



CASE STUDY

Managed Cyber Defense & Intelligence - Telecom SOC, Dubai

50,000+ assets. 2,000+ alerts a week. One SOC that cannot blink.



CLIENT

Cisco's enterprise customer, Dubai, UAE



SECTOR

Telecom / Enterprise ICT



SERVICE

Managed SOC operations, cyber defense & intelligence



THE ENVIRONMENT

Cisco needed a trusted, highly specialized Managed Security Services Partner to operate and mature a mission-critical Security Operations Center for one of its major Dubai customers. The scale of the environment set the bar:



50,000+ monitored assets



2,000+ alerts per week

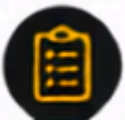


150+ security applications



24x7 operations

Those 150+ applications spanned SIEM, Soar, EDR, NDR, TIP, IAM, VTM and more - a stack that had to be run as one coherent defense, not a collection of consoles.



THE MANDATE

Elevate cyber-defense maturity and deliver 24x7 incident readiness, sharper threat visibility and strict SLA adherence across every domain — real-time monitoring and incident response, cyber-infrastructure operations, DevOps, IAM governance, vulnerability and threat-exposure management, and security change reviews — all without interrupting operations.



WHAT FLINT RAN

Flint took the end-to-Cyber Defense & Intelligence program for a full year, across the operational, analytical and strategic layers of the SOC - L1/L2 at 24*7 and L3 in business hours with on-call:

Security monitoring & Incident Response - Proactive detection, triage, IOC analysis, incident handling and threat-intelligence enrichment.

DFIR & DevOps — SIEM/Soar optimization, log-source onboarding, security automation, patching, use case engineering and content modernization.

Identity & access management - access governance, UAM ticket execution, access reviews and audit-ready reporting.

Vulnerability & threat management - scanning, prioritization, remediation guidance and risk escalation to cut high-risk exposure.

Operational change reviews - firewall assessments, configuration audits, infra change reviews, capacity planning and documentation.



THE RESULT

Cisco's customer reached a highly resilient security operations environment — stronger threat detection, faster remediation cycles and robust governance maturity, with alert fatigue actively reduced rather than tolerated. SOC operations in Dubai ran uninterrupted across the year, reinforcing trust and establishing a scalable framework for future cyber-defense initiatives across the region.

THE NUMBERS THAT MATTER

Performance was held to defined SLAs across the program:

METRIC	SLA ACHIEVED
P1 Incident detection	≤ 15 mins
P1 Incident resolution	≤ 75 minutes
IAM service levels	95–97%
Content / onboarding SLA	99%
Vulnerability (VTM) SLA	Met across all severity categories

AI-DRIVEN MANAGED SERVICES

At SOC scale - 50,000+ assets and 2,000+ weekly alerts - AI is decisive: Flint applies it to cut alert noise, automate triage and surface the signals that matter, enabling smarter, faster decisions without adding analyst headcount

