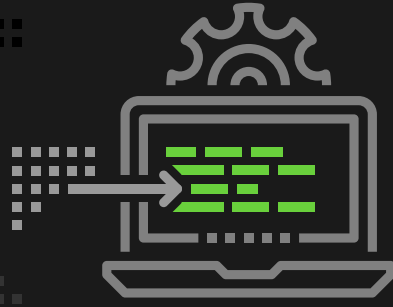


# Combating the scourge of fileless attacks

## What Is a Fileless Attack?

A fileless attack achieves an infrastructure or data breach without writing files to the host system. By leveraging legitimate system resources for malicious purposes, fileless malware effectively hides from the vast majority of traditional threat detection methods.



These kinds of attacks can be recognized by the following traits:



### Memory Resident

Malware is memory resident instead of residing on disk



### Script Based

Script-intensive malware uses Jscript/JAVAScript to launch initial infection and to assist with attacks



### Exploits Resources

Malware exploits resources like PowerShell, WMI, and other legitimate Windows admin tools to conduct activities



### System Registry

Malware achieves persistence through modification of the system registry

## How do you combat a fileless attack?

The key to defeating fileless malware is to deny it system resources, as Cylance does with a combination of tools found in **CylancePROTECT®** and **CylanceOPTICS™**.



### Script Management

*Decide when, where, and how scripts are used.*

By injecting itself into the script interpreter, CylancePROTECT Script Control gains insight into both script activity and the script path before execution. Questionable script activity is either blocked or sends an alert to the system administrator.

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### Memory Exploitation Detection and Prevention

*Deny fileless attacks a space in which to operate.*

A DLL is loaded into each protected process and a service component provides management capabilities. The agent hooks into user-mode API functions and monitors them for signs of compromise, then suspends suspicious functions and provides a choice of follow-on actions.

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### Context Analysis Engine (CAE)

*Empower each endpoint with threat detection and response capabilities.*

Allow each endpoint to act as a virtual SOC, responding to threats with predetermined processes. Impose rules on a catalog of system behaviors including PowerShell, Javascript, and browser-specific actions that fileless attacks rely on to operate.

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Prevention is possible.

*Learn more about how our AI based security solutions can predict and prevent fileless attacks before they ever execute.*