

# **MISP WORKSHOP**

INTRODUCTION INTO INFORMATION SHARING USING

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- Explanation of the CSIRT use case for information sharing and what CIRCL does
- Building an information sharing community and best practices¹

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- Different communities have different needs and restrictions

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  - ► Work on attacker modelling
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  - ► Unique opportunity to **standardise on TTPs**
  - ► Looking for organisations that want to get involved!

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### COMMUNITIES SUPPORTED BY CIRCL

- ISAC / specialised community MISPs
  - ► Topical or community specific instances hosted or co-managed by CIRCL
  - Examples, GSMA, FIRST.org, CSIRT network, etc
  - ► Often come with their **own taxonomies and domain specific** object definitions
- FIRST.org's MISP community
- Telecom and Mobile operators' community
- Various ad-hoc communities for exercises for example
  - ► The ENISA exercise for example
  - ► Locked Shields exercise

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# ISAC / specialised community MISPs

### SHARING SCENARIOS IN MISP

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- We can generally split these activities into 4 main groups when we're talking about traditional CSIRT tasks:
  - Core services
  - ► Proactive services
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## CSIRT CORE SERVICES

- Incident response
  - ► Internal storage of incident response data
  - ► Sharing of indicators **derived from incident response**
  - ► Correlating data derived and using the built in analysis tools
  - **▶ Enrichment** services
  - ► Collaboration with affected parties via MISP during IR
  - **Co-ordination** and collaboration
  - ► Takedown requests
- Alerting of information leaks (integration with AIL<sup>4</sup>)

<sup>4</sup>https://github.com/CIRCL/AIL-framework

### **CSIRT PROACTIVE SERVICES**

- Contextualising both internal and external data
- **Collection** and **dissimination** of data from various sources (including OSINT)
- Storing, correlating and sharing own manual research (reversing, behavioural analysis)
- Aggregating automated collection (sandboxing, honeypots. spamtraps, sensors)
  - ► MISP allows for the creation of internal MISP "clouds"
  - ► Store **large specialised datasets** (for example honeypot data)
  - ► MISP has **interactions with** a large set of such **tools** (Cuckoo, Mail<sub>2</sub>MISP, etc)
- **Situational awareness** tools to monitor trends and adversary TTPs within my sector/geographical region (MISP-dashboard, built in statistics)

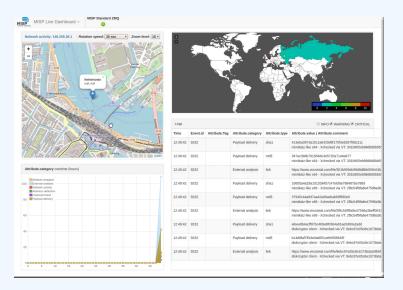
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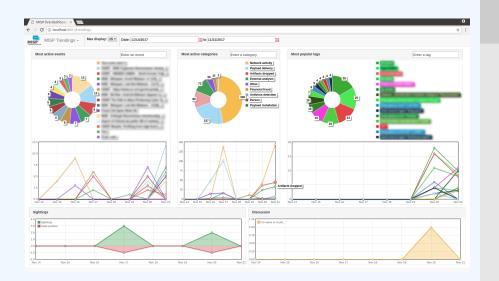


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### **CSIRT ADVANCED SERVICES**

- Supporting forensic analysts
- Collaboration with **law enforcement**
- **Vulnerability** information sharing
  - ► **Notifications** to the constituency about relevant vulnerabilities
  - ► **Co-ordinating** with vendors for notifications (\*)
  - ► Internal / closed community sharing of pentest results
  - ► We're planning on starting a series of hackathons to find

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-CSIRT advanced services

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# CSIRTS' MANAGEMENT OF SHARING COMMUNITIES FOR **CONSTITUENT ACTIONS:**

- **Reporting** non-identifying information about incidents (such as outlined in NISD)
- **Seeking** and engaging in **collaboration** with CSIRT or other parties during an incident
- Pre-sharing information to **request for help** / additional information from the community
- Pseudo-anonymised sharing through 3rd parties to avoid attribution of a potential target
- Building processes for **other types of sharing** to get the community engaged and acquainted with the methodologies of sharing (mule account information, border control, etc)

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### A QUICK NOTE ON COMPLIANCE...

- Collaboration with Deloitte as part of a CEF project for creating compliance documents
  - ► Information sharing and cooperation **enabled by GDPR**
  - ► How MISP enables stakeholders identified by the **NISD** to perform key activities
  - ► **AIL** and MISP
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### ADVANTAGES OF CROSS SECTORIAL SHARING

- Reuse of TTPs across sectors
- Being hit by something that **another sector has faced before**
- **Hybrid threats** how seemingly unrelated things may be interesting to correlate
- Prepare other communities for the capability and culture of sharing for when the need arises for them to reach out to CSIRT
- Generally our field is ahead of several other sectors when it comes to information sharing, might as well **spread the love**



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OTHER TRESPONSIBILITY

# RUNNING A SHARING COMMUNITY USING MISP - HOW TO GET GOING?

- Different models for constituents
  - ► Connecting to a MISP instance hosted by a CSIRT
  - ► **Hosting** their own instance and connecting to CSIRT's MISP
  - ► **Becoming member** of a sectorial MISP community that is connected to CSIRT's community
- Planning ahead for future growth
  - ► Estimating requirements
  - ► Deciding early on common vocabularies
  - Offering services through MISP

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-Running a sharing community using MISP -How to get going? A SHARING COMMUNITY USING MISP - HOW DING?

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- Encourage **improving by doing** instead of blocking sharing with unrealistic quality controls
  - ► What should the information look like?
  - ► How should it be contextualise
  - ► What do you consider as useful information?
  - ► What tools did you use to get your conclusions?
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  - ► Validating data / flagging false positives
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# HOW TO DEAL WITH ORGANISATIONS THAT ONLY "LEECH"?

- From our own communities, only about **30%** of the organisations actively share data
- We have come across some communities with sharing requirements
- In our experience, this sets you up for failure because:
  - Organisations losing access are the ones who would possibily benefit the most from it
  - Organisations that want to stay above the thresholds will start sharing junk / fake data
  - ► You lose organisations that might turn into valuable contributors in the future

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# SO HOW DOES ONE CONVERT THE PASSIVE ORGANISATIONS INTO ACTIVELY SHARING ONES?

- Rely on organic growth
- **Help** them increase their capabilities
- As mentioned before, lead by example
- Rely on the inherent value to one's self when sharing information (validation, enrichments, correlations)
- **Give credit** where credit is due, never steal the contributions of your community (that is incredibly demotivating)

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# DISPELLING THE MYTHS AROUND BLOCKERS WHEN IT COMES TO INFORMATION SHARING

- Sharing difficulties are not really technical issues but often it's a matter of **social interactions** (e.g. **trust**).
  - ► You can play a role here: organise regular workshops, conferences, have face to face meetings
- Legal restrictions
  - "Our legal framework doesn't allow us to share information."
  - "Risk of information leak is too high and it's too risky for our organization or partners."
- Practical restrictions
  - "We don't have information to share."
  - "We don't have time to process or contribute indicators."
  - "Our model of classification doesn't fit your model."
  - ► "Tools for sharing information are tied to a specific format, we use a different one."

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 Dispelling the myths around blockers when it comes to information sharing

### CONTEXTUALISING THE INFORMATION

- Sharing technical information is a great start
- However, to truly create valueable information for your community, always consider the context:
  - ► Your IDS might not care why it should alert on a rule
  - ► But your analysts will be interested in the threat landscape and the "big picture"
- Classify data to make sure your partners understand why it is **important for you**, so they can see why it could be **useful** to them
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#### CHOICE OF VOCABULARIES

- MISP has a verify **versatile system** (taxonomies) for classifying and marking data
- However, this includes different vocabularies with obvious overlaps
- MISP allows you to pick and choose vocabularies to use and enforce in a community
- Good idea to start with this process early
- If you don't find what you're looking for:
  - Create your own (JSON format, no coding skills required)
  - If it makes sense, share it with us via a pull request for redistribution

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# SHARED LIBRARIES OF META-INFORMATION (GALAXIES)

- The MISPProject in co-operation with partners provides a curated list of galaxy information
- Can include information packages of different types, for example:
  - ► Threat actor information
  - Specialised information such as Ransomware, Exploit kits, etc.
  - ► Methodology information such as preventative actions
  - ► Classification systems for methodologies used by adversaries - ATT&CK
- Consider improving the default libraries or contributing your own (simple JSON format)
- If there is something you cannot share, run your own galaxies and **share it out of bound** with partners
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### FALSE-POSITIVE HANDLING

- You might often fall into the trap of discarding seemingly "junk" data
- Besides volume limitations (which are absolutely valid, fear of false-positives is the most common reason why people discard data) - Our recommendation:
  - ▶ Be lenient when considering what to keep
  - ► Be strict when you are feeding tools
- MISP allows you to filter out the relevant data on demand when feeding protective tools
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- Sharing indicators to **perform intelligence**.
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## Warning: Potential false positives

List of known IPv4 public DNS resolvers

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- Often within a community **smaller bubbles of information** sharing will form
- For example: Within a national private sector sharing community, specific community for financial institutions
- Sharing groups serve this purpose mainly
- As a CSIRT running a national community, consider bootstraping these sharing communities
- Organisations can of course self-organise, but you are the ones with the know-how to get them started

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- Use your **best judgement** to decide which communities should be separated from one another
- Create sharing hubs with manual data transfer if needed
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- **Create guidance** on what should be shared outside of their bubbles organisations often lack the insight / experience to decide how to get going. Take the initiative!

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