

Security Event Management: Real-time Alerts and Instant Remediation

Solution Brief

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ou may come across a situation, where there was a virus attack on you IT network. In another situation some of the corporate users may be accessing the streaming sites which drain the Internet bandwidth. First it should get notified instantly, Firewall Analyzer does this promptly. Will the alerts alone be sufficient to mitigate the effects of the attack or rectify the cause of the bandwidth drain? No. You need to take swift and automatic action to tackle the situation. If you depend on manual remediation measures, which are inherently slow, the virus will spread and will bring the whole network to a grinding halt or the business will get crippled as the bandwidth is not available for critical business activity. Also, the method of taking action should be flexible enough to address different security scenarios as given above. You may want to run a program or script to kill a process, block a port, user etc. Firewall Analyzer addresses this requirement using a feature called 'Run Script' (Program) which allows instant remediation to your network threats.

How Firewall Alerts and Program Execution help to mitigate threat?

Firewall Analyzer comes with real-time alerting feature. It is equipped with three notification methods:

- Email
- SMS
- Run Script

Email & SMS notifications are self-explanatory. 'Run Script' (Program) is a powerful and flexible feature. It allows you to write custom program, which get automatically executed when an alert gets triggered. Ensure that the program you write carries out remedial action according to the alert conditions as discussed above.

Setting up 'Run Script' (Program)

For the sake of demonstration, let us assume that you would like to be notified of any BitTorrent process in your organizations' network and immediately kill that process.

Create an executable program file to kill the bandwidth consuming processes (for demo we have created a file named **bit.exe**). The sample code can be found below:

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gecho off
setlocal enableextensions enabledelayedexpansion
rem @echo %date% %time% %0 %* >> "%-dpn0-args.log"

SET EMPLOYEE="emp-"
SET USER="use-"

SET SRC-%1
FOR /F "useback tokens=*" %%a in ('%src%') do set src=%%-a
FOR /F "tokens=1,2,3 delims=/ " %%I IN ('DATE /T') DO SET datel=%%I/%%J/20%%K
FOR /F "tokens=1,2 delims=: " %%I IN ('IDATE /T') DO SET timel=%%I:%%J/20%%K
FOR /F "tokens=1,2 delims=: " %%I IN ('IDATE /T') DO SET timel=%%I:%%J/20%%K
FOR /F "tokens=1,2 delims=: " %%I IN ('IDATE /T') DO SET timel=%%I:%%J/20%%K
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FOR /F "tokens=1,2 delims=/ " %%I IN ('IDATE /T') DO SET timel=%%I.%%J/20%%K
FOR /F "tokens=1,2 delims=/ " %%I IN ('IDATE /T') DO SET timel=%%I.%%J/20%%K
FOR /F "tokens=1,2 delims=/ " %%I IN ('IDATE /T') DO SET timel=%%I.%%J/20%%K
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FOR /F "tokens=1,2 delims=/ " %%I IN ('IDATE /T') DO SET timel=%%I.%%J/20%%K
FOR /F "tokens=1,2 delims=/ " #%I IN ('IDATE /T') DO SET timel=%%I.exe
taskkill /S %src% /U dir.uni\abc /P "xyz" /IM dorrent=3.0-lates[1].exe
taskkill /S %src% /U student\abc /P "xyz" /IM BitComet.exe
taskkill /S %src% /U student\abc /P "xyz" /IM bittorrent.exe
taskkill /S %src% /U student\abc /P "xyz" /IM bittorrent.exe
taskkill /S %src% /U student\abc /P "xyz" /IM bittorrent.exe
taskkill /S %src% /U student\abc /P "xyz" /IM bittorrent.exe
taskkill /S %src% /U student\abc /P "xyz" /IM utorrent=3.0-lates[1].exe
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Script to block BitTorrent like processes

In Firewall Analyzer, create an alert profile with the following configuration:

Enter a **profile name** of your choice (for demo we have

given 'bittorrent-blog')

Select **Profile Type** as 'Normal Alert'

- Select **Device(s)** of your choice (for demo we have selected
- 'FGT_TEST2')
 - Select Criteria, Match all of the following and select
- 'Attack', condition 'contains', and enter text 'BitTorrent'

In the Threshold section

- Select **Priority** of your choice (for demo we have selected 'High')
- Enter values in Alert for every 20 events generated in 1
 minutes (for demo we have selected '20', '1')
- Select Assign owner of your choice (for demo we have selected 'guest')
- Select Apply threshold to value as 'All selected devices'

In the Notification section

- Omit Send the notifications once and do not send for 'This day, This week, This month, Custom period' selection.
- Select Send Email Notification option

Enter the email ID to which the alert notification to be sent in the 'Mail To:' text box. Separate multiple e-mail addresses by a comma(",')

Enter the subject of alert email notification in the 'Subject:' text box. Use the 'Data Variables' drop down list and select the variable to add to the email subject line

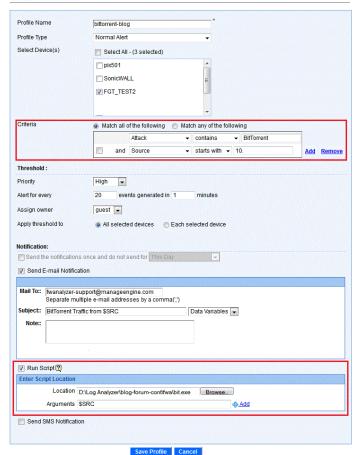
Optionally, enter message to the email in the 'Note:' text box

- Select Run Script option
- In the Enter Script Location section,

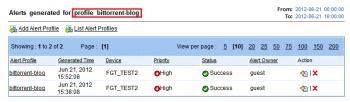
Click the **Browse** button and select the location of the file to be executed (for demo **bit.exe** file) in the client machine Click **Add** link to add arguments (for demo **\$SRC** field) in the **Arguments** text box which will be passed to the program for execution

Click Save Profile button to save the alert profile

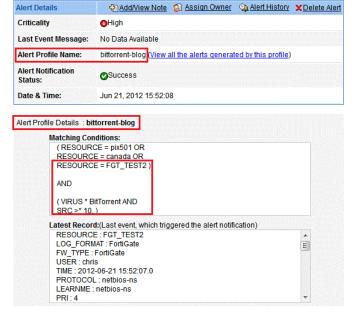
Create Alert Profile



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Alerts generated for BitTorrent



Details of the Alert - BitTorrent

RESOURCE : FGT_TEST2 LOG_FORMAT : FortiGate FW_TYPE : FortiGate

USER : chris

TIME: 2012-06-21 15:52:07.0

PROTOCOL : netbios-ns LEARNME : netbios-ns

PRI: 4

TYPE : attack

SRC : 10.221.9.18

SRCNAME : 10.221.9.18

SRC PORT : 61645

DST : 10.220.61.117

DSTNAME : 10.220.61.117

DST_PORT : 137 DURATION : 0 STATUS : deny

SENT : 0 RCVD : 0

SRC_INT : 1214 DST_INT : 1215 HTTPSTATUS : 0

RULE: 0

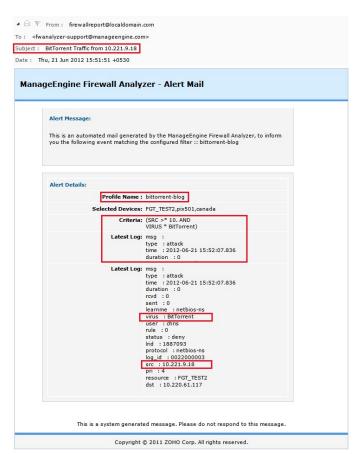
EVENT_CODE : 0 EVENT TYPE : 3

VIRUS : BitTorrent

POLICY_ID : web SRC_ID : 182257938 DST_ID : 182205813 TRAN IP : Unknown

TRAN_PORT : FaceBook LOG_ID : 0022000003 STARTTIME : 1340274127

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Email notification of the Alert - BitTorrent

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