Intercept X, XDR, and MDR Overview

Managed by Sophos Central

	FEATURES	INTERCEPT X ESSENTIALS	INTERCEPT X ADVANCED	INTERCEPT X ADVANCED WITH XDR	INTERCEPT X WITH MDR	INTERCEPT X WITH MDR COMPLETE
MANAGEMENT	Multiple Policies		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Controlled Updates		✓	✓	✓	✓
ATTACK SURFACE REDUCTION	Application Control		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Peripheral Control		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Web Control / Category-based URL blocking		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Download Reputation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Web Security	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEFORE IT RUNS ON DEVICE	Deep Learning Malware Detection	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Anti-Malware File Scanning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Live Protection	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Pre-execution Behavior Analysis (HIPS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Potentially Unwanted Application (PUA) Blocking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STOP RUNNING THREAT	Data Loss Prevention		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Runtime Behavior Analysis (HIPS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Antimalware Scan Interface (AMSI)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Malicious Traffic Detection (MTD)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Exploit Prevention (details on page 5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Active Adversary Mitigations (details on page 5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Ransomware File Protection (CryptoGuard)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Disk and Boot Record Protection (WipeGuard)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Man-in-the-Browser Protection (Safe Browsing)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Enhanced Application Lockdown	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*(Row group label on far left: **PREVENT** — spanning ATTACK SURFACE REDUCTION, BEFORE IT RUNS ON DEVICE, and STOP RUNNING THREAT)*

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		FEATURES	INTERCEPT X ESSENTIALS	INTERCEPT X ADVANCED	INTERCEPT X ADVANCED WITH XDR	INTERCEPT X WITH MDR	INTERCEPT X WITH MDR COMPLETE
DETECT AND INVESTIGATE	DETECT	Live Discover (Cross Estate SQL Querying for Threat Hunting & IT Security Operations Hygiene)			✓	✓	✓
		SQL Query Library (pre-written, fully customizable queries)			✓	✓	✓
		Fast Access, On-disk Data Storage (up to 90 days)			✓	✓	✓
		Cross-product Data Sources e.g. Firewall, Email			✓	✓	✓
		Prioritized List of Detections			✓	✓	✓
		Sophos Data Lake (Cloud data storage)			30 days	30 days	30 days
		Scheduled Queries			✓	✓	✓
	INVESTIGATE	Threat Cases (Root Cause Analysis)		✓	✓	✓	✓
		Deep Learning Malware Analysis			✓	✓	✓
		Advanced On-demand SophosLabs Threat Intelligence			✓	✓	✓
		Forensic Data Export			✓	✓	✓
		AI-guided Investigations			✓	✓	✓
RESPOND	REMEDIATE	Automated Malware Removal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Synchronized Security Heartbeat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Sophos Clean	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Live Response (Remote Terminal Access for further investigation and response)			✓	✓	✓
		On-demand Endpoint Isolation			✓	✓	✓
		Single-click "Clean and Block"			✓	✓	✓
MANAGED SERVICE	HUMAN-LED THREAT HUNTING AND RESPONSE	24/7 Lead-driven Threat Hunting				✓	✓
		Security Health Checks				✓	✓
		Data Retention				✓	✓
		Activity Reporting				✓	✓
		Adversarial Detections				✓	✓
		Threat Neutralization & Remediation				✓	✓
		24/7 Lead-less Threat Hunting					✓
		Threat Response Team Lead					✓
		Direct Call-in Support					✓
		Proactive Security Posture Management					✓

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Operating System Comparison

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		FEATURES	WINDOWS	macOS
PREVENT	ATTACK SURFACE REDUCTION	Web Security	✓	✓
		Download Reputation	✓	
		Web Control / Category-based URL blocking	✓	✓
		Peripheral Control	✓	✓
		Application Control	✓	✓
	BEFORE IT RUNS ON DEVICE	Deep Learning Malware Detection	✓	
		Anti-Malware File Scanning	✓	✓
		Live Protection	✓	✓
		Pre-execution Behavior Analysis (HIPS)	✓	
		Potentially Unwanted Application (PUA) Blocking	✓	✓
		Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)	✓	
	STOP RUNNING THREAT	Data Loss Prevention	✓	
		Runtime Behavior Analysis (HIPS)	✓	
		Antimalware Scan Interface (AMSI)	✓	
		Malicious Traffic Detection (MTD)	✓	✓
		Exploit Prevention (details on page 5)	✓	
		Active Adversary Mitigations (details on page 5)	✓	
		Ransomware File Protection (CryptoGuard)	✓	✓
		Disk and Boot Record Protection (WipeGuard)	✓	
		Man-in-the-Browser Protection (Safe Browsing)	✓	
		Enhanced Application Lockdown	✓	

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Operating System Comparison (continued)

		FEATURES	WINDOWS	macOS
DETECT AND INVESTIGATE	DETECT	Live Discover (Cross estate SQL querying for threat hunting and IT security operations hygiene)	✓	✓
		SQL Query Library (pre-written, fully customizable queries)	✓	✓
		Fast Access, On-disk Data Storage (up to 90 days)	✓	Live data only
		Cross-product Data Sources e.g. Firewall, Email	✓	✓
		Prioritized List of Detections	✓	✓
		Sophos Data Lake (Cloud data storage)	30 days	30 days
		Scheduled Queries	✓	✓
	INVESTIGATE	Threat Cases (Root Cause Analysis)	✓	✓
		Deep Learning Malware Analysis	✓	
		Advanced On-demand SophosLabs Threat Intelligence	✓	
		Forensic Data Export	✓	
		AI-guided Investigations	✓	✓
RESPOND	REMEDIATE	Automated Malware Removal	✓	✓
		Synchronized Security Heartbeat	✓	✓
		Sophos Clean	✓	
		Live Response (Remote Terminal Access for further investigation and response)	✓	✓
		On-demand Endpoint Isolation	✓	
		Single-click "Clean and Block"	✓	✓
MANAGED SERVICE	HUMAN-LED THREAT HUNTING AND RESPONSE	24/7 Lead-driven Threat Hunting	✓	✓
		Security Health Checks	✓	✓
		Data Retention	✓	✓
		Activity Reporting	✓	✓
		Adversarial Detections	✓	✓
		Threat Neutralization & Remediation	✓	✓
		24/7 Lead-less Threat Hunting	✓	✓
		Managed Detection and Response Team Lead	✓	✓
		Direct Call-in Support	✓	✓
		Proactive Security Posture Management	✓	✓

Sophos Intercept X Features

Details of features included with Intercept X

	Features	
EXPLOIT PREVENTION	Enforce Data Execution Prevention	✓
	Mandatory Address Space Layout Randomization	✓
	Bottom-up ASLR	✓
	Null Page (Null Deference Protection)	✓
	Heap Spray Allocation	✓
	Dynamic Heap Spray	✓
	Stack Pivot	✓
	Stack Exec (MemProt)	✓
	Stack-based ROP Mitigations (Caller)	✓
	Branch-based ROP Mitigations (Hardware Assisted)	✓
	Structured Exception Handler Overwrite (SEHOP)	✓
	Import Address Table Filtering (IAF)	✓
	Load Library	✓
	Reflective DLL Injection	✓
	Shellcode	✓
	VBScript God Mode	✓
	Wow64	✓
	Syscall	✓
	Hollow Process	✓
	DLL Hijacking	✓
	Squiblydoo Applocker Bypass	✓
	APC Protection (Double Pulsar / AtomBombing)	✓
	Process Privilege Escalation	✓
	Dynamic Shellcode Protection	✓
	EFS Guard	✓
	CTF Guard	✓
	ApiSetGuard	✓
ACTIVE ADVERSARY MITIGATIONS	Credential Theft Protection	✓
	Code Cave Mitigation	✓
	Man-in-the-Browser Protection (Safe Browsing)	✓
	Malicious Traffic Detection	✓
	Meterpreter Shell Detection	✓

	Features	
ANTI-RANSOMWARE	Ransomware File Protection (CryptoGuard)	✓
	Automatic file recovery (CryptoGuard)	✓
	Disk and Boot Record Protection (WipeGuard)	✓
APPLICATION LOCKDOWN	Web Browsers (including HTA)	✓
	Web Browser Plugins	✓
	Java	✓
	Media Applications	✓
	Office Applications	✓
DEEP LEARNING PROTECTION	Deep Learning Malware Detection	✓
	Deep Learning Potentially Unwanted Applications (PUA) Blocking	✓
	False Positive Suppression	✓
RESPOND INVESTIGATE REMOVE	Threat Cases (Root Cause Analysis)	✓
	Sophos Clean	✓
	Synchronized Security Heartbeat	✓

Managed Detection and Response (MDR)

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Sophos Managed Detection and Response (MDR) provides 24/7 threat hunting, detection, and response capabilities delivered by an expert team as a fully-managed service. MDR customers also receive Intercept X Advanced with XDR.

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24/7 Lead-Driven Threat Hunting

Confirmed malicious artifacts or activity (strong signals) are automatically blocked or terminated, freeing up threat hunters to conduct lead-driven threat hunts. This type of threat hunt involves the aggregation and investigation of causal and adjacent events (weak signals) to discover new Indicators of Attack (IoA) and Indicators of Compromise (IoC) that previously could not be detected.

Security Health Check

Keep your Sophos Central products beginning with Intercept X Advanced with XDR operating at peak performance with proactive examinations of your operating conditions and recommended configuration improvements.

Activity Reporting

Summaries of case activities enable prioritization and communication so your team knows what threats were detected and what response actions were taken within each reporting period.

Adversarial Detections

Most successful attacks rely on the execution of a process that can appear legitimate to monitoring tools. Using proprietary investigation techniques, our team determines the difference between legitimate behavior and the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) used by attackers.

Sophos MDR Complete *Includes all MDR features, plus the following:*

24/7 Leadless Threat Hunting

Applying data science, threat intelligence, and the intuition of veteran threat hunters, we combine your company profile, high-value assets, and high-risk users to anticipate attacker behavior and identify new Indicators of Attack (IoA).

Enhanced Telemetry

Threat investigations are supplemented with telemetry from other Sophos Central products extending beyond the endpoint to provide a full picture of adversary activities.

Proactive Posture Improvement

Proactively improve your security posture and harden your defenses with prescriptive guidance for addressing configuration and architecture weaknesses that diminish your overall security capabilities.

Dedicated Threat Response Lead

When an incident is confirmed, a dedicated threat response lead is provided to directly collaborate with your on-premises resources (internal team or external partner) until the active threat is neutralized.

Direct Call-In Support

Your team has direct call-in access to our security operations center (SOC). Our MTR Operations Team is available around-the-clock and backed by support teams spanning 26 locations worldwide.

Asset Discovery

From asset information covering OS versions, applications, and vulnerabilities to identifying managed and unmanaged assets, we provide valuable insights during impact assessments, threat hunts, and as part of proactive posture improvement recommendations.