# Ultimate Goal

Build a Threat Intelligence Processing Pipeline:

- That can automatically ingest cyber threat data (IPs and URLs)
- Normalize, enrich, filter, and store that data
- Expose the cleaned data through a RESTful API built in Flask

This is similar to how real-world cybersecurity systems (like SOCs or SIEMs) work.

# Main Components (5 Parts)

### Threat Feed Ingestion Module (Python)

- Python script that downloads and reads data from 3 public feeds:
  - o http://www.blocklist.de/lists/apache.txt List of malicious IPs
  - o http://www.spamhaus.org/drop/drop.txt IPs or IP subnets
  - https://osint.digitalside.it/Threat-Intel/lists/latesturls.txt Malicious URLs

What "normalize" means:

 All data should be converted into a standard format, regardless of the source.

### Example Schema:

```
json
{
    "type": "ip" or "url",
    "value": "1.2.3.4" or "http://bad.example.com/drop.exe",
    "source": "spamhaus", "blocklist", or "digitalside",
    "timestamp": "2025-07-31T18:30:00Z"
}
```

Why this matters:

• Different sources provide different formats. Normalizing ensures everything looks consistent so your pipeline can process it easily.

# Enrichment & Filtering Module (Python)

- IP Enrichment:
  - Use ipinfo.io or a local mock database to get metadata:
    - Country
    - City
    - o ISP

o Organization

#### Why mock?

- Public APIs like ipinfo.io have request limits or require API keys.
- A local mock\_ip\_db.json file with a few sample entries is acceptable.

### Ø URL Filtering:

- Focus only on suspicious file types (like malware):
  - o .exe, .zip, .scr, etc.
- we can do this using string checking in Python: if url.endswith('.exe')

# Bonus: Mini ML Classifier (Optional)

- we can write a small classifier to label URLs as:
  - o suspicious
  - benign
- Example approaches:
  - o Rule-based (e.g., URL has many numbers, weird domains)
  - Logistic regression based on simple features (length, keywords like download, free, crack, etc.)

# O De-duplication:

- Remove repeated indicators of compromise (IOCs).
- You can use sets or hash comparisons.

# Storage Layer

Choose one method to store your processed data:

### Options:

- JSON file (easiest to implement and test)
- MongoDB (NoSQL database, good for JSON-like data)
- Elasticsearch (search-optimized DB)

For simplicity, use a JSON file like threat\_data.json:

```
json
[
{
```

```
"type": "ip",

"value": "1.2.3.4",

"source": "spamhaus",

"location": "India",

"isp": "Airtel"

},

...
```

## API Interface (Python Flask)

create a simple Flask REST API to expose the stored IOCs:

Required Endpoints:

Method Endpoint Function

GET /iocs Returns all indicators (IPs + URLs)

GET /iocs?type=ip Filters only IPs

GET /iocs?source=spamhaus Filters by source

POST /refresh Triggers the ingestion & enrichment pipeline

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The API does not need a database. You can read from the saved JSON file instead.

# 5 Architecture Documentation (README or ARCHITECTURE.md)

- Module Overview: Describe each part of your code
- Flow Diagram: Simple visual or bullet explanation of:
  - $\circ$  Feed fetch → Normalization → Enrichment → Store → API expose
- How to Scale:
  - Use cron jobs to fetch regularly
  - o Add a message queue (like RabbitMQ) for tasks
  - Add caching
  - Move to cloud (e.g., AWS Lambda or ECS)

### Also explain:

- Any assumptions you made (e.g., IP enrichments mocked)
- Any challenges (e.g., rate limits, parsing issues)

# Time Expectations

• Suggested time: 6-8 hours

• Deadline: Up to 4 days

## Evaluation Criteria

# They will look at:

- ☑ Clean and modular Python + Flask code
- ✓ Handling edge cases: bad data, timeouts
- ☑ Good folder structure (like ingestion/, api/, data/, etc.)
- ☑ Well-written README with good explanations
- ✓ Bonus ML classifier or smart filtering
- ✓ Clear naming conventions and logging

# Step 1: Threat Feed Ingestion and Normalization

### **©** Goal

- Download the 3 feeds from public URLs
- Parse them
- Normalize all entries into a common JSON schema

Feed Name	URL	Туре
Blocklist.de	http://www.blocklist.de/lists/apache.txt	List of individual IPs
Spamhaus	http://www.spamhaus.org/drop/drop.txt	IPs or subnets
DigitalSide OSINT	https://osint.digitalside.it/Threat- Intel/lists/latesturls.txt	Malicious URLs

### File name: Ingestion/fetch-blocklist.py

This Python file is part of a **threat intelligence ingestion pipeline**. Its main purpose is to:

• Fetch and parse a list of suspicious IP addresses from blocklist.de, specifically from their apache.txt feed, which typically contains IPs involved in brute force attacks on Apache servers.

### What the code does (step-by-step):

#### 1. Defines the feed URL:

BLOCKLIST URL = "http://www.blocklist.de/lists/apache.txt"

This is a publicly available list of IPs flagged for brute-force attempts against Apache web servers.

### 2. Main function: fetch\_blocklist\_feed()

- Downloads the list from the URL.
- Parses it line by line.
- Validates each line to check if it's a properly formatted IP address.
- Returns a list of IOC (Indicator of Compromise) dictionaries like:

```
{
    'value': '1.2.3.4',
    'type': 'ip',
```

```
'source': 'blocklist',

'source_url': BLOCKLIST_URL,

'category': 'brute_force',

'raw_data': '1.2.3.4',

'line_number': 17
}
```

# 3. Helper function: is\_valid\_ip(ip)

- Uses regex to check if a string looks like an IPv4 address.
- Further validates that each number (octet) is between 0 and 255.

#### Use Cases:

- Used in cybersecurity tools or SIEM pipelines to enrich logs with threat intelligence.
- Helps block malicious IPs proactively on firewalls, IDS/IPS, etc.
- Can be integrated into a threat feed ingestion system.

# Summary:

This file automates the **download, validation, and normalization** of IP addresses from a known threat feed and converts them into structured threat data (IOCs) for further use in a security system.

### File name: Ingestion/fetch-digitalside.py

This Python file is part of a **threat intelligence ingestion system**, and it focuses on fetching and parsing **malicious URLs** from **DigitalSide's open-source threat feed**.

# Purpose:

To **automatically download, validate, and normalize** URLs known to be malicious (e.g., phishing, malware delivery) from this feed:

bash

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https://osint.digitalside.it/Threat-Intel/lists/latesturls.txt

#### What it does step by step:

### 1. Sets up logging and the threat feed URL:

DIGITALSIDE\_URL = "https://osint.digitalside.it/Threat-Intel/lists/latesturls.txt"
This file is hosted by DigitalSide and regularly updated with malicious URLs.

### Main function: fetch\_digitalside\_feed()

- Downloads the feed using requests.
- Reads the text content line by line.
- Skips empty lines and comments (those starting with #).
- Validates each line to ensure it's a proper URL using is\_valid\_url().
- Parses the URL to extract components like:

```
o scheme (e.g., http, https)
```

- o domain (e.g., malicious.com)
- o path (e.g., /virus.exe)

Each valid URL is converted into a structured **IOC (Indicator of Compromise)** dictionary like this:

```
{
  'value': 'http://malicious-site.com/bad.exe',
  'type': 'url',
  'source': 'digitalside',
  'source_url': 'https://osint.digitalside.it/Threat-Intel/lists/latesturls.txt',
  'category': 'malware',
  'raw_data': 'http://malicious-site.com/bad.exe',
  'line_number': 42,
  'domain': 'malicious-site.com',
  'path': '/bad.exe',
  'scheme': 'http'
}
```

### 3. Helper function: is\_valid\_url(url)

Uses Python's urlparse() to check if a string:

- Has a valid **scheme** (http, https, etc.)
- Has a network location (i.e., a domain name or IP)

### Why these matters (Use Cases):

- This feed is useful in cybersecurity tools to detect and block access to known malicious domains/URLs.
- The parsed IOCs can be fed into:
  - SIEM systems
  - Threat intel platforms
  - o Firewalls / DNS filters
  - Malware detection engines

### Summary:

This script fetches a list of **malicious URLs** from DigitalSide's threat feed, validates and parses each URL, and converts them into structured threat intelligence data that can be used by cybersecurity systems.

### File name: Ingestion/fetch-spamhaus.py

This Python file is designed to **fetch**, **parse**, **and normalize threat intelligence data** from the **Spamhaus DROP list**, which contains **IP address ranges (in CIDR notation)** associated with **malicious or botnet-related activity**.

# Purpose:

To convert Spamhaus's **DROP (Don't Route Or Peer) list** into structured IOCs (Indicators of Compromise) that can be used by security systems for:

- Blocking known bad IP ranges
- Enriching threat intelligence databases
- Feeding into firewalls or SIEM platforms

### What it does (step-by-step):

#### 1. Feed source defined:

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SPAMHAUS\_URL = "http://www.spamhaus.org/drop/drop.txt"

This is the official feed of CIDR blocks (IP ranges) that are dangerous or controlled by bad actors.

### 2. Main function: fetch\_spamhaus\_feed()

- Fetches the file via HTTP.
- Parses the content line by line.
- Skips:
  - Empty lines
  - Comments (lines starting with ;)
- For each valid line:
  - Extracts the CIDR block (e.g., 123.45.67.0/24)
  - o Optionally extracts the **SBL reference** (Spamhaus Block List ID)
- Validates the CIDR format using the is\_valid\_cidr() function.
- Converts each valid entry into a structured dictionary like:

```
python
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{
    'value': '123.45.67.0/24',
    'type': 'ip',
    'source': 'spamhaus',
    'source_url': 'http://www.spamhaus.org/drop/drop.txt',
    'category': 'botnet_range',
    'raw_data': '123.45.67.0/24; SBL123456',
    'line_number': 10,
    'sbl_reference': 'SBL123456'
```

### 3. Helper function: is\_valid\_cidr(cidr)

- Uses a regex pattern to match a CIDR (e.g., 192.168.0.0/24)
- Checks:

}

- All octets are between 0–255
- Prefix is between 0–32

#### Use Cases:

• Import these IOCs into:

- Firewalls to block traffic from these IP ranges
- IDS/IPS for alerting
- SIEMs for enrichment or detection
- Helps in protecting infrastructure from botnets, spam, malware, and other malicious activities.

# Summary:

This file downloads and parses the **Spamhaus DROP list**, validates each IP range (CIDR), and structures the data into IOCs that identify **malicious IP** ranges linked to botnets or spam operations. It can be used in threat detection and prevention pipelines.

### File name: Ingestion/normalize.py

This Python file is part of a **threat intelligence processing pipeline**, and it is responsible for **normalizing** IOCs (Indicators of Compromise) — such as malicious IPs, URLs, or CIDR blocks — into a **standardized format** that can be used consistently across a security system.

# Purpose:

To take in **raw threat data** (from sources like Spamhaus, DigitalSide, or blocklist.de) and convert each entry into a **clean, uniform, enriched, and structured format**.

# → What it does (Step-by-step):

- 1. Function: normalize\_iocs(raw\_iocs)
- Input: a list of raw IOC dictionaries from different sources.
- Output: a list of **normalized IOCs**, where each IOC has the same structure.
- Adds useful metadata and confidence scores to each IOC.
- Includes error handling and logging.

#### Each normalized IOC looks like:

```
python
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{
    'id': 'unique_id_hash',
    'value': 'http://malicious.com/evil.exe',
    'type': 'url',
```

```
'source': 'digitalside',
  'source_url': 'https://osint.digitalside.it/...',
  'category': 'malware',
  'first_seen': '2025-08-01T07:12:00.000Z',
  'last_updated': '2025-08-01T07:12:00.000Z',
  'confidence': 0.8,
  'metadata': {
      'raw_data': 'http://malicious.com/evil.exe',
      'line_number': 14,
      'domain': 'malicious.com',
      'path': '/evil.exe',
      'scheme': 'http'
  }
}
```

# 🔆 Key Helper Functions:

# generate\_ioc\_id(ioc)

 Generates a unique ID (MD5 hash) based on the IOC's value, type, and source.

### calculate\_confidence(ioc)

- Assigns a confidence score (0.0 1.0) based on:
  - The source (e.g., Spamhaus = 0.9)
  - The type (e.g., CIDR = more confidence)
  - Suspicious traits (e.g., .exe or .zip in URLs)

#### extract metadata(ioc)

- Extracts and organizes extra information:
  - Line number
  - o Raw feed data
  - URL components (domain, path, scheme)
  - SBL reference for Spamhaus

# 🧠 Why it's useful:

- Makes IOCs easier to store in a database or pass into downstream security tools.
- Enables consistent processing regardless of the data source.
- Adds valuable enrichment like confidence scores and parsed URL components.

# ★ Summary:

This file **standardizes and enriches raw IOCs** from multiple sources into a unified schema with consistent fields, unique IDs, confidence scores, and useful metadata. It's essential for any system that aggregates or processes threat intelligence feeds.

## Step 2: Enrichment & Filtering

Module	Purpose
enrichment/enrich_ip.py	Add info like ISP, country, threat labels
enrichment/filter_urls.py	Remove clean URLs, keep only suspicious ones
enrichment/deduplicate.py	Remove exact duplicates
enrichment/mlclassifier.py	Heuristic Approach

### File name: enrichment/dedublicate.py

This Python file is a **deduplication module for IOCs (Indicators of Compromise)**. It's part of a **threat intelligence pipeline** and is responsible for:

# Main Purpose

Removing **duplicate IOCs** and optionally **merging their metadata** to retain important information — like sources, confidence, and enrichment — in a clean, single version of each unique IOC.

# What Are IOCs?

IOCs are pieces of threat data such as:

- IP addresses
- URLs
- Domains

File hashes
 They help identify malicious activity.

### What the File Contains

### 1. deduplicate\_iocs()

Basic deduplication function.

- **Input**: A list of IOCs (dictionaries).
- **How it works**: Builds a key from value:type, and checks for repeats.
- If duplicate: Calls merge\_duplicate\_metadata() to merge data.
- Logs how many were removed.

### 2. merge\_duplicate\_metadata()

Merges data from a duplicate IOC into the first one seen:

- Combines sources
- Keeps the higher confidence score
- Merges any enrichment fields (e.g., location, ASN, malware family)
- Adds or increments a duplicate\_count field

This ensures **no data is lost**, even when duplicates are removed.

### deduplicate\_by\_normalized\_value()

More advanced deduplication based on **normalized** IOC values.

- Uses normalize\_ioc\_value() to standardize each IOC before comparison.
- Example: http://malicious.com/ and http://malicious.com → considered same

This helps detect **logical duplicates** that aren't **textually identical**.

## 4. normalize\_ioc\_value()

Normalizes IOC values:

- For URLs:
  - Lowercases
  - Strips trailing slashes /
  - Removes query params like ?utm=abc
- For **IPs**:

Strips extra spaces

This ensures different formatting doesn't trick the system into thinking they're different IOCs.

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Example
```

```
Input:
python
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{"value": "http://bad.com/", "type": "url", "source": "blocklist"},
{"value": "http://bad.com", "type": "url", "source": "spamhaus", "confidence": 0.9}
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Output:
python
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  "value": "http://bad.com/",
  "type": "url",
  "source": "blocklist",
  "sources": ["blocklist", "spamhaus"],
  "confidence": 0.9,
  "duplicate_count": 2
}
1
```

# Summary

Function	Purpose
deduplicate_iocs()	Basic deduplication by value:type
merge_duplicate_metadata()	Merges data from duplicate IOCs
deduplicate_by_normalized_value(	) Dedupes using normalized values

#### **Function**

### Purpose

normalize ioc value()

Standardizes IOC values for comparison

This module is critical for ensuring your **threat data isn't bloated or misleading** by duplicates — while still preserving valuable metadata.

### File name: enrichment/enrich\_ip.py

This Python file is responsible for **enriching IP address IOCs** (Indicators of Compromise) with **additional context** such as:

- Geolocation (country, city, region)
- ISP or organization
- 🙋 Timezone
- — Public/private/special classification

# Purpose of the File

Add context to IP addresses in your threat intel pipeline to make them more useful for **analysis**, **correlation**, or **decision-making**.

# Key Functions & What They Do

### 1. enrich ip iocs(iocs: list)

- Main function that takes a list of IOCs.
- For every IOC of type ip, it:
  - o Tries to extract and enrich the IP address.
  - Adds enrichment data to the IOC as a new field: ioc['enrichment'].

### 2. enrich\_single\_ip(ip\_address, mock\_db)

- Enriches a single IP address by:
  - 1. Checking if enrichment exists in a **mock local database**.
  - 2. If not, and an IPINFO API KEY is available, it uses **ipinfo.io**.
  - 3. If that fails, falls back to **basic classification** (e.g., is the IP public or private).

### load\_mock\_ip\_db()

- Loads a local JSON file: data/mock ip db.json.
- This mock database contains enrichment data like:

```
json
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{
    "8.8.8.8": {
      "country": "US",
      "org": "Google LLC",
      ...
}
```

### 4. get\_mock\_enrichment(ip\_address, mock\_db)

 Looks up a given IP in the loaded mock DB and returns enrichment data if available.

## 5. get\_ipinfo\_enrichment(ip\_address, api\_key)

- Uses the **ipinfo.io API** (if API key is available) to fetch:
  - o country, region, city, org, timezone, etc.
- Adds source: "ipinfo.io" to indicate where enrichment came from.

### 6. get\_basic\_enrichment(ip\_address)

- If all else fails, uses basic logic to classify the IP as:
  - o private (e.g., 10.0.0.0/8, 192.168.0.0/16)
  - o special (e.g., 127.0.0.1, 169.254.0.0/16)
  - o public
- Adds source: "basic\_analysis" to mark the fallback logic.

# Why Is This Useful?

IP enrichment is critical in threat intelligence because:

- Knowing an IP is from Russia or belongs to a known hosting provider helps assess risk.
- Private or special IPs are likely **internal**, not external threats.
- Helps analysts **prioritize** or **filter** IOCs more intelligently.

# **©** Example Input

python

```
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[
{"type": "ip", "value": "8.8.8.8", "source": "spamhaus"}
]
Example Output After Enrichment
python
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{
  "type": "ip",
  "value": "8.8.8.8",
  "source": "spamhaus",
  "enrichment": {
  "country": "US",
  "region": "California",
  "city": "Mountain View",
  "org": "Google LLC",
  "timezone": "America/Los_Angeles",
  "source": "ipinfo.io"
 }
}
]
```

# Summary

Function	Purpose
enrich_ip_iocs()	Main enrichment loop for all IP IOCs
enrich_single_ip()	Tries mock DB $\rightarrow$ ipinfo.io $\rightarrow$ basic fallback
load_mock_ip_db()	Loads local mock enrichment data
get_ipinfo_enrichment()	Calls external API for detailed info
get_basic_enrichment()	Last-resort logic using IP address structure

### **♦ Time Comparison**

### Method Avg Time per Lookup Notes

Local DB **1–5 ms** Fastest, especially if in RAM

ipinfo.io API **100–400 ms** Slower due to network + HTTPS

#### File name: enrichment/filter\_urls.py

This Python file is a **URL filtering and enrichment module** for a threat intelligence pipeline. It analyzes **URL-type IOCs** (Indicators of Compromise) and decides whether they are **suspicious or not**, using heuristics like file extensions, patterns, domains, and structure.

# Purpose

To identify and **filter out benign URLs**, and retain only those that are potentially **malicious**, **suspicious**, or **high-risk**.

# Key Functionalities

### 1. filter\_suspicious\_urls(iocs: List) -> List

Main function that:

- Filters and enriches IOC entries with type == 'url'
- Calculates a suspicion score
- Marks each URL as:
  - o is\_suspicious: True or False
  - o suspicion\_score: 0.0 − 1.0
  - o suspicious indicators: a list of flags (e.g. "suspicious extension:.exe")
- Keeps or discards URLs based on heuristics

### 2. calculate url suspicion(url: str) -> float

Calculates a **numeric suspicion score** based on:

Feature	Score Added
Suspicious file extension (e.gexe)	+0.3
Suspicious domain or keyword pattern	+0.2 (each)
IP address as domain	+0.4

Feature	Score Added
Long domain or long URL	+0.1-0.2
Suspicious ports (8080, 8443, 9999)	+0.1
Suspicious paths (e.g., /admin)	+0.1
Fails URL parsing	+0.3
Final score is capped at 1.0.	

# 3. get\_suspicious\_indicators(url: str) -> List[str]

Extracts human-readable tags that explain why the URL is suspicious.

Example:

json

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[

"suspicious extension:.exe",

"pattern:suspicious\_keywords",

"long\_url",

"suspicious port:8080"

]

# 4. should\_keep\_url(url: str, suspicion\_score: float) -> bool

Determines whether the suspicious URL should be **kept for further processing**:

- Keep if:
  - o Contains **high-risk extensions** (e.g., .exe, .zip, .bat, .scr)
  - Has suspicion score > 0.4
  - o Contains an **IP address** in the domain
- X Otherwise: discard

# 😝 Why This Is Useful

This module helps:

- **Reduce noise** in large IOC datasets by eliminating obviously harmless URLs
- © Focus analyst or automation effort on the most dangerous or suspicious links
- Enrich threat intel by tagging IOCs with metadata about malicious indicators

```
© Example Input
python
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 {'type': 'url', 'value': 'http://example.com/download/file.exe'},
 {'type': 'url', 'value': 'https://google.com'},
 {'type': 'ip', 'value': '8.8.8.8'}
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Example Output
python
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{
  'type': 'url',
  'value': 'http://example.com/download/file.exe',
  'enrichment': {
   'suspicion_score': 0.6,
   'is_suspicious': True,
   'suspicious_indicators': [
    'suspicious_extension:.exe',
    'pattern:suspicious_keywords'
   ]
  }
 },
  'type': 'ip',
```

```
'value': '8.8.8.8'
}
]
```

# Summary Table

Function Name	Role
filter_suspicious_urls	Enrich and keep only suspicious URLs
calculate_url_suspicion	Compute a score based on structure and patterns
get_suspicious_indicators	List textual reasons why the URL is considered suspicious
should_keep_url	Decide whether to keep or drop the URL

File name: enrichment/ml\_classifier.py





Trains a **very basic keyword-based model** from a list of URLs labeled as either **malicious** (True) or **benign** (False). It identifies which keywords are more likely to appear in malicious URLs vs benign ones.

# Inputs:

• training\_urls: A list of tuples like:

```
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```

python

```
[
    ("http://malware-site.com/virus", True),
    ("https://docs.microsoft.com/support", False)
]
```

### Each tuple is:

- A URL (string)
- o A label (True if malicious, False if benign)

# 👲 Outputs:

Returns a dictionary of statistics including:

- Total URLs
- Count of malicious and benign URLs
- Top 20 most frequent **malicious** and **benign** keywords
- Top 50 keywords ranked by maliciousness score

#### **\ How It Works:**

- 1. Separates URLs into malicious and benign based on the label
- 2. Tokenizes the URLs into words using regex (\b\w+\b)

```
E.g., "http://malware.com/virus" → ["http", "malware", "com", "virus"]
```

- 3. Counts frequency of each keyword in:
- malicious URLs → malicious\_keywords
- benign URLs → benign\_keywords
- 4. Calculates a score for each keyword:

python

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score = malicious\_frequency / benign\_frequency

- If a word appears more in malicious URLs, it gets a **higher score**
- If it appears only in benign URLs  $\rightarrow$  score is 0
- If it appears only in malicious URLs → score = mal\_freq (since benign = 0)
- 5. Sorts the keywords by score and keeps the top 50.

# **ii** Example Output:

```
python
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{
  'total_urls': 100,
  'malicious_count': 30,
  'benign_count': 70,
  'top_malicious_keywords': [('virus', 15), ('malware', 12), ...],
  'top_benign_keywords': [('support', 20), ('docs', 18), ...],
  'keyword_scores': {
```

```
'virus': 5.0,
    'malware': 4.0,
    'download': 3.2,
    ...
}
```

### Use Case:

This function helps **discover keywords** you might want to include in your MALICIOUS\_KEYWORDS or BENIGN\_KEYWORDS dictionary used for scoring.

# Step 3: Storage Layer:

Options:

### 1. JSON File Storage (Simple & Local)

- Save IOCs to a .json file
- Good for local testing
- X No real-time search or scale

### 2. MongoDB (Recommended for Demo/POC)

- Ø Document-based NoSQL database
- Supports filtering, searching, and updating IOCs
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#### 3. Elasticsearch (Advanced)

- For full-text search + filtering
- W Used in enterprise SOC dashboards
- Requires more setup

### File name: storage/save\_data.py

# Purpose of the File

To **persist** the results of your pipeline into structured JSON files for:

- Storage
- Auditing

- Debugging
- Future re-use

# Key Functions Explained

### 1. save\_processed\_iocs(iocs, metadata=None)

- ✓ What it does:
- Saves the **final list of enriched, deduplicated, filtered IOCs** to:
  - o data/processed\_iocs.json → main/latest file
  - $\circ$  data/processed\_iocs\_backup\_<timestamp>.json  $\to$  time-based backup
- Why:
- Ensures the most recent result is accessible
- Maintains historical versions for rollback or comparison

## 2. save\_raw\_feed\_data(feed\_name, raw\_data)

- ✓ What it does:
- Saves raw text content from feeds (e.g., blocklist, spamhaus) into:
  - o data/raw/<feed\_name>\_<timestamp>.txt
  - o data/raw/<feed\_name>\_latest.txt
- Why:
- Useful for **debugging feed parsing issues**
- Keeps a record of the original threat feed content

### 3. count\_ioc\_types(iocs)

- What it does:
- Counts how many IOCs of each type exist (e.g., ip, url, domain, etc.)
- 👲 Example:

json

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{ "ip": 150, "url": 75 }

### 4. count\_sources(iocs)

### ✓ What it does:

Counts how many IOCs came from each source (e.g., spamhaus, digitalside)

```
! Example:
```

```
json
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{ "spamhaus": 50, "blocklist": 100 }
```

### 5. save\_statistics(stats)

#### What it does:

- Appends summary statistics of each run to:
  - data/processing\_stats.json

### Extra Features:

- Adds a timestamp to each record
- Keeps only the last 100 runs

### Why:

 Helps you monitor pipeline trends over time (e.g., number of IOCs processed, confidence stats)

# Example Output File: processed\_iocs.json

```
"value": "8.8.8.8",
  "confidence": 0.9,
  "enrichment": { "country": "US", "org": "Google LLC" }
  },
  ...
]
```

# Summary

Function Name	Role
save_processed_iocs	Saves final processed data and backups
save_raw_feed_data	Stores raw input for debugging or audits
count_ioc_types	Tallies types of IOCs (IP, URL, etc.)
count_sources	Tallies source feeds used for ingestion
save_statistics	Saves and rotates run-level metadata (IOC count, time, etc.)

### File name: storage/load\_data.py

This Python file handles **loading, restoring, and validating saved IOC data** for a threat intelligence system. It supports operations like reading processed IOCs from disk, loading metadata, restoring from backups, and verifying data integrity.

# Purpose:

To provide utility functions for:

- Loading saved IOCs and their metadata/statistics
- Recovering from the latest or specific backup
- · Performing integrity checks on stored data

# Function-by-Function Overview:

## 1. load\_processed\_iocs()

• Loads the main file: data/processed iocs.json

- Returns both:
  - metadata
  - o iocs (list of normalized IOC dictionaries)
- If file not found or error occurs, returns an empty structure with logs.

# 2. load\_iocs\_list()

• Returns only the list of IOCs (excluding metadata).

### 3. load\_metadata()

• Returns only the metadata part (like total IOCs, sources, types, etc.).

### 4. load\_statistics()

- Loads the statistics file: data/processing\_stats.json
- Each entry logs a historical processing run.
- Returns a list of those statistics.

# 5. get\_latest\_backup()

- Looks in the data/ folder for files like processed\_iocs\_backup\_<timestamp>.json
- Returns the most recent backup filename based on timestamp.

### 6. restore\_from\_backup(backup\_path)

- Replaces the main processed IOC file with the contents of a backup.
- Useful for recovery after corruption or failure.

### 7. check\_data\_integrity()

Performs integrity checks on processed\_iocs.json, including:

- Does the actual IOC count match metadata's total\_iocs?
- Are required fields (id, value, type, source, confidence) present in each IOC?
- Are there any duplicate ids?
- **Returns:** an integrity report:

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```
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{

'is_valid': True/False,

'total_iocs': 120,

'issues': [ ... ],

'metadata': { ... }
}
```

# Why It's Important:

This module adds:

- **Reliability** → by checking for errors or mismatches
- **Recoverability** → by restoring from backups
- **Maintainability** → by letting developers access IOC data programmatically

# ★ Summary:

This file provides **loading**, **backup recovery**, **and data validation** capabilities for a threat intelligence system that works with IOCs. It's the final layer in the data pipeline to ensure you can **read**, **trust**, **and recover your stored threat data** effectively.

# Step: 4 API Interface (Python Flask)

- Run.py To run flask
- Start\_pipeline.py for logging functionality
- Pipeline.py that connect flask
- App/template: frontend
- Routs.py: main function of flask
- Utils.py: functions that used in flask

### File name: app/utiles.py

This Python file provides **utility functions** for a **Flask-based threat intelligence application**. Here's a breakdown of what each function does:

# **■** Module Purpose:

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Utility functions for the Flask application .....

These are helper functions to **load**, **filter**, and **manage** Indicator of Compromise (IOC) data — typically for use in a backend service or dashboard.



#### Function Breakdown:



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def load\_iocs() -> List[Dict]:

# Purpose:

Loads a list of IOC (Indicator of Compromise) records from the JSON file at data/processed\_iocs.json.

#### **Details:**

- Returns a list of IOC dictionaries.
- If the file doesn't exist → returns an empty list.
- Logs an error if something goes wrong.

### **Example output:**

```
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{"type": "ip", "value": "192.168.1.1", "source": "spamhaus", ...},
  {"type": "url", "value": "http://malicious.site", "source": "digitalside", ...}
]
```

# filter\_iocs(...)

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```
def filter iocs(iocs: List[Dict], ioc type: Optional[str] = None,
        source: Optional[str] = None) -> List[Dict]:
```

#### Purpose:

Filters the list of IOCs by type (ip, url, etc.) and/or source (spamhaus, blocklist, etc.).

#### Parameters:

- ioc type: Optional filter for the type of IOC.
- source: Optional filter for where the IOC came from.

#### Example:

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filtered = filter iocs(iocs, ioc type='url', source='blocklist')

#### Returns:

Only IOCs that match the filter conditions.

# ensure\_data\_directory()

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def ensure\_data\_directory():

#### Purpose:

Ensures that the required data directories (data/ and data/raw/) exist on the filesystem.

#### Use case:

Call this at app startup to make sure you don't get FileNotFoundError when saving data.

# Summary:

Function	Role
load_iocs()	Loads IOC data from a JSON file
filter_iocs()	Filters IOC list based on type and/or source
ensure_data_directory()	Creates data/ and data/raw/ folders if missing

### File name: app/routes.py

This Python file defines the Flask routes (API endpoints) for a Threat **Intelligence API.** Let's break it down route by route for clarity.

#### Nurpose:

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Flask routes for threat intelligence API

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This file provides the **RESTful API interface** (and dashboard route) to:

- Fetch threat IOCs (Indicators of Compromise)
- Refresh the data
- Get stats
- Serve a basic web dashboard
- Do a health check

# **Q** ROUTES EXPLAINED:



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@main.route('/iocs', methods=['GET'])

Purpose: Return a list of IOCs (with optional filtering by type and source)

### **Query Parameters:**

- type  $\rightarrow$  e.g. 'ip' or 'url'
- source  $\rightarrow$  e.g. 'blocklist', 'spamhaus', etc.

#### **Uses:**

- load\_iocs() to read from JSON
- filter\_iocs() to apply filters

#### Response:

```
json
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{
   "success": true,
   "count": 32,
   "data": [ ... IOCs ... ]
```

# POST /refresh

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@main.route('/refresh', methods=['POST'])

**Purpose**: Triggers the **pipeline** to re-fetch, normalize, enrich, and classify IOCs.

### Internally calls:

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result = run\_pipeline()

**Returns**: success/failure message and how many IOCs were processed.

# ✓ GET /health

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@main.route('/health', methods=['GET'])

**Purpose**: Simple health check to verify the app is running.

#### Returns:

json

```
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{

"status": "healthy",
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"service": "threat-intel-api"

}

### ✓ GET /

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@main.route('/', methods=['GET'])

**Purpose**: Renders a basic **HTML dashboard** (served using Jinja via render\_template).

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✓ GET /api/stats
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@main.route('/api/stats', methods=['GET'])

**Purpose**: Returns statistical summary of IOCs by:

- Type (ip, url, etc.)
- Source (blocklist, etc.)
- Confidence:
  - o **High:** > 0.8
  - o **Medium**: 0.5 − 0.8
  - o **Low**: < 0.5

### Response Example:

```
json
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{
    "success": true,
    "statistics": {
        "total_iocs": 100,
        "by_type": {"ip": 60, "url": 40},
        "by_source": {"spamhaus": 70, "digitalside": 30},
        "by_confidence": {"high": 50, "medium": 30, "low": 20}
    }
}
```

# Summary Table:

### **Endpoint Method Purpose**

```
/iocs GET Get IOCs, optionally filtered
/refresh POST Refresh and re-run IOC pipeline
/health GET Health check
```

# **Endpoint Method Purpose**

/ GET Serve a basic HTML dashboard

/api/stats GET Get stats on types, sources, and confidence