Spirent Avalanche **NEXT**™

Advanced Malware

Applications and Security Test Solutions

Background

According to data compiled by cyber crime coalitions such as Anti-Phishing Working Group, malware has infected nearly a third of the world's computers. What's worse, is the numbers continue to grow as based on ongoing research from Kapersky, McAfee, AV-Test and others showing a 700% increase in the number of malware programs in the wild from 2010 to 2015.

Businesses may face long-term impacts such as loss of competitive position or outright organizational failure. When governments are involved there may be loss of life or threats to national security. Many instances of infection by malware result in advanced persistent threats (APTs) entering the protected network.

Testing malware counter measures with outdated and unrealistic samples is not only ineffective; it's a dangerous business practice. Potentially, one can be exposed to today's more intelligent and nefarious malware. Spirent's Advanced Malware provide current and up to date samples along with hyper-realistic application traffic to properly test and stress security solutions.

A proper test & stress security solution

Robust testing of security systems requires test equipment that can generate real malware payloads and emulate network traffic from already-infected systems. A variety of security systems are used to detect and prevent malware. These include:

- Firewalls and network intrusion prevention systems
- Unified threat management (UTM) systems
- Content filtering and data loss prevention systems

Newer security technologies on these systems go further and can detect breaches by identifying already infected end-points within the protected network. This is often done using various types of network based behavioral profile analyses.

Even with all these security systems and capabilities in place, malware still manages to infect target systems. In order to stop malware, all security systems must be carefully tested and validated using a wide range of malware-based attacks to ensure they are working properly. Complete testing of security systems also requires a proper testing methodology that considers performance, availability, security and scale. Collectively these four variables when viewed holistically, provide for reliable test results.

Testing with Malware

Spirent's Advanced Malware testing solution provides the means to verify your network's ability to defend against today's sophisticated malware constructs with an up to date database of malware samples and from a variety of test vectors.

Up to date Malware Database

- Testing with a large database of malware that is 6+ years is out of date, and is of no use. Spirent provides newly-found and zero day malware constructs that are quickly made available for testing via our TestCloud content subscription providing thousands of malware samples for vast test coverage

Extensive Malware Types

- In addition to providing an ever growing database of malware content, Spirent provides coverage for a wide area of malware types including: Worms—Viruses—Trojans—Spyware—Root Kits—File Infectors—Adware—Bots—Backdoors—and more

Malware Test Vector Coverage

- Test the binary transfer of Malware via HTTP, email and other transports—determine what is blocked or not, and what security polices work the most effectively in your environment
- Command and Control Call Back—By emulating live infected host behavior you can test that policies are picking up on "phone home" and other malware messaging behavior
- Test under high-load of hyper-realistic application traffic to add further realism and pressure to security services and devices

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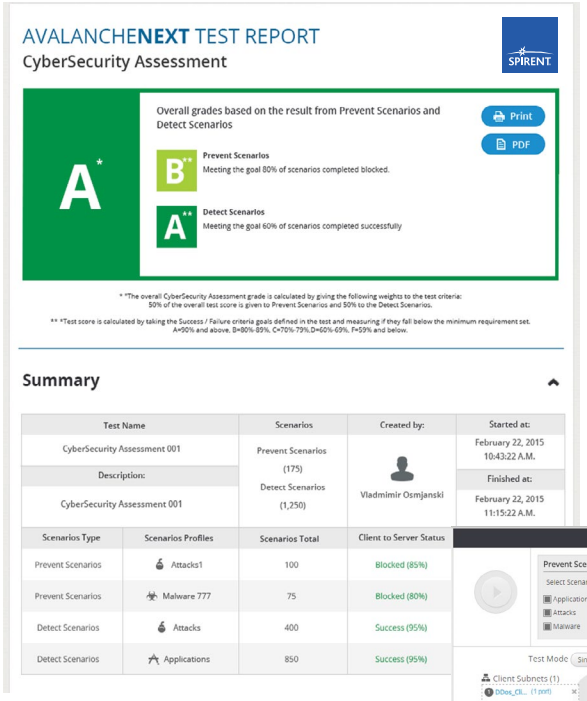
Spirent services

Spirent Global Services provides a variety of professional services, support services and education services—all focused on helping customers meet their complex testing and service assurance requirements. For more information, visit the Global Services website at **www.spirent.com** or contact your Spirent sales representative.

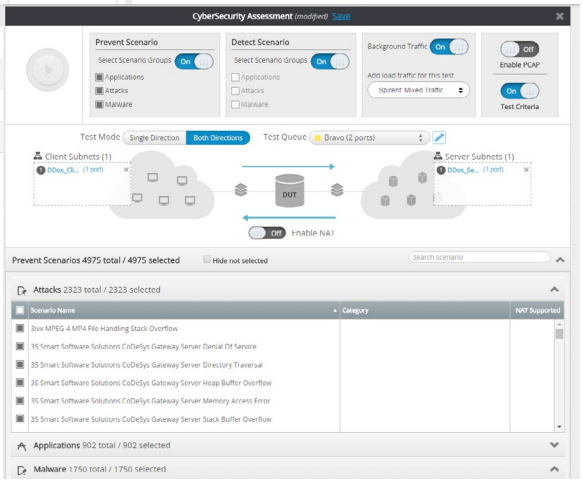
Advanced Malware testing

Quickly setup and execute audit tests to determine how well security services and polices report or block malicious content. Test configuration can concentrate on specific malware constructs or the entire database can be used to verify malware detection on a broad level.

- Test malware sent upstream only or bi-directionally
- Add realistic background traffic to further impact
- Understand the impact of malware detection against legitimate traffic and user experience
- Malware traffic can be emulated from multiple subnets creating true real-world conditions
- New malware samples are continually added, providing the latest and zero-day level exploits for you to test with
- Test grade reporting showcasing levels of Pass/Fail criteria for each test run



At-a-glance test result



Flexible test configuration

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