



Real-Time Threat Intelligence with ML Feedback Loops

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Outline

- Introduction to Threat Intelligence
- Key Challenges in IOC Management
- Architecture of the ML Feedback Loop
- Technical Walkthrough: Key Components (ML model, Cloud-native stack, etc.)
- Feedback Loops in Action
- Real-World Applications and Case Studies
- Future Directions & Closing Remarks

Introduction to Threat Intelligence

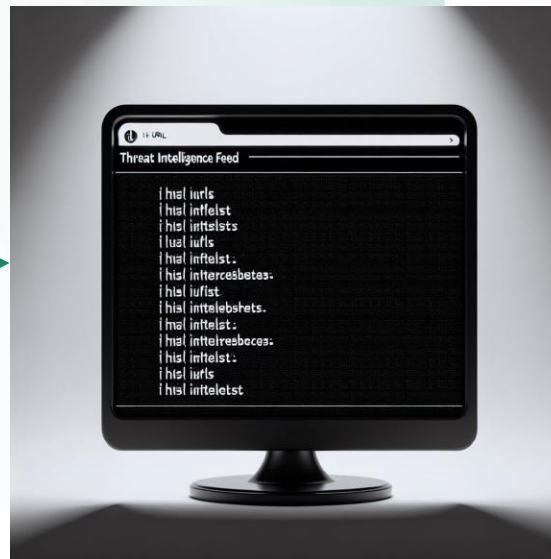
Definition:

Threat intelligence is the collection, analysis, and action on data related to potential or existing cyber threats, helping organizations stay ahead of attacks.

IOC



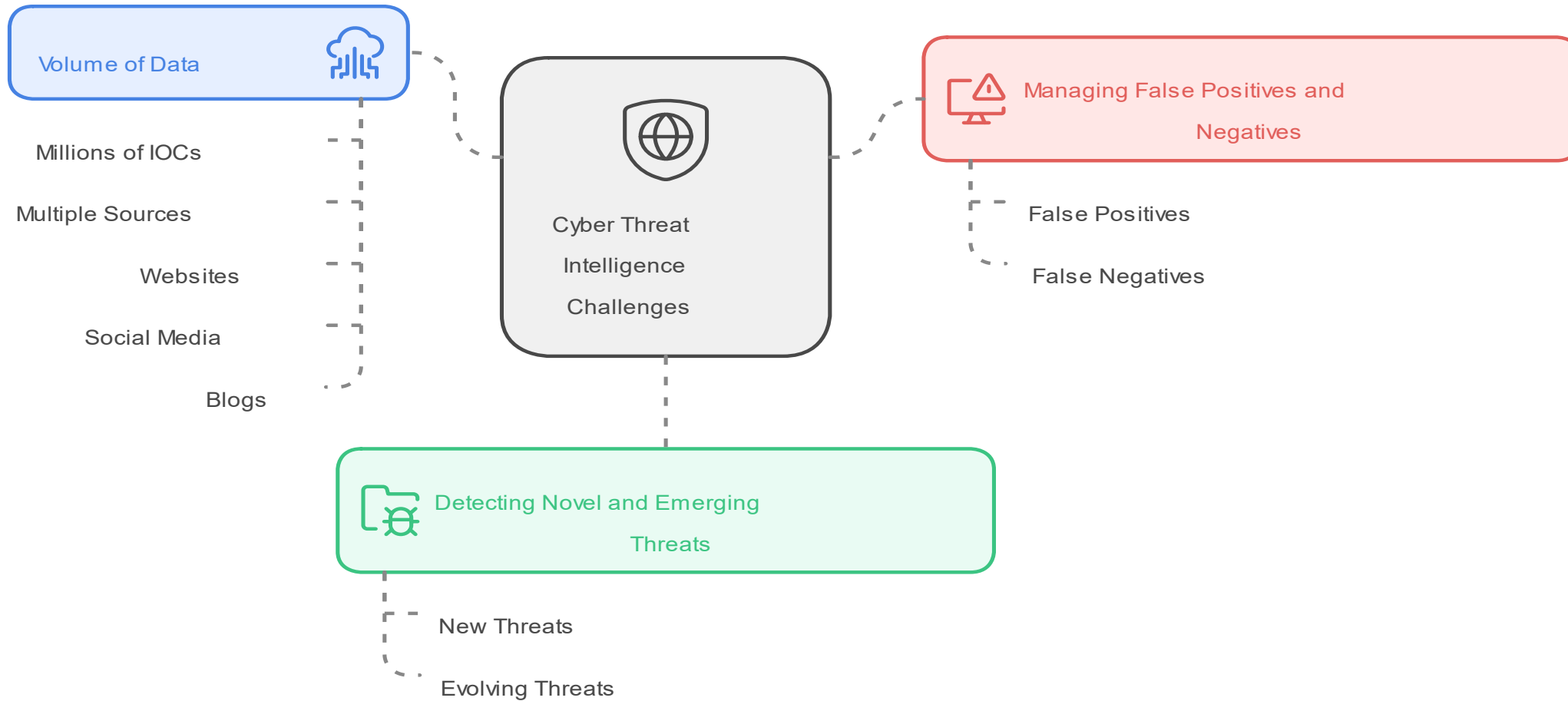
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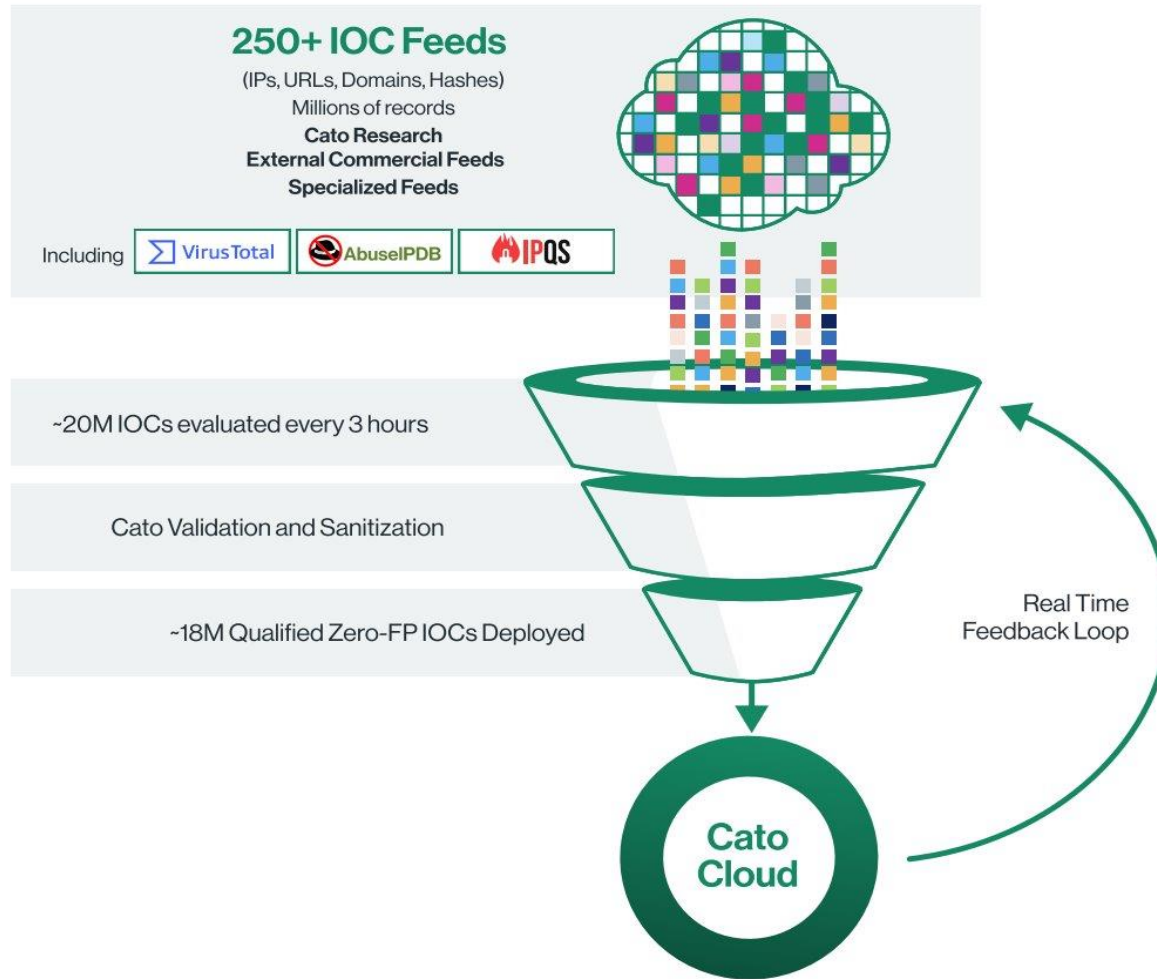
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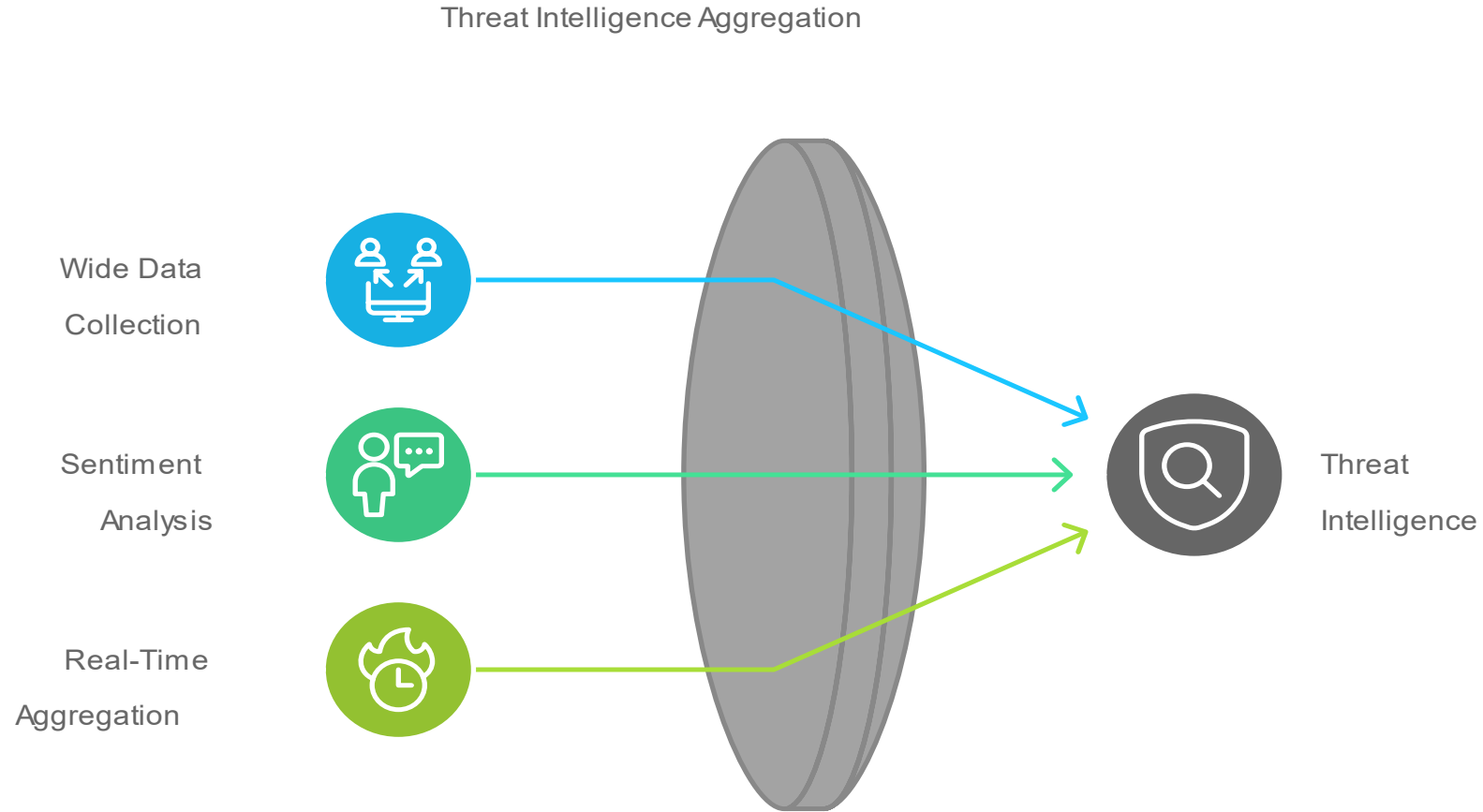
Key Challenges in IOC Management



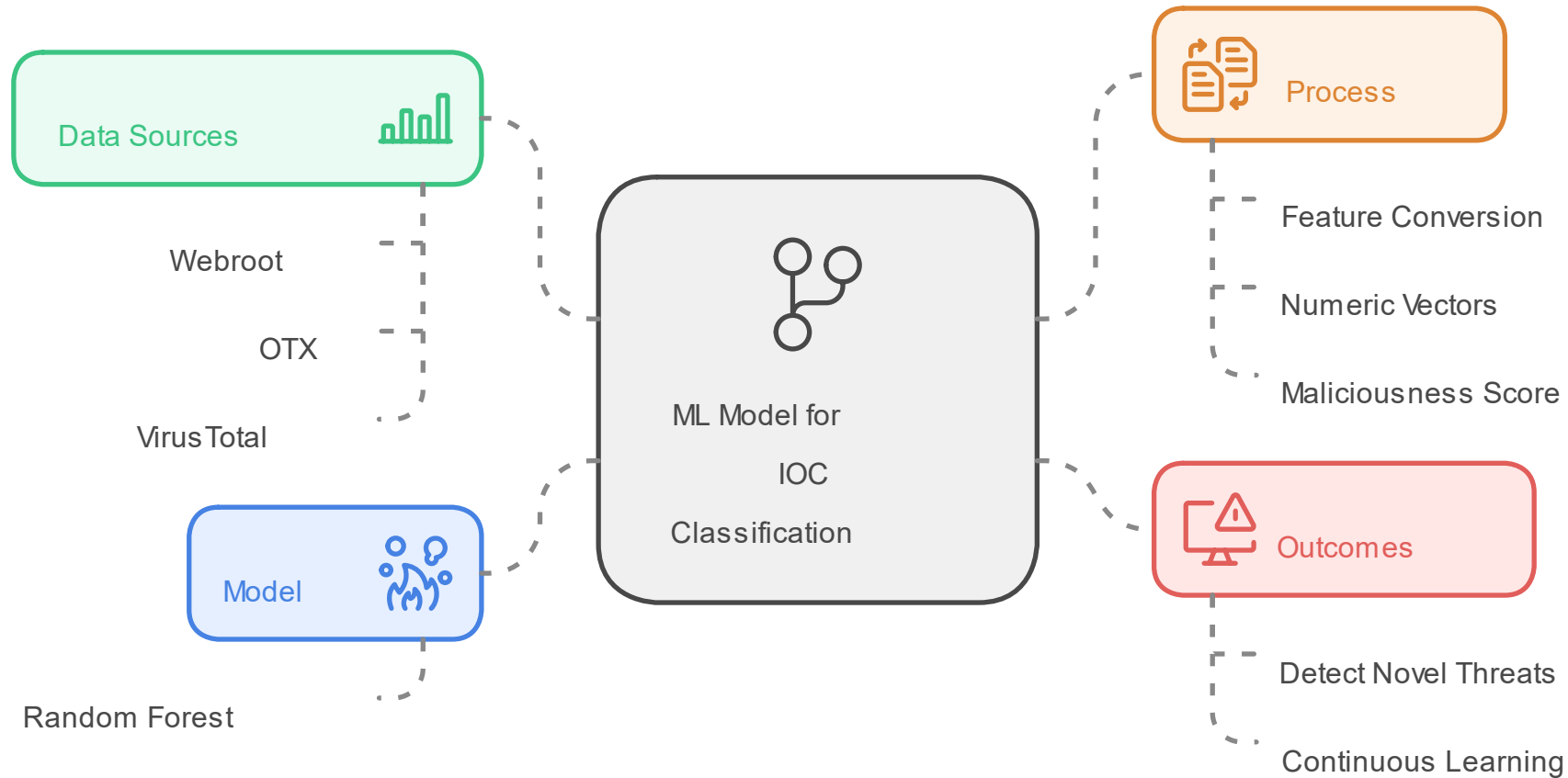
High-Level Architecture of a TIP



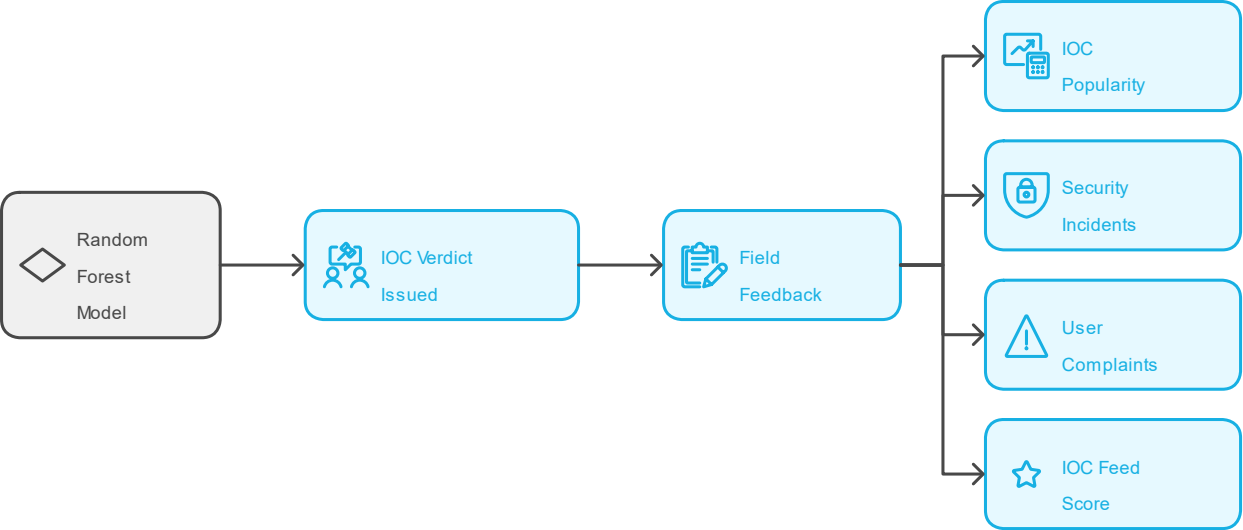
Data Sources and Aggregation



ML Model for IOC Classification



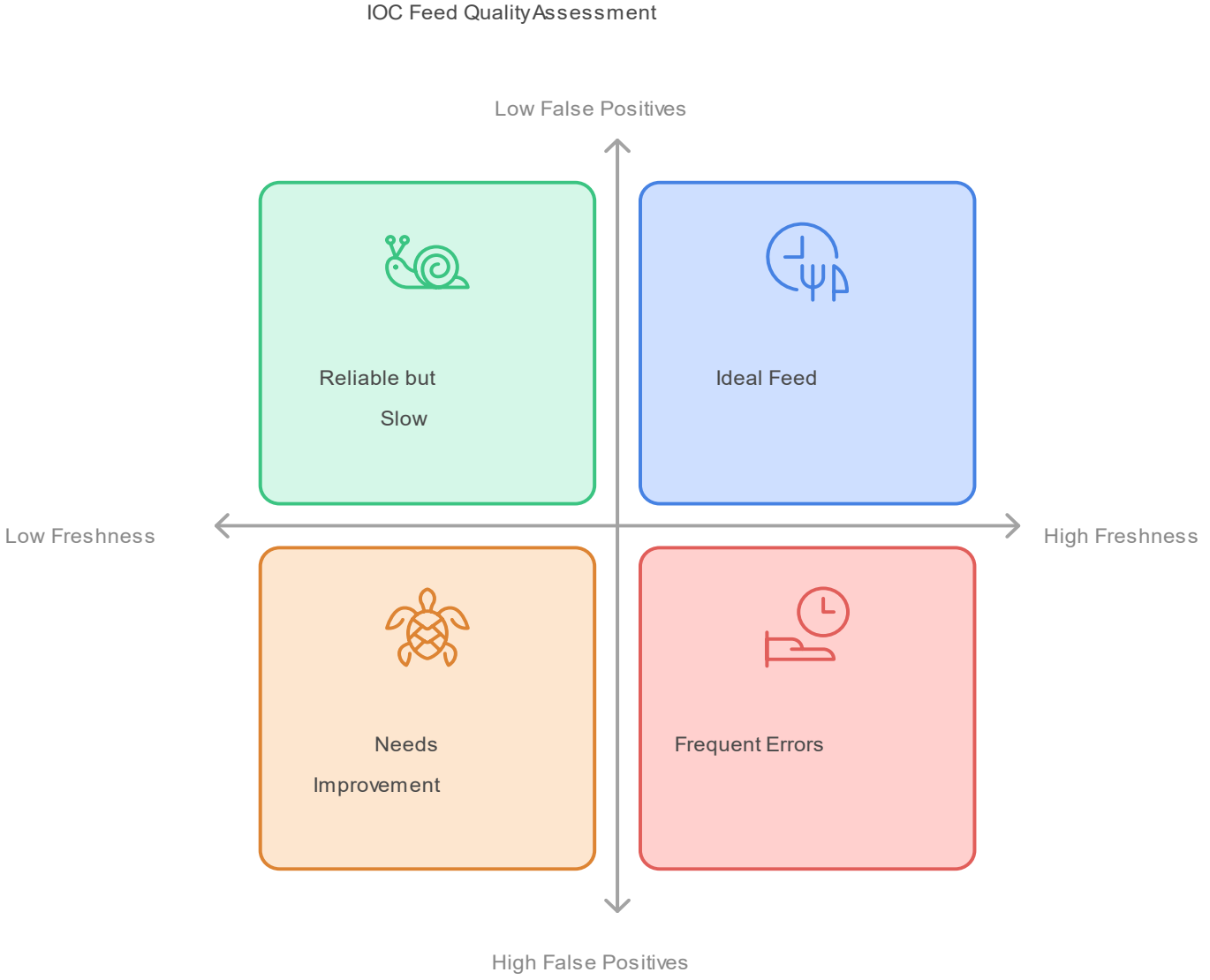
Continuous Feedback Loop Overview



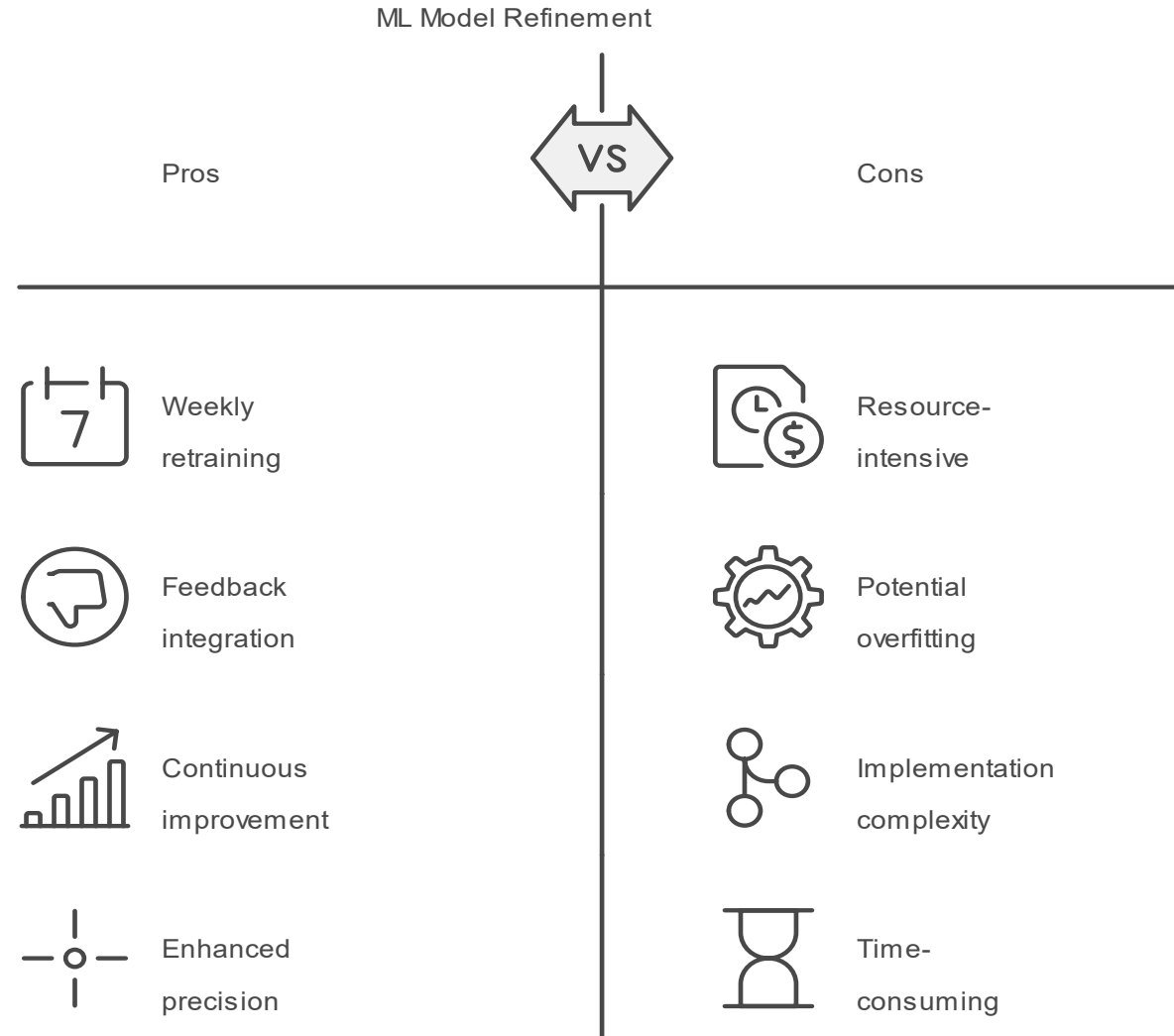
IOC Assessment and Feedback Cycle



Evaluating IOC Feed Quality: Metrics and Scoring



ML Model Refinement: Reducing False Positives

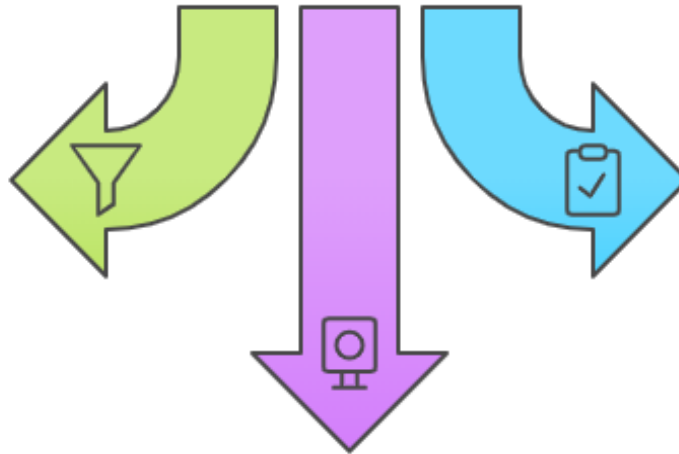


Filtering Accuracy and Monitoring

How to improve the accuracy of false positive filtering?

Continue with automatic filtering

Nearly 99% of false positives are filtered automatically using popularity and feed score calculations.



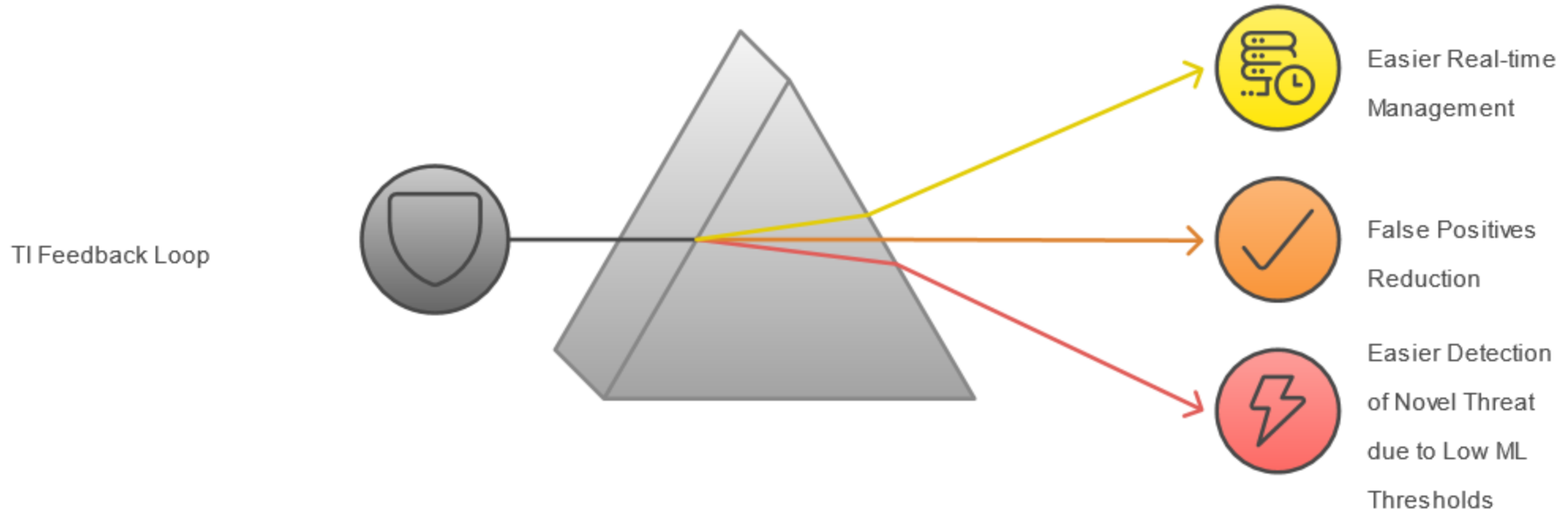
Increase manual reviews

User complaints and manual analysis are always 100% accurate in identifying true positives.

Enhance continuous monitoring

Since automatic filtering is statistical, we constantly monitor metrics to ensure no false negatives slip through.

Impact on Detection Capabilities



TIP Service in Action

Reputation Database

159.89.8.164

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Search

Classified as Malicious, Confidence: 0.67

Popularity

Popularity Measure	Popularity Value
Cato Popularity Bin	4
Alexa Rank	-1
Umbrella Rank	-1

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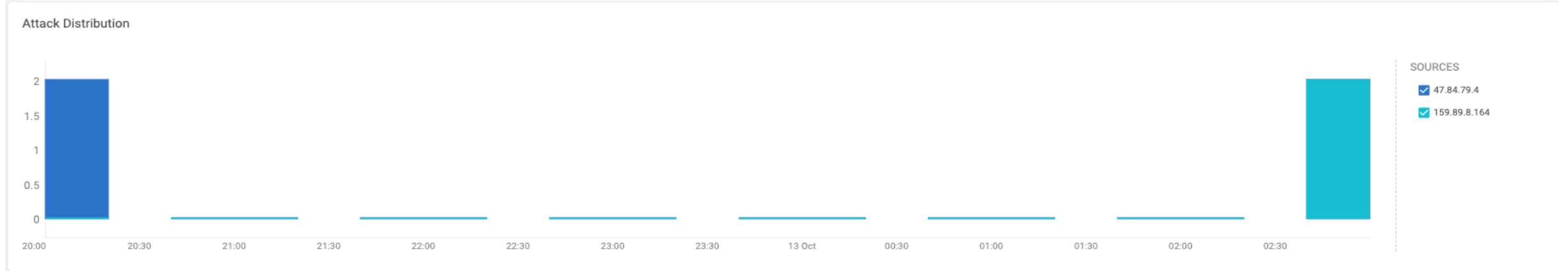
Measure	Value
Benign Score	0.6671474358974359
Malicious Score	0.3328525641025641
Last Update	10/13/2024, 10:02:27 PM

Integrating TIP Outputs into XDR Product

← Detection & Response Story Comments (0) Actions

Overview Related Stories (5)

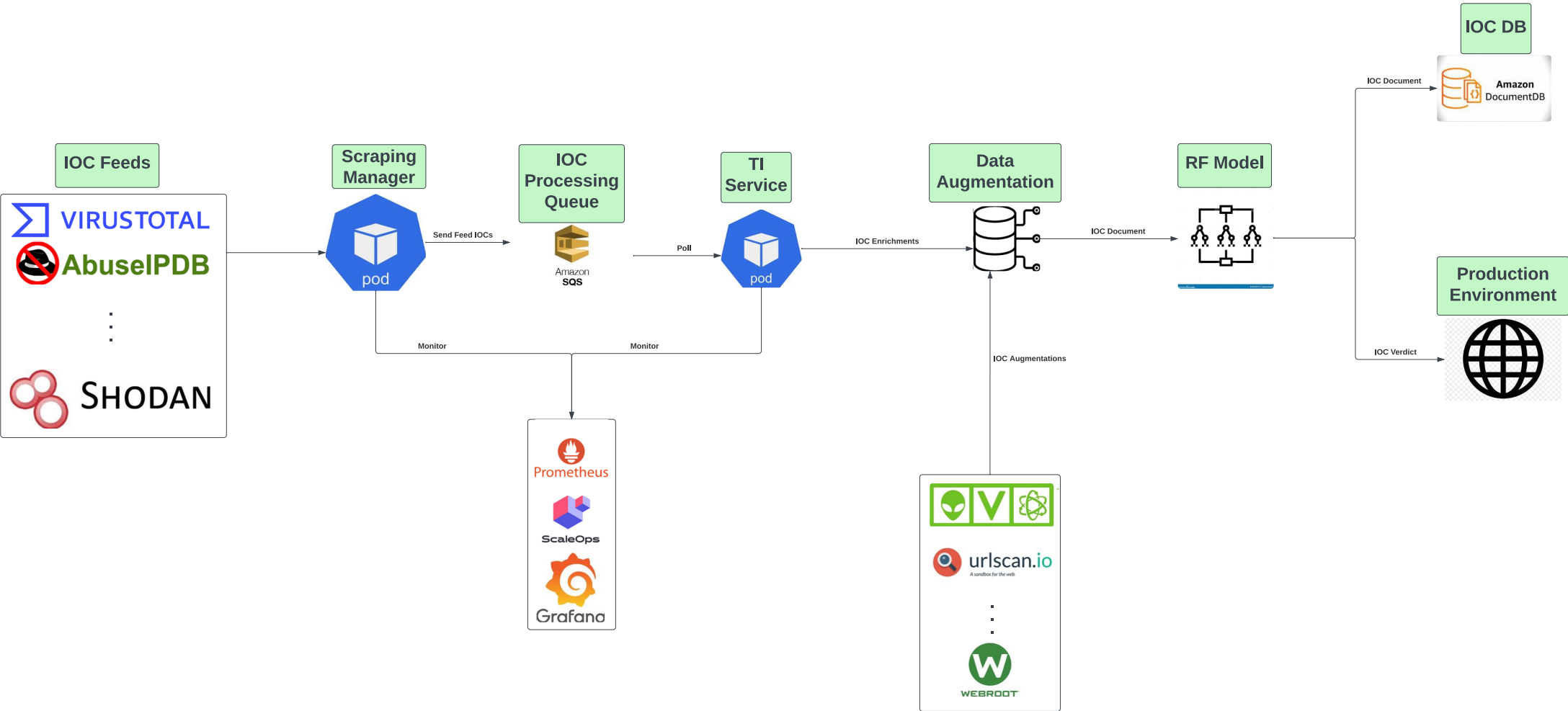
Attack Detected CVE Exploitation Attempt (Inbound)	Producer Threat Prevention	Analyst Severity -	Analyst Verdict Suspicious	Type Exploitation Attempt	Compromised Devices 1	Associated Signals 3	Story Duration 7 hours	Status Pending More Info
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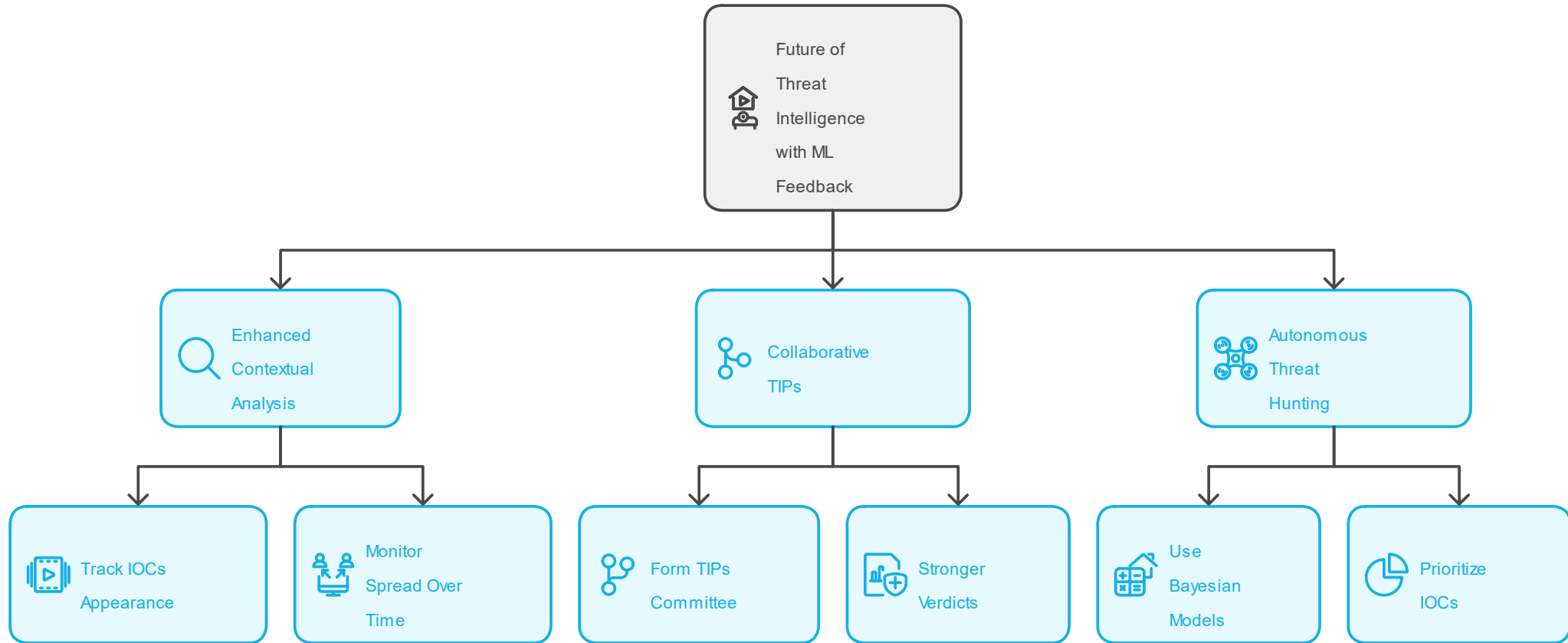
Sources

Source	Source Links	Malicious Score	Popularity ↓	Categories	Threat Feeds	Engines	Registrant country	Google Search Hits
47.84.79.4	Σ	0.33	MEDIUM	-	16	-	Singapore	-
159.89.8.164	Σ	0.33	LOW	-	11	6	Germany	-

TIP Implementation with Integrated Feedback Loop



Future of Threat Intelligence with ML Feedback



Conclusion & Takeaways

- **ML Feedback Loops:** Crucial for modern threat intelligence.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Ongoing refinement of IOC classification.
- **Real-World Impact:** Enhanced security operations.
- **Call to Action:** Explore ML-driven threat intelligence solutions.

Questions?





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