

# How to SIEM with Veeam



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# Agenda

- Security + operations
- SIEM: what and why
- What can Veeam do: notify
- What can Veeam do: respond
- Examples
- Conclusion



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# Security + Operations

Veeam's® role in your environment

# Security

## Backup is the last line of defense

### Security is an ecosystem:

- Multiple solutions working together
- Each solution suited to a purpose
- Nothing is perfect

### Backup is your reserve parachute:

- It must work!
- Data must be safe
- Data must be available
- Data management must be simple
- 3-2-1-1-0 rule



# Operations

## Backup is the restoration engine

### Get back online:

- You don't want this to take a long time (usually)
- You don't want this to be complex
- You don't want to have zero options

### Get into the cloud:

- Migrate or extend your environment to leverage the cloud
- Pay per GB storage, amiright?

### Get your applications tested:

- Sandboxes and staging areas







Backup = Security + Operations

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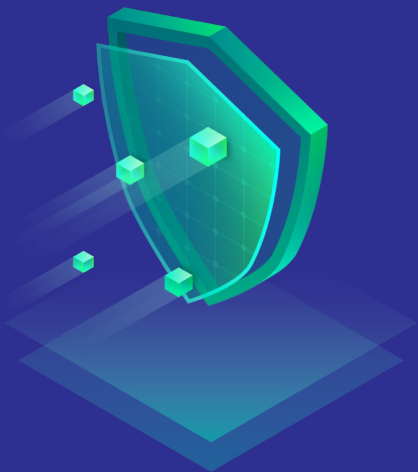


# Security information & event management

Keep track of it all



# What is a SIEM?



Security information  
and event management



Detection, analysis, response



Consolidate log sources  
Translate data into action



# SIM, SEM, SIEM, SOAR, XDR, etc.

Got all that?

## Digital immune system:

- Lots of solutions with different focus areas

If it can trigger scripts or REST APIs,  
it can work with Veeam.



# Building security operations



NIST cybersecurity framework



Real-time detection



Consolidate log sources  
Translate data into action

# Why?

Compliance

Cyber insurance

Reinforces best practices:

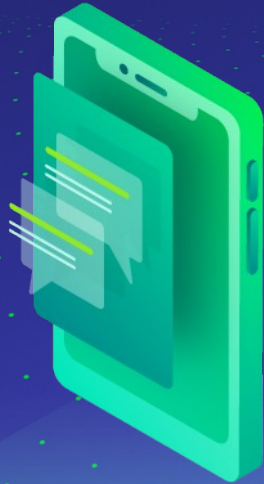
- Audit trails
- Change management
- Incident management
- Business impacts

This is the world we live in!

- When everything is connected, everything is vulnerable



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# Veeam + SIEM

Send notifications and alerts



# Notifications and alerts



Intelligent alerting

Veeam ONE™



Automation

PowerShell & RESTful API



Do more with less

Data re-use



# Veeam ONE

Let Veeam ONE do even more for you



Automatically triggered SMTP alarms



SNMP traps



Monitors infrastructure as well as Veeam



# Filters and categories

NORMAL OPERATION	WARNING	CRITICAL // FAILURE	INFORMATIONAL ONLY
Healthy server	Tasks waiting in queue	Repository offline	Infrastructure audits
Plenty of storage	Unexpected data growth	Backup job failed	Capacity planning info
CPU load low	VM backup retries	SLA not met	Admin1 logged in
Backup job successful	Repository low space	High CPU + high disk write	Restore operation
WAN bandwidth low	User1 attempted login	Malware scan hit	MFA enabled
BCJ successful	High CPU	Expired app-aware creds	Set logging level 6



# Veeam + SIEM

Respond to events using APIs



# Automation

## PowerShell & REST API

Triggered verification using SureBackup® that last night's backup can be brought online

New-VBRSureBackupVM:

- \$backup = Get-VBRBackup -Name "MSEExchange"
- \$RestPoint = Get-VBRRestorePoint -Name "Winsrv2047" -Backup \$backup
- New-VBRSureBackupVM -RestorePoint \$RestPoint -Role MailServer

## Edit traffic rules

Scale-out Backup Repository™ Capacity Tier offload job

- Apply temporary throttling to prevent new fancy cloud-hosted phone system from going down at night
- Apply temporary throttling to prevent manufacturing subnet across WAN connection from losing connection to the C&C – lost/flappy connections in the digital can translate to broken parts in the real



# Data re-use

## Data Integration API:

- Images - cats vs. dogs: when did they arrive?

## Data labs:

- Forensic analysis
- Spin up a copy of your environment to find out when malware first appeared in backups





# SureBackup

## **SureBackup:**

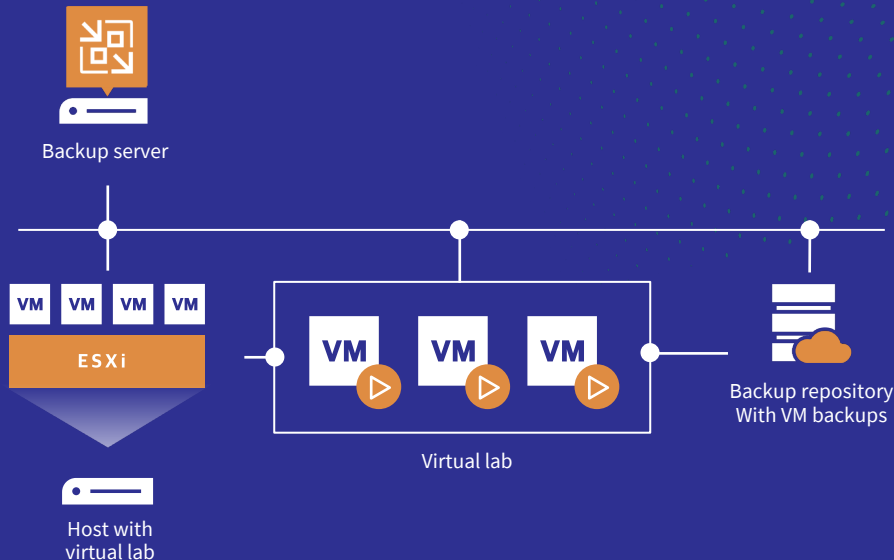
built-in backup verification feature

## **Live verification:**

backup is scanned for malware, booted in an isolated environment, tested, then powered off

**Report** is created with verification results

**Can run on schedule**



# Use case example

## Malware activity detected on a server

### CISA Ransomware Guide:

- Isolate or power down
- Triage
- Create and execute recovery plan

### Restore a VM using PowerShell:

- Start-VBRRestoreVM

### Restore a VM using REST API:

- `/api/v1/restore/vmRestore/vmware/`



# Wrap up



## Build out your security operations:

- Refer to NIST cybersecurity framework
- Start with most critical workloads, then expand

## Protect your reserve parachute:

- Backup alerts are high-priority
- Safeguard your repositories

## Notifications and responses:

- Set up notifications and alerts in Veeam products
- Use Veeam APIs with SIEM response capabilities
- Automation reduces business impact



Thank you!

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