

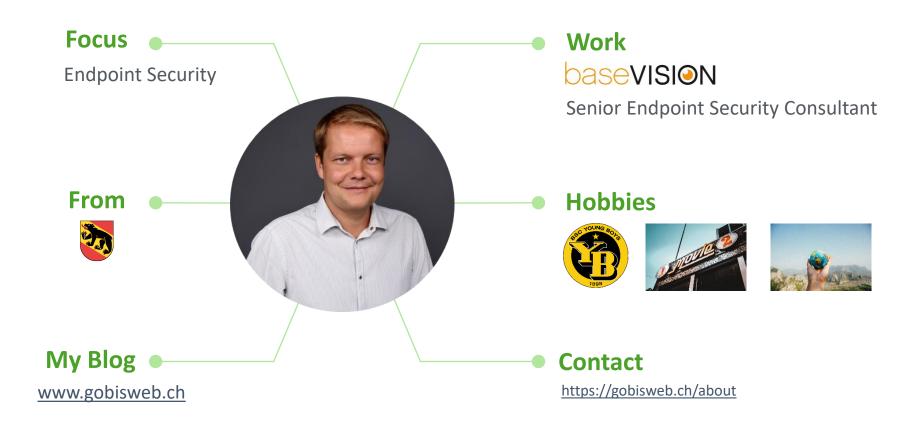
Entdecken Sie die Möglichkeiten von

Windows Defender Application Control (WDAC)





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Key takeaways:

 Top 10 Erkenntnisse: Was Sie über WDAC wissen sollten bevor Sie ein Deployment starten

Erfahrungen aus der Praxis: Aus aktuellen 5 WDAC Projekten













- Application Control
 - Schutz vor aktuellen Bedrohungen, wenn der Angriffsvektor ausführbarer Code ist
 - Verhinderung, dass nicht genehmigte/schädliche Programme ausgeführt werden, einschliesslich
 - EXE
 - DLL
 - Skripten
 - Installationsprogrammen
 - Eine der wirksamsten Strategien, um die Sicherheit von Systemen zu gewährleisten.





- Strategien zur Eindämmung von Cybersicherheitsvorfällen (Cyber Security Incidents)
 - Effectiveness Rating: Limited, Very Good, Excellent, Essential
 - 1. Patch operating systems
 - 2. Patch applications
 - 3. Restrict administrative privileges
 - 4. Multi-factor authentication
 - 5. Regular backups (Immutable)
 - 6. Application Control
 - 7. Configure Microsoft Office macro settings
 - 8. Application hardening

Quelle: Australien Cyber Security Centre - <u>Strategies to Mitigate Cyber Security Incidents | Cyber.gov.au</u>



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MDE Threat analytics

April/Mai 2024

Threats: 20

WDAC Block: 14 (70%)

Thre	at Analytics 🔻	Attack chain/Analyst report	Published	*	Would have been blocked by WDAC
		Malvertising campaigns have showcased a diverse range of malware payloads, including			
		MetaStealer, Danabot, FakeBat, and PikaBot, each serving distinct malicious purposes such as			
		data theft and system compromise.			
Acti	vity Profile: Recent OSINT trends in malvertising	MSIX installers packaged with heavily obfuscated PowerShell code	01.04.2024		YES
		Observed threat actors exploiting this vulnerability in FortiClient SQL Servers. In one case, this			
		exploitation led to deployment of INC ransomware.In the observed case, after successful			
		exploitation, an unknown actor managed to download and install a renamed instanced of the			
		Atera remote monitoring and management (RMM) tool.			
Vuln	erability Profile: CVE-2023-48788 - in Fortinet FortiClient EMS	(setup.msi)	01.04.2024		YES
vuui	erability Fronte. CVE-2020-40700 - III Fortifiet FortiOtient E143	vulnerability caused by a supply chain compromise in which a threat actor managed to install a	01.04.2024		163
Vuln	erability Profile: CVE-2024-3094 - XZ Utility vulnerability	backdoor in the open-source Linux utility xz.	02.04.2024		NO, no Support for Linux
	erability Fronte: GVE-2024-3094 - AZ Othity vulnerability	A threat actor could exploit these vulnerabilities to launch arbitrary code with SYSTEM privileges	02.04.2024		NO, no support for Linux
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	vity Profile: Remote code execution exploit chain in OpenVPN	in kernel mode on a target system running a vulnerable version of OpenVPN.	09.04.2024		YES
		This vulnerability stems from two weaknesses in the PAN-OS code with overlapping scopes. PAN			
Vuln	erability Profile: CVE-2024-3400 - command injection vulnerability	OS is a Linux-based operating system running on Palo Alto Networks firewalls.	12.04.2024		NO, no Support for Linux
		Microsoft tracks the recently observed campaigns under a different cluster, which involves			
Acti	vity Profile: Grandoreiro banking trojan campaign expands target regions	delivery of .zip files followed by .exe files	25.04.2024		YES
		GooseEgg is a bespoke tool that exploits a vulnerability in the Windows Print Spooler			
		$service\ where\ a\ modified\ Java Script\ constraints\ file\ can\ be\ executed\ with\ elevated\ permissions.$			
		GooseEgg is typically deployed with a batch script, which we have observed using the name			
Γοοι	Profile: GooseEgg	execute.bat and doit.bat.	25.04.2024		YES
		Atom installation via Covera Connect			
		Atera installation via ScreenConnect			
		Remote Support & Access Software			
	vity Profile: Seashell Blizzard exploiting vulnerabilities to install Atera Agent for post-compromise activities		06.05.2024		YES
Tool	Profile: PlugX	DLL side-loading	07.05.2024		YES
					NO, can't be stopped by application control technology
Tech	nique Profile: Exchange mailbox exfiltration	SMTP Forwarding, Email rules, Power Automate, Mail Flow Rules	08.05.2024		Not applicable.
		Researchers identified an emerging Linux malware campaign targeting misconfigured servers			
Acti	vity Profile: Recent OSINT trends in Linux malware	running web-facing services	10.05.2024		NO, no Support for Linux
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		Once the user complies and allows access, the threat actor runs a scripted cURL command to			
	it. Bedite. The et este enionica Onich Assistic essistic essistic este et este et este et este et este et este	download a series of batch files or ZIP files used to deliver malicious payloads.	40.05.0004		YES
ACTI	vity Profile: Threat actors misusing Quick Assist in social engineering attacks leading to ransomware	download a series of batch files of ZIP files used to deliver malicious payloads.	13.05.2024		152
		A malicious application can pass a crafted value that causes dwm.exe to run arbitrary shellcode			
		with SYSTEM privileges, which can in turn cause dwm.exe to load an arbitrary dynamic link library	,		
Vuln	erability Profile: CVE-2024-30051 - Desktop Window Manager EoP vulnerability	(DLL).	14.05.2024		YES
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Acti	vity Profile: Star Blizzard spearphishing campaign targets US think tanks	Adversary-in-the-middle (AiTM) phishing	14.05.2024		Not applicable.
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		Downloads a malicious Java archive (JAR), and runs that file using the Java Runtime Environment			
Vuln	erability Profile: CVE-2024-30040	(JRE) installed on the targeted system with the permissions of the user currently signed in.	14.05.2024		YES
		Allow a threat actor to impersonate specific users to (1) obtain elevated or any other privileges;			
		(2) attain persistence by indefinitely creating an arbitrary number of valid authentication tokens;			NO, can't be stopped by application control technological
Tech	nnique Profile: Golden SAML	and (3) evade defenses by using or impersonating legitimate authentication infrastructure.	16.05.2024		Not applicable.
		HighCount typically manifests as a Windows executable, and its malicious functionality is			
Acti	vity Profile: Seashell Blizzard stealing interactive logon credentials using HighCount	enabled by unique configurations within the Windows Registry.	20.05.2024		YES
	The state of the s	Threat actors run PowerShell on compromised hosts to conduct many malicious activities, such			
		as taking advantage of living-off-the-land binaries (LOLBins) for collections and persistence, file			
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rect	nique Profile: Malicious use of PowerShell	transfer activities, and for deployment of additional malicious code or files.	20.05.2024		YES
		An unauthenticated threat actor can upload a malicious dynamic link library (DLL) to a			
		vulnerable device, which allows the actor to bypass security checks and run any code in the			
Vuln	erability Profile: CVE-2023-2071	functions exported from the DLL.	20.05.2024		YES
		By exploiting CVE-2024-4040, an unauthenticated threat actor can achieve remote code			
	erability Profile: CVE-2024-4040	execution (RCE) with administrative privileges on a vulnerable system.	30.05.2024		YES

Quelle: Microsoft Defender for Endpoint Threat Analytics - https://security.microsoft.com/threatanalytics3



- Windows Defender Application Control
 - Neueste und sicherste Application Control Technologie von Microsoft.
 - Ermöglicht Unternehmen die Kontrolle darüber, welche Anwendungen und Treiber auf ihren Windows-Clients/Servern ausgeführt werden dürfen.
 - Eingeführt mit Windows 10 / Windows Server 2016



- Windows Defender Application Control
 - Früher bekannt als Configurable Code Integrity (CCI) und Device Guard.
 - Umbenennung in Windows Defender Application Control (WDAC) mit Windows 10 1903.
 - Wird in Zukunft umbenannt in App Control for Business?

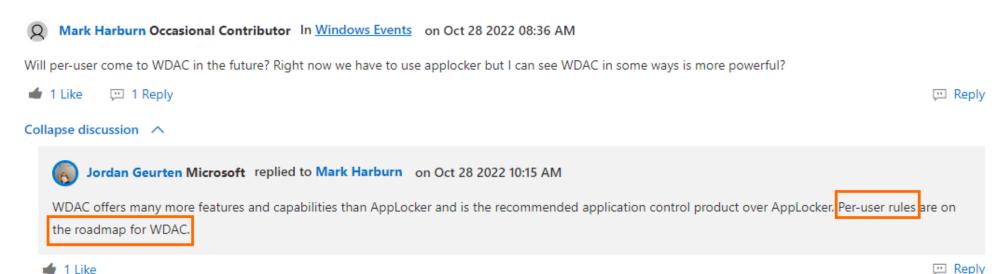




- Windows Defender Application Control
 - Unterstützt die folgenden Betriebssysteme
 - Windows 10 Build 1903+ (Beliebige Client-Edition)
 - Windows 11 (Beliebige Client-Edition)
 - Windows Server 2016 oder höher



- WDAC kennt nur Devices Policies
 - Richtlinien gelten für den verwalteten Computer als Ganzes und betreffen alle Benutzer des Geräts.
 - Es gibt keine Per-User Richtlinien, wie bei AppLocker
 - Dies ist der grösste Nachteil, den WDAC im Vergleich zu AppLocker noch hat





03 – WDAC vs. AppLocker

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AppLocker

WDAC

Policies Applicability

- Can apply to all users of a computer or to individual users and groups
- Applies to the managed computer as a whole and affects all users of the device

Further Development

- Will continue to receive security fixes
- Will <u>not</u> undergo new feature improvements

• Undergoing continual improvements

Enforceable file types

- Enforcement of Untrusted DLLs is optional
- Driver files (.sys) are not supported

- Untrusted DLLs are blocked by default
- Driver files (.sys) are supported

Important Features only supported by WDAC

- Managed Installer (MI)
 - Allow applications installed by a designated software distribution solution, such as Microsoft Intune
- Reputation-Based intelligence
 - Authorize reputable apps with the Intelligent Security Graph (ISG)
- Multiple Policy support
 - Supports up to 32 active policies on a device at once.
- Runtime FilePath Rule Protection
 - Apps allowed based on file path rules must come from a file path that's only writable by an administrator

Platform support

- Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 R2 or later.
- Windows 10, Windows 11, and Windows Server 2016 or later.

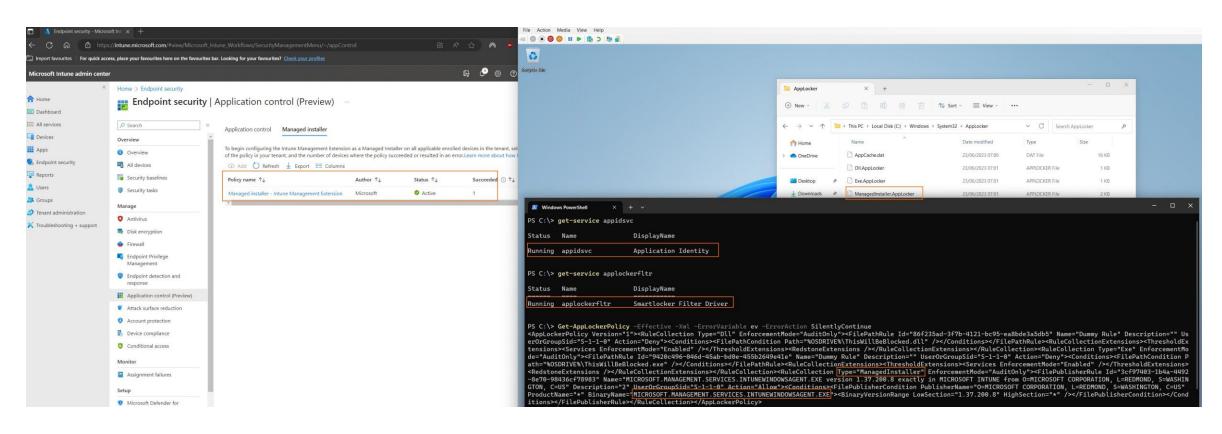


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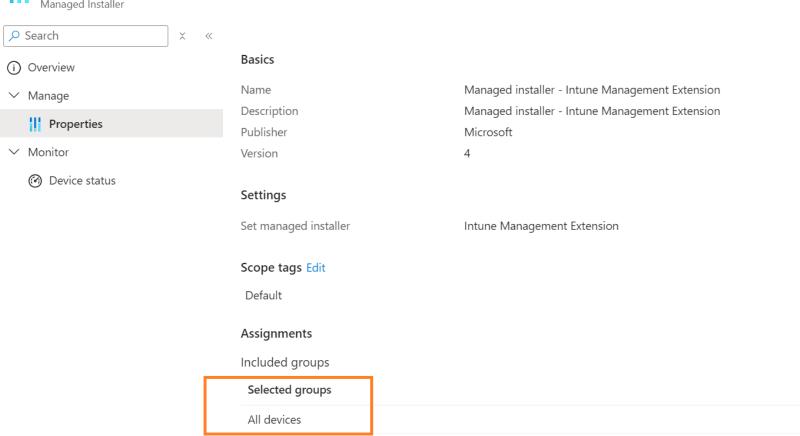




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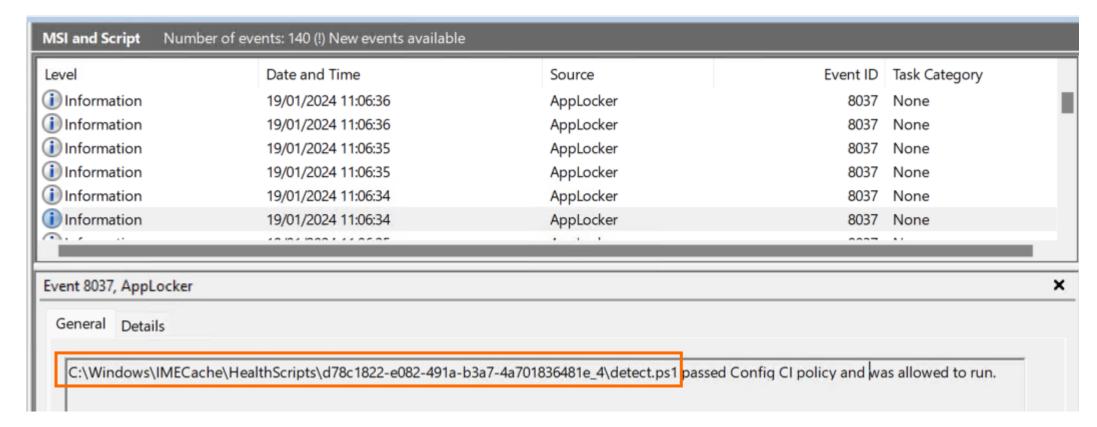
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Managed installer - Intune Management Extension | Properties





- Microsoft verwendet für die Managed Installer Intune Management Extension Remediation Scripts:
 - C:\Windows\IMECache\HealthScripts





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- Extended Attributes (EA)
 - KERNEL.SMARTLOCKER.ORIGINCLAIM EA
 - fsutil.exe file queryEA "C:\ProgramData\Logishrd\LogiPresentation\Software\1.60.33\log4net.dll"



05 – Design / Policies Überlegungen

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1 Allow Microsoft

- Windows OS components
- Microsoft Store applications
- Office 365,
 OneDrive, Teams
 WHQL signed kernel
- drivers
 All Microsoft signed applications

3

Allow Trusted File Path

C:\Program FilesC:\Program Files

(x86)

5

Allow Trusted Publishers

- Trust all applications signed by your hardware manufacturer like e.g., Lenovo
- We trust our used and signed remote support application like e.g., TeamViewer

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Reputation-Based intelligence

- Authorize reputable apps with the Intelligent Security Graph (ISG).
- If you want to block installations that do not require administrator rights because they are installed via the user context (%LocalAppData%), ISG should not be used.

2 Microsoft Recommended Block Policies

- Since there are some bypasses methods that are exploited via signed Microsoft applications (such as Msbuild.exe), Microsoft's Recommended Block Policies will be implemented:
 - Microsoft's Recommended Block Rules
 - Microsoft's Recommended Driver Block Rules

Verify write permissions in trusted file paths

If write permission exists on the trusted file paths, we use the WDAC feature "Runtime Filepath Rules" to prevent users from copying and executing applications in the trusted file path.

Allow Managed Installer (MI)

All approved applications that are distributed via Microsoft Intune (Required/Available/Uninstall) should not be blocked

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Block everthing else

 Everything else is blocked. We block all malicious, untrusted or unsigned applications.

05 – Design / Policies Überlegungen

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ACfB-01-BP-Allow-Microsoft



- Windows OS components and Microsoft Store applications
- Office 365, OneDrive, Teams
- · WHQL signed kernel drivers
- All Microsoft signed applications
- Microsoft's Recommended Block Rules
- Microsoft's Recommended Driver Block Rules





- Allow Publisher Rules
 - All applications signed by your hardware manufacturer like e.g., Lenovo
 - Used and signed remote support application like e.g., TeamViewer
 - Other trusted 3rd party publishers that do not run applications in the default program files directories

ACfB-03-SP-Allow-**TrustedPaths**

- Allow Default Trusted Path Rules
 - %OSDRIVE%\Program Files*
 - %OSDRIVE%\Program Files (x86)*





06 – Corporate Codesigning

- Erwäge Corporate Codesigning für WDAC Policies
 - Individual certs (External Code Signing Certificate)
 - Corporate PKI (Internal Code Signing Certificate)
 - Azure Trusted signing
 - https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/trusted-signing/

07 – Monitoring



- Die Ereignisse der Windows Defender Application Control-Richtlinienprotokolle werden an zwei Orten erzeugt:
 - Applications and Services logs > Microsoft > Windows > CodeIntegrity > Operational
 - Applications and Services logs > Microsoft > Windows > AppLocker > MSI and Script

07 – Monitoring

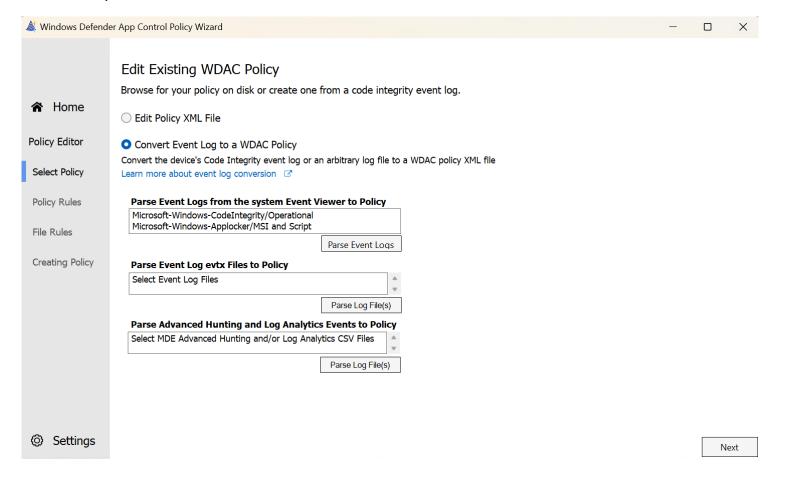


- 1. Microsoft Defender for Endpoint Advanced Hunting Queries
- 2. Azure Log Analytics
- 3. Configuration Manager CMPivot
- 3. Microsoft Intune Device query
- 4. Event Log Forwarding
- 5. Third Party (Splunk)



08 – Deployment

- WDAC Wizard
 - Erstellen, Bearbeiten und Zusammenführen von WDAC Policies



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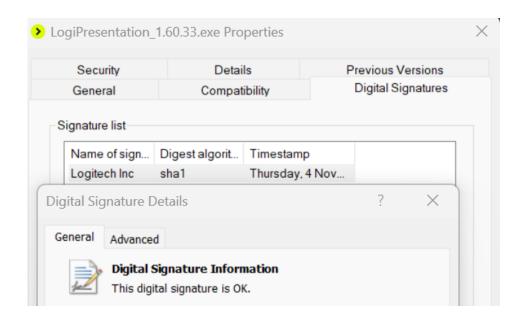


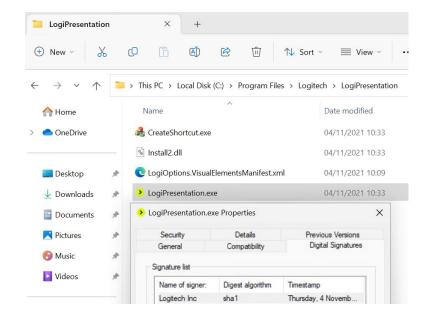
- Management Solutions
 - Microsoft Intune (Empfohlen)
 - Microsoft Configuration Manager (Nicht empfehlenswert)
 - Group policy (nicht empfehlenswert)
 - PowerShell (nicht empfehlenswert)



09 – Die grösste Herausforderung

Nicht signierte Applikationen

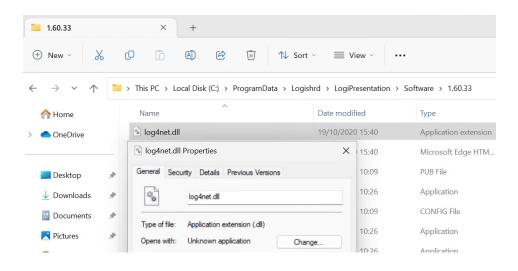


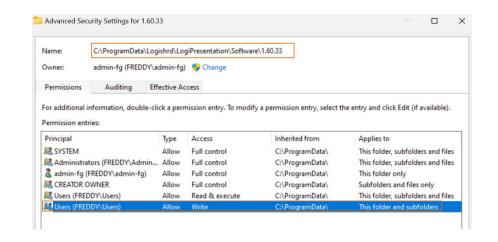




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Nicht signierte Applikationen





- C:\ProgramData\Logishrd\LogiPresentation\Software\1.60.33\log4net.dll
- C:\ProgramData\Logishrd\LogiPresentation\Software\1.60.33\Ninject.dll
- C:\ProgramData\Logishrd\LogiPresentation\Software\1.60.33\GalaSoft.MvvmLight. dll
- C:\ProgramData\LogiPresentation\Software\1.60.33\Hardcodet.Wpf.Taskb arNotification.dll
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10 – Empfehlungen aus der Praxis

- 1. Definieren Sie Anwendungsfälle!
 Entscheidung WDAC / AppLocker -> Killerkriterium werden User Rules benötigt?
- 2. Analysieren Sie, welche Anwendungen keine digitale Signatur haben (Managed Installer)
- 3. Ohne ein Konzept und ein gut geplantes Basic Rule Set wird es nicht funktionieren
- 4. Die Überwachung ist der wichtigste Teil
- 5. Ein WDAC Deployment ist am einfachsten mit Windows 11, Microsoft Intune und Microsoft Defender for Endpoint

Best Case Szenario: Migration von Windows 10 auf Windows 11

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