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In this paper, we propose the integration of the AG workflow with an IDS management system to improve alert and correlation quality. The approach uses the information sources of the AG workflow: automatically extracted vulnerability information, system information, and the calculated graph. The vulnerability and system information is used to prioritize and tag the incoming IDS alerts. The AG is used during the correlation process to filter incorrect correlation results. An architecture is described consisting of an *Event Gatherer*, a *Correlation Module*, an *Attack Graph Creation* module, and a *Frontend* for the user. The *Correlation Engine* works based on pluggable *Correlation Modules* and uses the *Alert Storage*, the *Vulnerability Information* and *System Information* as input. The *Frontend* works on alert information which is tagged and filtered based on the *Vulnerability Information* and *System Information*. A prototype is implemented using unified data models for system information and vulnerability information. Automatic extraction of vulnerabilities is applied to utilize most recent vulnerability descriptions.

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