

# STIX 2.0 Specification - Pre-Draft

TLO - Standard TLOs - Version 0.1

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# 1. Document Development Status

Object / Concept	Status	MVP	Description
asset	Concept	Undecided	Something of value owned or used by an organization.
campaign	Concept	Undecided	Ongoing malicious activity (often represented as investigations) by one or more threat actors that appear to be related.
course-of-action	Concept	Undecided	Actions taken to mitigate a threat including (but not limited to) a) further investigate a threat b) stop a threat c) recover from a threat.
external-reference	Concept	Undecided	The citation of a source of information.
identity	Concept	Undecided	An individual or organization.
incident	Concept	Undecided	A collection of data about an investigation in the incident response process, including incidents.
indicator	Development	Yes	Structured detection information used for monitoring for the presence of malicious activity.
observation	Development	Yes	< to do >
sighting	Development	Yes	An acknowledgement of the observation of a previously identified Indicator.

threat-actor	Concept	Undecided	Suspected or known cyber attackers.
tool	Concept	Undecided	Software designed with a non-malicious purpose that can be used by anyone. It's functionality can also be leveraged by Threat Actors for malicious purposes.

## 2. Top Level Objects

### 2.1. Asset

Type Name: asset	Status: Concept MVP: Undecided
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The Asset object is used to describe something that belongs to an organization (either friendly or hostile). In many cases this is computing infrastructure (hosts, networks, applications), but in other cases it could describe non-computing assets like personnel, data, or capital.

#### Open Questions:

- Is using something like CIM enough, and is asset MVP?
- Definition is vague
- What properties do we include?
  - IP address
  - Hostname
  - URL/FQDN (if external)
  - Asset ID (if internal)
  - Serial # (if internal)
- The state of being compromised and whether the owner is aware is kind of related to the incident, do they really belong on the asset itself?
- Technical characteristics via CybOX are not well defined, need to clarify or remove.

#### 2.1.1. Properties

Inherits From	Inherited Properties	
<code>stix-core</code>	<code>type</code> , <code>id</code> , <code>spec_version</code> , <code>created_time</code> , <code>created_by_ref</code> , <code>object_markings_refs</code> , <code>granular_markings</code>	
<code>descriptive-properties</code>	<code>title</code> , <code>description</code>	
Property Name	Type	Description
<code>type</code> (required)	<code>string</code>	(Overrides <code>stix-core</code> ) The value of this field <b>MUST</b> be <code>asset</code>
<code>kind_of_asset</code> (required)	<code>asset-kind-cv</code>	What type of asset this Asset object represents. Field purloined from VERIS Asset classification.
<code>kind_of_asset_ext</code> (optional)	<code>vocab-ext</code>	Specifies alternate values for the <code>kind</code> property
<code>compromised</code> (optional)	<code>boolean</code>	Is the asset compromised?
<code>owner_aware</code> (optional)	<code>boolean</code>	Is the owner aware the asset is compromised?
<code>technical_characteristics</code> (optional)	<i>Cybox Characterization</i>	The technical characteristics of this asset

Use the “compromised-by” relationship from a Threat Actor to describe who compromised the asset. The “owned-by” and “managed-by” relationships (pointing to an Identity) are used to characterize who owns and manages the asset.

### 2.1.2. Relationships

These are the default relationships defined between the Asset Object and other objects.

Inherited From		Inherited Kinds of Relationships
<code>stix-core</code>		<code>derived-from</code> , <code>duplicate-of</code> , <code>suggested-update</code> , <code>related-to</code>
Kind of Relationship	Target	Description

compromised-by	threat-actor	Relates the Asset to the Threat Actor that compromised the Asset.
managed-by	identity	Relates the Asset to the Organization or Individual that manages the Asset.
owned-by	identity	Relates the Asset to the Organization or Individual that owns the Asset.
evidenced-by	observation	Relates the Asset to an Observation providing evidence that backs up the assertions provided in this Object.
part-of-malicious-infrastructure	malicious-infrastructure	Relates the Asset as being used as part of Malicious Infrastructure run by a Threat Actor.

## 2.2. Campaign

Type Name: campaign	Status: Concept MVP: Undecided
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Campaign is used to describe a pattern of malicious activity by one or more threat actors with a particular intent over a period of time. For example, a campaign would be used to describe a banking criminal's attack against the customers of ACME Bank in the United States in 2015.

### Open Questions:

- Do we use exact timestamps to represent first seen/last seen, or continue with the status CV.
- We need to have a general conversation about impact, see:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HJqhvzO35h62gQGPvghVRIAtQrZn3\\_J\\_0UcDAj-NXY/edit#heading=h.vby6r0avsvz5](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HJqhvzO35h62gQGPvghVRIAtQrZn3_J_0UcDAj-NXY/edit#heading=h.vby6r0avsvz5)

### 2.2.1. Properties

Inherits From	Inherited Properties
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<b>stix-core</b>	type, id, spec_version, created_time, created_by_ref, object_markings_refs, granular_markings	
<b>descriptive-properties</b>	title, description	
Property Name	Type	Description
<b>type</b> (required)	string	(Overrides <b>stix-core</b> ) The value of this field <b>MUST</b> be campaign.
<b>impact</b> (optional)	impact	The impact on operations if this campaign were to be realized.
<b>status</b> (optional)	campaign-status-cv	The current status of this campaign (historic, current, future).
<b>status_ext</b>	vocab-ext	Specifies alternate values for the <b>status</b> property

## 2.2.2. Relationships

These are the default relationships defined between the Campaign Object and other objects.

Inherited From		Inherited Kinds of Relationships
stix-core		derived-from, duplicate-of, suggested-update, related-to
Kind of Relationship	Target Type	Description
attributed-to	threat-actor	Relates the Campaign to a Threat Actor that is associated with this Campaign.
activity	course-of-action	Relates examples of what you can do to protect yourself when you see this Campaign.
evidenced-by	observation	Relates the Campaign to the an Observation providing evidence that backs up the assertions provided in this Object.

## 2.3. Course of Action

Type Name: <code>course-of-action</code>	Status: <b>Concept</b> MVP: <b>Undecided</b>
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Course of Action describes a response action to a cyber threat. Courses of Action may be pre-emptive, and intended to prevent a future attack; or responsive, and intended to remediate a successful attack. Courses of Action may be machine readable or human readable.

### Open Questions:

- Need to define how extensions work generally, as structured COA is an extension
- Need to review business impact and make sure it is consistent with other uses of impact (understanding that it's slightly different because COAs are applied to yourself)
- Mark has a question on structured\_coas: IMHO this should be a list of MIME entities perhaps with some metadata. PDFs are one type of course of action (and are structured/non-structured intended to be captured in the same list?)

### 2.3.1. Properties

Inherits From	Inherited Properties	
<code>stix-core</code>	<code>type</code> , <code>id</code> , <code>spec_version</code> , <code>created_time</code> , <code>created_by_ref</code> , <code>object_markings_refs</code> , <code>granular_markings</code>	
<code>descriptive-properties</code>	<code>title</code> , <code>description</code>	
Property Name	Type	Description
<code>type</code> (required)	<code>string</code>	(Overrides <code>stix-core</code> ) The value of this field <b>MUST</b> be <code>course-of-action</code>
<code>stage</code> (optional)	<code>coa-stage-cv</code>	Whether this is a preemptive remedy or a response action.
<code>stage_ext</code> (optional)	<code>vocab-ext</code>	Specifies alternate values for the <code>stage</code> property

<b>kind_of_coa</b> (optional)	<b>coa-kind-cv</b>	The type of response action.
<b>kind_of_coa_ext</b> (optional)	<b>vocab-ext</b>	Specifies alternate values for the <b>kind</b> property
<b>structured_coa</b> (optional)	<b>object</b>	A structured representation of the COA actions meant for automation.
<b>business_impact</b> (optional)	<b>statement</b> <b>(high-medium-low-cv)</b>	The impact on operations as a result of carrying out this COA.
<b>cost</b> (optional)	<b>statement</b> <b>(high-medium-low-cv)</b>	The cost to the business as a result of carrying out this COA.

### 2.3.2. Relationships

These are the default relationships between the Course-of-action Object and other objects.

Inherited From		Inherited Kinds of Relationships
<b>stix-core</b>		<b>derived-from</b> , <b>duplicate-of</b> , <b>suggested-update</b> , <b>related-to</b>
Kind of Relationship	Target	Description
<b>evidenced-by</b>	<b>observation</b>	Relates the Course-of-action to an Observation providing evidence that backs up the assertions provided in this Object.

## 2.4. External Reference

<b>Type Name:</b> <b>external-reference</b>	<b>Status:</b> <b>Concept</b> <b>MVP:</b> <b>Undecided</b>
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External references are used to describe pointers to information represented outside of STIX. For example, an incident could use an external reference to indicate an ID for that incident in an external database or a report could use references to represent source material.



### Open Questions:

- Should this stay as a separate TLO or just become a part of CTI core (as an array of references)? This has already been discussed at length, we'll have to make sure not to ignore previous consensus.

#### 2.4.1. Properties

Inherits From	Inherited Properties	
stix-core	type, id, spec_version, created_time, created_by_ref, object_markings_refs, granular_markings	
descriptive-properties	title, description	
Property Name	Type	Description
type (required)	string	(Overrides stix-core) The value of this field <b>MUST</b> be reference
reference_url (optional)	url	A URL reference to an external resource.
external_identifier (optional)	string	An identifier for the external reference content.
defining_context (optional)	string	The context within which the external_identifier is defined (system, registry, organization, etc.)

#### 2.4.2. Relationships

Status: stub

### 2.5. Incident

Type Name: incident	Status: Concept MVP: Undecided
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Incidents are discrete instances of threats affecting an organization along with information discovered or decided during an incident response investigation. They consist of data such as time-related information, parties involved, assets affected, impact assessment, related Indicators, related observables, leveraged attack techniques, attribution, intended effects, nature of compromise, responses taken or recommended, and logs of actions taken.

### 2.5.1. Properties

*Status: stub*

### 2.5.2. Relationships

These are the default relationships between the Incident Object and other objects.

Inherited From		Inherited Kinds of Relationships
stix-core		derived-from, duplicate-of, suggested-update, related-to
Kind of Relationship	Target	Description
part-of	Campaign	Relates the Incident to a Campaign to enable tagging it as being an instance of an individual attack performed as part of a Campaign.
evidenced-by	Observation	Relates the Incident to an Observation providing evidence that backs up the assertions provided in this Object.

## 2.6. Identity

Type Name: identity	Status: Concept MVP: Undecided
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Identity represents information about individuals (people), groups, and organizations. This came from the Information Source construct in STIX 1.2. Information Source was broken up into External Reference, Identity, and Tool. This should be reviewed.

- Identity = single company

- Identity = individual person
- Identity = group
- Identity = sector (CIKR)
- Identity = sector (finance)
- Need to represent assets for an identity (ASN, public IP space)

### Open Questions:

1. This should be discussed with Incident, Asset, Victim Targeting, etc.
2. We also need to discuss the properties that we include for identities (both MVP and post-MVP)
  - a. Allan has suggested:
    - i. username
    - ii. soc #
    - iii. phone number
    - iv. first name/last name
    - v. userid #

### 2.6.1. Properties

Inherits From	Inherited Properties	
<code>stix-core</code>	<code>type, id, spec_version, created_time, created_by_ref, object_markings_refs, granular_markings</code>	
<code>descriptive-properties</code>	<code>title, description</code>	
Property Name	Type	Description
<code>type</code> (required)	<code>string</code>	(Overrides <code>stix-core</code> ) The value of this field <b>MUST</b> be <code>identity</code>
<code>ciq-specification</code> (optional)	<code>string</code>	A string containing OASIS CIQ-PIL schema 3.0 XML formatted content describing the Identity in more detail.

### 2.6.2. Relationships

These are the default relationships between the Identity Object and other objects.

Inherited From		Inherited Kinds of Relationships
stix-core		derived-from, duplicate-of, suggested-update, related-to
Kind of Relationship	Target	Description
tracked-as	threat-actor	Relates the Identity to a Threat Actor to enable tracking of their actions.
persona-of	threat-actor	Relates the Identity as a persona that the Threat Actor uses.
evidenced-by	observation	Relates the Identity to an Observation providing evidence that backs up the assertions provided in this Object.

*Note: There is also a direct reference to identity embedded in all top-level objects (inherited from stix-core), created\_by\_ref, that links each TLO with the Identity of the organization or individual that created the TLO.*

## 2.7. Indicator

Type Name: indicator	Status: Development MVP: Yes
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Indicators are used for detecting malicious activity. The Indicator object is a STIX TLO that uses the CybOX patterning grammar to describe something (as a general expression or exact match) that you might see or should look for and includes an assertion of what it means if you see it.

### 2.7.1. Properties

Inherits From	Inherited Properties
stix-core	type, id, spec_version, created_time, created_by_ref, object_markings_refs, granular_markings
descriptive-properties	title, description

Property Name	Type	Description
<b>type</b> (required)	string	(Overrides <code>stix-core</code> ) The value of this field <b>MUST</b> be <code>indicator</code>
<b>indicator_categories</b> (required)	array of type <code>indicator-kind-cv</code>	Specifies the type for this Indicator.
<b>indicator_categories_ext</b> (optional)	array of type <code>vocab-ext</code>	Specifies alternate values for the type of this Indicator
<b>start_time</b> (optional)	timestamp	The start time for which this indicator is valid.
<b>end_time</b> (optional)	timestamp	The end time for which this indicator is valid.
<b>pattern</b> (required)	pattern-expression	TODO: definition of pattern-expression in the playground document (worked by CybOX patterning mini-group)
<b>confidence</b> (required)	< to do >	The confidence for this indicator, using the standard confidence vocabulary.
<b>confidence_ext</b> (optional)		The confidence for this indicator, using a non-standard vocabulary.

## 2.7.2. Relationships

These are the default relationships defined between the Indicator Object and other objects.

Inherited From		Inherited Kinds of Relationships
<code>stix-core</code>		<code>derived-from</code> , <code>duplicate-of</code> , <code>suggested-update</code> , <code>related-to</code>
Kind of Relationship	Target	Description
<code>indicates</code>	<code>threat-actor</code> , <code>attack-pattern</code> , <code>exploit</code> , <code>malicious-</code>	Relates the indicator to the threat that it indicates. For example, you can send a relationships that points from an Indicator to some Malware with a value of "indicates".

	<p>infrastructure, malicious-tool, malware, persona, victim-targeting, configuration, vulnerability, weakness, campaign, kill-chain-phase</p>	<p>What that means is if you see that indicator it indicates that you have that piece of malware running on your computer / in your network to the level of confidence expressed in the relationship.</p>
suggested-coa-of	course-of- action	<p>Relates the Indicator to a Course of Action to allow Organizations to protect themselves against the threat indicated when this Indicator alerts.</p>
uses-exploit	exploit	<p>Relates the Indicator to an exploit that can exploit the vulnerability/misconfiguration or weakness.</p>
evidenced-by	observation	<p>Relates the Indicator to an Observation providing evidence that backs up the assertions provided in this Object. The evidenced-by relationship allows producers to a link to the Observations that they used to determine what the Indicator needed to match to trigger. The same Observation can be related with both an evidenced-by relationship AND a sighting-of relationship.</p>

### 2.7.3. Examples

#### Indicator Itself, with Context

```
[
{
  "type": "indicator",
  "id": "indicator--8e2e2d2b-17d4-4cbf-938f-98ee46b3cd3f",
  "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
  "created_time": "2016-04-06T20:03:48Z",
  "created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
  "title": "Poison Ivy Malware",
  "description": "This file is part of Poison Ivy",
  "pattern": "file-object.hashes.md5 = '3773a88f65a5e780c8dff9cdc3a056f3'",
}
```

```

    "confidence": 100
  },
  {
    "type": "relationship",
    "id": "relationship--44298a74-ba52-4f0c-87a3-1824e67d7fad",
    "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
    "created_time": "2016-04-06T20:06:37Z",
    "created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
    "source_ref": "indicator--8e2e2d2b-17d4-4cbf-938f-98ee46b3cd3f",
    "target_ref": "malware--31b940d4-6f7f-459a-80ea-9c1f17b5891b",
    "kind_of_relationship": "indicates",
    "confidence": 100
  },
  {
    "type": "malware",
    "id": "malware--31b940d4-6f7f-459a-80ea-9c1f17b5891b",
    "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
    "created_time": "2016-04-06T20:07:09Z",
    "created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
    "title": "Poison Ivy"
  }
]

```

## 2.8. Observation

<b>Type Name:</b> <code>observation</code>	<b>Status:</b> <code>Development</code> <b>MVP:</b> <code>Yes</code>
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Observations document actions and objects that were observed at a certain time. The Observation object uses CybOX objects to describe something that was seen and is a container or wrapper (entry point) for CybOX data in STIX.

### 2.8.1. Properties

Inherits From	Inherited Properties	
<code>stix-core</code>	<code>type</code> , <code>id</code> , <code>spec_version</code> , <code>created_time</code> , <code>created_by_ref</code> , <code>object_markings_refs</code> , <code>granular_markings</code>	
Property Name	Type	Description
<code>type</code> (required)	<code>string</code>	(Overrides <code>stix-core</code> ) The value of this field <b>MUST</b> be <code>observation</code>

<b>start</b> (required)	<b>timestamp</b>	The time of the start of this observation.
<b>end</b> (required)	<b>timestamp</b>	The time of the end of this observation. For single point in time observations, this should match the <b>start</b> time.
<b>cybox</b> (required)	<b>array</b> of type <b>cybox</b>	The CyBOX content that describes what was seen.

## 2.8.2. Relationships

NONE

## 2.8.3. Examples

*Observation of a file object*

```
{
  "type": "observation",
  "id": "observation--b67d30ff-02ac-498a-92f9-32f845f448cf",
  "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
  "created_time": "2016-04-06T19:58:16Z",
  "created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
  "start": "2015-12-21T19:00:00Z",
  "end": "2015-12-21T19:00:00Z",
  "cybox": [
    {
      "type": "file-object",
      "file_name": "malware.exe",
      "hashes": {
        "md5": "3773a88f65a5e780c8dff9cdc3a056f3",
        "sha1": "cac35ec206d868b7d7cb0b55f31d9425b075082b"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

## 2.9. Sighting

<b>Type Name:</b> <b>sighting</b>	<b>Status:</b> <b>Development</b> <b>MVP:</b> <b>Yes</b>
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Sightings represent events of security interest, often detected via indicators or analytics, and are used to communicate that the indicator or analytic was "sighted" and/or to request further



analysis. The Sighting object describes something (an event) that the producer would like to provide or request additional context about. It can be tied to how it was discovered (indicator, analytic, or even a description of human analysis) and to what was actually seen (set of observations). It could also be tied to other objects to indicate that, for example, a campaign was spotted. Sighting also has count to help with scale issues. Sightings differ from Observations in that you can tie a Sighting to something that triggered it, whereas the Observation is simply the CybOX wrapper in STIX.

#### Open Questions:

1. From Allan's request, we are still missing the ability of connecting this to where it was seen.

### 2.9.1. Properties

Inherits From	Inherited Properties	
<code>stix-core</code>	<code>type</code> , <code>id</code> , <code>spec_version</code> , <code>created_time</code> , <code>created_by_ref</code> , <code>object_markings_refs</code> , <code>granular_markings</code>	
Property Name	Type	Description
<code>type</code> (required)	<code>string</code>	(Overrides <code>stix-core</code> ) The value of this field <b>MUST</b> be <code>sighting</code>
<code>sighting_of_refs</code> (required)	<code>array</code> of type <code>identifier</code>	The IDs of the objects that were sighted. Generally, this will be an indicator.
<code>observation_refs</code> (optional)	<code>array</code> of type <code>identifier</code>	The IDs of the Observations that were seen. This is used when for example you have an indicator watch list with hundreds of IPs and you need to sight a single IP address.
<code>count</code> (required)	<code>integer</code>	This is an integer between 0 and 999,999,999.
<code>first_seen</code> (required)	<code>timestamp</code>	When an Observation that matches the Indicator was first observed.
<code>last_seen</code> (required)	<code>timestamp</code>	The time when an Observation that matches the Indicator was last seen

		for when the count is greater than 1. If the count equals 1, then the <b>first_seen</b> and <b>last_seen</b> <b>MUST</b> be equal.
<b>confidence</b> (required)	< to do >	< to do >

## 2.9.2. Relationships

NONE

## 2.9.3. Examples

### *Sighting of Indicator, without Observations*

```
{
  "type": "sighting",
  "id": "sighting--ee20065d-2555-424f-ad9e-0f8428623c75",
  "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
  "created_time": "2016-04-06T20:08:31Z",
  "created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
  "sighting_of_refs": [ "indicator--8e2e2d2b-17d4-4cbf-938f-98ee46b3cd3f" ],
  "count": 104,
  "first_seen": "2016-03-23T20:10:10Z",
  "last_seen": "2016-03-25T20:10:15Z",
  "confidence": 100
}
```

### *Sighting of Indicator, with Observation (what exactly was seen)*

```
[
  {
    "type": "sighting",
    "id": "sighting--ee20065d-2555-424f-ad9e-0f8428623c75",
    "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
    "created_time": "2016-04-06T20:08:31Z",
    "created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
    "sighting_of_refs": [ "indicator--8e2e2d2b-17d4-4cbf-938f-98ee46b3cd3f" ],
    "confidence": 70,
    "count": 104,
    "first_seen": "2016-03-23T20:10:10Z",
    "last_seen": "2016-03-23T20:10:15Z",
    "observation_refs": [
      "observation--b67d30ff-02ac-498a-92f9-32f845f448cf"
    ],
  },
]
```

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{
  "type": "observation",
  "id": "observation--b67d30ff-02ac-498a-92f9-32f845f448cf",
  "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
  "created_time": "2016-04-06T19:58:16Z",
  "created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
  "start": "2015-12-21T19:00:00Z",
  "stop": "2015-12-21T19:00:00Z",
  "cybox": [
    {
      "type": "file-object",
      "file_name": "malware.exe",
      "hashes": {
        "md5": "3773a88f65a5e780c8dff9cdc3a056f3",
        "sha1": "cac35ec206d868b7d7cb0b55f31d9425b075082b"
      }
    }
  ]
}
]

```

#### *Sighting of Analytic, with Observation (what exactly was seen)*

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[
  {
    "type": "sighting",
    "id": "sighting--ee20065d-2555-424f-ad9e-0f8428623c75",
    "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
    "created_time": "2016-04-06T20:08:31Z",
    "created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
    "sighting_of_refs": [ "reference--9623a193-6a3a-4bed-aede-d9fb8471ea0d" ],
    "count": 104,
    "first_seen": "2016-03-23T20:10:10Z",
    "last_seen": "2016-03-23T20:10:15Z",
    "observation_refs": ["observation--b67d30ff-02ac-498a-92f9-32f845f448cf"],
  },
  {
    "type": "external-reference",
    "id": "external-reference--9623a193-6a3a-4bed-aede-d9fb8471ea0d",
    "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
    "created_time": "2016-04-06T20:15:00+00:00",
    "created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
    "reference_url": "http://uba\_system/the/ml/algo/details/1234",
    "description": "Potentially some human readable description of the analytic or why it triggered until we can represent it in STIX"
  },
  {
    "type": "observation",
    "id": "observation--b67d30ff-02ac-498a-92f9-32f845f448cf",
    "spec_version": "stix-2.0",
    "created_time": "2016-04-06T19:58:16Z",
  }
]

```

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"created_by_ref": "source--f431f809-377b-45e0-aa1c-6a4751cae5ff",
"start": "2015-12-21T19:00:00Z",
"stop": "2015-12-21T19:00:00Z",
"cybox": [
  {
    "type": "file-object",
    "file_name": "malware.exe",
    "hashes": {
      "md5": "3773a88f65a5e780c8dff9cdc3a056f3",
      "sha1": "cac35ec206d868b7d7cb0b55f31d9425b075082b"
    }
  }
]
}
]

```

## 2.10. Threat Actor

Type Name: <code>threat-actor</code>	Status: <b>Concept</b> MVP: <b>Undecided</b>
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A threat actor describes an individual or group with malicious intent.

### Open Questions:

- How does threat actor relate to identity (how do you characterize the identity of a threat actor)? Do we use the identity TLO, include identity information inside Threat Actor, etc.?

### 2.10.1. Properties

Inherits From	Inherited Properties	
<code>stix-core</code>	type, id, spec_version, created_time, created_by_ref, object_markings_refs, granular_markings	
<code>descriptive-properties</code>	title, description	
Property Name	Type	Description
type (required)	<code>string</code>	(Overrides <code>stix-core</code> ) The value of this field <b>MUST</b> be threat-actor

<b>impact</b> (optional)	<b>impact</b>	The impact on operations if this threat actor were to successfully attack.
<b>kind_of_threat_actor</b> (optional)	<b>statement</b> <b>(threat-actor-kind-cv)</b>	The kind (type) of this threat actor.
<b>motivation</b> (optional)	<b>statement</b> <b>(threat-actor-motivation-cv)</b>	The motivation of this threat actor.
<b>sophistication</b> (optional)	<b>statement</b> <b>(threat-actor-sophistication-cv)</b>	The sophistication of this threat actor
<b>planning_and_operational_support</b> (optional)	<b>statement</b> <b>(planning-and-operations-cv)</b>	The planning and operational support available to this threat actor.

The real identity of the Threat Actor is related to the Threat Actor via a relationship of value 'identity-of'. If the Threat Actor has a persona that they use then that is constructed using a relationship between the Identity the persona uses and the the Threat Actor with a value of 'persona-of'.

## 2.10.2. Threat Actor Relationships

These are the default relationships between a Threat Actor Object and other objects.

Inherited From		Inherited Kinds of Relationships
<b>stix-core</b>		<b>derived-from</b> , <b>duplicate-of</b> , <b>suggested-update</b> , <b>related-to</b>
Kind of Relationship	Target	Description
<b>identity-of</b>	<b>identity</b>	Relates the Threat Actor to a real Identity that describes who they really are.

persona-of	identity	Relates the Threat Actor to a fake persona they use to obscure their real identity.
targeted	identity	Relates the Threat Actor to a Organization or Individual who was targeted by this Threat Actor
breached	identity	Relates the Threat Actor to a Organization or Individual who was compromised by this Threat Actor
member-of	identity	The Threat actor is a member of an Organization
administers	campaign	Relates the Threat Actor to a Campaign as the administrator of a Campaign.
operates	campaign	Relates the Threat Actor to a Campaign as the operator of a Campaign.
plans	campaign	Relates the Threat Actor to a Campaign as the planner of a Campaign.
uses	malware, exploit	Relates the Malware or Exploit as one being used by the Threat Actor to perform attacks. This will enable Organizations to quickly find similar Threat Actors that uses the same exploits.
evidenced-by	observation	Relates the Threat Actor to an Observation that demonstrates involvement from the threat actors described in this Object.
compromises	asset	Relates the Threat Actor to an Asset that is delivered by or communicates with this Asset.
controls-malicious-infrastructure	malicious-infrastructure	Relates the Threat Actor to Malicious Infrastructure that is delivers or communicates with Malware.
administers-malicious-	malicious-infrastructure	Relates the Threat Actor to Malicious Infrastructure that is delivers or

infrastructure		communicates with Malware as an administrator.
uses-attack-pattern	attack-pattern	Relates the Threat Actor to an Attack Pattern that describes what it does.
target-selection-of	victim-targeting	Relates the Threat Actor to a type of Victim Targeting
member-of	threat-actor	Allows recording that a Threat Actor is a member of another Threat Actor.

## 2.11. Tool

Type Name: tool	Status: Concept MVP: Undecided
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Tool (STIX 1.2) is intended to characterize the properties of a hardware or software tool, including those related to instances of its use. It is meant to be used to describe a tool that was used to perform a threat analysis (source of analysis) or create STIX content (source of the STIX content).

### Open Questions:

1. Is this necessary? Do people need to represent which tools they used to perform analysis or create STIX content?
2. How does it relate to malicious tool? Is malicious-tool a totally separate object or does it go away (merged into this) and we use relationships to indicate whether tools are malicious?
3. Allan: Could this just be a hash of the tool?

### 2.11.1. Properties

<STUB>

### 2.11.2. Relationships

Status: stub

