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From Intelligence to Action

Embedding TI into Your Security Operations (Halloween Edition)



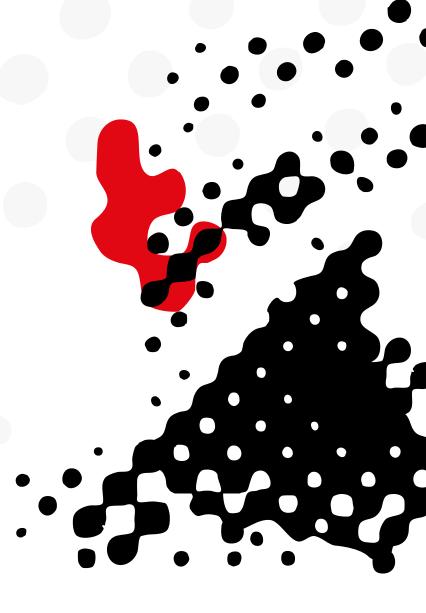


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The Intelligence-Action Gap

How many of you buy Threat Intelligence **feeds**? How many feel you use them **effectively**?































The Problem

Why Threat Intelligence often fails to deliver value?

- Too many raw IOCs → analyst overload
- Feeds not integrated into daily tools
- Lack of context for prioritization
- Business risk: wasted spend + missed threats

This is an analyst's nightmare!



Threat Intelligence Acquisition Scenarios

(and related pros and cons)

	Subscription to TIP	Subscription to TIP + Managed Analysis	TI as Part of the SOC Service	Outsource TI Service (No TIP Ownership)	Hybrid Model (Int + Ext Collaboration)
D E S C R I P T I O N	The company buys access to a TIP (e.g., SATAYO, Recorded Future, Google Threat Intelligence, Anomali, etc.) and its data feeds. The internal blue team or TI analysts handle ingestion, enrichment, and analysis.	The provider offers both the platform and human analysis (enrichment, contextualization, reporting).	The SOC includes a TI component (feeds, correlation rules, contextual reports).	A provider delivers reports, briefings, and IOCs without giving access to a platform (pure managed service).	The company owns a TIP and has an internal TI team but also consumes curated intelligence and support from external experts or ISACs.
P R O S	Full control over data, sources, and workflows. Customizable correlation with internal telemetry (SIEM, EDR, etc.).	Fast maturity gain and no need to build a full internal TI team. Continuous flow of actionable intelligence.	Integrated detection and response; SOC can act immediately. Simplified management (single provider). Cost-effective for small/medium organizations.	Minimal setup effor; fully outsourced. Predictable cost structure. Suitable for organizations with low TI maturity.	Balanced control and scalability. Combines internal visibility with external context. Strong collaboration and resilience.
C O N S	Requires skilled analysts and dedicated time. Costly in human resources and training. Risk of underusing the platform if internal maturity is low.	Limited customization of analysis priorities (depends). Dependence on the provider for insights. Integration with internal tools may be constrained.	Usually focused on operational TI only (indicators, alerts), less on strategic or tactical layers. May lack flexibility for custom threat research (depends).	No data ownership or integration capability. Difficult to validate or enrich information internally. Lower long-term knowledge growth.	Requires governance to avoid data duplication or conflicting sources. Potentially higher overall cost. Needs coordination between multiple actors.











+ SOC Attacker Centric Service

I'll take a guess...

Why Threat Intelligence often fails to deliver value?

Case 1

Situation: The SIEM sends an alert regarding scan attempts from an AWS IP.

SOC Analyst 1: Ouch, this IP is doing some nasty things! Let's check AbuseIPDB!

SOC Analyst 2: Ouch, this IP (the same) is doing some nasty things! Let's check AbuseIPDB!

SOC Analyst N: Ouch, this IP (the same) is doing some nasty things! Let's check AbuseIPDB!

Case 2

Situation: Scoop #1! New **data breach** involving a gazillion credentials! Run for cover! SOC Analyst: I suggest notify all customers, they should reset their user credentials immediately.

Case 3

Situation: Scoop #2! Critical zero day allows RCE on **vendor X** firewall dashboard! SOC Analyst: I recommend temporarily downing the internet connectivity of customer Y.

Case 4

Situation: The SIEM sends an alert regarding a recently created **typosquatting domain**. SOC Analyst: I suggest blocking all incoming and outgoing traffic for that domain.





Want to know the correct analysis for these use cases? Follow the pumpkin!



https://www.neteye-blog.com/2025/10/neteye-conference-2025-the-correct-analysis-for-some-use-cases/

Vision: Intelligence That Works

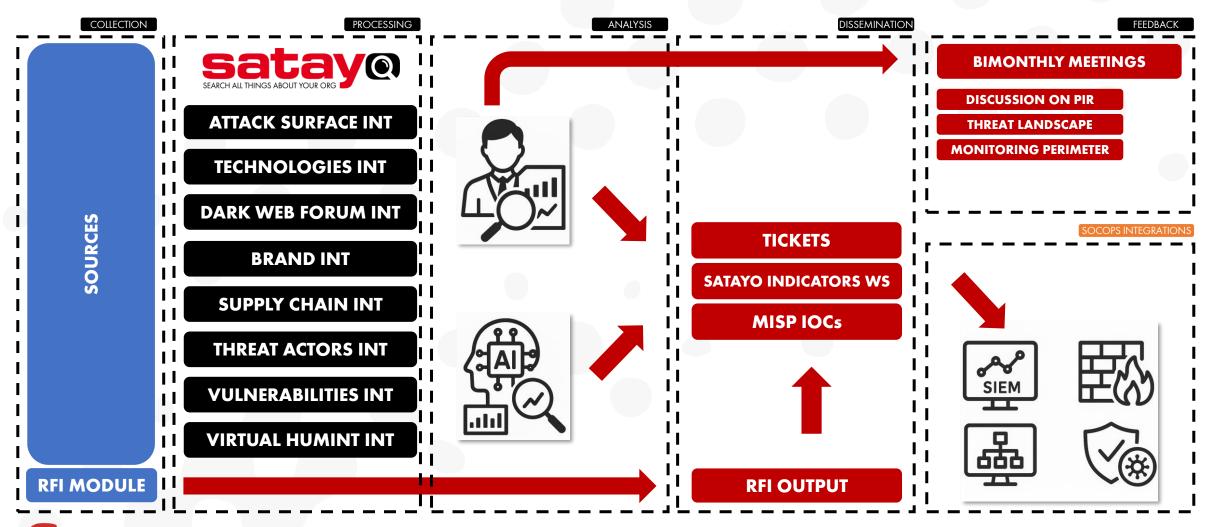
Goal: Threat Intelligence **must be embedded** (at least) into:

- **SIEM** (better detection)
- **SOAR** (faster response)
- **EDR** (endpoint visibility & hunting)
- Vulnerability Management (smarter patching)



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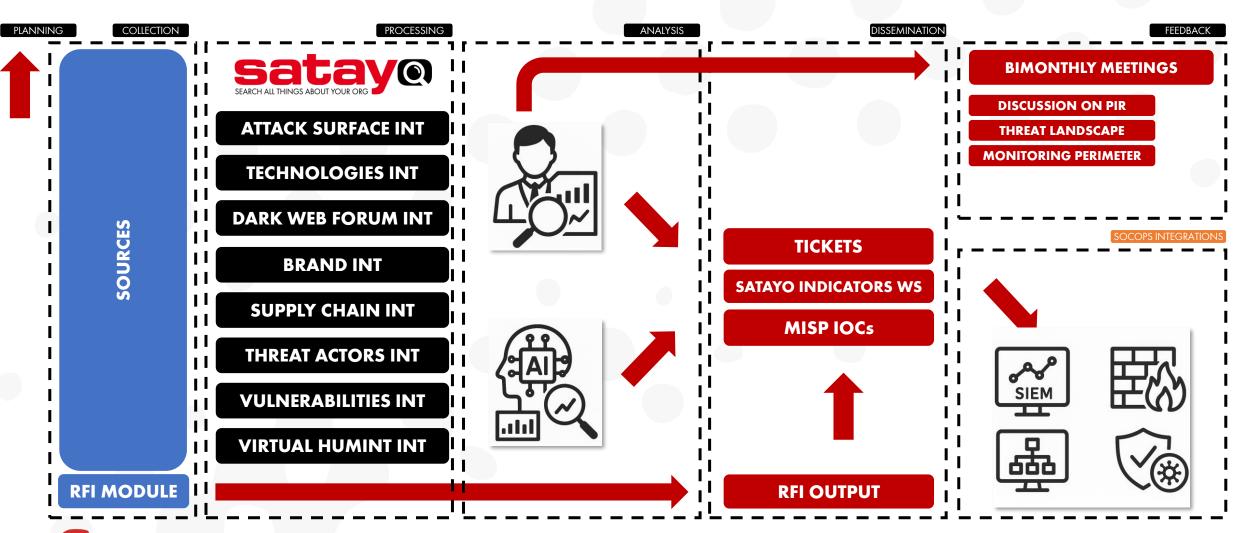
Question:

what did I forget?



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Start by registering the PIRs

(aka Priority Intelligence Requirements)

- What are your organization's most critical business processes, services, data, or assets?
- Which business units or subsidiaries would have the highest operational or financial impact if disrupted by a cyberattack?
- Which types of threats or threat actors concern you the most?
- Are there specific regions, industries, or technologies you believe are being targeted that overlap with your organization's exposure?
- Have you experienced significant incidents in the past?
- What parts of your infrastructure or digital footprint are most exposed to external threats?
- Do you have third parties or suppliers whose compromise could significantly impact your operations?



5 practical Use Cases

(this is where I show you that it's truly possible to integrate TI into Security Operations)



Case #1: Hunting with Context

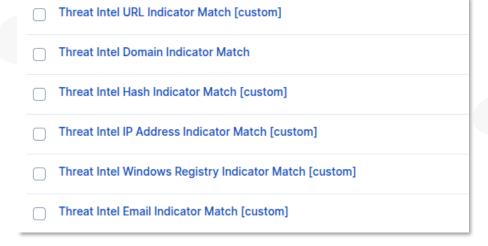


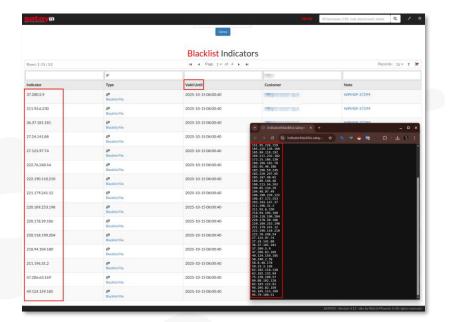
Once we have the MISP platform integrated into the SIEM, we can manage continuous hunting!

Which indicators should be included in MISP?

- Indicators provided by paid feeds (usually higher quality)
- Indicators present on internal tickets managed by the SOC Operations team
- Indicators present on tickets managed by the Threat Intelligence team
- Indicators present on internal reports managed by the Incident Response team
- Indicators from publicly available reports









But for some scenarios, raw format may be the best choice!



Case #2: Vulnerability Management

How Threat Intelligence helps prioritize patching?

A Vulnerability Assessment (part of Vulnerability Management) process, by its very nature, is driven to produce a list of vulnerabilities.

Threat Intelligence can help us understand, for each vulnerability, whether:

- there are exploits
- it is actively exploited
- what are the chances of it being exploited
- there are **rumors** (even in underground environments)
- it is present on a system **exposed** to the **Internet**

The result: patching one (really) critical vulnerability often leads to fixing many other vulnerabilities.





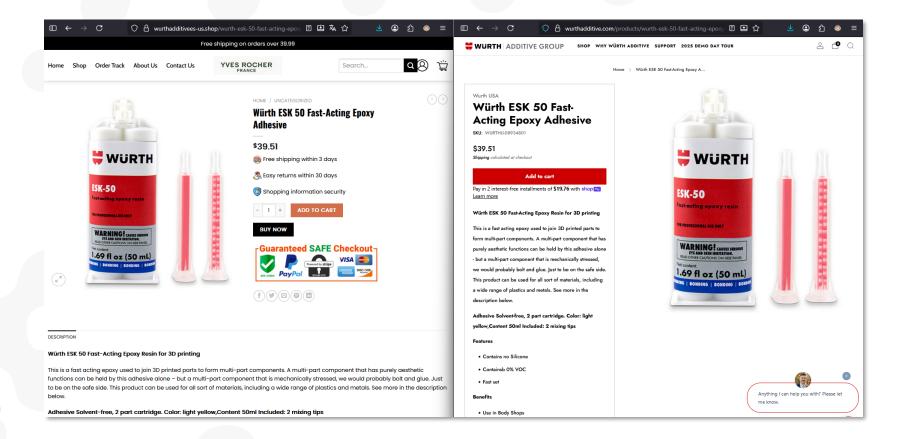




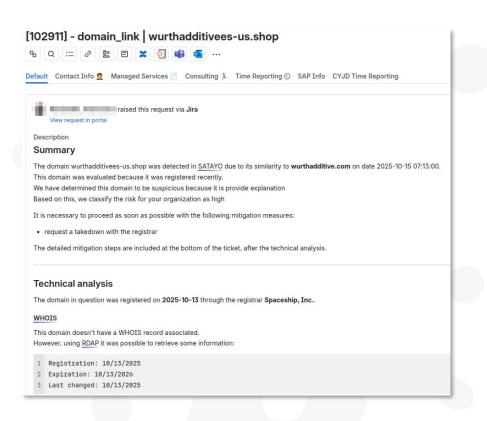


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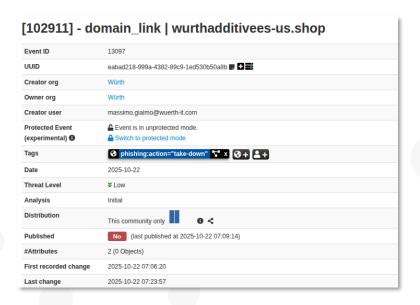




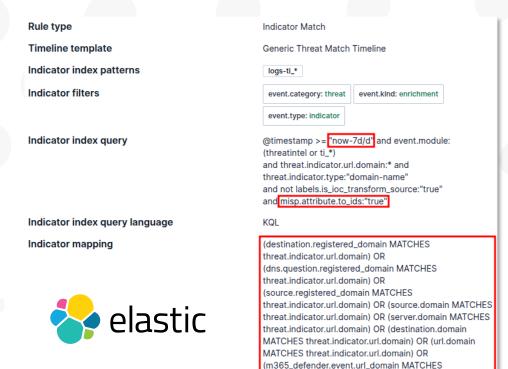








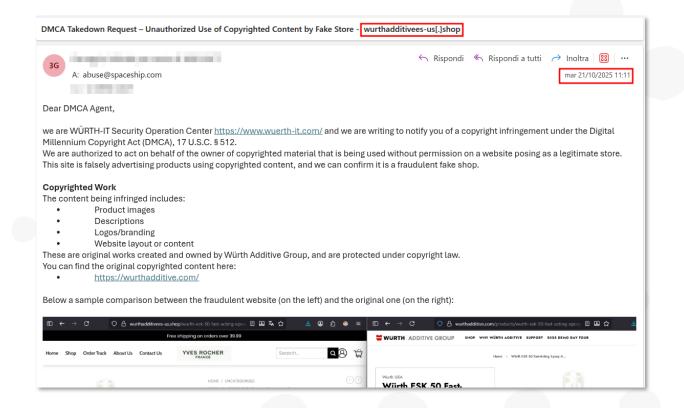




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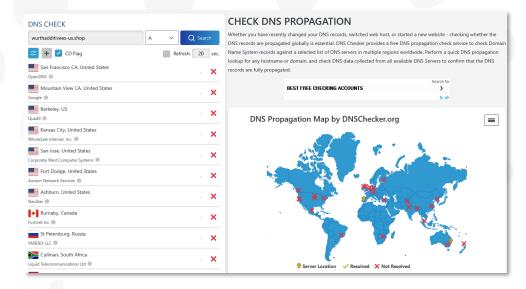


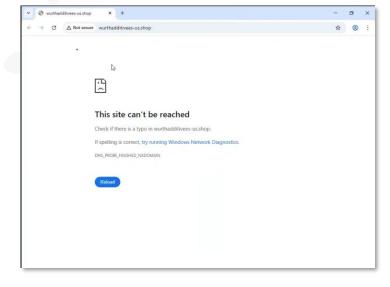




Is it always that simple?! Oh, certainly not!







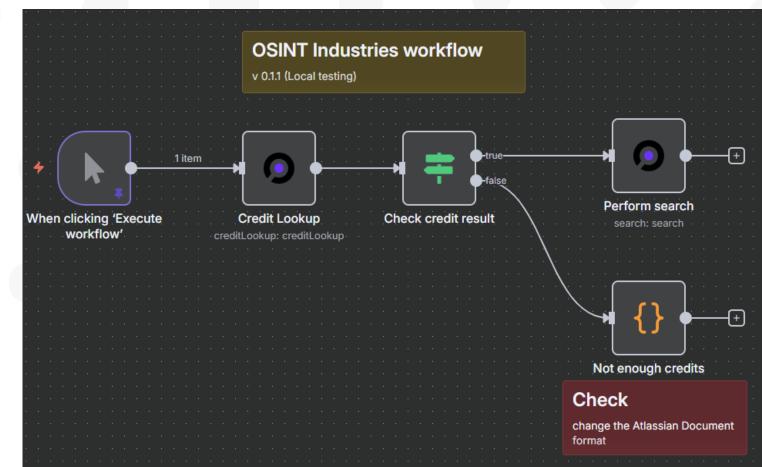


Case #4: SOAR Automatic Response

How Threat Intelligence powers SOAR playbooks?

- Auto-block malicious IPs/domains
- Auto-quarantine suspicious endpoints
- Guided escalation (actor profiles, TTPs)
- Enriching an email account







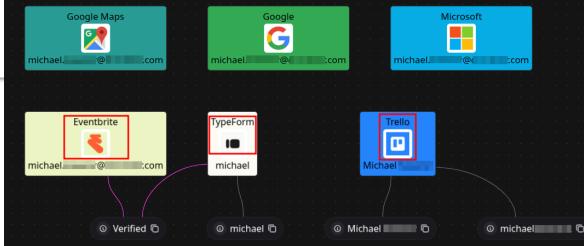
Case #4: SOAR Automatic Response











DETAILS

- Utente: Michael.
- sorgente: 84.18.
- Regola di forwarding: updateinboxrules
- Timestamp: Sep 4, 2025, 11:30:00 AM

Subsequent SOAR Workflows

If the set thresholds are triggered, I can, for example:

- reset the password
- disable the user



Case #5: ip detected by SIEM detection rule

Malicious Traffic blocked: Microsoft SharePoint CVE-2025-49704

Event ID	12361
UUID	37ea056a-7bc1-4008-b7ee-33f722df0a0e 🕝 🛨 🧮
Creator org	
Owner org	
Creator user	
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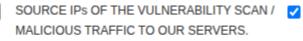
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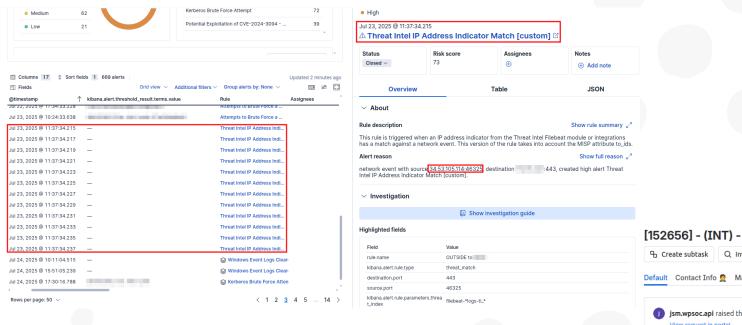






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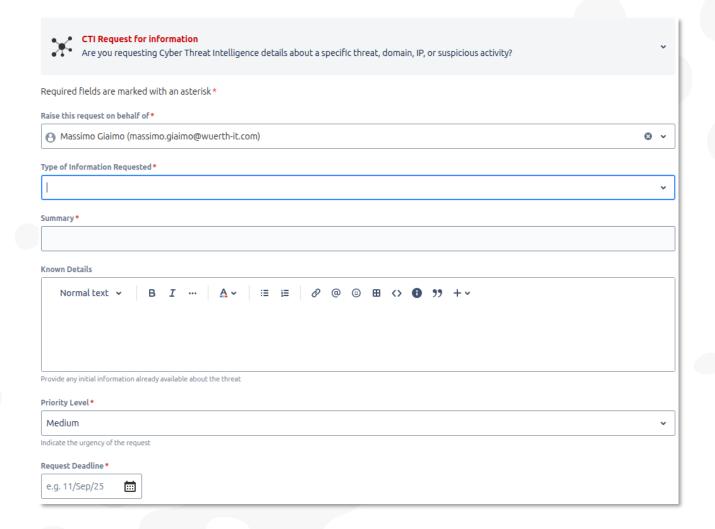








Request For Information



You need to make the SOC Operations team **confident** that they can ask the Threat Intelligence team questions! What questions?

- Threat Actor Profiling
- Malware Behavior Analysis
- Indicators of Attack (IoAs)
- Indicators of Compromise (IoCs)
- Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs)
- Mitigation Strategies
- Exploit or Vulnerability Details
- Domain Takedown Request



So? The gran finale

(this is where I try to convince you that I've said useful things)

- Start with one assumption: Threat Intelligence within SOC Operations is <u>necessary</u>.
- Start by setting up <u>PIRs</u>.
- If your TI provider doesn't know what **PIRs** are, change providers.
- Threat Intelligence must be actionable (anyone who tells you otherwise is lying!
- Threat Intelligence findings must always be linked to a clear Course of Action (CoA), often operational, sometimes strategic.
- There will always be someone who will question the usefulness of TI: **measure it** (but that's another topic, another talk is needed...) so you can disprove those who caim it.
- Acquire TI from those who are accustomed to producing TI, <u>not from those who are merely consumers</u> (MSP style).
- The more you consume TI (in the right way, of course), the more **convinced you** will be of its usefulness.
- Did I mention <u>PIRs</u> yet?





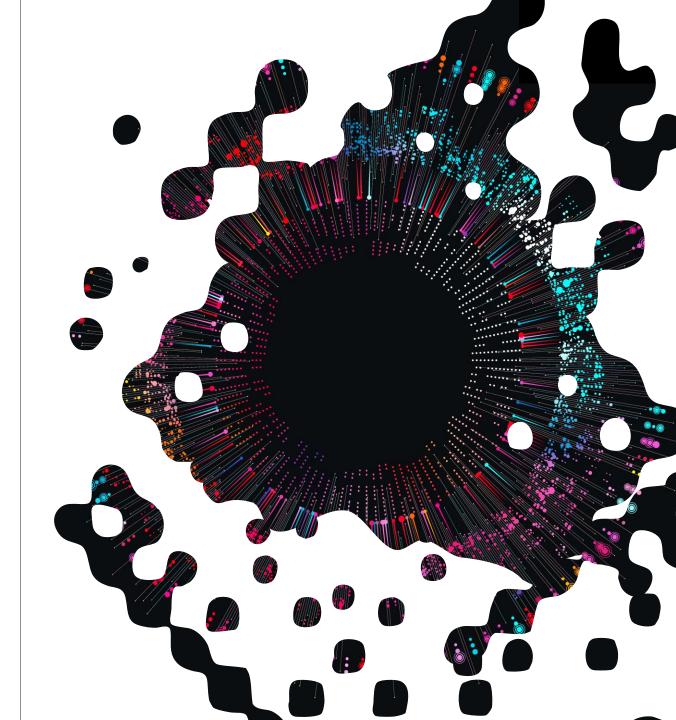
Thank you!

Producing actionable intelligence must be the mindset that every Threat Intelligence analyst must set as their primary objective.

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