



BluVector® Cortex™ Integration with CrowdStrike

Solution Guide

BluVector® Cortex™ is an AI-driven sense and response network security platform designed to accurately and efficiently detect, analyze and contain sophisticated threats including fileless malware, zero-day malware, and ransomware in real time. Together with CrowdStrike, the solution provides comprehensive detection and response across the entire cyber kill chain, identifying advanced threats and orchestrating action before damage can be done.

Combining Network and Endpoint Threat Protection for a Unified Cyber Threat Defense Strategy

Challenge

When it comes to advanced threats, rapid detection and response is an increasingly critical capability. Unfortunately, organizations' attempts to establish defense in depth can result in poor coordination and exposed threat vectors. An organization's disparate tools may also amplify the amount of work for analysts as they try to monitor and respond to each system, often having to address the same alert on multiple platforms. With this level of noise and lack of coordination, once a threat gets past one solution, it may never be noticed again by the organization's security fabric.

For example, recent credential harvesting malware can utilize evasion techniques to bypass traditional defenses like signature-based tools and sandboxes. Many of these types of malware then use standard system tools like PowerShell to move laterally throughout the network. Seeing and responding to the attack before it spreads is crucial to reducing dwell time and impact. However, without a joint network and endpoint solution for the detection of advanced threats, this attack would likely go unnoticed.

Solution

BluVector Cortex's AI-driven detection engines identify malicious content entering or traversing the network in real time, automatically sending alerts identifying the threats to all CrowdStrike-protected endpoints. CrowdStrike is then able to use this detection information to effortlessly protect endpoints before damage is done. With BluVector's network visibility and threat hunting capabilities, an organization is also able to quickly investigate suspicious content, correlating network traffic with endpoint activity. The combination of BluVector Cortex and CrowdStrike provides a unified approach to breach prevention, automating protection from advanced threats from detection to response.

In the case of credential harvesting malware, BluVector Cortex would detect the malware file containing PowerShell at the network. The system would then send an alert to the CrowdStrike-protected endpoint, allowing the organization to rapidly respond to the event before damage occurs.

Benefits

▶ Event Visibility Across the Security Fabric

When BluVector detects suspicious or malicious events, full threat profiles are communicated to the CrowdStrike Falcon management console and distributed to all protected endpoints. This allows for rapid alerting, investigation and response, regardless of the attack vector or sophistication of the threat.

▶ Accelerated Investigation and Threat Visibility

Combining the full network event metadata from BluVector with the endpoint metadata and threat intelligence from CrowdStrike empowers analysts to quickly understand the threat and determine how to respond.

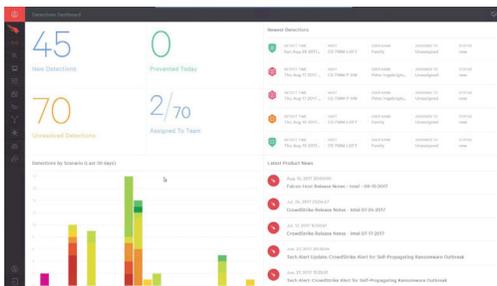
▶ Simple Integration and Interoperability

Connecting the BluVector and CrowdStrike platforms is simple and straightforward, providing seamless connectivity and coordination out-of-the-box.

How It Works

BluVector and CrowdStrike have developed a deep integration to enable market-leading coordination between network and endpoint defenses. Malicious content detected by BluVector Cortex is sent to CrowdStrike Falcon to facilitate rapid detection, investigation and response:

- ▶ Provides simple integration setup between BluVector Cortex and CrowdStrike Falcon.
- ▶ The BluVector Cortex administrator creates policies regarding which events from BluVector Cortex should be sent to CrowdStrike Falcon for further action.
- ▶ Based on the policies set, BluVector Cortex sends all relevant adjudicated alerts directly to the integrated CrowdStrike Falcon platform.
- ▶ Enables CrowdStrike to initiate alerting, investigation and blocking of the detected threat, while utilizing full network visibility and correlated event context.



Dashboard view of CrowdStrike Falcon

A screenshot of the CrowdStrike Falcon events view. It displays a table of detected events with columns for 'DETECT TIME', 'HOST', 'USER NAME', 'SCENARIO', 'DESCRIPTION', 'TRIGGER', 'HOST NAME', 'FILE NAME', 'FILE PATH', 'COMMAND LINE', 'SHA 256', 'MD5 HASH', and 'DATA'. The first event is highlighted, showing a 'High Severity Suspicious Activity' where a registry key was set to replace the on-screen keyboard.

DETECT TIME	HOST	USER NAME	SCENARIO	DESCRIPTION	TRIGGER	HOST NAME	FILE NAME	FILE PATH	COMMAND LINE	SHA 256	MD5 HASH	DATA
Sep. 27, 2016 19:55:59	localhost.localdomain	2, 0	Suspicious Activity	High Severity Suspicious Activity: A registry key was set to replace the on-screen keyboard, which is often done by attackers to bypass the login screen.	reg.exe	CS-SE-WB-INTEC	reg.exe	%Device%\\Hardware\\Volume{F7961630-3954-3954-3954-3954}\\System32\\reg.exe	reg.exe set "HKLM\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Image File Execution Options\\lsass.exe" "/x \"d:\\reg.exe\" /I REG_SZ \"\"	3066a6c37d4e136e7f6e74e6350293104c...	7766d76e5502b33554c395439543954	
Sep. 23, 2016 14:11:54	CS-SE-WB-INTEC	Chuck, CS-SE-CCS										
Sep. 23, 2016 13:33:17	CS-SE-SS-QI	CS@stop										
Sep. 22, 2016 13:36:24	CS-SE-AZ-REDV	azle										
Sep. 26, 2016 11:41:11	CS-SE-WB-INTEC	Chuck, CS-SE-CCS										

Events view of CrowdStrike Falcon

About CrowdStrike

CrowdStrike is the leader in cloud-delivered endpoint protection. Leveraging artificial intelligence (AI), the CrowdStrike Falcon® platform offers instant visibility and protection across the enterprise and prevents attacks on endpoints on or off the network. CrowdStrike Falcon deploys in minutes to deliver actionable intelligence and real-time protection from Day One. It seamlessly unifies next-generation AV with best-in-class endpoint detection and response, backed by 24/7 managed hunting. Its cloud infrastructure and single-agent architecture take away complexity and add scalability, manageability, and speed.

About BluVector

BluVector is revolutionizing network security with state-of-the-art AI, sensing and responding to the world's most sophisticated threats in real time. With the unmatched advantage of 8 years of work with the US Intel Community and their threat data, only BluVector has the proven ability to protect against emerging threats on average 13 months in advance. Stop waiting for breaches to happen. Get AHEAD of the threat. To learn more, visit us at www.bluvector.io.