Building Your Own Workflows in MISP

Tutorial and Hands-On

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AUTOMATION IN MISP: WHAT ALREADY EXISTS?



MISP API / PyMISP

- Needs CRON Jobs in place
- Potentially heavy for the server
- Not realtime

PubSub channels

- After the actions happen: No feedback to MISP
- Tougher to put in place & to share
- Full integration amounts to develop a new tool
- → No way to **prevent** behavior
- → Difficult to setup hooks to execute callbacks

WHAT TYPE OF USE-CASES ARE WE TRYING TO SUPPORT?

- Prevent default MISP behaviors to happen
 - Prevent publication of events not passing sanity checks
 - Prevent querying thrid-party services with sensitive information
 - **...**
- **Hook** specific actions to run callbacks
 - Automatically run enrichment services
 - ► Modify data on-the-fly: False positives, enable CTI-Pipeline
 - Send notifications in a chat rooms
 - **...**

SIMPLE AUTOMATION IN MISP MADE EASY



Why?

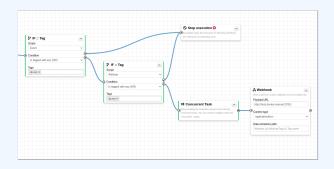
- Everyone loves simple automation
- Visual dataflow programming
- Users want more control

■ How?

- Drag & Drop editor
- Prevent actions before they happen
- Flexible Plug & Play system
- Share workflows, debug and replay

CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION

- MISP Workflows fundamentals
- Demo with examples
- Using the system
- How it can be extended



WORKFLOW - FUNDAMENTALS

Objective: Start with the foundation to understand the basics



HOW DOES IT WORK



- 1. An **event** happens in MISP
- 2. Check if all conditions are satisfied
- 3. Execute all actions
 - May prevent MISP to complete its original event

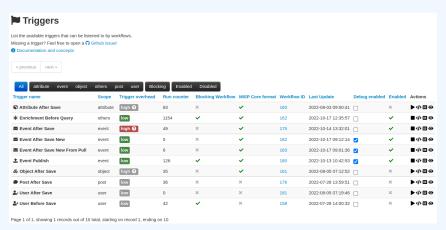
WHAT KIND OF EVENTS?



- New MISP Event
- Attribute has been saved
- New discussion post
- New user created
- Query against third-party services
- ...
- Supported events in MISP are called Triggers
- ② A Trigger is associated with 1-and-only-1 Workflow

TRIGGERS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Currently 10 triggers can be hooked. 3 being O Blocking



WHAT KIND OF CONDITIONS?

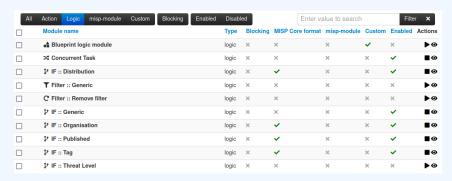
Conditions

- A MISP Event is tagged with tlp:red
- The distribution of an Attribute is a sharing group
- The creator organisation is circl.lu
- Or any other **generic** conditions
- These are also called Logic modules



WORKFLOW - LOGIC MODULES

- ⇒ logic modules: Allow to redirect the execution flow.
 - ► IF conditions
 - Delay execution



WHAT KIND OF ACTIONS?

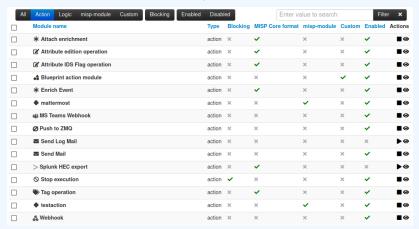
Actions

- Send an email notification
- Perform enrichments
- Send a chat message on MS Teams
- Attach a local tag
- ...
- These are also called Action modules



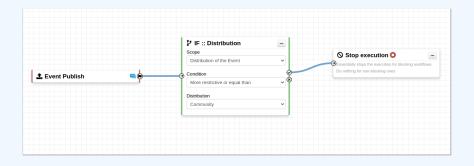
WORKFLOW - ACTION MODULES

- **action** modules: Allow to executes operations
 - Tag operations
 - Send notifications
 - Webhooks & Custom scripts



WHAT IS A MISP WORKFLOW?

- Sequence of all nodes to be executed in a specific order
- Workflows can be enabled / disabled
- A Workflow is associated to 1-and-only-1 trigger



WORKFLOW EXECUTION FOR EVENT PUBLISH



An Event is about to be published

The workflow for the event-publish trigger starts



Conditions are evaluated

They might change the path taken during the execution



Actions are executed

success: Continue the publishing action

execute workflow Finished executing workflow for trigger 'event-publish' (180). Outcome: success

failure | blocked: Stop publishing and log the reason

execute workflow Execution stopped.

Node `stop-execution` (8) from Workflow `Workflow for trigger event-publish` (180) returned the following error: Execution stopped

BLOCKING AND NON-BLOCKING

Two types of workflows:

- Blocking Workflows
 - Can prevent / block the original event to happen
 - ► If a **blocking module** blocks the action
- - No way to prevent something that happened in the past



Sources of Workflow modules (o)

Currently 36 built-in modules.

- Trigger module (11): built-in only
 - Get in touch if you want more
- Logic module (10): built-in & custom
- Action module (15): built-in & custom

Sources of Workflow modules (1)

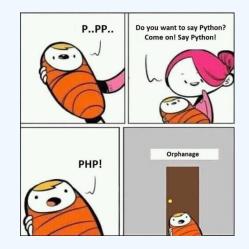
- Built-in default modules
 - Part of the MISP codebase
 - Get in touch if you want us to increase the selection (or merge PR!)



Sources of Workflow modules (2)

User-defined custom modules

- Written in PHP
- Extend existing modules
- MISP code reuse



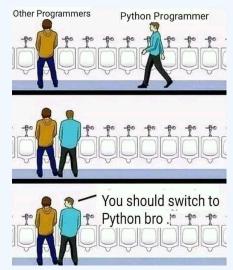
Sources of Workflow modules (3)

Modules from the

misp-module 🖗

enrichment service

- Written in Python
- Can use any python libraries
- Plug & Play



DEMO BY EXAMPLES

WF-1. Send an email to all when a new event has been pulled

WF-2. Block queries on 3rd party services when tlp:red or PAP:red

- tlp:red: For the eyes and ears of individual recipients only
- PAP:RED: Only passive actions that are not detectable from the outside

WORKFLOW - GETTING STARTED

Objective: How to install & configure workflows



GETTING STARTED WITH WORKFLOWS (1)

2.4.160 Epic summer release

- 🔊 iglocska released this 08 Aug 2022 🔻 v2.4.160 🕢 👵 71d4e2c 🐼

- 1. Update your MISP server
- 2. Update all your sub-modules



GETTING STARTED WITH WORKFLOWS (2)

Review MISP settings:

- 1. Make sure MISP.background_jobs is turned on
- 2. Make sure workers are up-and-running and healthy
- 3. Turn the setting Plugin.Workflow_enable on



GETTING STARTED WITH WORKFLOWS (3)

Review MISP settings:

4. [optional:misp-module] Turn the setting Plugin.Action_services_enable on



GETTING STARTED WITH WORKFLOWS (4)

If you wish to use action modules from misp-module, make sure to have:

- The latest update of misp-module
 - There should be an action_mod module type in misp-modules/misp_modules/modules
- Restarted your misp-module application

```
# This command should show all 'action' modules
2 $ curl -s http://127.0.0.1:6666/modules | \
3 jq '.[] | select(.meta."module-type"[] | contains("action")) |
4 {name: .name, version: .meta.version}'
```

GETTING STARTED WITH WORKFLOWS (5)

Everything is ready?

Let's see how to build a workflow!



CREATING A WORKFLOW WITH THE EDITOR

- 1. Prevent event publication if tlp:red tag
- Send a mail to admin@admin.test about potential data leak
- 3. Otherwise, send a notification on **Mattermost**, **MS Teams**, **Telegram**, ...

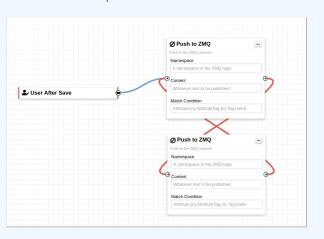
CONSIDERATIONS WHEN WORKING WITH WORKFLOWS

Objective: Overview of some common pitfalls



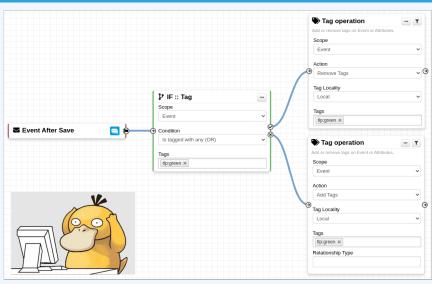
WORKING WITH THE EDITOR - OPERATIONS NOT ALLOWED

Execution loop are not authorized





RECURSIVE WORKFLOWS



♠ Recursion: If an action re-run the workflow

WORKING WITH THE EDITOR - OPERATIONS NOT ALLOWED

Multiple connections from the same output





- Execution order not guaranted
- Confusing for users

WORKING WITH THE EDITOR

Cases showing a warning:



■ Blocking modules after a concurrent tasks module



ADVANCED USAGE

Objective: Overview of Blueprints, Data format and Filtering

WORKFLOW BLUEPRINTS



- 1. Blueprints allow to **re-use parts** of a workflow in another one
- 2. Blueprints can be saved, exported and **shared**



Blueprints sources:

- 1. Created or imported by users
- From the MISP/misp-workflow-blueprints repository¹

¹https://github.com/MISP/misp-workflow-blueprints

WORKFLOW BLUEPRINTS

Currently, 4 blueprints available:

- Attach the tlp:clear tag on elements having the tlp:white tag
- Block actions if any attributes have the PAP:RED or tlp:red tag
- Disable to_ids flag for existing hash in hashlookup
- Set tag based on BGP Ranking maliciousness level

LOGIC MODULE: CONCURRENT TASK

- Logic module allowing **multiple output** connections
- Postpone the execution for remaining modules
- Convert Blocking → Non blocking



DATA FORMAT IN WORKFLOWS



- In most cases, the format is the MISP Core format
 - Attributes are always encapsulated in the Event or Object
- But has additional properties
 - Additional key _AttributeFlattened
 - Additional key _allTags
 - Additional key inherited for Tags

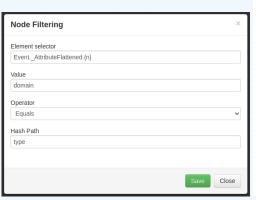
HASH PATH FILTERING (1)

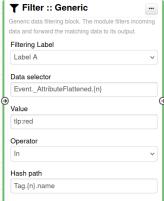
Filtering and checking conditions using hash path expression.



HASH PATH FILTERING (2)

Hash path filtering can be used to **filter** data **on the node** it is passed to or on the **execution path**.





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HASH PATH FILTERING - EXAMPLE

```
"Event": {
            "uuid":
            "timestamp": ...
            "distribution": 1,
5
6
7
8
9
            "published": false,
            "Attribute": [
                     "type": "ip-src",
                     "value": "8.8.8.8", ....
10
11
12
                     "type": "domain",
13
                     "value": "misp-project.org", ...
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```

- 1. Access Event distribution
 - ► Event.distribution

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (1)

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2. Access Event published state

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 - Event.published

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- 3. Access all Attribute types
 - ► Hint: Use {n} to loop
 - ► Event.Attribute.{n}.type

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (3)

```
"Event": {
             "Attribute": [
4
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                      "type": "ip-src",
                      "value": "8.8.8.8",
                      "Tag": [
                                "name": "PAP:AMBER", ...
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```

3. Access all Tags attached to Attributes

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (3)

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"Event":
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- 3. Access all Tags attached to Attributes
 - ► Event.Attribute.{n}.Tag.{n}.name

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (4)

```
"Event": {
            "Tag": [
                    "name": "tlp:green", ...
            "Attribute": [
                    "value": "8.8.8.8"
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4. Access all Tags attached to Attributes and from the Event

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (4)

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 - Event.Attribute.{n}._allTags.{n}.name

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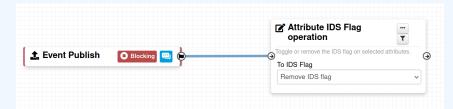
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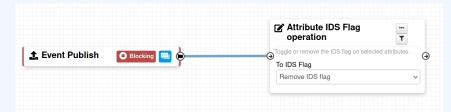
FITLERING DATA ON WHICH TO APPLY A MODULE

What happens when an Event is about to be published?



FITLERING DATA ON WHICH TO APPLY A MODULE

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All Attributes get their to_ids turned off.

How could we force that action only on Attribute of type comment?

→ Hash path filtering!

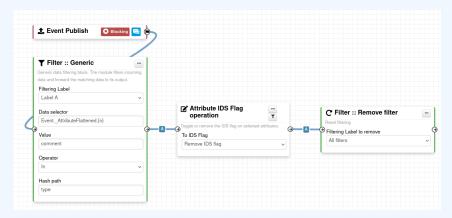
FITLERING DATA ON WHICH TO APPLY A MODULE



Node Filtering	×
Element selector	
EventAttributeFlattened.{n}	
Value	
comment	
Operator	
In	~
Hash Path	
type	

FITLERING DATA ON WHICH TO APPLY ON MULTIPLE MODULES

New feature as of **v2.4.171** allows setting filters on a path.



EXERCICES

EXERCISES

- 1. PAP:RED and tlp:red blocking
- 2. Replace tlp:white by tlp:clear
- 3. Attach tag on attribute having a low value (<50) in bgp ranking
- 4. Remove to_ids flag for attribute having a match in hashlookup

DEBUGGING

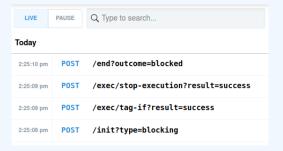
DEBUGGING WORKFLOWS: LOG ENTRIES

- Workflow execution is logged in the application logs:
 - /admin/logs/index
 - Note: Might be phased out as its too verbose
- Or stored on disk in the following file:
 - /app/tmp/logs/workflow-execution.log



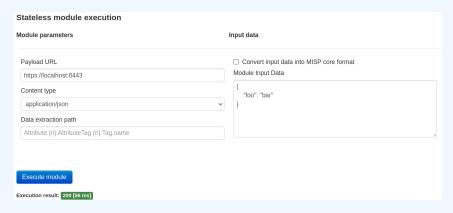
DEBUGGING WORKFLOWS: DEBUG MODE

- The name on for each workflows
- Each nodes will send data to the provided URL
 - Configure the setting: Plugin.Workflow_debug_url
- Result can be visualized in
 - offline: tools/misp-workflows/webhook-listener.py
 - online: requestbin.com or similar websites



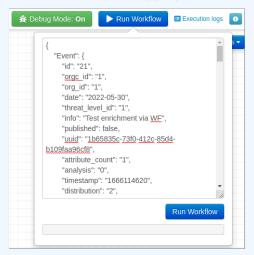
DEBUGGING MODULES: STATELESS EXECUTION

■ Test custom modules with custom input



DEBUGGING MODULES: RE-RUNNING WORKFLOWS

- Try workflows with custom input
- Re-run workflows to ease debugging



DEBUGGING OPTIONS

- Workflow execution and outcome
- Module execution and outcome
- **Live** workflow debugging with module inspection
- Re-running/testing workflows with custom data
- Stateless module execution



EXTENDING THE SYSTEM



CREATING A NEW MODULE IN PHP



- app/Lib/WorkflowModules/action/[module_name].php
- Designed to be easilty extended
 - Helper functions
 - Module configuration as variables
 - ► Implement runtime logic
- Main benefits
 - ► Fast
 - ► Re-use existing functionalities
 - ► No need for misp-modules

CREATING A NEW MODULE IN PHP

```
app > Lib > WorkflowModules > action > 😭 Module blueprint action module.php > ...
      include once APP . 'Model/WorkflowModules/WorkflowBaseModule.php':
      class Module blueprint action module extends WorkflowBaseModule
          public $is blocking = false:
          public $disabled = true;
          public $id = 'blueprint-action-module';
          public $name = 'Blueprint action module':
          public *$description == 'Lorem ipsum dolor, sit amet consectetur adipisicing elit.';
          public $icon = 'shapes';
          public $inputs = 1;
          public $outputs = 1;
          public $params = [];
          public function exec(array $node, WorkflowRoamingData $roamingData, array &$errors = [])
             parent::exec($node, $roamingData, $errors);
              $errors[] = ('Execution stopped');
```

CREATING A NEW MODULE IN PYTHON



- Similar to how other misp-modules are implemented
 - Helper functions
 - Module configuration as variables
 - ► Implement runtime logic
- Main benefits
 - Easier than PHP
 - Lots of libraries for integration

CREATING A NEW MODULE IN PYTHON

```
home > sami > git > misp-modules > misp_modules > modules > action_mod > 🍨 testaction.pv > ...
      misperrors = { 'error': 'Error'}
      moduleconfia = - {
      blocking -- False
      returns = 'boolean'
      moduleinfo = {'version': '0.1', 'author': 'Andras Iklody',
      def handler(q=False):
           result = json.loads(q) · # noqa
           output = result · # · Insert · your · magic · here!
           r = {"data": output}
```

SHOULD I MIGRATE TO MISP WORKFLOWS

I have automation in place using the API / ZMQ. Should I move to Workflows?

- I (have/am planning to create) a curation pipeline using the API, should I port them to workflows?
 - No in general, but WF can be used to start the curation process
- What if I want to **block** some actions
 - Put the blocking logic in the WF, the remaining outside
- Currently, workflows with lots of node are not encouraged
- Bottom line is **Keep it simple**

MORE IDEAS

- Notification when new users join an instance
- Extend existing MISP behavior: Push correlation in another system
- Sanity check to block publishing
- Automated alerts for high-priority IOCs
- Assign tasks and notify incident response team members

FUTURE WORKS

- More **=** modules
- More ⇒ modules
- More **t**riggers
- More documentation
- Recursion prevention system
- On-the-fly data override?



FINAL WORDS

- Designed to quickly and cheaply integrate MISP in CTI pipelines
- <u>Beta</u> Feature unlikely to change. But still..
- Waiting for feedback!
 - New triggers?
 - New modules?
 - What's acheivable

