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Abstract: This document reports on the installation procedures and guidelines for the usage of the THREAT-ARREST platform first version. It overviews the installation necessary to deploy an instance of a THREAT-ARREST platform and guidelines for using the platform's GUI. The guidelines primarily address trainees, trainers, and those responsible for the creation of CTTP models. The platform training capabilities have been developed and provided *as a service* to end user (pilot) organisations.

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Executive Summary

This document is "D6.2 – Initial Installation and usage guidelines for the THREAT-ARREST platform" and reports the results of task "T6.4 – Documentation and Guidelines for the usage of the THREAT-ARREST platform".

The document presents the installation procedures and guidelines for the usage of the first version of the THREAT-ARREST platform. The platform's training capabilities have been developed and provided as a service to end user organisations (Platform as a service – PaaS). The document overviews the hardware and software requirements necessary for the operation of the platform followed by the installation procedures necessary to deploy an instance of the platform. End-user guidelines are focused on using the platform's Dashboard which integrates the different components' functionalities (simulation, emulation, gamification, CTTP model editor, evaluation reports) allowing trainees/trainers to navigate through the platform's Dashboard.

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List of Abbreviations

AMQP Advanced Message Queuing Protocol

CTTP Cyber Threat and Training Preparation

DFP Data Fabrication Platform

DoA Description of Action

EMon Emulated Components Monitor

ET Emulation Tool

GT Gamification Tool

I/O Input/Output

IaaS Infrastructure as a Service

IAM Identity & Access Management

IT Information Technology

JSON JavaScript Object Notation (data-interchange format)

JWT JSON Web Token

MB Message Broker

PaaS Platform as a Service

REST Representational State Transfer (cf. RESTful Web services)

SQL Structured Query Language

ST Simulation Tool

STOMP Streaming Text Oriented Messaging Protocol

TT Training Tool

UFW Uncomplicated Firewall

VM Virtual Machine

VT Visualisation Tool

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1 Introduction

This document reports on the documentation and guidelines for the usage of the THREAT-ARREST platform first version. Particularly, two main points are addressed in this version of the document: i) Overview of the installation procedures necessary to deploy an instance of a THREAT-ARREST platform; and ii) end-user guidelines for using the platform's Dashboard.

For the first version of the platform, the guidelines primarily address user groups of the platform owner/administrator, trainees, trainers, and those responsible for the creation of CTTP models. These are according to the available capabilities of the platform for its first version.

The training capabilities have been developed and provided under the *Platform as a service* (*PaaS*) concept to end user organisations. As such, the usage guidelines are focused on how trainees/trainers can use and navigate through the platform's Dashboard.

The THREAT-ARREST platform first version has been deployed on a bare metal server in the infrastructure of the cloud provider LeaseWeb (the Netherlands), and is accessible at https://threat-arrest.org. We refer to deliverable "D6.1 — Initial Prototype of Integrated THREAT-ARREST platform" for details on the architecture of the platform, the communications and message exchange mechanisms, and for credentials to access the current version of the platform for demonstration purposes.

The rest of the document is structured as follows. Section 2 presents the hardware and software requirements for THREAT-ARREST platform operation. Particularly, the hardware requirements may vary from one platform instance to another. It depends on the training needs in each domain in terms of the number of concurrent training sessions supported and the complexity of cyber system emulation/simulation. Section 3 overviews the installation guidelines of the platform covering OpenStack installation, VM and network setup to individual components' installation procedures and software dependencies. Section 4 details the GUI of the platform's Dashboard given its central role in orchestration and integration of the different platform capabilities such as simulation, emulation, gamification, CTTP model editor, and evaluation reports. The Dashboard gives different access functionalities to different types of users – trainees, trainers and training models creators. The usage guidelines illustrate in a cascade manner the different views offered to the different types of users. Finally, Section 5 concludes the document and outlines next steps.

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2 THREAT-ARREST Hardware and Software Requirements

The hardware and software requirements of the platform have been defined with respect to the scalability needs of the project. Particularly, the scalability is defined for the number of training scenarios necessary to run simultaneously and the complexity of organisations' cyber systems to be emulated for the training purposes. We note that emulation of a cyber system is the most resource demanding capability of the platform for the purposes of hands-on training. The rest of the platform capabilities, such as simulation, gamification and data fabrication, are also well estimated for the project needs with respect to the upper bound set, but the impact of emulation is the most influential to the overall estimation of hardware resources.

As such, given the three pilots of the project, we have envisaged an *upper bound* of platform support for *three training scenarios* run simultaneously each requiring up to *ten compute nodes* where infrastructure and services of an organisation are emulated. Each such compute/storage node can host emulation of several organisation's services such as database service, web service, SMTP service, cloud or network applications, etc. to name a few. Each such compute node is estimated an average of 2 CPU cores, 4 GB RAM, and 30 GB HDD.

We note that for the case of simpler cyber system emulation/simulation, the platform may well support the simultaneous execution of much more scenarios before a degradation of performance can be observed.

Table 1 shows the hardware requirements for the deployment of THREAT-ARREST platform supporting the upper bound of three simultaneous training scenarios with the complex infrastructure that emulation/simulation needs. For each such scenario a column under each tool is shown to indicate the resources necessary for each scenario or one column in cases the resources are seen necessary for the three scenarios.

Table 1: Hardware requirements for deployment of THREAT-ARREST platform supporting three simultaneous training scenarios*

HW Requireme nts		ET			ST		GT	тт	DFP	АТ	EMon	Rem Acce ss	МВ	Total (virtu al)	OpenSt ack physica I HW require ments	Total (physi cal)
CPU cores @ 2.4 GHz	20	20	20	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	80	2	22
RAM (GB) DDR4	40	40	40	6	6	6	8	8	12	16	8	8	8	206	6	178
Storage (GB) SSD	300	300	300	60	60	60	60	60	50	60	60	60	50	1480	100	1580
Bandwidth (Mbps)	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	-	50

^{*}The deployment refers to complex infrastructure emulation/simulation needs, using 4:1 vCPU to pCPU ratio and 1.2:1 vRAM to pRAM ratio.

Given some best practices and suggestions^{1,2}, and the fact that cyber security training, although emulating and simulating cyber system services and processes, does not represent a real production system with real traffic and production activities, we have selected the following

¹ https://communities.vmware.com/servlet/JiveServlet/previewBody/21181-102-1-28328/vsphere-oversubscription-best-practices[1].pdf

² https://cloudarchitectmusings.com/2012/12/21/back-to-basics-general-vsphere-sizing/

ratio for CPU and RAM oversubscription to ensure higher compute and memory scalability – 4:1 vCPU to pCPU ratio and 1.2:1 vRAM to pRAM ratio.

Given that, the physical hardware resources necessary to deploy and operate the THREAT-ARREST platform, for the established upper bound of training scenarios, are 22 CPU cores, 178 GB RAM, and 1600 GB HDD. We note that the number of physical CPU cores can also be addressed by logical CPU cores given the underlying CPU supports the hyper-threading technology.

Table 2: Software requirements of THREAT-ARREST platform components

SW requirements	ET	ST	GT	TT	DFP	AT	RemAccess	EMon	MB
Software	Ubuntu 18.0.4 LTS, Git Server, MySQL Server	Ubuntu 18.0.4 LTS, Java 8, Git	Ubuntu 18.0.4 TLS	Ubuntu 18, Laravel v6.0, PHP >= 7.2.0, MySQL, Git	Ubuntu 16, Apache Tomcat (7), Docker Containe r (18.06), Java (8), Git	Ubuntu 18 LTS, Java version 1.8 (Oracle), Python 3.7, MySQL Server (Latest), Git	Ubuntu 18, Java 1.8, Guacamole server latest version, Git	Ubuntu 18, Java 1.8, Tomcat (latest version)	Ubuntu 18, RabbitMQ latest version, Web STOMP plugin, STOMP plugin.
List of TCP ports used to provide services	80, 8080 (HTTP), 22 (SSH), 9418 (Git Server), 3306 (MySQL Server)	22 (SSH), 8080 (HTTP)	80 (HTTP), 443 (HTTPS/ TLS), 22 (SSH)	80, 8080 (HTTP), 443 (HTTPS/ TLS), 22 (SSH)	80 (HTTP), 22 (SSH)	80 (HTTP), 8080 (Tomcat), 443 (HTTPS/ TLS), 3306 (MySQL), 22 (SSH), 5672 (RabbitM Q)	80, 8080 (HTTP), 4822 (Guacamole Server), 22 (SSH), 443 (HTTPS/TLS) , 3389 (RDP), 5432 (PostgreSQL	80, 8080, 22	5672 (RabbitMQ server), 5671 (RabbitMQ over TLS/SSL) 15674 (RabbitMQ Web STOMP Service), 15673 (Web STOMP Service over TLS/SSL)

Table 2 shows the software requirements necessary for each component of the platform to operate. Additionally, it also lists the port numbers and services each component requires for its operation.

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3 THREAT-ARREST Installation Guidelines

3.1 OpenStack Installation and Network Setup

OpenStack provides an Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) solution through a set of interrelated services. Each service offers an application programming interface (API) that facilitates this integration.

OpenStack services are composed of several processes. All services have at least one API process, which listens for API requests, pre-processes them and passes them on to other parts of the service.

For communication between the processes of one service, an Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP) message broker is used.

In our case the **OpenStack Queens** release was deployed on a single bare metal machine. The bare metal is installed with "Ubuntu 16.04". We use All-In-One Single Machine installation. All the services and components run on the same node:

- Controller with Identity service (Keystone), Image service (Glance), Dashboard (Horizon). It also includes supporting services such as an SQL database, message queue (RabbitMQ).
- Compute which operates instances. Compute uses the KVM hypervisor.
- **Block Storage** (Cinder) contains the disks for instance provision. The service provisions logical volumes using the LVM driver.
- **Networking** Option 2: Self-service networks. The self-service networks option augments the provider networks option with layer-3 (routing) services that enable self-service networks using overlay segmentation methods. It routes virtual networks to physical networks using NAT.
- **Orchestration** (HEAT) is an engine to launch multiple composite cloud applications based on templates.

3.1.1 Network setup and Virtual machines

There is one public network called **provider** 5.79.110.0/27:

- The subnet is Start 5.79.110.13 End 5.79.110.16.
- IP address 5.79.110.13 is in use by DHCP.
- IP address 5.79.110.14 is in use by Router.

A private network **private1** was defined. This is Class C network: Private1 – 10.10.1.0/24 – Start 10.10.1.2 – End 10.10.1.254.

Also, few additional private networks were created in the environment. A router **router1** was defined. This router currently has multiple network interfaces and one of them is located in public network with IP address of 5.79.110.14.

There are 3 public IP addresses which were allocated as floating IPs for 3 Virtual Machines (VMs) – RemAccess (Guacamole), ET (Emulation Tool+Git+DB) and MB (Message Broker). Each one of these VMs also has private IP address.

In addition, one VM was deployed per tool in private network. Each tool VM has been associated to a specific port on the RemAccess machine by definition of iptables rules.

All VMs which are in different private networks can access the Internet, can access each other, are able to access the 3 public machines described above, and can be accessed from these public machines as well.

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There are 2 basic images based on different releases of Ubuntu and Windows. A few flavours were created which are an available hardware configuration for a server and define the compute, memory, and storage capacity of Nova computing instances.

Figure 1 illustrates the network view of the THREAT-ARREST platform. Each platform component is assigned a VM with the necessary hardware and software requirements presented in Section 2.

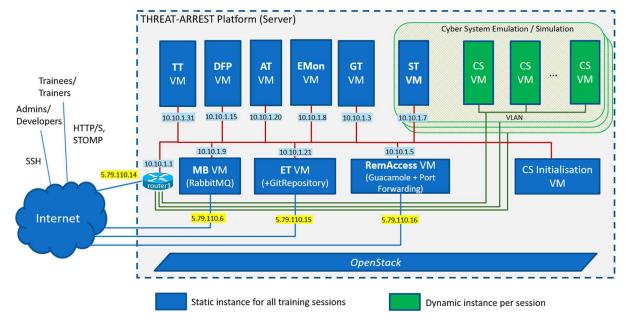


Figure 1: THREAT-ARREST Platform Network View

The yellow highlighted IP addresses are public IP addresses provided by the LeaseWeb provider. Table 3 shows the Tool VMs and the assigned local and public IP addresses.

Tool VM	Local IP Address	Public IP Address
TT VM	10.10.1.31	=
DFP VM	10.10.1.15	-
AT VM	10.10.1.20	ı
EMon VM	10.10.1.8	-
GT VM	10.10.1.3	-
ST VM	10.10.1.7	-
MB VM	10.10.1.9	5.79.110.6
ET VM	10.10.1.21	5.79.110.15
RemAccess VM	10.10.1.5	5.79.110.16

Table 3: Tool VMs and IPv4 Addresses

The THREAT-ARREST platform is accessible through the RemAccess machine which serves as a gateway to the platform components and services. Port Forwarding is implemented on RemAccess (threat-arrest.org – 5.79.110.16) host. For instance, access to the THREAT-ARREST Training Tool Dashboard is at https://5.79.110.16 or https://5.79.110.16 will port forward to the Training Tool's VM at 10.10.1.31:80 or 10.10.1.31:443, respectively.

Table 4 shows the port forwarding setup in RemAccess machine for the first version of the platform.

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RemAccess TCP Port	Local Tool VM and TCP Port				
2022	GT port 22				
2080	GT port 80				
2443	GT port 443				
3022	TT port 22				
80	TT port 80				
443	TT port 443				
38080	TT port 8080				
4022	DFP port 22				
4080	DFP port 80				
5022	AT port 22				
5080	AT port 80				
58080	AT port 8080				
5443	AT port 443				
53306	AT port 3306				
5672	AT port 5672				
6022	EMon port 22				
6080	EMon port 80				
6808	EMon port 8080				
1022	ST port 22				
18080	ST port 8080				

Table 4: Port Forwarding to Platform's Components

The commands below should be executed with a root account or by a user having sudo permissions in the RemAccess machine.

To list the currently defined rules:

```
iptables-save
```

To create a new redirection rule, for instance for port 80 on 10.10.1.31 host:

```
iptables -t nat -A PREROUTING -p tcp --dport 80 -j DNAT --to-destination 10.10.1.31:80
```

To make the rule permanent and be activated after reboot:

```
iptables-save > /etc/iptables/rules.v4
```

3.2 Message Broker Installation and Setup (MB VM)

In this section, we will describe the installation of the broker that will facilitate the operation of

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the THREAT-ARREST platform components. We choose RabbitMQ³ as the designated choice, as it is a widely-used broker solution and it is open source. Moreover, it supports several messaging protocols, like the Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP) and the Streaming Text Oriented Messaging Protocol (STOMP). RabbitMQ is written in the Erlang programming language and supports several client libraries and interfaces with the broker and all major programming languages, such as Java, C#, Python, and JavaScript. The initial deployment and usage of the broker is also described in the deliverable due at M12. Specifically, the communication with the Emulation Tool is presented in D2.4, the communication with the Training, Visualization, and Gamification Tools is detailed in D4.3, while the communication with the simulated components and the data fabrication platform is documented in D5.3.

Here, we will further present the installation details and provide an installation guide for the THREAT-ARREST platform operator. The broker is installed in an Ubuntu virtual machine (VM) and facilitates the internal operation within the OpenStack environment.

3.2.1 Broker VM Security

As a central communication point, we have also to take into consideration the security of this broker/server. First of all, we start by performing a series of *server hardening* policies which mainly include:

- update and upgrade the utilized packages and the operating system
- remove unnecessary packages
- detect weak passwords and update
- verify that no accounts have empty passwords
- set password rules
- disable USB devices
- secure any Apache server running in this machine
- examine which services start at boot time in order to verify that there are no malicious services starting with booting and running in the background
- delete all world-writable files
- configure *iptables* to block common attacks, like SYN flooding and spoofing
- install *Logwatch* to monitor suspicious log messages
- install and configure the Uncomplicated Firewall (UFW), which is the main solution for Ubuntu
- secure configuration of SSH
- disable telnet
- secure configuration of sysctl to prevent the main flooding attacks and IP spoofing
- lock user accounts after some failed login attempts
- use *netstat* and check for hidden open ports
- set root permissions for the core system files
- install *chkrootkit* and scan for rootkits
- install the open source antivirus ClamAV and scan for viruses

The text area below includes the main installation instructions for the security set up in the broker's VM.

```
#Update your package list and upgrade your OS
sudo apt-get update && apt-get upgrade

#Disable USB devices (for headless servers)
```

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³ www.rabbitmq.com/

```
/etc/modprobe.d/block usb.conf
install usb-storage /bin/true
/etc/apache2/apache2/conf
ServerTokens Prod
ServerSignature Off
Header always unset X-Powered-By
TraceEnable Off
apt-get install ufw
ufw enable
#Configure SSH securely
/etc/ssh/ssh config
PermitRootLogin no # disallows root access via SSH
AllowUsers [username] # limits SSH access to the stated users
IgnoreRhosts yes # disallows SSH from trusting a host based only on its IP
HostbasedAuthentication no # as above
PermitEmptyPasswords no # prevents users from logging into SSH with an empty password, if
X11Forwarding no # stops the possibility of the server sending commands back to the client
MaxAuthTries 5 # drops the SSH connection after 5 failed authorization attempts
Ciphers aes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-ctr # disable weak ciphers
UsePAM yes # disables password authentication and defers authorization to the key-based PAM
ClientAliveInterval 900 # logs out idle users after 15 minutes
ClientAliveCountMax 0 # how many times the server checks whether the session is active
before dropping
#Disable telnet
apt-get remove telnet
#Configure sysctl securely
/etc/sysctl.conf
net.ipv4.ip forward parameter 0 #Disable IP Forwarding by setting the net.ipv4.ip forward
parameter to 0
net.ipv4.conf.all.send redirects 0
net.ipv4.conf.default.send redirects parameters 0 #Disable the Send Packet Redirects by
setting the net.ipv4.conf.all.send redirects and net.ipv4.conf.default.send redirects
parameters to 0
net.ipv4.conf.all.accept_redirects 0
net.ipv4.conf.default.accept_redirects parameters 0 #Disable ICMP Redirect Acceptance by
parameters to 0
net.ipv4.icmp_ignore_bogus_error_responses parameter 1 #Enable Bad Error Message Protection
by setting the net.ipv4.icmp ignore bogus error responses parameter to 1
netstat -antp
apt-get install chkrootkit
chkrootkit
sudo apt-get install clamav
sudo freshclam
```

clamscan -r --bell -i /

3.2.2 RabbitMQ Installation

After the secure setting of the system, we will start the installation of the RabbitMQ broker and its web management console. The current version of the broker is v. 3.6.10. For message exchanges, most of the rest tools utilize a Java client for AMQP, which is supported by default from the broker. In order to enable the communication with the Jasima Visualization Tool that uses STOMP (see D4.3 and D5.3), we need to install two plugins: i) one for communication with STOMP over a Websocket connection⁵.

In order to enable the communication with this VM and the plugins, we have to activate the related networking ports via the UFW Firewall. Specifically, we utilize the ports:

- 15672 for the broker's web management console
- 5672 for the broker's message exchange using AMQP
- 61613 for the interaction with the STOMP plug-in
- 15674 for the interaction with the Web-STOMP plug-in

Moreover, we have to change the default passwords for the two pre-installed user accounts 'admin' and 'guest', and set strong ones. In the text area below, we detail the specific installation instructions for the deployment of the RabbitMQ message broker in the platform.

```
#Install and start the RabbitMQ broker
sudo apt install rabbitmq-server
sudo systemctl start rabbitmg-server
sudo systemctl enable rabbitmq-server
sudo systemctl status rabbitmq-server
rabbitmqctl add_user admin StrongPassword
rabbitmqctl set_user_tags admin administrator
rabbitmqctl list_user_permissions user
rabbitmqctl change password admin XGAqw12!!0
rabbitmqctl change_password guest k8b!PJ!E23
systemctl is-enabled rabbitmq-server.service
       sudo systemctl enable rabbitmq-server #To enable if it is disabled
sudo rabbitmq-plugins enable rabbitmq_management
sudo rabbitmq-plugins enable rabbitmq_stomp
sudo rabbitmq-plugins enable rabbitmq_web_stomp
sudo ufw allow 15672
sudo ufw allow 5672
sudo ufw allow 61613
sudo ufw allow 15674
sudo ufw status
sudo netstat -tulpn
sudo netstat -ntlp | grep LISTEN
ss -tunelp | grep 15672
```

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⁴ www.rabbitmq.com/stomp.html

⁵ www.rabbitmq.com/web-stomp.html

3.2.3 Exchanges and Queues Setup

Thereafter, the control panel is accessible via the URL http://5.79.110.6:15672/. From there, we can create the required users (with strong password authentication policies) and their exchanges. The next figure depicts the broker's overview, where one can see the active queues and message exchanges.

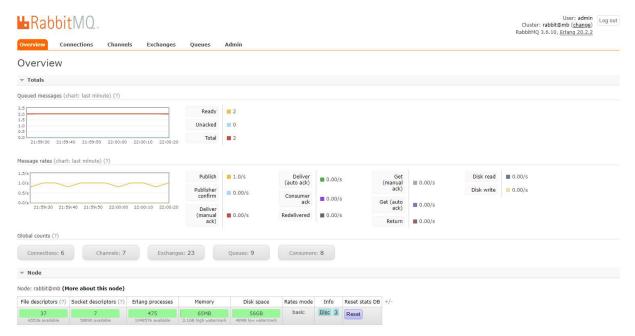
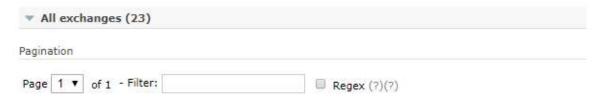


Figure 2: RabbitMQ – Overview

Totally, we installed 23 exchanges, as they are depicted in the following figure.

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Exchanges



Name	Type	Features	Message rate in	Message rate out
(AMQP default)	direct	D	0.00/s	0.00/s
Simulation	direct		0.00/s	
Simulation:Event;	direct	D		
amq.direct	direct	D		
amq.fanout	fanout	D		
amq.headers	headers	D		
amq.match	headers	D		
amq.rabbitmq.log	topic	DI		
amq.rabbitmq.trace	topic	DI		
amq.topic	topic	D	0.00/s	0.00/s
ta.assurance.notifytt	fanout		0.00/s	0.00/s
ta.csemulation.monstats	topic	D	1.0/s	0.00/s
ta.csemulation.useractions	topic	D		
ta.cssimulation.control	topic	D	0.00/s	0.00/s
ta.cssimulation.controlresult	topic	D	0.00/s	0.00/s
ta.cssimulation.events	topic	D	0.00/s	0.00/s
ta.cssimulation.init	topic	D	0.00/s	0.00/s
ta.cssimulation.initresult	topic	D	0.00/s	0.00/s
ta.cssimulation.results	topic	D	0.00/s	
ta.cssimulation.useractions	topic	D	0.00/s	0.00/s
ta.datafabrication.status	topic	D		
ta.gamification.statusresults	topic	D	0.00/s	0.00/s
ta.visualisation.useractions	topic	D	0.00/s	0.00/s

Add a new exchange

Figure 3: RabbitMQ – The deployed exchanges

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3.3 Simulation Tool and Visualisation Tool Backend Installation (ST VM)

The Simulation Tool and Visualisation Tool backend developed by SIMPLAN are Java applications developed using Java 1.8. To deploy them in the THREAT-ARREST platform both will be packaged in a single jar file that will also contain all external Java libraries, including an embedded version of the Apache Tomcat application server required to run it. Creating this jar file is performed in a build step executed by the training developer. This build step is only necessary when major changes are required, e.g., to add a completely new type of simulated component.

The simulation is developed and tested primarily on a Windows 10 machine with a current version of Oracle's Java 1.8 JDK. The main execution environment is assumed to be a Linux machine with open-jdk 1.8 installed.

3.3.1 Server requirements:

- Ubuntu Server 18.04 with OpenJDK8 (apt package name openjdk-8-jdk) installed
- Server configured and security hardened as required by the execution environment following general guidelines on secure server configuration
- For configuring the firewall, the following ports will be used:
 - o Incoming TCP port 8080: deliver the Visualization Tool frontend to trainees
 - Outgoing connections to the platform's message broker (TCP ports 15674 and optionally 61613)
 - o Incoming TCP port 9999/UDP port 9999: used for Smart Plug simulation in the Smart Home scenario
 - Outgoing connection to the database required in the healthcare scenario

3.3.2 Installation:

Installation only consists of copying the jar-file to the server.

3.3.3 Running the software:

To run the software, it has to be started as a background task and detached from the console (so it continues running after user logs out). After a server reboot these steps have to be repeated.

The software is started using the following commands (also redirects output to a log file):

java -jar simulation.jar &> log.txt &
disown %1

3.4 Emulation Tool Installation (ET VM)

The Emulation Tool package is a Java Spring Boot⁶ application that includes the core packages:

- Emulation Compiler
- Emulation Engine
- Emulation Controller

In order to be executed, the application should be included in a Linux system, preferably an Ubuntu 18.04 LTS distribution. The application is contained in a jar file (*ThreatArrestAPI.jar*) that is run by the operating system as a system service. The jar is a self-contained Spring Boot archive containing all the Tomcat routines needed to deploy the service over Internet.

The software project management tool Apache Maven⁷ is the only installation pre-requirement of the Emulation Tool. In fact, each time the tool is deployed in a new environment, or updated to a newer version, Maven will solve internal software dependencies and proceed with the source compiling. Maven has to be invoked from the folder where the source code has been copied, using the command below.

mvn clean package

Maven, in turn, will refer to the Emulation Tool Project Object Model (POM), presented below, that indicates which dependencies should be solved and how the compiling should be executed. In particular, the POM instructs Maven to resolve the following main software dependencies, without any action requested to the user:

- **Spring Boot** to provide the overall self-contained execution environment;
- **PostgreSQL** to include the libraries for the connection and update of the Guacamole database;
- **FasterXML Jackson**⁸ to provide the libraries for the management of JSON and XML within a Java application;
- Glassfish JAXB⁹ to provide the methods for binding XML schemas and Java representations;
- Openstack4j¹⁰ open source Java library to allow the provisioning and control of the overall OpenStack system;
- **Apache Freemarker**¹¹ open source library used to generate and change data, like XML, based on templates;
- **Snakeyaml**¹² open source library to serialize Java objects to YAML documents, and vice versa.

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⁶ https://spring.io/projects/spring-boot

⁷ https://maven.apache.org/

⁸ https://github.com/FasterXML/jackson

⁹ https://eclipse-ee4j.github.io/jaxb-ri/

¹⁰ http://www.openstack4j.com/

¹¹ https://freemarker.apache.org/

¹² https://www.baeldung.com/java-snake-yaml

```
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
         xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
         http://maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">
<modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
<groupId>it.unimi.threatarrest
<artifactId>threatarrestAPI</artifactId>
<version>1.0.0</version>
<packaging>jar</packaging>
<name>threatarrestAPI</name>
<description>Threat Arrest Emulation Tool</description>
<parent>
      <groupId>org.springframework.boot
      <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-parent</artifactId>
      <version>2.2.2.RELEASE
      <relativePath/> <!-- lookup parent from repository -->
</parent>
properties>
      project.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8
      <java.version>1.8</java.version>
      <springfox.version>2.9.2</springfox.version>
            <groupId>org.springframework
            <artifactId>spring-core</artifactId>
            <version>5.2.2.RELEASE
            <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
            <artifactId>spring-web</artifactId>
            <version>5.2.2.RELEASE
            <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
            <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
            <groupId>org.postgresql</groupId>
            <artifactId>postgresql</artifactId>
            <version>42.2.5
            <groupId>com.fasterxml.jackson.dataformat
            <artifactId>jackson-dataformat-xml</artifactId>
            <version>2.9.8</version>
            <groupId>com.fasterxml.jackson.dataformat
            <artifactId>jackson-dataformat-yaml</artifactId>
            <version>2.9.8</version>
            <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
            <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
```

```
<groupId>io.springfox</groupId>
      <artifactId>springfox-swagger2</artifactId>
      <version>${springfox.version}</version>
      <groupId>io.springfox
      <artifactId>springfox-swagger-ui</artifactId>
      <version>${springfox.version}</version>
      <groupId>io.springfox</groupId>
      <artifactId>springfox-bean-validators</artifactId>
      <version>${springfox.version}</version>
      <groupId>org.springframework.boot
      <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-test</artifactId>
      <scope>test</scope>
      <groupId>org.pacesys</groupId>
      <artifactId>openstack4j</artifactId>
      <version>3.2.0
      <classifier>withdeps</classifier>
      <groupId>org.glassfish.jaxb
      <artifactId>jaxb-xjc</artifactId>
      <version>2.4.0-b180830.0438
      <groupId>org.glassfish.jaxb
      <artifactId>jaxb-runtime</artifactId>
      <version>2.4.0-b180830.0438
      <groupId>org.freemarker</groupId>
      <artifactId>freemarker</artifactId>
      <version>2.3.28</version>
      <groupId>org.yaml</groupId>
      <artifactId>snakeyaml</artifactId>
      <version>1.24</version>
      <groupId>org.projectlombok</groupId>
      <artifactId>lombok</artifactId>
      <version>1.18.6
<finalName>${project.artifactId}</finalName>
             <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
             <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
```

After the package has been built, the tool should be run as Linux service and included in the list of services triggered at system boot. The configuration file *compiler.service*, provided in the main folder and shown in the code snippet below must be copied in the system folder /etc/system/user. The configuration file, when executed, will refer to the executable script start.sh, included in the main folder, which will effectively activate the Emulation Tool application.

```
[Unit]
Description=Threat-Arrest Emulation Tool
[Service]
Type=forking
User=compiler
#change this to your workspace
WorkingDirectory=/home/TA/threat-arrest
ExecStart=/home/TA/threat-arrest/start.sh start
ExecStop=/home/TA/threat-arrest/start.sh stop
ExecReload=/home/TA/threat-arrest/start.sh restart
SuccessExitStatus=143
TimeoutStopSec=10
Restart=on-failure
RestartSec=5
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

Finally, the specific configurations of the Emulation Tool are contained in the *application.properties* file, included in the package and shown below. In this first release of the tool, the available properties are the following:

- **openstack.endpoint, openstack.uid, openstack.domainname:** endpoint, unique id, domain name to refer the Openstack framework;
- **openstack.projectname, openstack.projectid**: name and unique id of the Openstack project that will host the emulated environment;
- **openstack.dburl, openstack.dbuser, openstack.dbpassword**: URL, username and password used to connect to the Guacamole instance database;
- **openstack.guacamole**: part of the URL used to contact the emulated components through Guacamole;
- **openstack.key, openstack.salt, openstack.keyname, openstack.keyval**: used to refer and define the key injected in the emulated components to be controlled by Openstack

- **openstack.secgroupname**, **openstack.secgroupval**: name and id of the default security group, defined in Openstack and used to allow Guacamole connections;
- **openstack.defaultnetwork**, **openstack.defaultrouter**, **openstack.routerip**: configurations used in the Heat template to refer the public network and the router used to connect to it;
- **openstack.curl**: default command to trigger Openstack WaitHandle objects.

```
openstack.endpoint=http://5.79.110.8:5000/v3/
openstack.uid=2b0542edcfa8423880942d4b95a49e36
openstack.pwd=***********
ppenstack.domainName=Default
penstack.projectName=Threatarrest
openstack.projectId=811ff0ed6828410e91bf4e0485ff2353
openstack.dburl=jdbc:postgresql://X.X.X.X:5432/guacamole_db
openstack.dbuser=guacamole user
openstack.dbpwd=**********
openstack.guacamole=http://X.X.X.X:8080/guacamole/#/client/
ppenstack.key=----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY----\r\n\
----END RSA PRIVATE KEY----
openstack.salt=FE24ADC5E11E2B25288D1704ABE67A79E342ECC26064CE69C5B3177795A82264
ppenstack.keyname=key1
openstack.keyval=common-key
openstack.secgroupname=guacamolesecgroup
ppenstack.secgroupval=6f51feec-0dae-4d19-8dfd-6cd6f0fc94c3
openstack.defaultnetwork=086c28ba-03a7-430f-b1df-b7f3d8b9d990
openstack.defaultrouter=db82e035-9395-4bdf-bf58-ac23a02b6dcd
ppenstack.routerip=253
openstack.curl=curl -i -X POST -H "X-Auth-Token: wc_token" -H "Content-Type:
application/json" -H "Accept: application/json" wc_endpoint --data-binary
"{\\\\\"status\\\\\":\\\\\"SUCCESS\\\\\\\\\\\"}"
```

3.4.1 Apache Guacamole Installation (RemAccess VM)

The Apache Guacamole¹³ clientless remote desktop gateway, which provides the direct connection to the virtual machines composing the emulated environment, is hosted in the RemAccess virtual machine within the Openstack infrastructure.

The RemAccess VM is a common Ubuntu 18.04 LTS that acts as the entry door for trainers and trainees to the THREAT-ARREST framework. The machine host specific forward rules to provide access to tools VM. Refer to Section 3.1.1 for details on the port forwarding setup.

The THREAT-ARREST framework exploits a common installation of the Guacamole Server and Client version 1.1.0.

3.4.1.1 Guacamole Server Installation

The Guacamole Server contains all the server-side components required to connect to remote machine via SSH and RDP. It is composed of a common C library, *libguac*, separate libraries

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¹³ https://guacamole.apache.org/

for each supported protocol (that is, RDP, SSH, and VNC), and guacd, the Linux service that implements Guacamole functionalities.

In particular, guacd is the proxy daemon that accepts users' connections and tunnels them through the Guacamole web application, connecting the remote VM. The pre-requisites to build the Guacamole Server are an updated C compiler (such as gcc) and the libraries that guacamoleserver depends on. The main libraries that should be installed are the following:

- Cairo, used for graphics rendering;
- **libjpeg-turbo**, used to provide JPEG support;
- libpng, used by libguac to write PNG images;
- **libtool**, used to support the build process;
- FreeRDP 2.0.0, required for RDP support;
- libssh2, required for SSH support;
- libVNCServer, required for VNC support;
- **OpenSSL**, to provide support for SSL and TLS.

The libraries should be included in the system using the distribution-specific Linux packaging tool (for Ubuntu the tool APT). A more complete list of optional libraries is provided in the Guacamole manual¹⁴.

The Guacamole Server sources package need to be downloaded by the project website¹⁵, uploaded in the installation folder, and decompressed using TAR. Then, the server is built launching the following sequence of commands with root permissions, assuming that each step successfully completed all the operations without returning errors.

```
Configure the installation and include the daemon in the init.d folder
$ ./configure --with-init-dir=/etc/init.d
# Compile the server package
$ make
$ make install
$ ldconfig
 Add guacd to the init.d folder to be executed at boot
$ update-rc.d guacd defaults
```

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https://guacamole.apache.org/doc/gug/
 https://guacamole.apache.org/releases/1.1.0/

3.4.1.2 Guacamole Client Installation

The Guacamole Client package contains all Java and JavaScript components of Guacamole to build the web application that will serve the HTML5 Guacamole Client to the VMs. This web application will then connect to *guacd*, to provide access authorization.

The pre-requisites to compile the client are Apache Maven, an updated Java JDK, a PostgreSQL database available, and a running Apache Tomcat server. As for the Guacamole Server, the sources package should be downloaded from the Guacamole website and uncompressed in the main folder.

Then, the following list of commands should be launched from the main folder with root permissions.

```
# Build the client

$ mvn package

# Deploy the WAR package in Tomcat

$ cp guacamole.war /var/lib/tomcat/webapps

# Restart Tomcat

$ /etc/init.d/tomcat8 restart

# Launch guacd

$ /etc/init.d/guacd start
```

The Guacamole configuration file can be found in the /etc/guacamole folder as guacamole.properties. In the context of the Emulation Tool, only the configurations below are required.

```
# Hostname and port of guacamole proxy
guacd-hostname: localhost
guacd-port: 4822

# Auth provider class (authenticates user/pass combination, needed if using the provided
login screen)
auth-provider: net.sourceforge.guacamole.net.basic.BasicFileAuthenticationProvider

basic-user-mapping: /etc/guacamole/user-mapping.xml

postgresql-hostname: localhost
postgresql-port: 5432
postgresql-database: guacamole_db
postgresql-username: guacamole_user
postgresql-password: **********

# PostgreSQL
postgresql-default-max-connections: 10
postgresql-default-max-group-connections: 10
```

To provide the connection to the Guacamole database, the PostgreSQL JDBC driver guacamole-auth-jdbc-postgresql-1.1.0.jar should be uncompressed from the guacamole-auth-

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jdbc-1.1.0.tar.gz, available in the download page, and copied in the /etc/guacamole/extensions folder.

Finally, the Guacamole database should be created copying in the main folder the SQL scripts 001.create.schema.sql and 002.create.admin.user.sql from the previous JDBC package and executed as indicated below.

```
# Create the Guacamole DB

$ createdb guacamole_db

# Execute the SQL scripts

$ cat schema/*.sql | psql -d guacamole_db -f -
```

The installation of the Guacamole framework is then completed and can be accessed at the address http://localhost:8080/guacamole using the gaucadmin username and the default password (guacadmin, to be changed after first login).

The creation of new users and connections, as well as the release of connection URLs, are in charge of the Emulation Tool. The whole Guacamole infrastructure is hence completely transparent for trainers and trainees, that will be provided with the direct access to the specific VM, via the required protocol (RDP or SSH).

3.4.2 Emulated Components Monitoring (EMon VM)

The Emulated Components Monitor (a.k.a. Resource Monitor or just Monitor), as it is described in D2.2: "Emulated components monitoring module", is a collection of collaborative services aimed to provide accurate readings of the Platform's hardware and virtual resources and make them available for both automatic resource management tools and resource visualisation tools.

The Resource Monitor is implemented in Java and deployed as a Web Service, hosted by an Apache Tomcat Web Server, permanently running on the EMon VM (shown in Figure 1).

3.4.2.1 Prerequisites

Below is a list of prerequisites that are required to be available and installed in advance, in order to enable reliable and uninterrupted operation of the Resource Monitoring Component:

- i) First, as it is shown in Figure 1, the Resource Monitor is deployed on its dedicated static EMon Virtual Machine. As it is described in Section 2 of this document and shown in the Table 1, this machine needs to have at least 2 vCPUs, 8 GB of RAM, and 60 GB of available file system storage. Linux OS is also a prerequisite. Ubuntu 18.04 or newer version needs to be installed in advance.
- ii) Next, as it's also shown in Table 2, TCP ports 80, 8080, and 22 need to be configured and opened to enable the Monitoring Tool installation, administration, management and proper operation.
- iii) In addition, as it is described in D2.2, the Resource Monitor relies on the Nova Compute API. Assuming that, THREAT-ARREST platform runs on top of the OpenStack environment, the Nova Compute Service is already available at the OpenStack Hypervisor, however it needs to be properly configured in terms of network routing, port forwarding and firewall ruling to be accessible from the EMon VM. These details are described in the section 3.1 of this document.

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iv) Finally, is it's also shown in Table 2, Java 1.8 or newer needs to be installed along with the Apache Tomcat Web Server 8.5 or newer.

3.4.2.2 Installation and deployment

As mentioned earlier, Resource Monitor is a Web Service, hosted by an Apache Tomcat Web Server. It is deployed as a WAR file (ResourceMonitor.war), which should be installed in the Tomcat webapps folder, as it is shown below at the Figure 4 and Figure 5. After the Resource Monitor WAR is installed, the Tomcat Server should be restarted. At his point the ResourceMonitor.war will be unzipped into the ResourceMonitor folder, which becomes a home folder of the Resource Monitoring Service.

```
drwxr-xr-x 9
                     tomcat
                             4096 Feb 13 18:46
             root
           3
                             4096 Feb 13
drwxr-xr-x
                     root
                                          17:54
             root
                             4096 Feb 13 18:46 bin/
                     tomcat
             root
                     tomcat 19318 Feb
                                        5 22:30 BUILDING.txt
           1
             root
                             4096 Feb 17
           3
             root
                     tomcat
                                          10:56 conf/
drwxr-x---
                              5408 Feb
                                        5 22:30 CONTRIBUTING.md
           1
                     tomcat
                             4096 Feb 13 18:46 lib/
             root
                     tomcat
                                        5
           1
                     tomcat 57011 Feb
                                          22:30 LICENSE
             root
           2 tomcat tomcat
                             4096 Mar
                                       31 16:38 logs/
                             1726 Feb
                                          22:30 NOTICE
           1
             root
                     tomcat
                                        5
           1 root
                              3255 Feb
                                          22:30 README.md
                     tomcat
                              7136 Feb
                                          22:30 RELEASE-NOTES
           1
             root
                     tomcat
                     tomcat 16262 Feb
                                        5 22:30 RUNNING.txt
             root
                             4096 Mar 16 12:09 temp/
           2 tomcat tomcat
                             4096 Mar 16 12:09 webapps/
           8 tomcat tomcat
                             4096 Feb 13 18:47
           3 tomcat tomcat
```

Figure 4: Recommended Tomcat ROOT directory structure

```
4096 Mar 16 12:09
              tomcat
                     tomcat
            9 root
                                4096 Feb 13 18:46
drwxr-xr-x
                     tomcat
           16 tomcat tomcat
                                4096 Feb 13 18:46 docs/
drwxr-x-
                                4096 Feb 13 18:46 examples/
            6
              tomcat
                     tomcat
                                4096 Feb 13 18:46 host-manager/
              tomcat
                     tomcat
            5
              tomcat tomcat
                                4096 Feb 13 18:46 manager/
            4 tomcat tomcat
                                4096 Mar 16 12:09 ResourceMonitor/
                             5955359 Feb 24 01:33 ResourceMonitor.war
            1 root
                     root
                                4096 Feb 13 18:46 ROOT/
            3 tomcat tomcat
```

Figure 5: Tomcat webapps directory

3.4.2.3 Configuration

Resource Monitoring Service comes up with the app.properties configuration file. Some properties need to be properly configured before the use. A typical config file is shown at the Figure 6, and it can be found in the WEB-INF directory under the Resource Monitoring home. After the Resource Monitor is properly configured, the Tomcat Server needs to be restarted once again.

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```
nova-host=5.79.110.8
nova-auth-port=35357
nova-resource-port=8774

rabbit-mq-host=5.79.110.6
rabbit-mq-port=5672
rabbit-mq-username=
rabbit-mq-password=

rabbit-mq-exchange=ta.csemulation.monstats
```

Figure 6: Resource Monitoring Service app. properties config file

At this point the Resource Monitor is up and running, and it can be operated through its REST API as it is described in D6.1 "Initial Prototype of Integrated THREAT-ARREST Platform".

3.5 Gamification Tool Installation (GT VM)

Protect (Goeke et al., 2019) comes as precompiled binary file.

- i) While the binary might run on other platforms, too we only tested it with the Linux distribution Ubuntu in version 18.04 LTS.
- ii) Protect provides a frontend via a webserver to communicate with the user and a backend to the system via the API. There is no package, but a protect Zip file.
- iii) Installation of Protect is done via the following steps:
 - a. Download protect.zip
 - b. Unzip protect.zip in a convenient folder
 - c. Run the extracted binary protect/app
 - d. Ensure port 80 can be accessed by clients.

3.6 Training Tool and Dashboard Installation (TT VM)

3.6.1 Requirements

Any Linux distribution would be acceptable (preferred Ubuntu 18.04 or CentOS 7 or 8) and a Docker (version 19.03.5 at least) and docker-compose (version 1.25.3 at least) installation. No other dependencies are required to be installed system-wide as the libraries will be packaged in the Docker images.

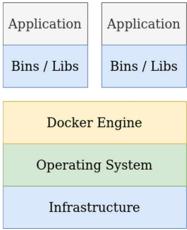


Figure 7: Docker Deployment

3.6.2 Services and software packages

Docker containers are required in order for TT to be deployed. Those contain 3 spring-boot web application and a MySQL v8 database container. No software packages are required to be installed system-wide. The Docker containers that are required to run in order for the TT to be operational are depicted below:

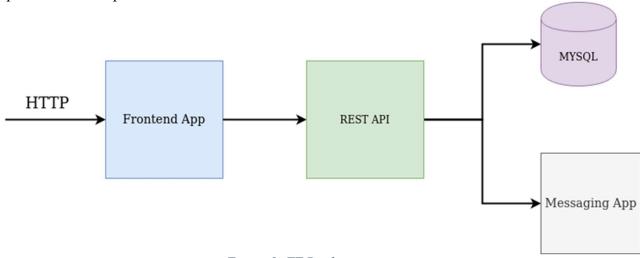


Figure 8: TT Deployment

The services executed are:

- A frontend Spring Boot web application serving the HTTP requests and presenting the UI of the TT.
- A REST API (Spring Boot) to provide an interface for the business logic on the queries performed on the database and triggering the messaging app.
- A MySQL container.

• A Spring Boot application (Messaging App) for triggering the Simulation Tool and handling the responses of the Visualization Tool.

3.6.3 Dependencies

The only dependencies are Docker and docker-compose. The standard installation from the official site is enough (not the installation with snap package manager because bugs have been observed).

3.7 Assurance Tool Installation (AT VM)

3.7.1 Overview

The Assurance Tool carries out a continuous runtime assessment of the aspects of the target cyber-system that are important for a Cyber Threat and Training Preparation (CTTP) training program. These aspects are defined by the CTTP model and sub-models and extracted via the appropriate translation mechanisms. For example, the CTTP model defines the components of the cyber-system that should be monitored, the events of these components that are of importance (e.g., operating system calls, external service calls, user actions) and the conditions that should be satisfied by them. Furthermore, each tool identified within the THREAT-ARREST platform (i.e., Emulation, Simulation, Gamification, Data Fabrication, Visualization, and Training Tools) holds its own CTTP sub-model which leads to the instantiation of the overall Training Programme.

3.7.2 Hardware and Software Requirements

The hardware and software requirements identified for the Assurance Model Virtual Machine are presented in Table 5.

CPU cores @ 2.4 GHz Architecture x86 (64-bit)	2
RAM (GB) DDR4	16
Storage (GB) SSD	60
Bandwidth (Mbps)	50
Software (and version)	Ubuntu (18 LTS), Oracle Java (1.8), MySQL Server (Latest)
Hostname	AT
List of TCP Port Numbers	80 (HTTP), 8080 (Tomcat), 443 (HTTPS/TLS), 3306 (MySQL), 22 (SSH), 5672 (RabbitMQ)

Table 5: Assurance Tool Hardware and Software Requirements

More specifically, the assurance tool runs in an Ubuntu 18 Virtual Machine. The CTTP Model editor is written in Java while the CTTP Model GUI in PHP 7, CSS, HTML and Javascript.

The editor makes use of a MySQL database located in the VM to store the CTTP models and the message broker (RabbitMQ) located in the main VM of the platform to communicate with the Training Tool in order to instantiate the Training Programme and provide the sub models to its corresponding tools.

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3.7.3 Installation process

The CTTP Model editor (which is part of the Assurance tool) was packaged as a web application (.war) and deployed in a web server (Apache Tomcat/9.0.30) located inside the Assurance Tool VM.

A GUI was then created in order to facilitate the end-user with the creation, editing and view of the CTTP core model and its sub models.

The guideline for the CTTP Model Editor GUI can be found in Section 4.3.

3.8 Data Fabrication Platform Installation (DFP VM)

As it is described in "D5.1 – Real event logs statistical profiling module and synthetic event log generator v1" document, IBM's Data Fabrication Platform (DFP) (IBM, 2017) is a web-based central platform for generating high-quality data for testing, development, and training. As it is also described in D5.1, the DFP is being enhanced to support the THREAT-ARREST project requirements. The DFP has been enriched with an ability to generate sequences of simulated cyber-events in general, and synthetic security event log files in particular.

By the time when this document is written and released, the enhanced DFP is not fully integrated within the THREAT-ARREST Platform yet. It is rather deployed externally and being used off-line as a stand-alone application for fabrication of both, the static DB records as well as dynamic scenario log files. The DFP is being modified to be deployed as a Web Service, hosted under an Apache Tomcat Server. This enhancement along with other important features will be documented in the future deliverable "D5.5 – Real event logs statistical profiling module and synthetic event log generator v2". An installation procedure, deployment scheme and usage guidelines of the DFP as a Web Service will be described in the future "D6.6 – Final Installation and usage guidelines for the THREAT–ARREST platform" deliverable.

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4 THREAT-ARREST Usage Guidelines

The THREAT-ARREST training is offered as a service to organizations through a Web-based GUI. The first version of the platform is released along three full-fledged training scenarios for Smart Home & IoT, Smart Shipping, and Healthcare, each addressing trainees of different knowledge and skills. The platform's Dashboard (front-end) is accessible at https://www.threat-arrest.org.

Based on the first integrated version, three training scenarios have been created for the different project use cases – Smart Home & IoT, Smart Shipping, and Healthcare, targeting trainees of different categories and skills. In the following, we list the videos of the different platform demonstrations uploaded on YouTube that can server as guidelines on how to use the platform functionality.

THREAT-ARREST Demo Description

Link to Video

THREAT-ARREST Smart Energy Scenario Demo

https://youtu.be/0vGNXkne_wM

THREAT-ARREST Shipping Scenario Demo

https://youtu.be/vs8T1oZoha0

THREAT-ARREST Healthcare Scenario Demo

https://youtu.be/iFmFTBVWeio

THREAT-ARREST Training Tool Demo

https://youtu.be/DGOg1sEENCY

THREAT-ARREST CTTP Model Editor Demo

https://youtu.be/TR2jeRVLSIY

THREAT-ARREST Data Fabrication Platform (IBM) Demo

https://youtu.be/K0UiFgfWoHk

Table 6: THREAT-ARREST Demonstration Videos

4.1 Dashboard Usage Guidelines

This section regards the usage guidelines for the Training Tool's Dashboard GUI. You can also refer to the Training Tool video in Table 6.

The implemented roles of the TT Dashboard are:

- Administrator
- Trainer
- Trainee

The administrator is solely responsible for the creation of trainers' and trainees' accounts as well as assigning both to a specific sector. Subsequently, a typical set of actions needed for a trainee to be able to commence playing a scenario is:

- 1. The *administrator* logs in and creates a *trainer* account and assigns it to a sector
- 2. The administrator creates a trainee account and assigns it to a sector
- 3. The *trainer* logs in and assigns Scenarios to the trainee
- 4. The *trainee* logs in and proceeds to play a scenario

4.1.1 User Login

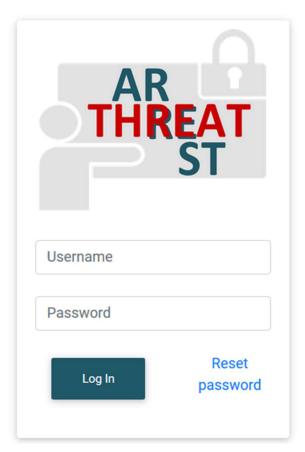


Figure 9: User Login

4.1.2 Password Recovery

By clicking the *Reset Password* option on the login screen, the users proceed to enter their email address and after submitting the form, receive an email containing a unique web link that can be used to reset their password.



Figure 10: Password Recovery

4.1.3 Administrative Perspective

4.1.3.1 Admin Dashboard (admin)

Upon successful logon the Administrator is presented with the complete list of users.

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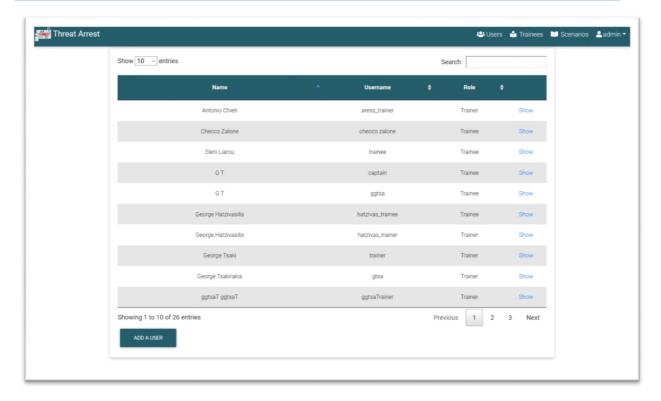


Figure 11: Users List

4.1.3.2 Show/Edit User details (admin)

By clicking the button *Show* next to a user, the administrator can:

- Update the user's details
- Disable the user
- Delete the user

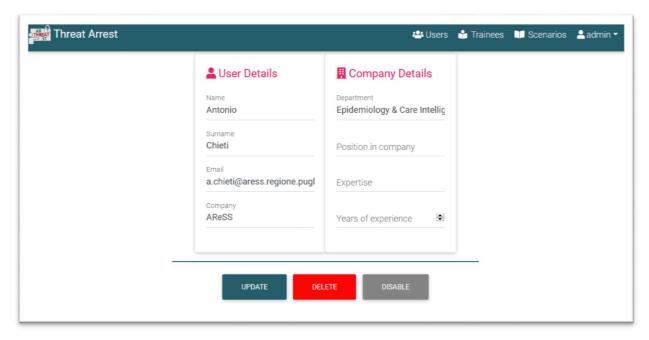


Figure 12: User Details & Actions

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4.1.3.3 Create User (admin)

By clicking the button *Add a User* on the Admin Dashboard, the administrator can create a new user and assign them a:

- *Role* (Trainer or Trainee)
- Sector (Related to the different CTTP ProjectId i.e. Shipping, SmartHome & IOT etc.)

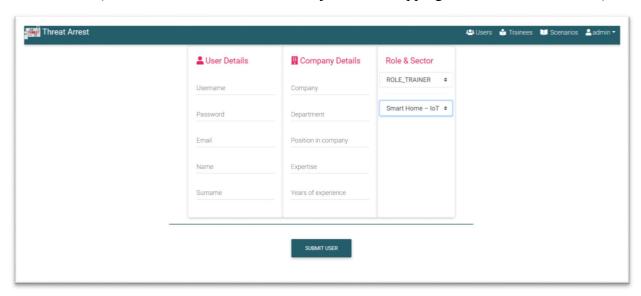


Figure 13: User Account Creation

4.1.3.4 Trainees View (admin/trainer)

The Trainees View contains all trainees' information regardless of their sector, together with their rank, overall score and the scenarios that they have successfully completed. An administrator can access information of all trainees regardless of their sector, whereas trainers view the information of trainees belonging to the same sector.

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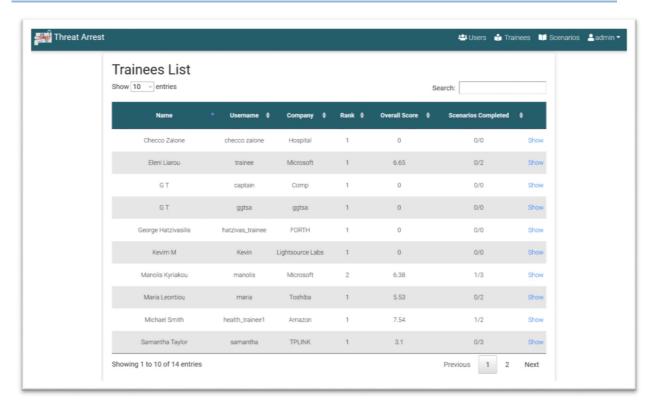


Figure 14: Trainees View

At the bottom of the screen there are two graphs that illustrate the Total played time per user and their overall score.

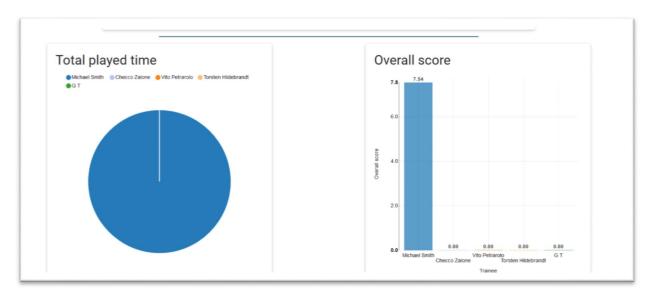


Figure 15: Graphs User's Total Played Time and Overall Score

By clicking the *Show* button next to a trainee, the users' details are presented together with their enabled scenarios and related information per scenario (Completion Status, Times Played etc.)

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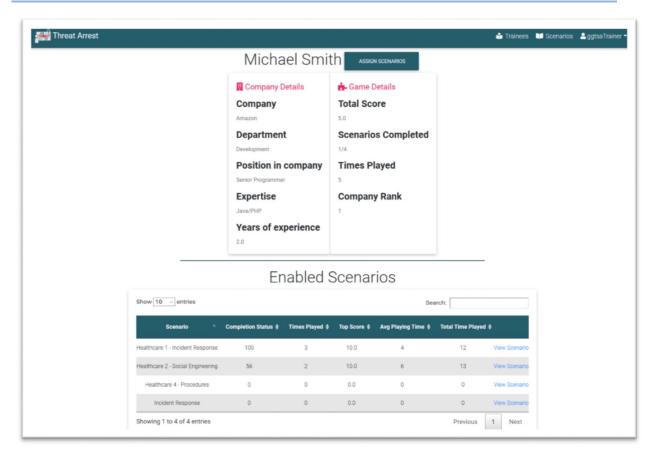


Figure 16: User's Training Details

Furthermore, by clicking the *Assign Scenarios* a new scenario can be enabled for a trainee and assign him/her a scenario specific role. For the scenarios already enabled for the trainee there is an enable/disable as well as an option to change the trainee's scenario role.

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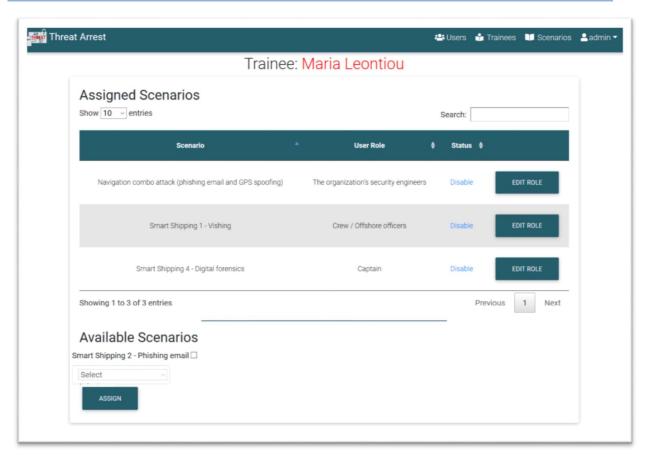


Figure 17: Scenario Assignment

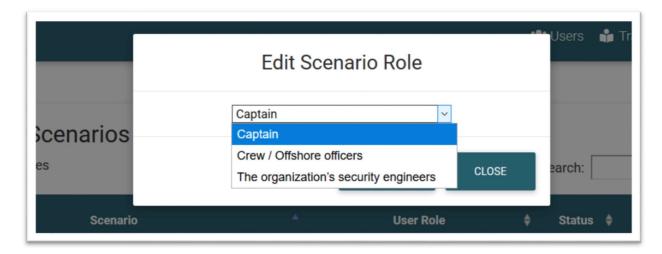


Figure 18: Scenario Role

4.1.3.5 Scenarios View (admin/trainer)

The scenario views are accessible for both admins and trainers, with the only difference being that trainers can only access scenarios that belong to their sector whereas the admin has access to all scenarios regardless of their sector.

Additionally, only an administrator is presented with the button "Scenario Editor" which leads to the Assurance Tool Scenario Editor interface.

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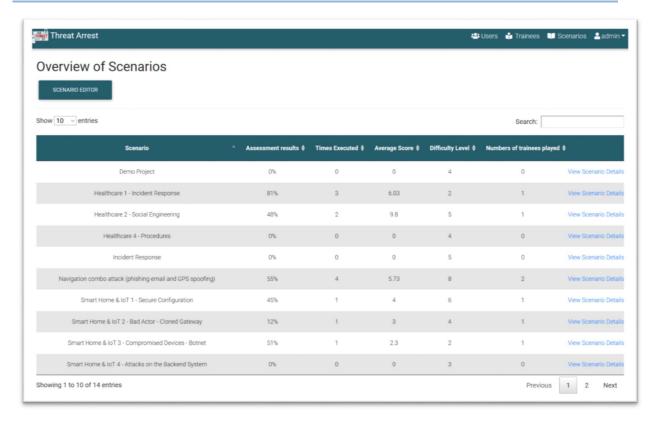


Figure 19: Scenarios View

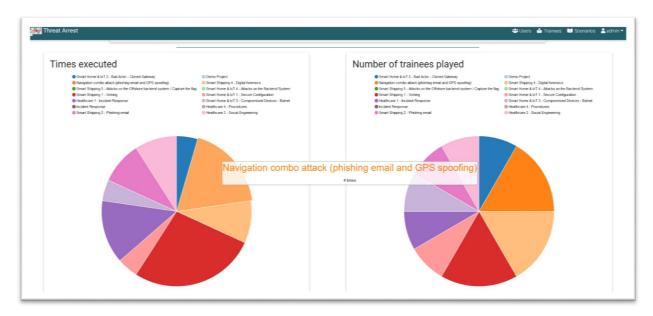


Figure 20: Scenarios View Graphs

By clicking on *View Scenario Details* further information about a specific scenario is presented accompanied by statistical information and graphs.

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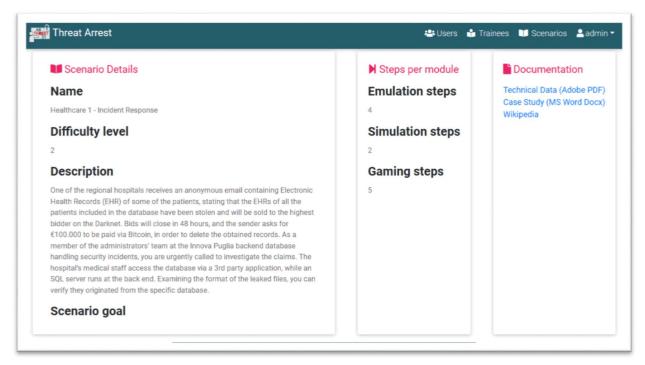


Figure 21: Scenario Details

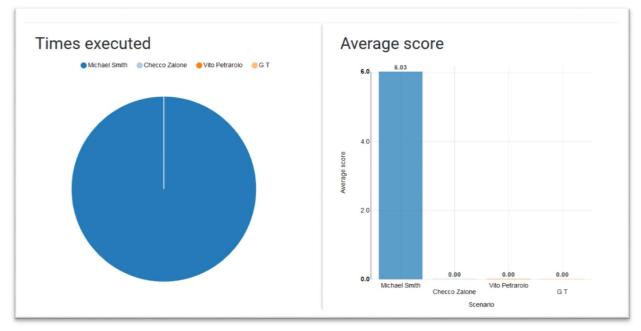


Figure 22: Scenario Graphs

4.1.4 Trainee Perspective

Upon successful login, trainees are presented with their profile's details, accompanied by information and graphs regarding their enabled scenario and past gameplays.

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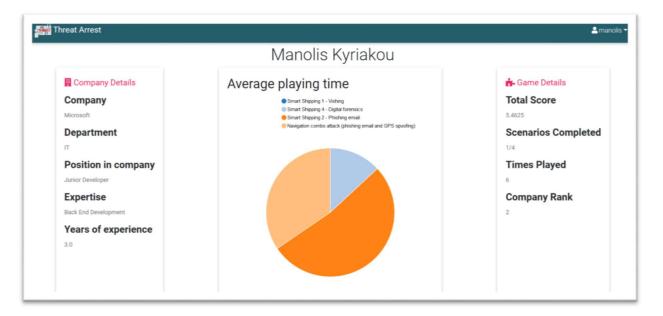


Figure 23: Trainee's View

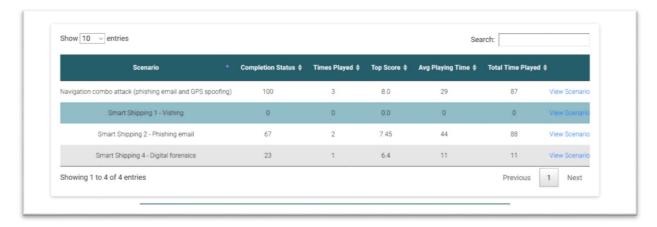


Figure 24: Trainee's Scenario Info

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Figure 25: Trainee's Scenarios Graphs

4.1.4.1 Playing a Scenario

By selecting an individual scenario, trainees can view the scenario's detailed information, such as the scenario's Description, Difficulty Level, Goal, the number of steps per tool as well as relative documentation.

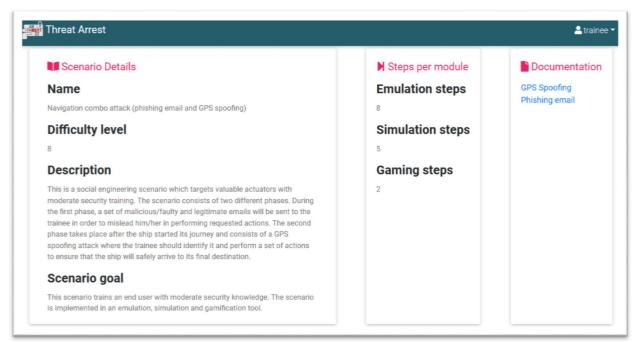


Figure 26: Scenario View

At the bottom of the screen the trainees are presented with buttons to engage the individual tools.

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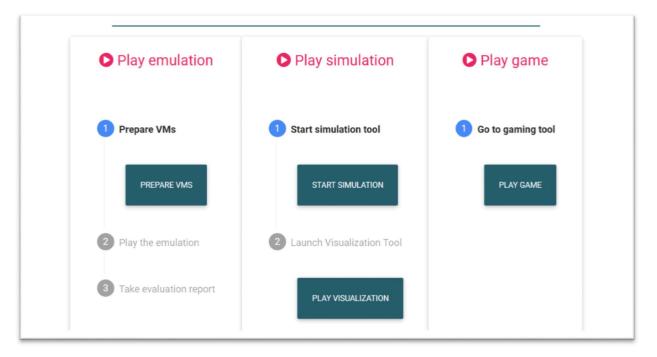


Figure 27: Individual Training Modalities View

4.1.4.2 Emulation Gameplay

To initialize the Emulation Tool environment, the trainees click on the *PREPARE VMS* button. After the environment has been prepared, the users are presented with button(s) to connect to the virtual machines, as well as a button *CLEAR ENVIRONMENT* to terminate the VMs to free resources again. Figure 28 shows the play emulation modality.

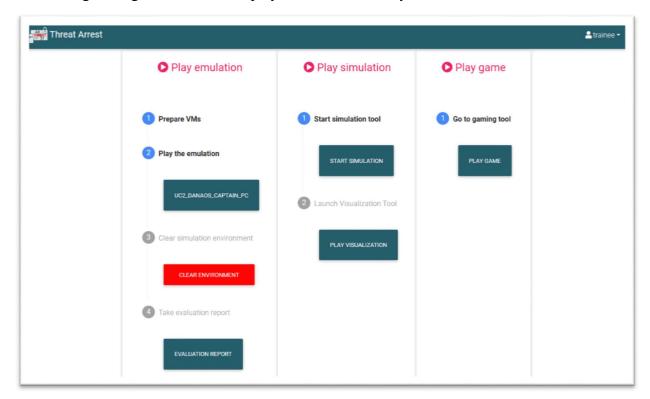


Figure 28: Play Emulation Training Modality View

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After completing the Emulation part of the scenario, the users click on the *EVALUATION REPORT* and proceed to answer the respective questionnaire.

Question 1
Was there any attack performed?
○ true ○ false
Question 2
Which was the main malicious action?
Phishing V
Question 3
Was there any malicious email?
Question 4
Which was the mitigation action(s) that you should've performed?
□ None □ Anti-virus_scan □ Inform_the_company □ Respond_to_sender
Question 5
Was there any legitimate but faulty email?
Question 6
Which was the mitigation action(s) that you should've performed?
□ None □ Anti-virus_scan □ Inform_the_company □ Respond_to_sender
Submit

Figure 29: Emulation Tool Evaluation Report

4.1.4.3 Simulation Gameplay

To initialize the Simulation environment, trainees click on the *START SIMULATION* button and continue to access the Visualization Tool by clicking on the *PLAY VISUALIZATION* button.

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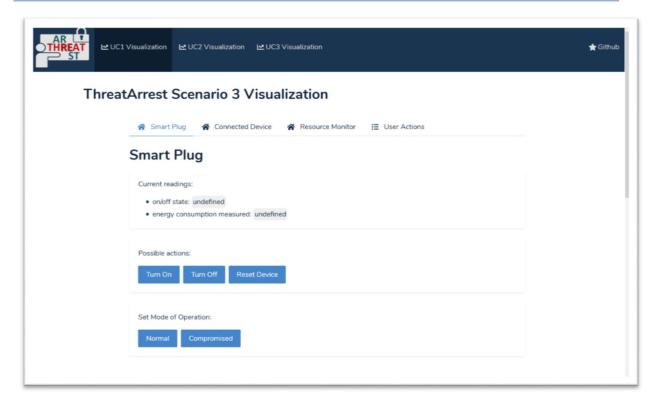


Figure 30: Visualization

4.1.4.4 Game Tool Gameplay

The user commences a Gaming section of a scenario by clicking on the *PLAY GAME* button after which a new tab is opened containing the Gaming Tool environment.

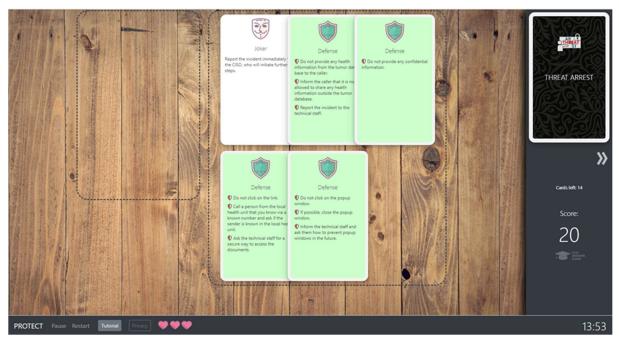


Figure 31: Gaming Tool Environment

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4.2 Gamification Tool Usage Guidelines

This section describes the usage regarding the user interface of the serious game PROTECT which is a part of the Gamification Tool. A detailed description of the concepts and rules of PROTECT is provided in the project deliverable "D4.2 THREAT-ARREST serious games v1". A video of the Smart Home IoT use case in Table 6 can be used as guidelines of how to play the PROTECT game.

An instance of PROTECT is invoked in the Gamification Tool form the Training Tool. If the game is started by a certain trainee for the first time, he/she must accept the terms and services before the game starts (see Figure 32). The terms and services can be re-opened during a game by using the *Privacy* button in the bottom menu of the user interface (see Figure 33).

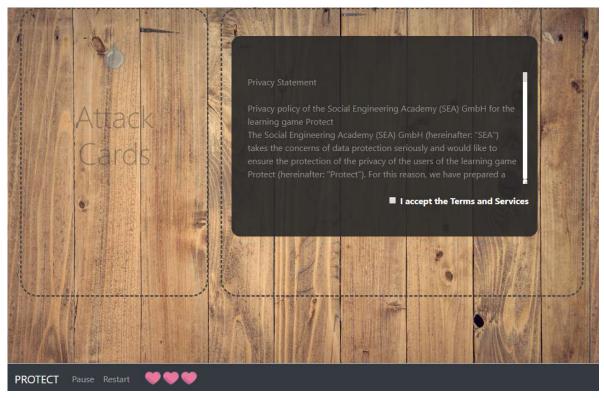


Figure 32: Acceptance of terms and services

After the acceptance of the terms and services, a tutorial opens which explains the basics of social engineering and the rules of PROTECT (see Figure 33). The user can skip back and forth between the different pages by clicking on the corresponding arrows. The tutorial is closed by pressing the *Close* button. It can be reopened by the user during the game with help of the *Tutorial* button in the bottom menu (see Figure 33).

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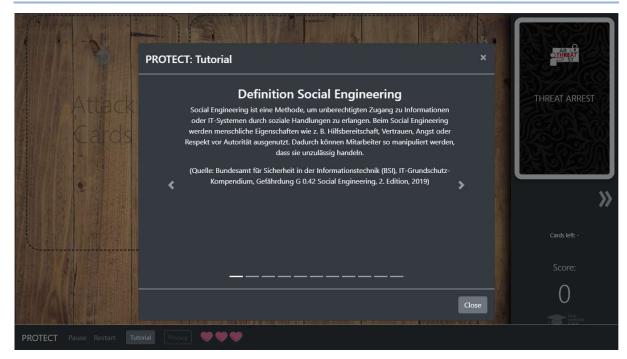


Figure 33: Tutorial explaining PROTECT

After the tutorial has been closed, the game starts by drawing the first card automatically from the top of the card deck (see Figure 34). In subsequent games the trainee starts a game by drawing the first card manually. A card is drawn manually by clicking on the card deck in the top right corner of the user interface.



Figure 34: Start of a game of PROTECT by drawing the first card

Now, the trainee draws further cards from the top of the card deck until an *Attack card* is drawn. Defense cards and Special action cards (Joker *cards*, *See-the-future cards*, *Skip-turn cards*) that have been drawn are placed on the hand of the user (see Figure 35). The hand of the trainee is represented by the area which is marked by a dotted line in the centre of the user interface.

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Figure 35: Defense and Special action cards are placed on the hand of the user

If an *Attack card* is drawn, it is placed on the designated area top left in the user interface (see Figure 36). Additionally, a dialog opens which shows the content of the *Attack card*. After pressing the *Select defense* button the user has to select the correct *Defense card* from his/her hand which repeals the attack. If the trainee has a Joker card on the hand, he/she could also play this card to defend any Attack card. A card is selected by clicking on the designated card. The currently selected card is marked by a slightly tilted presentation in the user interface.

The selection of the correct *Defense card* or the playing of a *Joker card* is displayed by an appropriate dialog (see Figure 37). The game continues after the *Continue* button is clicked. If an attack has been defended correctly, the score which is displayed in the bottom right of the user interface is increased (see Figure 38).

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Figure 36: Drawing of an Attack card

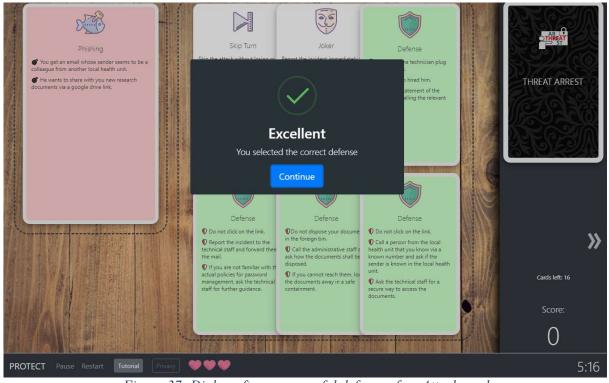


Figure 37: Dialog after a successful defense of an Attack card

The selection of an incorrect *Defense card* for an *Attack card* is displayed by a corresponding dialog (see Figure 38). After pressing the *Show the right answer*button another dialog shows the correct defense (see Figure 39). The game continues when the *Continue*button is pressed.

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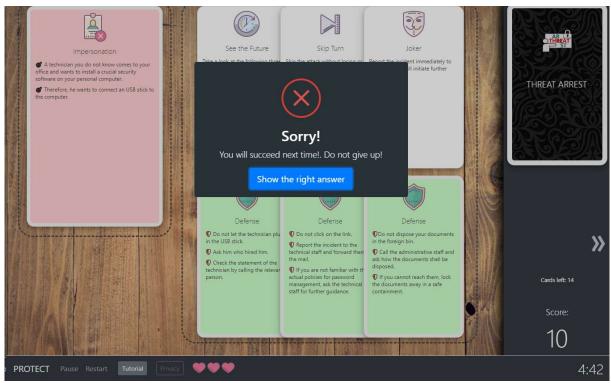


Figure 38: Dialog after a selection of an incorrect Defense card

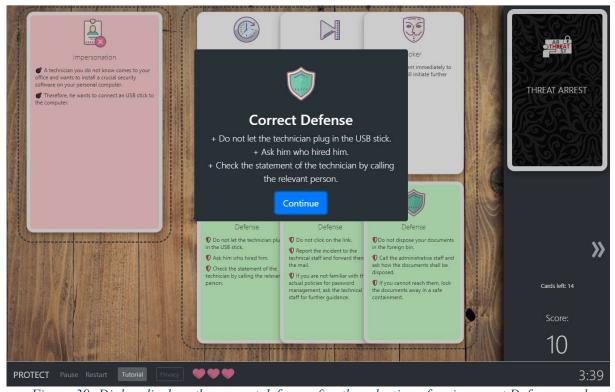


Figure 39: Dialog displays the correct defense after the selection of an incorrect Defense card

After an incorrect defense, the score displayed in the bottom right in the user interface is decreased (see Figure 40). Additionally, the trainee loses one life. The lives are represented by the heart symbols in the bottom menu (see Figure 40).

The playing of a *See-the-future card* from the trainee's hand opens a dialog which displays the next three cards on the top of the deck (see Figure 40). If these cards should contain an *Attack*

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card for which the user cannot associate the appropriate *Defense card*, the trainee could play a *Skip-turn card* in the corresponding turn (see Figure 41). By this, he/she could skip the *Attack card* from the card deck and prevent the loss of a life. The game continues after the *Continue* button is pressed.

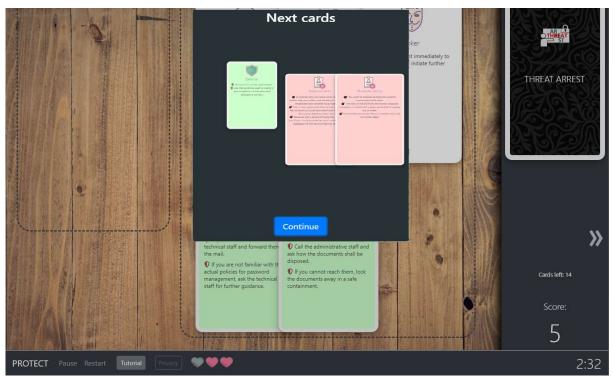


Figure 40: Playing of a See-the-future card



Figure 41: Playing of a Skip-turn card to skip the top card on the card deck

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A game can also be paused by a trainee with the help of the *Pause* button in the bottom menu (see Figure 42). After this button has been pressed, a corresponding dialog is displayed (see Figure 42). The user can continue the game by clicking on the *Start* button.

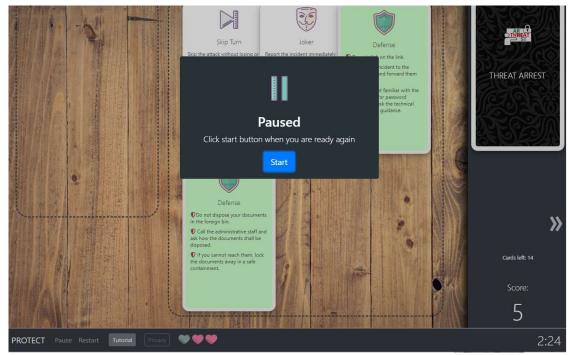


Figure 42: Pausing of the game

A game of PROTECT is won if the trainee empties the card deck in the predetermined time. After a successful game, a dialog displays the final score (see Figure 43). The clicking of the *Close* button entails the closing of the Gamification Tool and the direction of the trainee back to the Training Tool.

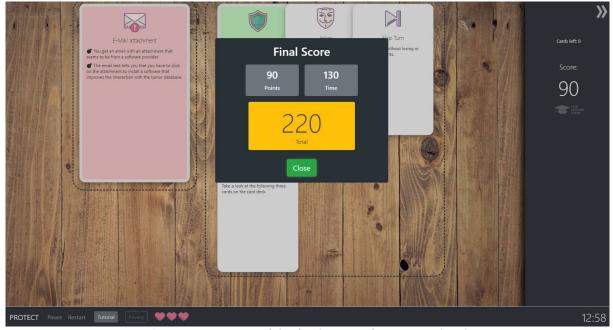


Figure 43: Representation of the final score after a game has been won

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If the trainee has lost all his/her lives or the time has been expired before the card deck was emptied, the trainee has lost the game. This situation is displayed by a corresponding dialog (see Figure 44 and Figure 45). After clicking on the *Continue* button the Gamification Tool is closed and the user is directed back to the Training Tool.

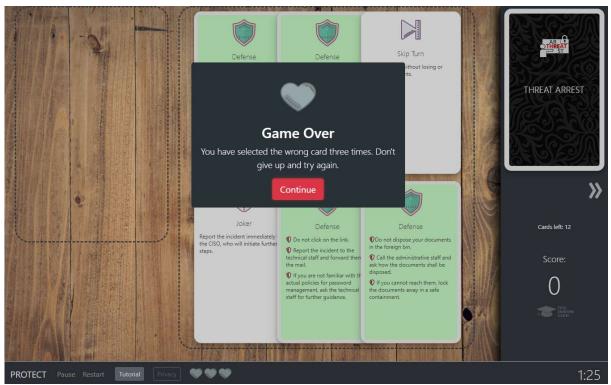


Figure 44: "Game Over"-Dialog after a game has been lost because the loss of all lives

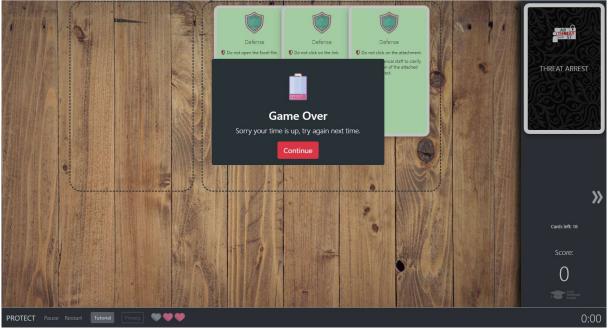


Figure 45: Dialog after losing a game because the time has been expired

4.3 CTTP Model Editor Usage Guidelines

The video of the CTTP model editor in Table 6 can be used as guidelines of how to use the GUI of the editor. In the following, we present the main functionality of the editor.

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4.3.1 Main Components

In order to utilise the CTTP Model Editor, a THREAT-ARREST user will first need to login to the Training Tool.

Following the successful login, the user will be presented with a button that will redirect him/her to the CTTP Model Editor GUI (see Figure 46).

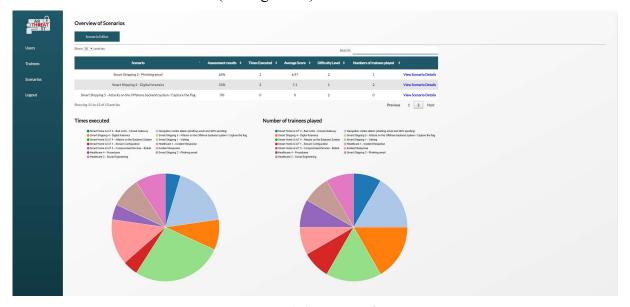


Figure 46: Scenario Editor

The welcome screen of the Editor provides the aggregated information (see Figure 47) regarding the existing organisations and projects (if any).

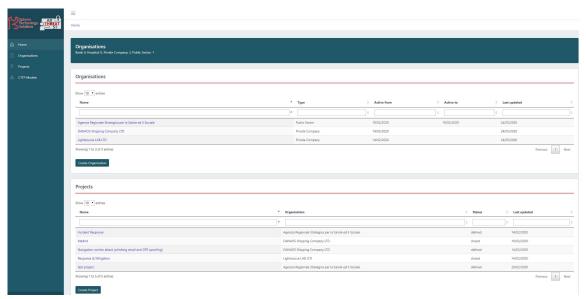


Figure 47: Aggregated Information

The administrator can choose to create a new organization (see Figure 48) or edit/view an existing one (see Figure 49).

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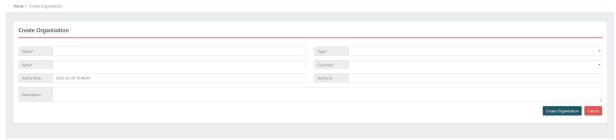


Figure 48 Create a new organisation

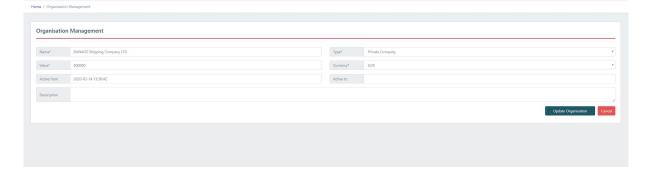


Figure 49: Edit/View an existing organization

Each organisation is correlated with a number of projects. The administrator can choose to create a new project and assign it to an existing organisation (see Figure 50) or edit/view an existing one (see Figure 51).

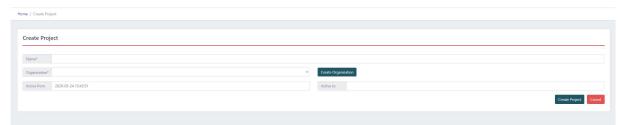


Figure 50: Create new project

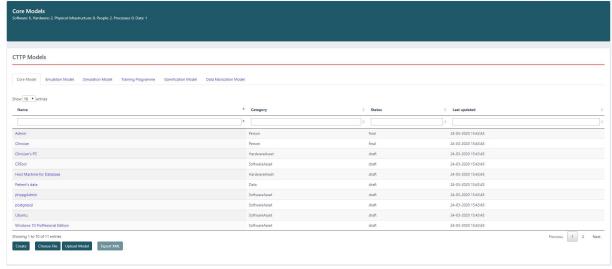


Figure 51: Edit/View an existing project

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Inside a project, the administrator can create a new instance of the CTTP Models and sub-models or edit/view the existing one.

More specifically, each project, has the following elements:

- 1. The Core CTTP model which includes the assets of the organisation.
- 2. The Emulation model which includes the model that initializes the Emulation Tool.
- 3. The Simulation model which includes the model that initializes the Simulation Tool.
- 4. The Training Programme which includes the model that initializes the Training.
- 5. The Gamification model which includes the model that initializes the Gamification Tool.
- 6. The Data Fabrication model which includes the model that initializes the Data Fabrication Tool.

4.4 Core CTTP Model

The user can choose to edit/view existing assets or add a new one.

4.4.1 Edit/View Core CTTP Model

Figure 52 shows an asset's management. A user can make use of the screen to either examine the current elements of a previously created asset or update them if he/she wishes to.

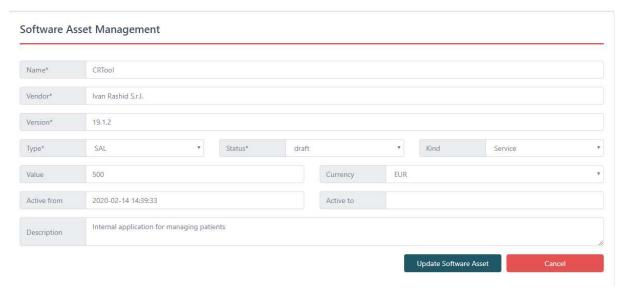


Figure 52: Edit/View an existing asset

4.4.2 Add Core CTTP Model

The user can add the organisation's assets either by utilising the web view asset management or by uploading a text file that contains the assets written in the CTTP Grammar described in the deliverable "D3.2 – CTTP Models and Programmes Specification Tool".

4.4.2.1 Create new Asset (Web View)

In order to create a new asset through the web view, the user needs to follow the steps as detailed below.

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4.4.2.1.1 Choose asset type

The first step is to choose the type of the asset and add an expiration date (if applicable) (see Figure 53). The type of the asset can be: (a) hardware, (b) software, (c) data and (d) people.

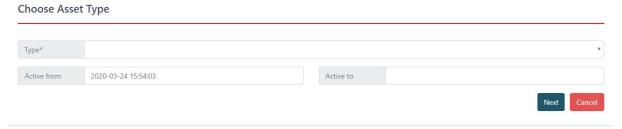


Figure 53: Choose Asset Type

4.4.2.1.2 Add Asset Parameters

Each asset type has its corresponding asset parameters. For instance, in the previous page the user chose to create a new software asset and is now asked to add the software asset parameters (see Figure 54).

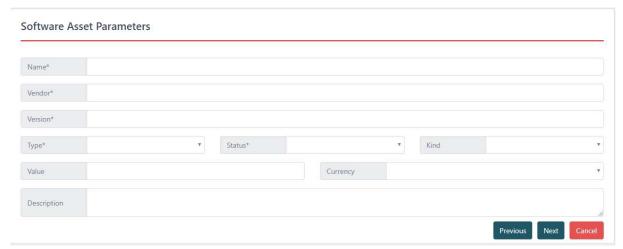


Figure 54: Software Asset Parameters

4.4.2.1.3 Define Relations

Lastly, the user will need to define the relations between the newly created asset and the existing ones (if any). For instance, Figure 55 shows the asset relations (Stores) between the software asset created before (Database) and the patient's data (Data asset) created in the past.

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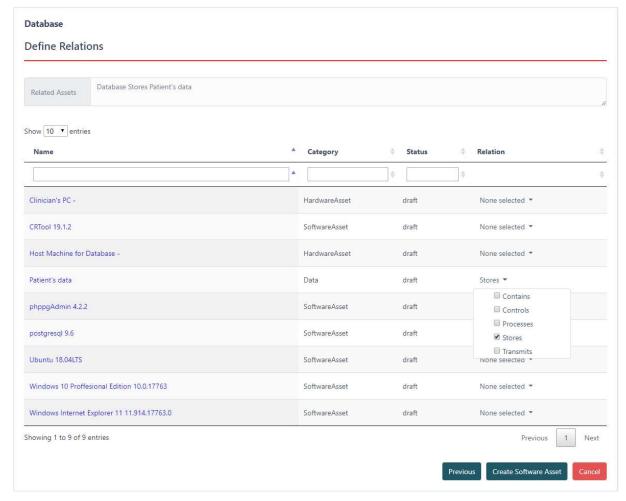


Figure 55: Asset relations

4.4.2.2 Create new Asset (Grammar)

The user can also choose to upload a file (see Figure 56) that contains the assets written in the CTTP grammar. An example of such a file can be found in the deliverable "D3.3 – Reference CTTP Models and Programmes Specifications v1".

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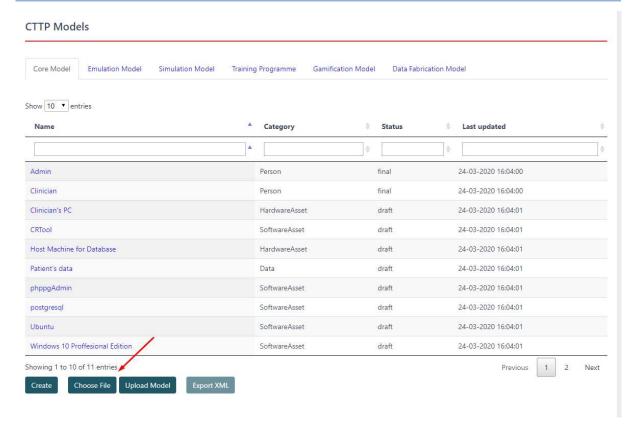


Figure 56: Upload a file that contains the CTTP Model grammar

4.5 Emulation Model

The user can choose to edit/view existing emulation models or add a new one.

4.5.1 Edit/View Emulation Model

Figure 57 shows the emulation model management. A user can make use of the screen to either examine the current elements of a previously created model and/or update them if he/she wishes to.

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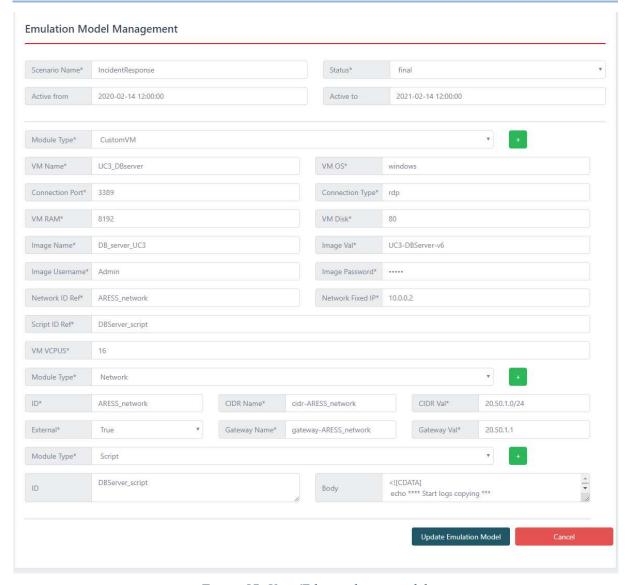


Figure 57: View/Edit emulation models

4.5.2 Add Emulation model

In order to create a new Emulation model, the user needs to add a scenario name, the model's status (final or draft) and the expiration date (if applicable).

The user can also choose to add 1 or more module types (see Figure 58). An emulation model can have the following module types: (a) Custom VM (see Figure 59), (b) Network (see Figure 60) and (c) Script (see Figure 61). Each module type has its own parameters.

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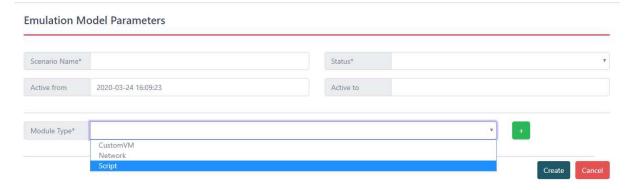


Figure 58: Emulation Model parameters

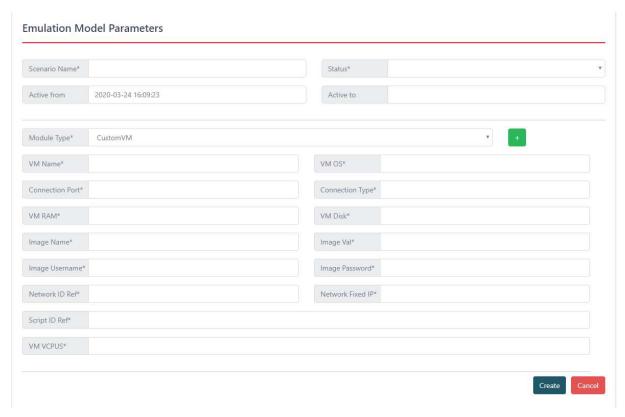


Figure 59: Custom VM parameters

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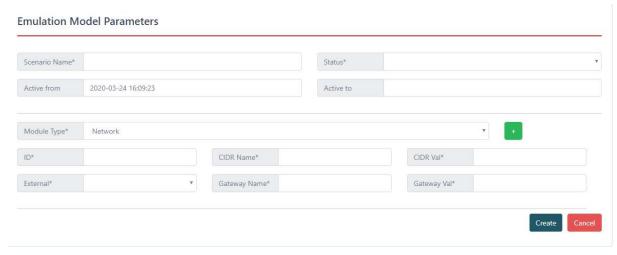


Figure 60: Network parameters

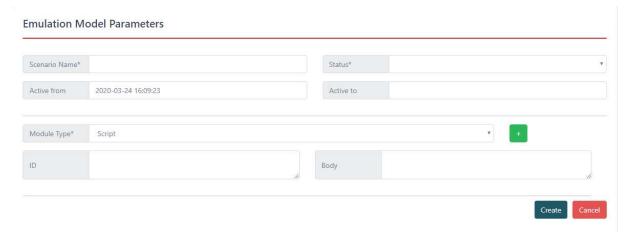


Figure 61: Script parameters

4.6 Simulation Model

The user can choose to edit/view existing simulation models or add a new one.

4.6.1 Edit/View Simulation Model

Figure 62 shows the simulation model management. A user can make use of the screen to either examine the current elements of a previously created model or update them if he/she wishes to.

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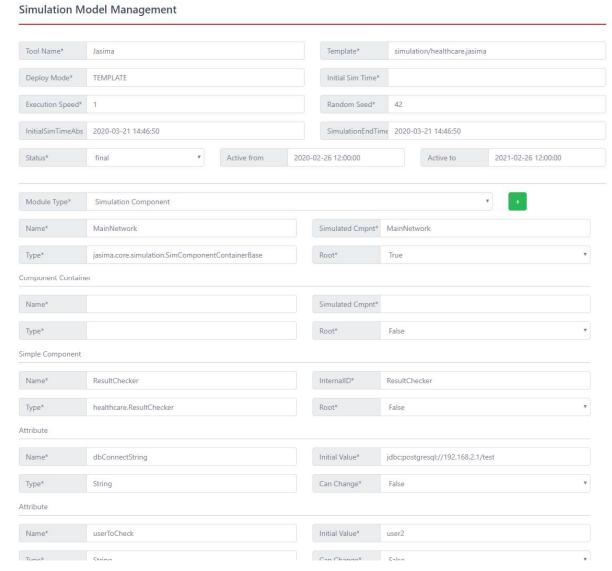


Figure 62: Edit/view simulation model

4.6.2 Add Simulation Model

In order to create a new Simulation model, the user needs to add the tool name, the template, the deployment mode, the initial simulation time, the execution speed, the random seed, the initial abs simulation time, the simulation end time and the expiration date (if applicable) (see Figure 63).

The user can also choose to add one or more simulation components (see Figure 64). A simulation component consists of a number of attributes, the simulation container, a simple component and the attributes.

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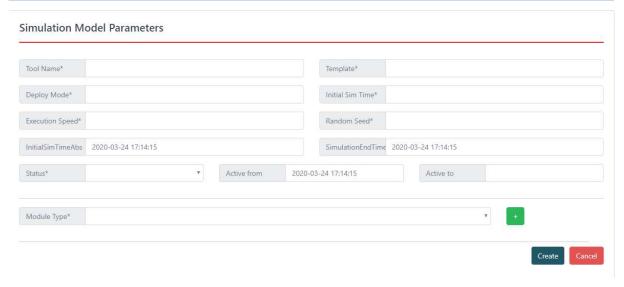


Figure 63: Add simulation model main parameters

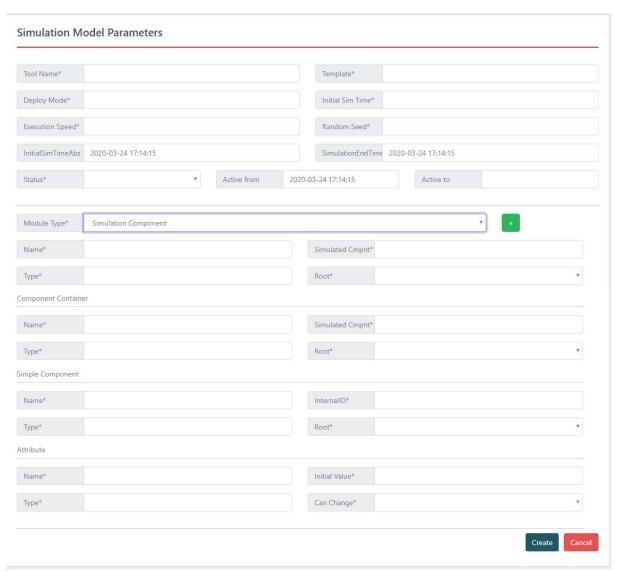


Figure 64: Add a new module

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4.7 Training Programme

The user can choose to edit/view existing training programmes or add a new one.

4.7.1 Edit/View Training Programme

Figure 65 shows the Training Programme management. A user can make use of the screen to either examine the current elements of a previously created programme and/or update them if he/she wishes to.



Figure 65: Edit/View Training Programme

4.7.2 Add Training Programme

In order to create a new Training Programme, the user needs to insert its main attributes (see Figure 66). Furthermore, each programme has one or more training modules (see Figure 67), namely: (a) Bibliography (see Figure 68) and (b) Training Programme Execution (see Figure 69).

Upon creation of a new Training Programme, the CTTP Model Editor notifies the Training Tool that a new programme was created. This is being done by utilising the message broker of the platform.

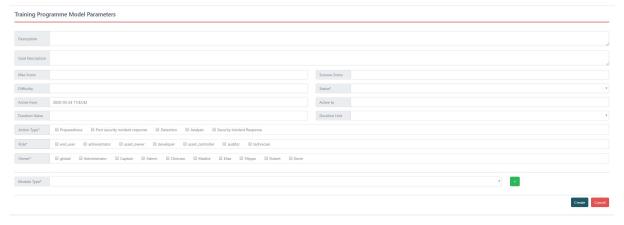


Figure 66: Training Programme main attributes



Figure 69: Training Programme Execution Module

4.8 Gamification Model

The user can choose to edit/view existing gamification models or add a new one.

4.8.1 Edit/View Gamification Model

Figure 70 shows the Gamification model management. A user can make use of the screen to either examine the current elements of a previously created programme or update them if he/she wishes to.

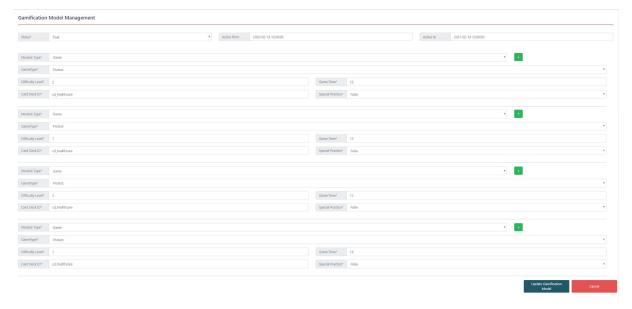


Figure 70: Edit/View Gamification model

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4.8.2 Add Gamification Model

In order to add a new Gamification model the user needs to choose the game type (i.e. the game PROTECT or AWARENESS QUEST) and fill the requested attributes (see Figure 71).



Figure 71: Add Gamification model

4.9 Data Fabrication Model

The user can choose to edit/view existing data fabrication models or add a new one.

4.9.1 Edit/View Data Fabrication Model

Figure 72 shows the Data Fabrication model management. A user can make use of the screen to either examine the current elements of a previously created programme or update them if he/she wishes to.



Figure 72: Edit/View Data Fabrication model

4.9.2 Add Data Fabrication Model

In order to add a new Data Fabrication model, the user needs to add one or more nodes and one or more subnets. Both the node and the subnet hold a number of attributes as depicted in Figure 73.

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Figure 73: Add Data Fabrication model

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5 Conclusions

We have presented the documentation and guidelines for the use of the first version of the integrated THREAT-ARREST platform. Particularly, we have presented the hardware and software requirements necessary for platform operation. The hardware requirements may vary from one platform instance to another depending on the training needs in each domain in terms of the number of simultaneous training sessions supported and the complexity of cyber system emulation/simulation. We have presented the installation guidelines of the platform from OpenStack installation, VM and network setup to individual components' installation procedures and software dependencies. We have overviewed the GUI of the platform's dashboard showing the different platform capabilities available for trainees and trainers, and the GUI of the CTTP model editor.

Next version of the document is "D6.6 – Final Installation and usage guidelines for the THREAT-ARREST platform" due to M36 which corresponds to the final version of the platform.

In addition to the expected refinement and improvement of the usage guidelines with respect to the final platform's capabilities and different end users' categories, next steps will also address the installation and usage guidelines of the Assurance Tool. In particular this includes how Assurance Tool's interfaces and event captors are to be used and deployed in (pilot) organisations' infrastructures to get full benefit of security assurance, training program evaluation and user assessment before, during and after employee's cyber security training.

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