Intercept X Essentials and Intercept X Essentials for Server FAQ



Intercept X Essentials and Intercept X Essentials for Server are new licenses that deliver the industry leading protection of Intercept X, with reduced control and management capabilities.

What are the new licenses?

- Intercept X Essentials (CIXE)
- Intercept X Essentials for Server (SVRCIXE)

Both will be available for sale from July 1, 2021.

Who is the target audience?

Intercept X Essentials and Intercept X Essentials for Server are ideal for small organizations that want the very best protection, from a single policy, but don't require all of the control and management capabilities. If a customer requires multiple, configurable policies or capabilities such as peripheral control then Intercept X Advanced/ Intercept X Advanced for Server or higher should be positioned.

Are Deep Learning/anti-ransomware capabilities included?

Yes. Intercept X Essentials/Intercept X Essentials for Server include deep learning AI, anti-ransomware and anti-exploit capabilities that were not present in Central Endpoint Protection/Central Server Protection.

Which capabilities are not included in Intercept X Essentials/Intercept X Essentials for Server?

- Multiple policies
 Customers must use the base policy.
- Peripheral Control
 Customers cannot restrict what devices users plug in.
- Controlled Updates
 Customers cannot delay updates and choose when to deploy them.
- Web Control
 Customers cannot block users from accessing inappropriate websites.
- Application Control
 Customers cannot control which types of applications can be installed and run.
- Threat Cases
 Customers don't have access to threat cases
 which show what happened during an incident.
- File Integrity Monitoring (FIM)
 Customers cannot monitor critical files on their servers for attempts at tampering.
- Cloud Security Posture Management (CSPM)
 Customers cannot see their wider cloud environment such as serverless functions and databases.
- Server Lockdown
 Customers cannot lock down their servers to a baseline setup.

Can Essentials customers upgrade to Advanced/EDR licenses?

Yes. Customers using Intercept X Essentials/Intercept X Essentials for Server can upgrade to Intercept X Advanced/Intercept X Advanced for Server or Intercept X Advanced with EDR/Intercept X Advanced for Server with EDR. Doing so will give them access to multiple policies, additional control capabilities and powerful Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR).

Can customers have Essentials and Advanced/EDR licenses in the same estate?

No. Mixed estates are not permitted





Detailed Feature Comparison

Feature	Intercept X Essentials / Intercept X Essentials for Server	Intercept X Advanced / Intercept X Advanced for Server
Multiple Policy Support	Base only	X
Controlled Updates		X
Web Control/Category-based URL blocking		X
Peripheral Control		X
Application Control		X
Data Loss Prevention		X
Threat Cases		X
Early Access Programs		X
Web Security	X	X
Download Reputation	X	X
Deep Learning Malware Detection	X	X
Anti-Malware File Scanning	X	X
Live Protection	X	X
Pre-execution Behavior Analysis (HIPS)	X	X
Potentially Unwanted Application (PUA) Blocking	X	X
Intrusion Prevention System [IPS]	X	X
Runtime Behavior Analysis (HIPS)	X	X

Feature	Intercept X Essentials / Intercept X Essentials for Server	Intercept X Advanced / Intercept X Advanced for Server
Antimalware Scan Interface [AMSI]	X	X
Malicious Traffic Detection [MTD]	X	X
Exploit Prevention	X	X
Active Adversary Mitigations	X	X
Ransomware File Protection (CryptoGuard)	X	X
Disk and Boot Record Protection (WipeGuard)	X	X
Man-in-the-Browser Protection (Safe Browsing)	X	X
Enhanced Application Lockdown	X	X
Automated Malware Removal	X	Χ
Synchronized Security	X	X
Sophos Clean	X	X
Managed from Sophos Central	X	X

Server Specific Functionality

File Integrity Monitoring (FIM)	×
Server Lockdown	X
Cloud Security Posture	X
Management (CSPM)	

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