

Common Security Advisory Framework (CSAF) TC Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: January 30, 2019

Time: 1:00 pm US EDT

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting called to order @ 1:05 PM US EDT

2. Roll call

All participants recorded their attendance on the OASIS meeting calendar - quorum was not reached. All participants were kindly encouraged to register themselves to optimize the use of the shared time during the meeting in one of two ways:

- Clicking the link with the text "*Register my attendance*" on the top of the event page
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2.1 Participants

2.1.1 Members Present

Company	Name 	Role
Kaiser Permanente	Jonathan Bitle	Voting Member
Oracle	Feng Cao	Voting Member
Cisco Systems	Mike Gorski	Member
TIBCO Software Inc.	Eric Johnson	Voting Member
Cisco Systems	Levy, Rhonda	Guest
TIBCO Software Inc.	Denny Page	Voting Member
Kaiser Permanente	Beth Pumo	Voting Member
Cisco Systems	Louis Ronnau	Voting Member
Cisco Systems	Omar Santos	Chair

Note: Voting right changes effective after the meeting and it is automatically calculated by the Kavi OASIS tool.

2.1.2 Observers present

No observers present

Note: Observers of this committee that are ready to become Members should follow the specific instructions displayed the [OASIS Open Notices](#) tab.

3. Approval of Agenda

Quorum was not reached

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Quorum was not reached

5. Meeting Notes

- Informational-only meeting, since forum has not been reached.
- Omar shared an unofficial idea to meet face-to-face during RSA; in a quiet place, during the CERT meeting on Monday or a different scheduled time during the week. Omar will send an invite out in an email. It may need to be scheduled in a venue, and Omar will work on this.
- Omar brought up the topic of program versions and ask if there was any feedback? Specifically, has anyone had an opportunity to review emails?
 - Eric: versioning is a subtle question, without defining what it means with something less than a specific string. For example, is version 1.0 beta, alpha or gamma. Semantics need to be explained in documents, such as this version is less than that version. Must explain which ones are included and why.
 - Feng: sent info / feedback to the group. Can review JSON schema that he proposed.
 - Omar: will resend the email and put the email in the meeting minutes. Specifically, the email that was sent on November 29th. Yes, JSON schema and examples. November 28th was the original email date and will paste that as well.
 - Omar: We probably will not get all use cases. In Cisco, IOS using an “A” or “B” can mean different things. For those scenarios, the vendor Cisco, would have to lift all versions to be successful. Unless we include all of them, it will be a problem. The proposal addresses some of that. Some products in Cisco are not sequential; and in some cases, are the reason for some platform issues. We may not be able to address all the cases. Cisco will have to deal with their issues.
 - Omar: formatting of email is not that great. Will try to work on a better viewing of the email.
 - Omar: outside of versions, not much is being pushed, except for format and schemas. We can do working meetings - weekly or bi-weekly? Or work towards a goal – May or December and work backwards?
 - Eric: putting pressure on ourselves may not get it done. Or it may be a good idea to meet in a defined cadence. Target date may drag from customer demand. If Cisco wants to adopt this, what’s the driver for that. Clearer path to adoption, makes using CSAF more compelling.
 - Feng: fundamental question, if we move to JSON do we abandon certain customers.

- Omar: Three types of customers –
 - First, those who use scanners, XML or JSON, etc.
 - Second, those who try to figure things out and don't rely on scanners. They have resources and prefer JSON. They have shown interest.
 - Third, those who do not have a lot of resources, JSON or XML and are looking for a tool or starting point.
- Eric: downstream consumers – would it be useful if we have folks representing MITRE JSON or CERT, and want to consume it? Bug Trap in JSON format? Other services that are the MDB, black dock or white source; or various downstream consumers of the data that are not involved here. Picking a date and talking to consumers first, may help bring a valuable date to the deadline. Perhaps some politically sponsored deadlines for example.
- Feng: using CVRF to JSON – automatic conversion, are we going to lose a customer base.
- Eric: can we pick up new customers? Can we take old format and migrate to JSON? Would use clear semantics on version labels. We would not be able to map back to older versions. Backwards compatibility could be an issue with new customers? CVFR docs and then migrates back. New docs will not look like current version, as there is no migration back.
- Eric: the converter should not be tricky to write.
- Feng: agrees we need one to make customers happy. Re: new customers, why are they using CVRF? We have reference link, no version documentation.
- Omar – agrees value position – CVRF versions requires a new tool. New and existing customers would have this issue. One of the things that CVFR supports is putting in an advisory in the notes. MITRE and JSON do not support that. Why not create new additions into the format; and try to determine here – something easily updated to MIDER format? Some vendors have security advisories, that are used to create security notices and responses. We now say “advises” at Cisco.

6. Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 1:00 PM US EDT

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Note: All monthly meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM US EDT.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM US EDT.