

Avecto sets new benchmark for privilege management implementations with the launch of Defendpoint v5.0

Quick Start policy enables organizations to achieve least privilege overnight

Avecto, a market leader in privilege management, today announced the upcoming release of Defendpoint v5.0, the latest version of its award-winning security software.

Defendpoint v5.0 builds on Avecto's heritage and continued success by introducing new, innovative features designed to transform the experience of organizations striving for least privilege.

The latest version of Avecto Defendpoint offers the best time-to-value on the market, with overnight setup achieved via its innovative Quick Start policy. With years of experience in deploying global endpoint security solutions, Avecto has created out-of-the-box workstyles that cover the majority of setup scenarios so that organizations can benefit from day one.

Quick Start uses a small number of rules based on specific roles, from office workers through to sysadmins. Each rule caters to the differing flexibility requirements of the user with varying levels of exception handling for unknown or untrusted applications.

Once implemented, this secure baseline allows organizations to make quick security gains and then refine the policy over time without impacting user productivity.

Sami Laiho, Microsoft MVP and ethical hacker said the launch of Defendpoint v5.0 would solve a persistent headache for many organizations: "One of the biggest problems I see time after time is when an organization purchases a security solution it's difficult for them to see the value in that product at an early stage. It often takes months to even start to see any return on their investment. Defendpoint v5.0 and its Quick Start configuration turns this on its head. It's a diamond of an idea that will allow organizations to manage and digest what can seem a very cumbersome but necessary security step."

Andrew Avanessian, Chief Operating Officer at Avecto said: "Striking the balance between security and user productivity is a challenge many organizations experience. We understand this frustration and we've worked tirelessly to change the status quo. From the point of purchase, security teams want to see immediate benefits but not to the detriment of the wider business and that's finally possible with Defendpoint v5.0 Quick Start Policy.

"We've implemented Defendpoint using the Quick Start configuration with a number of customers and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Defendpoint Quick Start is a significant step forward in the privilege management market and proves that achieving least privilege and implementing whitelisting needn't be difficult or laborious. The configuration will also allow organizations to achieve the best practice requirements of DFARS, GDPR and other compliance mandates at a much faster rate.

In addition to Quick Start, Defendpoint v5.0 also features enhancements to its application control capabilities with the addition of Trusted Application Protection (TAP). The new TAP feature is a lightweight and highly effective way of controlling and stopping malware attacks targeting pre-approved applications such as Microsoft Office™, Adobe™, and web browsers.

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Note to editors:

All major and minor releases of the Defendpoint product are available to Avecto customers at no extra cost. The availability and features of any product release by Avecto may be subject to change.

About Avecto

For organizations seeking to prevent breaches without hindering productivity, Avecto Defendpoint combines best-in-class privilege management and application control software, making admin rights removal simple and scalable across desktops and servers to ensure compliance, security, and efficiency.

Since 2008, the company has enabled over 8 million users across the world's biggest brands and most highly-regulated industries to successfully work from the safety of standard user accounts while enjoying the flexibility of admin accounts.