

Cisco Advanced Malware Protection (AMP) for Endpoints

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Endpoints continue to be the primary point of entry for attacks!

70% of breaches start on endpoint devices

WHY?

Gaps in protection

65%

of organizations say attacks evaded existing preventative tools

Gaps in visibility

55%

of organizations are unable to determine cause of breach

100

DAYS
industry average time to detection

What's the difference between

Next-Gen Endpoint Security

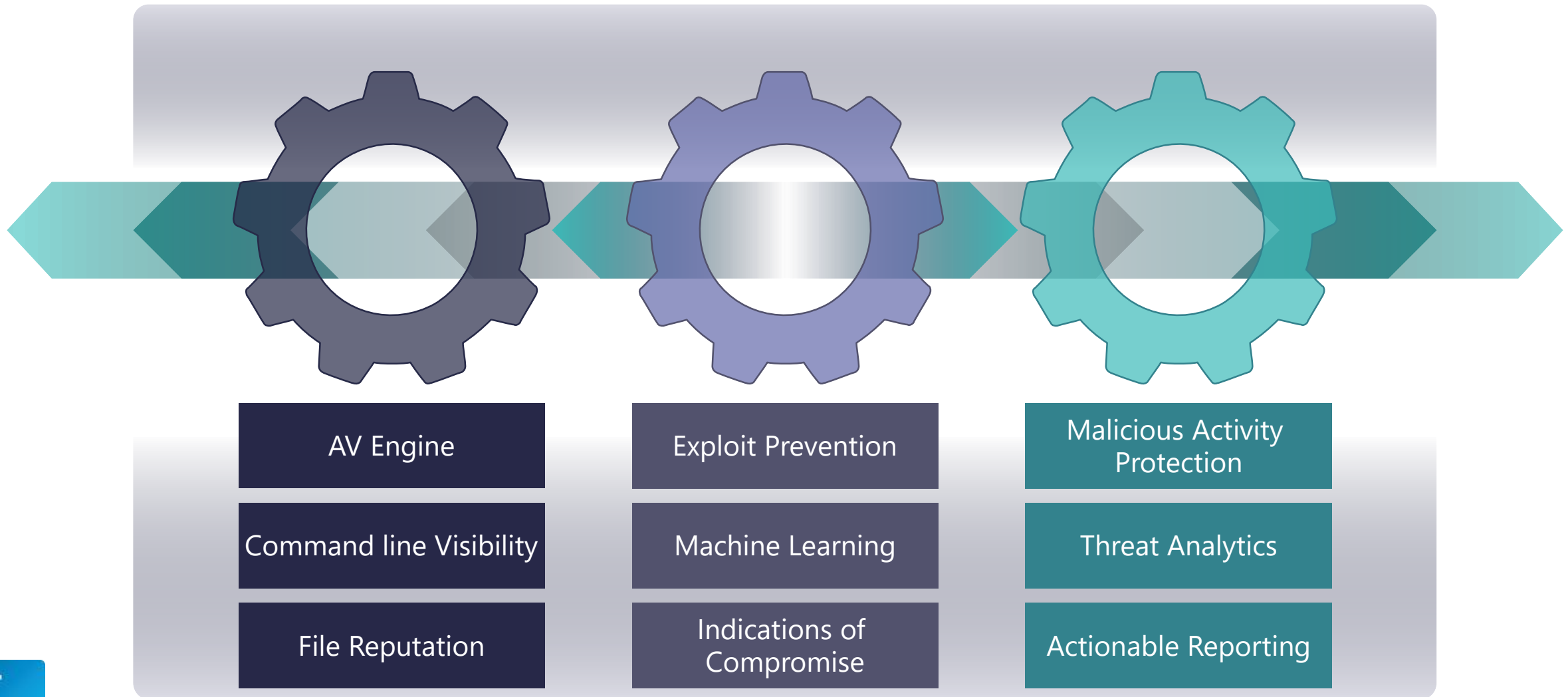
VS

Traditional Antivirus

Nyetya, Petyam, WannaCry and other sophisticated ransomware

- The [WannaCry attack](#) took advantage of a recently-patched Windows vulnerability to spread via the network, and then dropped previously-unseen malware that encrypted users' files.
- This shows that a [comprehensive security program](#), that covers everything from your users' behavior to what enters your organization via email or web to how your endpoints are protected, is critical.

Cisco AMP Protects across the Full Attack Continuum



Malicious Activity Protection (or MAP)

defends your endpoints from ransomware attacks



Observes the behavior of
running processes File
Reputation



Identifies malicious
actions of processes
when they execute



Stops them from
encrypting your data

“

File-Less Attacks

Prevention!

”

AMP for Endpoints – Exploit Prevention to Stop File-Less Attacks

Cisco AMP for Endpoints now introduces “**exploit prevention**” capabilities that will defend your endpoints from **file-less attacks** that use **memory injection on unpatched software vulnerabilities**.

These types of attacks include:

- **Web-borne attacks**, such as Java exploits that use shellcode to run payload
- **Malicious Adobe** and **Office document files**
- Malicious sites containing **Flash, Silverlight** and **Javascript attacks**
- Vulnerabilities exploited by **file-less and non-persistent malware**
- **Zero-day attacks on software vulnerabilities** yet to be patched
- **Ransomware, Trojans**, or **macros** using in-memory techniques



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An example of how these work:

1. The user **clicks a link in an email** that they believe is from a trusted source (it isn't)
2. This brings them to a website that looks legit (it isn't)
3. The **website loads Flash** (which is the poster boy for vulnerabilities)
4. Flash **opens PowerShell**, which is a tool on every Windows operating system that can issue commands through the command line interface (basically it can talk to things and tell them what to do, **all in memory**).
5. PowerShell connects to the **attacker's command and control server**, whereby it downloads and **runs a malicious script** that searches for your data, finds it, and sends it to the attacker.

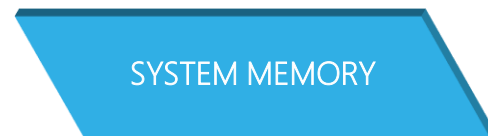
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When a user starts an application, it will load in **Memory**;

The AMP connector will allocate a **new space in memory** for the application. The allocation is performed automatically, using a one-way randomization algorithm. This makes the **memory unpredictable for potential attackers**.

The application processes will be pointed towards the **newly allocated memory resources**, however the original allocated memory will be preserved and will function as a "decoy".

The application will now start running as usual. Malicious code, unaware of the memory change, will attempt to use the original memory, triggering the decoy and therefore the AMP connector. The **exploit attack will be immediately killed** and **stored in the AMP console** for forensic **research**.

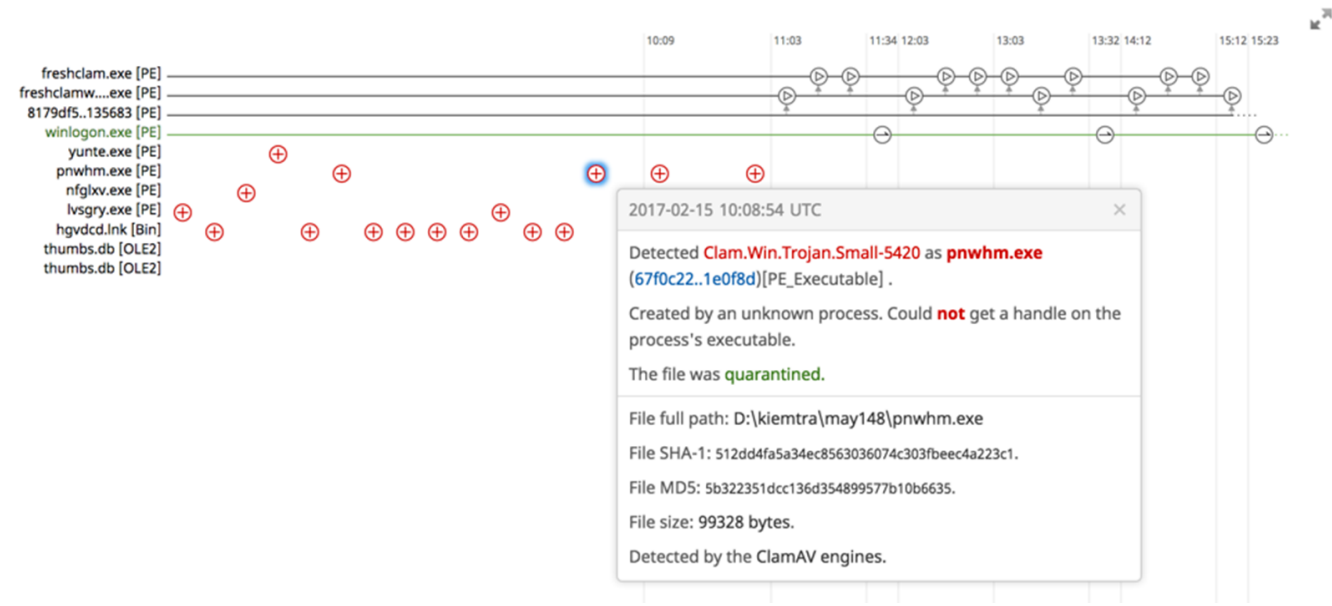


What happened to an endpoint?

1st

Device Trajectory

ServerPM.HTB.VN

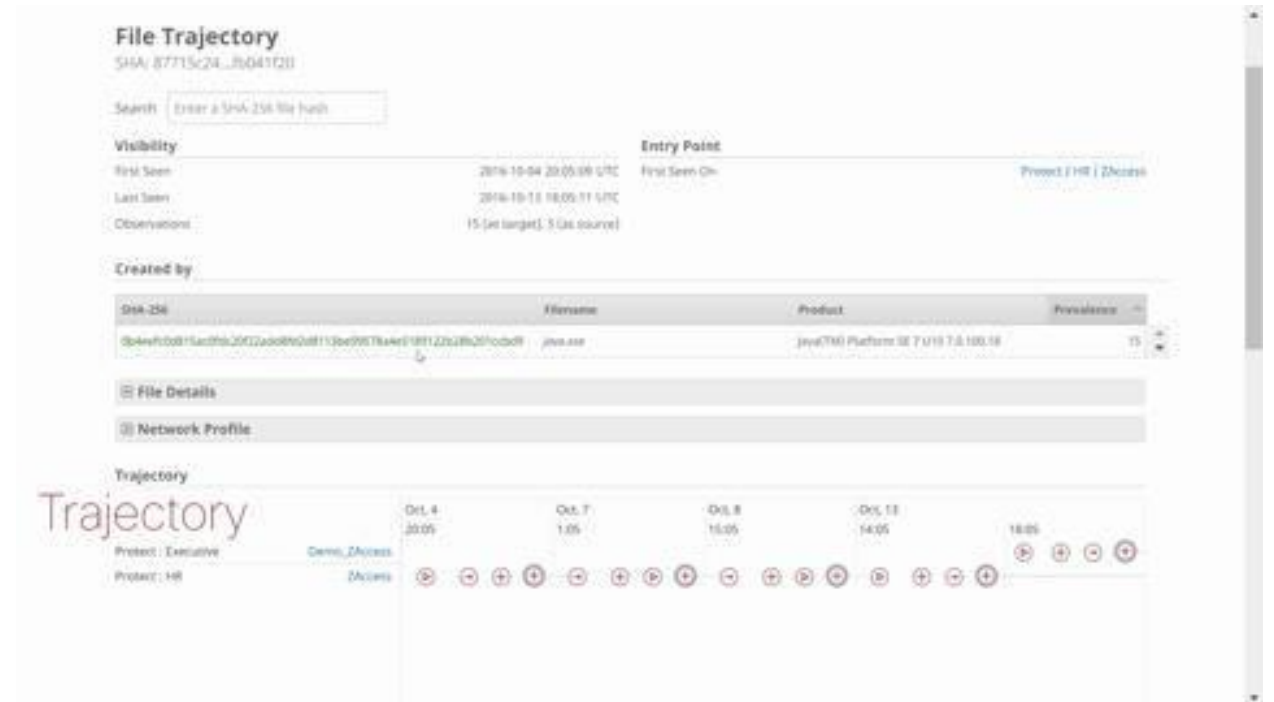


Device Trajectory

Where else is that malware?

File Trajectory

2nd



What is it doing?

3rd

The screenshot shows the Cisco AMP for Endpoints interface. The main heading is "File Analysis" for file ID 87715c24...fb041f20. Below the heading are buttons for "Download Sample", "Analysis Video", "Download PCAP", and "20 Artifacts". A tabbed interface shows "Metadata", "Behavioral Indicators", "Network Activity", "Processes", "Artifacts", "Registry Activity", and "File Activity". The "Artifacts" tab is selected, displaying an "Analysis Report".

Analysis Report	
ID	32200db2be49f1383e202d58829
OS	7601 17514 x86/wm7sp1_r1 m.101118-1850
Started	12/15/16 00:02:18
Ended	12/15/16 00:10:02
Duration	0:07:44
Sandbox	car-work-013 (pilot-d)
Warnings	
Executable Failed Integrity Check	
Filename	87715c2487765486d72919a3720f11066592e1015a0c95aaf0a213b041f20.exe
Magic Type	PE32 executable (GUI) Intel 80386 (stripped to external PDB); for MS Windows
Analysed As	exe
SHA256	87715c1487765486d72919a3720f11066592e1015a0c95aaf0a213b041f20
SHA1	000d79867f8866eabf01341d329f3f7b61268db
MD5	0b4f47833c0a0b262bc2152e040981e2

File Analysis
(Build in
Sandbox)

How do we stop it?

Block List & Quarantine

4th



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