SEMI-AUTOMATED CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE (ACT)

Training – FIRST Conference 2019 Edinburgh

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When	What
09:00 - 10:30	Introduction to ACT
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 13:00	Assignments, case study
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (not provided)
14:00 - 15:30	Recap, breakout (API/Graph queries)
15:30 - 15:45	Break
15:45 – 18:00	Practical work (build something)
18:30 - 19:00	Newbie reception
19:00 – 21:00	Icebreaker reception



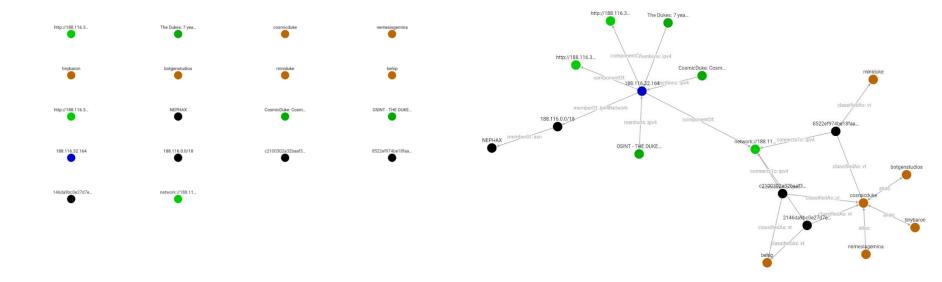
# To collect and organize our knowledge of threats to make it useful



### Data and Information

Data

#### Information



#### Semi-Automated...

Analysis
Enrichment
Information Sharing
Countermeasures



# Semi-Automated Cyber Threat Intelligence (ACT)

The main objective of the research project is to develop a *platform for cyber threat intelligence* to uncover cyberattacks, cyber espionage and sabotage.

The project will result in new methods for data *enrichment* and data *analysis* to enable *identification of threat agents*, their motives, resources and attack methodologies.

In addition, the project will develop new methods, work processes and mechanisms for the generation and distribution of threat intelligence and countermeasures, to stop ongoing and prevent future attacks.







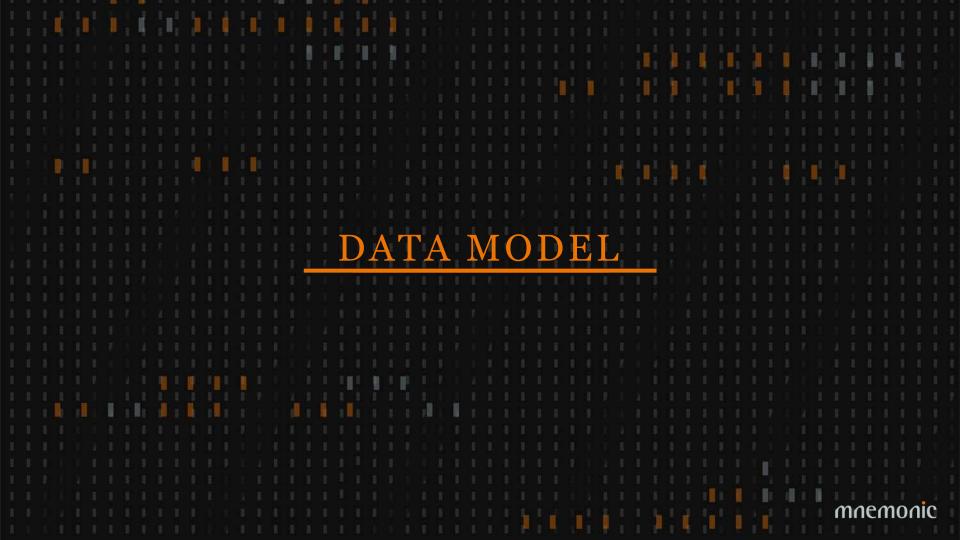






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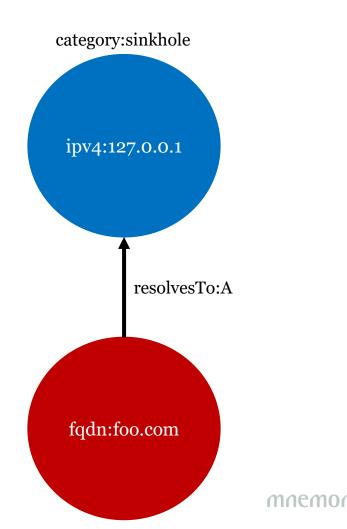
## Data Model

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- -Backed by evidence and comments



## Models, Taxonomies and Vocabularies

#### •MITRE ATT&CK

- https://attack.mitre.org

#### •MITRE PRE-ATT&CK

- https://attack.mitre.org/pre-attack/

#### •STIX 2.0 vocabularies

- https://oasis-open.github.io/cti-documentation/

• Ryan Stillions' DML model

- http://ryanstillions.blogspot.com/2014/04/the-dml-model\_21.html

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Exploit Public-Facing Application	CMSTP	Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	BITS Jobs	Bash History	Application Window Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Automated Collection	Communication Through Removable Media	Data Compressed	Data Encrypter Impact
External Remote Services	Command-Line Interface	Account Manipulation	AppCert OLLs	Binary Padding	Brute Force	Browser Boolomark Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Clipboard Data	Connection Proxy	Data Encrypted	Defacemen
Hardware Additions	Compiled HTML File	AppCert DLLs	Appinit DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Credential Dumping	Domain Trust Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Data Staged	Custom Command and Control Protocol	Data Transfer Size Limits	Disk Content V
Replication Through Removable Media	Control Panel Items	Appinit DLLs	Application Shimming	CMSTP	Credentials in Files	File and Directory Discovery	Logon Scripts	Data from Information Repositories	Custom Cryptographic Protocol	Exhibition Over Alternative Protocol	Disk Structure
Spearphishing Attachment	Dynamic Data Exchange	Application Shimming	Bypess User Account Control	Clear Command History	Credentials in Registry	Network Service Scanning	Pass the Hash	Data from Local System	Data Encoding	Extituation Over Command and Control Channel	Endpoint Deni Service
Spearphishing Link	Execution through API	Authentication Package	DLL Search Order Hijscking	Code Signing	Exploitation for Credential Access	Network Share Discovery	Pass the Ticket	Data from Network Shared Drive	Data Obfuscation	Exhibition Over Other Network Medium	Firmware Corruption
Spearphishing via Service	Execution through Module Load	BITS Jobs	Dyib Hijacking	Compile After Delivery	Forced Authentication	Network Sniffing	Remote Desktop Protocol	Data from Removable Media	Domain Fronting	Exhitration Over Physical Medium	Inhibit Syste Recovery
Supply Chain Compromise	Exploitation for Client Execution	Bootkit	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Complied HTML File	Hooking	Password Policy Discovery	Remote File Copy	Email Collection	Domain Generation Algorithms	Scheduled Transfer	Network Denk Service
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	Regard2	File System Permissions Weakness	Port Monitors	Execution Quardraits	Securityd Memory	System Network Connections Discovery			Standard Application Layer Protocol		
	Rundit32	Hidden Files and Directories	Process Injection	Exploitation for Defense	Two-Factor Authentication	System Owner/User			Standard Cryptographic		



#### Current OSINT Sources

#### **Import**:

APTNotes

<u>https://github.com/aptnotes/data</u>

APT & CyberCriminal Campaign Collection

<u>https://github.com/CyberMonitor/APT\_CyberCriminal\_Campagin\_Collections</u>

RSS Feeds

Infosec blogs

MISP (circl.lu feed)
MITRE ATT&CK

#### Enrich:

mnemonic PassiveDNS

<u>https://passivedns.mnemonic.no/</u>

Shadowserver IP-BGP

<u>https://www.shadowserver.org/wiki/pmwiki.php/Services/IP-BGP</u>

VirusTotal



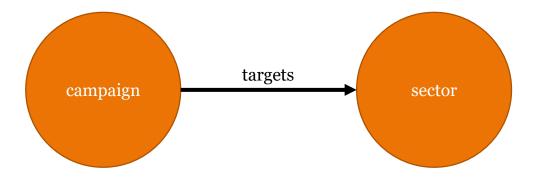
## Problems

# Multiple ways to represent the same informationDifferent names for the same thing

- -Threat actors
- -Malware

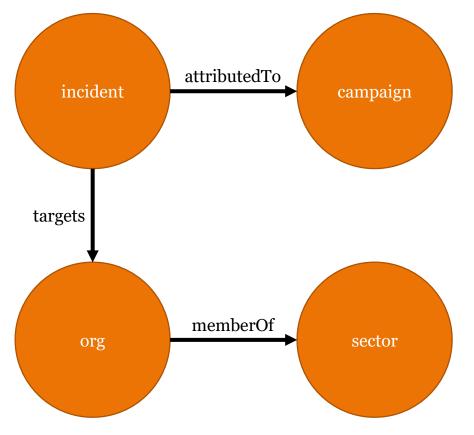


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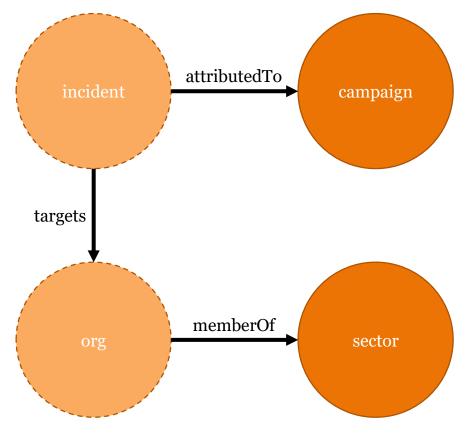




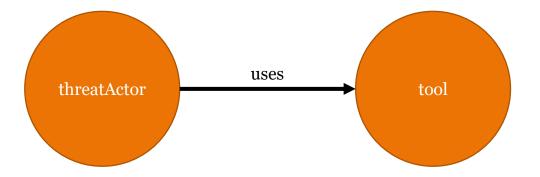
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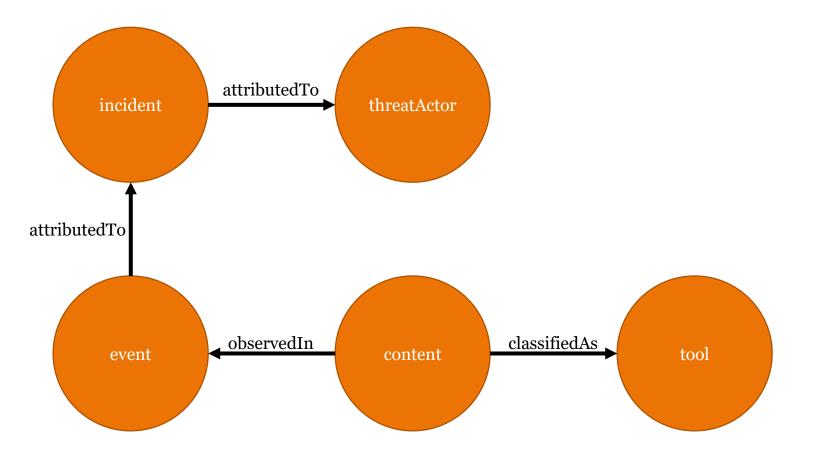


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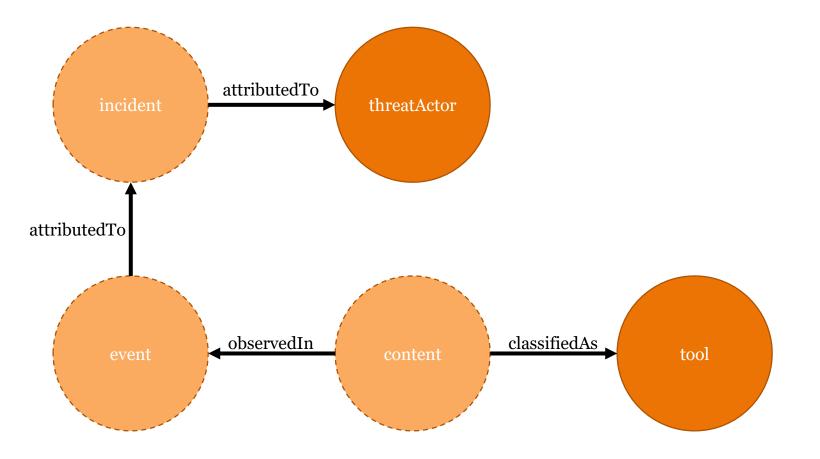




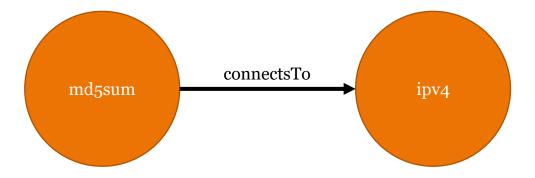
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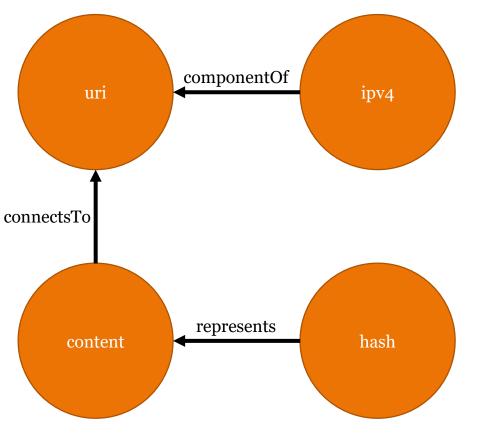


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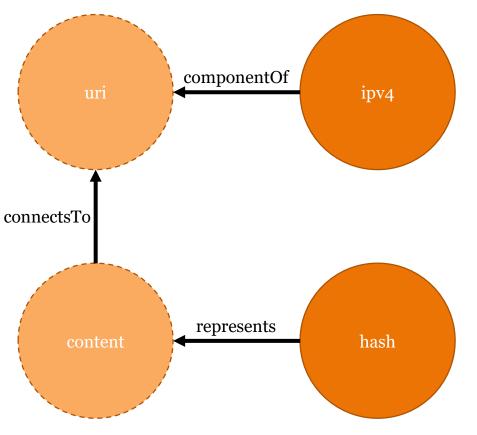




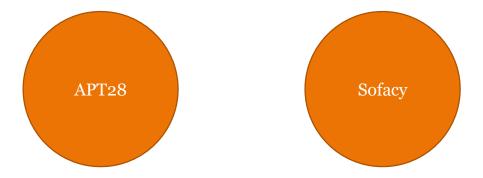
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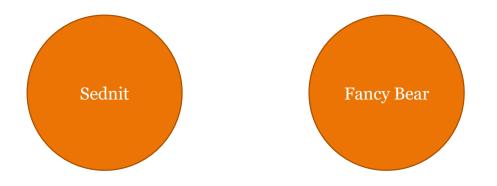


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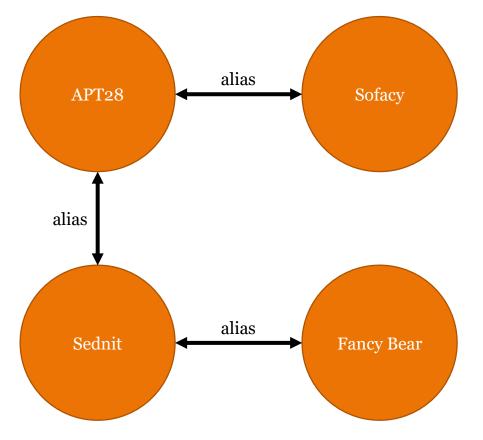


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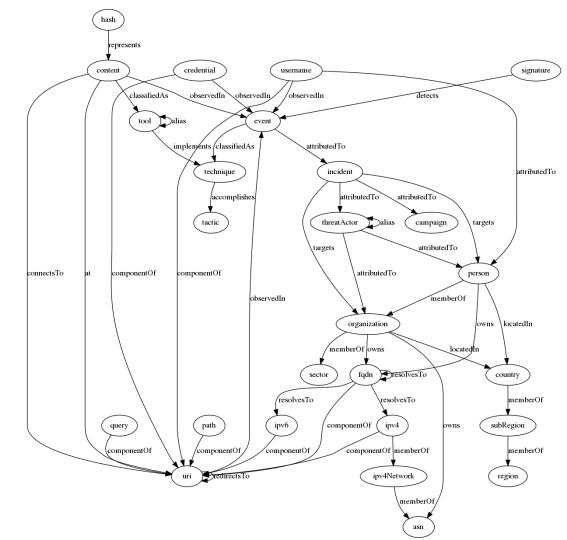
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### Platform Architecture – Core technologies



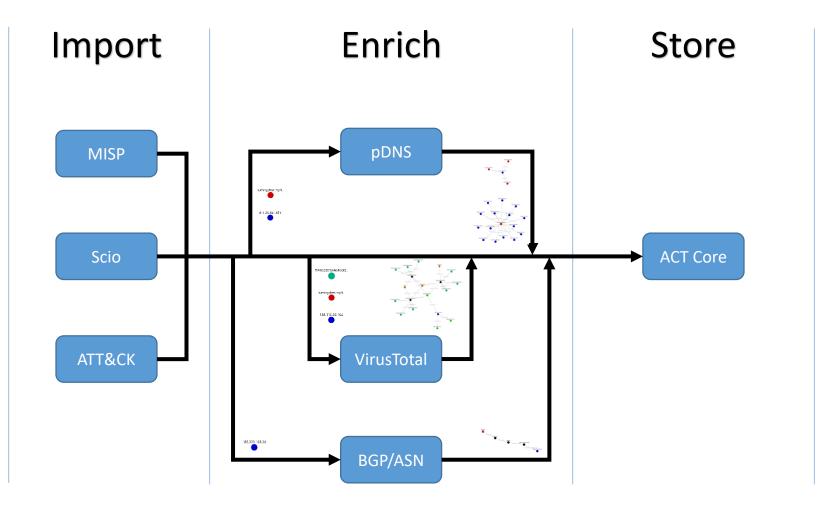












## Platform Architecture – Workflow orchestration

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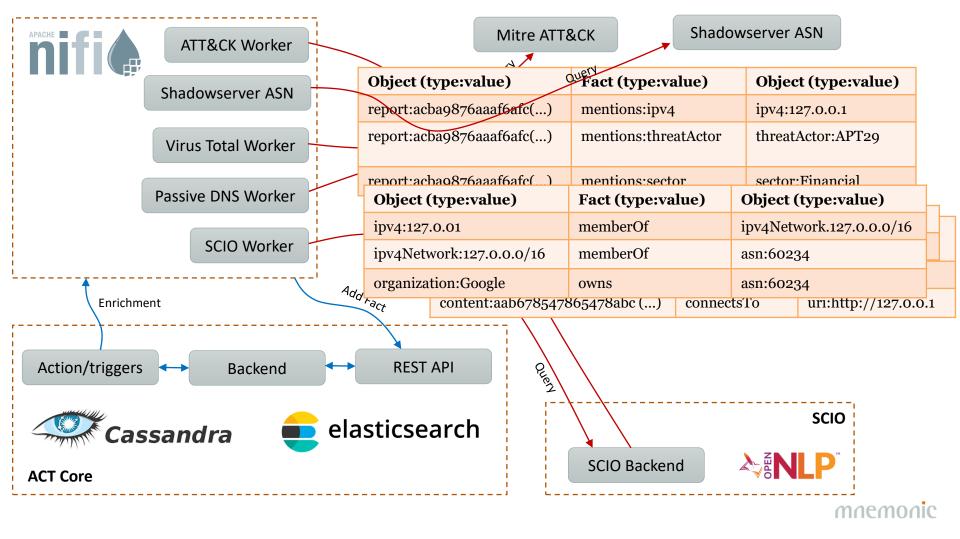
•Open sourced and transferred to the Apache Foundation in 2014

•Manage flows of data supporting a large number of inputs and outputs:

-HTTP, FTP, SCP, Kafka, Elasticsearch, JMS, Syslog, MongoDB, Hadoop, Cassandra, SMTP, POP3, etc



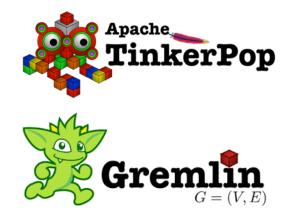




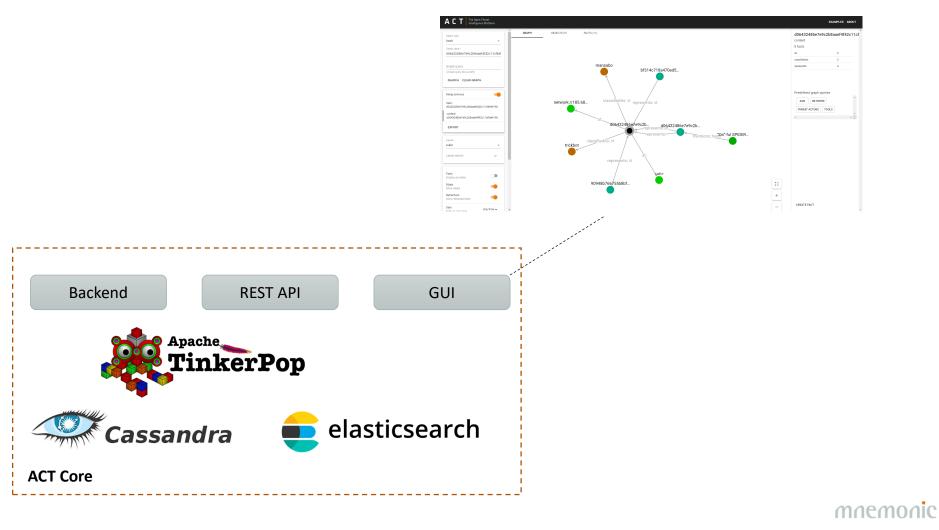
## Platform Architecture – Graph database

•Looked into existing graph databases, but they lacked proper fine granular permissions (and many of them had commercial licenses that could not be used in the research project)

- •Apache Tinkerpop implemented on top of Cassandra/Elasticsearch
- •Graph queries opens up a range of possibilites that is not possible on a flat data structure







#### API - Swagger

experi	imental	Show/Hide List Operations Expand Operations	
POST	/v1/fact	Create a new Fact.	
GET	/v1/fact/uuid/{fact}/access	Retrieve a Fact's ACL.	
POST	/v1/fact/uuid/{fact}/access/{subject}	Grant a Subject access to a Fact.	
GET	/v1/fact/uuid/{fact}/comments	Retrieve a Fact's comments.	
POST	/v1/fact/uuid/{fact}/comments	Add a comment to a Fact.	
POST	/v1/fact/uuid/{fact}/retract	Retract an existing Fact.	
GET	/v1/fact/uuid/{id}	Retrieve a Fact by its UUID.	
POST	/v1/factType	Create a new FactType.	
GET	/v1/factType	List available FactTypes.	
PUT	/v1/factType/uuid/{id}	Update an existing FactType.	
GET	/v1/factType/uuid/{id}	Retrieve a FactType by its UUID.	
GET	/v1/object/{type}/{value}	Retrieve an Object by its type and value.	
POST	/v1/object/{type}/{value}/facts	Retrieve Facts bound to a specific Object.	
POST	/v1/object/{type}/{value}/traverse	Traverse the Object/Fact graph starting at an Object identified by its type and value.	
POST	/v1/object/search	Search for Objects.	
POST	/v1/object/traverse	Traverse the Object/Fact graph after performing an Object search.	
GET	/v1/object/uuid/{id}	Retrieve an Object by its UUID.	
POST	/v1/object/uuid/{id}/facts	Retrieve Facts bound to a specific Object.	
POST	/v1/object/uuid/{id}/traverse	Traverse the Object/Fact graph starting at an Object identified by its UUID.	
GET	/v1/objectType	List available ObjectTypes.	
POST	/v1/objectType	Create a new ObjectType.	

## API – Python library (act-api on pypi)

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## Splunk Add-on - Queries

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#### Splunk Add-on – Annotate search results

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## Threat Intelligence Platform - Summary

•Github repositories

- -<u>https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act</u> (installation docs)
- -https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-api-python
- -https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-bootstrap
- -https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-frontend
- -https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-platform
- -<u>https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-scio</u>
- -<u>https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-splunk</u>
- -<u>https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-triggers</u>
- -https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-workers
- -License: ISC (BSD compatible)

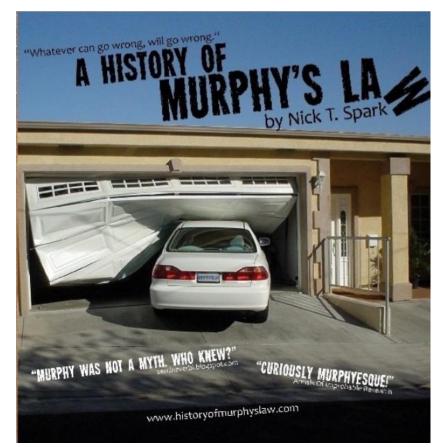
• Public AWS instance

-https://act-eu1.mnemonic.no





#### Before We Start



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#### Accessing the read-only AWS instance

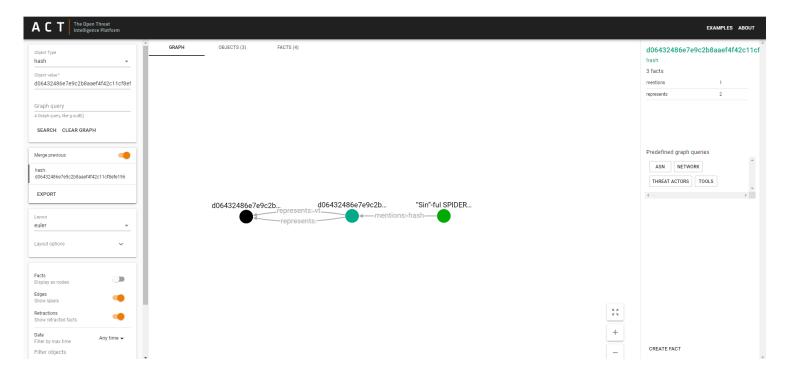
GUI: <u>https://act-eu1.mnemonic.no</u>

Tasks: <u>https://act-eu1.mnemonic.no/examples/</u>

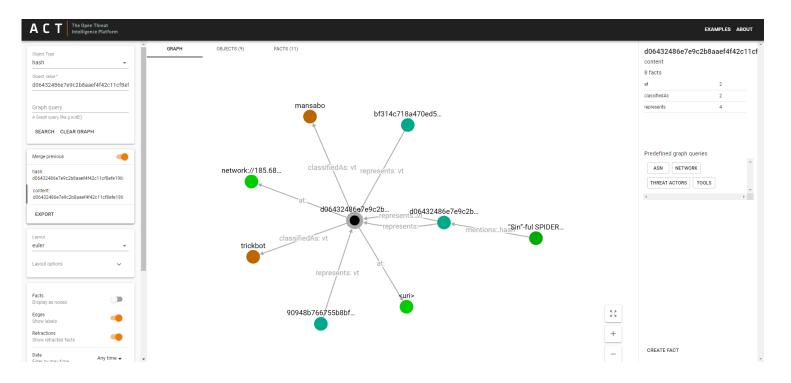
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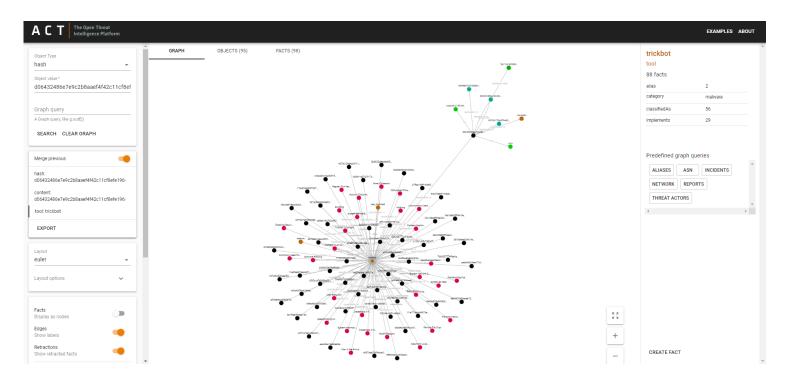
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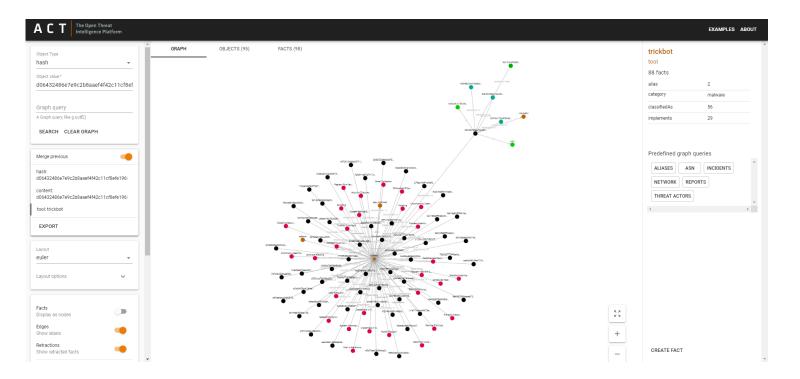
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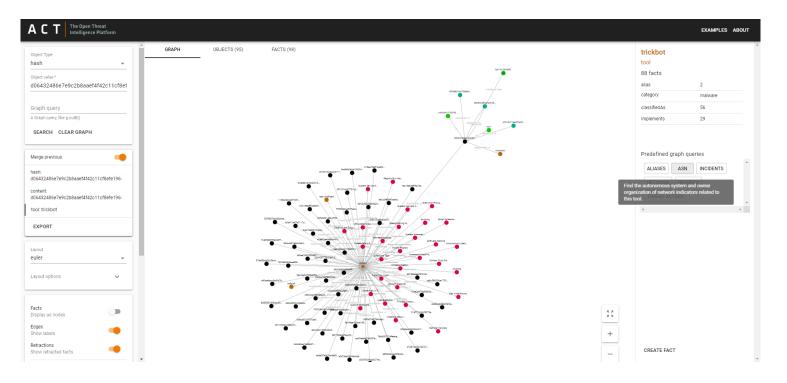
## Introduction 1 – History, Layouts and Filtering



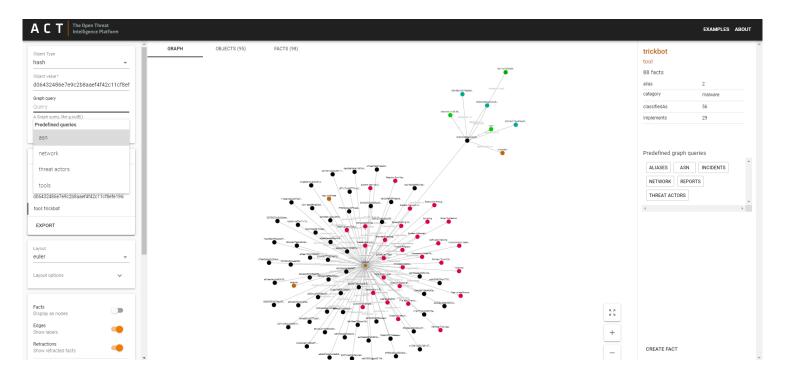
# Introduction 1 – Fact Types



#### Introduction 1 – Graph Queries



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## Introduction 2

Try the following object queries and explore the graph:

threatActor: APT3
tactic: lateral-movement
tool: foosace
ipv4: 153.148.23[.]118





Try the following object query:

#### tool: remsec

Which threat actor is associated with this tool? Which techniques are associated with this threat actor? Can you find any reports that mention file hashes classified as remsec?





Try the following object query:

#### ipv4: 188.116.32[.]164

Try to find reports, threat actors, tools and any other information related to this IP address.





#### Explore Autonomous System Number 8048

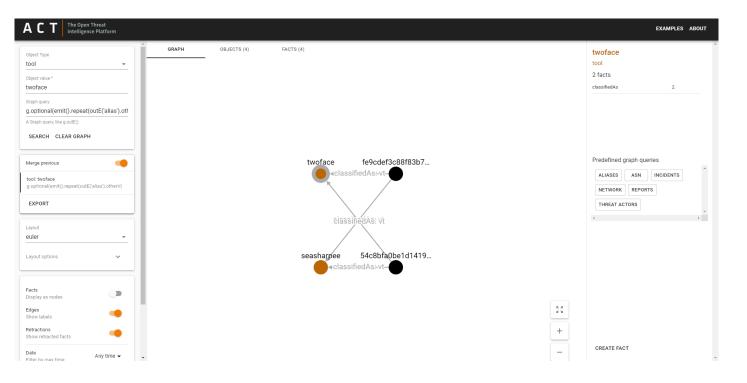
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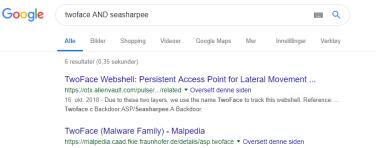
What kind of malicious behaviour has been observed from this AS?

Where is the organization that owns AS8048 located?



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According to Unit42, TwoFace is a two-staged (loader+payload) webshell, written in C# and meant to run ... aka: Minion, HighShell, HyperShell, SEASHARPEE.

#### Group: OilRig, IRN2, HELIX KITTEN, APT34 - MITRE ATT&CK™

https://attack.mitre.org/groups/G0049/ TOversett denne siden

S0185 · SEASHARPEE, Command-Line Interface, Remote File Copy, Timestomp, Web Shell · S0096 · Systeminfo · System Information Discovery.

Overview - Free Automated Malware Analysis Service - powered by ... https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/.../0a77e28e6d0d7bd057167ca... • Oversett denne siden

Submit malware for free analysis with Falcon Sandbox and Hybrid Analysis technology. Hybrid Analysis develops and licenses analysis tools to fight malware.

#### lis webshells - EPSIX

#### דו"ח סיכום 2017 בסייבר <sup>[PDF]</sup>

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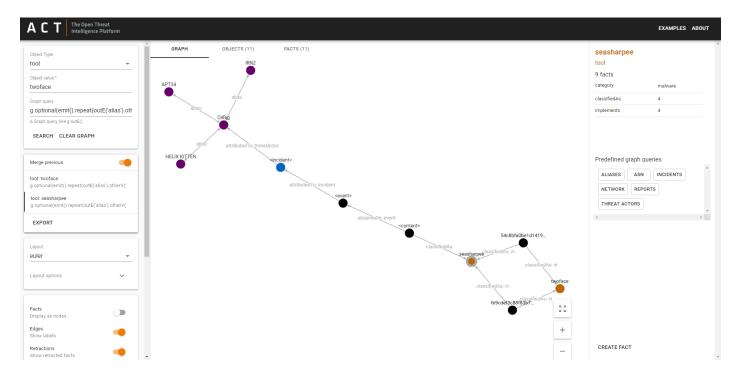
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https://www.clearskysec.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/ClearSky\_cyber\_intelligence\_report\_2017.pdf

"The Webshell is named **TwoFace** as it is comprised by two components. The first is named TwoFace Loader, a basic and preliminary shell that extracts and installs the second component, a more advances tool named TwoFace Payload (identified by Microsoft as **Seasharpee**). These tools are written in #C, and run on Webservers that support ASP.NET."





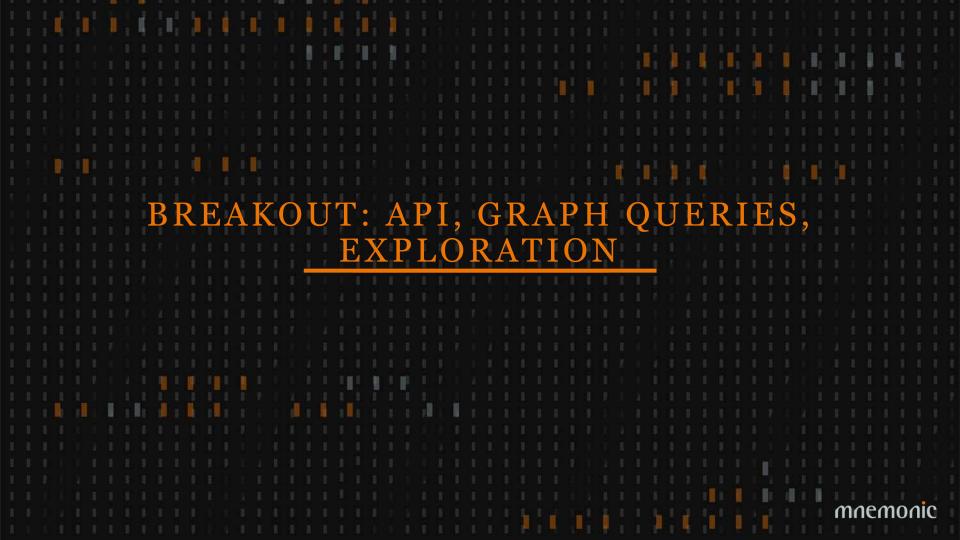


Try to find an alias for the tool 'gulpix'. Then try to find a publically available, credible source that confirms your findings.









# Breakout: API/workers, graph queries, exploration

•API/workers - Geir

- -https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-workshop-api
- -<u>https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-api-python</u>
- -https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-workers

•Graph queries - Martin

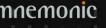
- -http://tinkerpop.apache.org/docs/current/reference/
- -https://github.com/mnemonic-no/act-frontend/blob/master/src/config.json

• Exploration



# **GRAPH QUERIES**

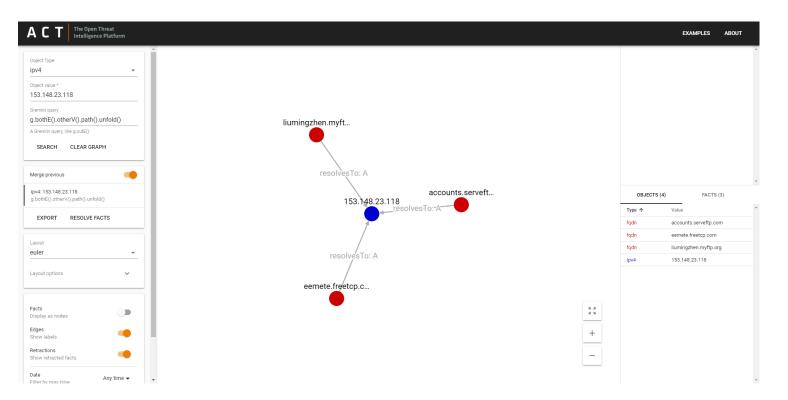
With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility



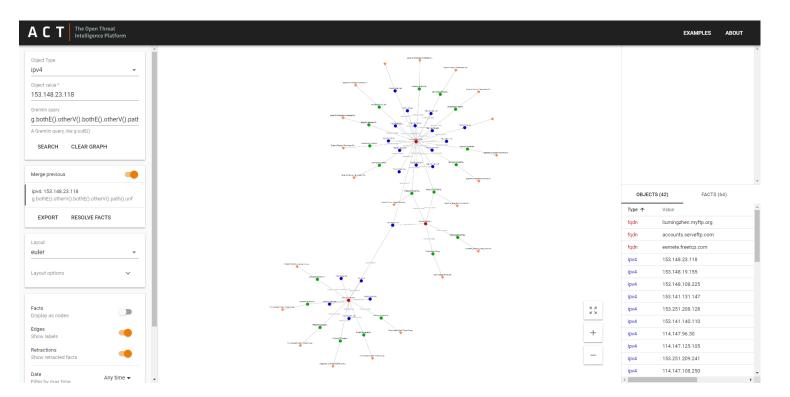
# Graph Query 1

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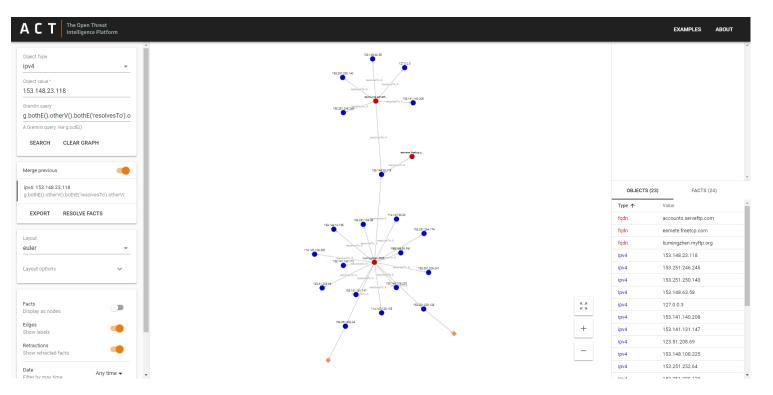
### Graph Query 2 – Show Edges



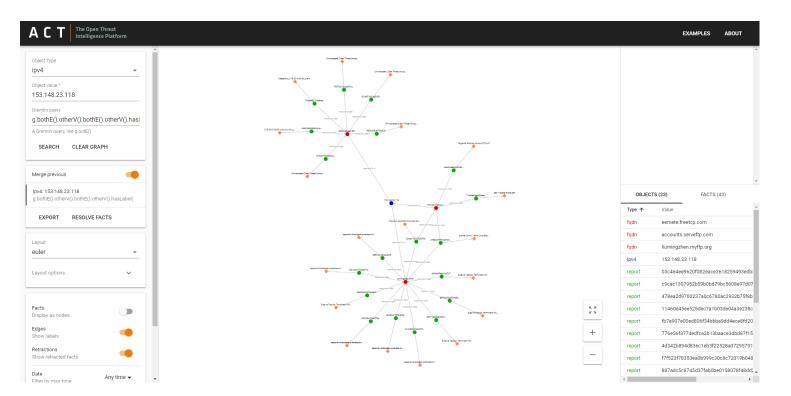
## Graph Query 3 – 2 hops



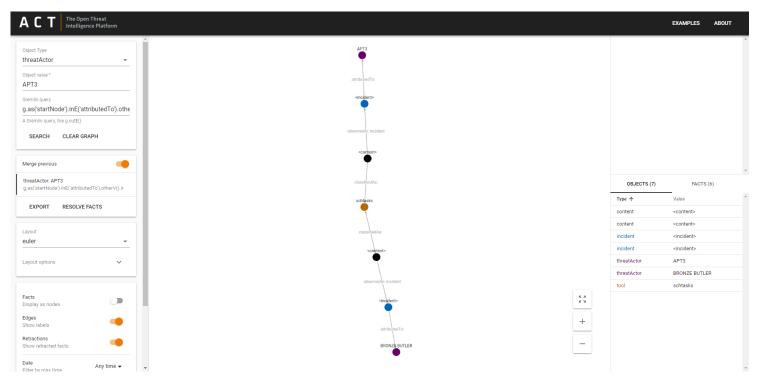
### Graph Query 4 – Filter Edges (Facts)



## Graph Query 5 – Filter Nodes (Objects)



### Graph Query 6 – Unique Tool Usage



#### Public Read-Only ACT Instance

## https://act-eu1.mnemonic.no/examples/





## New Information Sources

Security events
Incidents
Reputation lists
Malware analysis systems
STIX feeds

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# Information Sharing

Mechanism for sharing schemaFormat (STIX?)Trust models



#### Trust and Confidence

Trust (source)
Confidence (fact)
Subjective Logic (quantify uncertainty)



### GUI Improvements

TimelinesShare workspacePrune graph



#### GUI Improvements

#### Create Fact Fact type attributedTo -Source Destination ₽ Object Type Object Type threatActor attributedTo person Ŧ Object value \* Object Value Ole Brumm Axiom Access mode 🖸 Public 👻 Comment This is just a test

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