

# The MANTIS Framework Cyber-Threat Intelligence Mgmt. for CERTs

# Open Source solutions for Managing Cyber Threat Intelligence Fall 2012



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CIF ticks quite a few boxes, but is very much geared towards automated processing of a restricted part of threat intelligence data. **Very** useful to have, but not general enough as a Cyber Threat Intelligence Management Solution.



# Open Source solutions for Managing Cyber Threat Intelligence Now





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# **MISP**

# **MANTIS**



(upcoming fall 2014)



# Had we known in fall 2012 that MISP, CRITS or Avalanche would become available, would we still have started development of Mantis?



- Yes.
- Don't get me wrong: from what I have seen of the mentioned tools: those are really great tools!!!
- But none of them fits quite our use-case:

A central repository of all Cyber Threat Intelligence information created by ourselves or provided to us by partners with *maximum* tolerance for data formats and evolution of data formats, yet sensible structuring of information

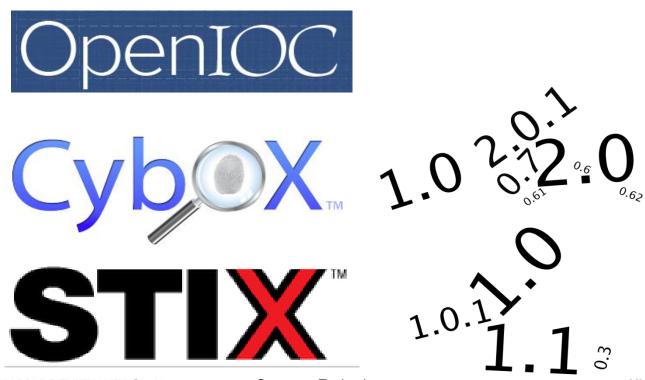
Let me explain ...



# Why do we need maximum tolerance for exchange data formats and their revisions?

### **Basic assumptions:**

- At the moment, we cannot do without OpenIOC, so a STIX/CybOXexclusive solution will not work
- I bet you that two years, after STIX 3.0 has been released, there will still be persons or tools that keep sending you STIX 1.0.1 ...



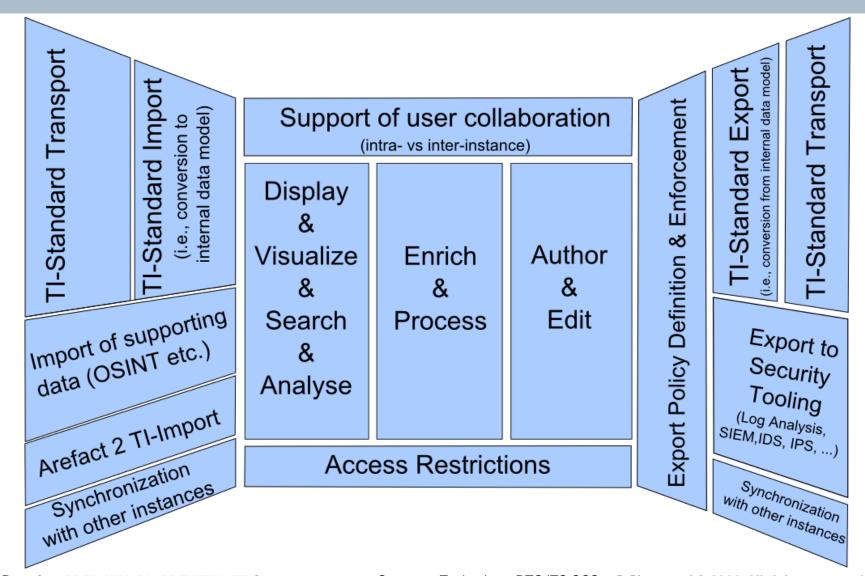


### The remainder of this talk

- Functionality of Cyber Threat Intelligence Management Solutions: an overview
- THE fundamental design decision when creating a Cyber Threat Intelligence Management Solution and its consequences (Hint: this has to do with tolerance for different formats and revisions)
- -> Thus, we arrive at the beginnings of a reference frame for talking about cyber threat intelligence management solutions
- Where does MANTIS sit in this frame?



# (Cyber )Threat Intelligence Tooling: A reference frame regarding functionality



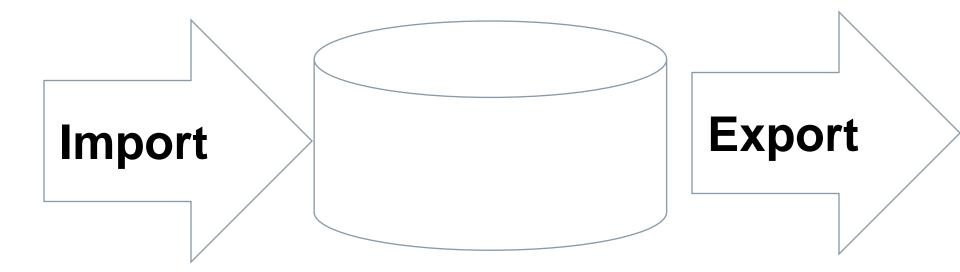
# \*THE\* basic design decision when implementing a solution for managing cyber threat intelligence: The internal data model



- What does your data model look like?
  - Home-brew
  - Somehow derived from a standard
- How close is your data model to the (main) exchange standard you are going to utilize?
- How flexible is your data model?
  - If the exchange standard allows very flexible usage: does your model, too, or have you narrowed things down?
  - can your model cope with moderate revision changes?

# Implications of "distance" between the exchange standard and your data model: Import and Export





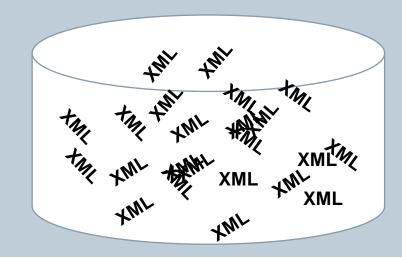
- The further removed your internal data model is, the more you have to work for import and export
- The real problem is the import: what to do with information that cannot be mapped into your internal data model?



## Flexibility: two extremes

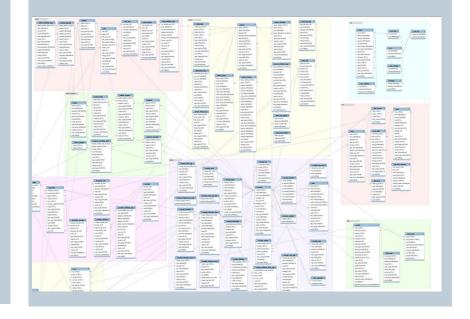
### **Extremely flexible**

Just dump each file into an XML database ...



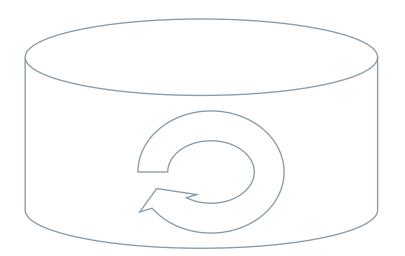
#### Rather inflexible

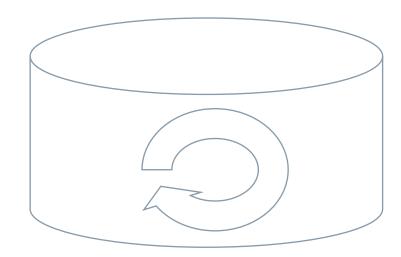
 Create a database model for a given revision of some part of the standard



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# Implications of flexibility: Processing





- Flexibility eases import, but makes processing more complicated, since you cannot assume that things always look the same
- A highly relevant problem when dealing with STIX and CybOX: the same thing can be expressed in a hundred different ways...



# MANTIS's data model: pretty flexible, but a lot smarter than just dumping XMLs or JSONs



## **Example: A CybOX 2.0 Observable XML Source**

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        <cybox:Actions>
            <cybox:Action id="example:Action-a18a058c-effa-4060-b8be-25elb1ade75f" action status="Success"</pre>
                          context="Host" timestamp="2013-04-08T09:22:00.0Z">
                <cybox:Type xsi:type="cyboxVocabs:ActionTypeVocab-1.0">Create</cybox:Type>
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                <cybox:Associated Objects>
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          </cybox:Action>
      </cvbox:Actions>
  </cybox:Event>
/cybox:Observable>
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# Example: A CybOX 2.0 Observable XML Source Extracting "flat" facts from hierarchical XML

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                            </FileObj:Hashes>
                        </cybox:Properties>
                       <cybox:Association Type</pre>
```

The facts we are really interested into about the observed file are:

- Properties/File Name = foobar.dll
- Properties/File\_Path = C:\Windows\system32
- Properties/Hashes/Hash/Type = MD5
- Properties/Hashes/Hash/Simple\_Hash\_Value = 6E48C34(D742A931EC2CE90ABD7DAC6a



# Example: A CybOX 2.0 Observable XML Source XML Defining object boundaries

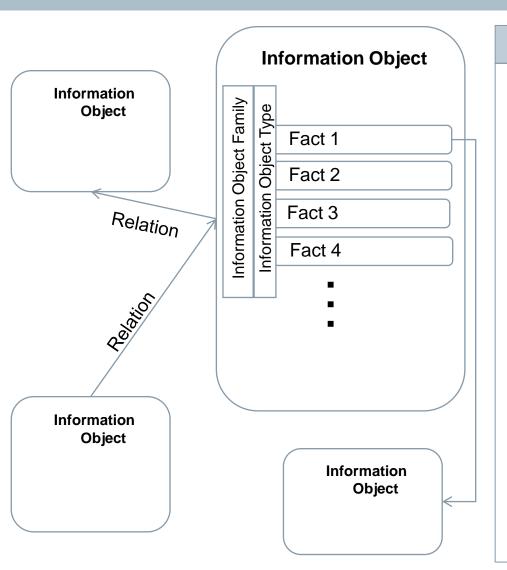
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```

In the XML, an identifier is provided for each structure that naturally gives rise to an information object of its own.

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# MANTIS-DINGOS Fundamental Concepts



#### **Information Objects**

- Information Objects
  - Information Objects serve as top-level structure
  - Each Information Object has a family (e.g., "STIX" or "CybOX) and a type (e.g. "Indicator" or "FileObject").
  - Information Objects contain facts
  - Relations/Links between Information Objects
    - An information object can be related to other information objects
    - A fact can reference an information object

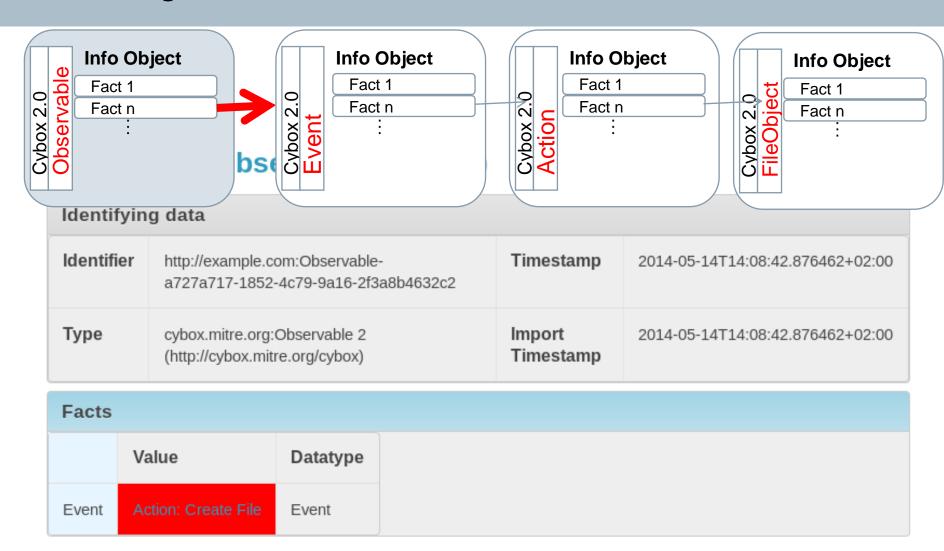


# Example: Importing a CybOX 2.0 Observable XML Source: Focusing on objects and facts

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     Observed event. An action that creates a file with certain file name, file path and hash
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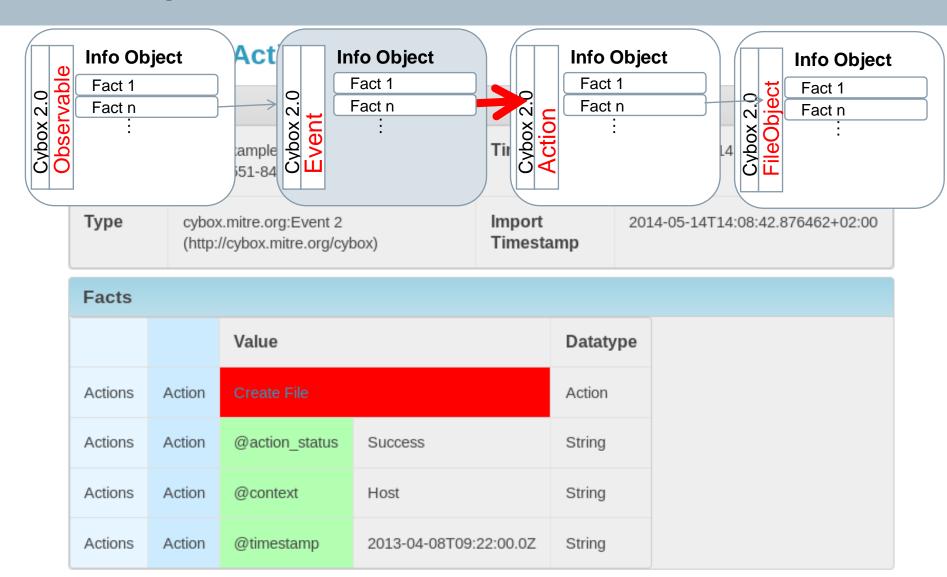


# **Example: Importing a CybOX 2.0 Observable Resulting Structure**



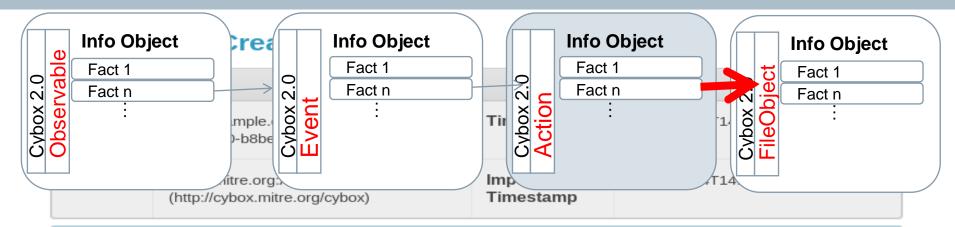


# Example: Importing a CybOX 2.0 Observable Resulting Structure





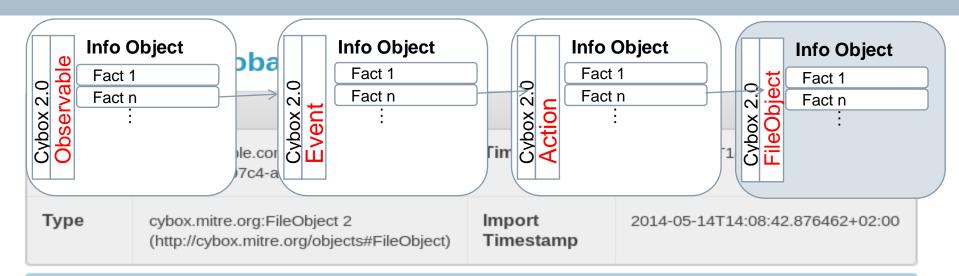
# **Example: Importing a CybOX 2.0 Observable Resulting Structure**



Facts						
	Value	Datatype				
@action_status	Success	String				
@context	Host	String				
@timestamp	2013-04-08T09:22:00.0Z	String				
Туре	Create	ActionTypeVocab-1.0				
Name	Create File	ActionNameVocab-1.0				
Associated_Objects	Associated_Object foobar.dll (5 facts)	FileObject				



# **Example: Importing a CybOX 2.0 Observable Resulting Structure**

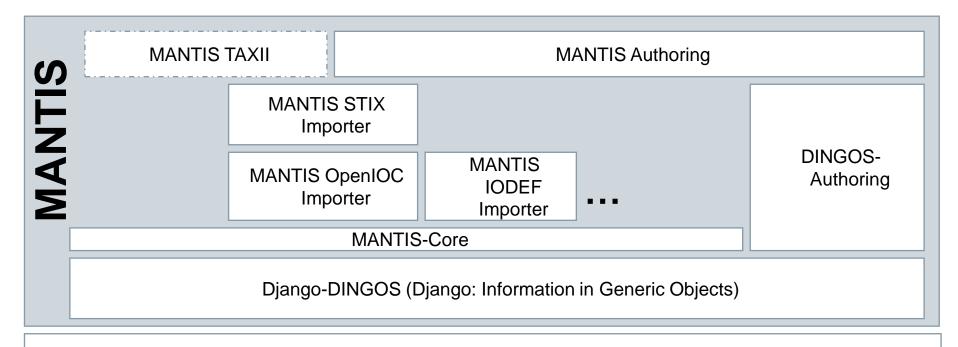


Facts							
		Value					
Properties	File_Name	foobar.dll					
Properties	File_Path	C:\Windows\system32					
Properties	Hashes	Hash	Туре	MD5			
Properties	Hashes	Hash	Simple_Hash_Value	6E48C348D742A931EC2CE90ABD7DAC6A			
Association_Type	Affected						



### **Siemens CERT's MANTIS Framework**

- MANTIS is based on Django, the Python-based web application framework.
- The current version of MANTIS contains import modules for STIX/CybOX, OpenIOC, and IODEF, but the architecture is of MANTIS is generic and provides for easy generation of additional import modules for other standards.



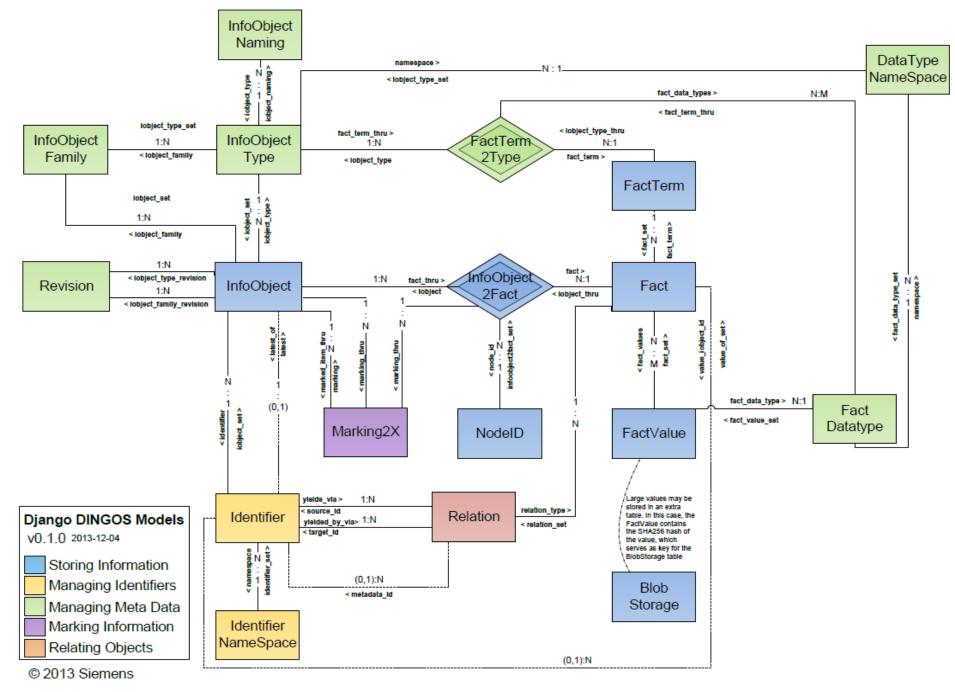
Python DJANGO (version 1.6 or later)



### What MANTIS is and isn't

- MANTIS is a PoC implementation of a framework for managing cyber threat intelligence expressed in standards such as STIX, CybOX, IODEF, etc.
- The aims of providing such an example implementation are:
  - To aide discussions about tooling for emerging standards such as STIX, CybOX et al.
  - To lower the entrance barrier for organizations and teams (esp. CERT teams) in using emerging standards for cyber-threat intelligence management and exchange.
  - To provide a platform on the basis of which research and communitydriven development in the area of cyber-threat intelligence management can occur.

- MANTIS isn't a finished tool or project: we like to think that it provides a solid basis on which cyber-threat intelligence management can be built up upon, but if you expect something that out of the box covers all aspects of cyber-threat intelligence management or are unable/unwilling to dive into Django and Python code and fix/modify according to your requirements, MANTIS isn't for you. This may change sometime in the future when Mantis reaches version 1 0 0 but currently, we are at 0.3.0...
- MANTIS (currently) isn't a tool fit for importing *huge* datasets or huge numbers of datasets. This situation may change at some point of time with more stream-lined importers, but MANTIS is really not intended to deal with very big data the way log management solutions are.



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# **Screenshots** Menubar

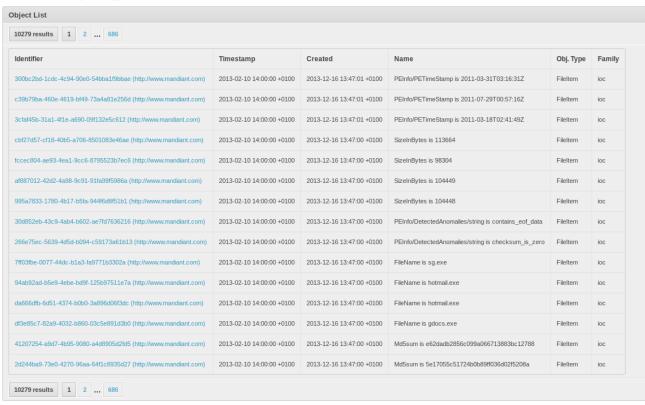
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Campaign Indicators	Info Object List (filter by ID)	Sandbox reports of past 48h	Edit saved searches
	Fact Search (simple)	phishing mails (past 48h)	Log out
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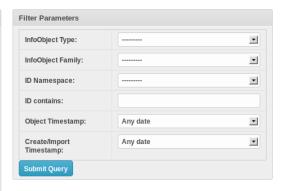


## **Viewing imported InfoObjects**



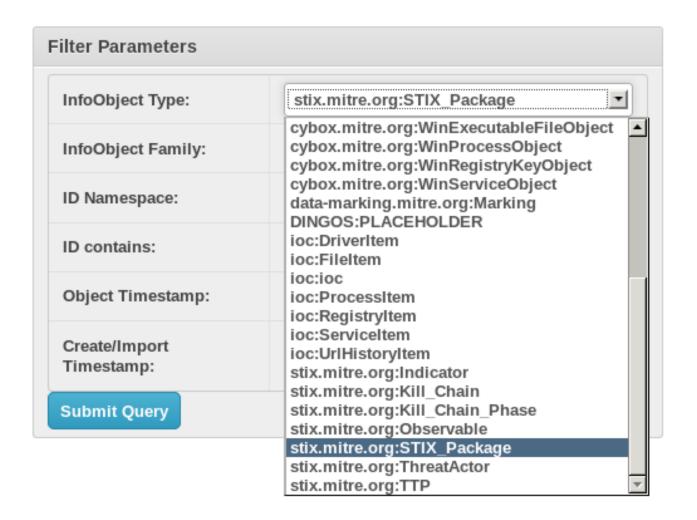
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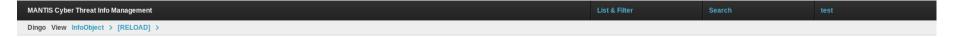
### Filtering InfoObjects



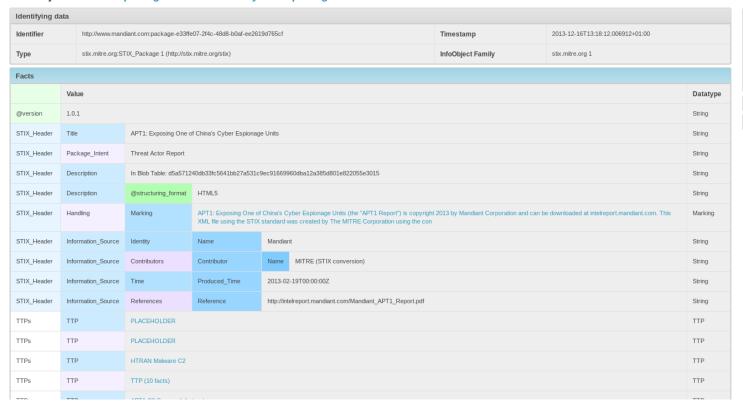
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### Viewing an InfoObject



#### Info Object: APT1: Exposing One of China's Cyber Espionage Units



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## Viewing another InfoObject

The widget on the right-hand side (bottom) shows, in which InfoObjects the given InfoObject is embedded.

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APT1: Exposing One of China's Cyber



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## **Searching**

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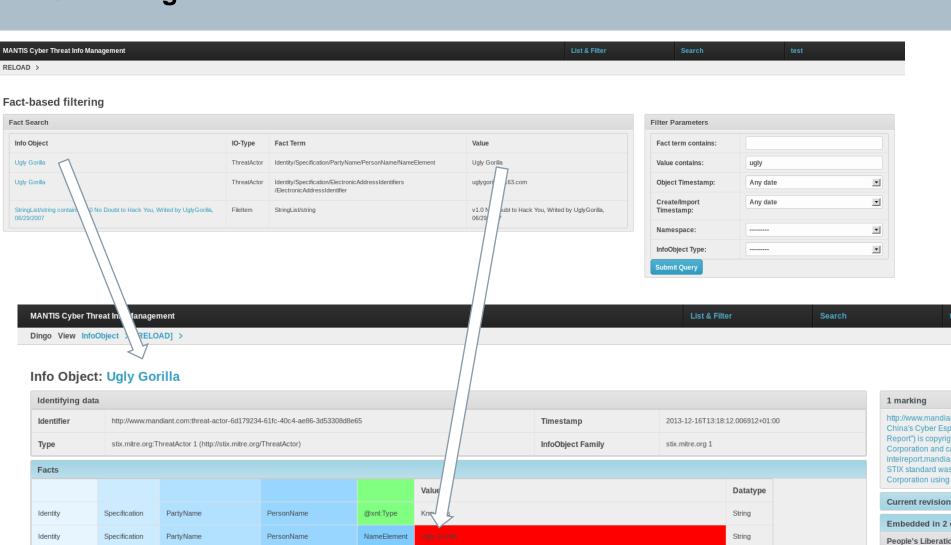
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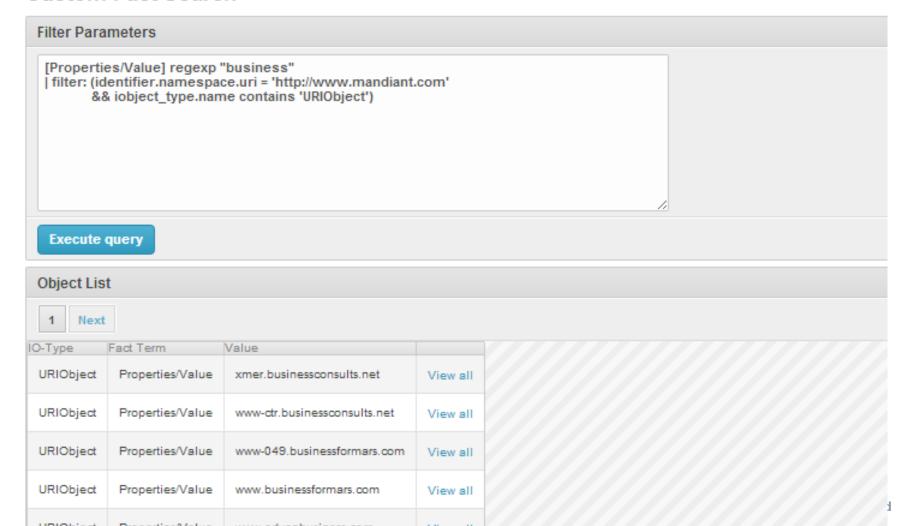
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## **Searching with custom search (upcoming feature)**

#### **Custom Fact Search**





### Searching with custom search (upcoming feature)

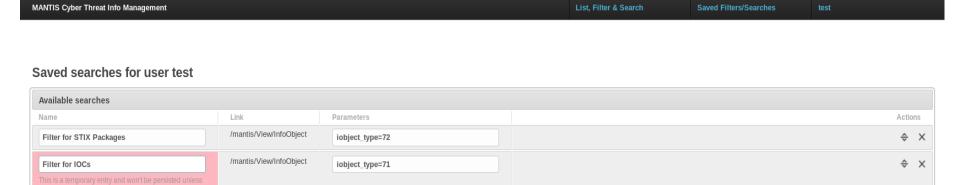
#### Filter Parameters

#### Execute que

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IO-Type, Fact Term, Value
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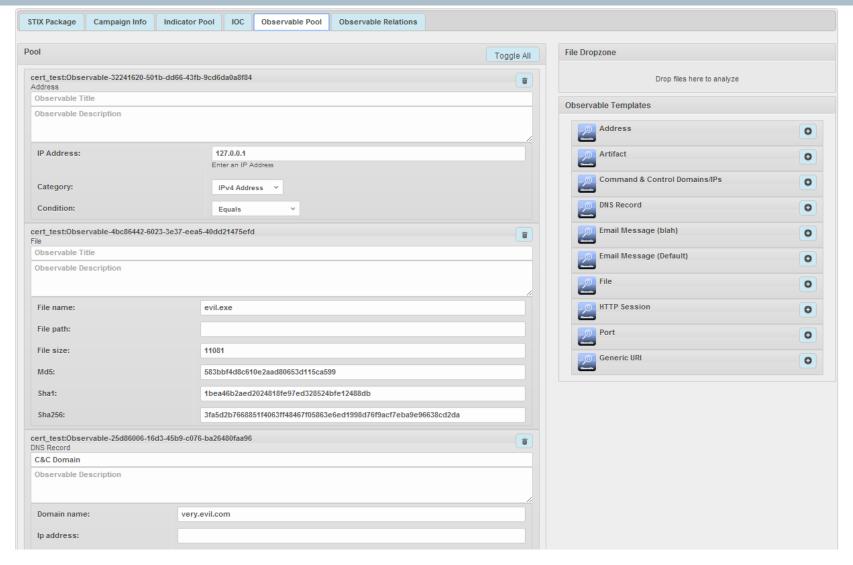
## **Editing Custom Searches**





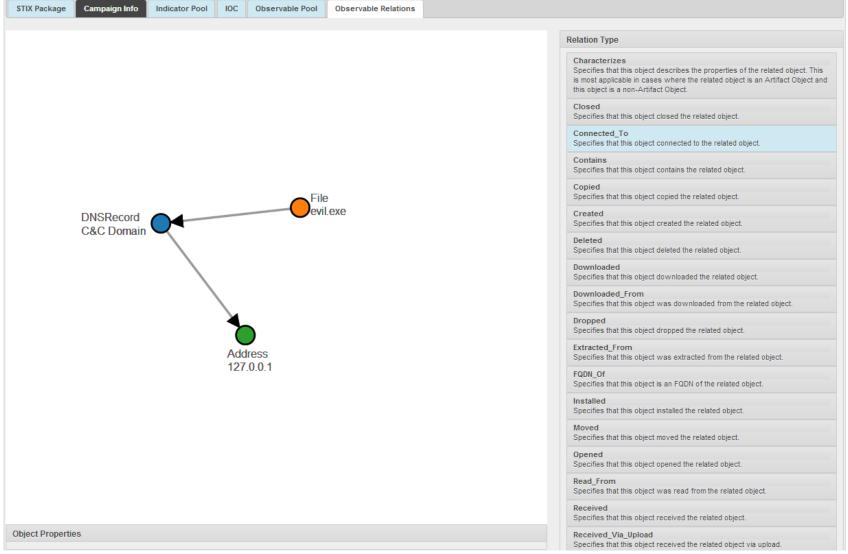


## **Authoring: Entering Observables**





## **Authoring: Defining Relations between Objects**





### Where to get MANTIS?

Access to the Mantis source code for installation:

- Either via git clone from the Mantis Github Repository (https://github.com/siemens/django-mantis.git) (recommended): git clone https://github.com/siemens/django-mantis.git
- Or via download as zip package from https://github.com/siemens/djangomantis/archive/master.zip

There is a mailing list for dicussions, questions, etc.:

- Subscribe to the mailing list by sending a mail to Mantis-ti-discussionjoin@lists.trusted-introducer.org.
- The archives of the mailing list are available via Nabble (http://mantis-threatintelligence-management-framework-discussion-list.57317.x6.nabble.com/)

Many thanks to the TF-CSIRT Trusted Introducer for their support in hosting the list!

All issues regarding Mantis and its components are tracked on the Mantis Issue Tracker (https://github.com/siemens/django-mantis/issues?state=open)

Documentation: the full documentation is at http://django-mantis.readthedocs.org.