



**CIGENT**

Protect your data from any threat vector  
even after a security breach.

# For Three Decades, the Industry Has Consistently Failed to Prevent Ransomware and Data Theft.

- Software-only security layers have inherent vulnerabilities
- Unlimited number of ever-evolving threat vectors

## Data unencrypted after login

Once a user logs into their PC, whether in use or idle, the PC is accessible to adversary.

## Personal or BYOD PCs

Insufficient security protections.  
Sensitive files being saved.

## Vulnerabilities

Myriad known software vulnerabilities, often unpatched or months to patch.  
Multitude unknown vulnerabilities.

## Unhealthy PC state

Configuration drift, agent corruption, OS updates, security app conflicts, etc.

## Advanced/fileless attacks

Advanced malware able to bypass NGAV, fileless malware and live off the land attacks not detected in time.

## Credential compromise

Credential theft, poor hygiene and password management enables easy access to system/data.

## Supply Chain/APTs

Supply chain attacks, chip implants, BIOS and firmware malware and vulnerabilities, bootkits/rootkits, etc.

## Disabled Security Software

Advanced attackers disable security software and protections.

## Malicious Insiders

Able to exfiltrate data from their own PCs undetected and move laterally to other PCs for data exfiltration.

# An entirely new approach: Assume there will be a security breach and protect the data.

- Zero Trust file access controls at the data level that rely on multi-factor authentication to defend against data theft and ransomware, even if the system is compromised.
- Protects data at the endpoint, on the network, in the cloud, or when shared with trusted users
- First and only family of self-defending storage devices with cybersecurity placed as close to the data as possible – into the firmware itself
- Dedicated security processor uses machine learning to detect & respond to ransomware attacks
- Protects sensitive files at all times from any threat vector, even in post-breach environments

## Cigent Data Defense



# Cigent Is...

A fusion of the best experts in storage, data recovery, and cyber security with an In-Q-Tel-backed mission to commercialize its government/military-grade technology which defends businesses and individuals from inevitable security breaches, by protecting the data itself from any threat vector.

## Expertise in Data and Network Security

- 35+ years cyber / data security experience
- Roots in advanced data destruction and recovery
- Worked with government agencies on technology solutions
- National Scientific Achievement Award for technology innovations in data security to co-founder
- 24/7/365 SOC (soon to be type 2 certified)
- Curating all govt open-source databases of cyber intel
- InfraGard member

## Ground-Breaking, Proven Technology

- 100% own I.P.; 5 issued patents; 15 pending
- Government-proven technology now available for enterprise use
- Industry first approach to always protect sensitive files from any threat vector, before or after a security breach.
- First & only family of self-defending storage devices with cybersecurity built into the firmware

## Solid Funding and Advisors

- Series A complete
- VCs: [In-Q-Tel](#), [CyberJunction](#), [WestWave Capital](#)
- Investors /senior advisors include:
  - [Avie Tevanian](#)  
(Former Apple Chief Software Technology Officer)
  - [Tom Paquin](#)  
(Mozilla and Netscape Co-Founder)
  - [Tom DiBenedetto](#)  
(CyberJunction Founder, Fenway Sports Group Partner, Chairman of Jefferson Waterman Intl.)

## Leading Cyber Security Partner Alliances

- **OS:** Microsoft Windows 7/10, Windows 10 Hello
- **Cyber:** CyberArk, Microsoft Windows 10 Security, PC Matic, Sophos, VMware CarbonBlack, Cisco Secure Endpoint
- **Channel:** Dell, Optiv, Immix Group, Staples

# Cigent Data Defense Solutions: Product Overview

# It Starts With Software: Cigent D3E for Windows

## D3E – The Agent For Cigent Data Defense

Zero-Trust file access controls rely on multi-factor authentication to defend against data theft and ransomware, even if the system is compromised, and allow both individuals and organizations to easily encrypt and control access to sensitive files so that they can be securely stored in any location and shared with trusted users. Use with/without Secure SSDs.

### Hero features

- **ActiveLock**
- **Multi-factor Authentication**
- **Posture Based**
- **Threat Sensor Platform**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Integrations**
- **Management Console**
- **Everywhere Features**



Fingerprint

Via Windows Hello



Facial Recognition

Via Windows Hello



PIN

Personal Identification  
Number



Authenticator Apps

Time-based one-time  
password

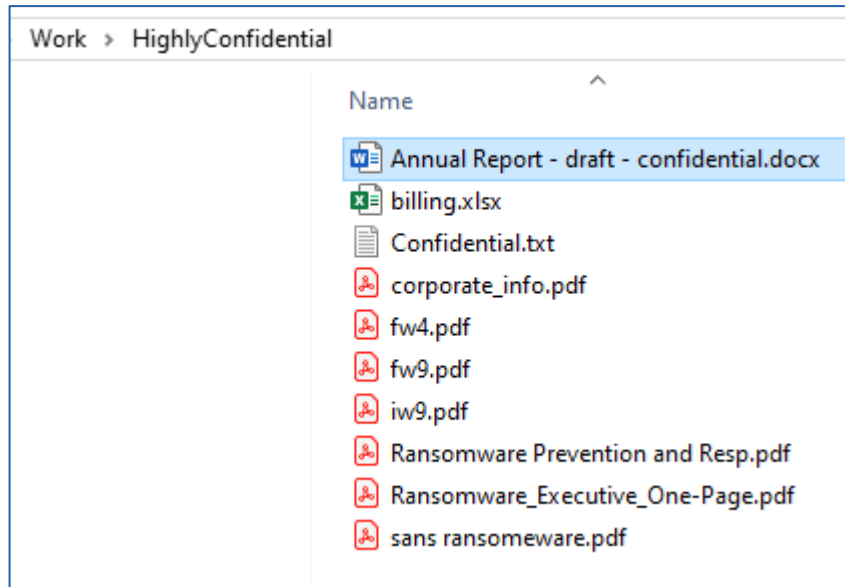


Duo Security

Time-based one-time password and push



# Simple, nondisruptive but extremely effective file protection



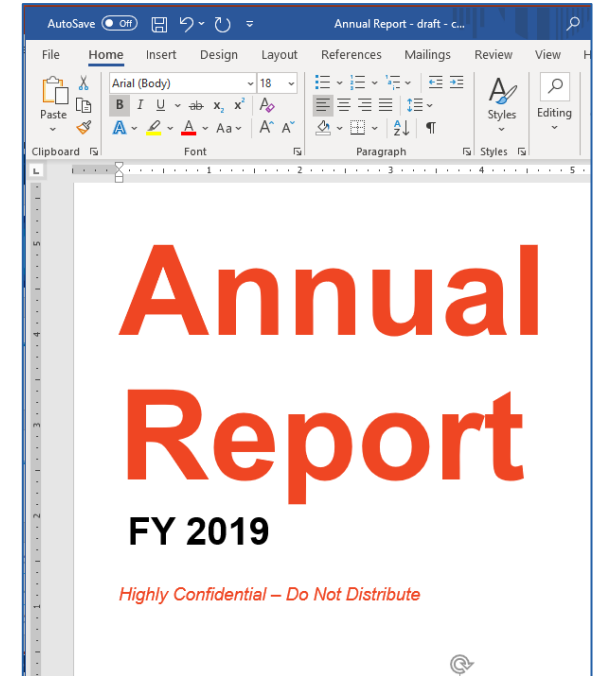
Open Sensitive file as usual



~~Ransomware~~

~~Vengeful  
Insiders~~

~~Compromised  
Credentials~~



File Opens



# Data Defense Hardware: Cigent Secure SSD

## Cigent Secure SSDs - **K2** / **Denali**

Self-defending storage devices with cybersecurity built into the firmware itself with a dedicated security AI processor that detects and respond to ransomware, a keep-alive sensor that automatically encrypts sensitive files if security software is bypassed, and a safe room that makes data invisible to any attacker.

### Hero features

- **Secure Drive** | "safe room"
- **Log Auditing** | hardware-protected
- **Keep Alive** | security software heartbeat
- **True Erase** | drive erasure verification
- **Ransomware** | ML-based ransomware detection
- **Dual Mode** | flip mode - dual hidden drives

### Three configs (TCG Opal 2.0)

- NVME M.2 Internal SSD
- SATA M.2 1/2" Internal SSD
- USB External SSD

### Capacities

- 512GB, 1TB, 2TB



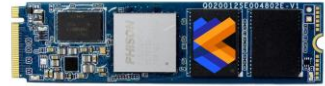
# Cigent Denali – Embedded Ransomware Detection

## Firmware-Based Ransomware Protection

- AI-driven ransomware detection and defense in real-time directly in the storage itself
- Self-defending device, does not need OS or software
- "Safe Room" makes data disappear during the threat, but remains accessible by authenticated users

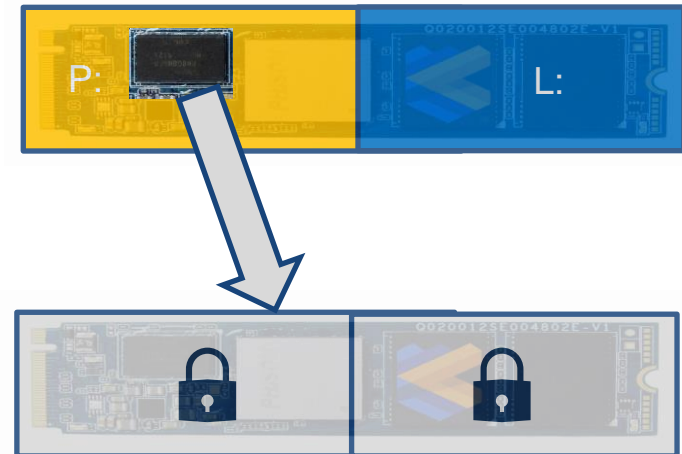
## Benefits

- Removes access to the one thing ransomware attacks need – your data
- Lost/stolen computers, insider access to computers, no problem
- Does not rely on an operating system or software, so will protect data even when all systems are breached



Secure Drive  
Log Auditing  
Keep Alive  
True Erase  
**Ransomware**  
Dual Mode

Security Chip analyzes data in real-time



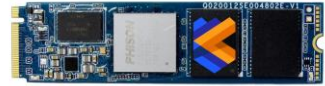
# Cigent Secure SSD storage – Secure Drive

## Secure Drive

- Data protected using AES-256bit encryption
- TCG Opal 2.0 range locking protects partitions(drives) from authorized access
- DYNAMIC – Authentication required during elevated threat state
- ALWAYS-ON – Authentication ALWAYS required
- Device sharing possible with password and D3E authentication
- Bitlocker unprotected and Cigent partitions

## Benefit

- Data secure at rest AND in use ( with D3E )



## Secure Drive

Log Auditing  
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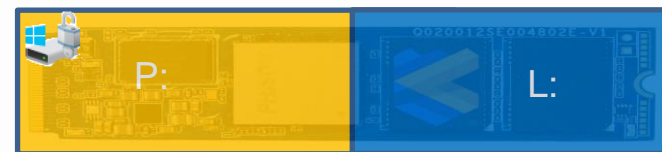
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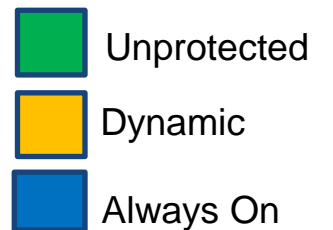
ActiveLock or Shutdown



### Internal Secondary or External



ActiveLock or Shutdown



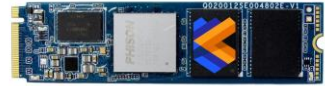
# Cigent Secure SSD storage – Command Log Audit

## Command Log Audit

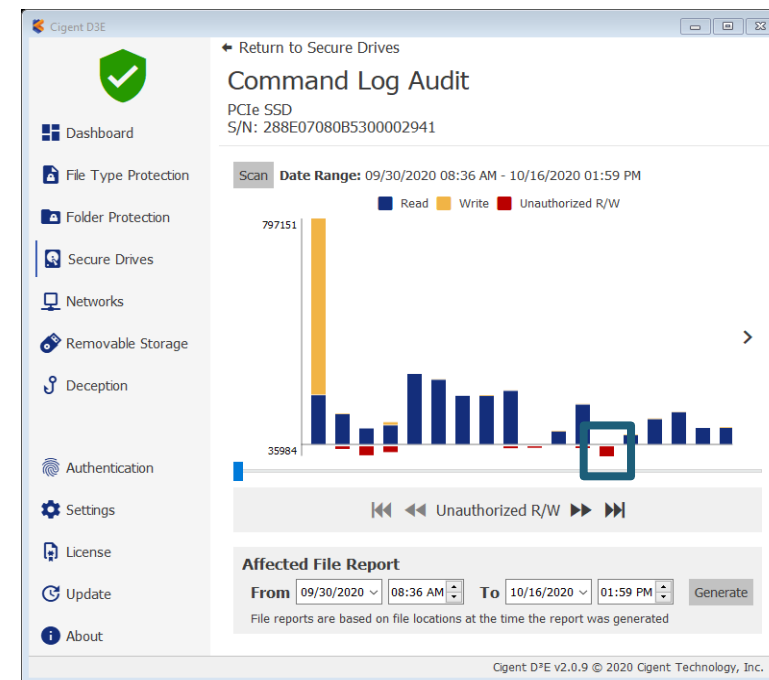
- Metadata for every command sent to log is stored in firmware memory for later analysis
- Agent(D3E) markers in log used to determine authorized attempts to access drive/data
- Generate report of 'affected files' based on current filesystem.

## Benefit

- Capture unauthorized attempts to access drive
- Reduce scope of breaches



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Unauthorized access

# Cigent Secure SSD storage – Keep Alive

## Keep Alive

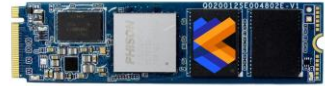
- Periodic non-replayable sequence between OS agent(D3E) and firmware
- Tethers SSD to agent
- Missed heartbeat response – Drive locks

## Benefit

- Ensures authentication for drive and file access cannot be bypassed



KeepAlive - Enabled



Secure Drive  
Log Auditing  
**Keep Alive**  
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### Secure Drives

Protect files with firmware locking, the highest level of protection

**Action recommended**

- PCIe SSD S/N: 288E07080B5300002897
- PCIe SSD S/N: 288E07080B5300002941

**Secure Drives**

Always On (locked) Dynamic (locked)

Deconfigure Change Password

Advanced

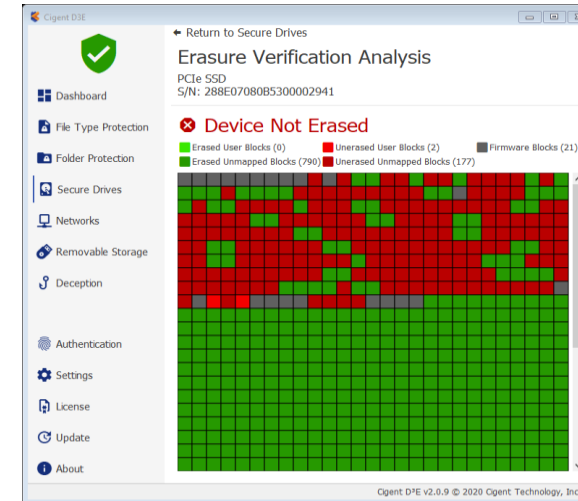
# Cigent Secure SSD storage – True Erase

## True Erase

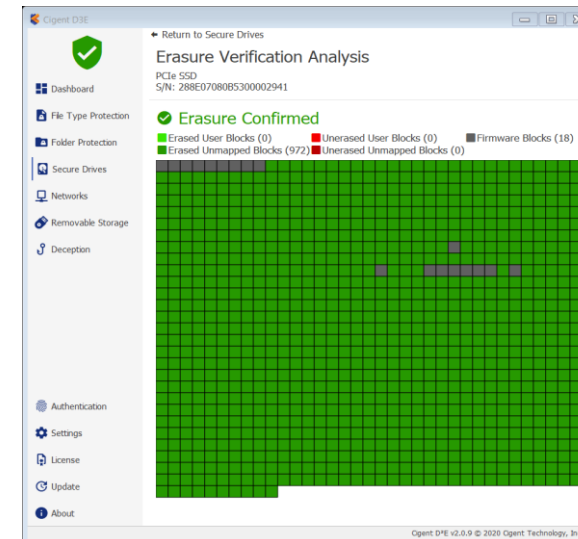
- Block level verification that all data has been securely destroyed.
- Verify step in Secure Data Destruction procedure  
ie `nvme format /dev/nvme0 --namespace-id=1 --ses=1`

## Benefit

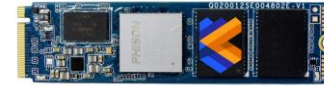
- Safely repurpose SSD/laptop – Increase ROI



User data persists



All data erased



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# Cigent Denali – Dual Mode

## Dual Mode

- “Safe room” that makes data invisible to attackers
- Mutually-exclusive active partitions
- Lets you work in a hidden secure drive
- Cigent software and password required to switch

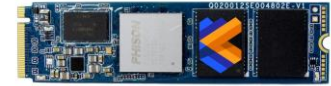
## Benefits

- Completely hide sensitive data even if system examined by knowledgeable attacker
- Optionally require conditions before swapping (i.e. attached to secure network )

Security Chip analyzes data in real-time



User Initiated Switch



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# Appendix

# Sensors - Raise the Threat Level

## State

Network  
USB storage  
AV endpoint

## External Integrations

Windows Defender  
PC Matic  
VMware Carbon Black  
Cisco Secure Endpoint  
CyberArk  
Sophos



## Deception

File and network  
honeypots

## Artificial Intelligence

File I/O pattern  
Keyboard typing pattern  
User access pattern

# Access Control

- Powered by Active Lock
- Posture-based step-up authentication for file access

Designation	Posture	
	Normal	Elevated
Always On	Authorization Req.	Authorization Req.
Dynamic	No Authorization	Authorization Req.

