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Checkmark Certified, for almost three decades, has conducted the testing and evaluation of security solutions of various types, uses, and functionality. From enterprise-level network AI to home computer anti-malware.

The following report has been put together using that experience and with the aim to provide you with a clear overview of the solution being considered.

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE REPORT

This document is designed to provide a high-level outline of the outcome from the latest round of testing conducted against the listed solution. Tests were conducted as per the testing requirements and procedures that form the Checkmark Certified accreditation.

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ABOUT THE LAB

The Checkmark Certified (CC) business philosophy is founded on quality and excellence with all testing activities carried out in a secure, real-world test environment and within a framework of confidentiality that ensures integrity of information and test data.

CC prides itself on its open and proactive working relationship with all its clients through ongoing and meaningful communication.

The outcome is a sound technical working relationship, which ensures the client derives maximum benefit from engaging with an independent test facility that can also act as a conduit to a global buying market for security products and services





Signature Based

• Overall Detection: 100%



Behaviour Based

Overall Detection: 100%

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SIGNATURE TESTING

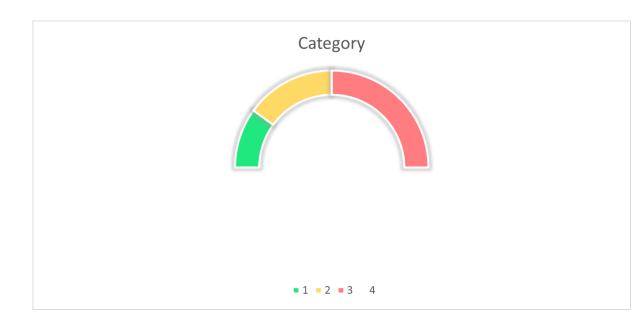
Traditional testing that examines detection capability of isolated, static malware samples. Detection is recorded at either the transfer, scanning, or interaction stages. Samples are selected from a pre-existing suite and include a variety of malware "types" not limited to trojans, spyware, data extraction, and droppers.

BEHAVIOUR TESTING

Testing focused on the isolated, individual behaviours associated with various categories of malware. Detection results are based solely on the correct identification and nullification of these behaviours and is designed to identify areas of weakness in the tested solution. Modified variations of the behaviours are used where required.

THREAT LEVEL REDUCTION

Testing that accounts for the threat level introduced by the malware and the associated threat mitigation provided by the SUT.





TEST METHODOLOGY



Principal

When testing any form of software, steps should always be taken to guarantee that the testing is fair and representative of not just the product's intended use but also the environment to which it is designed to be deployed.

This approach remains true when addressing the testing of security solutions. In this case, the often-repeated mistake is the creation of a test that is designed to fit the features and functionality of the Solution Under Test (SUT), resulting in an outcome that will often favor the solution; but not one that represents the SUT's mitigative effects on a real-world threat.

So how do you assess the effectiveness of the SUT without directly testing the SUT? The approach taken by Checkmark Certified, during the certification process, is to test the threat, not the solution.

How does this work in the real world? The recreation and repetition of the behavior associated with the threat is always the goal, regardless of whether the SUT is in place or not. The attack is broken down into whatever constituent parts can be accurately measured; this is done prior to deployment of the SUT and then again after.

There are obvious caveats to this approach, such as where the SUT contains a feature designed to be initiated by the end user. However, the overall principal of not modifying the test to suit the product remains.

Endpoint Anti-malware

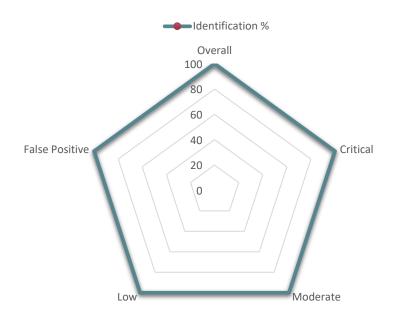
When considering an endpoint solution, the test is broken down into three phases: exposure, scanning, and execution. The exposure phase involves the initial transfer of files from source to the endpoint, with the source being direct web download, transfer from a localized source, and FTP.

The second phase, scanning, focuses on any on-demand functionality provided within the SUT. Once the first phase is complete, remaining files are then directly scanned. As with the exposure test, the threat is considered mitigated by the file's removal, disinfection, or by alerting the end user.

The final phase assumes that either the SUT has so far failed to detect the threat or that the SUT is only intended to detect the threat on execution. Each file is executed, in turn, on the endpoint which is monitored for the known system interactions associated with the specific threat.

PROTECTION: THREAT

With corporate networks and user data, both at home and in the workplace, being under constant attack, having security measures in place has never been more vital. But what security measures? And how do you know they will provide an adequate level of protection? Worse yet, will the selected solution itself be a threat to your data?



| Critical | Moderate | Low/PUP | False Positive |
|--|--|--|---|
| Active threats that present a direct risk to the integrity of the system and user information. These will include ransomware, destructive malware, and data theft. | Malware used to create further vulnerabilities on the system or attempt to interfere with system operations. | Binaries and applications that interact with system registry and local files but that do not present a definitive risk either through design or error. | Known-good system and application files taken from genuine update and installation sources. |
| Result: 100% | Result: 100% | Result: 99% | Result: 100% |

PROTECTION: TYPE

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As used in testing, malware in this category is designated as trojan primarily by its appearance and behaviour but where it also presents a threat to the user/system.





Spyware

Applications that are designed to remain hidden on the affected system and present a threat to the user by the theft and use of their information or data.





Fileless/Memory

Malware that is designed to leave no definitive trace on the system. These threats execute by the appropriation of vulnerable application access or by their exploitation.





Data Theft

Applications whose sole design is the theft of either user information or data. While similar, these threats are not limited to spyware. This category can also include file extraction.?





Destructive

Malware designed to overtly disrupt, and to cause damage to, the affected system or installed software.





Anti-Protection

Malware that exhibits behaviour designed to either interfere with the correct operation of malware/threat protection applications or that contain detection avoidance mechanisms.





Dropper

Any threat that places new files or code on the target system that is either a threat itself or allows for further corruption of system integrity.

PROTECTION: OVER TIME

Overall detection rate for the following categories over the specified period of time. Malware trends may be reflected in the detection rates, including the reclassification of one or more malware categories into a different threat level if appropriate.

| Threat | 30 Days | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year |
|----------------|---------|----------|----------|--------|
| Critical | 100% | 100% | 99% | 99% |
| Moderate | 100% | 100% | 100% | 99% |
| Low/PUP | 100% | 99% | 99% | 98% |
| False Positive | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |



PROTECTION: BEHAVIOUR

CODE INJECTION

| Behaviour | Count | Block | Threat Level |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| | | Rate | |
| Powershell Downloader DFSP | 213 | 94% | |
| Potential heapspray | 65 | 92% | |
| Heapspray attack on powershell | 22 | 88% | |
| Code injection | 123 | 91% | |
| Process searches | 42 | 89% | |
| Process memory code injection | 106 | 97% | |
| Buffer exploits (code injection) | 94 | 93% | |
| Buffer exploits (PE file) | 84 | 94% | |
| Corrupted files - services.exe | 132 | 89% | |
| Corrupted files - csrss.exe | 114 | 94% | |
| Process injection | 206 | 98% | |
| Code injection to executed | 187 | 86% | |
| Existing process memory/code | 221 | 92% | |
| Modification of read-write memory | 246 | 97% | |
| Read-write-execute memory | 176 | 93% | |

INSTALLERS

| Behaviour | Count | Block | Threat Level |
|--|-------|-------|--------------|
| | | Rate | |
| Suspicious registry entry length, possible | 106 | 91% | |
| binary | | | |
| Installed hooks for mouse | 94 | 89% | |
| Loaded drivers | 84 | 97% | |
| Autorun installs | 132 | 93% | |
| Browser corruption | 114 | 94% | |

DATA THEFT

| Behaviour | Count | Block | Threat Level |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| | | Rate | |
| Browser data theft | 123 | 91% | |
| Queries for the computername | 42 | 89% | |
| Keyloggers (Windows hook) | 106 | 97% | |
| System fingerprint through data | 94 | 93% | |
| Data capture on installed | 84 | 94% | |
| Checks for the Locally Unique | 132 | 89% | |
| Instant Messenger data miners | 114 | 94% | |
| FTP credential capture/theft | 206 | 98% | |
| Data capture of specific | 187 | 86% | |
| Theft attempts of email | 221 | 92% | |
| WMI system queries | 246 | 97% | |
| Browser file searches | 176 | 93% | |

DROPPERS/DROPPED FILES

| Behaviour | Count | Block | Threat Level |
|--|-------|-------|--------------|
| | | Rate | |
| Executable file written to disk by process | 123 | 91% | |
| Outlook.exe used to write files | 42 | 89% | |
| Mime files dropped | 106 | 97% | |
| PE file foreign language | 94 | 93% | |
| Dropped and executed EXE files | 84 | 94% | |
| Ransomware files | 132 | 89% | |
| Deletes original binary | 114 | 94% | |
| Deletes executed files | 206 | 98% | |
| Dropped Office docs | 187 | 86% | |
| Dropped hidden/system files | 221 | 92% | |
| Dropped EXE shortcuts | 246 | 97% | |
| Autorun.inf files | 176 | 93% | |

RANSOMWARE

| Behaviour | Count | Block | Threat Level |
|--|-------|-------|--------------|
| | | Rate | |
| Cerber ransomware detection | 106 | 91% | |
| File deletion and/or encryption | 94 | 89% | |
| TOR ransomware URLs | 84 | 97% | |
| Dropped ransomware message | 132 | 93% | |
| Windows utility interactions | 114 | 94% | |
| Windows API crypto key | 206 | 89% | |
| Encrypted ransomware files | 187 | 94% | |
| Removal of system recovery files | 221 | 98% | |
| Ransomware file encryption and extension | 246 | 86% | |
| Dropped ransomware files | 176 | 92% | |
| Encrypted files written to disk | 123 | 97% | |

SERVICE INTERACTION

| Behaviour | Count | Block | Threat Level |
|--|-------|-------|--------------|
| | | Rate | |
| Suspicious Powershell Process | 106 | 91% | |
| Potentially unwanted processes | 94 | 89% | |
| Suspicious OS Processes | 84 | 97% | |
| Created services | 132 | 93% | |
| System process mimic | 114 | 94% | |
| Running of command console | 206 | 89% | |
| Service created but not started | 187 | 94% | |
| Launched server | 221 | 98% | |
| Injected process creates hidden window | 246 | 86% | |
| Disabled system restore | 176 | 92% | |
| Terminated system processes | 123 | 97% | |
| Disabled task manager | 42 | 93% | |
| Windows services stopped | 106 | 91% | |
| Crashed processes | 94 | 89% | |
| Stopped Windows services | 84 | 97% | |

GENERIC BEHAVIOURS

| Behaviour | Count | Block | Threat Level |
|--|-------|-------|--------------|
| | | Rate | |
| Behaviour detection (Dridex sig) | 123 | 91% | |
| Trojan files (Upatre sig) | 42 | 89% | |
| Botnet files (Nitol sig) | 106 | 97% | |
| Backdoors (Fynloski sig) | 94 | 93% | |
| Banking trojan files | 84 | 94% | |
| Created batch file to remove original file | 132 | 89% | |
| Trojan files (Redosru sig) | 114 | 94% | |
| Created Alternate Data Streams | 206 | 98% | |
| Spyware files found (SpyNet sig) | 187 | 86% | |
| Putty files found | 221 | 92% | |
| Trojan files dropped (Bublik sig) | 246 | 97% | |
| Multiple user agents detected in traffic | 176 | 93% | |
| Suspicious command line tools | 123 | 91% | |
| Created malware files (Hupigon | 42 | 89% | |
| XtremeRAT file drop | 106 | 97% | |
| Known trojan files and registry | 94 | 93% | |
| Created registry keys (NJRat sig) | 84 | 94% | |
| Requests against User Agent | 132 | 89% | |
| Trojan files (Zeus sig) | 114 | 94% | |
| Explorer configuration for hidden files | 206 | 98% | |
| PDB path detections | 187 | 86% | |
| Known packers | 221 | 92% | |
| UPX compressed files | 246 | 97% | |
| Suspected packers | 176 | 93% | |
| Suspected packers (encryption) | 123 | 91% | |