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# Artificially Intelligent Malware Launcher

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*An Adaptive Malware Simulation Engine Powered by AI*

# What is AIMaL?

- Modular red team simulation tool
- Integrates advanced malware evasion techniques
- Powered by OpenAI API to suggest and mutate evasion strategies
- Targets static, behavioral, and AI-based detection systems

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[!] Target EDR: kaspersky

[+] Based on threat analysis, AIMaL suggests: Process Hollowing.

Kaspersky has robust behavior monitoring and heuristic analysis capabilities, making it effective against known evasion techniques like Process Herpaderping and Process Ghosting. Process Hollowing, however, might still be effective as it involves replacing a legitimate process's code with malicious code, which can sometimes bypass real-time scanning and heuristic checks if executed with precision.

[\*] Feel free to choose any other evasion technique:

===== Choose Evasion Technique =====

[1] Process Herpaderping  
[2] Process Hollowing  
[3] Thread Hijacking  
[4] Process Ghosting  
[0] Exit

Your choice: 1

===== Choose Malware Payload =====

[1] Backdoor / Reverse Shell  
[2] Ransomware  
[3] Rootkit (coming soon)  
[0] Back

Your choice: 1

[\*] Launching Backdoor.  
[+] Full PD folder copied to AIMaL successfully.  
[+] Listener script copied.  
[\*] Launch 'listener.py' first, then 'PD.exe' to start the evasion.  
[\*] Ready for mutation.

[!] Did you observe any detection or alert? Type the message. (specify signature or behavioral, or type 'none'):  
signature

[+] AIMaL Suggestion:

To evade signature-based detection, consider modifying the shellcode structure. This can involve altering the opcode sequences or encoding the shellcode to make it appear benign or different from known malicious signatures. Additionally, adding junk functions to the code can help disrupt signature patterns, making it harder for static analysis tools to match the code against known malware signatures.

[+] Since it failed on signature detection, AIMaL suggests:  
Add junk functions / NOP instructions to change the hash, and repack the executable.  
[+] Authorize AIMaL to do it for you? (y/n)

y

Correcting

[+] Junk function JunkFunction769() successfully added to PD.cpp!  
[+] PD.exe successfully rebuilt!  
[+] Deleted old svchost32.exe  
1 file(s) copied.

Ultimate Packer for eXecutables

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UPX 5.0.0 Markus Oberhumer, Laszlo Molnar & John Reiser Feb 20th 2025

File size	Ratio	Format	Name
34816 ->	19456	55.88%	win64/pe
			svchost32.exe

Packed 1 file.

[+] svchost32.exe mutated, renamed, and UPX packed. Ready to test again.  
[+] Executable successfully updated! Did it bypass? (y/n)

y

Nice! Good luck!

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[!] Target EDR: \_

# Bypassing Score

Security Solution	Before AI Integ.		After AI Integ.	
	Signature	Behavioral	Signature	Behavioral
Windows Defender	✓ Bypassed	✓ Bypassed	✓ Bypassed	✓ Bypassed
Kaspersky	✓ Bypassed	✗ Detected	✓ Bypassed	✓ Bypassed
Bitdefender	✗ Detected	✗ Detected	✓ Bypassed	✓ Bypassed

# AI-Driven Architecture

- OpenAI API integrated into core logic
- Uses threat context (e.g., target AV/EDR name, detection type)
- Suggests best evasion technique based on prior failure/success
- Offers real-time mutation feedback: Junk functions, Opcode mutation, Syscall reordering, Shellcode polymorphism,...

```
if (CallOpenAI(evasionHint, evasionSuggestion, "suggest_et")) {  
    std::cout << "\n[+] Based on threat analysis, AIMAL suggests: "  
<<    evasionSuggestion << "\n";  
}
```

# AI-Powered Automation in Action


AIMaL does the dirty work:


- Analyzes detection type
- Selects most fitting technique
- Applies the chosen technique
- Rebuilds executable
- Applies packing (e.g., UPX)
- Randomizes binary hash
- Launches new version autonomously

You click once — AIMaL does the rest.

## AI Inputs


 Target EDR/AV


 Detection type (Signature / Behavioral)


 User's chosen evasion technique


 Past result logs (pass/fail history)

## AI Outputs (OpenAI-Powered)

 Suggest best evasion technique

 Recommend payload mutation (opcode / registers / stubs)

 Offer next mutation based on failure (junk code, delays)

 Self-learned pattern adaptation

# Payload Options

- **Reverse Shell** (2 x AES + XOR + polymorphic + Hell's Gate)
- **Ransomware** (*Under Development*)
- **Rootkit** (*Coming Soon*)

All payloads are:

- AES-256-CBC encrypted
- XOR obfuscated
- Mutated per deployment

# Evasion Techniques

Each tested & implemented with stealth improvements:

- Process Herpaderping
- Process Hollowing
- Thread Hijacking
- Process Ghosting

All include: Hell's Gate syscalls, AMSI & ETW patching, runtime decryption stubs, indirect syscall injection, and PPID spoofing

# Obfuscation & Stealth Stack

- AES-256-CBC with dynamic IV/key
- XOR + AES dual-layer encrypted payloads
- Delayed execution, randomized beacons
- Junk code insertion
- Dynamic syscall resolution (Hell's Gate)
- PPID spoofing
- AMSI + ETW bypass
- Custom decryptor stub injected remotely



# Payload Encryption & Delivery Flow

[Reverse Shell / Ransomware EXE]



Donut



[Shellcode Output]



XOR



AES-256-CBC Encrypt



[Final Payload: rsh\_2xenc\_loader.bin]



Host online



AlMaL downloads it during runtime



Inject into Remote Process



[Decryptor Stub Executes In-Memory]

✓ No decrypted shellcode touches disk

# Live Demo

The screenshot displays a live demonstration of a Windows 10 x64 virtual machine (VM) running within VMware Workstation. The VM's desktop environment includes a file explorer window showing the contents of the 'Release' directory, a web browser window, and a taskbar with various applications. The host's taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen.

**File Explorer (Release Directory):**

Name	Date modified
PD.tlog	5/6/2025 11:26 AM
aes.c	
aes.h	
aes	
AES256CBC	
HellsGate	
mk_2xenc_loader	
PD	
PD.exe.recipe	
PD.iobj	
PD.ipdb	
PD	
PD.pdb	
PD.vcxproj.FileListAbsolute	
svchost32	
upx	
vc143.pdb	

**VM Desktop Environment:**

- File Explorer:** Shows the contents of the 'Release' directory, including files like 'PD.tlog', 'aes.c', 'aes.h', 'aes', 'AES256CBC', 'HellsGate', 'mk\_2xenc\_loader', 'PD', 'PD.exe.recipe', 'PD.iobj', 'PD.ipdb', 'PD', 'PD.pdb', 'PD.vcxproj.FileListAbsolute', 'svchost32', 'upx', and 'vc143.pdb'.
- Web Browser:** Displays a page with a 'Verify it's you' button and 'All Bookmarks'.
- Taskbar:** Includes icons for Recycle bin, Kaspersky, Hello World, test, Microsoft Edge, Baykar\_CL, and a search bar.

**Host Taskbar:** Shows the Windows logo, search bar, taskbar icons (including a person icon, file explorer, Chrome, VS Code, and others), system tray (21°C Güneşli), and clock (11:41 AM 5/6/2025).

# Why It Matters

- Emulates next-gen APT behavior
- Highlights weaknesses in behavioral AV/EDR
- Great for Red Team simulation, pentest payloads, AV testing
- Prepares industry for AI-powered malware threats

## Future Work

- Advanced C2 server with encrypted protocol
- Reinforcement Feedback Loop to automate:
  1. Action selection per environment,
  2. Strategy evolution over time.
- Integration with OpenAI + Local RL agent in simulation lab
- Full-scale defense system for counter-AIMaL

# Conclusion

- AIMaL = Artificially Intelligent Malware Launcher
- Adapts like a threat actor
- Explores true cyber offense potential in the AI age

Thank you!

Questions?