

Harmony End Point – Packing a Punch in 2024

In the details – What new in HEP 2024

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Agenda

- Opening remarks
- **Management Server**
- Client releases
 - Windows
 - Linux
 - Mac

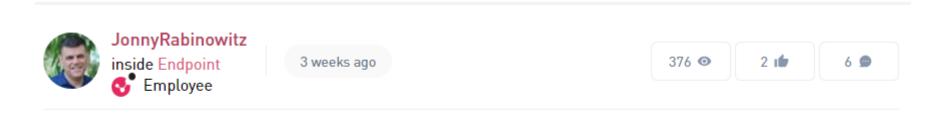


Shout Out To Check Mates

Thanks for hosting!!



- Post details of all releases and significant features
- Product Managers do their best to follow Check Mates and respond



Harmony Endpoint Security Client E88.30 for Windows is now available as GA



This is Not a Roadmap Session

Content includes

Released content



Planned (*)



• EA (Early Availability)



Goals

Not talk about features have heard before

- Measure of success
 - Learn something new!!





Releases and Features

- Latest Release: E88.30
 - Latest security capabilities
 - Most details out of scope
- Recommended Release: E87.62
 - Assess deployment KPIs
- Extended Support: E86.60
- All GA releases fully supported (within the defined timeframes)



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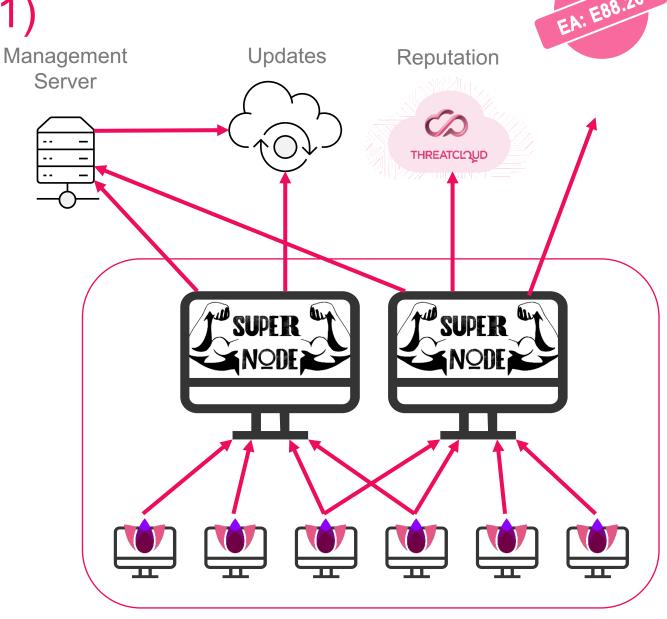
Server

- Semi Isolated Networks
- Licensing
- CPInfo to S3
- Notifications and Alerts



Semi-Isolated Networks (1)

- Additional Deployment Option
 - ✓ On premise management
 - √ Cloud management
 - + Semi- isolated
- Extend Super Node capability
 - Anti-Malware signatures
 - Behavioral Guard rules
 - Static Analysis ML/AI models
 - Client updates
- Added
 - Proxy all client connections on Windows
 - H2: VM/PM Support
 - Posture Management Patching
 - Super-Node Centralized Patches





Semi-Isolated Networks (2)

- Use cases
 - √ Lower bandwidth consumption
 - ✓ Static data caching
 - ✓ Enables Connectivity to cloud management
 - ✓ Client isolation
 - ✓ Enables additional cloud-based use cases
 - √ Can also be used in network subset.
 - √ Focus on Windows servers and Linux
- Ease of management
 - Single Windows-based super node supports Windows, Linux and Mac
- Increased number of concurrent sessions
 - ons EA
- Planned: Enhanced Super Node status monitoring





Licensing

- What happens if I have mixed set of license types (Data / Basic / Extended)?
 - Match in order according to the level of the license
 - Try to assign the blade to the license with the lowest level that contains this blade

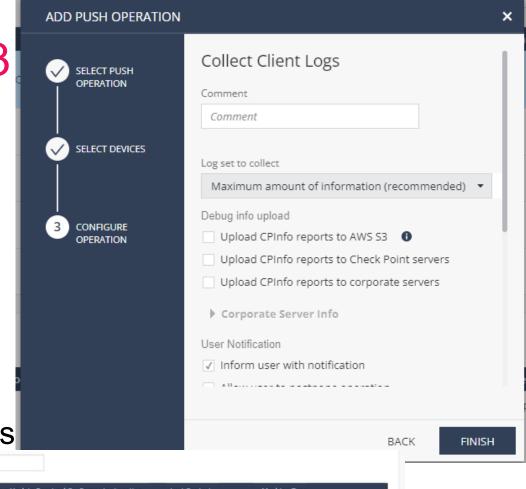


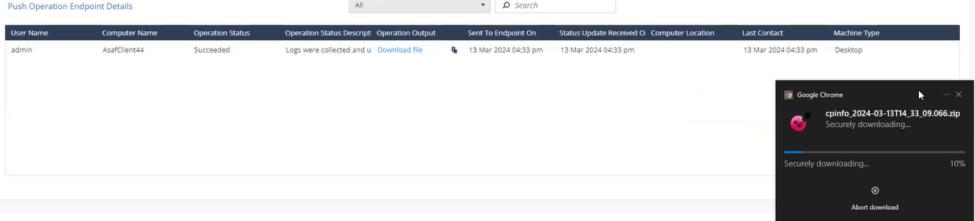
- if there is no place for this blade in this license, then try next license by order
- Dynamically adjusted as new capabilities are enabled
- License Pools
- Single pool of licenses allocated to all tenants in an MSSP



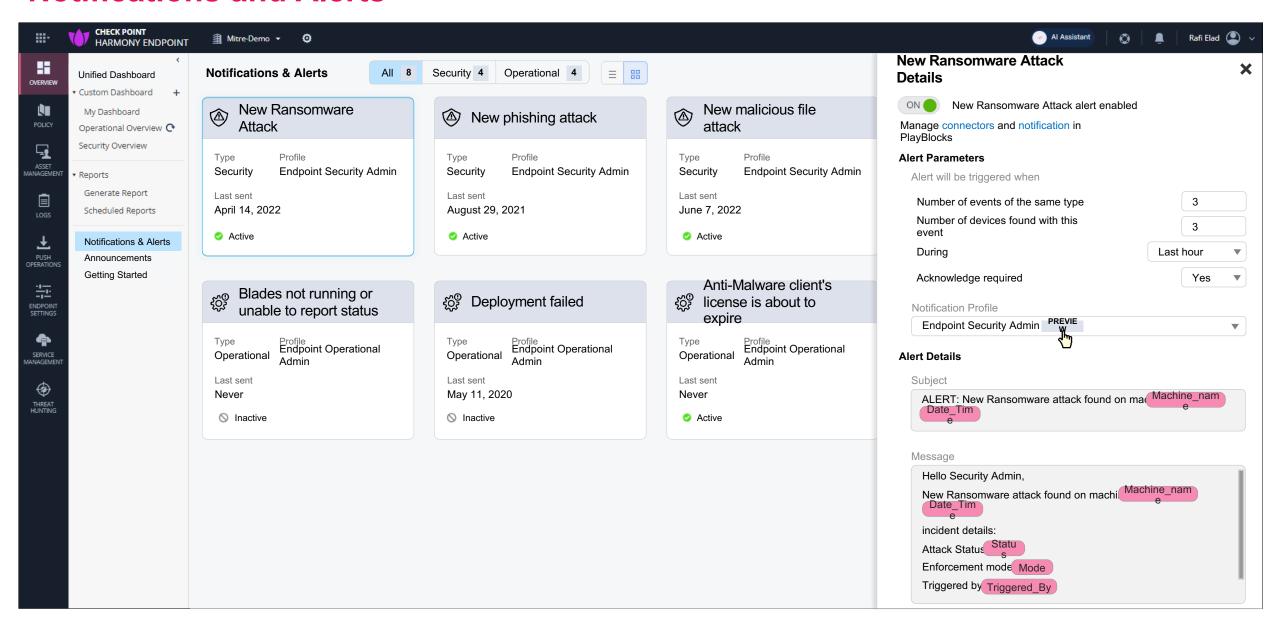
Log Collection / CPInfo to S3

- Currently Windows only
 - Minimum release: E88.30
- Immediate collection
 - Cannot be scheduled or postponed
- The logs are saved in an S3 bucket based on the tenant location
- Log can be downloaded from UI by anyone with access to Push Operations

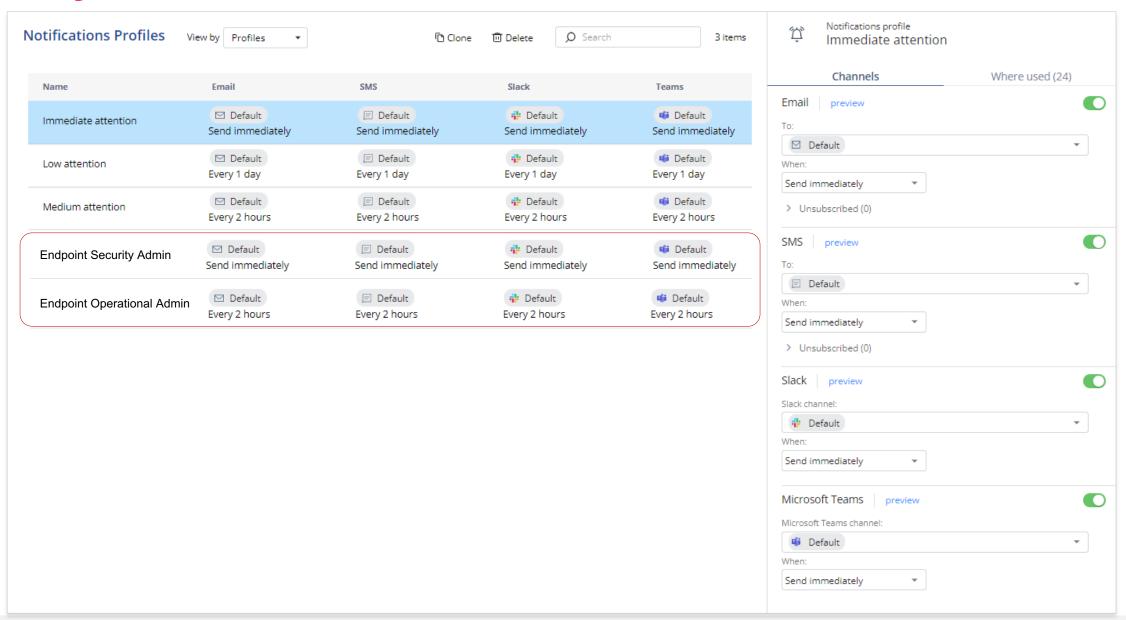




Notifications and Alerts



PlayBlocks – HEP Profiles



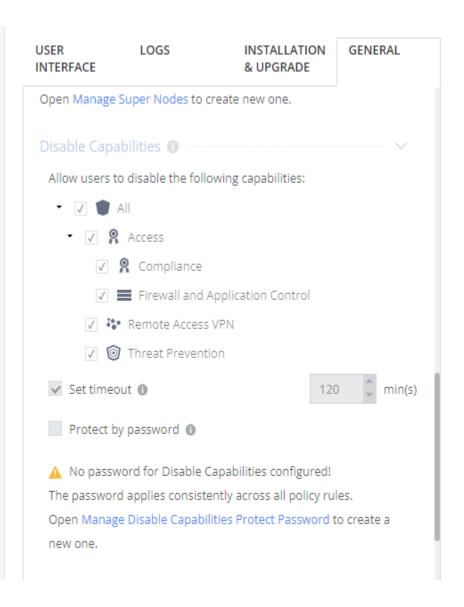
Windows Client

- Disable Capabilities Enhancements
- Client Language Settings
- Changes to Threat Emulation blade
- **DNS Inspection Support**



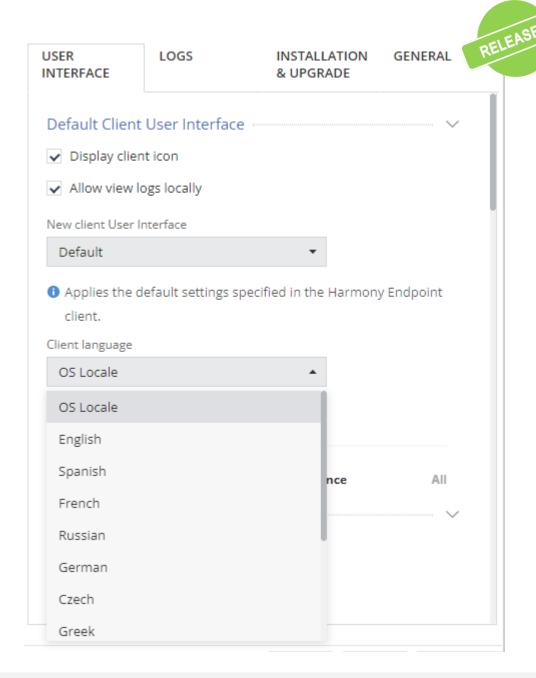
Disable Capabilities Enhancements

- Existing option to disable capabilities on a client
 - Available in Client Settings Policy General
 - Useful to temporarily disable protection capabilities; for example, while performing IT operations at client
- Enhanced Control When Disabling
 - (Policy) Timeout interval after which capabilities are automatically reenabled
 - Fallback if not re-enabled manually
 - (Policy) Password Protection
 - Optional global setting of password to be entered before disable
 - Global setting for ease of management



Client Language Settings

- Additional options for explicit selection of a language for use in the client UI
- "OS Locale" option enables previous functionality
 - Utilize the language as determined by Windows O/S locale
 - If language is not supported use English
- Languages supported (unchanged): czech, German, English, Spanish, French, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Ukrainian

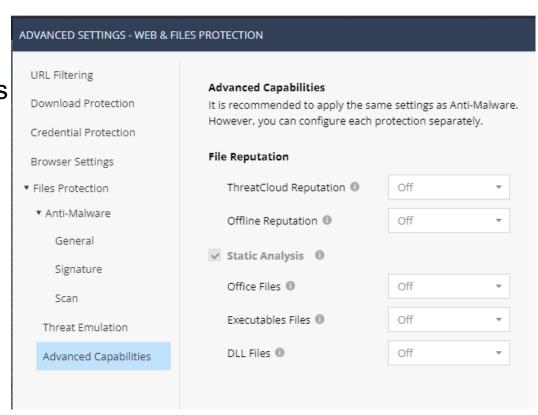




Changes to "Threat Emulation" Blade



- Set of capabilities now configured as part of "File Options"
 - Threat Emulation (TE) is just one of the capabilities
 - With basic license, blade can run with TE "Off"
- Separate configuration for all the following capabilities and no dependency on TE:
 - Threat Cloud Reputation
 - Offline Reputation (OFR)
 - Static Analysis (SA)
 - Office Files
 - **Executable Files**
 - DLL Files



Files Protection - Advanced Capabilities



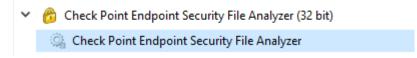
- By default, settings are same as "Threat Emulation" (for upgrade considerations)
- Visibility / control to additional existing capabilities
 - ThreatCloud Reputation: Verify reputation of files based on their hash in Check Point's ThreatCloud (TC)
 - Offline Reputation
 - Verify reputation of files based on their hash against data stored locally on the client
 - Most common hashes accessed in TC are stored on client with ongoing updates
 - Allows for detections when client is offline
 - Allows for fast detection when client is online verdict is double-checked with TC
 - Separate Static Analysis settings for each model type
 - For SA Office files detection, for "right click" option to create exclusions, the excluded hash will be the hash of the macro (and not the hash of the file).



TE – Other Changes



- On client UI, the corresponding tray in main Client UI page is renamed "File Protections"
- Corresponding process has been renamed





DNS Traffic Inspection



Block C&C communications and Data theft with Deep Learning engines

- Anti-Bot blade extended to include DNS traffic inspection support
- Leverages Threat Cloud based engines for traffic analysis
 - Aligned with similar capabilities on Quantum

Client Machine

#1 DGA (Domain Generation Algorithm)



#2 DNS Tunneling

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Linux Client

- Anti-Malware Engine
- New distributions / kernel support
- **Anti-Ransomware**
- Installation: Universal / Offline **Package**



New distributions / kernel support

- Infrastructure changes
 - Universal package minimizes dependencies on underlying distribution
 - Reduces changes for new distribution / kernel support
 - Continue to recommend RFE for prioritization of additional support
- 1.15.7: Additional support
 - Support for additional versions of Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL): 8.9 and 9.3. Current RH support covers 7.8-8.9, 9.0-9.3
 - Support for new Linux distribution: Alma Linux. We are initially supporting versions 8.9,9.0-9.3
 - Existing Ubuntu support has been expanded to include support of Kernel version 6.2
- Upcoming
 - OpenSuse 15.4 + 15.5
 - Fedora releases 36 39



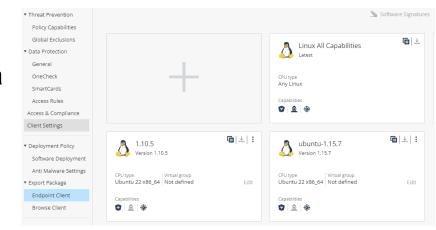
Installation / Upgrade

Universal Package:

- Initially different package provided for each distribution.
- Now combined to one of two "Universal Packages", per whether package manager is '.deb' or '.rpm' based

Offline Package:

- Exporting package creates "Offline Package" that can be installed using 3rd deployment software or manual methods
- Evergreen / "Latest":
 - When installing the Linux client there is an option to select a version called "latest".
 - Installs latest version and automatically upgrades client whenever a new Linux client version is available.
 - Requires internet connectivity to upgrade



Other Updates



- Anti-Malware Engine
 - Linux client now leverages E2
 - Aligned with Windows E2 and Mac clients
 - Offline signature update procedure now covers new Linux engine (sk180690)
 - Added CP reputation look up
- Anti-Ransomware Blade
 - Originally added in "Detect Mode"
 - Now can be enabled in "Prevent Mode"
 - Pending
 - Include in listing as part of blade selection UI for export/deployment policy. Currently:
 - For new installations AR will be enabled by default
 - For upgrade scenarios AR needs to be enabled manually in the policy following the upgrade
 - Exceptions should be defined as Legacy Exceptions and is not yet supported as part of the "Smart Exclusions" capability



Mac Client

- Installation Improvements
- Other Enhancements



Installation Improvements

- Simplified installation for non-MDM deployments
 - Significant reduction in number of approvals required in installation process
 - "Anti-Bot" network extension is also unified into the "Check Point" network extension. In non-MDM deployments, there are reduced number of approvals required during installation
 - Kernel extensions are deprecated for Endpoint Security on Mac Related installation steps, such as booting into recovery and adjusting security settings, are no longer necessary
 - Related Server setting: "Use Port Protection without kernel extensions"



Other Enhancements

- Reconnect Tool
 - Option added to the Reconnect Tool that results in creation of a zip archive of the reconnect tool that contains the uninstall password.
 - Allows tool to be run without requiring (interactive) input of the uninstall password for the currently installed endpoint client.
 - The uninstall password included in the archive is obfuscated
- Events for network related traffic stored in the internal forensics database (EFR.db) and are available for searching within Threat Hunting capabilities
- Authenticated Proxy
 - Existing Authenticated Proxy configuration in the Management interface can now be defined to apply to the Mac security client
 - Un-authenticated proxy support in progress



EAs in Progress



Early Access (EA) Activities in Progress

- Semi-isolated networks
- HTTPS Inspection
 - Affects IOC, URLF and Anti-Bot
- FDE Smart Pre-boot
 - Seamless remote help and improving the operational efficiency of managing a deployment with Full Disk Encryption (FDE)
- Application Whitelisting
 - Default Deny All Rule





Summary

- Lots delivered!!
- Lots to come!!
- Look on CheckMates

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Thank You!