Cisco adds further to its security capabilities as it acquires cloud-based threat protection security firm OpenDNS in a deal worth \$635 million in cash, equity awards and "retention-based incentives."



As the tech giants put its, OpenDNS will boost to the Cisco Security Everywhere approach through the addition of "broad visibility and threat intelligence" before, during and after attacks.

OpenDNS is just one of a slew of recent Cisco security-related acquisitions, such as malware analysis company ThreatGRID and security advisory firm Neohapsis.

The OpenDNS cloud platform offers security in a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) model, making it easy for customers to deploy within defense architecture or incident response strategies. The company will be integrated within the Cisco Security Business Group led by senior VP David Goeckeler.

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