

MISP PROJECT & CEREBRATE UPDATE

UPDATE OF THE FEATURES & DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

CIRCL TEAM



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WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE LAST MUG

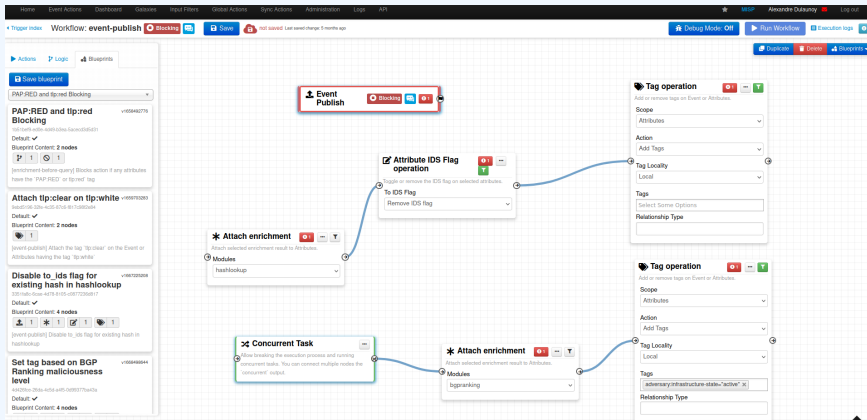
GIVE YOU A BRIEF UPDATE OVER THE HIGHLIGHTS

A TOPICAL LISTING OF THE NEW MAJOR FEATURES

- **Workflow** improvements
- **STIX 2.1** improvements along with TAXII integration
- **Freetext** import modernisation
- **Logging** and **security** improvements
- **Dashboard** rework
- **Security fixes** and other improvements

- Continuous ongoing work
- Further addition of **logic nodes** for more advanced **branching** decision trees
- Additional **action nodes** (such as e-mailing improvements)
- The inclusion of new **triggers** based on community feedback
- **Filtered data** paths within workflows (e.g. Only execute this set of actions on a subset of the workflow's input data)

WORKFLOWS



- The **freetext import** has been a powerful way of creating **attributes** parsed out of text
- Since 2.4.167, it can also be used to **create MISP objects**
- **Proposes** valid object **templates** for the given data-points
- New UI elements and parsing logic added
- Objects in general encouraged over flat attributes
- Goes hand-in-hand with new **object template** development

FREETEXT IMPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Freetext Import Results

Below you can see the attributes that are to be created. Make sure that the categories and the types are correct, often several options will be offered based on a

☐ Proposals instead of attributes

Value	Similar Attribute
8.8.8.8	3 4 104 674 871
google.com	1632

Submit attributes

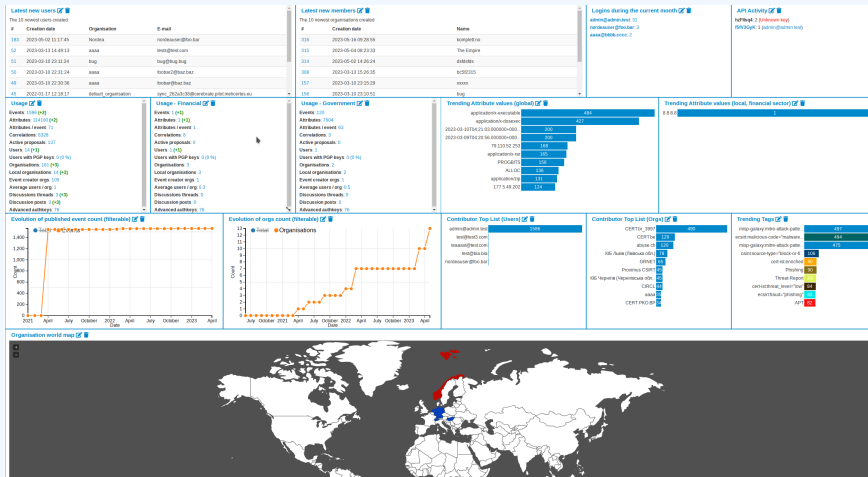
Create object ▾

- shodan-report
- ddos
- intelmq_event
- ip-port
- dns-record
- domain-ip

- **Logging concerns separated** into optional separate mechanisms
 - ▶ Separate Application, Audit, Access logs (thanks to Jakub Onderka)
- New user sanity checks on **prior authentications** and **associated IPs** (thanks to Christophe Vandeplas)
 - ▶ Allows users to audit their accounts' actions to catch abuse
- New internal logging of **authentication frequency**

- **Overhaul** of the **widget toolkit** for instance visibility
- New widgets to highlight **trends, community interactions and statistics**
- Focus on **customisation** and **bucketing** of organisation groups
 - ▶ Use Organisation meta-data, such as country, sector, org type
- Better defined **reporting periods**
 - ▶ Show data of current day, month, year or since an arbitrary date
- Rework of some existing widgets to be much more **performant**

DASHBOARD EXAMPLE



SECURITY FIXES AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

- Long list of security fixes based on multiple external penetration tests
- **CVEs**¹ continuously reported for issues small and large
 - ▶ Make sure you're up to date!
- **Zigrin security**'s research funded by the **Luxembourg army** has been a massive help
- Long list of other improvements, quality of life changes, performance tuning

¹<https://www.misp-project.org/security/>

TAXONOMY HIGHLIGHT

- Many different taxonomies are used frequently in various organisations
- A new feature to highlight the important taxonomy in a MISP instance (community) is available
- Site admin user can select the **highlighted taxonomies**
- The taxonomy namespace will be highlight in a box on the index/event views

All Enabled Disabled		Enter value to search						Filter
ID ↑	Namespace	Description	Version	Enabled	Required	Highlighted	Active Tags	Actions
281	false-positive	This taxonomy aims to ballpark the expected amount of false positives.	7	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 / 6	🔍 📄 🗑️
280	tlp	The Traffic Light Protocol (TLP) (v2.0) was created to facilitate greater sharing of potentially sensitive information and more effective collaboration. Information sharing happens from an information source, towards one or more recipients. TLP is a set of four standard labels (a fifth label is included in amber to limit the diffusion) used to indicate the sharing boundaries to be applied by the recipients. Only labels listed in this standard are considered valid by FIRST. This taxonomy includes additional labels for backward compatibility which are no more validated by FIRST SIG.	7	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	7 / 7	🔍 📄 🗑️
279	pyoti	PyOTI automated enrichment schemes for point in time classification of indicators.	3	✗	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0 / 60	▶️ 🔍 🗑️
278	nis2	The taxonomy is meant for large scale cybersecurity incidents, as mentioned in the Commission Recommendation of 13 May 2022, also known as the provisional agreement. It has two core parts: The nature of the incident i.e. the underline cause	3	✗	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0 / 54	▶️ 🔍 🗑️

Tags

TLP

☒ cirol.osint-feed

TLP

TLP

☒ enisa:nefarious-activity-abuse=

☒ eu-nis-sector-and-subsectors:eu

☒ europol-incident:information-gat

- MISP modules are companion to expansion, export, import for external services or tooling
- Extended to support the **MISP workflow actions**
- New modules include new import **extract_url_components**
- New expansion modules include **Crowdsec, ipinfo.io**
- Improved expansion modules **greynoise, VarIoT**
- Improved modules to support the MISP standard format

- 149 ready-to-use are now available in MISP taxonomies (used in MISP and many other tools)
- New **information-origin** taxonomy to classify AI-generated content with LLMs
- New **aviation** taxonomy developed by Eurocontrol to support labelling in the aviation sector
- New Microsoft **sentinel** taxonomy to support the MISP sentinel integration developed by Koen Van Impe
- Various fixes and improvement to taxonomies (e.g. the dark-web taxonomy due to updates in AIL 5.0)

- New **captive-portal** warning-list added
- New known **parking page infrastructure** warning-list added
- New **google-chrome-crux-1million** warning-list added
- New **microsoft-azure-appid** warning-list added

- New **sigma** galaxy added including relationships
- Latest MITRE ATT&CK version 13 updated for the MISP galaxy
- New microsoft threat actor taxonomy added including relationships with previous activity group and **threat-actor galaxy**
- Alignment of **ransomware galaxy** with the **ransomlook.io** project
- Major improvements in threat-actor galaxy including relationships with other galaxy clusters

- misp-stix² is standalone Python library support MISP standard format and all the STIX version (1.1.1, 1.2, 2.0 and 2.1)
- Two people from CIRCL are **co-sharing the OASIS Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI) TC and CTI STIX subcommittee**
- Ensuring alignment between the standards, interoperability and an open source standard library

²<https://github.com/MISP/misp-stix>

MISP STIX - CUSTOM GALAXY CLUSTER IMPORT

- TTPs, Threat Actors and other contextual descriptions imported as Galaxy Clusters
- Generating specific Custom Galaxy Clusters from STIX directly

[illegible]

- Extracting the complete description within the Cluster meta fields

The screenshot displays a list of STIX 2.1 Threats in the MISP interface, all belonging to the 'Ugly Gorilla' cluster. Each entry includes a globe icon and a plus sign. A detailed popup for one instance is shown, containing the following information:

- Ugly Gorilla**
- Description:** Ugly gorilla
- Synonyms:** Greenfield, JackWang, Wang Dong
- Source:**
- Primary Motivation:** organizational-gain
- Resource Level:** government
- Roles:** malware-author, agent, infrastructure-operator
- Threat Actor Types:** nation-state, spy

■ Ability to select the Clusters distribution

Import STIX 2.x JSON file

2.x JSON file

AA23-319A-StopRansomware-Rhysida-Ransomware.stix21.json

Distribution ⓘ

This community only



☐ Publish imported events

☒ Include the original imported file as attachment

How to handle Galaxies and Clusters ⓘ

As MISP standard format



Cluster distribution ⓘ

This community only



MISP STIX - SUPPORT OF ACS MARKINGS

- Generating a **Custom Galaxy Cluster** with the flattened description of the the Marking definition
- Extracting some of the fields as Tag to provide classification of the data marked with the Marking definition

? 2 STIX 2.1 ACS Marking Q

isa:guide.19001.ACS3-9e0cd50e-6efc-45b3-8a3d-b6376541c9c5 Q ≡

STIX 2.1 Attack Pattern Q

- Masquerading Q ≡
- Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell Q ≡
- Exploitation for Privilege Escalation Q ≡
- Valid Accounts Q ≡
- Exploit Public-Facing Application Q ≡
- Data Encrypted for Impact Q ≡
- Inhibit System Recovery Q ≡
- Impair Defenses: Disable or Modify Tools Q ≡
- Phishing Q ≡

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STIX 2.1 Attack Pattern Q

- OS Credential Dumping Q ≡

acs-marking:classification="U"

acs-marking:formal_determination="INFORMATION-DIRECTLY-RELAT

acs-marking:formal_determination="PUBREL" acs-marking:privi

tlp:white

isa:guide.19001.ACS3-9e0cd50e-6efc-45b3-8a3d-b6376541c9c5

Source:

IDentifier: isa:guide.19001.ACS3-9e0cd50e-6efc-45b3-8a3d-b6376541c9c5

Create Date Time: 2023-03-02T16:48:57.959Z

Responsible Entity Custodian: USA.DHS.NCCIC

Responsible Entity Originator: USA.DHS.NCCIC

Policy Reference: urn:isa:policy:acs:ns:v3.0?privdefault=deny&shareddefault=permit

Control Set.classification: U

Control Set.formal Determination: INFORMATION-DIRECTLY-RELATED-TO-CYBERSECURITY-THREAT, PUBREL

- Import **Note & Opinion** objects using the recently released **Analyst Data** feature
- Filling the mapping gaps between **Indicators, Observed Data, Observable objects** and their MISP representation (**Attributes & Objects**)

- New documentation for Cerebrate³
- Many **improvements and bugs fixed** following the feedback of different organisations deploying Cerebrate
- Deployment of the **PoC for NATO users is ongoing**
- Software stack of MISP 3 is tested on Cerebrate

³<https://doc.cerebrate-project.org/>

ONGOING REWORK

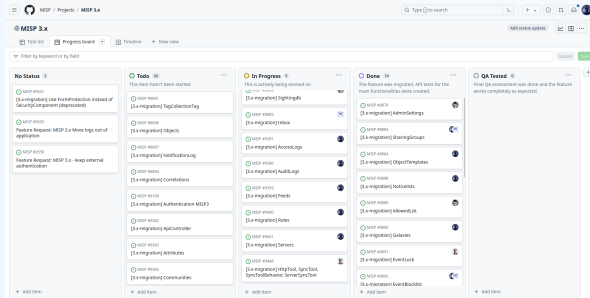
- Largest ongoing work is the work on **MISP3**
- Already announced long ago, development is now underway⁴
- New **tech stack** based on Cerebrate's advances (CakePHP 4.x+, PHP 8.2+, Bootstrap 5+)
- Longer project, will bring long needed improvements

⁴<https://github.com/MISP/MISP/tree/3.x>

MISP 3 STATUS

3.X MIGRATION STATUS

- Migration status is available online in the MISP project page on GitHub⁵



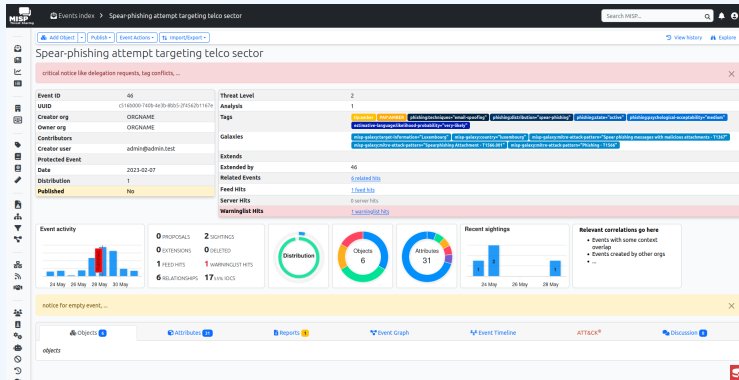
- 26 Pull Requests (1 Open, 1 Draft)
- **+105,165 lines of code added** and **20,992 lines of code removed**

⁵<https://github.com/orgs/MISP/projects/2/views/4>

- **Event View Page Redesign** - We are working on a complete overhaul of this page, with a focus on catering to multiple use-cases for different user-personas, enhancing responsiveness, integrating multiple charts, and emphasizing critical elements of MISP events. We're also separating attributes and objects for clearer comprehension.
- **Navigation Menu Redesign** - We're restructuring the navigation menu for better organization, incorporating intuitive groupings, icons, and support for mobile devices through a hamburger menu.
- **Bootstrap Upgrade** - Moving from Bootstrap 2 to Bootstrap 4 ensures a more modern and adaptable framework.

- **Application-Wide Color Schemes** - We're introducing support for customizable color schemes, including the much-requested dark mode.
- **Settings and Diagnostics Page Redesign** - These sections will undergo a makeover to improve usability, accessibility and make them less overwhelming.
- **Removal of Deprecated Features** - We aim to focus MISP's functionality on core capabilities, we're eliminating deprecated features that are no longer actively used or supported. This includes functionalities like Discussions or Threads, News, Scheduled Tasks, and Populate Event from Template.

3.X - UI EXAMPLE



3.X - IMPROVED DEVELOPER/DEPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- Easy developer onboarding with dedicated readmes for development/testing.
- No more complex setup script, running docker development enviroment with just 3 commands:

```
$ git clone -b 3.x git@github.com:MISP/MISP.git MISP3
```

```
$ cd MISP3
```

```
$ docker-compose -f docker-compose.yml -f docker-compose.dev.yml --  
  env-file="./docker/.env.dev" up
```

3.X - AUTOMATIC CHECKS/FIXES VIA PRE-COMMIT HOOKS

- **phpcbf**: Code style beautifying.
- **phpcs**: Code style analysis PSR, naming conventions, etc.
- **phpstan**: Automatic static code analysis unused variables/imports, forbidden functions, etc.

3.X - NEW TEST SUITE

- Automatic API schema tests on requests/responses against OpenAPI spec.
- Code coverage.
- Testing sync and complex features mocking external http requests.
- Faster than previous PyMISP test suite.
- Reproducible, same tests are run by GitHub Actions on each PR.
- Easy to run, just one command:

```
docker-compose -f docker-compose.yml -f docker-compose.dev.yml --env  
-file="./docker/.env.test" exec misp vendor/bin/phpunit
```

- A new project called MISP playbooks⁶ has started
- MISP playbooks address **common use-cases** encountered by **SOCs, CSIRTs and CTI teams**
- Covering all the activity such **detecting, reacting and analysing**
- Documentation in Markdown format and code in Python all in **Jupyter notebooks**

⁶<https://www.github.com/MISP/misp-playbooks>

- misp-guard⁷ is a mitmproxy addon that inspects the synchronization traffic (via PUSH or PULL) between different MISP instances and applies a set of customizable rules defined in a JSON file
- **Simple code base for doing complementary filtering** between different MISPs for sensitive or classified networks
- misp-guard doesn't depend on MISP to apply the filtering
- Next step code review and evaluate the different option for certification (ideas are welcome)

⁷<https://github.com/MISP/misp-guard>

CONCLUSIONS

TO SUM IT ALL UP...

- The MISP **developer/contributor community** continues to grow and is very active
- The main focus the past year was on the following
 - ▶ Performance, security, UX improvements
 - ▶ Customisations of workflow processes
 - ▶ Better operationalisation of MISP (community management, integration, monitoring)
 - ▶ Fleshing out the documentation and supporting materials
- Cerebrate is aiming to fill the void of community/fleet management that we currently have
- Definitely no lack of new ideas and improvements, if you want to participate, it's easy to **get involved**
- Prioritisation is hard. **Let us know what you think we should focus on!**

GET IN TOUCH IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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- ▶ <https://github.com/cerebrate-project/cerebrate>