Deep-dive into PyMISP

MISP - Threat Sharing

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CONTEXT

- MISP is a large project
- Your production environment is even more complex
- 3rd party services are even worse
- Querying MISP via CURL is doable, but get's painful fast
- Talking to MySQL directly can be dangerous
- POST a JSON blob, receive a JSON blob. You can do it manually(-ish)

BIG PICTURE

- Core goal: providing stable access to APIs, respect access control
- Simplifying handling & automation of indicators in 3rd party tools
- Hiding complexity of the JSON blobs
- Providing pre-cooked examples for commonly used operations
- Helping integration with existing infrastructure

COMMON QUERIES: RECENT CHANGES ON A TIMEFRAME

There are 4 main cases here:

- Metadata of the events that have been modified
 - search_index ⇒ timestamp (1h, 1d, 7d, ...), returns list of all the modified events
- Full events (metadata + attributes)
 - **search** \Rightarrow timestamp (1h, 1d, 7d, ...)
- Modified attributes
 - **> search** ⇒ controller = attributes and timestamp (1h, 1d, 7d, ...)
- Other use case: get last published events by using the last parameter in the search method.

COMMON QUERIES: SEARCH THINGS

There are 3 main cases here:

- Easy, but slow: full text search with search_all
- Faster: use the search method and search by tag, type, enforce the warning lists, with(-out) attachments, dates interval, ...
- Get malware samples (if available on the instance).

COMMON QUERIES: CREATE THINGS

There are 3 main cases here:

- Add Event, edit its metadata
- Add attributes or objects to event
- (un)Tag event or attribute (soon object)
- Edit Attributes medatada
- Upload malware sample (and automatically expand it)

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

Assyming you have the right to do it on the instance.

- Managing users
- Managing organisations
- Managing sync servers

OTHER CAPABILITIES

- Upload/download samples
- Proposals: add, edit, accept, discard
- **Sightings**: Get, set, update
- Export statistics
- Manage feeds
- Get MISP server version, recommended PyMISP version
- And more, look at the api file

MISPEVENT - USECASE

```
from pymisp import MISPEvent, EncodeUpdate
# Create a new event with default values
event = MISPEvent()
# Load an existing JSON dump (optional)
event.load_file('Path/to/event.json')
event.info = 'My..cool..event' # Duh.
# Add an attribute of type ip-dst
event.add_attribute('ip-dst', '8.8.8.8')
# Mark an attribute as deleted (From 2.4.60)
event.delete attribute('<Attribute_UUID>')
# Dump as ison
event as isondump = ison.dumps(event, cls=EncodeUpdate)
```

BASICS

- Python 3.5+ is recommended
- PyMISP is always inline with current version (pip3 install pymisp)
- Dev version: pip3 install git+https://github.com/MISP/PyMISP.git
- Get your auth key from: https://misppriv.circl.lu/events/automation
 - Not available: you don't have "Auth key access" role. Contact your instance admin.
- Source available here: git clone https://github.com/MISP/PyMISP.git

EXAMPLES

- PyMISP needs to be installed (duh)
- Usage:
 - Create examples/keys.py with the following content

```
misp_url = "https://url-to-your-misp"
misp_key = "<API_KEY>"
misp_verifycert = True
```

Proxy support:

EXAMPLES

- Lots of ideas on how to use the API
- You may also want to look at the tests directory
- All the examples use argparse. Help usage is available: script.py -h
 - add_file_object.py: Attach a file (PE/ELF/Mach-O) object to an event
 - upload.py: Upload a malware sample (use advanced expansion is available on the server)
 - **last.py**: Returns all the most recent events (on a timeframe)
 - add_named_attribute.py: Add attribute to an event
 - **sighting.py**: Update sightings on an attribute
 - **stats.py**: Returns the stats of a MISP instance
 - {add,edit,create}_user.py : Add, Edit, Create a user on MISP

USAGE

■ Basic example

CONCEPT BEHIND ABSTRACTMISP

- JSON blobs are python dictionaries
- ... Accessing content can be a pain
- AbstractMISP inherits collections.MutableMapping, they are all dictionaries!
- ... Has helpers to load, dump, and edit JSON blobs
- Important: All the public attributes (not starting with a _) defined in a class are dumped to JSON
- **Tags**: Events and Attributes have tags, soon Objects. Tag handling is defined in this class.
- edited: When pushing a full MISPEvent, only the objects without a timestamp, or with a newer timestamp will be updated. This method recursively finds updated events, and removes the timestamp key from the object.

- Pvthonic representation of MISP elements
- Easy manipulation
 - Load an existing event
 - Update te metadata, add attributes, objects, tags, mark an attribute as deleted, ...
 - Set relations between objects
 - Load and add attachments or malware samples as pseudo files
- **Dump** to JSON

MISPEVENT - MAIN ENTRYPOINTS

- load_file(event_path)
- load(json_event)
- add_attribute(type, value, **kwargs)
- add_object(obj=None, **kwargs)
- add_attribute_tag(tag, attribute_identifier)
- get_attribute_tag(attribute_identifier)
- add_tag(tag=None, **kwargs)
- objects[], attributes[], tags[]
- edited, all other paramaters of the MISPEvent element (info, date, ...)
- to_json()

MISPOBJECT - MAIN ENTRYPOINTS

- add_attribute(object_relation, **value)
- add_reference(referenced_uuid, relationship_type, comment=None, **kwargs)
- has_attributes_by_relation(list_of_relations)
- get_attributes_by_relation(object_relation)
- attributes[], relations[]
- edited, all other paramaters of the MISPObject element (name, comment, ...)
- to_json()
- Can be validated against their template
- Can have default parameters applied to all attributes (i.e. distribution, category, ...)

MISPATTRIBUTE - MAIN ENTRYPOINTS

- add_tag(tag=None, **kwargs)
- delete()
- malware_binary (if relevant)
- tags[]
- edited, all other paramaters of the MISPObject element (value, comment, ...)
- to_json()

PYMISP - Tools

- Libraries requiring specfic 3rd party dependencies
- Callable via PyMISP for specific usecases
- Curently implemented:
 - ► OpenIOC to MISP Event
 - MISP to Neo4J

PYMISP - DEFAULT OBJECTS GENERATORS

- File PE/ELF/MachO Sections
- VirusTotal
- Generic object generator

PYMISP - LOGGING / DEBUGGING

- debug=True passed to the constructor enable debug to stdout
- Configurable using the standard logging module
- Show everything send to the server and received by the client

```
import pymisp
import logging
logger = logging.getLogger('pymisp')
logger.setLevel(logging.DEBUG) # enable debug to stdout
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.DEBUG, # Enable debug to file
                    filename="debug.log",
                    filemode='w'.
                    format = pymisp . FORMAT)
```

Q&A



- https://github.com/MISP/PyMISP
- https://github.com/MISP/
- https://pymisp.readthedocs.io/
- We welcome new functionalities and pull requests.