API Network Diagram

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MITRE Segment Agenda

- Discuss Existing CWE Infrastructure
- Outline broad options for the API backing
- Requests for comments on alpha testing design choices
- Our desire for specification of required capabilities



Current CWE/CAPEC Pipeline

- Users/team submit entries/changes, leading to edits of individual CWE/CAPECs
- Commit individual CWE/CAPEC XML files to MITRE internal Gitlab
- Collate and process individual CWE/CAPEC's into the main XML file
 - https://cwe.mitre.org/data/downloads.html for compressed collations
- Generate HTML pages from CWE/CAPEC XML data through XSL transforms
- Reflect statically generated HTML to public web server



CWE/CAPEC Schema

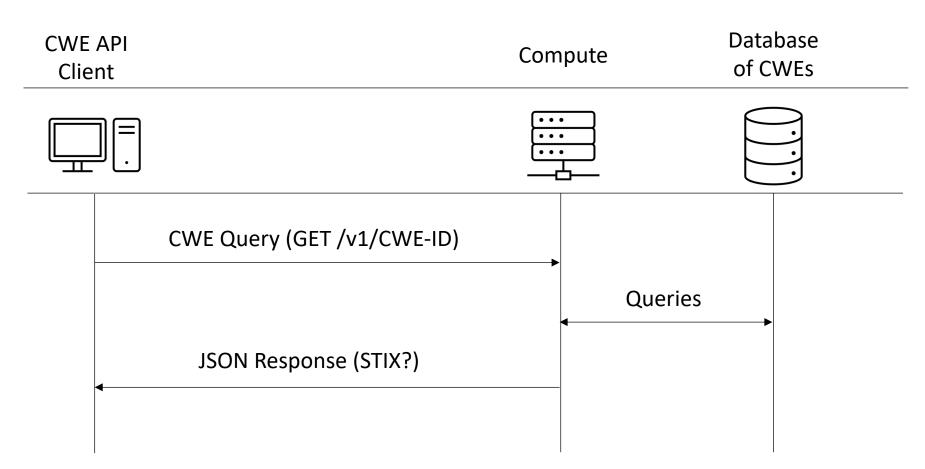
- This schema version number refers to the XML schema (not the CWE/CAPEC version)
- Changes in field names, possible options for enumerations, etc.
- Should we match version numbers in API?



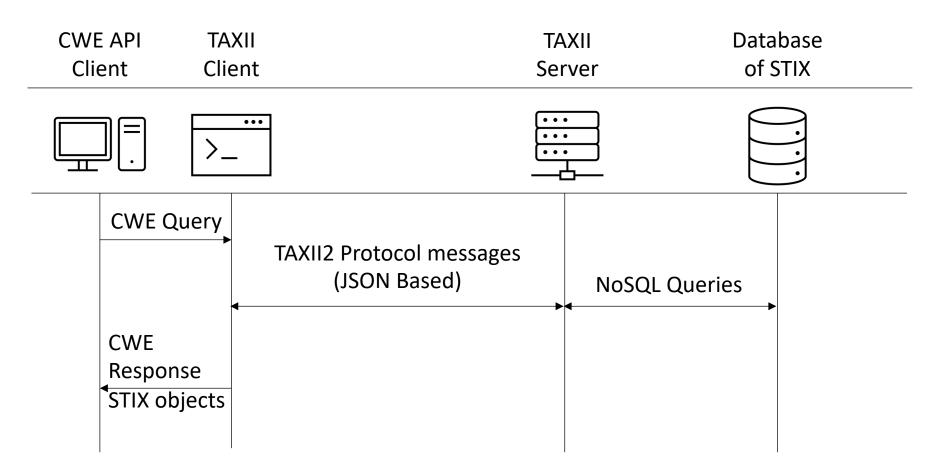
Current List of Requests (Accelera: Brent Sherman, Kathy Herring Hayashi)

	API/Get Request	Example
1	List of all matching categories and view (HW)	Members of the category – debugging, security flow issues (e.g. 1196)
2	List of all matching specific field(s)	
3	Record of parent CWE	CHILD-ID = 1195 and return PARENT_ID(s)
4	Meta data of all possible values for CWE field	For collection building, sorting (e.g. 8 possible technologies)
5	Return entry Version and Timestamp	Request current version
6	List of entries modified between version releases	startver=1; endver=2
7	Delta between Entry Dates	Startdate=01/22/22; enddate=today











Client side library for querying

- To what extent are people willing to process CWE/CAPEC through an open-source library we develop?
 - Distribute library which leverages the API or can operate on CWE/CAPEC XML
 - negatives being which language to use and maintenance



Potential Simplification for v1

Deploy baseline API

- GET /cwe/id -> json of cwe-id
- GET /view/id -> json of [cwe-id, cwe-id, cwe-id] if all in view
- GET /all -> all CWEs with reduced set of fields

Implications:

- no search functionality to start with
- standard API design considerations and performance not accounted for
- Can be deployed now in an "as-is" state through the current CWE website
 - This server doesn't have a ton of resources so it would be untenable in the long run



TAXII Starting Point (TAXII API Endpoints)

URL	Methods	Resource Type
/taxii2/	GET	discovery
{api-root}/	GET	api
{api-root}/status/{status-id}/	GET	status
{api-root}/collections/	GET	collections
{api-root}/collections/{id}/	GET	collection
{api-root}/collections/{id}/manifest/	GET	manifest
{api-root}/collections/{id}/objects/	GET, POST	envelope
{api-root}/collections/{id}/objects/{object-id}/	GET, DELETE	envelope
{api-root}/collections/{id}/objects/{object-id}/versions/	GET	versions



Discovery

```
curl https://cti-taxii.mitre.org/taxii/ | jq .
 "title": "CTI TAXII server",
 "description": "This TAXII server contains a listing of ATT&CK
domain collections expressed as STIX, including PRE-ATT&CK, ATT&CK for
Enterprise, and ATT&CK Mobile.",
  "contact": "attack@mitre.org",
 "default": "https://cti-taxii.mitre.org/stix/",
  "api roots":
   "https://cti-taxii.mitre.org/stix/"
```



Collections

```
curl https://cti-taxii.mitre.org/stix/collections/ | jq '.collections[-2:-1]'
 "title": "Mobile ATT&CK",
 "description": "This data collection holds STIX objects from Mobile ATT&CK",
 "can read": true,
 "can write": false,
 "media_types":
  "application/vnd.oasis.stix+json; version=2.0"
```



Manifest for a Collection

```
curl https://cti-taxii.mitre.org/stix/collections/02c3ef24-9cd4-48f3-a99f-b74ce24f1d34/manifest | jg '.[0:2]'
  "id": "relationship--95b12e1a-7f21-4fa0-9b2a-c96c7c270625",
  "date added": "2021-10-14T21:33:27.046Z"
  "versions":
    "2021-10-14T22:06:54.109Z"
  ],
  "media_types": "application/vnd.oasis.stix+json; version=2.0"
},
  "id": "relationship--b5f94430-be03-43ed-97e1-0424d783073e",
  "date_added": "2021-10-14T21:33:27.046Z",
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    "2021-10-14T22:06:54.109Z"
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