

# Recasting software binaries as "byteplot" and "bigram-dct" images

## Install pip packages in the current Jupyter kernel

To install `pip` packages in the current Jupyter notebook and to run `pip` version associated with the current Python kernel, run the following code block that installs all the necessary packages listed in the `requirements.txt` file.

```
In [ ]: import sys
!{sys.executable} -m pip install -U pip
!{sys.executable} -m pip install -r requirements.txt
```

## Import byte-compiled functions

The corresponding Python functions from the byte-compiled files ( `*.pyc` ) can be read as usual similar to that of the source file ( `*.py` ) imports.

```
In [ ]: from get_byteplot_image import *
from get_bigram_dct_image import *
```

## Sample test run to get "byteplot" and "bigram-dct" representations

The provided sample file, `winrar-x64.exe` is an application setup file for WinRAR, and can be safely considered a *clean* file ([VirusTotal report](#)).

```
In [ ]: f = "winrar-x64.exe"

# Get the "byteplot" representation of the binary file
img_byteplot = get_byteplot_image(f) # numpy array of variable dimension based

# Get the "bigram-dct" representation of the binary file
img_bigramdct = get_bigram_dct_image(f) # numpy array of dimension (256, 256)
```

The image representations can be displayed using `matplotlib`.

```
In [ ]: %matplotlib inline
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

# Plot "byteplot" representation
plt.imshow(img_byteplot, cmap="gray", vmin=0, vmax=255)
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()
```



```
In [ ]: # Plot "bigram-dct" representation
plt.imshow(img_bigramdct, cmap="gray", vmin=0, vmax=255)
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()
```

