

DATASHEET

Cybersecurity Analytics

Leverage Your Data Lake to Deliver Analytics on Cyber Intrusion Behavior

With the rapid adoption of mobile, cloud, big data and the internet of things (IoT), cybersecurity tools need to detect potential cyber attacks faster. To do this, you need to blend a large volume and variety of data from the applications, network and server. This creates a big data problem that is hard to solve because bringing data together from different formats, at scale, is tough.

Cybersecurity Problems Are Data Problems

Because traditional methods of handling cybersecurity involve custom scripting and integrating multiple data sources, it's actually very time-intensive to blend multiple data sources at scale. Data scientists often spend 80% of their time cleaning the data to get it ready to analyze, and only 20% of their time analyzing the data. Often, data scientists are comfortable with scripting - but is customer coding the best use of their time?

Finding Anomalies Is Time-Consuming and Urgent

Once you know what a security threat looks like, it's easy to block. But how do you know what's a threat in the first place? That's hard, and that's where data scientists come in to look for patterns.

The average analyst takes 205 days to detect an attack due to the huge volume and variety of data to go through. And it's not just big data, but all kinds of messy data from all kinds of sources, including log files, web access data, and more, that are difficult to blend. It takes time to clean and blend the data.

Hitachi Vantara Federal's Pentaho Platform Heightens Cybersecurity

This platform enables end users like forensic analysts, cybersecurity analysts and data scientists to detect cyber threats faster by:

- Visualizing behavior patterns that could lead to the next cyber attack.
- Automating the orchestration of data flows to prepare, blend, report and alert security data with corporate data to better understand the source of intrusion or threat.
- Empowering data scientists with predictive analytics through integrated machine learning tools like R, Python and Weka.
- Reducing complexity by bringing all security data into a single platform, without the deep cost to deploy, maintain and operate other cybersecurity systems.

What Can You Do?

As you evaluate your options, ask whether they can provide:

1. **An easy to use tool where you can drag-and-drop data sources.**
2. **Ways for analysts to analyze intrusion behavior faster.**
3. **How to handle "unknown unknowns" beyond blocking, enforcing and remediating threats.**
4. **Cost-benefit analysis: Find what is most effective for analytics on Hadoop.**

Pentaho Capabilities

Use Pentaho to:

- Enable your data scientists and cybersecurity analysts to focus on analyzing potential intrusion behavior rather than spending valuable time on data prep.
- Reduce the high volume of hand coding data parsing and transformation processes in Hadoop to enable high-scale analytics across all potential security risk points.
- Maximize your data lake investment through quickly blending a complex variety of data to deliver trusted security intelligence.
- Our cybersecurity analytics solution is based on Pentaho's enterprise-ready reporting, visualization and easy-to-use business analytics. Pentaho ensures that analysts have exactly the information they need to improve security practices within the enterprise.

Benefits

- **Productivity:** Pentaho Data Integration (PDI) delivers a stream-lined and automated Hadoop orchestration that requires fewer staff to maintain and execute complex data ingestion and transformation; make your existing team more productive.
- **Reduce Complexity:** Avoid hand-coding data integration for unstructured and semistructured data. Nontechnical users can use PDI to easily incorporate new data sources as mission needs evolve. No coding is needed.
- **Robust Analytics Option:** With Pentaho, embedding self-service analytics into applications like SIEM becomes easy. Delivering trusted data to analysts in a governed fashion for broader security behavior analysis ensures the right decisions and actions are taken to improve cybersecurity across an organization.
- **Customizable:** 100% Java-based platform leveraging the latest in open source developments, plus robust APIs, means you customize functionality when you need it.

Case Studies

Energy Company

Challenge

Cyber attack detection is a complex big data problem requiring the parsing and analysis of huge log volumes coming from different sources and locations. Additionally, the data come in many formats, making it difficult to blend the data and find patterns.

Solution

Parsers that took weeks to develop through complex scripting were recreated in Pentaho in a single afternoon. Pentaho's natural language processing (NLP) capabilities and R algorithms were deployed at scale on Hadoop.

Benefits

Enabled client to detect cyber attacks faster - with a 10 times reduction in development time for processing and analyzing log data.

Telecom Company

Challenge

Detect anomalies in network traffic patterns that identify suspicious activity. For example, recognize an unexpected spike in outbound connections from a system with sensitive data.

Solution

Orchestrated Kafka and Apache Bloom, and used Pentaho transformation logic to identify anomalies in near real time.

Benefits

Greatly reduced time and complexity of network traffic anomaly detection by orchestrating leading big data technologies and algorithms.

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