



LEARNING MALWARE IN CLOUD AND VIRTUALIZATION AGE

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Who am I?
Who are we?

About This Presentation

- 1.Part **One**: Malware industry in China
- 2.Part **Two**: What we learned from malware
- 3.Part **Three**: Our “Steam” and Virtualization System

Underground Malware Industry

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Now

**China is not only the world's factory,
but also the *world's malware factory***

They totally **changed** our life

1. My parents' computer!☹
2. Changed how people are using the network/internet
3. **Maybe they are more cloud than us**☹

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4 tech waves

1. Server Side Wave 1998-2003

- 1) IIS, Serv-U, Apache, Samba, Jabberd etc

2. Client Side Trend 2002-2007

- 1) Image format: ANI, JPG, BMP etc

- 2) Windows Office doc, ppt etc

- 3) IE: ActiveX, HTML parser, XML parser

3. 3rd party applications attacking 2006-NOW, this done only for profit

4. 0day, Anti-Anti-Virus and underground industry

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Trend

1. From 06-07 they started using 3rd party vulns, Why?
 - 1) Very big local market and huge amount of users
 - 2) Users know more about security now (patch system, using anti-virus etc.)
 - 3) Some local security vendors supply patch service to users of pirated Windows (They all love it☺)
 - 4) Windows 0days really expensive now
 - 5) Local application vendors are totally lame (sell them Fortify!)
2. They use 0days in massive attacks, I'd never seen this before 2006, definitely a **phenomenon**
3. More 0days?
 - 1) RealPlayer
 - 2) Flash
 - 3) XunLei*
 - 4) UUSee
 - 5) Sina

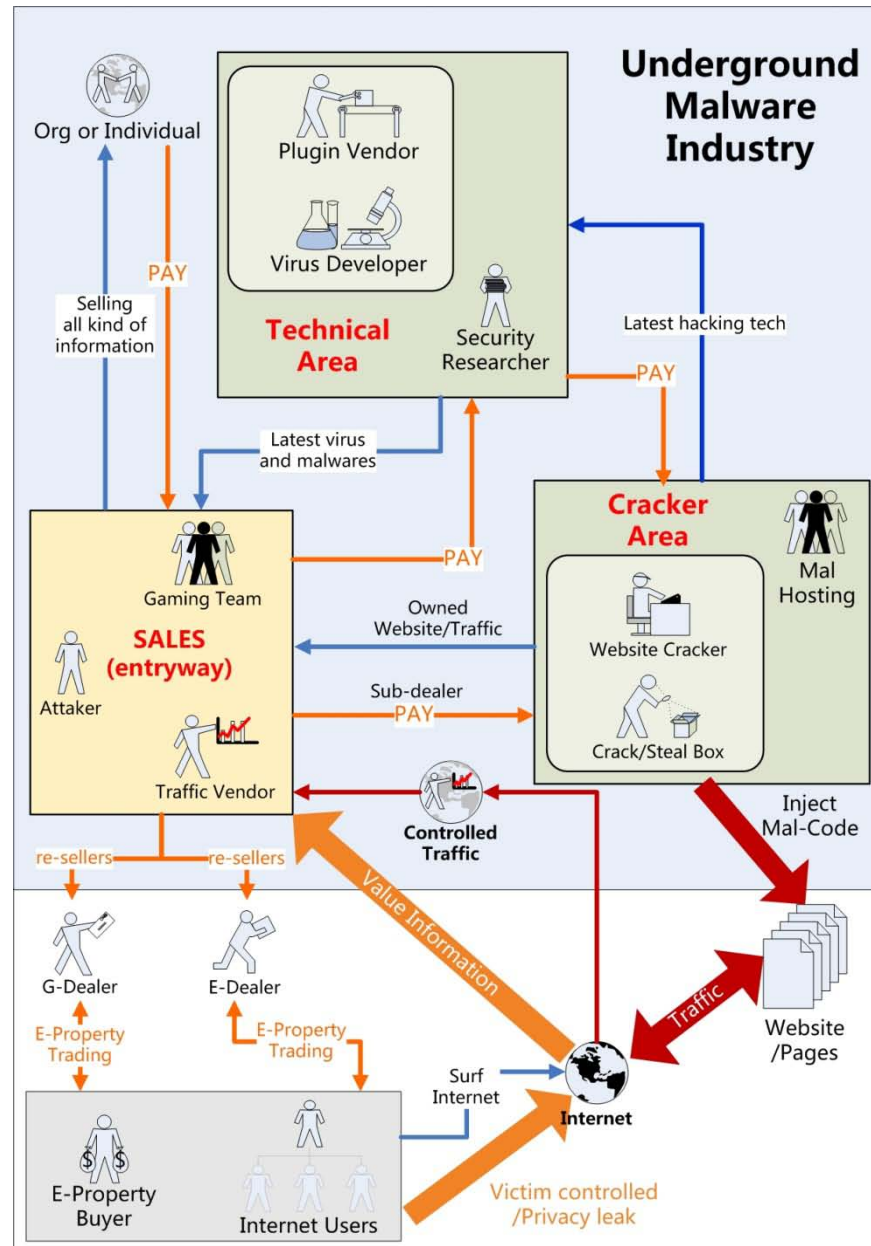
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Technique Trend

1. They like exploiting logic bugs
 - 1) Baidu Toolbar
 - 2) Snapshot
2. *Anti* Anti-Virus
Detect if Anti-virus exists
3. Bypass anti-virus: they **charge money** to make your malware bypass:
 - 1) Kaspersky
 - 2) Nod32
 - 3) Rising
 - 4) Kingsoft

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Map



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Next?

- Web 2.0? SNS worm☹
 - At Xkungfoo(xcon) 2008 we talked about SNS worm plus drive-by download attacks
<http://hi.baidu.com/ycosxhack/blog/item/c28fed54d7d0a35fd0090636.html>
 - This year something real
 - QQ zone worm
<http://forum.eviloctal.com/viewthread.php?tid=35024>
- Interactive web malware
 - Interacts with user to make *anti* anti-virus
 - Authentication
 - Flash AS
 - Silverlight?

What We Learned

What we learned

The Root

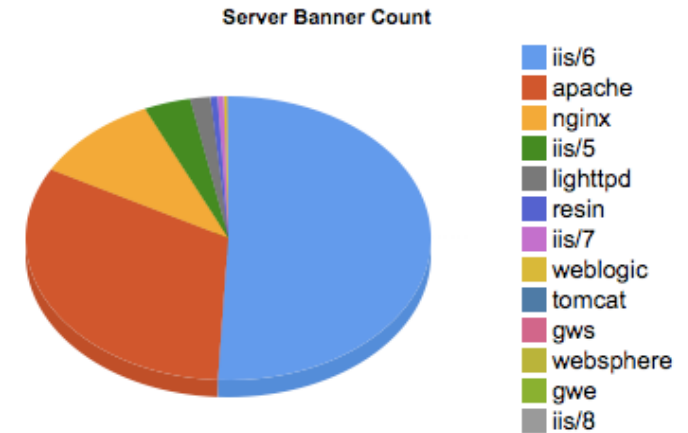
- What make of China web?

- Half of it is IIS6
- And Apache
- SQL injection and application

Vulnerabilities

- The root problem of China malware

- Poor web security☹
- Web sites injected drive-by download attacks
- We need find them all(How to do that?)



What we learned

Our System ScanW

- We need find all these websites
- Started in 2006
- We learned from:
 - *Google* safe browsing
 - Microsoft HoneyMonkey
 - McAfee SiteAdvisor
- We are based on:
 - Vmware Server 2.0
 - Python 2.5
 - Django 1.0
 - C
- We try to move these things to:
 - Google APP engine (GFW?)
 - Or using Hadoop (Java)?

What we learned

Our System ScanW

- We are not Google 😊
 - Lacking enough bandwidth
 - Not enough servers (just mist/water vapor rather than a cloud 😊)
- So these make our sandbox different
 - The main idea is not to get infected
 - Lightweight, faster
 - Behavior basis (APIs)
 - Suitable for China

What we learned

Malware

- The problems:
 - 80-90% victims get infected from the web
 - Poor web application security
 - Vulnerabilities in Internet Explorer and 3rd party vulnerabilities
 - 0day world! Using 0days to attack people
- What we can do for users?
 - Make a safer IE?
 - Make a clean/trustworthy web?

What we learned

Top 10 Malware Areas

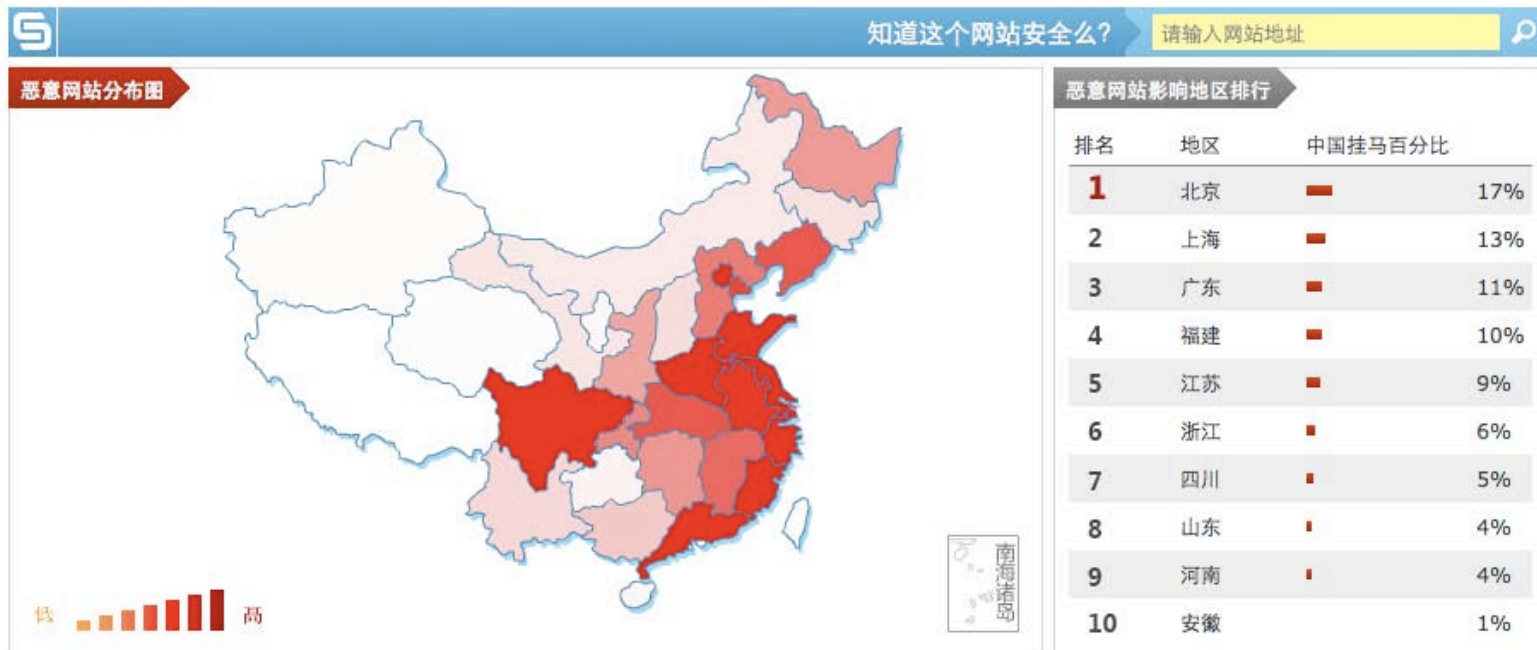
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用户名

密码

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What we learned

Top 10 Domains

1. We monitor **4,071,927** websites every day
2. Around 0.3% of them are malicious per day
3. Found **89073** websites were malicious at least once (2.2%)

1	.com		52
2	.cn		32
3	.net		7
4	.com.cn		5
5	.gov.cn		3
6	.org		2
7	.org.cn		1
8	.cc		0
9	.tw		0
10	.hk		0

Title Include: Bank,
insurance,

网站数目: 9465 这些网站
中出现过挂马的数目:
318 比例: 3.4%

What we learned

Target Attack + Mass Attack

1. They are using some popular keywords
2. Title Including Bank, Insurance, Securities 318 of 9465 are malicious
3. Title Including travel when there is a holiday.

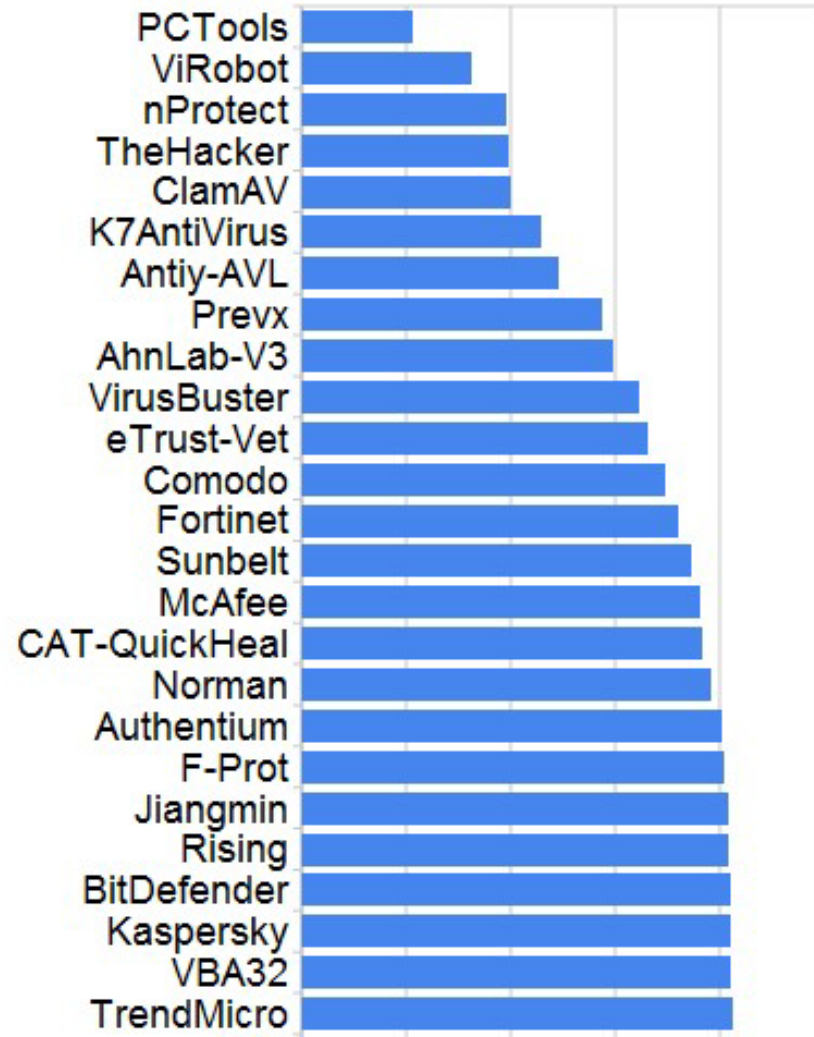
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	Site	Level	Title
1	www.hnta.cn	safe0	中国·河南·旅游
2	www.gzfree.net	safe0	贵州旅游网 荔波旅游 贵阳旅游 黄果树旅游 贵州...
3	www.istchina.com	safe0	德国ist体育休闲旅游学院
4	yyhjw.com	safe0	乐亭旅游预定网
5	bbs.u.cctv.com	safe0	旅游论坛 央视网
6	www.cloverhostel.cn	safe0	三叶草旅舍官网 - 三亚旅游/家庭旅馆/自由人/预订...
7	hssky.cn	safe0	黄山阿凡提网络科技 黄山网站建设,网页设计,域名...
8	wqvip.com	safe0	湘西散客自助旅游网
9	travel.xfol.com	safe1	襄樊旅游频道
10	www.9766.cn	safe0	用专业态度,诠释精细化商务/旅游服务!旅游在线....
11	bbs.yuxilife.cn	safe0	渝西生活论坛 渝西生活社区 渝西,生活,社区,吃...
12	www.wbzjj.com	safe0	【潇湘旅行网】提供张家界一地湖南全境旅游接待 商...
13	www.xdfv.com	safe0	新东方旅游视频网--景点视频、门票预订、动漫游记...
14	www.anyt.cn	safe0	东莞青旅 旅游专家 全能旅游资讯体验 旅游度假 ...
15	www.shanxiw.com	safe0	山西网 山西招聘 山西汽车 山西房产 旅游酒店 ...
16	zjsunny.com	mal1	安吉香溢度假村 安吉旅游 安吉酒店 安吉浙江
17	www.668friend.com	safe0	沈阳户外店休闲装备_福蓝特沈阳户外、沈阳户外店、...

What we learned

Top AV Engines

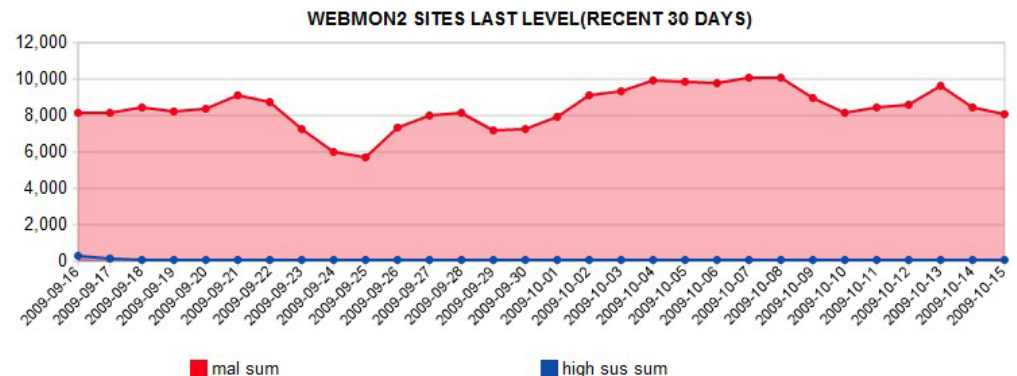
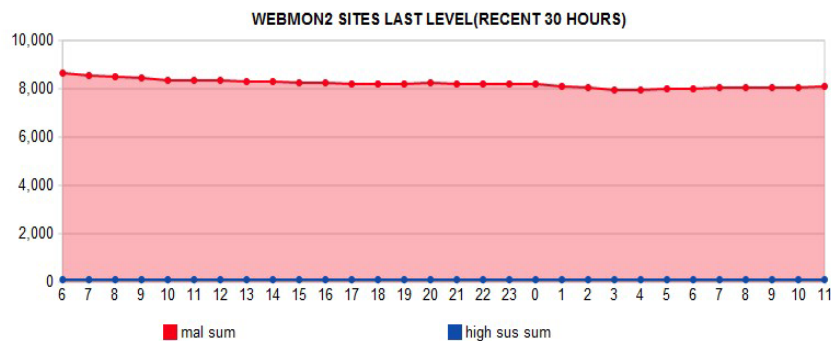
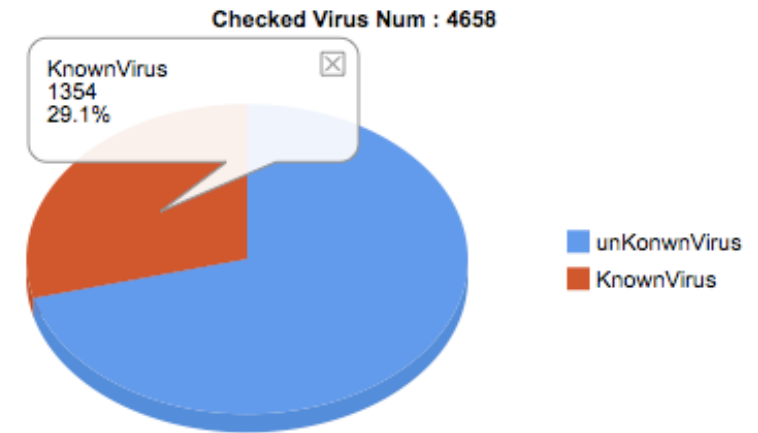
AV name	Percent(%) ▲
PCTools	21.44
ViRobot	32.59
nProtect	39.03
TheHacker	39.69
ClamAV	39.92
K7AntiVirus	45.72
Antiy-AVL	48.97
Prevx	57.67
AhnLab-V3	59.45
VirusBuster	64.52
eTrust-Vet	66.31
Comodo	69.41
Fortinet	71.93
Sunbelt	74.74
McAfee	76.11
CAT-QuickHeal	76.56
Norman	78.53
Authentium	80.24
F-Prot	80.86
Jiangmin	81.86
Rising	81.86
BitDefender	81.94
Kaspersky	82.14
VBA32	82.26
TrendMicro	82.51
AVG	82.64
Panda	82.71
F-Secure	82.84



What we learned

What we found

1. Malware market is busy
 1. They do a lot of things to anti anti-virus
 2. They heavily depend on downloaders
2. We capture all kinds of downloaders
 1. 858 downloaders per day
 2. Around 16% are new
3. We check them on VirusTotal, we found:
 1. 71% of them are new to VT
 2. Average detection rate is around 60%(already on VT)



How to find them?

Webmon Open APIs and Malware URL Data Feed

- Webmon Open APIs
 - Why: We believe our information is useful and we also need your help😊
 - What: We share malware and malicious websites information
 - How: http json apis
- Malware Urls Data Feed
 - FTP download
 - Email real time feed

How to find them?

Webmon Open APIs

- Website reputation api😊
 - Function: Checking the history of websites we monitoring
 - Format:
`https://webmon.knownsec.com/apis/open_query?site=www.yoursite.com&type=[text|json]`
- Website scan api
 - Function: Behavior-based real-time check
 - Format:
`https://webmon.knownsec.com/apis/scan?urls=url1,url2,...,urln&key=secret-key`
- Beta testing invitation mail: `sec@knownsec.com`

How to find them?

Knownsec Intelligence Portal

Relational

Smart Search

Source Target Url Target MD5

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Demo

Our “Steam” and Virtualization System

What we are facing

The Root

- Using 0day and logic vulnerabilities attack
- 3rd party applications' vulnerabilities
- Aggressive Anti-Anti-Virus Tech
- More attack beyond signature detection
- Poor web security problem in China
- Our resource is limited
 - A “Steam” system😊
 - A virtualization system

What we are facing

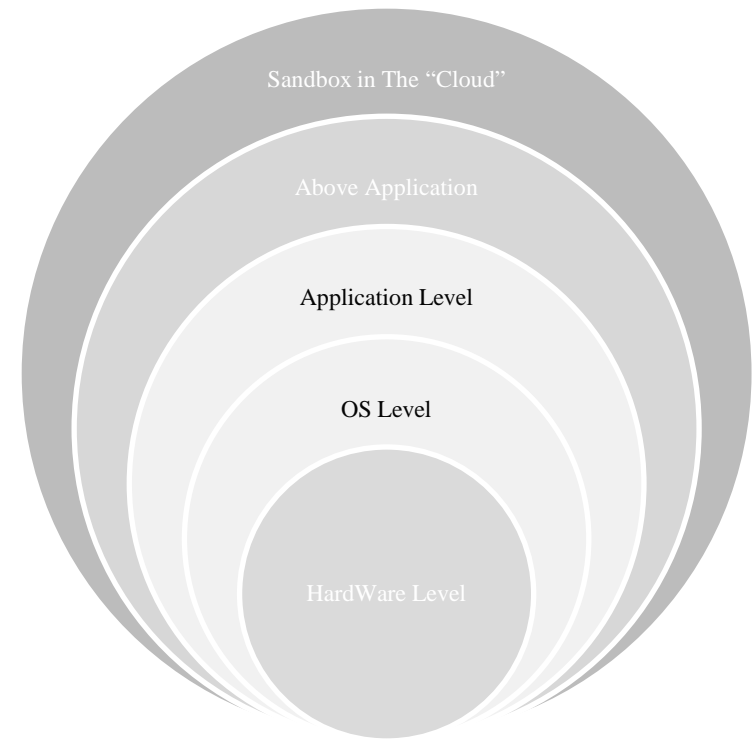
how to solve these problems

- Our virtualization philosophy for detecting malware
- We tested 4 system:
 - Signature
 - Behavior
 - Virtualization
 - Virtualization + Behavior
- Our conclusion
 - Don't use signature to detect them!
 - Virtualization + Behavior and put it to a cloud is the best system

What we are facing

The Cloud System

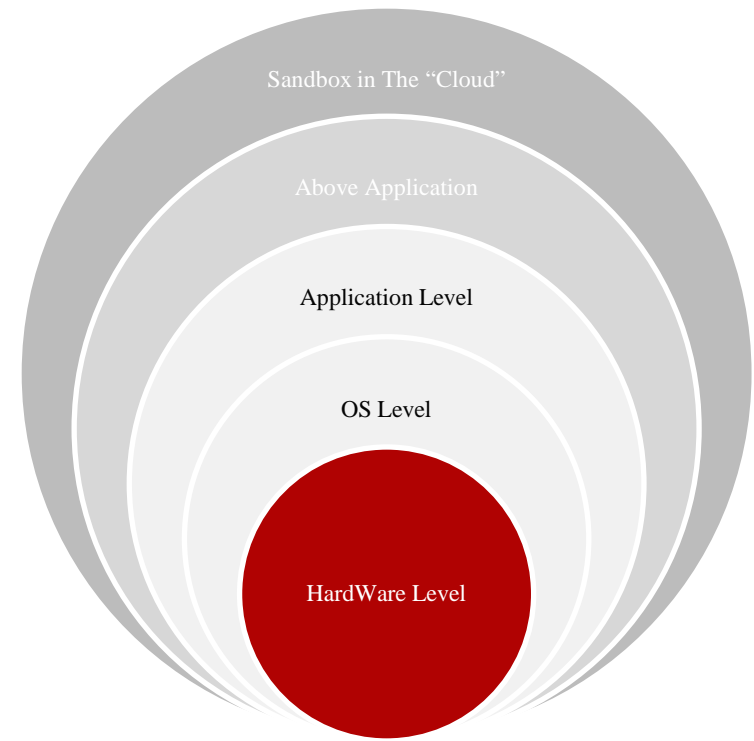
- Client type cloud system
 - We build a IE plugin
 - More sensitive
 - Many FPs
- Server type cloud system
 - More control
 - Need more resource
 - A platform of virtualization



We try to solve this by virtualization

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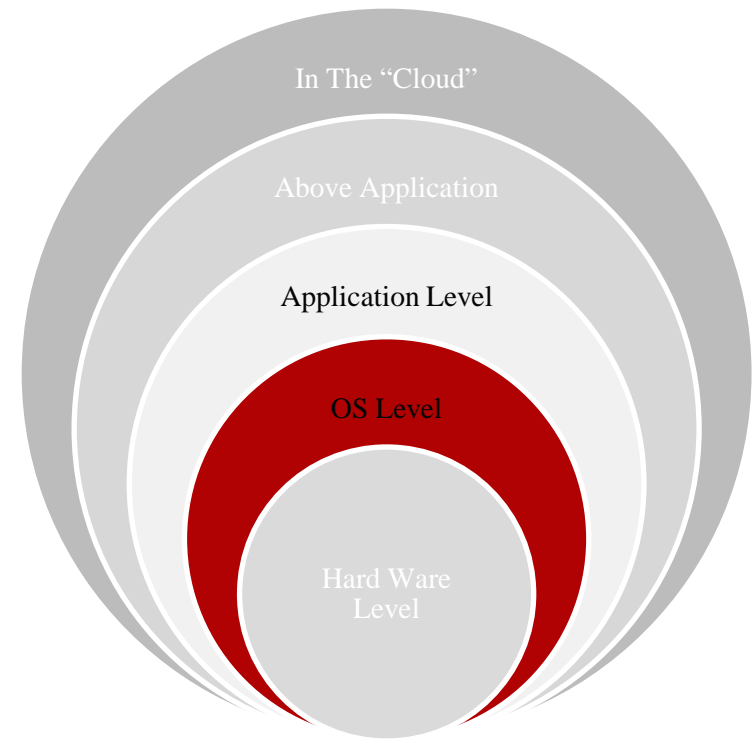
- HW level: Vmware Server
 - Free!☺
 - VIX APIs
 - Object:
 - Managing the guest OS
 - Base of the “Cloud”



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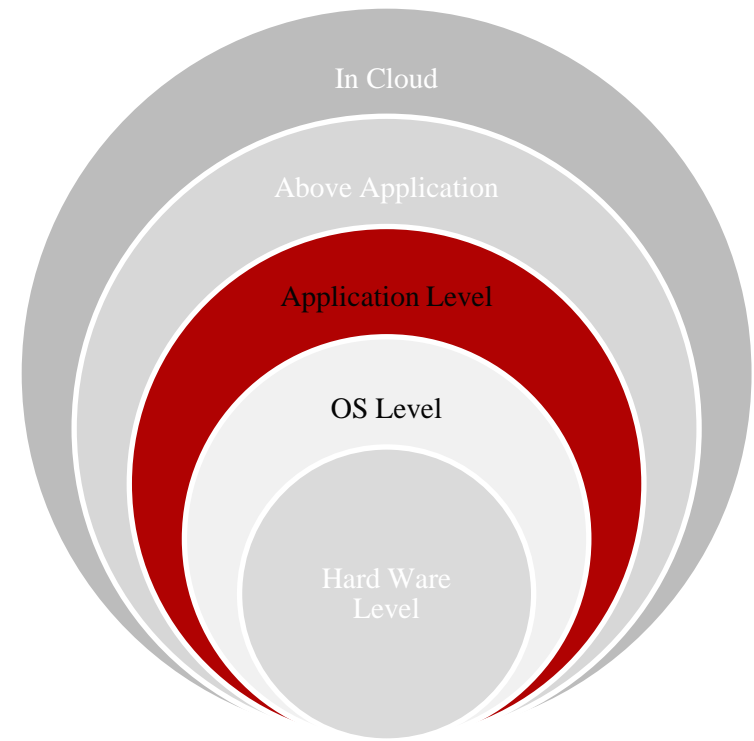
- OS level:
 - Our main idea is not get infected
 - Like a small HIPS but monitoring
 - File system, Register, APIs etc.
- Objects:
 - Protecting OS from 0day attacks



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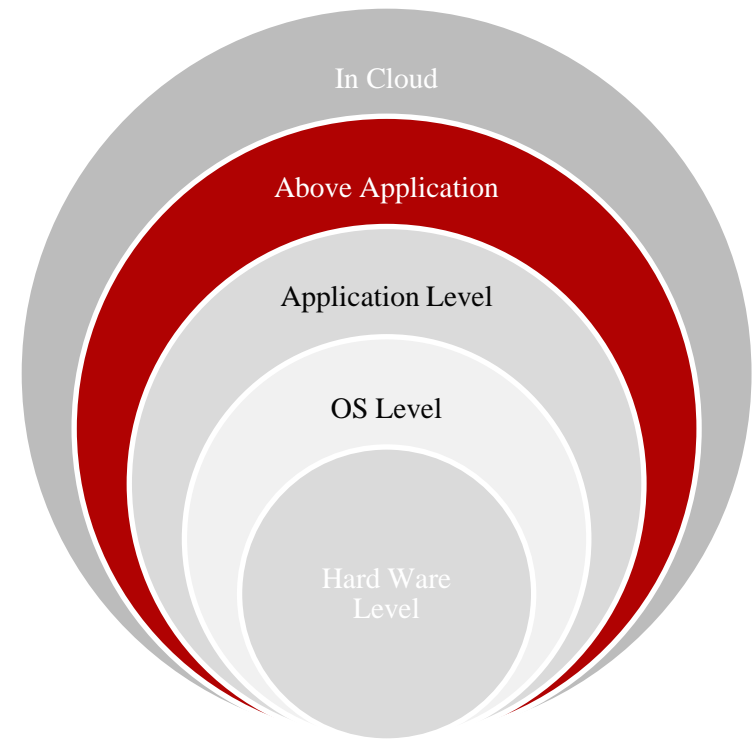
- App Level:
 - Browser virtualization
 - IE based
 - 3rd party application virtualization
- Objects:
 - Detecting IE, 3rd app vulnerability attack
 - Anti-Anti-Anti-Virus☺



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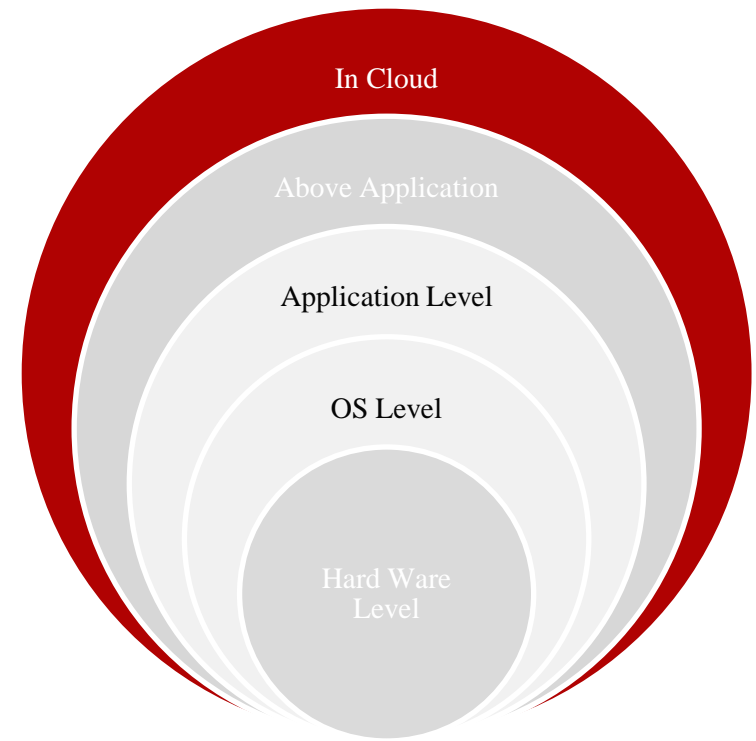
- Above App Level:
 - Javascript, Vbscript virtualization
 - Monitoring
 - Recording
- Objects:
 - Anti-Anti-Anti-Virus😊
 - Detecting any script related behavior



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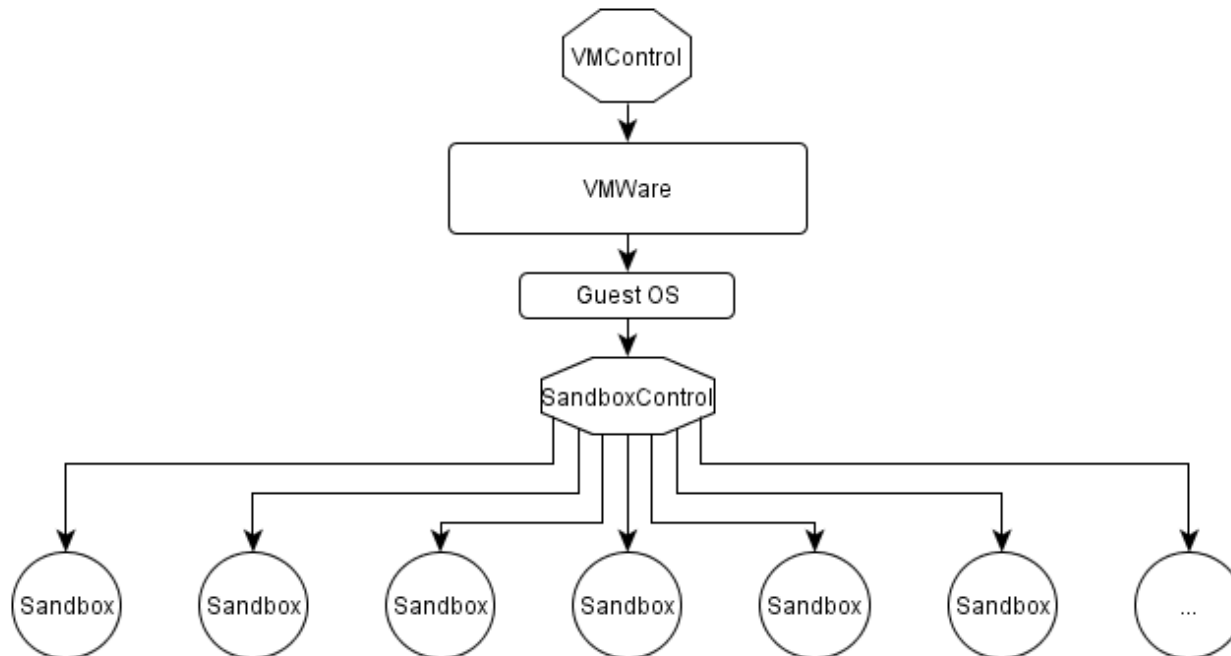
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 - Sandbox idea
 - Distributed system



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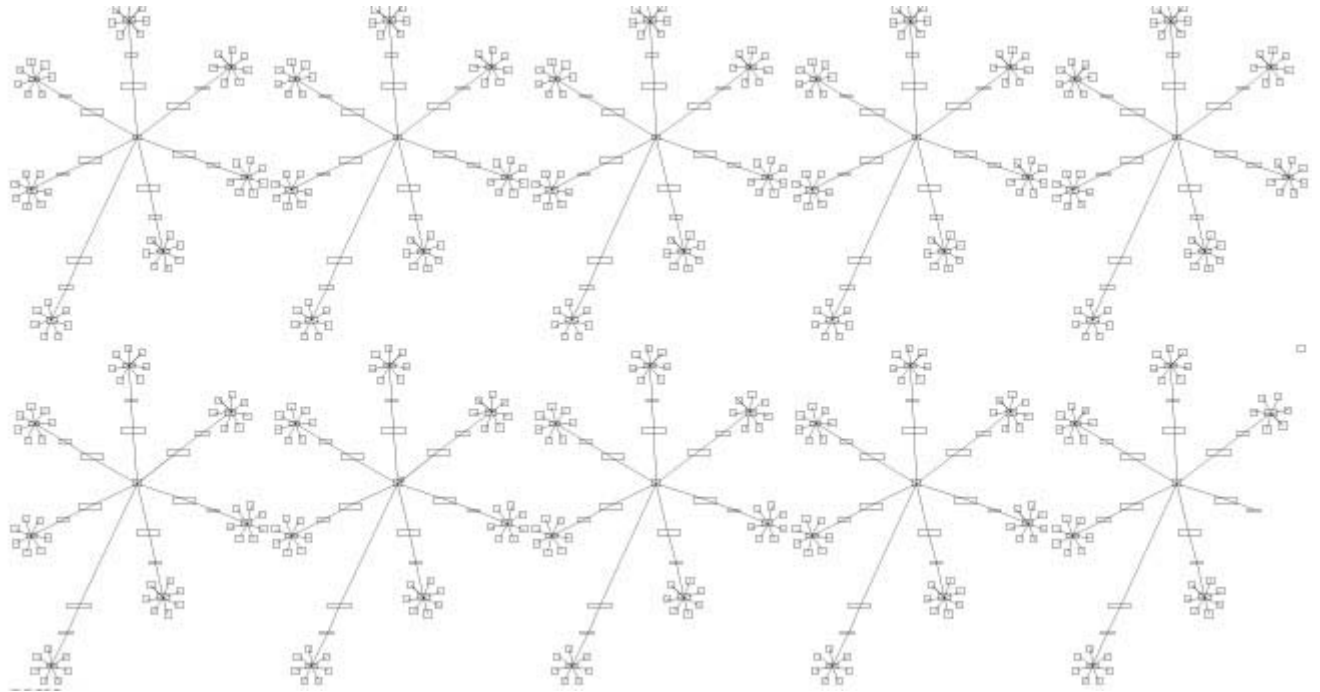
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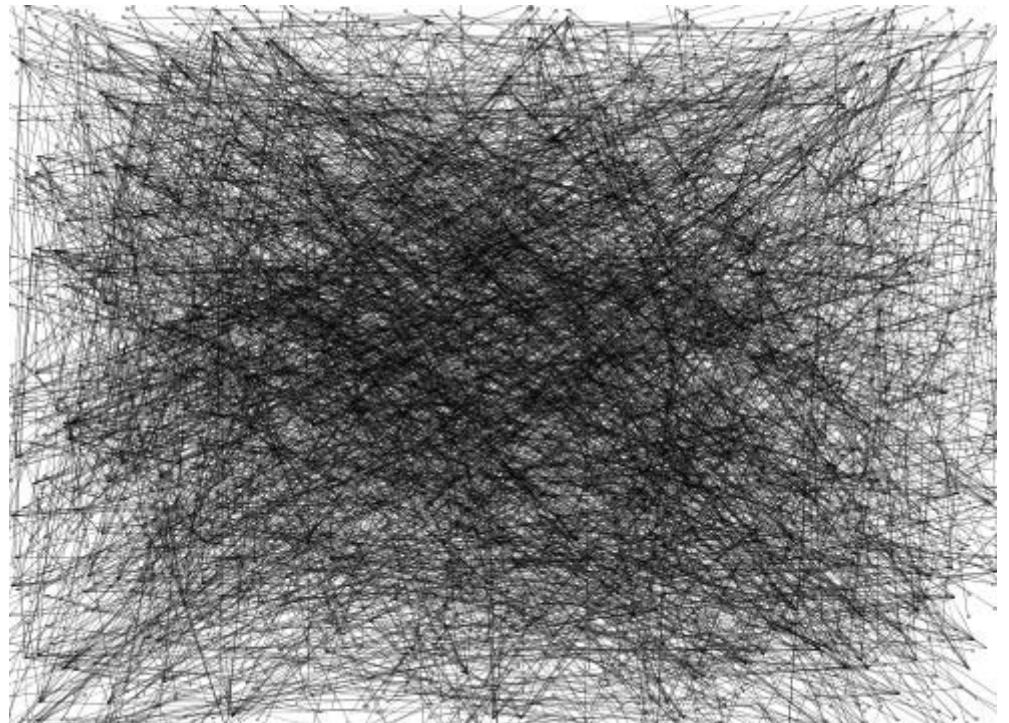
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Q/A

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