

Bridging Together Independent Islands

STIX Custom Objects and Matching
Mechanisms to Correlate Cyberspace
and Real-World Data



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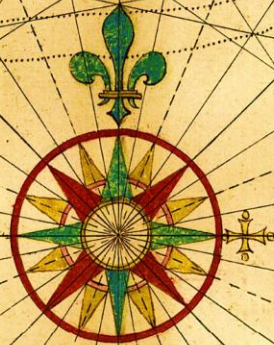
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Outline - Our Next Journey

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1. Motivation

- After FIRST2020, we continued our journey to widen CTI applications
- Toshi got a request from law enforcement (LE) practitioners
 - They wanted to correlate IP addresses and bank account information
- While thinking about the case, I realized this is common to other communities

2. Initial Thought

- Plain STIX has only cyberspace data objects, not real-world data
 - Need to use STIX custom objects
- MISP Standard has the “bank-account” and “person” objects
 - Can be exported in the STIX 2.1 format, using STIX Custom objects
- Toshi thought he can get away with it ...
- **... but it was not that simple**

3.1. Realization: *Who Am I!?*

- Ryu opened a bank account in Japan ...
- Data to open an account in the US/Japan
 - They are conceptualized very differently like ***two independent islands***
 - MISP “person” object will do for the US
 - First name, middle name, last name
 - Matching first names would not be easy either

Name in Kanji

Last name

First name

Name in Katakana

Last name

First name

Bank account application form

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以下の必要事項をご入力ください。

お名前 必須

姓 益岡

名 竜介

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お名前 (フリガナ) 必須

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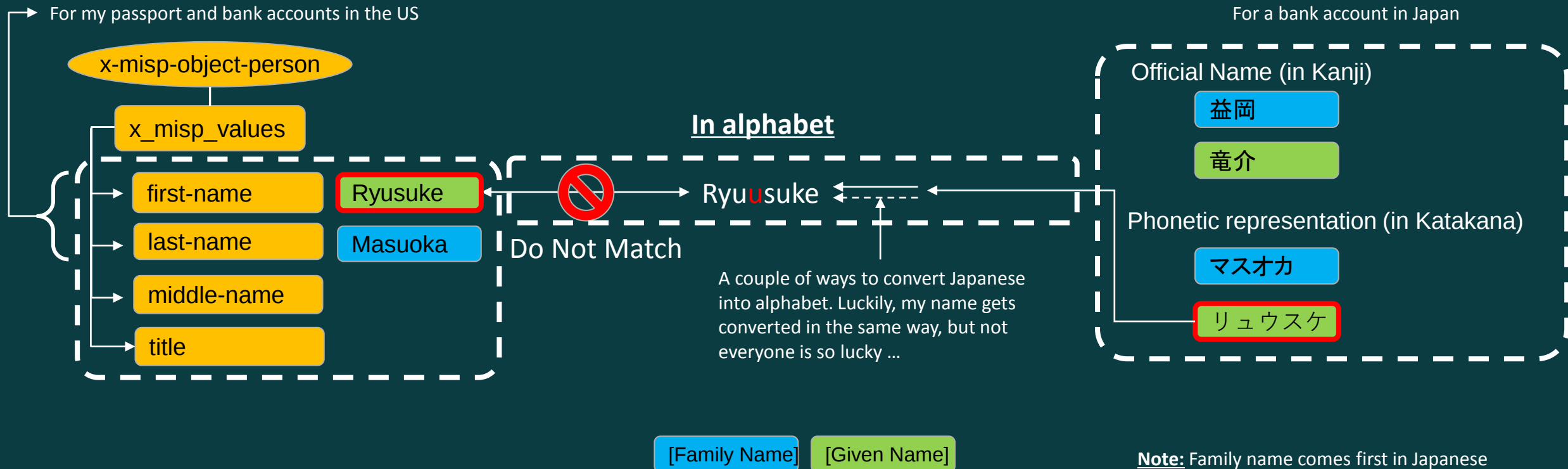
[Tip] A Little Lesson on Japanese

- A variety of character sets used in everyday Japanese writing
 - Kanji (Chinese Characters):
愛 意 上 得 終 漢 霧 空 ...
 - Katanaka (Phonetic – Double-byte/Zenkaku):
アイウエオカキク ...
 - Katakana (Phonetic – Single-byte/Hankaku):
アイウエオカキク ...
 - Hiragana (Another Phonetic):
あいうえおかきく ...
 - Alphabet (Double-byte/Zenkaku):
A B C D E F G H ...
 - Alphabet (Single-byte/Hanakaku):
A B C D E F G H ...
- My name in ...
 - Kanji (Chinese Characters):
益岡 竜介
 - Katanaka (Phonetic – Double-byte/Zenkaku):
マスオカ リュウスケ
 - Katakana (Phonetic – Single-byte/Hankaku):
マスオカ リュウスケ
 - Hiragana (Another Phonetic):
ますおか りゅうすけ
 - Alphabet (Double-byte/Zenkaku):
M a s u o k a R y u u s u k e
 - Alphabet (Single-byte/Hanakaku):
Masuoka Ryuusuke

3.1. Realization: *Who Am I!?*

- Problems:

- Names are structured differently in the US and Japan
- Therefore, one needs to specify which field to match with which
- Matching (ex. first name) values is not simple either



3.1. Realization: *We have opened Pandora's box!*



3.2. Discussion

- Found many cases beyond Japanese names
 - Russian family names for male and female members (Livinsky/Livinskaya)
 - "cafe" and "café"
 - Company names in Japanese - Some have more than 40 variations
 - Aliases for threat actors and pieces of malware
- Need easy-to-create custom objects and flexible matching mechanisms to deal with real-world data

4. Solution – STIX Customizer and Matching Mechanisms

- ... implemented in our TIP, S-TIP
 - STIX Customizer
 - Easy to create STIX Custom Object Models
 - Explicit Correlation
 - Limiting which properties are matched
 - Fuzzy Matching
 - Absorbing notation fluctuations
- Demonstration of how those S-TIP mechanisms are utilized to make meaningful matching of real-world data

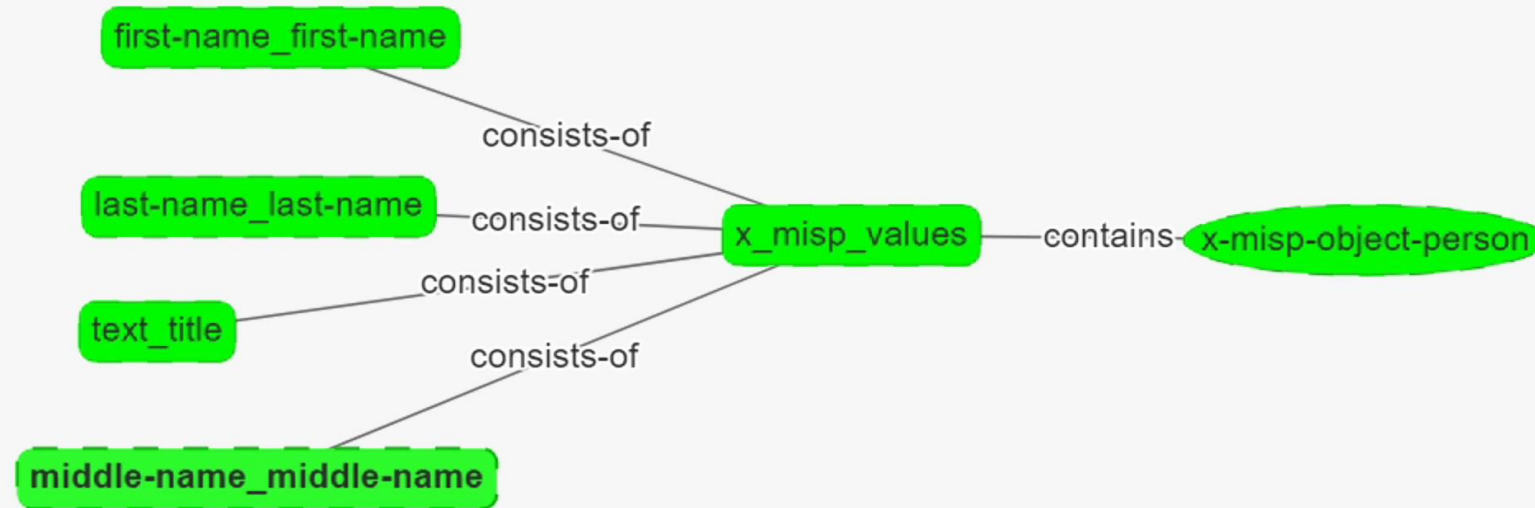
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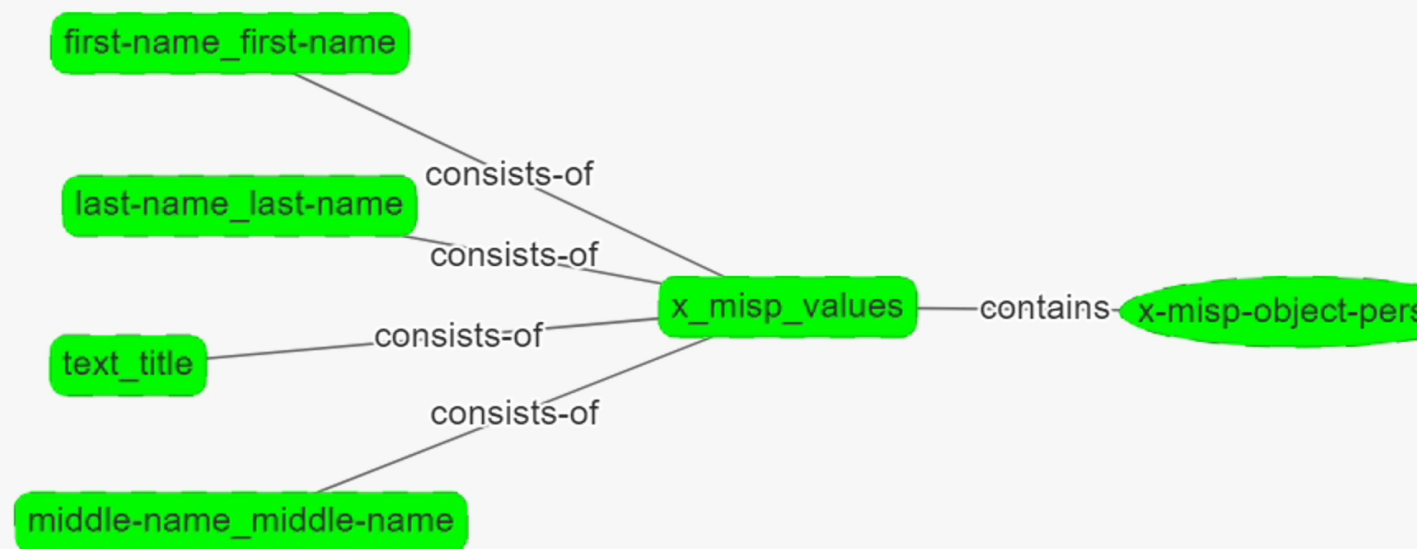
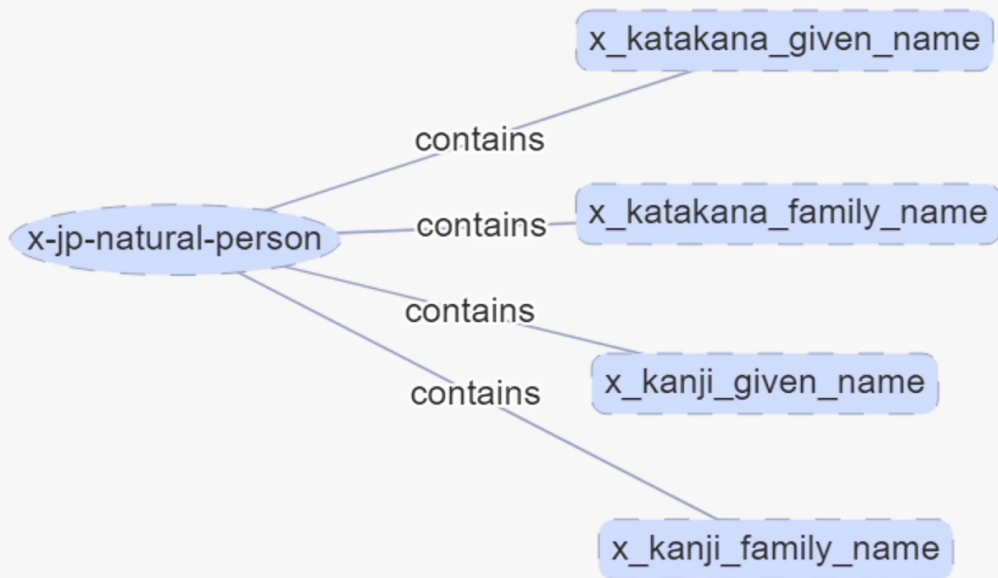
5. Demo (Create Custom Object and Properties)

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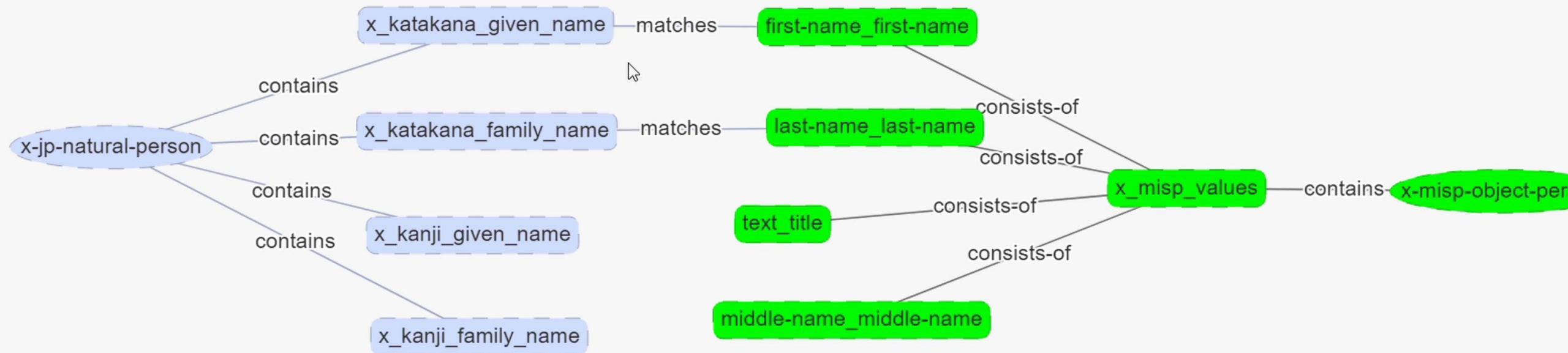
5. Demo (Define Explicit Correlation)

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5. Demo (Define Fuzzy Matching)

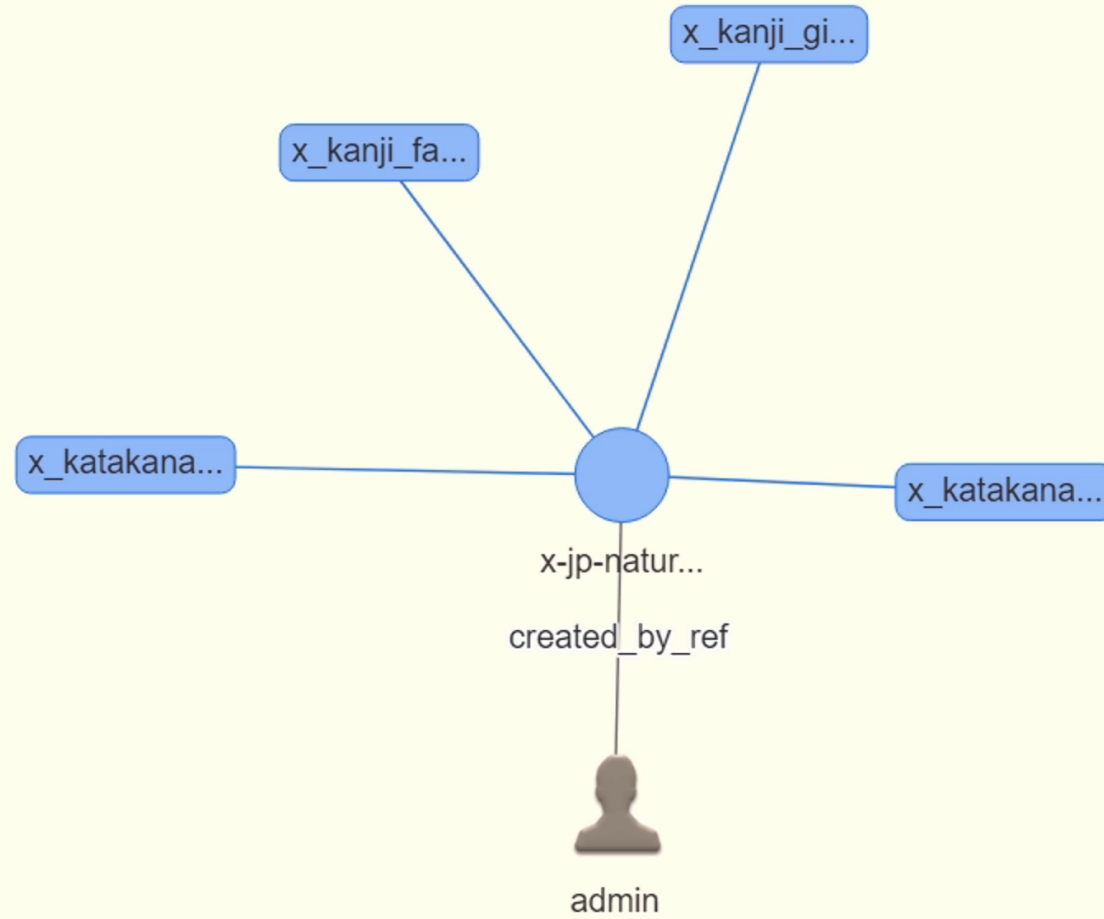
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5. Demo (Explain the demo Data)

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},  
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  "misp:category=¥\"misc¥\"",  
  "misp:to_ids=¥\"False¥\"",  
  "from_object"  
],  
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"type": "x-misp-object-person"  
}]
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5. Demo (Graph Analytics)

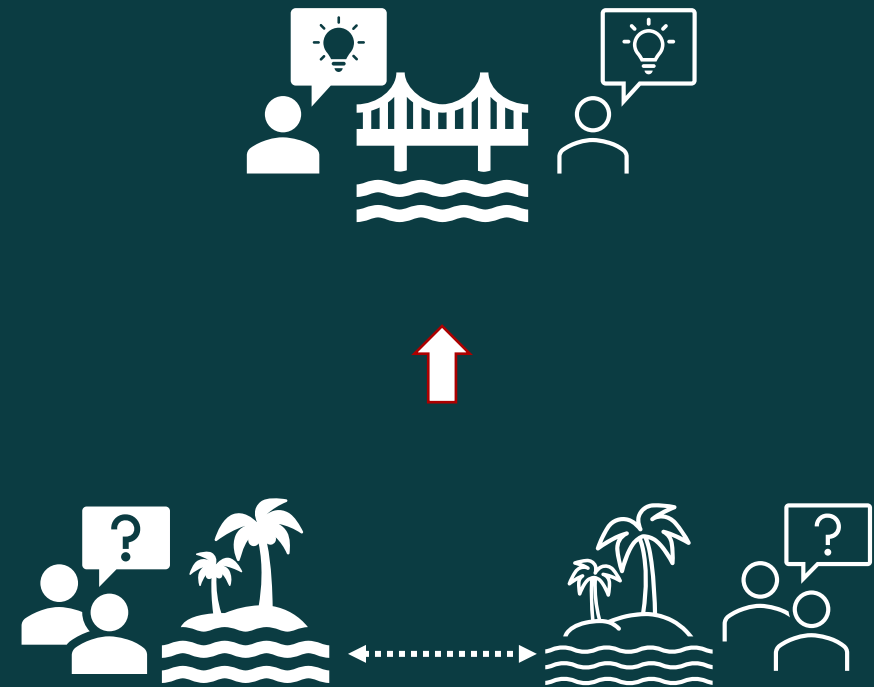


6. Summary and Takeaway Message

- STIX Customizer and matching mechanisms proposed and implemented in S-TIP
 - "STIX Customizer" to easily create STIX custom objects
 - "Explicit Correlation" and "Fuzzy Matching" to make meaningful matching possible for real-world data
- Future work
 - Apply these technologies to problems from the LE practitioners ... and others!
 - Faster "fuzzy matching"
 - Study and deal with other notation fluctuation cases
 - Enable sharing STIX Custom Object schemas and matching rules

6. Summary and Takeaway Message

- Easy-to-create custom objects and flexible matching mechanisms to utilize real-world data like independent islands along with cyberspace data



Thank You!!!

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