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There's no such thing as safe Email

How to secure collaboration

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Is email secure?

Is email security still a concern for you?

What are your email security challenges?

Do Messaging Platform Providers provide real security?

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The Statistics

Email Security is still relevant

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We see 12 malicious URLs for each one malicious attachment

91%

of cyberattacks begin with spear phishing

>25%

Detected filetypes are MS Office Docs

10%

Emails remediated post delivery

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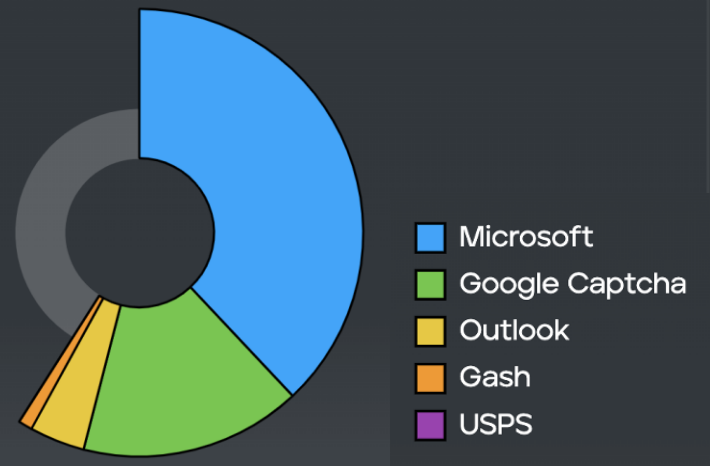
Products and Brands Most Targeted by Email Phishing Q1 2023

38% Though hundreds of brands were targeted, Microsoft products accounted for the most by a long shot in Q1 2023.



Countries Most Targeted by Email Phishing Q1 2023

30%

The United States and Korea were the primary victims of email phishing attempts in Q1, receiving almost two thirds of all global phishing attempts.

1. United States	30%
2. South Korea	29%
3. Taiwan	10%
4. Brazil	8%
5. Japan	7%

Evasion Techniques Most Used in Phishing Attacks Q1 2023

79% 302 Redirect Based Evasion was the most prevalent evasion technique used by phishing attacks in Q1 2023.

46% Captcha-based attacks increased significantly (46%) in Q1 compared to Q4 2022.

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Email Security is still relevant

USD 4.45 million

The global average cost of a data breach in 2023 was USD 4.45 million, a 15% increase over 3 years.

USD 1.44M

Increase in data breach costs for organizations that had high levels of security system complexity
Organizations that reported low or no security system complexity experienced an average data breach cost of USD 3.84 million in 2023. Those with high levels of security system complexity reported an average cost of USD 5.28 million, representing an increase of 31.6%.

		2023	2022
1	↑	**United States** USD 9.48 million	**United States** USD 9.44 million
2	↑	**Middle East** USD 8.07 million	**Middle East** USD 7.46 million
3	↓	**Canada** USD 5.13 million	**Canada** USD 5.64 million
4	↓	**Germany** USD 4.67 million	**United Kingdom** USD 5.05 million
5	↓	**Japan** USD 4.52 million	**Germany** USD 4.85 million

1 in 3

Number of breaches identified by an organization's own security teams or tools
Only one-third of companies discovered the data breach through their own security teams, highlighting a need for better threat detection. 67% of breaches were reported by a benign third party or by the attackers themselves. When attackers disclosed a breach, it cost organizations nearly USD 1 million more compared to internal detection.

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Cost of a Data Breach Report 2023

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It only takes one...

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In-depth security news and investigation

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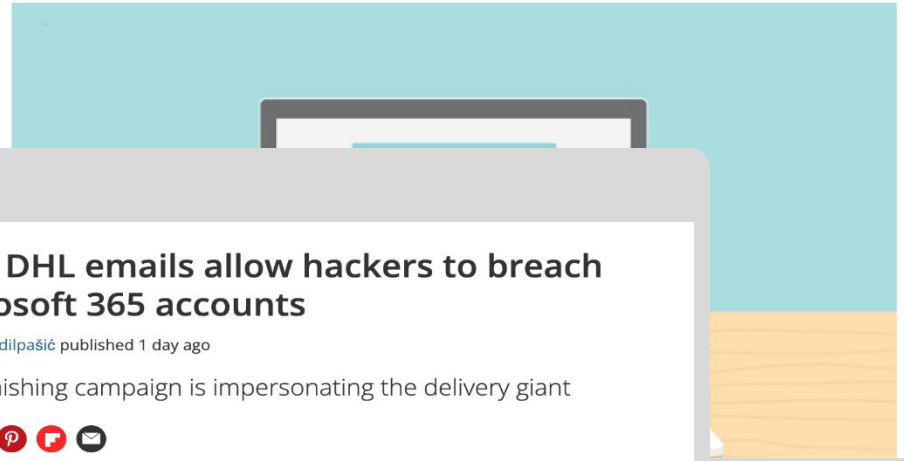
Austria's FACC, hit by cyber fraud, fires CEO

By Reuters Staff 2 MIN READ

VIENNA (Reuters) - The head of Austrian aerospace parts maker FACC has been fired after the company was hit by a cyber fraud that cost it 42 million euros ($47 million).

42,000 Records Breached in Cancer Treatment Center Phishing Hack

A Cancer Treatment Centers of America employee fell victim to a targeted phishing email in May, providing the hacker with their network credentials.



Fake DHL emails allow hackers to breach Microsoft 365 accounts

By Sead Fadilpašić published 1 day ago

New phishing campaign is impersonating the delivery giant

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How can we secure email?

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Detection is the best defense

Despite extensive training, statistics show that human error remains a leading cause of successful phishing attacks

Threat Actors are constantly improving techniques

The volume of attacks has increased exponentially.

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Trellix Email Security

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We catch what others miss

Trellix identifies and blocks all email threat categories

ATTACHMENTS

URLs

POST-DELIVERY WEAPONIZATION

SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE

IMPERSONATION

MULTI-STAGE DETECTION

OUTBOUND DETECTION

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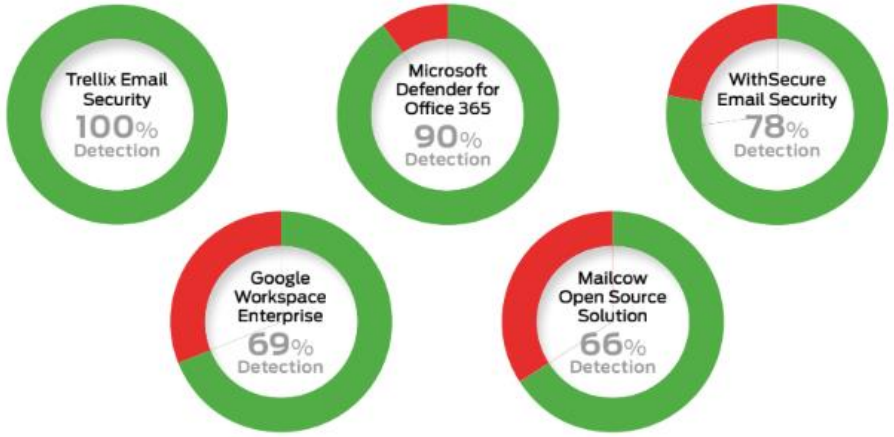
Trellix Ranks #1 in SE Labs Report

Overall Rankings

#1 in Detection



#1 in Accuracy

Source: SE Labs: Email Security Services (ESS): Enterprise 2023 Q1

Artificial Intelligence

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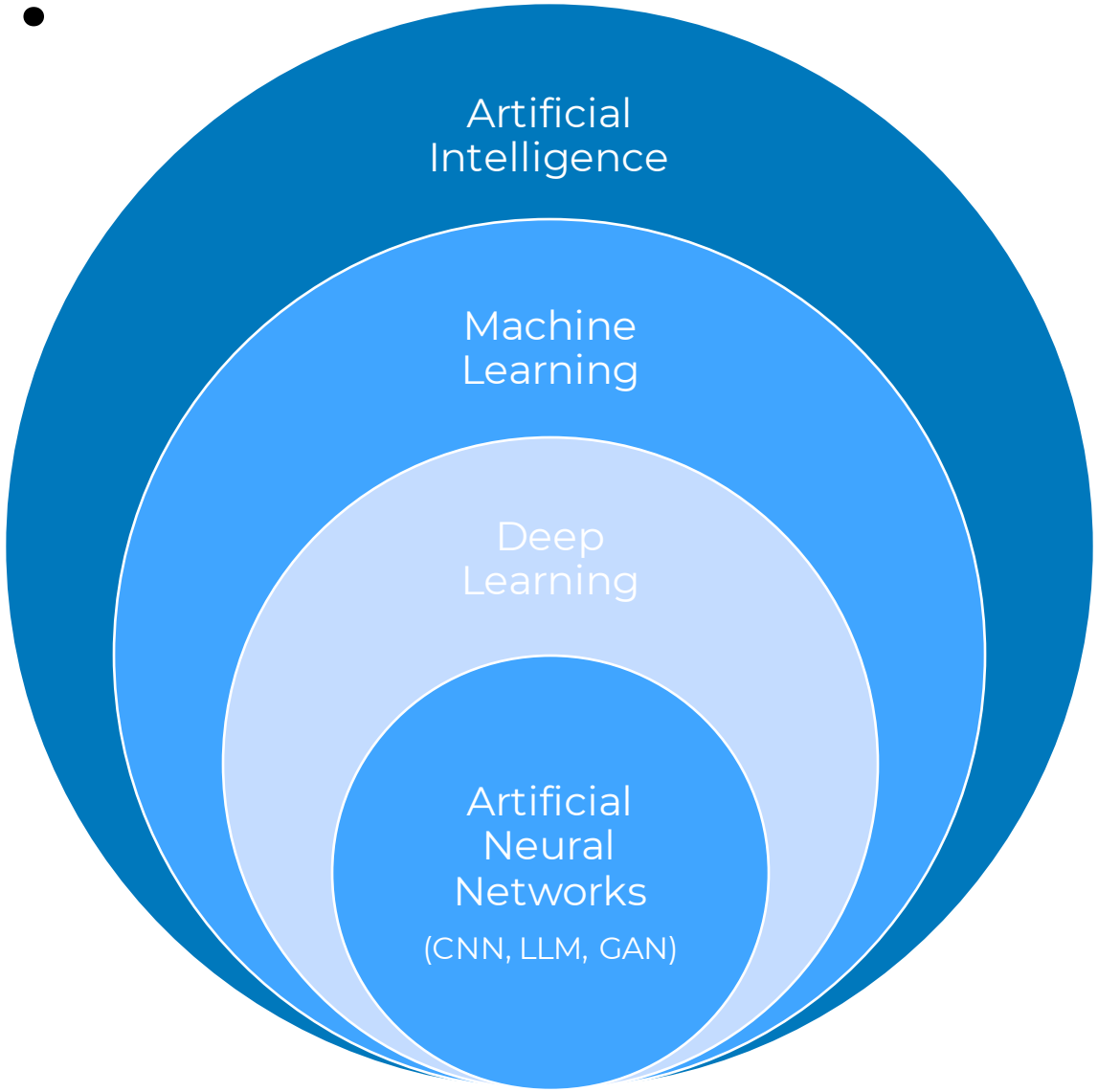
What is AI?



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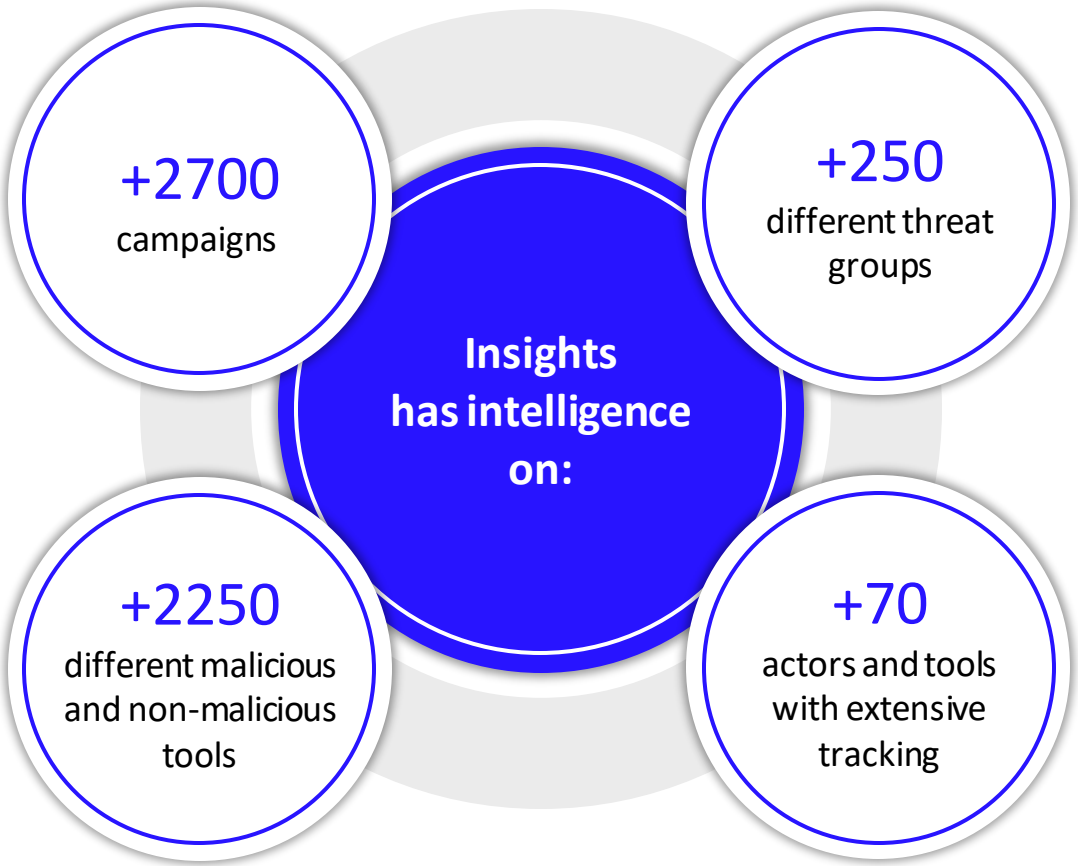
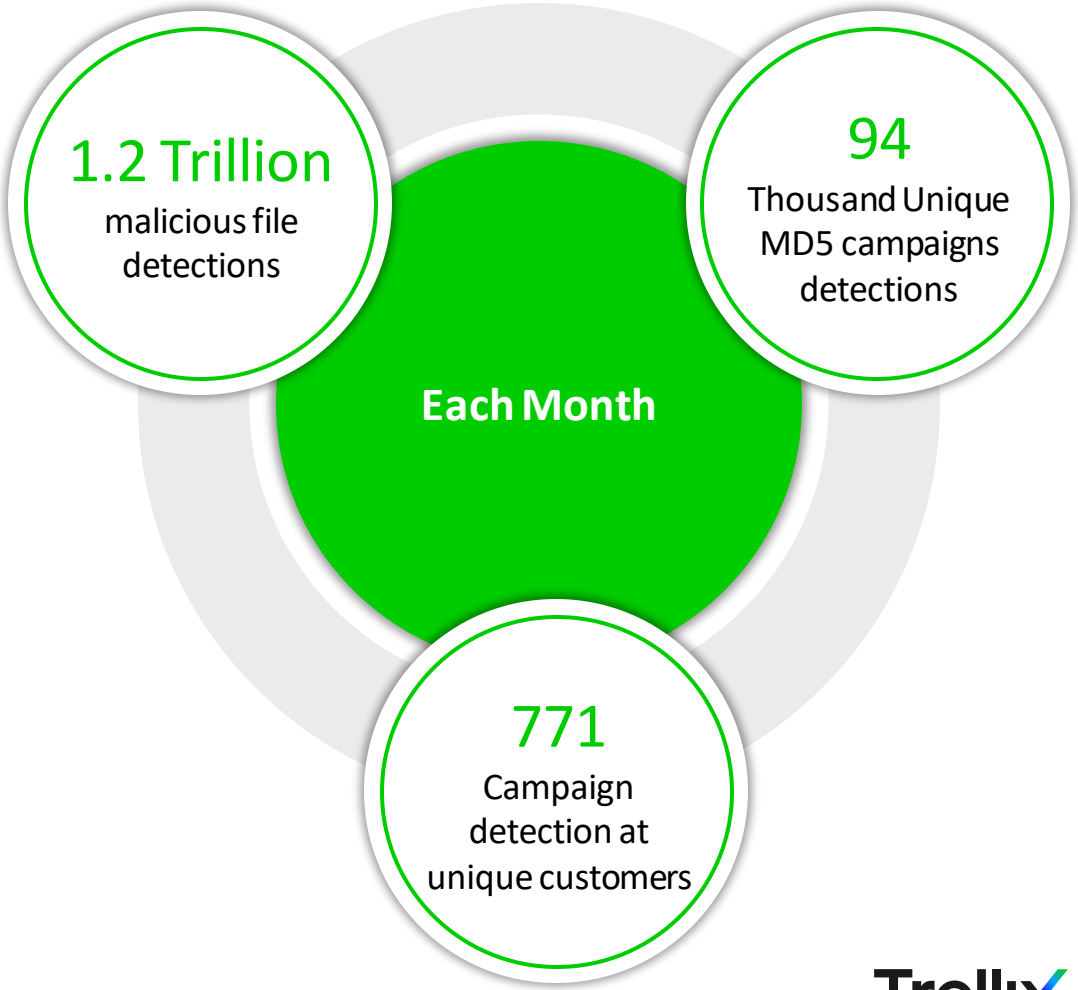
Intelligence-led detection





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Advanced URL Defense for Email

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- Scalable URL detection using big data
- Signature-based detections
- Dynamic detections
- Intelligence-led context and detection
- Retroactive weaponization detections

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Machine Learning

Advanced URL Defense

Deep learning phishing detection

Image classification

Credential phishing through application impersonation

Analytics-based phishing detection

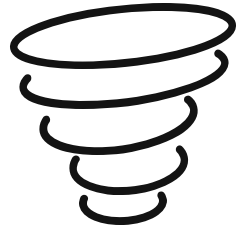
Compares new page content against known phishing sites

Inspects URL and phishing site content

Intelligence aggregation

Social media monitoring

C2 domains



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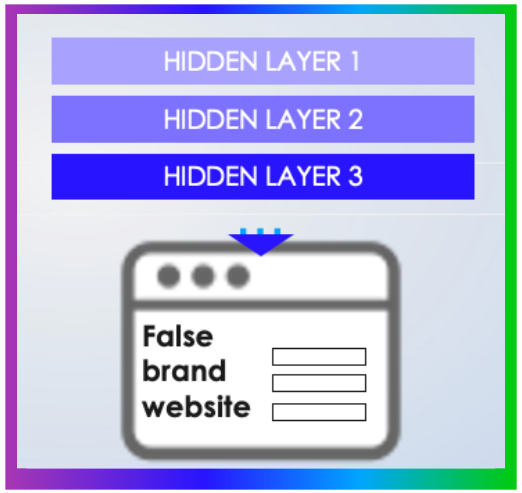
Multiple ML models detect Phishing

Visual Inspection

Advanced URL Defense plug in

Image classification engine
(Compiles/compares screenshots of commonly targeted brands against URLs in an email)

Provides brand targeting insight

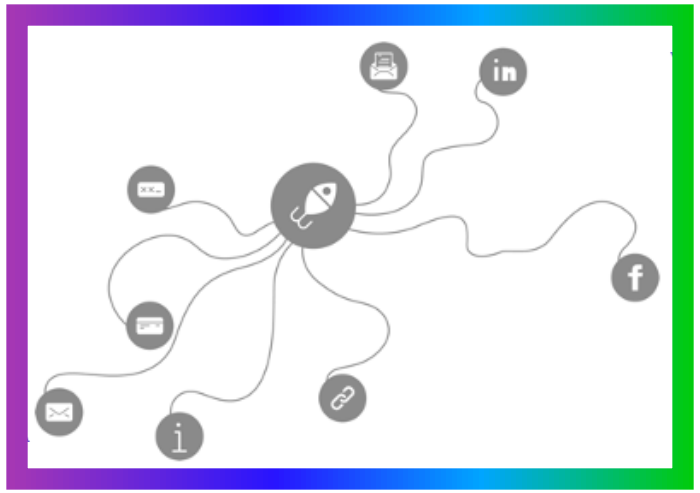


Site Inspection

Compares new page content against known phishing sites

Inspects URL and phishing site content

Crawls and inspects content links



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We catch what competitors miss
3m
Targeted attacks missed per year by Microsoft across 1058 customers
1.3m
Targeted attacks missed per year by Proofpoint across 980 customers
86k
Targeted attacks missed per year by Mimecast across 625 customers
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Impersonation Detection

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Technique: Impersonation

- **CEO fraud or "whaling"** – impersonate senior executive asking for urgent wire transfer payment
- **Supplier impersonation** - sending false invoices requesting fund transfers to fraudulent accts
- **Email spoofing** - Display name, Legitimate domains, Lookalike domains
- **Account takeovers** – attackers compromise an employe's account then ask for payment or sensitive data

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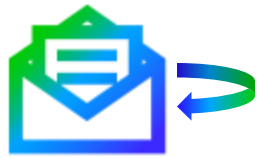
Impersonation Detection

Techniques Used to Stop Evolving Inline Attacks

New Domains & Name Servers

Looks-Like & Sounds-Like Domains



Reply-to Address & Message Header Analysis

Friendly Display Name & Username Matching

CEO Fraud Algorithms

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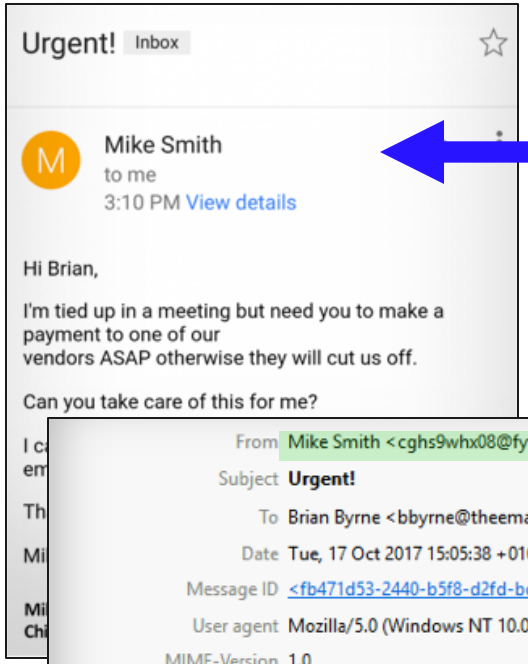
Display name impersonates a trusted source

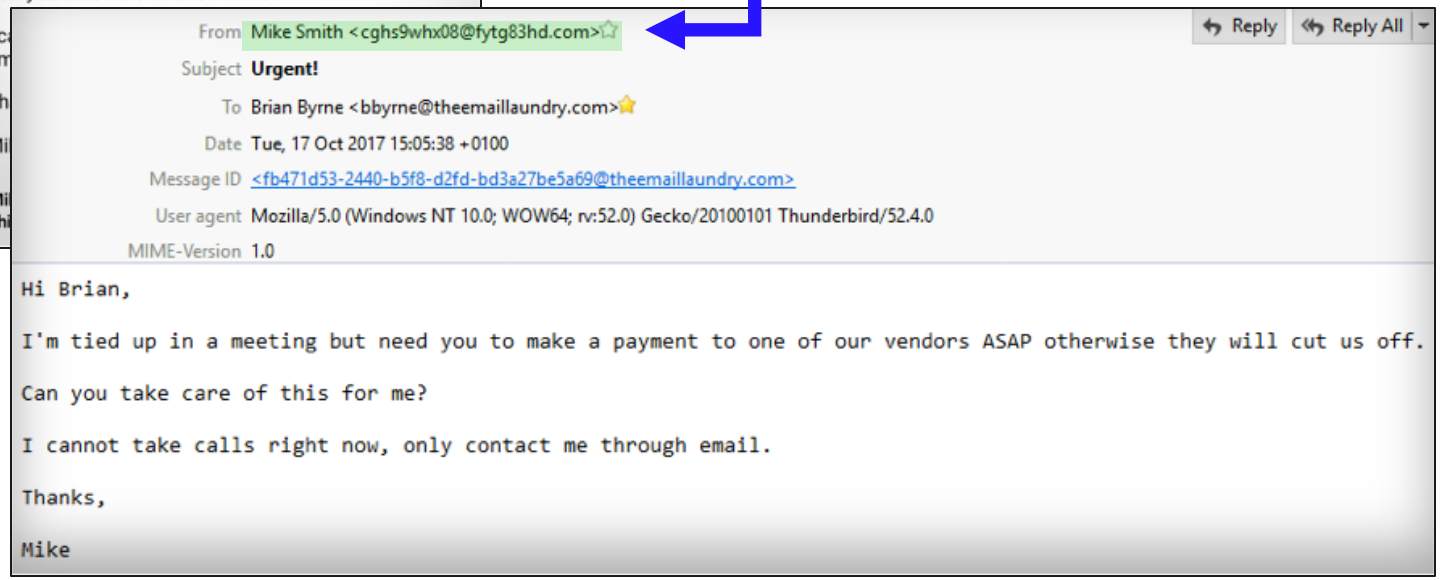


Mobile Client

Only display name shown

Desktop Client

Spoofing displayed



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Detecting Brand Impersonation

Visual comparison with known brands

Image classification & inspection

Compares screenshots of commonly targeted brands with web pages referenced by suspicious URLs

(PhishVision)

Identify content coming from known phishing sites

Deep content inspection

Crawls and analyzes new domain and page content to identify reuse from known phishing sites

(Kraken)

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Antispam Content Engine

Categories of Rules:

CEO Fraud Rules

Phishing (Financial, Email Accounts, Social Networks etc)

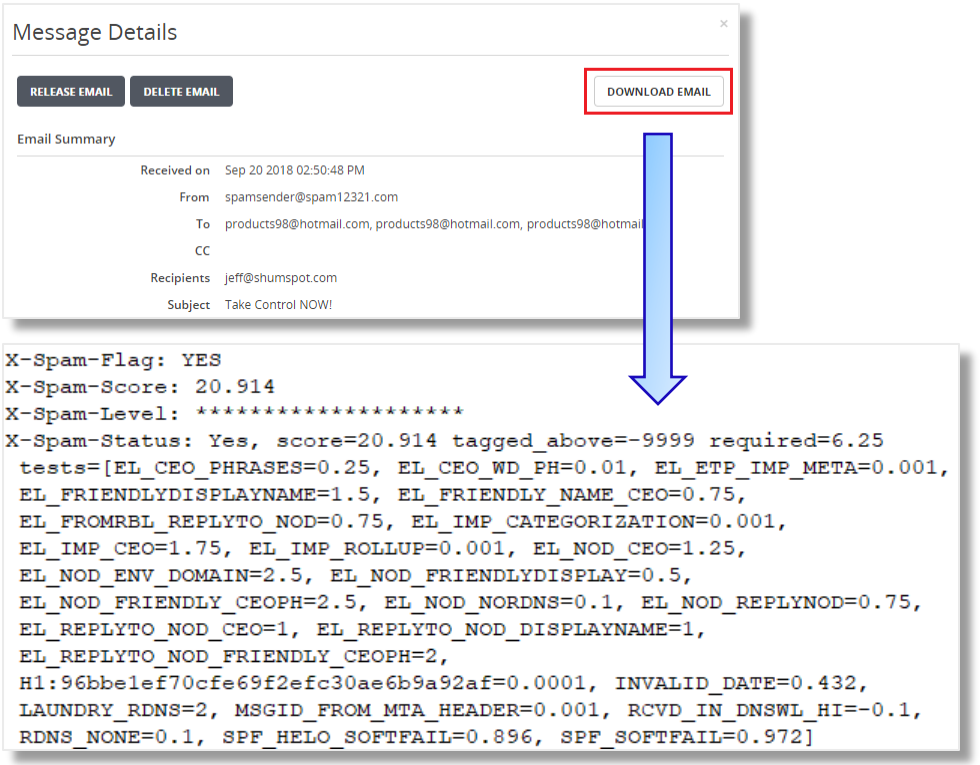
Snowshoe Spam

Explicit Content

Header Rule Checks

Hashes

GeoDist / Machine Learning



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Results

Phishing

	Protection
Trellix Email Security	100
Microsoft Defender	100
WithSecure Email Security	100
Google Workspace Enterprise	98
Mailcow Open Source Solution	94

Business Email Compromise

	Protection
Trellix Email Security	100
Microsoft Defender	100
WithSecure Email Security	15
Google Workspace Enterprise	19
Mailcow Open Source Solution	15

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Attachment Inspection

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Technique: Malicious Attachments

- Password-protected .zip files containing ransomware
- Microsoft Office documents using macros to deploy malicious payloads
- Google docs containing an embedded .pdf doc to be downloaded to view, which then leads to a malicious executable
- Dropbox, Slack, and GitHub are all used as phishing lures

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Technique: Malicious URLs

- Often disguised with alternate text or graphics
- Shortened using services like bit.ly
- Can lead to malicious sites for credential harvesting
- Used to download a payload such as ransomware

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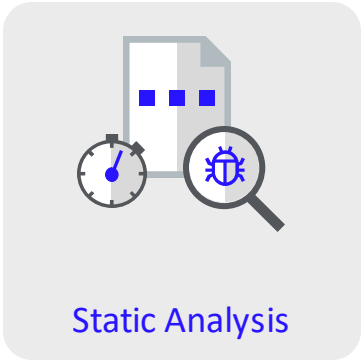
Multi-stage inspection process

More than just a sandbox

Find known bad

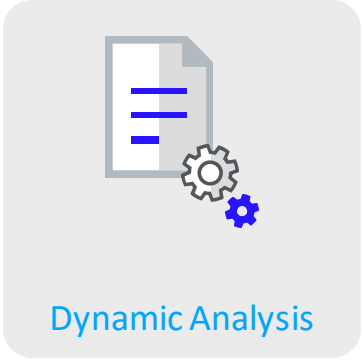


Static Analysis

Lower intensity analytical methods: signatures, reputation, and emulations

Performs high speed analysis at scale

Find unknown bad



Dynamic Analysis

File executes in a safe and instrumented environment.

Observe file execution and look for malicious behavior.

Assess malware family similarity

Code Analysis

Remove obfuscation to expose original executable code.

Analyze attributes and instruction sets to identify characteristics similar to known bad behaviors

Reveal suspicious patterns

Statistical Analysis

Analyze behavioral patterns to identify maliciousness.

Uncover patterns in code to identify emerging threats.

Verdict

* Remediation actions configurable by integration

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Results

Malicious Attachments

	Protection
Trellix Email Security	100%
Microsoft Defender	91%
WithSecure Email Security	76%
Google Workspace Enterprise	43%
Mailcow Open-Source Solution	41%

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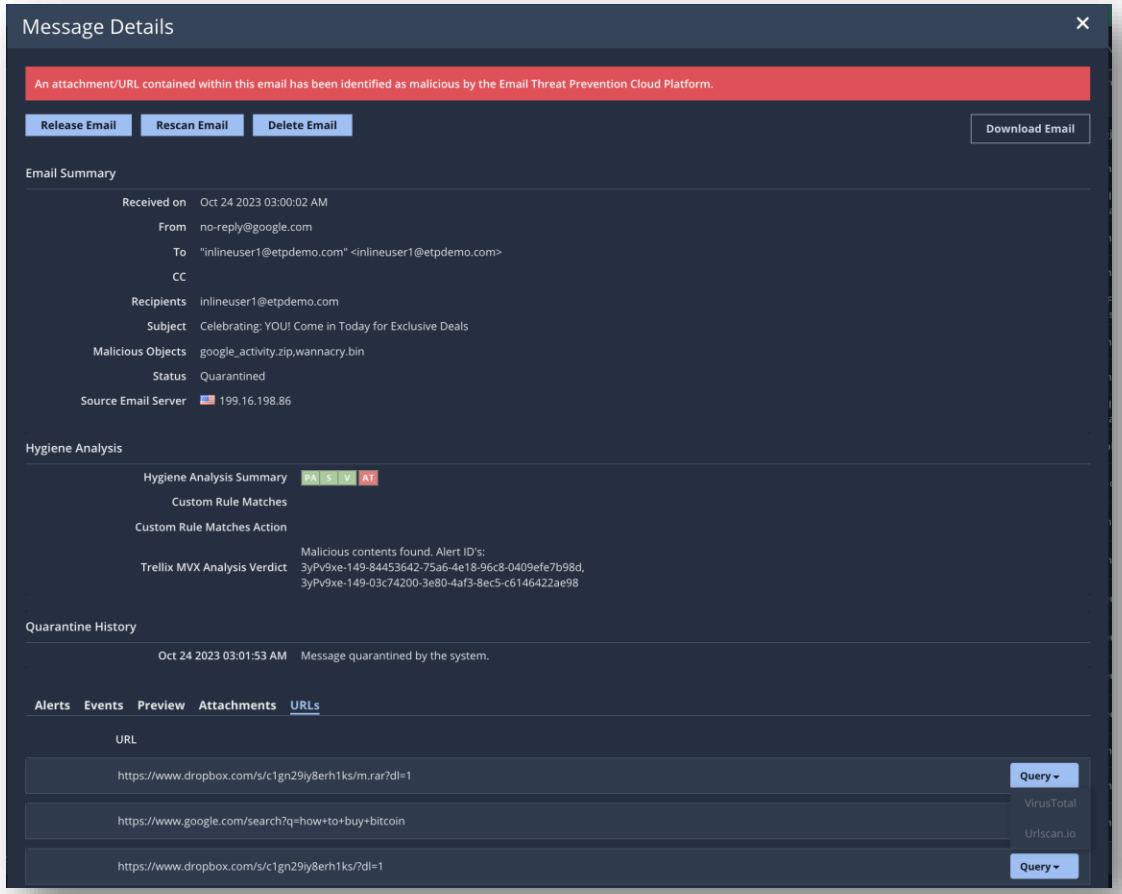
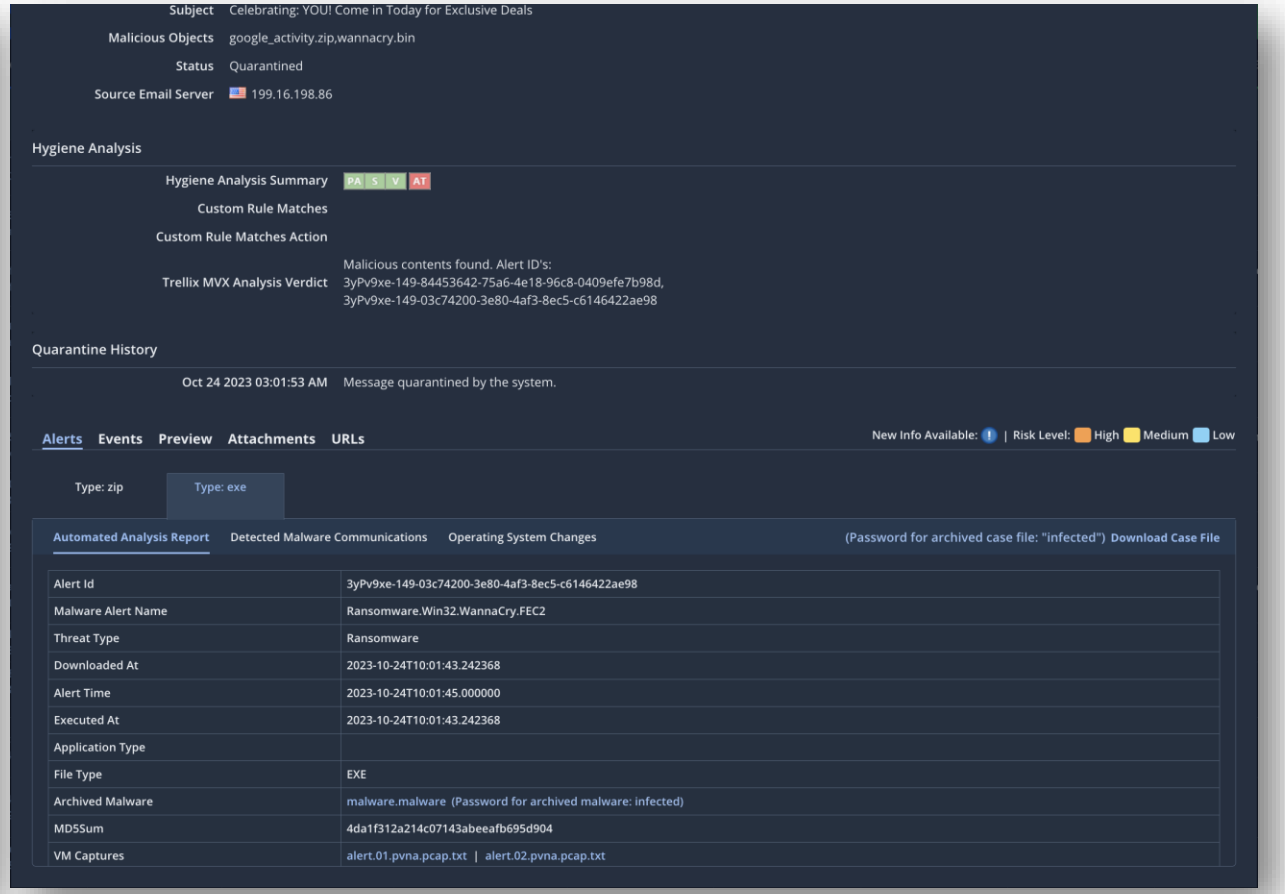
Email Security – Cloud Portal





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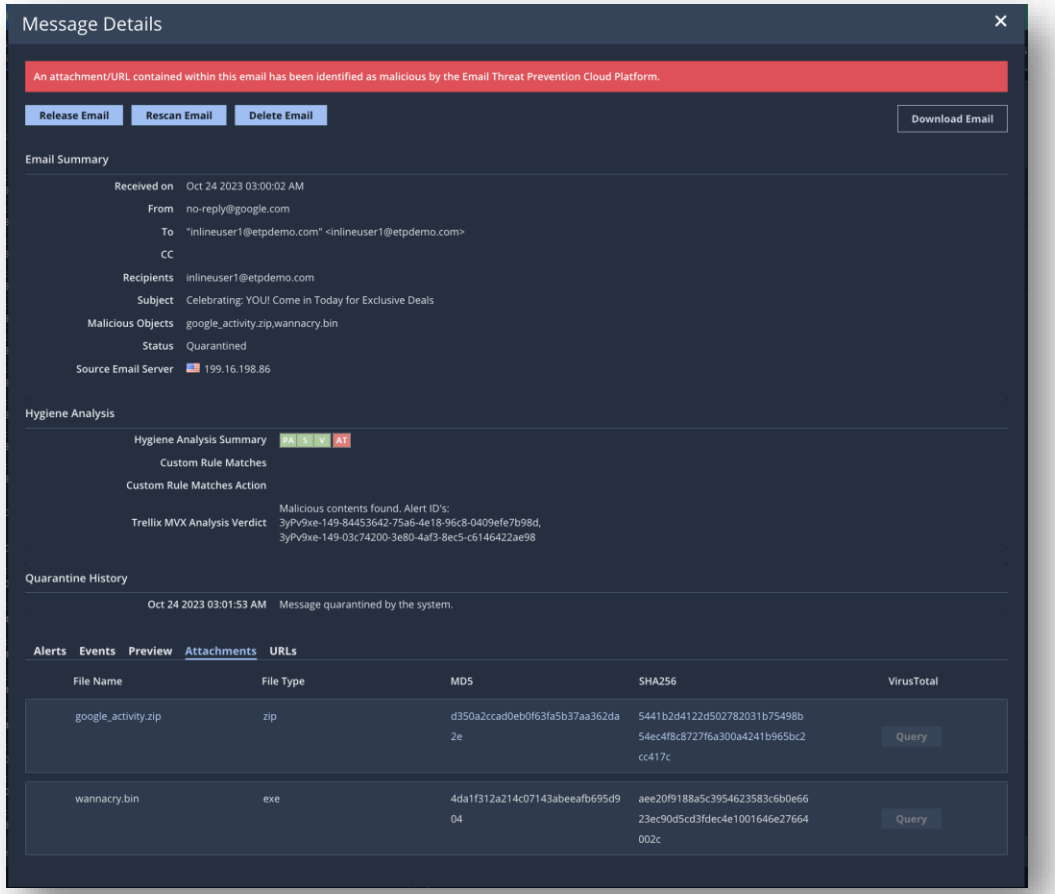
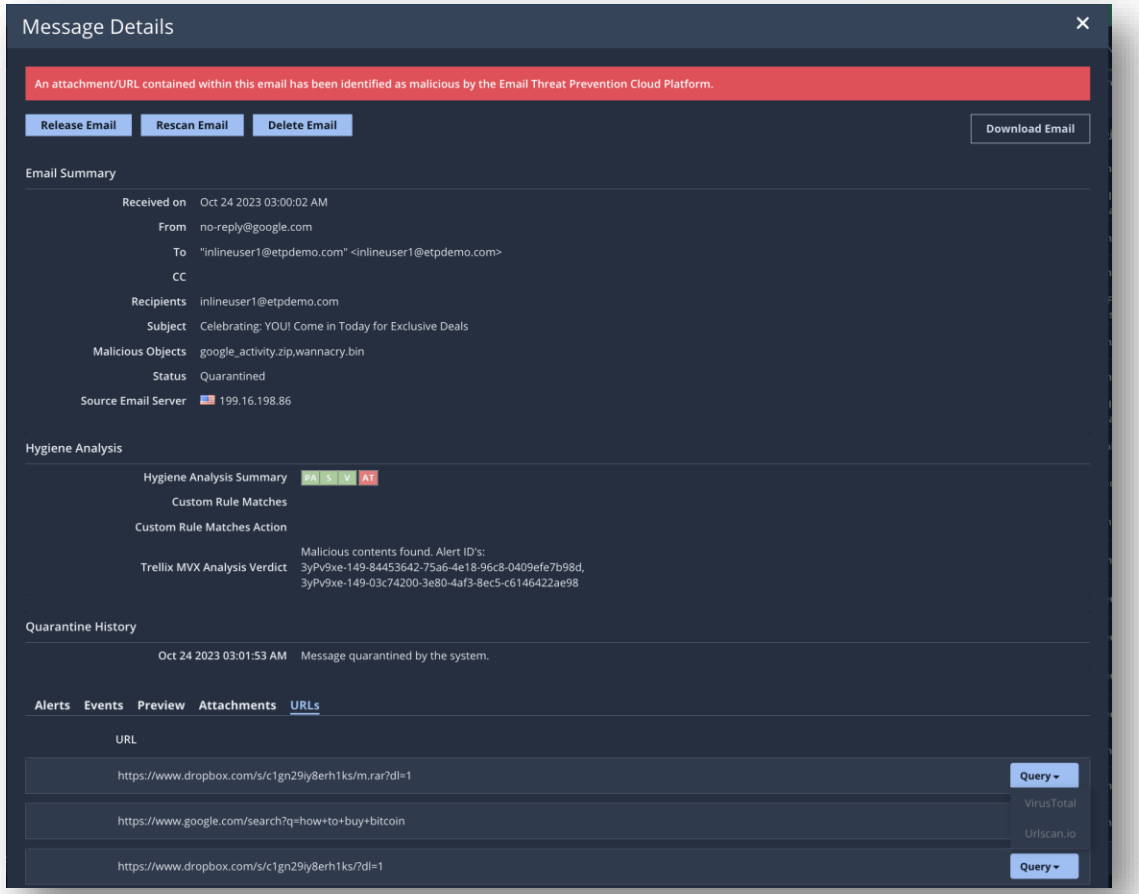
Email Security – Cloud Portal





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Results

Social Engineering

	Protection
Trellix Email Security	100%
Microsoft Defender	56%
WithSecure Email Security	0%
Google Workspace Enterprise	2%
Mailcow Open-Source Solution	1%

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Moving beyond email to protect employee collaboration

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Digital transformation has introduced a new threat vector

Extended Enterprise

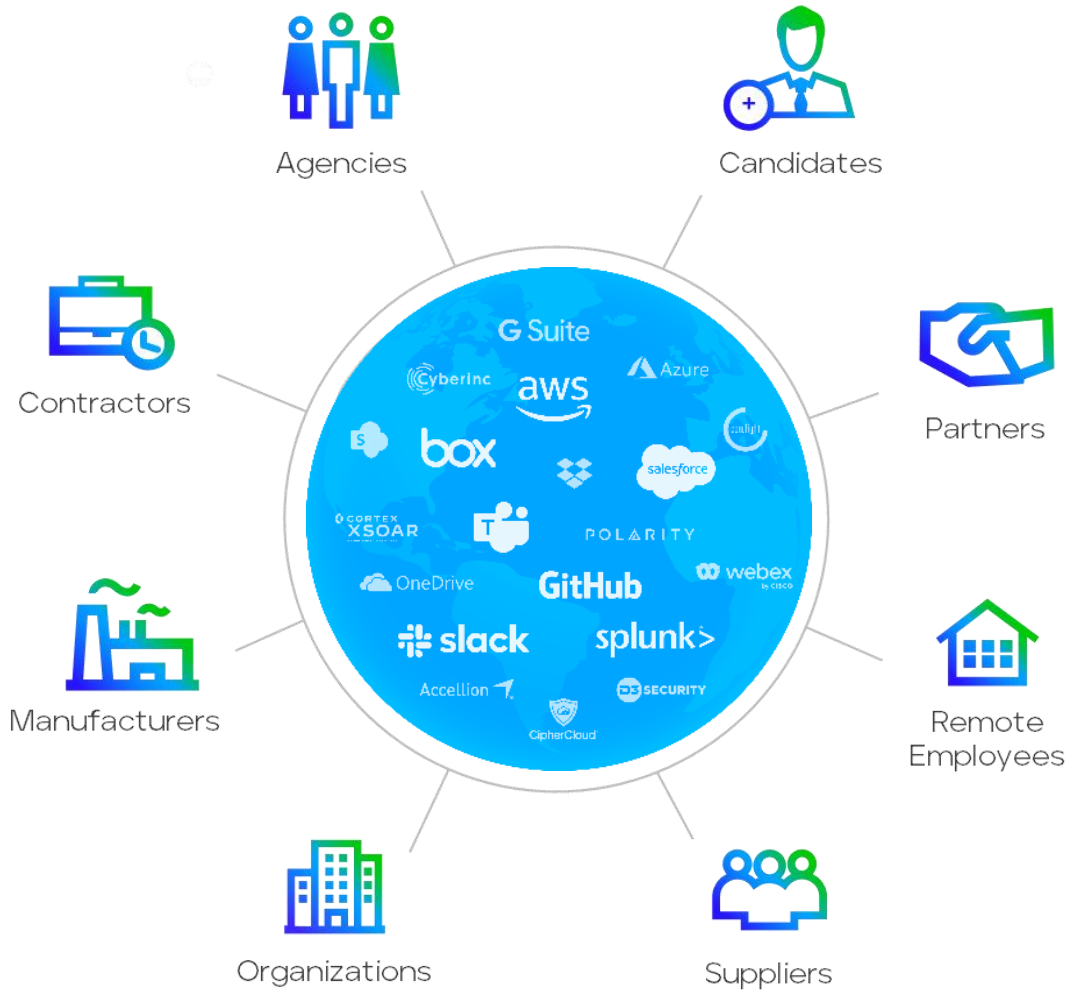
Business agility and innovation require third-party relationships to extend enterprise capabilities

Digital Transformation

Digitally-enabled partner ecosystem creates significant risk exposure

SaaS Insecurity

Vendors secure their platform but don't worry that they provide an open door to your environment



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The Staistics

Digital transformation

82%

Reported a breach as a result of digital transformation[1]

Third party exposure

55%

At least one breach occurred through a third party[1]

Uncertainty

53%

Security readiness untested in their digital transformation[2]

1 Ponemon, “Digital Transformation is Increasing Cyber Risk”
2 Gartner, “IT Roadmap for Digital Business Transformation”

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The nature and velocity of collaboration has changed

Creating three main fronts to defend

Email

Still the primary attack vector. Over 90 % of cyberattacks begin with phishing.

Collaboration Platforms

Allow us to freely share information, but do not ensure the integrity of what is being shared

Enterprise Applications

Digital transformation initiatives grant access to suppliers, vendors, customers – and threat actors

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And our adversaries adapt

Attackers compromised employee accounts by tricking them into downloading a malicious file, disguised as a legitimate Excel document

Attackers created a google drive document with malicious links and tagged victims, asking them to login to provide feedback.

Attackers gained access to the GitHub repositories of several companies by sharing a malicious file on the platform.

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How can we secure collaboration platforms?

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Trellix Collaboration Security

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What is Trellix IVX for Collaboration Security?

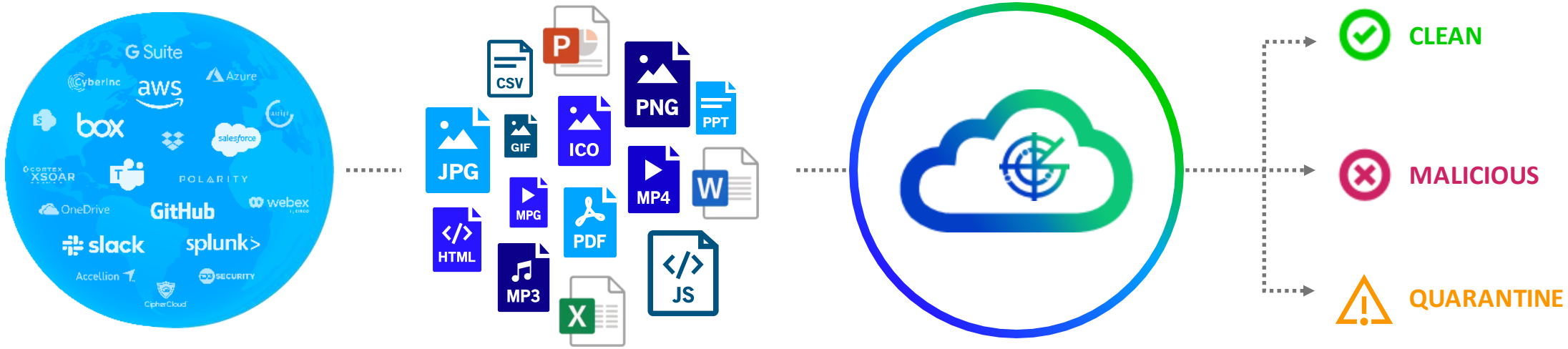
Cloud-based threat detection that pinpoints known and unknown malware

Applications supported

File types supported

Comprehensive, multi-layered detection

Verdict



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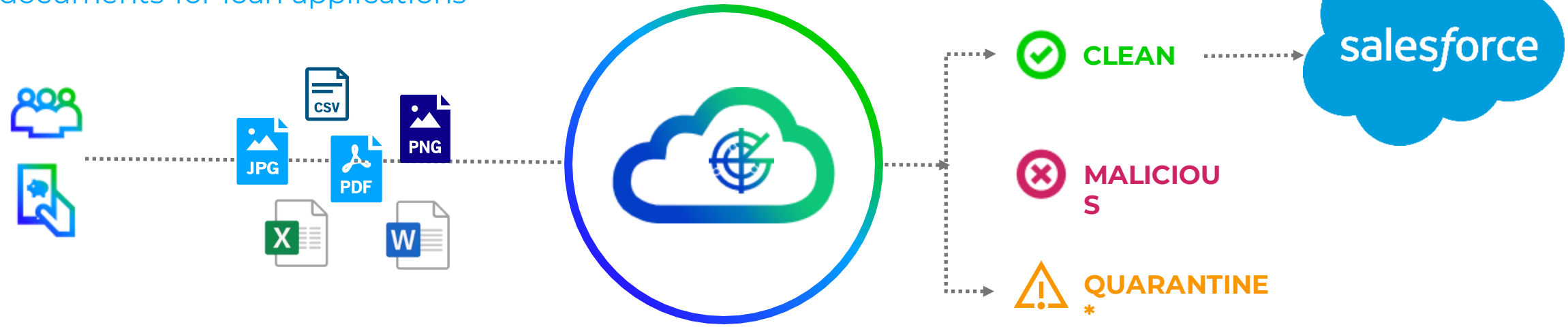
IVX blends into existing workflows

Customers use bank's mobile app to submit identity and income documents for loan applications



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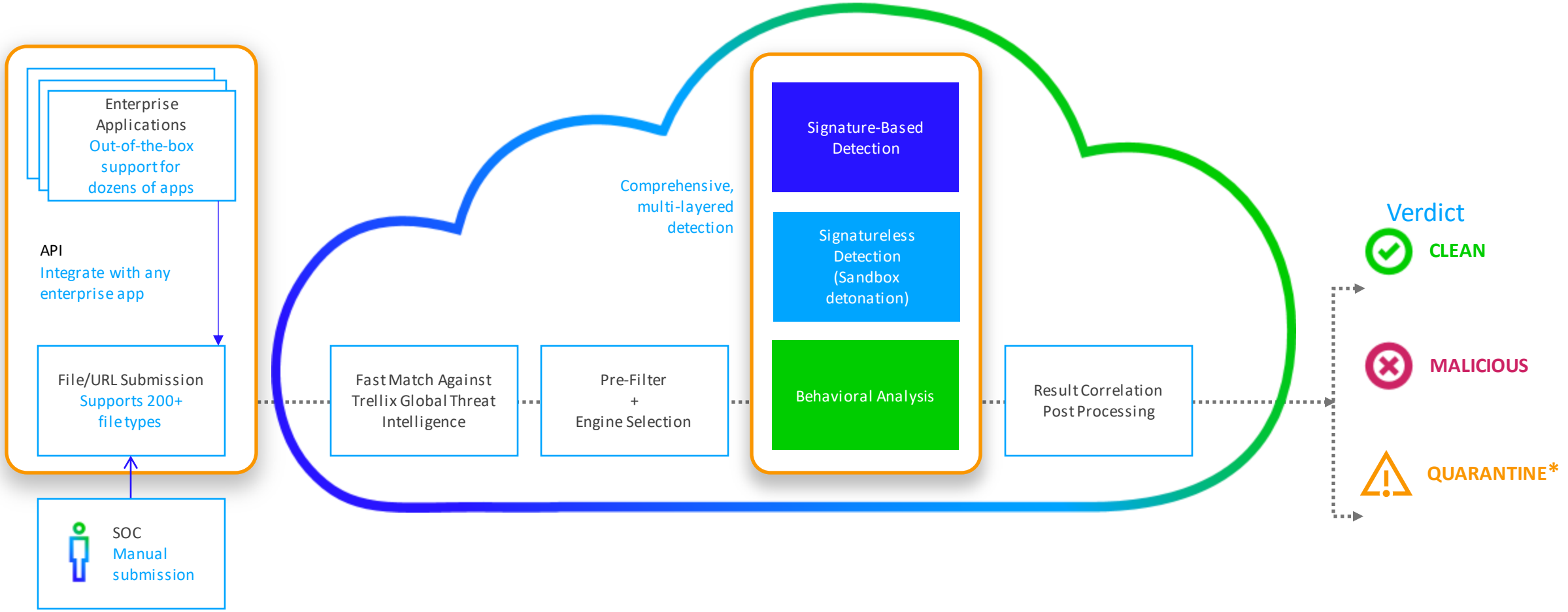
Trellix IVX - How it works



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Custom-built for malware analysis at speed and scale

Hardened Hypervisor
- Designed for large scale threat analysis
- Custom hypervisor with built-in countermeasures
- Detect sandbox-aware and evasion tactics

Multi-modal Virtual Execution
- Multiple operating systems
- Multiple service packs
- Multiple applications
- Multiple file-types

Threat Protection at Scale
- Multi-stage analysis
- Over 2000 simultaneous executions

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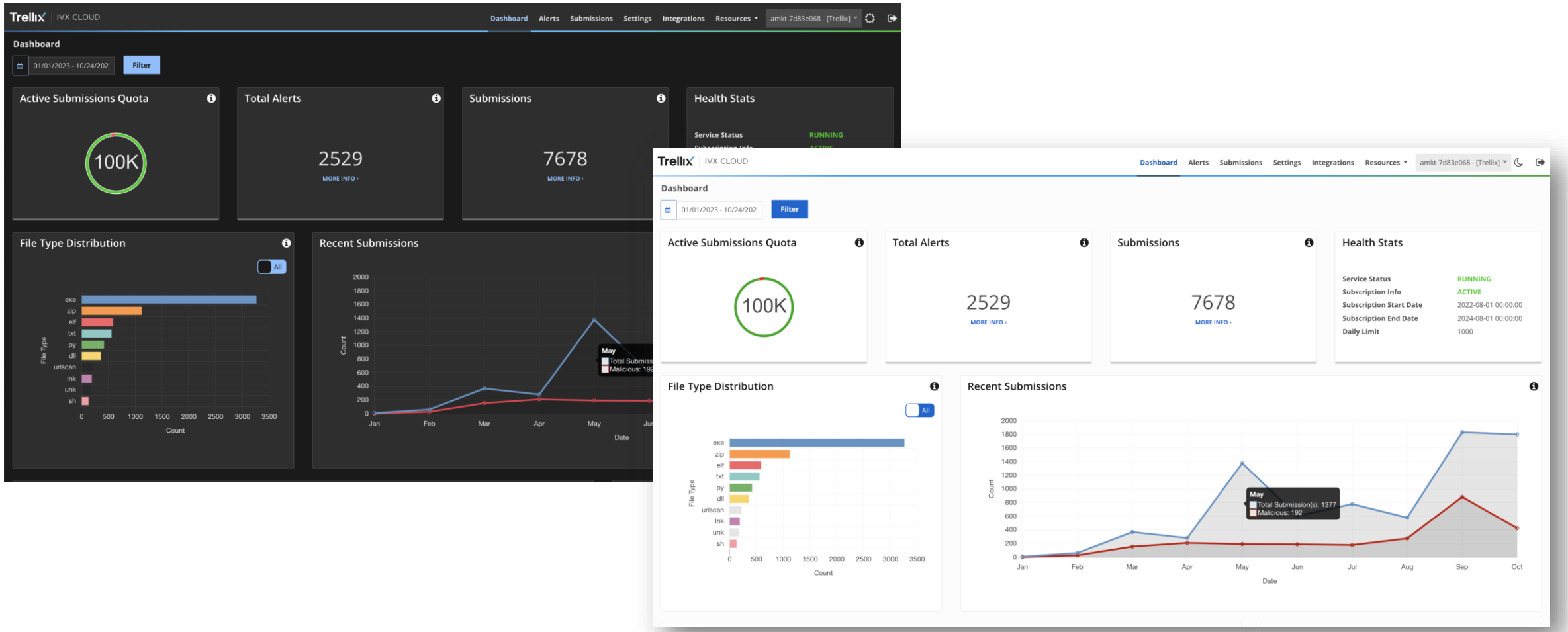
IVX Cloud Portal



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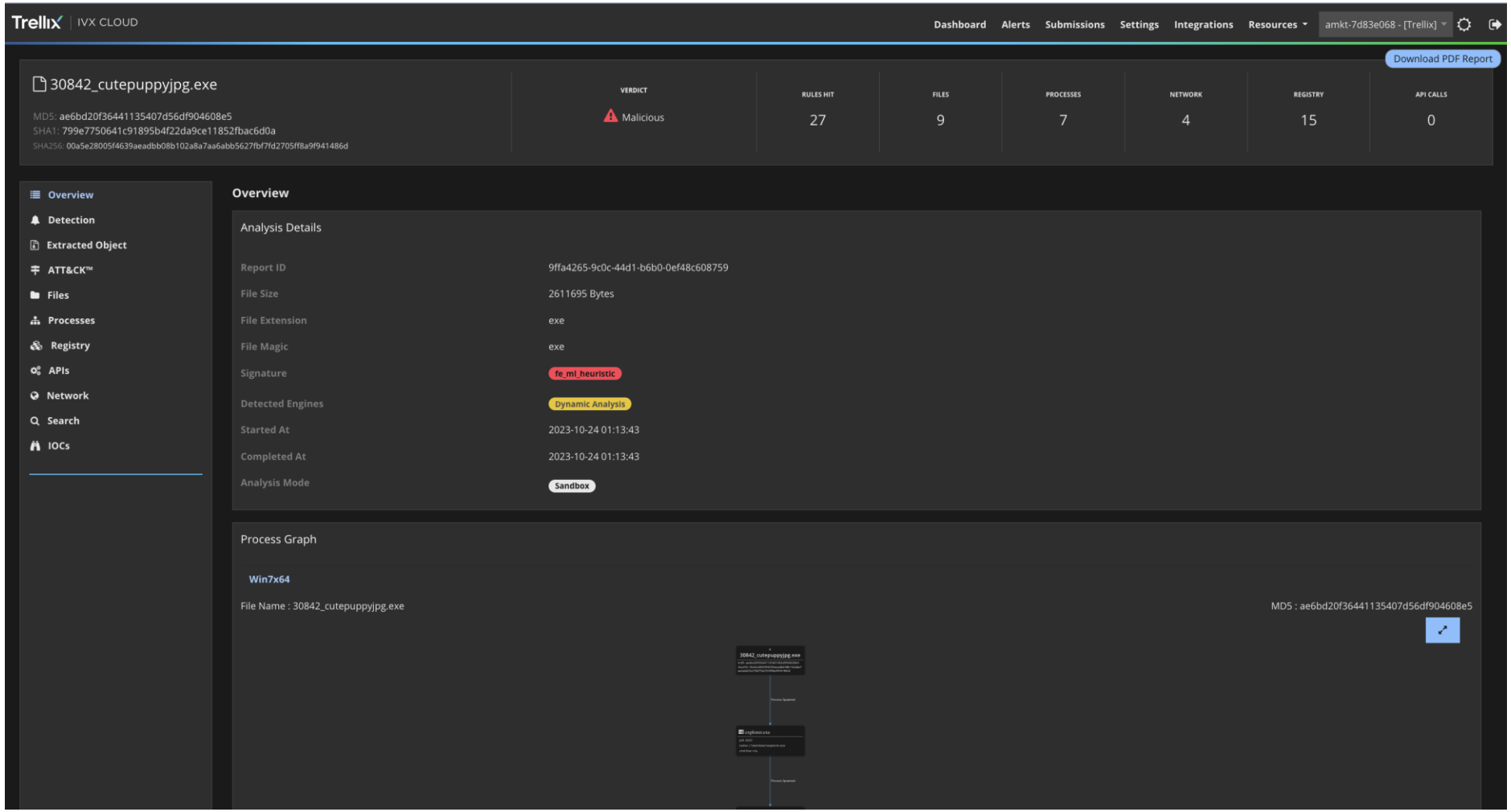

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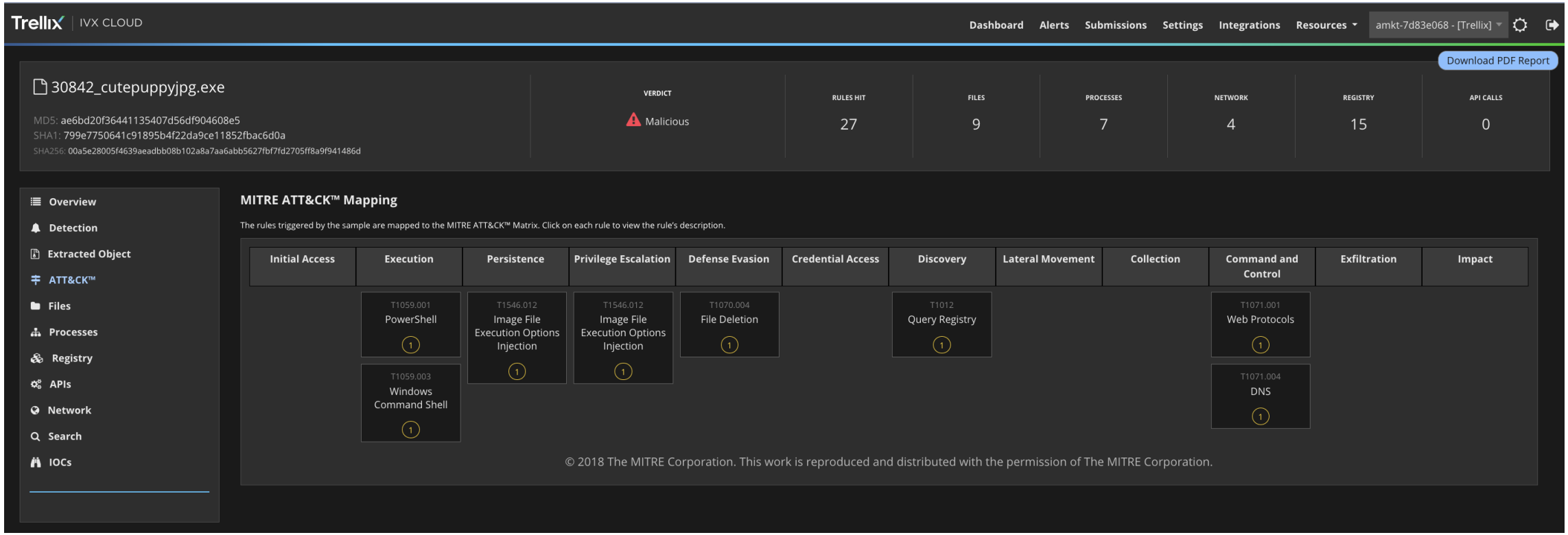

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Thank You!

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