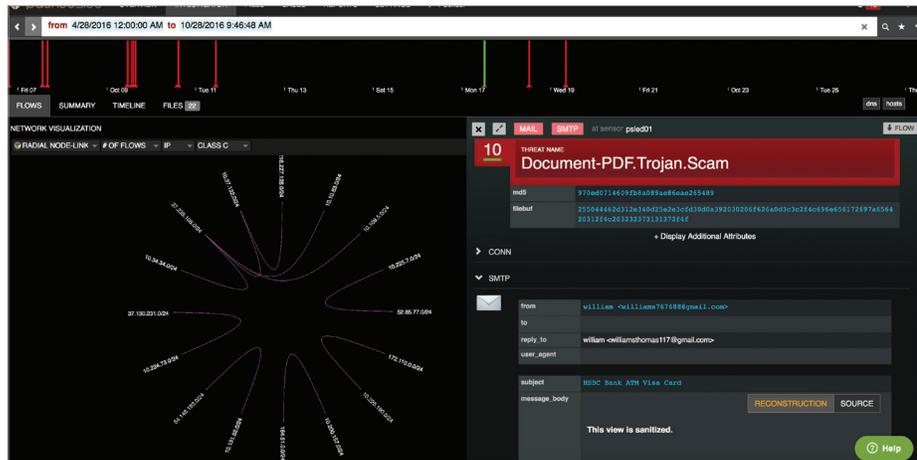




Next-generation security monitoring and analytics

PacketSled



DETAILS

Vendor PacketSled

Flagship product PacketSled

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Innovation Applying advanced analytics to threat hunting and evolving an analyst's tool into an analyst's tool that also has very strong monitoring, detection, case management and alerting functions.

Greatest strength Strong analytics and versatility. We run PacketSled in our SC Labs as part of our honeynet analysis. In fact, the analytics – attacks against the honeynet, for example – reported in the “Threat Hunter” blog come directly from our PacketSled deployment, so it is no surprise that we have a lot of experience with this Innovator. PacketSled is, usually, a SaaS tool but there is an on-premises version as well. We especially like the support feature that consists of clicking a button on the desktop to open a chat session with an engineer. We never have seen that level of support response in any of the products we have reviewed and it provides a real benefit both to new users and experienced users with a difficult problem.

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Another feature that we like is the query language that lets users focus in on issues that may be related to an event in the enterprise. The core that supports that query language is Bro, the network analysis framework. The queries are simplicity themselves to write, but if you

don't quite have the knack of Bro yet, the query manager has an autocomplete function.

PacketSled has multiple screens, each with a particular function. The main screen is the overview and it shows a comprehensive picture of sensor activity. From this screen, users also can open cases set up in the Investigator screen. It is on the Investigator screen where users can initiate queries that can be in the Bro-like query language, which resembles regular expressions. Additionally, there are automated captures that look specifically for such things as suspected command-and-control servers accessing (or being accessed by) your enterprise.

What's coming? More and deeper analytics of course. You never can have enough of that. Also, enrichment, such as full export and import of Stix profiles – a particular hot button for us – and more visualizations. With all of that, this Innovator is carving its place in the marketplace in high style.

– Peter Stephenson, technology editor



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