MISP Workflows

Automation in MISP made easy

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- 1. Automation in MISP
- 2. MISP API / PyMISP
- 3. PubSub channels (ZeroMQ)
- 4. MISP Workflows
 - Fundamentals
 - Demo with examples
 - Using the system
 - How it can be extended

MISP API / PyMISP

- Needs CRON Jobs in place
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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

PUBSUB CHANNELS (ZEROMQ) - FUN-DAMENTALS

Objective: Learn how to setup realtime automation using the ZeroMQ channel

What is ZeroMQ?

- N-to-N Asynchronous message-processing tasks
- Publisher (MISP) and consumer (scripts)
- Configuring ZeroMQ in MISP
- Integrating with the ZeroMQ of MISP

MISP WORKFLOWS - FUNDAMENTALS

Objective: Learn how to use the MISP Worklfow feature

AUTOMATION IN MISP: WHAT ALREADY EXISTS?



- Needs CRON Jobs in place
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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

EXAMPLE OF USE-CASES

Notification on specifc actions

- New events matching criteria
- New users
- Automated alerts for high-priority IOCs
- **Extend** existing MISP behavior
 - Push data to another system
 - Automatic enrichment
 - Sanity check to block publishing / sharing
- Hook capabilities
 - Assign tasks and notify incident response team members
 - Run curation pipeline

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DISCLAIMER

The Workflow feature is very **powerful**. But also very **dangerous**.



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?

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- 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
A Trigger is associated with 1-and-only-1 Workflow

TRIGGERS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Currently 10 triggers can be hooked. 3 being OBlocking

Triggers

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Luser After Save

2+ User Before Save

List the available triggers that can be listened to by workflows. Missing a trigger? Feel free to open a **O** Github issue! **O** Documentation and concepts

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Attribute After Save	attribute	high 😧	83	×	×	160	2022-08-03 09:00:41	
* Enrichment Before Query	others	low	1154	×	×	162	2022-10-17 12:35:57	
Event After Save	event	high 😧	49	×	×	175	2022-10-14 13:32:01	
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Event After Save New From Pull	event	low	6	×	~	183	2022-10-17 09:01:36	
1 Event Publish	event	low	126	×	×	180	2022-10-13 10:42:53	
& Object After Save	object	high 😧	35	×	×	161	2022-08-05 07:12:52	
Post After Save	post	low	36	×	×	176	2022-07-28 13:59:51	

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Page 1 of 1, showing 1 records out of 10 total, starting on record 1, ending on 10

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Debug enabled Enabled Actions

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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
- P These are also called Logic modules



WORKFLOW - LOGIC MODULES

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- IF conditions
- Delay execution

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	P IF :: Distribution	logic	×	×	×	×	~	•
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	C Filter :: Remove filter	logic	×	×	×	×	×	▶ 0
	P IF :: Generic	logic	×	×	×	×	~	•
	P IF :: Organisation	logic	×	×	×	×	~	•
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	₽ IF :: Tag	logic	×	~	×	×	~	•
	P IF :: Threat Level	logic	×	×	×	×	×	• •

WHAT KIND OF ACTIONS?



Send an email notification

- Perform enrichments
- Send a chat message on MS Teams
- Attach a local tag
- ••

Phese are also called Action modules

Allow to send a Mail to a list or recipients	
Recipients	
All accounts 🗙	
Mail template subject	
I'm the mail subject!	
Mail template body	
And I'm the body!	

WORKFLOW - ACTION MODULES

action modules: Allow to executes operations

- Tag operations
- Send notifications
- Webhooks & Custom scripts

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	All Blueprint action module	action	×	×		×	~	~	0
	* Enrich Event	action	×	~		×	×	~	•
	mattermost	action	×	×		~	×	~	0
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	Send Mail	action	×	×		×	×	~	0
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	Stop execution	action	~	×		×	×	~	0
	Tag operation	action	×	×		×	×	~	0
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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

	P IF :: Distribution	
	Scope Distribution of the Event	Stop execution .
1. Event Publish	 Condition Or A Condition Or A Condition	Do nothing for non-blocking ones
	Distribution Community	

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

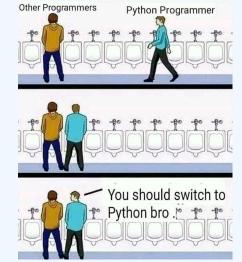


SOURCES OF WORKFLOW MODULES (3)

Modules from the

misp-module^{&®}

enrichment service



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

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 🧭 -o- 71d4e2c 🧭

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



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

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Review MISP settings:

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

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Recommended	Plugin.Action_timed	out	10	Set a time	out for the action servi	ces		Value not set.

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

```
1 # 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}'
```

Everything is ready?

Let's see how to build a workflow!



- 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**, ...

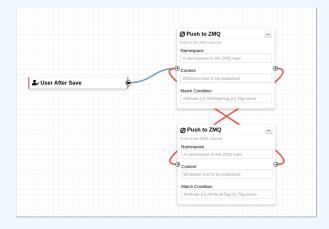
CONSIDERATIONS WHEN WORKING WITH WORKFLOWS

Objective: Overview of some common pitfalls



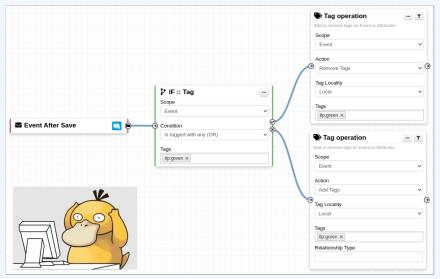
WORKING WITH THE EDITOR - OPERATIONS NOT ALLOWED

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

Cases showing a warning:

- Blocking modules 🔾 in a 🗹 Non blocking workflow 🏜
- Blocking modules O after a concurrent tasks module

		🗠 🗠 🗠 🗠	Stop execution O
🗜 Event Publish 💽 Blocking 📟 🦗		Allow breaking the execution process and running concurrent tasks. You can connect multiple nodes the 'concurrent' output.	Essentially stops the execution for blocking workflows. Do nothing for non-blocking ones
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Advanced usage

Objective: Overview of Blueprints, Data format and Filtering



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

Debugging webhook					
9ff210dd-ee7e-49c8-a5af-10cd42cdadb6					
Default: 🗙					
Blueprint Content: 1 node					
& 1					
Webhook module pre-configured for debugging					
purposes					

Blueprints sources: MISP/misp-workflow-blueprints repository

- Block sharing if any attributes have the PAP:RED or tlp:red tag
- Curation pipeline
 - Enrich data from 3rd-party

Two types of workflows:

Blocking Workflows

- Can prevent / block the original event to happen
- If a blocking module blocks the action
- Example: Event publish, Enrichment Before Query, ...

♥ Non blocking Workflows execution outcome has no impact

- No way to prevent something that happened in the past
- Example: Event after-save, Attribute after-save, ...



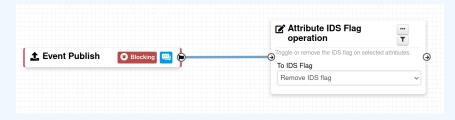
LOGIC MODULE: CONCURRENT TASK

Logic module allowing multiple output connections
 Postpone the execution for remaining modules



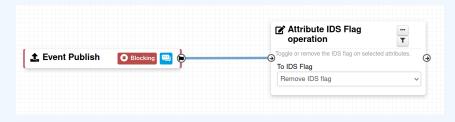
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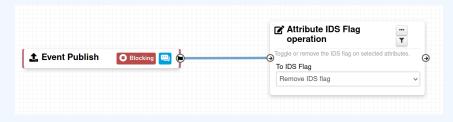


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 \rightarrow Hash path filtering!

HASH PATH FILTERING

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

	▼ Filter :: Generic ····
Node Filtering ×	Generic data filtering block. The module filters incoming data and forward the matching data to its output. Filtering Label
Element selector	Label A v
Event_AttributeFlattened.{n} Value domain	Data selector EventAttributeFlattened.{n}
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Hash Path type	Operator View of the second se
Save	Hash path Tag.(n).name

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)

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Filtering and checking conditions using hash path expression.

```
$path_expression = '{n}[name=fred].id';
$users = [
        {'id': 123, 'name': 'fred', 'surname': 'bloggs'},
        {'id': 245, 'name': 'fred', 'surname': 'smith'},
        {'id': 356, 'name': 'joe', 'surname': 'smith'},
];
$ids = Hash::extract($users, $path_expression);
// => $ids will be [123, 245]
```



Value	
tlp:red	
Operator	
In	~
Hash path	
Attribute.{n}.Tag.{n}.name	

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXAMPLE

```
1 {
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       "Event": {
            "uuid":
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            "timestamp": ....
            "distribution": 1,
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            "published": false,
            "Attribute"
                     "type": "ip-src",
                     "value" "8.8.8.8"
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                     "type": "domain",
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                     "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

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (1)

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HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (2)

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

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (2)

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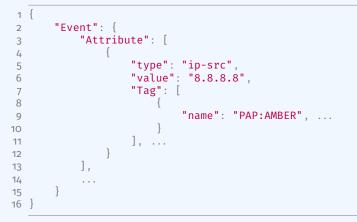
- 3. Access all Attribute types
 - Hint: Use {n} to loop
 - Event.Attribute.{n}.type

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (3)



3. Access all Tags attached to Attributes

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (3)



3. Access all Tags attached to Attributes

Event.Attribute.{n}.Tag.{n}.name

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (4)



4. Access all Tags attached to Attributes and from the Event Hint: Use _allTags to access all tags

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (4)



4. Access all Tags attached to Attributes and from the EventEvent.Attribute.{n}._allTags.{n}.name

HASH PATH FILTERING - EXERCISE (4)

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            "Tag": [...],
            "Attribute":
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                     "value" "8.8.8.8"
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                              "inherited": true, ...
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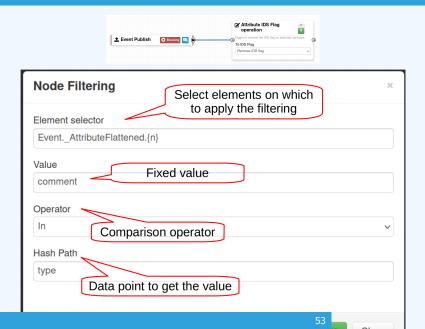
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FITLERING DATA ON WHICH TO APPLY A MODULE

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FITLERING DATA ON WHICH TO APPLY A MODULE



FITLERING DATA ON WHICH TO APPLY ON MULTIPLE MODULES

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

/				
Filter :: Generic				
Generic data filtering block. The module filters incoming				
data and forward the matching data to its output.				
Filtering Label				
Label A v				
Data selector	Attribute IDS Flag		C Filter :: Remove filter	
EventAttributeFlattened.{n}		Y	Reset filtering	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	A Toggle or remove the IDS flag on selec	ted attributes.		
Value	To IDS Flag		All filters	
comment	Remove IDS flag	~	Airmens	
Operator				
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Hash path				



Try to build it in the training instance. Do not save it!.

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



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

Logs							
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Emai	ils Authen	tication issu	es MISP Update res	ults Setti	ng change:	s Warnings and e	rrors
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	Email	Org		Model	Model ID	Action	

DEBUGGING WORKFLOWS: DEBUG MODE

 $\frac{1}{R}$ Debug Mode: On can be turned 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

The

- offline: tools/misp-workflows/webhook-listener.py
- online: requestbin.com or similar websites

LIVE	PAUSE	Q Type to search
Today		
2:25:10 pm	POST	/end?outcome=blocked
2:25:09 pm	POST	<pre>/exec/stop-execution?result=success</pre>
2:25:09 pm	POST	<pre>/exec/tag-if?result=success</pre>
2:25:08 pm	POST	/init?type=blocking

DEBUGGING MODULES: STATELESS EXECUTION

Test custom modules with custom input

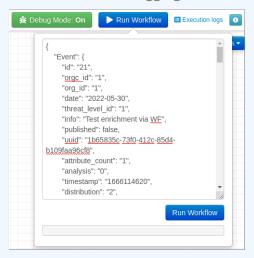
Stateless module execution				
Module parameters	Input data			
Payload URL	Convert input data into MISP core format Module Input Data			
https://localhost:8443				
Content type	"foo": "bar"			
application/json ~	}			
Data extraction path				
Attribute.{n}.AttributeTag.{n}.Tag.name				



Execution result: 200 [56 ms]

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(g=False):
          result = json.loads(q) # noqa
          output = result # Insert your magic here!
          r = {"data": output}
```

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

FUTURE WORKS

- More modules
- More Dordeles
- More https://www.initialia.com/www.initia.com/www.initialia.com/www.initia.com/ww
- More documentation
- Recursion prevention system
- On-the-fly data override?



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

