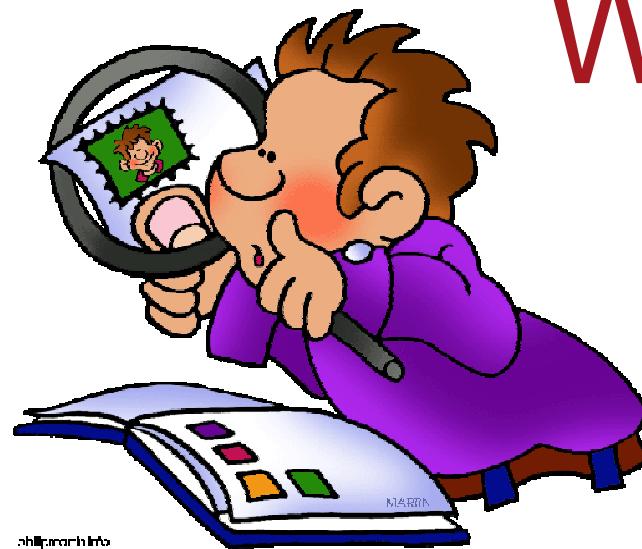




Malware Analysis as a Hobby

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Why the strange hobby?



1. Start virtual environment
2. Copy sample
3. Start logging facilities
4. Execute sample
5. Stop logging facilities
6. Analyze logs

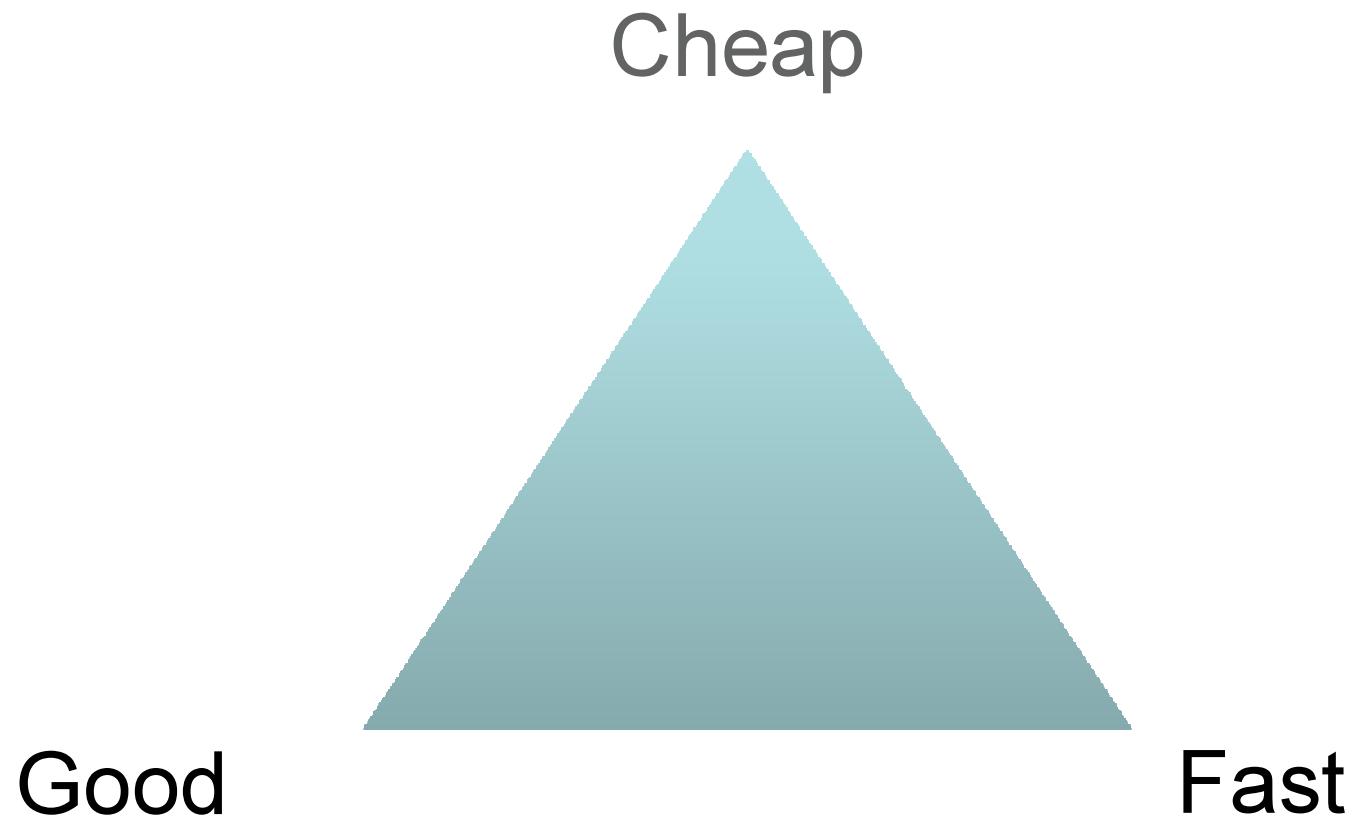




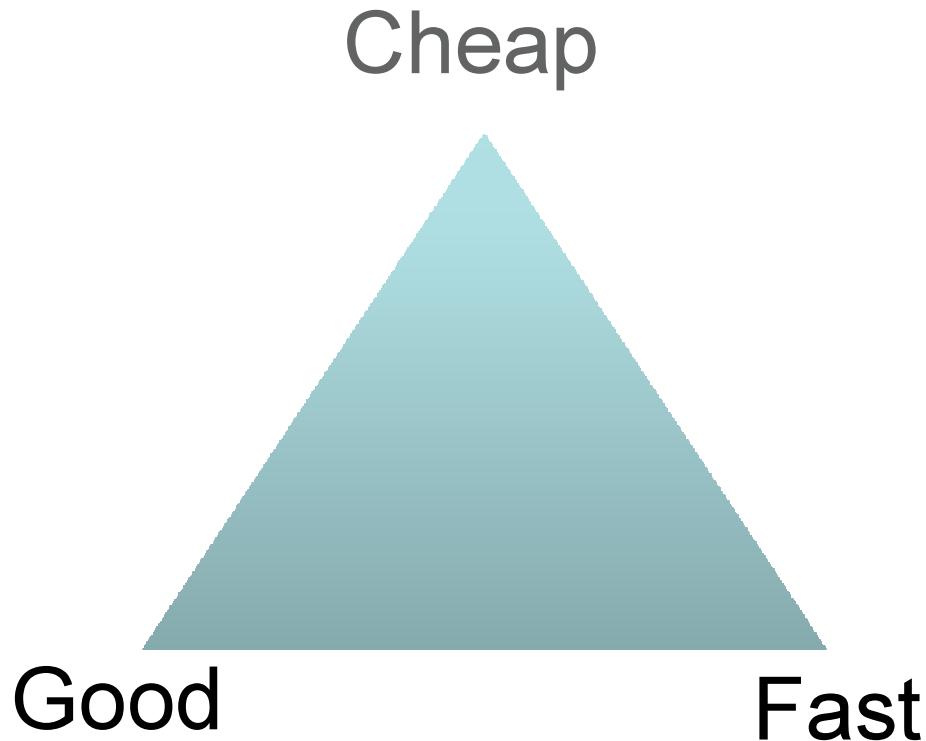
Drawbacks

- Time consuming
- Boring in the long run (not all malware are created equal)

Choose any two....



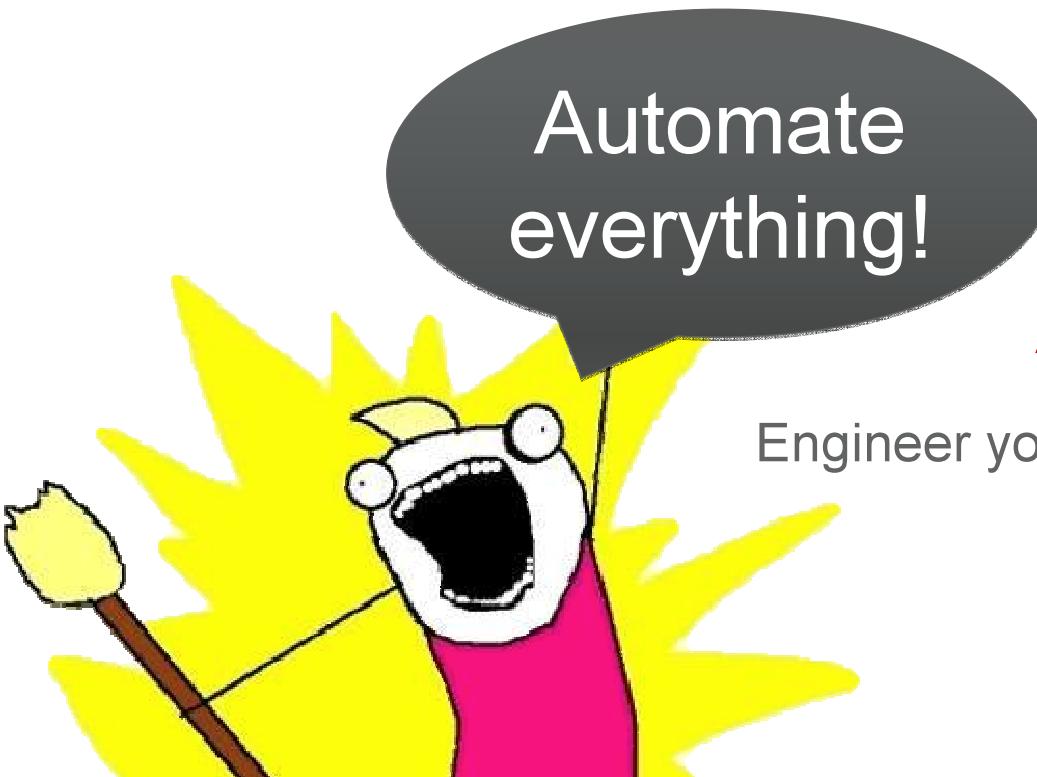
Choose any two?
Why not all of them?



I can do it cheaply (hardware and license cost-wise). Human time not included.

I can do it quickly (I spend up to 3 hours a day doing this, at average even less).

I get pretty good results (quality). Where the system lacks I can compensate for its shortcomings.

A cartoon illustration of a white character with a large mouth, wearing a pink shirt, shouting into a yellow megaphone. The megaphone has a speech bubble attached to it.

Automate
everything!

Automate

Engineer yourself out of the workflow



M.A.R.T.
MALWARE ANALYST RESEARCH TOOL

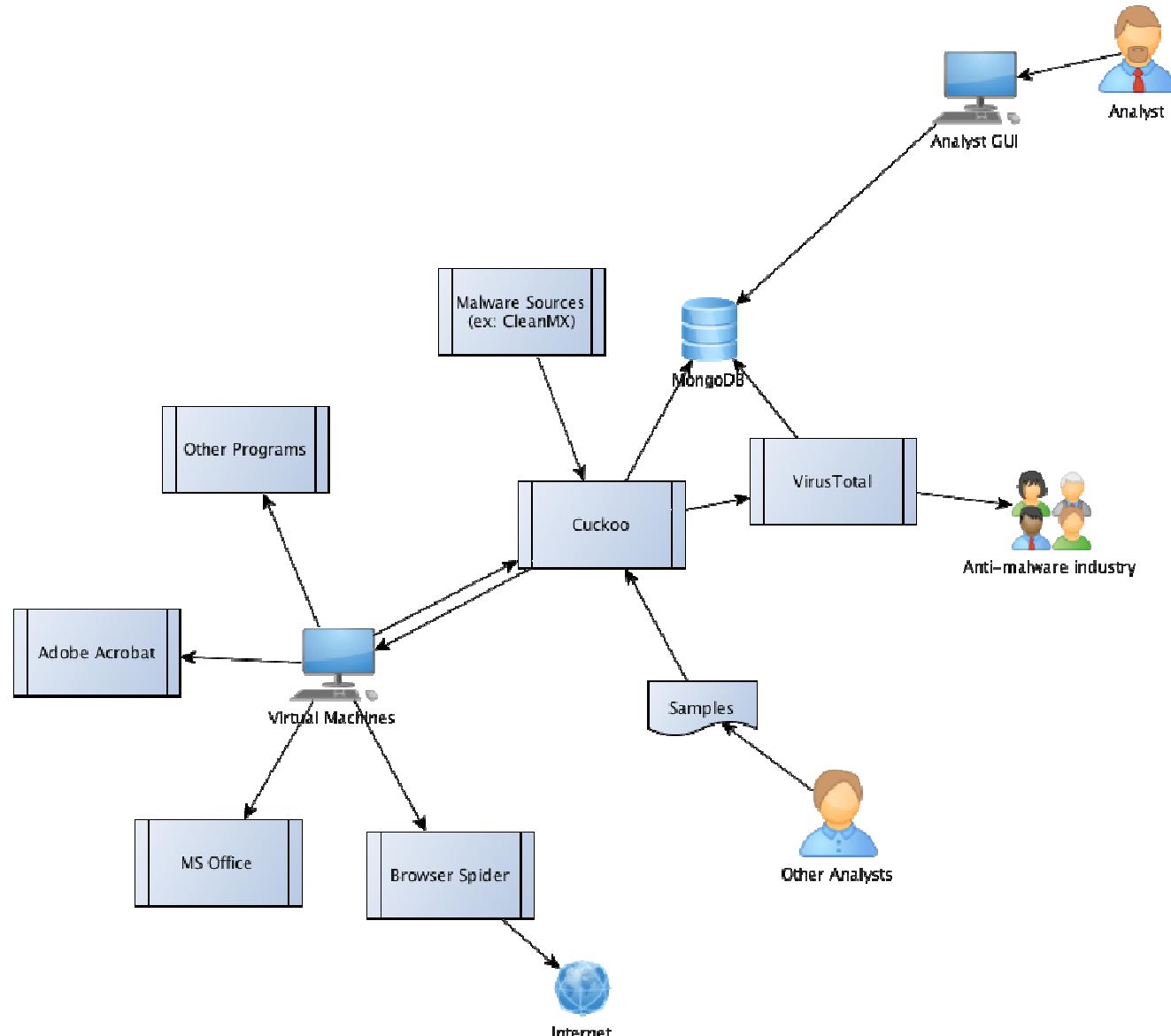
Birth of the MART Project

Malware Analyst Research Toolkit

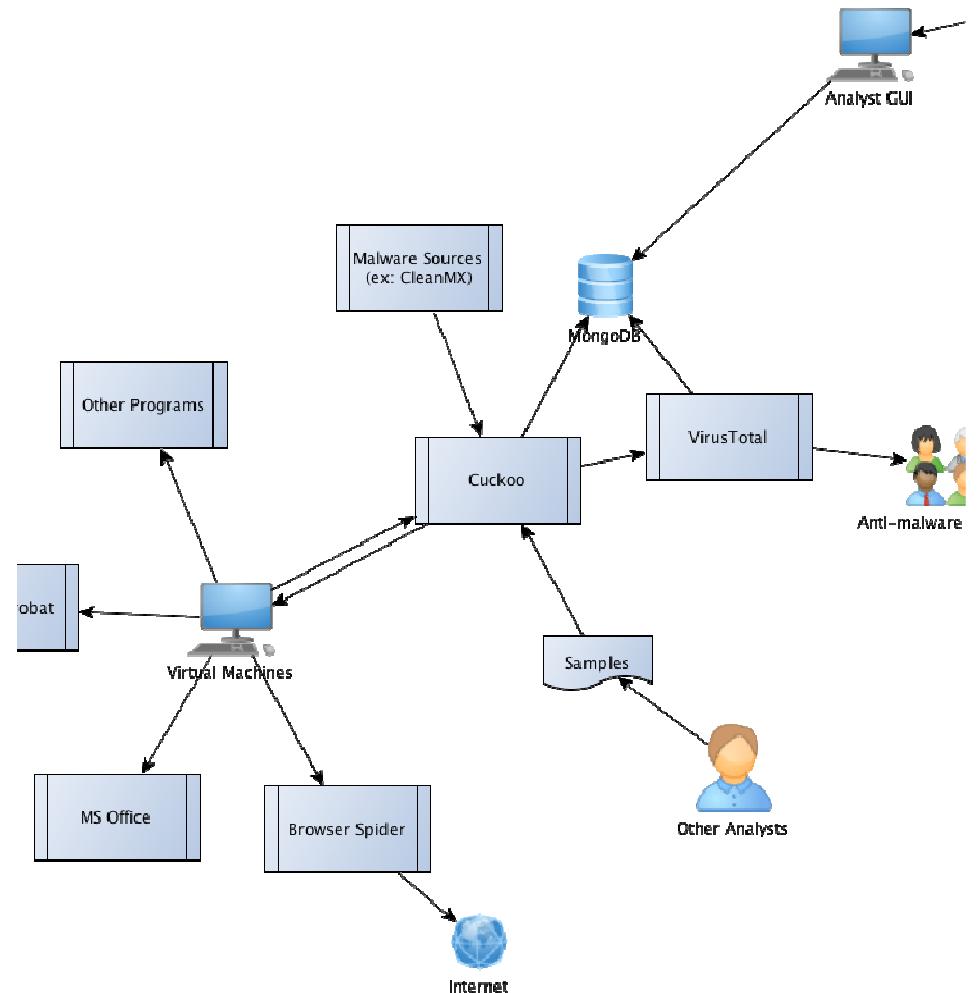


Components



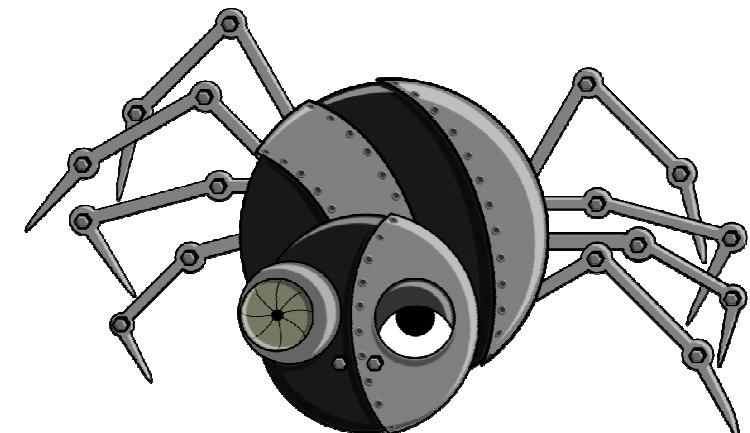


- Public & Private Collections
- Exchange with other malware analysts
- Finding and collecting malware yourself
 - Download files from the web
 - Grab attachments from email
 - Feed BrowserSpider with links from your SPAM-folder



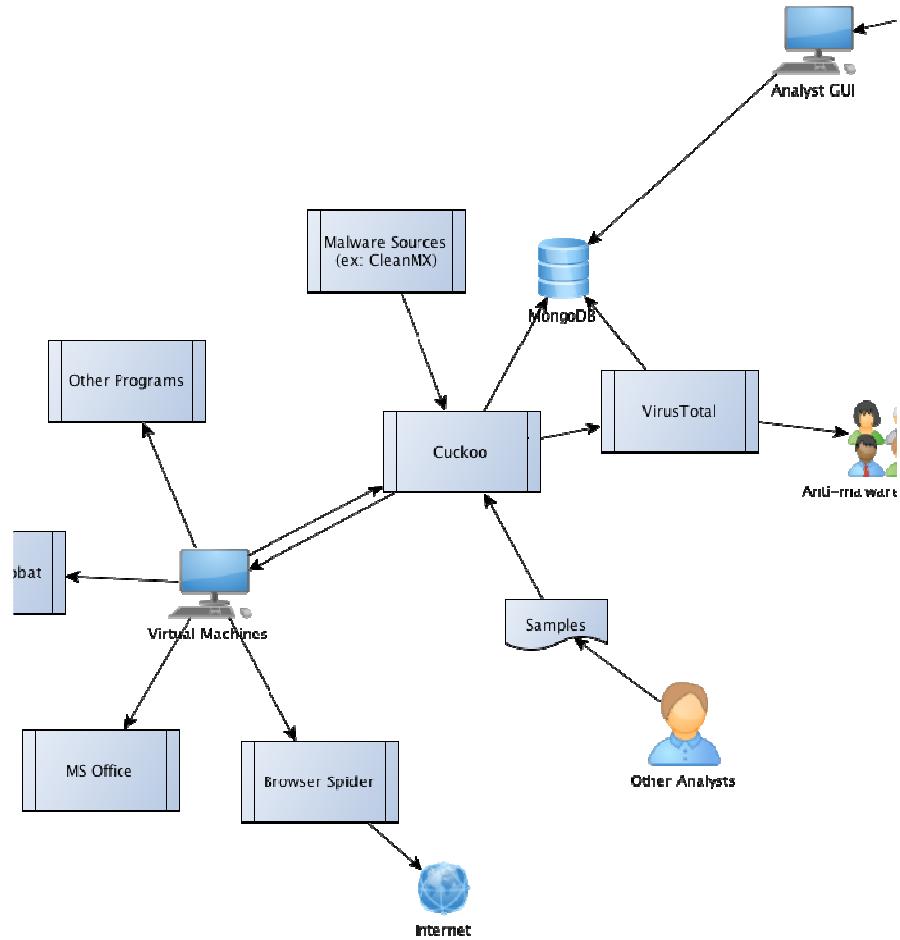
BrowserSpider

- Written in Python
- Using the Selenium framework to control REAL browsers
 - Flash, PDFs, Java applets etc. executes as per normal
 - All the browser bugs exists for real
- Spiders and follows all links seen

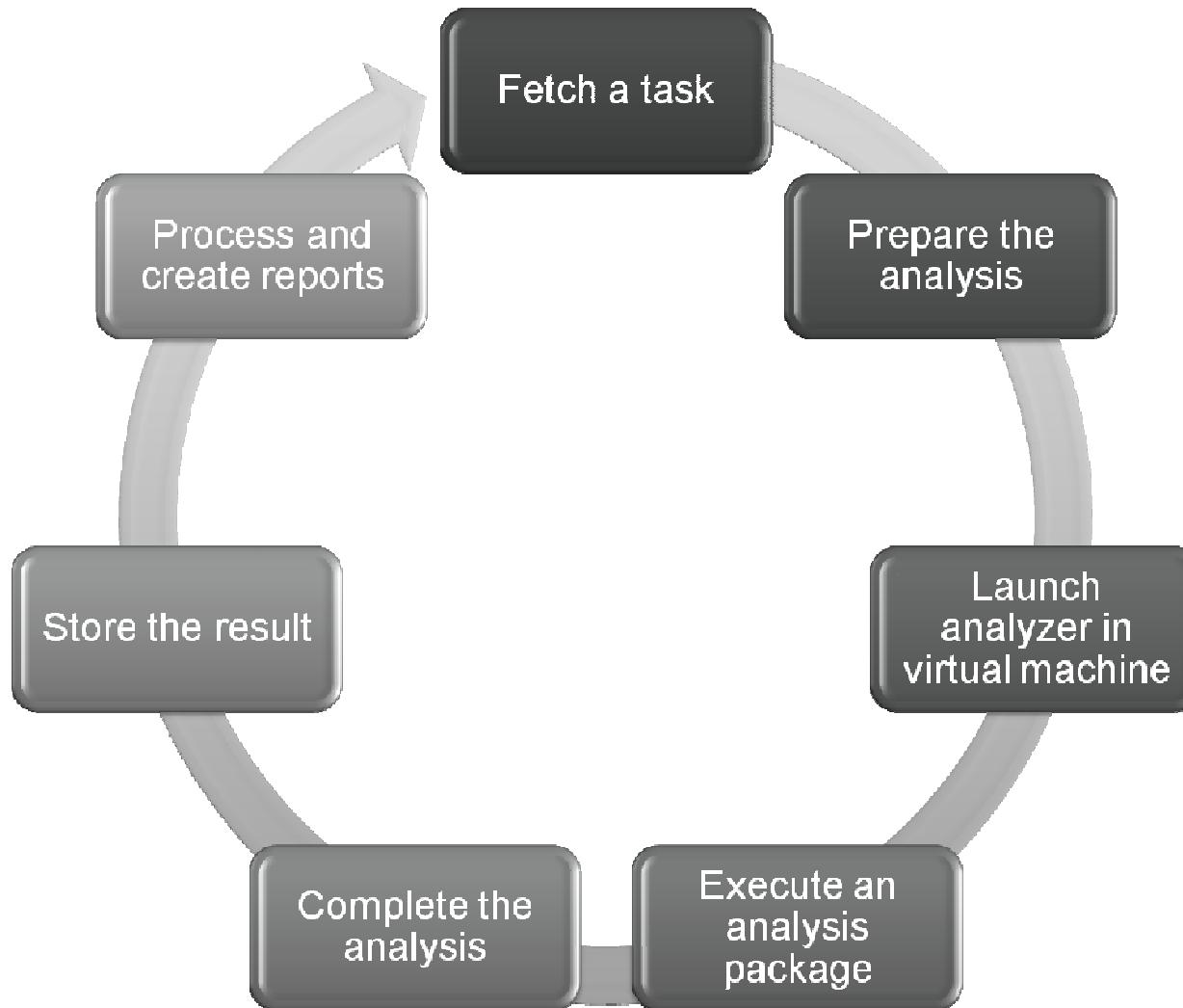


Sample Analysis

- Cuckoo Sandbox
- VirusTotal



A days work for a Cuckoo



DEMO: Submit sample for analysis





New Analysis

use this form to add a new analysis task

File to upload Choose File No file chosen

Package to use

Options

Timeout

Priority

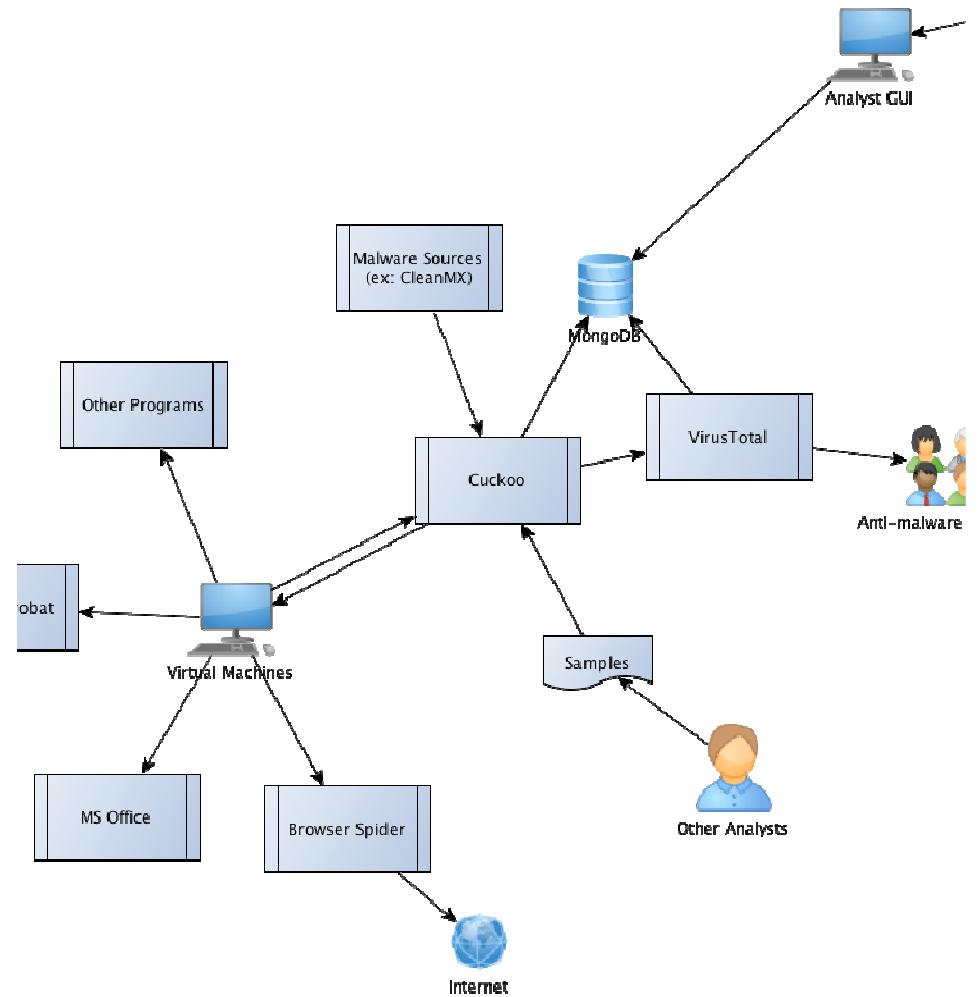
 Low

Submit

Cancel

Sample Reporting

Results are stored in MongoDB
(optional, highly recommended)
Accessed using a analyst GUI





File Signatures Screenshots Static Dropped Network Behavior

File Details file indicators

File name:	MART-app.exe
File size:	21504 bytes
File type:	PE32 executable (console) Intel 80386, for MS Windows
CRC32:	561F1BFA
MD5:	18b2708009f0efb6b12e39876bb4f87a
SHA1:	149ca9c7a81d9b1049a5a2e7f321e0f34c7e9c7b
SHA256:	dc9de3ecc7ddb2eef1e9bfe61e6891de945cc42d2a9c8bb2f6f1380c7f645ddd
SHA512:	07d4fe457d5c10d371053ea49e37fe705bbaf4dd1e0dafd57d16778f155e3de4c29d26d771aeede6be57b9fd790a044f17ef6e23abe20bde58bf6c430e990cc6
Ssdeep:	None
PEiD Signatures:	• Pelles C 3.00, 4.00, 4.50 EXE (X86 CRT-LIB)
Yara Signatures:	None matched
Antivirus Results:	File not found on VirusTotal

Signatures matched cuckoo signatures

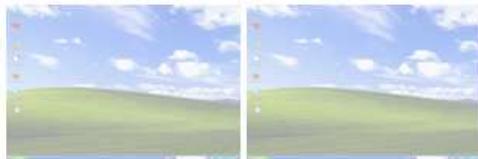
Signatures

matched cuckoo signatures

Creates a empty file

Screenshots

pictures of the desktop during execution



Static Analysis

binary details

[Sections](#)

[Imports](#)

Dropped Files

files created or deleted by the malware

[ntfs.txt](#)

[text.txt](#)

Network Analysis

network activity performed during analysis

[Hosts Involved](#)

[DNS Requests](#)

[HTTP Requests](#)

Behavior Analysis

details on the malware execution

Behavior Analysis

details on the malware execution

Summary

Files

- text.txt
- ntfs.txt:ntfs
- ntfs.txt

Mutexes

Nothing to display.

Registry Keys

Nothing to display.

Processes

[MART-app.exe](#) PID: 3824, Parent PID: 3804

Data Mining

Where Virtual Machine analysis fails

And what to do about it

Problems

- Cuckoo is easily bypassed
- User-detection
- Sleeping malware

Problems

- VM or Sandbox detection
- The guest OS might not be sufficient enough
- Any multistage attack

Iterating automation



Known Good	Known Bad
Unknown	

Iterating automation



- Does not do anything
- Detects environment
- Encrypted segments
- Failed execution

Iterating automation



- Run longer
- Environment customization

SHUT UP AND



TAKE MY MONEY!

Budget

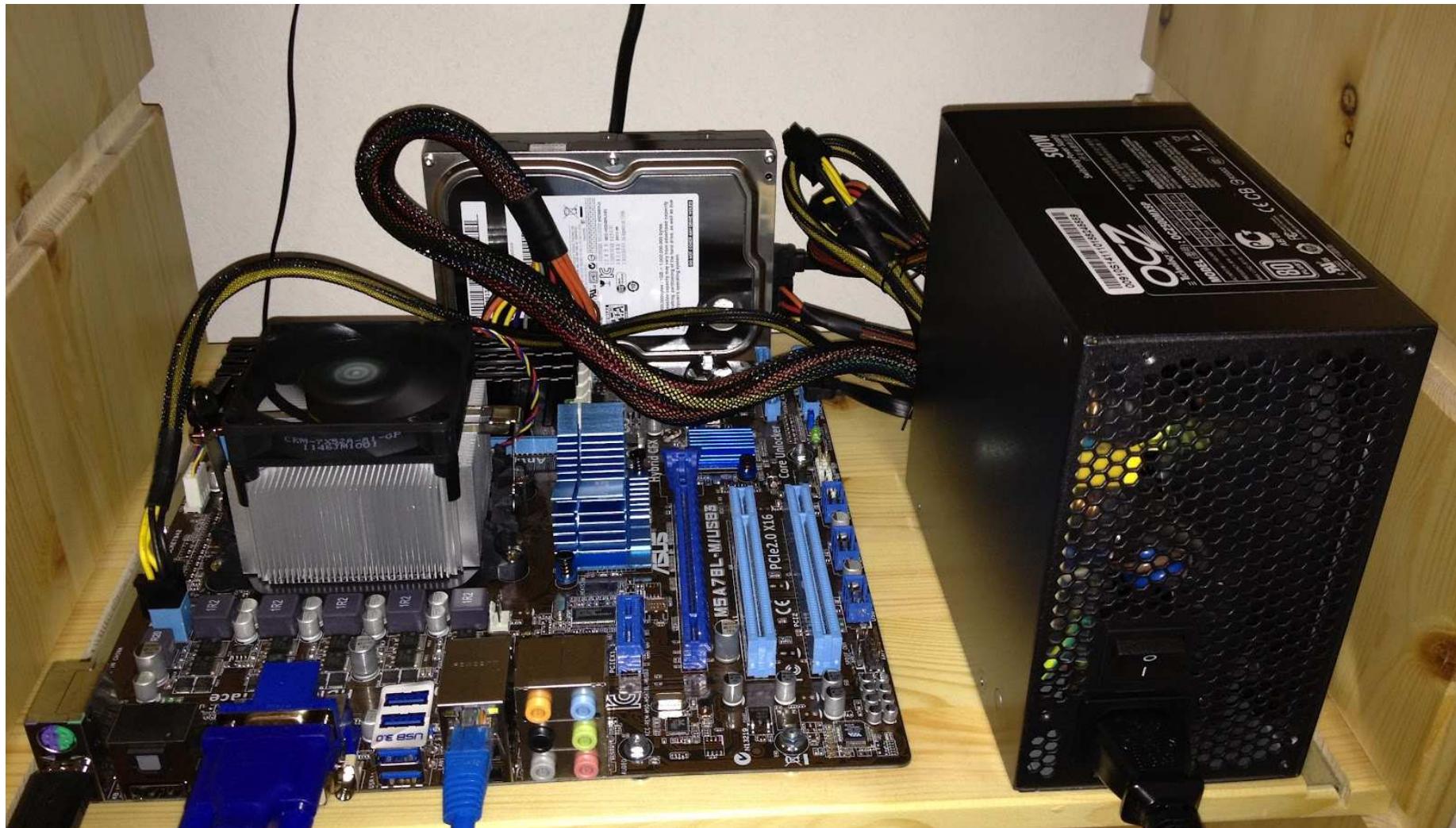
- Computer: €520
- MSDN License: €800 (€590 renewal)
- Year 1: €1320
- Year N: €590
- Money saved from stopped smoking (yearly): €2040



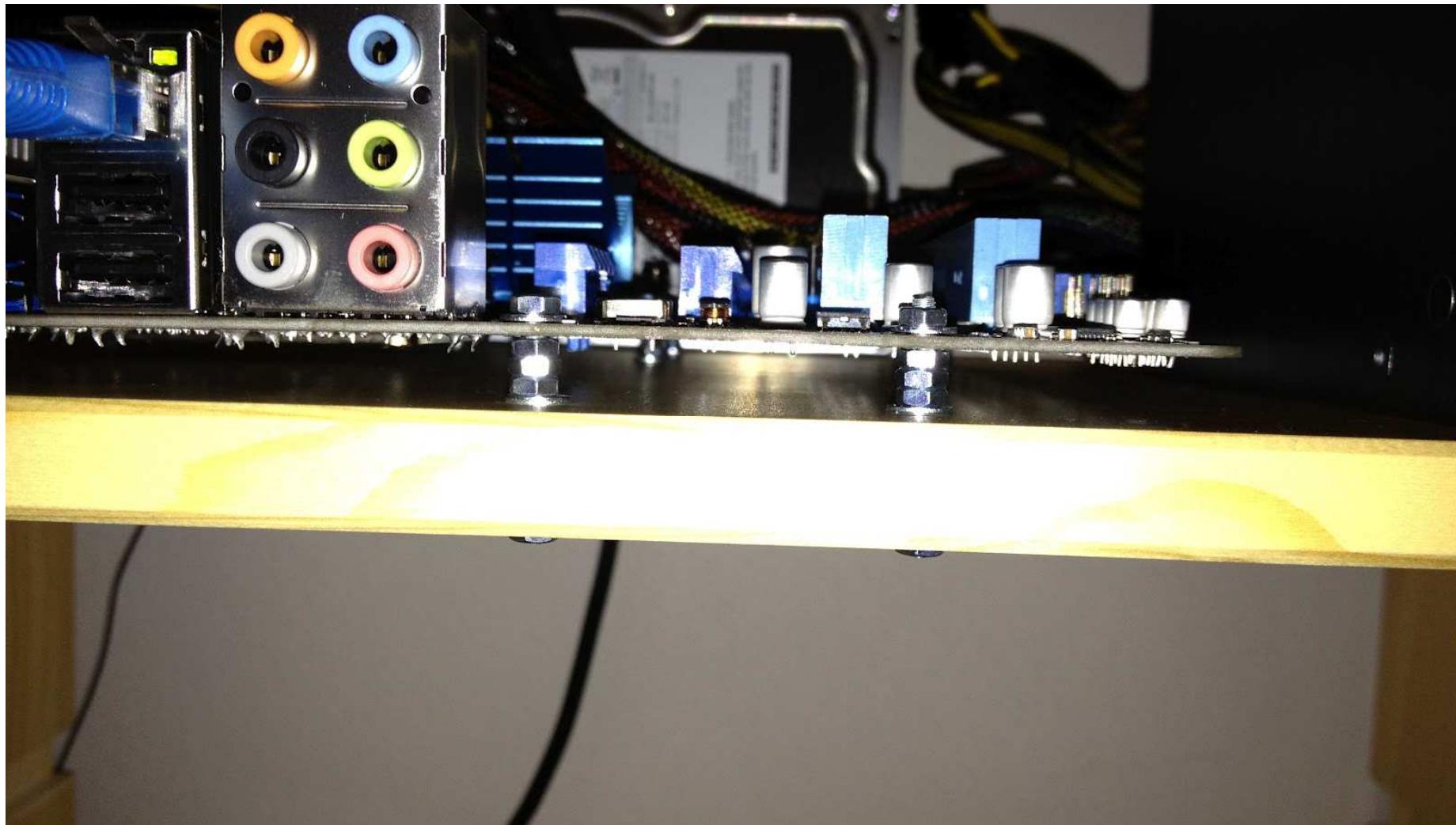
Malware Lab



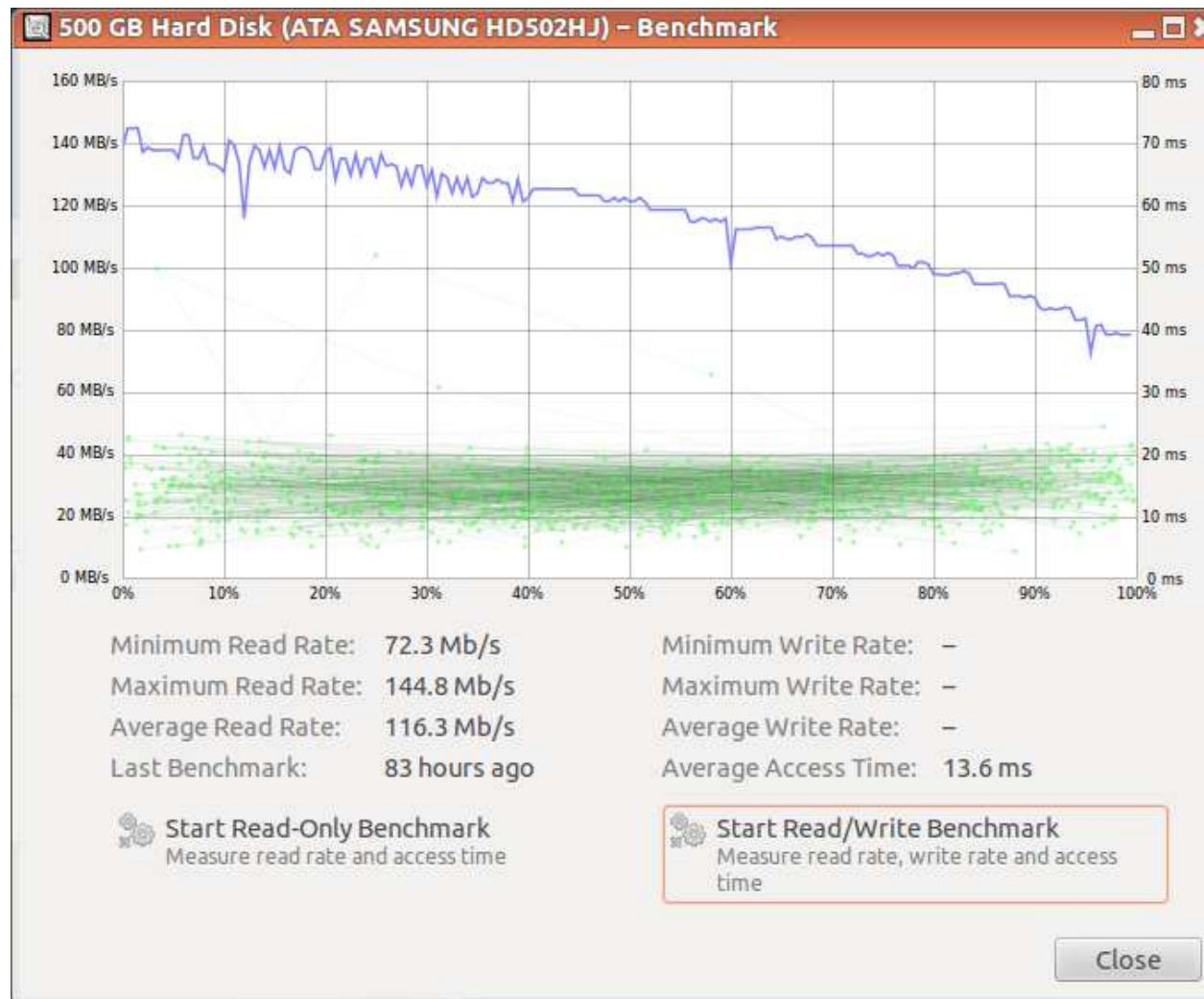
MART Hardware (overview)



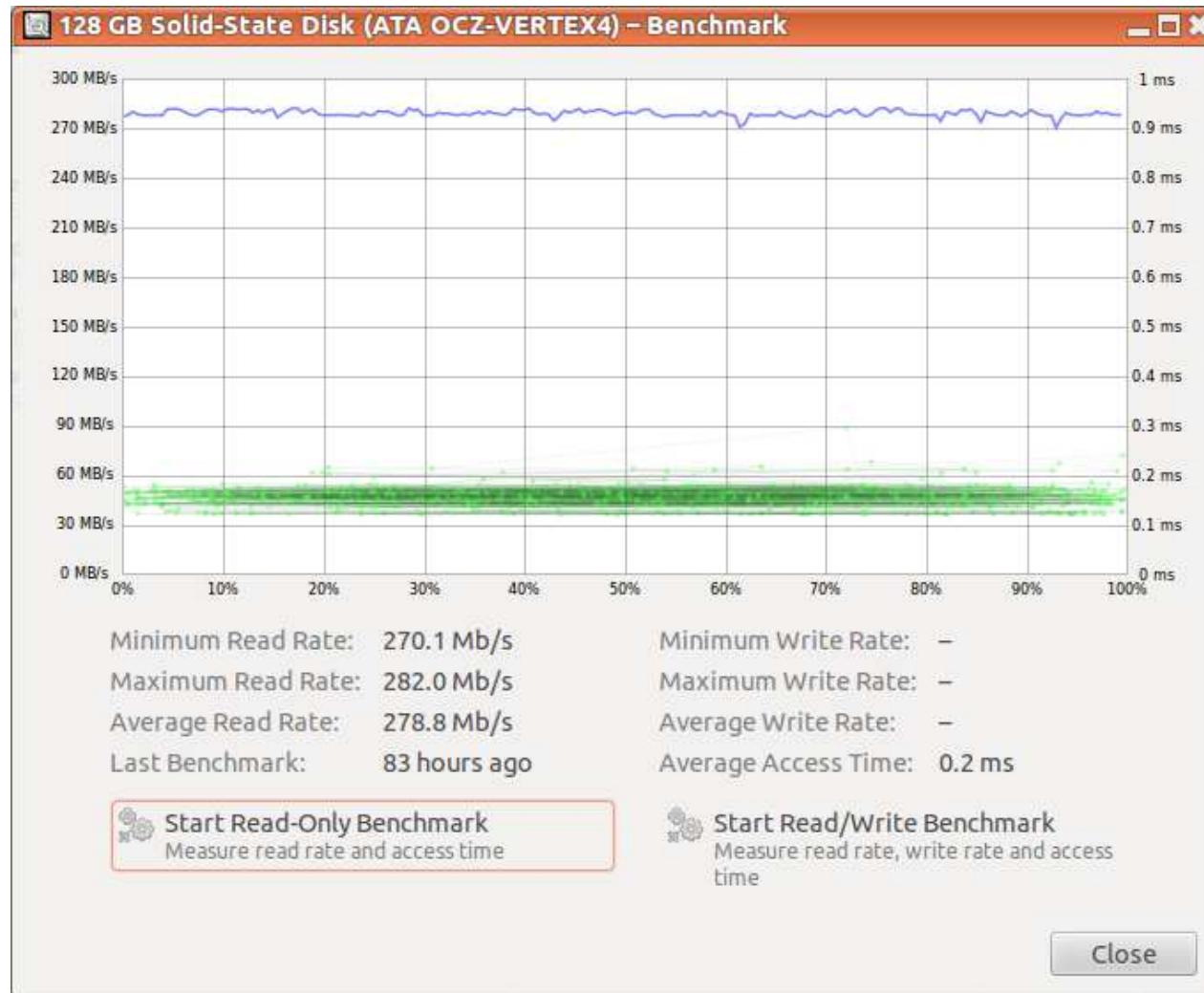
MART Hardware (mounts)



MART Hardware (HDD)

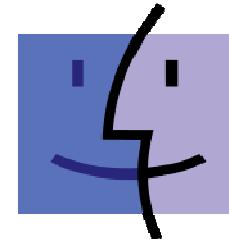


MART Hardware (SSD)



Next steps

- Barebone on-the-iron malware analysis
- Android platform support
- OSX platform support
- iOS platform support

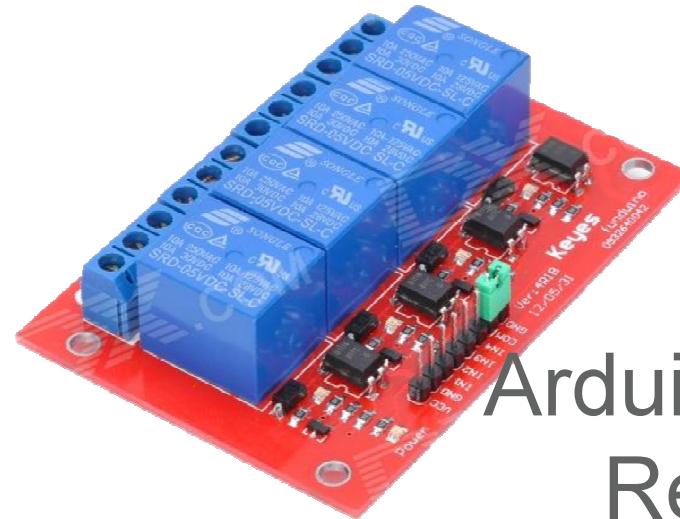
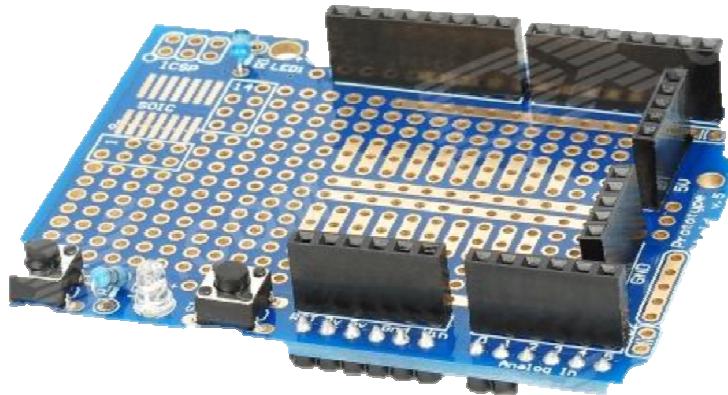


MacTM OS

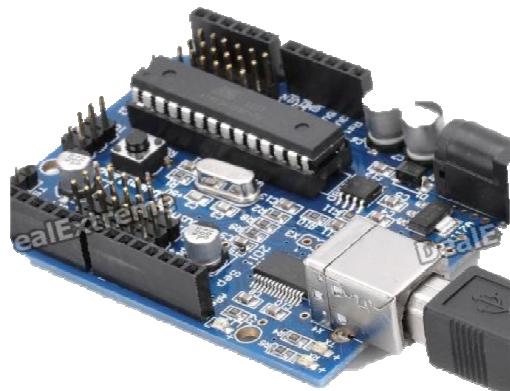
iOS

Proof of Concept hardware

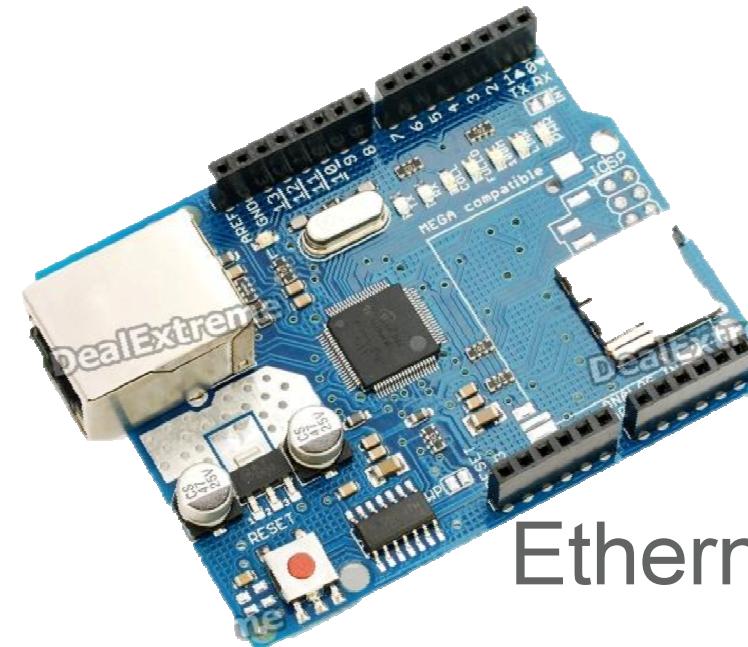
Prototype Shield



Arduino 4-Channel
Relay Shield



Arduino
Duemilanove



Ethernet Shield



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