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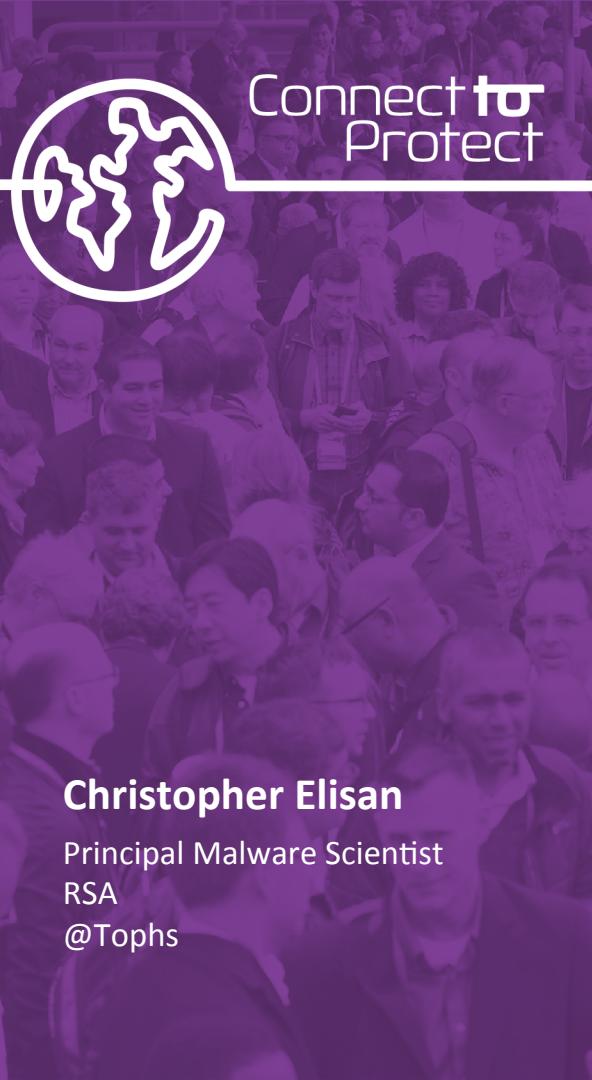
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Demystifying a Malware Attack



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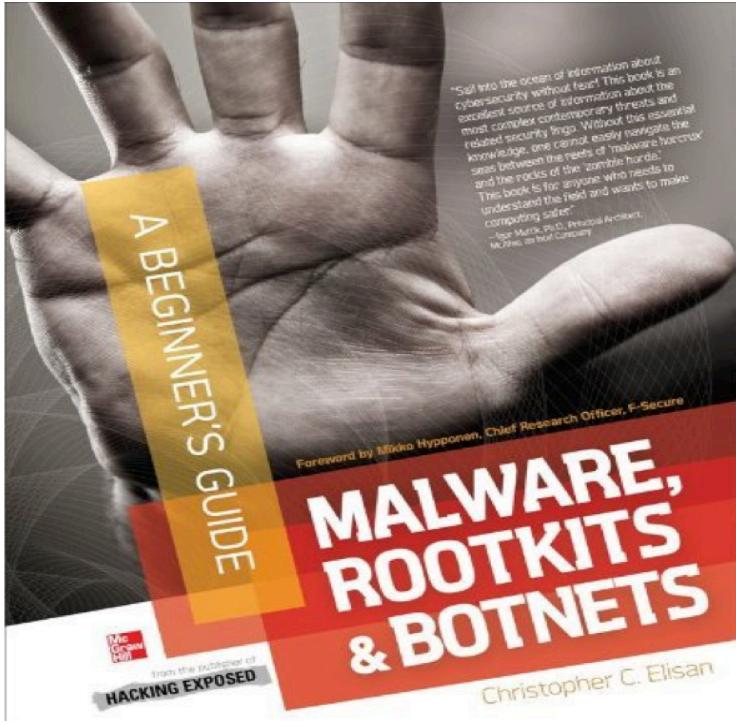
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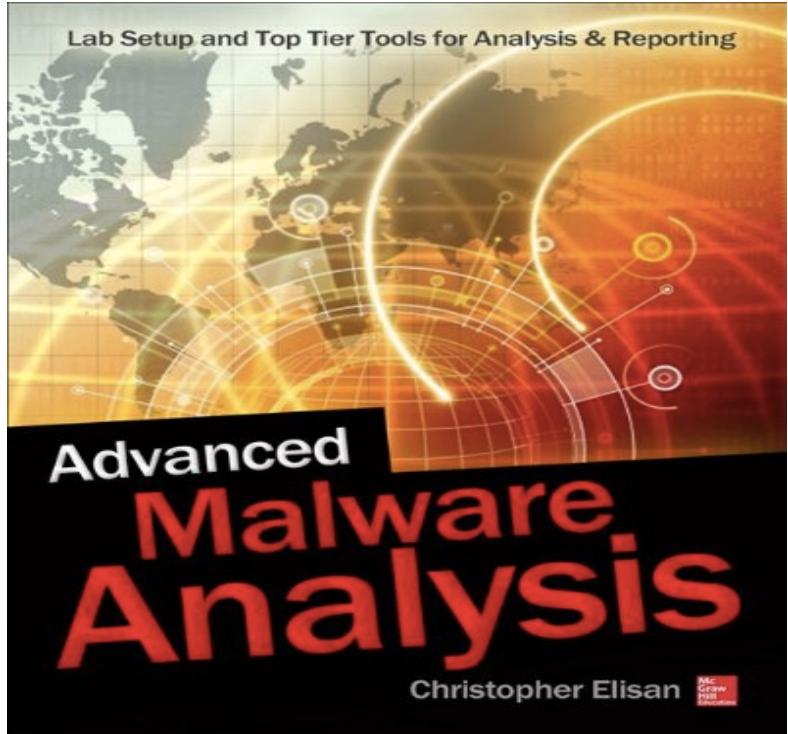




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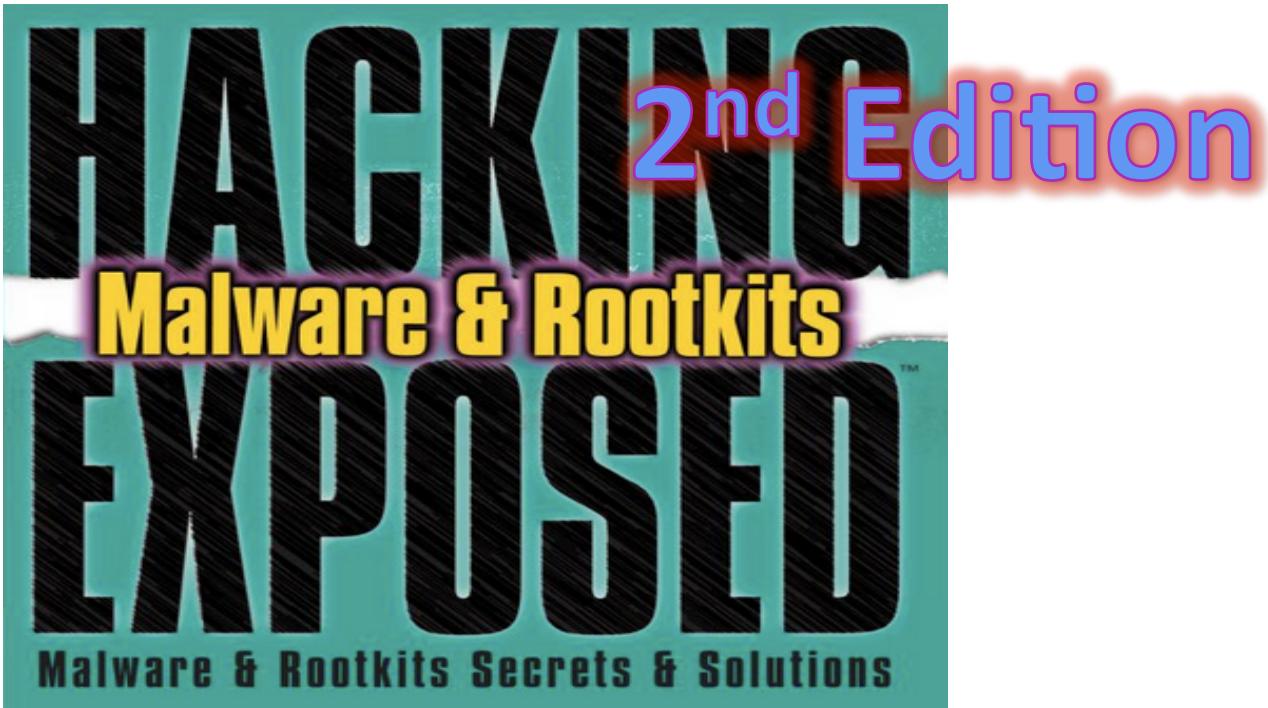
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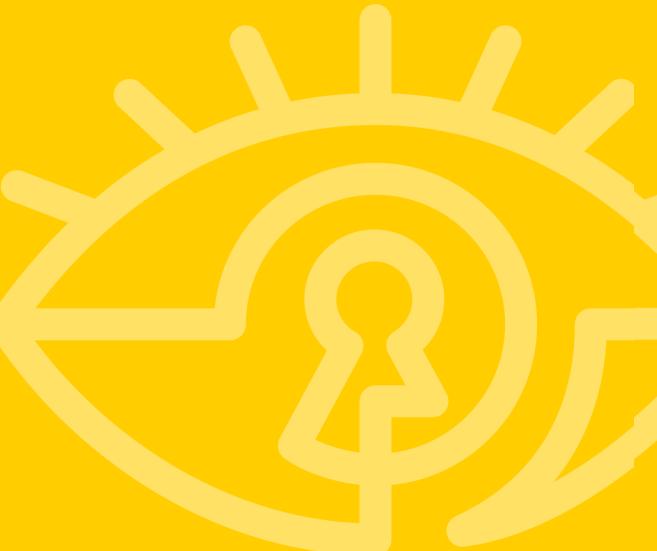
Agenda

- The Attack
- Behind the Scenes
- Lessons Learned





The Attack





We Are All Under Attack





Opportunistic Attack





Opportunistic Attack



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Opportunistic Attack





Targeted Attack



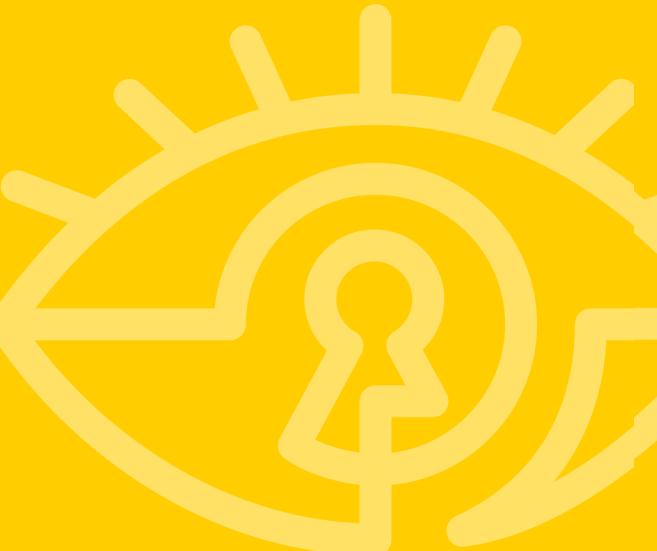


Regardless of the attack, the threat infrastructure and the people behind them are similar



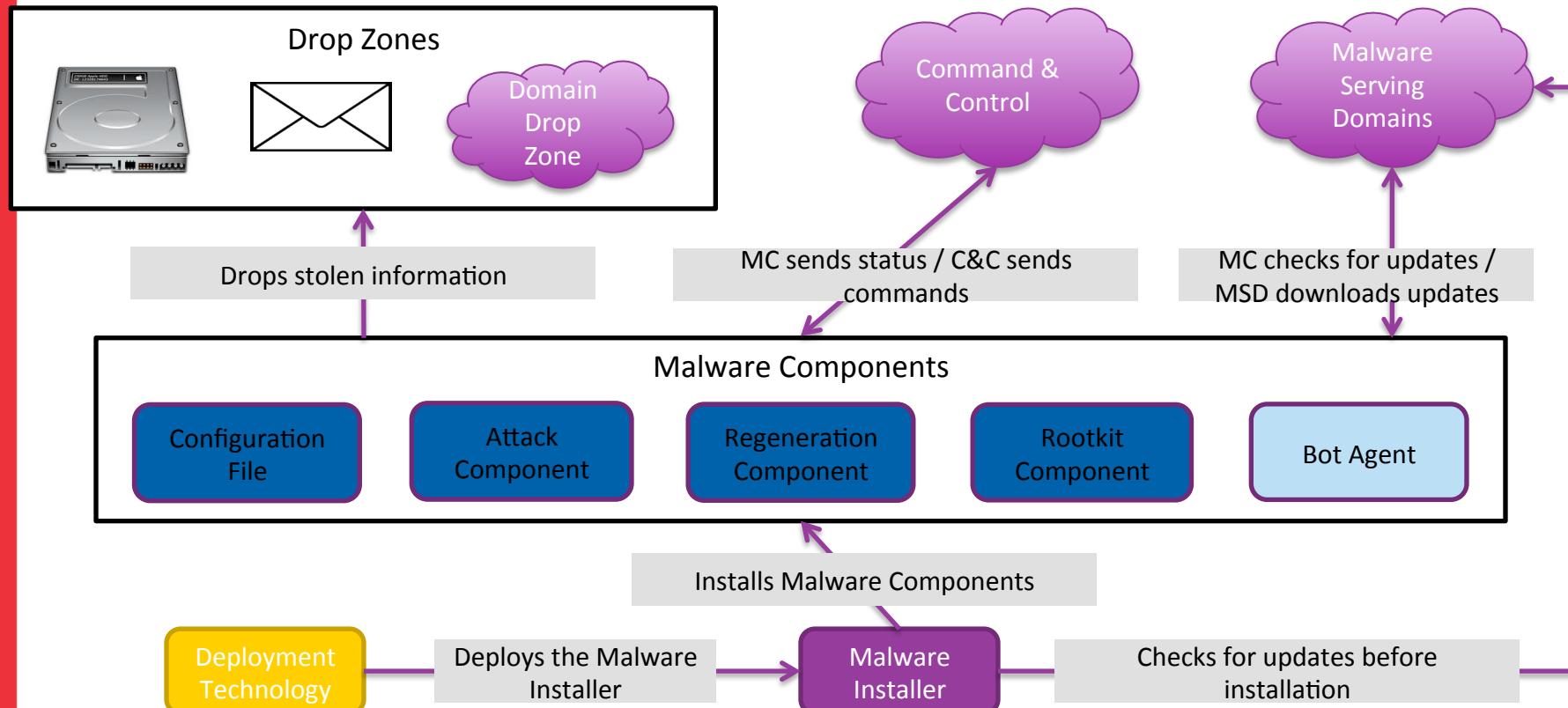


Behind the Scenes





Attack Infrastructure





The Attackers

Sponsor

- Government
- Commercial Organization
- Non-commercial Organization
- Activist Groups
- Individual
- Terrorist Organization

Malware Writers

- Original malware creator(s)
- Offer malware “off-the-rack” or custom built
- May offer DIY construction kits
- Money-back guarantee if detected
- 24x7 support



Deployment Provider

- Specialized distribution network
- Attracts and infects victims
- Global & targeted content delivery
- Delivery through Spam/drive-by/USB/etc.
- Offers 24x7 support



Crime Boss

- Runs the show
- Individual or organization
- Middle man between sponsor and TPs
- Can be a sponsor

Botnet Master

- Individual or criminal team that owns the botnet
- Maintains and controls the botnet
- Holds admin credentials for CnC



Resilience Provider (MSP)

- Provides CnC resilience services
- Anti-takedown network construction
- Bullet-proof domain hosting
- Fast-flux DNS services
- Offers 24x7 Support



Money Mules

- Unsuspecting Public
- Work from home

Botnet Operator

- Operates a section of the botnet for direct financial gain
- Issues commands to the bot agents
- May be the Botnet Master





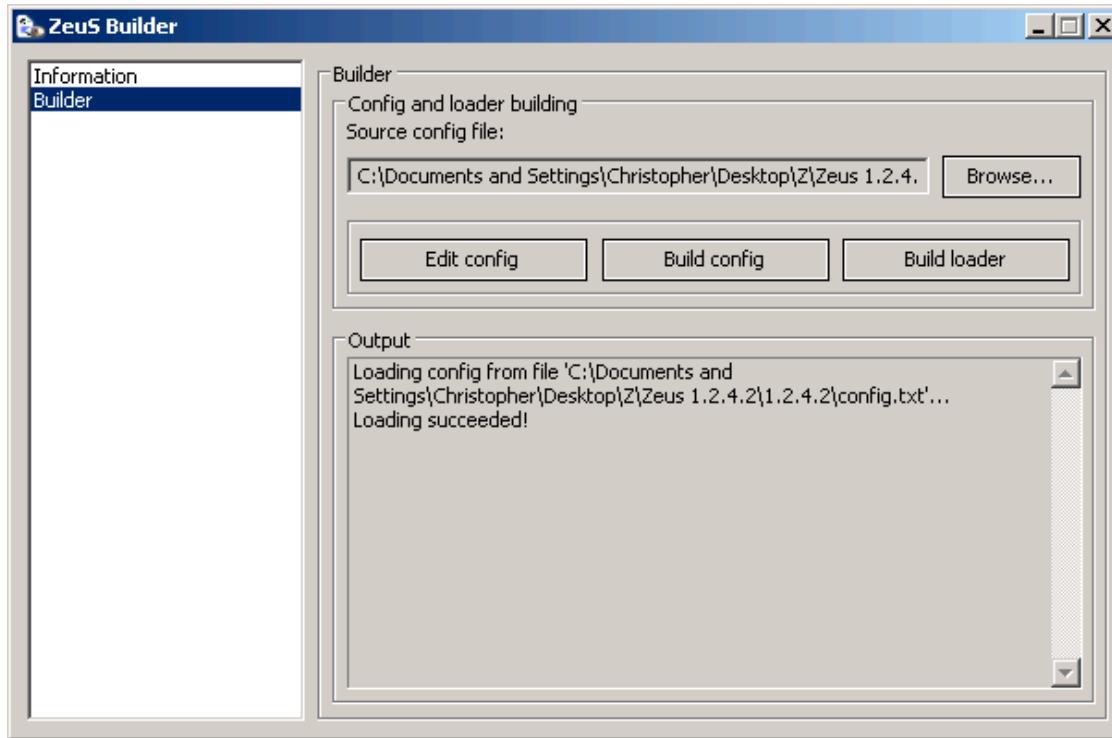
Malware Tools

- DiY Kits
- Armoring Tools



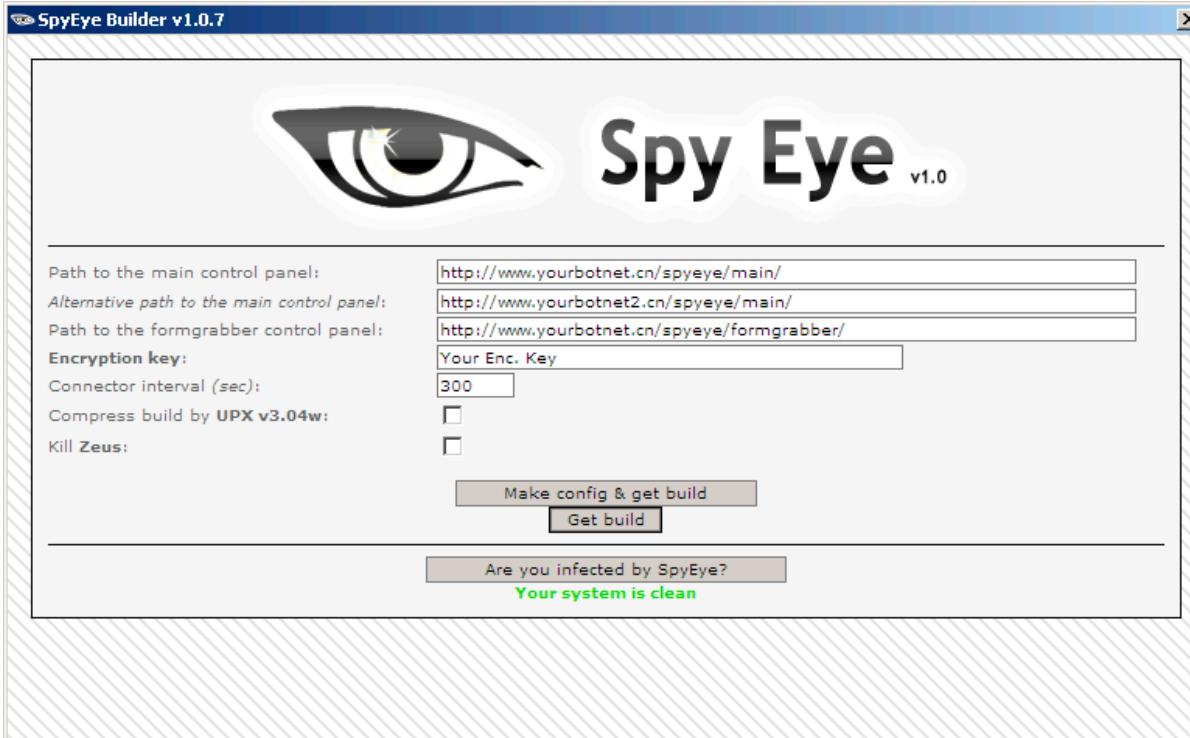


DiY Kits





DiY Kits





Armoring Tools

UPX Gui - Graphical User Interface for UPX

Executable

Select Exe File (or drag'n'drop a file)

Size Before Compression: 0 kb
Size After Compression: 0 kb

Compress !

Status: ready. Select a file to compress...

UPXGui v1.1.0
Author: Jerome [JeGX] Guinot / jegx@ozone3d.net
(C)2004-2007 Hypergraphics-3D
<http://www.oZone3D.net>

The Ultimate Packer for eXecutables:
<http://upx.sourceforge.net/>

Quit

UPX Free UPX 1.0

File Action File list UPX Help

Add files Remove COMPRESS DECOMPRESS Options About

File list / Basic settings Advanced settings

No	File	Directory	Packed	Orig. size	Packed ...	Compr. ratio
1	Fvd.exe	E:\Projects_TD\Free Video Downloader\1.2	Yes	611 328	281 088	45,98%
2	Cipher_Machine....	E:\Projects_TD\Cipher_Machine	Yes	811 008	300 032	36,99%
3	mppenc.exe	E:\Projects_TD_AUDIO_ENCODERS\MP3	No	109 568	-	-
4	make_release.bat	E:\Projects_TD_CONVERTERS\Free FLV...	No	308	-	-
5	flvtoavi.exe	E:\Projects_TD_CONVERTERS\Free FLV...	Yes	847 360	377 856	44,59%
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Output file
 The same as input file Custom :

Profile : The last session settings

Compression type

Normal
 Compression level : best compression (very slow)
 All methods
 All filters

Force compression

Backup file : create
 Overlay : UPX default
 Export Section : UPX default
 Relocations : UPX default

Resources

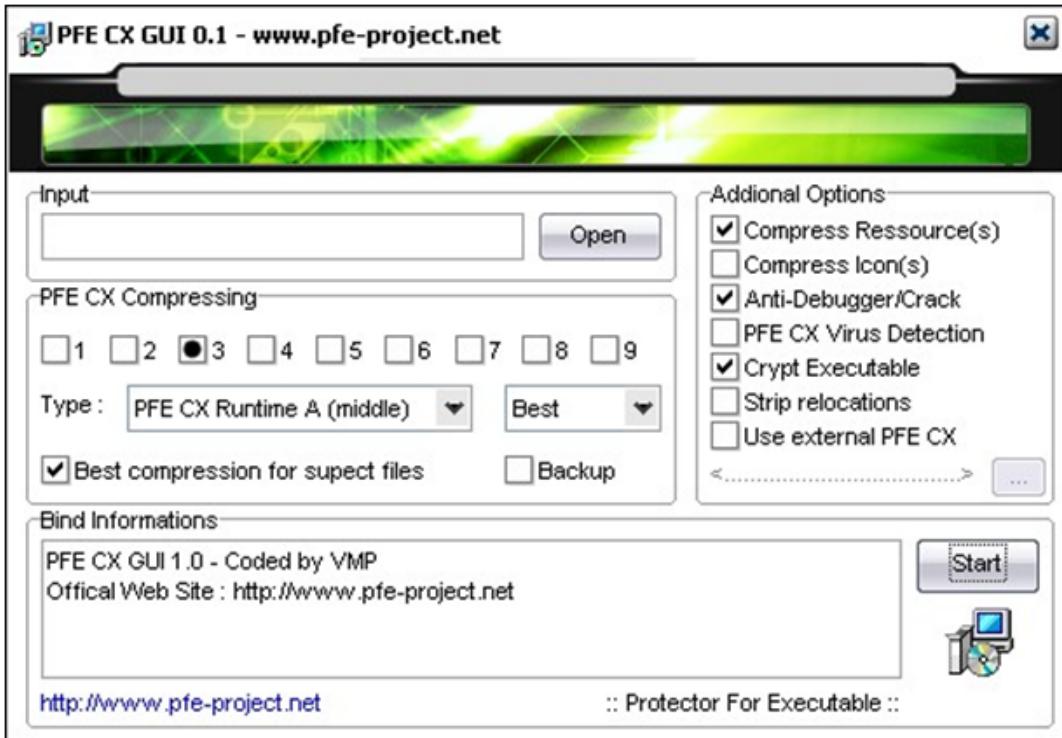
Don't compress any resources
 Icons : UPX default
 Don't compress resources :
 2/BMP_01
 4/MENU_DLG
 5/DIALOG_01

Command line : Compression Decompression

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upx.exe --best --all-methods --backup --keep-resource=2/BMP_01,4/MENU_DLG,5/DIALOG_01
<input_file>
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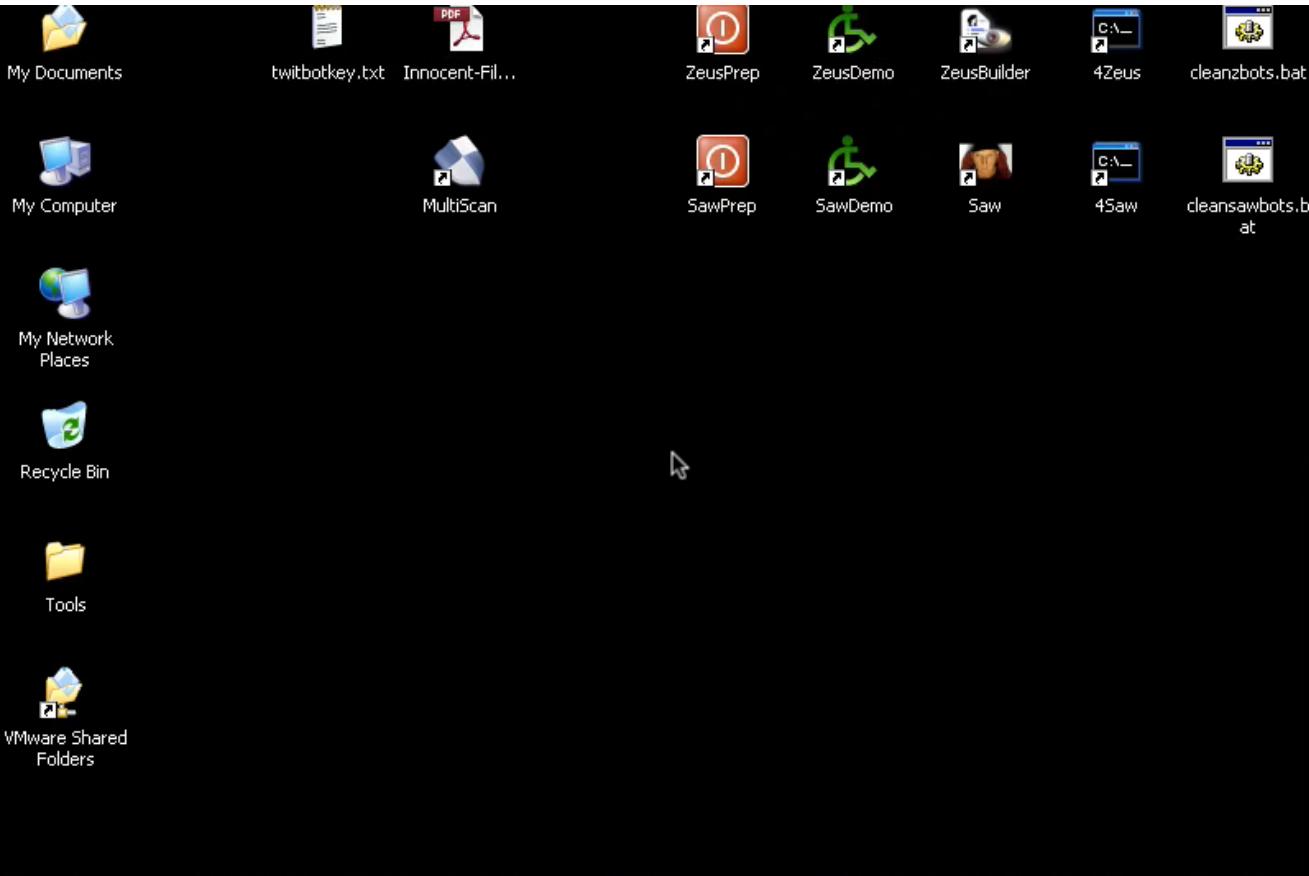


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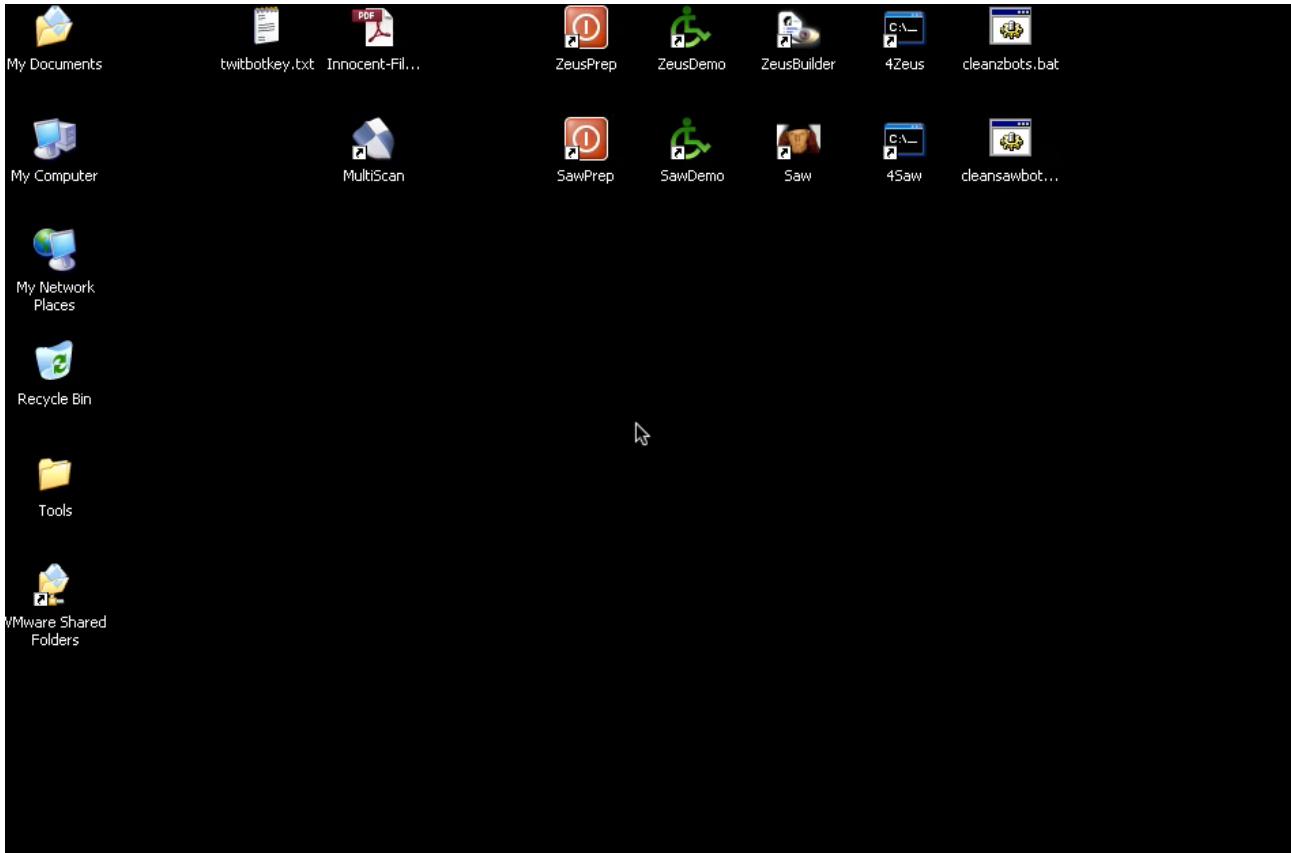


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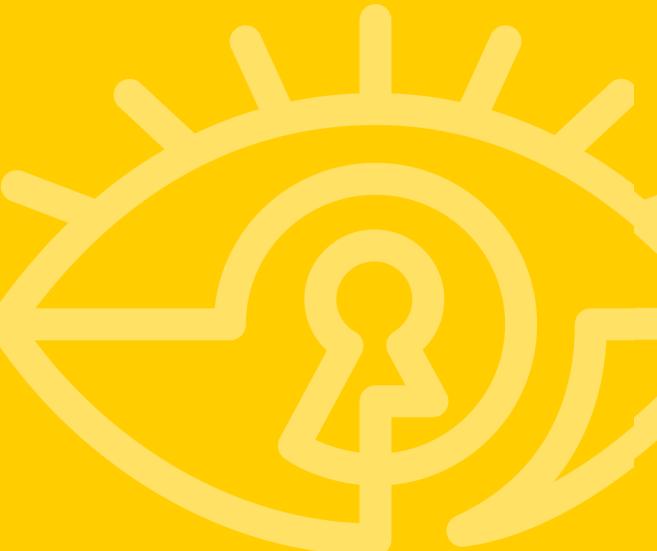


The Malware Factory





Lessons Learned





The Whole Picture

- **To fully understand the threat, we need to look at the following...**
 - **Target (Roles, systems)**
 - **Infrastructure**
 - **Different roles required to support the infrastructure**





Sometimes it is hard, so we collaborate

- **Technical**
 - Research
 - Scientific approach
 - Knowledge Sharing
- **Legal**
 - Work with LEOs
 - Share evidence to appropriate entities





Thank You!!!

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