ATTIVO NETWORKS® THREATDEFEND® INTEGRATION WITH McAfee® SOLUTIONS

Attivo Networks® has partnered with McAfee® to detect real-time in-network threats and automate incident response by enabling automated quarantine of infected endpoints, redirection of potentially malicious traffic, and threat intelligence sharing with other McAfee partners. The Attivo Networks ThreatDefend® platform’s native integrations with McAfee ePolicy Orchestrator (ePO) and Enterprise Security Manager (ESM) SIEM allow for accelerated incident response. The integration in the Data Exchange Layer communication fabric provides a robust and efficient way to share rich forensic information across multiple solutions.

Leveraging these integrations, customers can review alerts and the accompanying attack forensics, assign endpoint policies to automatically block and isolate systems deemed compromised, identify and alert on credential theft and reuse, redirect malicious connection attempts, and share threat intelligence. Security operations teams gain time to respond and reduce the resources required to detect threats, report and analyze attacks, and manage incidents. These integrations improve visibility into in-network threats, enhance policy compliance, and provide additional controls for an active defense.

THE CHALLENGE

The increasing number of advanced attackers and the damage they cause inside the network have led many organizations to change their overall security posture. The sophistication and high-impact nature of these attacks have compelled security professionals to take a new security approach that provides a balance of prevention and detection security tools and platforms – each designed to play an essential role in safeguarding their business.

Companies are overwhelmed with information and logs that are not readily shared or leveraged between security controls, creating silos of information and operations challenges. Manual efforts to collect data from each control creates complexity and adds to the overall effort and cost of operations. Moving from one tool to another to correlate information for a comprehensive view and collective response to cyber threats can be time-consuming and too often leaves threats unaddressed. Organizations need a new approach, one without false positives but with high-fidelity alerts that allow efficient and timely responses to cyber threats while also leveraging native integrations to share information and initiate response actions automatically.

IN-NETWORK THREAT DETECTION

Attackers have proven that they can evade existing security controls to infiltrate a network. To counter these attackers, organizations are actively turning to new solutions for early and accurate detection of in-network threats, particularly early in the attack cycle. One such solution involves deception and concealment technologies, which work by denying, detecting, and deflecting attackers as they attempt to break out of the initially infected system that is their beachhead into the network. By being present at the network, endpoint, and active directory layers, deception and concealment technologies add friction into attack activities and reveal tactics and techniques that would usually evade detection. They also address alert and log fatigue by only generating an engagement-based alert substantiated with threat and adversary intelligence.
These technologies save time and energy by providing automated analysis of each attack, capturing the attacker's valuable Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) and Indicators of Compromise (IOCs), and by providing actionable attack intelligence to improve incident response and fortify the network better.

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**THE JOINT SOLUTIONS**

The ThreatDefend platform creates an active defense against cyber threats and has many modular components. The Attivo BOTsink® deception servers provide decoys, the Informer dashboard for displaying gathered threat intelligence, as well as the ThreatOps® incident response orchestration playbooks. The Endpoint Detection Net suite includes the ThreatStrike® endpoint module, ThreatPath® for attack path visibility, ADSecure for Active Directory defense, the DataCloak function to hide and deny access to data, and the Deflect function to redirect malicious connection attempts to decoys for engagement. The ThreatDirect deception forwarders support remote and segmented networks, while the Attivo Central Manager (ACM) for BOTsink and the EDN Manager for standalone EDN deployments add enterprise-wide deception fabric management.

The ThreatDefend platform integrates with several McAfee solutions. The integration of the ThreatDefend platform with the various McAfee solutions gives organizations real-time detection of cyberattacks and detailed forensics to proactively address and prioritize critical issues for prompt incident response, information sharing, and remediation.
McAfee’s Enterprise Security Manager (ESM) is a security information and event management (SIEM) solution that delivers actionable intelligence and integrations to prioritize, investigate, and respond to threats. McAfee ESM provides continuous visibility into threats and risk, actionable analysis to guide triage and speed investigations, and orchestration of security remediation. Prioritized alerts surface potential threats before they occur while analyzing data for patterns that may indicate a more significant threat.

The McAfee Data Exchange Layer (DXL) communication fabric connects and optimizes security actions across multiple vendor products and internally developed and open source solutions. Enterprises gain secure, real-time access to new data and lightweight, instant interactions with other products. Rapid information sharing and task orchestration shrink the time to detect, contain, and remediate newly identified threats. Applications can now share the timely threat data they generate and work together to take immediate action. Messages can trigger automated responses from McAfee ePolicy Orchestrator to update, clean, quarantine, and more.

THREATDEFEND PLATFORM INTEGRATION WITH McAFEE EPO

The ThreatDefend platform and McAfee ePolicy Orchestrator integrate to offer customers a collective defense solution that empowers real-time threat detection, attack analysis, manual or automated attack blocking, and endpoints quarantining based on suspicious activity. The combined solution also offers a centralized portal that allows easy deployment of the EDN suite at endpoints. Together, the solution enables continuous threat management through early detection, analysis, and remediation capabilities.

A vital part of the ThreatDefend platform, the BOTsink server creates the decoy engagement environment based on real operating systems and services for the highest levels of authenticity and attractiveness to an attacker. The solution projects these decoys across the network to engage attackers. Once engaged, the decoys allow the attack to play out safely in the engagement environment, which in turn identifies the infected endpoints and the attacking IP address, generating attack signatures it communicates to the ePO platform. The ThreatDefend platform then initiates endpoint policies enforcing the automated blocking and quarantining of the devices, thus preventing the attackers from completing their mission.

The integration of the ThreatDefend platform with the ePO platform allows customers to shorten response time with detailed insight provided by actionable dashboards with advanced queries and reports. Organizations receive an efficient solution for early detection of active attacks and prompt incident response handling of cyberattacks.
THREATDEFEND PLATFORM INTEGRATION WITH MCAFEE ESM

Attivo Networks and McAfee have collaborated to provide continuous threat management using dynamic deceptions for real-time detection, analysis, event correlation, and accelerated response to cyber incidents. The ThreatDefend platform generates engagement-based detection alerts it displays in its dashboard, but it can also send these alerts and events to McAfee ESM. Substantiated alerts and detailed attack forensics shared with McAfee ESM enhance visibility and prioritize critical events for prompt incident response.

The configuration merely specifies the Syslog profile and points the specified output to McAfee ESM. Once configured, McAfee ESM becomes the single pane of glass for SOC analysts to manage events and alerts. They have access to any alerts the ThreatDefend platform generates when an attacker engages with a decoy. They can then pull the engagement-based forensic evidence from the ThreatDefend platform for a thorough analysis of attacker activity.

THREATDEFEND INTEGRATION WITH MCAFEE DXL

The McAfee Data Exchange Layer application framework increases integration flexibility and simplicity. Unlike typical integrations, each application connects to the universal DXL communication fabric with just one integration process. Applications can attach and communicate over a universal orchestration layer. One app publishes a message or calls a service; one or more apps consume the message or respond to the service request. The Attivo ThreatDefend platform is a DXL partner and provides detections and capabilities to other DXL-compliant solutions. Because McAfee ePO handles all DXL messages, the simple configuration involves specifying the access certificate and private key information, the broker certificate and list information, and then confirming connectivity. Any DXL partner solution can then take advantage of the detections, forensic data, network visibility, and threat intelligence IOCs the ThreatDefend platform provides once configured, accelerating incident response and strengthening the overall security posture.

SUMMARY

The partnership between Attivo Networks and McAfee provides organizations with an effective method of detecting and responding quickly to threats inside the network. The integration of the ThreatDefend solution with the various McAfee solutions allows customers to shorten response time with accurate detection and detailed insight provided by actionable threat intelligence. Organizations receive an efficient solution for early detection of active attacks and accelerate incident responses.

ABOUT ATTIVO NETWORKS®

Attivo Networks® is the leader in deception technology for real-time detection, analysis, and accelerated response to advanced, credential, insider, and ransomware cyberattacks. The Attivo ThreatDefend® Deception and Response Platform accurately detects advanced in-network threats and provides scalable continuous threat management for user networks, data centers, cloud, IoT, ICS-SCADA, and POS environments. Attivo Camouflage dynamic deception techniques and decoys set high-interaction traps to efficiently lure attackers into revealing themselves. Advanced attack analysis and lateral movement tracking are auto-correlated for evidence-based alerts, forensic reporting, and automatic blocking and quarantine of attacks.

ABOUT MCAFEE

McAfee Corp. is the device-to-cloud cybersecurity company. Inspired by the power of working together, McAfee creates consumer and business solutions that make our world a safer place.