

# Maldocs: Tips for Red Teamers

Pen Test HackFest & Cyber Ranges Summit



- 1 Quick intro Office file format
- 2 4 tips for red teamers
- 3 Examples (with some disclosures)
- 4 Questions

Classification: Internal





Didier Stevens
Senior Analyst, SANS ISC Senior Handler

dstevens@nviso.eu



## **Quick intro Office file format**

www.nviso.eu

### **Maldocs: Tips for Red Teamers**







# OOXML: Office Open XML

ZIP + XMLs (+ sometimes a bit more)

.docx, .docm, .xlsx, ...

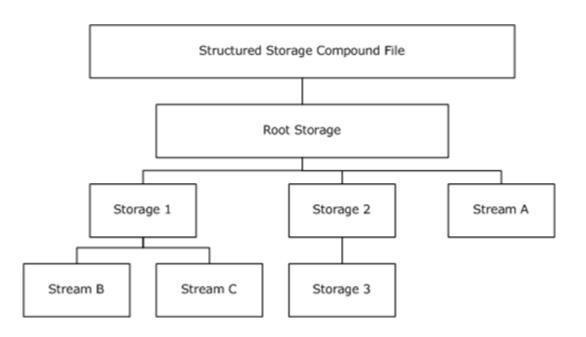


# CFBF: Compound File Binary Format

I like to call this OLE format

.doc, .xls, ...







www.nviso.eu

1 Analyze your sh+chr(105)+t



- 1 Analyze your sh+chr(105)+t
- 2 Learn from actors



- 1 Analyze your sh+chr(105)+t
- 2 Learn from actors
- 3 RTFM & use it



- 1 Analyze your sh+chr(105)+t
- 2 Learn from actors
- 3 RTFM & use it
- 4 RTFM & abuse it





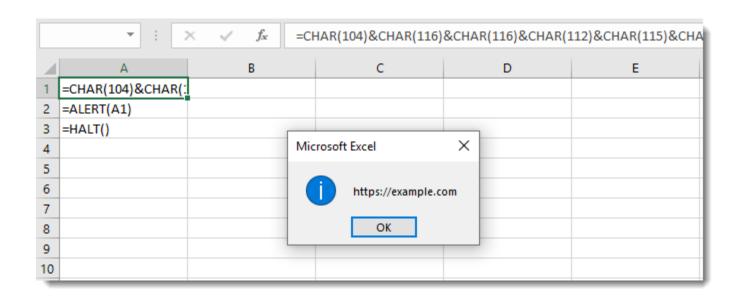
**Examples (with some disclosures)** 

www.nviso.eu

### **Example 1: the power of strings**

Tip 1: Analyze!





## **Example 1: the power of strings**

#### Tip 1: Analyze!



```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>strings.py example-01.xls | grep -C 2 http
333333
?333333
https://example.com
MbP?
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>
```

### **Example 1: the power of strings**

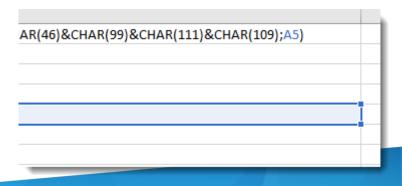
#### Tip 1: Analyze!



```
@NVISO Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py example-01.xls
         4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
 2: 4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'
        16331 'Workbook'
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -y #s#http example-01.xls
         4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
    4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'
    16331 'Workbook'
              YARA rule: string
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```

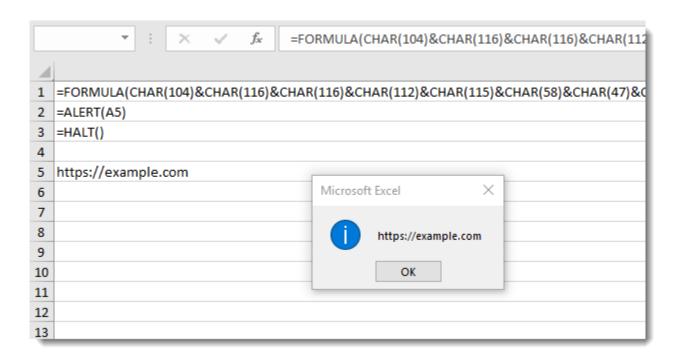


A	L 🔻 : × 🗸 fx =FORMULA(CHAR(104)&CHAR(116)&CHAR(116)&CHAR(112)&CHAR(115)&CHAR(115)
4	
1	=FORMULA(CHAR(104)&CHAR(116)&CHAR(116)&CHAR(112)&CHAR(115)&CHAR(58)&CHAR(47)&CHAR(47)&CHAR(1
2	=ALERT(A5)
3	=HALT()
4	
5	
6	
7	











```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>strings.py example-02.xls | grep -C 2 http
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>
```

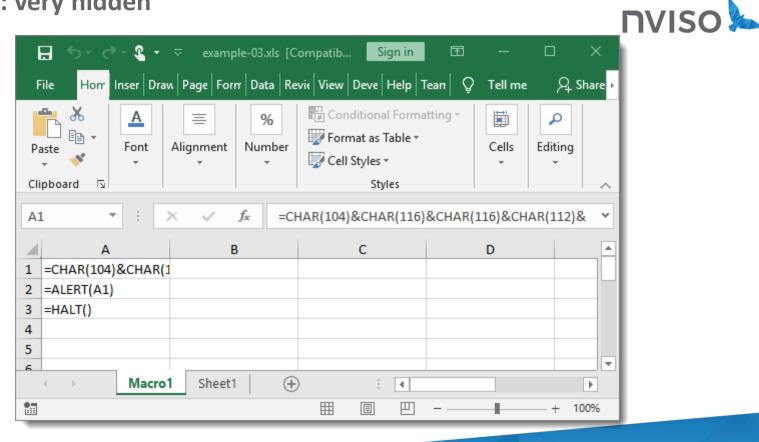


```
@NVISO Labs
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -p plugin biff --pluginoptions "-c" example-02.xls
         4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
 1:
 2:
         4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'
        16346 'Workbook'
               Plugin: BIFF plugin
                 Sheet, Reference, Formula, Value
                 Macro1,R1C1,"FORMULA(CHAR(104)&CHAR(116)&CHAR(116)&CHAR(112)&CHAR(115)&CHAR(58)&CHAR(47)&CHAR(47)&CHAR(
101)&CHAR(120)&CHAR(97)&CHAR(109)&CHAR(112)&CHAR(108)&CHAR(101)&CHAR(46)&CHAR(99)&CHAR(111)&CHAR(109),R5C1)",""
                 Macro1,R2C1,ALERT(R5C1),""
                 Macro1,R3C1,HALT(),""
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```



```
@NVISO_Labs
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      _ _
 @NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -p plugin_biff --pluginoptions "-c" example-02.xls | numbers-to-string.py
PROPHET NO. 1 / PROPHET NO. 1 
?????
???
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>
```

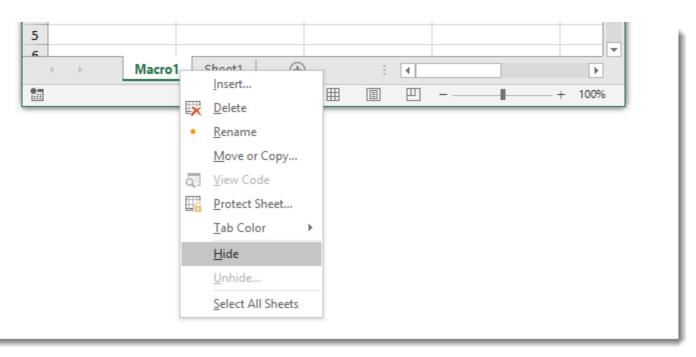
Tip 3: Use!



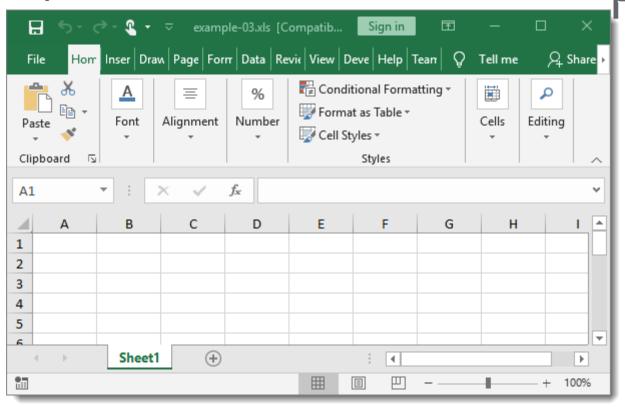


Tip 3: Use!



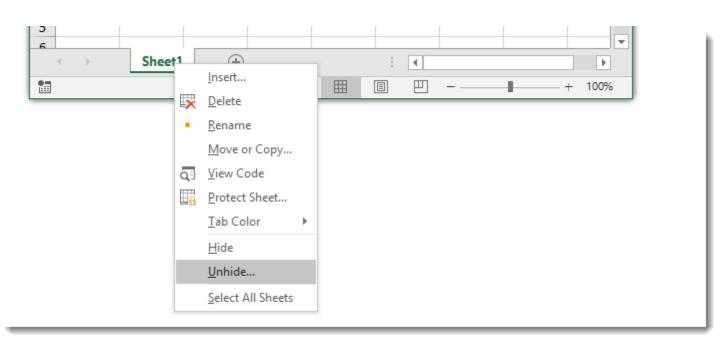


Tip 3: Use!



Tip 3: Use!





Tip 3: Use!



```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -p plugin_biff --pluginoptions "-o BOUNDSHEET" example-03.xls
         4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
 1:
 2:
         4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'
        16331 'Workbook'
              Plugin: BIFF plugin
                0085
                         14 BOUNDSHEET : Sheet Information - Excel 4.0 macro sheet, hidden - Macro1
                0085
                         14 BOUNDSHEET : Sheet Information - worksheet or dialog sheet, visible - Sheet1
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```

Tip 3: Use!



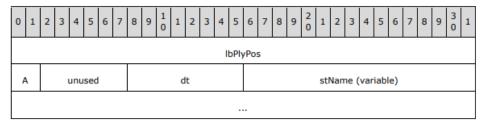
```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -p plugin_biff --pluginoptions "-o BOUNDSHEET -a" example-03.xls
         4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
 2:
         4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'
        16331 'Workbook'
 3:
              Plugin: BIFF plugin
                0085
                         14 BOUNDSHEET: Sheet Information - Excel 4.0 macro sheet, hidden - Macro1
                 00000000: 68 3B 00 00 01 01 06 00 h;.....
                 00000008: 4D 61 63 72 6F 31
                                                    Macro1
                         14 BOUNDSHEET: Sheet Information - worksheet or dialog sheet, visible - Sheet1
                0085
                 00000000: 45 3E 00 00 00 00 06 00 E>.....
                 00000008: 53 68 65 65 74 31
                                                    Sheet1
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```

#### Tip 3: Use!



#### 2.4.28 BoundSheet8

The BoundSheet8 record specifies basic information about a sheet (1), including the sheet (1) name, hidden state, and type of sheet (1).



IbPlyPos (4 bytes): A FilePointer as specified in [MS-OSHARED] section 2.2.1.5 that specifies the stream position of the start of the BOF record for the sheet (1).

A - hsState (2 bits): An unsigned integer that specifies the hidden state of the sheet (1). MUST be a value from the following table:

Value	Meaning
0x00	Visible
0x01	Hidden
0x02	Very Hidden; the sheet (1) is hidden and cannot be displayed using the user interface.

unused (6 bits): Undefined and MUST be ignored.

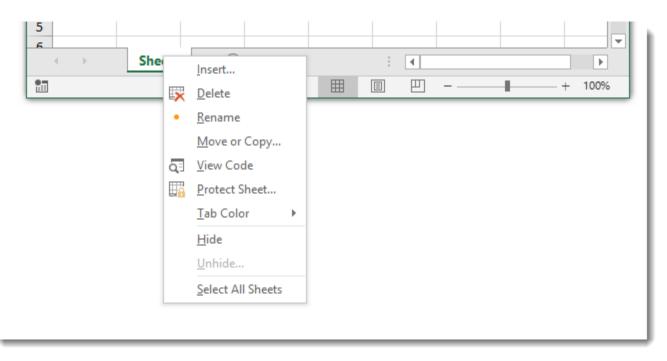
Tip 3: Use!



```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -p plugin_biff --pluginoptions "-o BOUNDSHEET -a" example-03b.xls
         4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
 1:
         4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'
 2:
        16331 'Workbook'
 3:
              Plugin: BIFF plugin
                         14 BOUNDSHEET : Sheet Information - Excel 4.0 macro sheet, very hidden - Macro1
                 00000000: 68 3B 00 00 02 01 06 00 h;.....
                 00000008: 4D 61 63 72 6F 31
                                                    Macro1
                         14 BOUNDSHEET: Sheet Information - worksheet or dialog sheet, visible - Sheet1
                0085
                 00000000: 45 3E 00 00 00 00 06 00 E>.....
                                                    Sheet1
                 00000008: 53 68 65 65 74 31
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```

Tip 3: Use!



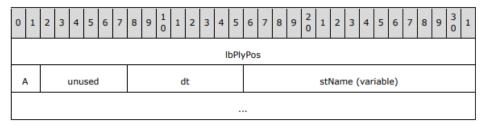


#### Tip 4: Abuse!



#### 2.4.28 BoundSheet8

The BoundSheet8 record specifies basic information about a sheet (1), including the sheet (1) name, hidden state, and type of sheet (1).



IbPlyPos (4 bytes): A FilePointer as specified in [MS-OSHARED] section 2.2.1.5 that specifies the stream position of the start of the BOF record for the sheet (1).

A - hsState (2 bits): An unsigned integer that specifies the hidden state of the sheet (1). MUST be a value from the following table:

Value	Meaning
0x00	Visible
0x01	Hidden
0x02	Very Hidden; the sheet (1) is hidden and cannot be displayed using the user interface.

unused (6 bits): Undefined and MUST be ignored.

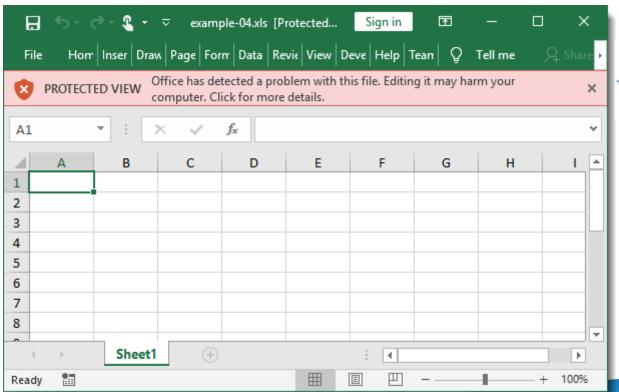
Tip 4: Abuse!



```
@NVISO Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -p plugin_biff --pluginoptions "-o BOUNDSHEET -a" example-04.xls
         4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
 1:
         4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'
 2:
        16331 'Workbook'
 3:
              Plugin: BIFF plugin
                         14 BOUNDSHEET: Sheet Information - Excel 4.0 macro sheet, visibility=3 - Macro1
                 00000000: 68 3B 00 00 03 01 06 00 h;.....
                 00000008: 4D 61 63 72 6F 31
                                                     Macro1
                         14 BOUNDSHEET: Sheet Information - worksheet or dialog sheet, visible - Sheet1
                 0085
                 00000000: 45 3E 00 00 00 00 06 00 E>.....
                 00000008: 53 68 65 65 74 31
                                                    Sheet1
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```

Tip 4: Abuse!

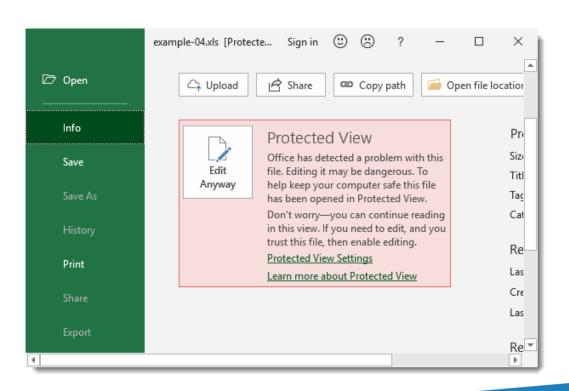






Tip 4: Abuse!





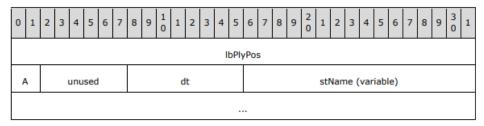
#### **Example 5: unused bits**

#### Tip 4: Abuse!



#### 2.4.28 BoundSheet8

The BoundSheet8 record specifies basic information about a sheet (1), including the sheet (1) name, hidden state, and type of sheet (1).



IbPlyPos (4 bytes): A FilePointer as specified in [MS-OSHARED] section 2.2.1.5 that specifies the stream position of the start of the BOF record for the sheet (1).

A - hsState (2 bits): An unsigned integer that specifies the hidden state of the sheet (1). MUST be a value from the following table:

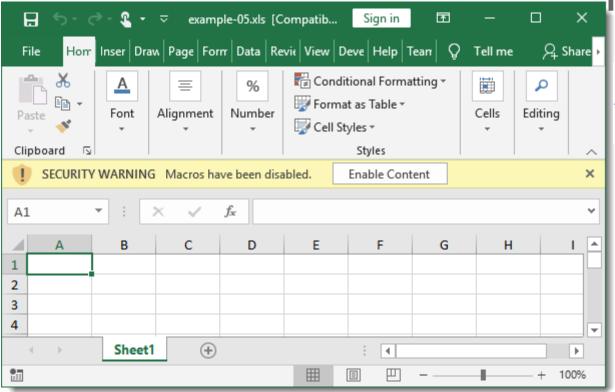
Value	Meaning
0x00	Visible
0x01	Hidden
0x02	Very Hidden; the sheet (1) is hidden and cannot be displayed using the user interface.

unused (6 bits): Undefined and MUST be ignored.



```
@NVISO Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -p plugin_biff --pluginoptions "-o BOUNDSHEET -a" example-05.xls
         4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
         4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'
       16358 'Workbook'
 3:
              Plugin: BIFF plugin
                         14 BOUNDSHEET: Sheet Information - Excel 4.0 macro sheet, reserved bits not zero: 0x10 very h
idden - Macrol
                ' 00000000: 83 3B 00 00 12 01 06 00 \x83;.....'
                 00000008: 4D 61 63 72 6F 31
                                                    Macro1
                         14 BOUNDSHEET : Sheet Information - worksheet or dialog sheet, visible - Sheet1
                0085
                 00000000: 60 3E 00 00 00 00 06 00 `>.....
                 00000008: 53 68 65 65 74 31
                                                    Sheet1
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```

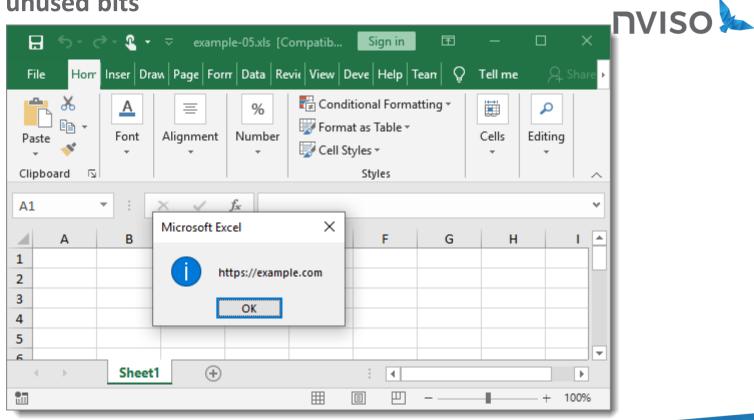
Tip 4: Abuse!







Tip 4: Abuse!



## nviso

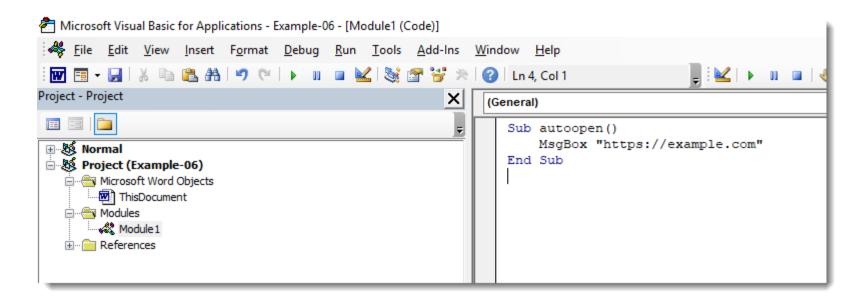
```
rule excel boundsheet 4 macros ascii hidden {
   strings:
      $boundsheetmacro4ascii = { 85 00 ?? 00 ?? ?? ?? ?? 01 01 ?? 00 }
   condition:
     uint32be(0) == 0xd0cflle0 and
      Sworkbook and
      $boundsheetmacro4ascii and
      for any i in (1.. #boundsheetmacro4ascii): (uint16(@boundsheetmacro4ascii[i] + 2) == uint8(@boundsheetmacro4ascii[i] + 10) + 8)
rule excel boundsheet 4 macros ascii very hidden {
   strings:
      $boundsheetmacro4ascii = { 85 00 ?? 00 ?? ?? ?? ?? 02 01 ?? 00 }
   condition:
      uint32be(0) == 0xd0cf11e0 and
      $workbook and
      $boundsheetmacro4ascii and
      for any i in (1.. #boundsheetmacro4ascii): (uint16(@boundsheetmacro4ascii[i] + 2) == uint8(@boundsheetmacro4ascii[i] + 10) + 8)
```



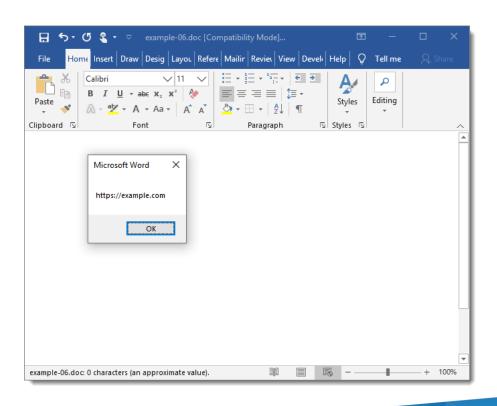
```
rule excel boundsheet 4 macros ascii abnormal visibility {
   strings:
      $boundsheetmacro4ascii = { 85 00 ?? 00 ?? ?? ?? ?? ?? 01 ?? 00 }
   condition:
      uint32be(0) == 0xd0cflle0 and
      Sworkbook and
      $boundsheetmacro4ascii and
      for any i in (1.. #boundsheetmacro4ascii): (uintl6(@boundsheetmacro4ascii[i] + 2) == uint8(@boundsheetmacro4ascii[i] + 10) + 8 and
      (uint8(@boundsheetmacro4ascii[i] + 8) > 2))
```













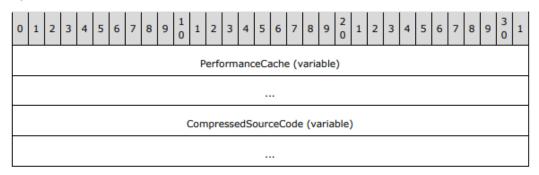
```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -i example-06.doc
 1:
          114
                          '\x01CompObj'
                           '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
         4096
 3:
                           '\x05SummaryInformation'
         4096
 4:
                           '1Table'
         7065
 5:
          415
                           'Macros/PROJECT'
 6:
           65
                           'Macros/PROJECTwm'
 7: M
         1021
                  920+101 'Macros/VBA/Module1'
                  775+157 'Macros/VBA/ThisDocument'
 8: m
          932
                           'Macros/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT'
 9:
         2553
                           'Macros/VBA/dir'
10:
          569
                           'WordDocument'
11:
         4096
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```

#### Tip 2: Learn!



#### 2.3.4.3 Module Stream: Visual Basic Modules

Specifies the source code for a module.



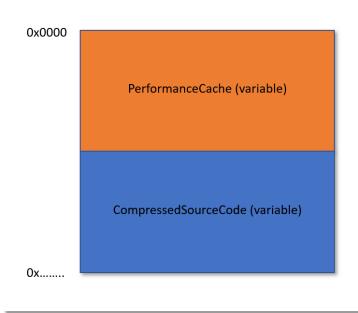
PerformanceCache (variable): An array of bytes that forms an implementation-specific and version-dependent performance cache for the module. MUST be MODULEOFFSET (section 2.3.4.2.3.2.5) bytes in size. MUST be ignored on read.

CompressedSourceCode (variable): An array of bytes compressed as specified in Compression (section 2.4.1). When decompressed yields an array of bytes that specifies the textual representation of VBA language source code as specified in [MS-VBAL] section 4.2. MUST contain MBCS characters encoded using the code page specified in PROJECTCODEPAGE (section 2.3.4.2.1.4).

Tip 2: Learn!



## Module Stream:





```
MI @NVISO Labs
                                                                                _ _
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -s 7c example-06.doc
00000000: 01 16 01 00 02 F0 00 00  00 BC 02 00 00 D4 00 00  .............
00000010: 00 B0 01 00 00 FF FF FF FF EA 02 00 00 92 03 00
00000020: 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 45 41 C2 73 00 00 FF
           00 FF FF FF FF 00 00 00 00 FF FF 04 00 FF
           99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99
           99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99
0000080: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 05
99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99
300000D0: 00 00 00 00 4D 45 00 00
                        FF FF FF FF FF 00 00
000000E0: 00 00 FF FF 00 00 00 00 FF FF 01 01 00 00 00 00
900000F0: DF 00 FF FF 00 00 00 04 00 FF FF FF FF FF FF
00000170: FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF 28 00 00 00 00 00
00000180: 36 0A FF FF FF FF 00 00  00 02 3C 08 00 FF FF  6......................
           00 00 02 3C 0C 00 FF FF 00 00 00 00 02 3C .....<
000001A0: FF FF FF FF 00 00 FF FF 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
000001B0: 01 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF 01 01 80 00 00 00 0B 12 .........
```

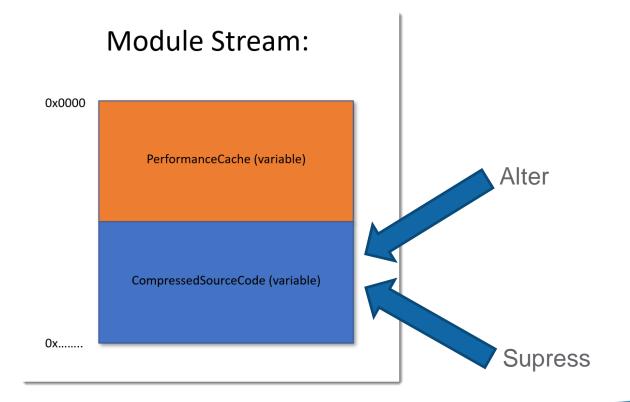


```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -s 7s example-06.doc
00000000: 01 61 B0 00 41 74 74 72  69 62 75 74 00 65 20 56  .a..Attribut.e V
00000020: 6C 65 31 22 0D 0A 53 00  75 62 20 61 75 74 6F 6F  le1"..S.ub autoo
00000030: 00 70 65 6E 28 29 0D 0A  20 01 00 00 4D 73 67 42  .pen().. ...MsgB
00000040: 6F 78 20 00 22 68 74 74  70 73 3A 2F 00 2F 65 78  ox ."https:/./ex
00000050: 61 6D 70 6C 65 10 2E 63  6F 6D 00 62 45 6E 64 02  ample..com.bEnd.
00000060: 20 00 6A 0D 0A
                                                     .j..
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```



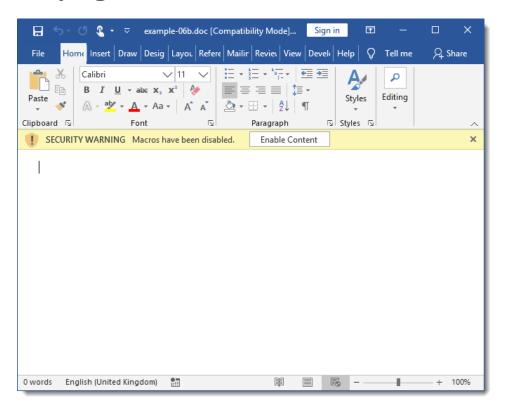
```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -s 7 -v example-06.doc
Attribute VB Name = "Module1"
Sub autoopen()
    MsgBox "https://example.com"
End Sub
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>
```



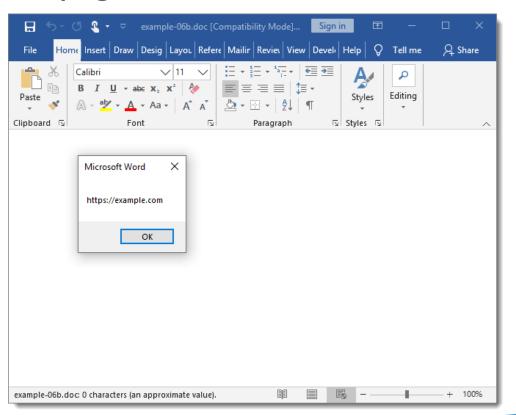




```
@NVISO Labs
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -i example-06b.doc
          114
                          '\x01CompObj'
 1:
 2:
         4096
                          '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
                          '\x05SummaryInformation'
 3:
         4096
 4:
         7065
                          '1Table'
 5:
          415
                          'Macros/PROJECT'
 6:
           65
                          'Macros/PROJECTwm'
          957
                   920+37 'Macros/VBA/Module1'
 7: m
 8: m
          932
                  775+157 'Macros/VBA/ThisDocument'
                           'Macros/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT'
 9:
         2553
10:
          569
                          'Macros/VBA/dir'
                          'WordDocument'
11:
         4096
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -s 7 -v example-06b.doc
Attribute VB Name = "Module1"
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>
```

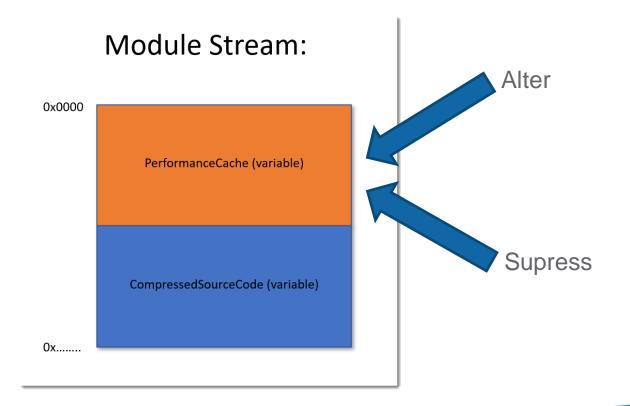




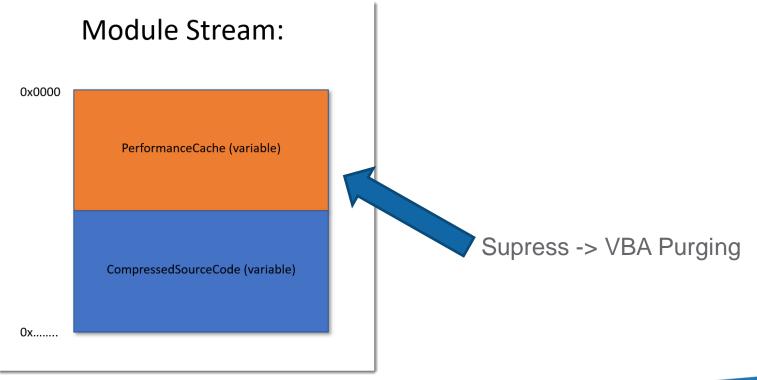




nviso

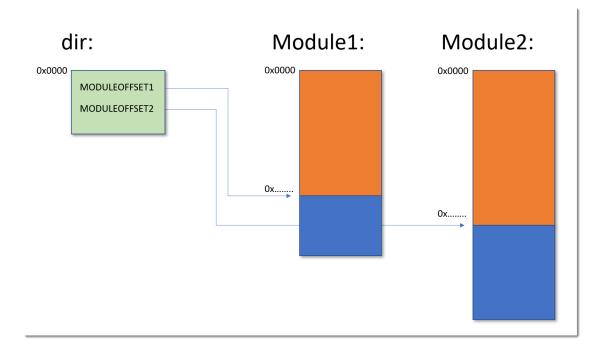






Tip 3: Use!





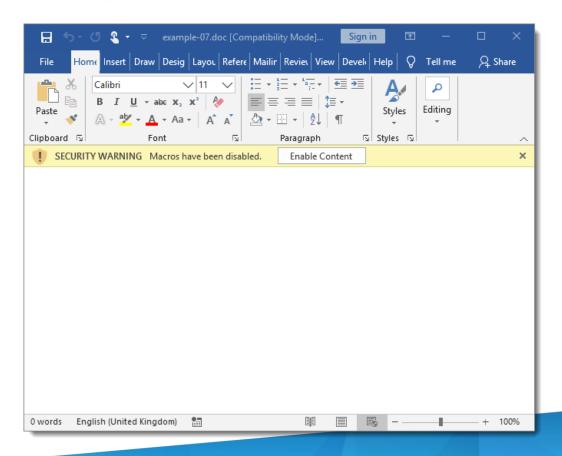


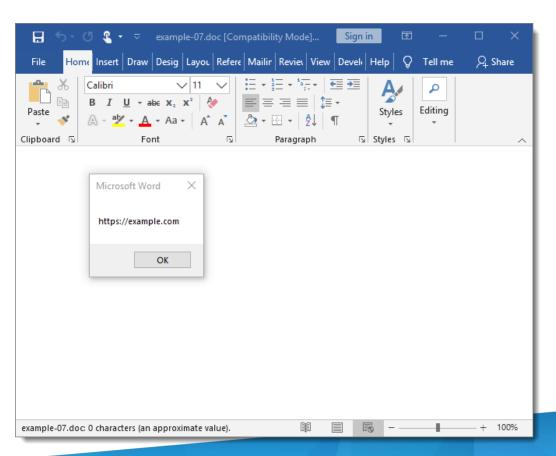
```
@NVISO Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -i example-07.doc
                         '\x01CompObj'
 1:
          114
                         '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
         4096
  3:
                         '\x05SummaryInformation'
         4096
 4:
         7065
                         '1Table'
  5:
                         'Macros/PROJECT'
          415
 6:
     65
                          'Macros/PROJECTwm'
 7: M 101
                   0+101 'Macros/VBA/Module1'
                   0+157 'Macros/VBA/ThisDocument'
 8: m
        157
                          'Macros/VBA/ VBA PROJECT'
 9:
                         'Macros/VBA/dir'
 10:
          534
11:
         4096
                         'WordDocument'
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>
```



```
@NVISO Labs
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -s 7 example-07.doc
00000000: 01 61 B0 00 41 74 74 72  69 62 75 74 00 65 20 56  .a..Attribut.e V
00000010: 42 5F 4E 61 6D 00 65 20 3D 20 22 4D 6F 64 00 75 B_Nam.e = "Mod.u
00000020: 6C 65 31 22 0D 0A 53 00  75 62 20 61 75 74 6F 6F  le1"..S.ub autoo
00000030: 00 70 65 6E 28 29 0D 0A  20 01 00 00 4D 73 67 42  .pen().. ...MsgB
00000040: 6F 78 20 00 22 68 74 74  70 73 3A 2F 00 2F 65 78  ox ."https:/./ex
                                                            ample..com.bEnd.
00000050: 61 6D 70 6C 65 10 2E 63 6F 6D 00 62 45 6E 64 02
00000060: 20 00 6A 0D 0A
                                                             .j..
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```

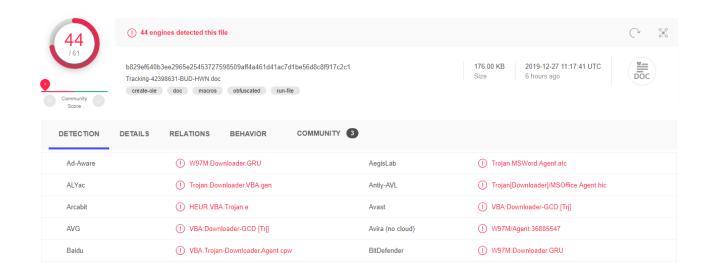




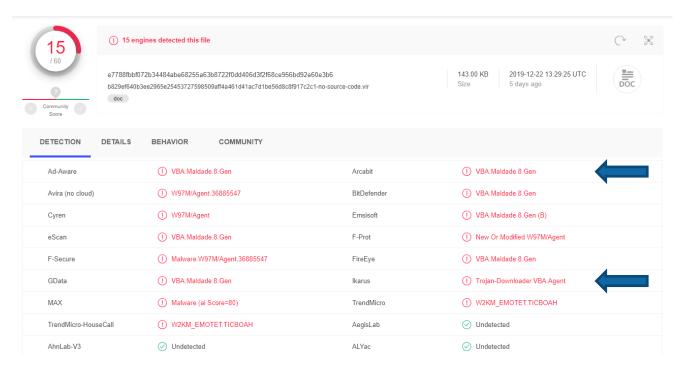




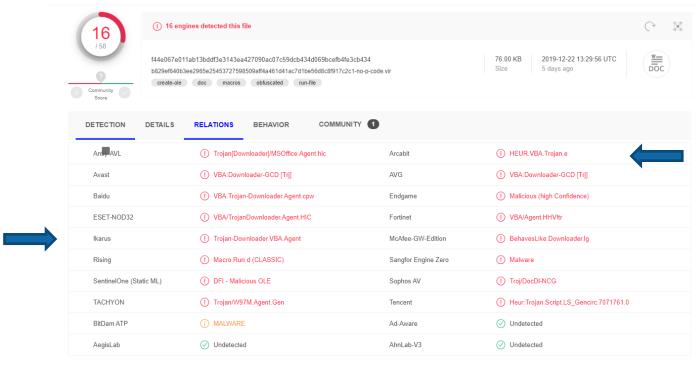




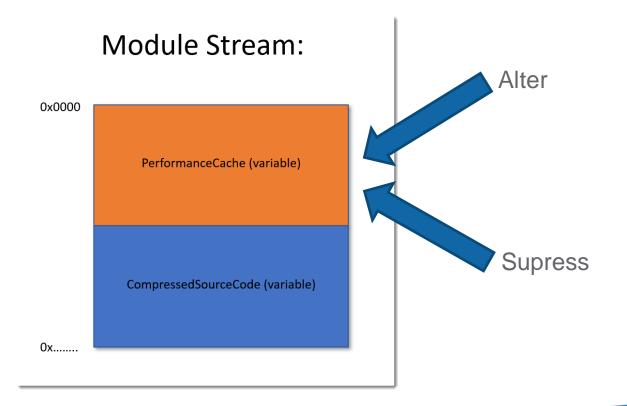




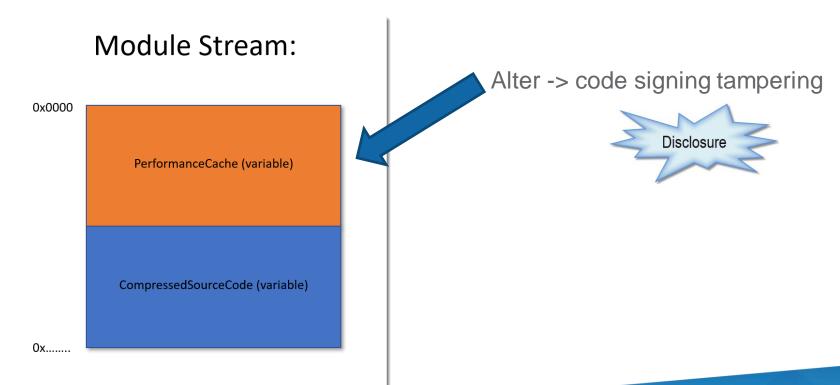




nviso











#### 2.4.2 Contents Hashes

The Contents Hash is a cryptographic **digest** of a subset of the information stored in the VBA Storage (section 2.3.4).

#### Conventions:

- APPEND specifies appending the bytes of a field to the end of a resizable array of bytes.
- APPEND specifies appending the MBCS bytes of a string without null termination to the end of a resizable array of bytes.
- FOR EACH specifies iteration over a collection of records in their stored order.

This Contents Hash algorithm requires one parameter as input:

VBAStorage(Variable): The VBA Storage (section 2.3.4) to calculate a hash for.



#### Tip 4: Abuse!

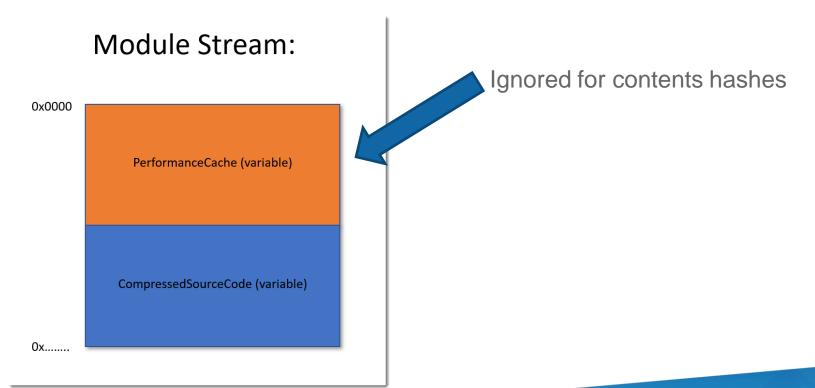
```
FOR EACH ModuleStream (section 2.3.4.3) IN VBA Storage (section 2.3.4) of Storage
   DEFINE CompressedContainer AS array of bytes
   DEFINE Text AS array of bytes
   SET CompressedContainer TO ModuleStream.CompressedSourceCode
   SET Text TO result of Decompression(CompressedContainer) (section 2.4.1)
   DECLARE Lines AS array of array of bytes
  DECLARE TextBuffer AS array of bytes
  SET Lines TO resizable array of array of bytes
   SET TextBuffer TO resizable array of bytes
```

72 / 111

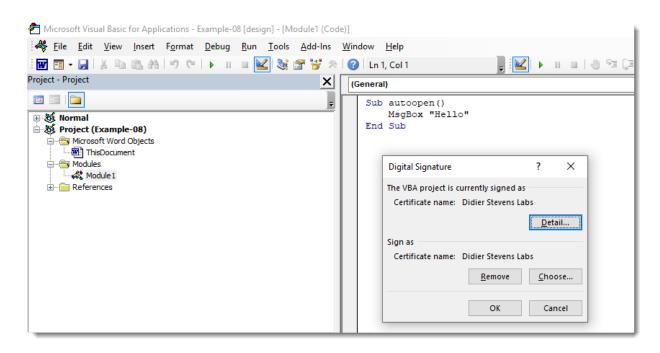
[MS-OVBA] - v20200219 Office VBA File Format Structure Copyright © 2020 Microsoft Corporation Release: February 19, 2020

Tip 4: Abuse!





## **NVISO**







```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -s a3 -v example-08.docm
Attribute VB Name = "Module1"
Sub autoopen()
   MsgBox "Hello"
End Sub
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>
```



```
@NVISO Labs
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>c:\Python27\Scripts\pcodedmp.exe example-08.docm | tail
Module streams:
VBA/ThisDocument - 1097 bytes
VBA/Module1 - 1384 bytes
Line #0:
        FuncDefn (Sub autoopen())
Line #1:
        LitStr 0x0005 "Hello"
        ArgsCall MsgBox 0x0001
Line #2:
        EndSub
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>
```





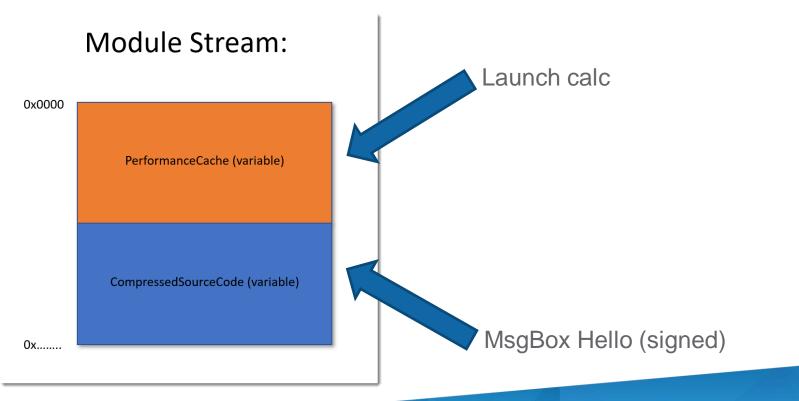
```
@NVISO_Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>oledump.py -s a3 -v example-08b.docm
Attribute VB_Name = "Module1"
Sub autoopen()
   MsgBox "Hello"
End Sub
@NVISO Labs C:\Demo>
```



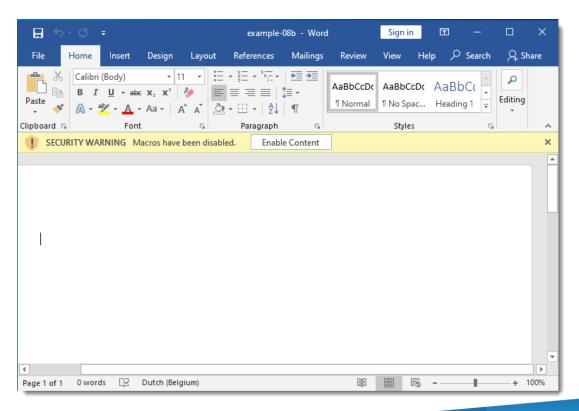
```
@NVISO Labs
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>c:\Python27\Scripts\pcodedmp.exe example-08b.docm | tail
Module streams:
VBA/ThisDocument - 1060 bytes
VBA/Module1 - 1400 bytes
Line #0:
        FuncDefn (Sub autoopen())
Line #1:
        LitStr 0x0004 "calc"
        ArgsCall Shell 0x0001
Line #2:
        EndSub
@NVISO_Labs C:\Demo>
```

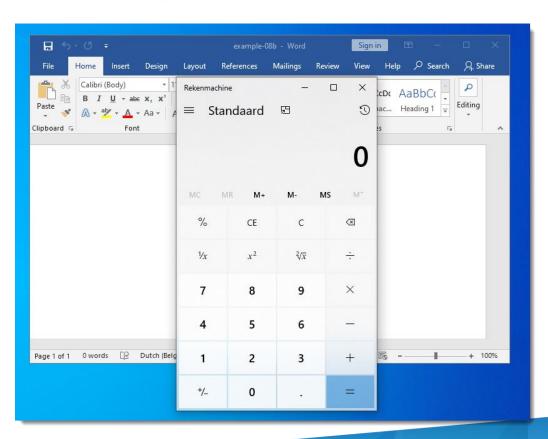
Tip 4: Abuse!







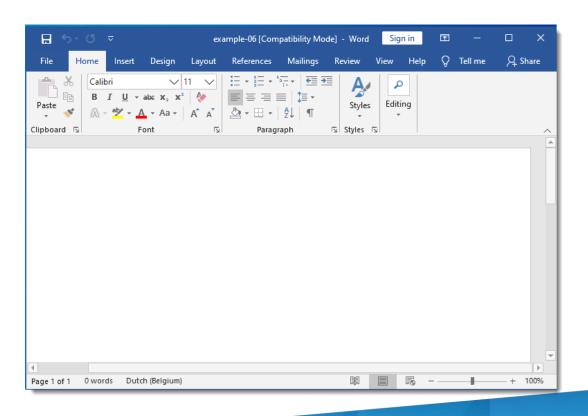




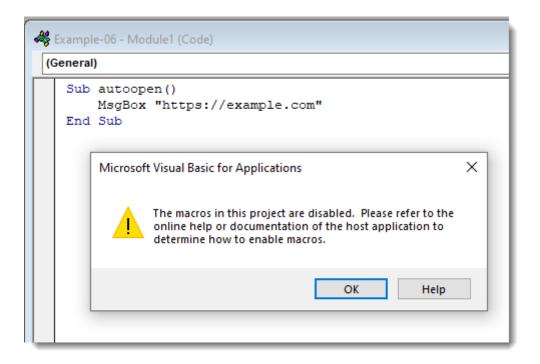












## **Overview examples**

1 The power of	of strings
----------------	------------

2 Limiting the power of strings

3 Very hidden

4 Very, very hidden? (D)

5 Unused bits (D)

6 VBA stomping

7 VBA purging

8 Code signing tampering (D)



## 4 tips for red teamers

- 1 Analyze your sh+chr(105)+t
- 2 Learn from actors
- 3 RTFM & use it
- 4 RTFM & abuse it



## More info

https://isc.sans.edu

https://isc.sans.edu/handler list.html#didier-stevens

https://blog.nviso.eu

https://blog.didierstevens.com





## Questions?

# Thank you

