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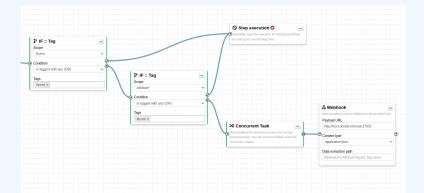
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CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION

- MISP Workflows fundamentals
- Getting started
- Design of the system & how it can be extended



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Content of the presentation



WHAT PROBLEMS ARE WE TRYING TO TACKLE

■ Initial idea came from GeekWeek7.5¹



- Needs:
 - Prevent default MISP behaviors
 - ► Hook specific actions via callbacks
- Use-cases:
 - ▶ Prevent publication of events not meeting some criterias
 - ► Prevent querying thrid-party services (e.g. virustotal) with sensitive information
 - ► Send a notification in a chat room
 - ► And much much more..

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SIMPLISTIC OVERVIEW OF A WORKFLOW IN ACTION

- 1. An **action** is performed in MISP
- 2. If there is an **enabled** Workflow for that **action**, run it
- 3. If all went fine, MISP continue to perform the action
 - ► The operation can potentially be cancelled by blocking modules

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TERMINOLOGY

- **workflow**: Sequence of all operations (nodes) to be executed. Basically the whole graph
- **execution path**: A path composed of nodes
- **trigger**: Starting point of a workflow. Triggers are called when specific actions happen in MISP
 - ► A trigger can only have one workflow and vice-versa



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Terminology



WORKFLOW EXECUTION PROCESS

Typical execution process:

- 1. An action happens in MISP
- 2. The workflow associated to the trigger is ran
- 3. Execution result?
 - success: Proceed the action
 - ► failure | blocked: Cancel the action

Example for Event publish:

- 1. An Event is about to be published
- 2. MISP executes the workflow listening to the event-publish trigger
 - **success**: Proceed the publishing action
 - ► **failure** | **blocked**: Stop publishing and log the reason

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-Workflow execution process

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BLOCKING AND NON-BLOCKING WORKFLOWS

Currently 2 types of workflows:

- **Blocking**: Completion of the initial action can be prevented
 - ► If a **blocking module** blocks the action
 - ► If a **blocking module** raises an exception
- Non-blocking: Workflow execution outcome has no impact
 - ► Blocking modules become non-blocking
 - Execution proceed unless on exception

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EXECUTION CONTEXT

- Workflows can be triggered by **any users**
- Workflows can be triggered by actions done via the **UI** or **API**
- However, the user for which the workflow executes has:
 - ► The site-admin permission
 - ► Is from the MISP.host_org_id
- Ensures data is processed regardless of ownership and access: **no ACL**

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-Execution context

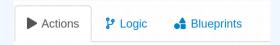
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CLASSES OF WORKFLOW MODULES



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- **action**: Allow to executes actions, callbacks or scripts
 - Can stop execution
 - e.g. Webhook, block the execution, perform enrichments, ...
- **logic**: Allow to redirect the execution flow.
 - ► IF condition, fork the blocking execution into a non-blocking one, ...
- **blueprint**: Allow to reuse composition of modules
 - ► Can save subworkflows and their module's configuration

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Sources of Workflow Modules

3 sources of action modules

- Built-in **default** modules
 - ► Written in PHP
 - Can use MISP's built-in functionalities (restsearch, enrichment, push to zmq, ...)
 - ► Fast and easier to interact with for those having internal knowledge of MISP
 - app/Model/WorkflowModules/action/[module_name].php
- User-defined **custom** modules
 - Can extend existing default modules
 - app/Lib/WorkflowModules/action/[module name].php

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-Sources of Workflow modules

Built-in default module

Sources of Workflow Modules

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3 sources of action modules

- Modules from the enrichment service
 - ► **Default** and **custom** modules
 - ► From the misp-module service
 - ► Written in Python
 - ► Can use any python libraries
 - ► New misp-module module type: action
 - → Both the PHP and Python systems are **plug-and-play**

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TRIGGERS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

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Triggers currently available

Currently 8 triggers can be hooked. 3 being **blocking**.

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* Enrichment Before Query	others	low	This trigger is called just before a query against the enrichment service is done	841	~	~	162	2022-07-29 08:32:32	•	■ ∳⊞⊛
Event After Save	event	medium 😯	This trigger is called after an Event has been saved in the database	11	×	~	175	2022-07-29 08:37:23	~	■ ∳⊞⊛
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Post After Save	post	low	This trigger is called after a Post has been saved in the database	36	×	×	176	2022-07-28 13:59:51	•	■ ∳⊞⊛
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Workflow - Getting started

GETTING STARTED WITH WORKFLOWS (1)

Review MISP settings:

- 1. Make sure MISP.background jobs is turned on
- 2. Make sure workers are up-and-running and healthy
- 3. Turn the setting Plugin. Workflow enable on



4. [optional:misp-module] Turn the setting Plugin.Action services enable on



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GETTING STARTED WITH WORKFLOWS (2)

If you wish to use action modules from misp-module, make sure to have:

- The latest update of misp-module
 - ► There should be an action_mod module type in misp-modules/misp modules/modules
- Restarted your misp-module application

```
# This command should show all 'action' modules

curl -s http://127.0.0.1:6677/modules | \
jq '.[] | select(.meta."module-type"[] | contains("action")) |

finame: .name, version: .meta.version}'
```

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-Getting started with workflows (2)

■ The latest update of misp-module

GETTING STARTED WITH WORKFLOWS (3)

- 1. Go to the list of modules
 - ► Administration > Workflows > List Modules
 - ► or/workflows/moduleIndex
- 2. Make sure **default** modules are loaded
- 3. [optional:misp-module] Make sure **misp-module** modules are loaded

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Getting started with workflows (3)

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CREATING A WORKFLOW WITH THE EDITOR

- 1. Go to the list of triggers Administration > Workflows
- 2. Enable and edit a trigger from the list
- 3. Drag an action module from the side panel to the canvas
- 4. From the trigger output, drag an arrow into the action's input (left side)
- 5. Execute the action that would run the trigger and observe the effect!

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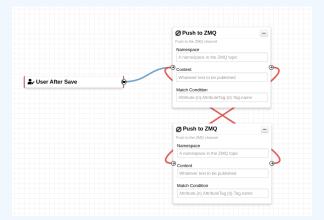
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WORKING WITH THE EDITOR

Operations not allowed:

- Execution loop are not authorized
 - Current caveat: If an action re-run the workflow in any way



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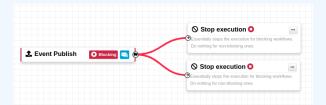
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Operations not allowed:

- Multiple connections from the same output
 - Execution order not guaranted and confusing for users



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Operations showing a warning:

■ Blocking modules after a concurrent tasks module



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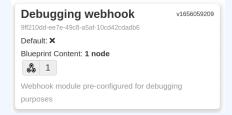
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WORKFLOW BLUEPRINTS

- 1. Blueprints allow to re-use parts of a workflow in another one
- 2. Blueprints can be saved, exported and shared



Blueprints origins:

- From the "official" misp-workflow-blueprints repository
- 2. Created or imported by users

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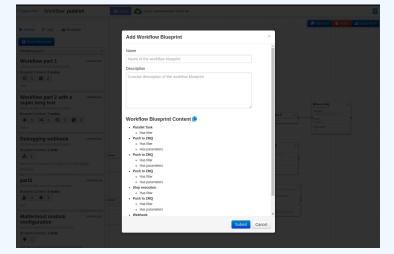
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WORKFLOW BLUEPRINTS: CREATE

Select one or more modules to be saved as blueprint then click on the save blueprint button



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-Workflow blueprints: Create

HASH PATH FILTERING

■ Some modules have the possibility to filter or check conditions using CakePHP's path expression.



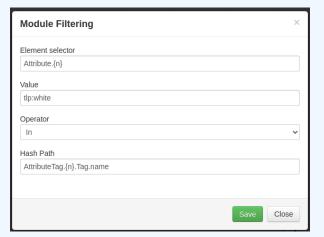
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MODULE FILTERING

- Some action modules accept filtering conditions
- E.g. the enrich-event module will only perform the enrichment on Attributes having a tlp:white Tag





DATA FORMAT IN WORKFLOWS



- All triggers will inject data in a workflow
- In some cases, there is no format (e.g. User after-save)
- In others, the format is **compliant with the MISP Core format**
- In addition to the RFC, the passed data has additional properties
 - ► Attributes are always encapsulated in the Event or Object
 - ► Additional key AttributeFlattened
 - ► Additional key _allTags
 - ► Additional key inherited for Tags

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-Data format in Workflows

LOGIC MODULE: CONCURRENT TASK

- Special type of **logic** module allowing multiple connections
- Allows breaking the execution flow into a **concurrent tasks** to be executed later on by a background worker
- As a side effect, blocking modules **cannot cancel** an ongoing operation anymore



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Logic module: Concurrent Task

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DEBUGGING WORKFLOWS

- Workflow execution is logged in the application logs:
 - ► /admin/logs/index
- Or stored on disk in the following file:
 - ► /app/tmp/logs/workflow-execution.log



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Debugging Workflows



WORKFLOW EXAMPLE 1



- 1. The Event-Publish trigger uses the MISP core format
- 2. The IF:: Tag module checks if at least one of the Attribute has the tlp:white tag
- 3. If it does, the Push-to-ZMQ module will be executed

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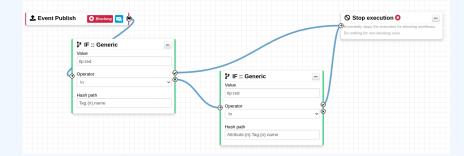
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WORKFLOW EXAMPLE 2



■ If an event has the tlp:red tag or any of the attribute has it, the publish process will be cancelled

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-Workflow example 2



CREATING A NEW MODULE IN PHP

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op > Lib > WorkflowModules > action > 💝 Module blueprint action module.php :
    class Module blueprint action module extends WorkflowBaseModule
         public $disabled = true;
         public $description = 'Lorem ipsum dolor, sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit.';
         public $outputs = 1;
         -public function exec(array $node, WorkflowRoamingData $roamingData, array &$errors =
             parent::exec($node, $roamingData, $errors);
```

- Module configuration are defined as public variables
- The exec function has to be implemented.
 - ► If it returns **true**, execution will proceed
 - ► If it returns **false**
 - And the module is blocking, the execution will stop and the operation will be blocked
 - And the module is not blocking, the execution for the current path will be stopped

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-Creating a new module in PHP

- The exec function has to be implemented > If it returns true, execution will proceed
 - And the module is not blocking, the execution for the curre

CREATING A NEW MODULE IN PYTHON

- Module configuration are defined in the moduleinfo and moduleconfig variables
- The handler function has to be implemented.
- Blocking logic is the same as other modules

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Creating a new module in Python

