

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

WEBROOT, INC. and)	
OPEN TEXT, INC.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 6:22-cv-00239
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TREND MICRO INC.,)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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Defendant.)	

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs Webroot, Inc. (“Webroot”) and Open Text, Inc. (“OpenText”) (collectively “Plaintiffs”) allege against Trend Micro Inc. (“Trend Micro” or “Defendant”) the following:

1. This case involves patented technologies that helped to revolutionize, and have become widely adopted in, the fields of malware detection, network security, and endpoint protection. Endpoint protection involves securing endpoints or entry points of end-user devices (e.g., desktops, laptops, mobile devices, etc.) on a network or in a cloud from cybersecurity threats, like malware.

2. Before Plaintiffs’ patented technologies, security platforms typically relied on signatures (*i.e.*, unique identifiers) of computer objects (e.g., computer programs) that were analyzed and identified as “bad” by teams of threat researchers. This approach required antivirus companies to employ hundreds to thousands of threat analysts to review individual programs and determine if they posed a threat.

3. The “bad” programs identified by researchers were compiled into a library and uploaded to an antivirus software program installed on each endpoint device. To detect threats, a resource intensive “virus scan” of each endpoint device was conducted. These virus scans could

take hours to complete and substantially impact productivity and performance.

4. Despite substantial investments in resources and time, the conventional systems still were unable to identify and prevent emerging (“zero-day”) threats from new or unknown malware. New threats persisted and were free to wreak havoc until a team of threat analysts could identify each one and upload these newly identified threats as an update to a “bad” program library. The updated “bad” program library, including signatures to identify new threats as well as old, then had to be disseminated to all of the endpoint computers, which required time and resource consuming downloads of the entire signature library to every computer each time an update was provided

5. By the early-to-mid 2000s, new threats escalated as network connectivity became widespread, and programs that mutate slightly with each new copy (polymorphic programs) appeared. These events, and others, rendered the traditional signature-based virus scan systems ineffective for these modern environments.

6. Plaintiffs’ patented technology helped transform the way malware detection and network security is conducted, reducing and often even eliminating the shortcomings that plagued signature-based security products that relied on human analysts.

7. Instead of relying on human analysts, Plaintiffs’ patented technology enabled the automatic and real-time analysis, identification, and neutralization of previously unknown threats, including new and emerging malware, as well as advanced polymorphic programs.

8. For example, Plaintiffs’ patented technology uses information about the computer objects being executed—including, for example, information about the object’s behavior and information collected from across a network—along with machine learning technology and novel system architectures, to provide security systems that are effective in identifying and blocking new

security threats in real-time in real-world, commercial systems.

9. Plaintiffs' patented technology further includes new methods of "on execution" malware analysis; new architectures that efficiently and effectively distribute workloads across the network; new forensic techniques that enable fast, efficient, and accurate analysis of malware attacks; and new advanced memory scanning techniques.

10. Plaintiffs' patented technology makes security software, platforms, and appliances better at detecting malware by, for example, reducing false positives/negatives, and enabling the identification and mitigation of new and emerging threats in near real-time. These improvements are accomplished while at the same time reducing the resource demands on the endpoint computers (e.g., not requiring downloading and using full signature databases and time-consuming virus scans).

11. Plaintiff Webroot has implemented this technology in its security products like Webroot SecureAnywhere AntiVirus, which identifies and neutralizes unknown and undesirable computer objects in the wild in real-time.

12. Over the years, Plaintiff Webroot has also received numerous accolades and awards for its products and services. For example, Webroot has received 22 PC Magazine Editor's Choice Awards, including "Best AntiVirus and Security Suite 2021." That same year, Webroot also received the Expert Insights Best-of-Endpoint Security award.

13. Plaintiffs currently own more than 70 patents describing and claiming these and other innovations, including U.S. Patent No. 8,418,250 (the "'250 Patent"), U.S. Patent No. 8,726,389 (the "'389 Patent"), U.S. Patent No. 9,578,045 (the "'045 Patent"), U.S. Patent No. 10,257,224 (the "'224 Patent"), U.S. Patent No. 10,284,591 (the "'591 Patent"); and U.S. Patent No. 10,599,844 (the "'844 Patent") (Exhibits 1-6.)

14. Plaintiffs' patented technology represents such a vast improvement on the traditional malware detection and network security systems that it has become a widely adopted and accepted approach to providing endpoint security in real-time.

15. Defendant Trend Micro, Inc. is a direct competitor of Webroot and provides security software and systems that, without authorization, implement Plaintiffs' patented technologies. Trend Micro's infringing security software includes, but is not limited to, Apex One, Smart Protection Network, Deep Discovery XDR—Detection and response, Deep Discovery Endpoint Sensor, DeepSecurity, and Cloud One-Workload Security, (collectively, "Trend Micro Security Suite" or "Accused Products").

16. Plaintiffs bring this action to seek damages for and to ultimately stop Defendant's continued infringement of Plaintiffs' patents, including in particular the '250, '389, '045, '224, '591, and '844 Patents (collectively the "Asserted Patents"). As a result of Trend Micro's unlawful competition in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States, Plaintiffs have lost sales and profits and suffered irreparable harm, including lost market share and goodwill.

NATURE OF THE CASE

17. Plaintiff brings claims under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, *et seq.*, for infringement of the Asserted Patents. Defendant has infringed and continue to infringe each of the Asserted Patents under at least 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a), 271(b) and 271(c).

THE PARTIES

18. Plaintiff Webroot, Inc., is the owner by assignment of each of the Asserted Patents.

19. Webroot has launched multiple cybersecurity products incorporating its patented technology, including for example Webroot SecureAnywhere and Evasion Shield.

20. Webroot is a registered business in Texas with multiple customers in this District.

Webroot also partners with several entities in this District to resell, distribute, install, and consult on Webroot's products.

21. Plaintiff Open Text Inc. ("OpenText") holds an exclusive license to the Asserted Patents. OpenText is registered to do business in the State of Texas.

22. OpenText is a Delaware corporation and maintains three business offices in the state of Texas, two of which are located in this District, including one in Austin and another in San Antonio. Over 60 employees work in this District including employees in engineering, customer support, legal and compliance teams, IT, and corporate development. OpenText also has a data center located in this District. OpenText is in the computer systems design and services industry. OpenText sells and services software in the United States.

23. Defendant Trend Micro, Inc. is a Texas corporation with its corporate headquarters and principal place of business at 225 E John Carpenter Fwy Ste 1500, Irving, Texas, 75062. Trend Micro maintains an additional Texas office at 11305 Alterra Pkwy, Austin, Texas 78758. Trend Micro is registered with the Secretary of State to conduct business in Texas.

JURISDICTION & VENUE

24. This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, *et seq.* The Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

25. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Trend Micro because it regularly conducts business in the State of Texas and in this District, including operating systems, using software, providing services, and/or engaging in activities in Texas and in this District that infringe one or more claims of the Asserted Patents.

26. Defendant Trend Micro has, either directly and through its extensive network of partnerships including those with local IT service providers, purposefully and voluntarily placed

its infringing products and/or provided services into the stream of commerce with the intention and expectation that they will be purchased and used by customers in this District, as detailed below. (*See, e.g., Find a Trend Micro Partner*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/partners/find-a-partner.html.)

27. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because, upon information and belief, Defendant Trend Micro regularly conducts business within this District and has continuous and systematic contacts with this District, such as by maintaining a regular and established place of business in this District. Trend Micro has also committed acts of infringement in this District. Moreover, on November 16, 2020, Trend Micro admitted this district is a proper forum for venue. *See Invicta Networks, Inc. v. Trend Micro Inc.*, Case No. 6:20-cv-00766-ADA, Dkt. 9 at 2. (Nov. 16, 2020).

28. On information and belief, Trend Micro has employees in this District that have relevant knowledge regarding the Accused Products, including for example how they are marketed and sold to customers, what additional services are provided to customers based on the Accused Products, and how the products operate.

29. Trend Micro's operations in this District include client outreach and sales for each of the Accused Products. As detailed above, Trend Micro has customer-facing project managers in this District. Trend Micro also provides technical support to partners and customers located in this District, including from its office in the District.

30. In addition, Trend Micro Security Suite's End User License Agreements all reference Trend Micro Inc. as the rights-holder under the contract. (*See Trend Micro End User License Agreement* § 30, www.trendmicro.com/en_us/about/legal.html?modal=en-english-multicountry-consumer-eula.pdf.) Thus, Trend Micro has entered into license agreements with

end-users covering the Accused Products in Texas and in this District.

31. On information and belief, Trend Micro uses and/or tests the Accused Products in this District, including at its offices in this District. For example, Trend Micro advertises itself as a customer of its own products. (*See* “Trend Micro Uses Deep Security Smart Check to Automate Secure DevOps” https://www.contenttree.com/caseStudy/trend-micro-uses-deep-security-smart-check-to-automate-secure-devops_273515.) Additionally, on information and belief, Trend Micro maintains servers in this District that operate Trend Micro’s products that practice the Asserted Patents. (*See, e.g.*, <https://officesnapshots.com/2017/09/11/trend-micro-offices-austin>.) Trend Micro’s use, operation and testing of the Accused Products are acts of infringement occurring in this District.

32. Trend Micro further sells, offers for sale, advertises, makes, installs, maintains, and/or otherwise provides endpoint security software and security services, including the Accused Products, the use of which infringes the Asserted Patents in this District. Trend Micro performs these infringing acts directly in this District.

33. Trend Micro also performs these infringing acts through other entities such as resellers, managed service providers and cybersecurity experts located in this District, including for example, through its “partners.” (*See* https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/partners/find-a-partner.html.)

34. As further detailed below, Defendant engages in activities within this judicial district that infringe (directly or indirectly) the Asserted Patents, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, including the provision of, use, operation, sales, offering for sale, installation, maintenance and advertising of the Trend Micro Security Suite. Trend Micro also infringes (directly or indirectly) the Asserted Patents by using, offering for sale, selling, installing,

maintaining, operating, providing instructions, and/or advertising Trend Micro's Security Suite including the Accused Products within this District, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

35. End-users and partner customers infringe the Asserted Patents at least by using and operating, in whole and in part, the Accused Products within this District.

36. Defendant Trend Micro encourages and induces third parties including partners and customers to use the Accused Products in any infringing way at least by making Trend Micro's security services available for download or purchase, widely advertising those services, providing applications that allow partners and users to access those services, providing instructions for using, installing, and maintaining those products, providing technical support to users, and/or engaging in activities that aid and abet infringement of the Asserted Patents by end-users. (*See, e.g., Trend Micro, Contact Support - North America*, <https://success.trendmicro.com/contact-support-north-america>.)

37. Defendant Trend Micro also contributes to the infringement of its customers and end users of the Accused Products by offering to sell or selling within the United States or importing into the United States the Accused Products, which are for use in practicing, and under normal operation practice, methods claimed in the Asserted Patents, constituting a material part of the inventions claimed, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing uses. Indeed, the Accused Products and the example functionality discussed below have no substantial non-infringing uses but instead are specifically designed to practice the Asserted Patents.

38. Defendant's infringement adversely impacts Plaintiffs and their employees who live in this district, as well as Plaintiffs' partners and customers who live and work in and around

this judicial district. On information and belief, Defendant actively targets and offers Accused Products to customers served by Plaintiffs, including in particular customers/end-users in this District.

PLAINTIFFS' PATENTED INNOVATIONS

39. Plaintiff Webroot, and its predecessors were all pioneers and leading innovators in developing and providing modern end-point security protection, including “community-based” signatureless threat detection process using AI-driven behavior analysis across the entire network to provide “zero-day” protection against unknown threats.

40. The Asserted Patents discussed below capture technology, features, and processes that reflect these innovations, and improve on traditional anti-Malware and network security systems.

Advanced Malware Detection Patents
U.S. Patent Nos. 8,418,250 and 8,726,389

41. The '250 and '389 Patents are part of the same patent family and generally disclose and claim systems and processes related to real-time and advanced classification techniques for as-yet unknown malware. These patents are collectively known as the “Advanced Malware Detection” Patents. Plaintiff Webroot owns by assignment the entire right, title, and interest in and to the '250 and '389 Patents. Webroot has granted Plaintiff OpenText an exclusive license to the '250 and '389 Patents.

42. The '250 Patent is entitled “Methods and Apparatus for Dealing with Malware,” was filed on June 30, 2006, and duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) on April 9, 2013. The '250 Patent claims priority to Foreign Application No. 0513375.6 (GB), filed on June 30, 2005. A true and correct copy of the '250 Patent is attached as Exhibit 1.

43. The '389 Patent is also entitled “Methods and Apparatus for Dealing with Malware,” was filed on July 8, 2012, and was duly and legally issued by the USPTO on May 13, 2014. The '389 Patent claims priority to the same Foreign Application as the '250 Patent. A true and correct copy of the '389 Patent is attached as Exhibit 2.

44. Malware detection systems in use at the time the Advanced Malware Detection Patents were filed identified malware by maintaining a database of signatures identifying known bad objects (*i.e.*, malware). The signature for an object was conventionally made by creating a hash or checksum corresponding to the object file, which uniquely identifies that object. The signature of each object was then compared to the database to look up whether it matches known malware.

45. If the signature of the object is not found in the database, it is assumed safe or alternatively, the whole file is sent for further investigation by a human analyst. The process of further investigation was typically carried out manually or “semimanually” by subjecting the file to detailed analysis, for example by emulation or interpretation, which can take days given the human involvement that is typically required. (*See, e.g.*, Exhibit 2, '389 Patent, 2:9-17.)

46. This approach had significant drawbacks, including that it required considerable effort by the providers of such systems to identify and analyze new malware and generate signatures of objects that are found to be bad after human analysis. Large vendors of anti-malware packages typically employed *thousands* of human analysts to identify and analyze objects and keep the database of signatures of bad objects reasonably up to date.

47. However, as the volume of network traffic increases, the task of keeping up with identifying suspect objects and investigating whether or not they are bad becomes practically impossible. (*Id.*) It can take days to subject a suspicious file to detailed analysis given the human

involvement, and a considerable period of time elapses before a new file is classified as safe or as malware. Thus, the human analysis introduces a time delay where users are exposed and unprotected from the risks posed by previously unidentified malware. (*See* Exhibit 2, '389 Patent, 2:9-23, 2:63-67.)

48. By contrast, the methods and systems disclosed and claimed in the '250 and '389 Patents perform automatic, sophisticated review (*e.g.*, “pattern analysis”) of the actual attributes of a software object or process and the behavior engaged in by, or associated with, that object or process on computers connected to a network.

49. This review enables a determination of “the nature of the object,” (*e.g.*, whether it is malicious or not based on review of the object, its behaviors or the activities associated with the object), without requiring a detailed manual analysis of the code of the object itself, or relying exclusively on whether it has a signature that matches an extensive database of known malicious “signatures.” (*See* Exhibit 2, '389 Patent, 3:14-24; Exhibit 1, '250 Patent, 3:7-18.) This provides a significant improvement to the operation of the computer network because monitoring behavior or other information about the object or process, rather than code or signature matching, allows the system to rapidly determine the nature of the object (*e.g.*, malware), without requiring a detailed manual analysis of the code of the object itself as in conventional anti-virus software. (*See* Exhibit 1, '250 Patent, 3:11-18.)

50. The approaches in the Advanced Malware Detection Patents are generally focused on receiving *information about the behavior* of objects or processes on remote computers at a base computer. This information is analyzed automatically by, for example, mapping the behavior and attributes of objects known across the community in order to identify suspicious behavior and to identify malware at an early stage. This approach allows, among other advantages, the number of

human analysts needed to be massively reduced. It also improves the computer network by reducing the latency involved with identifying new threats and responding to objects exhibiting new, potentially malevolent behavior. ('250 Patent Prosecution History, 2010-09-07 Amendment at 16-17.)

51. Each of the claimed inventions of the Advanced Malware Detection Patents is necessarily rooted in computer technology—in other words, the identification of malicious computer code in computer networks is fundamentally and inextricably a problem experienced with computer technology and networks—and addresses this fundamental computer technology problem with a computer technology solution. Furthermore, the Advanced Malware Detection Patents improve the technical functioning of the computer network using techniques—such as analyzing behavioral information about or associated with computer objects and processes—to improve network security by identifying malware more quickly and with less resources. These technical improvements address identified weaknesses in conventional systems and processes. (*See, e.g.*, Exhibit 1, '250 Patent, 2:5-3:18.)

52. In particular, the '250 Patent describes and claims methods and systems that include receiving *behavioral data about or associated with a computer object* from remote computers on which the object or similar objects are stored; comparing in a base computer the data about the computer object received from the remote computers; and, classifying the computer object as malware on the basis of said comparison if the data indicates the computer object is malware. In effect, this process builds a central picture of objects and their interrelationships and activities across the entire community and allows automation of the process of identifying malware by aggregating and comparing the activity of objects running across the community (*i.e.*, on multiple remote computers).

53. The '250 Patent further provides that a mask is automatically generated for an object that defines “acceptable behavior” for the object. The operation of the computer object is then monitored and if the actual monitored behavior extends beyond that permitted by the mask, the object is disallowed from running and reclassified as malware.

54. The claimed methods and systems of the '250 Patent constitute technical improvements over the traditional anti-malware systems and provide numerous advantages to computer systems and the process of detecting malware. In addition to the advantages set forth above, the methods and systems claimed in the '250 Patent provide additional advantages in dealing with objects that do not initially exhibit suspicious behavior, but later start to exhibit malevolent behavior. Traditional malware systems could only mark a computer object as good or bad (*i.e.*, a binary decision), and did so by examining the signature of the object itself against a database of “known bad” signatures. This approach does not permit the system to automatically deal with the case where an object does not initially exhibit suspicious behavior but starts to exhibit malevolent behavior in the future.

55. By contrast, the '250 Patent improves these systems by generating an appropriate behavior mask for the object and then continuing to monitor the behavior of the object. If the object operates out of bounds of the permitted behavior, then an appropriate action is taken, such as disallowing the computer object from running and reclassifying the object as malware. Thus, the systems and methods described and claimed further the operation and security of the network by stopping an object from running and changing the classification of an object in real-time when unacceptable behavior is identified. (*See* Exhibit 1, '250 Patent, 3:47-50; 4:19-30.)

56. Furthermore, the methods and systems claimed in the '250 Patent, including generating a “mask” of acceptable behavior, allowing an object to run, continuing to monitor the

object, and disallowing/reclassifying the object if the behavior extends beyond that permitted by the mask, are not routine or conventional. For example, while a “safe,” mask-permitted version of notepad.exe “would not be expected to perform a wide variety of events, such as transmitting data to another computer or running other programs or running other programs” a “modified” and potentially “malevolent” version of notepad.exe could perform those unexpected events. (*See* Exhibit 1, ’250 Patent, 11:27-41.) Unlike traditional malware systems that would have already made a binary determination that the notepad.exe object is safe, the methods and systems of the ’250 Patent re-classify that version of notepad.exe as malware when its behavior becomes unexpected and “extends beyond that permitted by the mask.” (*Id.* at 4:19-30.)

57. The applicants provided another example illustrating the unconventional nature and technical advantages and improvements, offered by the claimed systems and methods during prosecution:

As an example, suppose a new version of Internet Explorer appeared. This could be a legitimate update to Internet Explorer released by Microsoft or alternatively it could be a file infected with a virus. In the prior art, the new object would have an unknown signature, so an in-house analyst would laboriously analyse the new object and determine whether or not it was safe. Whilst this analysis is carried out, the object would either be blocked, which would cause huge inconvenience to users of the new object, or allowed to run, in which case there is a risk of the object performing malevolent acts. In contrast, the present invention would collect data at the base computer from remote computers running the new version of Internet Explorer. Using the information collected, the system could determine that the new object purports to be a new version of Internet Explorer. However, it may not be apparent at this point whether or not the new object is capable of malevolent behaviour. In this scenario the present invention generates an appropriate behavioural mask for the object, e.g. by using a profile of behaviour of previous versions of Internet Explorer that are known not to be malware, or by using a profile for the behaviour appropriate for a web browser. The remote computers are allowed to let the new version run whilst monitoring its behaviour against the mask. The instant the new object exhibits some new, malevolent behaviour, this can be stopped at the remote computer, as well as being flagged to the base computer and used at the base computer to change the classification of the object. Thus, the present invention allows an instant response to an object changing its behaviour to exhibit malevolent behaviour in the future. (*See* ’250 Patent Prosecution History,

2010-09-07 Amendment at 18, 19.)

58. Similarly, the '389 Patent describes and claims deploying an unconventional “event” based model that classifies a particular object as malicious or safe by analyzing real-time data sent by remote computers on the events, or actions, that a particular software “object,” and other objects deemed similar to it, initiate or perform on those computers. (*See* Exhibit 2, '389 Patent, 3:14-55.) This information is collected from across the network, correlated and used for subsequent comparisons to new or unknown computer objects to identify relationships between the correlated data and the new or unknown computer objects. The objects may be classified as malware based on this comparison.

59. Through continuous aggregate analysis of events involving computer objects as they occur across network endpoints, the methods and systems described and claimed in the '389 Patent maintain up-to-date information about computer objects (including malicious objects) seen across the network, identify relationships between those previously identified objects and any new or unknown objects, and make malware determinations based on those relationships. “For example, a new object that purports to be a version of notepad.exe can have its behavior compared with the behav[io]r of one or more other objects that are also known as notepad.exe ... In this way, new patterns of behav[io]r can be identified for the new object.” (*Id.* at 10:58-65.)

60. The methods and systems described and claimed in the '389 Patent can rapidly determine “the nature of the object,” (*e.g.*, whether it is malicious or not) based on information such as the behavior of the object or effects the object has, without requiring “detailed analysis of the object itself as such” (manually reviewing the object’s code) or reliance on matching an extensive database of known malicious “signatures.” (*Id.* at 3:14-24; Exhibit 1, '250 Patent, 3:7-18.)

61. The Advanced Malware Detection Patents provide systems and methods that necessarily address issues unique to computer networks and computer network operation; namely the identification of “bad” software (*e.g.*, malware, viruses, etc.). These patents all provide unique network security enhancement that solves the technical problem of rapidly identifying newly arising and emerging malware by reviewing information about the object and processes (*e.g.*, the behaviors and events associated with software objects and processes running on computers within the network).

62. The systems and methods claimed in the Advanced Malware Detection Patents improve the operation of computer networks by identifying malicious objects in real-time and taking action to remove or eliminate the threat posed by the malware object or process once it has been identified. The claimed inventions in these patents provide a technological solution to a technological problem—the inability of conventional code or signature matching solutions to identify new or unknown malware objects or processes at or near the runtime of the objects or processes themselves without the extensive delay and resource use associated with traditional systems.

Forensic Visibility Patents
U.S. Patent No. 9,578,045 and U.S. Patent No. 10,257,224

63. The '045 and '224 Patents are part of the same patent family and are each generally directed to providing forensic visibility into computing devices in a communication network by analyzing network events and creating audit trails. Plaintiff Webroot owns by assignment the entire right, title, and interest in and to the '045 and '224 Patents. Webroot has granted OpenText an exclusive license to the '045 and '224 Patents.

64. The '045 Patent is entitled “Method and Apparatus for Providing Forensic Visibility into Systems and Networks,” was filed on May 5, 2014, and was duly and legally issued by the

USPTO on February 21, 2017. The '045 Patent claims priority to provisional application 61/819,470 filed on May 3, 2013. A true and correct copy of the '045 Patent is attached as Exhibit 3.

65. The '224 Patent is also entitled “Method and Apparatus for Providing Forensic Visibility into Systems and Networks,” was filed on February 20, 2017 and was duly and legally issued by the USPTO on April 9, 2019. The '224 Patent claims priority to the '045 Patent and also to provisional application 61/819,470 filed on May 3, 2013. A true and correct copy of the '224 Patent is attached as Exhibit 4.

66. The '045 and '224 Patents describe and claim inventive and patentable subject matter that significantly improves on traditional network forensic tools used to discover or identify security issues on computer networks. Network forensics generally relates to intercepting and analyzing network events to discover the source of security attacks. (*See* Exhibit 3, '045 Patent, 1:22-24; Exhibit 4, '224 Patent, 1:24-26.)

67. The '045 and '224 Patents improved on these prior art network forensics tools by providing a technical solution to a technical problem experienced by computer networks and computer network operation. Unlike traditional network forensic tools, these patents create forensic visibility into the computing devices on the communication network to identify malware or other security issues in operation of those devices. (*See* Exhibit 3, '045 Patent, 2:36-38; Exhibit 4, '224 Patent, 2:38-40.)

68. In particular, the Forensic Visibility Patents improve network security by gathering an “event,” generating “contextual state information,” obtaining a “global perspective” for the event in comparison to other events, and generating/transmitting an “event line” that includes information for the event. (*See* Exhibit 3, '045 Patent, cl. 1; Exhibit 4, '224 Patent, cl. 1.) The described and

claimed systems and methods intercept network events, create audit trails, or contextual states, for each individual event by correlating the event to objects such as their originating processes, devices, and/or users, and establishing a global perspective of the objects. The claimed systems and methods of the Forensic Visibility Patents address an identified weakness in conventional systems and processes; namely the ability to monitor, capture and/or analyze what is occurring at computing devices on a computer network, thereby providing an improved way to address the technical problem of discovering security attacks or security problems within a computer network.

69. In addition to analyzing the behavior of an object to identify those that are potentially malicious, malware detection is further improved by understanding the context of the event and computer objects of interest. (*See* Exhibit 3, '045 Patent, 2:39-45 (“The system filters may be built upon the same or similar technology related to behavior monitoring and collection, as discussed in U.S. application Ser. No. 13/372,375 filed Feb. 13, 2012, (Methods and Apparatus for Dealing with Malware”).) In particular, in many cases a potentially malicious object is identified by the system as a result of other events that provide information as to whether the code is malicious. For example, if an object or event under investigation originated from an object or event that is known to be malicious or have malicious behaviors or characteristics, the presence of the known, malicious object provides a further indication that the potentially malicious object or event is malicious as well.

70. The patents further explain that in addition to context information, the systems and techniques can also use information from the network to obtain a global perspective of the network operation. The combination of contextual information and global perspective enables detection of new zero-day threats, including objects created from objects (or similar objects) that have been identified previously as malicious. Indeed, in the context of modern computers and network systems

that generate tens of millions of events every minute, the use of a global perspective and contextual information to correlate an event or object under investigation with prior, related events and objects—including the originating object—significantly improves the ability of the system to identify potential threats.

71. The patents further disclose technical improvements to forensic systems by “assembling” or “generating” an “event line” based on the contextual information—including the correlation to the originating object—and global perspective. (*See, e.g.*, Exhibit 3, ’045 Patent, 9:50-58.) The generation of the event line makes it easier for end users to “identify events, and/or instances of malware, that require more immediate attention”—thereby improving the accuracy and efficiency of identifying additional malicious code, as well as enabling administrators to more readily analyze malware, assess vulnerabilities, and correct damage done by the originating objects (and other objects in the event chain). (*See* Exhibit 3, ’045 Patent, 9:45-49.) The generation and use of an event line itself was, at the time, an unconventional way in which event information, contextual state information, and global perspectives are generated, communicated, and/or potentially displayed to, and interacted with by, an administrator or end user.

72. Thus, the ’224 and ’045 Patents describe and claim systems and methods that provide technical advantages and improvements over traditional network security and forensic systems, including more efficient and accurate identification of malware (*e.g.*, the contextual and global perspective information reduced false negative and positives for malware detection). The described systems and methods also improved the identification of other malware (and corresponding events) that might otherwise go undetected in prior systems, thereby improving system performance and reducing the number of resources required.

73. Indeed, the described systems and methods enable end-to-end forensic visibility into event occurrences across a networked environment and from the bottom of the stack to the top, thereby improving upon conventional network forensic products. (See Exhibit 3, '045 Patent, 2:31-38, 3:49-55; Exhibit 4, '224 Patent, 2:33-40, 3:52-59; *see also* Exhibit 3, '045 Patent, 4:36-41; Exhibit 4, '224 Patent, 4:39-44.)

74. Applicant further explained during prosecution how the generation of contextual state information and obtaining a global perspective—including for objects and events other than those that were detected, such as the originating object—are unconventional steps in the areas of malware detection and network forensics. For example, Applicant explained how the described systems and methods improve the system performance of computing devices:

In this case, the claimed invention provides for determining correlations between events and objects and creating an audit trail for each individual event. For example, a context analyzer may correlate an actor, victim, and/or event type to one or more originating processes, devices, and users. After the analysis is complete, a sensor agent may use the correlated data to generate a global perspective for each event such that an administrator is able to forensically track back any event which occurs to what triggered it. Thus, the global perspective represents a drastic transformation of raw event data into a comprehensive, system-wide forensic audit trail. ('045 Patent Prosecution History, 2016-03-16 Amendment at 11-12.)

In this case, examples of the claimed systems and methods provide low level system filters which intercept system events “in a manner such that the operation of the system filter does not impact system performance.” Specification, para. [0008]. For example, on an average system, because tens of millions of events take place every minute, the noise ratio can prevent forensic solutions from being able to provide sufficient value to the end consumer of their data due to the inability to quickly find important events. A product which impacts system performance will have considerably diminished value to an administrator and can negatively affect the results of an analysis undertaken. Examples of the present systems and methods address this shortcoming by providing a system filter that substantially improves the system performance of the computing devices in the system. (See '045 Patent Prosecution History, 2016-03-16 Amendment at 12.)

75. During prosecution, Applicant further explained how the claims are directed to solving a technical problem and a specific improvement in computer functionality relating to computer security:

[T]he claims are directed to solving a technical problem. Typically, network forensic systems use network forensic tools (e.g., network sniffers and packet capture tools) to detect and capture information associated with communication sessions. Although such network forensic tools are operable to passively collect network traffic, the tools reside at a network edge (e.g., outside of a system or hosts). As a result, the network forensic tools have no ability to obtain useful information within a host or to establish any sort of context from within a host that is generating and/or receiving network events. To address this, aspects of the present disclosure enable methods for providing forensic visibility into systems and networks. For example, a local aggregator/interpreter, context analyzer and sensor agent may provide visibility into occurrences across an environment to ensure that a user (e.g., an administrator) is aware of any system change and data communications in and out of the computing devices residing on the network. During this process, identified events may be correlated to objects, thus creating an audit trail [sic] for each individual event. (*See* '045 Patent Prosecution History, 2016-03-16 Amendment at 9-10 (emphasis added).)

Here, ***the claims are directed to a specific improvement in computer functionality relating to computer security, and more specifically to providing end-to-end visibility of events within a system and/or network.*** (*See* '224 Patent Prosecution History, 2018-08-29 Amendment at 10-11 (citing '224 Patent specification) (emphasis added).)

The Specification subsequently discusses a variety of ways in which the claimed subject matter solves the above-described problem. For example: “It is, therefore, one aspect of the present disclosure to provide a system and method whereby events occurring within a computing device are captured and additional context and a global perspective is provided for each capture event. For example, a sensor agent may provide visibility into occurrences across an environment, such as a networked environment, to ensure that an administrator is aware of any system changes and data communication in and out of computing devices residing on the network.” (*See* '224 Patent Prosecution History, 2018-08-29 Amendment at 11-12 (citing '224 Patent specification).)

76. In response to these arguments, the Examiner withdrew a rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 101 and allowed the claims of the Forensic Visibility Patents to issue. As recognized by

the USPTO Examiner, the claimed inventions of the '045 and '224 Patents provide a technical solution to the technical problem of forensic visibility regarding events in a computer network.

US. Patent No. 10,284,591

77. U.S. Patent No. 10,284,591 is entitled “Detecting and Preventing Execution of Software Exploits,” was filed on January 27, 2015 and was duly and legally issued by the USPTO on May 7, 2019. The '591 patent claims priority to provisional application 61/931,772 filed January 27, 2014. A true and correct copy of the '591 Patent is attached as Exhibit 5. Plaintiff Webroot owns by assignment the entire right, title, and interest in and to the '591 Patent. Webroot has granted Plaintiff OpenText an exclusive license to the '591 Patent.

78. The '591 Patent describes and claims an “anti-exploit” technique to prevent undesirable software and/or other computer exploits from executing. (*See* Exhibit 5, '591 Patent, 1:13-28, 1:32-33.) Computer “exploits” include code, software, data, or commands that take advantage of a bug, glitch, or vulnerability in a computer system. To accomplish this goal, the novel anti-exploit techniques described and claimed in the '591 Patent monitor memory space of a process for execution of functions and performs “stack walk processing” upon invocation of a function in the monitored memory space. (*Id.* at 1:33-39.) During that stack walk processing, a memory check may be performed to detect suspicious behavior. (*Id.*) If the memory check detects certain types of suspicious behavior, an alert may be triggered that prevents the execution of a payload for the invoked function. (*Id.* at 1:39-48.)

79. The '591 Patent describes and claims unconventional “stack walk processing” techniques for detecting and preventing unwanted software exploits during which memory checks are performed before an address of an originating caller function is reached. The anti-exploit techniques can include performing “memory checks performed during the stack walk processing

once an address is reached for an originating caller function.” (*See id.* at 8:6-7.) In one embodiment, “memory checks from the lowest level user function of the hooked function down through the address of the originating caller function” may be performed to detect and identify suspicious behavior. (*Id.* at 6:7-11.)

80. The “stack walking” and “memory checks” described and claimed in the ’591 Patent are fundamentally rooted in computer technology—in fact, they are processes only performed within a computer context. The techniques described and claimed in the ’591 Patent addresses a problem that specifically arises in the realm of computer technology (namely, computer exploit identification) by, *inter alia*, performing memory checks and detection specified behavior during stack walking.

81. The ’591 Patent further describes and claims unconventional techniques that address identified weaknesses in conventional exploit prevention technologies. For example, unlike exploit prevention technologies that try to prevent an exploit from ever starting its own shellcode to execute a malicious payload, the ’591 Patent describes and claims techniques that prevent shellcode from executing a malicious payload even if the shellcode has been started. (*See id.* at 6:24-30; *see also id.* at 7:56-62.) Thus, these unconventional techniques address an identified weakness in conventional exploit prevention systems and provide technical advantages including enhanced security protection, improved detection of potential security exploits, reduction in error rate identifying and marking suspicious behavior (*e.g.*, false positives), and improved usability and interaction for users who are not required to continuously monitor for security exploits. (*Id.* at 2:44-51.) As such, the ’591 Patent describes and claims specific computer-related technological steps to accomplish an improvement in computer security and functionality and is directed to a specific technological solution to a problem unique to computers.

U.S. Patent No. 10,599,844

82. The '844 Patent is entitled "Automatic Threat Detection of Executable Files Based on Static Data Analysis," was filed May 12, 2015 and was duly and legally issued by the USPTO on March 24, 2020. A true and correct copy of the '844 Patent is attached as Exhibit 6. Plaintiff Webroot owns by assignment the entire right, title, and interest in and to the '844 Patent. Webroot has granted Plaintiff OpenText an exclusive license to the '844 Patent.

83. The '844 Patent addresses and improves upon conventional approaches to malware detection in computer networks and computer network operation. Every day, an uncountable number of new executable files are created and distributed across computer networks. Many of those files are unknown, and malicious. It is, thus, vital to accurately and immediately diagnose those files for any potential threat, while also efficiently using resources (*e.g.*, processing power). (*See* Exhibit 6, '844 Patent, 1:7-13.)

84. Conventional approaches for diagnosing potential malware threats were costly and time consuming, making it difficult to realistically address zero-day threats for all of the files entering a system. These "[a]pproaches to detecting threats typically focus[ed] on finding malicious code blocks within a file and analyzing the behavior of the file." (*See* Exhibit 6, '844 Patent, 2:15-17.) Encrypted files would be decrypted then disassembled to extract the code for analysis, typically by traditional anti-virus software based on signature matching. (*Id.* at 2:15-20) If the code was malware, investigating its behavior involved running the code on the system, which put the system at risk. (*Id.* at 2:20-23.)

85. Another approach for protecting against potential threats from unknown executable files involved wavelet decomposition to determine software entropy. (*See* '844 Patent Prosecution History, April 24, 2019 Applicant Remarks, at 8.) Wavelet decomposition is a process where an

original image is decomposed into a sequence of new images, usually called wavelet planes. (*Id.*) In this method, each data file in a set of data files is split into random, non-overlapping file chunks of a fixed length. (*Id.*) Those file chunks are then represented as an entropy time-series, which measures the time it takes for each chunk to decompose. (*Id.*) Said differently, this approach measured how much time it took a data file to decompose. (*Id.*) Once the file decomposition rate, or entropy time-series, had been calculated, that rate would be compared to decomposition rates of “known bad” files to identify files that contain malware. (*Id.* at 9.) This process required significant computing resources—typically taking hours to complete—and was not sufficiently accurate in identifying malware.

86. The '844 Patent significantly improved upon and addressed shortcomings associated with these prior approaches. The '844 Patent describes and claims methods and systems that detect threats in executable files without the need to decrypt or unpack those executable files by extracting “static data points inside of the executable file without decrypting or executing the file,” generating “feature vectors” from those static data points, selectively turning on or off features of the feature vector, and then evaluating the feature vector to determine if the file is malicious. (*See, e.g.*, Exhibit 6, '844 Patent, 1:20-21; cl. 1.) The described systems and methods enable accurate and efficient identification of malware without the need to distinguish between encrypted files and non-encrypted files (*id.* at 6:58-59), thereby significantly increasing efficiency and reducing processing resources required to analyze each potentially malicious computer object. By using this unconventional approach to determine whether a file executable on a computer poses a threat, the '844 Patent improves on the operation of the computer network associated with the computer by enhancing security, including by increasing detection of new threats, reducing the

error rates in identifying suspicious files, and improving efficiency in detecting malicious files. (See Exhibit 6, '844 Patent, 2:46-56.)

87. The '844 Patent describes and claims techniques that employ a learning classifier (e.g., a machine-learning classifier) to determine whether an executable file is malicious, for example by using the classifier to classify data into subgroups and identify and analyze specific data points to which those subgroups correspond. (See Exhibit 6, '844 Patent, 4:33-41, 7:40-8:1.) The described and claimed techniques also selectively turn on or off features for evaluation by the learning classifier. (See *id.* at 7:57-66.) Doing so accelerates analysis and reduces false positives by testing those features of a file likely to be relevant to a determination of its maliciousness. For example, the learning classifier “may detect that the file does not contain ‘legal information,’” such as “timestamp data, licensing information, copyright information, etc.” (See *id.* at 7:66-8:5.) In this example, given the lack of legal protection information in the file, the learning classifier would “adaptively check” the file for additional features that might be indicative of a threat,” while “turn[ing] off,” and thus not use processing time unnecessarily checking features related to an evaluation of “legal information.” (*Id.* at 8:5-10.)

88. Second, the '844 Patent describes and claims techniques that use character strings extracted from within the executable file to generate a feature vector and then evaluate that feature vector using support vector processing to classify executable files. (See Exhibit 6, '844 Patent, 9:2-11.) The classifier provides, for example, the ability to leverage the indicia of “benign” files, which use “meaningful words” in certain data fields, versus “malicious” files, which leave such fields empty or full of “random characters,” to build meaningful feature vectors that are analyzed to make faster and more identifications of malware (See, e.g., Exhibit 6, '844 Patent, 9:2-18.)

89. The '844 Patent is thus directed to specific solutions to problems necessarily rooted in computer technology, namely, the determination whether a file executable on a computer poses a threat. The '844 Patent improved upon the accuracy and efficiency of malware detection. (*See* Exhibit 6, '844 Patent, 2:15-45.)

90. By using some or all of the unconventional techniques described above to determine whether a file executable on a computer poses a threat, the '844 Patent addresses a problem necessarily involving computers and improves upon the operation of computer networks. In particular, the '844 Patent achieves a number of technical advantages over conventional approaches to malware detection including, for example:

- enhanced security protection including automatic detection of threats, reduction or minimization of error rates in identification and marking of suspicious behavior or files (*e.g.*, cut down on the number of false positives),
- ability to adapt over time to continuously and quickly detect new threats or potentially unwanted files/applications,
- improved efficiency in detection of malicious files, and
- improved usability and interaction for users by eliminating the need to continuously check for security threats.

(*See* Exhibit 6, '844 Patent, 2:15-57.)

ACCUSED PRODUCTS

91. Defendant's Accused Products operate to provide various aspects of malware and network threat detection, prevention, and remediation.

92. For example, Trend Micro offers several threat-detection product suites including, for example, Apex One, Apex Central, Cloud One Network Security, and Deep Discovery.

93. Trend Micro's Apex One generally provides endpoint security. For example, Apex One monitors endpoints and network traffic while using a combination of techniques (such as reputation-based, behavior-based, anti-exploit, and machine learning-based analyses) to detect and block malicious files.

94. Trend Micro's Apex Central generally provides "centralized visibility and investigation." Apex Central monitors endpoints and provides a centralized view to manage, monitor, and report across multiple layers of security.

95. Trend Micro's Deep Discovery provides "Advanced Threat Protection." Similar to Apex One, Deep Discovery monitors networks and uses various techniques (such as reputation-based, behavior-based, anti-exploit, and machine learning-based analyses) to detect and block malicious files.

96. Trend Micro's Cloud One Workload Security ("Cloud One") is Trend Micro's security suite for cloud-based operations. Similar to Deep Discovery and Apex One, Trend Micro's Cloud One uses various techniques (such as reputation-based, behavior-based, anti-exploit, and machine learning-based analyses) to detect and address security threats to workloads running in cloud or hybrid cloud environments, including securing cloud container environments.

97. On information and belief, each of Trend Micro's security suites relies on Trend Micro's Smart Protection Network for global threat intelligence. Smart Protection Network is

Trend Micro's cloud-based approach for gathering global threat intelligence data and building models for recognizing threats. Smart Protection Network collects global threat data, and analyzes the collected data using big data and machine learning to provide threat intelligence back to its customers' endpoints.

98. On information and belief, each of Trend Micro's security suites is equipped with a collection of Trend Micro modules, including Trend Micro's XDR and Trend Micro's Vision One. Vision One is on of Trend Micro's XDR offering. Among other things, Vision One enables network and security administrators to gain forensic insights into the events behind a network attack.

99. On information and belief, each of Trend Micro's security suites is equipped with Trend Micro's machine learning modules, including Trend Micro's Predictive Machine Learning Engine or Trend Micro's TrendX Hybrid Machine Learning Model. Trend Micro's machine learning modules enable Trend Micro's security suites to make decisions about whether communications and/or computer objects are potentially malicious or otherwise harmful.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '250 PATENT)

100. Webroot realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

101. Trend Micro has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '250 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. The Accused Products, including features such as Trend Micro's Apex One, Vision One, and Smart Protection Network, at least when used for their ordinary and customary purposes, practice each element of at least claim 1 of the '250 Patent as demonstrated below.

102. For example, claim 1 of the '250 Patent recites:

1. A method of classifying a computer object as malware, the method comprising:

at a base computer, receiving data about a computer object from each of plural remote computers on which the computer object or similar objects are stored, the data including information about behavior of the objects running on one or more remote computers;

determining in the base computer whether the data about the computer object received from the plural computers indicates that the computer object is malware;

classifying the computer object as malware when the data indicates that the computer object is malware;

when the determining does not indicate that the computer object is malware, initially classifying the computer object as not malware;

automatically generating a mask for the computer object that defines acceptable behavior for the computer object, wherein the mask is generated in accordance with normal behavior of the object determined from said received data;

running said object on at least one of the remote computers;

automatically monitoring operations of the object on the at least one of the remote computers;

allowing the computer object to continue to run when behavior of the computer object is permitted by the mask;

disallowing the computer object to run when the actual monitored behavior of the computer object extends beyond that permitted by the mask; and,

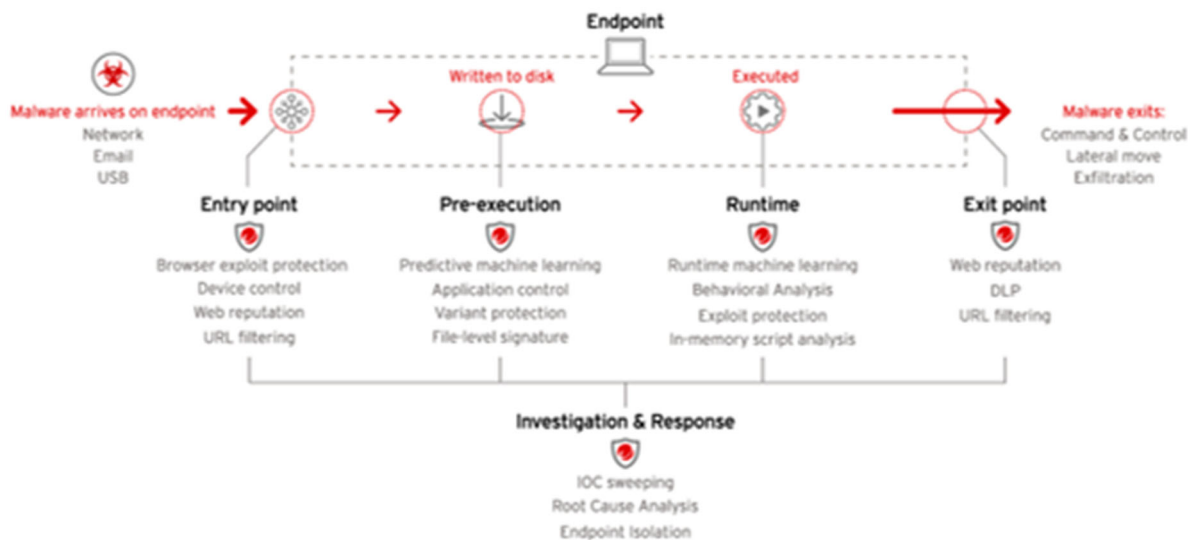
reclassifying the computer object as malware when the actual monitored behavior extends beyond that permitted by the mask.

103. To the extent the preamble is limiting, the Accused Products perform *a method of classifying a computer object as malware, the method comprising*. For example, the Accused Products, including Trend Micro's Apex One, "protects enterprise networks from malware, network viruses, web-based threats, spyware, and mixed threat attacks." (See https://docs.trendmicro.com/all/ent/apex-one/patch/en-us/apexOne_p6_ag.pdf (hereinafter "*Apex One Administrator's Guide*").) Apex One classifies objects as malware at least in part by

conducting “Behavior Monitoring,” which “protects endpoints through Malware Behavior Blocking and Event Monitoring.” (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide* 9-2.) Additionally, Apex One monitors objects to determine whether they display behaviors associated with malware. (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide* 9-2.) Apex One also shares information with the Smart Protection Cloud which generates intelligence, including lists of known good and known bad objects. (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 14-61.) Additionally, as the image below illustrates, Apex One provides many investigation tools to classify an object as malware at different stages including entry, pre-execution, runtime, and exit.

How it works

A range of layered detection capabilities, alongside investigation and response, defends the endpoint through every stage



(See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html?utm_campaign=BaU2021_Endpoint-Security_AoM&utm_medium=Search&utm_source=Google&utm_content=Apex-One-

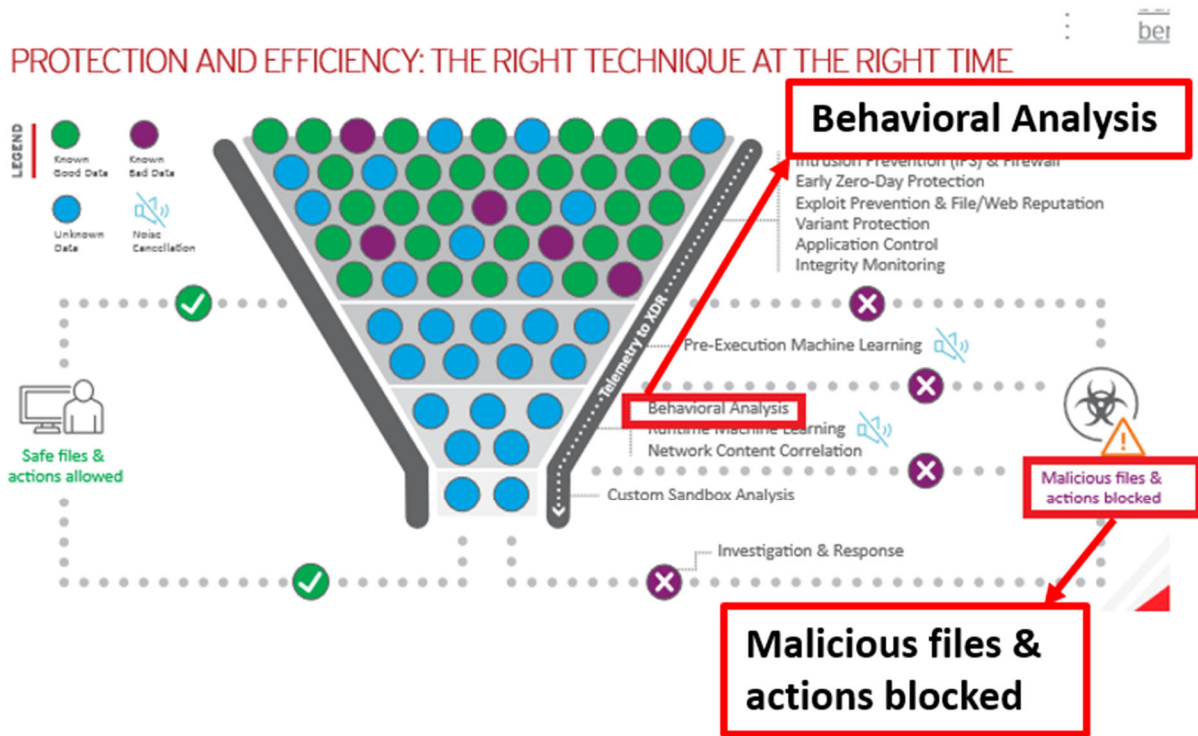
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104. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *at a base computer, receiving data about a computer object from each of plural remote computers on which the computer object or similar objects are stored, the data including information about behavior of the objects running on one or more remote computers.* For example, Trend Micro’s Apex One “consists of a client program that resides at the endpoint and server program that manages all clients.” (*See Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 1-2.) Each endpoint provides information about computer objects and processes to a network server, including behavior monitoring logs. For example, “Security Agents log unauthorized program access instances and send the logs to the server.” (*Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 9-22.) The logs contain: “Date/Time unauthorized process was detected, Violation, which is the event monitoring rule violated by the process, Action performed when violation was detected, event, which is the type of object accessed by the program, operation, which is the action performed by the unauthorized program, [and] target, which is the process that was accessed.” (*See Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 9-23.)

105. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *determining in the base computer whether the data about the computer object received from the plural computers indicates that the computer object is malware; classifying the computer object as malware when the data indicates that the computer object is malware [and] when the determining does not indicate that the computer object is malware, initially classifying the computer object as not malware.* As explained above, Apex One protects “enterprise networks from malware, network viruses, web-based threats, spyware, and mixed threat attacks” by, *inter alia*, classifying objects as malware at

least in part by conducting “Behavior Monitoring,” which “protects endpoints through Malware Behavior Blocking and Event Monitoring” using the information received from each endpoint. (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide* 9-2.)

106. As an example, the figure below, taken from Trend Micro’s datasheet on Apex One, illustrates how the threat analysis initially assesses whether an object is malicious and, if identified, will classify and block those objects. The process includes “behavior analysis.” Moreover, the Apex One also identifies “known” good and bad objects, which were classified based on prior analysis, including behavior analysis.



Threat Detection Capabilities

- High-fidelity machine learning (pre-execution and runtime)
- Behavioral analysis (against scripts, injection, ransomware, memory, and browser attacks)
- In-memory analysis for identification of fileless malware
- Variant protection
- Census check
- Web reputation
- Exploit prevention (host firewall, exploit protection)
- Command and control (C&C) blocking
- Data loss prevention (DLP)
- Device and application control
- Ransomware rollback
- Sandbox and breach detection integration
- Extended detection and response (XDR)

(See www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html?modal=s3a-icon-datasheet-e4288a.)

107. The Accused Products perform the step of *automatically generating a mask for the computer object that defines acceptable behavior for the computer object, wherein the mask is generated in accordance with normal behavior of the object determined from said received data.* For example, Trend Micro's Apex One monitors systems to determine the behaviors of programs, and uses a list of events to recognize when a program is acting outside of the norm, or in a malicious way. The table below lists system events that indicate the program operating outside of normal behavior.

TABLE 9-1. Monitored System Events

EVENTS	DESCRIPTION
Duplicated System File	Many malicious programs create copies of themselves or other malicious programs using file names used by Windows system files. This is typically done to override or replace system files, avoid detection, or discourage users from deleting the malicious files.
Hosts File Modification	The Hosts file matches domain names with IP addresses. Many malicious programs modify the Hosts file so that the web browser is redirected to infected, non-existent, or fake websites.


(See *Apex One Administrator's Guide*, at 9-6.)

EVENTS	DESCRIPTION
Suspicious Behavior	Suspicious behavior can be a specific action or a series of actions that is rarely carried out by legitimate programs. Programs exhibiting suspicious behavior should be used with caution.
New Internet Explorer Plugin	Spyware/grayware programs often install unwanted Internet Explorer plugins, including toolbars and Browser Helper Objects.
Internet Explorer Setting Modification	Malware programs may change Internet Explorer settings, including the home page, trusted websites, proxy server settings, and menu extensions.
Security Policy Modification	Modifications in Windows Security Policy can allow unwanted applications to run and change system settings.
Program Library Injection	Many malicious programs configure Windows so that all applications automatically load a program library (DLL). This allows the malicious routines in the DLL to run every time an application starts.
Shell Modification	Many malicious programs modify Windows shell settings to associate themselves to certain file types. This routine allows malicious programs to launch automatically if users open the associated files in Windows Explorer. Changes to Windows shell settings can also allow malicious programs to track the programs used and start alongside legitimate applications.
New Service	Windows services are processes that have special functions and typically run continuously in the background with full administrative access. Malicious programs sometimes install themselves as services to stay hidden.
System File Modification	Certain Windows system files determine system behavior, including startup programs and screen saver settings. Many malicious programs modify system files to launch automatically at startup and control system behavior.
Firewall Policy Modification	The Windows Firewall policy determines the applications that have access to the network, the ports that are open for communication, and the IP addresses that can communicate with the computer. Many malicious programs modify the policy to allow themselves to access to the network and the Internet.


(See *Apex One Administrator's Guide*, at 9-7.)

108. In addition, the tables below show different actions associated with different behaviors, including defining acceptable behavior (e.g., “allows programs associated with an event to run”) as well as suspicious behaviors (e.g., “blocks programs associated with an event from running”).

TABLE 9-2. Actions on Monitored System Events

ACTION	DESCRIPTION
Assess	<p>The Security Agent always allows programs associated with an event to run and logs the event for assessment.</p> <p>This is the default action for all monitored system events.</p> <hr/> <p> Note</p> <p>This option is not supported for the Program Library Injection (DLL injection) event on 64-bit systems.</p>
Allow	<p>The Security Agent always allows programs associated with an event to run.</p>

(See *Apex One Administrator's Guide*, at 9-8.)

ACTION	DESCRIPTION
Ask when necessary	<p>The Security Agent prompts users to allow or deny programs associated with an event from running and adds the programs to the exception list</p> <p>If the user does not respond within a certain time period, the Security Agent automatically allows the program to run. The default time period is 30 seconds.</p> <p>To modify the time period, see Configuring Global Behavior Monitoring Settings on page 9-18.</p> <hr/> <p> Note</p> <p>This option is not supported for the Program Library Injection (DLL injection) event on 64-bit systems.</p>
Deny	<p>The Security Agent always blocks programs associated with an event from running and logs the event.</p> <p>After blocking a program with notifications enabled, the Security Agent displays a notification on the endpoint.</p> <p>For details about notifications, see Behavior Monitoring Notifications for Security Agent Users on page 9-21.</p>

(See *Apex One Administrator's Guide*, at 9-9.)

109. The Accused Products perform the function *running said object on at least one of the remote computers [and] automatically monitoring operations of the object on the at least one of the remote computers*. As explained above, the Accused Products initially analyze and classify objects or processes as malicious or not. An object that is not malicious is permitted to run. However, as explained above, the Accused Products continue to monitor the behavior of the object running on the endpoints for behavior that is outside normal behavior. For example, Apex One includes Behavior Monitoring, which “constantly monitors endpoints for unusual modifications to the operating system or on installed software.” (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 9-2.) Apex One additionally includes event monitoring, which “monitors system areas for certain events, allowing administrators to regulate programs that trigger such events. (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 9-6.)

110. The Accused Products further identify non-malware binaries, proactively marking them as good files.




(See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/capabilities/machine-learning.html.)


111. The Accused Products perform the functions *allowing the computer object to continue to run when behavior of the computer object is permitted by the mask [and] disallowing the computer object to run when the actual monitored behavior of the computer object extends beyond that permitted by the mask*. As explained above, Apex One includes Behavior Monitoring, which “constantly monitors endpoints for unusual modifications to the operating system or on installed software. (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 9-2.) Apex One additionally includes event monitoring, which “monitors system areas for certain events, allowing administrators to regulate programs that trigger such events.” (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 9-6.) Malware Behavior Blocking “observes system events over a period of time. . . . [,] detects known malicious behavior and blocks the associated program.” (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 9-6.) In other words, Apex One’s Malware Behavior Blocking blocks programs when they display malicious behaviors, permitting the other programs to continue running when the behavior is normal.

112. As another example and as explained above, Apex One provides various actions on monitored systems. Certain objects are allowed to run so long as they run within the bounds of acceptable behaviors. For example, the figure below shows different actions associated with different behaviors. Certain actions “allow[] programs associated with an event to run,” while other actions disallow the object to run when the behavior extends beyond the acceptable behaviors (*i.e.*, “blocks programs associated with an event from running”).

TABLE 9-2. Actions on Monitored System Events

ACTION	DESCRIPTION
Assess	<p>The Security Agent always allows programs associated with an event to run and logs the event for assessment.</p> <p>This is the default action for all monitored system events.</p> <hr/> <p> Note</p> <p>This option is not supported for the Program Library Injection (DLL injection) event on 64-bit systems.</p>
Allow	<p>The Security Agent always allows programs associated with an event to run.</p>

(See *Apex One Administrator's Guide*, at 9-8.)

ACTION	DESCRIPTION
Ask when necessary	<p>The Security Agent prompts users to allow or deny programs associated with an event from running and adds the programs to the exception list</p> <p>If the user does not respond within a certain time period, the Security Agent automatically allows the program to run. The default time period is 30 seconds.</p> <p>To modify the time period, see Configuring Global Behavior Monitoring Settings on page 9-18.</p> <hr/> <p> Note</p> <p>This option is not supported for the Program Library Injection (DLL injection) event on 64-bit systems.</p>
Deny	<p>The Security Agent always blocks programs associated with an event from running and logs the event.</p> <p>After blocking a program with notifications enabled, the Security Agent displays a notification on the endpoint.</p> <p>For details about notifications, see Behavior Monitoring Notifications for Security Agent Users on page 9-21.</p>

(See *Apex One Administrator's Guide*, at 9-9.)

113. The Accused Products perform the function *reclassifying the computer object as malware when the actual monitored behavior extends beyond that permitted by the mask*. As discussed above, the Accused Products continually monitor objects and processes running on endpoint computers for suspicious behavior (*i.e.*, behavior outside of normal behavior), at which point the object or process is reclassified as malware. For example, “[b]y continuously processing the threat intelligence gathered through its extensive global network of customers and partners, Trend Micro delivers automatic, real-time protection against the latest threats and provides ‘better together’ security.” (*See Apex One Administrator’s Guide*, at 4-5.) Accordingly, on information and belief, when an object is determined to be malicious based on its behaviors, information concerning that object is provided to the Smart Protection Network to be classified as malware.

114. Each claim in the ’250 Patent recites an independent invention. Neither claim 1, described above, nor any other individual claim is representative of all claims in the ’250 Patent.

115. Trend Micro became aware of the ’250 Patent at least when this Complaint was filed. Plaintiffs have also marked their products with the ’250 Patent, including on its web site, since at least July 2020.

116. Defendant directly infringes at least claim 1 of the ’250 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by performing the steps described above. For example, on information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner as described above by running this software and system to protect its own computer and network operations. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner when testing the operation of the Accused Products’ and corresponding systems. As another example, Trend Micro performs the claimed method when providing or administering services to third parties, customers, and partners using the Accused Products.

117. Trend Micro's partners, customers, and end users of its Accused Products and corresponding systems and services, directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '250 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least by using the accused software, systems, and services, as described above.

118. Trend Micro actively induced and is actively inducing infringement of at least claim 1 of the '250 Patent with specific intent to induce infringement, and/or willful blindness to the possibility that its acts induce infringement, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). For example, Trend Micro encourages and induces customers to use Trend Micro's security software in a manner that infringes claim 1 of the '250 Patent by at least offering and providing software that performs a method that infringes claim 1 when installed and operated by the customer, and by activities relating to selling, marketing, advertising, promotion, installation, support, and distribution of its Accused Products, including Apex One's SaaS model, and services in the United States. (*See, e.g., Endpoint Security with Apex One*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html; Trend Micro, *Datasheet: Trend Micro Apex One*, www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html?modal=s3a-icon-datasheet-e4288a; *see also Find a Trend Micro Partner*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/partners/find-a-partner.html.)

119. Trend Micro encourages, instructs, directs, and/or requires third parties—including its certified partners and/or customers—to perform the claimed method using the software, services, and systems in infringing ways, as described above.

120. Trend Micro further encourages and induces its customers to infringe claim 1 of the '250 Patent: 1) by making its security services available on its website, providing applications that allow users to access those services, widely advertising those services, and providing technical

support and instructions to users, and 2) through activities relating to marketing, advertising, promotion, installation, support, and distribution of the Accused Products, including Apex One, SaaS model, and services in the United States. (See, e.g., *Endpoint Security with Apex One*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html; Trend Micro, *Datasheet: Trend Micro Apex One*, www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html?modal=s3a-icon-datasheet-e4288a.)

121. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro shares instructions, guides, and manuals, which advertise and instruct third parties on how to use the software as described above, including at least customers and partners. (See, e.g., *Apex One Administrator's Guide*, https://docs.trendmicro.com/all/ent/apex-one/2019/en-us/apexOne_2019_ag.pdf.) On further information and belief, Trend Micro also provides customer service or technical support to purchasers of the Accused Products and corresponding system and services, which directs and encourages customers to perform certain actions as a condition to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. (*Id.*)

122. Trend Micro and/or its partners recommend and sell the Accused Products and provide technical support for the installation, implementation, integration, and ongoing operation of the Accused Products for each individual customer. On information and belief, each customer enters into a contractual relationship with Trend Micro and/or its partner, which obligates each customer to perform certain actions as a condition to use of the Accused Products. Further, in order to receive the benefit of Trend Micro's and/or its partner's continued technical support and their specialized knowledge and guidance with respect to operation of the Accused Products, each customer must continue to use the Accused Products in a way that infringes the '250 Patent. Further, as the entity that provides installation, implementation, and integration of the Accused

Products in addition to ensuring the Accused Product remains operational for each customer through ongoing technical support, on information and belief, Trend Micro and/or its partners affirmatively aid and abet each customer's use of the Accused Products in a manner that performs the claimed method of, and infringes, the '250 Patent.

123. Trend Micro also contributes to the infringement of its partners, customers, and end-users of the Accused Products by providing within the United States or importing into the United States the Accused Products, which are for use in practicing, and under normal operation practice, methods claimed in the Asserted Patents, constituting a material part of the claimed methods, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing uses. Indeed, as shown above, the Accused Products and the example functionality described below have no substantial non-infringing uses but are specifically designed to practice the '250 Patent.

124. On information and belief, the infringing actions of each partner, customer, and/or end-user of the Accused Products are attributable to Trend Micro. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro directs and controls the activities or actions of its partners in connection with the Accused Products by contractual agreement or otherwise requiring partners to provide information and instructions to customers who acquire the Accused Products which, when followed, results in infringement. Trend Micro further directs and controls the operation of devices executing the Accused Products by programming the software which, when executed by a customer or end user, perform the method steps of at least claim 1 of the '250 Patent.

125. Plaintiffs have suffered and continues to suffer damages, including lost profits, as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '250 Patent. Defendant is therefore liable to Plaintiffs under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiffs for

Defendant's infringement, but no less than a reasonable royalty.

126. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer irreparable harm unless this Court preliminarily and permanently enjoins Defendant, its agents, employees, representatives, and all others acting in concert with Defendant from infringing the '250 Patent. Plaintiffs have lost potential customers, business opportunities, and goodwill in the community. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer these harms absent an injunction.

127. Defendant's infringement of the '250 Patent is knowing and willful. Defendant acquired actual knowledge of the '250 Patent at least when Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit and had constructive knowledge of the '250 Patent from at least the date Plaintiffs marked its products with the '250 Patent and/or provided notice of the '250 Patent on its website.

128. On information and belief, despite Defendant's knowledge of the Asserted Patents and Plaintiffs' patented technology, Defendant made the deliberate decision to sell products and services that it knew infringe these patents. Defendant's continued infringement of the '250 Patent with knowledge of the '250 Patent constitutes willful infringement.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '389 PATENT)

129. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

130. Trend Micro has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '389 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. The Accused Products, including features such as Trend Micro's Cloud One Deep Security ("Cloud One Deep Security"), Deep Security, Apex One, and Apex Central, at least when used for their ordinary and customary purposes, practice each element of at least claim 1 of the '389 Patent as demonstrated below.

131. For example, claim 1 of the '389 Patent recites:

1. a method of classifying a computer object as malware, the method comprising:

at a base computer, receiving data about a computer object from a first remote computer on which the computer object or similar computer objects are stored, wherein said data includes information about events initiated or involving the computer object when the computer object is created, configured or runs on the first remote computer, said information including at least an identity of an object initiating the event, the event type, and an identity of an object or other entity on which the event is being performed;

at the base computer, receiving data about the computer object from a second remote computer on which the computer object or similar computer objects are stored, wherein said data includes information about events initiated or involving the computer object when the computer object is created, configured, or runs on the second remote computer, said information including at least an identity of an object initiating the event, the event type, and an identity of an object or other entity on which the event is being performed;

storing, at the base computer, said data received from the first and second remote computers;

correlating, by the base computer, at least a portion of the data about the computer object received from the first remote computer to at least a portion of the data about the computer object received from the second remote computer;

comparing, by the base computer, the correlated data about the computer object received from the first and second remote computers to other objects or entities to identify relationships between the correlated data and the other objects or entities; and

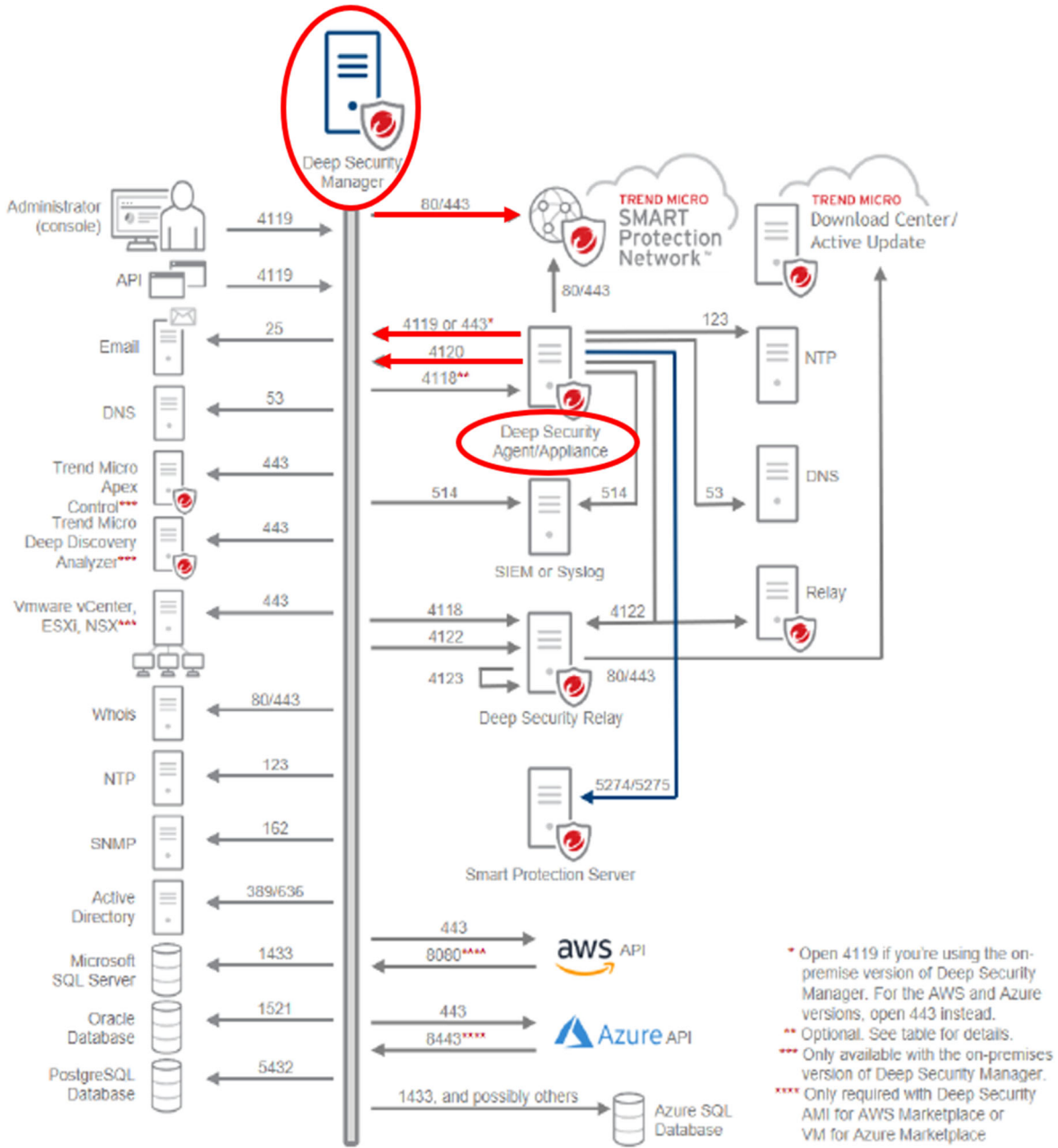
classifying, by the base computer, the computer object as malware on the basis of said comparison.

132. To the extent the preamble is limiting, the Accused Products perform *a method of classifying a computer object as malware*. For example, Trend Micro's Deep Security "provides agent computers with both real-time and on-demand protection against file-based threats, including malware, viruses, Trojans, and spyware." (See Trend Micro, *Deep Security 12.0 Guide for On-Premise Installations*, https://help.deepsecurity.trendmicro.com/12_0/on-premise/Deep_Security_12.0_On-Premise_Administration_Guide.pdf (hereinafter "12.0

Installation Guide”).) “To identify threats, [Deep Security’s] anti-malware module checks files on the local hard drive against a comprehensive threat database. . . . [,] [and] checks files for certain characteristics, such as compression and known exploit code.” (See 12.0 Installation Guide at PDF p. 770.)

133. The Accused Products perform a method that includes, *at a base computer, receiving data about a computer object from a first remote computer on which the computer object or similar computer objects are stored, wherein said data includes information about events initiated or involving the computer object when the computer object is created, configured or runs on the first remote computer, said information including at least an identity of an object initiating the event, the event type, and an identity of an object or other entity on which the event is being performed and at the base computer, receiving data about the computer object from a second remote computer on which the computer object or similar computer on which the computer object or similar computer objects are stored, wherein said data includes information about events initiated or involving the computer object when the computer object is created, configured, or runs on the second remote computer, said information including at least an identity of an object initiating the event, the event type, and an identity of an object or other entity on which the event is being performed.* As explained below, the Accused Products receive information from multiple endpoint computers across the network about each computer object, including information about events and behaviors of the object.

134. As an example, the illustration below shows a system in which “Deep Security Manager” receives data from “Deep Security Agents or Appliances” running on multiple endpoints in the network.



(See 12.0 Installation Guide at PDF p. 208.) As illustrated in this example, the Deep Security Manager receives data through the 4119 (or 443) and 4120 ports, and the Deep Security Agent/Agent and the Deep Security Manager send data to Trend Micro’s Smart Protection network through 80/443 ports. (12.0 Installation Guide at 208.) Additionally, Trend Micro’s Deep Security system allows the Deep Security Manager to “send events to an external Syslog or Security

Information and Event Management (SIEM) server . . . for centralized monitoring, custom reporting, or to free local disk space on Deep Security Manager.” (See 12.0 Installation Guide at PDF p. 1215.)

135. As explained above, the data sent from the agents running on the remote computers includes event and behavior information, which includes events initiated or involving the computer object when the computer object is created, configured or runs on the first remote computer, including an identity of an object initiating the event, the event type, and an identity of an object or other entity on which the event is being performed. For example, as shown in the figure below, Trend Micro’s Deep Security includes decoders that “parse [] raw log entry in fields” for each event—*i.e.*, the information received from the remote computers—and includes, for example the “full_log” of the “entire event,” “program_name,” “action,” and any other data extracted from the event. (See 12.0 Installation Guide at PDF p. 995.)

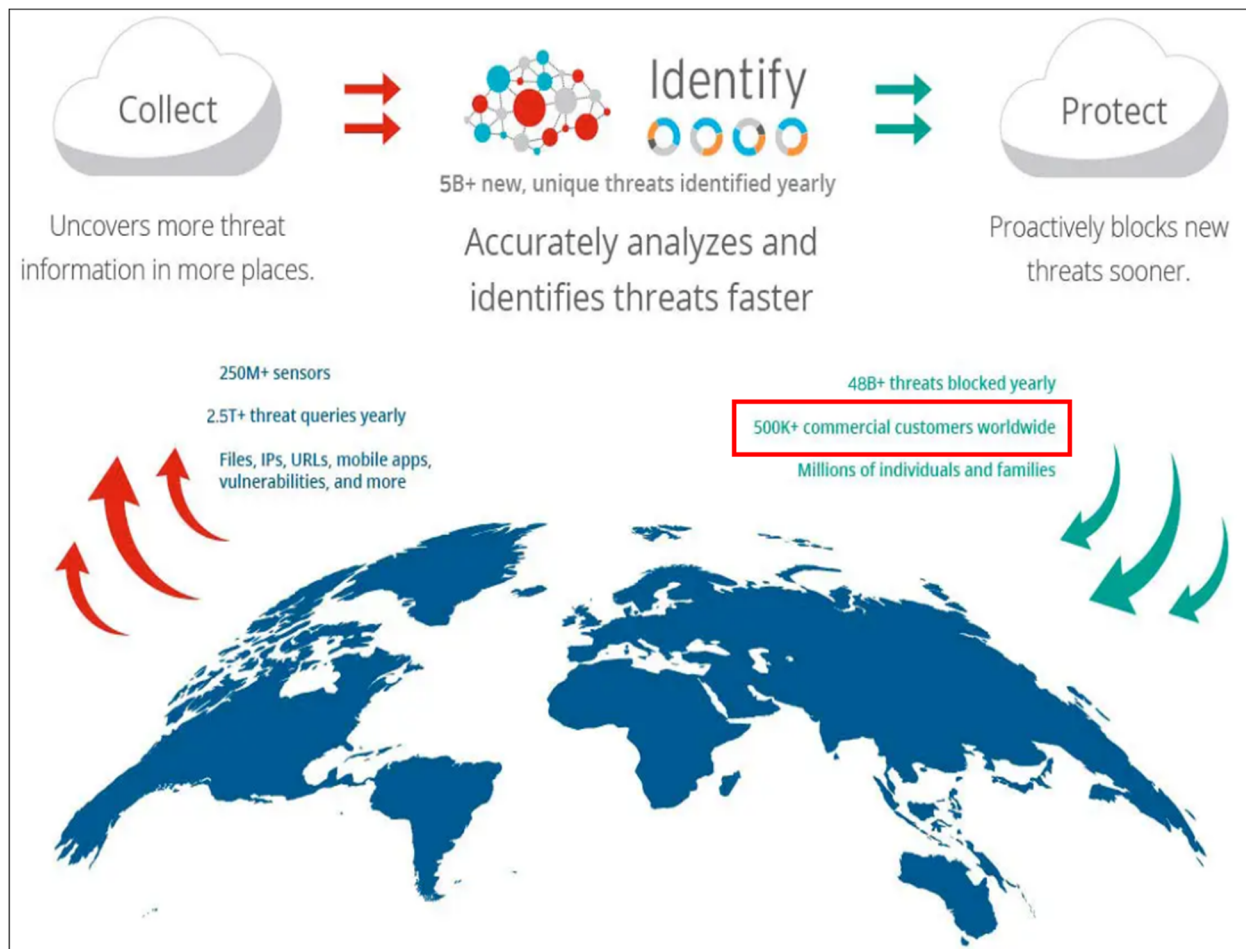
Decoders

A Log Inspection rule consists of a list of files to monitor for changes and a set of conditions to be met for the rule to trigger. When the Log Inspection engine detects a change in a monitored log file, the change is parsed by a decoder. Decoders parse the raw log entry into the following fields:

- **log**: the message section of the event
- **full_log**: the entire event
- **location**: where the log came from
- **hostname**: hostname of the event source
- **program_name**: program name from the syslog header of the event
- **srcip**: the source IP address within the event
- **dstip**: the destination IP address within the event
- **srcport**: the source port number within the event
- **dstport**: the destination port number within the event
- **protocol**: the protocol within the event
- **action**: the action taken within the event
- **srcuser**: the originating user within the event
- **dstuser**: the destination user within the event
- **id**: any ID decoded as the ID from the event
- **status**: the decoded status within the event
- **command**: the command being called within the event
- **url**: the URL within the event
- **data**: any additional data extracted from the event
- **systemname**: the system name within the event

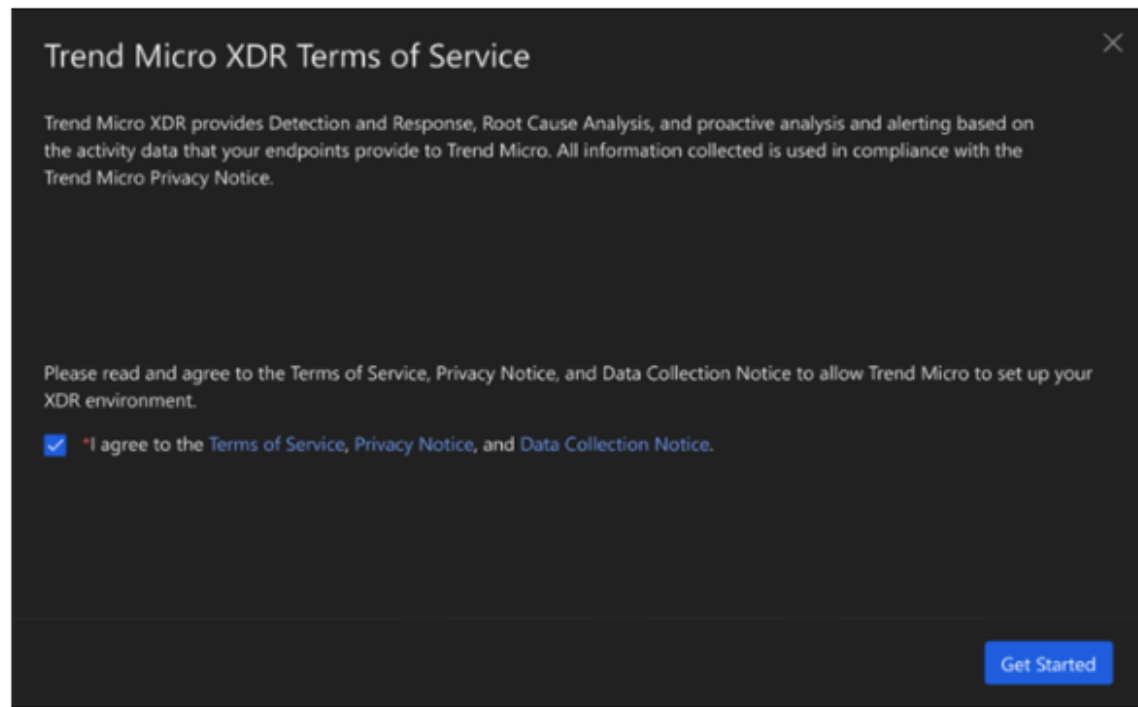
Rules examine this decoded data looking for information that matches the conditions defined in the rule.

136. As another example, Trend Micro’s Smart Protection Network collects data from remote computers. As illustrated in the figure below, the Smart Protection Network collects and analyzes data from sensors across the globe and a plurality of customer computers (“500K+ commercial customers worldwide”). (See Trend Micro, *Smart Protection Network – Global Threat Intelligence*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/technologies/smart-protection-network.html.)



(See Trend Micro, *Smart Protection Network – Global Threat Intelligence*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/technologies/smart-protection-network.html.) The data collected depends on Trend Micro’s specific endpoint product. The following lists are taken from Trend Micro’s terms of service for various products, in which Trend Micro notifies users of the specific data that is collected to assist Trend Micro in compiling data to analyze global security threat events.

To enable: Trend Micro XDR Terms of Service > I agree to the Terms of Service, Privacy Notice, and Data Collection Notice > Get Started



(See <https://success.trendmicro.com/solution/000262137> (“Data Collection Notice”).)

ENDPOINT INVENTORY - ENABLE TREND MICRO VISION ONE CAPABILITIES	
DATA COLLECTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Command line• File name• File owner• File signer• Host name• IP address• Process owner• Registry data• User name• URL• Windows event log

(See <https://success.trendmicro.com/solution/000262137>.)

DATA SOURCE: 3RD PARTY LOGS (SPLUNK ENTERPRISE)	
DATA COLLECTED	<p>Data transmitted relates to URL access events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Event time▪ Source IP address▪ Host name: from where the event is initiated▪ Website: the URL▪ Count: aggregated times of the access▪ User name: user who initiates the event

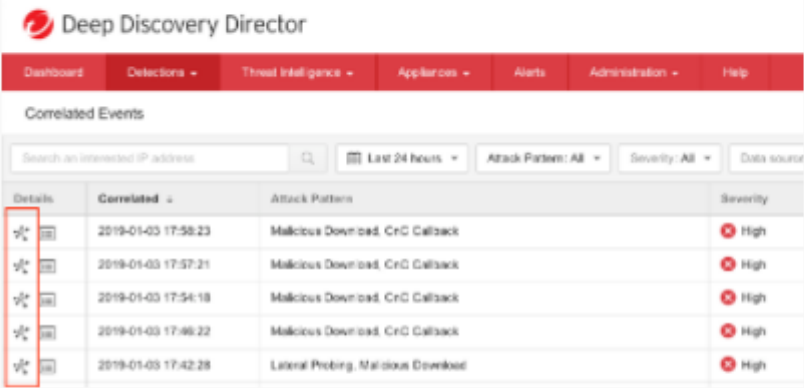
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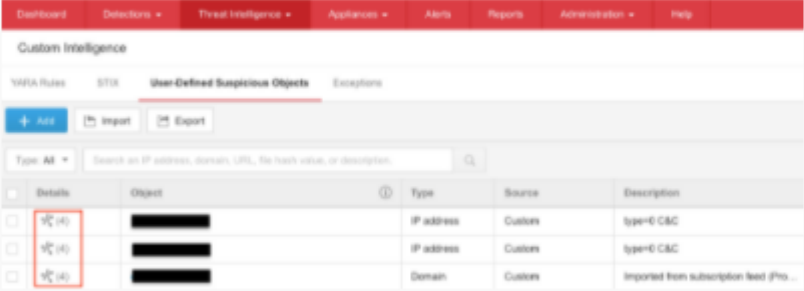
Endpoint Sensor

Endpoint Sensor is a powerful monitoring and investigation tool used to identify the presence, location, and entry point of threats. Through the use of detailed system **event** recording and historical analysis, you can perform Historical Investigations to discover hidden threats throughout your network and locate all affected endpoints.

ENDPOINT SENSOR	
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(See <https://success.trendmicro.com/solution/1120644> (hereinafter “Apex One Data Collection Notice”).)

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137. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *storing, at the base computer, said data received from the first and second remote computers*. For example, as illustrated in the figure below, Trend Micro’s Deep Security Manager is connected to several databases: Microsoft SQL server, Oracle Database, PostgreSQL Database, and possibly others including Azure SQL Database. (See 12.0 Installation Guide at 209.) Additionally, security events are stored on the Deep Security Manager’s database. Trend Micro’s Deep Security Administration Guide explains that events can be forwarded to the Syslog or SIEM server “to free local disk space on Deep Security Manager.” (See 12.0 Installation Guide at 1215.) In another example, “Smart protection includes services that provide anti-malware signatures, web reputations, and threat databases that are stored in-the-cloud.” (See *Apex One Administrator’s Guide* at 4-3.)

138. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *correlating, by the base computer, at least a portion of the data about the computer object received from the first remote computer to at least a portion of the data about the computer object received from the second remote computer*. The Accused Products, for example, correlate the data received from end points across the network into databases that are capable of being queried. In one example, Trend Micro’s Deep Security system includes a log inspection feature that “provide[s] a framework to parse, analyze, rank and correlate events across a wide variety of systems.” (See 12.0 Installation Guide at 988.) “The log inspection feature . . . enables real-time analysis of third party log files. . . . delivered in the form of rules included in a security update.” (See 12.0 Installation Guide at 989.) In this way, log files received from Deep Security administrators and other computers across the network are correlated to information data received from objects received from other computers.

139. As an additional example, Trend Micro’s Deep Discovery can be configured to include Trend Micro’s Vision One. (See Trend Micro, Deep Security 20 Administration Guide,

1685-86, https://help.deepsecurity.trendmicro.com/20_0/on-premise/Deep_Security_20_Administration_Guide.pdf.) Vision One offers a single platform “to correlate and analyze data . . . [and] visualize the entire chain of events across security layers or drill down into an execution profile or network traffic analysis.” (See Trend Micro, Vision One Solution Brochure at 2, <https://www.trenddefense.com/datasheets/xdr-datasheet.pdf>.) Vision One “automatically correlat[es] threat data from multiple sources, [which] speeds up and removes manual steps involved in investigations and enables security analysts to quickly find the story of an attack.” (*Id.* at 3.)

140. Trend Micro’s accused products perform a method that includes *comparing, by the base computer, the correlated data about the computer object received from the first and second remote computers to other objects or entities to identify relationships between the correlated data and the other objects or entities*. For example, when connected to Trend Micro Apex Central, Trend Micro’s “Deep Security Manager will be able to retrieve the suspected object list from Trend Micro Apex Central, share it with protected computers, and compare local objects against the Apex Central Suspicious Object List.” (See 12.0 Installation Guide at 802.) Additionally, Trend Micro advertises that the Smart Protection Network learns from past actions “patterns of newly identified threats are maintained (sometimes for years) in the growing dataset of the Smart Protection Network,” which allows for retrospective analysis. (See Trend Micro, *Smart Protection Network*, Whitepaper.) The Accused Products therefore identify relationships between the correlated data and other objects or entities, such as any new or unknown objects or entities.

141. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *classifying, by the base computer, the computer object as malware on the basis of said comparison*. As explained above, for example, when connected to Trend Micro Apex Central, Trend Micro’s “Deep Security

Manager will be able to retrieve the suspected object list from Trend Micro Apex Central, share it with protected computers, and compare local objects against the Apex Central Suspicious Object List.” (See 12.0 Installation Guide at 802.) “To identify threats, [Deep Security’s] anti-malware module checks files on the local hard drive against a comprehensive threat database. . . . [,] [and] checks files for certain characteristics, such as compression and known exploit code.” (12.0 Installation Guide at 766.)

142. Each claim in the ’389 Patent recites an independent invention. Neither claim 1, described above, nor any other individual claim is representative of all claims in the ’389 Patent.

143. Trend Micro became aware of the ’389 Patent at least when this Complaint was filed. Plaintiffs have also marked their products with the ’389 Patent, including on its web site, since at least July 2020.

144. Defendant directly infringes at least claim 1 of the ’389 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by performing the steps described above. For example, on information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner as described above by running this software and system to protect its own computer and network operations. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner when testing the operation of the Accused Products and corresponding systems. As another example, Trend Micro performs the claimed method when providing or administering services to third parties, customers, and partners using the Accused Products.

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149. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro shares instructions, guides, and manuals, which advertise and instruct third parties on how to use the software as described above, including at least customers and partners. (*See, e.g.*, Trend Micro, Deep Security 20 Administration Guide, 1685-86, https://help.deepsecurity.trendmicro.com/20_0/on-premise/Deep_Security_20_Administration_Guide.pdf; *see also* Trend Micro, *Deep Security 12.0 Guide for On-Premise Installations*, https://help.deepsecurity.trendmicro.com/12_0/on-premise/Deep_Security_12.0_On-Premise_Administration_Guide.pdf.) On further information and belief, Trend Micro also provides customer service or technical support to purchasers of the Accused Products and corresponding system and services, which directs and encourages customers to perform certain actions as a condition to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. (*Id.*)

150. Trend Micro and/or its partners recommend and sell the Accused Products and provide technical support for the installation, implementation, integration, and ongoing operation of the Accused Products for each individual customer. On information and belief, each customer enters into a contractual relationship with Trend Micro and/or its partner, which obligates each customer to perform certain actions as a condition to use of the Accused Products. Further, in order to receive the benefit of Trend Micro's and/or its partner's continued technical support and their specialized knowledge and guidance with respect to operation of the Accused Products, each customer must continue to use the Accused Products in a way that infringes the '389 Patent. Further, as the entity that provides installation, implementation, and integration of the Accused Products in addition to ensuring the Accused Product remains operational for each customer through ongoing technical support, on information and belief, Trend Micro and/or its partners affirmatively aid and abet each customer's use of the Accused Products in a manner that performs

the claimed method of, and infringes, the '389 Patent.

151. Trend Micro also contributes to the infringement of its partners, customers, and end-users of the Accused Products by providing within the United States or importing into the United States the Accused Products, which are for use in practicing, and under normal operation practice, methods claimed in the Asserted Patents, constituting a material part of the claimed methods, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing uses. Indeed, as shown above, the Accused Products and the example functionality described below have no substantial non-infringing uses but are specifically designed to practice the '389 Patent.

152. On information and belief, the infringing actions of each partner, customer, and/or end-user of the Accused Products are attributable to Trend Micro. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro directs and controls the activities or actions of its partners in connection with the Accused Products by contractual agreement or otherwise requiring partners to provide information and instructions to customers who acquire the Accused Products which, when followed, results in infringement. Trend Micro further directs and controls the operation of devices executing the Accused Products by programming the software which, when executed by a customer or end user, perform the method steps of at least claim 1 of the '389 Patent.

153. Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer damages, including lost profits, as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '389 Patent. Defendant is therefore liable to Plaintiffs under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiffs for Defendant's infringement, but no less than a reasonable royalty.

154. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer irreparable harm unless this Court preliminarily and permanently enjoins Defendant, its agents, employees, representatives, and all others acting

in concert with Defendant from infringing the '389 Patent. Plaintiffs have lost potential customers, business opportunities, and goodwill in the community. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer these harms absent an injunction.

155. Defendant's infringement of the '389 Patent is knowing and willful. Defendant acquired actual knowledge of the '389 Patent at least when Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit and had constructive knowledge of the '389 Patent from at least the date Plaintiffs marked its products with the '389 Patent and/or provided notice of the '389 Patent on its website.

156. On information and belief, despite Defendant's knowledge of the Asserted Patents and Plaintiffs' patented technology, Defendant made the deliberate decision to sell products and services that it knew infringe these patents. Defendant's continued infringement of the '389 Patent with knowledge of the '389 Patent constitutes willful infringement.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '045 PATENT)**

157. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

158. Trend Micro has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '045 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 in this District and elsewhere in the United States, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. The Accused Products, at least when used for their ordinary and customary purposes, practice each element of at least claim 1 of the '045 Patent as demonstrated below.

159. For example, claim 1 of the '045 Patent recites:

1. A method comprising:

gathering one or more events defining an action of a first object acting on a target;

generating a contextual state for at least one of the one or more events by correlating the at least one event to an originating object, the contextual state including an indication of the originating object of the first object and an indication of at least one of a device on which the first object is executed and a user associated with the first object;

obtaining a global perspective for the at least one event by obtaining information associated with one or more of the first object and the originating object, the information including at least one of age, popularity, a determination as to whether the first object is malware, a determination as to whether the originating object is malware, Internet Protocol (IP) Address, and Uniform Resource Locator (URL) information, wherein the global perspective for one or more related events to at least one event across a network;

assembling an event line including details associated with the at least one event, the details including information uniquely identifying the first object, the action of the first object, the target, and the originating object; and

transmitting the assembled event line.

160. To the extent the preamble is construed to be limiting, the Accused Products including Trend Micro's XDR, Detection and Response products and services ("XDR"), Apex One (e.g. with XDR), and Vision One perform a method as further explained below. For example, "XDR" performs a method for endpoint protection, wherein threat cases/attacks are analyzed in detail.

Correlated detection

Powerful security analytics correlate data across the customer environment and Trend Micro's global threat intelligence to deliver fewer, higher-confidence alerts, leading to better, earlier detection.

Integrated investigation and response

One place for investigation simplifies the steps to achieving an attack-centric view of an entire chain of events across security layers with the ability to take response actions from a single place.

(See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_in/business/products/detection-response/xdr.html).

Trend Micro™ XDR collects and correlates deep activity data across multiple vectors - email, endpoints, servers, cloud workloads, and networks - enabling a level of detection and investigation that is difficult or impossible to achieve with SIEM or individual point solutions.

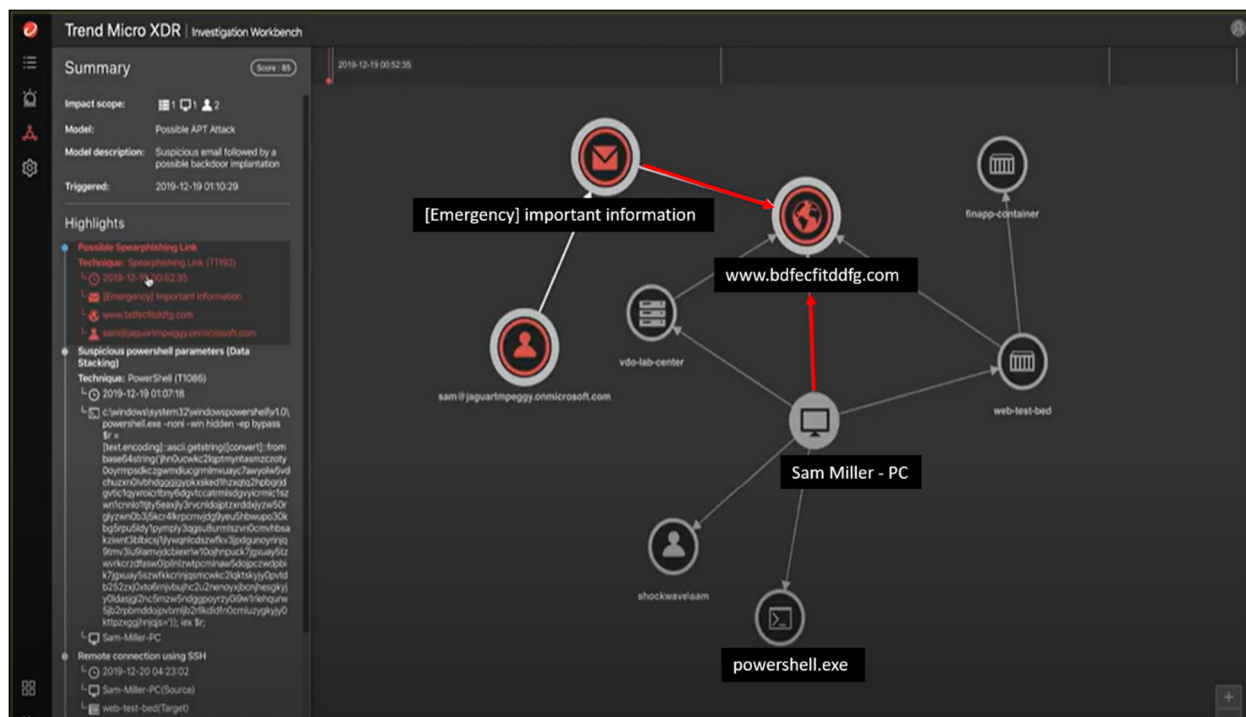
With a combined context, events that seem benign on their own suddenly become meaningful indicators of compromise, and you can quickly contain the impact, minimising the severity and scope.

XDR provides a SIEM connector to forward alerts. By correlating events from Trend Micro products, fewer, higher-confidence alerts are sent, reducing the triage effort required by security analysts. Upon clicking on a SIEM alert, an analyst can access the XDR investigation workbench to get further visibility, conduct deeper analysis, and take necessary action.

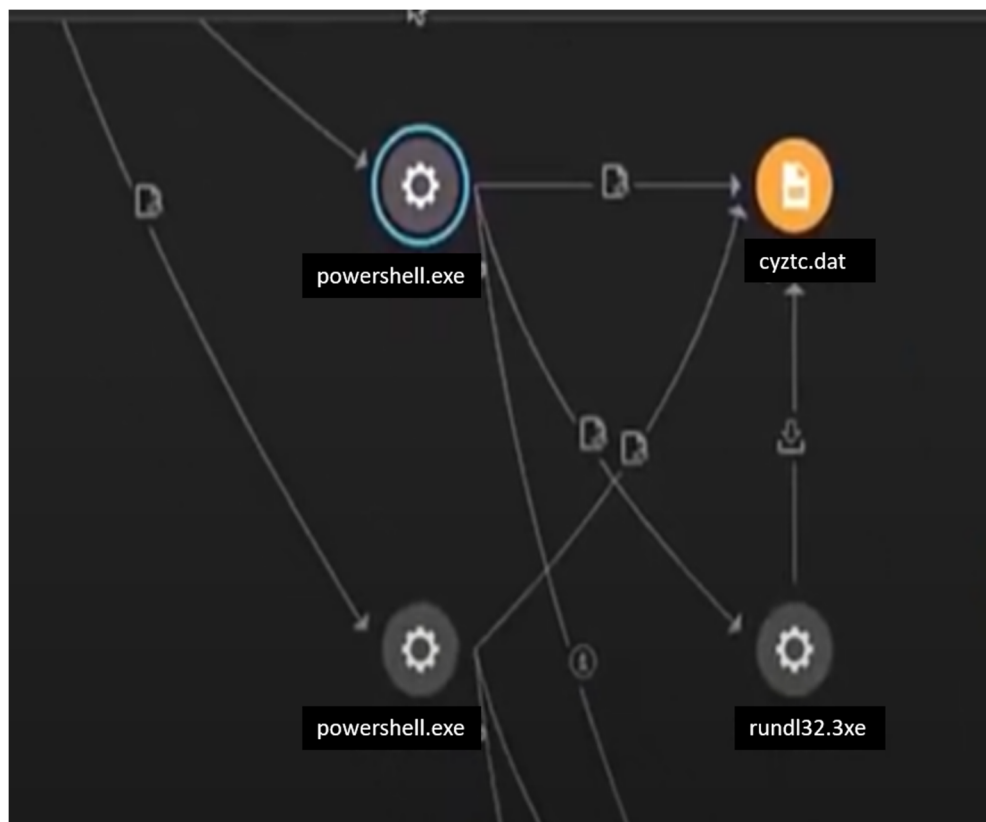
(See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_in/business/products/detection-response/xdr.html).

161. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *gathering one or more events defining an action of a first object acting on a target*. For example, in the example shown below, the “Summary” tab for Trend Micro’s XDR contains Threat Case/Attack information. It highlights what XDR has detected: What object was detected, its target, and what actions it triggered on the target. Additionally, the Analysis chain displays information about where the object originated and what action the originating object performed on the object (or an intermediate object). The “Incident Trigger” (such as “powershelle.exe” in the example below) and the originating node/object (e.g., “[Emergency] Important Information” in the example shown below) are linked by a chain of events known as the “Analysis Chain.” In the example below, the host system Sam-Miller-PC received an e-mail that contained a malicious URL, which

triggered/launched the Internet Explorer program (explorer.exe) in the system. A backdoor was possibly implanted after the user (Sam Miller) received the e-mail message. This chain of events (launching of the www.bdfecfitddfg.com URL) caused the Windows PowerShell (powershell.exe) to run a suspicious command and caused the execution of cyzfc.dat. However, this activity (execution of a suspicious file) was detected and prevented by XDR.



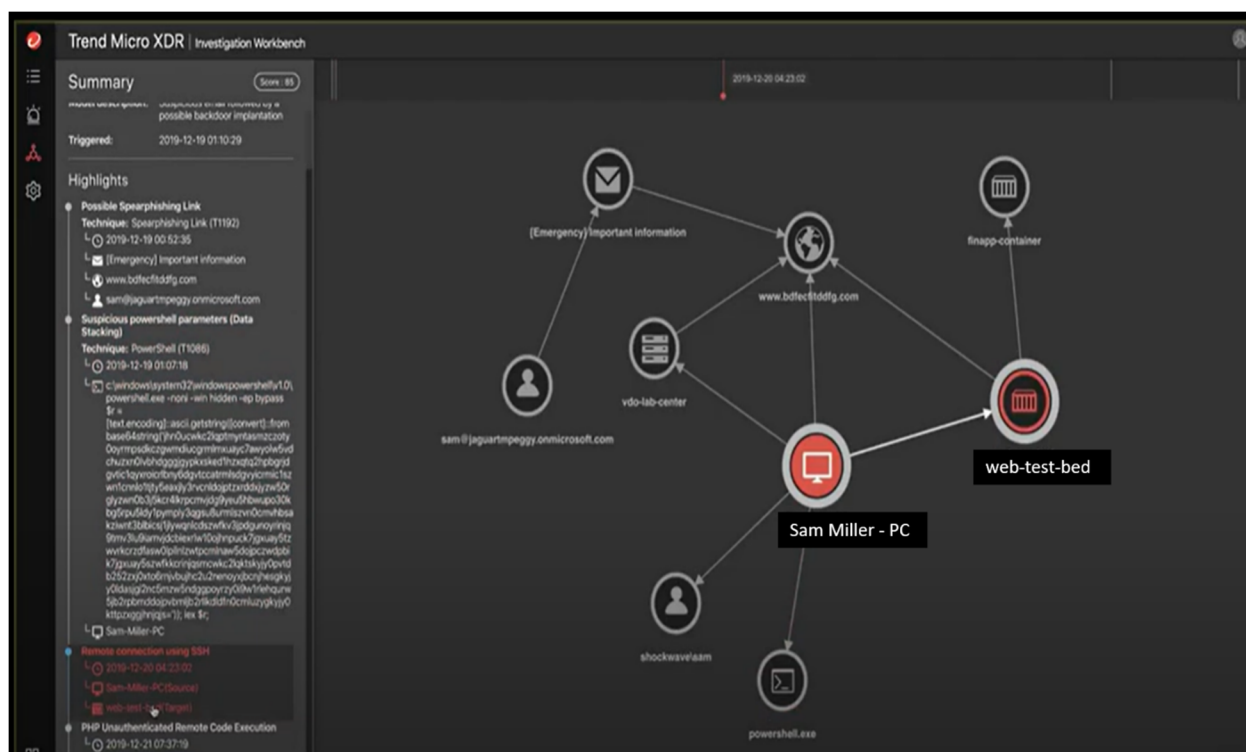
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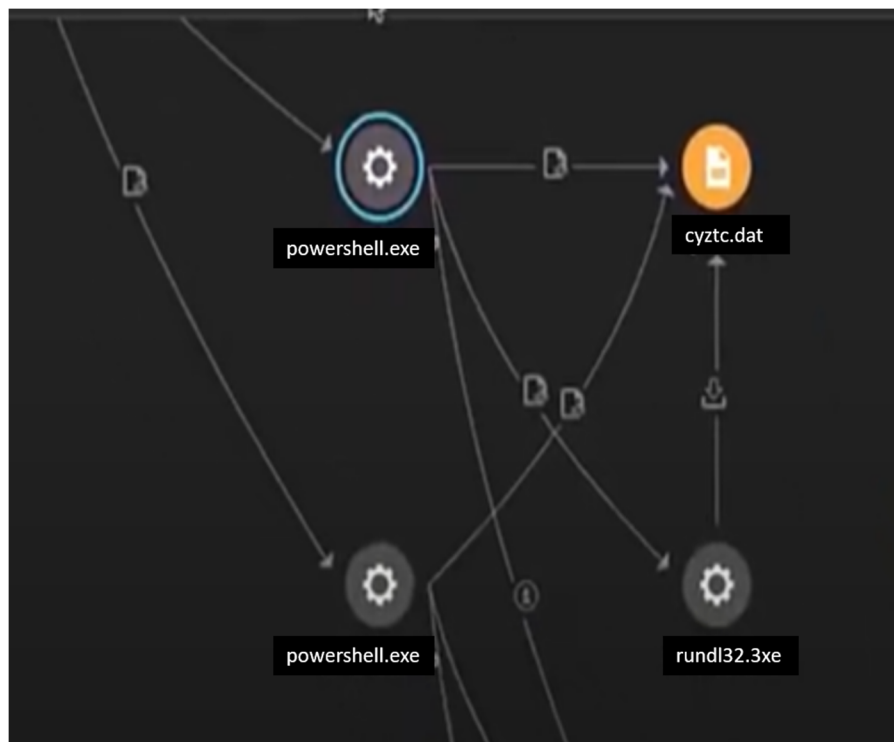
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162. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *generating a contextual state for at least one of the one or more events by correlating the at least one event to an originating object, the contextual state including an indication of the originating object of the first object and an indication of at least one of a device on which the first object is executed and a user associated with the first object.* For example, and as explained above, the “Analysis Chain” in Trend Micro’s XDR product contains the majority of the Threat Case/Attack information. It displays a graph of what XDR has detected; the “attack kill chain.” The “Incident Trigger” (such as powershell.exe in the example below) and the originating node/object (e.g., “[Emergency] Important Information” in the example shown below) are linked by a chain of events known as the “attack kill chain.” In the example below, powershell.exe executed an executable file named rundl32.3xe, which

launched the `cyzlc.dat` and triggered it to run a suspicious command and, hence, execute a potentially malicious file `powershell.exe`, which was detected and blocked by XDR. The details of the process/attack kill chain, *i.e.*, the critical paths, processes, files, domains, etc. involved include the “contextual state for at least one of the one or more events by correlating the at least one event to an originating object, the contextual state including an indication of the originating object of the first object.” Additionally, as shown below, XDR displays a summary highlighting specific details of any event selected from the chain, details including time of the event, the victim host system/endpoint, the command line code, and the technique of the attack.

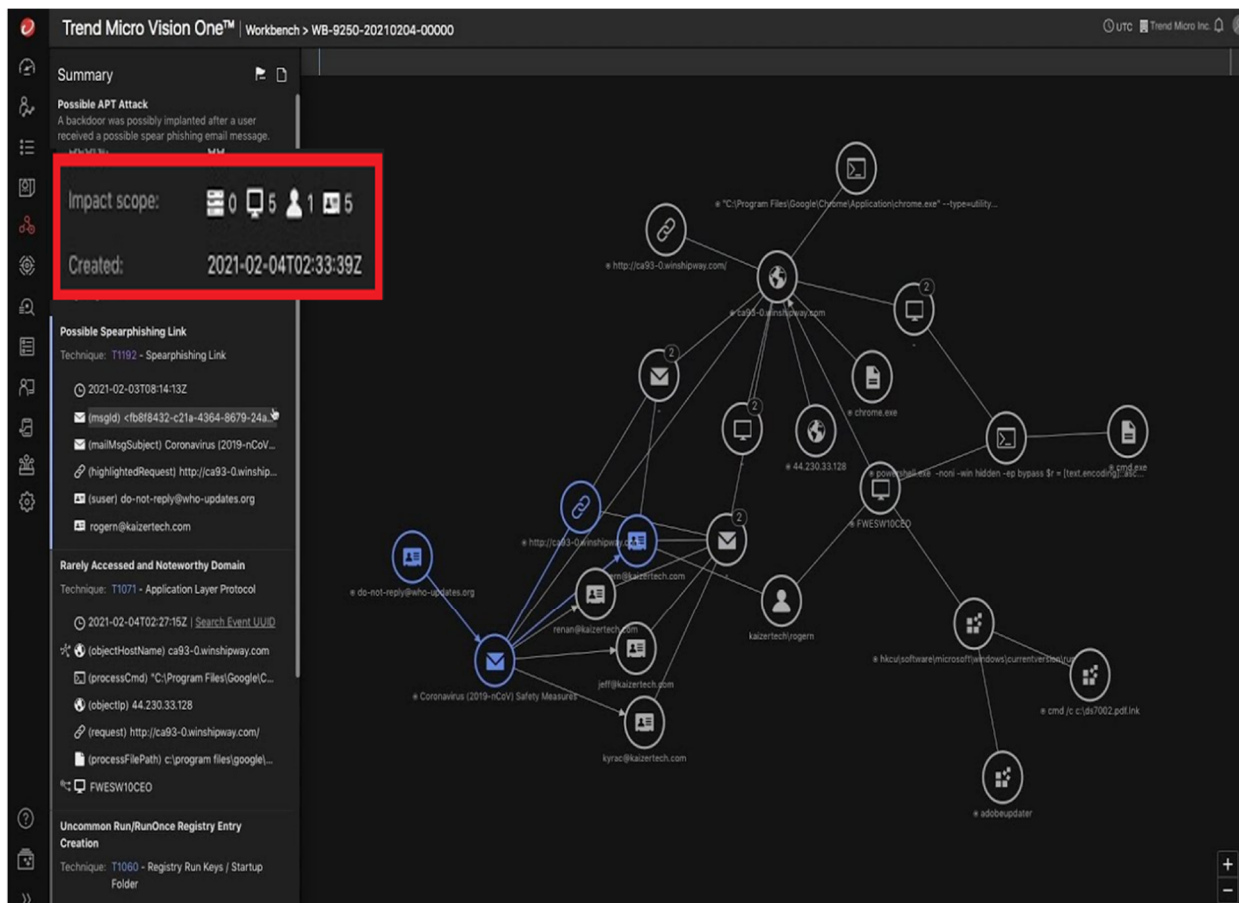


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163. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *obtaining a global perspective for the at least one event by obtaining information associated with one or more of the first object and the originating object, the information including at least one of age, popularity, a determination as to whether the first object is malware, a determination as to whether the originating object is malware, Internet Protocol (IP) Address, and Uniform Resource Locator (URL) information, wherein the global perspective for one or more related events to the at least one event across a network.* As shown below, the Accused Products obtain a “Global Perspective” for each event. For example, Trend Micro’s XDR Product provides information such as the age (e.g., “created 2021-02-04T02:33:39Z”) and popularity (e.g., “impact scope”).



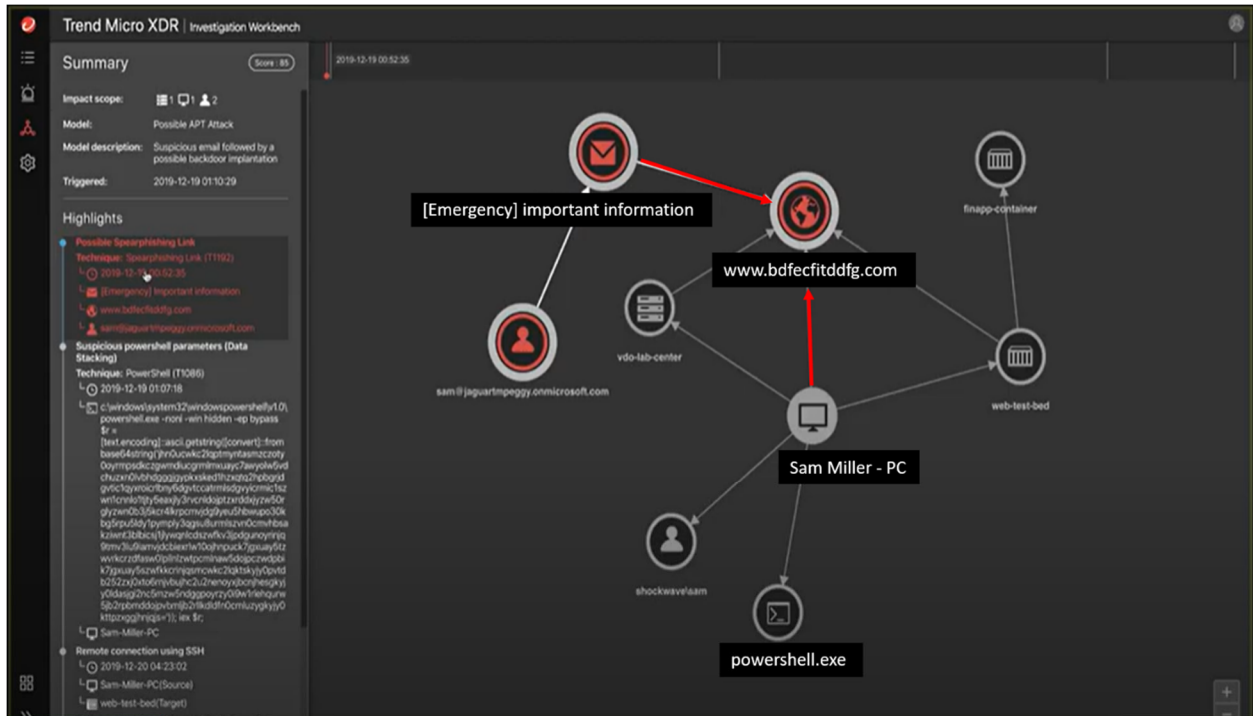
(See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odGDYzQbe80>.)

164. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *assembling an event line including details associated with the at least one event, the details including information uniquely identifying the first object, the action of the first object, the target, and the originating object.* As explained above, the “Analysis Chain” generated by Trend Micro’s XDR product contains the majority of the Threat Case/Attack information. It displays a graph of what XDR has detected; the “attack kill chain.” The “Incident Trigger” (such as powershell.exe in the example below) and the originating node/object (e.g., “[Emergency] Important Information” in the example shown below) are linked by a chain of events known as the “attack kill chain.”

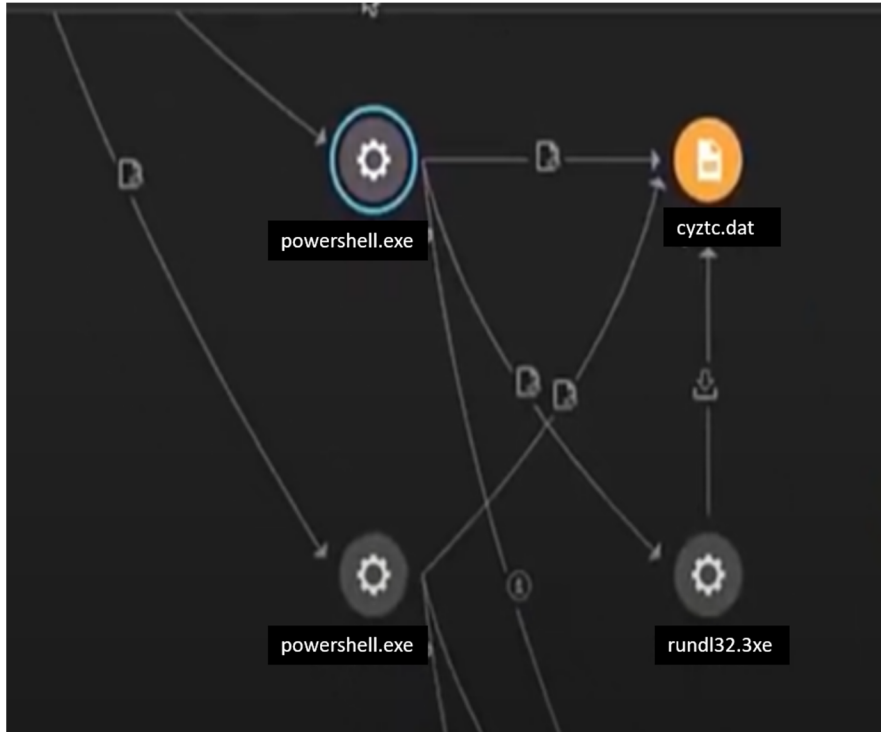
165. In the example below, powershell.exe executed an executable file named

rundll32.exe, which launched the cyzlc.dat and triggered it to run a suspicious command and hence execute a potentially malicious file powershell.exe, which was detected and blocked by XDR.

166. Additionally, as shown below, XDR displays a summary highlighting specific details of any event selected from the chain, details including time of the event, the victim host system/endpoint, the command line code, and the technique of the attack.



(See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcaKLbpkCuU>.)



(See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcaKLbpkCuU>.)

167. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *transmitting the assembled event line*. For example, Trend Micro’s XDR displays the generated event line (*e.g.*, it is transmitted to the display of the endpoint) when a particular threat case/alert from the list of alerts is selected. As explained above, the “Analysis Chain” contains the majority of the Threat Case/Attack information. The “attack kill chain” can be generated, stored or displayed (*e.g.*, on a user or administrator’s client-side web browser)..

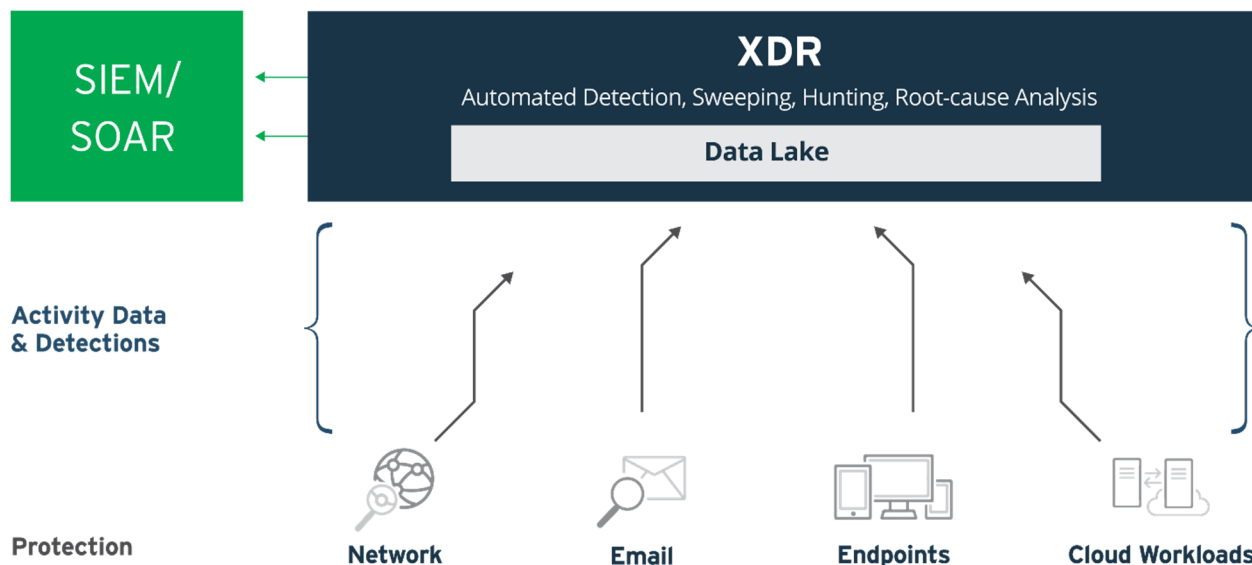
168. On information and belief, the information on the series of events or attack chain is also transmitted to an XDR server or database for subsequent analysis and/or use.

Trend Micro™ XDR collects and correlates deep activity data across multiple vectors - email, endpoints, servers, cloud workloads, and networks - enabling a level of detection and investigation that is difficult or impossible to achieve with SIEM or individual point solutions.

With a combined context, events that seem benign on their own suddenly become meaningful indicators of compromise, and you can quickly contain the impact, minimising the severity and scope.

XDR provides a SIEM connector to forward alerts. By correlating events from Trend Micro products, fewer, higher-confidence alerts are sent, reducing the triage effort required by security analysts. Upon clicking on a SIEM alert, an analyst can access the XDR investigation workbench to get further visibility, conduct deeper analysis, and take necessary action.

(See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_in/business/products/detection-response/xdr.html.)



(See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_in/what-is/xdr.html).

169. Each claim in the '045 Patent recites an independent invention. Neither claim 1, described above, nor any other individual claim is representative of all claims in the '045 Patent.

170. Trend Micro has been aware of the '045 Patent since at least the filing of this Complaint. Further, Plaintiffs have marked their products with the '045 Patent, including on its web site, since at least July 2020.

171. Defendant directly infringes at least claim 1 of the '045 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by performing the steps described above. For example, on information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner as described above by running this software and system to protect its own computer and network operations. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner when testing the operation of the Accused Products' and corresponding systems. As another example, Trend Micro performs the claimed method when providing or administering services to third parties, customers, and partners using the Accused Products.

172. Trend Micro's partners, customers, and end users of its Accused Products and

corresponding systems and services, including Apex One (e.g. with XDR), Deep Discovery XDR and Vision One, Detection and Response software, system, and services, directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '045 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least by using the accused software, systems, and services, as described above.

173. Trend Micro actively induced and is actively inducing infringement of at least claim 1 of the '450 Patent with specific intent to induce infringement, and/or willful blindness to the possibility that its acts induce infringement, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). For example, Trend Micro encourages and induces customers to use Trend Micro's security software in a manner that infringes claim 1 of the '045 Patent by at least offering and providing software that performs a method that infringes claim 1 when installed and operated by the customer, and by activities relating to selling, marketing, advertising, promotion, installation, support, and distribution of its Apex One (e.g. with XDR), Deep Discovery XDR and Vision One, Detection and Response , software, SaaS model, and services in the United States. (See, e.g., *Trend Micro Vision One*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/detection-response.html?utm_campaign=BaU2021_Hybrid-Cloud_AoM&utm_medium=Search&utm_source=Google&utm_term=&utm_ag=&utm_justmedia=gs_15153021359_128754021263_564067721684_&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIgI-zm6m_9AIVRZnVCh2aoAVFEAAYASAAEgLt5vD_BwE; Trend Micro, *Solution Brief: Trend Micro Vision One*, www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/detection-response.html?modal=s1a-btn-solution-brief-e6bb5e; see also *Find a Trend Micro Partner*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/partners/find-a-partner.html.)

174. Trend Micro encourages, instructs, directs, and/or requires third parties—including its certified partners and/or customers—to perform the claimed method using the software, services, and systems in infringing ways, as described above.

175. Trend Micro further encourages and induces its customers to infringe claim 1 of the '045 Patent: 1) by making its security services available on its website, providing applications that allow users to access those services, widely advertising those services, and providing technical support and instructions to users, and 2) through activities relating to marketing, advertising, promotion, installation, support, and distribution of the Accused Products, including Deep Security, SaaS model, and services in the United States. (*See, e.g., Trend Micro Vision One*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/detection-response.html?utm_campaign=BaU2021_Hybrid-Cloud_AoM&utm_medium=Search&utm_source=Google&utm_term=&utm_ag=&utm_justmedia=gs_15153021359_128754021263_564067721684_&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIgI-zm6m_9AIVRZnVCh2aoAVFEAAYASAAEgLt5vD_BwE; *see also* Trend Micro, *Solution Brief: Trend Micro Vision One*, www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/detection-response.html?modal=s1a-btn-solution-brief-e6bb5e.)

176. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro shares instructions, guides, and manuals, which advertise and instruct third parties on how to use the software as described above, including at least customers and partners. (*See Business Success Trend Micro Vision One*, <https://success.trendmicro.com/product-support/trend-micro-vision-one>.) On further information and belief, Trend Micro also provides customer service or technical support to purchasers of the Accused Products and corresponding system and services, which directs and encourages customers to perform certain actions as a condition to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. (*Id.*)

177. Trend Micro and/or its partners recommend and sell the Accused Products and provide technical support for the installation, implementation, integration, and ongoing operation of the Accused Products for each individual customer. On information and belief, each customer enters into a contractual relationship with Trend Micro and/or its partner, which obligates each

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178. Trend Micro also contributes to the infringement of its partners, customers, and end-users of the Accused Products by providing within the United States or importing into the United States the Accused Products, which are for use in practicing, and under normal operation practice, methods claimed in the Asserted Patents, constituting a material part of the claimed methods, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing uses. Indeed, as shown above, the Accused Products and the example functionality described below have no substantial non-infringing uses but are specifically designed to practice the '045 Patent.

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executing the Accused Products by programming the software which, when executed by a customer or end user, perform the method steps of at least claim 1 of the '045 Patent.

180. Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer damages, including lost profits, as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '045 Patent. Defendant is therefore liable to Plaintiffs under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiffs for Defendant's infringement, but no less than a reasonable royalty.

181. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer irreparable harm unless this Court preliminarily and permanently enjoins Defendant, its agents, employees, representatives, and all others acting in concert with Defendant from infringing the '045 Patent. Plaintiffs have lost potential customers, business opportunities, and goodwill in the community. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer these harms absent an injunction.

182. Defendant's infringement of the '045 Patent is knowing and willful. Defendant had actual knowledge of the '045 Patent at least by the time Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit and had constructive knowledge of the '045 Patent from at least the date Plaintiffs marked its products with the '045 Patent and/or provided notice of the '045 Patent on its website.

183. On information and belief, despite Defendant's knowledge of the Asserted Patents and Plaintiffs' patented technology, Defendant made the deliberate decision to sell products and services that it knew infringe these patents. Defendant's continued infringement of the '045 Patent with knowledge of the '045 Patent constitutes willful infringement.

**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '224 PATENT)**

184. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporates by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

185. Trend Micro has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '224

Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 in this District and elsewhere in the United States, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. The Accused Products, at least when used for their ordinary and customary purposes, practice each element of at least claim 1 of the '224 Patent as demonstrated below.

186. For example, claim 1 of the '224 Patent recites:

1. A method comprising:

gathering an event defining an action of a first object acting on a target, wherein the first object is executed on a device;

generating contextual state information for the event by correlating the event to an originating object of the first object;

obtaining a global perspective for the event based on the contextual state information, wherein the global perspective comprises information associated with one or more of the first object and the originating object, and wherein the global perspective relates to one or more other events related to the event across a network;

generating an event line comprising information relating to the event, wherein the information relates to at least one of the first object, the action of the first object, the target, and the originating object; and

transmitting the generated event line.

187. To the extent the preamble is construed to be limiting, the Accused Products, including Trend Micro's Deep Discovery XDR, Detection and Response products and services ("XDR"), Apex One (*e.g.* with XDR), and Vision One perform a method as further explained below. For example, "XDR" performs a method for endpoint protection, wherein threat cases/attacks are analyzed in detail.

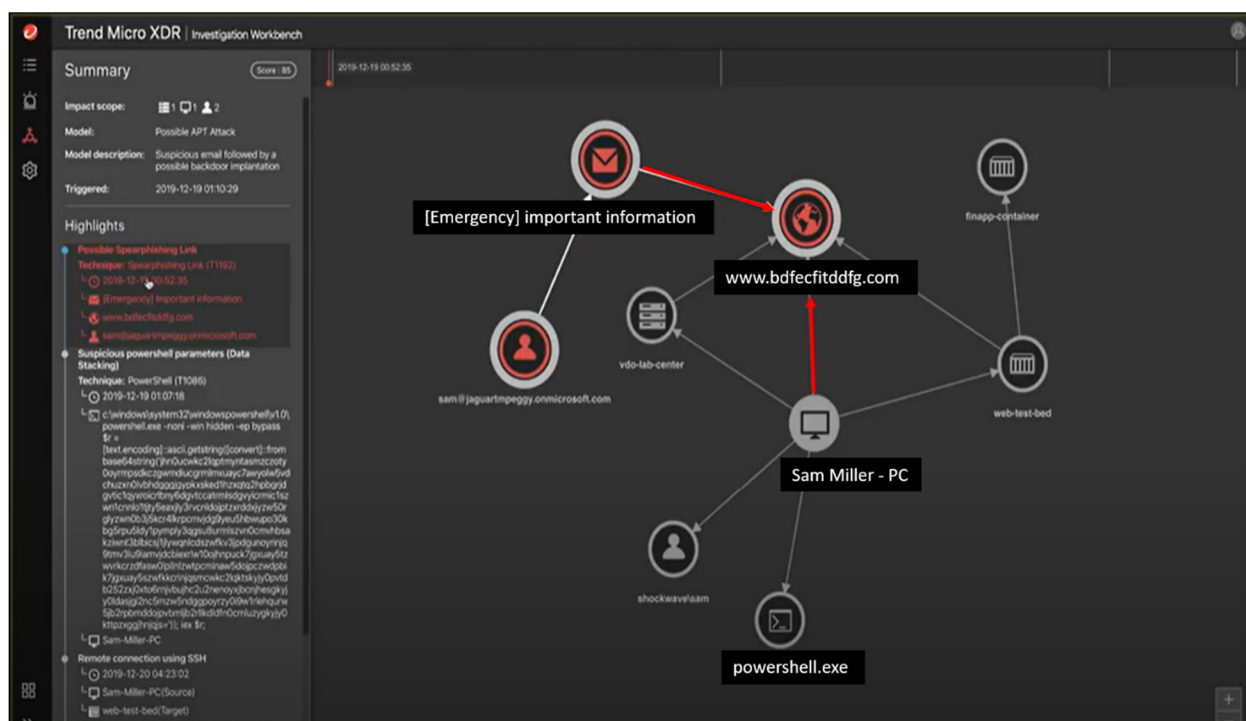
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Integrated investigation and response

One place for investigation simplifies the steps to achieving an attack-centric view of an entire chain of events across security layers with the ability to take response actions from a single place.

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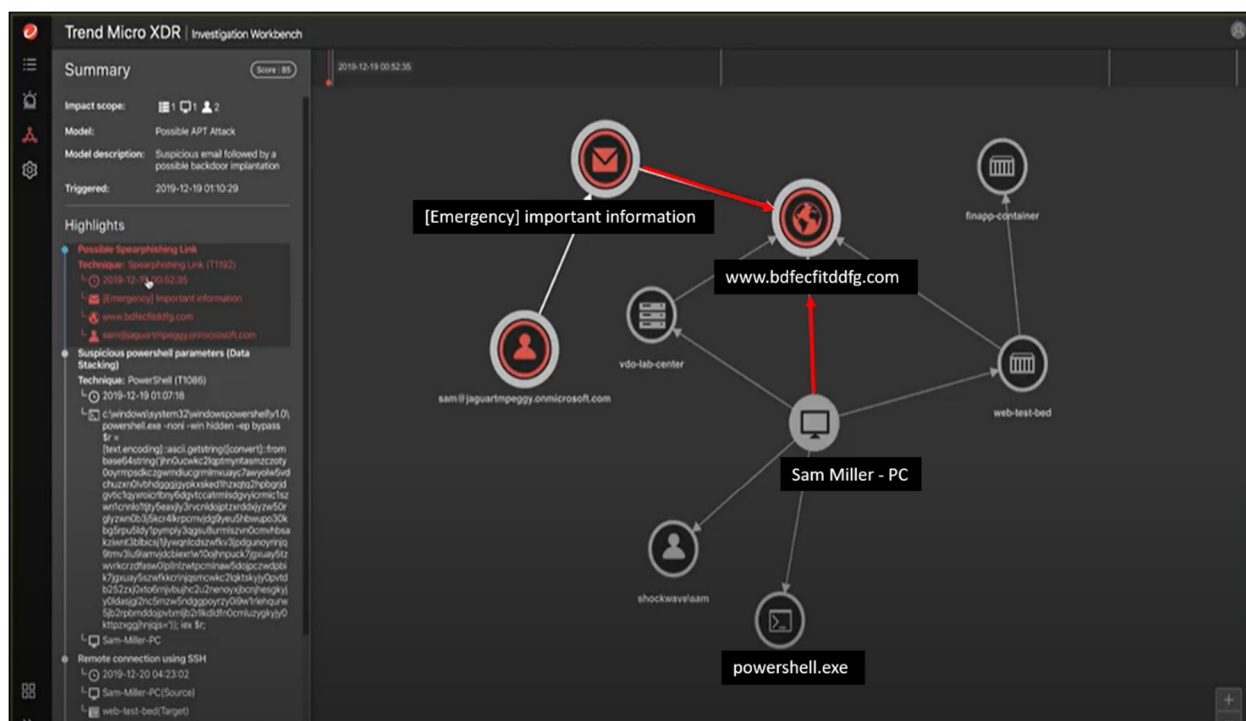
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188. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro’s XDR, perform a method that includes *gathering an event defining an action of a first object acting on a target, wherein the first object is executed on a device*. In particular, in the example shown below, the “Summary” tab

contains Threat Case/Attack information. It highlights what XDR has detected: What object was detected, its target, and what actions it triggered on the target. Additionally, the Analysis chain displays information about where the object originated and what action it performed on the object. The “Incident Trigger” (such as “powershelle.exe” in the example below) and the originating node/object (e.g., “[Emergency] Important Information” in the example shown below) are linked by a chain of events known as the “Analysis Chain.” In the example below, the host system Sam-Miller-PC received an e-mail that contained a malicious URL, which triggered/launched the Internet Explorer program (explorer.exe) in the system. A backdoor was possibly implanted after the user (Sam Miller) received the e-mail message. This chain of events (launching of the www.bdfecfitddfg.com URL) caused the Windows PowerShell (powershell.exe) to run a suspicious command and cause the execution of cyzfc.dat (i.e., action of the first object). However, this activity (execution of a suspicious file) was detected and prevented by XDR. (See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcaKLBpkCuU>.)

189. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro’s XDR, perform a method that includes *generating contextual state information for the event by correlating the event to an originating object of the first object*. For example, and as explained above, the “Summary” tab contains the Threat Case/Attack information such as what object was detected, its target, and what actions it triggered on the target. Additionally, the Analysis chain displays information about where the object originated and what action it performed on the object. The “Incident Trigger” (such as “powershelle.exe” in the example below) and the originating node/object (e.g., “[Emergency] Important Information” in the example shown below) are linked by a chain of events known as the “Analysis Chain.” It highlights what XDR has detected. In the example below, the host system Sam-Miller-PC received an e-mail that contained a malicious URL, which

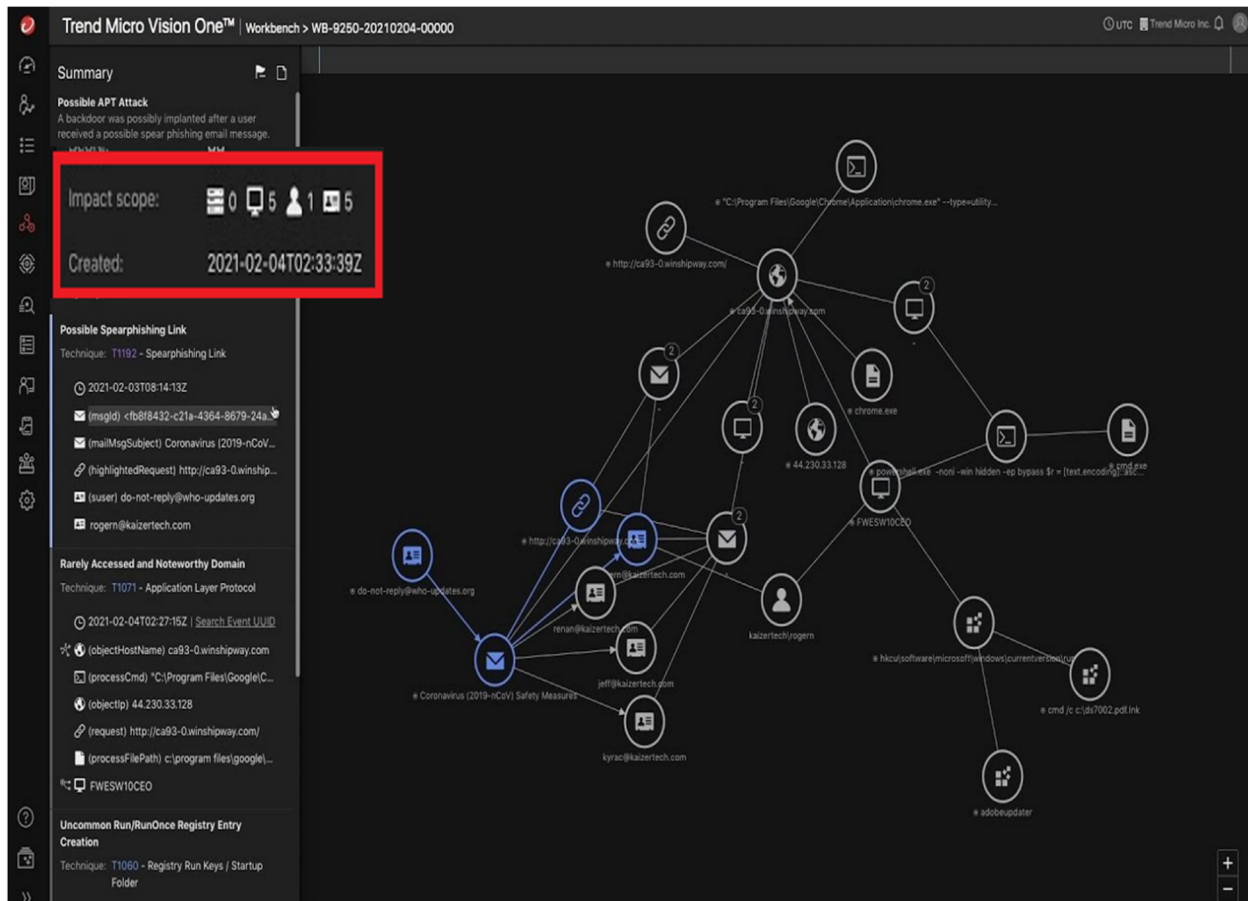
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(See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcaKLbpkCuU>.)

190. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro’s XDR, perform a method that includes *obtaining a global perspective for the event based on the contextual state information wherein the global perspective comprises information associated with one or more of the first object and the originating object, and wherein the global perspective relates to one or more other*

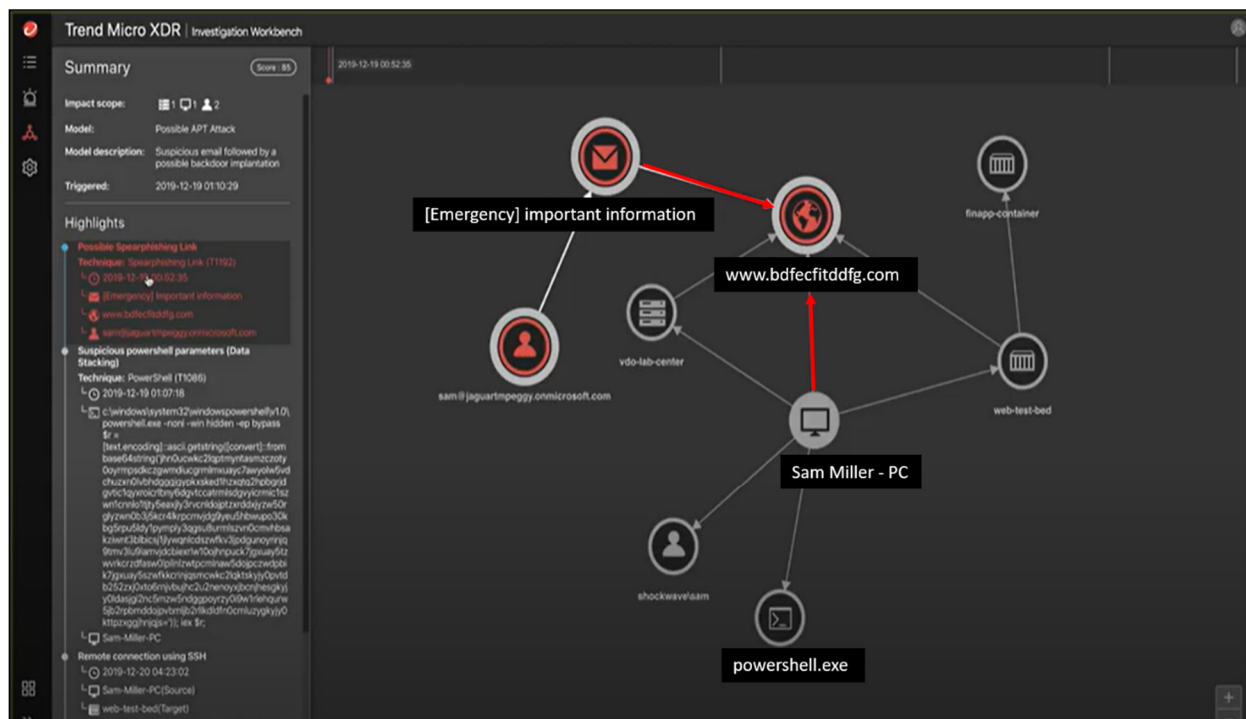
events related to the event across a network. For example, XDR generates and displays details such as time of the event, the victim host system, the command line code, technique of the attack, etc., and provides information about each of the objects and events in the analysis chain described above (such as when an object or event is selected). As another example, as shown below, Trend Micro's XDR Product provides information such as the age (e.g., "created 2021-02-04T02:33:39Z") and popularity (e.g., "impact scope") of each of the objects.



(See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odGDYzQbe80.>)

191. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro's XDR, perform a method that includes *generating an event line comprising information relating to the event, wherein the information relates to at least one of the first object, the action of the first object, the target, and*

the originating object. As explained above, the “Summary” tab provided by the Trend Micro XDR contains the Threat Case/Attack information. What object was detected, its target, and what actions it triggered on the target. Additionally, the Analysis chain displays information about where the object originated and what action it performed on the object. The “Incident Trigger” (such as “powershelle.exe” in the example below) and the originating node/object (e.g., “[Emergency] Important Information” in the example shown below) are linked by a chain of events known as the “Analysis Chain,” which highlights what XDR has detected. In the example below, the host system Sam-Miller-PC received an e-mail that contained a malicious URL, which triggered/launched the Internet Explorer program (explorer.exe) in the system. A backdoor was possibly implanted after the user (Sam Miller) received the e-mail message. This chain of events (launching of the www.bdfecfitddfg.com URL) caused the Windows PowerShell (powershell.exe) to run a suspicious command and cause the execution of cyzfc.dat (i.e., action of the first object). However, this activity (execution of a suspicious file) was detected and prevented by XDR.



(See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcaKLbpkCuU>.)

192. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro's XDR, perform a method that includes *transmitting the generated event line*. For example, Trend Micro's XDR displays the generated event line (*e.g.*, is transmitted to the display of the endpoint) when a particular threat case/alert from the list of alerts is selected. As explained above, the "Analysis Chain" contains the majority of the Threat Case/Attack information. The "attack kill chain" can be generated, stored or displayed (*e.g.*, on a user or administrator's client-side web browser).

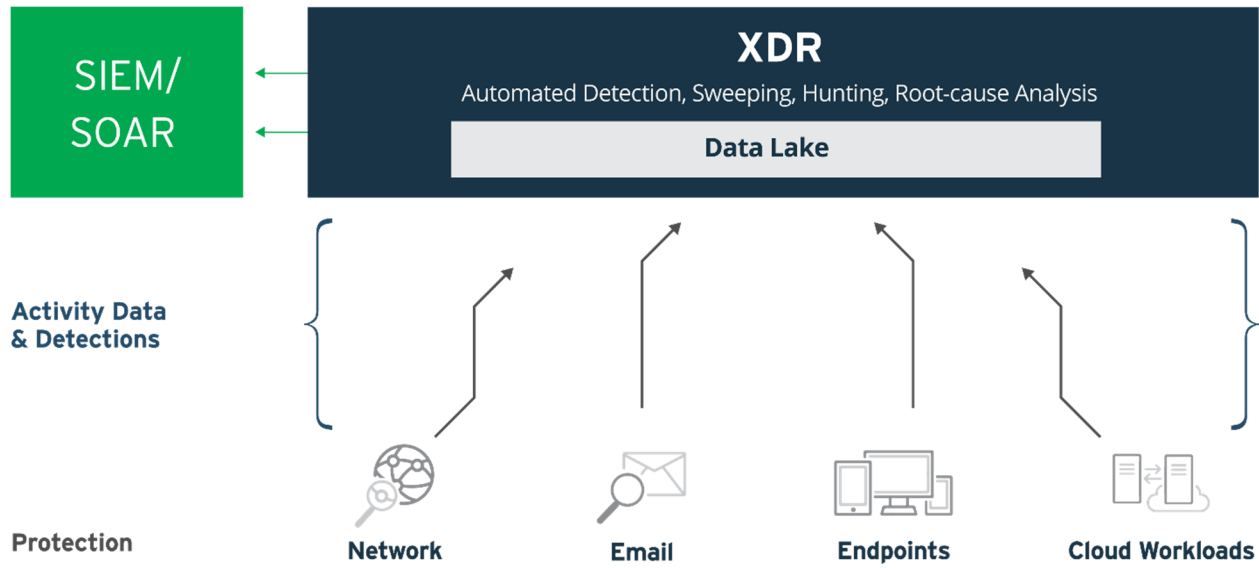
193. On information and belief, the information on the series of events or attack chain is also transmitted to an XDR server or database for subsequent analysis and/or use.

Trend Micro™ XDR collects and correlates deep activity data across multiple vectors - email, endpoints, servers, cloud workloads, and networks - enabling a level of detection and investigation that is difficult or impossible to achieve with SIEM or individual point solutions.

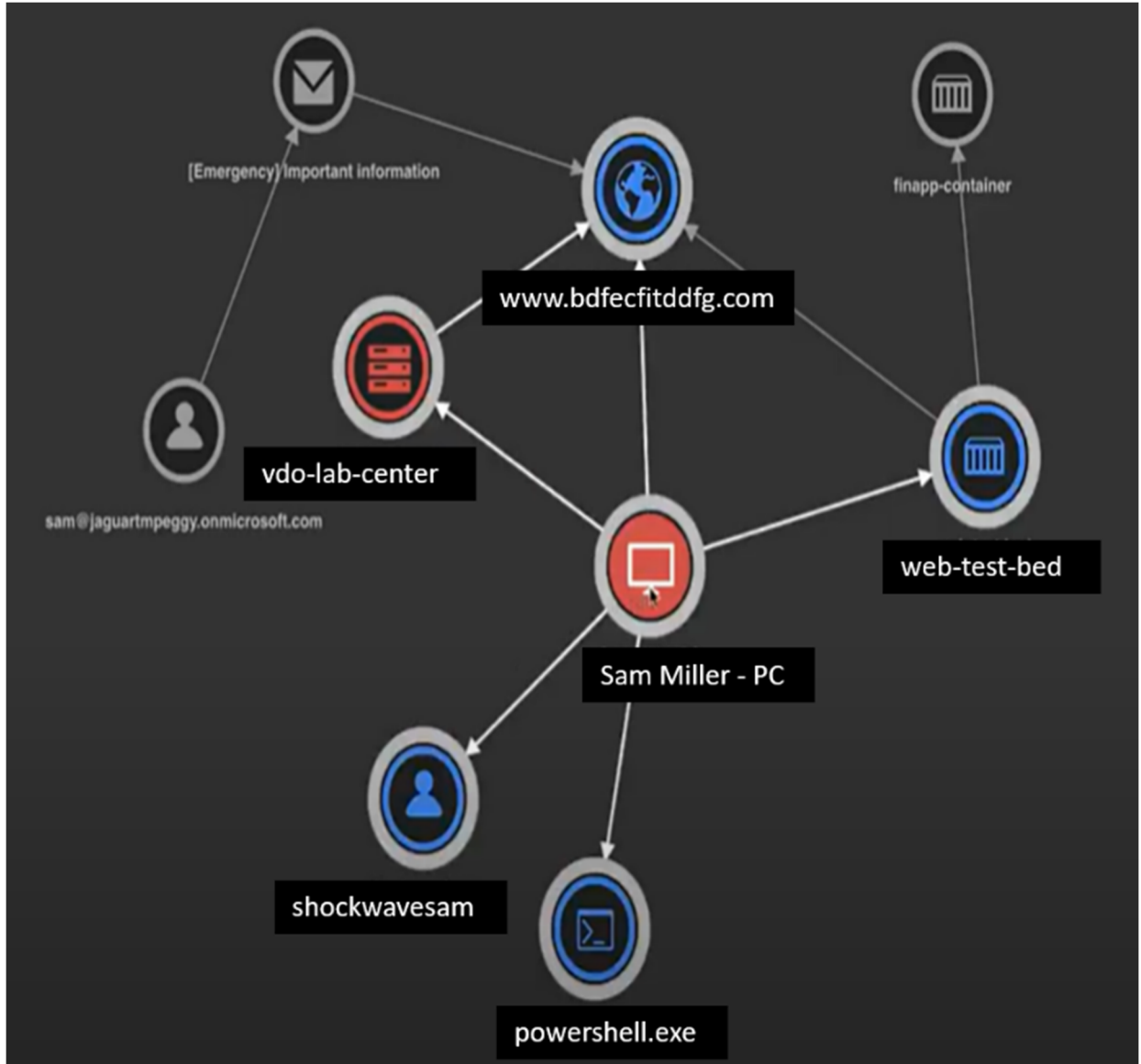
With a combined context, events that seem benign on their own suddenly become meaningful indicators of compromise, and you can quickly contain the impact, minimising the severity and scope.

XDR provides a SIEM connector to forward alerts. By correlating events from Trend Micro products, fewer, higher-confidence alerts are sent, reducing the triage effort required by security analysts. Upon clicking on a SIEM alert, an analyst can access the XDR investigation workbench to get further visibility, conduct deeper analysis, and take necessary action.

(See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_in/business/products/detection-response/xdr.html.)



(See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_in/what-is/xdr.html).



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194. Each claim in the '224 Patent recites an independent invention. Neither claim 1, described above, nor any other individual claim is representative of all claims in the '224 Patent.

195. Trend Micro has been aware of the '224 Patent since at least the filing of this Complaint. Further, Plaintiffs have marked their products with the '224 Patent, including on its web site, since at least July 2020.

196. Defendant directly infringes at least claim 1 of the '224 Patent, literally or under

the doctrine of equivalents, by performing the steps described above. For example, on information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner as described above by running this software and system to protect its own computer and network operations. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner when testing the operation of the Accused Products' and corresponding systems. As another example, Trend Micro performs the claimed method when providing or administering services to third parties, customers, and partners using the Accused Products.

197. Trend Micro's partners, customers, and end users of its Accused Products and corresponding systems and services, including Apex One (*e.g.*, with XDR), Deep Discovery XDR, Detection and Response software, system, and services, directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '224 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least by using the accused software, systems, and services, as described above.

198. Trend Micro actively induced and is actively inducing infringement of at least claim 1 of the '224 Patent with specific intent to induce infringement, and/or willful blindness to the possibility that its acts induce infringement, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). For example, Trend Micro encourages and induces customers to use Trend Micro's security software in a manner that infringes claim 1 of the '224 Patent by at least offering and providing software that performs a method that infringes claim 1 when installed and operated by the customer, and by activities relating to selling, marketing, advertising, promotion, installation, support, and distribution of its Apex One (*e.g.*, with XDR), Deep Discovery XDR, Detection and Response , software, SaaS model, and services in the United States. (*See, e.g., Trend Micro Vision One*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/detection-response.html?utm_campaign=BaU2021_Hybrid-Cloud_AoM&utm

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199. Trend Micro encourages, instructs, directs, and/or requires third parties—including its certified partners and/or customers—to perform the claimed method using the software, services, and systems in infringing ways, as described above.

200. Trend Micro further encourages and induces its customers to infringe claim 1 of the '224 Patent: 1) by making its security services available on its website, providing applications that allow users to access those services, widely advertising those services, and providing technical support and instructions to users, and 2) through activities relating to marketing, advertising, promotion, installation, support, and distribution of the Accused Products, including Deep Security, SaaS model, and services in the United States. (*See, e.g., Trend Micro Vision One*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/detection-response.html?utm_campaign=BaU2021_Hybrid-Cloud_AoM&utm_medium=Search&utm_source=Google&utm_term=&utm_ag=&utm_justmedia=gs_15153021359_128754021263_564067721684_&gclid=EAIAIQobChMIgI-zm6m_9AIVRZnVCh2aoAVFEAAAYASAAEgLt5vD_BwE; *see also Trend Micro, Solution Brief: Trend Micro Vision One*, www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/detection-response.html?modal=s1a-btn-solution-brief-e6bb5e.)

201. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro shares instructions, guides, and manuals, which advertise and instruct third parties on how to use the software as described

above, including at least customers and partners. (*See Business Success Trend Micro Vision One*, <https://success.trendmicro.com/product-support/trend-micro-vision-one>.) On further information and belief, Trend Micro also provides customer service or technical support to purchasers of the Accused Products and corresponding system and services, which directs and encourages customers to perform certain actions as a condition to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. (*Id.*)

202. Trend Micro and/or its partners recommend and sell the Accused Products and provide technical support for the installation, implementation, integration, and ongoing operation of the Accused Products for each individual customer. On information and belief, each customer enters into a contractual relationship with Trend Micro and/or its partner, which obligates each customer to perform certain actions as a condition to use of the Accused Products. Further, in order to receive the benefit of Trend Micro's and/or its partner's continued technical support and their specialized knowledge and guidance with respect to operation of the Accused Products, each customer must continue to use the Accused Products in a way that infringes the '224 Patent. Further, as the entity that provides installation, implementation, and integration of the Accused Products in addition to ensuring the Accused Product remains operational for each customer through ongoing technical support, on information and belief, Trend Micro and/or its partners affirmatively aid and abet each customer's use of the Accused Products in a manner that performs the claimed method of, and infringes, the '224 Patent.

203. Trend Micro also contributes to the infringement of its partners, customers, and end-users of the Accused Products by providing within the United States or importing into the United States the Accused Products, which are for use in practicing, and under normal operation practice, methods claimed in the Asserted Patents, constituting a material part of the claimed methods, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing

uses. Indeed, as shown above, the Accused Products and the example functionality described below have no substantial non-infringing uses but are specifically designed to practice the '224 Patent.

204. On information and belief, the infringing actions of each partner, customer, and/or end-user of the Accused Products are attributable to Trend Micro. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro directs and controls the activities or actions of its partners in connection with the Accused Products by contractual agreement or otherwise requiring partners to provide information and instructions to customers who acquire the Accused Products which, when followed, results in infringement. Trend Micro further directs and controls the operation of devices executing the Accused Products by programming the software which, when executed by a customer or end user, perform the method steps of at least claim 1 of the '224 Patent.

205. Plaintiffs have suffered and continues to suffer damages, including lost profits, as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '224 Patent. Defendant is therefore liable to Plaintiffs under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiffs for Defendant's infringement, but no less than a reasonable royalty.

206. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer irreparable harm unless this Court preliminarily and permanently enjoins Defendant, its agents, employees, representatives, and all others acting in concert with Defendant from infringing the '224 Patent. Plaintiffs have lost potential customers, business opportunities, and goodwill in the community. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer these harms absent an injunction.

207. Defendant's infringement of the '224 Patent is knowing and willful. Defendant had actual knowledge of the '224 Patent at least by the time Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit and had constructive knowledge of the '224 Patent from at least the date Plaintiffs marked its products with

the '224 Patent and/or provided notice of the '224 Patent on its website.

208. On information and belief, despite Defendant's knowledge of the Asserted Patents and Plaintiffs' patented technology, Defendant made the deliberate decision to sell products and services that it knew infringe these patents. Defendant's continued infringement of the '224 Patent with knowledge of the '224 Patent constitutes willful infringement.

**FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '591 PATENT)**

209. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate the preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

210. Defendant has infringed and continue to infringe one or more claims of the '591 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 in this District and elsewhere in the United States and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. The Accused Products, including features such as Trend Micro's Apex One and Deep Security, at least when used for their ordinary and customary purposes, practice each element of at least claim 1 of the '591 Patent as demonstrated below.

211. For example, claim 1 of the '591 Patent recites:

1. A computer-implemented method comprising:

monitoring a memory space of a process for execution of at least one monitored function of a plurality of functions, wherein monitoring the memory space comprises loading a component for evaluating the at least one monitored function in the memory space;

invoking one of the plurality of functions as a result of receiving a call from an application programming instance;

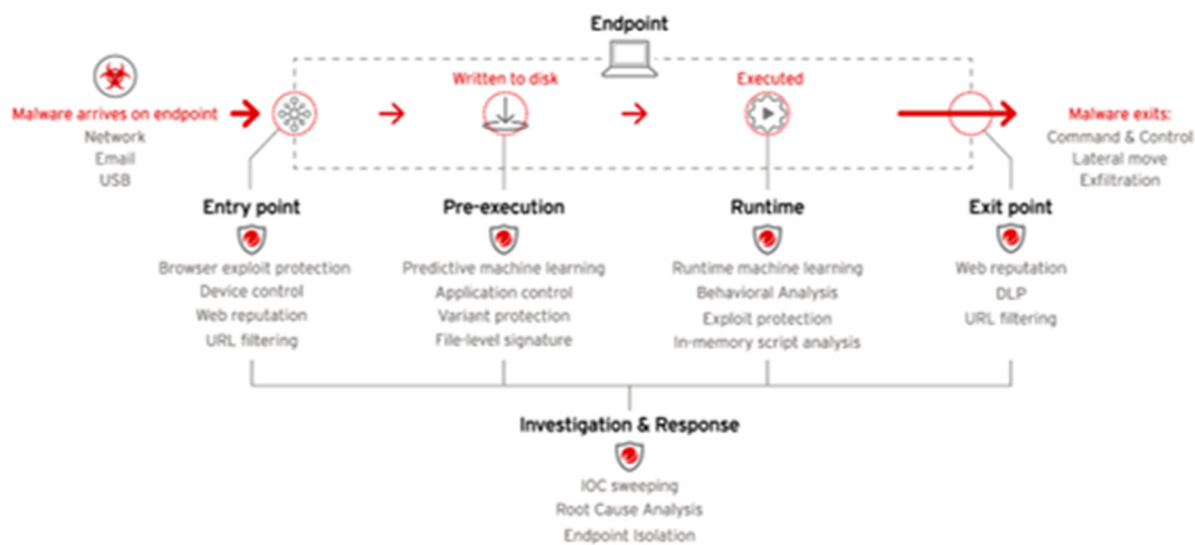
executing stack walk processing upon the invocation of one of the plurality of functions in the monitored memory space; and

performing, during the executing of the stack walk processing before an address of an originating caller function is reached, a memory check for a plurality of stack entries identified during the stack walk processing to detect suspicious behavior, wherein an alert of suspicious behavior is triggered when the performing of the memory check detects at least one of the following:

code execution is attempted from non-executable memory,
a base pointer is identified as being invalid,
an invalid stack return address is identified,
attempted execution of a return-oriented programming technique is detected,
the base pointer is detected as being outside a current thread stack, and
a return address is detected as being inside a virtual memory area,
wherein when an alert of suspicious behavior is triggered, preventing execution of a payload for the invoked function from operating.

212. The Accused Products perform each of the method steps of claim 1 of the '591 Patent. To the extent the preamble is construed to be limiting, the Accused Products perform *a computer-implemented method*, as further explained below. For example, the Accused Products include “[a] range of layered detection capabilities” including “[e]xploit protection” and “detection of advanced malware such as fileless, living off the land” and “[e]ffective protection against scripts, injection, ransomware, memory, and browser attacks through innovative behavior analysis.” The Accused products are implemented in the network’s endpoint computers. (*See* https://docs.trendmicro.com/all/ent/apex-one/2019/en-us/apexOne_2019_iug.pdf (hereinafter “Apex One Installation Guide”).)

A range of layered detection capabilities, alongside investigation and response, defends the endpoint through every stage



More accurate detection of advanced malware, such as fileless, living off the land, and ransomware threats



Effective protection against scripts, injection, ransomware, memory, and browser attacks through innovative behavior analysis

(See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html.)

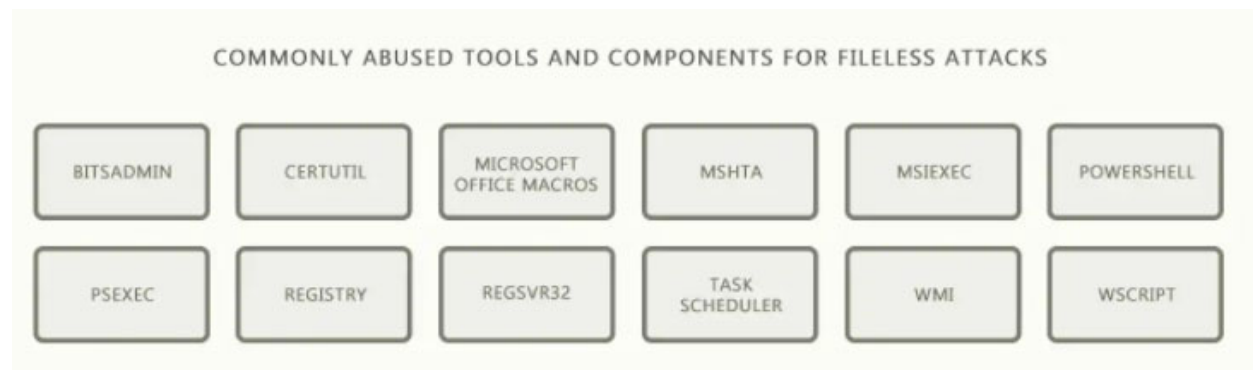
213. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform a method that includes *monitoring a memory space of a process for execution of at least one monitored function of a plurality of functions, wherein monitoring the memory space comprises loading a component for evaluating the at least one monitored function in the memory space.* For example, the Accused Products perform “In-memory Runtime Analysis” and “Behavior Monitoring scan[ning] the system memory for suspicious process.” (See <https://docplayer.net/173024260-Endpoint-security-webinar-24-29-oktober-2019.html> at 19.) The Accused Products include the “APEX ONE ENDPOINT SENSOR . . . that monitors events and quickly examines what processes or events are triggering malicious activity” including “malicious scripts, injection, ransomware, and

memory and browser attacks related to fileless threats.” (See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/news/cybercrime-and-digital-threats/security-101-how-fileless-attacks-work-and-persist-in-systems>.) In addition, Apex One Endpoint Sensors are installed on endpoint computers. (See https://docs.trendmicro.com/all/ent/apex-one/2019/en-us/apexOne_2019_iug.pdf at 2-20.) Thus, on information and belief, the Apex One Endpoint Sensors installed on endpoint computers monitor a memory space of the endpoint computer by loading a component for evaluating the at least one monitored function as claimed.

214. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform a method that includes *invoking one of the plurality of functions as a result of receiving a call from an application programming instance*. For example, Trend Micro’s Apex One “employs a variety of threat detection capabilities . . . [to] protect[] against . . . fileless threats” such as “abuse[s] [of] task automation and configuration management framework PowerShell.” (See Trend Micro Infographic, *Fileless Threats 101*, <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/news/cybercrime-and-digital-threats/security-101-how-fileless-attacks-work-and-persist-in-systems>.)

215. In another example, Trend Micro explains that “[m]any fileless threats abuse PowerShell, in particular, as it is a built-in feature on many Windows operating systems.” (See Trend Micro, *Risks Under the Radar Understanding Fileless Threats* (July 29, 2019), <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/news/security-technology/risks-under-the-radar-understanding-fileless-threats>.) Trend Micro explains that “[t]he Microsoft framework is [] capable of accessing application programming interfaces (APIs) that execute crucial system and application functions.” (*Id.*) Trend Micro then suggests that the best way to “detect the misuse of PowerShell [is] through behavioral detection, *i.e.*, discerning a PowerShell session executed via an encoded command in command line.” (*Id.*) Trend Micro advertises that “[b]y tracking non-file-

based indicators and through technologies like endpoint detection and response, [they] blocked more than 1.4 million fileless events in [a] year.” (See Trend Micro, *Security 101: How Fileless Attacks Work and Persist in Systems* (April 30, 2020), <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/news/cybercrime-and-digital-threats/security-101-how-fileless-attacks-work-and-persist-in-systems>.) In the figure below, for example, Trend Micro identifies “commonly abused tools and components for fileless attacks” that, on information and belief, the Accused Products monitor.



(See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/news/cybercrime-and-digital-threats/security-101-how-fileless-attacks-work-and-persist-in-systems>.)

216. In another example, Trend Micro Apex One “monitors events” (e.g., a function call from an application instance) “and quickly examines what processes or events are triggering malicious activity.” (See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/news/cybercrime-and-digital-threats/security-101-how-fileless-attacks-work-and-persist-in-systems>.)

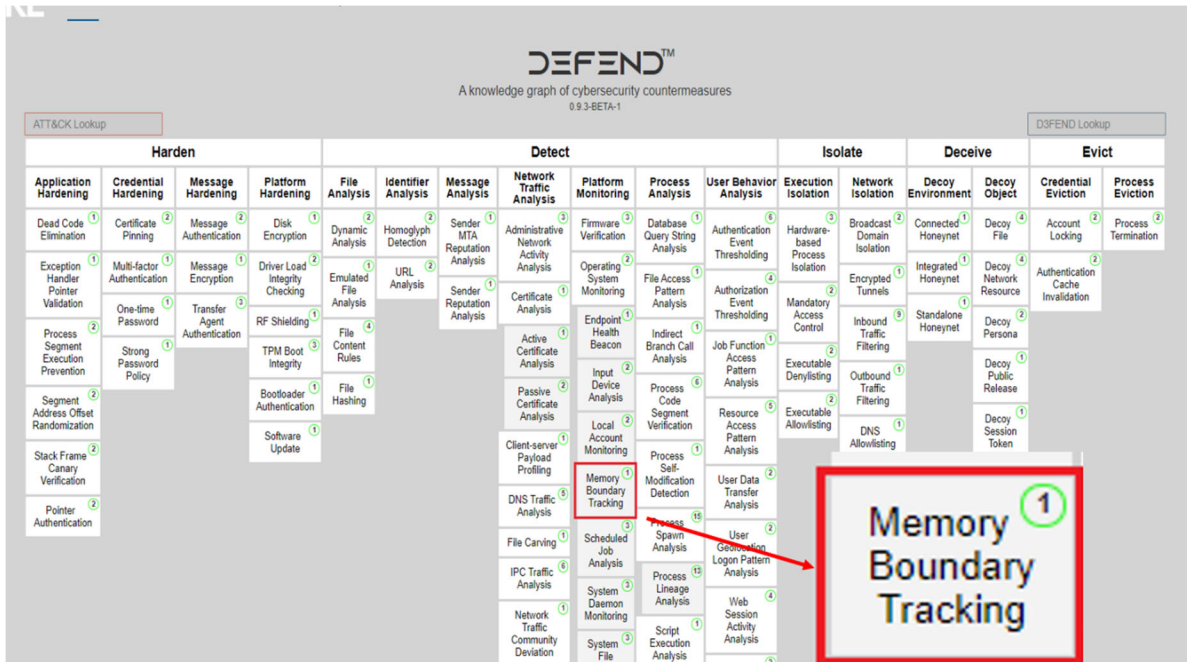
217. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform a method that includes *executing stack walk processing upon the invocation of one of the plurality of functions in the monitored memory space [and] performing, during the executing of the stack walk processing before an address of an originating caller function is reached, a memory check for a plurality of stack entries identified during the stack walk processing to detect suspicious behavior.* For example, to protect against fileless attacks, Trend Micro’s “Security Agent policies provide

increased real-time protection against the latest fileless attack methods through enhanced memory scanning for suspicious process behaviors [and] can terminate suspicious processes before any damage can be done.” (See Trend Micro, Apex One Administrator’s Guide 1-2, https://docs.trendmicro.com/all/ent/apex-one/2019/en-us/apexOne_2019_ag.pdf.) In another example, the Accused Products’ enhanced memory scanning protects against fileless attacks including in-memory exploits and misuse of tools such as BITSAdmin, CertUtil, and msixexec and “scripts that run directly on the command line for fileless payload delivery and malicious command execution.” (See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/us/security/news/cybercrime-and-digital-threats/security-101-how-fileless-attacks-work-and-persist-in-systems>.) Thus, on information and belief, Trend Micro’s enhanced memory scanning traces a memory stack for fileless attack prevention.

218. As an additional example, in response to an illegal file access event, Trend Micro’s Cloud One Security performs a stack trace leading back to execution. Trend Micro’s Cloud One offers “visibility into how the vulnerability in your code would have been exploited, including a stack trace down to the line of code.” (See Trend Micro, Cloud One Application Security, https://resources.trendmicro.com/rs/945-CXD-062/images/DS02_Cloud_One_Application_Security_191108US_Web.pdf.) On information and belief, performing the stack trace requires a stack walking process to trace back the code executions in memory.

219. In another example, the Accused Products “provide[] general information about threats detected by Attack Discovery” including “Tactics” and “Techniques” mapped to the MITRE ATT&CK (Adversarial Tactics, Techniques and Common Knowledge) framework. (See https://docs.trendmicro.com/all/ent/apex-cen/2019/en-us/apexCen_2019_ag.pdf at B-11.) The MITRE ATT&CK framework includes companion project D3FEND for defensive cybersecurity

techniques, which includes “Memory Boundary Tracking” defined as “[a]nalyzing a call stack for return addresses which point to unexpected memory locations.” On information and belief, the Accused Products incorporate the MITRE D3FEND defensive cybersecurity techniques including “Memory Boundary Tracking.”



Memory Boundary Tracking

ID: D3-MBT (Memory Boundary Tracking)

Definition

Analyzing a call stack for return addresses which point to unexpected memory locations.

How it works

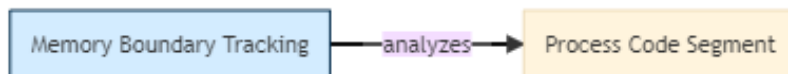
This technique monitors for indicators of whether a return address is outside memory previously allocated for an object (i.e. function, module, process, or thread). If so, code that the return address points to is treated as malicious code.

Considerations

Kernel malware can manipulate memory contents, for example modifying pointers to hide processes, and thereby impact the accuracy of memory allocation information used to perform the analysis.

Digital Artifact Relationships:

This countermeasure technique is related to specific digital artifacts. Click the artifact node for more information.



(See <https://d3fend.mitre.org/technique/d3f:MemoryBoundaryTracking>; see also

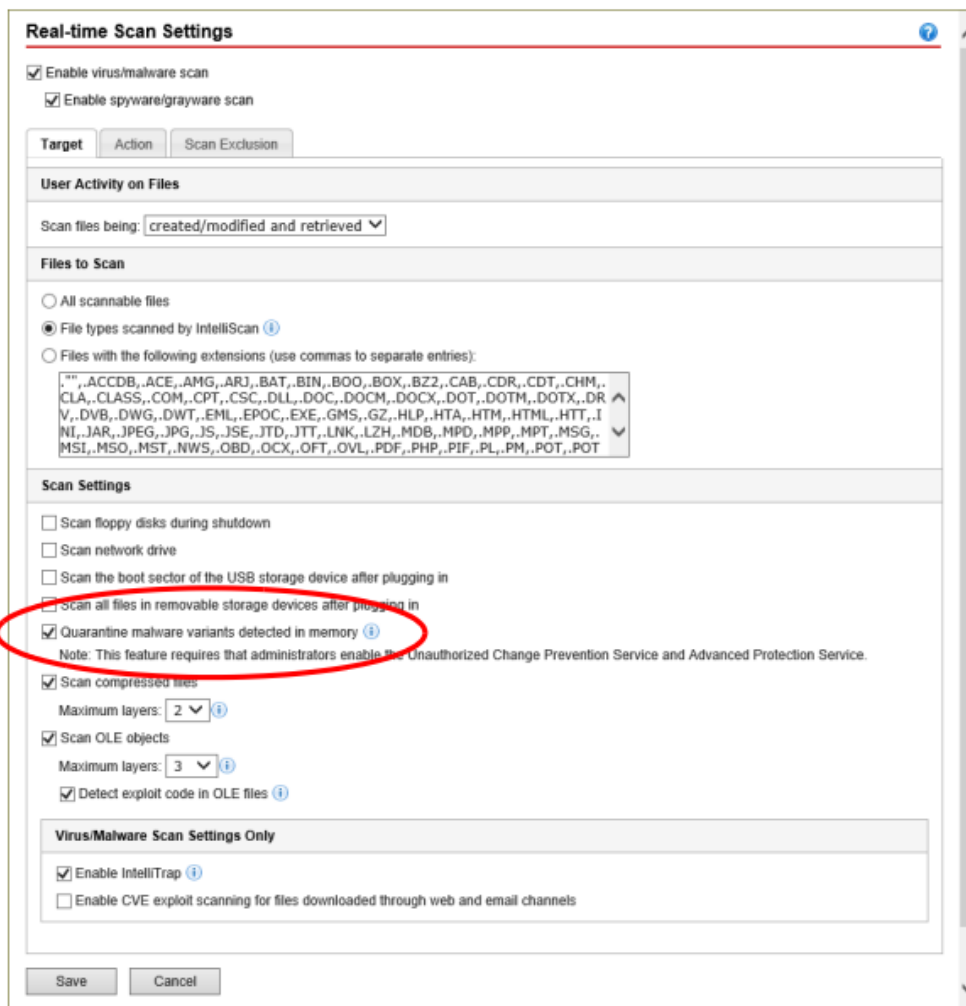
<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3625470/mitre-d3fend-explained-a-new-knowledge-graph-for-cybersecurity-defenders.html>; <https://d3fend.mitre.org/resources/D3FEND.pdf>.)

220. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *wherein an alert of suspicious behavior is triggered when the performing of the memory check detects at least one of the following: code execution is attempted from non-executable memory, a base pointer is identified as being invalid, an invalid stack return address is identified, attempted execution of a return-oriented programming technique is detected, the base pointer is detected as being outside a current thread stack, and a return address is detected as being inside a virtual memory area.*

For example, the Accused Products monitor memory for “actions that are not typically performed by a given process. Using a number of mechanisms, including Data Execution Prevention (DEP)” and “Structured Exception Handling Overwrite Protection (SEHOP)...Deep Security can determine whether a process has been compromised and then terminate the process to prevent further infection.” (See https://help.deepsecurity.trendmicro.com/20_0/on-premise/anti-malware-behavior-monitoring.html.) These detected actions or process would include, for example, “inject[ing] code into user processes through DLL injection, which calls an API with escalated privilege.” (*Id.*) When one of these of these suspicious behaviors are identified, the Accused products trigger an alert by blocking and/or quarantining the detected malware. (See <https://pdfcoffee.com/trend-micro-apex-one-training-for-certified-professionals-student-guidepdf-pdf-free.html>.)

221. The Accused Products perform a method that includes *wherein when an alert of suspicious behavior is triggered, preventing execution of a payload for the invoked function from operating*. For example, the Accused Products include “Security Agents [that] can terminate suspicious processes before any damage can be done” and “[t]erminate programs that exhibit abnormal behavior associated with exploit attacks.” Additionally, the Accused products can “quarantine malware variants detected in memory.” (See https://docs.trendmicro.com/all/ent/apex-one/2019/en-us/apexOne_2019_iug.pdf at 7-28.) As shown below, Apex One can be configured to invoke certain functions for quarantining malware variants that are detected in memory during the Dynamic Memory Scan. On information and belief, this feature prevents unauthorized changes or prevents execution of the invoked function.

Dynamic Memory Scan is configured in the **Real-Time Scan Settings** by enabling **Quarantine malware variants detected in memory**. In addition, the **Unauthorized Change Prevention Service** and **Advanced Protection Service** must be enabled.



(See <https://pdfcoffee.com/trend-micro-apex-one-training-for-certified-professionals-student-guidepdf-pdf-free.html>.)

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223. Trend Micro became aware of the '591 Patent at least when this Complaint was filed. Plaintiffs have also marked their products with the '591 Patent, including on its web site, since at least July 2020.

224. Defendant directly infringes at least claim 1 of the '591 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by performing the steps described above. For example, on information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner as described above by running this software and system to protect its own computer and network operations. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner when testing the operation of the Accused Products and corresponding systems. As another example, Trend Micro performs the claimed method when providing or administering services to third parties, customers, and partners using the Accused Products.

225. Trend Micro's partners, customers, and end users of its Accused Products and corresponding systems and services, directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '591 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least by using the accused software, systems, and services, as described above.

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icon-datasheet-e4288a; *see also Find a Trend Micro Partner*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/partners/find-a-partner.html.)

227. Trend Micro encourages, instructs, directs, and/or requires third parties—including its certified partners and/or customers—to perform the claimed method using the software, services, and systems in infringing ways, as described above.

228. Trend Micro further encourages and induces its customers to infringe claim 1 of the '591 Patent: 1) by making its security services available on its website, providing applications that allow users to access those services, widely advertising those services, and providing technical support and instructions to users, and 2) through activities relating to marketing, advertising, promotion, installation, support, and distribution of the Accused Products, including Deep Discovery and Apex One SaaS model, and services in the United States. (*See, e.g., Endpoint Security with Apex One*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html; *see also Trend Micro, Datasheet: Trend Micro Apex One*, www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html?modal=s3a-icon-datasheet-e4288a.)

229. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro shares instructions, guides, and manuals, which advertise and instruct third parties on how to use the software as described above, including at least customers and partners. (*See, e.g., Apex One Administrator's Guide*, https://docs.trendmicro.com/all/ent/apex-one/2019/en-us/apexOne_2019_ag.pdf.) On further information and belief, Trend Micro also provides customer service or technical support to purchasers of the Accused Products and corresponding system and services, which directs and encourages customers to perform certain actions as a condition to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. (*Id.*)

230. Trend Micro and/or its partners recommend and sell the Accused Products and provide technical support for the installation, implementation, integration, and ongoing operation of the Accused Products for each individual customer. On information and belief, each customer enters into a contractual relationship with Trend Micro and/or its partner, which obligates each customer to perform certain actions as a condition to use of the Accused Products. Further, in order to receive the benefit of Trend Micro's and/or its partner's continued technical support and their specialized knowledge and guidance with respect to operation of the Accused Products, each customer must continue to use the Accused Products in a way that infringes the '591 Patent. Further, as the entity that provides installation, implementation, and integration of the Accused Products in addition to ensuring the Accused Product remains operational for each customer through ongoing technical support, on information and belief, Trend Micro and/or its partners affirmatively aid and abet each customer's use of the Accused Products in a manner that performs the claimed method of, and infringes, the '591 Patent.

231. Trend Micro also contributes to the infringement of its partners, customers, and end-users of the Accused Products by providing within the United States or importing into the United States the Accused Products, which are for use in practicing, and under normal operation practice, methods claimed in the Asserted Patents, constituting a material part of the claimed methods, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing uses. Indeed, as shown above, the Accused Products and the example functionality described below have no substantial non-infringing uses but are specifically designed to practice the '591 Patent.

232. On information and belief, the infringing actions of each partner, customer, and/or end-user of the Accused Products are attributable to Trend Micro. For example, on information

and belief, Trend Micro directs and controls the activities or actions of its partners in connection with the Accused Products by contractual agreement or otherwise requiring partners to provide information and instructions to customers who acquire the Accused Products which, when followed, results in infringement. Trend Micro further directs and controls the operation of devices executing the Accused Products by programming the software which, when executed by a customer or end user, perform the method steps of at least claim 1 of the '591 Patent.

233. Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer damages, including lost profits, as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '591 Patent. Defendant is therefore liable to Plaintiffs under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiffs for Defendant's infringement, but no less than a reasonable royalty.

234. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer irreparable harm unless this Court preliminarily and permanently enjoins Defendant, its agents, employees, representatives, and all others acting in concert with Defendant from infringing the '591 Patent. Plaintiffs have lost potential customers, business opportunities, and goodwill in the community. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer these harms absent an injunction.

235. Defendant's infringement of the '591 Patent is knowing and willful. Defendant acquired actual knowledge of the '591 Patent at least when Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit and had constructive knowledge of the '591 Patent from at least the date Plaintiffs marked its products with the '591 Patent and/or provided notice of the '591 Patent on its website.

236. On information and belief, despite Defendant's knowledge of the Asserted Patents and Plaintiffs' patented technology, Defendant made the deliberate decision to sell products and services that it knew infringe these patents. Defendant's continued infringement of the '591 Patent with knowledge of the '591 Patent constitutes willful infringement.

**SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '844 PATENT)**

237. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

238. Trend Micro has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '844 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. The Accused Products, for example Apex One, include features such as Trend Micro's Predictive Machine Learning Engine or Trend Micro's TrendX Hybrid Machine Learning Model that, when used for their ordinary and customary purposes, practice each element of at least claim 1 of the '844 Patent as demonstrated below.

239. For example, claim 1 of the '844 Patent recites:

1. A computer-implemented method comprising:

extracting a plurality of static data points from an executable file without decrypting or unpacking the executable file, wherein the plurality of static data points represent predefined character strings in the executable file;

generating a feature vector from the plurality of static data points using a classifier trained to classify the plurality of static data points based on a collection of data comprising known malicious executable files, known benign executable files, and known unwanted executable files, wherein the collection of data comprises at least a portion of the plurality of static data points, and wherein one or more features of the feature vector are selectively turned on or off based on whether a value of one or more static data points from the plurality of extracted static data points is within a predetermined range; and

evaluating the feature vector using support vector processing to determine whether the executable file is harmful.

240. The Accused Products perform each of the method steps of claim 1 of the '844 Patent. To the extent the preamble is construed to be limiting, the Accused Products perform *a computer-implemented method*, as further explained below.

241. The Accused Products perform a method that includes “*extracting a plurality of static data points from an executable file without decrypting or unpacking the executable file.*” For example, Apex One uses “machine learning technology to correlate threat information and perform in-depth file analysis to detect emerging unknown security risks through digital DNA fingerprinting, API mapping, and other file features.” (See https://docs.trendmicro.com/en-us/enterprise/trend-micro-apex-one-2019-server-online-help/protecting-trend_cli/protecting-against-u_001/predictive-machine-l.aspx.) According to the “File” detection type, “[a]fter detecting an unknown or low-prevalence file, the Security Agent scans the file using the Advanced Threat Scan Engine (ATSE) to extract file features and sends the report to the Predictive Machine Learning engine, hosted on the Trend Micro Smart Protection Network.” (See https://docs.trendmicro.com/en-us/enterprise/trend-micro-apex-one-2019-server-online-help/protecting-trend_cli/protecting-against-u_001/predictive-machine-l.aspx.) On information and belief, Apex One’s Predictive Machine Learning extracts file features without regard to whether or not the file was encrypted or packed. For example, in a report on Machine Learning, Trend Micro explains the static method to malware detection “allows for the quick analysis of a file without needing it to be executed within a system.” (See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/mx/security/news/security-technology/faster-and-more-accurate-malware-detection-through-predictive-machine-learning-correlating-static-and-behavioral-features>). Instead, a machine learning model can decipher whether a file is malicious or not based on its static information or attributes” such as its “header information, printable strings, and its file type and size, serve as the bases of a file’s basic signature.” (*Id.*)

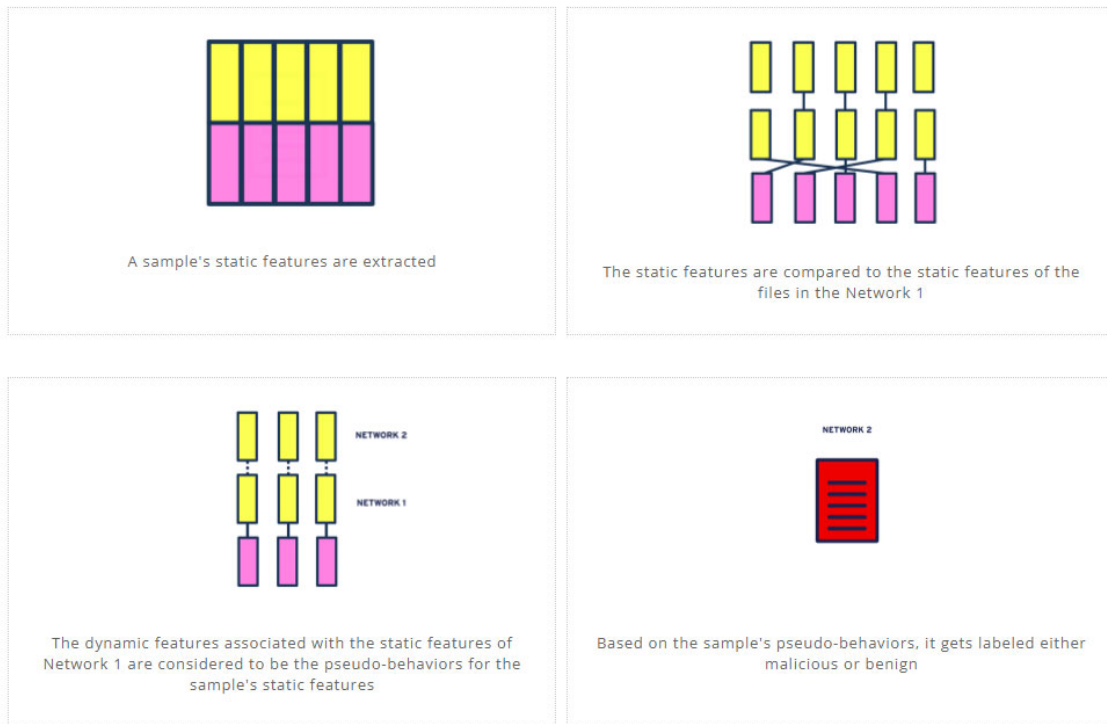
242. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro’s Apex One, perform a method that includes “*extracting a plurality of static data points . . . wherein the plurality of static data points*

represent predefined character strings in the executable file.” As discussed above, Apex One uses an Advanced Threat Scan Engine (ATSE) to extract file features. The file features include “header information, printable strings, and its file type and size.” (See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/mx/security/news/security-technology/faster-and-more-accurate-malware-detection-through-predictive-machine-learning-correlating-static-and-behavioral-features>.)

243. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro’s Apex One, perform a method that includes “*generating a feature vector from the plurality of static data points using a classifier trained to classify the plurality of static data points based on a collection of data comprising known malicious executable files, known benign executable files, and known unwanted executable files.*” For example, as shown below, Trend Micro’s machine learning model creates a training model using static data features. For example, “[i]n the pre-training phase, large volumes of known samples gathered from the Trend Micro™ Smart Protection Network™ infrastructure are used” including extracting “[s]tatic features.” (*Id.*) These samples would include malware, known benign files, such as known good files, and known unwanted files such as grayware. (See, e.g., www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html?modal=s3a-con-datasheet-e4288a; see also <https://success.trendmicro.com/solution/1121211-excluding-spyware-grayware-detections>.) “The extracted features are then mapped out to determine which static features are related to the dynamic or behavioral features.” (See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/mx/security/news/security-technology/faster-and-more-accurate-malware-detection-through-predictive-machine-learning-correlating-static-and-behavioral-features>.) The pairs of features collected are then used to train a machine learning model.” In the training phase, “[s]tatic features and the corresponding predicted behaviors from Network 1 are used to predict if the file is malicious or otherwise and is, afterwards, labeled. The result of this stage is called Network 2.”

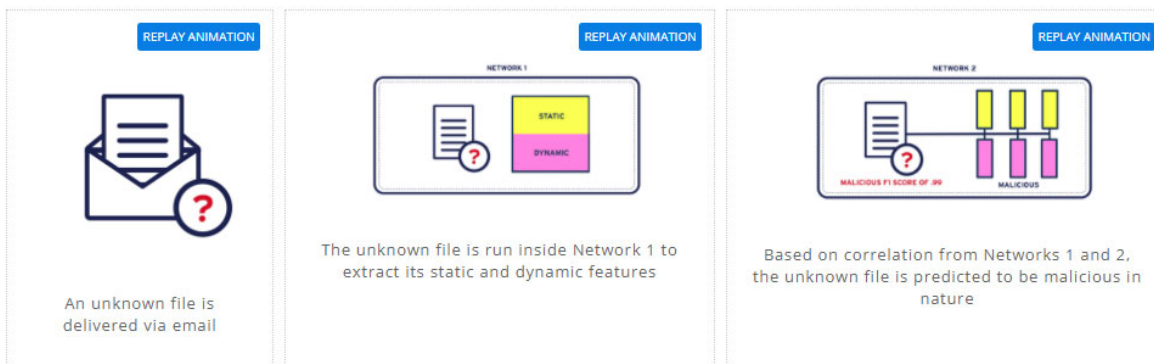
(See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/mx/security/news/security-technology/faster-and-more-accurate-malware-detection-through-predictive-machine-learning-correlating-static-and-behavioral-features>.)

Training



(See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/mx/security/news/security-technology/faster-and-more-accurate-malware-detection-through-predictive-machine-learning-correlating-static-and-behavioral-features>.) Furthermore, as shown below, Trend Micro uses the trained data set to predict if an unknown file is malicious or benign. On information and belief, these predictions are based on a feature vector generated by the plurality of static data points.

Prediction



(See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/mx/security/news/security-technology/faster-and-more-accurate-malware-detection-through-predictive-machine-learning-correlating-static-and-behavioral-features>.)

244. For example, the collection of extracted features is assembled into a feature vector before comparison with the machine learning model. Trend Micro identifies a patent application (“U.S. Patent App. 15/659,403”) for its machine learning model. See U.S. Pub. 2019/0034,632 A1 (the “’632 Publication”). (See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/id/security/news/security-technology/faster-and-more-accurate-malware-detection-through-predictive-machine-learning-correlating-static-and-behavioral-features>.) The ’632 Publication describes the “second network” as “an artificial neural network for a deep learning model” that “is trained” using the static features and predicted-behavior features as input data, and a malicious label data as output, where the malicious label is “already known data that indicates whether each of the known sample is malicious or benign.” (See ’632 Publication, [0046].)

245. The ’632 Publication further describes the detection stage during which files are determined as malware or not. (See ’632 Publication, [0048].) The ’632 Publication explains “[t]he unknown sample 402 is scanned or processed 104 to extract static features 106. . . . [which] are

then used by the first network 115 to generate associated predicted-behavior features 302 for the unknown sample 402.” (See ’632 Publication, [0049].) Once “[t]he extended static feature set [] includes both the static features 106 and the predicted-behavior features 302 [it] is then used as input data by the second network 305 to generate a real-time prediction 404 in the form of a malicious score.” (*Id.*) In other words, the extracted features are arranged into a feature vector to generate predicted behavior features, which is then used for the prediction phase.

246. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro’s Apex One, perform a method that includes “*generating a feature vector from the plurality of static data points using a classifier trained to classify the plurality of static data points based on a collection of data . . . wherein the collection of data comprises at least a portion of the plurality of static data points.*” As explained above for the prior limitation, once Trend Micro’s machine learning models have been trained, they are used to predict whether an unknown file is malicious. Trend Micro advertises that when an unknown file is received its static and dynamic features are extracted. The extracted features are then compared against the machine learning model to predict whether the file is malicious or benign. (See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/mx/security/news/security-technology/faster-and-more-accurate-malware-detection-through-predictive-machine-learning-correlating-static-and-behavioral-features>; see also ’632 Publication, [0048]-[0050].)

247. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro’s Apex One, perform a method that includes “*generating a feature vector from the plurality of static data points using a classifier trained to classify the plurality of static data points based on a collection of data . . . wherein one or more features of the feature vector are selectively turned on or off based on whether a value of one or more static data points from the plurality of extracted static data points is within a predetermined range.*” As discussed above, Trend Micro’s Apex One, as well as other Trend Micro

products, rely on machine learning to identify malware threats. Trend Micro advertises that its machine learning uses “noise cancellation for minimizing false positives.” (See https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/capabilities/machine-learning.html.) On information and belief, that includes selectively turning on or off one or more features of the feature vector based on whether a value of one or more static data points from the plurality of extracted static data points is within a predetermined range.

248. In addition, Trend Micro advertises that its machine learning engine takes into consideration that “what is malicious can be environment-dependent.” (See <https://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/id/security/news/security-technology/faster-and-more-accurate-malware-detection-through-predictive-machine-learning-correlating-static-and-behavioral-features>.) Trend Micro explains that adware, for example “can be considered malicious in certain environments, but not in some.” Thus, on information and belief, depending on the environment being monitored, certain features are selectively turned on and off to prevent detecting malware in an environment where it would not be considered malware.

249. The Accused Products, including Trend Micro’s Apex One, perform a method that includes “*evaluating the feature vector using support vector processing to determine whether the executable file is harmful.*” As discussed above, Apex One, as well as other Trend Micro products, rely on machine learning models that once trained, can predict whether an unknown file is malicious. Trend Micro’s machine learning model uses support vector processing to determine whether a file is harmful. Trend Micro’s ’632 Publication describes the detection stage during which files are determined as malware or not. (See ’632 Publication, [0048].) The ’632 Publication explains “[t]he unknown sample 402 is scanned or processed 104 to extract static features 106. . . . [, which] are then used by the first network 115 to generate associated predicted-behavior

features 302 for the unknown sample 402.” (See ’632 Publication, [0049].) Once “[t]he extended static feature set [] includes both the static features 106 and the predicted-behavior features 302 [it] is then used as input data by the second network 305 to generate a real-time prediction 404 in the form of a malicious score.” (See ’632 Publication, [0050].) In other words, in order to predict whether a file is malicious, Trend Micro’s machine learning model first creates and then evaluates a feature vector to predict whether the file is malware or harmful.

250. Each claim in the ’844 Patent recites an independent invention. Neither claim 1, described above, nor any other individual claim is representative of all claims in the ’844 Patent.

251. Trend Micro has been aware of the ’844 Patent since at least March 31, 2020 when an examiner rejected Trend Micro’s patent application 15/659,403 over the ’844 Patent’s prior publication, Publication No. 2016/0225435 to Schmidtler. Trend Micro further became aware of the ’844 Patent when this Complaint was filed. Plaintiffs have also marked their products with the ’844 Patent, including on its web site, since at least July 2020.

252. Defendant directly infringes at least claim 1 of the ’844 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by performing the steps described above. For example, on information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner as described above by running this software and system to protect its own computer and network operations. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform the claimed method in an infringing manner when testing the operation of the Accused Products’ and corresponding systems. As another example, Trend Micro performs the claimed method when providing or administering services to third parties, customers, and partners using the Accused Products.

253. Trend Micro’s partners, customers, and end users of its Accused Products and corresponding systems and services, including Apex One software, system, and services, directly

infringe at least claim 1 of the '045 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least by using the accused software, systems, and services, as described above.

254. Trend Micro actively induced and is actively inducing infringement of at least claim 1 of the '844 Patent with specific intent to induce infringement, and/or willful blindness to the possibility that its acts induce infringement, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). For example, Trend Micro encourages and induces customers to use Trend Micro's security software in a manner that infringes claim 1 of the '844 Patent by at least offering and providing software that performs a method that infringes claim 1 when installed and operated by the customer, and by activities relating to selling, marketing, advertising, promotion, installation, support, and distribution of its Accused Products, including Apex One software, SaaS model, and services in the United States. (See, e.g., *Endpoint Security with Apex One*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html; Trend Micro, *Datasheet: Trend Micro Apex One*, www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html?modal=s3a-icon-datasheet-e4288a; see also *Find a Trend Micro Partner*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/partners/find-a-partner.html.)

255. Trend Micro encourages, instructs, directs, and/or requires third parties—including its certified partners and/or customers—to perform the claimed method using the software, services, and systems in infringing ways, as described above.

256. Trend Micro further encourages and induces its customers to infringe claim 1 of the '844 Patent: 1) by making its security services available on its website, providing applications that allow users to access those services, widely advertising those services, and providing technical support and instructions to users, and 2) through activities relating to marketing, advertising, promotion, installation, support, and distribution of the Accused Products, including Apex One,

SaaS model, and services in the United States. (See, e.g., *Endpoint Security with Apex One*, https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html; see also Trend Micro, *Datasheet: Trend Micro Apex One*, www.trendmicro.com/en_us/business/products/user-protection/sps/endpoint.html?modal=s3a-icon-datasheet-e4288a.)

257. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro shares instructions, guides, and manuals, which advertise and instruct third parties on how to use the software as described above, including at least customers and partners. (See, e.g., *Apex One Administrator's Guide*, https://docs.trendmicro.com/all/ent/apex-one/2019/en-us/apexOne_2019_ag.pdf.) On further information and belief, Trend Micro also provides customer service or technical support to purchasers of the Accused Products and corresponding system and services, which directs and encourages customers to perform certain actions as a condition to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. (*Id.*)

258. Trend Micro and/or its partners recommend and sell the Accused Products and provide technical support for the installation, implementation, integration, and ongoing operation of the Accused Products for each individual customer. On information and belief, each customer enters into a contractual relationship with Trend Micro and/or its partners, which obligates each customer to perform certain actions as a condition to use of the Accused Products. Further, in order to receive the benefit of Trend Micro's and/or its partner's continued technical support and their specialized knowledge and guidance with respect to operation of the Accused Products, each customer must continue to use the Accused Products in a way that infringes the '844 Patent. Further, as the entity that provides installation, implementation, and integration of the Accused Products in addition to ensuring the Accused Product remains operational for each customer through ongoing technical support, on information and belief, Trend Micro and/or its partners

affirmatively aid and abet each customer's use of the Accused Products in a manner that performs the claimed method of, and infringes, the '844 Patent.

259. Trend Micro also contributes to the infringement of its partners, customers, and end-users of the Accused Products by providing within the United States or importing into the United States the Accused Products, which are for use in practicing, and under normal operation practice, methods claimed in the Asserted Patents, constituting a material part of the claimed methods, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing uses. Indeed, as shown above, the Accused Products and the example functionality described below have no substantial non-infringing uses but are specifically designed to practice the '844 Patent.

260. On information and belief, the infringing actions of each partner, customer, and/or end-user of the Accused Products are attributable to Trend Micro. For example, on information and belief, Trend Micro directs and controls the activities or actions of its partners in connection with the Accused Products by contractual agreement or otherwise requiring partners to provide information and instructions to customers who acquire the Accused Products which, when followed, results in infringement. Trend Micro further directs and controls the operation of devices executing the Accused Products by programming the software which, when executed by a customer or end user, perform the method steps of at least claim 1 of the '844 Patent.

261. Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer damages, including lost profits, as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '844 Patent. Defendant is therefore liable to Plaintiffs under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiffs for Defendant's infringement, but no less than a reasonable royalty.

262. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer irreparable harm unless this Court preliminarily

and permanently enjoins Defendant, its agents, employees, representatives, and all others acting in concert with Defendant from infringing the '844 Patent. Plaintiffs have lost potential customers, business opportunities, and goodwill in the community. Plaintiffs will continue to suffer these harms absent an injunction.

263. Defendant's infringement of the '844 Patent is knowing and willful. Defendant acquired actual knowledge of the '844 Patent when Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit and had constructive knowledge of the '844 Patent from at least the date Plaintiffs marked its products with the '844 Patent and/or provided notice of the '844 Patent on its website.

264. On information and belief, despite Defendant's knowledge of the Asserted Patents and Plaintiffs' patented technology, Defendant made the deliberate decision to sell products and services that it knew infringe these patents. Defendant's continued infringement of the '844 Patent with knowledge of the '844 Patent constitutes willful infringement.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request the following relief:

- a) That this Court adjudge and decree that Defendant has been, and is currently, infringing each of the Asserted Patents;
- b) That this Court award damages to Plaintiffs to compensate them for Defendant's past infringement of the Asserted Patents, through the date of trial in this action;
- c) That this Court award pre- and post-judgment interest on such damages to Plaintiffs;
- d) That this Court order an accounting of damages incurred by Plaintiffs from six years prior to the date this lawsuit was filed through the entry of a final, non-appealable judgment;
- e) That this Court determine that this patent infringement case is exceptional and

award Plaintiffs their costs and attorneys' fees incurred in this action;

f) That this Court award increased damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

g) That this Court preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendant from infringing any of the Asserted Patents;

h) That this Court order Defendant to:

(i) recall and collect from all persons and entities that have purchased any and all products found to infringe any of the Asserted Patents that were made, offered for sale, sold, or otherwise distributed in the United States by Defendant or anyone acting on its behalf;

(ii) destroy or deliver all such infringing products to Plaintiffs;

(iii) revoke all licenses to all such infringing products;

(iv) disable all web pages offering or advertising all such infringing products;

(v) destroy all other marketing materials relating to all such infringing products;

(vi) disable all applications providing access to all such infringing software; and

(vii) destroy all infringing software that exists on hosted systems,

i) That this Court, if it declines to enjoin Defendant from infringing any of the Asserted Patents, award damages for future infringement in lieu of an injunction; and

j) That this Court award such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs respectfully requests a trial by jury on all issues triable thereby.

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