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*The Structured Threat Information eXpression (STIXTM) framework defines eight core constructs and the relationships between them for the purposes of modeling cyber threat information and enabling cyber threat information analysis and sharing. This specification document defines the Vocabularies data model, which defines default enumerations of values for specific properties in other STIX data models.*

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# Introduction

The Structured Threat Information eXpression (STIXTM) framework defines eight top-level component data models: Observable[[3]](#footnote-3), Indicator, Incident, TTP, ExploitTarget, CourseOfAction, Campaign, and ThreatActor. In addition, it defines numerous vocabularies - defined lists of values to choose from when specifying certain properties in other STIX data models. These vocabularies are provided as the default lists, but the STIX data models also allow users to define their own vocabularies or even use values outside of any vocabulary. Each vocabulary is in the Vocabularies data model is versioned separately. This specification covers default vocabularies that are relevant to STIX v1.1.1.

In Section 1.1 we list additional specification documents, and in Section 1.2 we provide document conventions. In Section 2, we give background information to help the reader better understand the specification details that are provided later in the document. We present the Vocabularies data model specification details in Section 3. References are provided in the final section.

## STIX Specification Documents

The STIX specification consists of a formal UML model and a set of textual specification documents that explain the UML model. Specification documents have been written for each of the key individual data models that compose the full STIX UML model.

The STIX specification overview document provides a comprehensive overview of the full set of STIX data models [STIXO], which in addition to the eight top-level data models mentioned in the Introduction, includes a core data model, a common data model, a cross-cutting data marking data model, various extension data models, and a set of default controlled vocabularies. [STIXO] also summarizes the relationship of STIX to other languages and outlines general STIX data model conventions.

Figure 1‑1 illustrates the set of specification documents are available. The color black is used to indicate the specification overview document, altered shading differentiates the overarching Core and Common data models from the supporting data models (default vocabularies, data marking, and extensions), and the color white indicates the component data models. The Observable component data model is shown as an oval shape to indicate that it is defined as a CybOX specification (see [STIXO] for details). This STIX Vocabularies specification document is highlighted in its associated color (see Section 1.2.4.3). For a list of all STIX documents and related information sources, please see [STIXO].

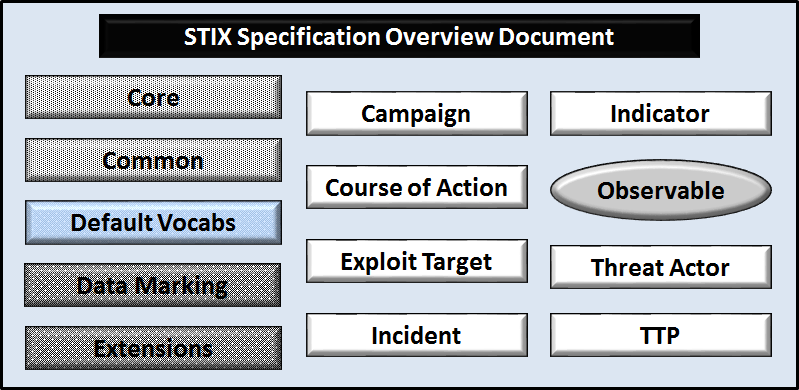


Figure 1‑1. STIX Language v1.1.1 specification documents

All specification documents can be found on this STIX Website [STIX-SPECS].

## Document Conventions

The following conventions are used in this document.

### Key Words

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in *RFC 2119* [RFC2119].

### Fonts

The following font and font style conventions are used in the document:

* Capitalization is used for STIX high level concepts, which are defined in the STIX Specification Overview [STIXO].

Examples: Indicator, Course of Action, Threat Actor

* The Courier New font is used for writing UML objects.

Examples: RelatedIndicatorsType, stixCommon:StatementType

Note that all high level concepts have a corresponding UML object. For example, the Course of Action high level concept is associated with a UML class named, CourseOfActionType.

* The ‘*italic, with single quotes*’ font is used for noting explicit values for STIX Language properties.

Example:  *‘STIX Default Package Intent Vocabulary’*

### UML Package References

Each STIX data model is captured in a different UML package (e.g., Core package, Campaign package, etc.) where the packages together compose the full STIX UML model. To refer to a particular class of a specific package, we use the format package\_prefix:class, where package\_prefix corresponds to the appropriate UML package. STIXTM 1.1.1 Specification Overview document [STIXO] contains a list of the packages used by the Vocabularies data model, along with the associated prefix notations, descriptions, examples.

Note that in this specification document, we do not explicitly specify the package prefix for any classes that originate from the Vocabularies data model.

### UML Diagrams

This specification makes use of UML diagrams to visually depict relationships between STIX Language constructs. Note that the diagrams have been extracted directly from the full UML model for STIX; they have not been constructed purely for inclusion in the specification documents. Due to the nature of the Vocabularies data model, which mostly consists of UML enumerations, there are few diagrams included in this document.

In UML diagrams, classes are often presented with their attributes elided, to avoid clutter. A class presented with an empty section at the bottom of the icon indicates that there are no attributes other than those that are visualized using associations.

#### Diagram Icons and Arrow Types

Diagram icons are used in a UML diagram to indicate whether a shape is a class, enumeration or data type, and decorative icons are used to indicate whether an element is an attribute of a class or an enumeration literal. In addition, two different arrow styles indicate either a directed association relationship (regular arrowhead) or a generalization relationship (triangle-shaped arrowhead). The icons and arrow styles we use are shown and described in Table 1‑1.

Table 1‑1. UML diagram icons

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Icon** | **Description** |
| cid:image003.png@01CFC8F2.37AD2A50 | This diagram icon indicates a class. If the name is in italics, it is an abstract class. |
|  | This diagram icon indicates an enumeration. |
|  | This diagram icon indicates a data type. |
|  | This decorator icon indicates an attribute of a class. The green circle means its visibility is public. If the circle is red or yellow, it means its visibility is private or protected. |
|  | This decorator icon indicates an enumeration literal. |
|  | This arrow type indicates a directed association relationship. |
|  | This arrow type indicates a generalization relationship. |

#### Color Coding

The shapes of the UML diagrams are color coded to indicate the data model associated with a class. The colors used in the Indicator specification are illustrated in Figure 1‑2 (note the different UML diagram icons).



Figure 1‑2. Data model color coding

### Enumeration Table Notation

Throughout Section 3, tables are used to describe the list of defined values for each default vocabulary. Each property table consists of a column of literal names, and a description column that describes the literal name, if needed.

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# Background Information

In this section, we provide high level information about the Vocabularies data model that is necessary to fully understand the specification details given in Section 3.

There are three vocabulary-related UML data types defined in the Common data model [STIXCOM], and together they provide a content creator with four choices for defining content,[[4]](#footnote-4) listed below in order of formality.

* Leverage a default vocabulary using the stixCommon:ControlledVocabularyStringType data type. STIX v1.1.1 defines a collection of default vocabularies and associated enumerations that are based on input from the STIX community; however, not all vocabulary properties have an assigned default vocabulary.
* Formally define a custom vocabulary using the stixCommon:ControlledVocabularyStringType data type. To achieve value enforcement, a custom vocabulary must be formally added to the STIX Vocabularies data model. Because this is an extension of the STIX Vocabularies data model, producers and consumers MUST be aware of the addition to the data model for successful sharing of STIX documents.
* Reference an externally-defined, custom vocabulary using the stixCommon:UnenforcedVocabularyStringType data type to constrain the set of values. Externally-defined vocabularies are publically defined, but have not been included as formally specified vocabularies within the STIX Vocabularies data model using the stixCommon:ControlledVocabularyStringType data type. In this case, it is sufficient to specify the name of the vocabulary and a URL that defines that vocabulary.
* Choose an arbitrary and unconstrained value using the stixCommon:VocabularyStringType data type.

While not required by the general STIX language, default vocabularies should be used whenever possible to ensure the greatest level of compatibility between STIX users. If an appropriate default vocabulary is not available, a formally defined custom vocabulary can be specified and leveraged. In addition to compatibility advantages, using formally defined vocabularies (whether default vocabularies or otherwise defined) enables enforced use of valid enumeration values.

If a formally defined vocabulary is not sufficient for a content producer’s purposes, the STIX Vocabularies data model allows the two alternatives listed above: externally defined custom vocabularies and arbitrary string values, which dispense with enumerated vocabularies altogether. If a custom vocabulary is not formally added to the Vocabularies data model then no enforcement policy of appropriate values is specified.

The UML diagram shown in Figure 2‑1 illustrates the relationships between the three vocabulary data types as defined in the STIX Common data model. As illustrated, all controlled vocabularies formally defined within the STIX Vocabularies data model are defined using an enumeration derived from the ControlledVocabularyStringType data type.

As shown, the HighMediumLowVocab-1.0 enumeration (used as a defined controlled vocabulary exemplar) is defined as a specialization of the stixCommon:ControlledVocabularyStringType data type, and therefore it is also a specialization of the stixCommon:VocabularyStringType data type.

Further details of each vocabulary class are provided in Subsections 2.1.1 through 2.1.3.



Figure 2‑1. UML diagram of the STIX Vocabularies data model

### STIX Common VocabularyStringType Data Type

The stixCommon:VocabularyStringType data type is the basic data type of all vocabularies. Therefore, all properties in the collection of STIX data models that makes use of the Vocabularies data model must be defined to use the stixCommon:VocabularyStringType data type. Because this data type is a specialization of the basicDataTypes:BasicString data type, it can be used to support the arbitrary string option for vocabularies.

### STIX Common UnenforcedVocabularyStringType Data Type

The stixCommon:UnenforcedVocabularyStringType data type specifies custom vocabulary values via an enumeration defined outside of the STIX Vocabularies data model. It extends the stixCommon:VocabularyStringType data type. Note that the STIX vocabularies data model does not define any enforcement policy for this data type.

### STIX Common ControlledVocabularyStringType Data Type

The stixCommon:ControlledVocabularyStringType data type specifies a formally defined vocabulary. It is an abstract data type[[5]](#footnote-5) so it MUST be extended via an enumeration from the STIX Vocabularies data model (see Section 3). Any custom vocabulary must be defined via an enumeration added to the STIX Vocabularies data model, and therefore, appropriate enumeration values are to be enforced.

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# STIX Default Vocabularies Data Model

The STIX Vocabularies data model is defined as one UML package, but can be thought of as a collection of separate data models, each containing one UML enumeration. Each vocabulary will be specified using a separate version number. This facilitates adding literals to the enumeration without the need to update the version number of any of the other STIX data models, or the version of the full STIX specification.

## AssetTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The AssetTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of an asset.

**Uses: incident:AssetTypeType**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Access reader** | A device with protects an access point, using credentials. Both the access point and the credentials themselves can be virtual (password) or physical (access card). |
| **Administrator** |  |
| **ATM** | An automatic teller machine |
| **Auditor** |  |
| **Auth token** | A token used during authorization of a user |
| **Backup** | A copy of data on a different storage device to be available in the case of destruction of the original data |
| **Broadband** |  |
| **Call center** | A group of individuals that handles telephone inquiries for an organization |
| **Camera** | A device for taking a photograph or video |
| **Cashier** | A cashier is a person who handles the cash register at various locations such as the point of sale in a retail store. |
| **Customer** | An individual or organization which purchases a product or service from |
| **Database** | Software for efficiently storing large amounts of data. |
| **DCS** | A distributed control system (DCS) is a control system for a process or plant, where elements are distributed throughout the system. |
| **Desktop** | A personal computer that generally isn’t portable. |
| **Developer** | An individual that develops software |
| **DHCP** | Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is a standardized network protocol used on Internet Protocol (IP) networks for dynamically distributing network configuration parameters, such as IP addresses for interfaces and services. |
| **Directory** | A file system artifact for storing a collection of other file system artifacts, including other directories |
| **Disk drive** | A device used to store data on a disk medium |
| **Disk media** | A |
| **DNS** | Domain name system (DNS) is a collection of names of a computer hardware and/or software artifacts on a computer network |
| **Documents** |  |
| **End-user** |  |
| **Executive** |  |
| **File** | A file system artifact for storing data in a particular format |
| **Finance** |  |
| **Firewall** | A network security system that controls computer network, limiting access only to trusted traffic |
| **Flash drive** | A solid state device to store data that does not contain any moving parts. |
| **Former employee** | An individual that was previously employee by an organization |
| **Gas terminal** | An internet enabled gasoline depencing device. |
| **Guard** | An individual that secures a particular device or location |
| **Helpdesk** | A resource for users of a product to troubleshoot problems |
| **HSM** | A hardware security model (HSM) is a device that securely stores a digital cryptographic key. |
| **Human resources** | A department in an organization that performs personnel management. |
| **IDS** | An intrusion detection system (IDS) is a device or software application that monitors network or system activities for malicious activities or policy violations and produces reports to a management station |
| **Kiosk** |  |
| **LAN** | A local area network (LAN) |
| **Laptop** | A portable personal computer. |
| **Log** | A (digital) recording of the activity of a device or process |
| **Mail** |  |
| **Mainframe** |  |
| **Maintenance** |  |
| **Manager** |  |
| **Media[[6]](#footnote-6)** | An object used to store and deliver data |
| **Mobile phone** | A portable telephone, that communicates over a cellular network |
| **Network** | A collection of devices that are connected either physically or virtually |
| **Partner** |  |
| **Payment card** |  |
| **Payment switch** |  |
| **PBX** | A private branch exchange (PBX) is a telephone switching system local to an organization |
| **PED pad** |  |
| **Peripheral** | A device, which usually not logically or physically part of the main device, but connected physically or virtually. |
| **Person** |  |
| **PLC** | A programmable logic controller (PLC) is a digital device used to control an electomechanical device. |
| **POS controller** |  |
| **POS terminal** |  |
| **Print** |  |
| **Private WAN** |  |
| **Proxy** |  |
| **Public WAN** |  |
| **Remote access** |  |
| **Router or switch** |  |
| **RTU** | Remote Terminal Unit |
| **SAN** |  |
| **SCADA** |  |
| **Server** |  |
| **Smart card** |  |
| **Tablet** | A portable personal computer, without a hardware keyboard |
| **Tapes** | A data media which uses spools of magnetic tape |
| **Telephone[[7]](#footnote-7)** |  |
| **Unknown** | An unknown asset |
| **User Device** |  |
| **VoIP adapter** |  |
| **VoIP phone** | A telephone that communicates over voice internet protocol (VoIP) |
| **Web application** | A software application running on a server which is accessed over the internet using a browser. |
| **WLAN** |  |

## AttackerInfrastructureTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The AttackerInfrastructureTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of infrastructure an attacker uses.

**Uses:** ttp:InfrastructureType/ttp:Type

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Anonymization** |  |
| **Anonymization - Proxy** |  |
| **Anonymization - TOR Network** |  |
| **Anonymization - VPN** |  |
| **Communications** |  |
| **Communications - Blogs** |  |
| **Communications - Forums** |  |
| **Communications - Internet Relay Chat** |  |
| **Communications - Micro-Blogs** |  |
| **Communications –**  **Mobile Communications** |  |
| **Communications - Social Networks** |  |
| **Communications –**  **User-Generated Content Websites** |  |
| **Domain Registration** |  |
| **Domain Registration –**  **Dynamic DNS Services** |  |
| **Domain Registration –**  **Legitimate Domain Registration Services** |  |
| **Domain Registration –**  **Malicious Domain Registrars** |  |
| **Domain Registration –**  **Top-Level Domain Registrars** |  |
| **Electronic Payment Methods** |  |
| **Hosting** |  |
| **Hosting - Bulletproof / Rogue Hosting** |  |
| **Hosting - Cloud Hosting** |  |
| **Hosting - Compromised Server** |  |
| **Hosting - Fast Flux Botnet Hosting** |  |
| **Hosting - Legitimate Hosting** |  |

## AttackerToolTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The AttackerInfrastructureTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of infrastructure an attacker uses.

**Uses:** stixCommon:ToolInformationType/stixCommon:Type

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Application Scanner** |  |
| **Malware** | Software designed to be used to attack or gain access to a computer system |
| **Password Cracking** | A software application that is used to recover a plain text password from its encrypted representation |
| **Penetration Testing** | The process of investigating a computer system to find security weaknesses. |
| **Port Scanner** | A software application that reports on the status of the ports available on a host computer |
| **Traffic Scanner** | A software application that monitors data transferred on a network |
| **Vulnerability Scanner** | A type of software application used to discover vulnerabilities on a host, network, or in a software product. |

## AvailabilityLossTypeVocab-1.1.1 Class

The AvailabilityLossTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of availability that was lost due to an incident.

**Uses:** incident:PropertyAffectedType/incident:Type\_Of\_Availability\_Loss

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Destruction** | The information was destroyed or wiped. |
| **Loss** | Availability to the information was lost. |
| **Interruption** | Availability to the information was interrupted. |
| **Degradation** | Availability to the information was degraded. |
| **Acceleration** | Availability loss type is acceleration. |
| **Obscuration** | Availability to the information is obscured. |
| **Unknown** | The availability loss type is not known. |

## AvailabilityLossTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The AvailabilityLossTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of availability that was lost due to an incident. NOTE: As of STIX Version 1.1.1, AvailabilityLossTypeVocab-1.0 is deprecated. Please use version 1.1.1 instead (see section 3.4).

**Uses:** incident:PropertyAffectedType/incident:Type\_Of\_Availability\_Loss

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Destruction** | The information was destroyed or wiped. |
| **Loss** | Availability to the information was lost. |
| **Interruption** | Availability to the information was interrupted. |
| **Degredation** | Availability to the information was degraded. |
| **Acceleration** | Availability loss type is acceleration. |
| **Obscuration** | Availability to the information is obscured. |
| **Unknown** | The availability loss type is not known. |

## CampaignStatusVocab-1.0 Class

The CampaignStatusVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the status of a campaign.

**Uses:** campaign:CampaignType/campaign:Status

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Ongoing** | This campaign is currently taking place. |
| **Historic** | This campaign occurred in the past and is currently not taking place. |
| **Future** | This campaign is expected to take place in the future. |

## COAStageVocab-1.0 Class

The COAStageVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the stages of the threat management lifecycle that a COA is applicable to.

**Uses:** coa:CourseOfActionType/coa:Stage

**Associated Enumeration:** COAStageEnum-1.0

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Remedy** | This COA is applicable to the "Remedy" stage of the threat management lifecycle, meaning it may be applied proactively to prevent future threats. |
| **Response** | This COA is applicable to the "Response" stage of the threat management lifecycle, meaning it may be applied as an immediate reaction to an ongoing threat. |

## CourseOfActionTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The CourseOfActionTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing types of courses of action.

**Uses:** coa:CourseOfActionType/coa:Type

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Diplomatic Actions** | Engaging in communications and relationship building with threat actors to influence positive changes in behavior. |
| **Eradication** | Identifying, locating, and eliminating malware from the network. |
| **Hardening** | Securing a system by reducing its surface of unnecessary software, usernames or logins, and running services. |
| **Internal Blocking** | Host-based blocking of traffic from an internal compromised source. |
| **Logical Access Restrictions** | Activities associated with restricting logical access to computing resources. |
| **Monitoring** | Setting up network or host-based sensors to detected the presence of this threat. |
| **Other** | Other actions not covered in this list. |
| **Patching** | A specific form of hardening, patching involves applying a code fix directly to the software with the vulnerability. |
| **Perimeter Blocking** | Perimeter-based blocking of traffic from a compromised source. |
| **Physical Access Restrictions** | Activities associated with restricting physical access to computing resources. |
| **Policy Actions** | Modifications to policy that reduce the attack surface or infection vectors of malware. |
| **Public Disclosure** | Informing the public of the existence and characteristics of the threat or threat actor to influence positive change in adversary behavior. |
| **Rebuilding** | Re-installing a computing resource from a known safe source in order to ensure that the malware is no longer present on the previously compromised resource. |
| **Redirection** | Re-routing of suspicious or known malicious traffic away from the intended target to an area where the threat can be more safely observed and analyzed. |
| **Redirection (Honey Pot)** | Setting up a decoy parallel network that is intended to attract adversaries to the honey pot and away from the real network assets. |
| **Training** | Training users and administrators on how to identify and mitigate this type of threat. |

## DiscoveryMethodVocab-1.0 Class

The DiscoveryMethodVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing how an incident was discovered.

**Uses:** incident:IncidentType/incident:Discovery\_Method

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Agent Disclosure** | This incident was disclosed by the threat agent (e.g. public brag, private blackmail). |
| **Fraud Detection** | This incident was discovered through external fraud detection means (e.g. CPP). |
| **Monitoring Service** | This incident was reported by a managed security event monitoring service. |
| **Law Enforcement** | This incident was reported by law enforcement. |
| **Customer** | This incident was reported by a customer or partner affected by the incident. |
| **Unrelated Party** | This incident was reported by an unrelated third party. |
| **Audit** | This incident was discovered during an external security audit or scan. |
| **Antivirus** | This incident was discovered by an antivirus system. |
| **Incident Response** | This incident was discovered in the course of investigating a separate incident. |
| **Financial Audit** | This incident was discovered in the course of a financial audit and/or reconciliation process. |
| **Fraud Detection** | This incident was discovered through internal fraud detection means. |
| **HIPS** | This incident was discovered a host-based IDS or file integrity monitoring. |
| **IT Audit** | This incident was discovered by an internal IT audit or scan. |
| **Log Review** | This incident was discovered during a log review process or by a SIEM. |
| **NIDS** | This incident was discovered by a network-based intrustion detection/prevention system. |
| **Security Alarm** | This incident was discovered by a physical security alarm. |
| **User** | This incident was reported by a user. |
| **Unknown** | It is not known how this incident was discovered. |

## HighMediumLowVocab-1.0 Class

The HighMediumLowVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing basic values that may be high, medium, low, none, or unknown.

**Uses:** stixCommon:StatementType/stixCommon:Value

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **High** |  |
| **Medium** |  |
| **Low** |  |
| **None** |  |
| **Unknown** |  |

## ImpactQualificationVocab-1.0 Class

The ImpactQualificationVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the subjective level of impact of an incident.

**Uses:** incident:ImpactAssessmentType/incident:Impact\_Qualification

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Insignificant** | The impact is absorbed by normal activities. |
| **Distracting** | There are limited “hard costs”, but the impact is felt through having to deal with the incident rather than conducting normal duties. |
| **Painful** | Real, somewhat serious effect on the "bottom line". |
| **Damaging** | Real and serious effect on the “bottom line” and/or long-term ability to generate revenue. |
| **Catastrophic** | A business-ending event. |
| **Unknown** | The impact qualification is unknown. |

## ImpactRatingVocab-1.0 Class

The ImpactRatingVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the level of impact due to an incident.

**Uses:** incident:DirectImpactSummaryType/incident:Asset\_Losses, incident:DirectImpactSummaryType/incident:Business-Mission\_Disruption, incident:DirectImpactSummaryType/ incident:Response\_And\_Recovery\_Costs

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| None | There was no impact. |
| Minor | There was a minor impact. |
| Moderate | There was a moderate impact. |
| Major | There was a major impact. |
| Unknown | The impact is not known. |

## IncidentCategoryVocab-1.0 Class

The IncidentCategoryVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the possible categories of an incident.

**Uses:** incident:CatgoriesType/incident:Category

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Denial of Service** | An attack that successfully prevents or impairs the normal authorized functionality of networks, systems or applications by exhausting resources. This activity includes being the victim or participating in the DoS. |
| **Exercise/Network Defense Testing** | This category is used during state, federal, national, international exercises and approved activity testing of internal/external network defenses or responses. |
| **Improper Usage** | A person violates acceptable computing use policies. |
| **Investigation** | Unconfirmed incidents that are potentially malicious or anomalous activity deemed by the reporting entity to warrant further review. |
| **Malicious Code** | Installation of malicious software (e.g., virus, worm, Trojan horse, or other code-based malicious entity) that infects an operating system or application. Agencies are NOT required to report malicious logic that has been successfully quarantined by antivirus (AV) software. |
| **Scans/Probes/Attempted Access** | This category includes any activity that seeks to access or identify a federal agency computer, open ports, protocols, service, or any combination for later exploit. This activity does not directly result in a compromise or denial of service. |
| **Unauthorized Access** | In this category an individual gains logical or physical access without permission to a federal agency network, system, application, data, or other resource. |

## IncidentEffectVocab-1.0 Class

The IncidentEffectVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the possible effects of an incident.

**Uses:** incident:IncidentType/incident:Effect

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Brand or Image Degradation** | The image or brand of the target related to the incident is damaged. |
| **Data Breach or Compromise** | During the incident, data was either obtained or altered. |
| **Degradation of Service** | The incident involved reducing the level of service of the target. |
| **Destruction** | The incident involved the destruction of a software or hardware system. |
| **Disruption of Service / Operations** | The incident involved terminating the service or operations of the target |
| **Financial Loss** | The incident involved a financial loss by the target |
| **Loss of Competitive Advantage** | The incident involved a non-specified loss of competitive advantage |
| **Loss of Competitive Advantage - Economic** | The incident involved an economic loss of competitive advantage |
| **Loss of Competitive Advantage - Military** | The incident involved a military loss of competitive advantage |
| **Loss of Competitive Advantage - Political** | The incident involved a political loss of competitive advantage |
| **Loss of Confidential /**  **Proprietary Information or Intellectual Property** | During the incident proprietary information or intellectual property (IP) was obtained |
| **Regulatory, Compliance or Legal Impact** | The incident caused some violation of law, regulation, etc. |
| **Unintended Access** |  |
| **User Data Loss** | During the incident, user data was obtained |

## IncidentStatusVocab-1.0 Class

The IncidentStatusVocab-1.0 class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the possible status of the incident.

**Uses:** incident:Incident/incident:Status

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **New** |  |
| **Open** | The incident is being investigated |
| **Stalled** | The investigation of the incident |
| **Containment Achieved** | Any negative impacts of the incident have been mitigated |
| **Restoration Achieved** | Any services or operations that was degradated or distrupted have been restored |
| **Incident Reported** |  |
| **Closed** | The incident is no longer under investigation |
| **Rejected** | The incident was determined to be invalid |
| **Deleted** | The incident should be treated as not exisiting. |

## IndicatorTypeVocab-1.1 Class

The IndicatorTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing indicator types.

**Uses:** indicator:IndicatorType/indicator:Type

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Malicious E-mail** | The indicator describes suspected malicious e-mail (phishing, spear phishing, infected, etc.). |
| **IP Watchlist** | The indicator describes a set of suspected malicious IP addresses or IP blocks. |
| **File Hash Watchlist** | The indicator describes a set of hashes for suspected malicious files. |
| **Domain Watchlist** | The indicator describes a set of suspected malicious domains. |
| **URL Watchlist** | The indicator describes a set of suspected malicious URLS. |
| **Malware Artifacts** | The indicator describes the effects of suspected malware. |
| **C2** | The indicator describes suspected command and control activity or static indications. |
| **Anonymization** | The indicator describes suspected anonymization techniques (Proxy, TOR, VPN, etc.). |
| **Exfiltration** | The indicator describes suspected exfiltration techniques or behavior. |
| **Host Characteristics** | The indicator describes suspected malicious host characteristics. |
| **Compromised PKI Certificate** | The indicator describes a compromised PKI Certificate. |
| **Login Name** | The indicator describes a compromised Login Name. |
| **IMEI Watchlist** | The indicator describes a watchlist for IMEI (handset) identifiers. |
| **IMSI Watchlist** | The indicator describes a watchlist for IMSI (SIM card) identifiers. |

## IndicatorTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The IndicatorTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing indicator types. NOTE: As of STIX Version 1.1.1 IndicatorTypeVocab-1.0 is deprecated. Please use version 1.1 instead (see section 3.16).

**Uses:** indicator:IndicatorType/indicator:Type

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Malicious E-mail** | The indicator describes suspected malicious e-mail (phishing, spear phishing, infected, etc.). |
| **IP Watchlist** | The indicator describes a set of suspected malicious IP addresses or IP blocks. |
| **File Hash Watchlist** | The indicator describes a set of hashes for suspected malicious files. |
| **Domain Watchlist** | The indicator describes a set of suspected malicious domains. |
| **URL Watchlist** | The indicator describes a set of suspected malicious URLS. |
| **Malware Artifacts** | The indicator describes the effects of suspected malware. |
| **C2** | The indicator describes suspected command and control activity or static indications. |
| **Anonymization** | The indicator describes suspected anonymization techniques (Proxy, TOR, VPN, etc.). |
| **Exfiltration** | The indicator describes suspected exfiltration techniques or behavior. |
| **Host Characteristics** | The indicator describes suspected malicious host characteristics. |

## InformationSourceRoleVocab-1.0 Class

The InformationSourceRoleVocab-1.0 class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the role of the provider of the information.

**Uses:** stixCommon:InformationSourceType/stixCommon:Role

**Associated Enumeration:** InformationSourceRoleEnum-1.0

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Initial Author** | A party acting as the initial author/creator of a set of information. |
| **Content Enhancer/Refiner** | A party that enhances or refines a preexisting set of information. |
| **Aggregator** | A party that aggregates multiple different sets of information into one new set of information. |
| **Transformer/Translator** | A party that transforms or translates a preexisting set of information into a different representation (e.g., translating an unstructured prose threat analysis report into STIX). |

## InformationTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The InformationTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of information.

**Uses:** ttp:VictimTargetingType/ttp:Targeted\_Information

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Information Assets** | Non-specific information |
| **Information Assets - Corporate Employee Information** | Data related to an employee, such as salary |
| **Information Assets - Customer PII** | Data related to a customer, such as their SSN |
| **Information Assets - Email Lists / Archives** | Email addresses collected by an organization |
| **Information Assets - Financial Data** | Information such as credit card numbers, bank accounts, etc. |
| **Information Assets - Intellectual Property** |  |
| **Information Assets - Mobile Phone Contacts** | Information related to associates from a cell phone. |
| **Information Assets - User Credentials** | Username and/or passwords |
| **Authentication Cookies** | A small piece of data, usually stored to remember that a user has authenticated on a computer system. |

## IntendedEffectVocab-1.0 Class

The IncidentEffectVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the possible effects of an incident.

**Uses:** incident:IncidentType/incident:Intended\_Effect/stixCommon:Value

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Account Takeover** | The intended effect of the incident was for the attacker to obtain control over an account (financial, etc) |
| **Advantage** | The intended effect of the incident was for the attacker to obtain some advantage over the target |
| **Advantage - Economic** | The intended effect of the incident was for the attacker to obtain some economic advantage over the target |
| **Advantage - Military** | The intended effect of the incident was for the attacker to obtain some military advantage over the target |
| **Advantage - Political** | The intended effect of the incident was for the attacker to obtain some political advantage over the target |
| **Brand Damage** |  |
| **Competitive Advantage** | The intended effect of the incident was for the attacker to obtain some non-specific competitive advantage over the target |
| **Degradation of Service** | The intended effect of the incident was reducing the level of services provided by the target |
| **Denial and Deception** |  |
| **Destruction** | The intended effect of the incident was to cause the destruction of a software or hardware system. |
| **Disruption** |  |
| **Embarrassment** | The intended effect of the incident was to expose a socially unacceptable action by the target |
| **Exposure** |  |
| **Extortion** | The intended effect of the incident was force the payment of some sort to prevent the attacker from taking some action. |
| **Fraud** |  |
| **Harassment** | The intended effect of the incident was to pressure or intimidate the target |
| **ICS Control** |  |
| **Theft** | The intended effect of the incident was to perpetrate a non-specific theft |
| **Theft - Credential Theft** | The intended effect of the incident was to perpetrate a theft of credentials |
| **Theft - Identity Theft** | The intended effect of the incident was to perpetrate a theft of the target’s identity |
| **Theft - Intellectual Property** | The intended effect of the incident was to perpetrate a theft of intellectual property |
| **Theft - Theft of Proprietary Information** | The intended effect of the incident was to perpetrate a theft of proprietary information |
| **Traffic Diversion** |  |
| **Unauthorized Access** |  |

## LocationClassVocab-1.0 Class

The LocationClassVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the location of an asset.

**Uses:** incident:AffectedAssetType/incident:Location\_Class

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Internally-Located** | The asset is located internally. |
| **Externally-Located** | The asset is located externally. |
| **Co-Located** | The asset is co-located. |
| **Mobile** | The asset is mobile. |
| **Unknown** | The asset location is unknown. |

## LossDurationVocab-1.0 Class

The LossDurationVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the approximate length of time of a loss due to an incident.

**Uses:** incident:PropertyAffectedType/incident:Duration\_Of\_Availability\_Loss

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Permanent** | The loss is permanent. |
| **Weeks** | The loss lasted for weeks. |
| **Days** | The loss lasted for days. |
| **Hours** | The loss lasted for hours. |
| **Minutes** | The loss lasted for minutes. |
| **Seconds** | The loss lasted for seconds. |
| **Unknown** | The loss duration is not known. |

## LossPropertyVocab-1.0 Enumeration

The LossPropertyVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the possible properties of a loss.

**Uses:** incident:PropertyAffectedType/incident:Property

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Accountability** |  |
| **Availability** | The availability of a computer system has been compromised |
| **Confidentiality** | Data can be obtained by an unauthorized user |
| **Integrity** | Data produced by a computer system is unreliable |
| **Non-Repudiation** |  |

## MalwareTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The MalwareTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing types of malware instances.

**Uses:** ttp:MalwareInstanceType/ttp:Type

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Automated Transfer Scripts** |  |
| **Adware** | Any software that is funded by advertising. Adware may also gather sensitive user information from a system. |
| **Dialer** | A program to automatically dial a telephone |
| **Bot** | A program which resides on an infected system, communicating with and forming part of a botnet. The bot may be implanted by a worm or trojan, which opens a backdoor. The bot then monitors the backdoor for further instructions. |
| **Bot - Credential Theft** | A bot for the specific purpose to steal credentials |
| **Bot - DDoS** | A bot for the specific purpose to |
| **Bot - Loader** |  |
| **Bot - Spam** | A bot for the specific purpose to send out spam email |
| **DoS / DDoS** |  |
| **DoS / DDoS - Participatory** |  |
| **DoS / DDoS - Script** |  |
| **DoS / DDoS - Stress Test Tools** |  |
| **Exploit Kits** | A software toolkit to target common vulnerabilties |
| **POS / ATM Malware** | Malware that exclusively targets point of sale (POS) systems or automatic teller machines (ATMs) |
| **Ransomware** | A type of malware that encrypts files on a victim's system, demanding payment of ransom in return for the access codes required to unlock files. |
| **Remote Access Trojan** | A remote access trojan program or RAT, is a trojan horse capable of controlling a machine through commands issue by a remote attacker. |
| **Rogue Antivirus** | A fake security product that demands money to clean phony infections. |
| **Rootkit** | A method of hiding files or processes from normal methods of monitoring, and is often used by malware to conceal its presence and activities. Rootkits can operate at a number of levels, from the application level - simply replacing or adjusting the settings of system software to prevent the display of certain information - through hooking certain functions or inserting modules or drivers into the operating system kernel, to the deeper level of firmware or virtualization rook kits, which are activated before the operating system and thus even harder to detect while the system is running. |

## ManagementClassVocab-1.0 Class

The ManagementClassVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of management of an asset.

**Uses:** incident:AffectedAssetType/incident:Management\_Class

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| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Internally-Managed** | The asset is managed internally. |
| **Externally-Management** | The asset is managed externally. |
| **Co-Management** | The asset is co-managed. |
| **Unknown** | The asset management class is unknown. |

## MotivationVocab-1.1 Class

The MotivationVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the motivation of a threat actor.

**Uses:** ta:ThreatActorType/ta:Motivation/stixCommon:Value

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Ideological** | The threat actor is motivated by non-specific ideological reasons. |
| **Ideological - Anti-Corruption** | The threat actor is motivated to attack targets engaging in corruption. |
| **Ideological - Anti-Establishment** | The threat actor is motivated to attack established authority |
| **Ideological - Environmental** | The threat actor is motivated to attack targets engaging in actions determental to the environment. |
| **Ideological - Ethnic / Nationalist** | The threat actor is motivated to attack targets engaging in actions either against or in favor of a nation state or ethnic group |
| **Ideological - Information Freedom** | The threat actor is motivated by the belief in the freedom of information. |
| **Ideological - Religious** | The threat actor is motivated to attack targets associated with a religion. |
| **Ideological - Security Awareness** |  |
| **Ideological - Human Rights** | The threat actor is motivated to attack targets engaging in actions either in favor or against human rights. |
| **Ego** | The threat actor is motivated by enhancing their own self worth. |
| **Financial or Economic** | The threat actor is motivated by financial gain. |
| **Military** | The threat actor is motivated by the desire to exercise some military advantage. |
| **Opportunistic** | The threat actor is motivated by the relative vulnerability of the target |
| **Political** | The threat actor is motivated by the desire to exercise some political advantage. |

## MotivationVocab-1.0.1 Class

The MotivationVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the motivation of a threat actor. NOTE: As of STIX Version 1.1., MotivationVocab-1.0.1 is deprecated. Please use version 1.1 instead (see section 3.25).

**Uses:** ta:ThreatActorType/ta:Motivation/stixCommon:Value

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| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Ideological** |  |
| **Ideological - Anti-Corruption** |  |
| **Ideological - Anti-Establishment** |  |
| **Ideological - Environmental** |  |
| **Ideological - Ethnic / Nationalist** |  |
| **Ideological - Information Freedom** |  |
| **Ideological - Religious** |  |
| **Ideological - Security Awareness** |  |
| **Ideological - Human Rights** |  |
| **Ego** |  |
| **Financial or Economic** |  |
| **Military** |  |
| **Opportunistic** |  |
| **Policital** |  |

## MotivationVocab-1.0 Class

The MotivationVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the motivation of a threat actor. NOTE: As of STIX Version 1.0.1, MotivationVocab-1.0 is deprecated. Please use version 1.0.1 instead (see section 3.25).

**Uses:** ta:ThreatActorType/ta:Motivation/stixCommon:Value

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Ideological** |  |
| **Ideological - Anti-Corruption** |  |
| **Ideological - Anti-Establisment** |  |
| **Ideological - Environmental** |  |
| **Ideological - Ethnic / Nationalist** |  |
| **Ideological - Information Freedom** |  |
| **Ideological - Religious** |  |
| **Ideological - Security Awareness** |  |
| **Ideological - Human Rights** |  |
| **Ego** |  |
| **Financial or Economic** |  |
| **Military** |  |
| **Opportunistic** |  |
| **Policital** |  |

## OwnershipClassVocab-1.0 Class

The OwnershipClassVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of ownership of an asset.

**Uses:** incident:AffectedAssetType/incident:Ownership\_Class

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| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Internally-Owned** | The asset is owned internally. |
| **Employee-Owned** | The asset is owned by an employee. |
| **Partner-Owned** | The asset is owned by a partner. |
| **Customer-Owned** | The asset is owned by a customer. |
| **Unknown** | The asset ownership class is unknown. |

## PackageIntentVocab-1.0 Class

The PackageIntentVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for Package Intent.

**Uses:** stix:STIXheaderType/stix:Package\_Intent

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Collective Threat Intelligence** | The package is intended to convey a broad characterization of a threat across multiple facets. |
| **Threat Report** | The package is intended to convey a broad characterization of a threat across multiple facets expressed as a cohesive report. |
| **Indicators** | The package is intended to convey mainly indicators. |
| **Indicators - Phishing** | The package is intended to convey mainly phishing indicators. |
| **Indicators - Watchlist** | The package is intended to convey mainly network watchlist indicators. |
| **Indicators - Malware Artifacts** | The package is intended to convey mainly malware artifact indicators. |
| **Indicators - Network Activity** | The package is intended to convey mainly network activity indicators. |
| **Indicators - Endpoint Characteristics** | The package is intended to convey mainly endpoint characteristics (hashes, registry values, installed software, known vulnerabilities, etc.) indicators. |
| **Campaign Characterization** | The package is intended to convey mainly a characterization of one or more campaigns. |
| **Threat Actor Characterization** | The package is intended to convey mainly a characterization of one or more threat actors. |
| **Exploit Characterization** | The package is intended to convey mainly a characterization of one or more exploits. |
| **Attack Pattern Characterization** | The package is intended to convey mainly a characterization of one or more attack patterns. |
| **Malware Characterization** | The package is intended to convey mainly a characterization of one or more malware instances. |
| **TTP - Infrastructure** | The package is intended to convey mainly a characterization of attacker infrastructure. |
| **TTP - Tools** | The package is intended to convey mainly a characterization of attacker tools. |
| **Courses of Action** | The package is intended to convey mainly a set of courses of action. |
| **Incident** | The package is intended to convey mainly information about one or more incidents. |
| **Observations** | The package is intended to convey mainly information about instantial observations (cyber observables). |
| **Observations - Email** | The package is intended to convey mainly information about instantial email observations (email cyber observables). |
| **Malware Samples** | The package is intended to convey a set of malware samples. |

## PlanningAndOperationalSupportVocab-1.0.1 Class

The PlanningAndOperationalSupportVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the planning and operational support functions of a threat actor.

**Uses:** ta:ThreatActorType/ta:Planning\_And\_Operational\_Support/stixCommon:Value

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| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Data Exploitation** |  |
| **Data Exploitation - Analytic Support** |  |
| **Data Exploitation - Translation Support** |  |
| **Financial Resources** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Academic** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Commercial** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Government** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Hacktivist or Grassroot** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Non-Attributable Finance** |  |
| **Planning** |  |
| **Planning - Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) Gathering** |  |
| **Planning - Operational Cover Plan** |  |
| **Planning - Pre-Operational Surveillance and Reconnaissance** |  |
| **Planning - Target Selection** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Contracting and Hiring** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Document Exploitation (DOCEX) Training** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Internal Training** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Military Programs** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Security / Hacker Conferences** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Underground Forums** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - University Programs** |  |

## PlanningAndOperationalSupportVocab-1.0 Class

The PlanningAndOperationalSupportVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the planning and operational support functions of a threat actor. NOTE: As of STIX Version 1.0.1, PlanningAndOperationalSupportVocab-1.0 is deprecated. Please use version 1.0.1 instead (see section 3.30).

**Uses:** ta:ThreatActorType/ta:Planning\_And\_Operational\_Support/stixCommon:Value

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| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Data Exploitation** |  |
| **Data Exploitation - Analytic Support** |  |
| **Data Exploitation - Translation Support** |  |
| **Financial Resources** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Academic** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Commercial** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Government** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Hacktivist or Grassroot** |  |
| **Financial Resources - Non-Attributable Finance** |  |
| **Planning** |  |
| **Planning - Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) Gethering** |  |
| **Planning - Operational Cover Plan** |  |
| **Planning - Pre-Operational Surveillance and Reconnaissance** |  |
| **Planning - Target Selection** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Contracting and Hiring** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment –**  **Document Exploitation (DOCEX) Training** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Internal Training** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Military Programs** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Security / Hacker Conferences** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - Underground Forums** |  |
| **Skill Development / Recruitment - University Programs** |  |

## SecurityCompromiseVocab-1.0 Class

The SecurityCompromiseVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing whether or not an incident resulted in a security compromise.

**Uses:** incident:ImpactAssessmentType/incident:Loss\_Of\_Competitive\_Advantage, incident:ImpactAssessmentType/incident:Brand\_And\_Market\_Damage, incident:ImpactAssessmentType/incident:Increased\_Operating\_Costs, incident:ImpactAssessmentType/incident:Legal\_And\_Regulatory\_Costs, incident:IncidentType/incident:Security\_Compromise

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Yes** | It has been confirmed that this incident resulted in a security compromise. |
| **Suspected** | It is suspected that this incident resulted in a security compromise. |
| **No** | It has been confirmed that this incident did not result in a security compromise. |
| **Unknown** | It is not known whether this incident resulted in a security compromise. |

## SystemTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The SystemTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of a system.

**Uses:** ttp:VictimTargetingType/ttp:Targeted\_Systems

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Enterprise Systems** |  |
| **Enterprise Systems - Application Layer** |  |
| **Enterprise Systems - Database Layer** |  |
| **Enterprise Systems –**  **Enterprise Technologies and Support Infrastructure** |  |
| **Enterprise Systems - Network Systems** |  |
| **Enterprise Systems - Networking Devices** |  |
| **Enterprise Systems - Web Layer** |  |
| **Enterprise Systems - VoIP** |  |
| **Industrial Control Systems** |  |
| **Industrial Control Systems –**  **Equipment Under Control** |  |
| **Industrial Control Systems –**  **Operations Management** |  |
| **Industrial Control Systems –**  **Safety, Protection and Local Control** |  |
| **Industrial Control Systems - Supervisory Control** |  |
| **Mobile Systems** |  |
| **Mobile Systems - Mobile Operating Systems** |  |
| **Mobile Systems - Near Field Communications** |  |
| **Mobile Systems - Mobile Devices** |  |
| **Third-Party Services** |  |
| **Third-Party Services - Application Stores** |  |
| **Third-Party Services - Cloud Services** |  |
| **Third-Party Services - Security Vendors** |  |
| **Third-Party Services - Social Media** |  |
| **Third-Party Services - Software Update** |  |
| **Users** |  |
| **Users - Application And Software** |  |
| **Users - Workstation** |  |
| **Users - Removable Media** |  |

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## ThreatActorSophisticationVocab-1.0 Class

The ThreatActorSophisticationVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the level of sophistication of a threat actor.

**Uses:** ta:ThreatActorType/ta:Sophistication/stixCommon:Value

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Innovator** | Demonstrates sophisticated capability. An innovator has the ability to create and script unique programs and codes targeting virtually any form of technology. At this level, this actor has a deep knowledge of networks, operating systems, programming languages, firmware, and infrastructure topologies and will demonstrate operational security when conducting his activities. Innovators are largely responsible for the discovery of 0-day vulnerabilities and the development of new attack techniques. |
| **Expert** | Demonstrates advanced capability. An actor possessing expert capability has the ability to modify existing programs or codes but does not have the capability to script sophisticated programs from scratch. The expert has a working knowledge of networks, operating systems, and possibly even defensive techniques and will typically exhibit some operational security. |
| **Practitioner** | Has a demonstrated, albeit low, capability. A practitioner possesses low sophistication capability. He does not have the ability to identify or exploit known vulnerabilities without the use of automated tools. He is proficient in the basic uses of publicly available hacking tools, but is unable to write or alter such programs on his own. |
| **Novice** | Demonstrates a nascent capability. A novice has basic computer skills and likely requires the assistance of a Practitioner or higher to engage in hacking activity. He uses existing and frequently well known and easy-to-find techniques and programs or scripts to search for and exploit weaknesses in other computers on the Internet and lacks the ability to conduct his own reconnaissance and targeting research. |

## ThreatActorTypeVocab-1.0 Class

The ThreatActorTypeVocab class is used to define the default STIX vocabulary for expressing the type of a threat actor.

**Uses:** ta:ThreatActorType/ta:Type/stixCommon:Value

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| **Enumeration Literal** | **Description** |
| **Cyber Espionage Operations** |  |
| **Hacker** |  |
| **Hacker - White hat** |  |
| **Hacker - Gray hat** |  |
| **Hacker - Black hat** |  |
| **Hacktivist** |  |
| **State Actor / Agency** |  |
| **eCrime Actor - Credential Theft Botnet Operator** |  |
| **eCrime Actor - Credential Theft Botnet Service** |  |
| **eCrime Actor - Malware Developer** |  |
| **eCrime Actor - Money Laundering Network** |  |
| **eCrime Actor - Organized Crime Actor** |  |
| **eCrime Actor - Spam Service** |  |
| **eCrime Actor - Traffic Service** |  |
| **eCrime Actor - Underground Call Service** |  |
| **Insider Threat** |  |
| **Disgruntled Customer / User** |  |

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1. For detailed information see [TOU]. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For more information about the STIX Language, please visit [STIX]. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The CybOX Observable data model is actually defined in the CybOX Language, not in STIX. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The vocabulary-related data types discussed here are different than those defined for vocabularies in the STIX 1.1.1 XSD implementation. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Note that in the XSD implementation, ControlledVocabularyStringType is not an abstract concept. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Appears twice in the vocabulary in error [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Appears twice in the vocabulary in error [↑](#footnote-ref-7)