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# A Federated Defense Community and Ecosystem in Practice

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# Sharing Information

- Organizations have several alternatives for sharing cyber threat information
- Mostly manual processes to ensure sharing policies are respected
- Information is not shared in a consistent, timely, and usable way





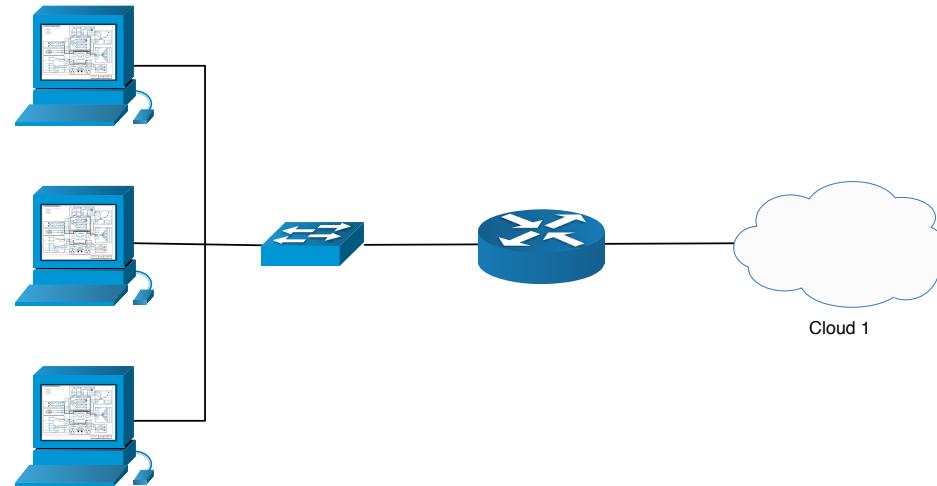
# Sharing and Using Information

- The Federated Command and Control (FC2) program established
  - the technology to specify what is to be shared,
  - the mechanisms to automatically share it,
  - the capability to automatically use shared information



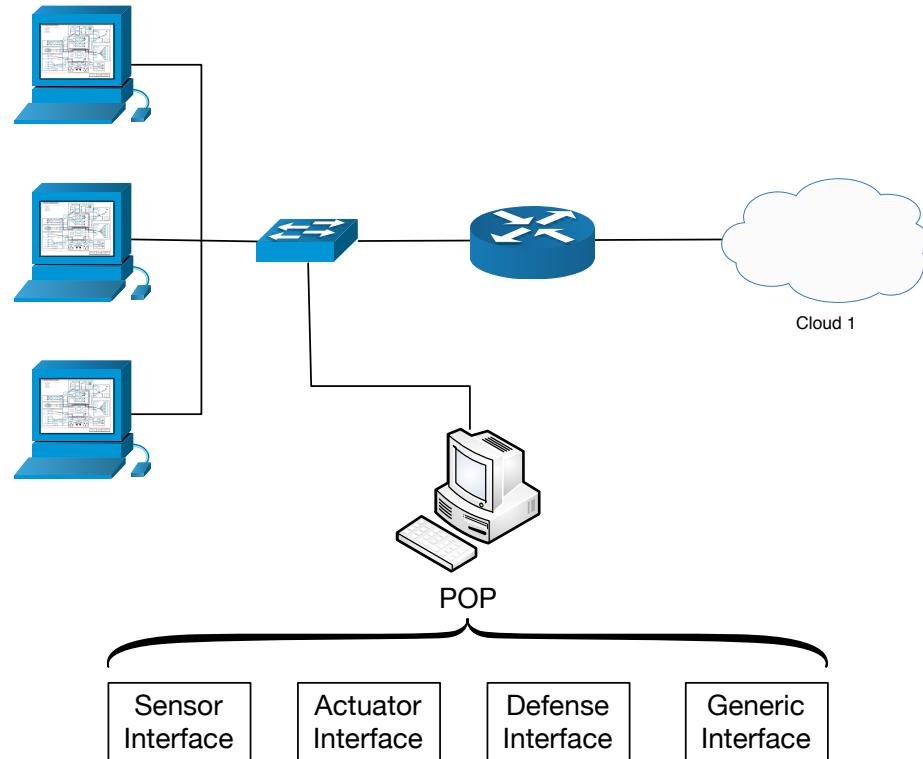


# FC2 overview



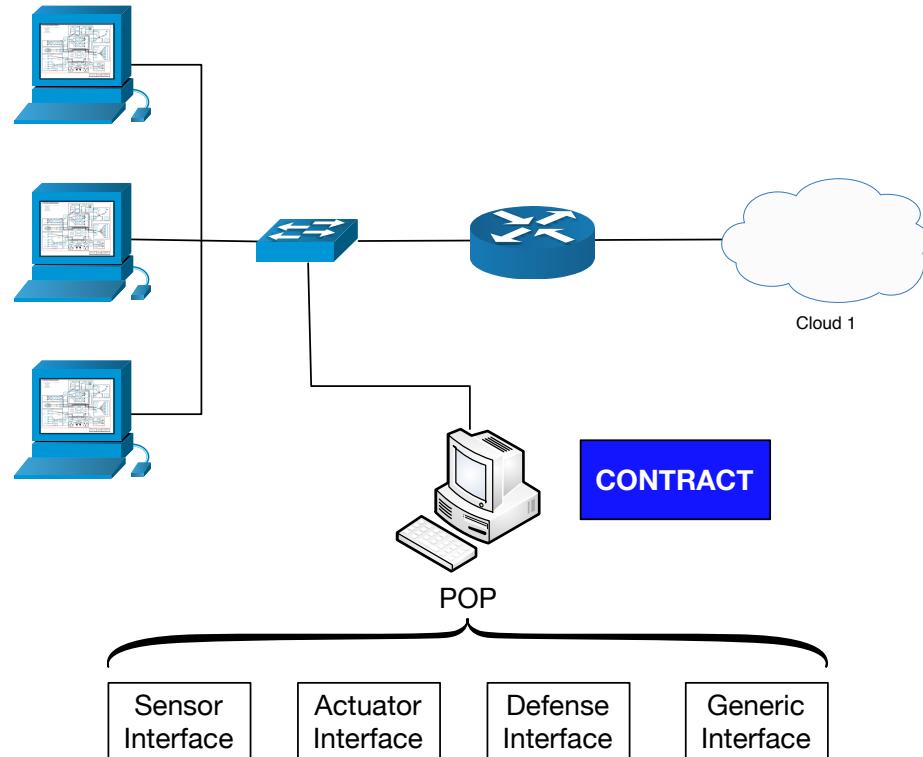


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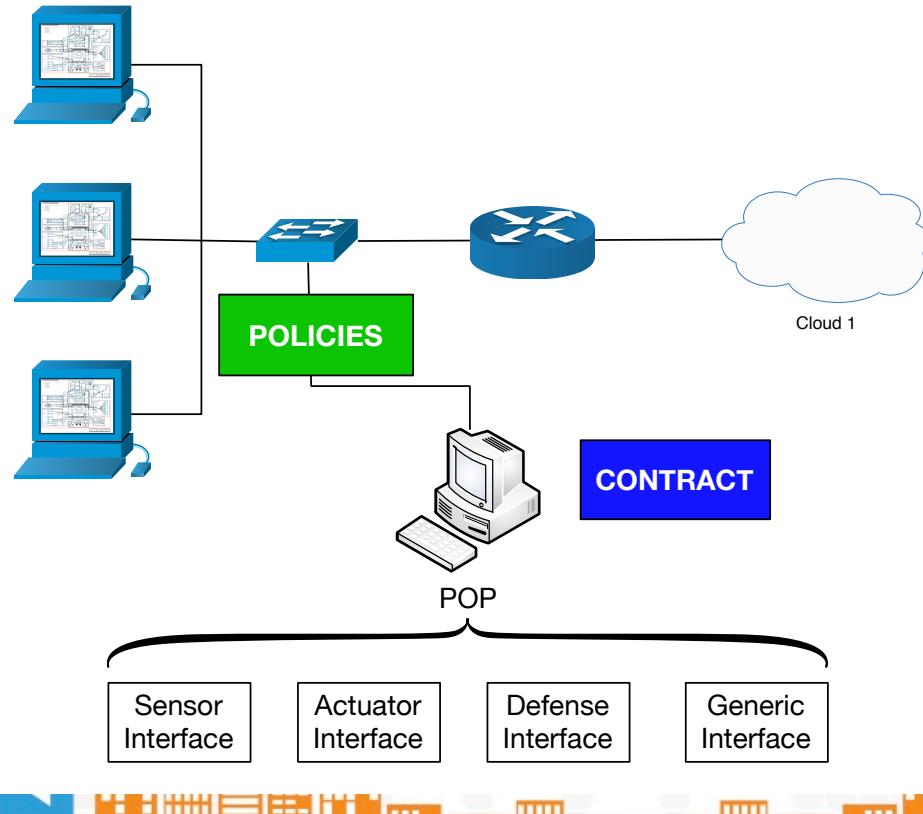


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# Building Communities

- FDCE Portal provides existing and potential members
  - Information on the status of the federations currently in force
  - Historical information of the effectiveness of information sharing
  - Download of FC2 system
  - Download of FC2 apps
  - News and updates



# Building Communities



# Building Communities

Federated Defense Community and Ecosystem

FAQ CONTACT ADMIN ▾

Dashboard App Store Downloads

FDCE Users Online: 6 SEE PROFILE

FDCE Contracts: 4 GO TO THE CONTRACTS

Latest Indicators: +5 DOWNLOAD ONTOLOGY

New Wrappers: +7 GO TO THE APP STORE

35 MESSAGES SENT IN THE LAST 10 MINUTES



INDICATORS

Indicator	Percentage
IPS	31.43%
IDS	20.00%
EXCHANGE	20.00%
DOS	14.29%
RESPONSE	14.29%

TOP APPS

App	Count
IPTABLES	41 ↗
SNORT	41 ↗
KNOCKKNOCK	39 ↗
STACKSTORM	34 ↗
WINDOWS DEFENDER	27 ↗

**Release 0.1.0 Available**

Release 0.1.0 is available for download. Includes MPC integration, policies, and docker versions. Instructions ...

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**SDNA Integration**

Wrapper for installing and configuring interface between FC2 and the SDNA ACC available. Provides translator...

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**MPC Support**

MPC plugins now shipping with FC2 supporting sharing and contracting. Configuration steps included in releas...

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**Moving Target Defense Integration**

FC2 supports several different Moving Target Defenses (MTDs). Application Diversity, Operating System...

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localhost:8080

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# Building Communities

The screenshot shows the FDCE Portal profile page at [localhost:8080/profile](http://localhost:8080/profile). The page has a dark header with the title "Federated Defense Community and Ecosystem". On the left is a sidebar with "Dashboard", "App Store", and "Downloads". The main area shows a user profile for "admin admin" (email: admin@hiai.net) and a connection to "Harris Institute for Assured Information". A "Reset Your Password" link is also present. Below this is a search bar and a table titled "POINT OF PRESENCE". The table has two sections: "MESSAGES" and "Demographics". The "MESSAGES" section lists "hiai" with 2 federations and 5 messages, and "federation1" with 4 members and 3 messages. The "Demographics" section lists "federation2" with 5 members and 2 messages, categorized as "ACTIVE" and "ARCHIVED". At the bottom, there are pagination controls for "Rows per page: 10" and "1-1 of 1".

POINT OF PRESENCE				MESSAGES	
Name ↓	# of Federations	# of Messages	Interests	Demographics	
hiai	2	5	<a href="#">indicators</a> <a href="#">signatures</a>	<a href="#">university</a>	<a href="#">computer-science</a>
Name ↑	# Members	# Messages	Interests	State	
federation1	4	3	<a href="#">indicators</a> <a href="#">signatures</a>	ACTIVE	
federation2	5	2	<a href="#">responses</a> <a href="#">indicators</a>	ARCHIVED	

# Building Communities

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the FDCE Portal, specifically the App Store section. The URL is `localhost:8080/appstore`. The page title is "Federated Defense Community and Ecosystem". The left sidebar has three items: "Dashboard", "App Store" (which is selected and highlighted in green), and "Downloads". The main content area is titled "App Store" and contains a table of applications. The columns are "Rating", "Name", "Platform", and "Description". Each row includes a "DOWNLOAD" button. The applications listed are:

Rating	Name	Platform	Description	Action
★★★★★	iptables	🐧	default firewall unix machines	DOWNLOAD
★★★★★	Snort	🐧 Windows	intrusion detection and prevention	DOWNLOAD
★★★★★	Frank	Windows	windows file system defender	DOWNLOAD
★★★★★	SDNA	🐧	interface to SDNA ACC	DOWNLOAD
★★★★★	Stackstorm	Windows	orchestration tool for dev ops and security	DOWNLOAD
★★★★★	KnockKnock	🐧 Windows	client-server authentication and access protocol for remote connections	DOWNLOAD
★★★★★	Windows Defender	Windows	default firewall for windows systems	DOWNLOAD

At the bottom of the table, there are pagination controls: "Rows per page: 10", "1-7 of 7", and navigation arrows.

At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer bar with the text "© 2018 Florida Institute of Technology".

# Building Communities

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the FDCE Portal at [localhost:8080/downloads](http://localhost:8080/downloads). The page has a dark header with the FDCE logo and navigation links for FAQ, CONTACT, and ADMIN.

**Download FC2**

**Name:** fc2-RELEASE-0.1.0  
**Version:** 0.1.0

**Notes:** Introduces support for sharing through MPC and sharing controls through policies. An FC2 Point of Presence docker containers is included with default configurations and a docker-compose file demonstrating how to support multiple instances on one server.

**Installation Steps**

Download includes a zipped JAR with a local installer, Ansible deployment script, tarred container, and documentation. Instructions for deployment using Ansible and/or Docker are included. If installing locally first run the installer and make sure to select a unique name, demographics, and interests for the Point of Presence. The demographics and interests of the Point of Presence can be used in contract formation. This information can be modified at any time after installation. By default this information will not be revealed to other users through the FDCE portal. If interested in MPC enable MPC in the installer. MPC allows distributed sharing of information outside normal pubsub channels.

To complete the installation allow the installer to test the connection to the directory server. Testing contracting is advisable. A basic Point of Presence is maintained by FIT. The Point of Presence produces example events and will contract on the FITEXAMPLE interest.

**Older Releases**

Name	Version
fc2-RELEASE-0.0.3	0.0.3
fc2-RELEASE-0.0.2	0.0.2
fc2-RELEASE-0.0.1	0.0.1
fc2-RELEASE-0.0.0	0.0.0

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# Growing and maintaining communities

- FDCE Portal will be the principal means of communicating with the community
- Use cases, performance reviews, enhancements
- Core and app updates, new app availability
- Upcoming workshops





# Benefits

- Organizations will see
  - automatic population and sending information on contracted information
  - automatic use of incoming information
  - expanded sensor network
- Community to support customizable, contextual, and actionable information sharing





# Alternative Sharing Services

- Sharing indicators
- Sharing observations
- Sharing responses





# Current Status

- Packaged FC2 for delivery and installation
  - docker containers for POP
  - app store for sensors and defenses
    - 14 sensors and actuators
    - 8 advanced defenses





# Current Status

- Developing the organization portal
  - User registration
  - Aggregate reporting from members
  - Member profile pages
  - FC2 Core download
  - App store downloads





# Current Status

- Recruiting new members
- Adding new FC2 apps
- Developing training materials
- Planning end of year workshop





# Lessons Learned

- Simplicity
- Anonymity
- Predictability and feedback





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