

NetWitness® Incident Response Retainer Services

Resources & Expertise to Reduce Breach Exposure Time

Executive summary

There is a short window of opportunity between the detection of an initial compromise and the ability to prevent an attacker from fulfilling his objectives. This period is sometimes referred to as “breach exposure time” or “dwell time.” Early detection and rapid response are the key requirements to defend against a breach of security. How can organizations address these requirements? One approach is to implement a surge resourcing model using Incident Response (“IR”) retainers as a best practice. This approach provides rapid access to toptier security analysts from NetWitness who will help reduce dwell time and mitigate the impact. IR Retainers can also help an organization to align with the requirements and incentives offered by cybersecurity insurance providers.

With the day-to-day demands of protecting the business, IT security personnel are already stretched. This problem is compounded when security incidents are confirmed and a breach may be imminent. Incident and breach response typically impacts stakeholders across multiple segments of the organization, many of whom may struggle with participating in IR activities while continuing day-to-day responsibilities.

In these situations organizations can benefit by complementing in-house resources with outside expertise. The NetWitness IR Retainer services help organizations anticipate the process required to access technical analytic expertise, including:

- A proactive, “around the clock” process for engaging NetWitness’s Global IT team
- Conduct of pre-breach activities to streamline communications protocols
- Accelerated timelines for rapid access to NetWitness’s top-tier security talent to assist with IR triage (identification and selection of a trusted advisor and negotiation of terms and conditions is something that should be done in advance)
- Conduct of the initial triage and response effort, along with a preliminary analysis to scope the nature of any incident
- Rapid access to NetWitness technologies as a core element of our IR capabilities (including the NetWitness Platform for full packet capture and endpoint anomaly detection, NetWitness Live threat intelligence and the NetWitness Platform for hardening of the security infrastructure, etc.)
- Determination of recommended next steps for incident response and remediation

At-A-Glance

NetWitness is the industry’s original pureplay cybersecurity company with over 35 years of solution delivery. NetWitness’s Incident Response Services provides expert technical analysis, guidance and direction for advanced threat mitigation. Using an intelligencedriven and analytic approach, the IR Practice leverages customer-owned and NetWitness technologies to protect critical assets by applying battle-tested methodologies to hunt for signs of compromise before harm is done to the organization. Having an IR Retainer in place before a breach gives your organization peace of mind in knowing that you’ll be able to respond accordingly, should an incident be confirmed.

The NetWitness IR Retainer services provide access to NSA-accredited, battle-tested resources to address incident-related intelligence gathering, research and analysis. It also facilitates any further requirements for host and networkbased forensics and malware analysis, leveraging the NetWitness Platform of technologies for proactive threat detection, incident response and remediation. If requested, the NetWitness IR Practice can also provide support for activities that involve incident-related litigation. To contact NetWitness IR services now, click here: <https://www.netwitness.com/en-us/services/rsa-incident-response-practice/immediate-help>

While some aspects of incident response are highly technical in nature, the biggest challenge to the organization often results from the broader operational impact of an incident or breach and the need to coordinate the activities of a variety of participants, many of whom are outside of the IT and security functions. The NetWitness IR Retainer services help organizations to maintain the focus on their business objectives by providing them with a flexible procurement model for leveraging outside expertise as required.

Choosing the Right Service Level

NetWitness offers a portfolio of IR services, which can be tailored to accommodate discrete customer needs. In addition, NetWitness also offers a variety of packaged IR Retainer services, which provide customers with a range of Service Level Agreement (“SLA”) options, as indicated in the table below.

NetWitness Packaged IR Retainer Services, SLA Op ons & Effort (in hours)				
	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
SLA for Initial Response	8	6	3	3
SLA for Initial Analysis	24	24	12	12
SLA for On-site Analysis	72	48	24	24
Estimated Hours Incl.	24	68	120	242

IR Retainer Services can also be used for technical IR consulting activities before expiration of the retainer term. Other additional optional activities include proactive hunting for advanced threats and executive-level NetWitness participation if a breach is confirmed, both of which are included in the Platinum-level IR Retainer service.

Choosing a Partner for Incident Response

The NetWitness portfolio of Incident Response solutions enables organizations to evolve from “being the hunted” to “be the hunter” and develop the maps, strategies and solutions required to navigate the new terrain of targeted attacks.

Surge access to technical expertise is a key component of an incident management program. With NetWitness's IR Retainer services, organizations can enhance their overall security posture for targeted attack defense.

Learn more

For more information on the NetWitness incident response capabilities which are available on a global basis, please visit the web site:

<https://www.netwitness.com/en-us/services/rsa-incident-response-practice>

About NetWitness

NetWitness, an RSA® Business, provides comprehensive and highly scalable threat detection and response capabilities for organizations around the world. The NetWitness Platform delivers complete visibility combined with applied threat intelligence and user behavior analytics to detect, prioritize, investigate threats, and automate response. This empowers security analysts to be more efficient and stay ahead of business-impacting threats.

For more information, go to [netwitness.com](https://www.netwitness.com).