TheHive CSE 406 Project Report

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Introduction

TheHive is a scalable open source and free Security Incident Response Platform designed to make life easier for SOCs, CSIRTs, CERTs and any information security practitioner dealing with security incidents that need to be investigated and acted upon swiftly.

We can synchronize it with one or multiple MISP instances to start investigations out of MISP events. We can also export an investigation's results as a MISP event to help our peers detect and react to attacks we've dealt with. Additionally, when TheHive is used in conjunction with Cortex, security analysts and researchers can easily analyze tens if not hundred of observables.

Introduction continued

Collaboration is at the heart of TheHive. Multiple analysts from one organisations can work together on the same case simultaneously. For example, an analyst may deal with malware analysis while another may work on tracking C2 beaconing activity on proxy logs as soon as IOCs have been added by their coworker. Using TheHive's live stream, everyone can keep an eye on what's happening on the platform, in real time.

So the main purpose of using this tool is to detect any security incident quickly and analyze that incident in a collaborative platform to solve any security issue efficiently.

Source Code Architecture

Backend: The Hive's backend is Written in Scala. The backend is primarily based on the Play Framework.

Frontend: The Hive's frontend is built using Angular JS.

Database: The Hive primarily used the Elasticsearch search and analytics engine as its data store and indexing solution. Later it used Casandra, a distributed NoSQL database that is typically used for handling large volumes of structured and semi-structured data in a horizontally scalable and fault-tolerant manner

Documentation and Configuration: The project is typically well-documented, providing guidance for installation, configuration, and usage. Configuration files are used to customize the behavior of TheHive to suit an organization's specific needs.

APIs

APIs are available for following purposes.

- Organization
- User
- Custom field
- Case template
- Alert
- Case
- task
- Observable

Key components

Key components of this tool are:

- Organization
- Case
- Tasks
- Observables

Organization

There are two types of account in TheHive.One is "Admin" and another is "User".Admin can create an organization and create users of that organization.The admin also can also assign role of each user in an organization.Those role reperesents the access permission of various components for a particular user of a organization.There can be three types of roles: Analyst,org-Admin,read-only.

Organization continued

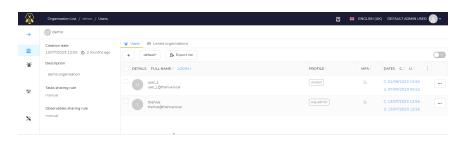


Figure: Organization dashboard

Here, in the above image an admin logged in whose name is "DEFAULT ADMIN USER" and he creates an orgnization named "demo". In "demo" organization he creates two users. He can add more user by clicking "+" sign . After clicking "+" sign the following dialogbox will be shown to provide user information. After filling up the dialog box with user information and clicking on "Confirm" ,a new user will be added to organization

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Organization continued

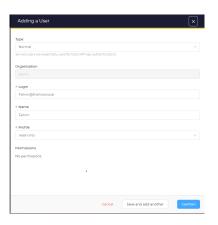


Figure: Adding a user

Cases

Users of an organization with analyst or org-admin role can create cases at the response of any security incident and Other users can see the case and deal with the cases collaboratively.

After logging into an user account ,a user can see the list of cases of his organization .

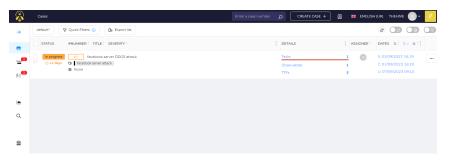


Figure: User dashboard

Cases continued

To create a new case a user can click on "CREATE CASE +" button on the top and then the following dialogbox will be shown

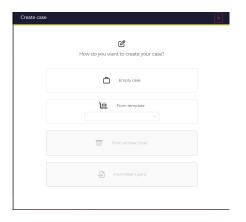
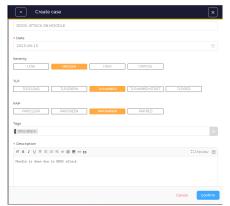


Figure: Choose case type(Empty or template)

Cases continued

From above user can select "EMPTY" to create a case from scratch or he can import a security event as a case from "MISP" after selecting "template" option

After selecting "EMPTY" the following dialog box will be shown



Cases continued

Then after filling the dialog box with the information of security incident, when he clicks on "Confirm" a new case will be added to its organization and the case will be seen by other users of this organization.

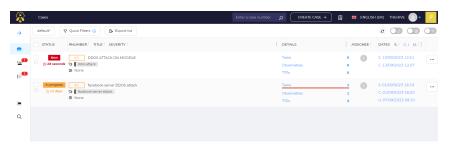


Figure: User dashboard(after creating a case)

Task

After creating a new case ,a user can create tasks which should be performed to resolve the case and assign those tasks to different users. So, For a particular case while adding a task we need to fill up the following dialogbox with necessary information about that task



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Task continued

Then after creating a task successfully the dashboard of a case under "Tasks" tab will look like below

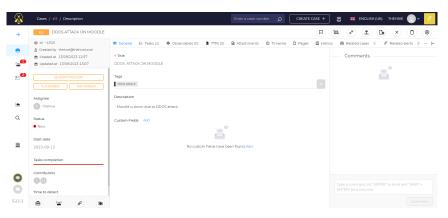


Figure: Case dashboard(after adding a new task)

Observable

Observables are the elements of a case on which the user(security analyst) will report their analysis(e.g. ip address, hash of malicious file)

Observable continued

For a case a user can add one or more observables. To add a new observable a user need to fill up the following dialog box.

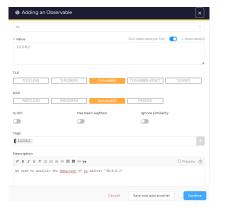


Figure: Adding an observable

Observable continued

After adding an observable successfully, the dashboard of a case under "Observables" tab will look like below

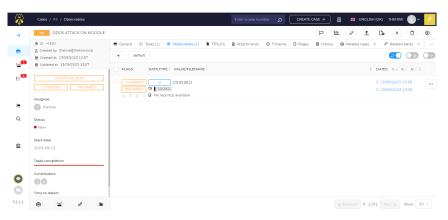


Figure: Case dashboard(after adding a new task)

Observable continued

Then after adding observables for a case ,the analysts can report their analysis on these observables by doing analysis manually or he can automate the process of analysis with the help of "CORTEX".

Cortex

Cortex is a software project that complements and extends the capabilities of TheHive, a security incident response platform. It serves as an automation and orchestration engine. It automates the execution of various analysis tasks and security operations related to incident response by making api calls to various threat intelligence feeds and collects their outputs.

Cortex: Key Features

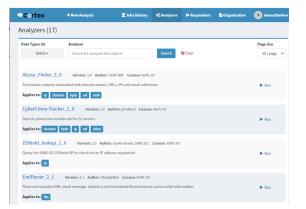
- Automation: Cortex allows users to define and execute a wide range of actions, such as analyzing observables, querying threat intelligence feeds such as VirusTotal, CyberCrime-Tracker etc. and interacting with other security tools and services.
- Analyzer Integration: Cortex includes a collection of analyzers, which are plugins, enabled by adding API key, can be used to analyze different types of observables, for example, IP addresses, urls, hashes etc. These analyzers can be integrated into TheHive through Cortex and automatically perform tasks like malware analysis, DNS lookups etc. The generated reports can be shared with other security analysts of the organization which saves analysts time and standardize the investigation process.

Cortex: Key Features continued

- Responder Integration: Responders are plugins that can take action based on the analysis results. For example, if an analyzer detects a malicious URL, a responder can be configured to block the URL at the firewall or update an indicator of compromise blacklist.
- Extensibility: Cortex allows organizations to develop custom analyzers and responders tailored to their specific needs. This flexibility makes it a valuable tool for organizations with unique security requirements.
- Integration with TheHive: By integrating cortex with TheHive, it is easy to automate analysis and response actions into TheHive's case management and incident tracking workflows.

Cortex Analzers

We have used a training VM which have total 216 analyzers available and 16 of them are enabled with API key. To enable a new Analyzer, we just need to add the API key for that. A snapshot of some of the Analyzers from Cortex is shown below.



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Enabling An Analyzer

In the **Organization** tab of Cortex, all the analyzers that are available are provided. To enable an analyzer, press the enable button.

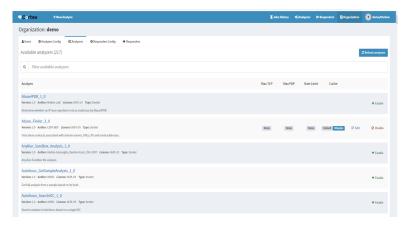


Figure: Enabling an Analyzer

Enabling An Analyzer continued

The following box will be shown after pressing the enable button. To enable an analyzer, go to it's website and get the API key and put it here in the **key** option.

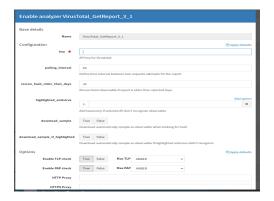


Figure: Adding the API key

Running An Analyzer in Cortex

To run an analyzer, fill up the TLP, PAP, Data Type and Data and select the suitable analyzer accordingly. We can also select multiple analyzers for the same data.

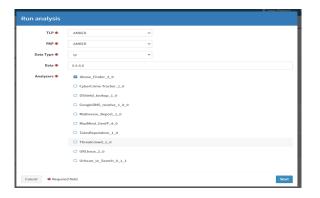


Figure: Running an Analyzer

Running An Analyzer in Cortex continued

The running log can be seen from the **Jobs History** in Cortex. If the status is **Success**, then it has successfully generated report by querying into that analyzer. If the status is **Failure**, then there may be a problem in data type or format or the server may be down.

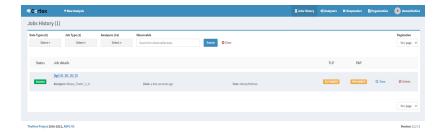


Figure: Jobs history

Raw Report of Analyzer

By default in Cortex, the report generated by any analyzer is in JSON format which is not so human readable.

```
Job report
    "organisation": "demo",
    "summary": {
          "predicate": "Report",
     "original": "checkvim.com/gal3/PvqDq92985x A D Min a.php",
     "classification": "-",
      "creation time": "-",
      "modification time": "-"
     perations": []
```

Figure: Raw report of the analyzer

Adding Templates From TheHive

To make the raw reports of Cortex more human readable, we can integrate the cortex with TheHive and add **templates** from admin account. In the traning vm, the cortex is integrated with TheHive. Therefore, we can analyze the observables from TheHive which will trigger the analyzer in Cortex.

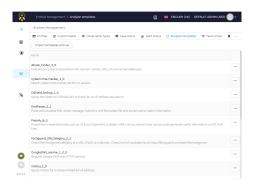


Figure: Adding Templates from TheHive's Admin

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Analyzing An Observable From TheHive

To analyze an observable from TheHive, we need to select an observable. Then among all the enabled analyzers, the ones that can analyze the selected data type will be shown. We can select one or more(up to all) analyzers and run which will then generate reports for the selected analyzers.

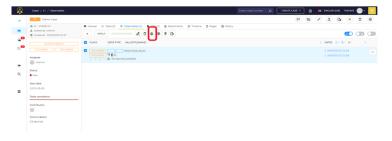


Figure: Analyzing an observable from TheHive

Analyzing An Observable From TheHive continued

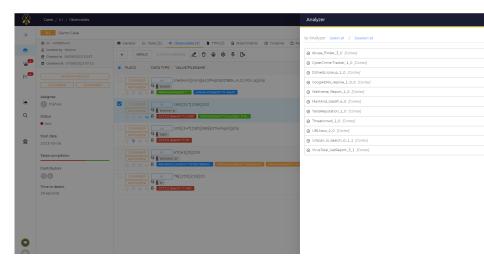


Figure: Selecting the analyzer(s)

Analyzing An Observable From TheHive continued

Running an analyzer on an observable from TheHive automatically fires the analyzer from Cortex. The analysis report can be found in both Cortex and TheHive.



Figure: Running log of the analyzer

Analyzer Report: VirusTotal

We have analyzed a malicious hash: fb55414848281f804858ce188c3dc659d129e283bd62d58d34f6e6f568feab37 which was collected from the VirusTotal website. By running the VirusTotal analyzer for this observable, we get the following report.





Figure: VirusTotal Report

Sandbox Verdicts				
Zenbox	Category	malicious	Classification(s)	MALWARE
				TROJAN

Contacted Domains			
Domain	Detections	Created	Registrar
154.210.82.20.in-addr.arpa	1 / 88	-	-
4-c-0003.c-msedge.net	0 / 88	2014-03-07	MarkMonitor Inc.
52.4.107.13.in-addr.arpa	0 / 88	-	-
82.250.63.168.in-addr.arpa	1 / 88	-	-
ncsi.4-c-0003.c-msedge.net	0 / 88	2014-03-07	MarkMonitor Inc.
windowsupdate.s.llnwi.net	0 / 88	2013-07-31	GoDaddy.com, LLC

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Here, it is showing the list of different security report website where some of them have already detected and marked this hash as malicious

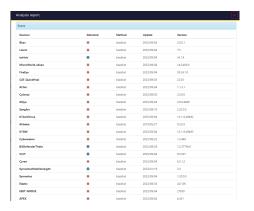
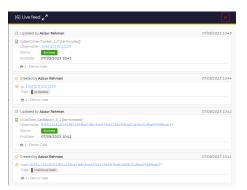


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Live Feed

The observables that are analyzed from TheHive via cortex can be seen by other analysts of the organization through Live Feed. If the analysis is done from Cortex, then it cannot be seen by other analysts. Thus, running analyzers from TheHive provides instant updates to all the analysts which help them to be up-to-date with the case progress.



Conclusion Remark

Cortex, integrated seamlessly into TheHive, empowers security professionals with a powerful arsenal of analyzers and responders, enhancing the platform's capabilities to detect, investigate, and respond to threats effectively. By harnessing the versatility and extensibility of Cortex, organizations can take their incident response to new heights, bolstering their cyber security posture in an ever-evolving threat landscape. As we wrap up our discussion on Cortex in TheHive, it is clear that this partnership is a game-changer for security teams, empowering them to detect, analyze, and mitigate threats more effectively than ever before.