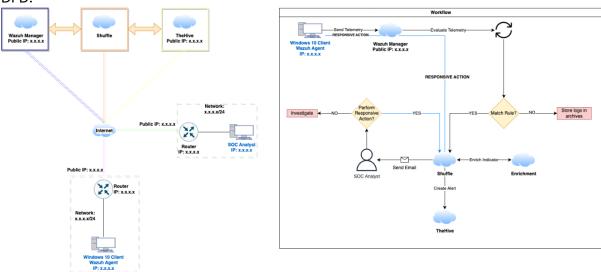
SOC Automation Project

The basic planning of the SOC automation can be seen below:

DFD:



It explains the process being conducted with the help of shuffle and making it automatic such that it automatically collects the alarms by wazuh and sends them to hive to make a ticket, it also sends it to the Email address specified in shuffle to inform the security engineer regarding the ticket and the alert such that continuous monitoring of wazuh dashboard is not required.

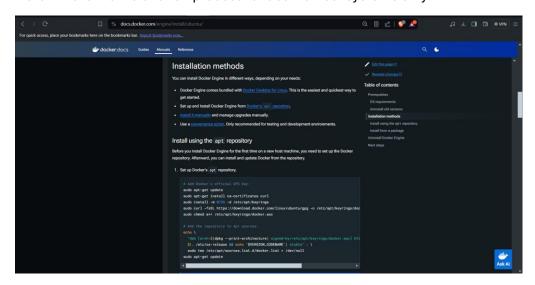
Following the procedure mentioned below shows the steps involved in installing and configuring the software required in this SOC Automation.

Installing docker

The first pre-requisite is to have docker engine and docker composed installed on the system where shuffle is going to be installed. The following screenshot shows the installation and the steps involved in the process.

Step 1: Go to the website https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu

Note: This is the installation process for ubuntu host systems only.



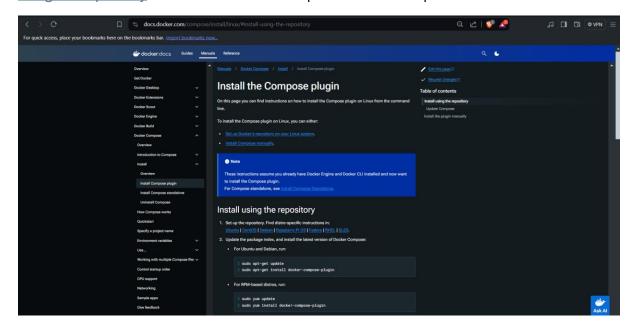
Step 2: Follow the commands shown in documentation by docker installation guide.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ # Add Docker's official GPG key:
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install ca-certificates curl
sudo install -m 0755 -d /etc/apt/keyrings
sudo curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg -o /etc/apt/keyrings/docker.asc
sudo chmod a+r /etc/apt/keyrings/docker.asc
# Add the repository to Apt sources:
echo \
  deb [arch=$(dpkg --print-architecture) signed-by=/etc/apt/keyrings/docker.asc] https://download.docker"
 .com/linux/ubuntu \
  $(. /etc/os-release && echo "$VERSION_CODENAME") stable" | \
  sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list > /dev/null
sudo apt-get update
Warning: The unit file, source configuration file or drop-ins of apt-news.service changed on disk. Run 's ystemctl daemon-reload' to reload units.
Warning: The unit file, source configuration file or drop-ins of esm-cache.service changed on disk. Run 'systemctl daemon-reload' to reload units.
Hit:1 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble InRelease
Hit:2 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates InRelease
Hit:3 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-backports InRelease
Hit:4 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security InRelease
Reading package lists... Done
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
ca-certificates is already the newest version (20240203).
ca-certificates set to manually installed.
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  curl
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 12 not upgraded.
Need to get 227 kB of archives
After this operation, 532 kB of_additional disk space will be used.
```

Step 3: Check the installation and working of docker by running a sample image hello-world.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo docker run hello-world
Unable to find image 'hello-world:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/hello-world
c1ec31eb5944: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:266b191e926f65542fa8daaec01a192c4d292bff79426f47300a046e1bc576fd
Status: Downloaded newer image for hello-world:latest
Hello from Docker!
This message shows that your installation appears to be working correctly.
To generate this message, Docker took the following steps:
 1. The Docker client contacted the Docker daemon.
 2. The Docker daemon pulled the "hello-world" image from the Docker Hub.
    (amd64)
 3. The Docker daemon created a new container from that image which runs the
    executable that produces the output you are currently reading.
 4. The Docker daemon streamed that output to the Docker client, which sent it
    to your terminal.
To try something more ambitious, you can run an Ubuntu container with:
 $ docker run -it ubuntu bash
Share images, automate workflows, and more with a free Docker ID:
 https://hub.docker.com/
For more examples and ideas, visit:
 https://docs.docker.com/get-started/
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

Step 4: Using the documentation on https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/linux/#install-using-the-repository to install the Docker compose which is a requirement to run shuffle.



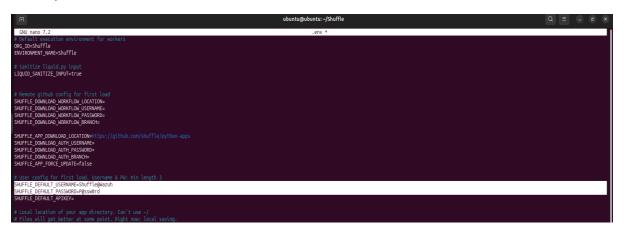
Installing Shuffle

In this project, Shuffle is used as the bridge between the tools and helps transfer collected logs from the SIEM and create tickets in platforms such as TheHive and help in automating the process whenever an irregularity is found.

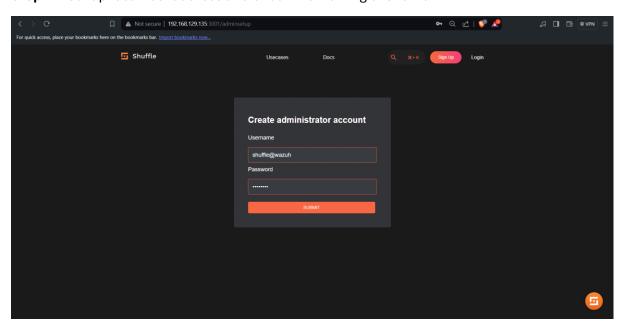
Step 1: Go to the website https://github.com/shuffle/shuffle/blob/main/.github/install-guide.md and follow the steps mentioned to install shuffle, refer the images attached below for easier understanding of the project.

Once the Docker is installed all there is left is to clone the git repository of shuffle and run the shuffle in docker as shown below:

Step 2: Next Configure the .env file from the repository cloned where u can change the shuffle admin password.



Step 4: Lookup localhost address and check the working of Shuflle.



Inatalling Wazuh:

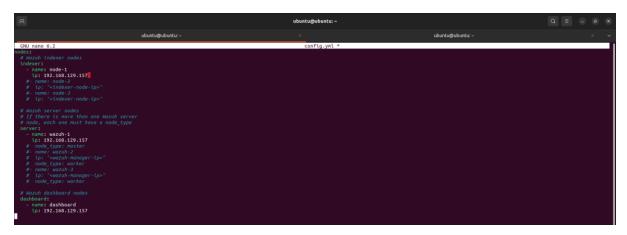
Wazuh is an open-source security platform that provides unified security monitoring, detection, and response across various environments, including cloud, on-premises, and hybrid. It integrates host-based intrusion detection, log analysis, vulnerability detection, and configuration assessment into a single platform, making it a versatile solution for comprehensive security management and compliance.

Follow these steps for installation of wazuh:

Step 1: download the configuration file and setup file of wazuh using the commands: "curl -sO https://packages.wazuh.com/4.7/wazuh-install.sh curl -sO https://packages.wazuh.com/4.7/config.yml"

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$ curl -s0 https://packages.wazuh.com/4.7/wazuh-install.sh
curl -s0 https://packages.wazuh.com/4.7/config.yml
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$ ls
config.yml Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public Shuffle snap Templates Videos wazuh-install.sh
ubuntu@ubuntu:-$
```

Step 2: Next open the configuration file and configure the IP address to the host systems IP address and then save the configuration file.



Step 2: Now after changing the IP in configuration file, run the installation script downloaded in the first step, using the command "sudo bash wazuh-install.sh –a", save the password shown at the last for future logins.

```
ubuntumubuntu: S sudo bash ./wazuh-install.sh -a
22/06/2024 18:06:25 IMFO: Starting Wazuh installation assistant. Wazuh version: 4.7.4
22/06/2024 18:06:08 IMFO: Starting Wazuh installation assistant. Wazuh version: 4.7.4
22/06/2024 18:50:08 IMFO: ... Dependencies ...
25/06/2024 18:50:08 IMFO: Installing gawk.
25/06/2024 18:50:08 IMFO: Installing gawk.
25/06/2024 18:50:11 IMFO: Mazuh web interface port will be 443.
25/06/2024 18:50:12 IMFO: Installing apt transport.https.
25/06/2024 18:50:01 IMFO: ... Configuration files ...
25/06/2024 18:50:01 IMFO: ... Configuration files ...
25/06/2024 18:50:01 IMFO: ... Configuration files ...
25/06/2024 18:50:02 IMFO: Nazuh repository added.
25/06/2024 18:50:02 IMFO: Nazuh indexer installation.
25/06/2024 18:50:02 IMFO: Starting Mazuh indexer cluster security settings.
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Starting Mazuh indexer cluster security settings.
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Mazuh-indexer service started.
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Mazuh-indexer service started.
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Starting Hazuh indexer cluster security settings.
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Starting IMFO: wazuh-indexer cluster security settings.
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Starting IMFO: wazuh-manager installation.
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Starting Filebeat installation.
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Starting Augunt dashboard ---
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Starting Augunt dashboard ---
25/06/2024 18:50:03 IMFO: Starting Augunt
```

Installing The hive

The Hive is an open-source Security Incident Response Platform (SIRP) designed for managing and resolving security incidents efficiently. It supports collaboration among security teams by enabling the tracking, analysis, and response to security threats. With its powerful case management and automation capabilities, The Hive streamlines incident response workflows and enhances overall security operations.

Follow the following steps to configure the dependencies for Hive.

Installing dependency Cassandra for hive

Cassandra as a dependency for Hive enables seamless integration, allowing Hive to efficiently store and query large datasets.

Step 1: Using the script attached in the repository, install Cassandra. Then go the etc directory where Cassandra is installed to configure it as shown below:

```
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# ls /etc/cassandra/
cassandra-env.sh cassandra.yaml credentials.sample jv
m11-server.options jvm-clients.options logback.xml
cassandra-rackdc.properties commitlog_archiving.properties hotspot_compiler jv
m8-clients.options jvm-server.options triggers
cassandra-topology.properties.example cqlshrc.sample jvm11-clients.options jv
m8-server.options logback-tools.xml
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# nano /etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml
```

Step 2: Modify the listen, rpc and seed address to the address of the host machine as shown below.

Changing Listen Address:

```
# Setting listen_address to 0.0.0.0 is always wrong.
# <mark>listen_address:</mark> 192.168.129.157
# Set listen_address OR listen_interface_ not both. Interfaces must carresu
```

Changing RPC Address:

```
# set broadcast_rpc_address to a value other than 0.0.0.0.
# For security reasons, you should not expose this port to the internet. Fir

ppc_address: 192.168.129.157
```

Changing Seed Address:

```
# seeds is actually a comma-delimited list of addresses.
# Ex: "«ip1>, «ip2>, «ip3>"
- seeds: "192.168.129.157;7000"
```

Step 3: Start the Cassandra service and check if its running properly.

Configuring elastic search used in hive

Elasticsearch for use in Hive enhances data indexing and search capabilities, allowing for faster and more efficient querying of large datasets, ultimately improving Hive's performance and scalability in handling complex data operations.

Follow the steps to configure Elastic Search for hive:

Step 1: After installing Elastic Search using the provided bash script, go the following path where the configuration file for Elastic Search is present as shown below:

```
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# nano /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
```

Step 2: Now set the cluster name as shown below:

```
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu

GNU nano 6.2 /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml *

# Use a descriptive name for your cluster:

# cluster.name: thehive

# Use a descriptive name for the node:

# Use a descriptive name for the node:

# node.name: node-1
```

Step 3: Also set the IP Address of the host/server machine to the "network.host" option.

```
#
network.host: 192.168.129.157
#
# By default Elasticsearch listens for HTTP traffic on the first free port it
# finds starting at 9200. Set a specific HTTP port here:
# http.port: 9200
#
# For more information, consult the network module documentation.
```

Step 4: Lastly start the elastic search service and check if its running without any issues:

```
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# systemctl start elasticsearch
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# systemctl enable elasticsearch
Synchronizing state of elasticsearch.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/systemd-
sysv-install.
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable elasticsearch
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/elasticsearch.service → /lib/systemd
/system/elasticsearch.service.
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# systemctl status elasticsearch
elasticsearch.service - Elasticsearch
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/elasticsearch.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
Active: active (running) since Sun 2024-06-02 13:07:57 IST; 23s ago
Docs: https://www.elastic.co
Main PID: 43125 (java)
Tasks: 62 (limit: 4554)
```

Configuring The hive

Step 1: After installing Hive using the bash script, we need to change the ownership of the <code>/opt/thp</code> directory and all of its contents to the user <code>thehive</code> and the group <code>thehive</code> suing <code>the commands:</code> "chown -R thehive:thehive /opt/thp" u can replace the "thehive" with the cluster name that u added when configuring the Elastic Search file.

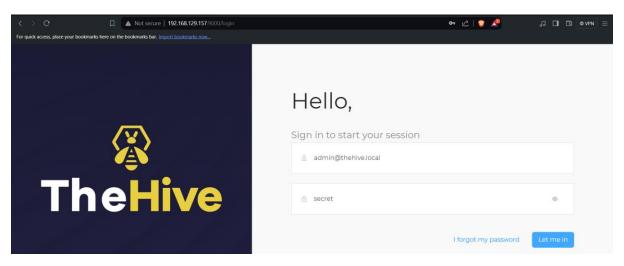
```
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# ls -la /opt/thp
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jun
                                 1 22:07
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Jun
                                 1 22:07 ...
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Jun 1 22:07 thehive
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# chown -R thehive:thehive /opt/thp
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# ls -la /opt/thp
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 3 thehive thehive 4096 Jun
                                       1 22:07 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root
                             4096 Jun
                     root
                                       1 22:07
drwxr-xr-x 5 thehive thehive 4096 Jun
                                       1 22:07 thehive
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu#
```

Step 2: Now go to the directory where hive files exist and open application.conf file in an text editor as shown below and configure the details as shown below such as IP Address and index name:

```
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu
                                                                                 Q
                                       /etc/thehive/application.conf *
  GNU nano 6.2
  By default, TheHive is configured to connec<mark>t</mark> to local Cassandra 4.x and a
db.janusgraph {
  storage {
    backend = cql
    hostname = ["192.168.129.157"]
    cql {
      cluster-name = Test Cluster
      keyspace = thehive
  index.search {
    backend = elasticsearch
    hostname = ["192.168.129.157"]
index-name = thehive
# The path can be updated and should belong to the user/group running thehive service. (by defa>
storage {
  provider = localfs
  localfs.location = /opt/thp/thehive/files
play.http.parser.maxDiskBuffer = 1GB
play.http.parser.maxMemoryBuffer = 10M
application.baseUrl = "http://192.168.129.157:9000"
play.http.context = "/"
```

Step 3: Now enable the hive as a service and run it, check if it the service is running properly:

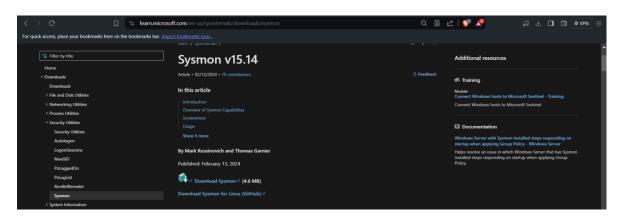
Step 4: Now that the hive is successful been installed and is running, go to the browser and lookup the server IP along with the port number 9000 which is the default port where hive service will run.



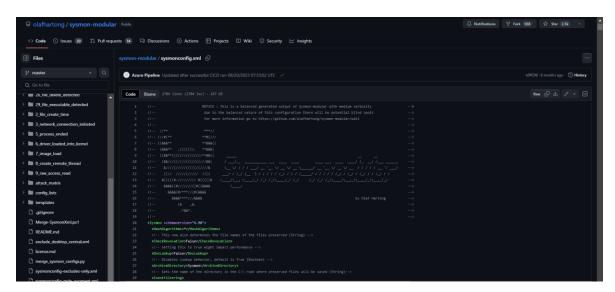
Installing Monitoring Services on Windows System

Installing Sysmon

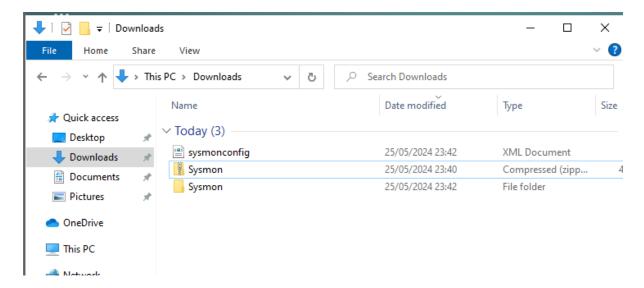
• Download Sysmon from the Sysinternals website.



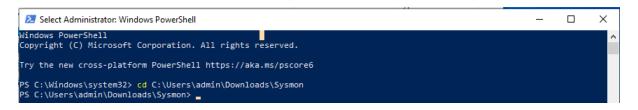
• Download the Sysmon configuration file from GitHub.



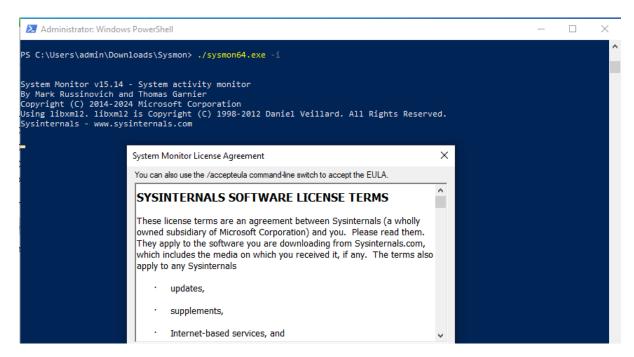
• Extract Sysmon and move the configuration file to the same directory.



• Open PowerShell as an administrator, navigate to the Sysmon directory.



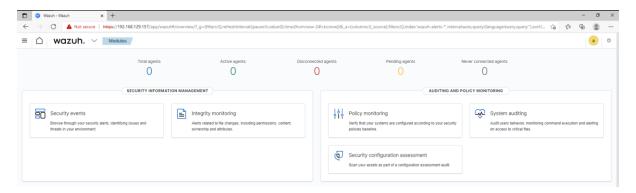
• Install Sysmon using the configuration file. Verify Sysmon installation by checking services and event logs.



Access the Wazuh Dashboard

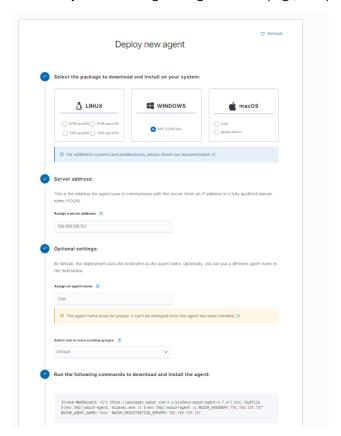
- Use the admin credentials to log in.
- If you don't have the credentials:

bash
ls /var/ossec/etc/
tar -xvf wazuh-install.tar
cat wazuh-install/wazuh-password.txt

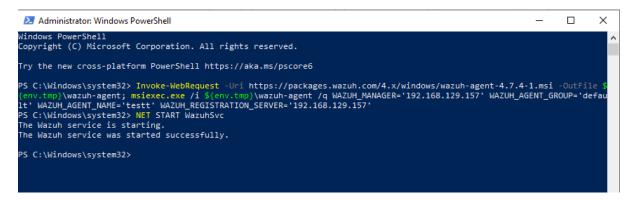


Add a Windows Agent

- In the Wazuh dashboard, click Add Agent.
- Select OS: Windows
- Server Address: Enter your Wazuh public IP (e.g., 192.168.129.157).
- Optional: Assign an agent name (e.g., Test).

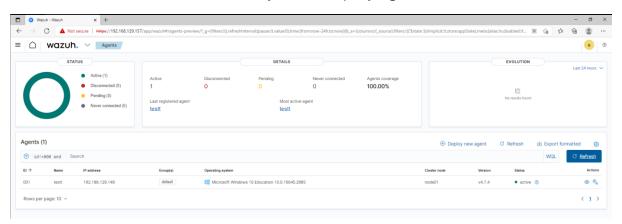


 Copy the generated command and run it in PowerShell (as Administrator) on the Windows machine:



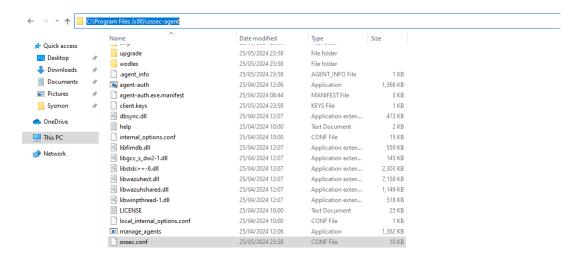
Verify Agent Connection

- Go to Wazuh Dashboard → Check Agents.
- If it shows disconnected, wait a moment. It should connect shortly, showing 1 active agent.
- Once connected, click on Security Events to query logs.



Navigate to Wazuh Configuration:

 On the Windows 10 machine, locate the Wazuh configuration file under Program Files (x86) > ossec-agent.



Open the ossec.conf file using Notepad (ensure you have administrative privileges).

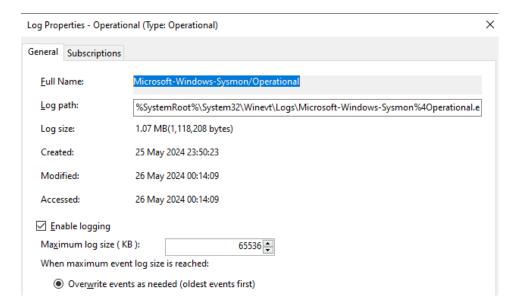
Modifying Configuration:

- Look for the log_analysis section.
- To monitor for specific events, such as Mimikatz, Sysmon logs need to be ingested.
- First, create a backup of the configuration file before making changes.



Configure Sysmon Log Ingestion:

- Add a new configuration for Sysmon log ingestion.
- Open Event Viewer and get the Sysmon channel name from Open Windows Event Viewer → Applications & Services → Microsoft → Windows → Sysmon → Operational → Properties.



• Replace the default application location with the Sysmon channel name

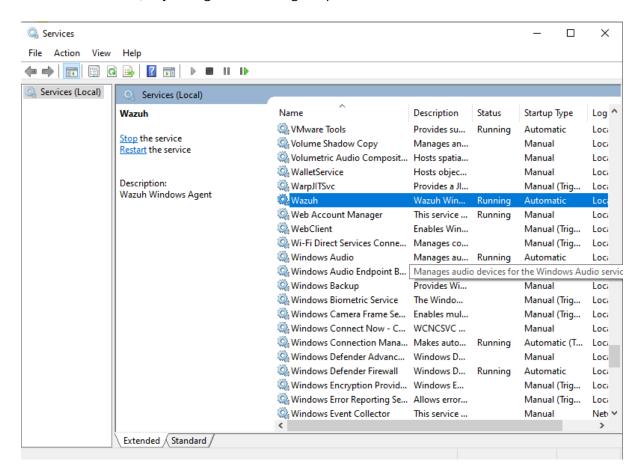
```
×
*ossec - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
   <disabled>no</disabled>
   <queue_size>5000</queue_size>
    <events_per_second>500</events_per_second>
 </client_buffer>
 <!-- Log analysis -->
 <localfile>
    <location>Application</location>
    <log_format>Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational</log_format>
 </localfile>
 <localfile>
   <location>active-response\active-responses.log</location>
    <log_format>syslog</log_format>
 </localfile>
```

Save Changes:

- After making the necessary changes, save the file.
- Use administrative privileges to overwrite the configuration file.

Restart Wazuh Service:

- Restart the Wazuh service using services.msc.
- Remember, any configuration change requires a service restart.



Modify Wazuh to Log All Events

Backup & Modify ossec.conf in Wazuh Manager:

• Create a backup: cp /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf ~/ossec_backup.conf.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo nano /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf
[sudo] password for ubuntu:
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

• In osc.conf, set log all and logall json to yes.

Modify to make it save all logs in a file

• Open /etc/filebeat/filebeat.yml.

```
root@ubuntu:/etc/filebeat# nano filebeat.yml
root@ubuntu:/etc/filebeat#
```

Set archives.enabled to true.

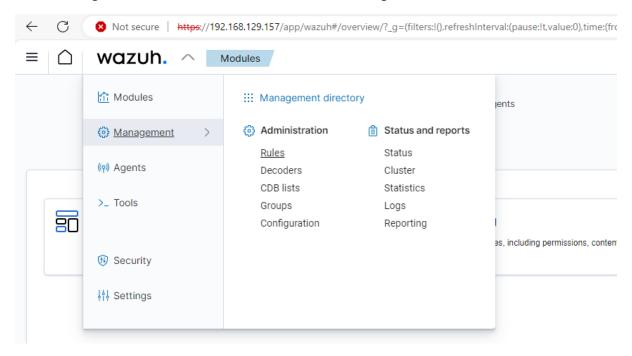
Restart Filebeat service.

```
root@ubuntu:/etc/filebeat# systemctl restart wazuh-manager.service
root@ubuntu:/etc/filebeat# systemctl restart filebeat
root@ubuntu:/etc/filebeat#
```

Build a Custom Alert for Mimikatz

Create a Custom Rule for Mimikatz Detection

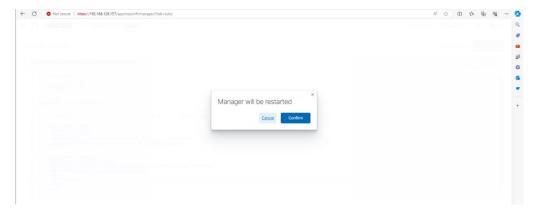
• Navigate to **Rules** in the Wazuh dashboard → Manage Rule Files → Custom Rules.



- Copy an existing Sysmon rule and modify:
 - o **Rule ID**: Use a number above 100,000.
 - o Field: Use original file name to detect Mimikatz regardless of renaming.
 - o Value: Set to mimikatz.
 - Level: Set severity level to 15.

Save and Restart Manager

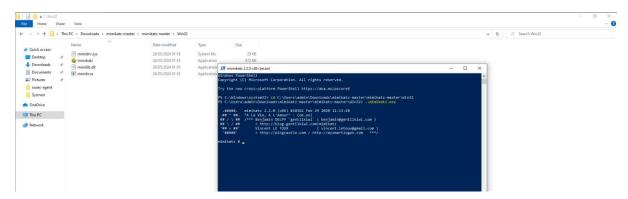
• Save the custom rule and confirm the restart of Wazuh Manager.



Verify the Alert

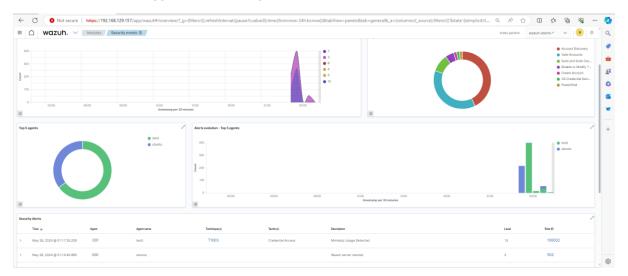
Rename Mimikatz and Test

- Rename mimikatz.exe to you_are_awesome.exe.
- Execute the renamed file from PowerShell.



Check Wazuh Dashboard for Alerts

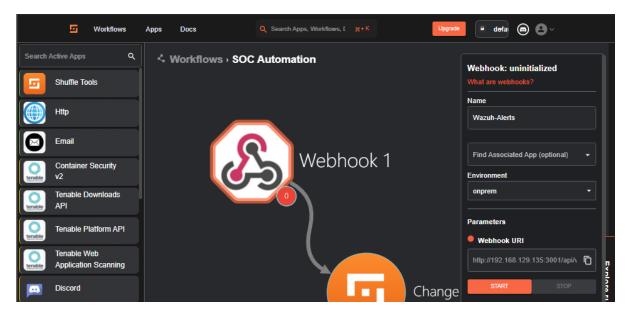
- Search the archives index for Mimikatz events.
- Verify alerts triggered on the original file name field.



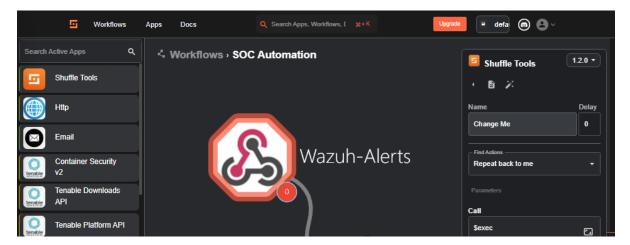
Configuring the Environment and Initial Setup

Creating a New Workflow and Setting Up Triggers:

- In the workflow workspace, click on the **Triggers** tab.
- Drag and drop a **Webhook** trigger into the workspace.



• Name the webhook (e.g., "Wazuh Alerts") and copy the webhook URI for future use.



Configuring Wazuh Manager:

 Access the Wazuh Manager CLI and locate the configuration file at /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf.

root@ubuntu:/etc/filebeat# nano /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf

- Insert the integration tag within the global tag section while maintaining proper indentation.
- Replace the placeholder Shuffle URL with the copied webhook URL, ensuring it is formatted correctly.
- Change the default alert level from 3 to a specific rule ID (e.g., 100, 2) to filter alerts.

Testing the Integration:

Restart the Wazuh Manager service.

```
root@ubuntu:/etc/filebeat# systemctl restart wazuh-manager.service
root@ubuntu:/etc/filebeat# systemctl status wazuh-manager.service
■ wazuh-manager.service - Wazuh manager
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/wazuh-manager.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
Active: active (running) since Sun 2024-05-26 01:35:56 IST; 14s ago
Process: 61299 Execstart=/usr/bin/env /var/ossec/bin/wazuh-control start (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Tasks: 121 (limit: 4554)
Memory: 239.6M
CPU: 26.828s
```

Generate test alerts using the Mimikatz tool on the client machine.

```
PS C:\Users\admin\Downloads\mimikatz-master\mimikatz-master\Win32> .\mimikatz.exe

.#####. mimikatz 2.2.0 (x86) #18362 Feb 29 2020 11:13:10

.## ^ ##. "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)

## / \ ## > http://blog.gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )

## / ## > http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz

'## v ##' Vincent LE TOUX ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )

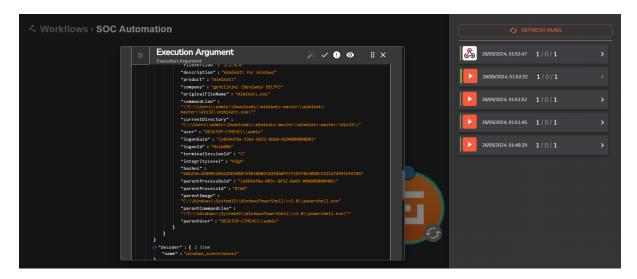
'######' > http://pingcastle.com / http://mysmartlogon.com ***/

mimikatz # _
```

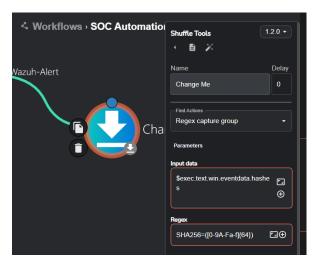
Verify that alerts appear in Shuffle and check execution arguments.

Parsing Hash Values:

- Modify the workflow to parse the SHA-256 hash value from alerts.
- Use Regex (Rex) to extract the hash. If unsure, ask AI tools like ChatGPT for help with writing the Regex.



Paste the Regex into Shuffle and save the workflow.



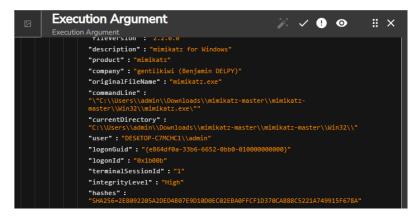
Integrating VirusTotal:

- Create an account on VirusTotal and copy your API key.
- In Shuffle, add the VirusTotal app and configure it to look for hash reports instead of IP addresses.
- Authenticate with your API key.

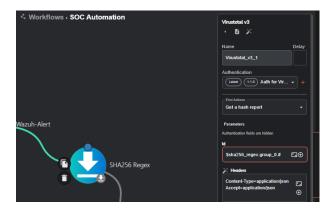


Extracting File Hashes

• Use Regex to extract the SHA-256 hash from the output.



- Rename the previous step to "SHA-256 Regex" and save.
- Make sure the workflow uses the extracted hash value for API calls.



The Hive Integration with Shuffle

Access The Hive in Shuffle:

- Go to the application tab in Shuffle.
- Search for "The Hive" and drag "The Hive Five" into your workflow.

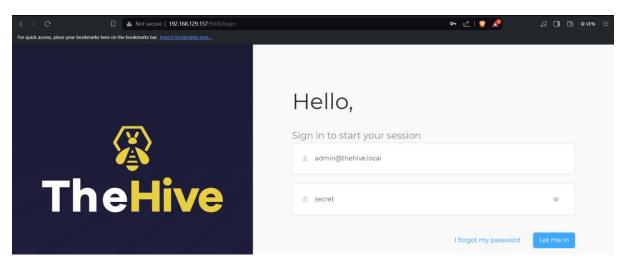
Refresh Workflow Actions:

• If only one action appears, refresh the workflow to load additional actions.



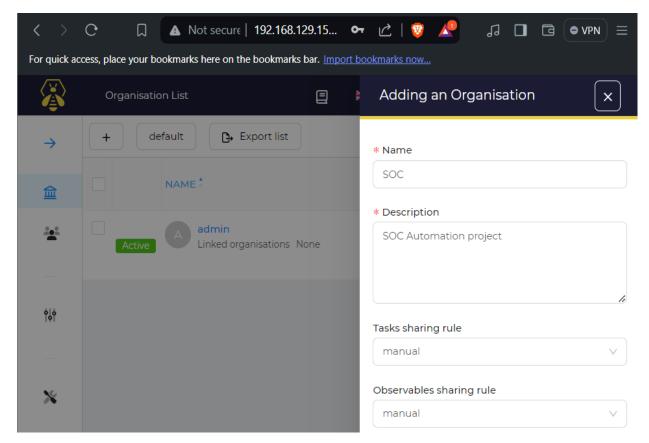
Log into The Hive using default credentials:

Username: adminPassword: Secret



Create a New Organization:

- Click the plus (+) button at the top left corner.
- Enter:
 - o Organization Name: SOC
 - o Description: SOC Automation Project
- Confirm the creation of the organization.



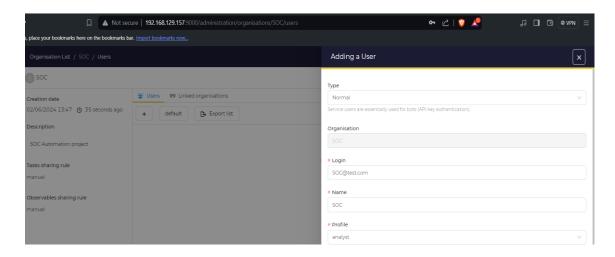
Add Users to the Organization:

- Click into the new organization (SOC).
- Since it shows "no users found," proceed to add users:
 - User 1:

Type: Normal

Login: SOCtest.com

Name: SOCProfile: AnalystSave the user.



User 2:

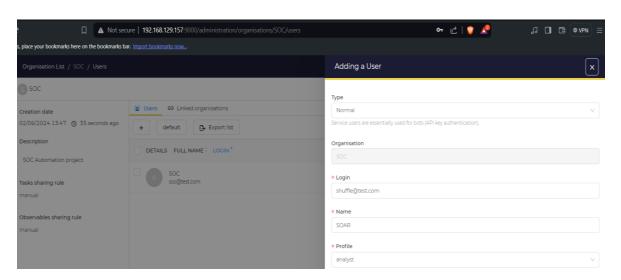
Type: Normal

Login: shuffle@test.com

Name: SOAR

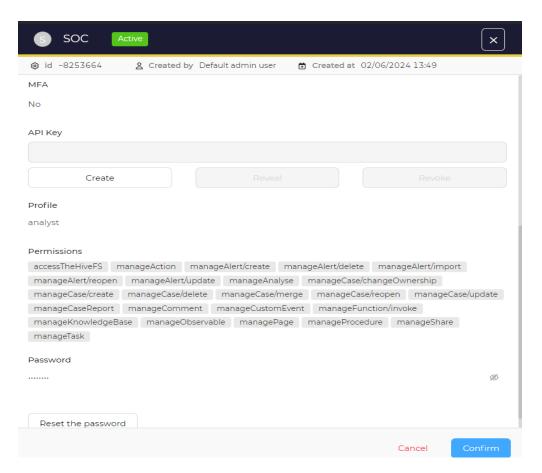
• Profile: Analyst (for demo purposes).

Confirm the user.

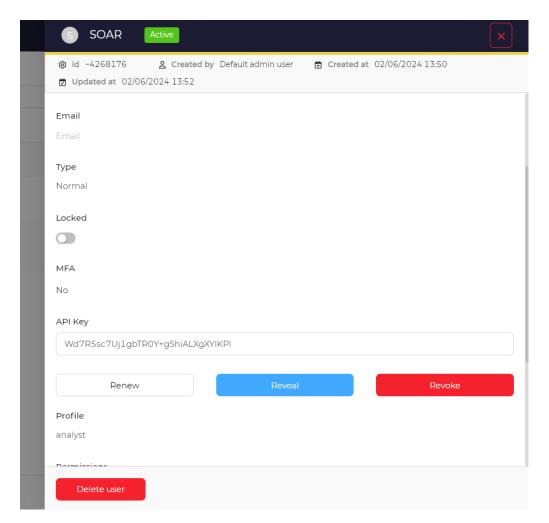


Set Passwords and Generate API Key:

 For SOC, highlight the account, select preview, scroll down, set a new password, and hit confirm.



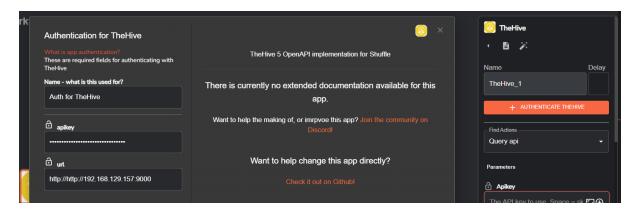
• For the SOAR user, select preview and create an API key.



• Important: Copy the API key and store it securely for future use.

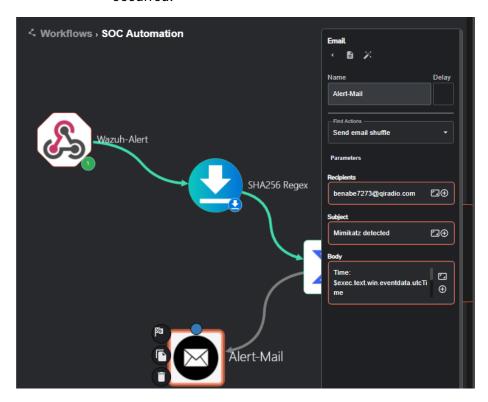
Authenticate The Hive in Shuffle:

- In Shuffle, click the plus (+) button next to authenticate.
- · Paste the API key into the Hive authentication field.
- Enter the public IP of your Hive instance and the port number (e.g., 191.168.129.157:9000).
- Hit submit.



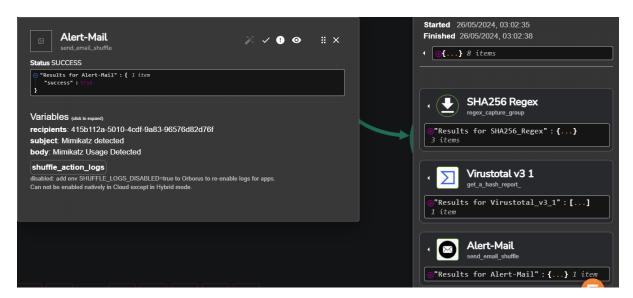
Send Email to Analyst

- In Shuffle, click on "Apps" at the bottom left and drag the email application into your workflow.
- Connect the VirusTotal node over to the email application.
- Configure the email:
 - o Recipient: Enter your disposable email from SquareX.
 - o Subject: Set to "Mimikatz detected."
 - Body: Add relevant details like the time, title, and host where the detection occurred.



Verifying Working of flowchart:

Run the flowchart process and then click on email to see if the email was sent successfully or not to the security analyst.



Final Flowchart:

