

Check Point UK Summary of WannaCry

The Attack

On May 12, 2017 the Check Point Incident Response Team started tracking a wide spread outbreak of the WannaCryptor ransomware. We have reports that multiple global organizations are experiencing a large scale ransomware attack which is utilizing a known vulnerability in the Windows SMB protocol to propagate within their networks.

The attack originated in Asia and using the SMB vulnerability spread rapidly within infected networks and across the globe.

Given the wide footprint of unpatched systems within its estate the NHS was particularly hard hit by the ransomware. The attack has spread across large and small organisations across industries in over 100 countries WW.

Entry Points

1. WannaCryptor – Direct infection utilizing SMB as delivery method
2. Hostile links within an email
3. Hostile attachments that contain a hostile link within a PDF
4. Hostile attachments that are password encrypted ZIP file which contains a PDF which starts the infection chain.
5. Brute force login attacks against RDP servers which then plant ransomware

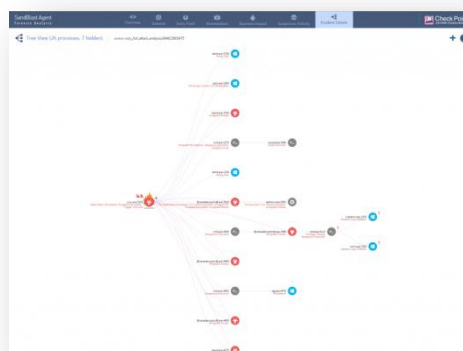
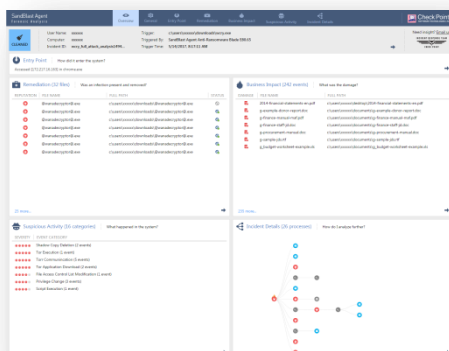
Best Practices

- **DO NOT PAY** – evidence suggests that WannaCry does not decrypt on payment
<http://blog.checkpoint.com/2017/05/14/wannacry-paid-time-off/>
- **PATCH** – Windows machines should be patched for vulnerabilities discussed in Microsoft Security Bulletin MS17-010 – Critical Security Update for Microsoft Windows SMB Server (4013389) <https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/security/ms17-010.aspx>
- Ensure a backup is available that is not shared on the network
- Block encrypted password protected attachments from email gateways

Check Point Solutions

SandBlast

- Threat Extraction – Strips code from the e-mail attachment ensuring end user does not receive the initial malware
- Threat Emulation – detects the code in the e-mail attachment is malicious and prevents the e-mail being delivered
- Anti-Bot – detects the outbound C&C call back and blocks
- Anti-Ransomware – detects WannaCry running, blocks it and de-crypts files (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5M6qutHbkl>)
- Forensics – identifies all indicators of compromise and highlights machines that are vulnerable



IPS Protections (will not work on a flat network)

- Microsoft Windows EternalBlue SMB Remote Code Execution <https://www.checkpoint.com/defense/advisories/public/2017/cpai-2017-0332.html>
- Microsoft Windows SMB Remote Code Execution (MS17-010: CVE-2017-0143) <https://www.checkpoint.com/defense/advisories/public/2017/cpai-2017-0177.html>
- Microsoft Windows SMB Remote Code Execution (MS17-010: CVE-2017-0144) <https://www.checkpoint.com/defense/advisories/public/2017/cpai-2017-0198.html>
- Microsoft Windows SMB Remote Code Execution (MS17-010: CVE-2017-0145) <https://www.checkpoint.com/defense/advisories/public/2017/cpai-2017-0200.html>
- Microsoft Windows SMB Remote Code Execution (MS17-010: CVE-2017-0146) <https://www.checkpoint.com/defense/advisories/public/2017/cpai-2017-0203.html>
- Microsoft Windows SMB Information Disclosure (MS17-010: CVE-2017-0147) <https://www.checkpoint.com/defense/advisories/public/2017/cpai-2017-0205.html>

Check Point UK Press Coverage

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-39901382>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-4500534/NHS-cyber-attack-What-Wanna-Decryptor-does-work.html>

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<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3549181/nhs-cyber-attack-ransomware-spreading-globe-countries-attacked/>

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/nhs-ransomware-attack-goes-global/>

<http://www.computerweekly.com/news/450418720/NHS-hospitals-hit-by-suspected-ransomware-attack>

Fri 12th May Check Point interviewed on BBC Radio 5 Live Drive Time show

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Resources & Collateral

- Background on the attack – <http://blog.checkpoint.com/2017/05/12/global-outbreak-wanacryptor/>
- Why you should not pay the ransom – <http://blog.checkpoint.com/2017/05/14/wannacry-paid-time-off/>
- Forensics Report - http://freports.us.checkpoint.com/wannacryptor2_1/index.html
- SandBlast Agent vs WannaCry – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5M6quttHbkl>

Useful Next Steps

Check Point's Incident Response and Threat Intelligence teams are actively working through the current outbreak at both a global and customer level. Check Point SandBlast is a range of threat prevention technologies that are proven to actively prevent both WannaCry and the various attack vectors it uses. For further information on these services and technologies please contact your partner or account manager.