A unified approach to **visibility and security**

The growing complexity of IT environments and threats demands a single view into all resources

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TODAY'S CYBERTHREATS change on a daily or even hourly basis, and cyberattacks are increasing in speed, volume and intensity.

In one recent example of the growing sophistication of adversaries, Trustwave conducted a threat hunt that led to the discovery of a new malware family dubbed GoldenSpy. The malware was found embedded in tax payment software required for conducting business operations in China. GoldenSpy essentially is a backdoor that allows adversaries to inject malware or spyware into the company's network. Even if you uninstall the tax software, the backdoor remains.

Countering such threats requires coordinating a complex mix of on-premises, hybrid and multi-cloud environments. Furthermore, although a cloud provider typically offers security tools for securing data on its platform, those tools often won't work across other cloud environments or give agencies complete visibility.

Centralized control of complex environments

No matter how complex agency systems become, IT teams are still obligated to make sure they have the right cybersecurity hygiene and controls around them. And mission-critical data must be protected wherever it resides.

Even in a mix of on-premises and cloud environments, agencies should be able to assess and monitor everything as though they are operating on a single platform. Otherwise, they will end up with disjointed chunks of information that cannot be manually correlated at the size and scale of the government environment.

Having a unified platform for validating security controls while making sure that data is protected against vulnerabilities gives agencies a high level of assurance that all their systems are secure. That's why Trustwave will bring a new platform that gives our government partners a single pane of glass for visibility, monitoring and centralized control of all those environments.

A priceless partnership with industry

Continued success and progress largely hinge on the partnership between government and industry. Without strong relationships with the private sector, agencies will find it difficult to meet their missions with the speed and efficiency they require. At Trustwave, we're working to bring a powerful platform to the federal market this year that's been commercially available, and we've collaborated with government leaders to make sure the technology meets their needs from day one. That level of trust and communication is priceless.

I encourage government leaders to continue to embrace partnerships with Trustwave and other companies. At the end of the day, we're here for one reason and one reason only on the industry side, and that's to help the government meet its mission faster and more efficiently. ◾

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