

# *Malware Reweaponization*

## *case study*

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# *Executive Summary*



# Context

- Vincent R. Stewart, DIA Chief, 2017
  - “Once we've isolated malware, I want to reengineer it and prep to use it against the same adversary who sought to use against us”
- WikiLeaks
  - “The UMBRAGE team maintains a library of application development techniques borrowed from in-the-wild malware”

# *Man vs Machine*

the rematch



# Malware Architecture

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Outer shellcode

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Dropper executable

Payload buffer -  
encrypted+zip

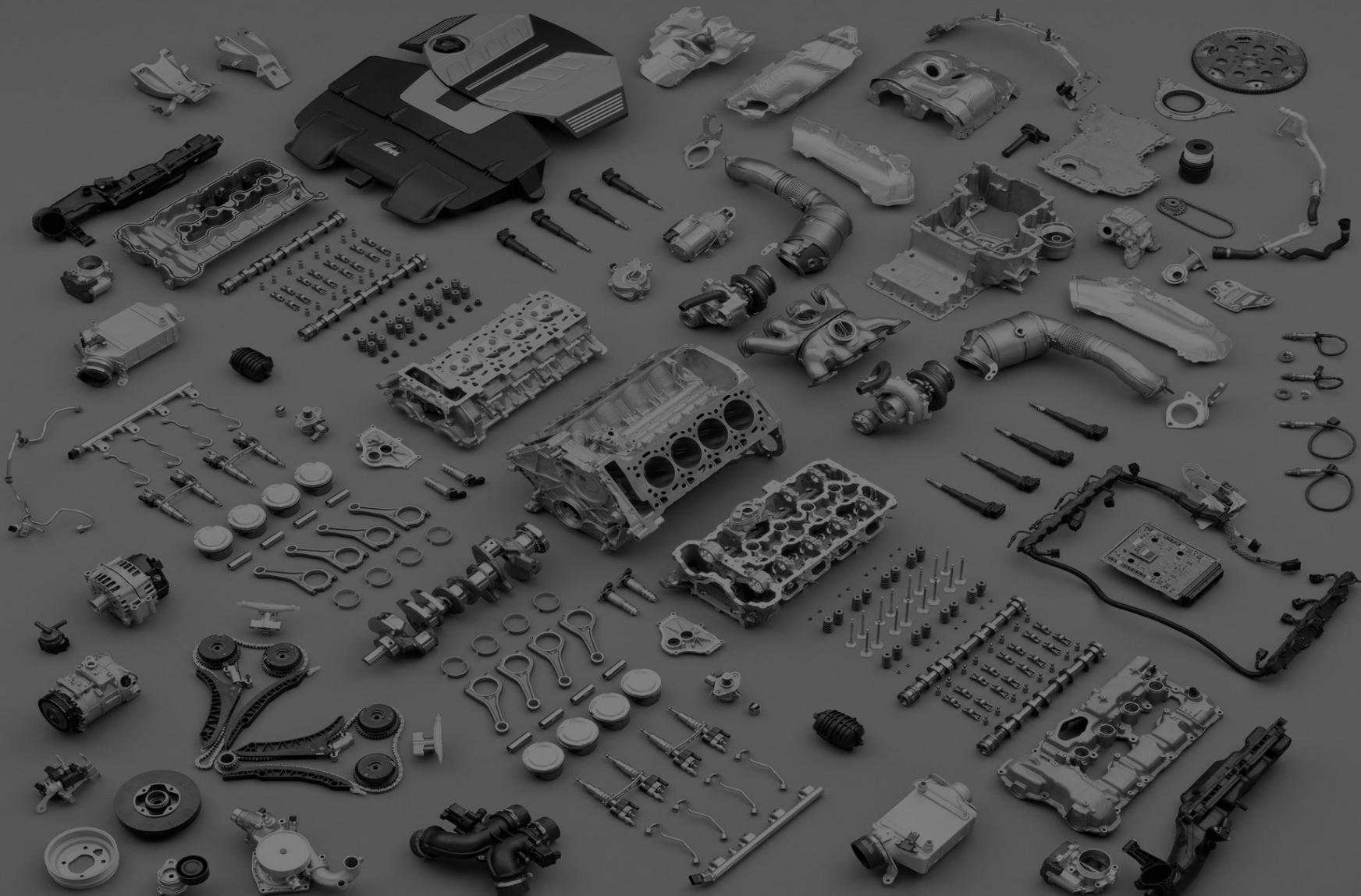
Payload exe

C&C - encrypted

32bit CVE-2017-0263  
exe

64bit CVE-2017-0263  
exe

CVS 2017-  
0262  
EPS exploit





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# Challenges

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# *Reobfuscation*

- Perfect symmetry
- Known algorithms
- Reimplementation
- One-time pad generation
  - Keystream not affected by input

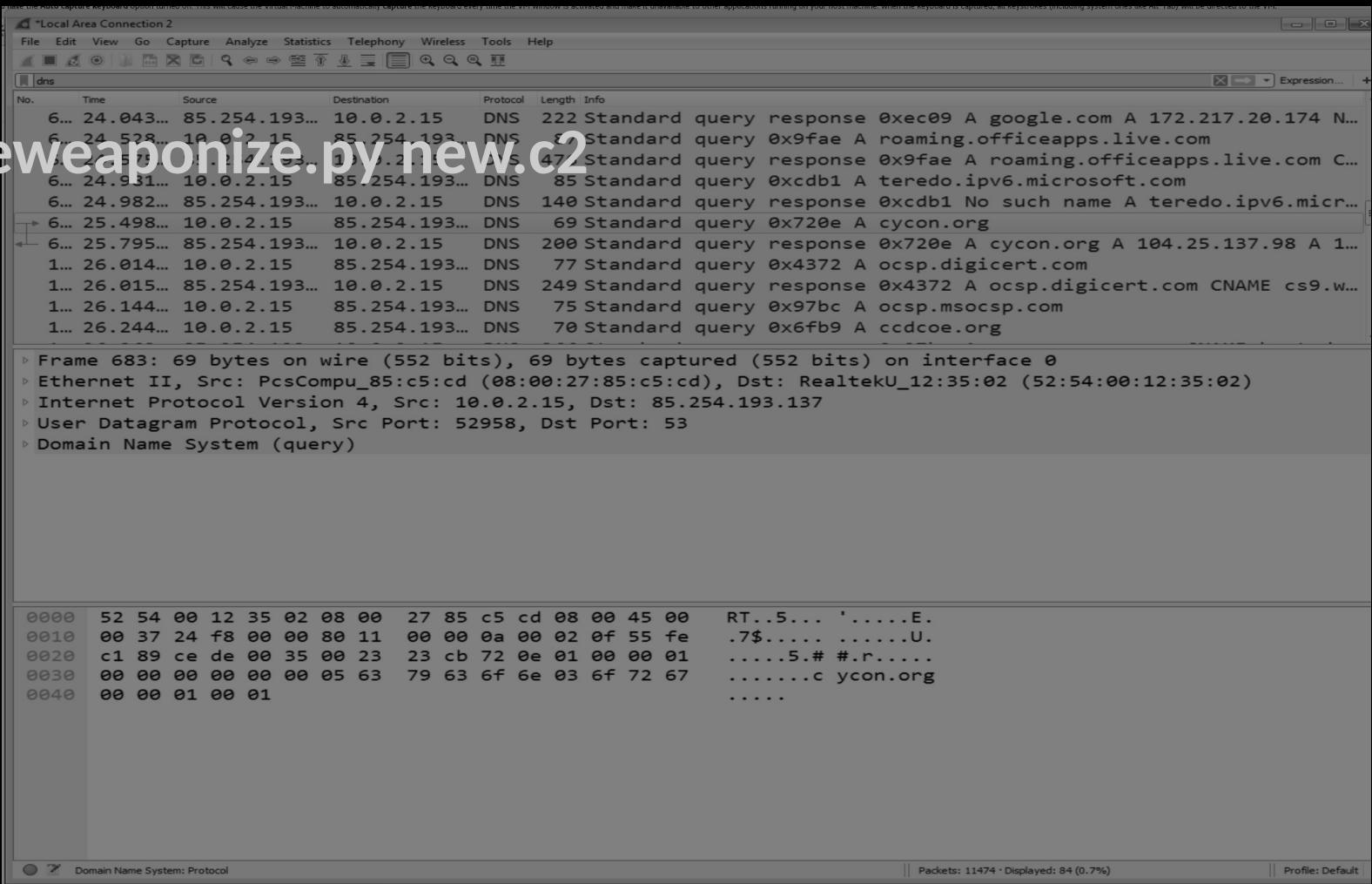




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# PoC

- > python reweaponize.py new.c2



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# Threshold



# *Sky is Not Falling*





*Paldies!*