

Automated Identity-driven Incident Response

Benefits

- Orchestrated response actions enable identity to serve as security control point
- Contain and remediate threats quickly by automating identity-centric actions
- Enhance visibility on user activity and identity context

Compatibility

- Products: Demisto Enterprise, Okta

Overview

Attackers are increasingly targeting people, rather than infrastructure, forcing security teams to consider security strategy around identity as a key control point. This can put additional burden on security teams that already manage a variety of disparate tools that often lack integration and automation capabilities. In addition, these teams are also strapped with limited resources, including time and talent, which makes it harder to manage and protect their environments.

Okta and Demisto integration features:

- Automate identity context and user activity enrichment of security alerts as they arise.
- Query user activity for risky events, like failed logins and new factor enrollments to get in front of threats as they emerge.
- Prioritize alerts and orchestrate automated remediation actions based on pre-defined workflows and policies.

USE CASE #1

BETTER VISIBILITY INTO IDENTITY-CENTRIC INCIDENTS

Challenge: Security teams manage complex environments, often with siloed information and manual processes. However, it may also not be practical for every team to have direct access to identity management systems to monitor access for specific, limited subsets of users.

Solution: Demisto playbooks ingest alerts and automate identity context and user activity enrichment, allowing security analysts to query user activity for risky events, like failed log-ins or factor enrollments, without having to leave the Demisto platform. Okta playbooks within Demisto also enable additional enrichment so security teams can instantly view a user's groups and roles, what apps and data they can access, and other contextual information to further enhance the investigation of threats.

Benefit: The Okta integration provides comprehensive visibility into user activity to streamline the investigation process in Demisto. Okta administrators can extend visibility to other security teams as needed, without having to provide direct access to the Okta platform.

The screenshot displays the Demisto interface for a task titled "#2130 Cortex XDR: Large Upload - XDR ID:173 - Work Plan". On the left, the "Task Details" pane shows a command executed by DBot: "okta-get-logs filter='actor,alternateId eq 'Ibojer@il...' (okta_fixed)". Below the command is a table of Okta events:

Actor	ActorAlternateId	ChainIP
Ivan Bojer (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5
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Ivan Bojer (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5
Ivan Bojer (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5
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Ivan Bojer (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5
Ivan Bojer (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5
Ivan Bojer (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5
Ivan Bojer (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5
Ivan Bojer (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5
Ivan Bojer (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5
unknown (User)	ibojer@illicium.local	199.167.52.5

The main area shows a playbook flowchart. It starts with a decision step "Is an user present?". If YES, it proceeds to "Link Similar Incidents By User", then "Account Enrichment - AD and Okta", and finally splits into two parallel actions: "Save Okta User Access Logs in Evidence" and "Save ADUser Info in Evidence". If ELSE, it bypasses the enrichment and saving steps. The interface also includes a search bar for incidents and a "Follow" checkbox.

USE CASE #2 ORCHESTRATE AND AUTOMATE IDENTITY-CENTRIC SECURITY RESPONSE

Challenge: Security teams often have a variety of security tools at their disposal. Given that resources can often be limited, they need these tools to integrate better together to enable workflow automation across the entire incident management lifecycle.

Solution: In order to close the security loop, Okta and Demisto also integrate to enable identity-centric orchestrated response actions. Now security teams can better respond to suspicious account activity, like a log-in from a new device or location, by running playbooks to automatically restrict access to sensitive applications or prompt for step-up authentication. If, after further investigation, the user does appear to be compromised, playbooks can take additional remediation actions by suspending the compromised account and conducting a password reset. Together, Okta and Demisto enable automated actions to enforce identity as a security control point.

Benefit: Automated playbooks leveraging the Okta and Demisto integration speed up response to the threat of suspicious activity on a user account by adjusting the user group and associated security policies, without the need for analyst intervention. An analyst can be notified only if further investigation is required. This process frees up analyst time from repeatable, straight-forward incident response tasks to focus on the more complex cases.

The screenshot displays a Demisto incident response interface. At the top, the incident is identified as "#342 Cortex Event 117270018_lcaas:0:8276495:352 - Work Plan". A search bar on the right contains "Search Incidents.". The main area shows a workflow diagram with several steps: "Is there a source IP?", "Is there a source user?", "Get-endpoint-hostname", "Okta User Logs", "Slack Notify", "Create ServiceNow Ticket", and "Okta Suspend User". A "Task Details" window is open on the left, showing the execution of the "Okta Suspend User" task. The task result is "#80: Okta Suspend User" with the command `!okta-suspend-user username="francesco@cor..." (okta_fixed)`. The output shows "Okta user suspended: francesco@cortexlabs.rocks" and "User ID: 00ukzmk4u8gYk0rik0h7". The interface also includes a "SOC Analyst" profile at the bottom left and a navigation tip at the bottom center: "Navigate to Incident Summary view by using `option+1`".

About Okta

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About Demisto

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