

Benefits

Connect Security and IT

Coordinate response across teams for smoother task handoffs between groups and quicker resolution. Get accountability across the organization and know work is getting done with SLAs.

Drive Faster, More Efficient Security Response

Reduce the amount of time spent on basic tasks with orchestration tools. Automatically add threat intelligence to security incidents to speed up remediation and integrate a response platform with your existing security portfolio.

Know Your Security Posture

View your current security status with customizable dashboards and reports backed by quantitative data. Improve processes and team performance through metrics and post-incident reviews.

ServiceNow Security Operations

The Security Challenge

Security teams today are inundated with alerts and information from a growing number of siloed point solutions. In parallel, attacks via both known and unknown vulnerabilities continuously target critical business services, IT infrastructure, and users. These incidents and vulnerabilities lack business context, making it difficult to know which ones pose the greatest threat to the organization. Furthermore, manual processes and cross-team handoffs hinder the security team's ability to efficiently respond to attacks or assess and remediate vulnerabilities.

An even more fundamental question for security is "Are we secure, and are things getting better or worse?" While there is no simple answer, most organizations struggle to establish baseline metrics for their security posture that they can track over time. Without this understanding, they lack the ability to strengthen the infrastructure and improve their response.

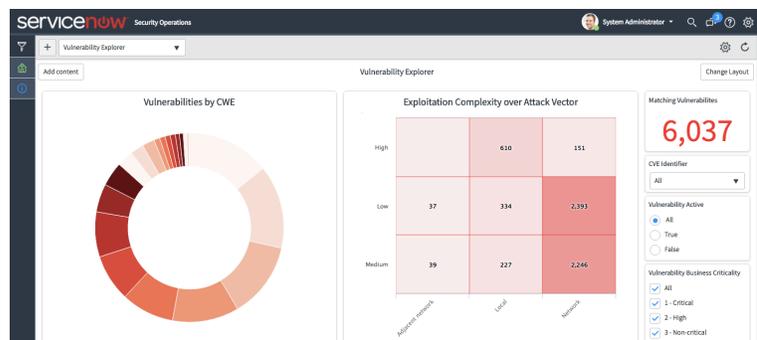
The result? Detection and response times that are measured in months, and missed attacks which could lead to an eventual breach or compromise.

The ServiceNow Solution

ServiceNow® Security Operations helps organizations connect security and IT teams, respond faster and more efficiently to threats, and get a definitive view of their security posture. It connects the workflow and systems management capabilities of the ServiceNow platform with security data from leading vendors to give your teams a single platform for response that can be shared between security and IT. With better visibility, pre-defined workflows, and automated threat intelligence enrichment, teams can respond more efficiently, reducing business risk.

The solution leverages the ServiceNow Configuration Management Database (CMDB) to map threats, security incidents, and vulnerabilities to business services and IT infrastructure. This mapping enables threat prioritization based on business impact, ensuring your security teams are focused on what is most critical to your business. In addition, visual business service maps show the dependencies of affected systems to minimize change requests and downtime. Because Security Operations is part of the greater ServiceNow platform, this CMDB is maintained by the entire organization, not just security.

The ServiceNow platform delivers additional enterprise capabilities that teams can leverage right away, such as built-in service level agreement (SLA) thresholds, skills based routing, notifications, advanced workflows, and live collaboration. The platform also isolates security events from the rest of the system, ensuring that sensitive security data remains confidential.



Customizable real-time dashboards show security posture

Security Incident Response Application

Security Incident Response simplifies identification of critical incidents and provides workflow and automation tools to speed up remediation. Data from your existing security point products or Security Information and Event Management System (SIEM) are imported via APIs or email alerts where they are automatically enriched with threat intelligence data. Teams can create customized workflows based on your organization's own security runbook to ensure company best practices are followed.

Easily view and track response tasks that run in parallel. The system will remind assignees if their tasks aren't completed on-time according to SLA thresholds, or it can escalate tasks if necessary. This ensures no tasks or decisions are accidentally missed. Security analysts can communicate with stakeholders from within the ServiceNow platform via conference calls or Connect chat to keep everyone in the loop.

To speed up response and allow your security team to spend more time hunting complex threats, Security Incident Response automates basic tasks, including approval requests, malware scans, or the retrieval of running processes. Orchestration packs for integrated security products facilitate common actions, such as firewall block requests, from within Security Operations. A security knowledge base (KB) adds additional information, and relevant KB articles are automatically associated with incidents for reference.

All activities in an incident lifecycle, from analysis and investigation to containment and remediation, are tracked in the platform. Once an incident is closed, assessments are distributed across the team and a time-stamped post-incident review (PIR) is automatically created as a historical audit record.

Vulnerability Response Application

The Vulnerability Response application in Security Operations prioritizes vulnerable items and adds business context to help security determine if business critical systems are at risk. By leveraging the CMDB, it can also easily identify dependencies across systems and quickly assess the business impact of changes or downtime. Vulnerability Response provides a comprehensive view of all vulnerabilities affecting a given service as well as the current state of all vulnerabilities affecting the organization.

Response teams can also leverage the workflow and automation tools found in Security Incident Response to remediate vulnerabilities faster. When critical vulnerabilities are found, the system can automatically initiate an emergency patch approval request. Once approved, orchestration tools can apply the patch and trigger an additional vulnerability scan to ensure the issue has been resolved. For non-urgent patches, simply click a button to create a change request and send the relevant information to IT. This results in a coordinated remediation strategy for vulnerabilities across services and assets that can address the most critical items quickly.

Threat Intelligence Application

Security Operations includes a threat intelligence application to help incident responders find Indicators of Compromise and hunt for low-lying attacks and threats. It automatically searches for relevant information when an indicator or observed attack is connected to a security incident. ServiceNow supports multiple threat feeds, as well as STIX and TAXII, to incorporate threat intelligence data from a variety of sources. Threat Intelligence also allows customers to add their own custom feeds to improve reliability in identifying issues.

Performance Analytics for Security Operations

Create advanced real-time dashboards and reports with the addition of Performance Analytics. It includes built-in key performance indicators (KPIs) and allows creation of additional custom KPIs to track the metrics that are most important to your organization. Use historical data to find bottlenecks, refine response processes, and identify tasks for automation. Get improved visibility and confidence in your security posture with trusted data.

