



Meshroom

The cybersecurity mesh assistant

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All-in-one platform vs Cybersecurity Mesh architecture

All-in-one

- Unified operation model
- Unified UI/UX
- Captive Silo
- Expensive non-modular licensing
- Full replacement of existing stack
- Can't cherry-pick functionalities
- Can't be good at everything...

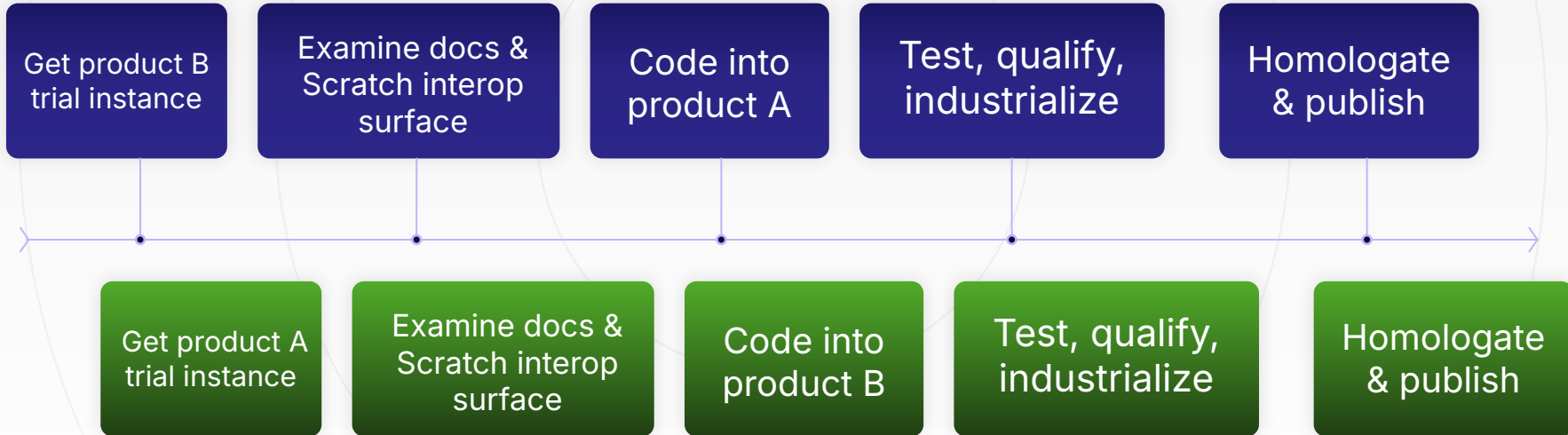
CSMA

- Favor interoperability
- Adapt & extend existing stack
- Do one job, do it right
- Focused expertise
- Need vendors cooperation
- Integration development burden
- Scattered SOC configuration

The N-to-N integrations course



Product A



Product B

Building a **mesh** is ...

Cumbersome
for vendors

Tedious for
integrators

Unmanageable
for devsec
operators

Uncertain
for buyers
& end users

★ **Our contribution : an **opensource assistant**
to **compose cybersecurity meshes****

Compose...

Containerized stacks
docker compose up

Provisioning
ansible-playbook

Infrastructure-as-a-Service
terraform apply



Cybersecurity Mesh
📢 meshroom up !

Meshroom basic usage



```
meshroom init <path>
```

```
cd path
```

```
meshroom pull sekoia
```

```
meshroom create product
```

```
meshroom create integration
```

```
meshroom add
```

```
meshroom plug
```

```
meshroom up
```

```
meshroom produce
```

```
meshroom watch
```

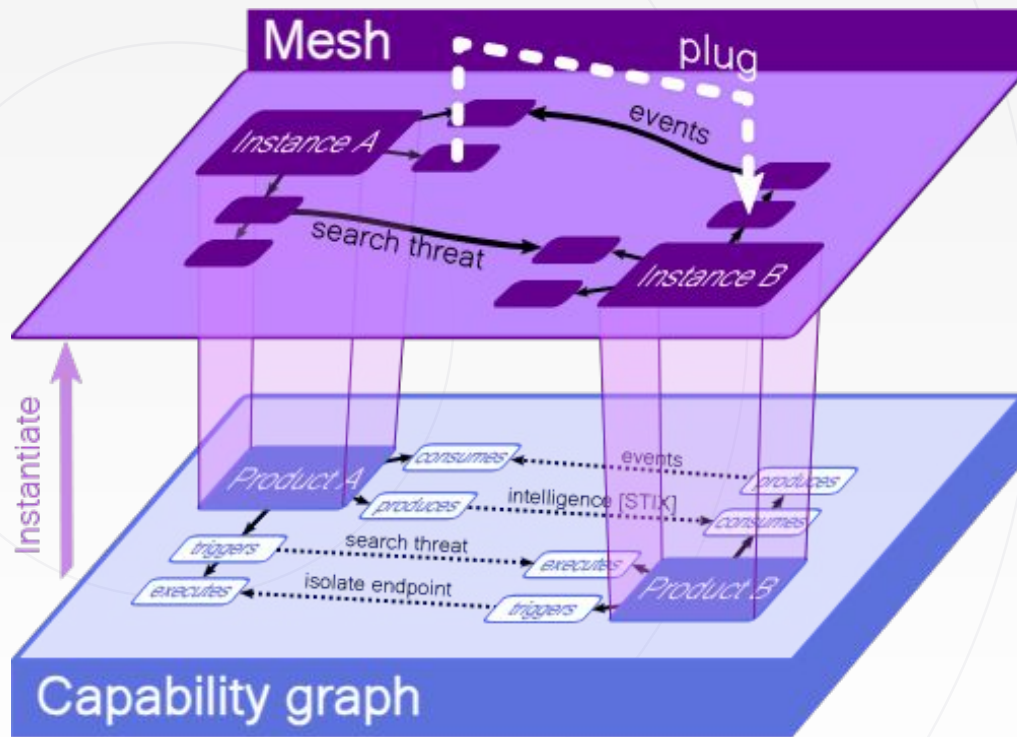
```
meshroom down
```



```
meshroom publish
```

Meshroom model

- ① Describe product capabilities
- ② Scaffold integrations between products
- ③ Instantiate products
- ④ Plug instances
- ⑤ meshroom up 🚀



Assisted mesh integration journey

① Declare new product from template

```
$ meshroom create product -from edr
```

② Define python hooks to automate setup

```
@setup_consumer('events')  
def my_setup_func(plug: Plug):  
    ...
```

③ Publish & share via git

```
$ meshroom publish <product>
```

④ Instantiate and plug

```
$ meshroom add <product> <name>  
$ meshroom plug <instance> <instance>
```

⑤ Play and test

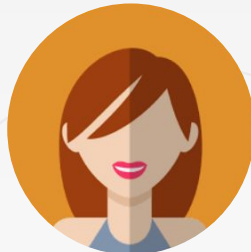
```
$ meshroom produce <topic> <instance>  
$ meshroom watch <topic> <instance>
```

⑥ meshroom up

Who ?



**Vendor declares
product capabilities**
+ provides code examples
+ implement pull/publish
hooks



**Integrator defines
integrations between
products**
+ implement setup hooks



**Devsec ops composes a
mesh by plugging
instances**
+ configure secrets and
settings
+ play with producers &
consumers



Everyone publish 🎉



How ?

- **producer→consumer**

producer sends data to a **topic**,
consumer receives data from the **topic**

- **trigger→executor**

trigger submit commands to a **topic**,
executor executes commands submitted to the **topic**

- **operation mode**

push mode: **source** is active, **destination** is passive (e.g., *HTTP API*)

pull mode: **producer** is passive, **consumer** is active (e.g., *syslog forwarding*)

- **plug ownership**

cooperative: both **producer** & **consumer** need configuration to work (e.g., *AWS SQS*)

unilateral: one end can setup everything without any action on the other end (e.g., *TAXII*)

- **python hooks**

automate remote setup of real product instances and scaffolding of new integration via vendor-provided **python functions** executed upon **meshroom** commands [see next slide 🗉]



Full interop definition
between two products

- ⦿ **Dataflow**
- ⦿ **Setup procedure**
- ⦿ **Boilerplate generator**

Hooks

hook decorator	called upon	usage	
@setup	\$ meshroom up	Define an automated setup step to get a plug up-and-running on a given instance	optional
@teardown	\$ meshroom down	Define an automated step to shutdown and cleanup a plug from a given instance	optional
@scaffold	\$ meshroom create integration	Generate files for a new integration for a certain topic	optional
@pull	\$ meshroom pull	Generate integrations by pulling the vendor's online integration catalog	required
@publish	\$ meshroom publish	Submit all defined integrations to the vendor's catalog for public homologation	required
@produce	\$ meshroom produce	Send data to the plug's destination for testing	required
@watch	\$ meshroom watch	Inspect data flowing through the plug	required

Hooks : example

Setup hook, called upon
\$ meshroom up

Unilateral setup
No remote configuration on producer
side is required

Hooks have access to
product instance and plugs

```

6 @setup_consumer("events", order="first", owns both=True)
7 def create_intake_key(integration: Integration, plug: Plug, instance: Instance):
8     """Create an intake key to consume events"""
9     from meshroom.interaction import debug, info
10
11     if intake_key := plug.get_secret("intake_key"):
12         debug("⊗ Intake key already exists")
13         return intake_key
14
15     api = SekoiaAPI(
16         instance.settings.get("region", "fra1"),
17         instance.get_secret("API_KEY"),
18     )
19
20     if not getattr(integration, "intake_format_uuid", None):
21         raise ValueError("Intakes can't be created without an intake format, see example/products/sekoia/templates/event_consumer for inspiration")
22
23     intake_name = integration.target_product.replace("_", " ")
24
25     # Get or create main entity (because we need one to create an intake key)
26     entity_uuid = api.get_or_create_main_entity()["uuid"]
27
28     # Pull intakes require an automation connector
29     if integration.mode == "pull":
30         if not getattr(integration, "automation_module_uuid", None):
31             raise ValueError("Pull intakes require an automation module, see example/products/sekoia/templates/event_consumer for inspiration")
32

```

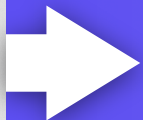
Hooks may be specific to a product pair or generic to all 3rd-party products

Meshroom features



Git-backed projects

For easy versioning and sharing



Builtin secrets store with GPG encryption

Keep all your instances' secrets in one secure place



One command to setup and teardown a full mesh

`meshroom up` / `meshroom down`



Scaffolding hooks

Help others building integrations with your products without pain

Going further ...



Meshroom is Github Copilot friendly

Leverage code examples from your meshroom project to bootstrap new integrations with LLMs



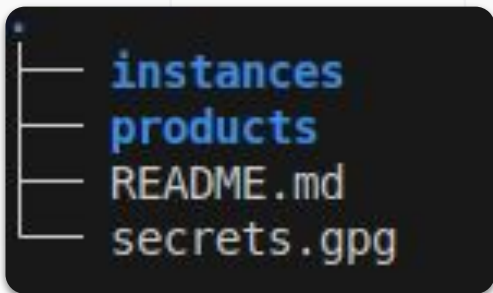
Let's build the largest opensource mesh of cybersecurity products

Contribute your meshroom materials to
<https://github.com/opencybersecurityalliance/oxa>

Step-by-step tutorial (1)

\$ meshroom init <path>

- Initializes a git-backed meshroom project at <path>
- Creates the initial project structure



- Starts with 0 product, 0 integration, 0 instance and 0 plug...

\$ meshroom list *products*

\$ meshroom list integrations

Step-by-step tutorial (2)

```
$ mkdir -p tmp  
$ curl -L -o tmp.tar.gz https://github.com/jeromefellus-sekoia/meshroom/tarball/master  
$ tar -xzf tmp.tar.gz -C tmp  
$ mv tmp/*/example/products/sekoia products/sekoia  
$ rm -rf tmp tmp.tar.gz
```

- Vendor has declared a product's capabilities and hooks
- Download specifications from a git repo
- We now have 1 product, with ready to use hooks. Let's use them !

\$ meshroom pull sekoia

- @pull hook has downloaded all known integrations from Sekoia's official catalog

\$ meshroom list *products*

\$ meshroom list integrations

Step-by-step tutorial (3)

\$ meshroom create product myedr --from edr

- Scaffolds a product definition from a predefined template of product capabilities [see <https://github.com/jeromefellus-sekoia/meshroom/tree/master/meshroom/templates/products>]
- We can define generic python hooks for our new product
 - @setup + @teardown hooks for \$ meshroom up/down
 - @pull + @publish to grab and contribute to our product's official integrations catalog via \$ meshroom pull/publish
 - @scaffold hook to provide code generators for \$ meshroom create
 - @produce/@watch hooks for emulation via \$ meshroom produce/watch

Step-by-step tutorial (4)

```
$ meshroom add sekoia mysekoia  
$ meshroom add myedr
```

- Instantiate product instances
- Products may have defined **settings** and **secrets** : user is prompted for them here
- **Nothing is submitted to the real user's tenants yet**
- Instances are ready for calling **\$ meshroom up**

```
$ meshroom list instances
```

Step-by-step tutorial (5)

```
$ meshroom plug events myedr mysekoia
```

```
$ meshroom plug search_threat mysekoia myedr
```

- Finds matching integrations

- ⦿ If one of the products has a **unilateral** setup hook [**own_both=True**], it takes ownership (no need for a defined integration on the other side)
- ⦿ Otherwise, find a pair of integrations matching the desired **operation mode** [**push/pull**] and **topic**

- Plugs instances to each other

- Integrations may have defined settings and secrets: user is prompted for them here

```
$ meshroom list plugs
```

Step-by-step tutorial (6)

\$ meshroom up 

- Connect & configure each defined instance
 - Execute **@setup** hooks to configure plugs
 - Wait for the whole mesh to be ready
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- **You're now ready to use your Cybersecurity Mesh !**

Step-by-step tutorial (7)

\$ meshroom watch events myedr mysekoia

- Runs the **@watch** hook if defined on consumer side
- Inspects data flowing to the consumer and prints to standard output for debugging purposes

\$ meshroom produce events myedr mysekoia

- Runs the **@produce** hook if defined on producer side
- Reads data from standard input and send it to the topic, as if it was produced by the producer itself

Step-by-step tutorial (8)

\$ meshroom execute action myedr mysekoia

- Runs the `@execute` hook if defined on executor side
- Instructs the executor to directly execute the `action` as if it were sent by the trigger

\$ meshroom trigger action myedr mysekoia

- Runs the `@trigger` hook if defined on trigger side
- Instructs the trigger to submit a command to its executor

Step-by-step tutorial (9)

\$ meshroom down

- Cleanup all real product instances from what meshroom up had setup
- Leaves the user's tenants in a clean and predictable state



\$ meshroom up/down **commands pair works exactly as**

\$ docker compose up/down **commands pair**

Step-by-step tutorial (10)

\$ git commit -a -m "share my mesh" && git push

- **Meshroom projects are git projects**
 - ⦿ Use git to version your mesh
 - ⦿ Use git to share your mesh, privately or publicly
 - ⦿ Integrate contribution from other repos to extend your mesh

\$ meshroom publish myedr

- Vendor can provide **@publish** hooks to streamline 3rd-party contributions to their integrations catalog



📢 <https://github.com/jeromefellus-sekoia/meshroom>

📢 <https://jeromefellus-sekoia.github.io/meshroom/tutorial/>