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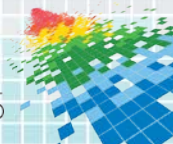


Google's Position on OOXML as a Proposed ISO Standard

Introduction

Google is concerned about the potential adoption of Microsoft's Office Open XML (OOXML) format as an ISO standard. Google supports open standards and the Open

If ISO were to give OOXML with its 6546 pages the same level of review that standards have seen, it would take 18 years (6576 days for 6546 pages) to



Lockheed Martin Suffers Massive Cyberattack

"Significant and tenacious" attack targeted multiple U.S. defense contractors and may have exposed hack of RSA SecurID system.

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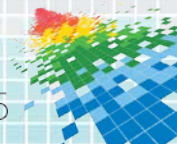
By NATHAN HODGE And IAN SHERR

Updated May 27, 2011 10:34 p.m. ET

Hackers may have infiltrated the networks of top U.S. weapons manufacturer [Lockheed Martin](#) Corp., according to a person with

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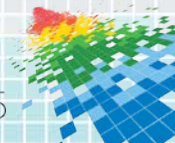
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Last Friday, the network of Lockheed Martin, the largest U.S. defense contractor, suffered a disruption that has reportedly been connected to RSA SecurID tokens—little keychain fob dongles



RSA: SECURID ATTACK WAS PHISHING VIA AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET

F-Secure Analyzes Malicious Excel Spreadsheet that Penetrated RSA's Network

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RSA blog details how the security firm was compromised but still does not say what data was stolen

Executive Summary

In March of 2011, a spear-phishing email containing an Excel spreadsheet with an embedded malicious Adobe Flash payload led to a serious security breach at security firm RSA. This breach allowed attackers to compromise the integrity of the RSA SecurID authentication system. Attackers subsequently used information obtained via this breach in attacks against military contractors such as Lockheed Martin, Northrup Grumman and L-3 Communications.

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Duqu: Steal Everything

Duqu is a sophisticated Trojan that seems to have been written by the same people who created the infamous Stuxnet worm. But unlike Stuxnet, whose main purpose was performing industrial sabotage, Duqu was created to collect intelligence about its targets.

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Incident #2: Iran

At the moment, the highest number of Duqu incidents have been recorded in Iran. This is the Stuxnet story and raises a number of issues. But first, let's look into some details.



Incident 2: Iran

- Part Three. Detection of the main missing link – a dropper that performed the initial system infection. November 02, 2011

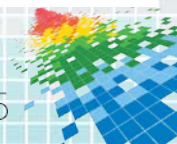
The Mystery of Duqu: Part Three

By [Alexander Gostev](#) on November 2, 2011. 4:35 pm

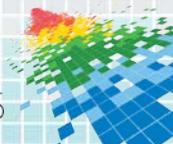
Dropper and 0-day.

Now, for some much more interesting news. It turned out that the continuing research by the Hungarian lab CrysSys has led to the detection of the main missing link – a dropper that performed the initial system infection.

As we expected, a vulnerability was to blame. An MS Word doc file was detected that was sent to one of the victims by the people behind Duqu. The file contained an exploit for a previously unknown vulnerability in



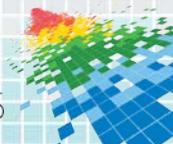
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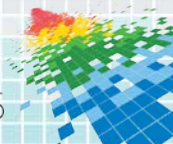
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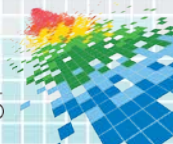
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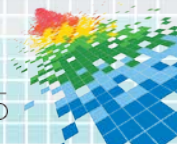


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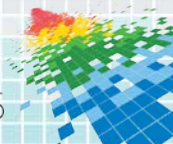


In a keynote session at the SecTOR conference in Toronto this week, F-Secure security researcher Mikko Hypponen detailed his views on Duqu and the world of online espionage noting that it is very clear to him Duqu is not only based on Stuxnet, but was also written by the same people. According to Hypponen, the Stuxnet source code is not

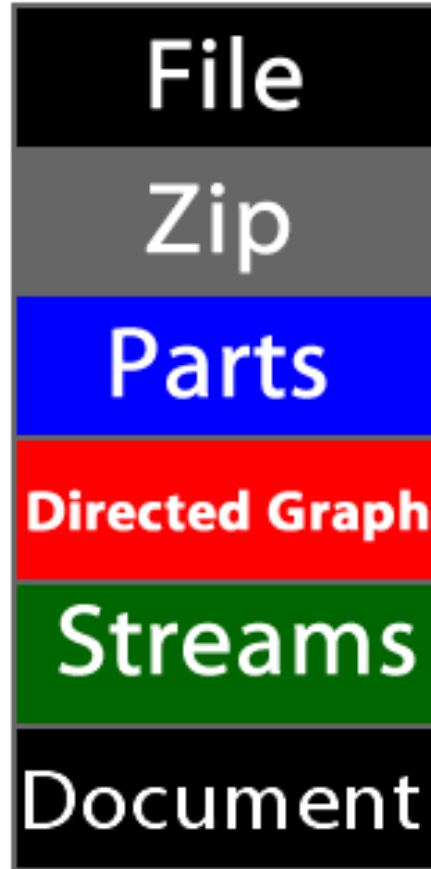
"Run a system that isn't being targeted and don't run Word, Excel and Powerpoint," Hypponen said. "Make your system different from what the attacker assumes you'll be running."



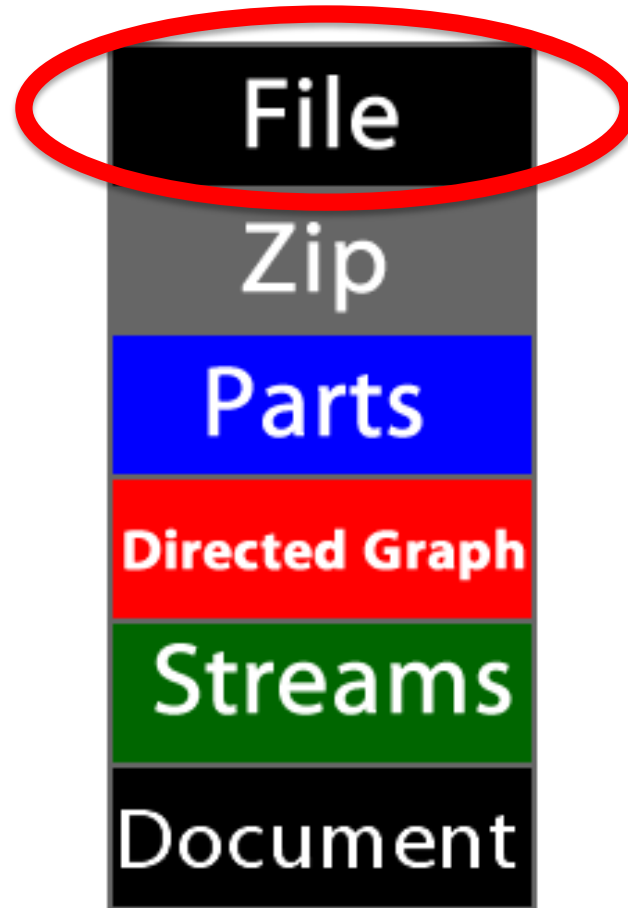
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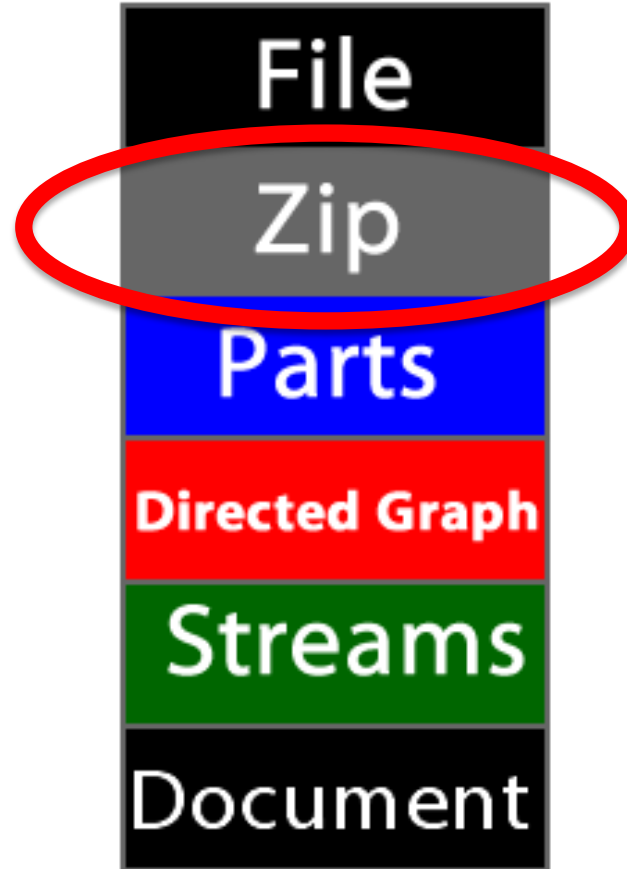
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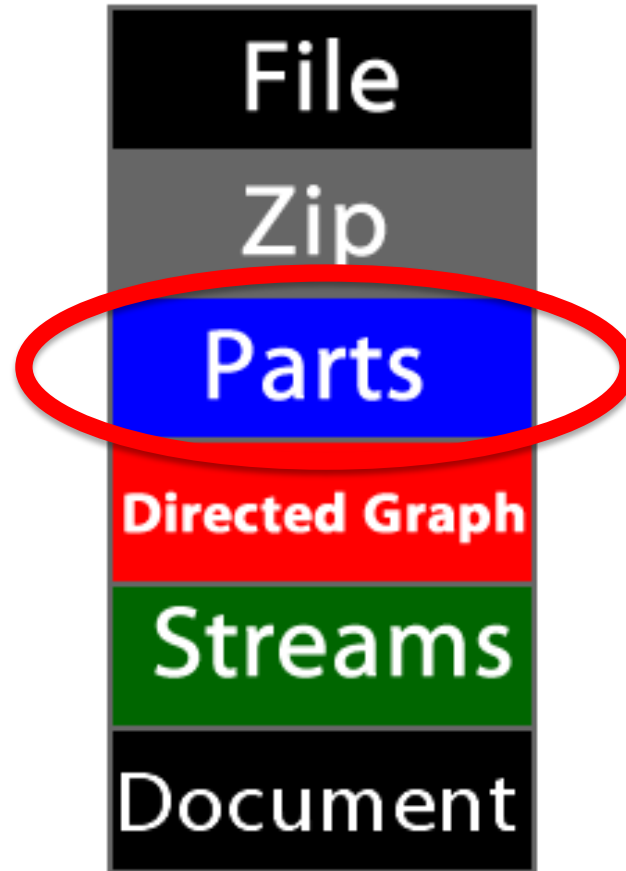
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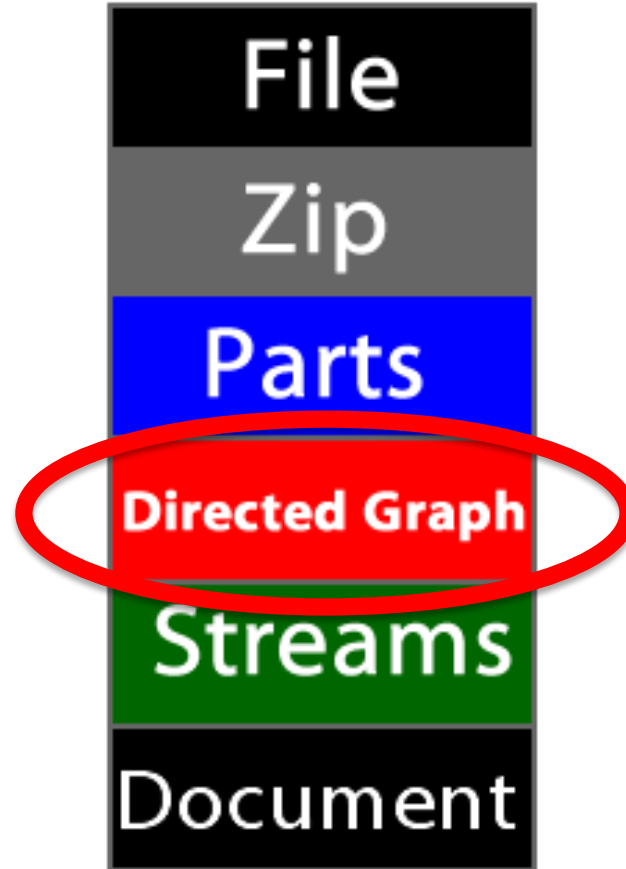
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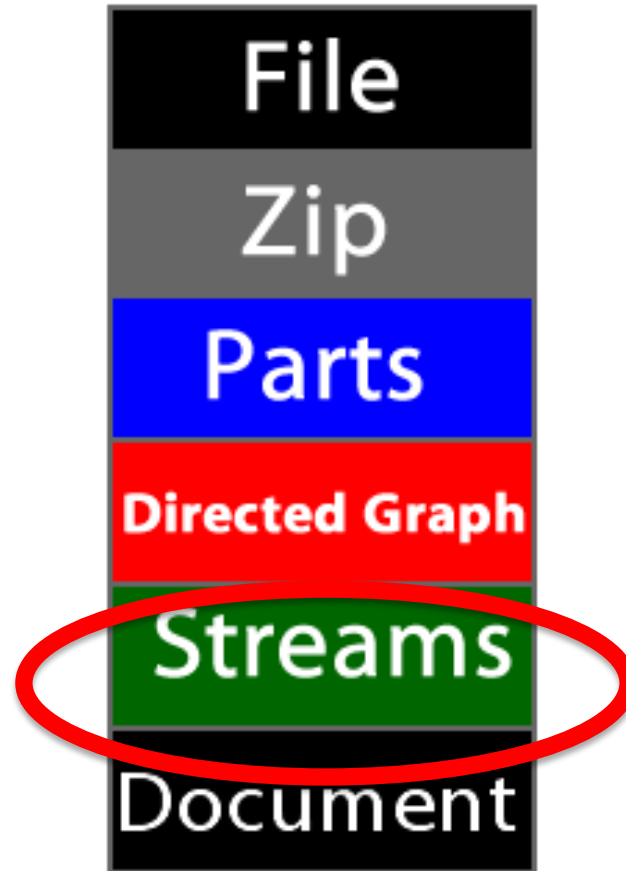
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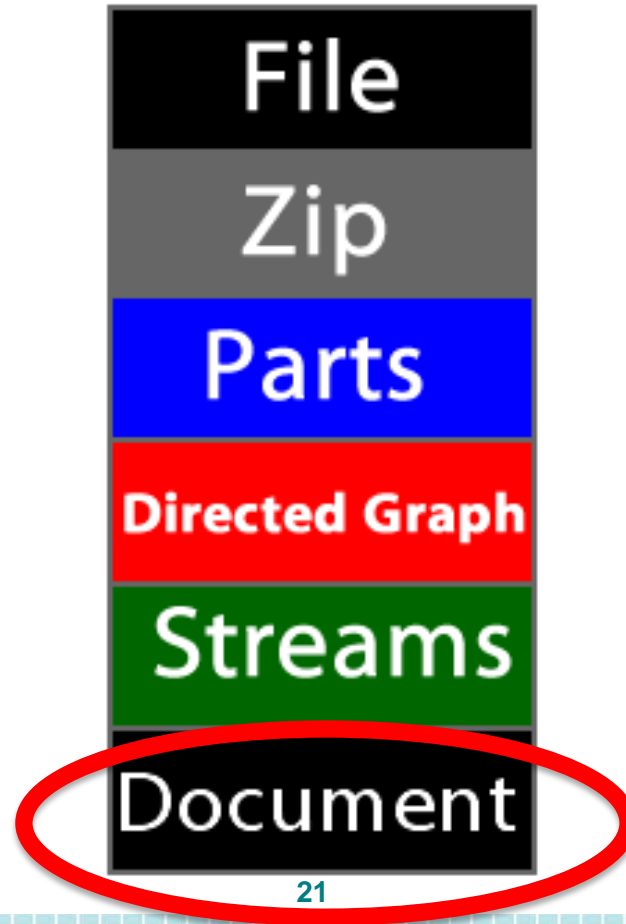
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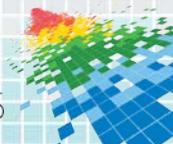
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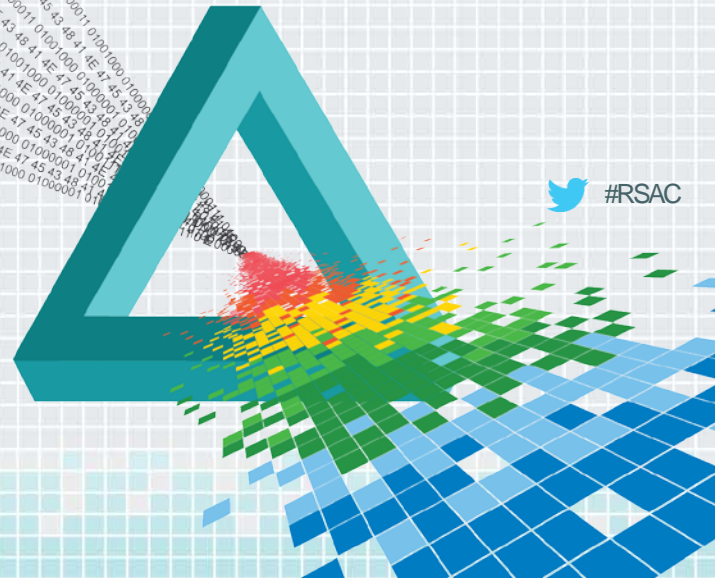
- 1. Wrapper**
- 2. Obfuscator**
- 3. Vector in its own**



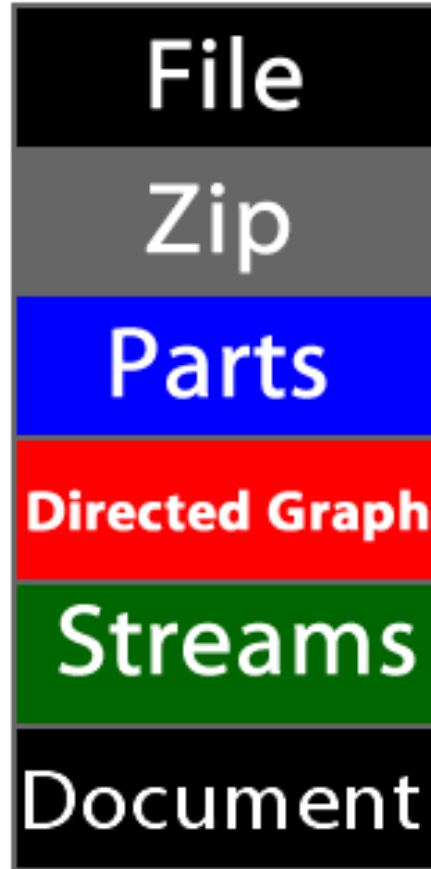
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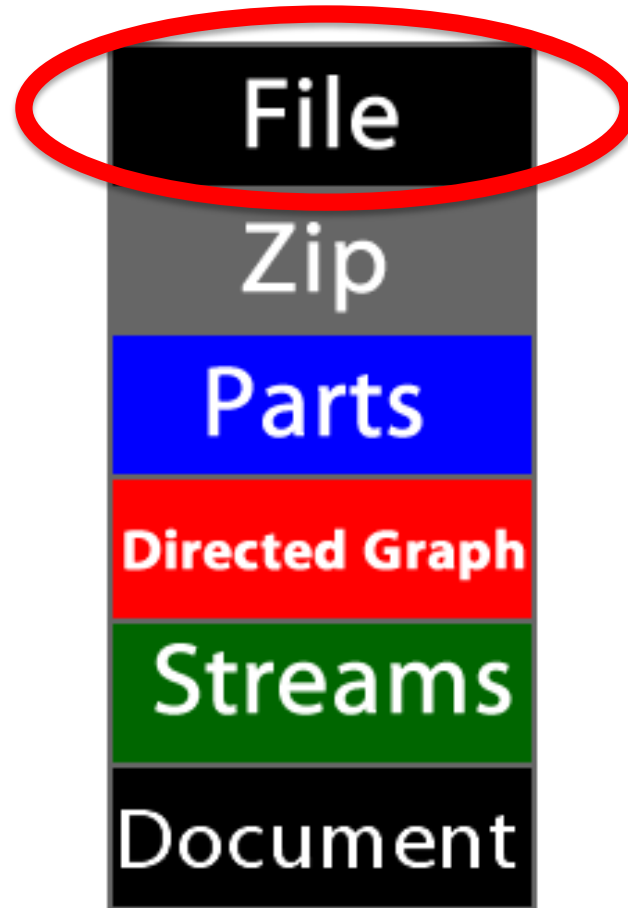
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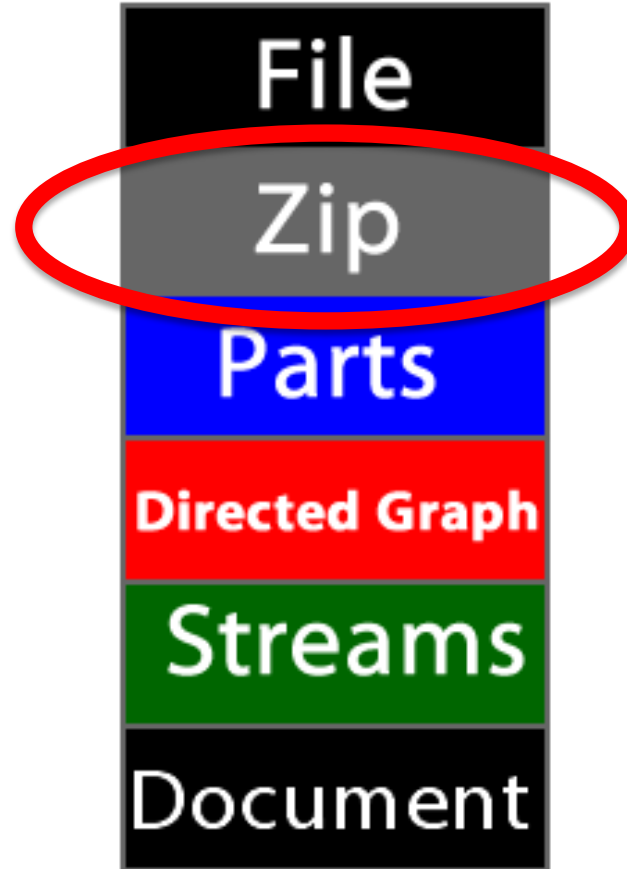
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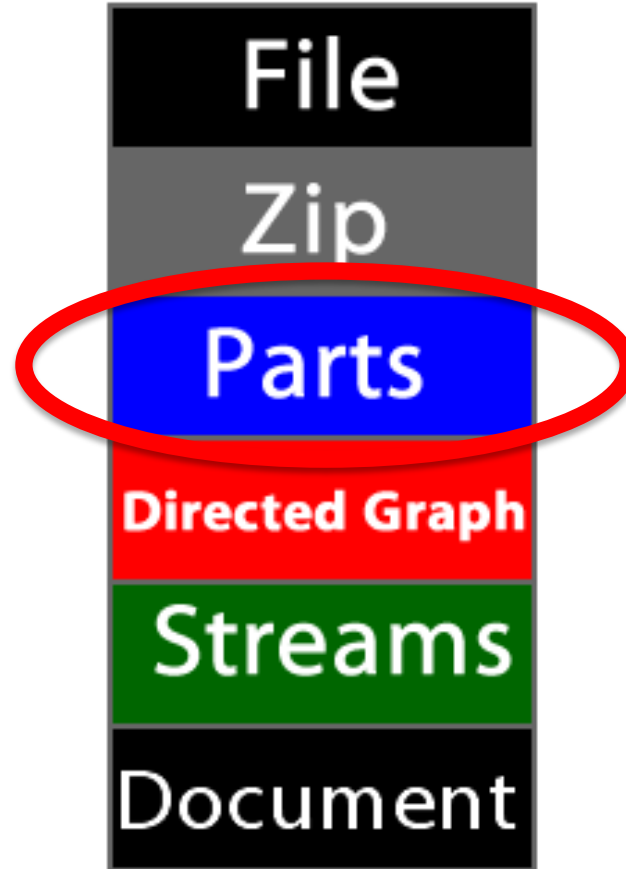
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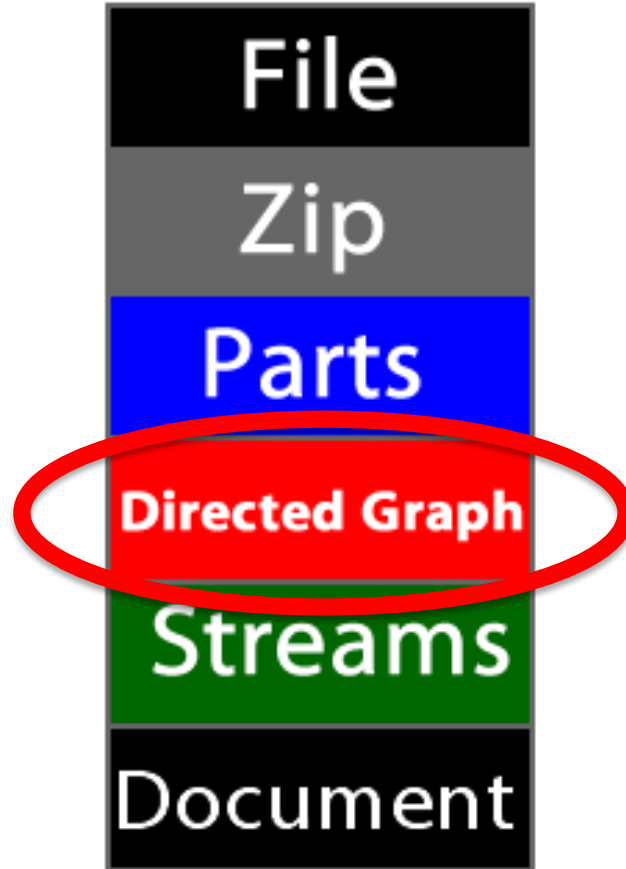
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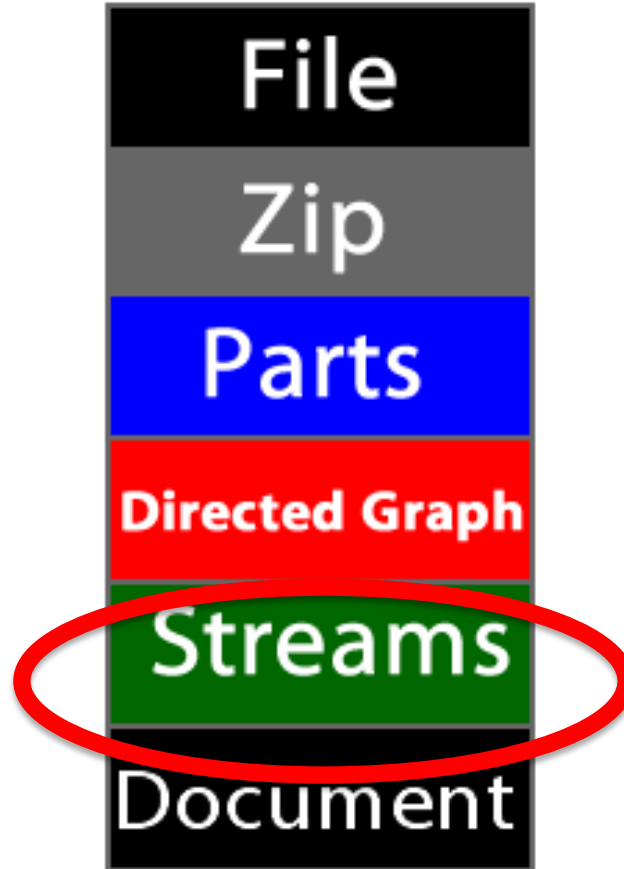
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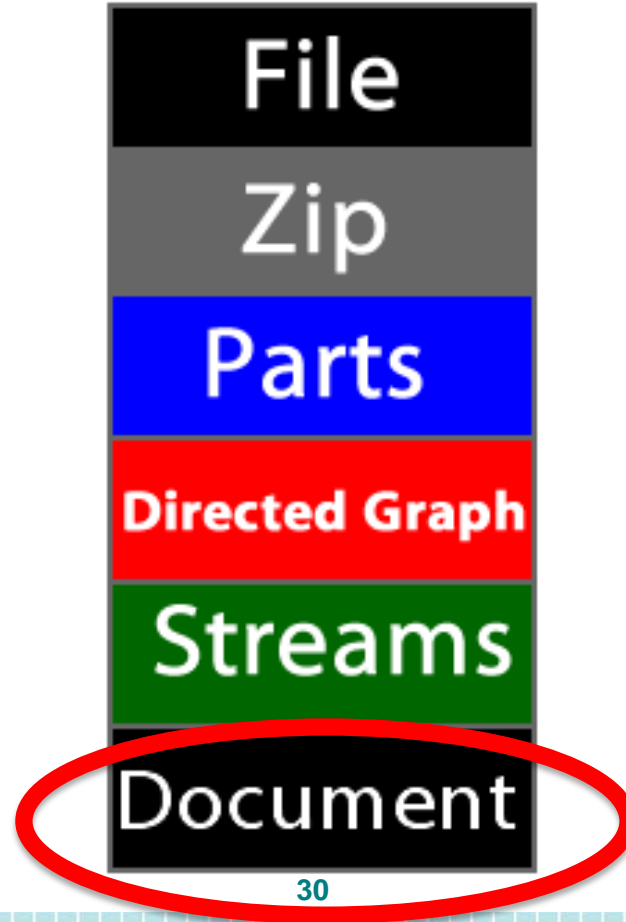
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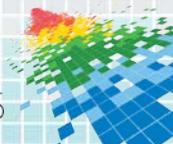
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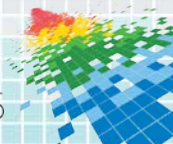
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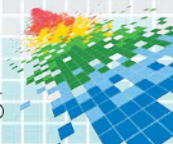


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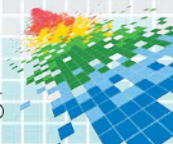
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- ◆ www.OfficeDissector.com – Open Source tool to dissect Office documents
- ◆ http://www.officedissector.com/doc/rst/ANALYZING_OOXML.html is a walk-thru of the all the levels of the Office OOXML stack, including an example tutorial of using OfficeDissector to analyze them
- ◆ Feel free to contact me with questions (please be patient if I can't respond immediately)
- ◆ *And, if you have a lot of time on your hands,*
<http://standards.iso.org/ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/index.html> has the ISO/IEC 29500 Office spec (all 5000+ pages)



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- ◆ Next week you should:
 - ◆ Install OfficeDissector (Open Source at www.officedissector.com)
 - ◆ Work through the tutorial of malware analysis
- ◆ Within one month you should:
 - ◆ Take a benevolent office document from your organization and dissect it. It will be a great way to concretize what you've learned about Office internals.
- ◆ Within three months you should:
 - ◆ Find a suspicious Office document (perhaps emailed to someone in your organization) and dissect it
 - ◆ Catalog the threat vectors that Office docs constitute for your organization

