### TURNING DATA INTO ACTIONABLE IN-TELLIGENCE

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### THE AIM OF THIS PRESENTATION

- Why is **contextualisation** important?
- What options do we have in MISP?
- How can we **leverage** this in the end?

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### THE GROWING NEED TO CONTEXTUALISE DATA

- Contextualisation became more and more important as we as a community matured
  - ► **Growth and diversification** of our communities
  - ► Distinguish between information of interest and raw data
  - ► False-positive management
  - ► TTPs and aggregate information may be prevalent compared to raw data (risk assessment)
  - ► Increased data volumes leads to a need to be able to prioritise
- These help with filtering your TI based on your requirements...
- ...as highlighted by Pasquale Stirparo Your Requirements Are **Not My Requirements**

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The growing need to contextualise data

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Some main objectives we want to achieve when producing data
  - ► Ensure that the information is **consumable** by everybody
  - ► That it is **useful** to the entire target audience
  - ► The data is **contextualised** for it to be understood by everyone
- What we ideally want from our data
  - ► We want to be able to **filter** data for different use-cases
  - ► We want to be able to get as much knowledge out of the data as possible
  - ► We want to know where the data is from, how it got there, why we should care

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- Context added by analysts / tools
- Data that tells a story
- Encoding analyst knowledge to automatically leverage the above

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### **EXPRESSING WHY DATA-POINTS MATTER**

- An IP address by itself is barely ever interesting
- We need to tell the recipient / machine why this is relevant
- All data in MISP has a bare minimum required context
- We differentiate between indicators and supporting data

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### BROADENING THE SCOPE OF WHAT SORT OF CONTEXT WE ARE INTERESTED IN

- Who can receive our data? What can they do with it?
- **■** Data accuracy, source reliability
- Why is this data relevant to us?
- Who do we think is behind it, what tools were used?
- What sort of **motivations** are we dealing with? Who are the **targets**?
- How can we **block/detect/remediate** the attack?
- What sort of **impact** are we dealing with?

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### TAGGING AND TAXONOMIES

- Simple labels
- Standardising on vocabularies
- Different organisational/community cultures require different nomenclatures
- Triple tag system taxonomies
- JSON libraries that can easily be defined without our intervention

Tag	Events	Attributes	Tags
workflow:state="complete"	11	0	workflow:state="complete"
workflow:state="draft"	0	0	workflow:state="draft"
workflow:state="incomplete"	55	10	workflow:state="incomplete"
workflow:state="ongoing"	0	0	workflow:state="ongoing"

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Tagging and taxonomies



### **GALAXIES**

- Taxonomy tags often **non self-explanatory** 
  - Example: universal understanding of tlp:green vs APT 28
- For the latter, a single string was ill-suited
- So we needed something new in addition to taxonomies Galaxies
  - ► Community driven knowledge-base libraries used as tags
  - ► Including descriptions, links, synonyms, meta information, etc.
  - ► Goal was to keep it simple and make it reusable
  - ► Internally it works the exact same way as taxonomies (stick to **JSON**)



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### THE EMERGENCE OF ATT&CK AND SIMILAR GALAXIES

- Standardising on high-level **TTPs** was a solution to a long list of issues
- Adoption was rapid, tools producing ATT&CK data, familiar interface for users
- A much better take on kill-chain phases in general
- Feeds into our **filtering** and **situational awareness** needs extremely well
- Gave rise to other, ATT&CK-like systems tackling other concerns
  - ► attck4fraud ¹ by Francesco Bigarella from ING

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Context added by analysts / tools

-The emergence of ATT&CK and similar galaxies

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<sup>►</sup> Election guidelines <sup>2</sup> by NIS Cooperation Group

https://www.misp-project.org/galaxy.html#\_attck4fraud <sup>2</sup>https: //www.misp-project.org/galaxy.html# election guidelines

### More complex data-structures for a modern age

- Atomic attributes were a great starting point, but lacking in many aspects
- MISP objects<sup>3</sup> system
  - ► Simple **templating** approach
  - ► Use templating to build more complex structures
  - ► Decouple it from the core, allow users to **define their own** structures
  - ► MISP should understand the data without knowing the templates
  - Massive caveat: Building blocks have to be MISP attribute types
  - ► Allow **relationships** to be built between objects

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### SUPPORTING SPECIFIC DATAMODELS

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2018-09-28	Other	status-code: text	A - Active		Add				
2018-09-28	Other	report-code: text	STR Suspicious Transact	ion Report	Add				
2018-09-28	Other	personal-account-type: text	: A - Business		Add				
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—Supporting specific datamodels



### CONTINUOUS FEEDBACK LOOP

- Data shared was **frozen in time**
- All we had was a creation/modification timestamp
- Improved tooling and willingness allowed us to create a **feedback loop**
- Lead to the introduction of the **Sighting system**
- Signal the fact of an indicator sighting...
- ...as well as **when** and **where** it was sighted
- Vital component for IoC lifecycle management

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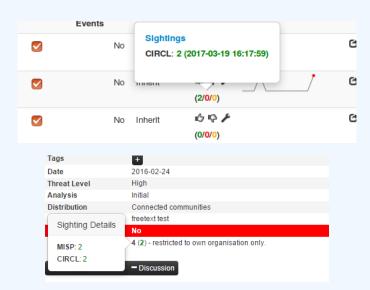
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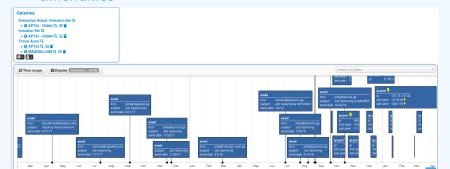
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—Continuous feedback loop (2)



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME - ADDING TEMPORALITY TO OUR DATA

- As Andreas said no time based aspect was painful
- Recently introduced **first\_seen** and **last\_seen** data points
- Along with a complete integration with the **UI**
- Enables the **visualisation** and **adjustment** of indicators timeframes



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A brief history of time - Adding temporality to our data



## THE VARIOUS WAYS OF ENCODING ANALYST KNOWLEDGE TO AUTOMATICALLY LEVERAGE OUR TI

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### FALSE POSITIVE HANDLING

- Low quality / false positive prone information being shared
- Lead to alert-fatigue
- Exclude organisation xy out of the community?
- FPs are often obvious can be encoded
- Warninglist system<sup>4</sup> aims to do that
- Lists of well-known indicators which are often false-positives like RFC1918 networks, ...

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False positive handling



### MAKING USE OF ALL THIS CONTEXT

- Providing advanced ways of querying data
  - ► Unified export APIs
  - ► Incorporating all contextualisation options into API filters
  - ► Allowing for an **on-demand** way of **excluding potential false positives**
  - ► Allowing users to easily **build their own** export modules feed their various tools

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### **EXAMPLE QUERY**

```
/attributes/restSearch
    "returnFormat": "netfilter",
    "enforceWarninglist": 1,
    "tags": {
      "NOT":
        "tlp:white",
        "type:OSINT"
      "OR":
        "misp-galaxy:threat-actor=\"Sofacy\"",
        "misp-galaxy:sector=\"Chemical\""
```

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Example query



### EXAMPLE QUERY TO GENERATE ATT&CK HEATMAPS

```
/events/restSearch
{
    "returnFormat": "attack",
    "tags": [
        "misp-galaxy:sector=\"Chemical\""
    ],
    "timestamp": "365d"
}
```

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Example query to generate ATT&CK heatmaps

### A SAMPLE RESULT FOR THE ABOVE QUERY



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A sample result for the above query



## MONITOR TRENDS OUTSIDE OF MISP (EXAMPLE: DASHBOARD)



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Monitor trends outside of MISP (example: dashboard)



### **DECAYING OF INDICATORS**

- We were still missing a way to use all of these systems in combination to decay indicators
- Move the decision making from complex filter options to complex decay models
- Decay models would take into account various available context
  - ► Taxonomies
  - Sightings
  - type of each indicator
  - Creation date

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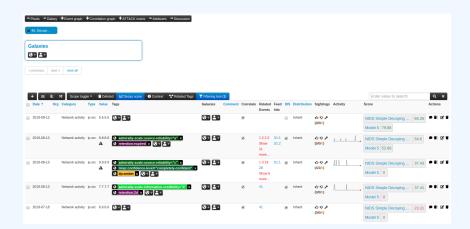
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### IMPLEMENTATION IN MISP: Event/view



- Decay score toggle button
  - ► Shows Score for each *Models* associated to the *Attribute* type

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Implementation in MISP: Event/view



### IMPLEMENTATION IN MISP: API RESULT

```
/attributes/restSearch
"Attribute": [
    "category": "Network activity",
    "type": "ip-src",
    "to ids": true.
    "timestamp": "1565703507",
    "value": "8.8.8.8",
    "decay score": [
        "score": 54.475223849544456,
        "decayed": false,
        "DecayingModel": {
          "id": "85",
          "name": "NIDS Simple Decaying Model"
```

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### TO SUM IT ALL UP...

- Massive rise in user capabilities
- Growing need for truly actionable threat intel
- Lessons learned:
  - ► Context is king Enables better decision making
  - ► Intelligence and situational awareness are natural by-products of context
  - Don't lock users into your workflows, build tools that enable theirs

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