

F-SECURE VS SOPHOS



F-SECURE STRENGTHS

Best Protection: F-Secure has won the AV-TEST Best Protection award in 7 years, and excelled in MITRE ATT&CK evaluations with 88% average visibility. Sophos has not won any AV-TEST awards and performed poorly in their first appearance in MITRE evaluations round 3 with 73% visibility and without ability to support Linux.

Complete portfolio: Sophos is missing some vital security features, such as native Office 365 protection, integrated vulnerability, patch management with remediation capabilities, and VPN support for the mobile devices.

Cyber security consulting services: F-Secure offers a wide range of cyber security consulting services, including cyber incident and resilience services that allow customers to respond to security breaches efficiently and effectively. Sophos does not offer cyber consulting security services.

Strategy and execution: The acquisition by Thoma Bravo LLC, a private equity investment firm, and removing Sophos common stock from the London Stock Exchange, adds uncertainty and decreases transparency.

INDUSTRY CAUTIONS ABOUT SOPHOS

"Currently, Sophos' application whitelisting is limited to servers; the company does, however, offer category-based application control for workstations."

Radicati Group, February 2018

"The Intercept X agent has a large footprint, which is especially problematic under the new work-from-home reality resulting from the pandemic. Clients report users with low bandwidth struggle to install software updates."

Gartner EPP MQ 2021



F-SECURE

Elements Endpoint Protection, Endpoint Detection and Response

SOPHOS

Intercept X Advanced with EDR



F-Secure is the only vendor to have won the AV-Test's prestigious 'Best Protection' award in seven years since its inception. F-Secure also received the latest 'Top Product' for Windows, and 'Approved' for macOS.



PROTECTION LEVEL

Sophos had low 83% protection accuracy in recent SE Test and not won any AV-Test 'Best Protection' awards for their corporate products, nor awarded any 'AV-Test Top Product' in 2020, casting doubt at the protection level.



F-Secure provides fully integrated mobile protection for Android and iOS, including: browsing protection, mobile VPN for privacy protection, malware protection (Android) and support for many 3rd party MDM systems.





Sophos mobile client supports Android, iOS and Chrome OS, but it is missing vital security features, like VPN capability. Sophos and 3rd party MDM systems supported.



F-Secure provides extensive endpoint security for Windows, macOS and Linux, with strong macOS capabilities, and optional cloud-native Microsoft 365 protection and vulnerability management capabilities.

PC/MAC/LINUX

DEVICES



Sophos protects Windows, Mac and Linux. However, their Mac and Linux clients are missing vital security features, and Linux EDR was introduced without antivirus. New XDR includes cross product data sources.



F-Secure provides fully integrated patch management to identify and prioritize software vulnerabilities. It can be set to deploy missing security patches automatically as soon as they are available.

PATCH MANAGEMENT



Sophos does not offer a proper patch management with InterceptX. Sophos Patch Assessment is a legacy application that only supports 13 vendors and doesn't have any remediation capability.



F-Secure provides automatic threat identification and response across multiple hosts, also with macOS and Linux. Detections are stored for 1 year. Great average visibility of 88% across MITRE ATT&CK all three rounds demonstrates consistency.

DETECTION AND RESPONSE



Sophos provides an integrated EDR capability that is missing many macOS and Linux capabilities. Poor visibility of 73% in round 3 being their first MITRE ATT&CK evaluation without testing Linux cast doubts on the real-world performance of their EDR capabilities.



World-class cyber security consulting and experts are available as a service through built-in 'Elevate to F-Secure' product feature under 2-hour target SLA 24/7/365. Advanced managed threat hunting and response service is also available.

EXPERT SERVICES



Sophos does not offer cyber security consulting services. Managed Threat Response (MTR) was launched in October 2019 with response options to only notify, collaborate, or authorized response.



ABOUT F-SECURE

Nobody has better visibility into real-life cyber attacks than F-Secure. We're closing the gap between detection and response, utilizing the unmatched threat intelligence of hundreds of our industry's best technical consultants, millions of devices running our award-winning software, and ceaseless innovations in artificial intelligence. Top banks, airlines, and enterprises trust our commitment to beating the world's most potent threats.

Together with our network of the top channel partners and over 200 service providers, we're on a mission to make sure everyone has the enterprise-grade cyber security we all need. Founded in 1988, F-Secure is listed on the NASDAQ OMX Helsinki Ltd.

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