

StealthDEFEND Threat Analytics

Ransomware

If files are renamed to known ransomware extensions, a threat is created for each rename action.

Ransomware	
Definition	The Ransomware threat creates a threat for any file activity that involves a file with a known ransomware extension or a file with a name that resembles common ransom notes.
Example	A user created a ".locky" file, which is a known ransomware extension.
Trigger	Using a pre-defined library of known ransomware extensions, StealthDEFEND alerts on file create/rename activity with known extensions.

Abnormal Behavior

A baseline of 14 days is established on a per user basis. If the user deviates from the baseline, a threat is created.

Abnormal Behavior	
Definition	The Abnormal Behavior threat detects user behaviors that deviate from the user's normal behavioral profile.
Example	<p>Sensitive Data Example: A user suddenly accesses far more files containing sensitive content than they normally do.</p> <p>Ransomware Example: New ransomware variants not represented in StealthDEFEND's pre-defined library will still exhibit abnormal behavior with regard to file access operations, including large volumes of updates, renames and writes.</p> <p>Lateral Movement Example: If a user is accessing an abnormal number of hosts and is performing file activity on a large number of resources, this could be an indicator of suspicious lateral movement.</p>

	<p>Delete Example: Upon termination, disgruntled employees sometimes delete large volumes of files to cause the organization harm.</p>
Trigger	<p>StealthDEFEND analyzes the following aspects of each user’s behavior and creates a threat when abnormalities are detected based on a given user’s normal level of activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Number of Reads → Number of Updates → Number of Deletes → Number of Renames → Number of Permission Changes → Number of Writes → Number of Denied Events → Number of Hosts Accessed → Number of Resources → Number of Files with Sensitive Data <p>Outliers are detected through unsupervised clustering of a user’s historical activity.</p>

First Time Host Access

If a user accesses a host for the first time, a threat is created.

First Time Host Access	
Definition	The First Time Host Access threat detects when a user performs file activity on a new host they haven’t accessed previously.
Example	Most users only interact with a few file servers based on their geographic location, the department they are in, etc. Over a learning period (e.g. 30 days), StealthDEFEND profiles which hosts a user commonly accesses data on. After the learning period, StealthDEFEND will create a threat if a new host is accessed for the first time.
Trigger	A user accessed an open share on a new host for the first time.

First Time Client Access

If a user accesses a share using a new client, a threat is created.

First Time Client Access	
Definition	The First Time Client Access threat detects when a user accesses file share data from a client they have never used to access data previously.
Example	A user normally uses his own workstation to access file shares. On a given day, the user accesses files from a different workstation, indicating the user's account may be compromised.
Trigger	StealthDEFEND analyzes user behavior over a learning period (e.g. 30 days) to profile which clients a user normally leverages. Once a new client is used to perform file system activity for the first time for a particular user, StealthDEFEND creates a threat.

Unusual Processes

If a user runs a process on a monitored server for the first time, a threat is created.

Unusual Processes	
Definition	The Unusual Processes threat detects if previously unseen processes are launched on critical file servers.
Example	A user launches a "python.exe" process that has never been launched by anyone else in the environment.
Trigger	StealthDEFEND records the name of the processes associated with file access activities. Over a learning period (e.g. 30 days), StealthDEFEND profiles which processes are normal by aggregating data across all file servers. After that, if a new process is identified that has not been seen on any other file servers, a threat will be created. NOTE: This threat is only applicable on Windows file servers when the activity is performed locally.