

# FireCon 2023 Training:

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## Jupyter & MSTICPy in security operations and threat hunting

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# The MSTICPy Team

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**Our Community**

Many & varied



# History of MSTICPy

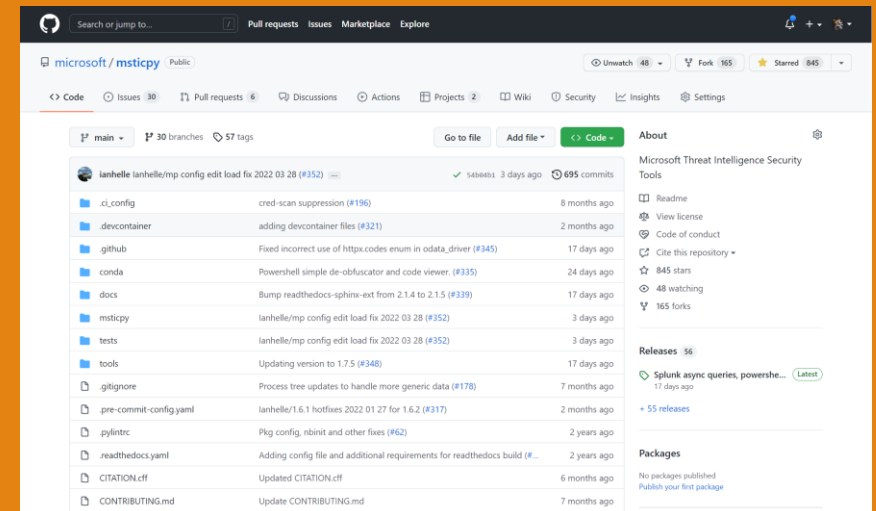
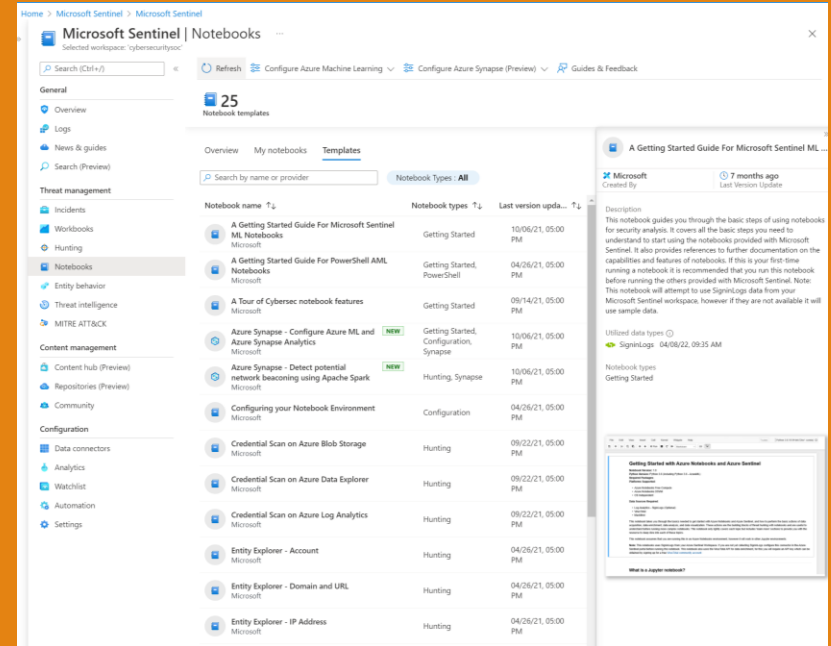
Notebooks in Sentinel

Need to share code with customers

Need to maintain it

Plenty of input and growth

- 200k+ downloads



# What's Included

## Data Acquisition:

- Sentinel, Kusto, MDE, Graph
- Splunk
- More!

## Data Enrichment

- Threat Intel lookups
- Context from Azure APIs
- WhoIs, GeoIP +

## Analyzing Data

- Decode
- Extract
- ML: TimeSeries, Anomalies, Clustering, Beaconing

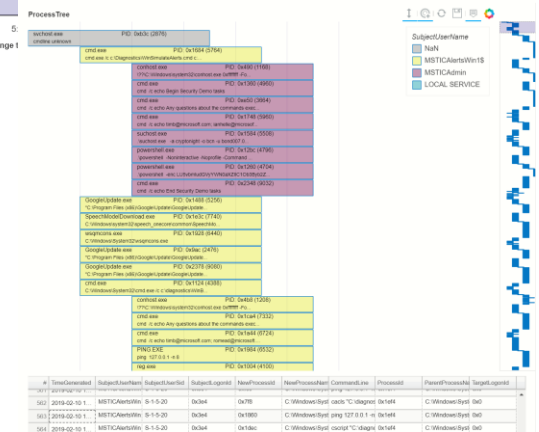
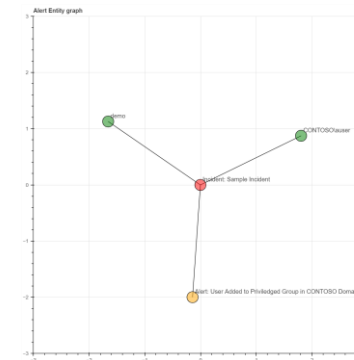
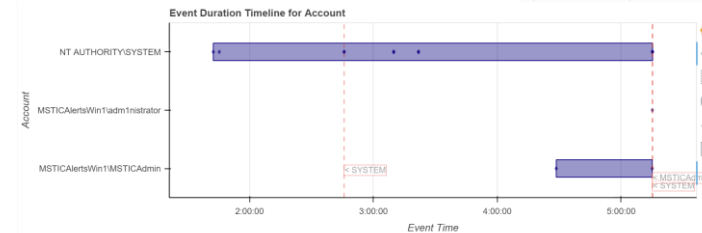
## Displaying Data

- Timelines
- Process Trees
- Graphs

```
alerts = qry_prov.SecurityAlert.list_alerts(  
    start='2019-07-21 23:43:18.274492',  
    end='2019-07-27 23:43:18.274492'  
)  
alerts.head()
```

TimeGenerated	AlertDisplayName	Severity	Description
2019-07-22 06:35:13	Suspicious authentication activity	Medium	Although r
2019-07-22 06:35:13	Suspicious authentication activity	Medium	Although r
2019-07-22 07:02:42	Traffic from unrecommended IP addresses was de...	Lc	
2019-07-26 06:03:16	Traffic from unrecommended IP addresses was de...	Lc	
2019-07-23 06:42:01	Traffic from unrecommended IP addresses was de...	Lc	

	IoC	IoCType	QuerySubtype	Result	Details
OTX	38.75.137.9	ipv4	None	True	{'pulse_count': 1, 'names': ['Ur
VirusTotal	38.75.137.9	ipv4	None	True	{'verbose_msg': 'IP address in
XForce	38.75.137.9	ipv4	None	True	{'score': 1, 'cats': [], 'categoryC
AzSTI	38.75.137.9	ipv4	None	False	0 rows returned.
		ipv4	None	False	Not found.





# The Training

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# The Agenda

Section	Time
Intros & Setup	15 min
Intro to MSTICPy & Notebooks	20 min
MSTICPy Configuration	15 min
Break	10 min
Acquiring data with MSTICPy	25 min
Data Visualization with MSTICPy	25 min
Enrichment with MSTICPy	20 min
Break	10 min
Data Analysis with MSTICpy	20 min
Jupyter notebooks advanced	15 min

# Setup

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VSCode Installed

- Jupyter and Python Extensions Installed

Anaconda/Python+Jupyter Installed

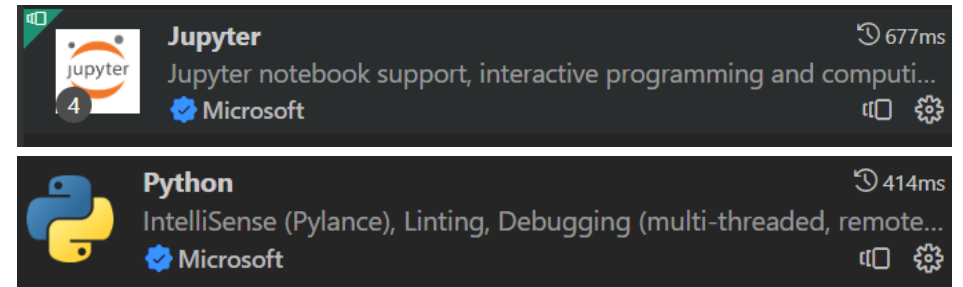
Azure CLI Installed

KeyVault Created (and details to hand)

Got API keys for:

- Alienvault OTX
- IBM Xforce
- VirusTotal
- GeolPLite

Check you have access – <https://aka.ms/sentineldemo>





# Setup - local Anaconda (or Python)

	Conda	Python
Open Anaconda Prompt/Terminal		
Create environment	<code>conda create --name msticpy python=3.11</code>	<code>python -m venv msticpy</code>
Activate Environment	<code>conda activate msticpy</code>	<code>[source] ./msticpy/scripts/activate</code>
Install notebooks	<code>conda install -c anaconda notebook</code>	<code>pip install notebook</code>
Clone the GitHub repo	<code>git clone https://github.com/microsoft/msticpy-training</code>	
Install packages	<code>pip install -r msticpy-training/requirements.txt</code>	
Navigate to Workshop	<code>cd msticpy-training/workshops/Jun2023</code>	
Login to Azure CLI	<code>az login</code>	
Run VSCode from here	<code>code .</code>	





# Setup - Docker (VS Code or Brower)

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Clone the GitHub repo

- `git clone https://github.com/microsoft/msticpy-training`

Install Docker Desktop

- <https://docs.docker.com/desktop/install/windows-install/>

VS Code Dev Container instructions

- <https://github.com/microsoft/msticpy-training/blob/main/README.md>

Jupyter Classic (browser) Container

- [workshops/Jun2023/Docker\\_JupyterClassic.md](#)



# Test setup

open `workshops/Jun2023/TestSetup.ipynb` and run all cells

## Test setup for MSTICPy 2023 workshops

```
1 # Test MSTICPYCONFIG is set correctly
2 import yaml
3 import os
4 from pathlib import Path
5
6 mp_conf_path = os.environ.get("MSTICPYCONFIG")
7 assert mp_conf_path
8 assert Path(mp_conf_path).is_file()
9 print(f"Using MSTICPYCONFIG: {mp_conf_path}")
10
11 mp_text = Path(mp_conf_path).read_text(encoding="utf-8")
12 mp_conf = yaml.safe_load(mp_text)
13
14 assert all(key in mp_conf.keys() for key in ['AzureSentinel', 'TIProviders', 'KeyVault', 'DataProvid
15 assert all(ws in mp_conf["AzureSentinel"]["Workspaces"] for ws in ["Default", "CyberSecuritySOC"])
16 print(f"Expected content in {mp_conf_path}")
17
```

✓ 0.0s

Using MSTICPYCONFIG: [./msticpyconfig.yaml](#)

Expected content in [./msticpyconfig.yaml](#)



# Questions & Issues

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Use the chat for this meeting

Teams Channel - [https://aka.ms/msticpy\\_training\\_teams](https://aka.ms/msticpy_training_teams)

Breaks to Help Fix Issues

Note – if you have access to Sentinel Workspaces, Kusto Clusters, etc. feel free to use them in the course.



# Start

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- Go to your notebook environment
- Go to the *workshops/Jun2023* folder
- Open the *IntroToMsticpy.ipynb* file.



# Summary

HOPEFULLY, YOU LEARNT SOMETHING USEFUL!

# Find out more

- PyPi

<https://pypi.org/project/msticpy/>

- GitHub Code

<https://github.com/microsoft/msticpy>

- Issues

<https://github.com/microsoft/msticpy/issues>

- Plans

<https://github.com/microsoft/msticpy/discussions>

- ReadTheDocs

<https://msticpy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>

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# Thank You

