endpoints managed by OpenEDR.



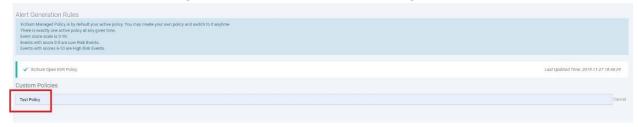
 Select Security tab to view endpoint threat alerts. Next, select Endpoint Zero Trust (EPP + EDR + ZD) from the drop-down list.



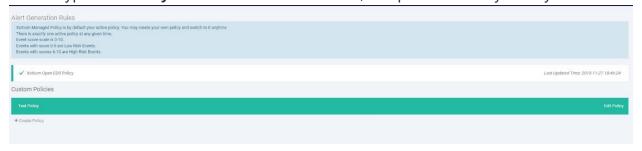
The **Endpoint Security** pane displays all EDR alerts based on severity levels. Events with a score from 0 to 5 are at the low risk, and those with a score from 6 to 10 are at the high risk.



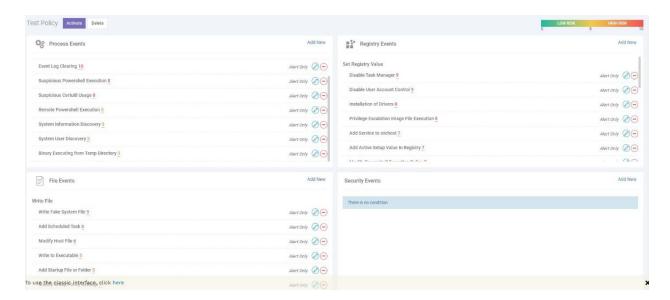
 Next, establish new rules for monitoring potentially harmful executable downloads into the user's devices. For this, you should create a custom policy. Return to the Alert Policy page and select Create Policy to begin.



1. Type **Test Policy** in the **Custom Policies** field, and press **Enter** in your keyboard.



1. Click on custom policy named **Test Policy**, to view the various policy details.



Note: Your custom policy begins with the same rules as the Xcitium Predefined Policy. However, you have the option to add, edit, or delete rules based on custom policies.

- 1. For this lab, let's retain Xcitium's default rules. Select **Delete**.
- 2. Next, select Yes, delete it to confirm.



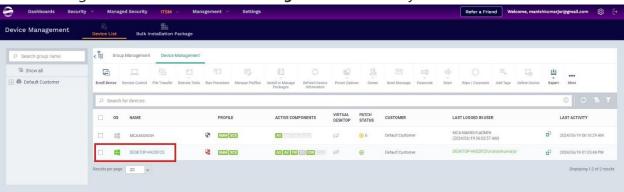
You are about to delete this policy permanently. Are you sure?

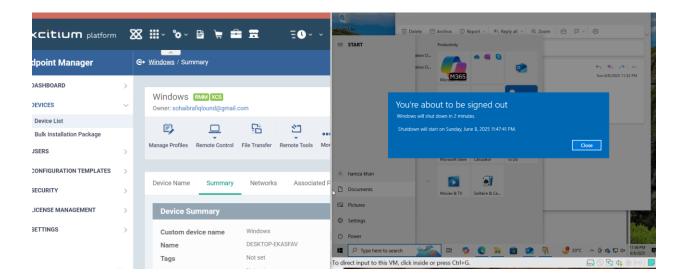


Manage endpoint patches from the cloud manager

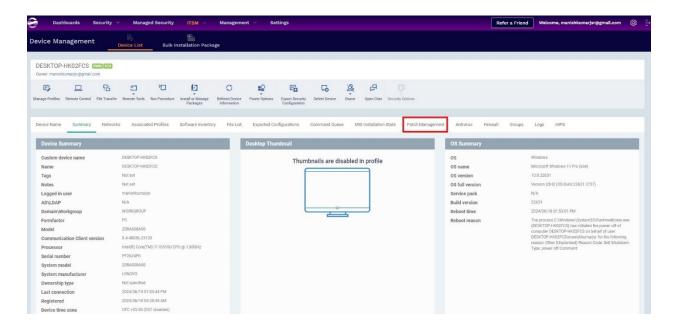
Patch management stands as a critical measure for organizations to prevent malicious attacks and ensure that each endpoint has their patches consistently updated. Let's explore how to manage patches on your endpoint devices.

1. Navigate to ITSM -> Device Management -> Select your Device.

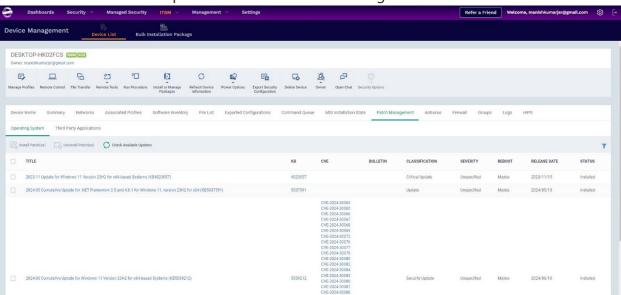




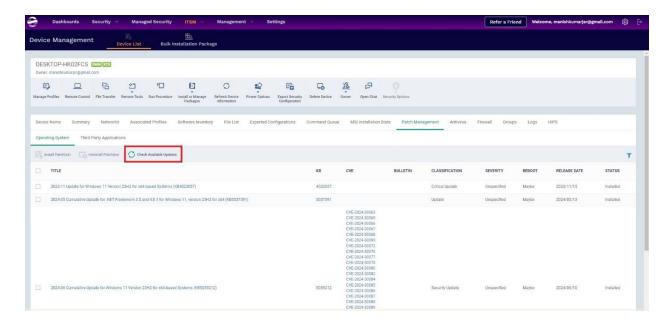
1. Your selected device page will appear. Select the **Patch Management** tab.



The **Patch Management** page displays a comprehensive list of installed software that has available patches or more recent versions. The **Operating System** pane displays each security update available for the endpoint's operating system, along with detailed information such as its importance and whether installing it necessitates a device reboot.

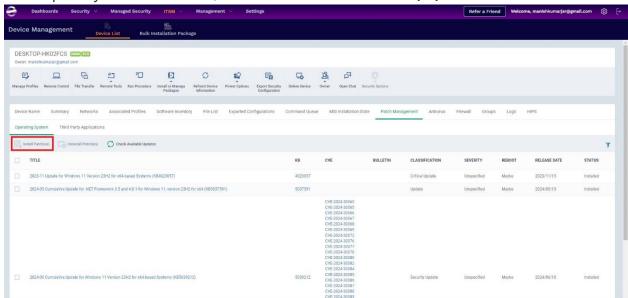


1. Ensure that all available updates for the endpoint are visible. To instruct your device to recheck for new updates, Select **Check Available Updates**.

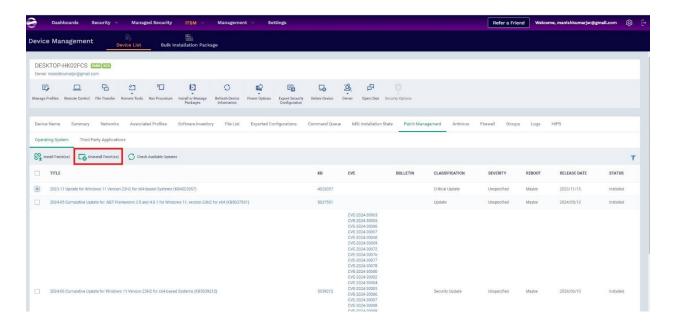


Note: Depending on the current update status of your device, you may not see any results initially. However, the additional entries will appear gradually as patches become available gradually.

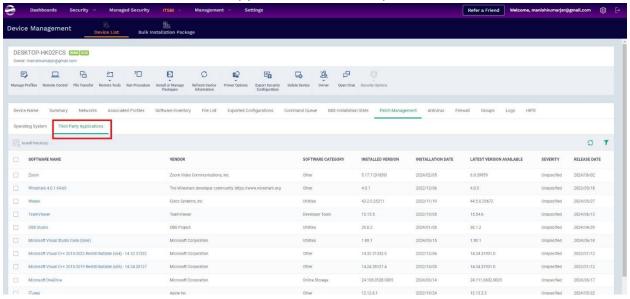
1. To install patches directly from the cloud manager, select the checkbox next to the patch you wish to install, and then select **Install Patch(es)**.



1. Uninstall the patch that impacts other applications. To do so, select the checkbox next to the patch you want to remove, and then select **Uninstall Patch(es)**.

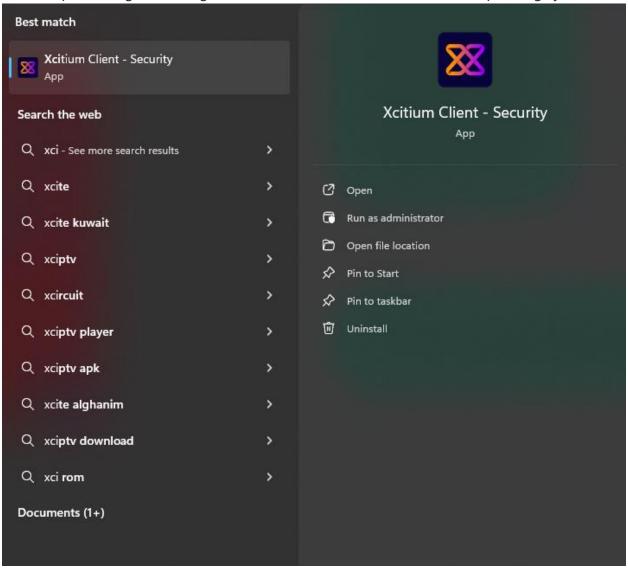


 Navigate to the Third Party Applications tab next to the Operating System to review additional installed applications that have patches or available new versions.

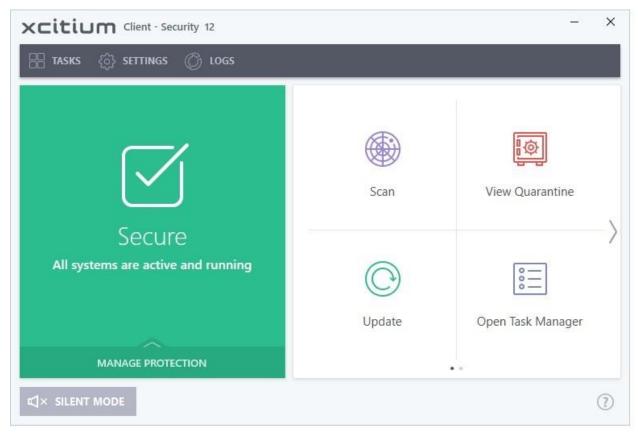


Scan an endpoint for malware and find the results in the cloud manager

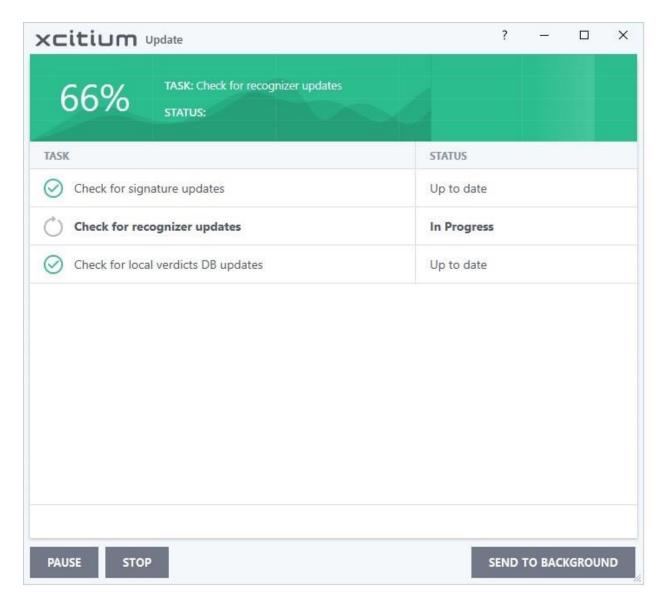
we use the agent to scan the endpoint for malware and then review the results reported to the cloud manager. 1. Open the agent. The agent's name varies based on the device's operating system.



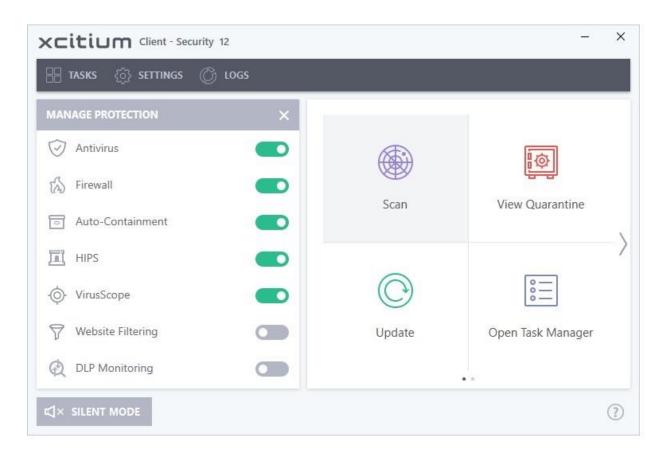
1. Select **Update** on the agent dashboard.



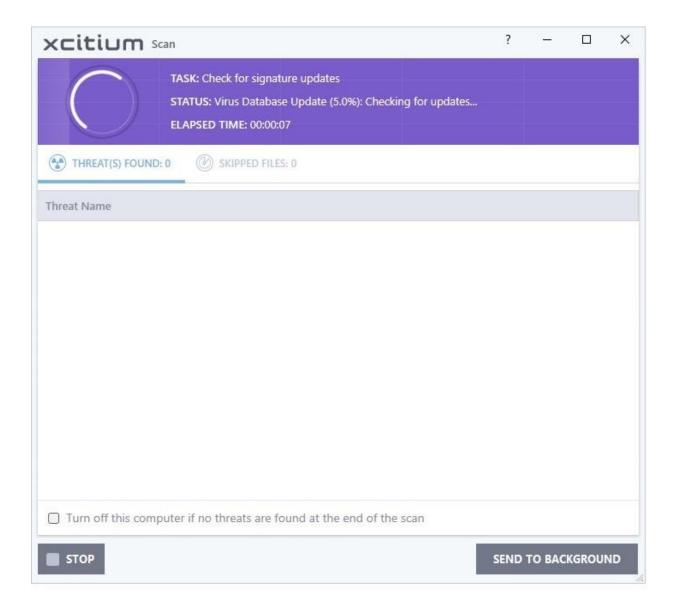
During the update process, the program reports the status of each update task to ensure that all the threat signatures are recent.



1. Once the update is complete, select **Scan** on the agent dashboard.

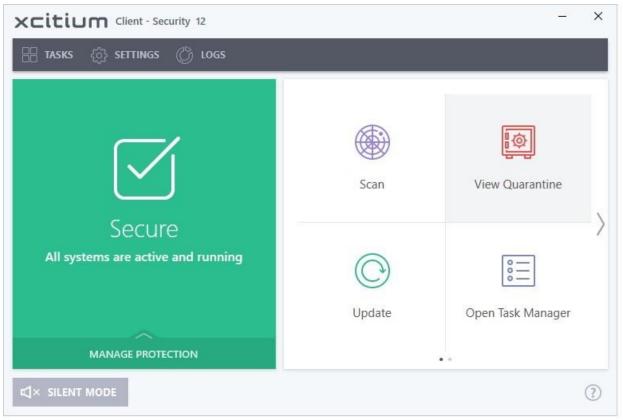


1. Next, select **Quick Scan** from the list of scans.

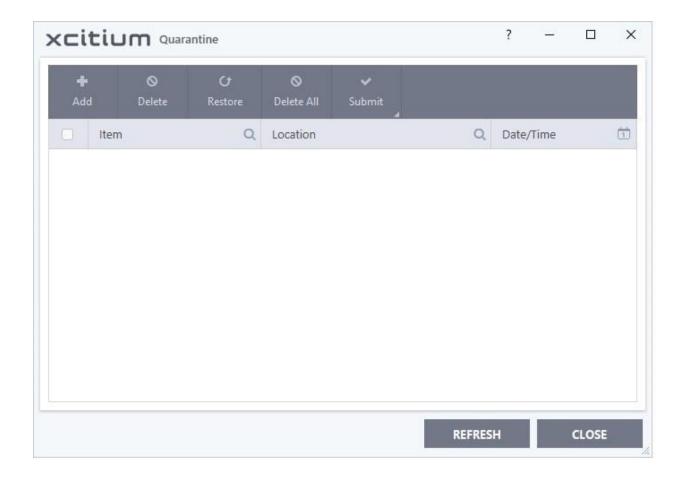


1. Post scanning the device, the system generates a report outlining each threat. To view each potential threat in quarantine, return to the agent dashboard, and then

select View Quarantine.



2. View the **Quaratine** dashboard to determine if any files remain in quarantine.



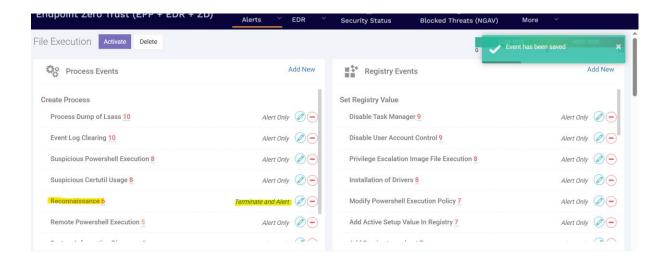
Create a new security policy in OpenEDR

Objective: Create and apply a new security policy to protect against suspicious file execution.

The test file should be blocked or an alert should be generated according to the policy rules you set.

Solutions:

- 1. Open the OpenEDR console on your management server.
- 2. Navigate to the "Policies" section.
- 3. Click on "Create New Policy" and choose the type of policy you want to create (for example, "File Execution").
- 4. Set the policy conditions, such as blocking or alerting on executable files from unknown sources.
- 5. Save the policy and apply it to the desired endpoint group.
- 6. Test the policy by executing a test file that meets the policy conditions.



Remote Access & File Explorer Management using Xcitium

As part of the endpoint administration process, I utilized Xcitium's remote toolset to establish a secure connection to a target endpoint device. Through the **File Explorer** feature available in the remote tools section, I was able to navigate the system directories with **administrator privileges**. This allowed me to access and manage critical files and hidden system folders such as \$Recycle.Bin, ProgramData, System Volume Information, and Windows.

This capability is essential for remote incident response, enabling analysts to:

- Investigate system file integrity
- Check for unauthorized or suspicious files
- Collect forensic artifacts if needed
- Upload or download important logs or executables for further analysis

