

**USING BRO FOR OPERATIONAL SECURITY  
IN DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING:  
WLCG SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER WG**

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# WLCG: WORLDWIDE LHC COMPUTING GRID

- Global collaboration linking up national and international grid infrastructures
  - More than 170 computing centres in 42 countries
- Providing global computing resources to store, distribute and analyse data from the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN
  - Fundamental research – particle physics
  - 50 – 70 Petabytes of data / year

# WORKING GROUP BACKGROUND

- Inside WLCG there is a need to monitor cluster environment in a new context which can include virtualised / containerised systems
- Potentially more opaque than existing grid systems
- Network monitoring key to understanding cluster state

# SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER

- Gather relevant security monitoring data from different sources
- Aggregate, enrich and analyse that data for use in the detection of security events and any subsequent actions
- A SOC consists of a set of software tools and the processes connecting them

# WORKING GROUP STRATEGY

- Identify key components required for a minimum viable product SOC which can then be built on
- Answer two questions
  - What is happening in a given cluster?
  - What events are taking place that we need to care about? (internally or externally)

# WORKING GROUP STRATEGY

- Network monitoring
  - Intrusion Detection System: Bro
- Threat Intelligence
  - Malware Information Sharing Platform (MISP)
    - Develop trust frameworks to share threat intelligence

# WORKSHOPS

- Became clear that a useful way of making progress with this technical work is through face to face workshops
- December 2017
  - Initial deployment
- June 2018
  - Further in-depth work on key topics

# WORKSHOPS: DECEMBER 2017

- The first WLCG SOC WG Workshop in 2017 focused on the initial deployment of the MISP and Bro components
  - [Documentation](#)
  - Puppet modules + CERN built RPMs
  - Sync with WLCG MISP instance hosted at CERN



# WORKSHOPS: JUNE 2018

- The second workshop in June 2018 gave more time to specific areas of interest:
  - Network topologies including tapping and mirroring
  - Data ingestion and visualisation
  - Advanced aggregation and correlation of alerts
  - Incident Response and MISP configuration

# WORKSHOPS: JUNE 2018 - KEY OUTCOMES

- Importance of tuning for Bro configuration
- Need for validation of deployment
  - Local and wider scope
- Feedback towards structure of future workshops

# OUTCOMES

- Technology stack
  - Pursued through workshops and regular meetings
- Social and political cultural shift in sharing of intelligence
  - Essential component is collaboration between grid and site security teams
  - Sharing experience through case studies

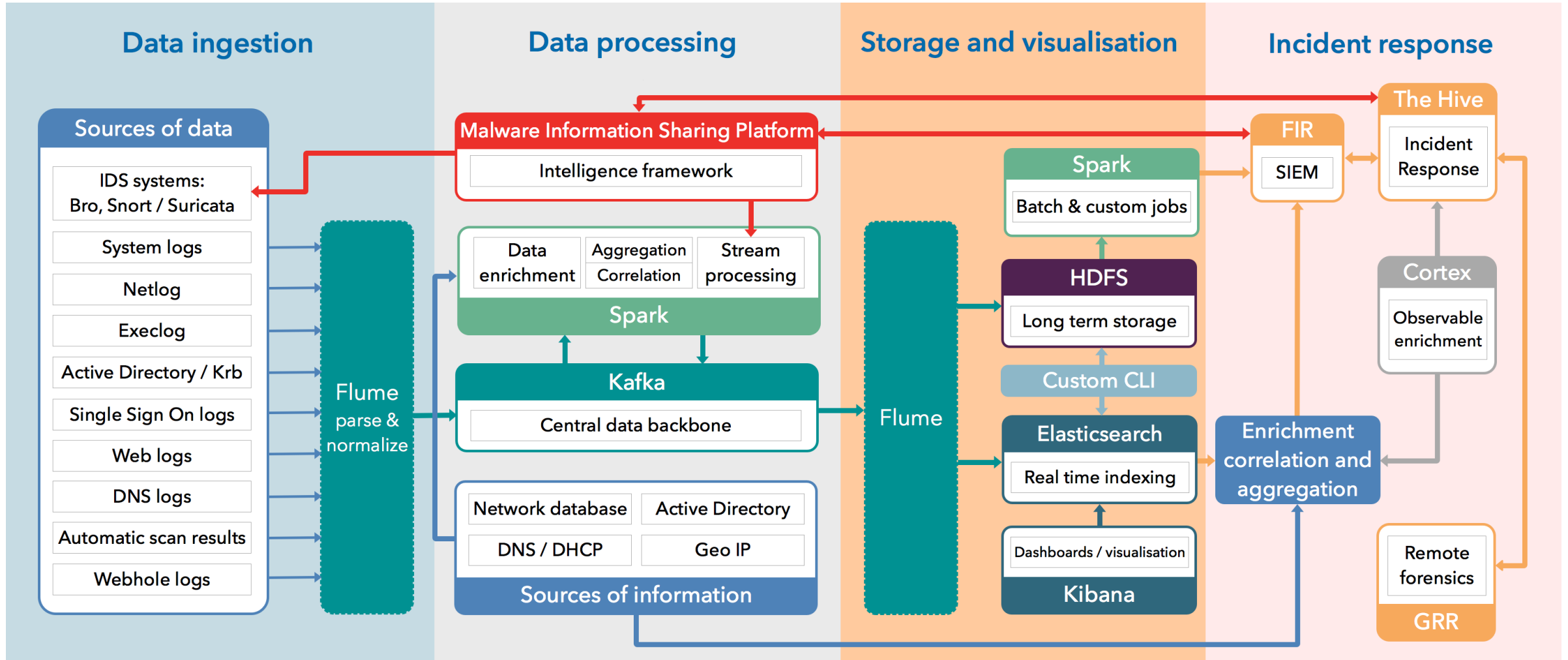
# NEXT STEPS FOR THE WLCG SOC WORKING GROUP

- Continue deployment of components at a range of sites
- Build out deployment strategy
  - Add validation steps (locally and on a wider scale)
  - Add other SOC components gradually
- Continue trust group discussions

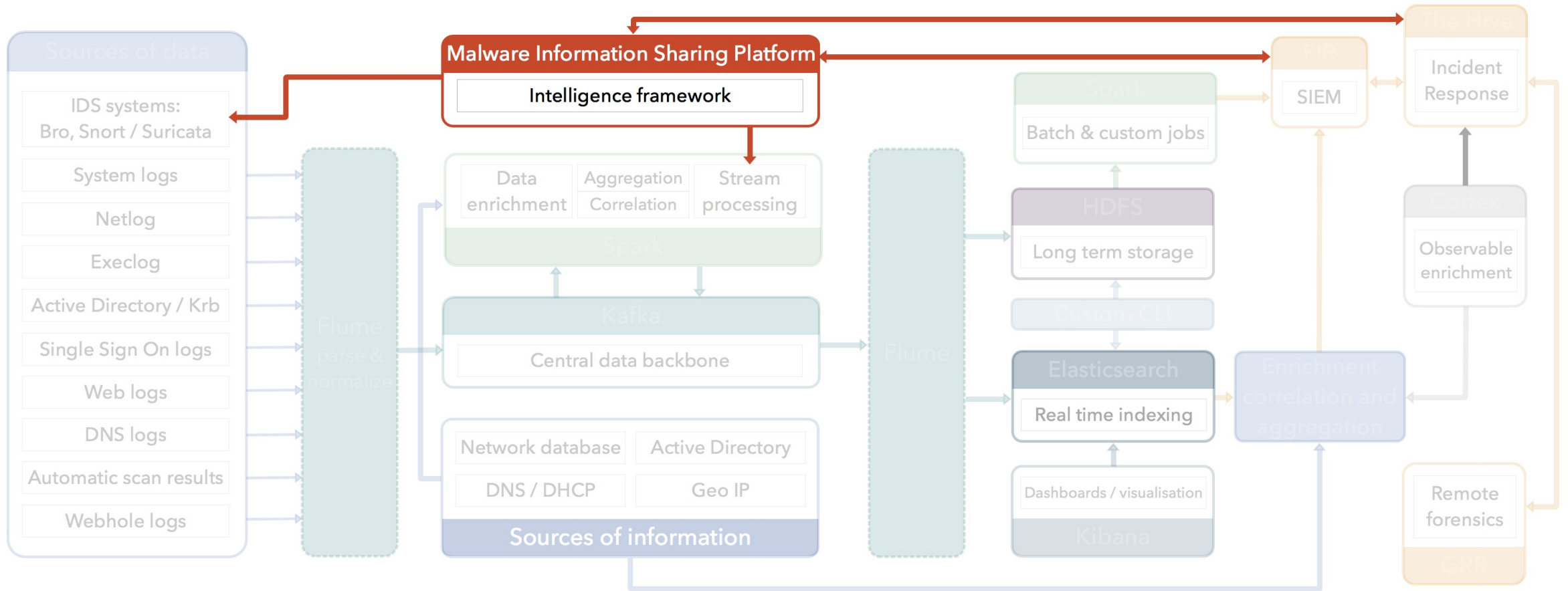


European Organization for Particle Physics  
*Exploring the frontiers of knowledge*

# SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE OF THE CERN SOC



# THREAT INTELLIGENCE



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- Malware Information Sharing Platform (MISP) as the sole threat intelligence platform at CERN
  - Automatic sharing of intelligence data with trusted peers
- CERN is currently operating 3 different instances:
  - Main CERN instance (~ 750 000 IoCs)
  - Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG) central MISP instance (~ 375 000 IoCs)
  - Development MISP instance used for MISP development (CERN is an active contributor) and for validating new MISP releases



# THREAT INTELLIGENCE: SECURITY EVENTS

Published	Source org	Member org	Id	Clusters	Tags	#Attr.	#Corr.	Email	Date	Info	Distribution	Actions
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# THREAT INTELLIGENCE: INDICATORS OF COMPROMISE

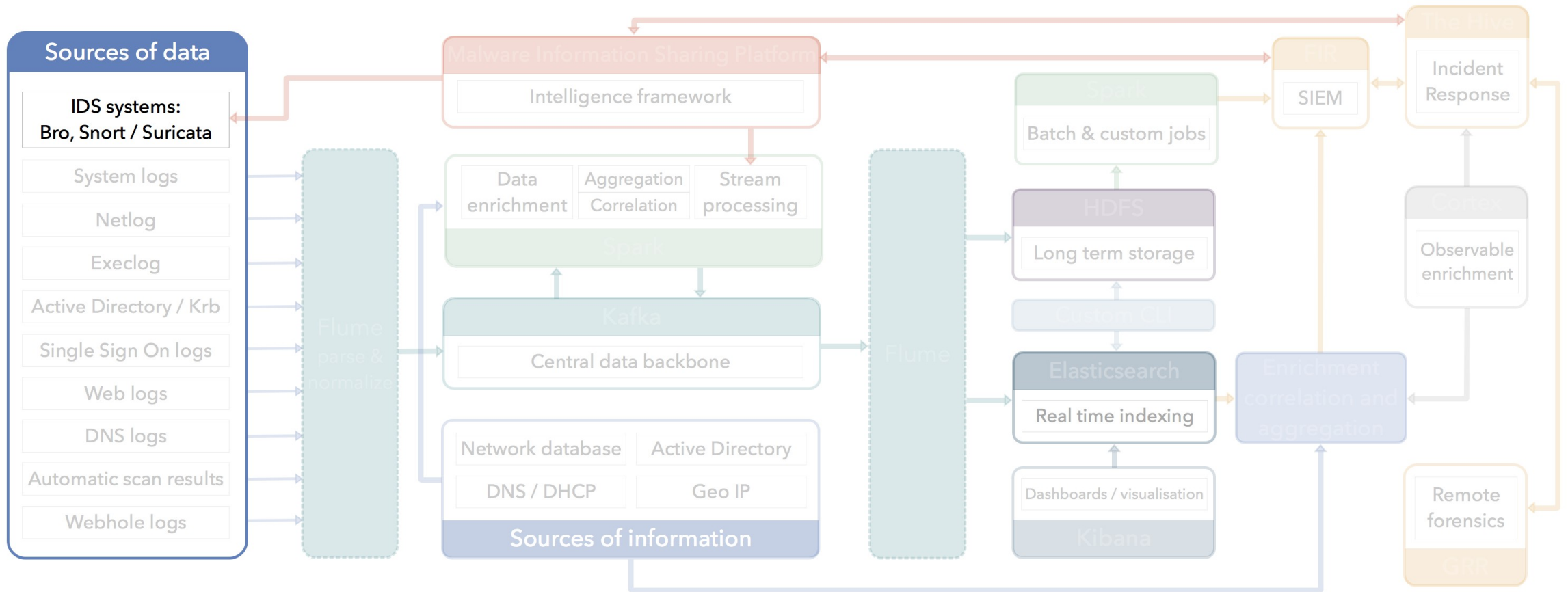
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Member Organisation	CERN
Contributors	
Email	cert-ioc@cern.ch
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Date	2018-03-05
Threat Level	Low
Analysis	Ongoing
Distribution	All communities
Info	Malicious Bash Script
Published	Yes
#Attributes	12
Sightings	0 (0) - restricted to own organisation only. ↗

← Pivots → Galaxy → Attributes → Discussion

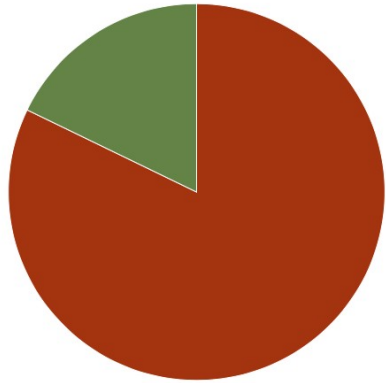
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# NETWORK BASED INTRUSION DETECTION

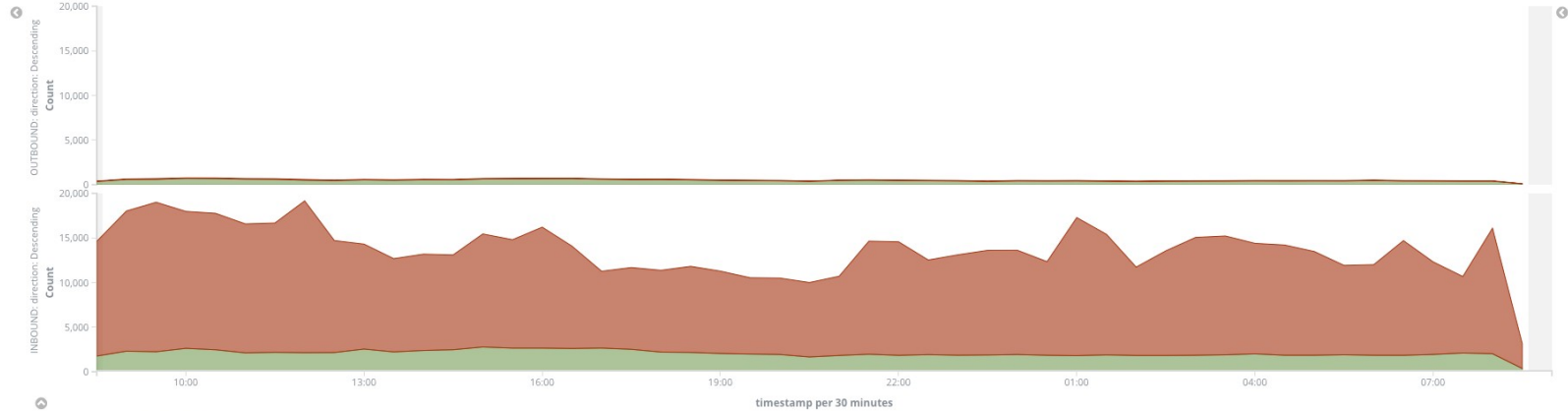


# BRO IDS: SSH TRAFFIC

Bro: SSH Successful connections



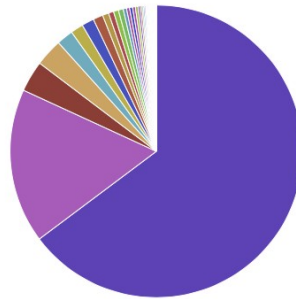
Bro: SSH Authentication over time



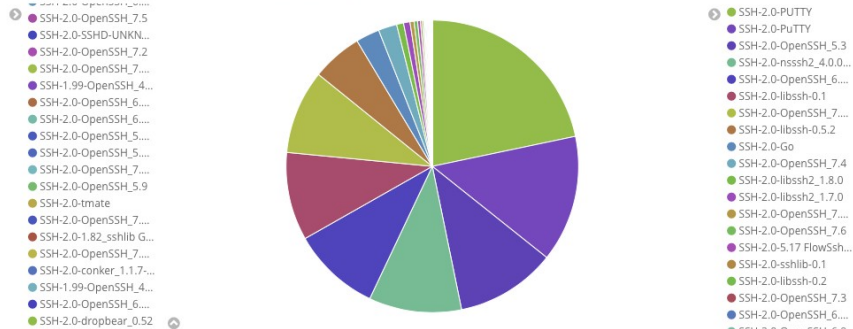
Bro: SSH 50 external IPs with the most failures



Bro: SSH External Server versions



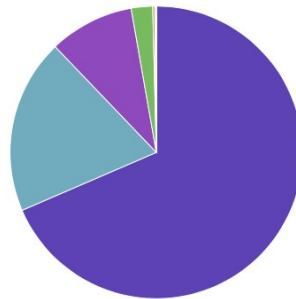
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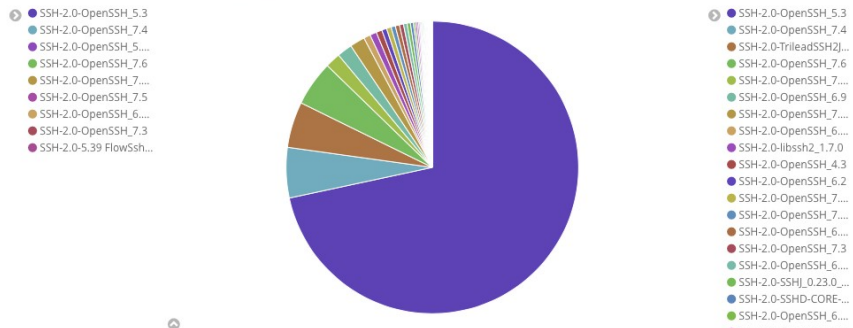
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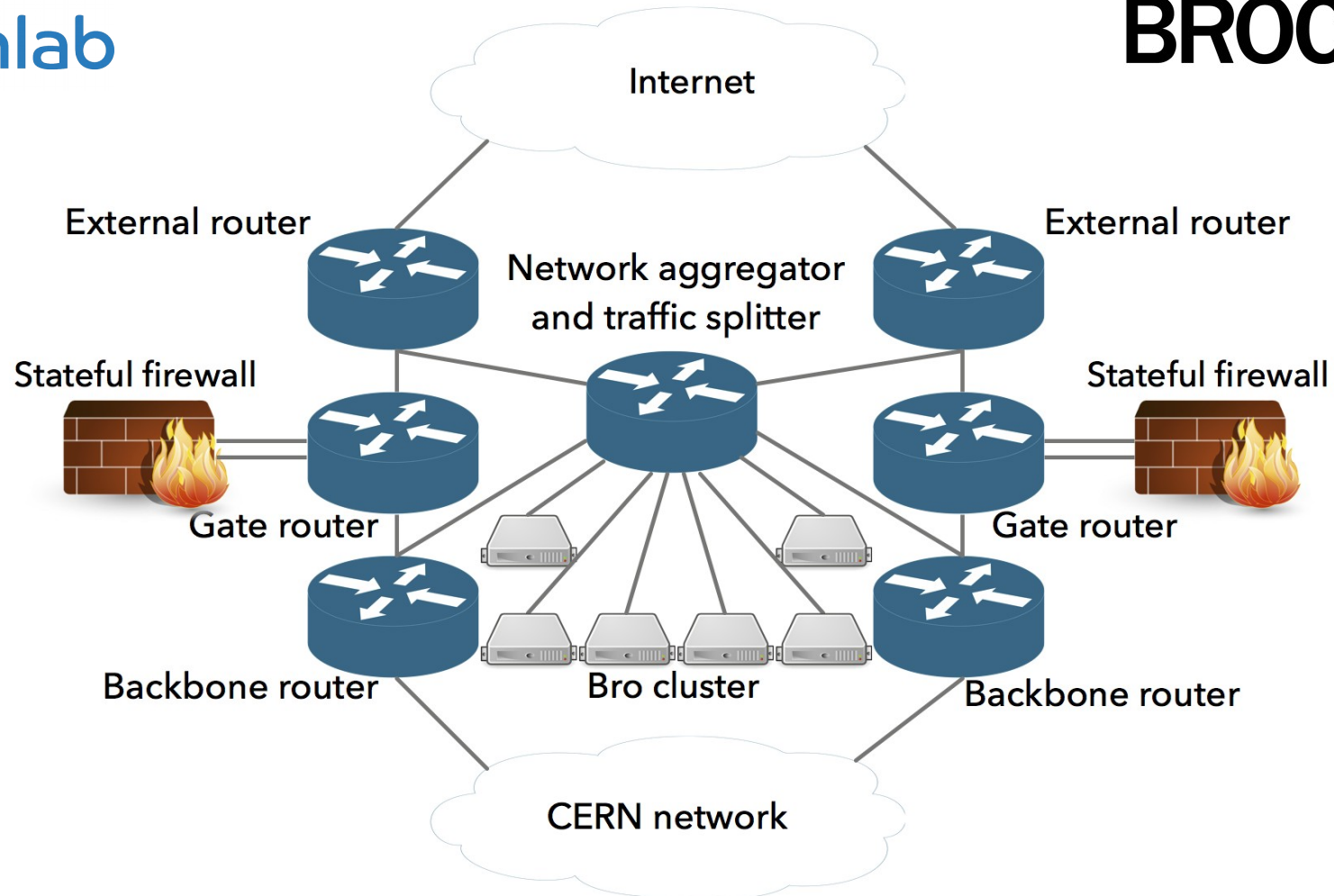
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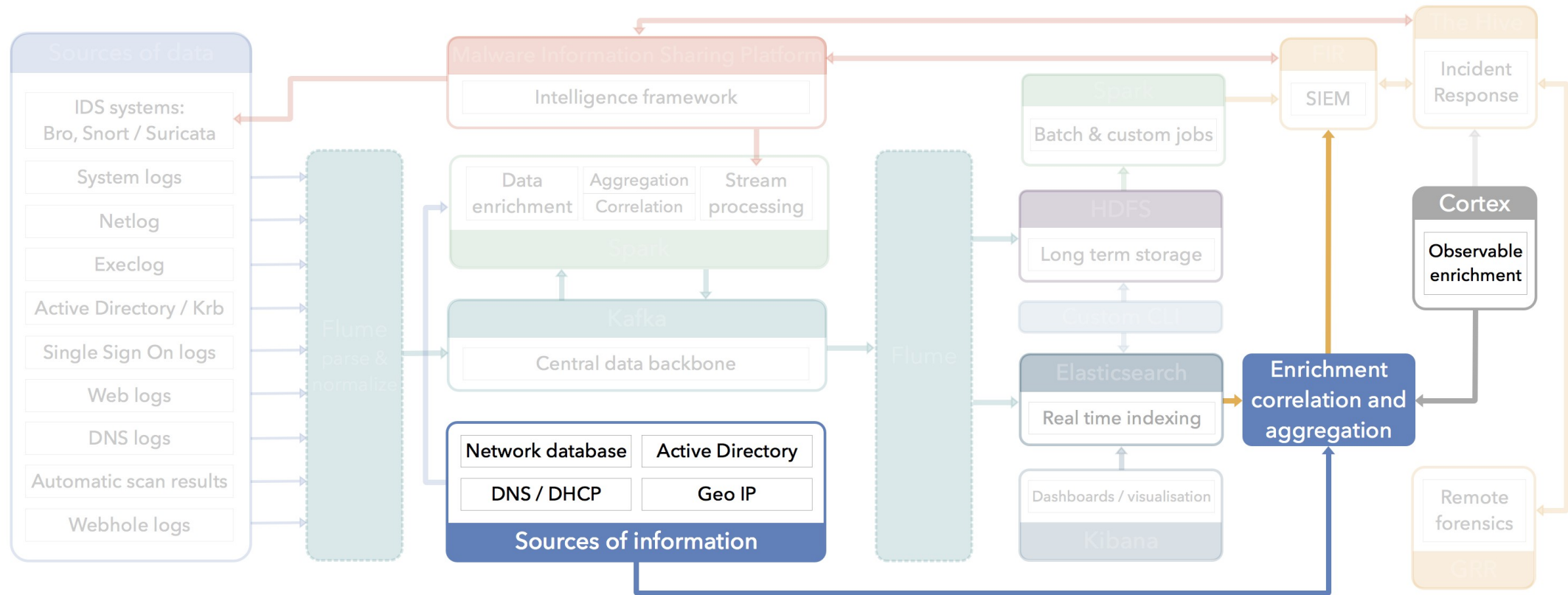
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# NETWORK TRAFFIC AGGREGATOR AND SPLITTER



# ADVANCED PROCESSING OF NOTIFICATIONS



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- Advanced aggregation & correlation
- Additional enrichment of data
  - Only for logs linked to alerts
  - 100% accurate
- Output used by the Computer Security team for user notifications and follow-up

# ADVANCED PROCESSING OF NOTIFICATIONS

[CERT SOC] [REDACTED] YAFF - Yet Another Fake Flash campaign — SOC alerts

CERN Document Server Alert Engine <noreply@cern.ch> @  
[CERT SOC] [REDACTED] YAFF - Yet Another Fake Flash campaign  
To: cert-soc-alerts (Computer Security Operations Centre alerts) <cert-soc-alerts@cern.ch>

SOC alerts Yesterday at 13:00

## Summary

MISP event	CERN devices	IoCs detected	Total # of IoCs	Publication	Organisation	Tags
<a href="#">YAFF - Yet Another Fake Flash campaign</a>	[REDACTED]	212.83.133.112 <small>No IDS</small> 212.129.56.50 <small>No IDS</small>	42	2018-02-22	[REDACTED]	tlp:white osint:source-type="blog-post"

## Basic connection details

Time	IoC triggering alert	Source	Destination	Application	Other actions
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2018-03-07 12:36:41	<a href="#">212.129.56.50</a>	[REDACTED]	212.129.56.50:80 AS12876, FR		<a href="#">View notification in ES</a> <a href="#">View conn details in ES</a>
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## bro\_http additional details

Time	Source	Destination	Method	Host	URI	Referrer	Status code	Status message
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