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Reducing cyber risk through prioritized vulnerability remediation – Staying one step ahead of APTs.



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Automate, Orchestrate and Secure

The world's leading Endpoint Management Platform with secure AI, automation capabilities, innovative risk management and continuous compliance enforcement.

100N+ Endpoints managed in 47 countries	100+ OSes supported from mobile to hybrid cloud	350K+ Out of box fixlets for remediation	1 M + Endpoints managed with AlOps	38K+ Out of the box compliance checks	
BERSECURITY FRANKTHROUGH AWARDS		ISO 27001 BUREAU VERITAS Certification	COMMON CRITERIA	NIST	
Full visibility and control for lifecycle	Full visibility and control for lifecycle Continuous security		Generative AI and Digital	Collaborative Threat Intelligence	
management from asset to software	management from asset to software compliance & policy		Experiences for the	Driven Risk & Vulnerability	
application	application enforcement		Workspace	Analysis and Remediation	
Machine Learni	Machine Learning & Natural Prescriptive Gu		isive C-Level The Most	Robust Remediation	
Language Proce	Language Processing based disruptive, mos		f Cyber Risk Library on	the Market, covering	
runbook aut	runbook automation strat		tion with PLA the most G	DSes and applications	

Trusted by 180+ Fortune 500 Companies and Over 100 US Federal Agencies

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BigFix Platform

- Scalable Up to 300,000 endpoints per management server
- Secure FIPS 140-2 & Message Level Encryption
- Extensible Leverage out-of-box capabilities or build your own
- Flexible Central command and control or autonomous deployments
- Lightweight Full-featured or minimal "light-weight" architecture
- Works everywhere on-network, off-network, in the cloud, air-gapped, over limited bandwidth, via satellite links

BigFix Platform - Real-time visibility, scalability, and ease of use									
 Single server and console Highly secure and scalable Aggregates data, analyzes and reports Pushes out pre-defined / custom policies 	 Cloud-based content delivery Highly extensible Automatic, on-demand functionality 500K+ Published Fixlets. New content added daily + community (BigFix.me) 	 Flexible policy language (Fixlets) Thousands of out-of-the-box policies Simple custom policy authoring Highly extensible/applicable across all platforms 	 Lightweight infrastructure Use existing systems as relays Built-in redundancy Supports roaming endpoints Bandwidth / CPU throttling Single Port (52311) 	 Single intelligent agent Performs multiple functions Continuous self- assessment and enforcement Minimal impact (< 2% CPU) 					

BigFix Content and Functionality Offerings – Partial List



BigFix Patch

BigFix Federal Customer Profiles

65,000 endpoints CONUS 19+ deployments Scientific research On-Prem

20,000 endpoints CONUS Centralized Patch-only Expanding **300,000 endpoints** Globally distributed Top Secret enclaves 100+ deployments Air-gapped 100,000 endpoints CONUS (mostly) Non-Class & Class Centralized Integrated / Orchestration

> **30,000 endpoints** CONUS & Oceanbased assets (100+ buoys)

110,000 endpoints CONUS Non-Class & Class Centralized Multi-Tenant

650,000 endpoints Globally distributed 6 deployments Synced content Aggregated reporting Laptops, servers, medical devices

FSI MSP CONUS SaaS / Azure DOD

120,000 endpoints CONUS Aerospace Centralized / Missions 1000 operators High Availability

Challenges

- Proliferation of new Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs)
 - State sponsored
 - Increased sophistication
 - Tools
- Proliferation of CVEs (242,226 as of 7/10/2024)
- De-centralization of endpoints (On-Prem, Cloud, off-network/at home)
- Siloed organizations lack of central visibility
- Siloed operations Windows, *NIX, Mac, Mobile
- Lack of skills/resources
- Risk Management / Change Processes

CVE Statistics for 2023

- 29,000 vulnerabilities published in 2023, amounting to over 3,800 more common vulnerabilities and exposure (CVEs) being issued last year
- <u>Less than 1% of these vulnerabilities posed the highest risk, being actively exploited in the wild by ransomware, threat actors and malware.</u>
- 25% of high-risk CVEs exploited on the day of publication
- 75% of vulnerabilities were exploited within 19 days of publication.
- 97 high-risk vulnerabilities, likely to be exploited, were not part of the <u>CISA</u> <u>Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) catalog</u>.
- Mean time to exploit vulnerabilities in 2023 stands at 44 days
- Exploitation of <u>remote services</u>, exploitation of <u>public-facing applications</u>, and exploitation for <u>privilege escalation</u> are the top three MITRE ATT&CK tactics.

Advanced Persistent Threat (APT)

- Advanced Operators behind the threat have a full spectrum of intelligence-gathering techniques at their disposal. These may include commercial and open source computer intrusion technologies and techniques, but may also extend to include the intelligence apparatus of a state. While individual components of the attack may not be considered particularly "advanced" (e.g. malware components generated from commonly available do-it-yourself malware construction kits, or the use of easily procured exploit materials), their operators can typically access and develop more advanced tools as required. They often combine multiple targeting methods, tools, and techniques in order to reach and compromise their target and maintain access to it. Operators may also demonstrate a deliberate focus on operational security that differentiates them from "less advanced" threats.
- Persistent Operators have specific objectives, rather than opportunistically seeking information for financial or other gain. This distinction implies that the attackers are guided by external entities. The targeting is conducted through continuous monitoring and interaction in order to achieve the defined objectives. It does not mean a barrage of constant attacks and malware updates. In fact, a "low-and-slow" approach is usually more successful. If the operator loses access to their target they usually will reattempt access, and most often, successfully. One of the operator's goals is to maintain long-term access to the target, in contrast to threats who only need access to execute a specific task.
- **Threat** APTs are a threat because they have both capability and intent. APT attacks are executed by coordinated human actions, rather than by mindless and automated pieces of code. The operators have a specific objective and are skilled, motivated, organized and well funded. Actors are not limited to state sponsored groups.

Nation-State Cyber Actors

- <u>Chinese government</u>—officially known as the People's Republic of China (PRC)—engages in malicious cyber activities to pursue its national interests including infiltrating critical infrastructure networks.
- <u>Russian government</u>—officially known as the Russian Federation—engages engages in malicious cyber activities to enable broad-scope cyber espionage, to suppress certain social and political activity, to steal intellectual property, and to harm regional and international adversaries.
- North Korean government
 —officially known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)—
 employs malicious cyber activity to collect intelligence, conduct attacks, and generate revenue.
- <u>Iranian government</u>—officially known as the Islamic Republic of Iran—has exercised its increasingly sophisticated cyber capabilities to suppress certain social and political activity, and to harm regional and international adversaries.

Source: CISA https://www.cisa.gov/topics/cyber-threats-andadvisories/nation-state-cyber-actors

Top 10 APTs

Top 10 APTs based on detections between the last quarter of 2023 and the first quarter of 2024



Sandworm Team Profile

Operated by Military Unit 74455, a cyberwarfare unit of the GRU, Russia's military intelligence service

AKA: Telebots, Voodoo Bear, IRIDIUM, Seashell Blizzard,[4] and Iron Viking

Operations:

2023 SwiftSlicer 2023 Infamous Chisel 2022 Ukrainian power grid attack 2022 Cyclops Blink 2020 Exim Exploitation 2018 Winter Olympics 2017 French presidential election interference 2015/16 Ukraine power grid hack

Nation-Station Activity

MOST PREVALENT THREAT-ACTOR COUNTRIES BEHIND NATION-STATE ACTIVITY Q1 2023

79% *

China accounted for a dominant majority of the Nation-Staterelated activity in Q1 2023.

China
North Korea
Russia
Iran
Pakistan



Source: Trellix - Cyberthreat Report, June 2024

By Target Sector (Chinese-Affiliated APTs)



Source: Trellix - Cyberthreat Report, June 2024

Lifecycle of an APT



- 1. Target specific organizations for a singular objective
- 2. Attempt to gain a foothold in the environment (common tactics include spear phishing emails)
- 3. Use the compromised systems as access into the target network
- 4. Deploy additional tools that help fulfill the attack objective
- 5. Cover tracks to maintain access for future initiatives

"We have the tools... so why have haven't we patched those machines?"

Improving Detection, Remediation, & Resilience

Automation	Define patch policies that automatically deploy patches based upon custom criteria to select groups on a schedule.
Prescriptive Guidance	Deploy patches that remediate the most potentially harmful vulnerabilities and reduce the attack surface within my organization. The <i>most bang for your buck</i> method using simulations.
Correlation	Find synergy with compliance / vulnerability management / operations by correlating vulnerability scanning findings with your remediation tools.

Process Flows – Patch / Vulnerability Management Improvements



Remediation Process Flows

BigFix has significantly increased visibility and remediation capabilities as compared to what the organization previously had entitlement to.

Patch Management processes are now leveraging automation in a significant manner, which allows system administrators the ability to focus on the backlog of vulnerabilities – while prioritizing on both generalized risk as well as specific risk in their environment.

Organizational system hardening standards have been established within BigFix and auditready reports are always available. The organization is now able to begin stepping towards the desired state in manageable remediation steps, leveraging automated remediation more and more as the organization continues to mature.

As with all patch, risk and vulnerability maturity processes – it takes time to allow for the organization to take steps forward in reasonable and responsible ways as to minimize the impact to the business while achieving better security to better protect the business.

Automation: BigFix Patch Policy (Auto-Patch)

BigFix Auto-Patch

Automated patching reduces the effort required by patch administrators and operators. By defining a patch policy and schedule, operators can automate patching.

For example, a Windows Server Patch policy can be set up to only deploy critical patches, then overlay with a schedule that targets the Windows servers. Therefore, as soon as your BigFix server downloads the relevant content, patches are automatically deployed.

Refreshing the policy takes a minute or less, every month. Patches are deployed systematically and automatically saving time and effort.

Auto-Patch Schedules

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PROD Rollout - Group A - Third Friday	Monthly 1 day after the 3rd Thu 17:00 Client Time	2 Groups	jcordell@hcl.local	N/A	External Crite	eria	
PROD Rollout - Group B - Fourth Friday	Monthly 1 day after the 4th Wed 17:00 Client Time	2 Groups	jcordell@hcl.local	N/A	OS	Windows	
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Auto-Patch Criteria & Exclusions

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Update: Microsoft Visual Studio Code x64 v1.91.0 - Windows (x64)	5602501	Updates for Windows Applications Extended	<none></none>	<none></none>	Severity	Critical, Important, Moderate, Low, Unspecified
Update: Slack v4.39.89.0 - Windows (x64)	8900101	Updates for Windows Applications Extended	<none></none>	<none></none>	Category	Enhancement
Update: Mozilla Thunderbird (x64 en-US) v115.12.2 - Windows (x64)	5800301	Updates for Windows Applications Extended	<none></none>	<none></none>	Туре	OS Updates, OS Application Updates, 3rd Party Updates
Update: VNC Viewer v7.12.0 - Windows (x64)	8200201	Updates for Windows Applications Extended	<none></none>	<none></none>	Site	Cordell - Custom Content
Update: 7-Zip (MSI) v24.07 - Windows (x64)	200101	Updates for Windows Applications Extended	<none></none>	<none></none>	Exclusion Cr	iteria
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Prescriptive Guidance: BigFix CyberFOCUS

"The first vulnerability remediation solution that helps teams to collaborate to prioritize vulnerabilities, prescribe the most effective remediation strategies, protect through remediation, and prove better cyber security outcomes."



Known Attackers?

Known Vulnerabilities?

Discovered **Vulnerabilities?** **Reduction to C-Suite?**

Advanced Persistent Threat CVE Analyzer

- Confirms priority priority exposures to CVEs known to be used by MITRE ATT&CK Groups based on whether BigFix patched the CVEs.
- 2. Includes the CVE Remediation Simulator to do instant, real-time 'what if' analysis of changes in your vulnerability attack surface.
- 3. Prescriptive Guidance provides recommended remediations.
- 4. **Provides** information on number of devices exposed and device vulnerability density.
- 5. Correlates BigFix patch content needed with the unpatched devices regarding the CVEs in question to provide immediate protection.



CISA KEVs Exposure Analyzer

- Identifies priority exposures to CVEs in CISA's Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Catalog based on whether BigFix patched the CVEs.
- 2. Compares your environment to the CISA-directed due dates for the CVEs, and your performance against those due dates.
- 3. Provides information on number of devices exposed and device vulnerability density. Prescribes the biggest attack surface gaps that need to be patched.
- **4. Correlates** the BigFix Patch Content needed and the unpatched devices regarding the CVEs in question to protect the organization.



Forward-Looking Remediation Planning



Fixlet Content Mapped to KEV Catalog

ID

2170

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Name

Description \mathbf{b}

CVE-2019-5825

Adobe Flash Player Memory Corruption Vulnerability - Any Version of Windows

Adobe Flash Player Arbitrary Code Execution Vulnerability - Any Version of Windows

Google Chromium V8 Out-of-Bounds Write Vulnerability - Any Version of Windows

Adobe Flash Player Arbitrary Code Execution Vulnerability - Any Version of Windows

Adobe Flash Player Use-After-Free Vulnerability - Any Version of Windows

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Description Details Applicable Computers (0) Action History (0)

Chromium V8 Incorrect Implementation Vulnerabiliity - Any Version of Windows

Google Chromium V8 Incorrect Implementation Vulnerability - Any Version of Windows

Delta Electronics DOPSoft 2 Improper Input Validation Vulnerability - Any Version of Windows

Oracle Java SE Runtime Environment (JRE) Arbitrary Code Execution Vulnerability - Any Version of Windows

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Thousands of out-of-box Fixlets per OS mapped to KEV CVEs.

Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Content Pack

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2220 Patching Support (85) 2230 2240 New Content Site mapped to CISA **Known Exploited Vulnerabilities** Fixlet: Google Chromium V8 Out-of-Bounds Write Vulnerability - Any Version of Windows (KEV) Catalog.

View Go Tools Help

DISA STIG Checklist for Windows 10 (233)

By Source Release Date By Source Severity

Patches for Windows (17,858)

By Category

By Source

DISA STIG Checklist for Windows Server 2019 (221)

Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Content Pack (1,075)

BigFix Console

File Edit

All Content

This new site is enabled and subscribed through the Console just like other BigFix content sites.

You car Name, Source Applica

n sort CVEs by CVE ID, Source Release Date,	Google Chromium V8 Out-of-Bounds Write Vulnerability Out of bounds write in JavaScript in Google Chrome prior to 73.0.3683.86 allowed a remote attacker to potentially exploit heap corruption via a crafted HTML page.								
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Known Exploited Vulnerability Content Pack

BigFix KEV Content Pack Summary

- New add-on solution leverages your existing BigFix deployment to <u>detect</u>, <u>analyze</u>, and <u>remediate</u>* time-sensitive vulnerabilities published in the CISA KEV catalog.
- Includes an updated Fixlet content site <u>mapped directly to the CISA KEV</u> <u>catalog</u>. Simply enable it, subscribe your endpoints, and within minutes you have CISA KEV exposure reports and planning guidance.
- Forward-looking analytics (CyberFOCUS Dashboard) keeps you focused on pending due dates, and additional exposure and severity indicators help prioritize your remediation efforts.
- Leverages your <u>existing</u> BigFix infrastructure; <u>no</u> new servers, databases, or agents required. Deployment takes just minutes.
- Operates in both internet-facing and <u>air-gap</u> networks.
- Priced by endpoint count.



Protection Level Agreements

Measure performance of remediation against business-driven targets

- Aligns IT Operations with Business
 Objectives, balancing business
 objectives/goals with cyber risk tolerance.
- Leverages baselines that combine asset criticality, CVE criticality, desired patch levels, and compliance standards against agreed-to organizational service levels/
- PLA report shows remediation performance against specific asset groups.



Protection Level Agreements (PLA)

Correlation: BigFix Insights for Vulnerability Remediation



Typical Vulnerability Remediation using current tools



Vulnerability Remediation using BigFix



BigFix

- · Automates correlation and research
- Automates Fixlet creation
- · Activities are OS-independent
- · Speeds patching and vulnerability remediation
- Allows IT Ops to stay ahead of the threat
- HOURS / DAYS



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	139489: KB4571723: Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012	10	Critical	Critical	49 CVEs	Aug 11, 2020	1	1	Windows
	147228: Security Updates for Internet Explorer (March 2021)	9.8	Critical	High	CVE-2021-26411	Mar 9, 2021	1	3	Windows
	147229: KB5000853: Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012	9.8	Critical	Critical	27 CVEs	Mar 8, 2021	1	4	Windows
	150354: KB5003681: Windows Server 2012 R2 Security Upda	9.8	Critical	Critical	19 CVEs	Jun 8, 2021	1	23	Windows
	151477: KB5004958: Windows Server 2012 R2 00B Security	9.8	Critical	High	CVE-2021-34527	Jul 1, 2021	1	4	Windows
	153374: Security Updates for Internet Explorer (September 2	9.8	Critical	High	CVE-2021-40444	Sep 14, 2021	1	3	Windows
	153375: KB5005627: Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012	9.8	Critical	Critical	26 CVEs	Sep 14, 2021	1	4	Windows
	121014: KB4480964: Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012	9.8	Critical	High	22 CVEs	Jan 8, 2019	1	29	Windows, Office

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DEMO

Useful Links



BigFix Briefing Room: What's New June 2024

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8rgxdwD9J8&list=PLVAvGzDq49UlKLmsLngRqUNJBylbPOpOu&index=7

BigFix Tech Advisors (All Videos)

https://www.youtube.com/@BigFixTechAdvisors



MITRE ATT&CK®

https://attack.mitre.org/

APT Groups
https://attack.mitre.org/groups/



BOD 23-01

https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/directives/bod-23-01-improving-asset-visibility-and-vulnerability-detection-federal-networks

CISA Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) Catalog

https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog

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