



Session #1: 11:00 AM EDT  
September 22, 2016\*

Session #2: 9:00 PM EDT  
September 22, 2016\*

# CTI TC

## *Monthly Meeting*

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UPDATES

\* Attendance at **either** Session #1 or Session #2 Counts Towards Voter Eligibility

# CTI-TC September Meeting: Agenda

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**Kick-off Session** – Richard Struse, Chair

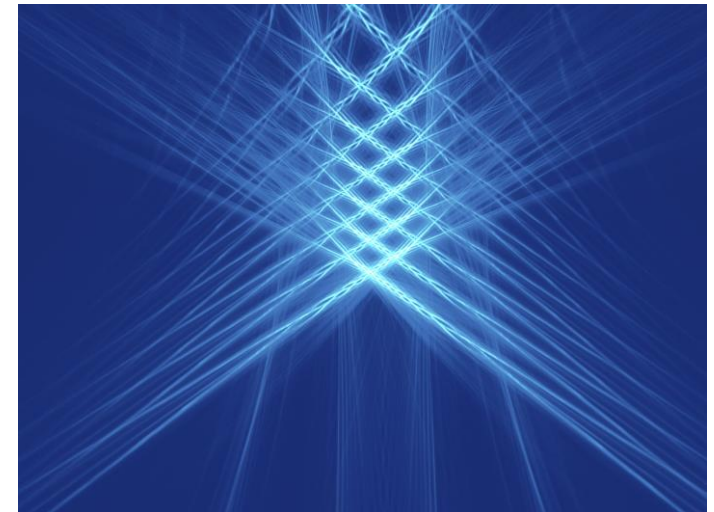
- Updates on STIX 2.0 CSD & Brussels Face-to-Face

**CybOX Update** – Ivan Kirillov & Trey Darley

**STIX Update** – John Wunder & Aharon Chernin

**Borderless Cyber Tokyo + Meet-up** – Rich Struse

Other Items?



# Current Status

STIX 2.0 RC2 Committee Specification Draft\*

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*STIX 2.0 RC2 approved as Committee Specification Draft (equivalent)*

## **Brussels Face to Face – Update**

- Strong consensus in the room that 2.0 should be a Committee Specification
  - Get public review and comment early
- Discussion of some technical topics
  - Internationalization
  - Location
  - Analyst notes
  - Infrastructure
  - Malware
  - Confidence
  - MISP Taxonomies



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*Are two standards better than one?*

# First things first...

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- CybOX 3.0 draft is nearly complete!



- Thanks again to all of the feedback, discussions, and participation in our myriad working calls

# Now, to the issues at hand

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- STIX and CybOX share a common goal of sharing CTI information across both humans and machines
- Historically, CybOX was around before STIX, but is now a core part of it
  - Observed Data
  - Indicators
- There are problems with this current approach:
  - Explaining STIX/CybOX to implementers, marketers, customers, etc. is difficult
    - Most people do not understand what CybOX is, what relationship it has to STIX, and why there are two things mentioned
  - The current dependency between STIX and CybOX means that STIX must be updated each time CybOX is updated in order to incorporate the new version

# Proposal

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- **Broadly:** CybOX is subsumed by STIX
  - CybOX is merged into the STIX 2.0 specification
    - STIX 2.0 RC3
  - CybOX goes away as a separate OASIS work product and deliverable
  - The CybOX name is deprecated and replaced with “STIX Cyber Observables” (SCO)
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- Are there other impacts beyond the merger?
    - STIX Cyber Observables still retains its own sub-committee and leadership
    - New Objects can still be added to the STIX Cyber Observables layer as needed
    - STIX Cyber Observables can be referenced from other specifications (e.g., MAEC) without having to reference STIX as a whole

# Benefits

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- **Ease of use in implementation:** allows implementers to consider a complete spec of what they have to support as related/consistent content.
- **Simplified testing and interoperability:** all testing is done by STIX version, rather than by a STIX/CybOX matrix
- **Enables better marketing and promotion of the CTI standards:** there will be only a single thing to discuss, i.e. "STIX 2.0." No ambiguity or distraction associated with details of what CybOX provides when communicating products that support "STIX".
- **Streamlines the standards process:** removes some red tape and allows focus on STIX specification as a whole during review, ballots, and processing.



# Straw Poll/Discussion

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What do **YOU** think?

# Path Forward

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- We will open a ballot on this issue - expect to see it within a few days
  - Co-chairs/editors will be working closely together to collect community feedback and work through open questions
- If ballot passes:
  - Document editors will be collaborating on the merger of the specifications. There will likely be open questions and “unknown unknowns” to deal with.
  - CybOX SC will be renamed to STIX Cyber Observable SC
  - CybOX SC charter will be tweaked slightly



# STIX

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PATH FORWARD

# Decision Points

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## 1. What is the release philosophy for 2.0?

Running consensus (confirmed at recent working call) is that we should continue the time-based release philosophy and therefore release 2.0 ASAP.

- Fix any bugs
- Remove items we aren't sure are correct
- Add conformance section and references

## 2. Do we take 2.0 to Committee Specification?

Consensus at the F2F and working call is **yes**, 2.0 should go through public review and be taken to a full committee specification.

- Convert to OASIS templates
- Approve a new CSD with fixes
- Vote to send to public review

*Objections to continuing on this path?*

# Roadmap

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## Through Mid-October

Update the document:

- Discuss and resolve open issues for 2.0
- Remove features that we can't get right in time (e.g. location attributes)
- Address editorial issues (broken examples, other minor comments)
- Add conformance section
- Implement CybOX merge (to be discussed)

## Late October

Convert documents to OASIS templates

## Early November

Open ballot to approve CSD

*(assumes previous points are confirmed)*

# Tokyo Meet-up

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PROPOSED FOR OCTOBER 31