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After you have parsed and normalized the raw security telemetry events, the next step is to enrich the data elements of the normalized event.

Enrichments add external data from data stores (such as HBase). Hortonworks Cybersecurity Platform (HCP) uses a combination of HBase, Storm, and the telemetry messages in json format to enrich the data in real time to make it relevant and consumable. For example, the GEO enrichment provide latitude and longitude coordinates plus the city, state, and country for an external IP address. You can use this enriched information immediately rather than needing to hunt in different silos for the relevant information.

HCP supports two types of configurations: global and sensor specific. The sensor specific configuration configures the individual enrichments and threat intelligence enrichments for a given sensor type (for example, squid). This section describes sensor specific configurations.

HCP provides two types of enrichment:

- Telemetry events
- Threat intelligence information

The telemetry data sources for which HCP includes parsers (for example, Bro, Snort, and YAF) already include enrichment topologies that activate when you start the data sources in HCP:, but you can add your own enrichment sources to suit your needs:

- Asset
- GeoIP
- User

One of the advantages of the enrichment topology is that it groups messages by HBase key. Whenever you execute a Stellar function, you can add a caching layer, thus decreasing the need to call HBase for every event.

Prior to enabling an enrichment capability within HCP, the enrichment store (which for HCP is primarily HBase) must be loaded with enrichment data. The dataload utilities convert raw data sources to a primitive key (type, indicator) and value and place it in HBase. You can load enrichment data from the local file system or HDFS, or you can use the parser framework to stream data into the enrichment store. The enrichment loader transforms the enrichment into a JSON format that Apache Metron can use. Additionally, the loading framework can detect and remove old data from the enrichment store automatically.

HCP supports three types of enrichment loaders:

- Bulk load from HDFS via MapReduce
- Taxii Loader
- Flat File ingestion

After you load the stores, you can incorporate into the enrichment topology an enrichment bolt to a specific field or tag within a Metron message. The bolt can detect when it can enrich a field and then take an enrichment from the enrichment store and tag the message with it. The enrichment is then stored within the bolt's in-memory cache. HCP uses the underlying Storm routing capabilities to ensure that similar enrichment values are sent to the appropriate bolts that already have these values cached in-memory.

Setting Up Enrichment Configurations

You can use the enrichment topology to enhance messages with external data and manage threat intelligence data.

The enrichment topology is a topology dedicated to performing the following:

- Taking the data from the parsing topologies normalized into the Metron data format (for example, a JSON Map structure with original_messageand timestamp.

- Enriching messages with external data from data stores (for example, hbase) by adding new fields based on existing fields in the messages.
- Marking messages as threats based on data in external data stores.
- Marking threat alerts with a numeric triage level based on a set of Stellar rules.

The configuration for the `enrichment` topology, the topology primarily responsible for enrichment and threat intelligence enrichment, is defined by JSON documents stored in ZooKeeper.

There are two types of configurations, global and sensor specific.

Sensor Configuration

You can use the sensor-specific configuration to configure the individual enrichments and threat intelligence enrichments for a given sensor type (for example, Snort). The sensor configuration format is a JSON object stored in Apache ZooKeeper.

The sensor enrichment configuration uses the following fields:

fieldToTypeMap	In the case of a simple HBase enrichment (a key/value lookup), the mapping between fields and the enrichment types associated with those fields must be known. This enrichment type is used as part of the HBase key. Note: applies to hbaseEnrichment only. | `"fieldToTypeMap" : { "ip_src_addr" : [ "asset_enrichment" ] }` |
fieldMap	The map of enrichment bolts names to configuration handlers which know how to divide the message. The simplest of which is just a list of fields. More complex examples would be the Stellar enrichment which provides tellar statements. Each field listed in the array arg is sent to the enrichment referenced in the key. Cardinality of fields to enrichments is many-to-many. | `"fieldMap": {"hbaseEnrichment": ["ip_src_addr","ip_dst_addr"]}` |
config	The general configuration for the enrichment.

The `config` map is intended to house enrichment specific configuration. For instance, for hbaseEnrichment, the mappings between the enrichment types to the column families is specified.

The fieldMap contents are of interest because they contain the routing and configuration information for the enrichments. When we say 'routing', we mean how the messages get split up and sent to the enrichment adapter bolts.

The simplest, by far, is just providing a simple list as in

```
"fieldMap": {
      "geo": [
        "ip_src_addr",
        "ip_dst_addr"
      ],
      "host": [
        "ip_src_addr",
        "ip_dst_addr"
      ],
      "hbaseEnrichment": [
        "ip_src_addr",
        "ip_dst_addr"
      ]
      }
```

Based on this sample config, both ip_src_addr and ip_dst_addr will go to the `geo`, `host`, and `hbaseEnrichment` adapter bolts.

Bulk Loading Sources

Hortonworks Cybersecurity Platform (HCP) is designed to work with STIX/Taxii threat feeds, but can also be bulk loaded with threat data from a CSV file.

You can bulk load enrichment information from the following sources:

- CSV File Ingestion
- HDFS via MapReduce
- Taxii Loader

CSV File

The shell script $METRON_HOME/bin/flatfile_loader.sh reads data from local disk and loads the enrichment data into an HBase table. This loader uses the special configuration parameter inputFormatHandler to specify how to consider the data. The two implementations are BY_LINE and org.apache.metron.dataloads.extractor.inputformat.WholeFileFormat.

The default is BY_LINE, which makes sense for a list of CSVs in which each line indicates a unit of information to be imported. However, if you are importing a set of STIX documents, then you want each document to be considered as input to the Extractor.

The parameters for the utility are as follows:

Short Code	Long Code	Required?	Description
-h		No	Generates the help screen or set of options
-e	--extractor_config	Yes	JSON document describing the extractor for this input data source
-t	--hbase_table	Yes	The HBase table to import into
-c	--hbase_cf	Yes	The HBase table column family to import into
-i	--input	Yes	The input data location on local disk. If this is a file, then that file is loaded. If this is a directory, then the files are loaded recursively under that directory.
-l	--log4j	No	The log4j properties file to load
-n	--enrichment_config	No	The JSON document describing the enrichments to configure. Unlike other loaders, this is run first if specified.

HDFS Through MapReduce

The shell script $METRON_HOME/bin/flatfile_loader.sh starts the MapReduce job to load data from HDFS to an HBase table. The following is as example of the syntax:

```
$METRON_HOME/bin/flatfile_loader.sh -i /tmp/top-10k.csv -t enrichment -c t -
e ./extractor.json -m MR
```

The parameters for the utility are as follows:

Short Code	Long Code	Is Required?	Description
-h		No	Generate the help screen or set of options
-e	--extractor_config	Yes	JSON document describing the extractor for this input data source

Short Code	Long Code	Is Required?	Description
-t	--hbase_table	Yes	The HBase table to import to
-c	--hbase_cf	Yes	The HBase table column family to import to
-i	--input	Yes	The input data location on local disk. If this is a file, then that file is loaded. If this is a directory, then the files are loaded recursively under that directory.
-l	--log4j	No	The log4j properties file to load
-n	--enrichment_config	No	The JSON document describing the enrichments to configure. Unlike other loaders, this is run first if specified.

Taxii Loader

You can use the shell script $METRON_HOME/bin/threatintel_taxii_load.sh to poll a Taxii server for STIX documents and ingest them into HBase.

This Taxii server is often an aggregation server such as Soltra Edge.

This loader requires a configuration file describing the connection information to the Taxii server and Enrichment and Extractor configurations. The following is an example of a configuration file:

```
                        {
   "endpoint" : "http://localhost:8282/taxii-discovery-service"
  ,"type" : "DISCOVER"
  ,"collection" : "guest.Abuse_ch"
  ,"table" : "threat_intel"
  ,"columnFamily" : "cf"
  ,"allowedIndicatorTypes" : [ "domainname:FQDN", "address:IPV_4_ADDR" ]
}
```

endpoint The URL of the endpoint

type POLL or DISCOVER, depending on the endpoint

collection The Taxii collection to ingest.

table The HBase table to import to.

columnFamily The column family to import to.

allowedIndicatorTypes An array of acceptable threat intelligence types

The parameters for the utility are as follows:

Short Code	Long Code	Is Required?	Description
-h		No	Generate the help screen or set of options
-e	--extractor_config	Yes	JSON document describing the extractor for this input data source
-c	--taxii_connection_config	Yes	The JSON configuration file to configure the connection

Short Code	Long Code	Is Required?	Description
-p	--time_between_polls	No	The time between polling the Taxii server, in milliseconds. Default: 1 hour
-b	--begin_time	No	Start time to poll the Taxii server (all data from that point will be gathered in the first pull). The format for the date is yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss.
-l	--log4j	No	The Log4j properties to load
-n	--enrichment_config	No	The JSON document describing the enrichments to configure. Unlike other loaders, this is run first if specified.

Configure an Extractor Configuration File

You use the extractor configuration file to bulk load the enrichment store into HBase.

Procedure

1. On the host on which Metron is installed, log in as root.
2. Determine the schema of the enrichment source.
3. Create an extractor configuration file called extractor_config_temp.json and populate it with the enrichment source schema:

```
{
 "config" : {
   "columns" : {
      "domain" : 0
      ,"owner" : 1
      ,"home_country" : 2
      ,"registrar": 3
      ,"domain_created_timestamp": 4
   }
   ,"indicator_column" : "domain"
   ,"type" : "whois"
   ,"separator" : ","
  }
  ,"extractor" : "CSV"
}
```

4. Transform and filter the enrichment data as it is loaded into HBase by using Stellar extractor properties in the extractor configuration file.

   HCP supports the following Stellar extractor properties:

   value_transform

   Transforms fields defined in the columns mapping with Stellar transformations. New keys introduced in the transform are added to the key metadata:

   ```
   "value_transform" : {
      "domain" :
    "DOMAIN_REMOVE_TLD(domain)"
   ```

   value_filter

   Allows additional filtering with Stellar predicates based on results from the value transformations. In the

following example, records whose domain property is empty after removing the TLD are omitted:

```
"value_filter" : "LENGTH(domain) >
 0",
  "indicator_column" : "domain",
```

indicator_transform

Transforms the indicator column independent of the value transformations. You can refer to the original indicator value by using indicator as the variable name, as shown in the following example:

```
"indicator_transform" : {
   "indicator" :
 "DOMAIN_REMOVE_TLD(indicator)"
```

In addition, if you prefer to piggyback your transformations, you can refer to the variable domain, which allows your indicator transforms to inherit transformations to this value.

indicator_filter

Allows additional filtering with Stellar predicates based on results from the value transformations. In the following example, records with empty indicator values after removing the TLD are omitted:

```
"indicator_filter" :
 "LENGTH(indicator) > 0",
  "type" : "top_domains",
```

Including all of the supported Stellar extractor properties in the extractor configuration file, looks similar to the following:

```
{
   "config" : {
     "zk_quorum" : "$ZOOKEEPER_HOST:2181",
     "columns" : {
        "rank" : 0,
        "domain" : 1
     },
     "value_transform" : {
        "domain" : "DOMAIN_REMOVE_TLD(domain)"
     },
     "value_filter" : "LENGTH(domain) > 0",
     "indicator_column" : "domain",
     "indicator_transform" : {
        "indicator" : "DOMAIN_REMOVE_TLD(indicator)"
     },
     "indicator_filter" : "LENGTH(indicator) > 0",
     "type" : "top_domains",
     "separator" : ","
   },
   "extractor" : "CSV"
 }
```

If you run a file import with this data and extractor configuration, you get the following two extracted data records:

Indicator	Type	Value
google	top_domains	{ "rank" : "1", "domain" : "google" }
yahoo	top_domains	{ "rank" : "2", "domain" : "yahoo" }

5. To access properties that reside in the global configuration file, provide a ZooKeeper quorum by using the zk_quorum property.

   If the global configuration looks like "global_property" : "metron-ftw", enter the following to expand the value_transform:

```
"value_transform" : {
    "domain" : "DOMAIN_REMOVE_TLD(domain)",
     "a-new-prop" : "global_property"
 },
```

   The resulting value data looks like the following:

Indicator	Type	Value
google	top_domains	{ "rank" : "1", "domain" : "google", "a-new-prop" : "metron-ftw" }
yahoo	top_domains	{ "rank" : "2", "domain" : "yahoo", "a-new-prop" : "metron-ftw" }

6. Remove any non-ASCII invisible characters included when you cut and pasted the value_transform information:

```
iconv -c -f utf-8 -t ascii extractor_config_temp.json -o
 extractor_config.json
```

   The extractor_config.json file is not stored by the loader. If you want to reuse it, you must store it yourself.

Configure Element-to-Enrichment Mapping

Configure which element of a tuple should be enriched with which enrichment type. This configuration is stored in Apache ZooKeeper.

Procedure

1. On the host with Metron installed, log in as root.
2. Cut and paste the following syntax into a file called enrichment_config_temp.json, being sure to customize $ZOOKEEPER_HOST and $DATASOURCE to your specific values, where $DATASOURCE refers to the name of the data source you use to bulk load the enrichment:

```
{
     "zkQuorum" : "$ZOOKEEPER_HOST:2181"
    ,"sensorToFieldList" : {
          "$DATASOURCE" : {
             "type" : "ENRICHMENT"
            ,"fieldToEnrichmentTypes" : {
                 "domain_without_subdomains" : [ "whois" ]
              }
          }
    }
}
```

3. Remove any non-ASCII invisible characters in the pasted syntax in Step 2:

```
iconv -c -f utf-8 -t ascii enrichment_config_temp.json -o
 enrichment_config.json
```

Run the Enrichment Loader

After you configure the extractor configuration file and the element-enrichment mapping, you must run the loader to move the data from the enrichment source to the HCP enrichment store and store the enrichment configuration in Apache ZooKeeper.

Procedure

1. Use the loader to move the enrichment source to the enrichment store in ZooKeeper:

   ```
   $METRON_HOME/bin/flatfile_loader.sh -n enrichment_config.json -i
    whois_ref.csv -t enrichment -c t -e extractor_config.json
   ```

   HCP loads the enrichment data into Apache HBase and establishes a ZooKeeper mapping. The data is extracted using the extractor and the configuration is defined in the extractor_config.json file and populated into an HBase table called enrichment.
2. Verify that the logs were properly ingested to HBase:

   ```
   hbase shell
   scan 'enrichment'
   ```
3. Verify that the ZooKeeper enrichment tag was properly populated:

   ```
   $METRON_HOME/bin/zk_load_configs.sh -m DUMP -z $ZOOKEEPER_HOST:2181
   ```
4. Generate some data by using a client for your particular data source to execute requests.

Map Fields to HBase Enrichments Using the Management Module

After you establish dataflow to the HBase table, you must use the HCP Management module or the CLI to ensure that the enrichment topology is enriching the data flowing past. You can use the Management module to refine the parser output in three ways: transformations, enrichments, threat intel.

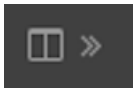
Before you begin

Your sensor must be running and producing data to load sample data.

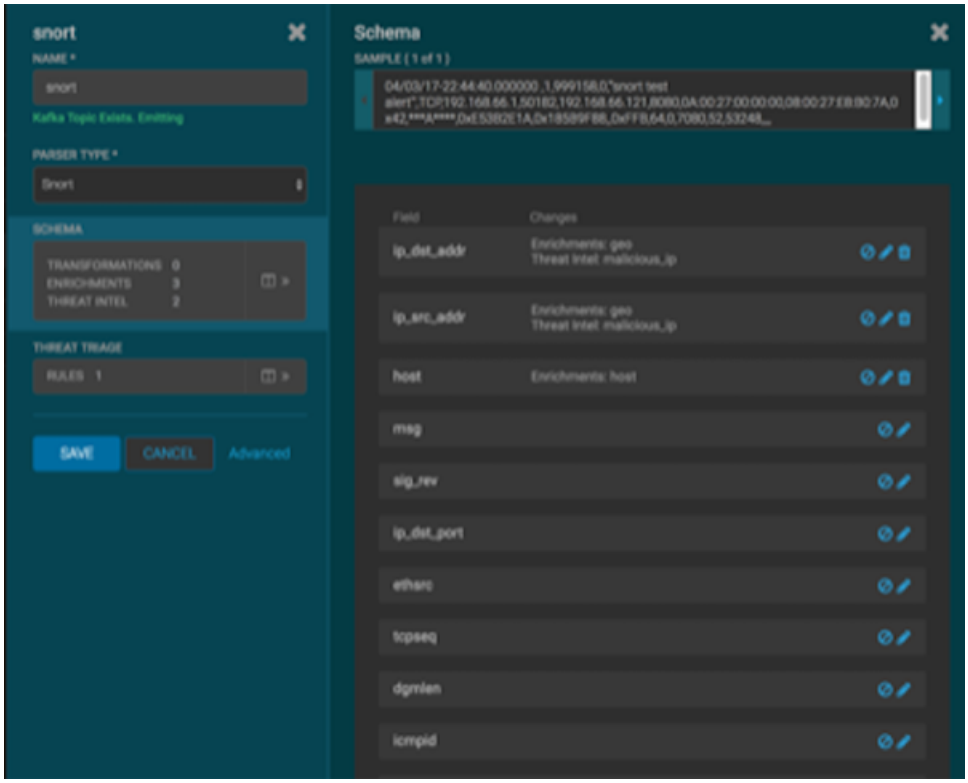
Procedure

1. From the list of sensors in the main window, select your new sensor.
2. Click the pencil icon in the toolbar.

   The Management module displays the sensor panel for the new sensor.
3. In the Schema panel, click

   .
4. Review the resulting message, field, and value information displayed in the Schema panel.



The Sample field displays a parsed version of a sample message from the sensor. The Management module tests your transformations against these parsed messages.

You can use the right and left arrow to view the parsed version of each sample message available from the sensor.

5. Apply transformations to an existing field by clicking

or create a new field by clicking

.

6. If you create a new field, complete the fields.
7. Click SAVE.
8. If you want to suppress fields from showing in the Index, click

.

9. Click SAVE.

Map Fields to HBase Enrichments Using CLI

As an alternative to using the HCP Management module to map fields to HBase enrichment, you can use the CLI.

Procedure

1. Edit the new data source enrichment configuration at $METRON_HOME/config/zookeeper/enrichments/$DATASOURCE to associate the ip_src_addr with the user enrichment:

```
{
  "index" : "squid",
```

```
  "batchSize" : 1,
  "enrichment" : {
    "fieldMap" : {
      "hbaseEnrichment" : [ "ip_src_addr" ]
    },
    "fieldToTypeMap" : {
      "ip_src_addr" : [ "whois" ]
    },
    "config" : { }
  },
  "threatIntel" : {
    "fieldMap" : { },
    "fieldToTypeMap" : { },
    "config" : { },
    "triageConfig" : {
      "riskLevelRules" : { },
      "aggregator" : "MAX",
      "aggregationConfig" : { }
    }
  },
  "configuration" : { }
}
```

2. Push this configuration to ZooKeeper:

```
$METRON_HOME/bin/zk_load_configs.sh -m PUSH -z $ZOOKEEPER_HOST:2181 -i
 $METRON_HOME/zookeeper
```

What to do next

After you finish enriching telemetry events, you should ensure that the enriched data is displaying on the Metron dashboard.

Stream Enrichment Information

Streaming enrichment information is useful when you need enrichment information in real time. This type of information is most useful in real time as opposed to waiting for a bulk load of the enrichment information. You incorporate streaming intelligence feeds slightly differently than when you use bulk loading. The enrichment information resides in its own parser topology instead of in an extraction configuration file. The parser file defines the input structure and how that data is used in enrichment. Streaming information goes to Apache HBase rather than to Apache Kafka, so you must configure the writer by using both the writerClassName and simple HBase enrichment writer (shew) parameters.

Procedure

1. Define a parser topology in $METRON_HOME/zookeeper/parsers/user.json:

```
touch $METRON_HOME/config/zookeeper/parsers/user.json
```

2. Populate the file with the parser topology definition.

   For example, the following commands associate IP addresses with user names for the Squid information.

```
{
 "parserClassName" : "org.apache.metron.parsers.csv.CSVParser"
 ,"writerClassName" :
 "org.apache.metron.enrichment.writer.SimpleHbaseEnrichmentWriter"
 ,"sensorTopic":"user"
 ,"parserConfig":
 {
```

```
    "shew.table" : "enrichment"
   ,"shew.cf" : "t"
   ,"shew.keyColumns" : "ip"
   ,"shew.enrichmentType" : "user"
   ,"columns" : {
      "user" : 0
     ,"ip" : 1
                }
 }
}
```

parserClassName	The parser name.
writerClassName	The writer destination. For streaming parsers, the destination is SimpleHbaseEnrichmentWriter.
sensorTopic	Name of the sensor topic.
shew.table	The simple HBase enrichment writer (shew) table to which you want to write.
shew.cf	The simple HBase enrichment writer (shew) column family.
shew.keyColumns	The simple HBase enrichment writer (shew) key.
shew.enrichmentType	The simple HBase enrichment writer (shew) enrichment type.
columns	The CSV parser information. In this example, the user name and IP address.

This file fully defines the input structure and how that data can be used in enrichment.

3. Push the configuration file to Apache ZooKeeper:
   a) Create a Kafka topic sized to manage your estimated data flow:

```
/usr/hdp/current/kafka-broker/bin/kafka-topics.sh --create --zookeeper
 $ZOOKEEPER_HOST:2181 --replication-factor 1 --partitions 1 --topic user
```

   Push the configuration file to ZooKeeper:

```
$METRON_HOME/bin/zk_load_configs.sh -m PUSH -z $ZOOKEEPER_HOST:2181 -i
 $METRON_HOME/zookeeper
```

4. Start the user parser topology:

```
$METRON_HOME/bin/start_parser_topology.sh -s user -z $ZOOKEEPER_HOST:2181
 -k $KAKFA_HOST:6667
```

   The parser topology listens for data streaming in and pushes the data to HBase. Data is flowing into the HBase table, but you must ensure that the enrichment topology can be used to enrich the data flowing past.

5. Edit the new data source enrichment configuration at $METRON_HOME/config/zookeeper/enrichments/squid to associate the ip_src_addr with the user name:

```
{
  "enrichment" : {
    "fieldMap" : {
```

```
      "hbaseEnrichment" : [ "ip_src_addr" ]
    },
    "fieldToTypeMap" : {
      "ip_src_addr" : [ "user" ]
    },
    "config" : { }
  },
  "threatIntel" : {
    "fieldMap" : { },
    "fieldToTypeMap" : { },
    "config" : { },
    "triageConfig" : {
      "riskLevelRules" : { },
      "aggregator" : "MAX",
      "aggregationConfig" : { }
    }
  },
  "configuration" : { }
}
```

6. Push the new data source enrichment configuration to ZooKeeper:

```
$METRON_HOME/bin/zk_load_configs.sh -m PUSH -z $ZOOKEEPER_HOST:2181 -i
 $METRON_HOME/zookeeper
```