

# The state of Meer



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# What is Meer.

- \* A data spooling system.
- \* Adds data to existing Suricata EVE JSON.
- \* An EVE data router.

# What is Meer.

- \* System resource friendly.
- \* Fast.
- \* Simple (via the “KISS” motto)

# The “meer.yaml”

- \* “core”
- \* “output”

core:

```
hostname: "mysensor" # Unique name for this sensor (no spaces)
interface: "eth0" # Can be anything, but probably should be your interfaces.
description: "My Awesome Sensor"
runas: "suricata" # User to "drop privileges" too.
classification: "/etc/suricata/classification.config"
meer_log: "/var/log/meer/meer.log" # Meer log file
waldo_file: "/var/log/meer/meer.waldo" # Where to store the last record
lock_file: "/var/log/meer/meer.lck" # To prevent dueling processes.
follow_eve: "/var/log/suricata/alert.json" # The Suricata EVE file to monitor
```

meer.yaml ("core")



<https://github.com/quadrantsec/meer>

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# The “meer.yaml”

## Data enrichment.

```
fingerprint: disabled
fingerprint_log: "/tmp/fingerprint.eve"
fingerprint_networks: "10.0.0.0/8, 192.168.0.0/16, 172.16.0.0/12"
```

meer.yaml (“core”)

```
oui_lookup: disabled  
oui_filename: "/usr/local/etc/manuf"
```

meer.yaml (“core”)



```
dns: enabled  
dns_cache: 900      # Time in seconds.
```

meer.yaml (“core”)

The “meer.yaml” (“output”).

Where & how to send data.

# The “meer.yaml” (“output”).

- \* SQL (MySQL/MariaDB/PostgreSQL)
- \* File
- \* Named pipe (FIFO)
- \* External
- \* Redis
- \* Elasticsearch

# The “meer.yaml” - output event\_types

alert, files, flow, dns, http, tls, ssh, smtp,  
email, fileinfo, dhcp, stats, rdp, sip, ftp,  
lkev2, nfs, tftp, smb, dcerpc, mqtt, netflow,  
metadata, dnp3, anomaly.

```
output-plugins:
```

```
  sql:
```

```
    enabled: yes
    driver: mysql          # "mysql" or "postgresql"
    debug: no
    server: 127.0.0.1
    port: 3306            # Change to 5432 for PostgreSQL
    username: "XXXX"
    password: "XXXXXX"
    database: "snort_test"

    reconnect: enabled
    reconnect_time: 10

    extra_data: enabled      # Things like, xff, etc.

    reference_system: disabled # Legacy Barnyard2 support
    sid_file: "/etc/suricata/rules/sid-msg.map" # Created with "create-sidmap"
    reference: "/etc/suricata/reference.config"
```

## meer.yaml (“output”)



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```
file:
```

```
  enabled: no
```

```
  file_location: "/path/to/output/file"
```

```
  alert: enabled
```

```
  files: enabled
```

```
  flow: enabled
```

```
  dns: enabled
```

```
  . . . . .
```

## meer.yaml ("output")

pipe:

```
enabled: no
pipe_location: /var/sagan/fifo/sagan.fifo
pipe_size: 1048576

alert: enabled
files: enabled
flow: enabled
dns: enabled
http: enabled
....
```

meer.yaml (“output”)

external:

enabled: no

debug: no

program: "/usr/local/bin/external\_program"

meer\_metadata: enabled # metadata: meer external

cisco\_policies: "none" # policy-security-ips,policy-max-detect-ips,etc.

et\_signature\_severity: "critical" # Critical,Major,Minor,Informational

alert: enabled

files: disabled

flow: disabled

....

## meer.yaml (“output”)



```
redis:

  enabled: no
  debug: no
  server: 127.0.0.1
  #password: "mypassword"
  port: 6379
  batch: 1
  key: "suricata"

  mode: lpush
  append_id: disabled

  alert: enabled
  files: enabled
  flow: enabled
  ....

# Batching (pipelining) data.
# Default 'channel' to use. If none is specified, the
# channel name will become the "event_type".
# lpush, rpush, channel, set.
# When enabled, the key becomes "event_type|hostname|waldo".
# For example, "alert|myhostname|1234".
```

## meer.yaml (“output”)

elasticsearch:

```
enabled: no
debug: no
url: "http://127.0.0.1:9200/_bulk"
index: "suricata_${EVENTTYPE}_${YEAR}${MONTH}${DAY}"
insecure: true
batch: 100
threads: 10
#username: "myusername"
#password: "mypassword"

alert: enabled
files: enabled
...
```

meer.yaml (“output”)

# Future “core” support?

## Continue to enrich Suricata data.

# Automatic unification of “alert” data via “flow\_id”?

# Future output support?

# Suricata feature request #120

“It would be great to have the capability to capture an entire session.”

# Suricata feature request #120

EVE JSON -> PCAP ?

# HTTP (TLS) output?



IDK: You tell me :)

Meer: <https://gitub.com/quadrantsec/meer>  
<https://meer.readthedocs.io>

Sagan: <https://github.com/quadrantsec/sagan>  
<https://sagan.readthedocs.io>

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