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HACK IN BOAT

very sample

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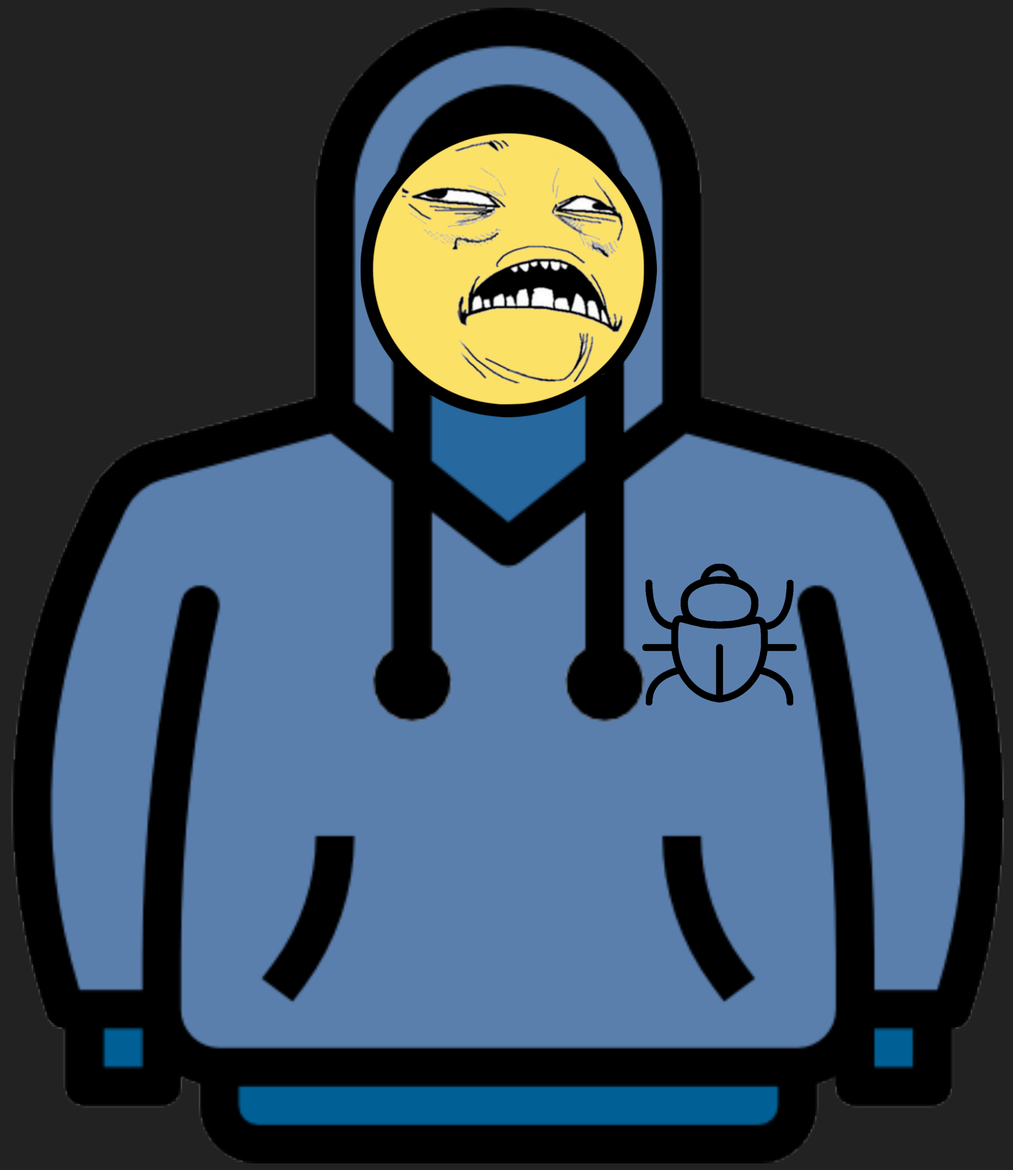


MALWARE... IS
MALICIOUS SOFTWARE

CRASH COURSE

MALWARE 101

TYPES OF ANALYSIS

- **Static** analysis
  - Analyzing looking at the malware.
- **Dynamic** analysis
  - Analyzing by executing the malware
- **Memory** analysis
  - Analyzing the RAM for artifacts.

STATIC ANALYSIS

- File type.
- Hash / fuzzy hash.
- Strings search.
- File obfuscation detection (packers).
- Imports.
- Disassembly.

DYNAMIC ANALYSIS

- File system activity.
- Process activity.
- Network activity.
- Registry activity.
- Collect memory artifacts.
- Dropped files.
- Screenshots.

```
0040100F lea     eax, [esp+24h+ppv]
00401013 push    eax             ; ppv
00401014 push    offset riid     ; riid
00401019 push    4               ; dwClsContext
0040101B push    0               ; pUnkOuter
0040101D push    offset rclsid   ; rclsid
00401022 call    ds:CoCreateInstance
00401028 mov     eax, [esp+24h+ppv]
0040102C test    eax, eax
0040102E jz      short loc_40107F
```

```
00401030 lea     ecx, [esp+24h+pvarg]
00401034 push    esi
00401035 push    ecx             ; pvarg
00401036 call    ds:VariantInit
0040103C push    offset psz      ; "http://www.malwareanalysisbook.com/ad
00401041 mov     [esp+2Ch+var_10], 3
00401048 mov     [esp+2Ch+var_8], 1
00401050 call    ds:SysAllocString
00401056 lea     ecx, [esp+28h+pvarg]
0040105A mov     esi, eax
0040105C mov     eax, [esp+28h+ppv]
00401060 push    ecx
00401061 lea     ecx, [esp+2Ch+pvarg]
00401065 mov     edx, [eax]
00401067 push    ecx
00401068 lea     ecx, [esp+30h+pvarg]
0040106C push    ecx
0040106D lea     ecx, [esp+34h+var_10]
00401071 push    ecx
00401072 push    esi
00401073 push    eax
00401074 call    dword ptr [edx+2Ch]
00401077 push    esi             ; bstrString
00401078 call    ds:SysFreeString
0040107E pop     esi
```

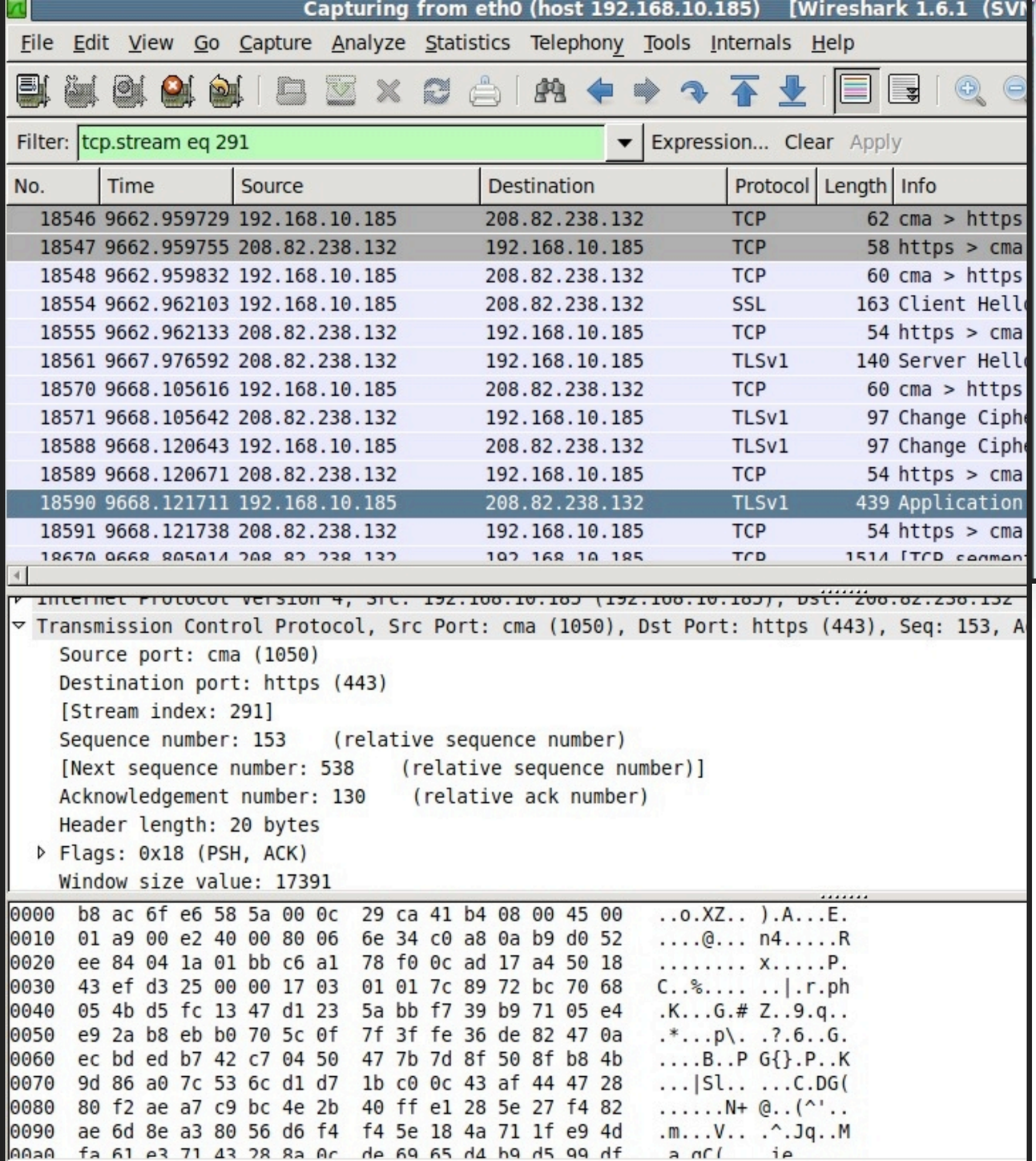
```
$ floss a5ca7e7281d8b8a570a529895106b1f
/index.html
http://
POST
GET
User-Agent: FJUR (compatible; MSIE 6.0;
HOST:
Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersi
%s\%s
.txt
CONNECT %s:%d HTTP/1.1
SetFileAttributesA
#456234
```

PEview - C:\Users\dzwickl\Desktop\misa685.exe

File View Go Help

- misa685.exe
  - IMAGE_DOS_HEADER
  - MS-DOS Stub Program
  - IMAGE_NT_HEADERS
  - IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .text
  - IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .data
  - IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .rsrc
  - IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER .reloc
  - SECTION .text
  - SECTION .data
  - SECTION .rsrc
  - SECTION .reloc

pFile	Data	Description
00000000	5A4D	Signature
00000002	0090	Bytes on Last Page of File
00000004	0003	Pages in File
00000006	0000	Relocations
00000008	0004	Size of Header in Paragraphs
0000000A	0000	Minimum Extra Paragraphs
0000000C	FFFF	Maximum Extra Paragraphs
0000000E	0000	Initial (relative) SS
00000010	00B8	Initial SP
00000012	0000	Checksum
00000014	0000	Initial IP
00000016	0000	Initial (relative) CS
00000018	0040	Offset to Relocation Table
0000001A	0000	Overlay Number
0000001C	0000	Reserved
0000001E	0000	Reserved
00000020	0000	Reserved
00000022	0000	Reserved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No. Time Source Destination Protocol Length Info
18546 9662.959729 192.168.10.185 208.82.238.132 TCP 62 cma > https
18547 9662.959755 208.82.238.132 192.168.10.185 TCP 58 https > cma
18548 9662.959832 192.168.10.185 208.82.238.132 TCP 60 cma > https
18554 9662.962103 192.168.10.185 208.82.238.132 SSL 163 Client Hell
18555 9662.962133 208.82.238.132 192.168.10.185 TCP 54 https > cma
18561 9667.976592 208.82.238.132 192.168.10.185 TLSv1 140 Server Hell
18570 9668.105616 192.168.10.185 208.82.238.132 TCP 60 cma > https
18571 9668.105642 208.82.238.132 192.168.10.185 TLSv1 97 Change Ciphe
18588 9668.120643 192.168.10.185 208.82.238.132 TLSv1 97 Change Ciphe
18589 9668.120671 208.82.238.132 192.168.10.185 TCP 54 https > cma
18590 9668.121711 192.168.10.185 208.82.238.132 TLSv1 439 Application
18591 9668.121738 208.82.238.132 192.168.10.185 TCP 54 https > cma
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: cma (1050), Dst Port: https (443), Seq: 153,
Source port: cma (1050)
Destination port: https (443)
[Stream index: 291]
Sequence number: 153 (relative sequence number)
[Next sequence number: 538 (relative sequence number)]
Acknowledgement number: 130 (relative ack number)
Header length: 20 bytes
Flags: 0x18 (PSH, ACK)
Window size value: 17391
0000 b8 ac 6f e6 58 5a 00 0c 29 ca 41 b4 08 00 45 00 ..o.XZ..).A...E.
0010 01 a9 00 e2 40 00 80 06 6e 34 c0 a8 0a b9 d0 52 ....@... n4.....R
0020 ee 84 04 1a 01 bb c6 a1 78 f0 0c ad 17 a4 50 18 .... x.....P.
0030 43 ef d3 25 00 00 17 03 01 01 7c 89 72 bc 70 68 C..%.... ..|.r.ph
0040 05 4b d5 fc 13 47 d1 23 5a bb f7 39 b9 71 05 e4 .K...G.# Z..9.q..
0050 e9 2a b8 eb b0 70 5c 0f 7f 3f fe 36 de 82 47 0a .*...p\. .?.6..G.
0060 ec bd ed b7 42 c7 04 50 47 7b 7d 8f 50 8f b8 4b ....B..P G{}.P..K
0070 9d 86 a0 7c 53 6c d1 d7 1b c0 0c 43 af 44 47 28 ...|Sl.. ...C.DG(
0080 80 f2 ae a7 c9 bc 4e 2b 40 ff e1 28 5e 27 f4 82 ......N+ @..(^'..
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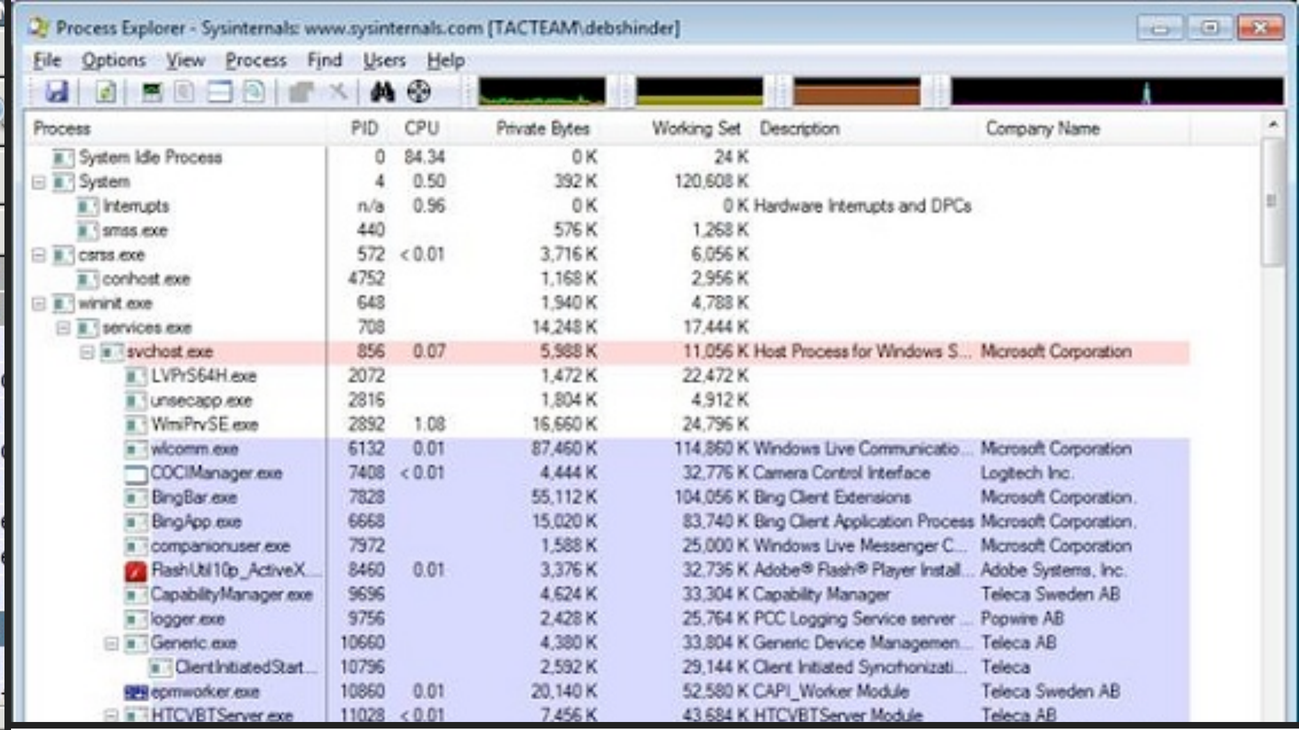
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System 4 0.50 392 K 120,608 K
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WmiPrvSE.exe 2892 1.08 16,660 K 24,796 K
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CDCIManager.exe 7408 < 0.01 4,444 K 32,776 K Camera Control Interface Logitech Inc.
BingBar.exe 7828 55,112 K 104,056 K Bing Client Extensions Microsoft Corporation.
BingApp.exe 6668 15,020 K 83,740 K Bing Client Application Process Microsoft Corporation.
companionuser.exe 7972 1,588 K 25,000 K Windows Live Messenger C... Microsoft Corporation
FlashUtil10p_ActiveX... 8460 0.01 3,376 K 32,736 K Adobe® Flash® Player Install... Adobe Systems, Inc.
CapabilityManager.exe 9696 4,624 K 33,304 K Capability Manager Teleca Sweden AB
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Generic.exe 10660 4,380 K 33,804 K Generic Device Managemen... Teleca AB
ClientInitiatedStart... 10796 2,592 K 29,144 K Client Initiated Synchonizati... Teleca
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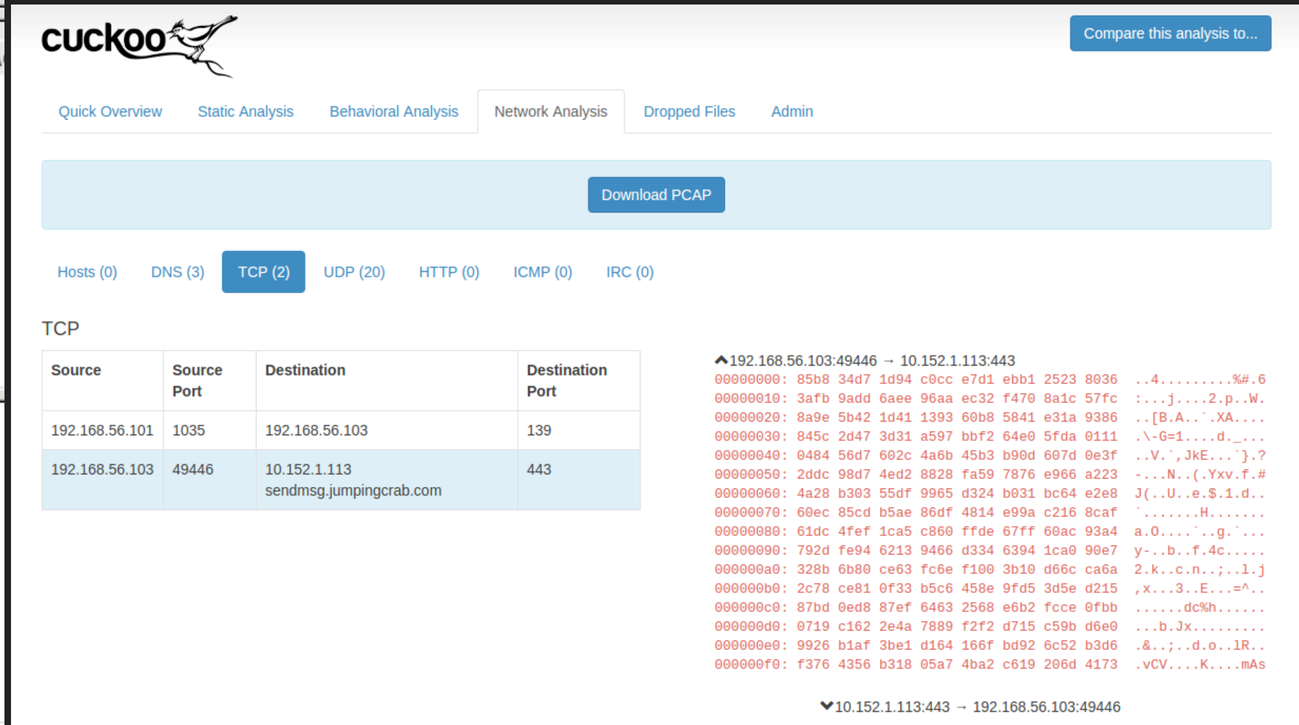
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Hosts (0) DNS (3) TCP (2) UDP (20) HTTP (0) ICMP (0) IRC (0)
TCP
Source Source Port Destination Destination Port
192.168.56.101 1035 192.168.56.103 139
192.168.56.103 49446 10.152.1.113 sendmsg.jumpingcrab.com 443
192.168.56.103:49446 → 10.152.1.113:443
00000000: 85b8 34d7 1d94 c0cc e7d1 ebb1 2523 8036 ..4.........%#.6
00000010: 3afb 9add 6aee 96aa ec32 f470 8a1c 57fc :...j....2.p..W.
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00000040: 0484 56d7 602c 4a6b 45b3 b90d 607d 0e3f ..V.`,JkE...`}.?
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00000070: 60ec 85cd b5ae 86df 4814 e99a c216 8caf `.......H.......
00000080: 61dc 4fef 1ca5 c860 ffde 67ff 60ac 93a4 a.O....`..g.`...
00000090: 792d fe94 6213 9466 d334 6394 1ca0 90e7 y-..b..f.4c.....
000000a0: 328b 6b80 ce63 fc6e f100 3b10 d66c ca6a 2.k..c.n..;..l.j
000000b0: 2c78 ce81 0f33 b5c6 458e 9fd5 3d5e d215 ,x...3..E...=^..
000000c0: 87bd 0ed8 87ef 6463 2568 e6b2 fcce 0fbb ......dc%h......
000000d0: 0719 c162 2e4a 7889 f2f2 d715 c59b d6e0 ...b.Jx.........
000000e0: 9926 b1af 3be1 d164 166f bd92 6c52 b3d6 .&..;..d.o..lR..
000000f0: f376 4356 b318 05a7 4ba2 c619 206d 4173 .vCV....K.... mAs
10.152.1.113:443 → 192.168.56.103:49446

```
rule pdf_1.7_contains_few_links {

meta:
  author = "Sean Whalen"
  last_updated = "2017-06-08"
  tlp = "white"
  category = "malicious"
  confidence = "medium"
  killchain_phase = "exploit"
  description = "A PDFv1.7 that contains one or

strings:
  $pdf_magic = {25 50 44 46}
  $s_anchor_tag = "<a " ascii wide nocase
  $s_uri = /\(http.+\)/ ascii wide nocase

condition:
  $pdf_magic at 0 and (#s_anchor_tag == 1 or (#s
}
```

```
alert udp $HOME_NET any -> any 53 (msg:"BLACKLIST DNS request for
known malware domain guest-access.net - Gauss "; flow:to_server;
byte_test:1,!&,0xF8,2; content:"|0C|guest-access|03|net|00|";
fast_pattern:only; metadata:impact_flag red, policy balanced-ips drop,
policy security-ips drop, service dns; reference:url,gauss.crysys.hu/;
reference:url,www.securelist.com/en/blog/208193767/Gauss_Nation_state_
cyber_surveillance_meets_banking_Trojan; classtype:trojan-activity;
sid:23799; rev:2;)
```

```
ybox:Properties xsi:type="NetworkConnectionObj:NetworkConnectionObjectType">
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  -<HTTPSessionObj:HTTP_Request_Header>
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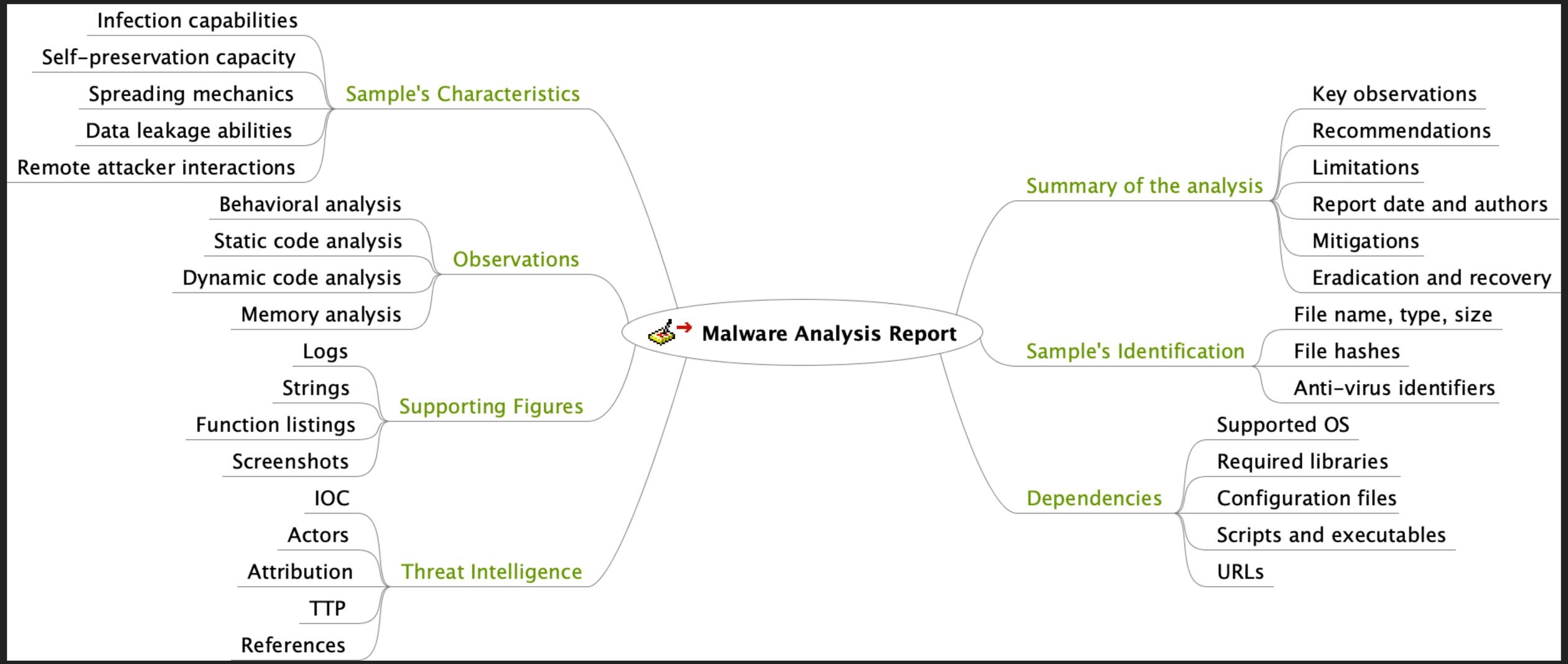


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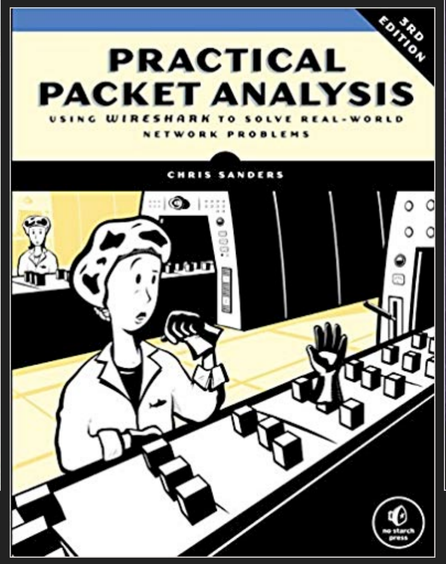
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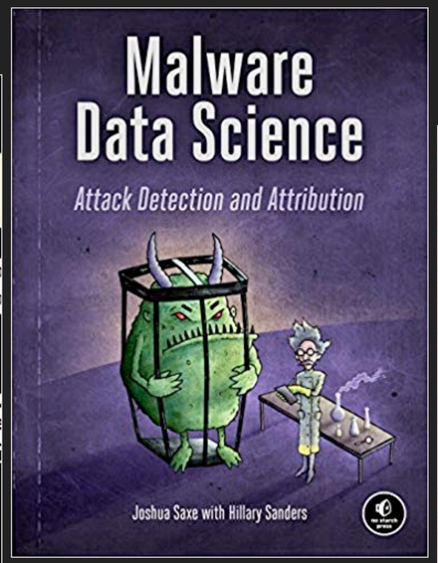
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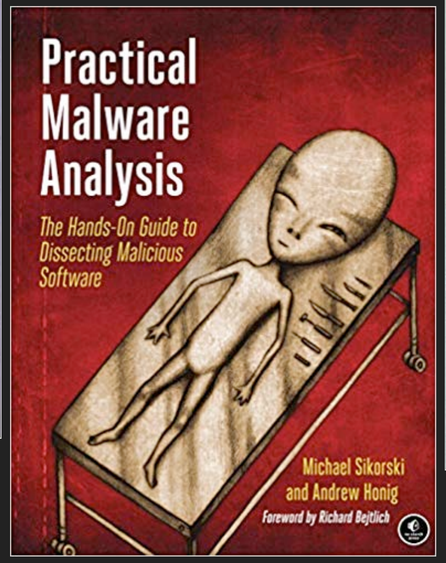
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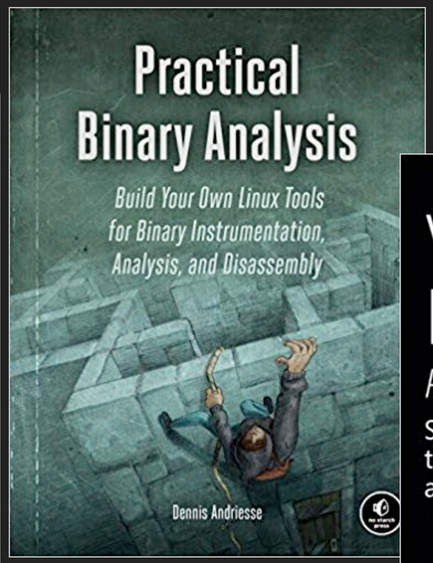
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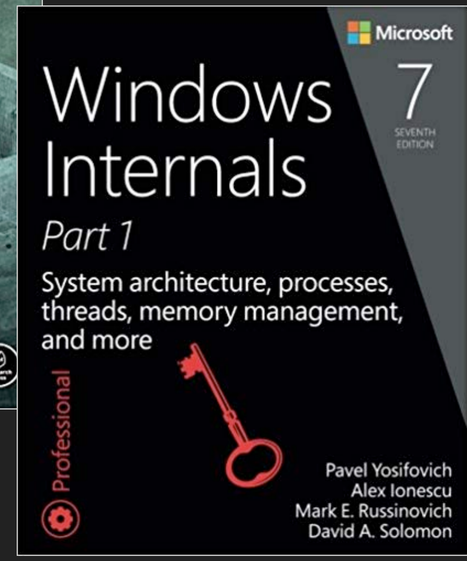
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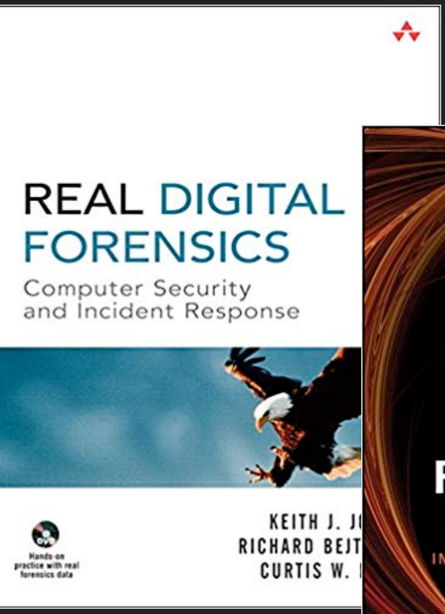
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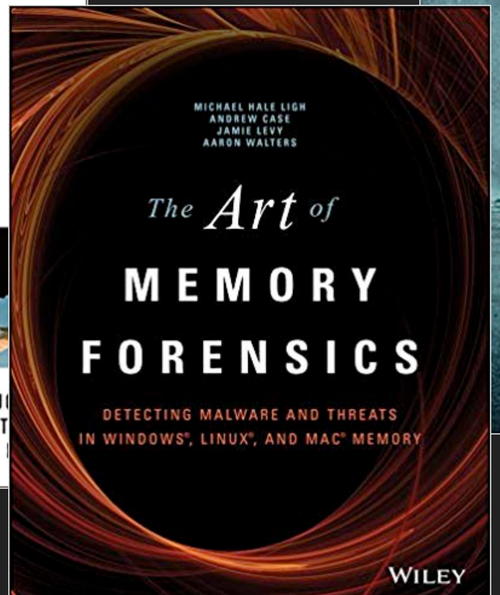
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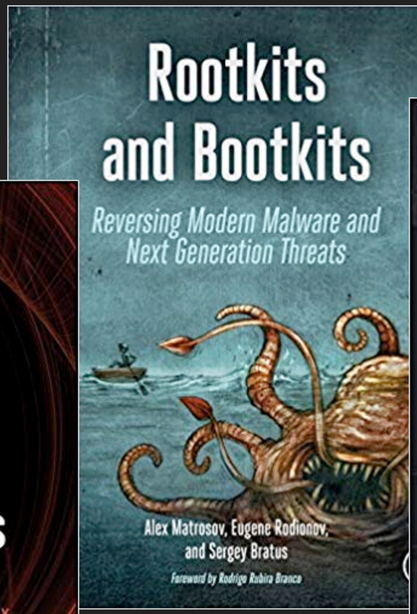
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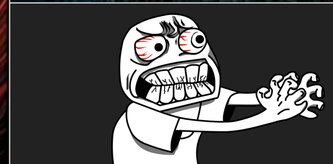

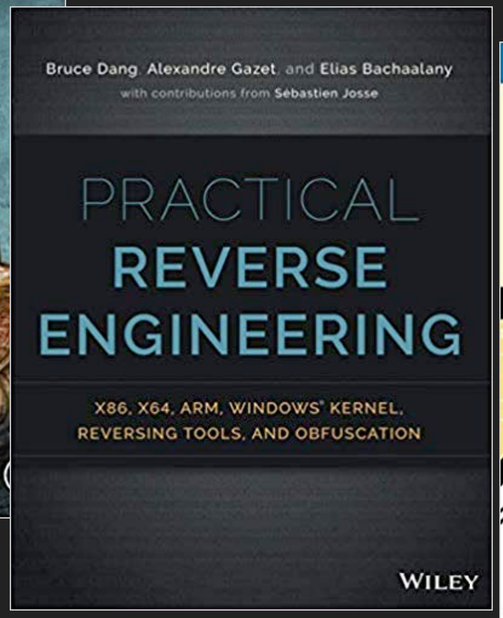
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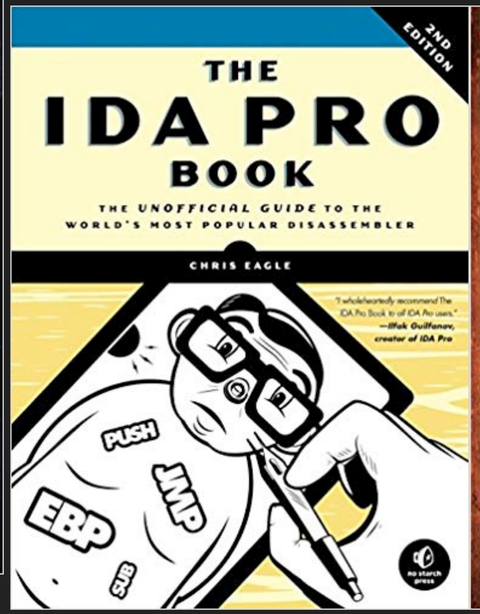
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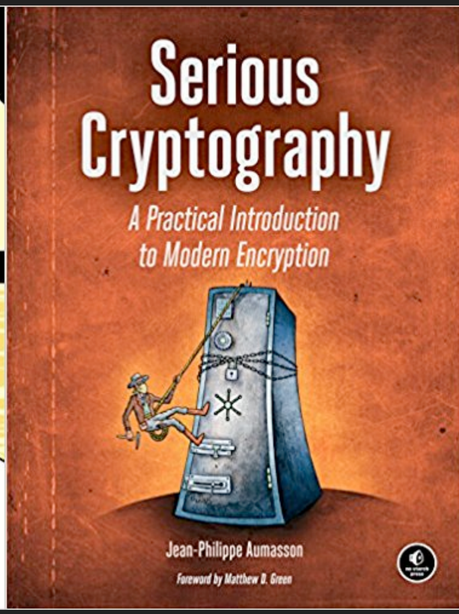
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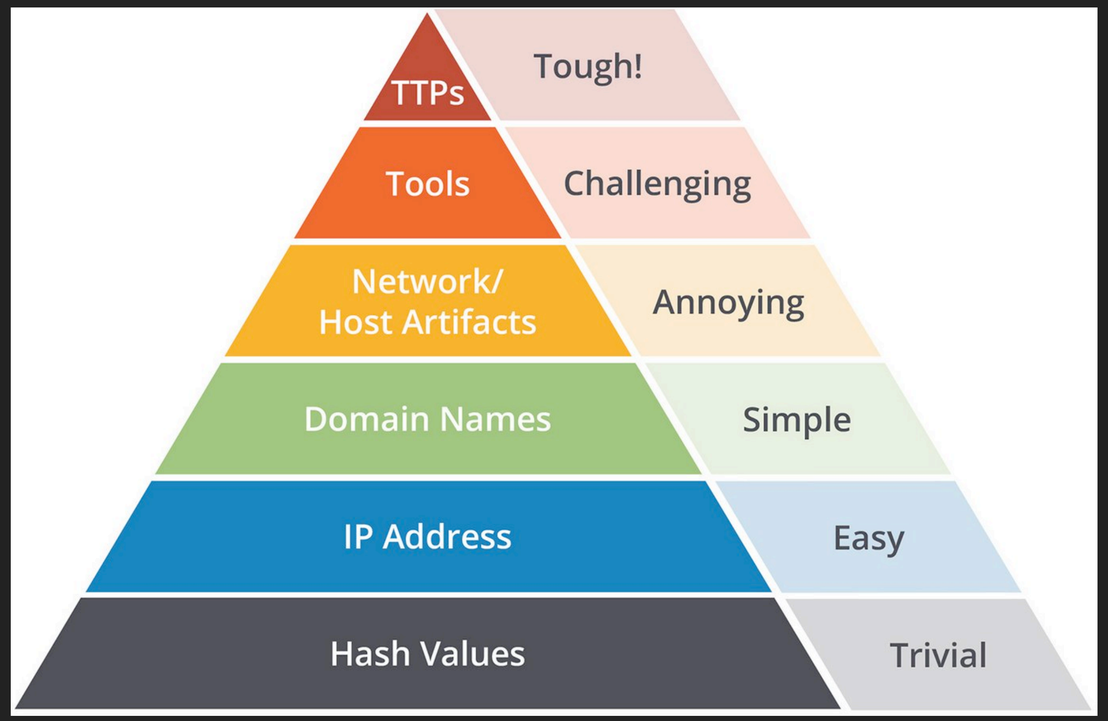
TRACKING ADVERSARIES

THREAT HUNTING

THREAT INTEL GOALS

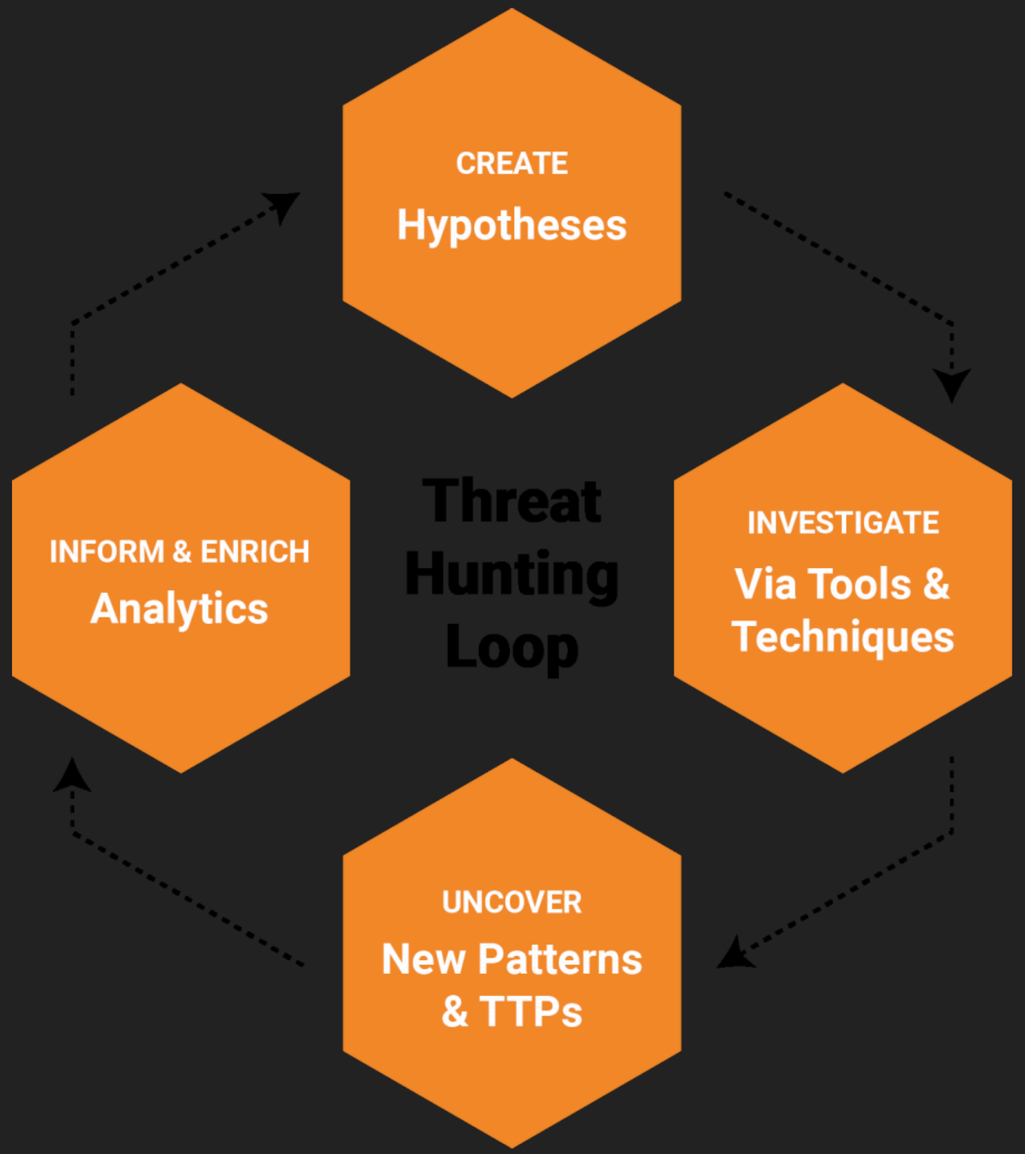
- **Who** is behind the action.
- What are their **goals**.
- Where is the **infrastructure**.
- When do they **operate**.
- **Why** are they conducting the operation.
- How do we **thwart** their activities.



Expand your search and iterate, until no more information are available.

HUNTING

- Threat research.
  - Search for **other samples**.
  - Different **TTP**.
  - Another **infrastructure**.
- Understand attackers TTP over time.
- Get the big picture of a **campaign** or **actor**.
- Attribution?

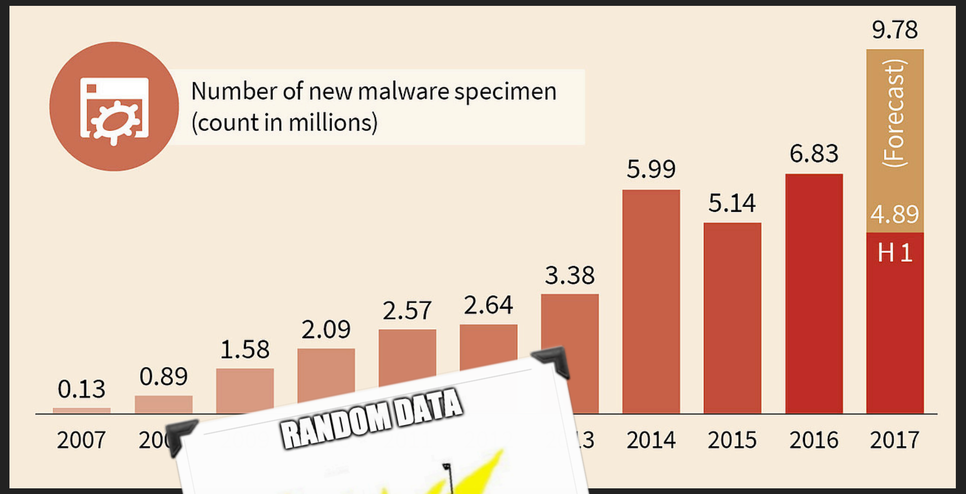


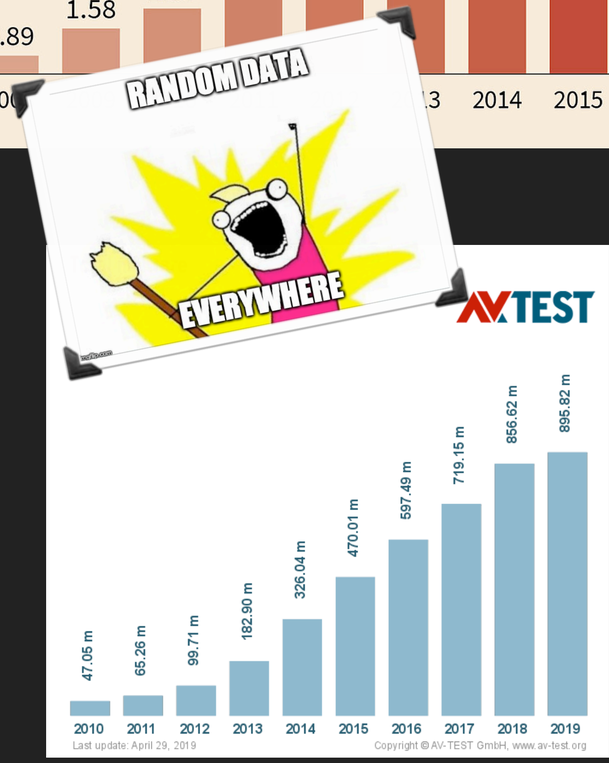
CYBER SCENARIO

ARMS RACE

BACK TO REALITY

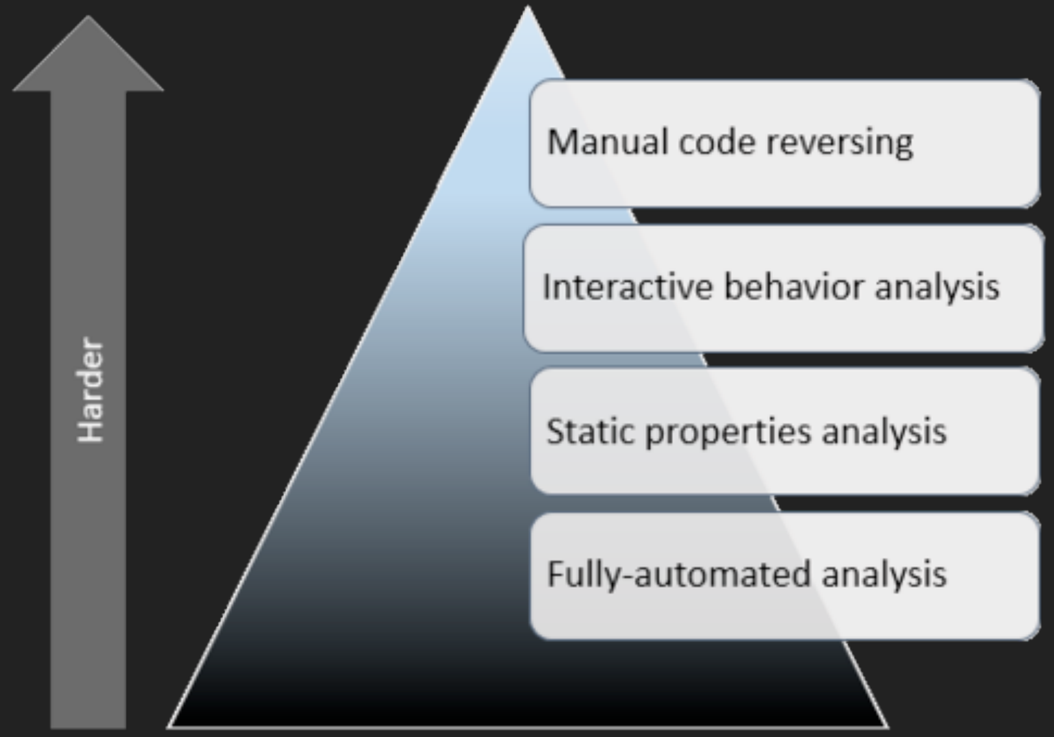
- The adversaries **produce** more and more malware.
- More than we can possible analyze.
- We have to operate in the **open** while they operate in secret.
- Actors are criminal organisations or nation state.





HUMANS DON'T SCALE

- How long does it take to **reverse engineer** a sample?
- How long does it take to create a **signature**?
- How long does it take to create efficient **IOCs**?
- Some analysis tasks can be automated.
- You still need humans at some point (i.e. hunting, TTP, connecting dots)



ACTUAL STATE OF MALWARE ANALYSIS

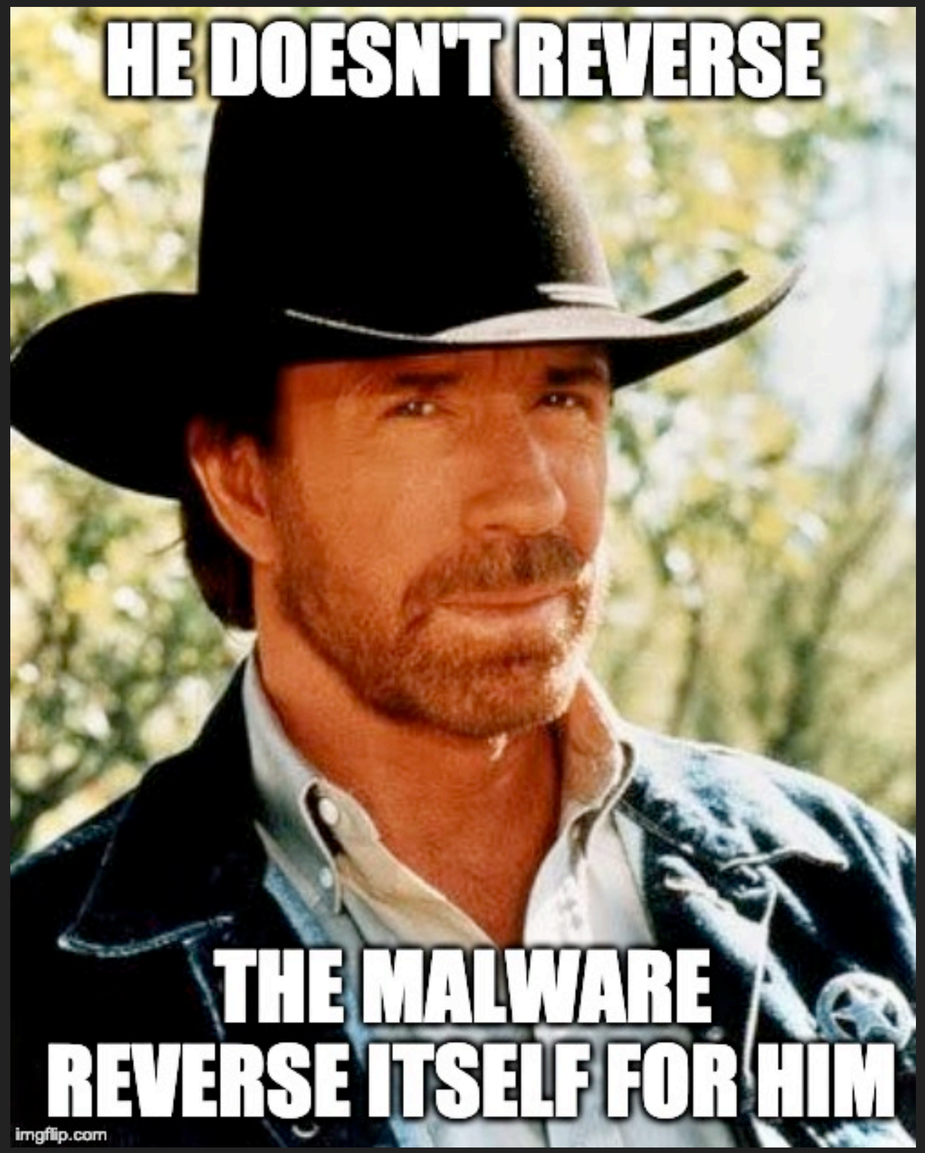
EVERYTHING IS FINE

WHAT IF . . .

- You daily receive over 100k samples.
- You are asked to spot the relevant one.
- You shall automate almost all tasks.

. . . SO . . .

- How to store and index TB of data?
- How to run the analysis?
- How much horse power?



DESIGNING IS THE KEY

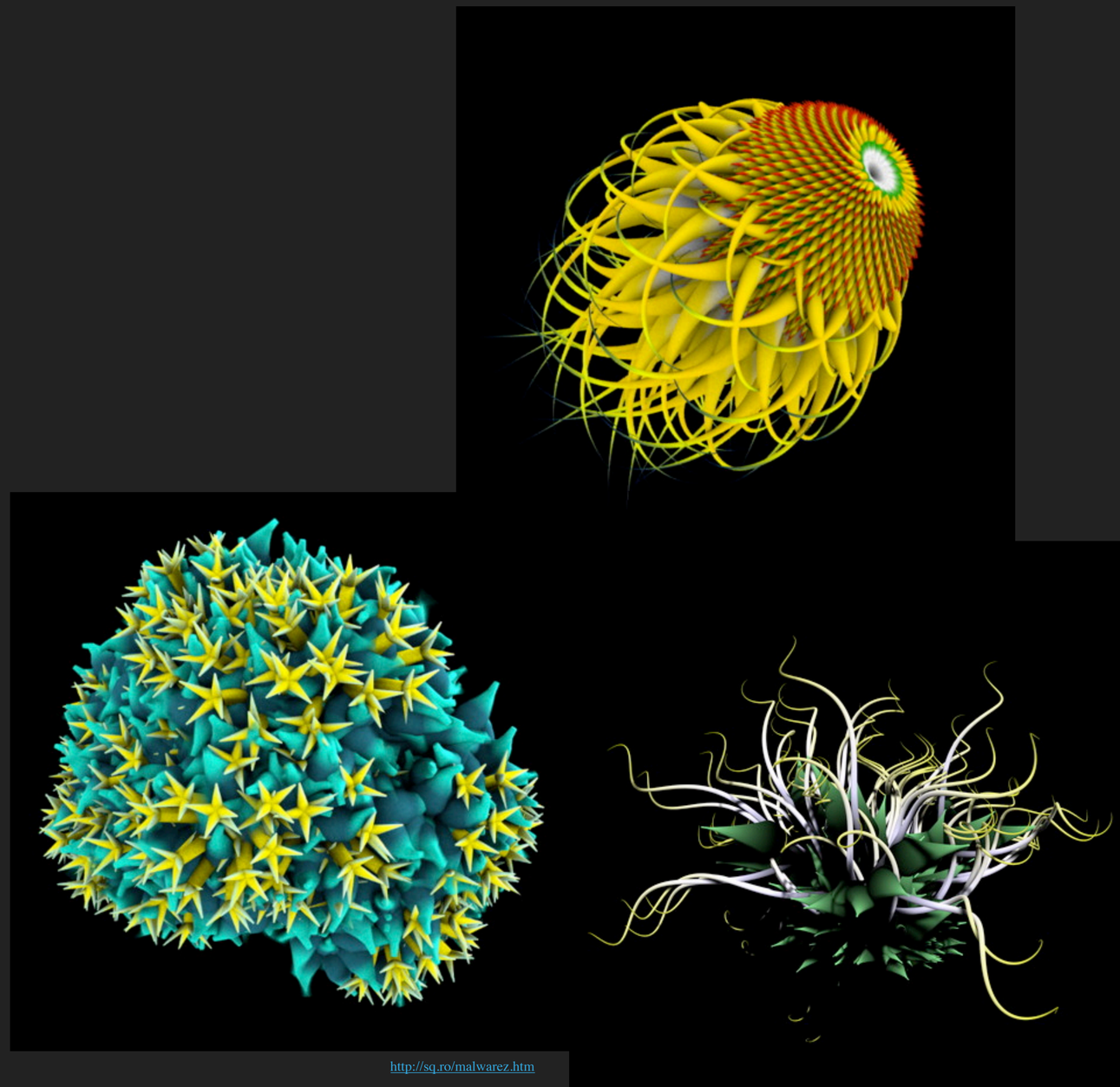
THINKING

ANALYSIS STEPS

- A good design is the **key** for your infrastructure success.
- You should start writing down your **workflow**.

MODERN TECH

- We are in the age of Big Data.
- Machine Learning to make better informed analytic decisions.
- Modern graphical representation.



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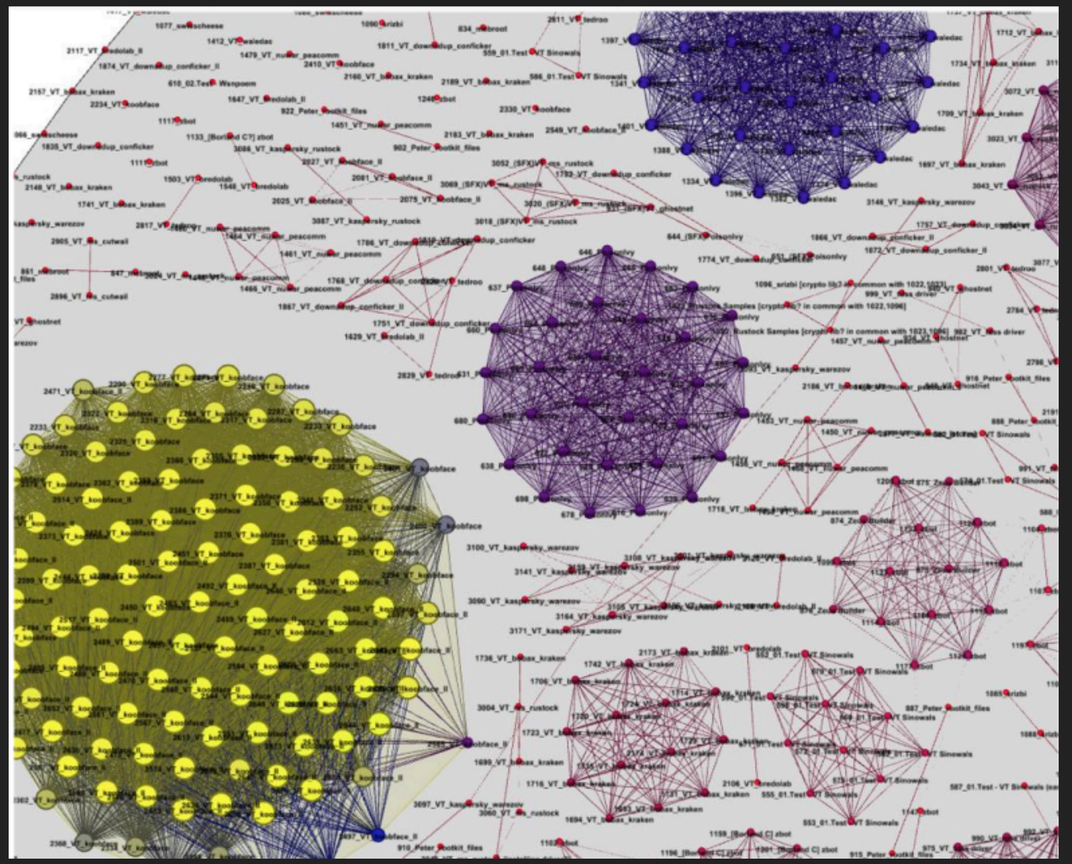
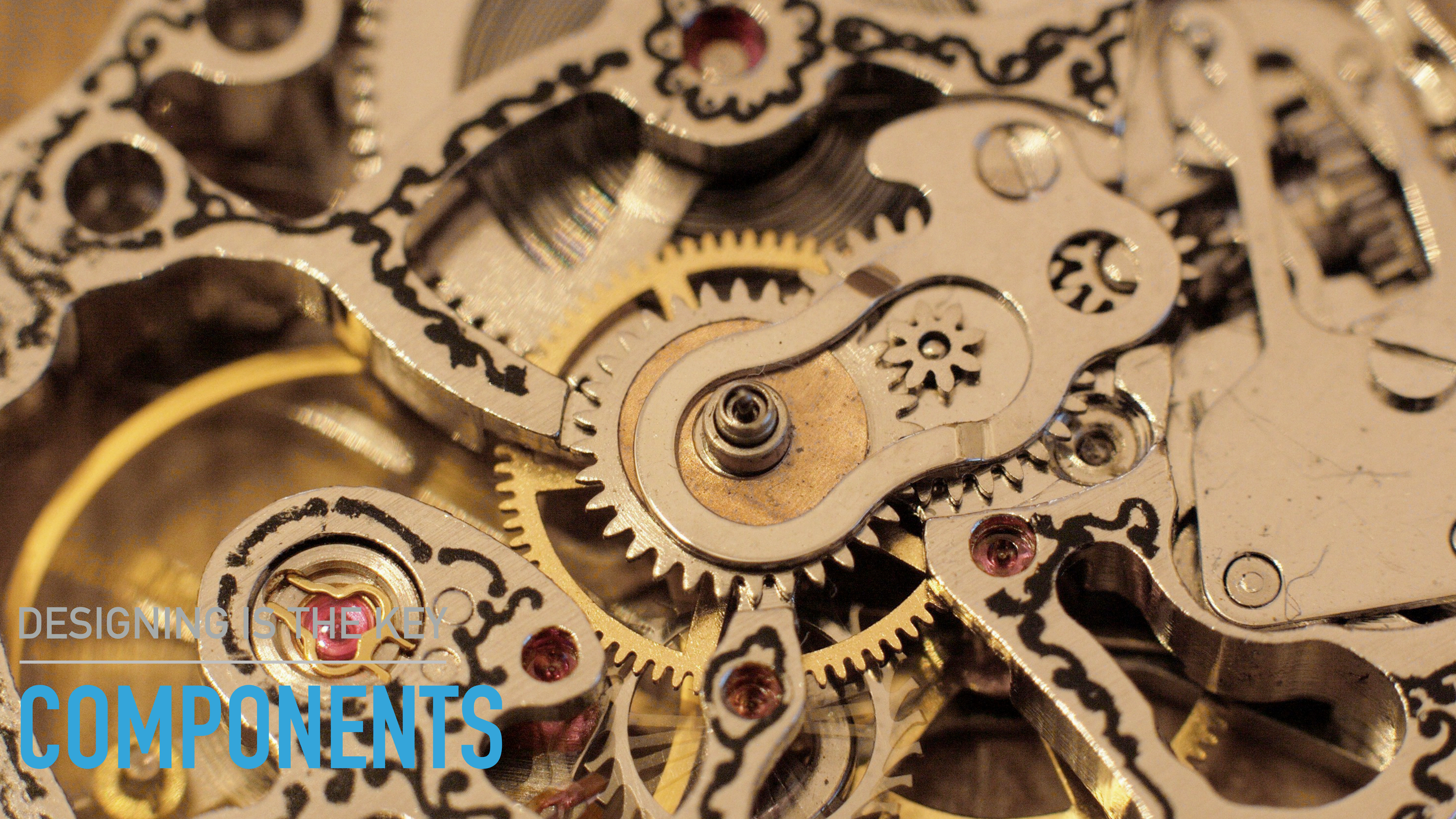
SIMILAR SAMPLES

- Malware clustered into **families**.
- Triage samples of the same malware.
- **Similarity** detection
  - Common code could be implemented with a different syntax



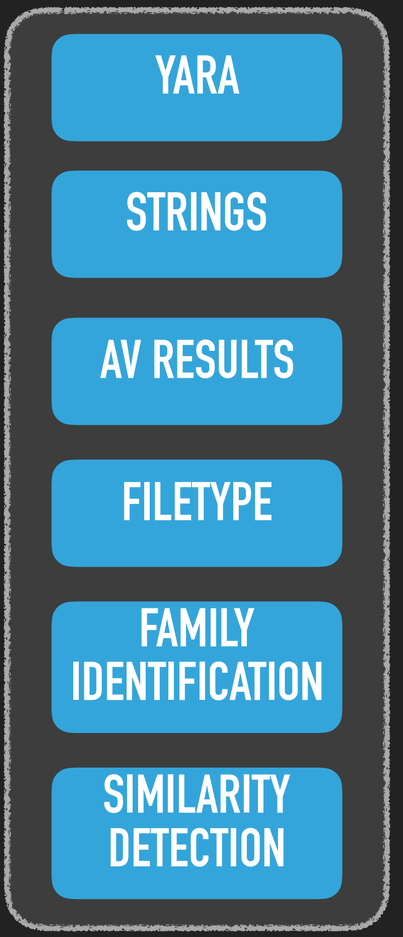


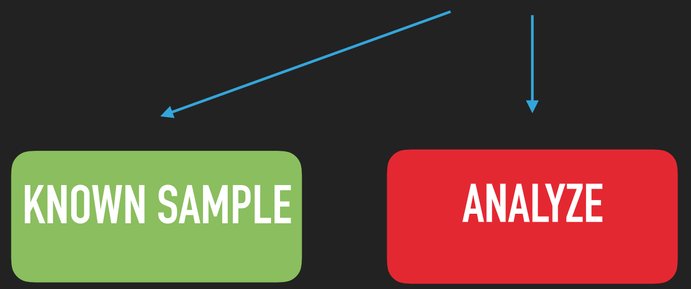
DESIGNING IS THE KEY

COMPONENTS

SAMPLE TRIAGE

- Prioritise (or skip) analysis.
- Runs some quick tasks to determine:
  - If the sample has been analyzed.
  - If the sample is from a known family.
  - If the sample has some similarities.
- Comes before time consuming tasks.





STORAGE

- **Flat files** on distributed file system.
- RDBMS, only for temporary / local data.
- **NoSQL** datastore
  - MongoDB, Cassandra, Hadoop
- **Indexes**
  - Lucene, Elasticsearch
- **Cache**
  - Redis, memcached

MALWARE PROCESSING

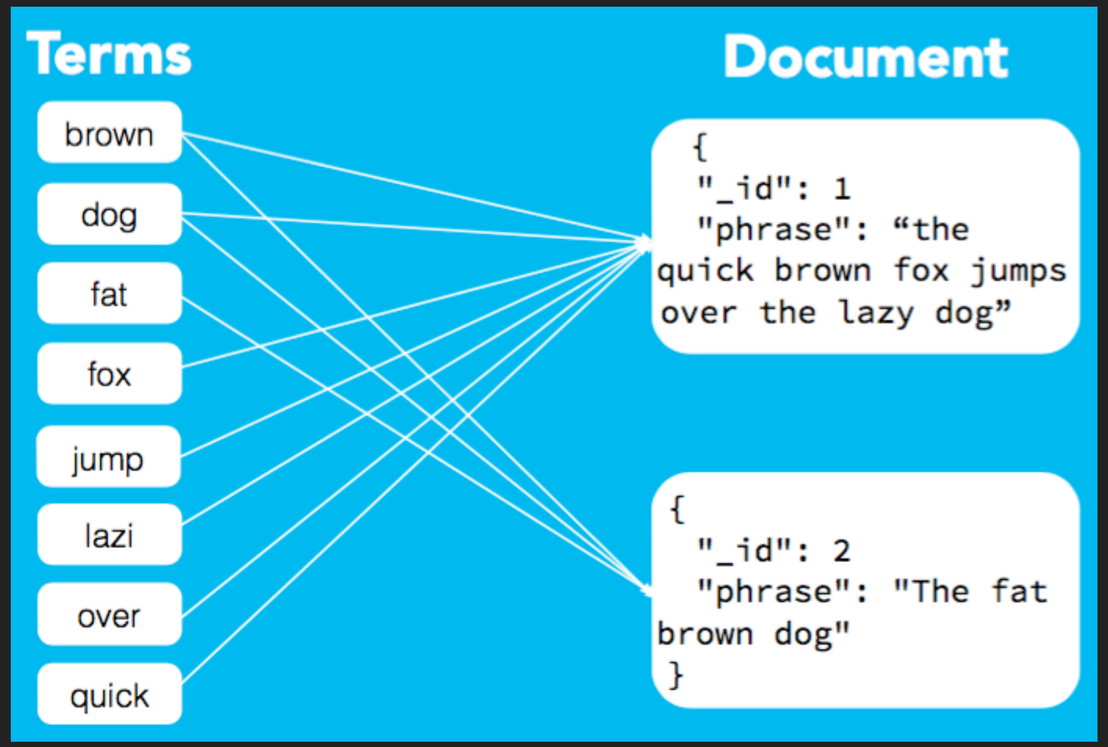
- Malware execution in **safe** environment.
- Think about your **network** usage.
- Multiple execution, results comparison.
- Collect and store only information you need.
- Using an hypervisor with low overhead could save kittens.

ANALYTICS ENGINE

- A middleware you have to develop
- Workers management
- Map reduce tasks
- Machine learning engine
- Distributed tools
  - Apache Spark
  - Apache Pig

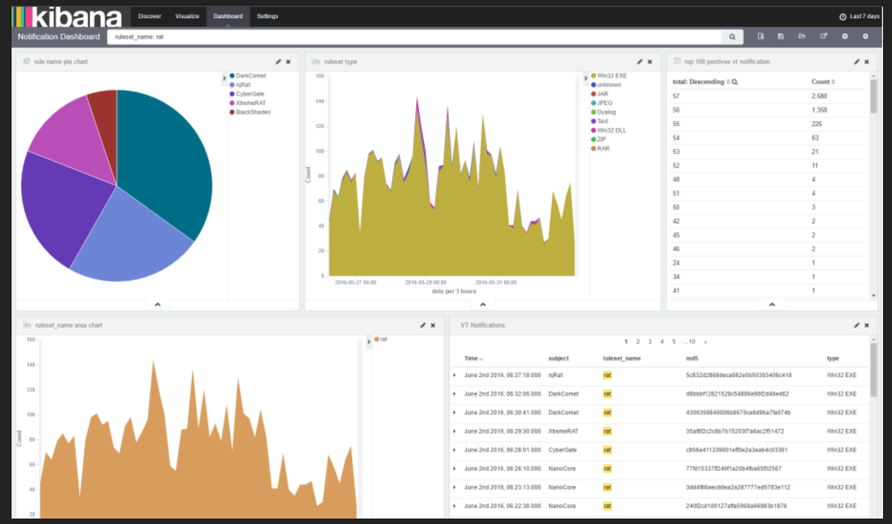
SEARCH SYSTEM

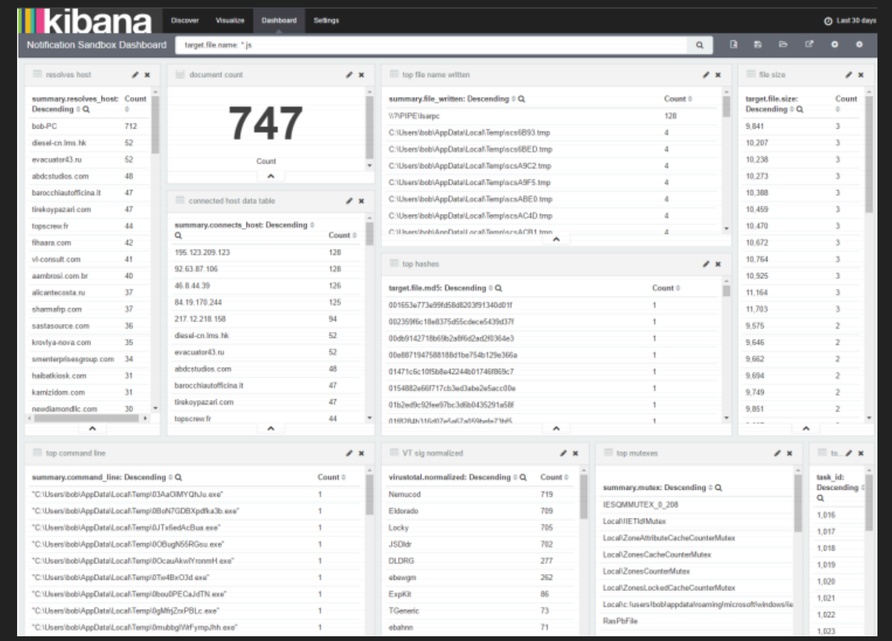
- Traditional RDBMS may not be sufficient.
- Handle **variety** of data structures.
- Hadoop or other NoSQL may be better.
- Index just what you really **need** to search.
- **Limit** result query set.



USER ACCESS

- API
- Batch processing
- Application
  - Custom web interface
  - Kibana
  - Infrastructure monitoring (zabbix & co.)





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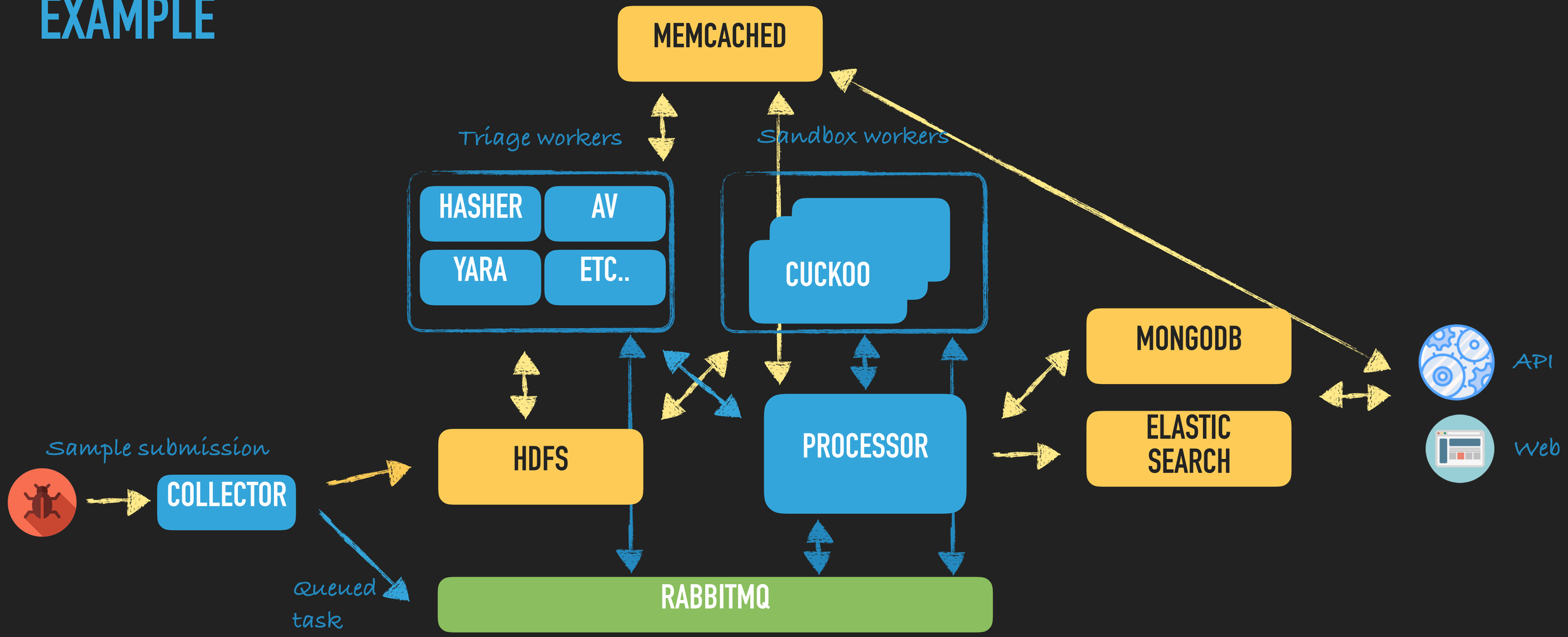
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COLLECTOR
HDFS
PROCESSOR
Queued task
RABBITMQ

TOOLS

- Most real infrastructure are closed / secret
  - Public malware sandboxes
- Some open projects are just a starting point / PoC:
  - BinaryPig https://github.com/endgameinc/binarypig
  - Aleph https://github.com/merces/aleph
  - FAME https://certsocietegenerale.github.io/fame/
  - StoQ https://stoq.punchcyber.com/
  - MalwareHouse https://github.com/sroberts/malwarehouse
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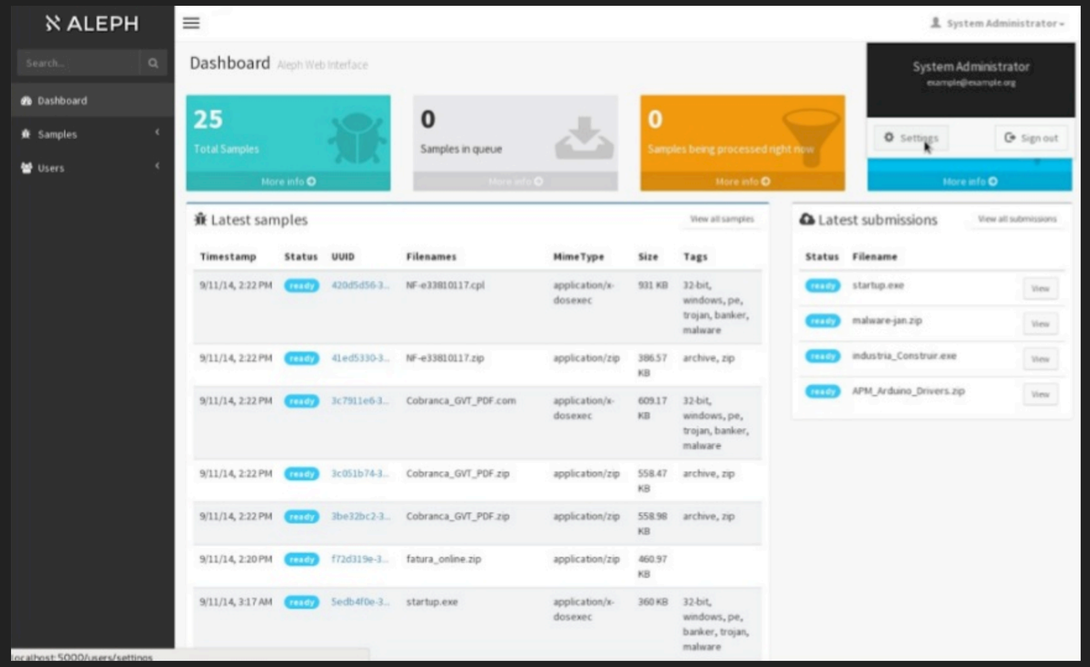

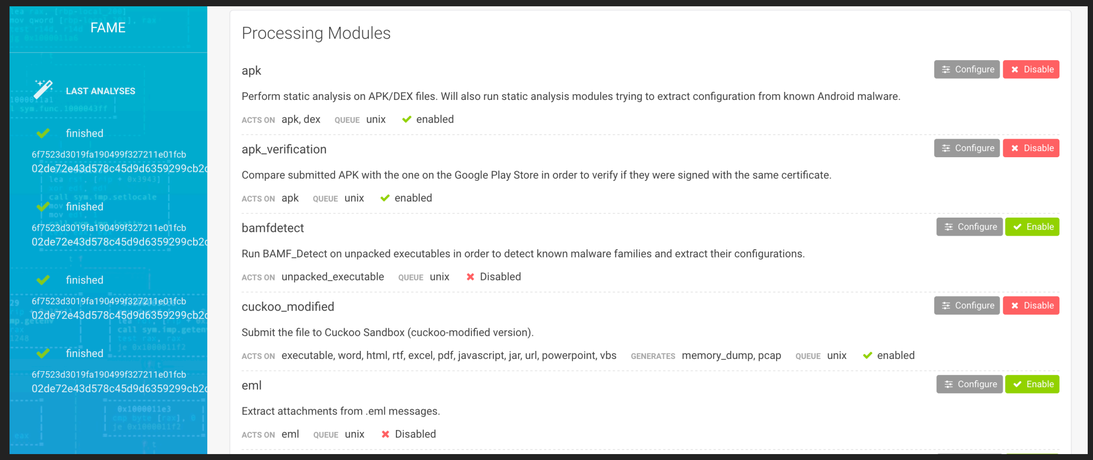

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