

Building an Integrated Defense with ArcSight and Aruba ClearPass

Rapid detection and response to security threats in mobile and IoT environments

About Micro Focus Security

Micro Focus is a leading provider of security and compliance solutions for the modern enterprise that wants to mitigate risk in their hybrid environment and defend against advanced threats. Based on market-leading products from ArcSight, Fortify, and Micro Focus Data Security, the Security Intelligence Platform uniquely delivers the advanced correlation and analytics, application protection, and data security to protect today's hybrid IT infrastructure from sophisticated cyber threats.

Today's mobile workforce and the adoption of bring your own device (BYOD) has changed how we connect to enterprise networks and access our digital information. The profile of an end user has changed dramatically: from being tethered to the desktop computer to now accessing the network from multiple devices that provide much greater end user mobility.

IT network and operations departments are now responsible for greater complexity when onboarding not just employees, but contractors, partners, and customers onto the same network infrastructure while working to keep their traffic separate and private. This complexity requires network policies to address both identity and traffic behavior to mitigate cyber threats that can start from inside the perimeter of the enterprise.

The seamless integration offered by Aruba ClearPass and Micro Focus ArcSight provides secure access and authorization, policy enforcement, and real-time correlation of network security events. Therefore, when anomalous behavior is detected there are multiple remediation alternatives.

Solution Overview

Aruba ClearPass and ArcSight provide a coordinated and galvanized defense, which helps to enforce industry audit and regulatory compliance requirements for any user and device that connects to wired, wireless, and VPN networks. Together, we provide full visibility and control that leverage user profiles, device types,

and suspect traffic patterns to ensure that users—even those authenticated on the network—can be continuously monitored.

ClearPass provides context-based network policy management regardless of user, device type, or location. Aruba ClearPass includes device profiling, BYOD and guest onboarding, authorization, authentication, and accounting (AAA) services, and built-in troubleshooting tools.

ArcSight Enterprise Security Management (ESM) offers consolidated data archiving and parsing of data, with analysis and real-time correlation to detect anomalous behavior and potential threats. Combining information on network connections from ClearPass and other network security devices, ArcSight is able to identify threats and initiate response action automatically or manually to mitigate damage.

Key Benefits

- Per session authentication and authorization for all user and device types before granting network access
- Centralized storage of all log event data for compliance, analytics, and reporting
- Real-time correlation and advanced analytics to detect suspicious network and device activity
- Real-time remediation of device and network connections that exhibit anomalous behavior
- Policies and services enforced on any type of network

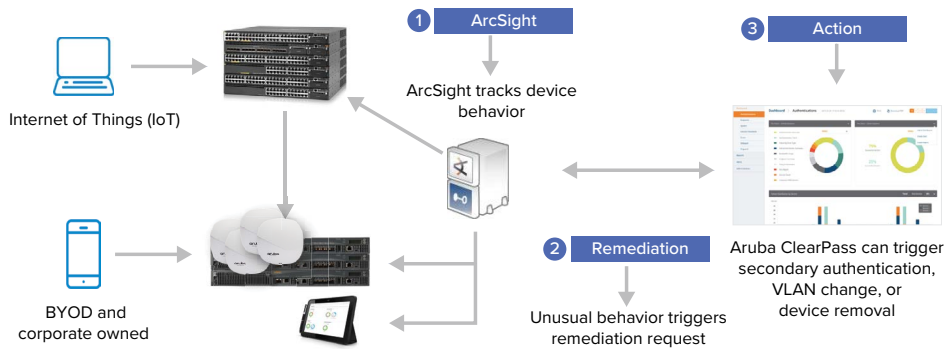


Figure 1. Micro Focus ArcSight and Aruba ClearPass

Use Cases

Suspect Traffic Remediation

In this use case, when users are logged into the network and ArcSight Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) receives information from a firewall regarding suspicious traffic, ArcSight can trigger an alert back to Aruba ClearPass to interdict the traffic and enforce a device policy requiring reauthentication, quarantining, or other policy-driven actions.

- ClearPass authenticates users as devices are brought on to the network verifying access and policy mandates.
- A firewall or other network security device detects suspicious traffic and sends this information as part of log event feed to ArcSight. ArcSight calls out to ClearPass to track the device threat status and initiate a change in authorization thereby inducing the device to re-authenticate.

Behavior Analysis for Mobile and IoT

ClearPass feeds data into ArcSight ESM that—combined with other contextual data—allows monitoring of behavior for Internet of Things (IoT), corporate, or BYOD devices. If unusual behavior is detected, a trigger is fired from ArcSight to perform a remediation request via ClearPass.

- ArcSight ESM correlates device traffic with other security events to identify

anomalous device behavior based on deviation from baseline or as a result of an investigation.

- Remediation is triggered by ArcSight and can include secondary authentication, VLAN change, or device removal.

Compliance and Data Archive

ClearPass generates event logs covering user, device, and system activities. This information is captured and stored in the central ArcSight platform.

This consolidated view and centralized store is valuable for analytics and compliance reporting use cases.

- Create a central point for policy and analysis
- Search and report using comprehensive set of historical data
- Create compliance reports to meet regulatory or governance requirements

Additional Resources

For additional information on ArcSight, visit: www.microfocus.com/en-us/cyberres/secops/arcshintdetect

For additional information on Aruba ClearPass, visit: <http://arubanetworks.com/products/security/network-access-control>

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