

A Backstory From Alphabet's Chronicle

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Chronicle, the security division of Google parent company Alphabet, announces a first product--Backstory, a global telemetry platform the company describes as Google Photos, only for enterprise network security.



As Chronicle puts it, Backstory takes all the information within company infrastructure (be it in servers or employee devices) and indexes and organises it on the cloud. This allows customers to carry out searches the data, with the Chronicle analytics engine scanning for threats such as malware-infected files and known bad web domains. Chronicle says searches take less than a second to complete, with a Google Analytics-style dashboard providing interactive graphs and timelines for potential anomalies.

The company adds Backstory brings together all Google/Alphabet-owned security products, such as 2012 acquisition VirusTotal. As for privacy, Chronicle insists it is "distinctly not Google," with separate legal and privacy agreements ensuring Alphabet will not be able to mine through customer data. Speaking of customers, Chronicle already has a number of big names, including Avast, Proofpoint, truck maker PACCAR and energy infrastructure provider Quanta Services.

Chronicle is still to announce when Backstory will be generally available.

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