

# Feature Focus: CylancePROTECT

Application Control for Fixed-Function Devices



## Maintain Control of Fixed-Function Devices with Application Control

CylancePROTECT® Application Control gives organizations the ability to ensure fixed-function devices are in a pristine state continuously, eliminating the drift that may occur over time when devices are left unmanaged.

Augmenting the Al driven malware prevention capabilities of CylancePROTECT, Application Control is the easiest way to ensure fixed-function devices:

- Remain compromise free continuously
- Are available for their specific function 24x7
- Are no longer susceptible to disruptions from a successful attack

Unauthorized applications on fixed-function devices, such as an ATM or kiosk, increase the risk of a breach or compromise significantly.

To combat the risk associated with an attacker gaining access to these devices and installing a malicious app, organizations need an easy way to ensure the device is only used for its intended purpose. The Application Control capability included with CylancePROTECT provides a streamlined approach to application usage enforcement and policy management.

## Harden Fixed-Function Devices

Traditionally, organizations have managed their device application stack using a blacklist that allows any application to run on the device unless the application is specifically known to be malicious or exhibits known bad behaviors. The problem, however, is that this places the responsibility on the device administrator to explicitly identify all known bad applications, which is not feasible.

CylancePROTECT Application Control takes a different approach to securing function-specific devices. Instead of forcing the administrator to become an expert in malicious applications and provide constant updates, Application Control allows the administrator to develop a "gold image" for the devices, deploy this image to the desired devices, and apply a global lockdown ensuring the device does not change. With the device in lockdown, and CylancePROTECT's other prevention capabilities actively protecting the device, administrators can rest assured that their devices are secure.

## CylancePROTECT Application Control: A Closer Look

Application Control is an optional setting that allows users to lockdown specified systems and restrict any changes on the devices after being locked down. Only the applications that exist on a device before the lockdown occurs can execute on that device. Any new applications, as well as changes to the executables of existing applications, will be denied. The Cylance® Agent Updater will also be disabled when Application Control is enabled.

When Application Control is activated, the following recommended settings will take place (see image below). With Application Control enabled, these policy settings can be edited by going directly to their tasks.

| File Actions  | Memory Actions  | Protection Settings                  | CylanceOPTICS Settings                   | Application Control                | Agent Settings               | Script Control            | Devic       |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Application Co Application Control  |   | om running on devices in this policy | i.                                       |                                    |                              |                           |             |
| You can edit the<br>File Actions<br>Auto Quarantino<br>Memory Action<br>"Memory Protect<br>All Violation Type<br>Protection Set | se settings by going directly to will be enabled for Unsafe and is tion" is checked es are set to "Terminate" |                                      | on.                                      |                                    |                              |                           |             |
| Change Windo You can allow, edit, closed when you ur  | and run new applications whe  | n the Change Window is open. This    | allows the device to be modified for pat | ches, updates or other operational | changes. There is no time li | mit to the Change Window- | –It is only |
|   | (includes subfolders)   | s and additions to the below folders | s while Application Control is enabled.  |                                    |                              |                           |             |
| Available for <b>Agent v</b>  | ersion 1410 and higher.   |                                      |  |                                    |                              |                           |             |
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### **Change Window**

The Change Window option can temporarily disable Application Control to allow, edit, and run new applications or perform updates. This includes updating the Agent.

## Folder Exclusions (Including Subfolders)

An absolute path can be specified to allow application changes and additions to the specified folders while Application Control is enabled.

## **Key Benefits**

### **Full Spectrem Threat Prevention**

Provides a single endpoint agent that delivers continuous malware prevention, device and script control, application control, and memory exploitation protection without the use of signatures or frequent updates to the product, freeing up the analyst to address other needs from the business

### Single Agent/Single Console

Enables administrators to manage all their endpoints, whether dynamic (laptops, desktops) or fixed-function (point of sale systems, ICS, ATMs) from the same web-based console, eliminating the complexity that could arise from multiple management consoles.

### **Full Support for Air-Gapped Networks**

CylancePROTECT supports disconnected/air-gapped networks and is the best solution for sensitive systems like ICS, which cannot be directly connected to outside networks such as the Internet.

## **About Cylance**

Cylance uses artificial intelligence to deliver prevention-first, predictive security products and specialized security services that change how organizations approach endpoint security.

Cylance's security solutions provide full spectrum predictive threat prevention and visibility across the enterprise, combatting threats such as malware, ransomware, fileless malware, malicious scripts, weaponized docs, and other attack vectors.

With AI based malware prevention, application and script control, memory protection, device policy enforcement, root cause analysis, threat hunting, automated threat detection and response, coupled with expert security services, Cylance can protect endpoints without increasing staff workload or costs.

