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Integration Details

ThreatQuotient provides the following details for this integration:

Current Integration Version	1.0.0
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Compatible with ThreatQ Versions	>= 4.57.0
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Python Version	3.6
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Introduction

The Trend Micro Apex Central Connector allows for ThreatQ to send indicators to Apex Central for logging or blocking.

Prerequisites

Review the following requirements before attempting to install the connector.

Trend Micro Apex Credentials

The connector requires the following:

- Trend Micro Apex Central instance
- Trend Micro Apex Central API key and Application ID

Time Zone



The time zone steps are for ThreatQ v5 only. You can skip these steps if you are on a ThreatQ v6 instance.

You should ensure all ThreatQ devices are set to the correct time, time zone, and date (UTC is recommended), and using a clock source available to all.

To identify which time zone is closest to your present location, use the `timedatectl` command with the `list-timezones` command line option.


For example, enter the following command to list all available time zones in Europe:

```
timedatectl list-timezones | grep Europe  
Europe/Amsterdam  
Europe/Athens  
Europe/Belgrade  
Europe/Berlin
```


Enter the following command, as root, to change the time zone to UTC:

```
timedatectl set-timezone UTC
```

Integration Dependencies

 The integration must be installed in a python 3.6 environment.

The following is a list of required dependencies for the integration. These dependencies are downloaded and installed during the installation process. If you are an Air Gapped Data Sync (AGDS) user, or run an instance that cannot connect to network services outside of your infrastructure, you will need to download and install these dependencies separately as the integration will not be able to download them during the install process.

 Items listed in bold are pinned to a specific version. In these cases, you should download the version specified to ensure proper function of the integration.

DEPENDENCY	VERSION	NOTES
threatqsdk	>=1.8.2	N/A
threatqcc	>=1.4.1	N/A
ioc_writer	>=0.3.3	N/A
python-dateutil	N/A	N/A
pyjwt	==2.3.0	Pinned - required for ThreatQ version 6x only

Installation

⚠ Upgrading Users - Review the [Change Log](#) for updates to configuration parameters before updating. If there are changes to the configuration file (new/removed parameters), you must first delete the previous version's configuration file before proceeding with the install steps listed below. Failure to delete the previous configuration file will result in the connector failing.

ThreatQ v6 Process

1. Download the connector integration file from the ThreatQ Marketplace.
2. Transfer the connector whl file to the `/tmp/` directory on your instance.
3. SSH into your instance.
4. Move the connector whl file from its `/tmp/` location to the following directory: `/opt/tqvenv`
5. Navigate to the custom connector container:

```
kubectl exec -n threatq -it deployments/custom-connectors -- /bin/bash
```

6. Create your python 3 virtual environment:

```
python3.6 -m venv /opt/tqvenv/<environment_name>
```

7. Active the new environment:

```
source /opt/tqvenv/<environment_name>/bin/activate
```

8. Run the pip upgrade command:

```
pip install --upgrade pip
```

9. Install the required dependencies:

```
pip install setuptools==59.6.0 threatqsdk threatqcc python-dateutil  
ioc_writer pyjwt==2.3.0
```

10. Install the connector:

```
pip install /opt/tqvenv/tq_conn_tm_apex_central-<version>-py3-none-  
any.whl
```

11. Perform an initial run of the connector:

```
/opt/tqvenv/<environment_name>/bin/tq-conn-tm-apex-central --cron="0  
*/2 * * *"
```



The `--cron` argument above is used to generate a cron job for the connector. After running the command above, the cronjob will be created under the `/etc/cron.d/` directory. This entry will initially be commented out upon creation - see the [CRON](#) chapter for more details.

12. Enter the following parameters when prompted:

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION
ThreatQ Host	Leave this field blank as it will be set dynamically.
ThreatQ Client ID	This is the OAuth id that can be found at Settings Gear → User Management → API details within the user's details.
ThreatQ Username	This is the Email Address of the user in the ThreatQ System for integrations.
ThreatQ Password	The password for the above ThreatQ account.
Status	This is the default status for objects that are created by this Integration.

Example Output

```
/opt/tqvenv/<environment_name>/bin/tq-conn-tm-apex-central --cron="0 */2 * * *"
ThreatQ Host:
ThreatQ Client ID: <ClientID>
ThreatQ Username: <EMAIL ADDRESS>
ThreatQ Password: <PASSWORD>
Status: Review
Connector configured. Set information in UI
```

You will still need to [configure and then enable the connector](#).

ThreatQ v5 Process

1. Navigate to the ThreatQ Marketplace and download the .whl file for the integration.
2. Create the following directory:

```
mkdir /opt/tqvenv/
```

3. Install python 3.6:

```
sudo yum install -y python36 python36-libs python36-devel python36-pip
```

4. Create a virtual environment:

```
python3.6 -m venv /opt/tqenv/<environment_name>
```

5. Activate the virtual environment:

```
source /opt/tqenv/<environment_name>/bin/activate
```

6. Run the pip upgrade command:

```
pip install --upgrade pip
```

7. Install the required dependencies:

```
pip install threatqsdk threatqcc setuptools==59.6.0 python-dateutil  
ioc_writer
```

8. Transfer the whl file to the /tmp directory on your ThreatQ instance.

9. Install the connector on your ThreatQ instance:

```
pip install /tmp/tq_conn_tm_apex_central-<version>-py3-none-any.whl
```



A driver called `tq-conn-tm-apex-central` will be installed. After installing, a script stub will appear in `/opt/tqenv/<environment_name>/bin/tq-conn-tm-apex-central`.

10. Once the application has been installed, a directory structure must be created for all configuration, logs and files, using the `mkdir -p` command. Use the commands below to create the required directories:

```
mkdir -p /etc/tq_labs/ mkdir -p /var/log/tq_labs/
```

11. Perform an initial run using the following command:

```
/opt/tqenv/<environment_name>/bin/tq-conn-tm-apex-central -ll /var/  
log/tq_labs/ -c /etc/tq_labs/ -v3
```

12. Enter the following parameters when prompted:

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION
ThreatQ Host	This is the host of the ThreatQ instance, either the IP Address or Hostname as resolvable by ThreatQ.

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION
ThreatQ Client ID	This is the OAuth id that can be found at Settings Gear → User Management → API details within the user's details.
ThreatQ Username	This is the Email Address of the user in the ThreatQ System for integrations.
ThreatQ Password	The password for the above ThreatQ account.
Status	This is the default status for objects that are created by this Integration.

Example Output

```
/opt/tqvenv/<environment_name>/bin/tq-conn-tm-apex-central -ll /var/log/
tq_labs/ -c /etc/tq_labs/ -v3
ThreatQ Host: <ThreatQ Host IP or Hostname>
ThreatQ Client ID: <ClientID>
ThreatQ Username: <EMAIL ADDRESS>
ThreatQ Password: <PASSWORD>
Status: Review
Connector configured. Set information in UI
```

You will still need to [configure and then enable the connector](#).

Configuration



ThreatQuotient does not issue API keys for third-party vendors. Contact the specific vendor to obtain API keys and other integration-related credentials.

To configure the integration:

1. Navigate to your integrations management page in ThreatQ.
2. Select the **Labs** option from the *Category* dropdown (optional).
3. Click on the integration entry to open its details page.
4. Enter the following parameters under the **Configuration** tab:

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION
Hostname	Your Hostname, including the URL scheme, for the Apex Central instance.
Application ID	Your Application ID for the Apex Central instance.
API Key	Your API key for the Apex Central instance.
Data Collection	The name of the data collection to send to Apex Central.
Action	The Action to be performed on the indicators sent. Options include: Log or Block.

Configuration

Hostname for Trend Micro Apex Central

Enter the hostname for your Trend Micro Apex Central instance.

Application Id

Enter the Application Id for your Trend Micro Apex Central instance.

API Key

Enter the API key for your Trend Micro Apex Central instance.

Data Collection

Enter the Data Collections to be exported to Trend Micro Apex Central. Enter them as a list of comma-separated values with no spaces.

Action

Log

Select a scan action to be performed on the IOCs sent to Apex Central.

Save

5. Review any additional settings, make any changes if needed, and click on **Save**.
6. Click on the toggle switch, located above the *Additional Information* section, to enable it.

Usage

Use the following command to execute the driver:

ThreatQ v6 Driver Command

```
/opt/tqvenv/<environment_name>/bin/tq-conn-tm-apex-central
```

ThreatQ v5 Driver Command

```
/opt/tqvenv/<environment_name>/bin/tq-conn-tm-apex-central -v3 -ll /var/log/tq_labs/ -c /etc/tq_labs/
```

Command Line Arguments

This connector supports the following custom command line arguments:

ARGUMENT	DESCRIPTION
<code>-h, --help</code>	Shows this help message and exits.
<code>-ll LOGLOCATION, --loglocation LOGLOCATION</code>	Sets the logging location for the connector. The location should exist and be writable by the current. A special value of 'stdout' means to log to the console (this happens by default).
<code>-c CONFIG, --config CONFIG</code>	This is the location of the configuration file for the connector. This location must be readable and writable by the current user. If no config file path is given, the current directory will be used. This file is also where some information from each run of the connector may be put (last run time, private oauth, etc.)
<code>-v {1,2,3}, --verbosity {1,2,3}</code>	This is the logging verbosity level where 3 means everything. The default setting is 1 (Warning).

ARGUMENT	DESCRIPTION
<code>-n NAME, --name NAME</code>	This sets the name for this connector. In some cases, it is useful to have multiple connectors of the same type executing against a single TQ instance. For example, the Syslog Exporter can be run against multiple target and multiple exports, each with their own name and configuration.
<code>--cron</code>	ThreatQ v6 Only - creates a CRON entry for the connector based on a pre-loaded ThreatQ template. See the CRON section for more details.

Accessing Connector Logs

ThreatQ v6

ThreatQ version 6 aggregates the logs for all custom connectors to its output container. You can access the container's log using the following command:

```
kubectl logs -n threatq deployments/custom-connectors
```

ThreatQ v5

The connector log directory was created in 10 of the installation process and is identified using the `-ll` argument flag when executing the driver.

Accessing Connector Configuration

ThreatQ v6

The custom connector configuration file can be found in the following directory: `/etc/tq_labs/`.

ThreatQ v5

The custom connector configuration file was created in step 10 of the install process and identified using the `-c` argument flag when executing the driver.

CRON

ThreatQ v6 CRON

The addition of the `--cron` argument in the initial run of connector, performed during the install process, resulted in the creation of a cron job file for the connector in the following directory: `/etc/cron.d/`. The contents of the file will resemble the following structure:

```
{schedule} root /bin/bash -c "source /etc/env-vars.sh; {venv_path}/bin/{executable} --config=/etc/tq_labs > /proc/1/fd/1 2>/proc/1/fd/2"
```

The `{schedule}` will be replaced with the cron settings you entered with the `--cron` flag and the `{executable}` will be replaced for with the connector's driver command.

You will also see a `#` at the beginning of the file. This comments out the job. This allows you to configure the custom connector in the ThreatQ UI first. After you have configured the connector in ThreatQ, you can remove the `#` from the file content's in order to activate the cron job.

To summarize this process:

1. Install the connector and perform an initial run using the `--cron` argument to create the cron job.
2. Complete the connector's configuration settings in the ThreatQ UI.
3. Access the connector's cron file in the `/etc/cron.d/` directory and remove the `#` from the beginning of the file.

ThreatQ v5 CRON

Automatic CRON configuration has been removed from this script. To run this script on a recurring basis, use CRON or some other jobs scheduler. The argument in the CRON script must specify the config and log locations.

Add an entry to your Linux crontab to execute the connector at a recurring interval. Depending on how quickly you need updates, this can be run multiple times a day (no more than once an hour) or a few times a week.

In the example below, the command will execute the connector every two hours.

1. Log into your ThreatQ host via a CLI terminal session.
2. Enter the following command:

```
crontab -e
```

This will enable the editing of the crontab, using `vi`. Depending on how often you wish the cronjob to run, you will need to adjust the time to suit the environment.

3. Enter the commands below:

Every 2 Hours Example

```
0 */2 * * * /opt/tqvenv/<environment_name>/bin/tq-conn-bulk-csv-  
exporter -c /etc/tq_labs/ -ll /var/log/tq_labs/ -v3
```

4. Save and exit CRON.

Change Log

- **Version 1.0.0 rev-b**
 - Guide Update - updated integration dependencies for ThreatQ 6.x environments.
Removed the `jwt` dependency and pinned `pyjwt` to version 2.3.0
- **Version 1.0.0 rev-a**
 - Guide Update - added ThreatQ v6 installation steps.
- **Version 1.0.0**
 - Initial release