

# WitFoo Innovations

## Understanding Adaptive Parsing

At the heart of WitFoo's processing capabilities lies the ability to fully comprehend and interpret the signals it receives. This is achieved through the groundbreaking innovation of Adaptive Parsing, a methodology that integrates Natural Language Processing (NLP), Extract Transform Load (ETL) techniques, machine learning, and expert-driven research. These approaches collectively enable WitFoo to generate highly structured data representations known as Semantic Frames.

## What Are Semantic Frames?

Semantic Frames are central to WitFoo's parsing process. These data packages encapsulate critical information by analyzing and organizing incoming messages in a meaningful and actionable way. The creation of Semantic Frames involves two key stages:

### 1. Semantic Fingerprinting

Semantic Fingerprinting is the process of identifying and distinguishing between the static and dynamic components of a message. By evaluating a message in this structured manner, a unique fingerprint is generated for the message. This fingerprint captures the essence of the message's structure and variability, paving the way for further data processing.

### 2. Mapping to Data Sources

Once fingerprinted, a message is mapped to its originating data source. WitFoo accomplishes this by meticulously combing through vast amounts of public-facing technical documentation. Through this process, WitFoo can identify:

- The tool or service responsible for sending the message
- The vendor or project that maintains the tool
- The meaning and purpose of individual components within the message
- The conditions that trigger the message
- The potential impact and implications of the message

The combined fingerprint and these additional insights form a complete Semantic Frame.

# Benefits of Adaptive Parsing

WitFoo's Adaptive Parsing provides customers with numerous transformative advantages:

## 1. High-Performance Processing

Using Semantic Frames, WitFoo technology efficiently processes millions of signals per second on commodity hardware. This allows organizations to handle large-scale data streams without requiring expensive infrastructure upgrades.

## 2. Standardized Output

All processed signals are outputted in a standardized format, eliminating the need for customers to create or maintain custom parsers. This standardization streamlines workflows and reduces operational overhead.

## 3. Resilience to Change

Adaptive Parsing allows downstream analytic pipelines to remain functional even as messages evolve or new types of messages are introduced. This ensures that organizations can adapt to changing data landscapes with minimal disruption.

## 4. Comprehensive Insight

By leveraging its extensive analysis of documentation, WitFoo provides deep insights into the tools, vendors, and conditions behind the signals. This contextual knowledge empowers organizations to better understand and act on their data.

## 5. Cost-Effective and Scalable

The reliance on readily available commodity hardware makes WitFoo's solution not only cost-effective but also highly scalable. Organizations of all sizes can benefit from this capability without stretching their budgets.

## Conclusion

WitFoo's Adaptive Parsing innovation exemplifies a marriage of advanced technology and practical application. By fully understanding and structuring incoming messages through Semantic Frames, WitFoo enables organizations to harness their data efficiently, adapt to changes seamlessly, and gain actionable insights effortlessly. This transformative approach underscores WitFoo's commitment to delivering cutting-edge solutions that simplify complexity and drive value for its customers.

# An Innovative Approach to Big Data Challenges

In the realm of cybersecurity, processing massive volumes of data efficiently and cost-effectively remains a significant challenge. As retention and ingestion rates increase, most platforms demand exponentially more hardware resources, driving up costs to unmanageable levels. WitFoo addresses this issue head-on with its groundbreaking innovation: Linear Hardware Scale.

## What is Linear Hardware Scale?

WitFoo's Linear Hardware Scale is a suite of technological advancements designed to enable data retention and ingestion to scale in direct proportion to hardware costs. Unlike traditional solutions that require disproportionate investments in infrastructure as data volume grows, WitFoo's approach ensures that organizations can expand their capabilities without incurring unsustainable expenses. This means that whether handling gigabytes or terabytes of data, the cost of scaling remains predictable and manageable.

## Benefits to Customers

### 1. Cost Efficiency

By establishing a linear relationship between data processing needs and hardware investments, WitFoo significantly reduces the financial barriers to scaling cybersecurity operations. Organizations can confidently expand their data pipelines without worrying about runaway costs, making advanced cybersecurity accessible to businesses of all sizes.

### 2. Scalability for All

The innovation is designed to work seamlessly on readily available commodity hardware, allowing organizations to implement and expand their data processing capabilities without requiring specialized or expensive infrastructure. This scalability ensures that customers can grow their operations as needed, maintaining effectiveness even in evolving data landscapes.

### 3. Simplified Deployment

WitFoo's solution ensures that the challenges of scaling after full deployment are no more complicated than those encountered during the initial setup. This simplicity allows organizations to focus on achieving cybersecurity outcomes rather than grappling with infrastructure hurdles.

## 4. Resilience and Adaptability

The ability to triage data effectively is vital for cybersecurity success. WitFoo's Linear Hardware Scale not only allows for efficient data processing but also ensures that analytic pipelines remain functional and adaptive, regardless of changes in data volume or structure. This resilience minimizes operational disruptions and maximizes the value derived from data insights.

## A Transformative Advantage

The Linear Hardware Scale innovation exemplifies WitFoo's dedication to solving critical industry challenges with practical, customer-focused solutions. By enabling organizations to process terabytes of data affordably and efficiently, WitFoo empowers its customers to harness the full potential of their data while maintaining financial and operational sustainability. This innovation is yet another example of WitFoo's commitment to delivering tools that simplify complexity and drive real-world cybersecurity outcomes.

## ProtoGraph, Asset & Temporal Link Analysis (TLA)

WitFoo Precinct is built on an analytical model called "Temporal Link Analysis" (TLA.) TLA has the following mutation steps:

- 1) Fully comprehend signals using NLP and translate into a common language, a WitFoo Artifact.
- 2) Use Artifacts to maintain a graph of nodes (computers, users, files, services, etc) and edge/relationships between them.
- 3) Using the comprehension of the signals, maintain state on potential nefarious activities of the relationships.
- 4) Build incidents using theories of crime types and modus operandi against the graph.
- 5) Analyze the incidents using heuristics to determine if the evidence supports the crime theory or dismisses it. Determine if the incident has been disrupted by automated or human intervention.

In TLA, incidents and the underlying graph are available for incident response, threat hunting and business reporting.

## Asset Analysis

Reporter is built using a scaled down Graph from Precinct. The graph only maintains state on user and host nodes inside the network. It does not track relationships with each other but does maintain state on each asset with tool actions and attack types targeting it. By using WitFoo Artifacts from TLA, Asset state can be maintained to generate reporting for compliance and tool effectiveness at a 85-95% hardware savings over Precinct.

## ProtoGraph

Collector introduces a new innovation called ProtoGraph analysis. Using the NLP benefits in WitFoo Artifacts, signals can be evaluated on 6 factors:

- 1) Client
- 2) Server
- 3) File
- 4) User
- 5) Product Generating the message
- 6) The Type of Message Generated (malware detected, command and control, etc.)

By tracking these 6 characteristics, an analytically complete sample can be generated. This approach enables incident responders to receive a full distribution of messages that cannot be solved in statistical sampling alone.