

What is claimed is:

1. A method performed by a first computing device, the method comprising:
determining, in a second computing device that is distinct and separate from the first computing device, a location where an undesired computer program is configured to reside upon installation on the second computing device; and
providing, to the second computing device, a data object to occupy the determined installation location of the undesired computer program in the second computing device to prevent the undesired computer program from being installed in the determined installation location in the second computing device.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing a null configuration object in a second location in the second computing device, wherein the null configuration object is associated with the data object.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
preventing a deletion or modification of the data object.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein preventing the deletion or modification of the data object comprises:
setting a security permission for the data object.
5. The method of claim 3, wherein preventing the deletion or modification of the data object comprises:
setting the data object to have an object type that differs from the undesired program.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein preventing the deletion or modification of the data object comprises:
placing a second data object in the data object.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the location comprises a memory space and/or a file system location.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the data object has the same name as the undesired computer program.

9. A first computing device, comprising:

one or more processors; and

memory storing one or more programs for execution by the one or more processors, the one or more programs including instructions for:

determining, in a second computing device that is distinct and separate from the first computing device, a location where an undesired computer program is configured to reside upon installation on the second computing device; and

providing, to the second computing device, a data object to occupy the determined installation location of the undesired computer program in the second computing device to prevent the undesired computer program from being installed in the determined installation location on the second computing device.

10. The first computing device of claim 9, wherein the one or more programs include instructions for: providing a null configuration object in a second location in the second computing device, wherein the null configuration object is associated with the data object.

11. The first computing device of claim 9, wherein the location comprises a memory space and/or a file system location.

12. The first computing device of claim 9, wherein the data object has the same name as the undesired computer program.

13. A non-transitory computer readable storage medium storing one or more programs for execution by one or more processors of a first computing device, the one or more programs including instructions for: determining, in a second computing device that is distinct and separate from the first computing device, a location where an undesired computer program is configured to reside upon installation on the second computing device; and providing, to the second computing device, a data object to occupy the determined installation location of the undesired computer program in the second computing device to prevent the undesired computer program from being installed in the determined installation location on the second computing device.

14. The computer readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein the one or more programs include instructions for:
providing a null configuration object in a second location in the second computing device, wherein the null configuration object is associated with the data object.
15. The computer readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein the one or more programs include instructions for:
preventing a deletion or modification of the data object.
16. The computer readable storage medium of claim 15, wherein preventing the deletion or modification of the data object comprises:
setting a security permission for the data object.
17. The computer readable storage medium of claim 15, wherein preventing the deletion or modification of the data object comprises:
setting the data object to have an object type that differs from the undesired program.
18. The computer readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein preventing the deletion or modification of the data object comprises:
placing a second data object in the data object.
19. The computer readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein the location comprises a memory space and/or a file system location.
20. The computer readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein the data object has the same name as the undesired computer program.