WHITE PAPER

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The Intelligence Gap: What's Missing in Your Cyber Strategy?

Executive summary

Modern CISOs are more than security leaders; they're risk managers, communicators, strategists, and boardroom advisors. Yet despite their expanding role, they face one persistent challenge: too much threat data and too little clarity on what truly matters. The result is a cybersecurity function under pressure, struggling to distinguish high-priority threats from background noise.

Security teams lose time chasing low-impact alerts, incident response lacks shared context, and reporting often fails to demonstrate the effectiveness of security investments. There is a **growing gap due to the lack of actionable intelligence**.

To address these challenges, organizations must move toward a **threat-informed defense approach**, one that aligns threat intelligence, detection, response, and strategic planning. Filigran's **eXtended Threat Management (XTM)** suite, which includes **OpenCTI** and **OpenBAS**, enables this shift. Rather than treating intelligence as an external input, XTM integrates it into daily workflows and decision-making processes.

This white paper explores how modern CISOs can evolve their operating model to meet today's threat landscape with confidence. Through practical use cases and insights, it shows how to close the intelligence gap and embark on a journey towards Continuous Threat Exposure Management (CTEM).

- Prioritize threats based on real adversary behavior
- Break siloes and align security actions across SOC, IR, and risk functions
- Validate and improve detection through realistic threat simulations
- Guide security investments with intelligence-backed evidence
- Assess the effectiveness of your existing tools and improve your security posture

FILIGRAN'S EXTENDED THREAT MANAGEMENT (XTM) SUITE

XTM is an **open, modular, and analyst-centric suite** of applications that enables organizations to manage the full threat lifecycle and **operationalize intelligence**. It gives security teams a shared intelligence layer to drive every cybersecurity workflow.

The suite currently includes two solutions: OpenCTI and OpenBAS.

Conclusion

As the threat landscape continues to evolve in speed, sophistication, and scale, traditional, reactive cybersecurity models are no longer enough. CISOs must ensure that their teams are utilizing threat intelligence and are making a shift towards a **threat-informed defense approach**, one that continuously aligns security efforts with the most relevant and prioritized threats. This demands not just better data, but a cohesive, intelligence-driven approach to managing it.

Filigran's XTM suite, combining **OpenCTI** for threat intelligence and **OpenBAS** for attack simulation & table-top exercises, provides CISOs with the foundation for **Continuous Threat Exposure Management (CTEM)**, turning fragmented signals into proactive action.

It's time to move from static defenses to a dynamic security posture.

Explore the comprehensive capabilities of XTM Suite

Discover Filigran's XTM Suite

Learn more about OpenCTI, how it aggregate, process, analyze and share prioritized threat intelligence, and its Enterprise Edition

Discover OpenCTI

Learn more about OpenBAS and how it enables organizations to simulate real-life attack scenarios based on both technical and human-side of cyber threats

Discover OpenBAS

Learn how Filigran can support your threat-informed journey

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