

# Development opportunities with SecureX

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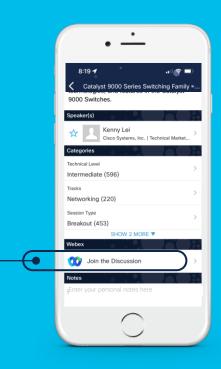
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## Agenda

- Introduction
  - What is SecureX?
  - SecureX Feature Highlights
- The SecureX Development Opportunity
  - The API model
  - SecureX threat response
  - SecureX orchestration
- Conclusion & Resources

### Objectives

#### Overview

- Understand SecureX purpose and application
- Understand integration use cases (why integrate?)

### Threat Response

Understand Modules and Relays

### Orchestration

Understand Workflows and Targets



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- 25 years experience
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  - SecurityFocus
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  - SOC/Engineering roles at Financial Services
  - PayPal
  - Hedge Fund
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  - Travel
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- Life
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# Introduction to SecureX



What is SecureX?



### What is SecureX?





The real power of SecureX is the combined power of all the connected technologies, multiplied by the efficiency gains from automation...



### SecureX Features



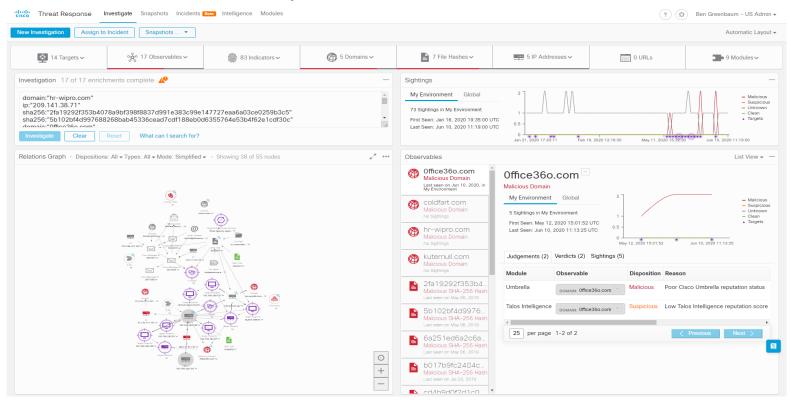
### SecureX capabilities and benefits

- Threat response for fast investigation and remediation
- Orchestration to reduce manual workflows
- Secure sign-on for seamless user experience
- Customizable dashboard to track detailed and important metrics
- Ribbon feature to share context between all teams and work across tools



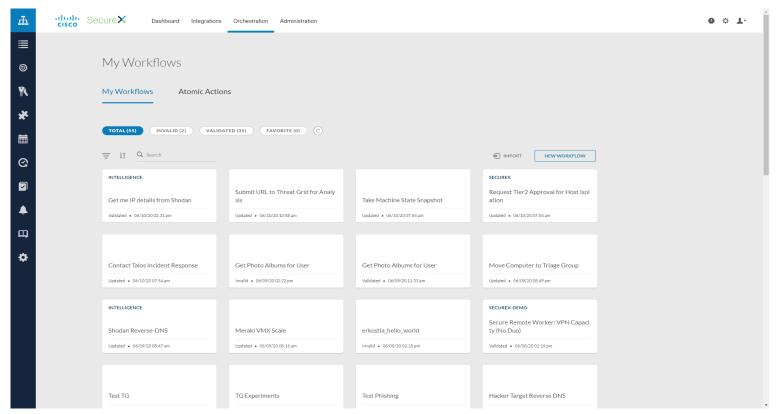


### SecureX threat response





### SecureX orchestration





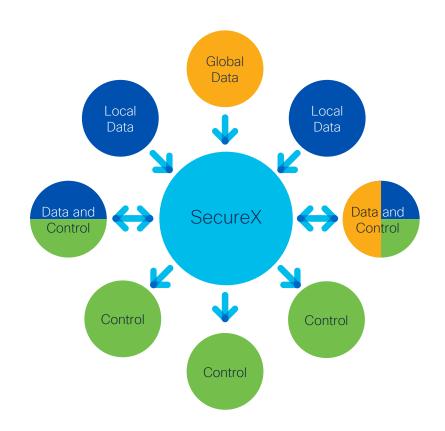
The SecureX Development Opportunity Advantage



# The SecureX API Model

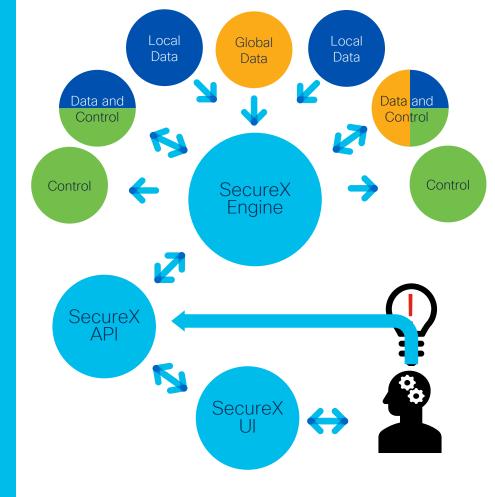


# API aggregation at work



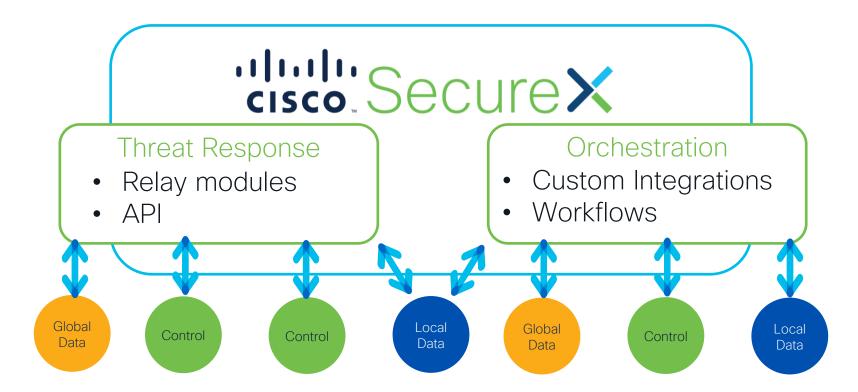


# API proxying at work

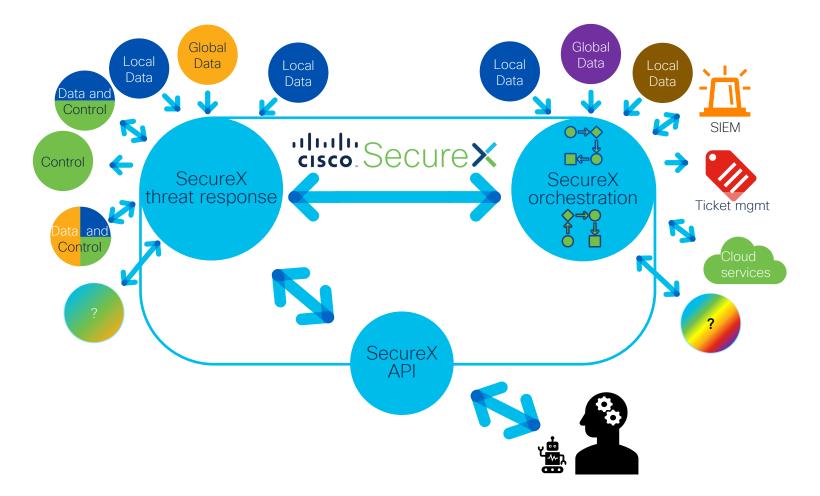




### Hooks and Integration Points









# SecureX threat response



# SecureX threat response Integration Use Cases

- 3rd Party Program Using SecureX:
  - Extract observables from text
  - Quick reputation lookups
  - Threat Hunting
  - Create Incidents for Incident Manager
  - Take response actions

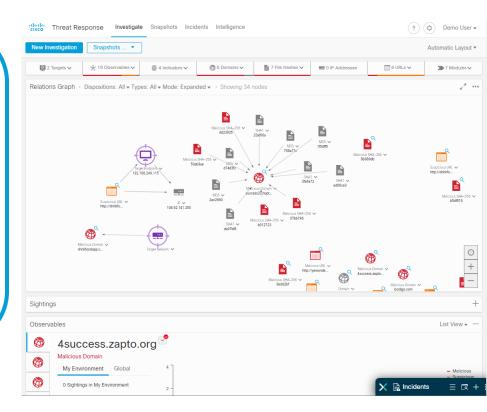
SecureX threat response Integration Use Cases

- SecureX using the 3rd Party Program:
  - Add arbitrary data/response sources!
    - Enrichment data
    - Take response actions

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### SecureX threat response

- · Products host their own APIs
- SecureX threat response makes requests
  - "Do you know anything about this observable?"
  - "Have you seen this observable?"
  - "What can you do about it?"
  - "Do that to/with this observable"





### Enrichment

The process of consulting all the technologies to find out what any of them know, or can do, about the observable(s).











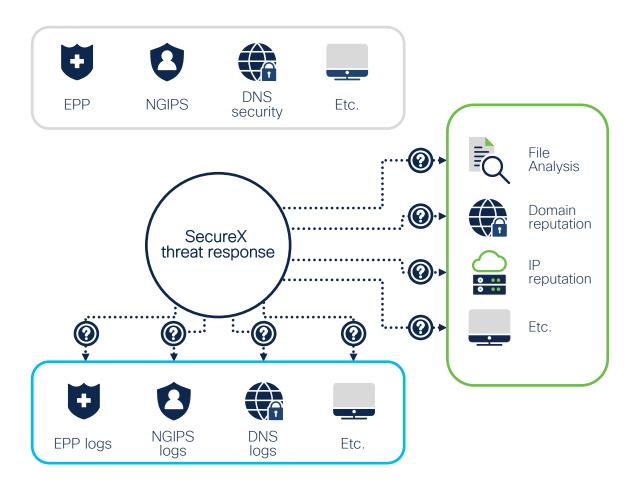






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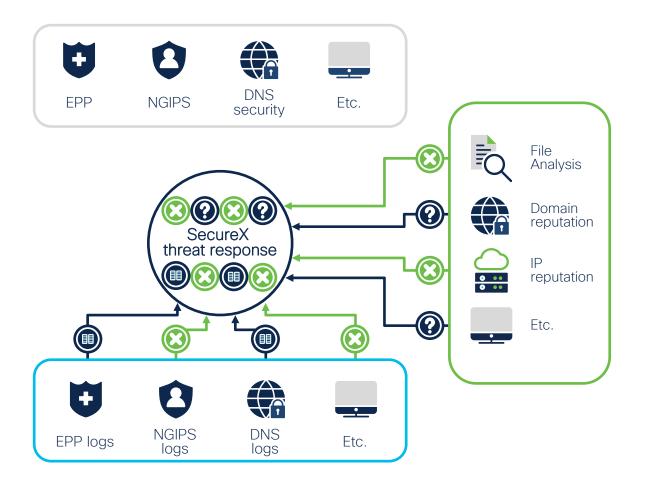






### Enrichment







### Response

The process of leveraging the capabilities of SecureX-enabled technologies to mitigate threats by acting on observables or targets













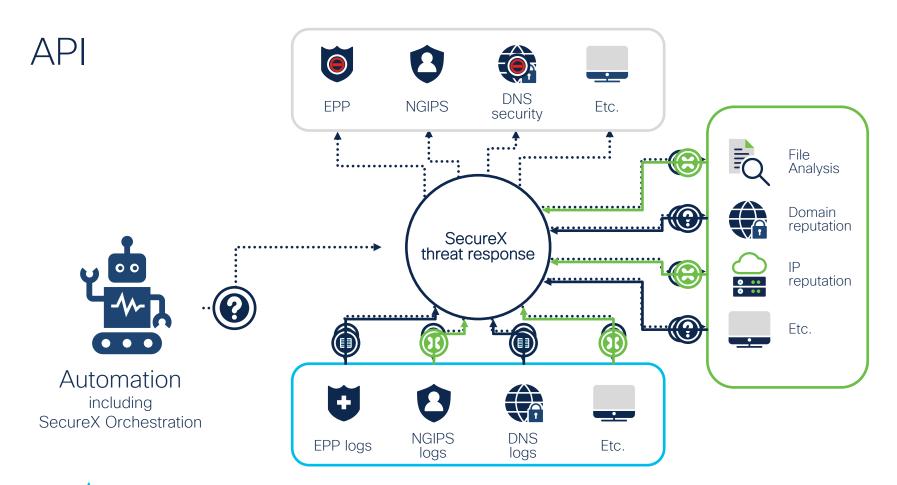
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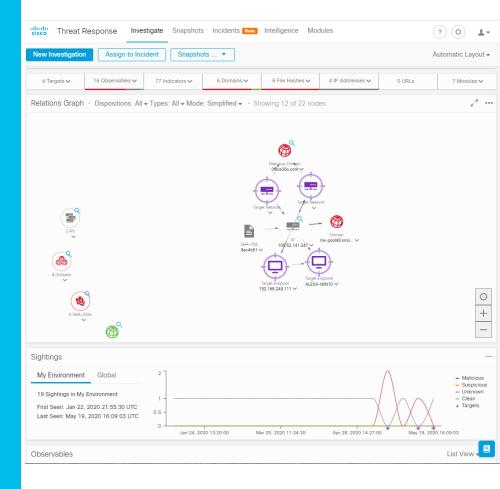
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### Concepts

- "Cisco Threat Response"
- Observables
- Sightings & Targets
- Judgements & Verdicts
- Modules
  - Relay modules
- Data storage
  - Snapshots
  - Casebooks
  - Incidents

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### "Cisco Threat Response"

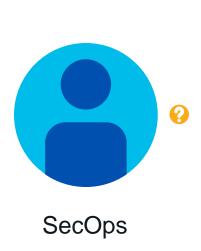


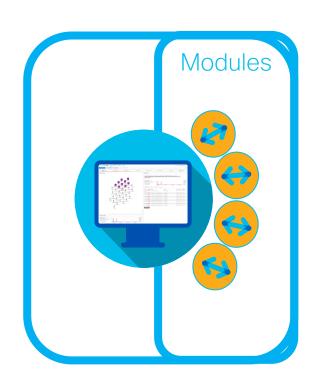
### Modules

Pluggable code to talk to SecureX-capable intel, sensor, or control technologies





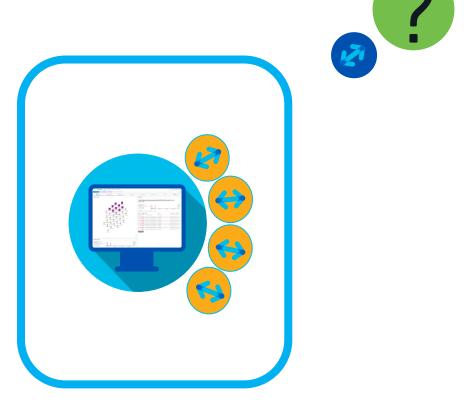


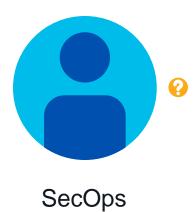














File Analysis

Domain reputation

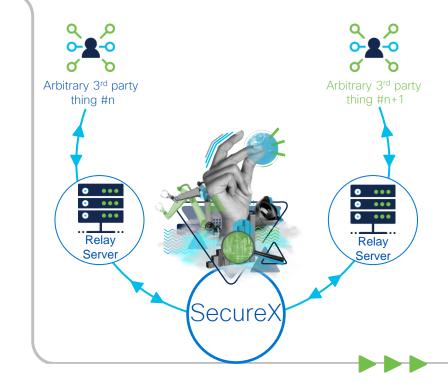
IP reputation

Etc

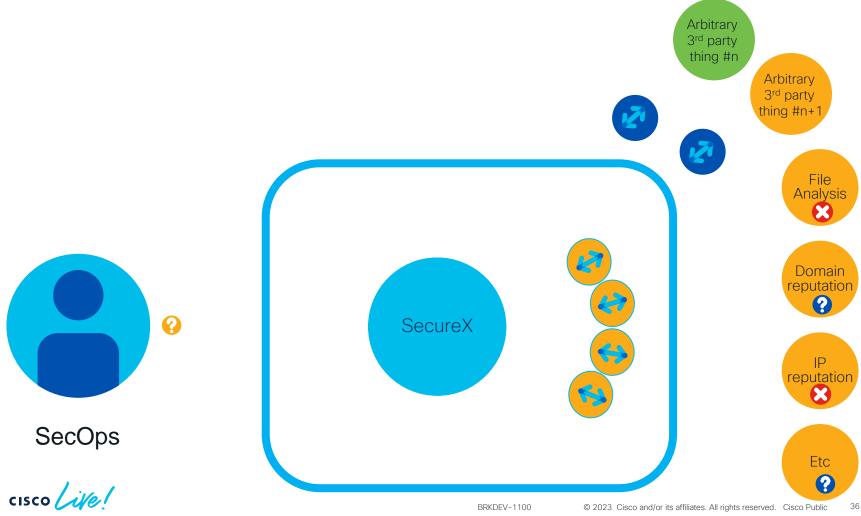


### Relay modules

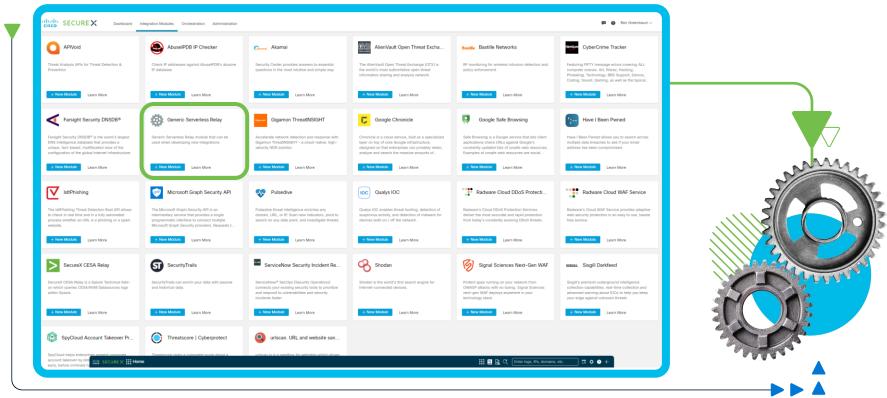
Relay server translates from 3<sup>rd</sup> party data model and APIs to Cisco Threat Intelligence Model and SecureX APIs







#### Relay modules





#### Threat Response: Relays and Relay Modules

Relays can be used to provide to SecureX and via SecureX, any of the following supported functions from any technology capable of providing them

- Reputations (malicious, suspicious, etc)
- Sightings (local or global)
- Response/Enforcement (block or quarantine etc on observable)
- Reference Links (search for this observable in external UI)

#### Observables

#### Anything that can be observed...

- IP
- Domain
- URL
- File hash
- Email address
- User Identity
- User Agent
- Etc





### Sightings

An observable being... observed.

- Firewall alert
- AMP file activity
- Threat Grid file submission
- ESA email logs
- WSA proxy logs
- SWE alarm
- Umbrella DNS request
- Etc





### Targets

A local asset involved in a sighting

- Endpoint
- Email address
- IP address
- Server
- Process
- User Identity
- Etc
- ...



## Judgements & Verdicts

### Reputations and opinions on observables

Malicious



- Suspicious
- Unknown
- Clean

Judgements	Verdicts
Multiple per module	One per module
Points of info	Holistic rendering

#### Data storage



#### Snapshot

- Point in time record of investigation
- User-created
- URL accessible



#### Casebook

- Set of observables
- User-created
- User notes
- Pivot Menus and actions
- Available across products



#### Incident

- Security Event
- System or user created
- System triaged
- User-managed

### Cisco Threat Intelligence Model

CTIM is closely based on STIX with a few simplifications

The primary focus of CTIM is the decomposition, storage, and retrieval of vast quantities of existing threat intelligence.

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Malware IdentityAssertion Actor Feedback

Attack Pattern Incident Relationship Tool

Indicator Casebook Verdict Campaign

Course of Action Judgement Weakness Sighting



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Demo #1 – Browser Plugin



# Threat Response Recap

- SecureX Threat Response can help you
  - Hunt for threats
  - Defend proactively against threats
  - Remediate discovered attacks
  - Investigate and manage incidents
- You can extend Threat Response via Relays to leverage additional sources of
  - Threat Intelligence
  - Local Security Context
  - Response and enforcement
  - External references and lookups
- You can leverage all capabilities of Threat Response over the API
  - Tie them into existing tools
  - Standalone automation scripts



# SecureX orchestration

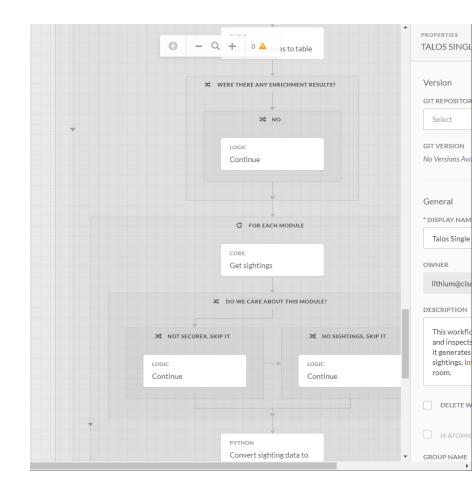


# Integration Use Cases for SecureX orchestration

- Incident & Ticket mgmt
- Automated Threat Hunting
- Phishing Investigations
- Manage Load Balancing
- Collect Threat Intelligence
- Find/Report Vulnerabilities
- Group Manual Responses
- Onboard New Users
- [...]

#### SecureX orchestration

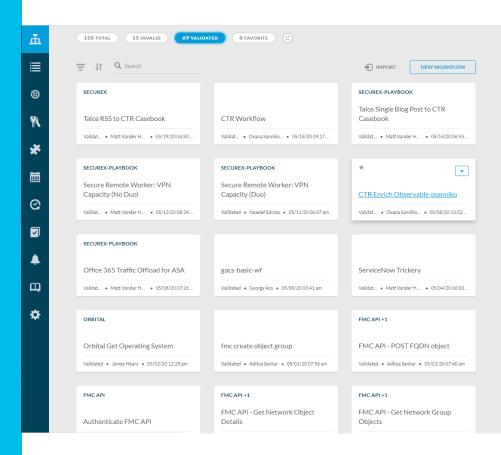
- Workflows run in an interpreter
- Products/Services host their own APIs
- SecureX orchestration makes requests
  - · Nature of requests is... wide open
  - "tell me about this observable"
  - "spin up another VPN head end"
  - "analyze this URL"
  - · "ask for approval via Duo"
  - "record an incident / open a ticket"
  - "Post a chat in the Teams Space"
- SecureX orchestration can respond and react to results, and pass results between steps in the workflow



#### Concepts

- "Action Orchestrator"
- Adapter
- Workflow
- Applicable programming concepts
  - Flow Control
  - Variables

## "Action Orchestrator"



### Adapters

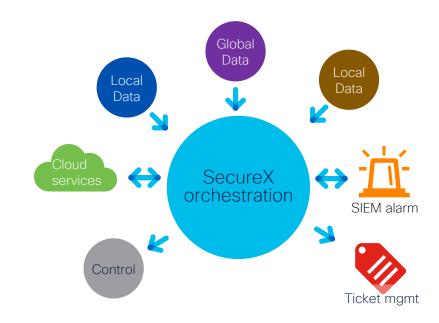
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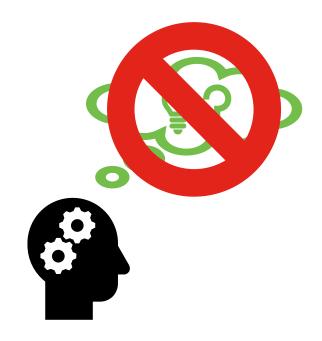
#### Pluggable code to talk to any arbitrary technologies

#### Adapters





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# Arbitrary 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Integrations?

- 1. Create HTTP API talget
- 2. Configure Account

  Keys
- Use HTTP adapter on Stop
   1 Target
- 4. Optional Use included Python Adapter to write Python script
- 5. Fetch data from Step 3
  adapter, optional placess
  response with Step 4 script.

### Multiple Generic Protocol Adapters

- HTTP
- FTP
- JDBC
- SMTP
- SNMP
- SSH

#### Workflow

- A series of steps to follow
- A "program"
- Created by:



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- User

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# Programming Concepts

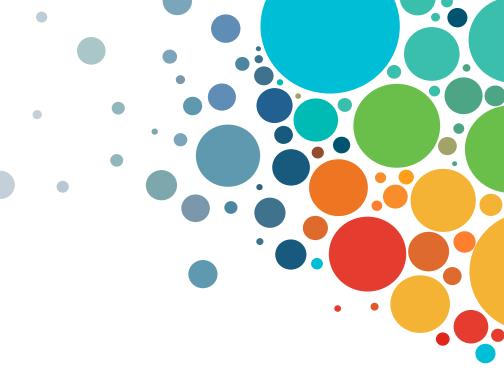
- No specific language experience required
- Familiarity a plus with ideas like
  - Flow Control
    - Conditionals
    - Loops
  - Variables

### Workflow Triggers

- Manually
  - In the Orchestration UI
- Fmail
  - to configured IMAP inbox
- From SecureX threat response
  - Via pivot menu item
  - For workflows that take one input observable
- Calendar/schedule
  - "Every day at 2:42"
  - "Every n minutes"
  - AKA pull/poll to external flag, SXtr API, etc



Demo #1 – Workflow editor



# Workflow Example: Phishing Investigation

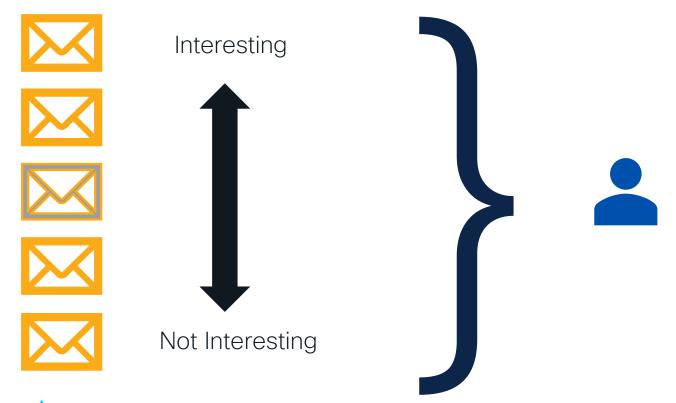




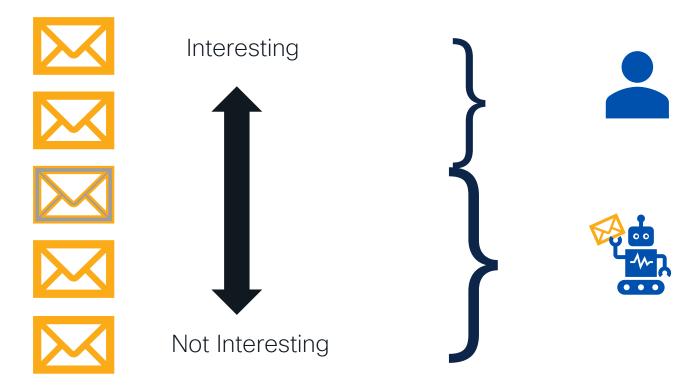


- Receive Email
- Process Attachment(s)
- Inspect headers and body for Observables (email addresses, domains, files, etc)
- Check Observables Dispositions (malicious, suspicious, unknown, clean)
- Analyze unknown Observables (if supported, e.g. files / URLs)
- Make verdict based on all dispositions
  - If Malicious, alert user and SOC and create SecureX Incident
  - If Suspicious or Unknown alert SOC to continue investigation

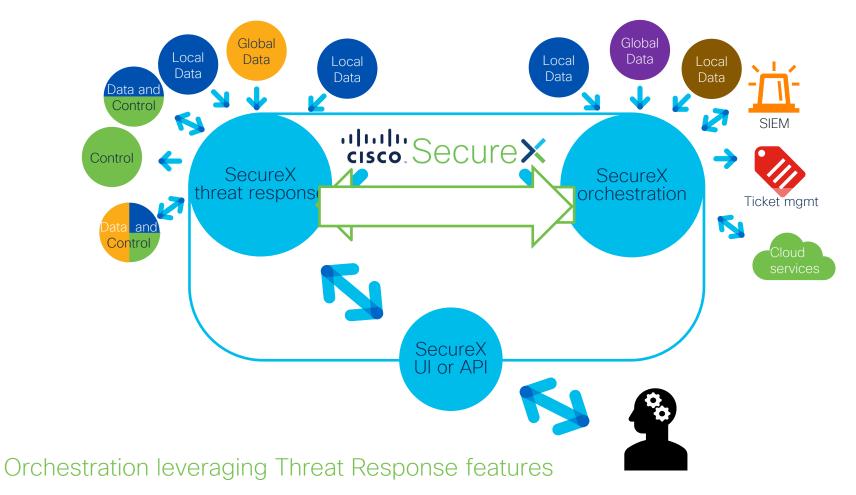












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# Workflow Example: Submit URL to ThreatGrid



#### "URL to ThreatGrid" Workflow











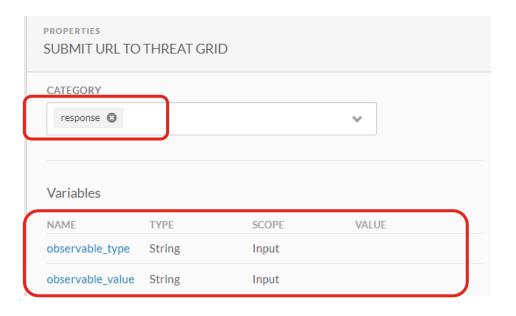


#### Submit URL to ThreatGrid Workflow

- Verify URL
- Submit to ThreatGrid via ThreatGrid API
- Provide report link to analyst

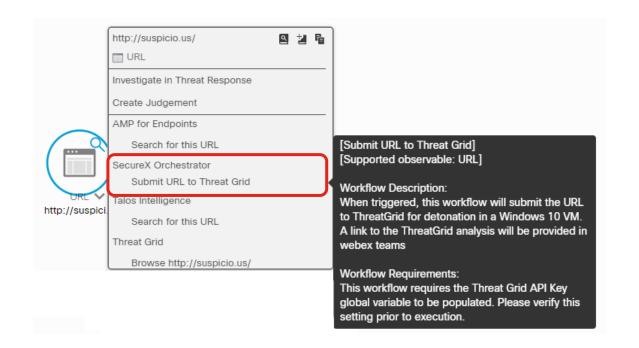


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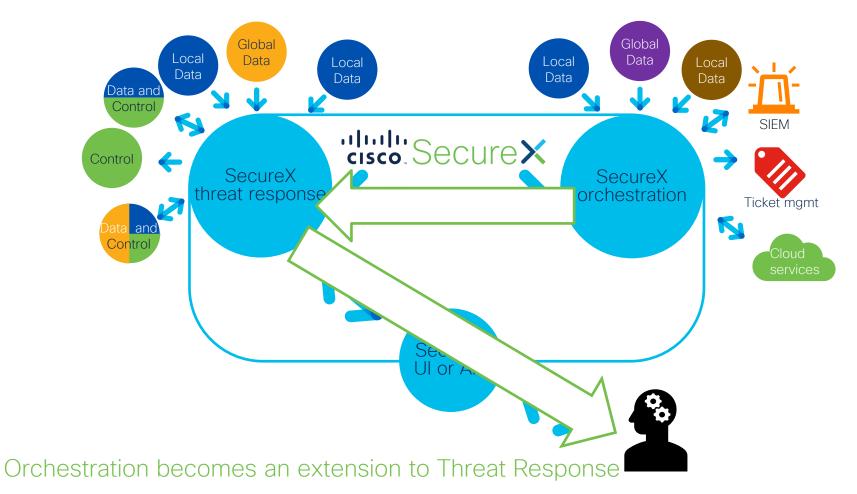




#### Add a Workflow to Threat Response Menus







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Need response capability from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party RESTful API for which there is no Module or Relay Module?

- No Problem!
- "if REST then yes"
- Create a workflow that uses the API
- Enable that workflow for the Threat Response menu
- Done!
- (or, write a Relay Module)

# Orchestration Recap



- SecureX orchestration can help you
  - Secure your assets more efficiently
  - Reduce human error
  - Reduce human lag
  - Adhere to documented policies



that supports:

- HTTP, FTP, SMTP, SNMP, SSH, etc
- You can leverage all capabilities of Orchestration as Threat Response menu actions for use in
  - SecureX console
  - Threat Response API scripts



# Conclusion & Resources



## Recap

- SecureX Brings together
  - Local security context
  - Threat intelligence
  - Response capabilities
  - Automation & Orchestration
- SecureX reduces operational complexity
- SecureX is API-driven
- SecureX Threat Response
  - Fully leverageable over API
  - Can include arbitrary technologies via Custom Relays
  - Can include custom response actions via Orchestration Workflows
- SecureX Orchestration
  - IS a dev environment
  - Workflows are triggerable externally via email, remote flags, etc
  - Can leverage arbitrary technologies over multiple built in protocols



#### The Bottom Line:

- SecureX is heavily extensible to accommodate multiple
  - Organization security needs
  - Existing technologies already in your SOC
  - Future technologies you may add, Cisco or not
- SecureX is forward-compatible to drive
  - Progress up the maturity model ladder
  - Increased visibility, efficiency, and security



# Resources



### Development References to continue learning ...

#### General SecureX Programmability











#### threat response

Self paced API labs: cs.co/CTR-API-labs

CTIM: cs.co/CTIM docs

Code: cs.co/SXtr\_repo

#### orchestration

Tutorials and demos: <a href="mailto:cs.co/SXO\_Videos">cs.co/SXO\_Videos</a>

Documentation: cs.co/SXO\_docs

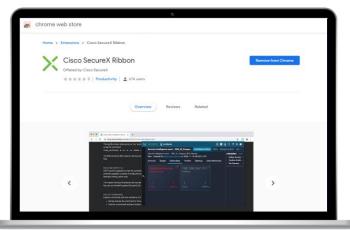
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## General SecureX Resources

- SecureX introduction:
  - <u>cisco.com/go/securex</u>
- Watch and save SecureX playlist
  - cs.co/SecureX\_videos
- SecureX FAQ:
  - cs.co/SecureX\_faq
- SecureX content at prior Cisco Lives
  - cs.co/SecureX\_CiscoLive
- Get Started!
  - security.cisco.com

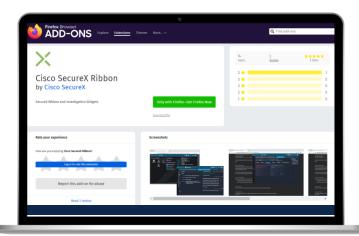
## cs.co/SecureX\_Chrome





#### SecureX Browser Plugins





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SecureX CL AMS 23 Learning Map



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