Solution Brief

Cyber Observer and Azure Compute Integration
Unified Cloud Continuous Controls Monitoring

Challenge

Today’s challenging cybersecurity landscape offers an over-abundance of cybersecurity tools. As the number of breaches proliferates, so have the solutions and technologies designed to stop them. The state of cybersecurity is not getting easier to manage, despite enterprises and organizations worldwide spending more money than ever on new technologies and solutions.

Designed for CISOs and senior InfoSec managers (such as CIOs, C-level managers, risk officers, SOC managers and IT infrastructure personnel), Cyber Observer empowers leadership with a unified dashboard of their entire cybersecurity ecosystem. Cyber Observer can be fully deployed within an enterprise in a few hours, enabling easy identification of weaknesses, reduction of mean-time-to-detect (MTTD), prevention of breaches, and advancement of your organization’s cybersecurity posture and maturity.

Solution

Cyber Observer’s partnership with Microsoft Azure enables CISOs to better manage their cybersecurity ecosystem. They receive alerts from Cyber Observer on the key aspects and issues in Azure Compute such as Virtual Machines, Function App, App Services, Batch Accounts, Container Instances, Kubernetes Services and various other compute service configurations, Security Center High Status Recommendations and more. This joint effort helps enterprises manage their Azure cybersecurity environment and continuously monitor their cybersecurity ecosystem posture.

KEY FEATURES

- Identifies cloud platform services that are misconfigured and malfunctioning, or missing
- Finds security gaps and provides recommendations for fixing
- Builds an ongoing security program to ensure alignment with new threats
- Uses continuous analytics to send alerts when there are deviations from normal behavior
- Automatic reporting
The integration between Cyber Observer and Microsoft Azure offers CxOs powerful and effective **resilience visibility** along with **compliance validation** and **controls**, to secure and monitor Azure Compute in an unprecedented manner.

Cyber Observer deploys to the corporate network automatically, in a matter of a few hours, predefined with security domains and CSC measurements to deliver three unique cybersecurity ecosystem views:

- First, it provides organizations with the best indicators of the cybersecurity tools that may be **misconfigured**, **malfunctioning**, or **lacking** and should be added to provide complete cybersecurity protection.
- It then **reveals the security gaps** that exist in each security domain and **delivers continuous proactive recommendations to close these gaps**.
- Finally, Cyber Observer’s machine learning analytics engine continuously calculates online measurements that represent normal behavior, and then **alerts when a deviation from normal behavior is detected**.

### Fast and Secure Deployment

The Cyber Observer connector for Microsoft Azure Compute receives security and configuration data from the Azure Cloud Platform via an Azure Resource Manager secure REST API, using low privilege user roles, such as a reader.
Key Features & Benefits of This Integration

- **Cyber Hygiene Analysis and Reporting for Managers:** Alerts and reporting regarding Azure Compute current configuration implementation status based on the vendor’s and security standards best-practices, including security configuration issues, incidents and investigations management, admins and roles administration and more.

- **Reduced Incident Analysis Time:** Cyber Observer provides continuous alerts on deviation from normal behavior in terms of Microsoft Azure implementation and effectiveness as well as continuous monitoring of relevant security issues in near real-time.

- **Continuous Incident Response:** Provides the CISO and other relevant managers in the organization, as well as the Azure Compute technical owners with continuous mitigation recommendation and steps to improve, for securing and monitoring Microsoft Azure implementation, effectiveness, maturity and resilience from a management perspective in an unprecedented manner.

- **Customizable Views and Reports:** Cyber Observer is highly customizable – all views and reports could be modified to the organization’s needs and structure. The integration between Cyber Observer and Microsoft Azure offers CxOs a powerful effectiveness and resilience visibility, as well as compliance validation and controls.

### Key Use Cases

1. **Detailed information on misconfigured and insecure Virtual Machines**
   - Number of Windows virtual machines without endpoint protection
   - Virtual machines without a vulnerability assessment solution
   - Log Analytics agent is not installed
   - Virtual Machines with public IP
   - Virtual Machines without Azure Disaster recovery plans
   - Number of Virtual Machines with managed identity off

2. **Detailed information on misconfigured and insecure Function Apps**
   - Number of Function App FTP state status is not in disabled mode
   - Function App Service Authentication is off
   - Function App managed identity is off
   - Function App TLS/SSL settings redirect HTTPS is off
   - Function App TLS/SSL settings Private Key Certificates is going to Expired in X days
   - Function App Incoming client certificates is not set to Require

3. **Detailed information on insecure, misconfigured App Services**
   - Number of App Services Type Web App diagnostic settings is not defined
   - App Services type Web App identity is off
   - App Services Type Web App FTP state status is not in disabled mode
   - App Services Type Web App Authentication is off
   - App Services Type Web App TLS/SSL settings Private Key Certificates is going to Expired in X days
   - App Services type Web App Health check is not defined

4. **Immediate alerts and detailed information on Security Center recommendations**
   - Number of Unhealthy Virtual machines Recommendations with Status High
   - Unhealthy App Services/ Function App/ Logic App Recommendations with Status High
   - Unhealthy Batch accounts Recommendations with Status High
   - Unhealthy Container instances Recommendations with Status High
   - Unhealthy Service Fabric cluster Recommendations with Status High
   - Unhealthy Kubernetes services Recommendations with Status High

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About Cyber Observer

Cyber Observer is the premier critical controls monitoring (CCM) solution that simplifies the way cybersecurity tools are monitored and managed. Cyber Observer integrates hundreds of popular cybersecurity tools into a single intuitive interface that enables security and risk management executives to continuously monitor their security tools and improve their cybersecurity posture in alignment with cybersecurity, business, and regulatory frameworks. Learn more at cyber-observer.com.