

Security Lifecycle Review (SLR)

Getting Started Guide

About Security Lifecycle Review (SLR)

Security Lifecycle Review (SLR) is a cloud-based application that summarizes the security risks that your organization faces. The SLR app is available in the Cortex hub, and uses the logs that firewalls forward to Cortex Data Lake to gain visibility into your network (SLR is free with a Cortex Data Lake subscription).

SLR reports—which you can generate at any time and save as a PDF—can be used as part of an initial product evaluation, or during regular security check-ups to assess threat exposure. These reports provide a high-level view of the applications in use on your network (including SaaS applications), the websites that your users are accessing, and the types of files they’re sharing. SLR reports also outline the vulnerabilities, malware, and command-and-control (C2) infections found on your network and helps you to contextualize these findings against industry peers.



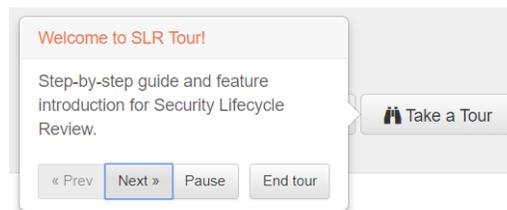
SLR reports are customizable—you can choose to include only the information that is most important to you, and make summaries, findings, and recommendations more targeted.

Importantly, SLR contains only summarized, statistical data and not individual identifiers, such as IP addresses or usernames (read the [SLR privacy datasheet](#) for details on how SLR captures, processes, and stores information).

Security Lifecycle Review (SLR)—What’s in the Report?

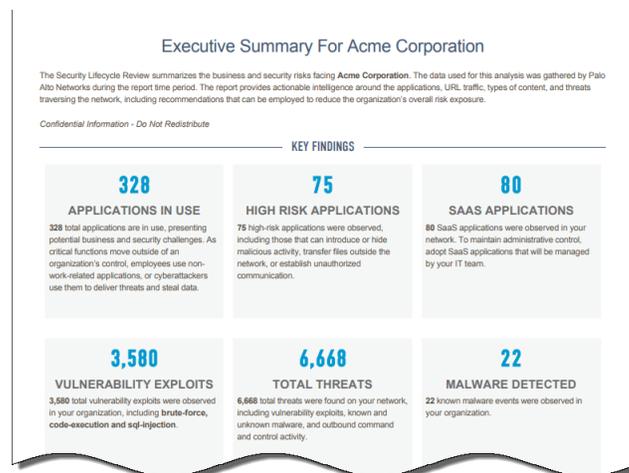
Security Lifecycle Review (SLR) reports summarize the security and operational risks your organization faces, and breaks this data down so that you can quickly and easily identify how to reduce your attack surface. Each section of the SLR report focuses on different types network activity—application usage, web-browsing, data transfer, and threat prevalence—and surfaces the greatest risks in each area. SLR reports display your organization’s statistics alongside the averages for your industry peers, so you can best understand your results in context.

After you generate an SLR report, or open an existing SLR report, there is an option to **Take a Tour** of the report. Select this option to walk through and learn about each section of an SLR report.



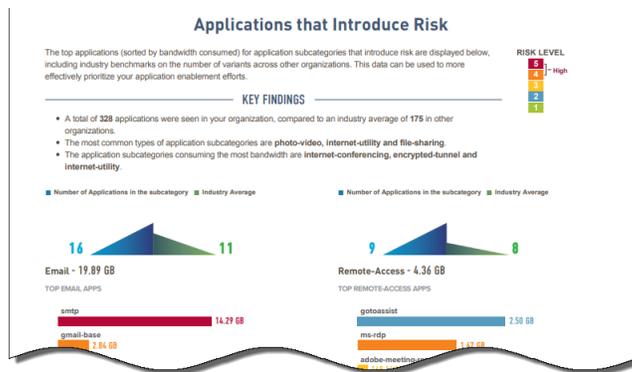
Executive Summary

Provides a bird’s-eye view of the state of your network. Statements on the total number threats detected on your network and the number of applications in use (including high-risk and SaaS applications) allow you to quickly assess how exposed you are to risk and focus areas for more strict or granular security policy control.



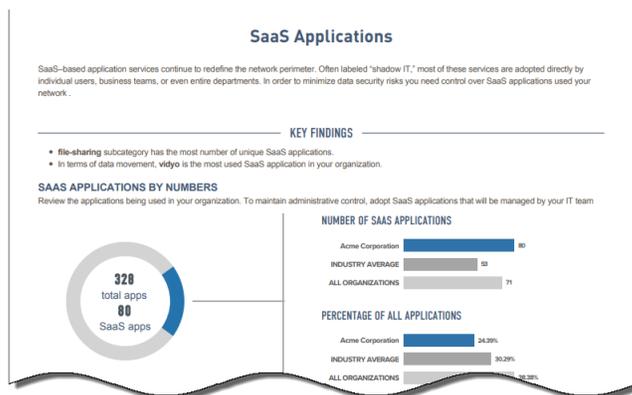
Applications

Gives you a view into the applications traversing your network, especially highlighting applications that are commonly non-compliant and/or can introduce operational or security risks. Application findings also include total and application-level bandwidth consumption and the applications in use according to type (like media or collaboration). This application visibility allows you to weigh the business value of applications in use on your network, against the risk applications can introduce (such as malware delivery, data exfiltration, or excessive bandwidth consumption).



SaaS Applications

Highlights the SaaS applications in use on your network, including the SaaS apps that are transferring the most data and those that have risky hosting characteristics (frequent data breaches, poor terms of service, etc.). Understanding the presence of SaaS apps on your network can help you work towards safely enabling the apps that are critical to your business, while providing threat protection and preventing data leaks.



Advanced URL Filtering Activity

Summarizes the web browsing activity on your network. Uncontrolled web access can result in exposure to malware, phishing attacks, and data loss. The advanced URL filtering activity report is broken down into several sections:

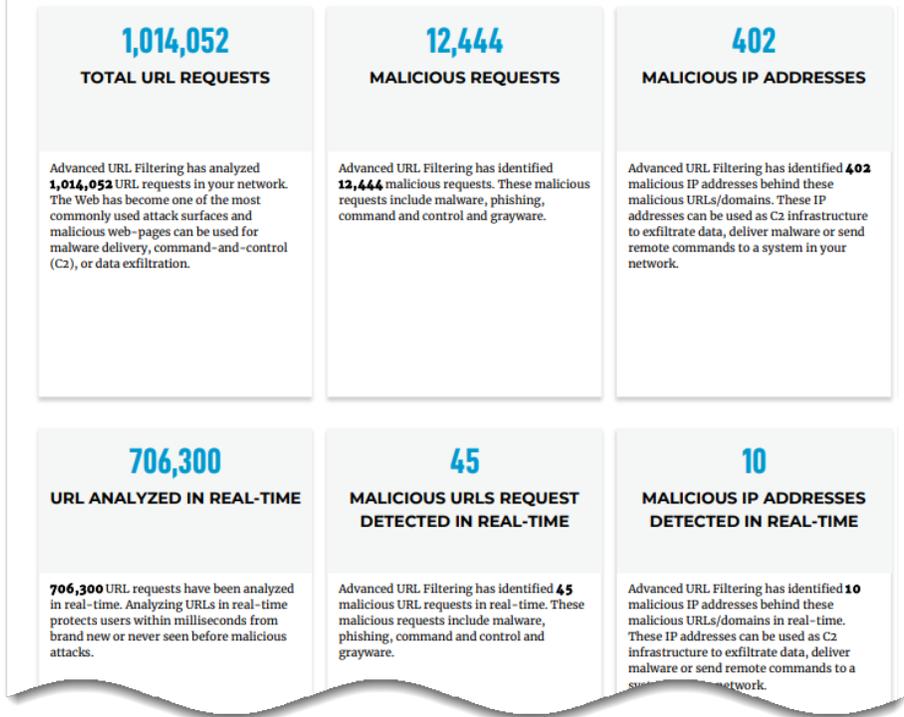
 *If you are operating PAN-DB, but do not have an advanced URL filtering subscription, only the relevant network activity metrics are displayed.*

- **Summary**—The summary provides high level analysis statistics about the URL requests passing through your network, including a categorized breakdown of URL requests, the associated malicious IP addresses, and real-time detection statistics.
- **Traffic Distribution**—Displays key metrics describing the URL requests in your network based on the risk level and categorization.
- **Top Categories and Domains Distribution**—Displays a series of charts showing the top visited URL and domain categories.
- **Top Malicious URLs In Real-Time**—Displays the top 10 malicious URLs detected in real-time by the Advanced URL filtering service.

Advanced URL Filtering Analysis

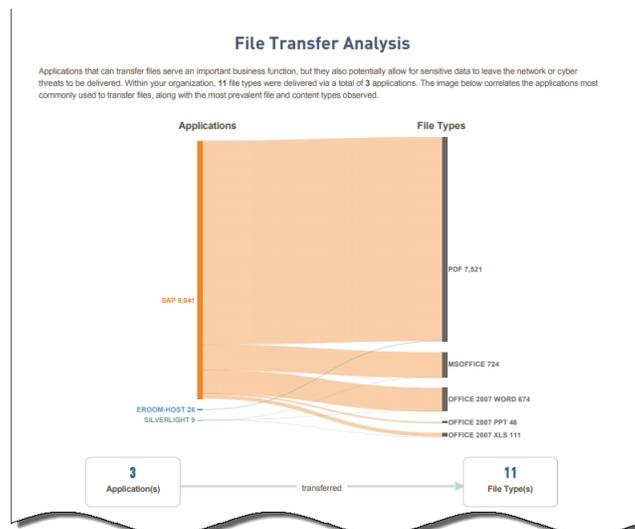
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As applications move to the cloud and people work from anywhere, it's becoming more important—and more difficult—to secure web traffic. Web-based attacks like phishing, command-and-control and other fileless attacks are coming at higher volume, greater speed, and increased sophistication. The Palo Alto Networks Advanced URL Filtering service gives you deep insight into your web traffic, empowers you to control web access through granular policies and enables you to prevent web-based threats in real-time.



File Transfer

Gives you insight into the most commonly-used file types on your network, and what applications are being used to transfer these files. You can use the analysis provided here to consider more strict controls that prevent sensitive or proprietary data from leaving your network, and the delivery of malicious content into your network.



Threats

Summarizes your organization's risk exposure by breaking down the attacks detected in your network:

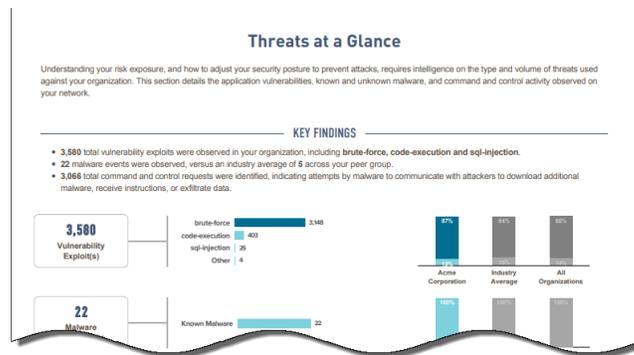
- Detected viruses and malware.
- System flaws that an attacker might attempt to exploit.
- Command-and-control (C2) activity, where spyware is collecting data and/or communicating with a remote attacker.
- Vulnerable, unpatched applications that attackers can leverage to gain access to or further infiltrate your network.

Your Threat summary also breaks down the high risk file types detected on your network, and the file types found to have delivered malware that was unknown until WildFire detection. Examine this data to best assess where you can immediately start to reduce your attack surface.



New threat data is now included in your report:

- Threats first found on the endpoint.
- Threats associated with targeted campaigns or malicious actors.
- The geographic locations most targeted by threats found in your network.



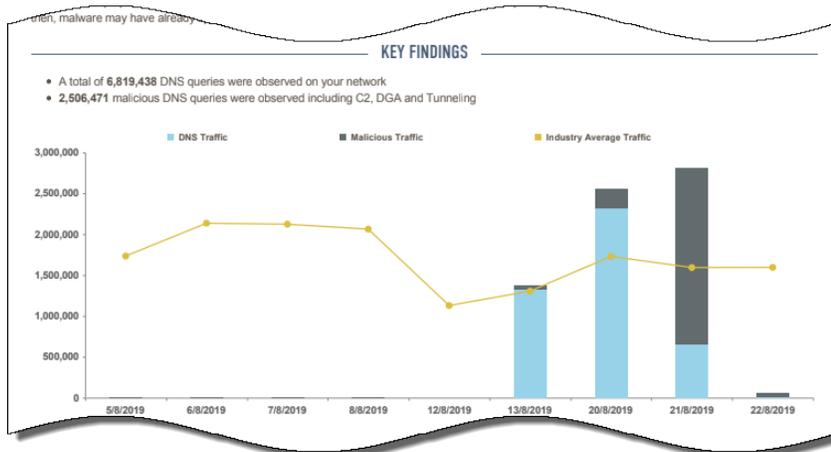
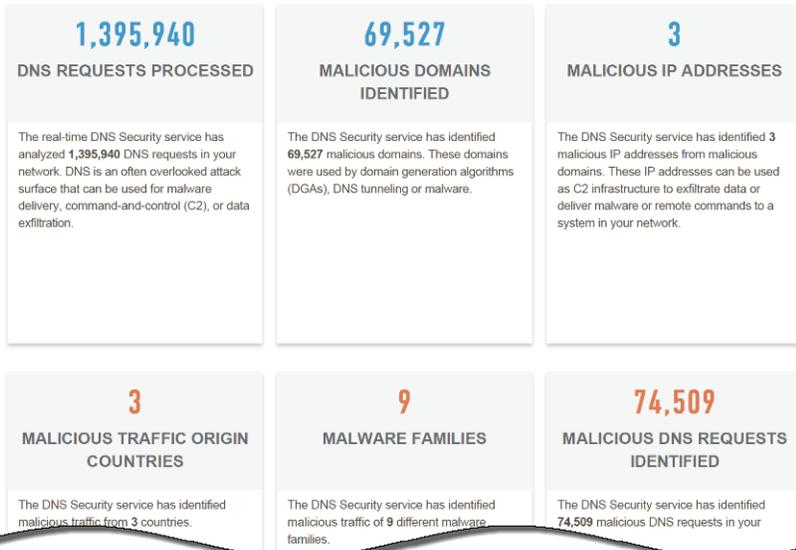
DNS Security Analysis

Summarizes your exposure to threats hidden within DNS traffic. DNS is an often overlooked attack vector. Advanced attackers in particular use DNS-based techniques like **DNS tunneling** and **DGAs** (domain generation algorithms) to exfiltrate data and to set up command-and-control (C2) channels, respectively. To give you a view into malicious DNS activity on your network, the DNS Security Analysis section also reveals:

- How much of your DNS traffic is malicious, and then categorizes the malicious DNS traffic as C2, DGA, or DNS tunneling.
- The domains and destination IP addresses that are most requested from within your network.
- The top malicious domains accessed from your network, and the countries hosting most of these malicious domains.
- The malware families most associated with the malicious domains being accessed from inside your network.

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Summary

The final summary provides recommendations that you can consider to safely enable the applications you need to do business, while reducing the organization's overall threat exposure.