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Abstract

This document describes the MISP core format used to exchange indicators and threat information between MISP (Malware Information and threat Sharing Platform) instances. The JSON format includes the overall structure along with the semantic associated for each respective key. The format is described to support other implementations which reuse the format and ensuring an interoperability with existing MISP [[MISP-P](#)] software and other Threat Intelligence Platforms.

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## **1. Introduction**

Sharing threat information became a fundamental requirements in the Internet, security and intelligence community at large. Threat information can include indicators of compromise, malicious file indicators, financial fraud indicators or even detailed information about a threat actor. MISP [[MISP-P](#)] started as an open source project in late 2011 and the MISP format started to be widely used as an exchange format within the community in the past years. The aim of this document is to describe the specification and the MISP core format.

### **1.1. Conventions and Terminology**

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

## **2. Format**

### **2.1. Overview**

The MISP core format is in the JSON [[RFC4627](#)] format. In MISP, an event is composed of a single JSON object.

A capitalized key (like Event, Org) represent a data model and a non-capitalised key is just an attribute. This nomenclature can support an implementation to represent the MISP format in another data structure.

### **2.2. Event**

An event is a simple meta structure scheme where attributes and meta-data are embedded to compose a coherent set of indicators. An event can be composed from an incident, a security analysis report or a specific threat actor analysis. The meaning of an event only depends of the information embedded in the event.

#### **2.2.1. Event Attributes**

##### **2.2.1.1. uuid**

uuid represents the Universally Unique IDentifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the event. The uuid MUST be preserved for any updates or transfer of the same event. UUID version 4 is RECOMMENDED when assigning it to a new event.

uuid is represented as a JSON string. uuid MUST be present.



#### [2.2.1.2.](#) **id**

id represents the human-readable identifier associated to the event for a specific MISP instance. A human-readable identifier **MUST** be represented as an unsigned integer.

id is represented as a JSON string. id **SHALL** be present.

#### [2.2.1.3.](#) **published**

published represents the event publication state. If the event was published, the published value **MUST** be true. In any other publication state, the published value **MUST** be false.

published is represented as a JSON boolean. published **MUST** be present.

#### [2.2.1.4.](#) **info**

info represents the information field of the event. info is a free-text value to provide a human-readable summary of the event. info **SHOULD NOT** be bigger than 256 characters and **SHOULD NOT** include new-lines.

info is represented as a JSON string. info **MUST** be present.

#### [2.2.1.5.](#) **threat\_level\_id**

threat\_level\_id represents the threat level.

4:  
    Undefined

3:  
    Low

2:  
    Medium

1:  
    High

If a higher granularity is required, a MISP taxonomy applied as a Tag **SHOULD** be preferred.

threat\_level\_id is represented as a JSON string. threat\_level\_id **SHALL** be present.



#### **2.2.1.6. analysis**

analysis represents the analysis level.

- 0:  
Initial
- 1:  
Ongoing
- 2:  
Complete

If a higher granularity is required, a MISP taxonomy applied as a Tag SHOULD be preferred.

analysis is represented as a JSON string. analysis SHALL be present.

#### **2.2.1.7. date**

date represents a reference date to the event in ISO 8601 format (date only: YYYY-MM-DD). This date corresponds to the date the event occurred, which may be in the past.

date is represented as a JSON string. date MUST be present.

#### **2.2.1.8. timestamp**

timestamp represents a reference time when the event, or one of the attributes within the event was created, or last updated/edited on the instance. timestamp is expressed in seconds (decimal) since 1st of January 1970 (Unix timestamp). The time zone MUST be UTC.

timestamp is represented as a JSON string. timestamp MUST be present.

#### **2.2.1.9. publish\_timestamp**

publish\_timestamp represents a reference time when the event was published on the instance. published\_timestamp is expressed in seconds (decimal) since 1st of January 1970 (Unix timestamp). At each publication of an event, publish\_timestamp MUST be updated. The time zone MUST be UTC. If the published\_timestamp is present and the published flag is set to false, the publish\_timestamp represents the previous publication timestamp. If the event was never published, the published\_timestamp MUST be set to 0.

publish\_timestamp is represented as a JSON string. publish\_timestamp MUST be present.





#### [2.2.1.10.](#) **org\_id**

org\_id represents a human-readable identifier referencing an Org object of the organisation which generated the event. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

The org\_id MUST be updated when the event is generated by a new instance.

org\_id is represented as a JSON string. org\_id MUST be present.

#### [2.2.1.11.](#) **orgc\_id**

orgc\_id represents a human-readable identifier referencing an Orgc object of the organisation which created the event.

The orgc\_id and Org object MUST be preserved for any updates or transfer of the same event.

orgc\_id is represented as a JSON string. orgc\_id MUST be present.

#### [2.2.1.12.](#) **attribute\_count**

attribute\_count represents the number of attributes in the event. attribute\_count is expressed in decimal.

attribute\_count is represented as a JSON string. attribute\_count SHALL be present.

#### [2.2.1.13.](#) **distribution**

distribution represents the basic distribution rules of the event. The system must adhere to the distribution setting for access control and for dissemination of the event.

distribution is represented by a JSON string. distribution MUST be present and be one of the following options:

- 0  
Your Organisation Only
- 1  
This Community Only
- 2  
Connected Communities
- 3



All Communities

4

Sharing Group

#### **2.2.1.14. sharing\_group\_id**

sharing\_group\_id represents a human-readable identifier referencing a Sharing Group object that defines the distribution of the event, if distribution level "4" is set. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

sharing\_group\_id is represented by a JSON string and SHOULD be present. If a distribution level other than "4" is chosen the sharing\_group\_id MUST be set to "0".

#### **2.2.1.15. extends\_uuid**

extends\_uuid represents which event is extended by this event. The extends\_uuid is described as a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] with the UUID of the extended event.

extends\_uuid is represented as a JSON string. extends\_uuid SHOULD be present.

### **2.3. Objects**

#### **2.3.1. Org**

An Org object is composed of an uuid, name and id.

The uuid represents the Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the organisation. The organisation UUID is globally assigned to an organisation and SHALL be kept overtime.

The name is a readable description of the organisation and SHOULD be present. The id is a human-readable identifier generated by the instance and used as reference in the event. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

uuid, name and id are represented as a JSON string. uuid, name and id MUST be present.

##### **2.3.1.1. Sample Org Object**



```
"Org": {  
  "id": "2",  
  "name": "CIRCL",  
  "uuid": "55f6ea5e-2c60-40e5-964f-47a8950d210f"  
}
```

### **2.3.2. Orgc**

An Orgc object is composed of an uuid, name and id.

The uuid MUST be preserved for any updates or transfer of the same event. UUID version 4 is RECOMMENDED when assigning it to a new event. The organisation UUID is globally assigned to an organisation and SHALL be kept overtime.

The name is a readable description of the organisation and SHOULD be present. The id is a human-readable identifier generated by the instance and used as reference in the event. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

uuid, name and id are represented as a JSON string. uuid, name and id MUST be present.

## **2.4. Attribute**

Attributes are used to describe the indicators and contextual data of an event. The main information contained in an attribute is made up of a category-type-value triplet, where the category and type give meaning and context to the value. Through the various category-type combinations a wide range of information can be conveyed.

A MISP document MUST at least includes category-type-value triplet described in section "Attribute Attributes".

### **2.4.1. Sample Attribute Object**



```
"Attribute": {
  "id": "346056",
  "type": "comment",
  "category": "Other",
  "to_ids": false,
  "uuid": "57f4f6d9-cd20-458b-84fd-109ec0a83869",
  "event_id": "3357",
  "distribution": "5",
  "timestamp": "1475679332",
  "comment": "",
  "sharing_group_id": "0",
  "deleted": false,
  "value": "Hello world",
  "SharingGroup": [],
  "ShadowAttribute": [],
  "RelatedAttribute": []
}
```

#### **2.4.2. Attribute Attributes**

##### **2.4.2.1. uuid**

uuid represents the Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the event. The uuid MUST be preserved for any updates or transfer of the same event. UUID version 4 is RECOMMENDED when assigning it to a new event.

uuid is represented as a JSON string. uuid MUST be present.

##### **2.4.2.2. id**

id represents the human-readable identifier associated to the event for a specific MISP instance. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

id is represented as a JSON string. id SHALL be present.

##### **2.4.2.3. type**

type represents the means through which an attribute tries to describe the intent of the attribute creator, using a list of pre-defined attribute types.

type is represented as a JSON string. type MUST be present and it MUST be a valid selection for the chosen category. The list of valid category-type combinations is as follows:

Internal reference





text, link, comment, other, hex

#### Targeting data

target-user, target-email, target-machine, target-org, target-location, target-external, comment

#### Antivirus detection

link, comment, text, hex, attachment, other

#### Payload delivery

md5, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, sha512/224, sha512/256, ssdeep, imphash, impfuzzy, authentihash, pehash, tlsh, filename, filename|md5, filename|sha1, filename|sha224, filename|sha256, filename|sha384, filename|sha512, filename|sha512/224, filename|sha512/256, filename|authentihash, filename|ssdeep, filename|tlsh, filename|imphash, filename|impfuzzy, filename|pehash, ip-src, ip-dst, hostname, domain, email-src, email-dst, email-subject, email-attachment, url, user-agent, AS, pattern-in-file, pattern-in-traffic, yara, attachment, malware-sample, link, malware-type, mime-type, comment, text, vulnerability, x509-fingerprint-sha1, other, ip-dst|port, ip-src|port, hostname|port, email-dst-display-name, email-src-display-name, email-header, email-reply-to, email-x-mailer, email-mime-boundary, email-thread-index, email-message-id, mobile-application-id

#### Artifacts dropped

md5, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, sha512/224, sha512/256, ssdeep, imphash, impfuzzy, authentihash, filename, filename|md5, filename|sha1, filename|sha224, filename|sha256, filename|sha384, filename|sha512, filename|sha512/224, filename|sha512/256, filename|authentihash, filename|ssdeep, filename|tlsh, filename|imphash, filename|impfuzzy, filename|pehash, regkey, regkey|value, pattern-in-file, pattern-in-memory, pdb, yara, sigma, stix2-pattern, gene, attachment, malware-sample, mime-type, named pipe, mutex, windows-scheduled-task, windows-service-name, windows-service-displayname, comment, text, hex, x509-fingerprint-sha1, other

#### Payload installation

md5, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, sha512/224, sha512/256, ssdeep, imphash, authentihash, pehash, tlsh, filename, filename|md5, filename|sha1, filename|sha224, filename|sha256, filename|sha384, filename|sha512, filename|sha512/224, filename|sha512/256, filename|authentihash, filename|ssdeep, filename|tlsh, filename|imphash, filename|pehash, pattern-in-file, mime-type, pattern-in-traffic, pattern-in-memory, yara, stix2-pattern, vulnerability, attachment, malware-sample, malware-



type, comment, text, hex, x509-fingerprint-sha1, mobile-application-id, other

#### Persistence mechanism

filename, regkey, regkey|value, comment, text, other, text

#### Network activity

ip-src, ip-dst, hostname, domain, domain|ip, email-dst, url, uri, user-agent, http-method, AS, snort, pattern-in-file, pattern-in-traffic, stix2-pattern, attachment, comment, text, x509-fingerprint-sha1, other, hex, cookie

#### Payload type

comment, text, other

#### Attribution

threat-actor, campaign-name, campaign-id, whois-registrant-phone, whois-registrant-email, whois-registrant-name, whois-registrar, whois-creation-date, comment, text, x509-fingerprint-sha1, other

#### External analysis

md5, sha1, sha256, filename, filename|md5, filename|sha1, filename|sha256, ip-src, ip-dst, hostname, domain, domain|ip, url, user-agent, regkey, regkey|value, AS, snort, pattern-in-file, pattern-in-traffic, pattern-in-memory, vulnerability, attachment, malware-sample, link, comment, text, x509-fingerprint-sha1, github-repository, other

#### Financial fraud

btc, iban, bic, bank-account-nr, aba-rtn, bin, cc-number, prtn, phone-number, comment, text, other, hex

#### Support tool

attachment, link, comment, text, other, hex

#### Social network

github-username, github-repository, github-organisation, jabber-id, twitter-id, email-src, email-dst, comment, text, other

#### Person

first-name, middle-name, last-name, date-of-birth, place-of-birth, gender, passport-number, passport-country, passport-expiration, redress-number, nationality, visa-number, issue-date-of-the-visa, primary-residence, country-of-residence, special-service-request, frequent-flyer-number, travel-details, payment-details, place-port-of-original-embarkation, place-port-of-clearance, place-port-of-onward-foreign-destination, passenger-name-record-locator-number, comment, text, other, phone-number, identity-card-number



Other

comment, text, other, size-in-bytes, counter, datetime, cpe, port, float, hex, phone-number

Attributes are based on the usage within their different communities. Attributes can be extended on a regular basis and this reference document is updated accordingly.

#### [2.4.2.4.](#) **category**

category represents the intent of what the attribute is describing as selected by the attribute creator, using a list of pre-defined attribute categories.

category is represented as a JSON string. category **MUST** be present and it **MUST** be a valid selection for the chosen type. The list of valid category-type combinations is mentioned above.

#### [2.4.2.5.](#) **to\_ids**

to\_ids represents whether the attribute is meant to be actionable. Actionable defined attributes that can be used in automated processes as a pattern for detection in Local or Network Intrusion Detection System, log analysis tools or even filtering mechanisms.

to\_ids is represented as a JSON boolean. to\_ids **MUST** be present.

#### [2.4.2.6.](#) **event\_id**

event\_id represents a human-readable identifier referencing the Event object that the attribute belongs to. A human-readable identifier **MUST** be represented as an unsigned integer.

The event\_id **SHOULD** be updated when the event is imported to reflect the newly created event's id on the instance.

event\_id is represented as a JSON string. event\_id **MUST** be present.

#### [2.4.2.7.](#) **distribution**

distribution represents the basic distribution rules of the attribute. The system must adhere to the distribution setting for access control and for dissemination of the attribute.

distribution is represented by a JSON string. distribution **MUST** be present and be one of the following options:



Your Organisation Only

1

This Community Only

2

Connected Communities

3

All Communities

4

Sharing Group

5

Inherit Event

#### **2.4.2.8. timestamp**

timestamp represents a reference time when the attribute was created or last modified. timestamp is expressed in seconds (decimal) since 1st of January 1970 (Unix timestamp). The time zone MUST be UTC.

timestamp is represented as a JSON string. timestamp MUST be present.

#### **2.4.2.9. comment**

comment is a contextual comment field.

comment is represented by a JSON string. comment MAY be present.

#### **2.4.2.10. sharing\_group\_id**

sharing\_group\_id represents a human-readable identifier referencing a Sharing Group object that defines the distribution of the attribute, if distribution level "4" is set. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

sharing\_group\_id is represented by a JSON string and SHOULD be present. If a distribution level other than "4" is chosen the sharing\_group\_id MUST be set to "0".

#### **2.4.2.11. deleted**

deleted represents a setting that allows attributes to be revoked. Revoked attributes are not actionable and exist merely to inform other instances of a revocation.





deleted is represented by a JSON boolean. deleted MUST be present.

#### **2.4.2.12. data**

data contains the base64 encoded contents of an attachment or a malware sample. For malware samples, the sample MUST be encrypted using a password protected zip archive, with the password being "infected".

data is represented by a JSON string in base64 encoding. data MUST be set for attributes of type malware-sample and attachment.

#### **2.4.2.13. RelatedAttribute**

RelatedAttribute is an array of attributes correlating with the current attribute. Each element in the array represents an JSON object which contains an Attribute dictionary with the external attributes who correlate. Each Attribute MUST include the id, org\_id, info and a value. Only the correlations found on the local instance are shown in RelatedAttribute.

RelatedAttribute MAY be present.

#### **2.4.2.14. ShadowAttribute**

ShadowAttribute is an array of shadow attributes that serve as proposals by third parties to alter the containing attribute. The structure of a ShadowAttribute is similar to that of an Attribute, which can be accepted or discarded by the event creator. If accepted, the original attribute containing the shadow attribute is removed and the shadow attribute is converted into an attribute.

Each shadow attribute that references an attribute MUST contain the containing attribute's ID in the old\_id field and the event's ID in the event\_id field.

#### **2.4.2.15. value**

value represents the payload of an attribute. The format of the value is dependent on the type of the attribute.

value is represented by a JSON string. value MUST be present.

### **2.5. ShadowAttribute**

ShadowAttributes are 3rd party created attributes that either propose to add new information to an event or modify existing information. They are not meant to be actionable until the event creator accepts



them - at which point they will be converted into attributes or modify an existing attribute.

They are similar in structure to Attributes but additionally carry a reference to the creator of the ShadowAttribute as well as a revocation flag.

### **2.5.1. Sample Attribute Object**

```
"ShadowAttribute": {  
    "id": "8",  
    "type": "ip-src",  
    "category": "Network activity",  
    "to_ids": false,  
    "uuid": "57d475f1-da78-4569-89de-1458c0a83869",  
    "event_uuid": "57d475e6-41c4-41ca-b450-145ec0a83869",  
    "event_id": "9",  
    "old_id": "319",  
    "comment": "",  
    "org_id": "1",  
    "proposal_to_delete": false,  
    "value": "5.5.5.5",  
    "deleted": false,  
    "Org": {  
        "id": "1",  
        "name": "MISP",  
        "uuid": "568cce5a-0c80-412b-8fdf-1ffac0a83869"  
    }  
}
```

### **2.5.2. ShadowAttribute Attributes**

#### **2.5.2.1. uuid**

uuid represents the Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the event. The uuid MUST be preserved for any updates or transfer of the same event. UUID version 4 is RECOMMENDED when assigning it to a new event.

uuid is represented as a JSON string. uuid MUST be present.

#### **2.5.2.2. id**

id represents the human-readable identifier associated to the event for a specific MISP instance. human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer. id is represented as a JSON string. id SHALL be present.



### **2.5.2.3. type**

type represents the means through which an attribute tries to describe the intent of the attribute creator, using a list of pre-defined attribute types.

type is represented as a JSON string. type MUST be present and it MUST be a valid selection for the chosen category. The list of valid category-type combinations is as follows:

#### Internal reference

text, link, comment, other, hex

#### Targeting data

target-user, target-email, target-machine, target-org, target-location, target-external, comment

#### Antivirus detection

link, comment, text, hex, attachment, other

#### Payload delivery

md5, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, sha512/224, sha512/256, ssdeep, imphash, impfuzzy, authentihash, pehash, tlsh, filename, filename|md5, filename|sha1, filename|sha224, filename|sha256, filename|sha384, filename|sha512, filename|sha512/224, filename|sha512/256, filename|authentihash, filename|ssdeep, filename|tlsh, filename|imphash, filename|impfuzzy, filename|pehash, ip-src, ip-dst, hostname, domain, email-src, email-dst, email-subject, email-attachment, url, user-agent, AS, pattern-in-file, pattern-in-traffic, yara, attachment, malware-sample, link, malware-type, mime-type, comment, text, vulnerability, x509-fingerprint-sha1, other, ip-dst|port, ip-src|port, hostname|port, email-dst-display-name, email-src-display-name, email-header, email-reply-to, email-x-mailer, email-mime-boundary, email-thread-index, email-message-id, mobile-application-id

#### Artifacts dropped

md5, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, sha512/224, sha512/256, ssdeep, imphash, impfuzzy, authentihash, filename, filename|md5, filename|sha1, filename|sha224, filename|sha256, filename|sha384, filename|sha512, filename|sha512/224, filename|sha512/256, filename|authentihash, filename|ssdeep, filename|tlsh, filename|imphash, filename|impfuzzy, filename|pehash, regkey, regkey|value, pattern-in-file, pattern-in-memory, pdb, yara, sigma, gene, stix2-pattern, attachment, malware-sample, mime-type, named pipe, mutex, windows-scheduled-task, windows-service-name,



windows-service-displayname, comment, text, hex, x509-fingerprint-sha1, other

#### Payload installation

md5, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, sha512/224, sha512/256, ssdeep, imphash, authentihash, pehash, tlsh, filename, filename|md5, filename|sha1, filename|sha224, filename|sha256, filename|sha384, filename|sha512, filename|sha512/224, filename|sha512/256, filename|authentihash, filename|ssdeep, filename|tlsh, filename|imphash, filename|pehash, mime-type, pattern-in-file, pattern-in-traffic, pattern-in-memory, yara, stix2-pattern, vulnerability, attachment, malware-sample, malware-type, comment, text, hex, x509-fingerprint-sha1, mobile-application-id, other

#### Persistence mechanism

filename, regkey, regkey|value, comment, text, other, text

#### Network activity

ip-src, ip-dst, hostname, domain, domain|ip, email-dst, url, uri, user-agent, http-method, AS, snort, pattern-in-file, pattern-in-traffic, stix2-pattern, attachment, comment, text, x509-fingerprint-sha1, other, hex, cookie

#### Payload type

comment, text, other

#### Attribution

threat-actor, campaign-name, campaign-id, whois-registrant-phone, whois-registrant-email, whois-registrant-name, whois-registrant-org, whois-registrar, whois-creation-date, comment, text, x509-fingerprint-sha1, other

#### External analysis

md5, sha1, sha256, filename, filename|md5, filename|sha1, filename|sha256, ip-src, ip-dst, hostname, domain, domain|ip, url, user-agent, regkey, regkey|value, AS, snort, pattern-in-file, pattern-in-traffic, pattern-in-memory, vulnerability, attachment, malware-sample, link, comment, text, x509-fingerprint-sha1, github-repository, other

#### Financial fraud

btc, iban, bic, bank-account-nr, aba-rtn, bin, cc-number, prtn, phone-number, comment, text, other, hex

#### Support tool

attachment, link, comment, text, other, hex





#### Social network

github-username, github-repository, github-organisation, jabber-id, twitter-id, email-src, email-dst, comment, text, other

#### Person

first-name, middle-name, last-name, date-of-birth, place-of-birth, gender, passport-number, passport-country, passport-expiration, redress-number, nationality, visa-number, issue-date-of-the-visa, primary-residence, country-of-residence, special-service-request, frequent-flyer-number, travel-details, payment-details, place-port-of-original-embarkation, place-port-of-clearance, place-port-of-onward-foreign-destination, passenger-name-record-locator-number, comment, text, other, phone-number, identity-card-number

#### Other

comment, text, other, size-in-bytes, counter, datetime, cpe, port, float, hex, phone-number

Attributes are based on the usage within their different communities. Attributes can be extended on a regular basis and this reference document is updated accordingly.

#### **2.5.2.4. category**

category represents the intent of what the attribute is describing as selected by the attribute creator, using a list of pre-defined attribute categories.

category is represented as a JSON string. category **MUST** be present and it **MUST** be a valid selection for the chosen type. The list of valid category-type combinations is mentioned above.

#### **2.5.2.5. to\_ids**

to\_ids represents whether the Attribute to be created if the ShadowAttribute is accepted is meant to be actionable. Actionable defined attributes that can be used in automated processes as a pattern for detection in Local or Network Intrusion Detection System, log analysis tools or even filtering mechanisms.

to\_ids is represented as a JSON boolean. to\_ids **MUST** be present.

#### **2.5.2.6. event\_id**

event\_id represents a human-readable identifier referencing the Event object that the ShadowAttribute belongs to.



The event\_id SHOULD be updated when the event is imported to reflect the newly created event's id on the instance.

event\_id is represented as a JSON string. event\_id MUST be present.

#### [2.5.2.7.](#) **old\_id**

old\_id represents a human-readable identifier referencing the Attribute object that the ShadowAttribute belongs to. A ShadowAttribute can this way target an existing Attribute, implying that it is a proposal to modify an existing Attribute, or alternatively it can be a proposal to create a new Attribute for the containing Event.

The old\_id SHOULD be updated when the event is imported to reflect the newly created Attribute's id on the instance. Alternatively, if the ShadowAttribute proposes the creation of a new Attribute, it should be set to 0.

old\_id is represented as a JSON string. old\_id MUST be present.

#### [2.5.2.8.](#) **timestamp**

timestamp represents a reference time when the attribute was created or last modified. timestamp is expressed in seconds (decimal) since 1st of January 1970 (Unix timestamp). The time zone MUST be UTC.

timestamp is represented as a JSON string. timestamp MUST be present.

#### [2.5.2.9.](#) **comment**

comment is a contextual comment field.

comment is represented by a JSON string. comment MAY be present.

#### [2.5.2.10.](#) **org\_id**

org\_id represents a human-readable identifier referencing the proposal creator's Organisation object. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

Whilst attributes can only be created by the event creator organisation, shadow attributes can be created by third parties. org\_id tracks the creator organisation.

org\_id is represented by a JSON string and MUST be present.



#### [2.5.2.11.](#) **proposal\_to\_delete**

`proposal_to_delete` is a boolean flag that sets whether the shadow attribute proposes to alter an attribute, or whether it proposes to remove it completely.

Accepting a shadow attribute with this flag set will remove the target attribute.

`proposal_to_delete` is a JSON boolean and it **MUST** be present. If `proposal_to_delete` is set to true, `old_id` **MUST NOT** be 0.

#### [2.5.2.12.](#) **deleted**

`deleted` represents a setting that allows shadow attributes to be revoked. Revoked shadow attributes only serve to inform other instances that the shadow attribute is no longer active.

`deleted` is represented by a JSON boolean. `deleted` **SHOULD** be present.

#### [2.5.2.13.](#) **data**

`data` contains the base64 encoded contents of an attachment or a malware sample. For malware samples, the sample **MUST** be encrypted using a password protected zip archive, with the password being "infected".

`data` is represented by a JSON string in base64 encoding. `data` **MUST** be set for shadow attributes of type `malware-sample` and `attachment`.

### [2.5.3.](#) **Org**

An Org object is composed of an `uuid`, `name` and `id`.

The `uuid` represents the Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the organization. The organization UUID is globally assigned to an organization and **SHALL** be kept overtime.

The `name` is a readable description of the organization and **SHOULD** be present. The `id` is a human-readable identifier generated by the instance and used as reference in the event. A human-readable identifier **MUST** be represented as an unsigned integer.

`uuid`, `name` and `id` are represented as a JSON string. `uuid`, `name` and `id` **MUST** be present.



#### **2.5.3.1. Sample Org Object**

```
"Org": {  
  "id": "2",  
  "name": "CIRCL",  
  "uuid": "55f6ea5e-2c60-40e5-964f-47a8950d210f"  
}
```

#### **2.5.3.2. value**

value represents the payload of an attribute. The format of the value is dependent on the type of the attribute.

value is represented by a JSON string. value MUST be present.

### **2.6. Object**

Objects serve as a contextual bond between a list of attributes within an event. Their main purpose is to describe more complex structures than can be described by a single attribute. Each object is created using an Object Template and carries the meta-data of the template used for its creation within. Objects belong to a meta-category and are defined by a name.

The schema used is described by the template\_uuid and template\_version fields.

A MISP document containing an Object MUST contain a name, a meta-category, a description, a template\_uuid and a template\_version as described in the "Object Attributes" section.

#### **2.6.1. Sample Object object**





```
"Object": {
  "id": "588",
  "name": "file",
  "meta-category": "file",
  "description": "File object describing a file with meta-information",
  "template_uuid": "688c46fb-5edb-40a3-8273-1af7923e2215",
  "template_version": "3",
  "event_id": "56",
  "uuid": "398b0094-0384-4c48-9bf0-22b3dff9c4d3",
  "timestamp": "1505747965",
  "distribution": "5",
  "sharing_group_id": "0",
  "comment": "",
  "deleted": false,
  "ObjectReference": [],
  "Attribute": [
    {
      "id": "7822",
      "type": "filename",
      "category": "Payload delivery",
      "to_ids": true,
      "uuid": "59bfe3fb-bde0-4dfe-b5b1-2b10a07724d1",
      "event_id": "56",
      "distribution": "0",
      "timestamp": "1505747963",
      "comment": "",
      "sharing_group_id": "0",
      "deleted": false,
      "disable_correlation": false,
      "object_id": "588",
      "object_relation": "filename",
      "value": "StarCraft.exe",
      "ShadowAttribute": []
    }
  ]
}
```

### [2.6.2.](#) Object Attributes

#### [2.6.2.1.](#) uuid

uuid represents the Universally Unique IDentifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the object. The uuid MUST be preserved for any updates or transfer of the same object. UUID version 4 is RECOMMENDED when assigning it to a new object.



#### **2.6.2.2. id**

id represents the human-readable identifier associated to the object for a specific MISP instance. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

id is represented as a JSON string. id SHALL be present.

#### **2.6.2.3. name**

name represents the human-readable name of the object describing the intent of the object package.

name is represented as a JSON string. name MUST be present

#### **2.6.2.4. meta-category**

meta-category represents the sub-category of objects that the given object belongs to. meta-categories are not tied to a fixed list of options but can be created on the fly.

meta-category is represented as a JSON string. meta-category MUST be present

#### **2.6.2.5. description**

description is a human-readable description of the given object type, as derived from the template used for creation.

description is represented as a JSON string. id SHALL be present.

#### **2.6.2.6. template\_uuid**

uuid represents the Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the template used to create the object. The uuid MUST be preserved to preserve the object's association with the correct template used for creation. UUID version 4 is RECOMMENDED when assigning it to a new object.

#### **2.6.2.7. template\_version**

template\_version represents a numeric incrementing version of the template used to create the object. It is used to associate the object to the correct version of the template and together with the template\_uuid forms an association to the correct template type and version.

version is represented as a JSON string. version MUST be present.



#### **2.6.2.8. event\_id**

event\_id represents the human-readable identifier of the event that the object belongs to on a specific MISP instance. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

event\_id is represented as a JSON string. event\_id SHALL be present.

#### **2.6.2.9. timestamp**

timestamp represents a reference time when the object was created or last modified. timestamp is expressed in seconds (decimal) since 1st of January 1970 (Unix timestamp). The time zone MUST be UTC.

timestamp is represented as a JSON string. timestamp MUST be present.

#### **2.6.2.10. distribution**

distribution represents the basic distribution rules of the object. The system must adhere to the distribution setting for access control and for dissemination of the object.

distribution is represented by a JSON string. distribution MUST be present and be one of the following options:

- 0  
Your Organisation Only
- 1  
This Community Only
- 2  
Connected Communities
- 3  
All Communities
- 4  
Sharing Group

#### **2.6.2.11. sharing\_group\_id**

sharing\_group\_id represents a human-readable identifier referencing a Sharing Group object that defines the distribution of the object, if distribution level "4" is set. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.



sharing\_group\_id is represented by a JSON string and SHOULD be present. If a distribution level other than "4" is chosen the sharing\_group\_id MUST be set to "0".

#### **2.6.2.12. comment**

comment is a contextual comment field.

comment is represented by a JSON string. comment MAY be present.

#### **2.6.2.13. deleted**

deleted represents a setting that allows attributes to be revoked. Revoked attributes are not actionable and exist merely to inform other instances of a revocation.

deleted is represented by a JSON boolean. deleted MUST be present.

#### **2.6.2.14. Attribute**

Attribute is an array of attributes that describe the object with data.

Each attribute in an object MUST contain the parent event's ID in the event\_id field and the parent object's ID in the object\_id field.

### **2.7. Object References**

Object References serve as a logical link between an Object and another referenced Object or Attribute. The relationship is categorised by an enumerated value from a fixed vocabulary.

The relationship\_type is recommended to be taken from the MISP object relationship list [\[\[MISP-R\]\]](#) is RECOMMENDED to ensure a coherent naming of the tags

All Object References MUST contain an object\_uuid, a referenced\_uuid and a relationship type.

#### **2.7.1. Sample ObjectReference object**





```
"ObjectReference": {
  "id": "195",
  "uuid": "59c21a2c-c0ac-4083-93b3-363da07724d1",
  "timestamp": "1505892908",
  "object_id": "591",
  "event_id": "113",
  "referenced_id": "590",
  "referenced_type": "1",
  "relationship_type": "derived-from",
  "comment": "",
  "deleted": false,
  "object_uuid": "59c1134d-8a40-4c14-ad94-0f7ba07724d1",
  "referenced_uuid": "59c1133c-9adc-4d06-a34b-0f7ca07724d1",
}
```

### **2.7.2. ObjectReference Attributes**

#### **2.7.2.1. uuid**

uuid represents the Universally Unique IDentifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the object reference. The uuid MUST be preserved for any updates or transfer of the same object reference. UUID version 4 is RECOMMENDED when assigning it to a new object reference.

#### **2.7.2.2. id**

id represents the human-readable identifier associated to the object reference for a specific MISP instance.

id is represented as a JSON string. id SHALL be present.

#### **2.7.2.3. timestamp**

timestamp represents a reference time when the object was created or last modified. timestamp is expressed in seconds (decimal) since 1st of January 1970 (Unix timestamp). The time zone MUST be UTC.

timestamp is represented as a JSON string. timestamp MUST be present.

#### **2.7.2.4. object\_id**

object\_id represents the human-readable identifier of the object that the object reference belongs to on a specific MISP instance. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

event\_id is represented as a JSON string. event\_id SHALL be present.



#### [2.7.2.5.](#) **event\_id**

event\_id represents the human-readable identifier of the event that the object reference belongs to on a specific MISP instance. A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.

event\_id is represented as a JSON string. event\_id SHALL be present.

#### [2.7.2.6.](#) **referenced\_id**

referenced\_id represents the human-readable identifier of the object or attribute that the parent object of the object reference points to on a specific MISP instance.

referenced\_id is represented as a JSON string. referenced\_id MAY be present.

#### [2.7.2.7.](#) **referenced\_type**

referenced\_type represents the numeric value describing what the object reference points to, "0" representing an attribute and "1" representing an object

referenced\_type is represented as a JSON string. referenced\_type MAY be present.

#### [2.7.2.8.](#) **relationship\_type**

relationship\_type represents the human-readable context of the relationship between an object and another object or attribute as described by the object\_reference.

referenced\_type is represented as a JSON string. relationship\_type MUST be present.

#### [2.7.2.9.](#) **comment**

comment is a contextual comment field.

comment is represented by a JSON string. comment MAY be present.

#### [2.7.2.10.](#) **deleted**

deleted represents a setting that allows object references to be revoked. Revoked object references are not actionable and exist merely to inform other instances of a revocation.

deleted is represented by a JSON boolean. deleted MUST be present.



#### [2.7.2.11.](#) **object\_uuid**

`object_uuid` represents the Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the object that the given object reference belongs to. The `object_uuid` MUST be preserved to preserve the object reference's association with the object.

#### [2.7.2.12.](#) **referenced\_uuid**

`referenced_uuid` represents the Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) [[RFC4122](#)] of the object or attribute that is being referenced by the object reference. The `referenced_uuid` MUST be preserved to preserve the object reference's association with the object or attribute.

### [2.8.](#) **Tag**

A tag is a simple method to classify an event with a simple string. The tag name can be freely chosen. The tag name can be also chosen from a fixed machine-tag vocabulary called MISP taxonomies[[[MISP-T](#)]]. When an event is distributed outside an organisation, the use of MISP taxonomies[[[MISP-T](#)]] is RECOMMENDED to ensure a coherent naming of the tags. A tag is represented as a JSON array where each element describes each tag associated. A tag array SHALL be at event level or attribute level. A tag element is described with a name, id, colour and exportable flag.

`exportable` represents a setting if the tag is kept local or exportable to other MISP instances. `exportable` is represented by a JSON boolean. `id` is a human-readable identifier that references the tag on the local instance. `colour` represents an RGB value of the tag.

`name` MUST be present. `colour`, `id` and `exportable` SHALL be present.

#### [2.8.1.](#) **Sample Tag**

```
"Tag": [{
  "exportable": true,
  "colour": "#ffffff",
  "name": "tlp:white",
  "id": "2" }]
```

### [2.9.](#) **Sighting**

A sighting is an ascertainment which describes whether an attribute has been seen under a given set of conditions. The sighting can include the organisation who sighted the attribute or can be anonymised. Sighting is composed of a JSON array in which each



element describes one singular instance of a sighting. A sighting element is a JSON object composed of the following values:

type MUST be present. type describes the type of a sighting. MISP allows 3 default types:

Sighting type	Description
0	denotes an attribute which has been seen
1	denotes an attribute which has been seen and confirmed as false-positive
2	denotes an attribute which will be expired at the time of the sighting

uuid MUST be present. uuid references the uuid of the sighted attribute.

date\_sighting MUST be present. date\_sighting is expressed in seconds (decimal) elapsed since 1st of January 1970 (Unix timestamp).

date\_sighting represents when the referenced attribute, designated by its uuid, is sighted.

source MAY be present. source is represented as a JSON string and represents the human-readable version of the sighting source, which can be a given piece of software (e.g. SIEM), device or a specific analytical process.

id, event\_id and attribute\_id MAY be present.

id represents the human-readable identifier of the sighting reference which belongs to a specific MISP instance. event\_id represents the human-readable identifier of the event referenced by the sighting and belongs to a specific MISP instance. attribute\_id represents the human-readable identifier of the attribute referenced by the sighting and belongs to a specific MISP instance.

org\_id MAY be present along the JSON object describing the organisation. If the org\_id is not present, the sighting is considered as anonymised.

org\_id represents the human-readable identifier of the organisation which did the sighting and belongs to a specific MISP instance.

A human-readable identifier MUST be represented as an unsigned integer.





### [2.9.1.](#) Sample Sighting

```

"Sighting": [
    {
        "id": "13599",
        "attribute_id": "1201615",
        "event_id": "10164",
        "org_id": "2",
        "date_sighting": "1517581400",
        "uuid": "5a747459-41b4-4826-9b29-42dd950d210f",
        "source": "M2M-CIRCL",
        "type": "0",
        "Organisation": {
            "id": "2",
            "uuid":
"55f6ea5e-2c60-40e5-964f-47a8950d210f",
            "name": "CIRCL"
        },
    },
    {
        "id": "13601",
        "attribute_id": "1201615",
        "event_id": "10164",
        "org_id": "2",
        "date_sighting": "1517581401",
        "uuid": "5a74745a-a190-4d04-b719-4916950d210f",
        "source": "M2M-CIRCL",
        "type": "0",
        "Organisation": {
            "id": "2",
            "uuid":
"55f6ea5e-2c60-40e5-964f-47a8950d210f",
            "name": "CIRCL"
        }
    }
]

```

### [2.10.](#) Galaxy

A galaxy is a simple method to express a large object called cluster that can be attached to MISP events. A cluster can be composed of one or more elements. Elements are expressed as key-values.

#### [2.10.1.](#) Sample Galaxy



```

"Galaxy": [ {
  "id": "18",
  "uuid": "698774c7-8022-42c4-917f-8d6e4f06ada3",
  "name": "Threat Actor",
  "type": "threat-actor",
  "description": "Threat actors are characteristics of malicious
actors
                    (or adversaries) representing a cyber attack threat
                    including presumed intent and historically observed
behaviour.",
  "version": "1",
  "GalaxyCluster": [
    {
      "id": "1699",
      "uuid": "7cdff317-a673-4474-84ec-4f1754947823",
      "type": "threat-actor",
      "value": "Anunak",
      "tag_name": "misp-galaxy:threat-actor=\"Anunak\"",
      "description": "Groups targeting financial organizations
                    or people with significant financial assets.",
      "galaxy_id": "18",
      "source": "MISP Project",
      "authors": [
        "Alexandre Dulaunoy",
        "Florian Roth",
        "Thomas Schreck",
        "Timo Steffens",
        "Various"
      ],
      "tag_id": "111",
      "meta": {
        "synonyms": [
          "Carbanak",
          "Carbon Spider"
        ],
        "country": [
          "RU"
        ],
        "motive": [
          "Cybercrime"
        ]
      }
    }
  ]
}
]

```



### 3. JSON Schema

The JSON Schema [[JSON-SCHEMA](#)] below defines the structure of the MISP core format as literally described before. The JSON Schema is used to validate MISP events at creation time or parsing.

```
{
  "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-04/schema#",
  "title": "Validator for misp events",
  "id": "https://github.com/MISP/MISP/blob/2.4/format/2.4/schema.json",
  "defs": {
    "org": {
      "type": "object",
      "additionalProperties": false,
      "properties": {
        "id": {
          "type": "string"
        },
        "name": {
          "type": "string"
        },
        "uuid": {
          "type": "string"
        }
      }
    },
    "required": [
      "uuid"
    ]
  },
  "orgc": {
    "type": "object",
    "additionalProperties": false,
    "properties": {
      "id": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "name": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "uuid": {
        "type": "string"
      }
    },
    "required": [
      "uuid"
    ]
  },
  "sharing_group": {
```



```
"type": "object",
"additionalProperties": false,
"properties": {
  "id": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "name": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "releasability": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "description": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "uuid": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "organisation_uuid": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "org_id": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "sync_user_id": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "active": {
    "type": "boolean"
  },
  "created": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "modified": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "local": {
    "type": "boolean"
  },
  "roaming": {
    "type": "boolean"
  },
  "Organisation": {
    "$ref": "#/defs/org"
  },
  "SharingGroupOrg": {
    "type": "array",
    "uniqueItems": true,
```





```
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/defs/sharing_group_org"
      }
    },
    "SharingGroupServer": {
      "type": "array",
      "uniqueItems": true,
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/defs/sharing_group_server"
      }
    },
    "required": [
      "uuid"
    ]
  },
  "required": [
    "uuid"
  ]
},
"sharing_group_org": {
  "type": "object",
  "additionalProperties": false,
  "properties": {
    "id": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "sharing_group_id": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "org_id": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "extend": {
      "type": "boolean"
    },
    "Organisation": {
      "$ref": "#/defs/org"
    }
  }
},
"sharing_group_server": {
  "type": "object",
  "additionalProperties": false,
  "properties": {
    "id": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "sharing_group_id": {
```



```
        "type": "string"
      },
      "server_id": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "all_orgs": {
        "type": "boolean"
      },
      "Server": {
        "$ref": "#/defs/server"
      }
    }
  },
  "server": {
    "type": "object",
    "additionalProperties": false,
    "properties": {
      "id": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "url": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "name": {
        "type": "string"
      }
    }
  },
  "attribute": {
    "type": "object",
    "additionalProperties": false,
    "properties": {
      "id": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "type": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "category": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "to_ids": {
        "type": "boolean"
      },
      "uuid": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "event_id": {
```



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    "type": "string"
  },
  "distribution": {
    "type": "string"
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  "timestamp": {
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  },
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    "type": "string"
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  },
  "disable_correlation": {
    "type": "boolean"
  },
  "value": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "data": {
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  },
  "SharingGroup": {
    "$ref": "#/defs/sharing_group"
  },
  "ShadowAttribute": {
    "type": "array",
    "uniqueItems": true,
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/defs/attribute"
    }
  },
  "Tag": {
    "type": "array",
    "uniqueItems": true,
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/defs/tag"
    }
  }
},
"event": {
  "type": "object",
  "additionalProperties": false,
```



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"properties": {
  "id": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "orgc_id": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "org_id": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "date": {
    "type": "string"
  },
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    "type": "string"
  },
  "info": {
    "type": "string"
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  "published": {
    "type": "boolean"
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  "uuid": {
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  },
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    "type": "string"
  },
  "timestamp": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "distribution": {
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  },
  "proposal_email_lock": {
    "type": "boolean"
  },
  "locked": {
    "type": "boolean"
  },
  "publish_timestamp": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "sharing_group_id": {
    "type": "string"
  }
}
```





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,
  "disable_correlation": {
    "type": "boolean"
  },
  "event_creator_email": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "Org": {
    "$ref": "#/defs/org"
  },
  "Orgc": {
    "$ref": "#/defs/org"
  },
  "SharingGroup": {
    "$ref": "#/defs/sharing_group"
  },
  "Attribute": {
    "type": "array",
    "uniqueItems": true,
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/defs/attribute"
    }
  },
  "ShadowAttribute": {
    "type": "array",
    "uniqueItems": true,
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/defs/attribute"
    }
  },
  "RelatedEvent": {
    "type": "array",
    "uniqueItems": true,
    "items": {
      "type": "object",
      "additionalProperties": false,
      "properties": {
        "Event": {
          "$ref": "#/defs/event"
        }
      }
    }
  },
  "Galaxy": {
    "type": "array",
    "uniqueItems": true,
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/defs/galaxy"
    }
  }
}
```



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    }
  },
  "Tag": {
    "type": "array",
    "uniqueItems": true,
    "items": {
      "$ref": "#/defs/tag"
    }
  }
}
},
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  "type": "object",
  "additionalProperties": false,
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    "colour": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "exportable": {
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    "hide_tag": {
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    }
  }
},
"galaxy": {
  "type": "object",
  "additionalProperties": false,
  "properties": {
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      "type": "string"
    },
    "uuid": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "name": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "type": {
      "type": "string"
    }
  },
}
```



```
    "description": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "version": {
      "type": "string"
    },
    "GalaxyCluster": {
      "type": "array",
      "uniqueItems": true,
      "items": {
        "$ref": "#/defs/galaxy_cluster"
      }
    }
  },
  "galaxy_cluster": {
    "type": "object",
    "additionalProperties": false,
    "properties": {
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        "type": "string"
      },
      "uuid": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "type": {
        "type": "string"
      },
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        "type": "string"
      },
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        "type": "string"
      },
      "description": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "galaxy_id": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "source": {
        "type": "string"
      },
      "authors": {
        "type": "array",
        "uniqueItems": true,
        "items": {
          "type": "string"
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```



```
    }
  },
  "tag_id": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "meta": {
    "type": "object"
  }
}
},
"type": "object",
"properties": {
  "Event": {
    "$ref": "#/defs/event"
  }
},
"required": [
  "Event"
]
}
```

## **4. Manifest**

MISP events can be shared over an HTTP repository, a file package or USB key. A manifest file is used to provide an index of MISP events allowing to only fetch the recently updated files without the need to parse each json file.

### **4.1. Format**

A manifest file is a simple JSON file named manifest.json in a directory where the MISP events are located. Each MISP event is a file located in the same directory with the event uuid as filename with the json extension.

The manifest format is a JSON object composed of a dictionary where the field is the uuid of the event.

Each uuid is composed of a JSON object with the following fields which came from the original event referenced by the same uuid:

- o info (MUST)
- o Orgc object (MUST)
- o analysis (SHALL)





- o timestamp (MUST)
- o date (MUST)
- o threat\_level\_id (SHALL)

In addition to the fields originating from the event, the following fields can be added:

- o integrity:sha256 represents the SHA256 value in hexadecimal representation of the associated MISP event file to ensure integrity of the file. (SHOULD)
- o integrity:pgp represents a detached PGP signature [[RFC4880](#)] of the associated MISP event file to ensure integrity of the file. (SHOULD)

If a detached PGP signature is used for each MISP event, a detached PGP signature is a MUST to ensure integrity of the manifest file. A detached PGP signature for a manifest file is a manifest.json.asc file containing the PGP signature.

#### [4.1.1.1](#). Sample Manifest

```
{
  "57c6ac4c-c60c-4f79-a38f-b666950d210f": {
    "info": "Malspam 2016-08-31 (.wsf in .zip) - campaign: Photo",
    "Orgc": {
      "id": "2",
      "name": "CIRCL",
      "uuid": "55f6ea5e-2c60-40e5-964f-47a8950d210f"
    },
    "analysis": "0",
    "Tag": [
      {
        "colour": "#3d7a00",
        "name": "circl:incident-classification=\"malware\""
      },
      {
        "colour": "#ffffff",
        "name": "tlp:white"
      }
    ],
    "timestamp": "1472638251",
    "date": "2016-08-31",
    "threat_level_id": "3"
  },
  "5720accd-dd28-45f8-80e5-4605950d210f": {
```



```
"info": "Malspam 2016-04-27 - Locky",
"Orgc": {
  "id": "2",
  "name": "CIRCL"
},
"analysis": "2",
"Tag": [
  {
    "colour": "#ffffff",
    "name": "tlp:white"
  },
  {
    "colour": "#3d7a00",
    "name": "circl:incident-classification=\"malware\""
  },
  {
    "colour": "#2c4f00",
    "name": "malware_classification:malware-category=\"Ransomware\""
  }
],
"timestamp": "1461764231",
"date": "2016-04-27",
"threat_level_id": "3"
}
```

## 5. Implementation

MISP format is implemented by different software including the MISP threat sharing platform and libraries like PyMISP [[MISP-P](#)]. Implementations use the format as an export/import mechanism, staging transport format or synchronisation format as used in the MISP core platform. MISP format doesn't impose any restriction on the data representation of the format in data-structure of other implementations.

## 6. Security Considerations

MISP events might contain sensitive or confidential information. Adequate access control and encryption measures shall be implemented to ensure the confidentiality of the MISP events.

Adversaries might include malicious content in MISP events and attributes. Implementation MUST consider the input of malicious inputs beside the standard threat information that might already include malicious intended inputs.



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