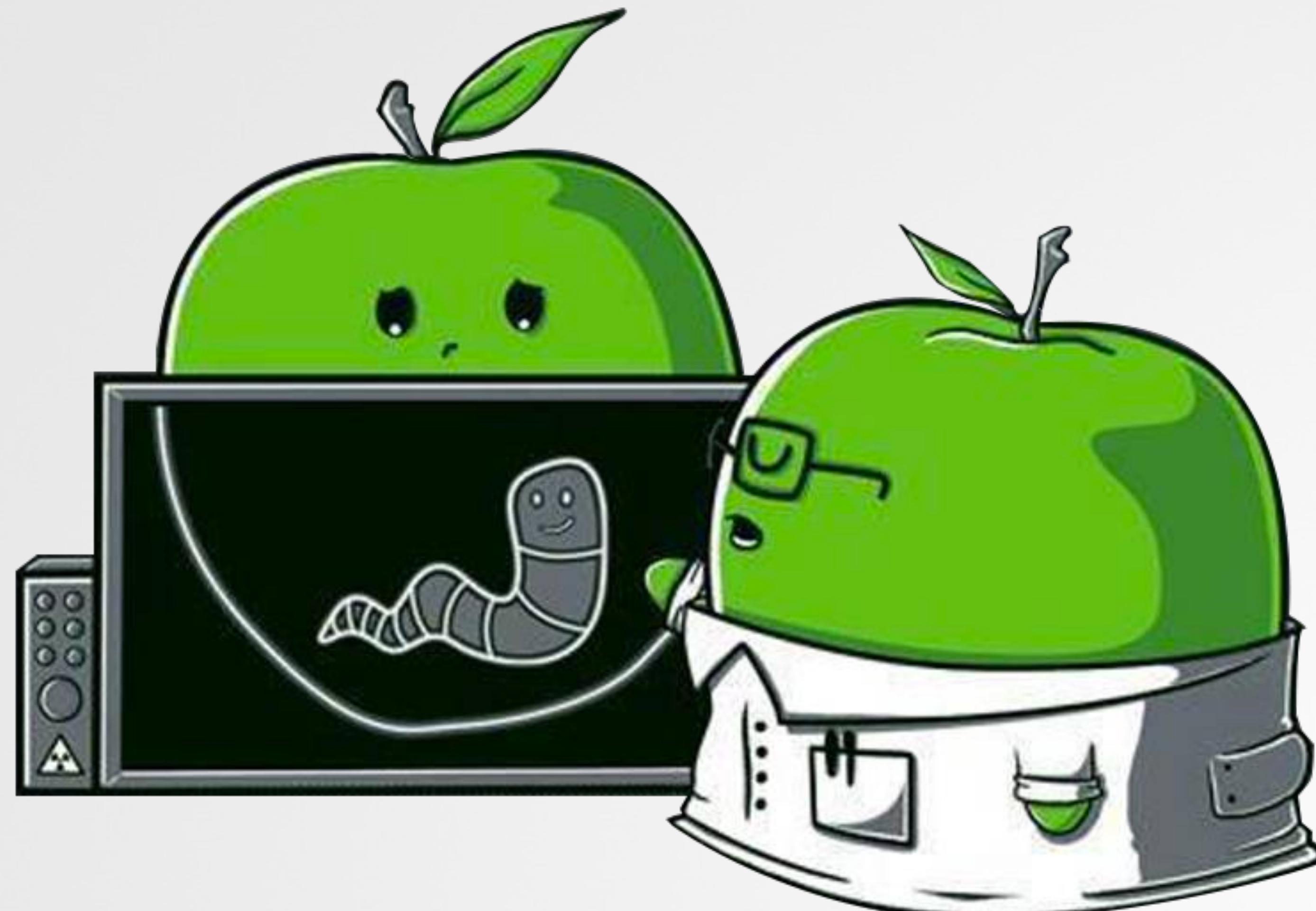


OverSight

exposing spies on macOS

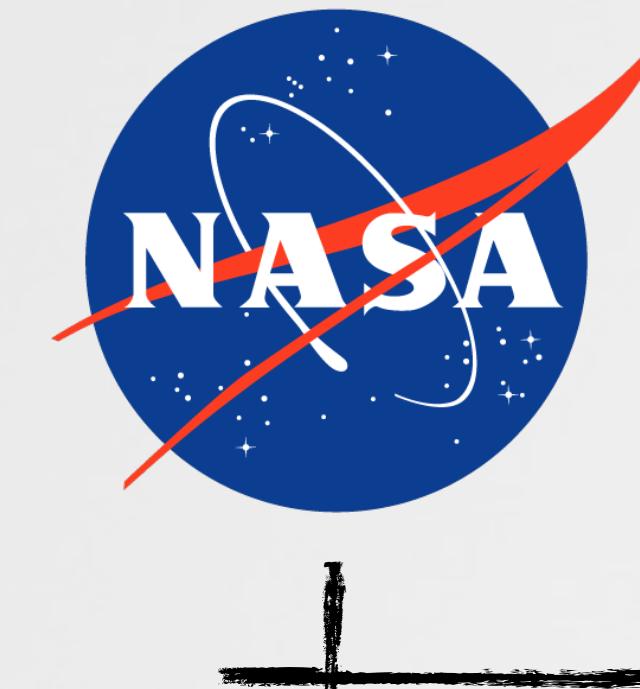
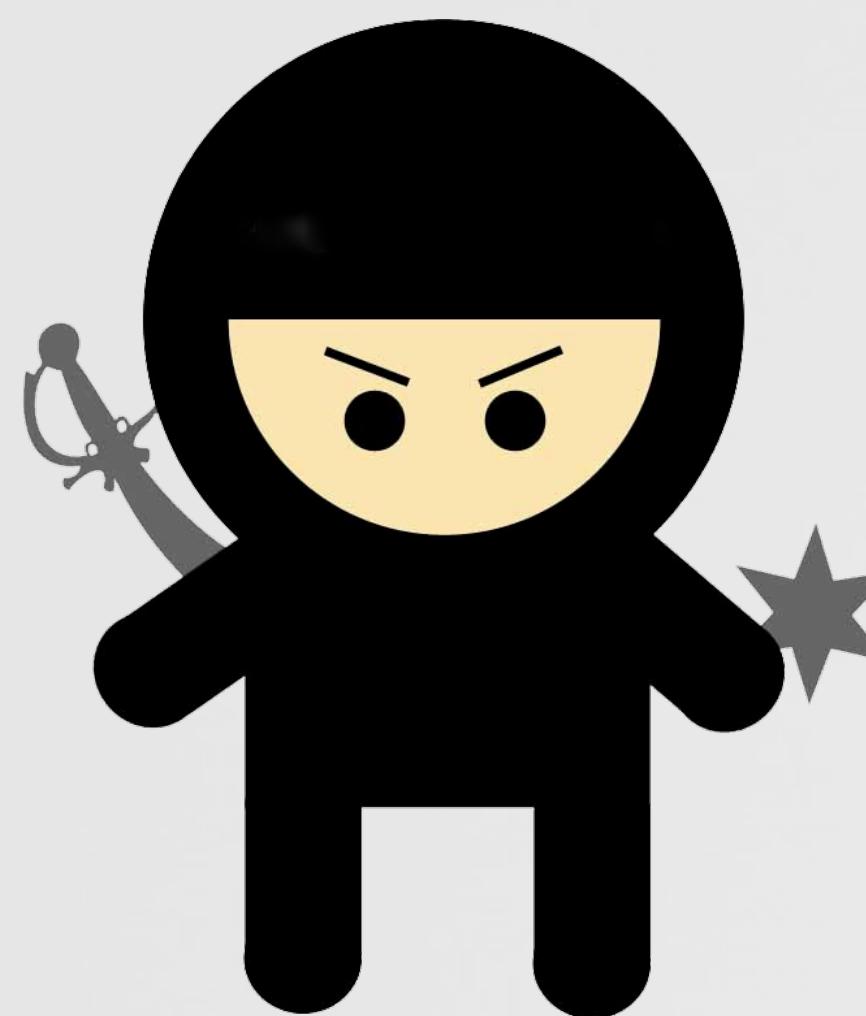


WHOIS



security for the
21st century

“leverages the best combination of humans and technology to discover security vulnerabilities in our customers’ web apps, mobile apps, IoT devices and infrastructure endpoints”



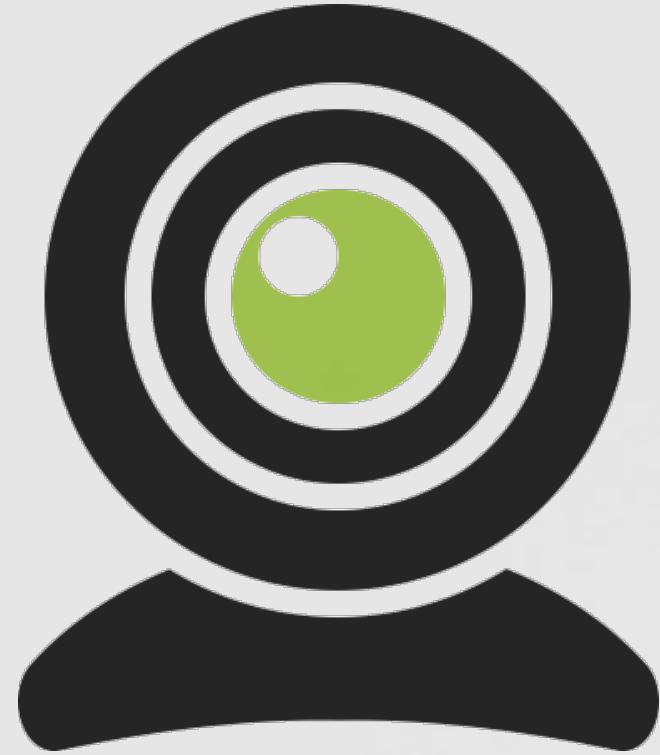
@patrickwardle



Objective-See

OUTLINE

exposing audio/video spies on macOS



background



mac malware



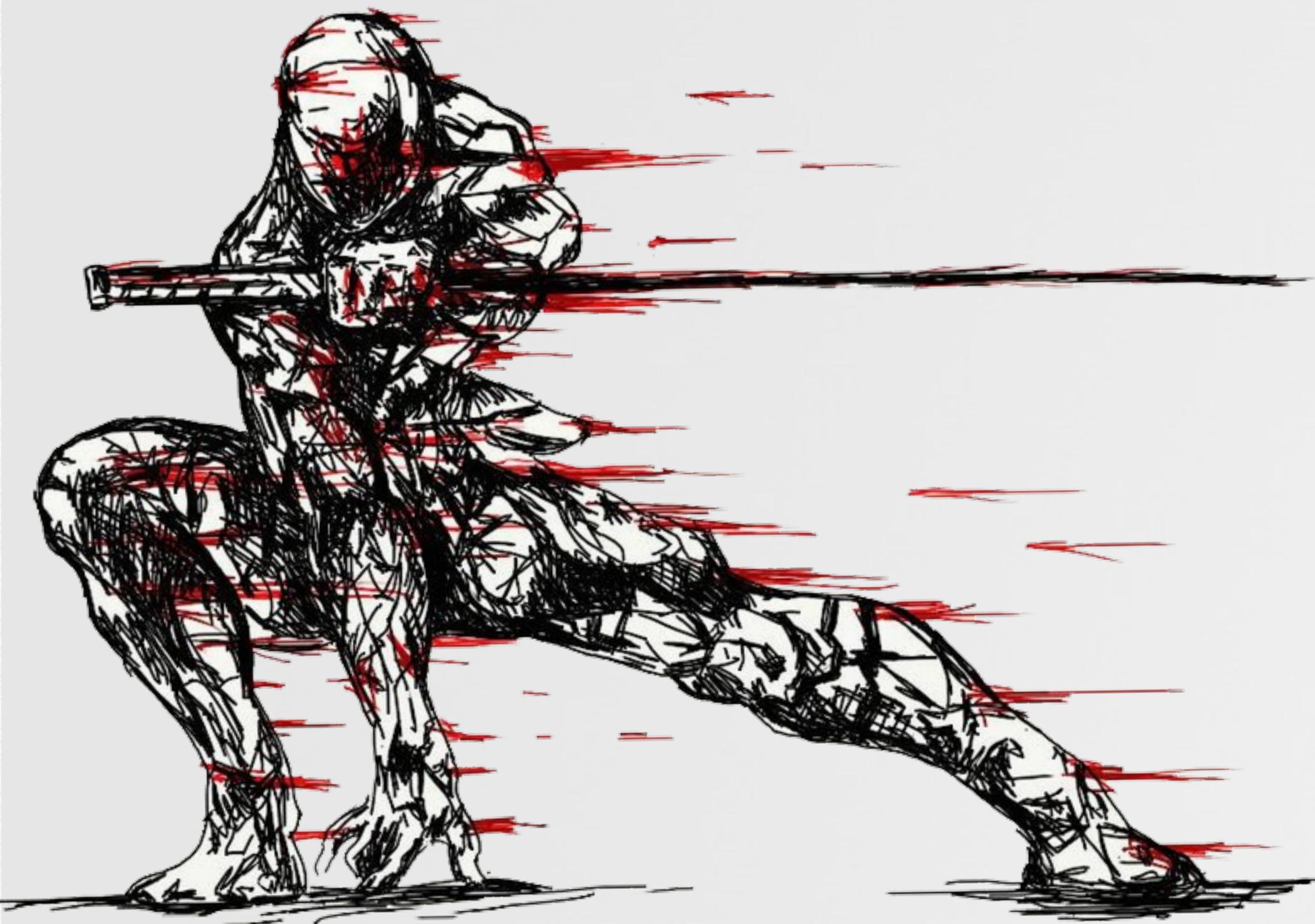
'piggy-backing'



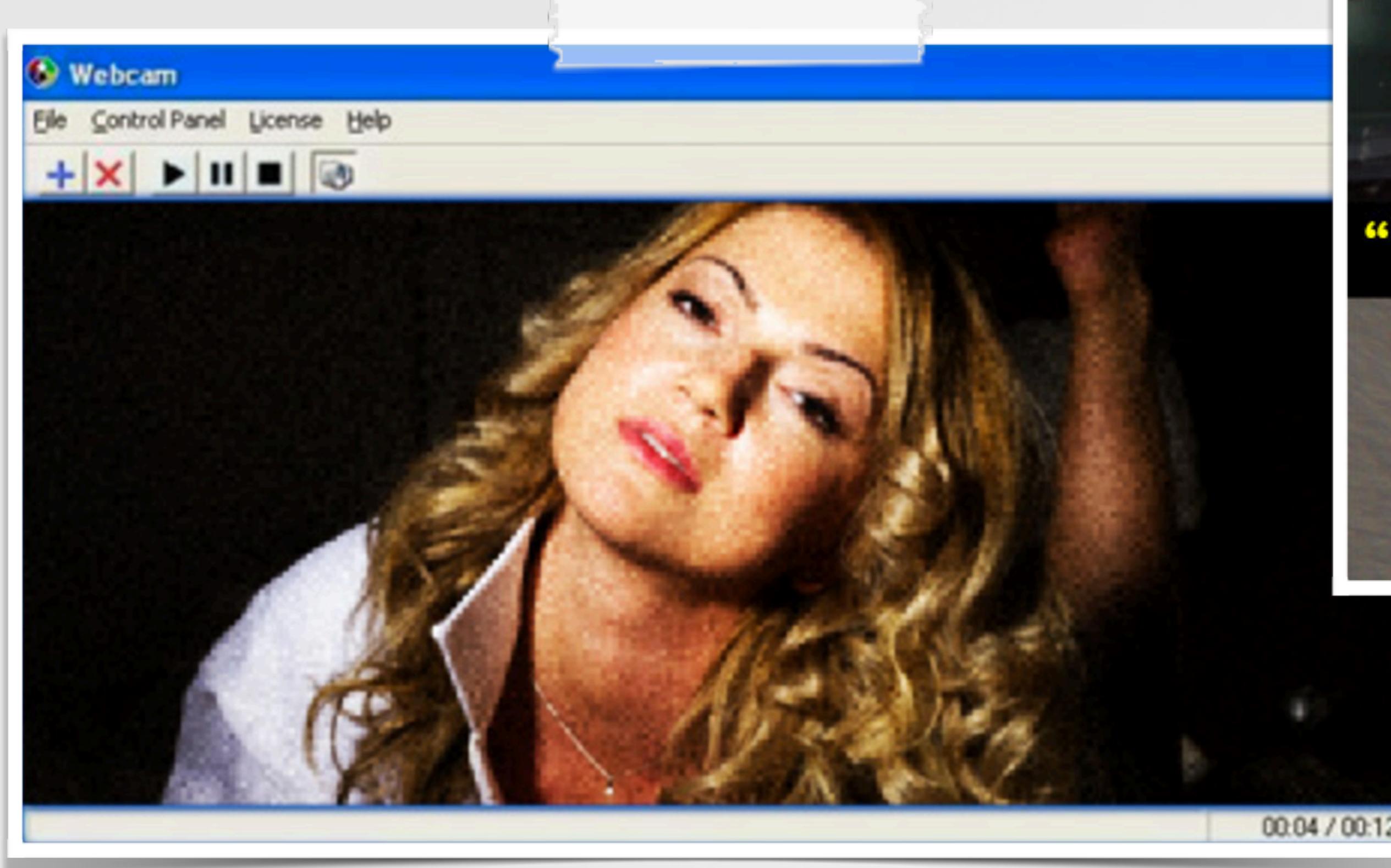
protection

BACKGROUND

lights, camera, action



WEBCAMS in the news (hackers)



*"meet the men who spy on women
through their webcams"*
-arstechnica.com



"shut up and dance"
-black mirror (S3, E3)

WEBCAMS

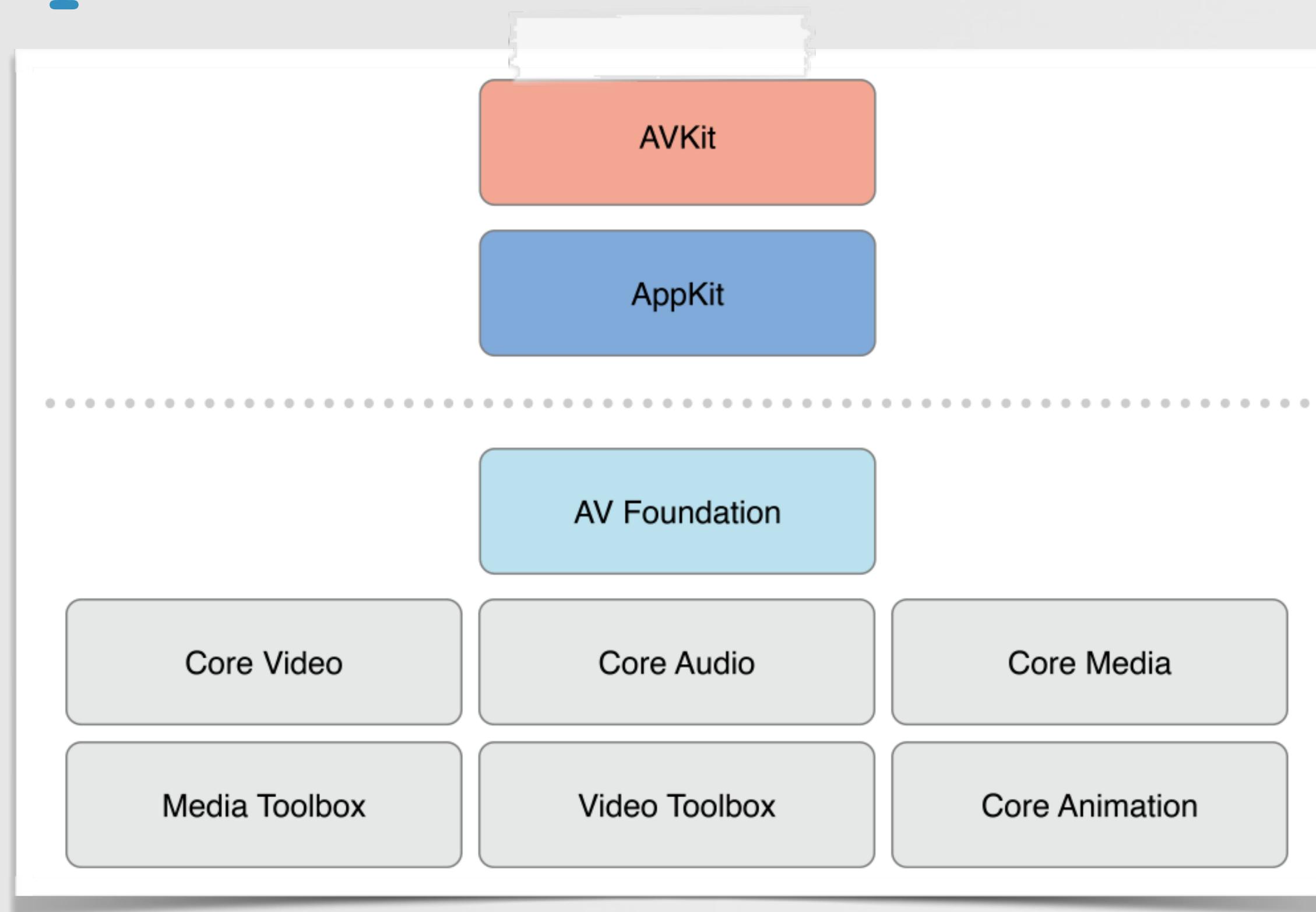
in the news (governments)



*"NSA and its spy partners possess specialized tools
for...taking surreptitious pictures and videos"*
-wired.com

PROGRAMMATICALLY ACCESSING THE WEBCAM/MIC

simplest; use `avfoundation's apis`



AVFoundation stack (OS X)



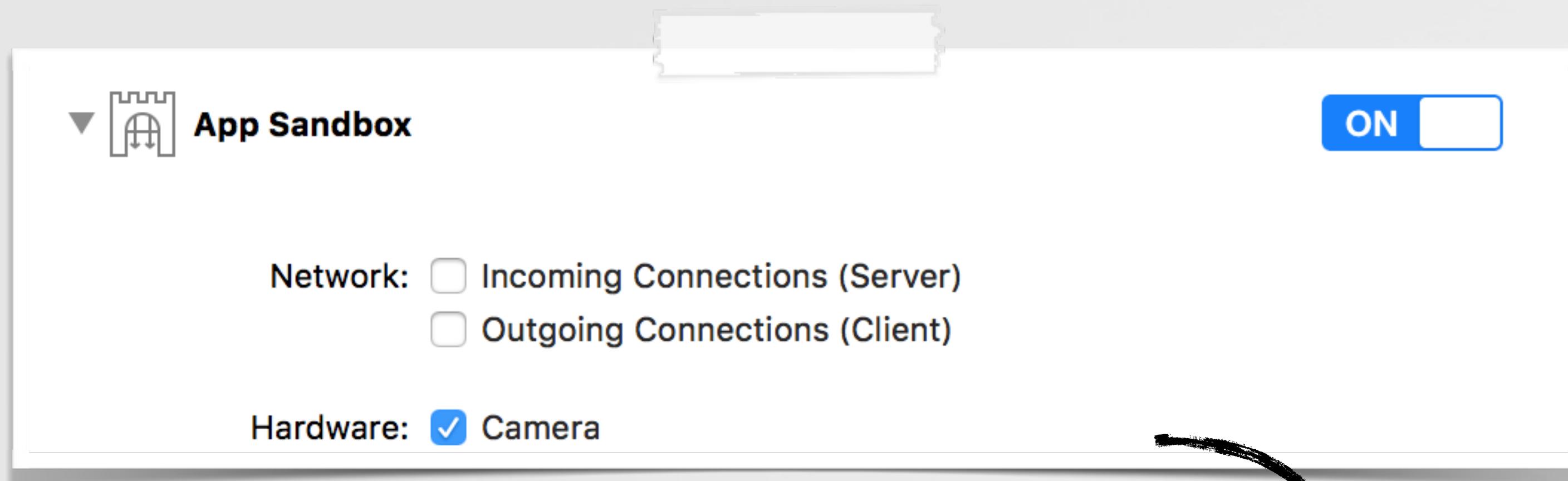
avfoundation: "you can use it to examine, create, edit, or re-encode media files. You can also get input streams from devices..." -apple



"AVFoundation Programming Guide" (apple)



SANDBOXED APPS + WEBCAM ACCESS? must explicitly specify via entitlements



Key	Type	Value
▼ Entitlements File		
App Sandbox	Boolean	YES
com.apple.security.device.camera	Boolean	YES

entitlement: 'com.apple.security.device.camera'



non-sandboxes apps, do not require an entitlement to access the webcam

RECORDING VIDEO ON MACOS

I main() / sigint (ctl+c) handler

```
#import "VideoSnap.h"
#import <AVFoundation/AVFoundation.h>

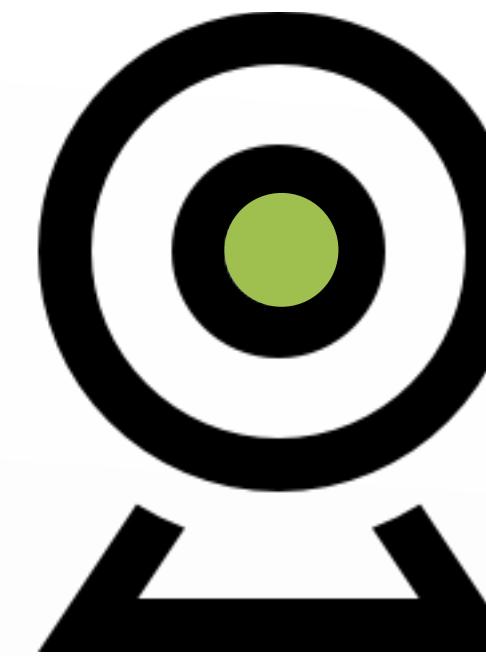
VideoSnap *videoSnap;

//ctl+c handler
void SIGINT_handler(int signum) {
    //stop recoding
    [videoSnap stopRecording:signum];
}

int main(int argc, const char * argv[]) {
    //setup ctl+c handler
    signal(SIGINT, &SIGINT_handler);

    //alloc/start recording
    videoSnap = [[VideoSnap alloc] init] record];

    //run loop
    [[NSRunLoop currentRunLoop] run];
}
```



"videosnap"

[github.com/
matthutchinson/videosnap](https://github.com/matthutchinson/videosnap)

RECORDING VIDEO ON MACOS

2 video recoding logic (via avfoundation)

```
//class interface
@interface VideoSnap : NSObject <AVCaptureFileOutputRecordingDelegate> {
    AVCaptureSession *session;
    AVCaptureMovieFileOutput *output;
}

-(void)record {

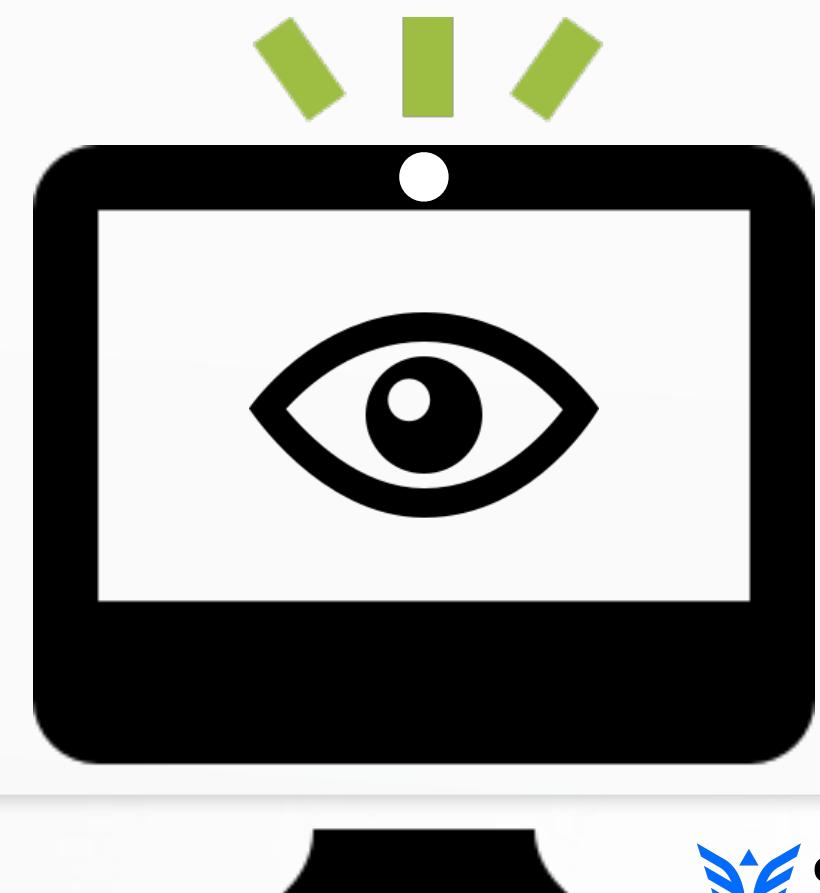
    //grab default device
    AVCaptureDevice* device = [AVCaptureDevice defaultDeviceWithMediaType:AVMediaTypeVideo];

    //init session and output file obj
    session = [[AVCaptureSession alloc] init];
    output = [[AVCaptureMovieFileOutput alloc] init];

    //init video input
    AVCaptureDeviceInput *input = [AVCaptureDeviceInput deviceInputWithDevice:device error:nil];

    //add input & output
    [self.session addInput:input];
    [self.session addOutput:output];

    //go go go!
    [self.session startRunning];
    [movieFileOutput startRecordingToOutputFileURL:
        [NSURL fileURLWithPath:@"out.mov"] recordingDelegate:self];
}
```



RECORDING VIDEO ON MACOS

3 stopping/finalizing the video capture

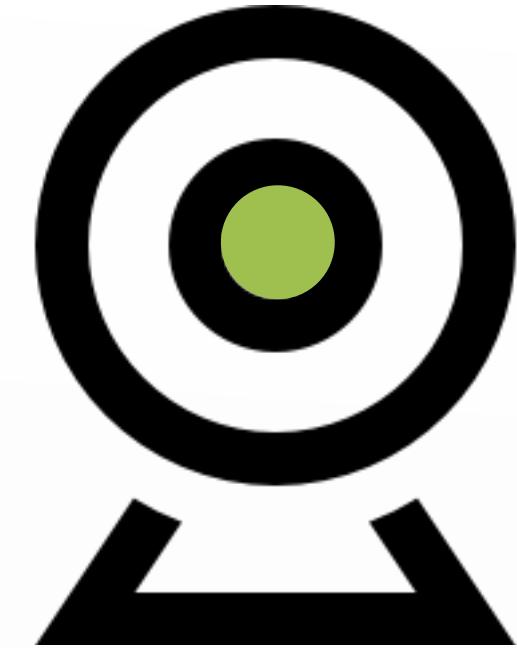
```
//invoke from ctl+c handler
// ->invoke stopRecording on 'AVCaptureMovieFileOutput' object
-(void)stopRecording:(int)sigNum {

    //stop recording
    [self.output stopRecording];

}

// AVCaptureFileOutputRecordingDelegate delegate method
// ->automatically invoked when output file is done 'writing out'
-(void)captureOutput: (AVCaptureFileOutput *)captureOutput
    didFinishRecordingTo outputFileAtURL: (NSURL *)outputFileURL
    fromConnections: (NSArray *)connections
    error: (NSError *)error {

    //stop session & exit
    [self.session stopRunning];
    exit(0);
}
```



```
$ ./videoSnap
capturing video off 'FaceTime HD Camera'

^ctl+c
....saving capture to 'out.mov'

$ file out.mov
ISO Media, Apple QuickTime movie (.MOV/QT)
```

RECORDING AUDIO ON MACOS

simply find/add device of type 'AVMediaTypeAudio'

```
//get default audio device  
AVCaptureDevice *audioDevice = [AVCaptureDevice defaultDeviceWithMediaType:AVMediaTypeAudio];  
  
//create input device  
AVCaptureDeviceInput *audioInput = [AVCaptureDeviceInput deviceInputWithDevice:audioDevice  
error:nil];  
  
//add to capture session  
[self.session addInput:audioInput];
```

...

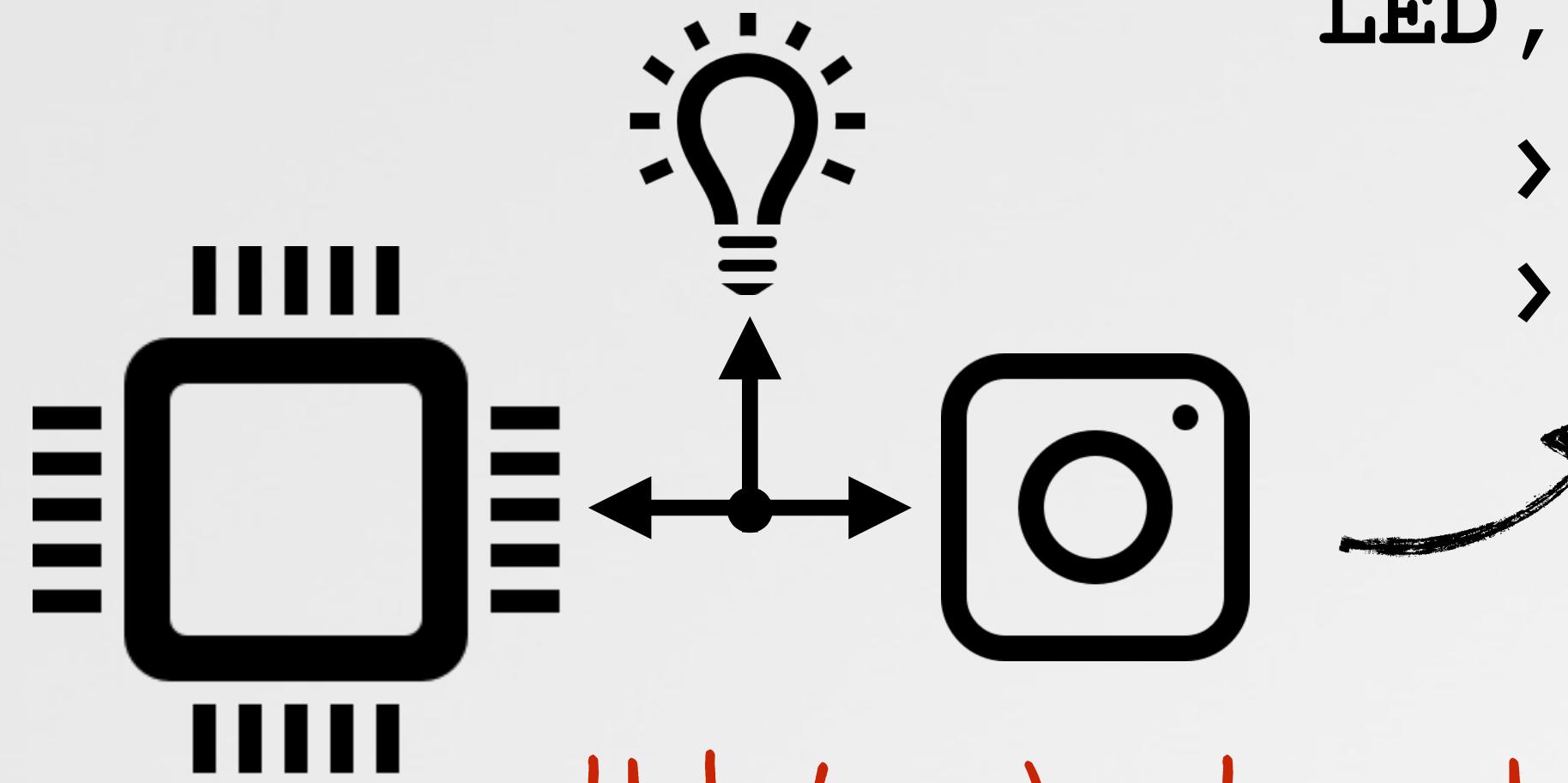
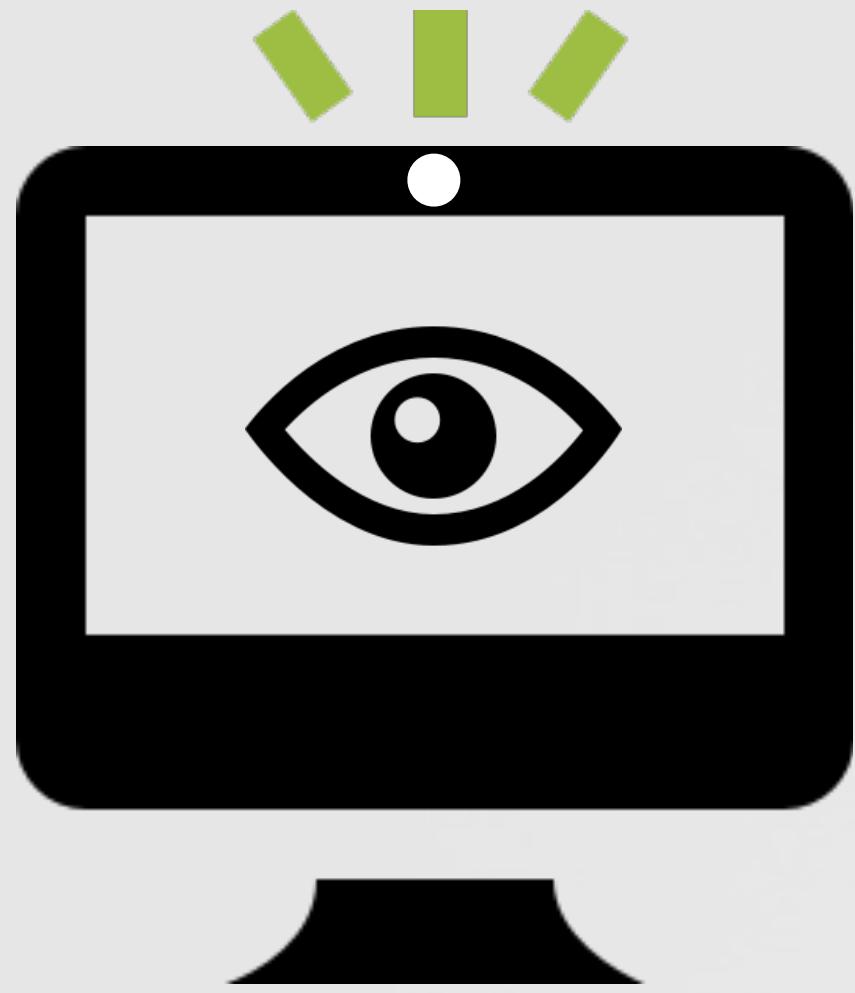
```
$ ./audioSnap  
capturing audio off 'Built-in Microphone'  
  
^ctl+c  
....saving capture to 'out.mov'  
  
$ file out.mov  
ISO Media, Apple QuickTime movie (.MOV/QT)
```



no alert (LED, etc)

THE WEBCAM LED

hardware based, in firmware



LED, hardware based

- > immutable?
- > signed firmware?

tl;dr (now) extremely difficult (physical access?)

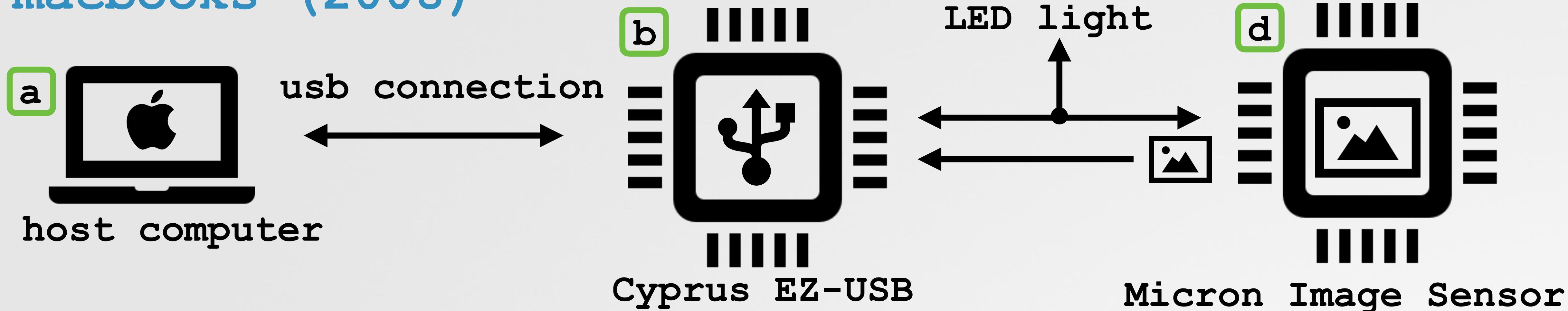


Q: "Is it possible for someone to hack into the camera...and the green light not be on?"

A: "This feature is implemented in the firmware...
Now, while it's technically possible to replace that firmware, you would have to do some Mission Impossible sh** to pull that off (break into Apple/Chinese camera chip manufacturer, steal firmware source code, modify it, and then somehow inject it into the camera, which probably involves physically removing it from the computer)"
-reddit

ISIGHT ARCHITECTURE

macbooks (2008)



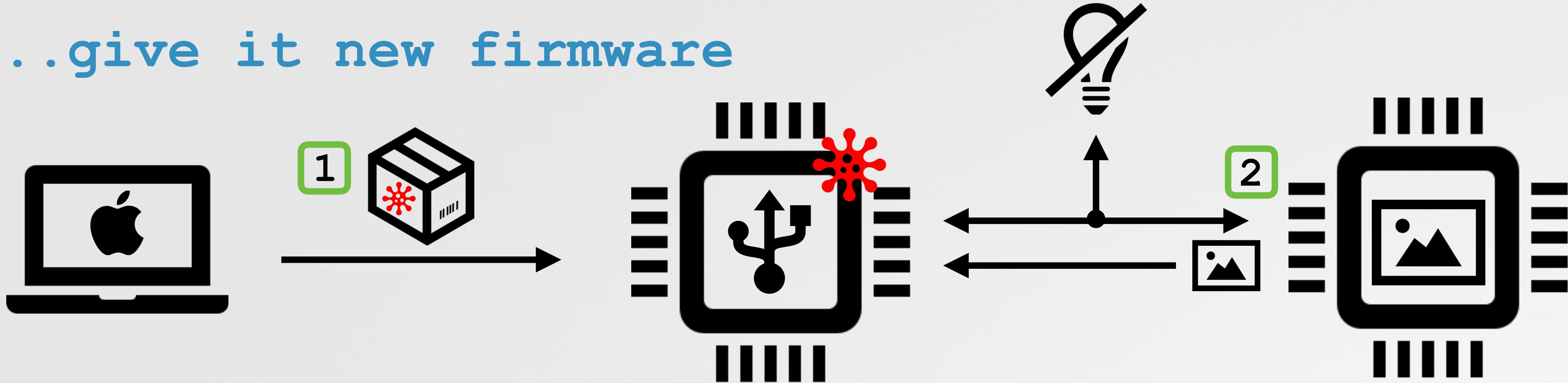
- [a] Host computer communicates with USB controller
- [b] USB micro-controller communicates with the image sensor via I/O pins
- [c] LED indicator connected to STANDBY input (off when STANDBY, on otherwise)
- [d] Image sensor produces images



"iSeeYou: Disabling the MacBook Webcam Indicator LED" -JHU

REPROGRAMMING ISIGHT

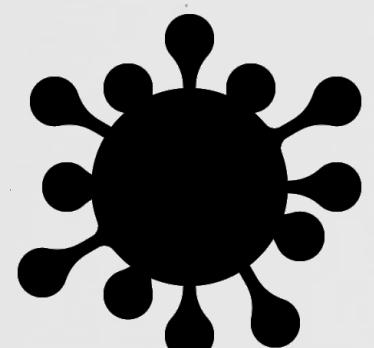
...give it new firmware



1 'upload' malicious firmware to USB controller

2 > keep STANDBY asserted ('on')
> configure image sensor to ignore STANDBY

wow, too 'easy' :/



"it [USB controller] can be reprogrammed at any time using 'Firmware Load' requests. Furthermore, it can be reprogrammed from any user space process" -JHU

PROTECT YOUR WEBCAMS

0x1: physically cover



facebook guy



*"Cover up your
webcam" -FBI director*



[WebCam Cover Solid Black](#)
by WebCamera Cover
\$4.99 Prime



[Family Pack \(3\) 1.0 Black](#)
by C-Slide
\$14.95 Prime

amazon has covers

PROTECT YOUR WEBCAMS

0x2: via file permissions

"how to disable
webcam...completely" -osxdaily

```
# csrutil status
System Integrity Protection status: disabled.

# chmod 200 /System/Library/Frameworks/CoreMediaIO.framework/Versions/A/Resources/VDC.plugin/
Contents/MacOS/VDC

# chmod 200 /System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/CoreMediaIOServicesPrivate.framework/Versions/A/
Resources/AVC.plugin/Contents/MacOS/AVC

# chmod 200 /System/Library/QuickTime/QuickTimeUSBVDCDigitizer.component/Contents/MacOS/
QuickTimeUSBVDCDigitizer

# chmod 200 /Library/CoreMediaIO/Plug-Ins/DAL/AppleCamera.plugin/Contents/MacOS/AppleCamera

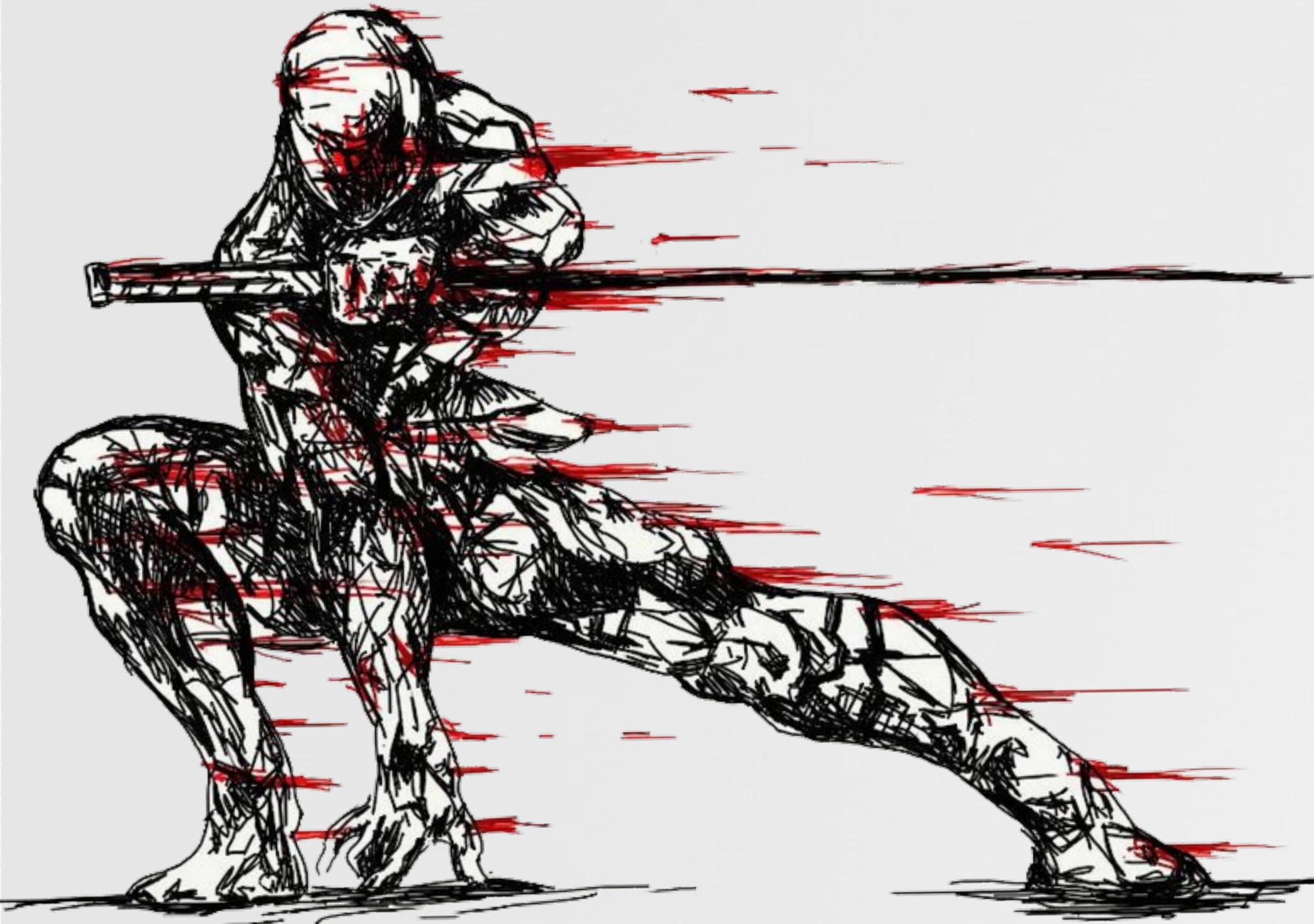
# chmod 200 /Library/CoreMediaIO/Plug-Ins/FCP-DAL/AppleCamera.plugin/Contents/MacOS/AppleCamera
```

1 disable System Integrity Protection

2 set webcam related plugins to '--w-----'



AUDIO/VIDEO 'AWARE' MALWARE
becoming ever more prevalent :(



OS X/CRISIS

hackingteam's implant

```
144 - (BOOL)saveSLIPlist: (id)anObject atPath: (NSString *)aPath  
145 {  
146     // AV evasion: only on release build  
147     AV_GARBAGE_006  
148  
149     BOOL success = [anObject writeToFile: aPath  
150                             atomically: YES];  
151 }
```

```
(lldb) po aPath  
/Users/patrick/Library/LaunchAgents/com.apple.loginStoreagent.plist
```

persistence (leaked source code)



launch agent



rootkit component

```
// modules keywords  
#define MODULES_KEY @"modules"  
#define MODULES_TYPE_KEY @"module"  
#define MODULES_ADDBK_KEY @"addressbook"  
#define MODULES_MSGS_KEY @"messages"  
#define MODULES_POS_KEY @"position"  
#define MODULES_DEV_KEY @"device"  
#define MODULES_CLIST_KEY @"calllist"  
#define MODULES_CAL_KEY @"calendar"  
#define MODULES_MIC_KEY @"mic"  
#define MODULES_SNAPSHOT_KEY @"screenshot"  
#define MODULES_URL_KEY @"url"  
#define MODULES_APP_KEY @"application"  
#define MODULES_KEYLOG_KEY @"keylog"  
#define MODULES_CLIP_KEY @"clipboard"  
#define MODULES_CAMERA_KEY @"camera"
```



intelligence collection



*"Building HackingTeam's
OS X Implant For Fun & Profit"*

OS X/CRISIS

webcam access



```
/*
 * RCSMac - Webcam agent
 *
 * Copyright (C) HT srl 2009. All rights reserved
 *
 */
-(BOOL)_initSession
{
    mCaptureSession = [[QTCaptureSession alloc] init];
    mDevice = [QTCaptureDevice defaultInputDeviceWithMediaType:QTMediaTypeVideo];
    mCaptureDeviceInput = [[QTCaptureDeviceInput alloc] initWithDevice: mDevice];
    [mCaptureSession addInput: mCaptureDeviceInput error: &error]
    ....
}
```

```
// modules keywords
#define MODULES_ADDBK_KEY @"addressbook"
#define MODULES_MSGS_KEY @"messages"
#define MODULES_MIC_KEY @"mic"
#define MODULES_SNAPSHOT_KEY @"screenshot"
#define MODULES_KEYLOG_KEY @"keylog"
#define MODULES_CAMERA_KEY @"camera"
#define MODULES_CHAT_KEY @"chat"
#define MODULES_MOUSE_KEY @"mouse"
```



HT's webcam capture code (RCSMAgentWebcam.m)

OS X/CRISIS

mic access



```
/*
 * RCSMAgentMicrophone.m
 * Microphone Agent for MacOS
 * Uses AudioQueues from AudioToolbox
 *
 * Copyright (C) HT srl 2011. All rights reserved
 */

-(void)startRecord
{

    infoLog(@"Starting mic agent");

    // Create a new recording audio queue
    success = AudioQueueNewInput(&mDataFormat,myInputAudioCallback,self,
                                 NULL,kCFRunLoopCommonModes,0,&mQueue);
    ...

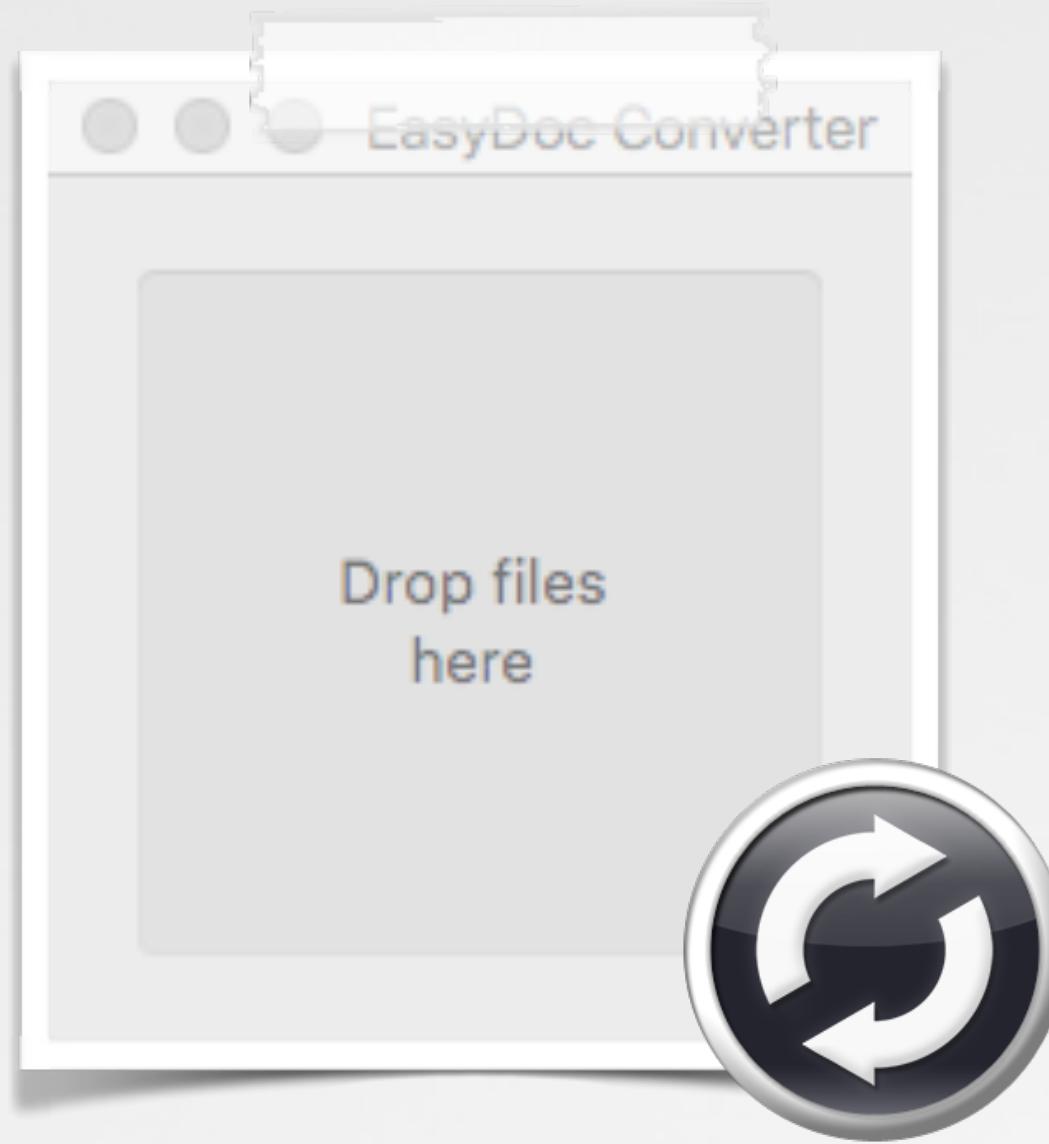
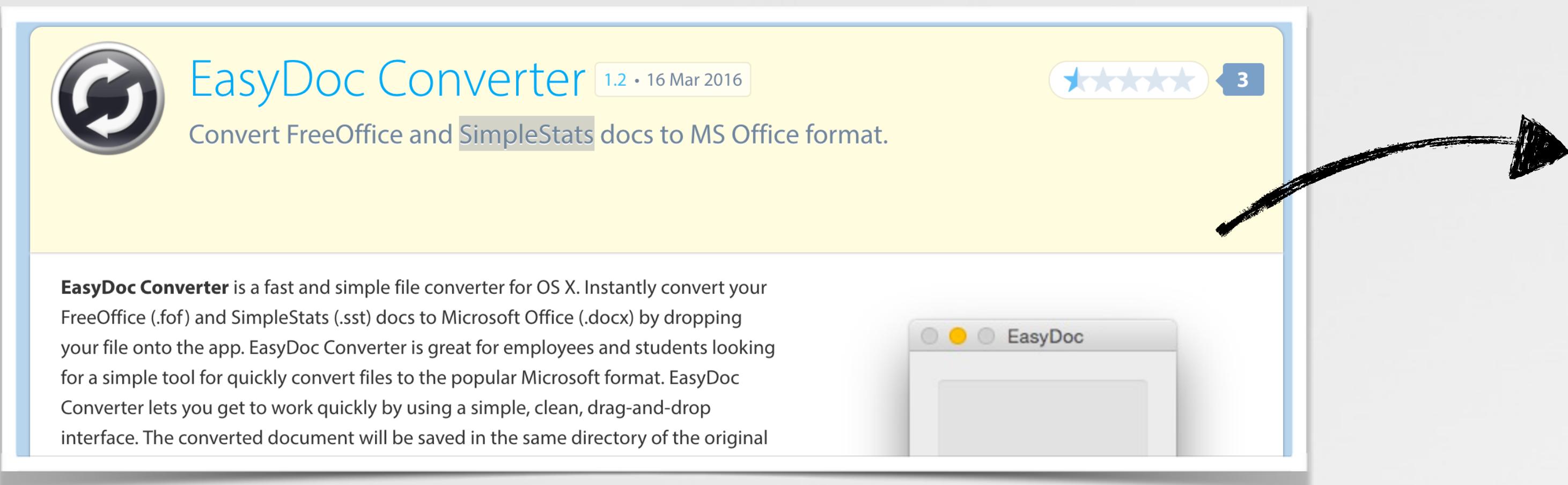
    // Start the queue
    success = AudioQueueStart(mQueue, NULL);

}
```

```
// modules keywords
#define MODULES_ADDBK_KEY @"addressbook"
#define MODULES_MSGS_KEY @"messages"
#define MODULES_MIC_KEY @"mic" // This line is highlighted with a black border
#define MODULES_SNAPSHOT_KEY @"screenshot"
#define MODULES_KEYLOG_KEY @"keylog"
#define MODULES_CAMERA_KEY @"camera"
#define MODULES_CHAT_KEY @"chat"
#define MODULES_MOUSE_KEY @"mouse"
```

OS X/ELEANOR-A

trojan + tor backdoor



'EasyDoc Convertor'
(macupdate.com)

The image shows a terminal window with exploit code. The code includes PHP code for a shell, a GitHub link for "b374k shell 3.2.3 / Jayalah Indonesiaku", and a series of PHP GLOBALS assignments. The PHP logo is also present.

```
<?php
/*
b374k shell 3.2.3 / Jayalah Indonesiaku
https://github.com/b374k/b374k
*/
$GLOBALS['pass'] = "15bd408e435dc1a1509911cf8c312f46ed54226";
$func="cr"."eat"."e_fun"."cti"."on";$b374k=$func('$ ...
```

b374k shell

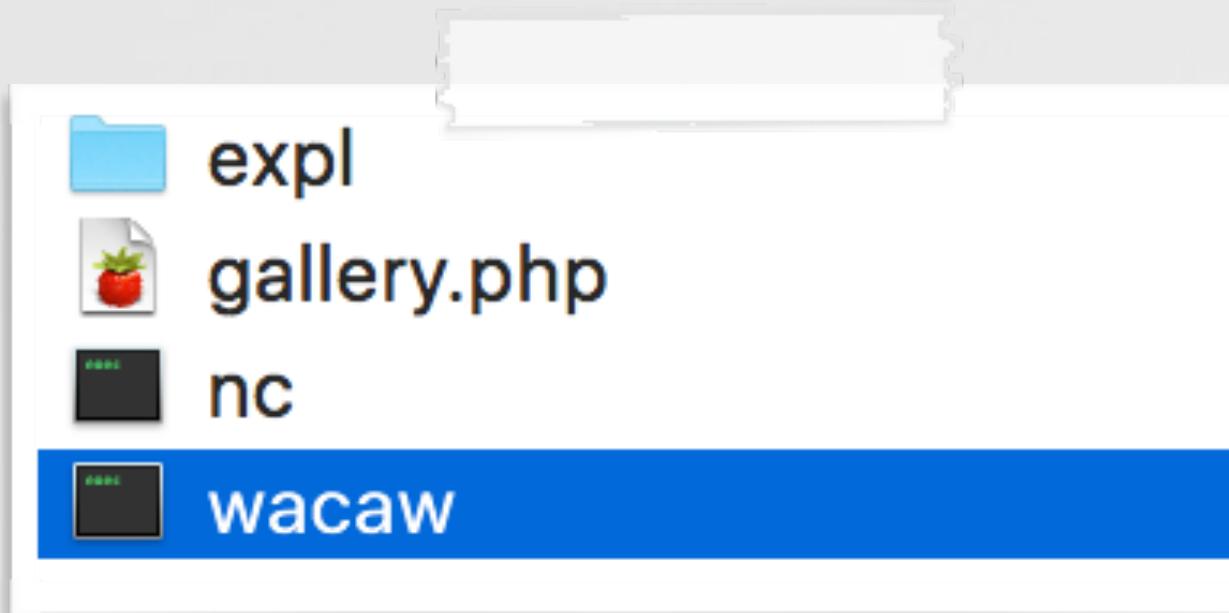


OS X/ELEANOR-A

webcam capture



osx/eleanor
& utilities



wacaw: "a collection of tools and scripts for processing images and video from attached USB and FireWire webcams on Mac OS X"



sourceforge.net
/p/webcam-tools

```
$ ./wacaw --video --duration 60 capture.avi
video size (160 x 120)
duration 60 seconds

$ file capture.avi
capture.avi: ISO Media, Apple QuickTime movie
```

wacaw

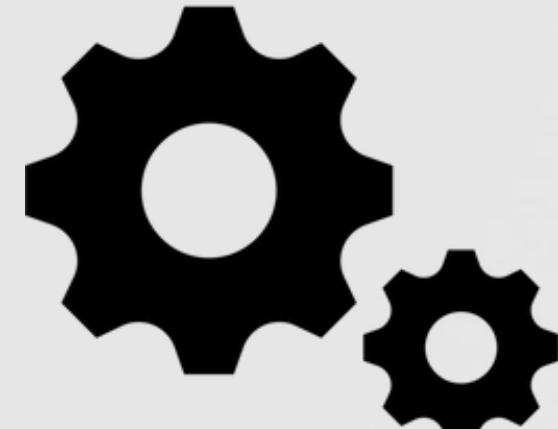
Synack

OS X/MOKES

'sophisticated' cross-platform backdoor



"This malware...is able to steal various types of data from the victim's machine (Screenshots, Audio-/Video-Captures, Office-Documents, Keystrokes)" -kaspersky



execute

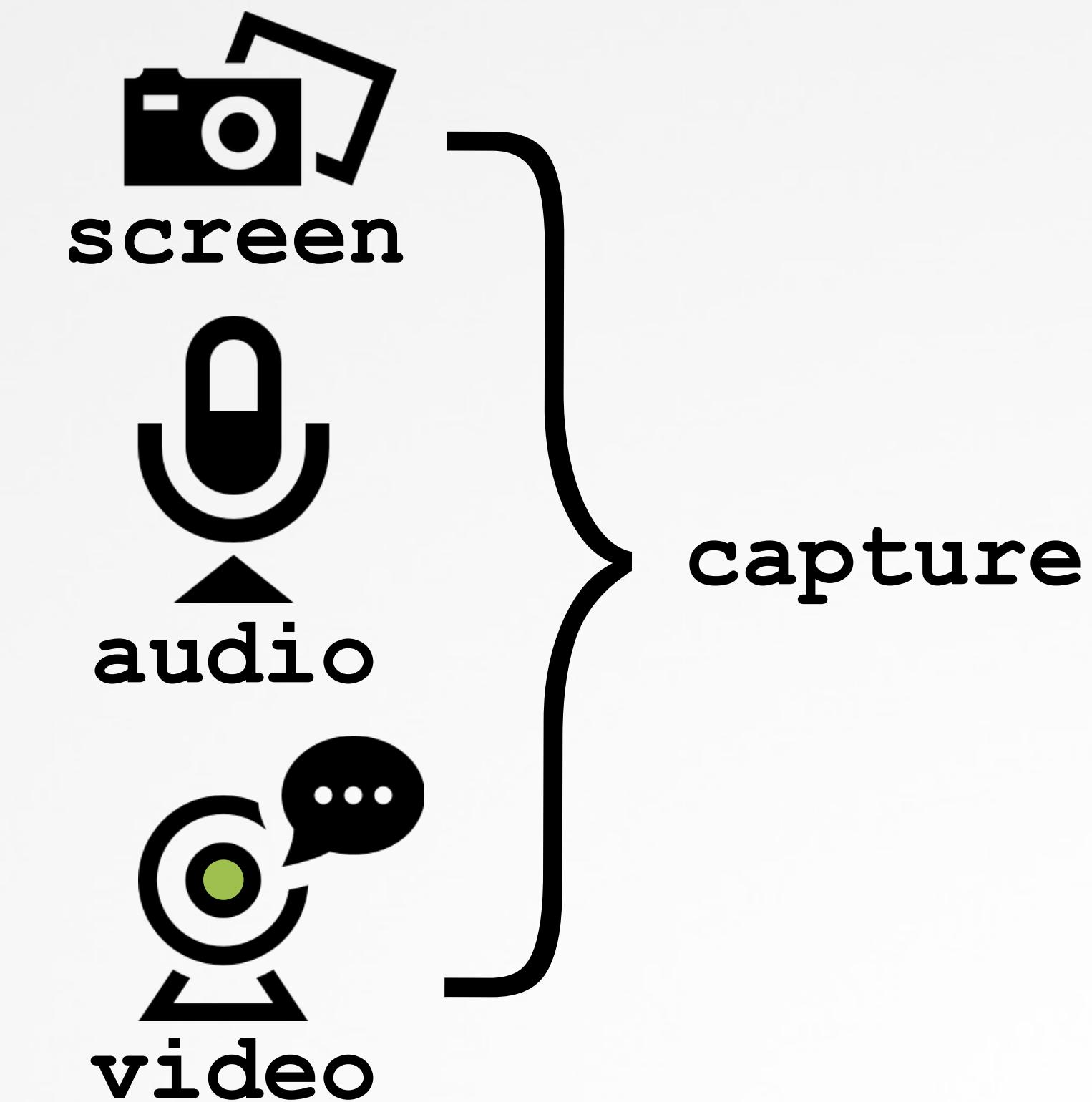


monitor for
removable media



search for
office docs

```
0000001C unicode :/file-search
0000000E unicode *.xlsx
0000000C unicode *.xls
0000000E unicode *.docx
0000000C unicode *.doc
```



OS X/MOKES webcam capture via QT



plugins/avfoundation/camera/
avfmediarecordercontrol.mm

```
AVFMediaRecorderControl::AVFMediaRecorderControl (AVFCameraService *, QObject *)
AVFMediaRecorderControl::setState (QMediaRecorder::State)
AVFMediaRecorderControl::setupSessionForCapture (void)
```

AVFMediaRecorderControl::setupSessionForCapture (void) proc

...

```
call    AVFCameraSession::state (void)
```

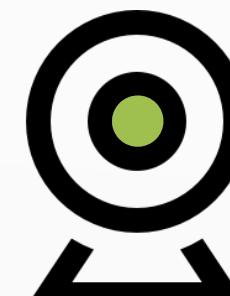
```
call    AVFAudioInputSelectorControl::createCaptureDevice (void)
```

```
lea     rdx, "Could not connect the video recorder"
```

...

```
call    QMediaRecorderControl::error (int, QString const&)
```

IDA disasm



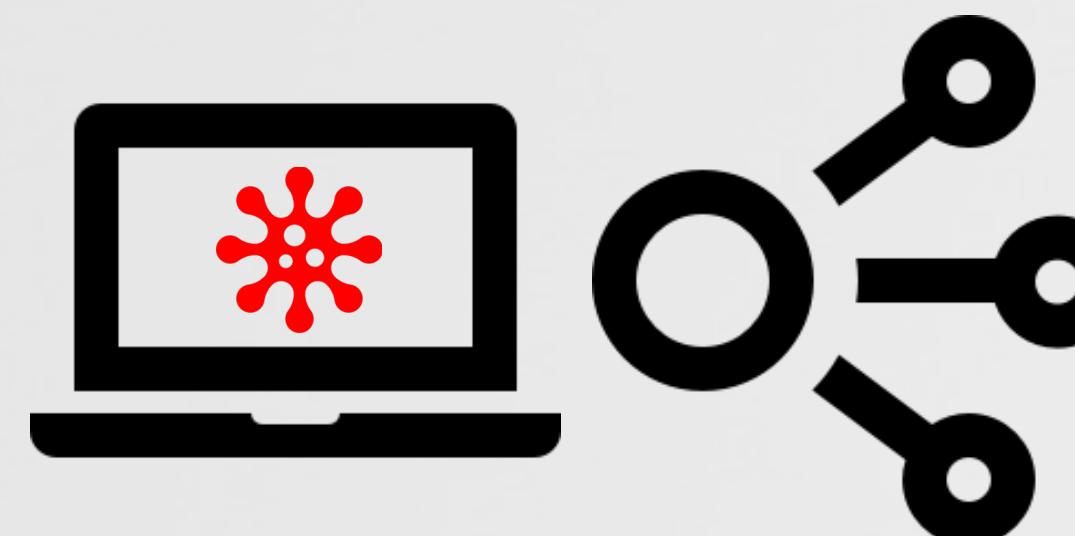
OS X/FRUITFLY (QUIMITCHIN)

backdoor targeting biomedical research institutions

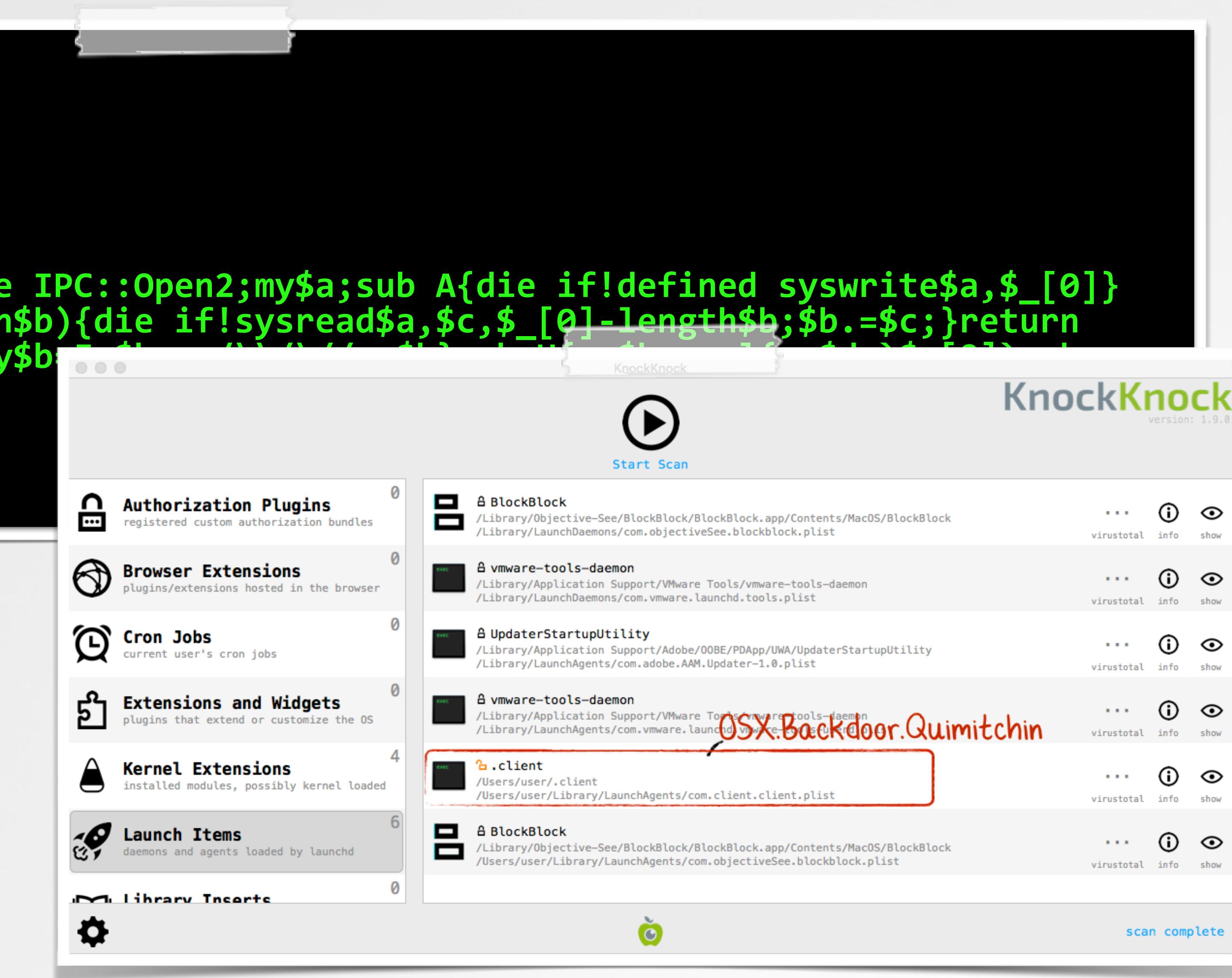
```
$ file FruitFly/client  
client: a /usr/bin/perl script executable
```

```
$ less FruitFly/client  
#!/usr/bin/perl  
use strict;use warnings;use IO::Socket;use IPC::Open2;my$a;sub A{die if!defined syswrite$a,$_[0]}  
sub B{my($b,$c)=('','');while($_[0]>length$b){die if!sysread$a,$c,$_[0]-length$b;$b.=$c;}return  
$b;}sub C{unpack'V',B 4}sub E{B C}sub G{my$b:  
...  
DATA  
<CE><FA><ED><FE>....
```

'client' perl script



connection attempts



The KnockKnock application interface shows a list of loaded launch items:

- Authorization Plugins
- Browser Extensions
- Cron Jobs
- Extensions and Widgets
- Kernel Extensions
- Launch Items
- Library Insets
- .client
- BlockBlock

The item ".client" is highlighted with a red box and labeled "OSX.Backdoor.Quimitchin".

launch agent persistence

OS X/FruitFly (Quimitchin)

webcam capture QuickTime APIs

```
int sub_2f80(int arg0, int arg1, int arg2, int arg3)
{
    eax = OpenDefaultComponent(0x62617267, 0x0);
    eax = SGInitialize();
    eax = SGNewChannel();
    eax = SGGetChannelDeviceList();
    eax = SGStartRecord();
```

hopper decompile



deprecated APIs

{ 32-bit only

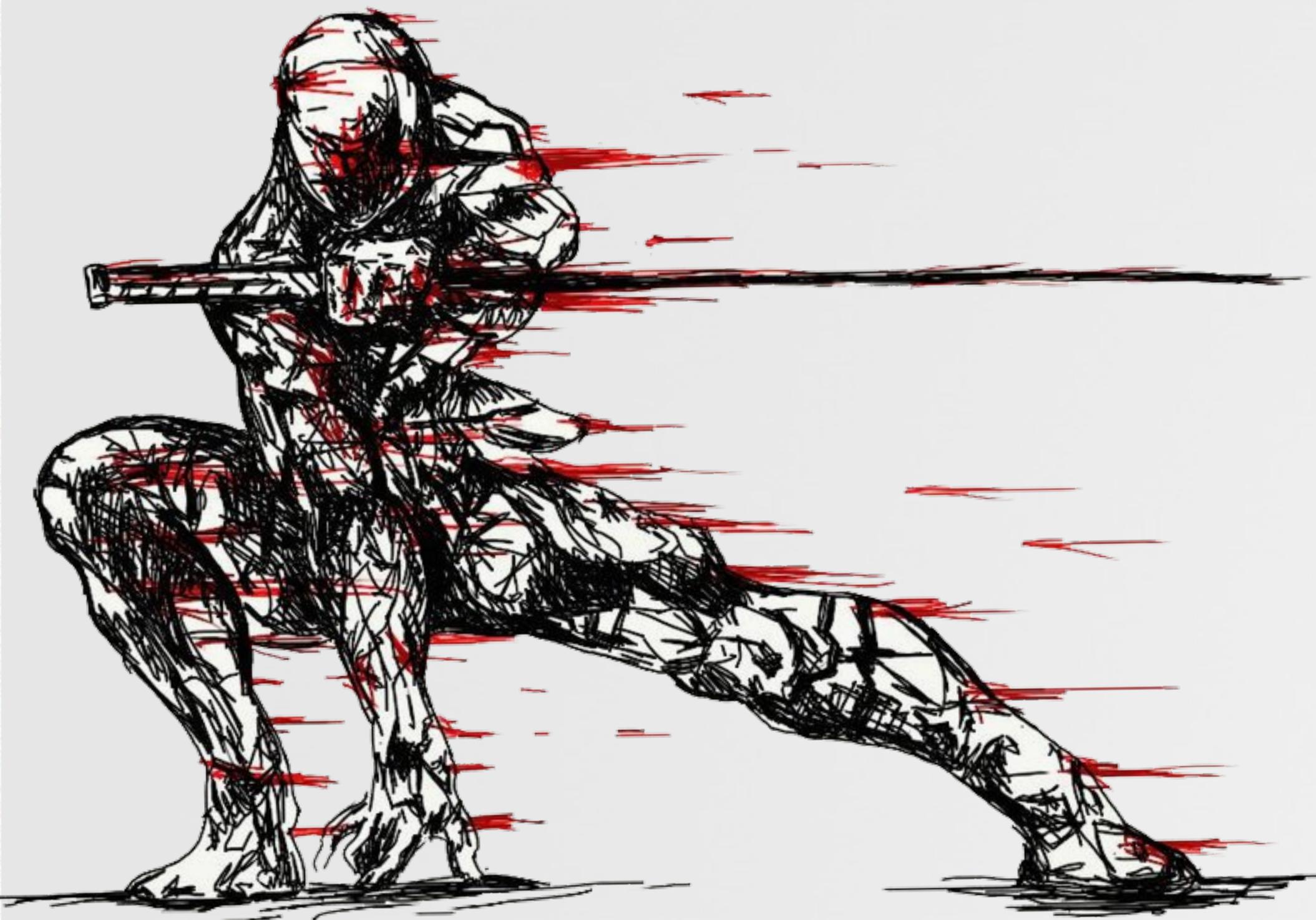
```
$ file FruitFly/client
client: Mach-O executable i386
```

```
$ ls
MacOSX10.11.sdk  MacOSX10.12.sdk
```

```
$ locate QuickTime.h
/MacOSX10.11.sdk/System/Library/Frameworks/QuickTime.framework/Versions/A/Headers/QuickTime.h
```

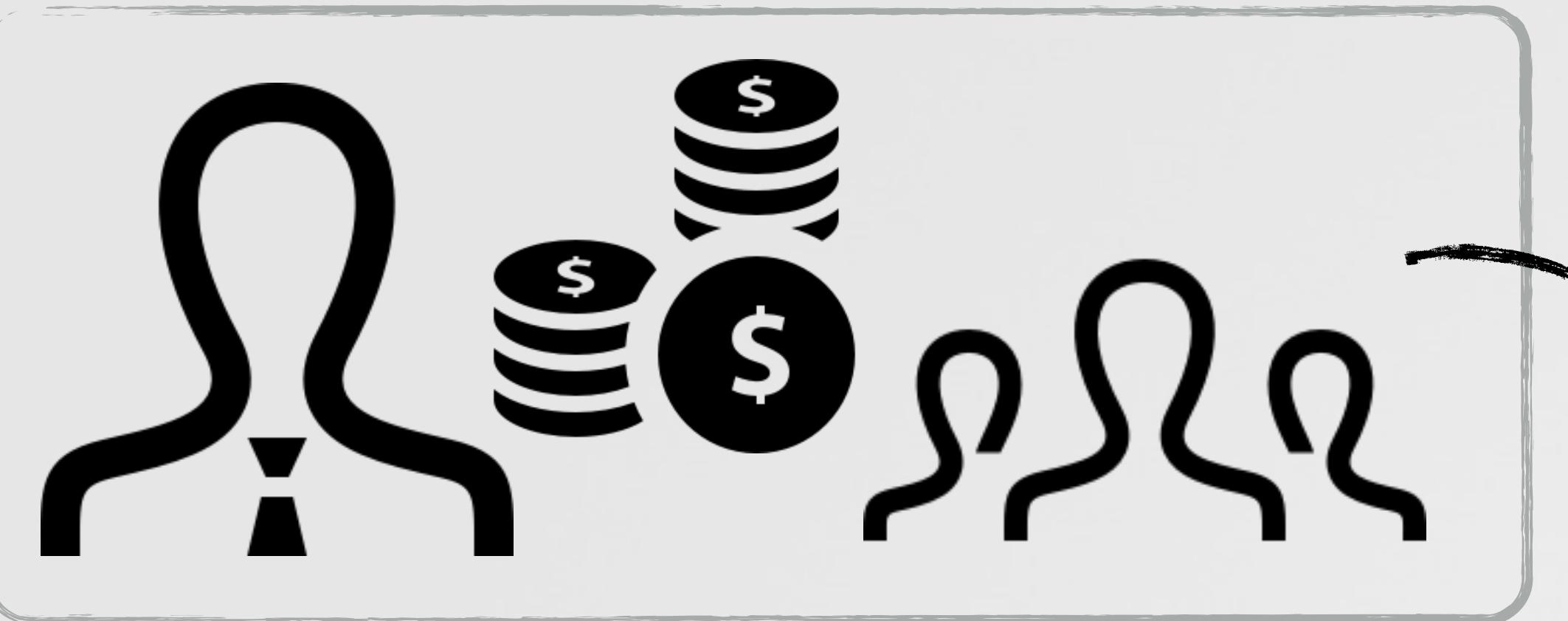
Piggy-Backing

grabbing audio & video

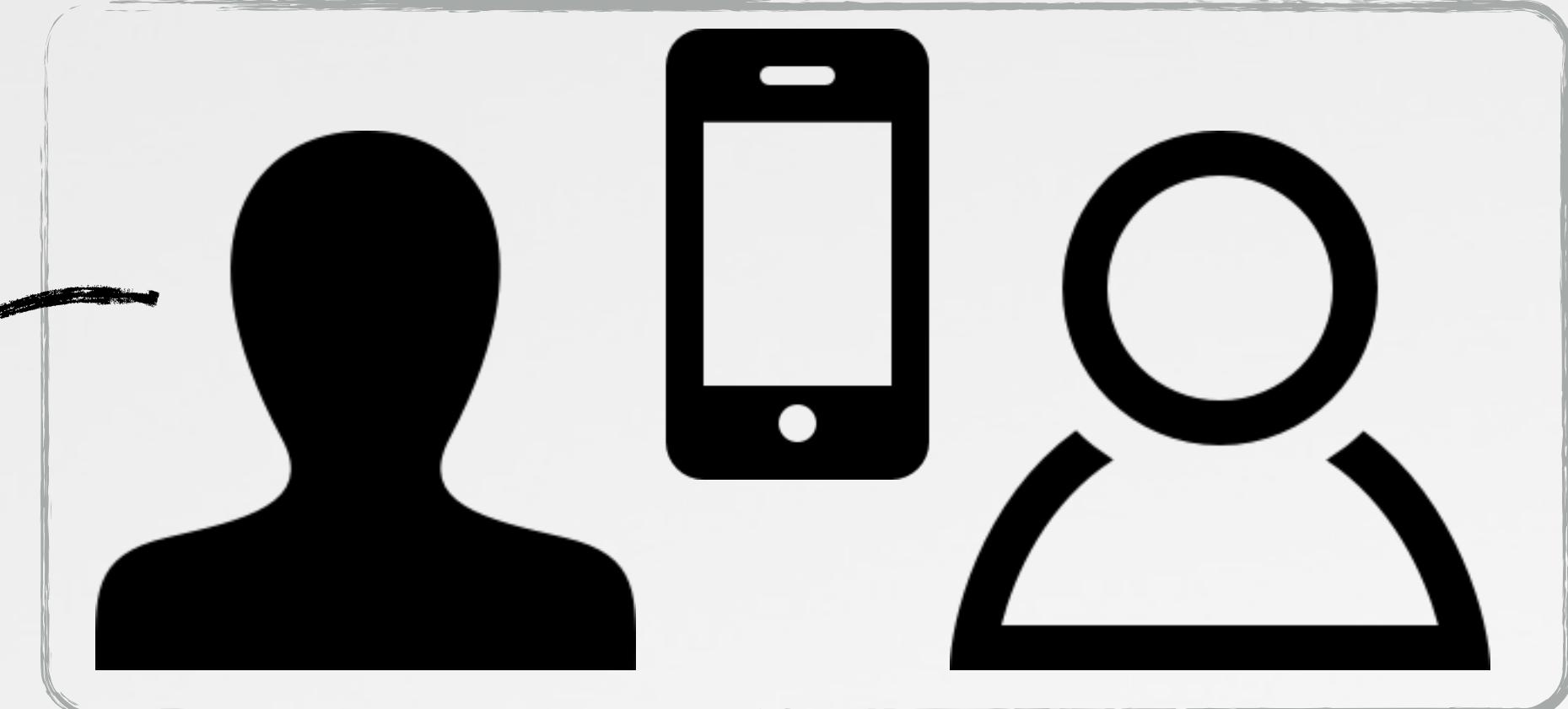


USERS USE THEIR WEBCAMS

...for a variety of legit & sensitive uses



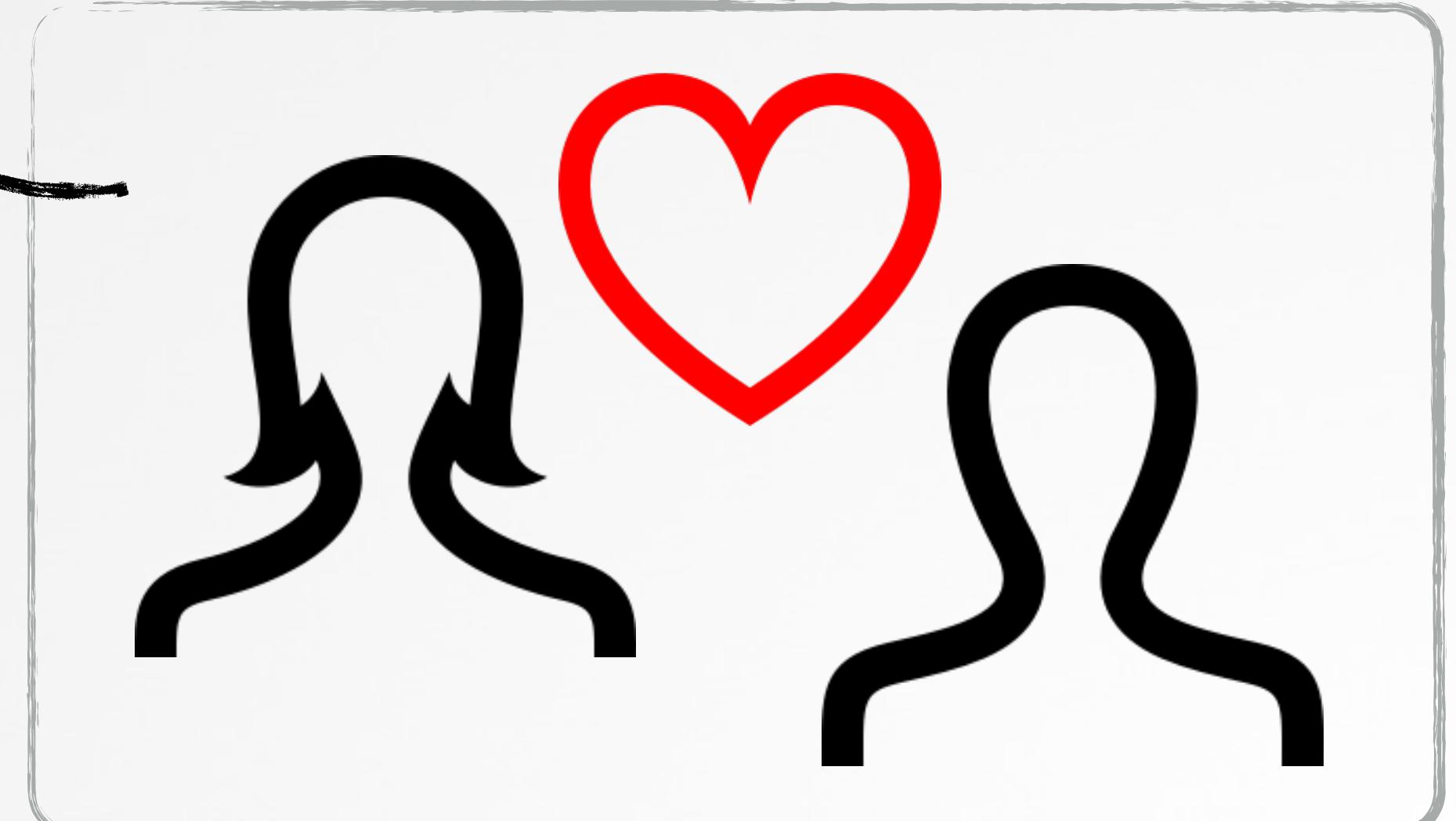
business meetings



R&D sessions



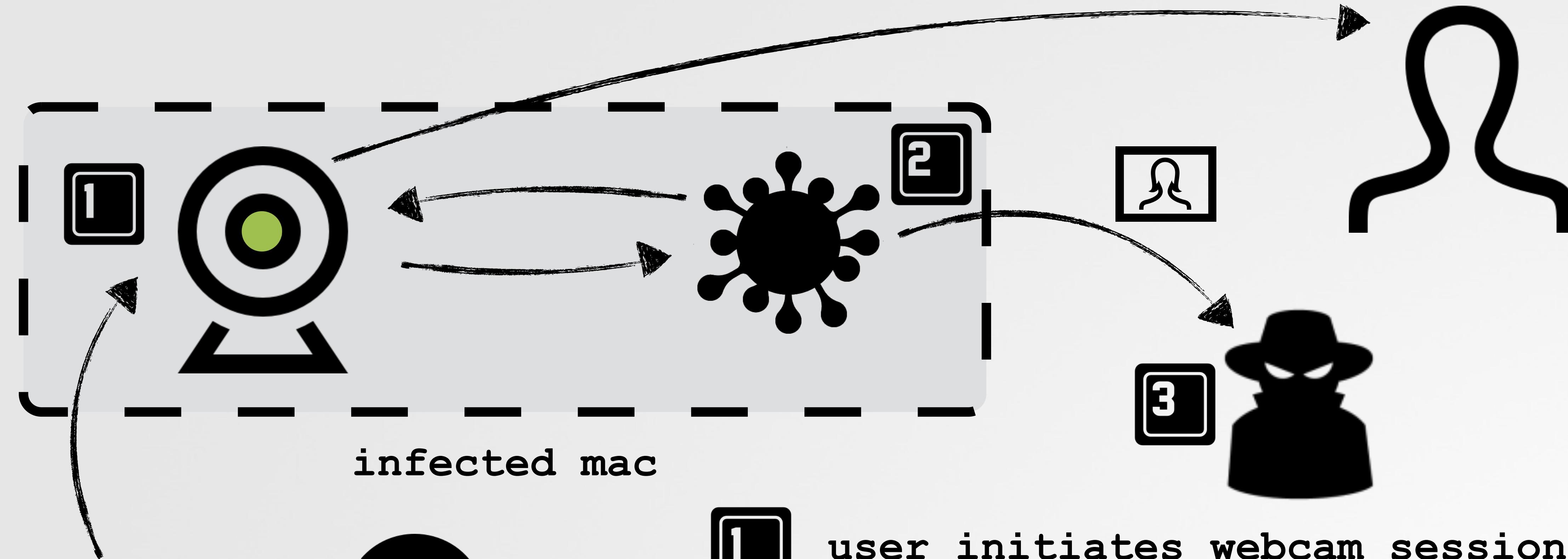
skyping with sources



intimate FaceTimes

THE GOAL

record audio/video during such sessions (!detected)



1 user initiates webcam session

2 malware detects this & begins recording (until session ends)

3 ...and exfil's it to remote attacker



DETECTING VIDEO SESSION

1 enumerate camera



```
#import <AVFoundation/AVFoundation.h>

//array of cameras
NSArray *cameras = nil;

//get cameras
cameras = [AVCaptureDevice devicesWithMediaType:AVMediaTypeVideo];

//enumerate all
// ->display info, etc
for(AVCaptureDevice* camera in cameras)
{

    //display info
    NSLog(@"camera: %@", camera.manufacturer, camera.localizedName);

}
```

```
$ ./enumCameras

camera: Apple Inc./FaceTime HD Camera
```

camera enumeration

DETECTING VIDEO SESSION

2 register for notifications

```
//grab connection ID
connectionID = [camera performSelector:NSSelectorFromString(@"connectionID") withObject:nil];

//property struct
CMIOObjectPropertyAddress propertyStruct = {0};

//init property struct's selector
propertyStruct.mSelector = kAudioDevicePropertyDeviceIsRunningSomewhere;

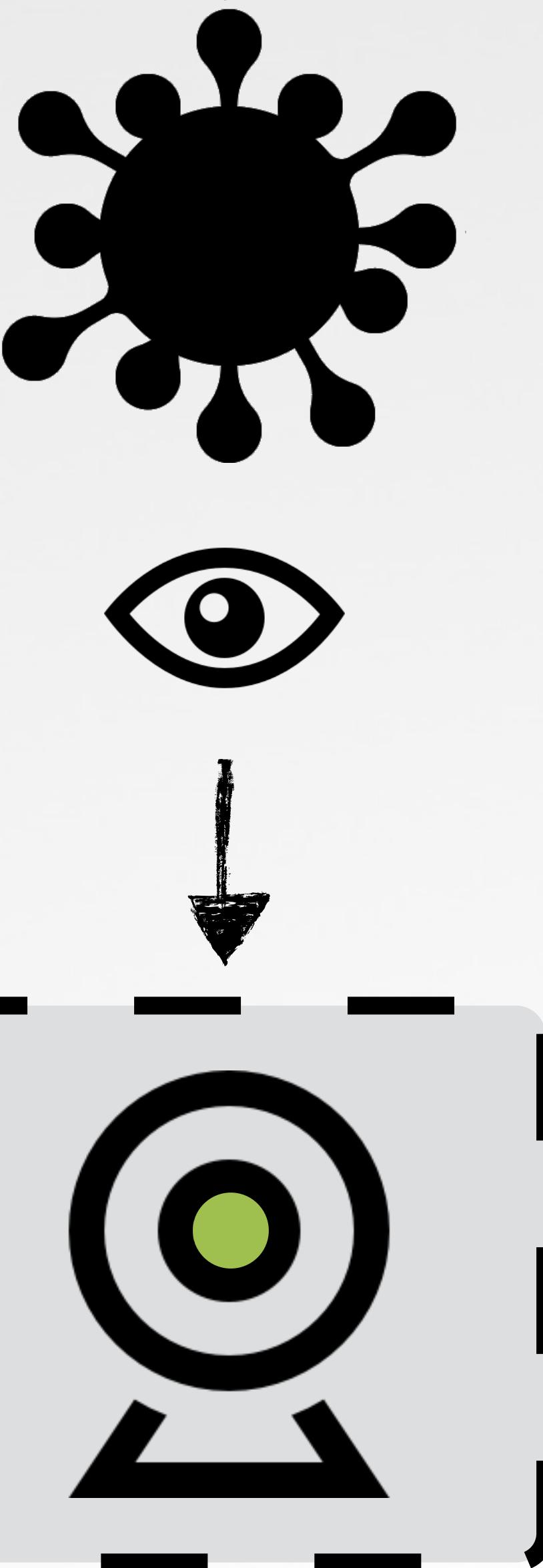
//init property struct's scope
propertyStruct.mScope = kAudioObjectPropertyScopeGlobal;

//init property struct's element
propertyStruct.mElement = kAudioObjectPropertyElementMaster;

//block
// ->invoked when video changes & just calls helper function
CMIOObjectPropertyListenerBlock listenerBlock =
^(UInt32 inNumberAddresses, const CMIOObjectPropertyAddress addresses[])
{
    //handle notification
};

//register (add) property block listener
CMIOObjectAddPropertyListenerBlock(connectionID, &propertyStruct,
                                    dispatch_get_main_queue(), listenerBlock);
```

notification registration

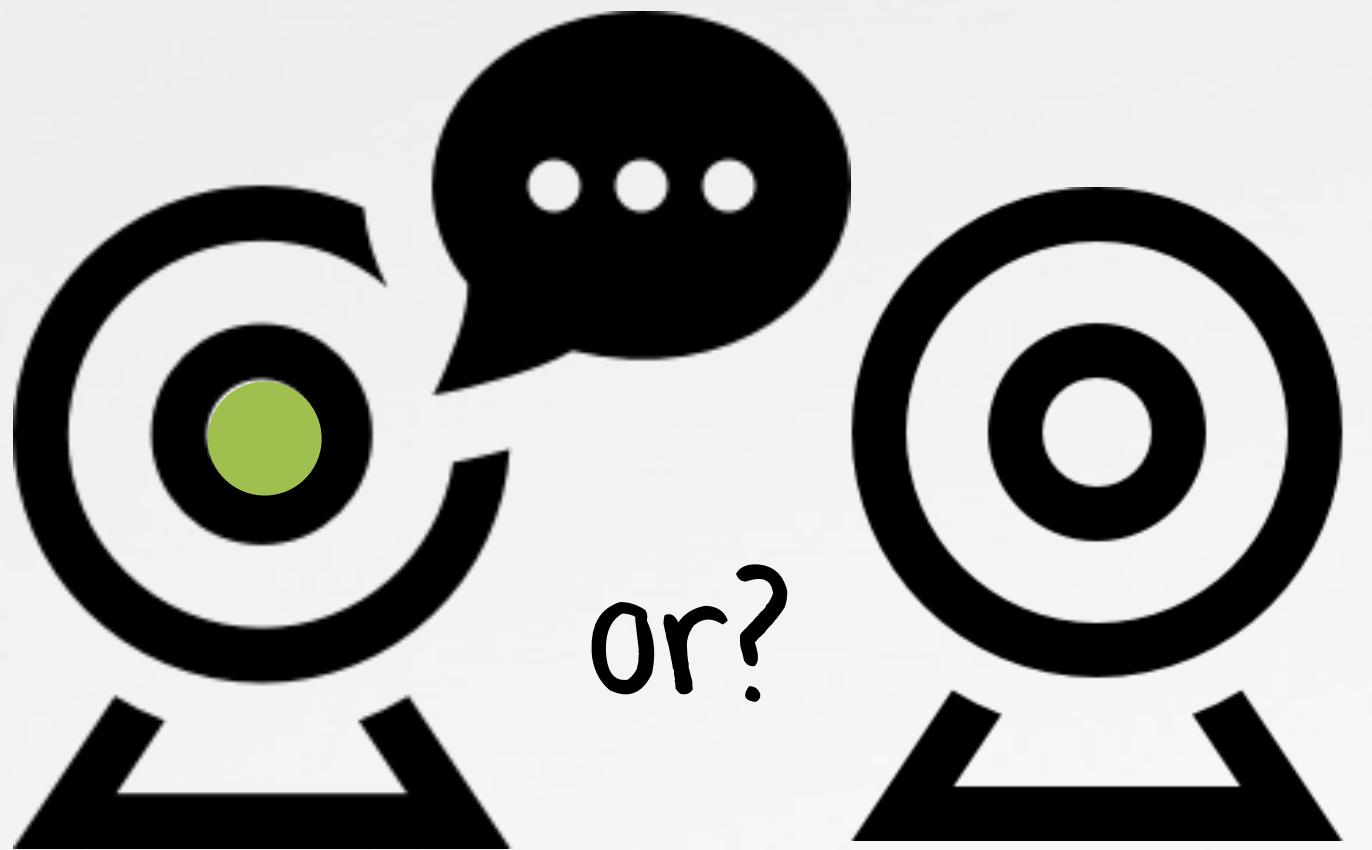
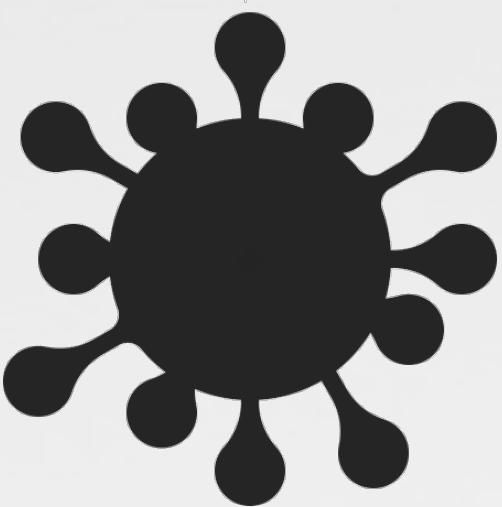


DETECTING VIDEO SESSION

3 handle the notification

```
//running flag  
UInt32 isRunning = -1;  
  
//size of query flag  
UInt32 propertySize = sizeof(isRunning);  
  
//property address struct  
CMIOObjectPropertyAddress propertyStruct = {0};  
  
//init property struct's selector  
propertyStruct.mSelector = kAudioDevicePropertyDeviceIsRunningSomewhere;  
  
//init property struct's scope  
propertyStruct.mScope = kCMIOObjectPropertyScopeGlobal;  
  
//init property struct's element  
propertyStruct.mElement = 0;  
  
//query to get 'kAudioDevicePropertyDeviceIsRunningSomewhere' status  
CMIOObjectGetPropertyData(deviceID, &propertyStruct, 0, NULL,  
sizeof(kAudioDevicePropertyDeviceIsRunningSomewhere), &propertySize, &isRunning);  
  
//check if camera went active!  
if(YES == isRunning)  
{  
    //record!  
}
```

determine camera status



Or?

camera went active,
record!



RECORDING THE SESSION

4 standard APIs & recording logic!

```
//capture session  
AVCaptureSession* session = [[AVCaptureSession alloc] init];  
  
//video input  
AVCaptureDeviceInput* input = [AVCaptureDeviceInput deviceInputWithDevice:videoDevice error:NULL];  
  
//output file  
AVCaptureMovieFileOutput* output = [[AVCaptureMovieFileOutput alloc] init];  
  
//add input  
[session addInput:input];  
  
//add output  
[session addOutput:output];  
  
//start session  
[session startRunning];  
  
//start recording!  
[movieFileOutput startRecordingToOutputFileURL:[NSURL fileURLWithPath:@"someFile"]  
recordingDelegate:self];
```

'shared' access



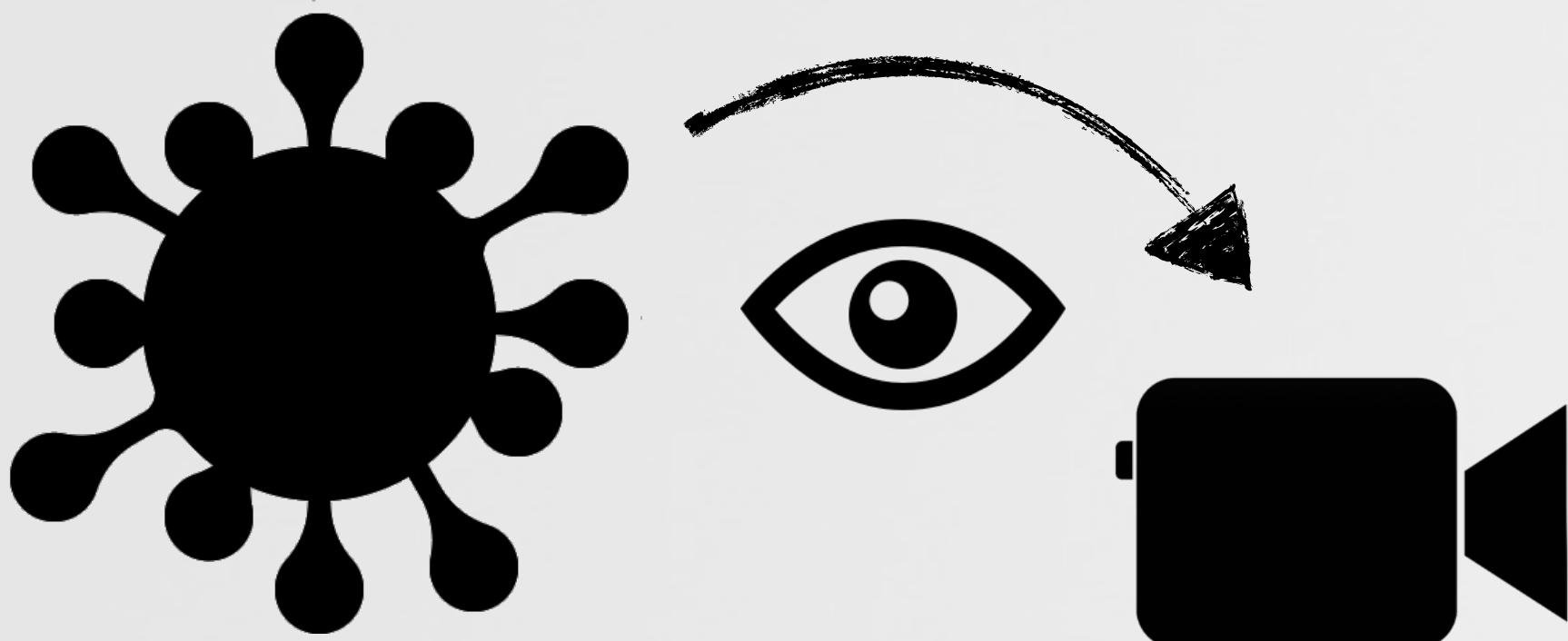
DETECTING SESSION END

5 the malware shouldn't keep the camera on!

```
- (void)registerNotification
{
    //register for 'app terminated' notification
    [[[NSWorkspace sharedWorkspace] notificationCenter] addObserver:self
        selector:@selector(appTerminated:) name:NSWorkspaceDidTerminateApplicationNotification object:nil];
}

-(void)appTerminated:(NSNotification *)note
{
    //dbg msg
    NSLog(@"application terminated %@", note.userInfo);

    //webcam initiator?
    // ->stop recording too!
    if(YES == [webcamApp isEqualToString:note.userInfo[@"NSApplicationPath"]])
        //stop recording
}
```



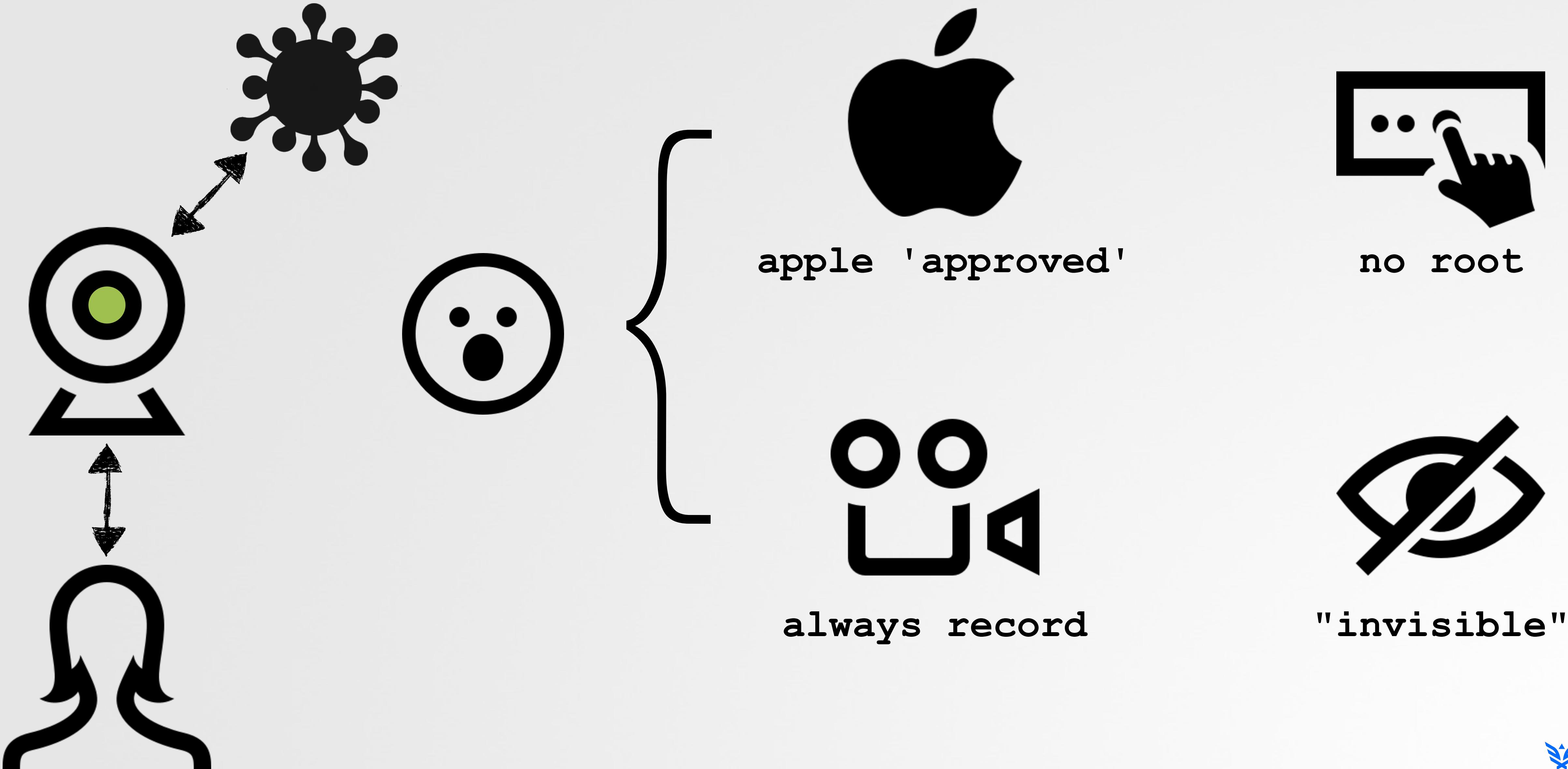
```
$ ./register4Notifications
```

```
NSApplicationBundleIdentifier = "com.apple.FaceTime";
NSApplicationName = FaceTime;
NSApplicationPath = "/Applications/FaceTime.app";
NSApplicationProcessIdentifier = 63527;
```

application termination

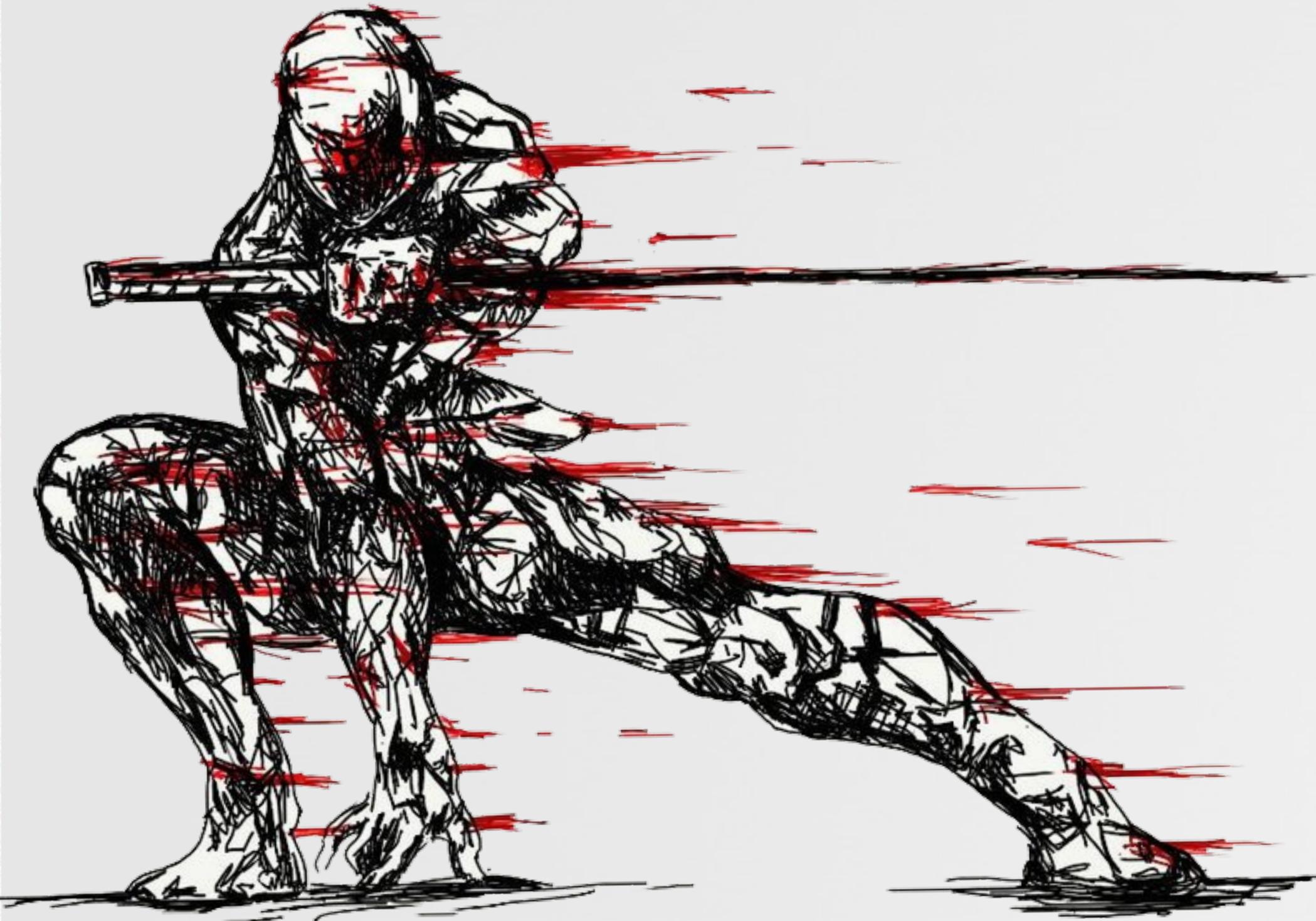
WHY THIS MAKES MALWARE HAPPY

and users le sad :(



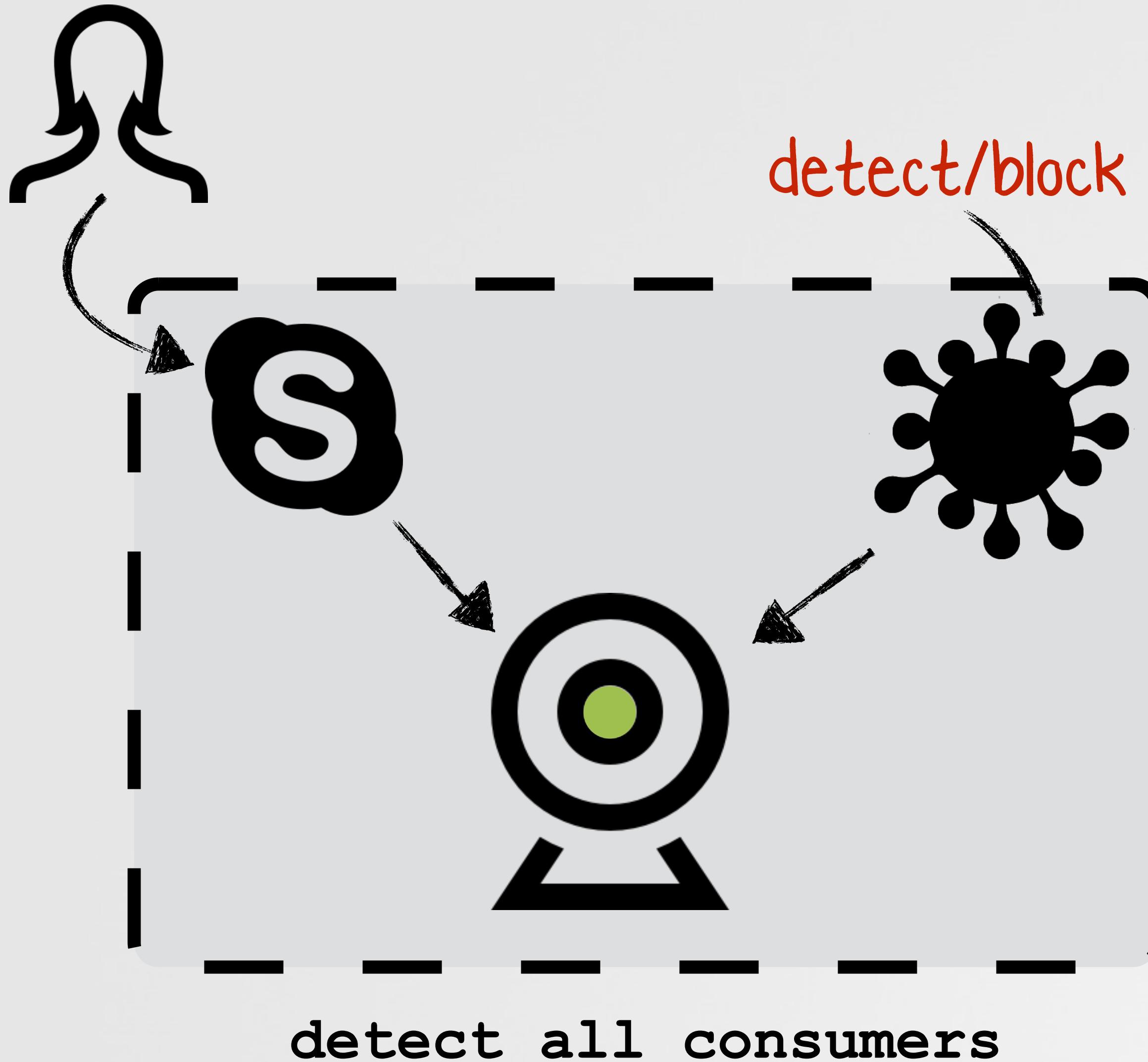
PROTECTION

detecting 'multiple' accesses



THE GOAL

detect any/all processes that access camera/mic



steps:

1

monitor for cam/mic usage

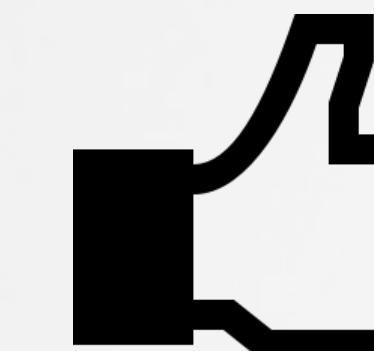
2

identify consumer process

3

while(webcam in use)
> monitor for consumers

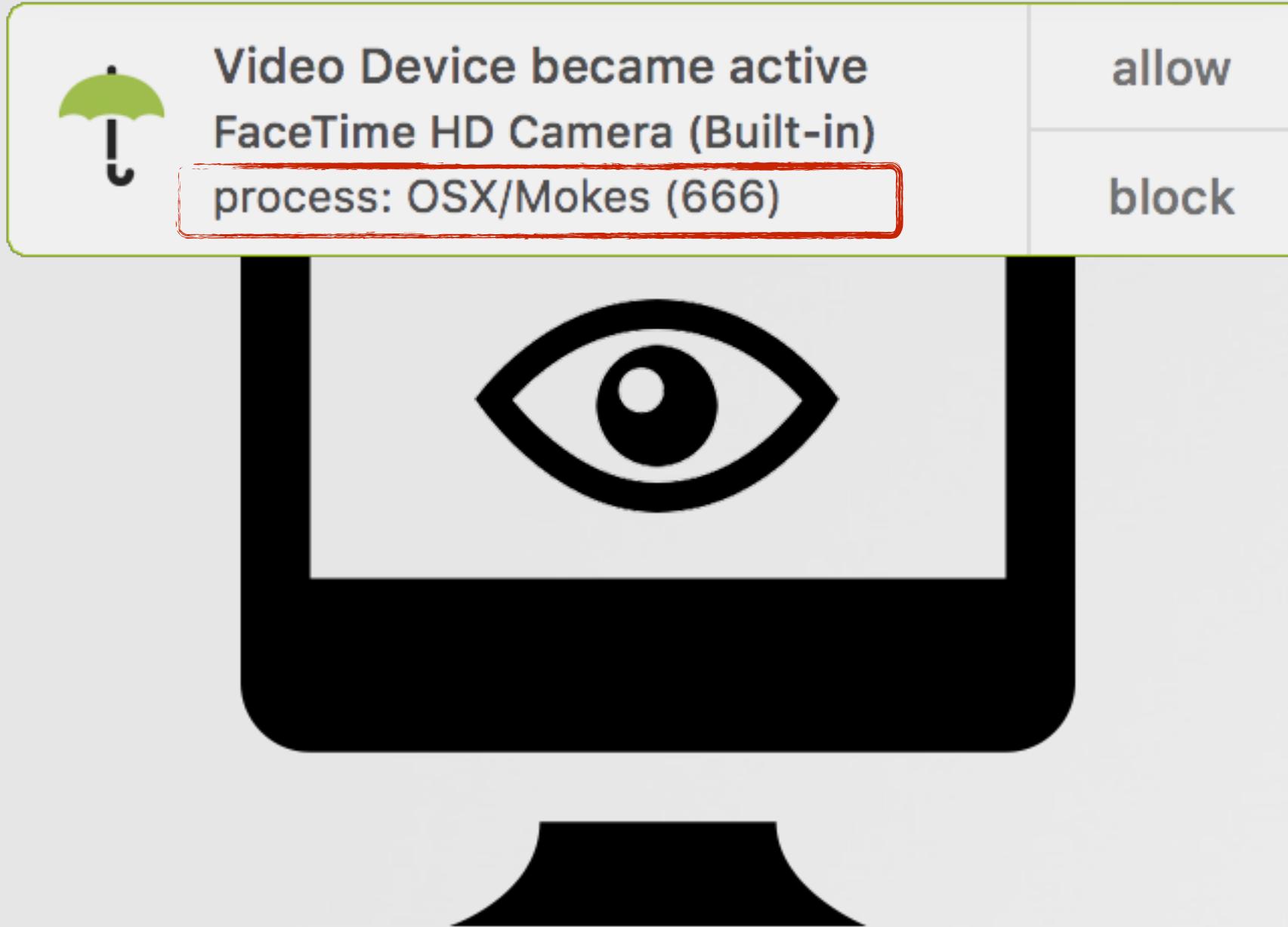
novel features!



@Morpheus
& @DubiousMind - mahalo!!

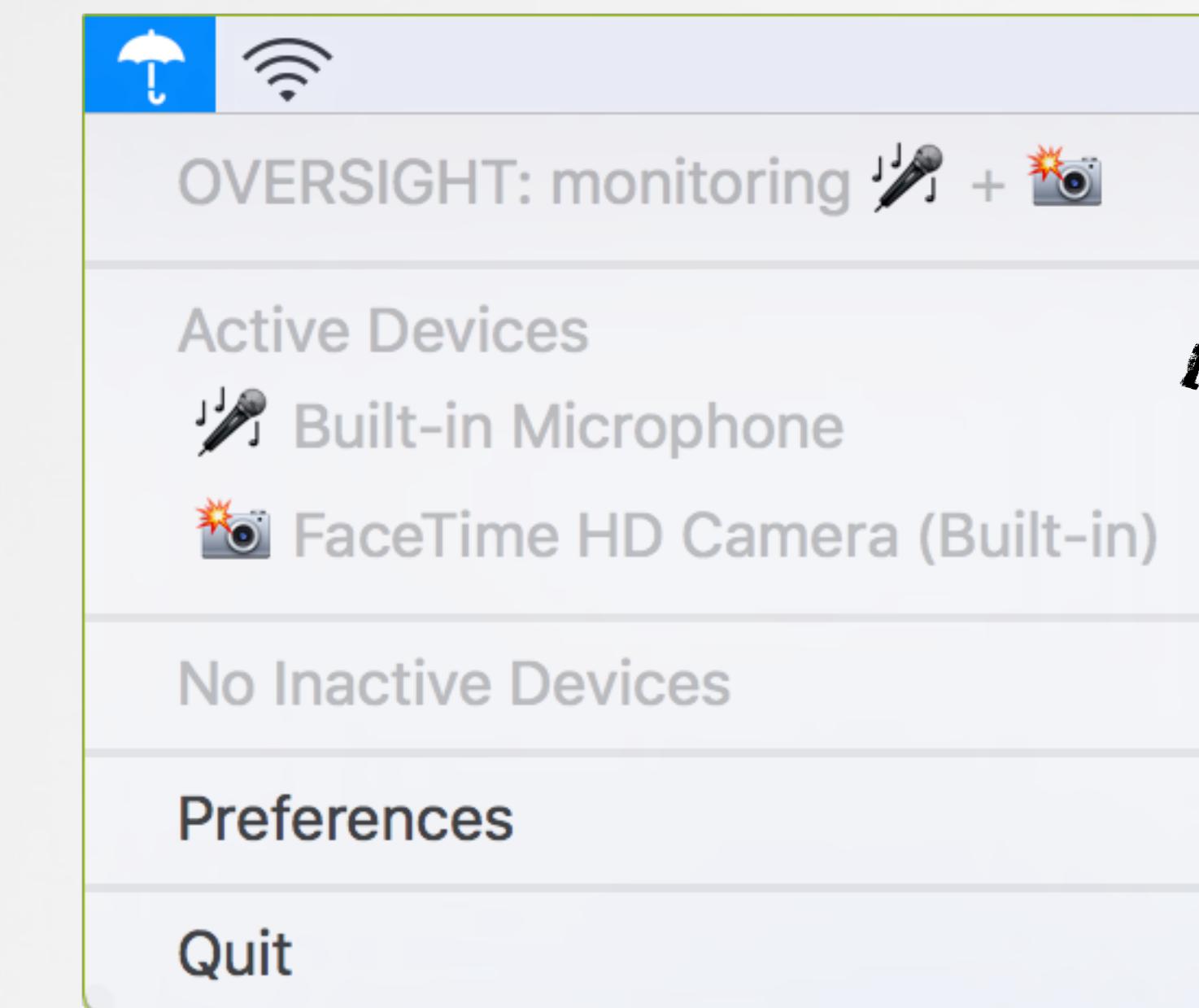
THE TOOL: OVERSIGHT

detect any/all processes that access camera/mic



objective-see.com (free!)

- { detects audio/video use
- id's primary & seconds consumer webcam processes
- user can allow or block

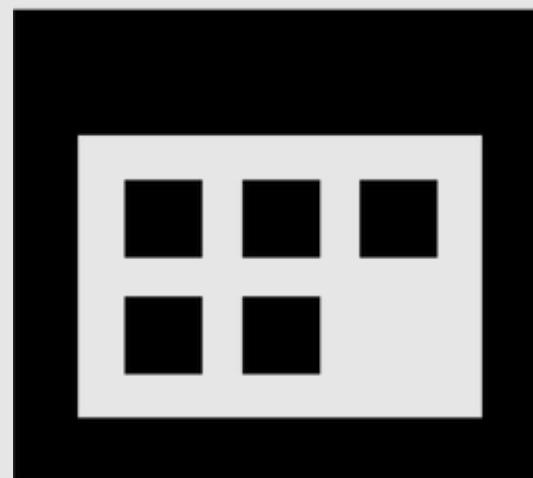


access via
status bar

THE TOOL: OVERSIGHT

detect any/all processes that access the camera

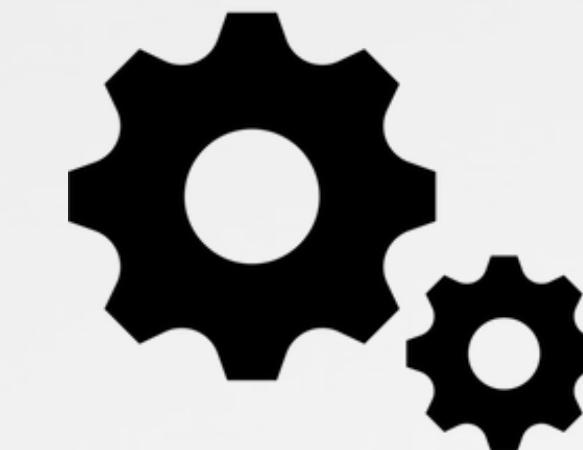
Login Item



XPC comms



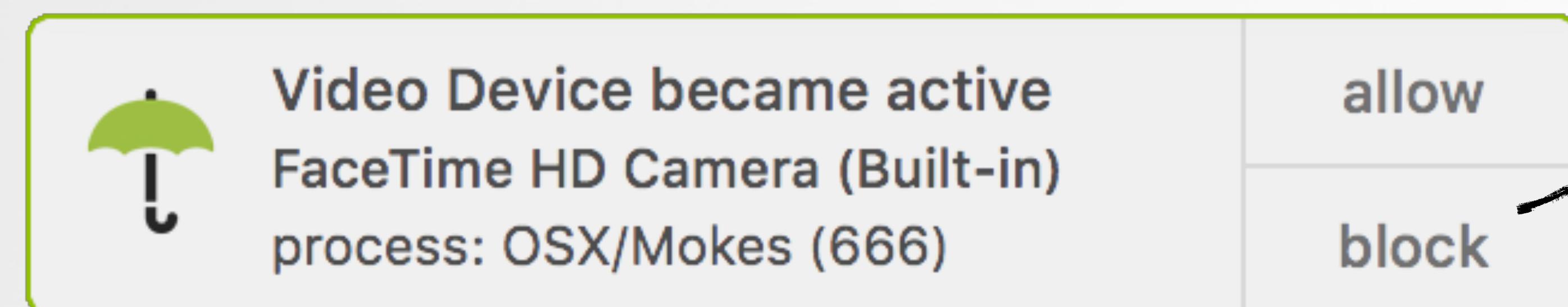
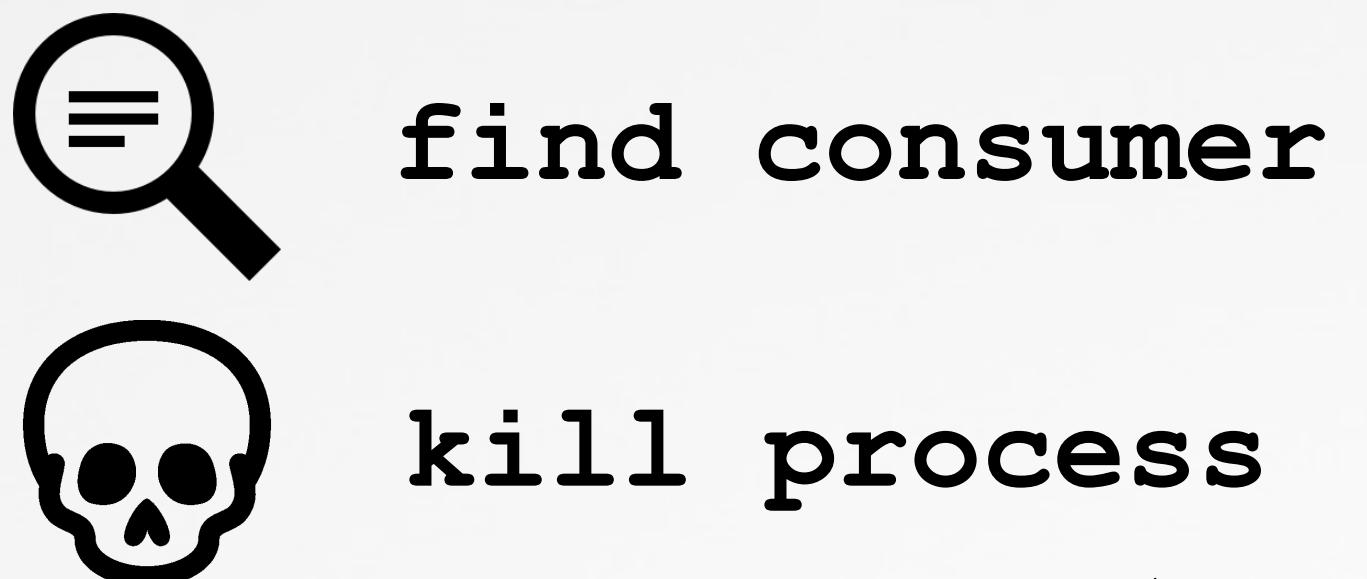
XPC service



status menu

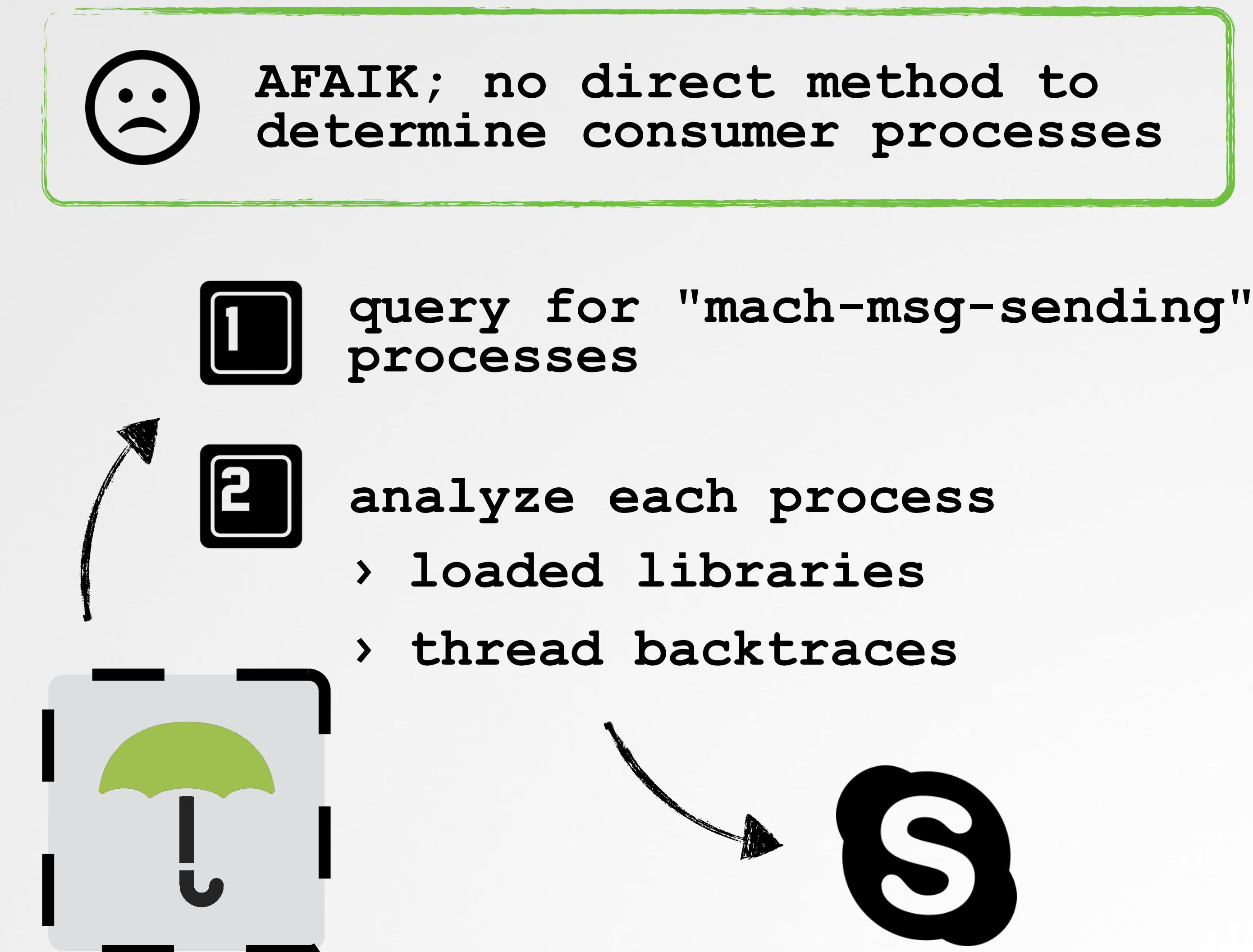
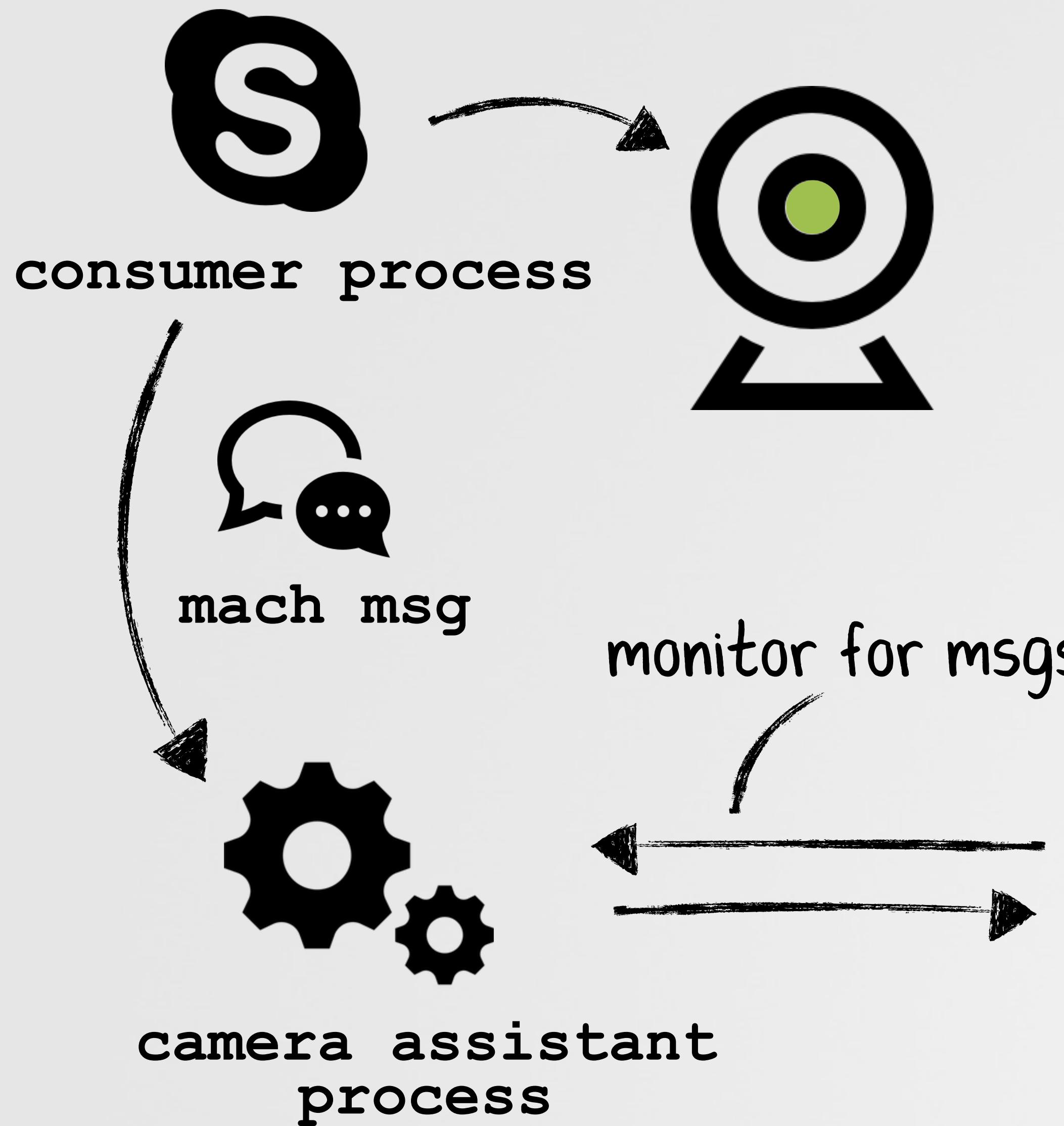
monitor audio/
video changes

alert user



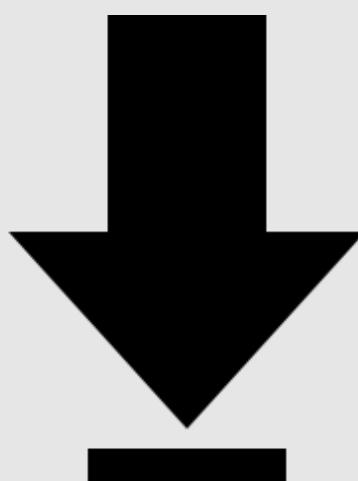
IDENTIFYING CONSUMER VIDEO PROCESSES

at the moment, not an exact science - but works!



OVERSIGHT VERSION 1.0

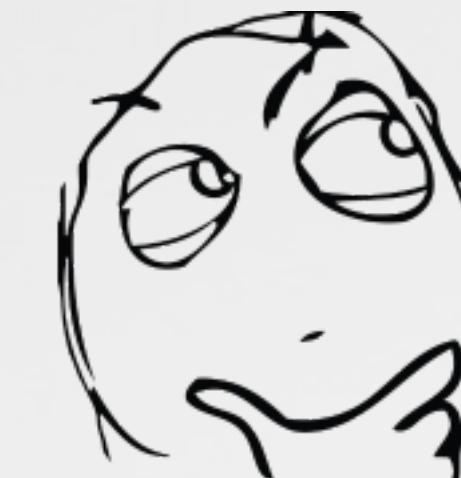
good start, but limited 'features'



85,000+
downloads

A screenshot of a Google search results page. The search term 'oversight' is entered in the search bar. The results include:

- OverSight - Objective-See**
<https://objective-see.com/products/oversight.html> ▾
OverSight monitors a mac's mic and webcam, alerting the user when the internal mic is activated, or whenever a process accesses the webcam. compatibility: ...
- Oversight Committee (@GOPoversight) | Twitter**
<https://twitter.com/GOPoversight>
- 4 days ago - [View on Twitter](#)
The FBI inexplicably agreed to destroy laptops in #Clinton case despite Congressional subpoenas and preservation le... twitter.com/i/web/status/...
- 5 days ago - [View on Twitter](#)
Read the letter to DOJ from @jasoninthehouse, @RepGoodlatte, @ChuckGrassley & @Rep_DevinNunes
oversight.house.gov/relea...
- United States House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform -**
<https://oversight.house.gov/> ▾ House Committee on Oversight and Government Ref... ▾
Has jurisdiction over matters relating to government management and accounting, Federal civil service, municipal affairs of the District of Columbia, postal ...



room for
improvement!



**no audio-process
identification (mic)**



no whitelisting



**no command-line
interface**

beat out the US Govt ;)

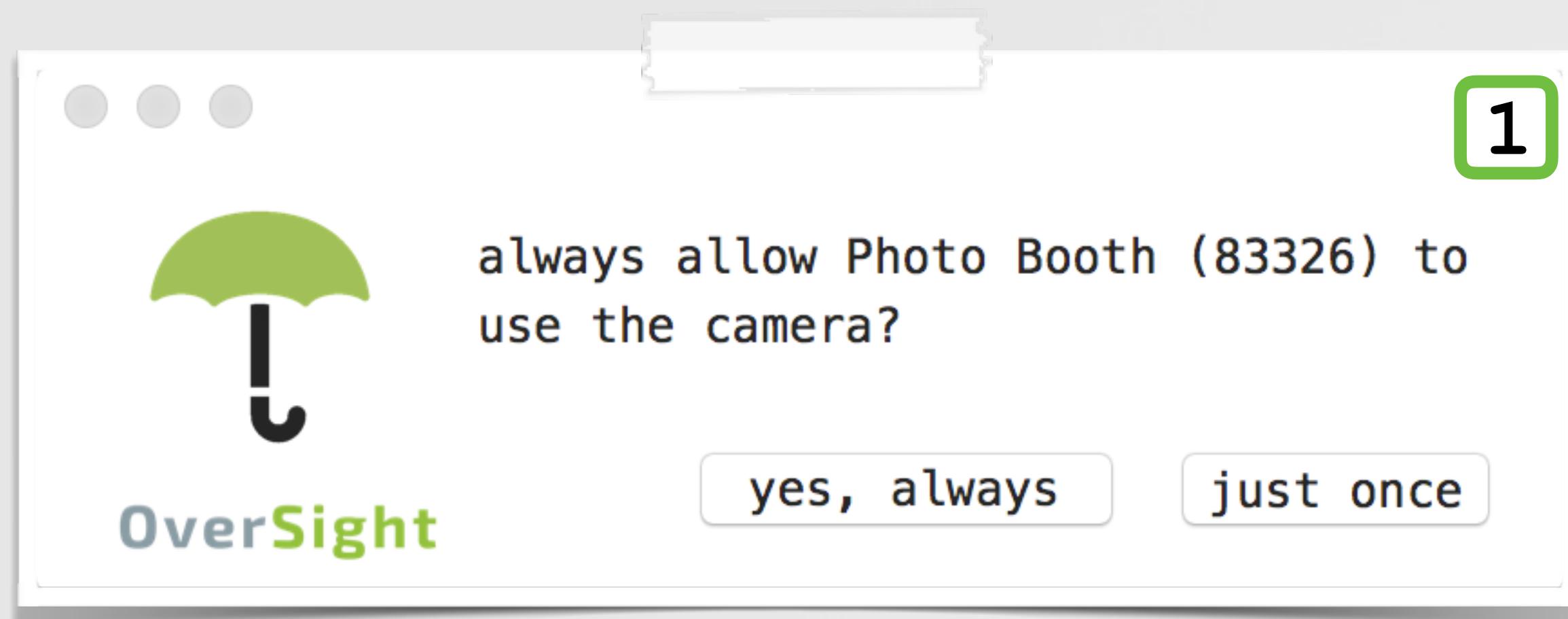
IDENTIFYING CONSUMER AUDIO PROCESSES

(v1.1) who's using the mic?



WHITE-LISTING PROCESSES

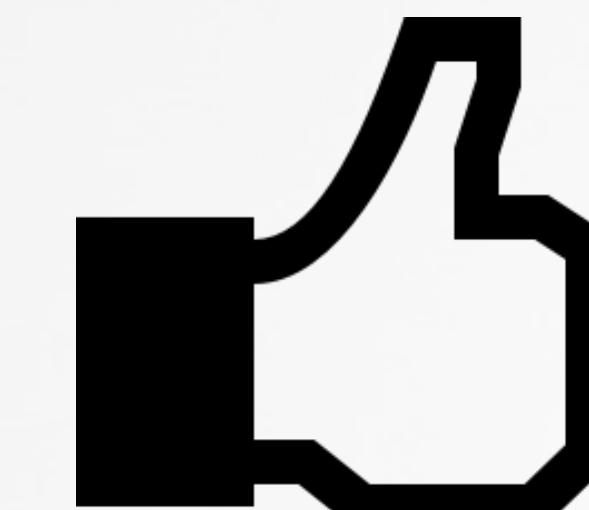
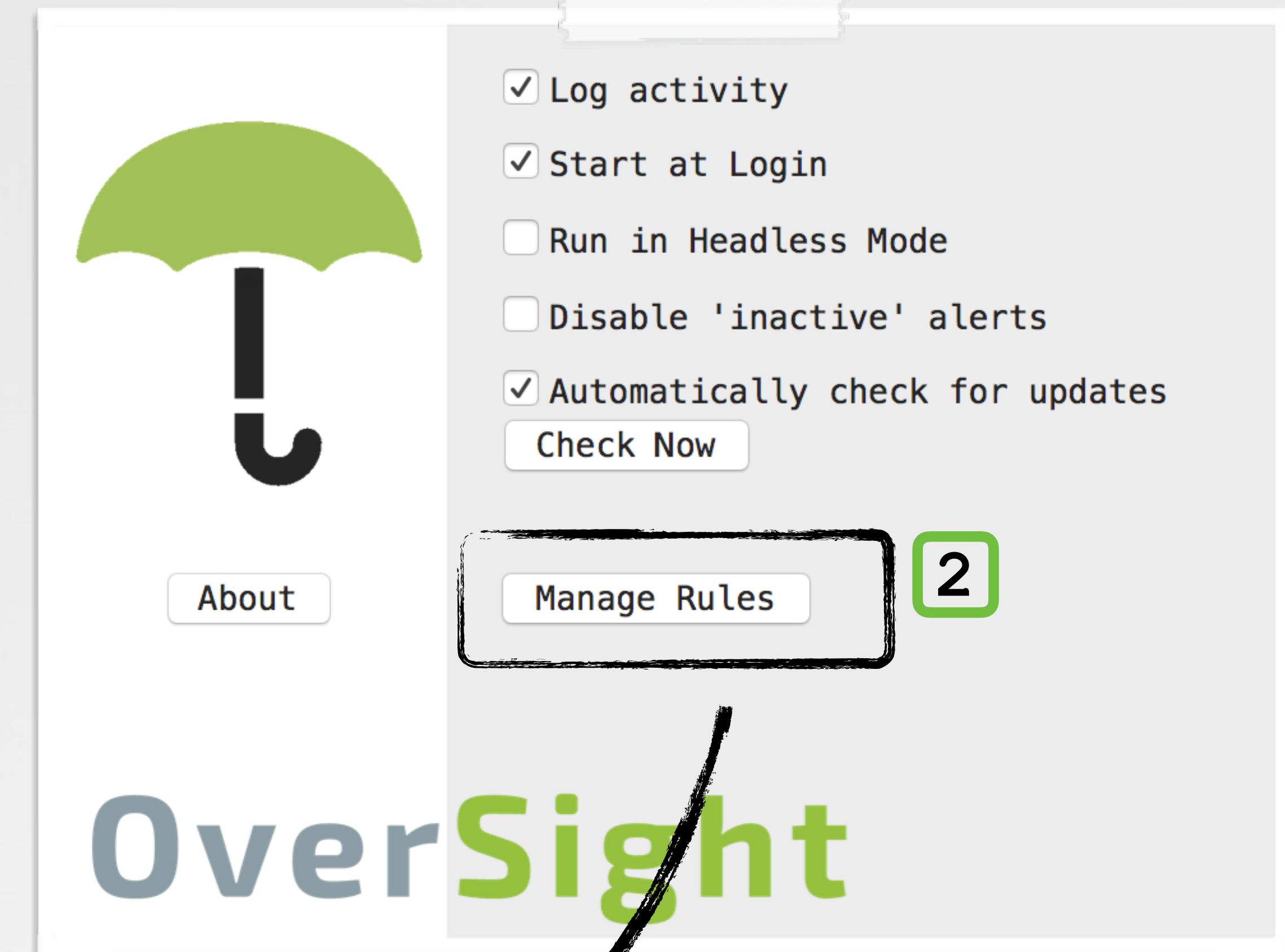
(v1.1) allow trusted apps



alert

White Listed Applications	
 FaceTime	/Applications/FaceTime.app/Contents/MacOS/FaceTime
 Skype	/Applications/Skype.app/Contents/MacOS/Skype

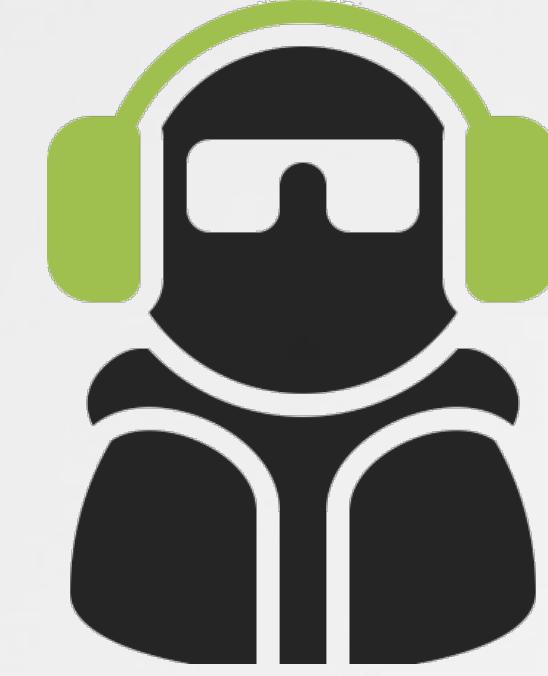
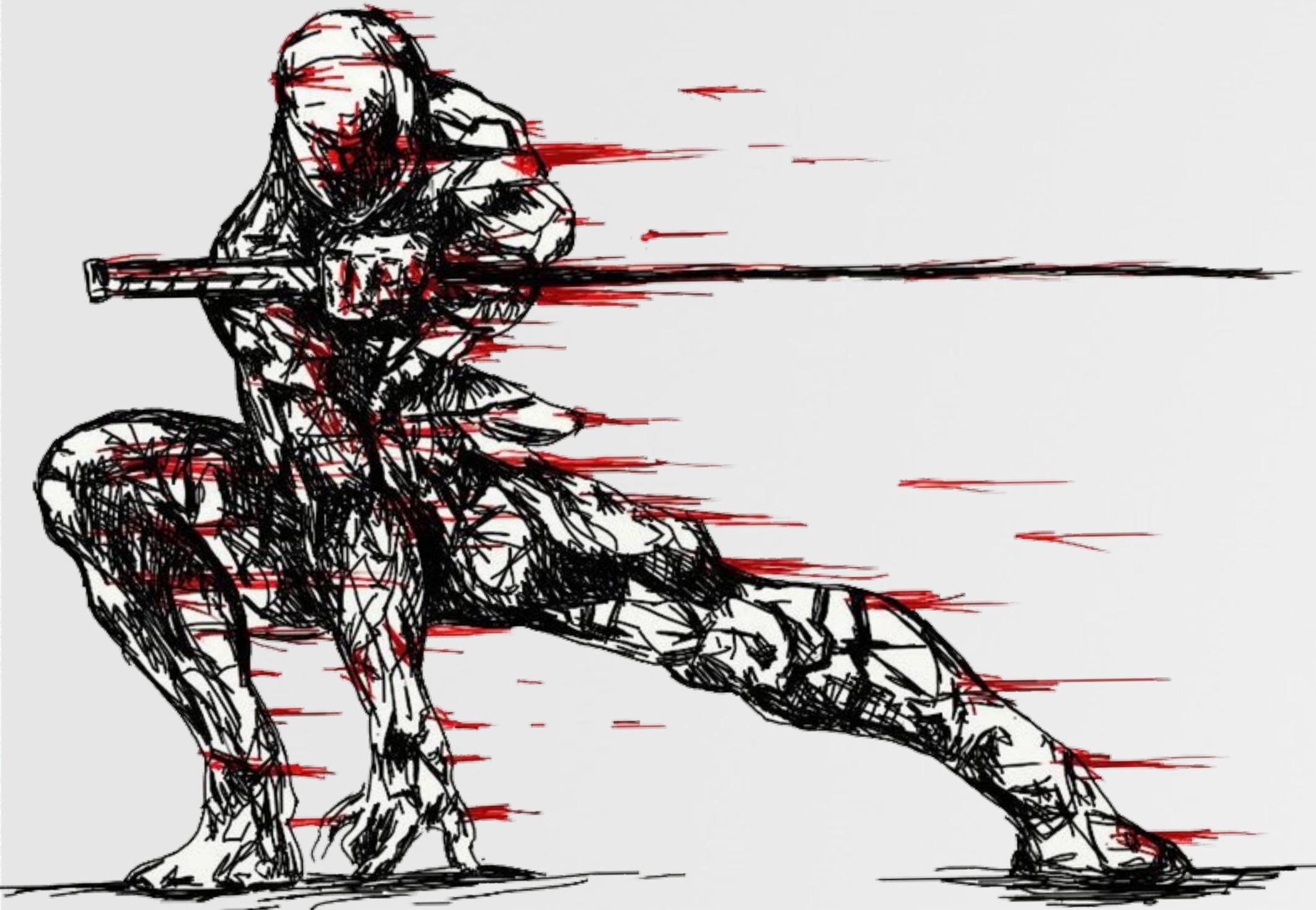
white-listed apps



will ignore
white-listed apps

CASE-STUDY

off != off!?



CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

can you hear me now?



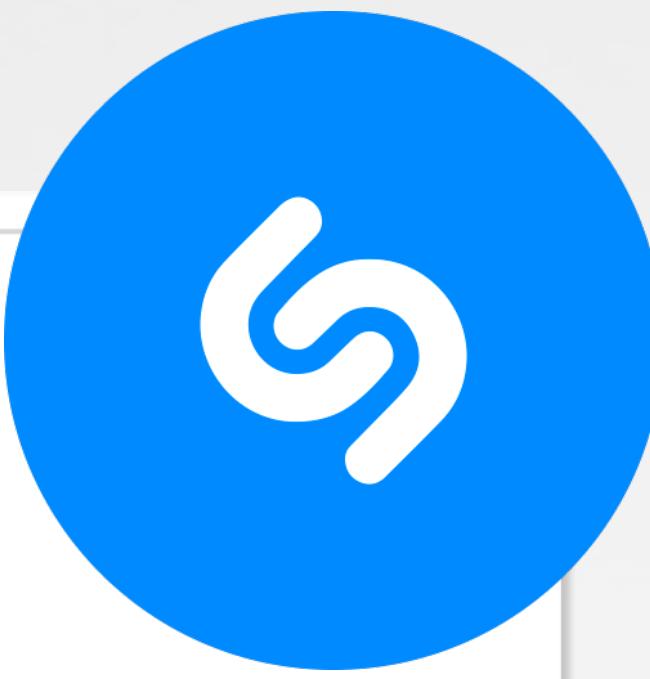
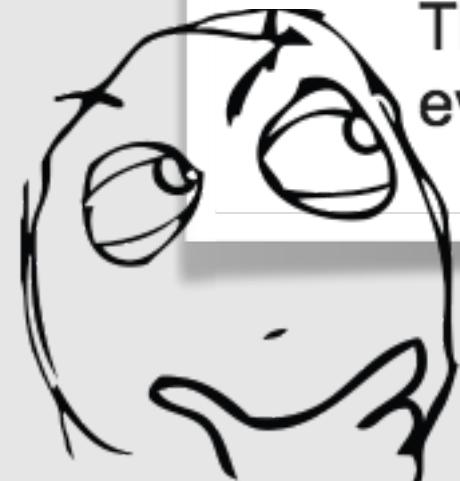
Philippe

to contact

Hello !

Thank you for your awesome work, I love your apps :)

Thanks to Oversight, I was able to figure out why my mic was always spying on me. Just to let you know, the Shazam widget keeps the microphone active even when you specifically switch the toggle to OFF in their app. Scary...



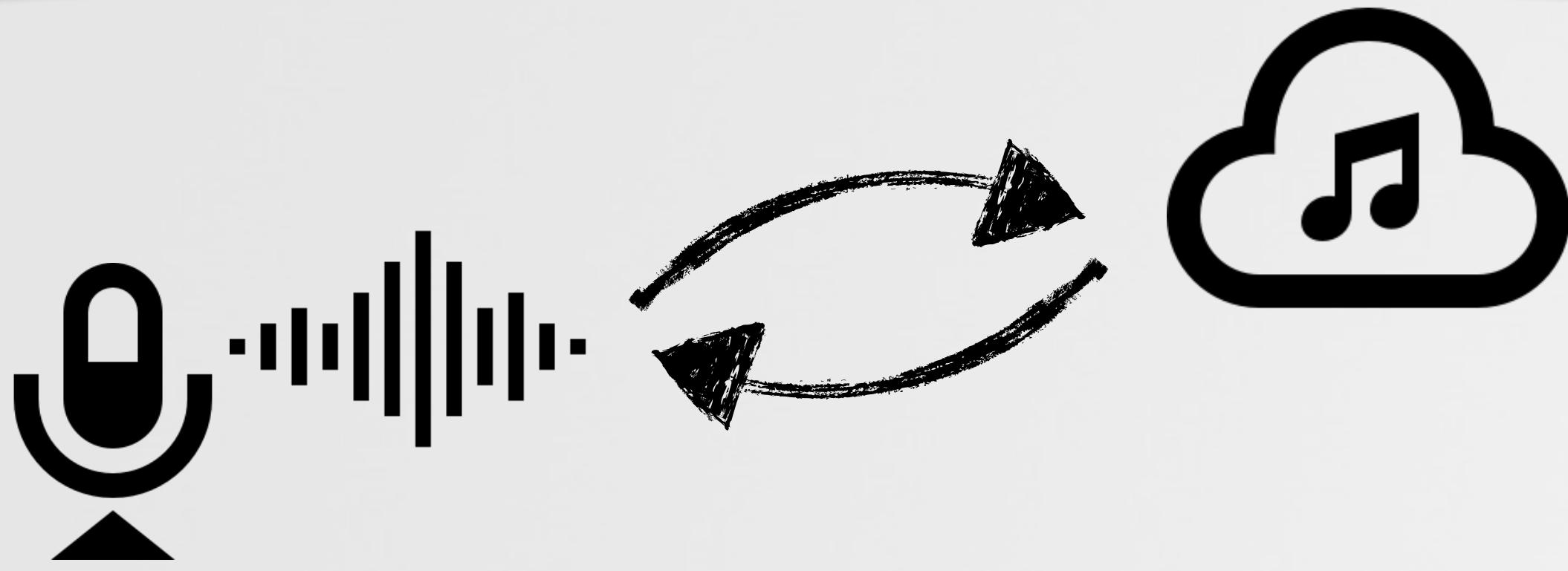
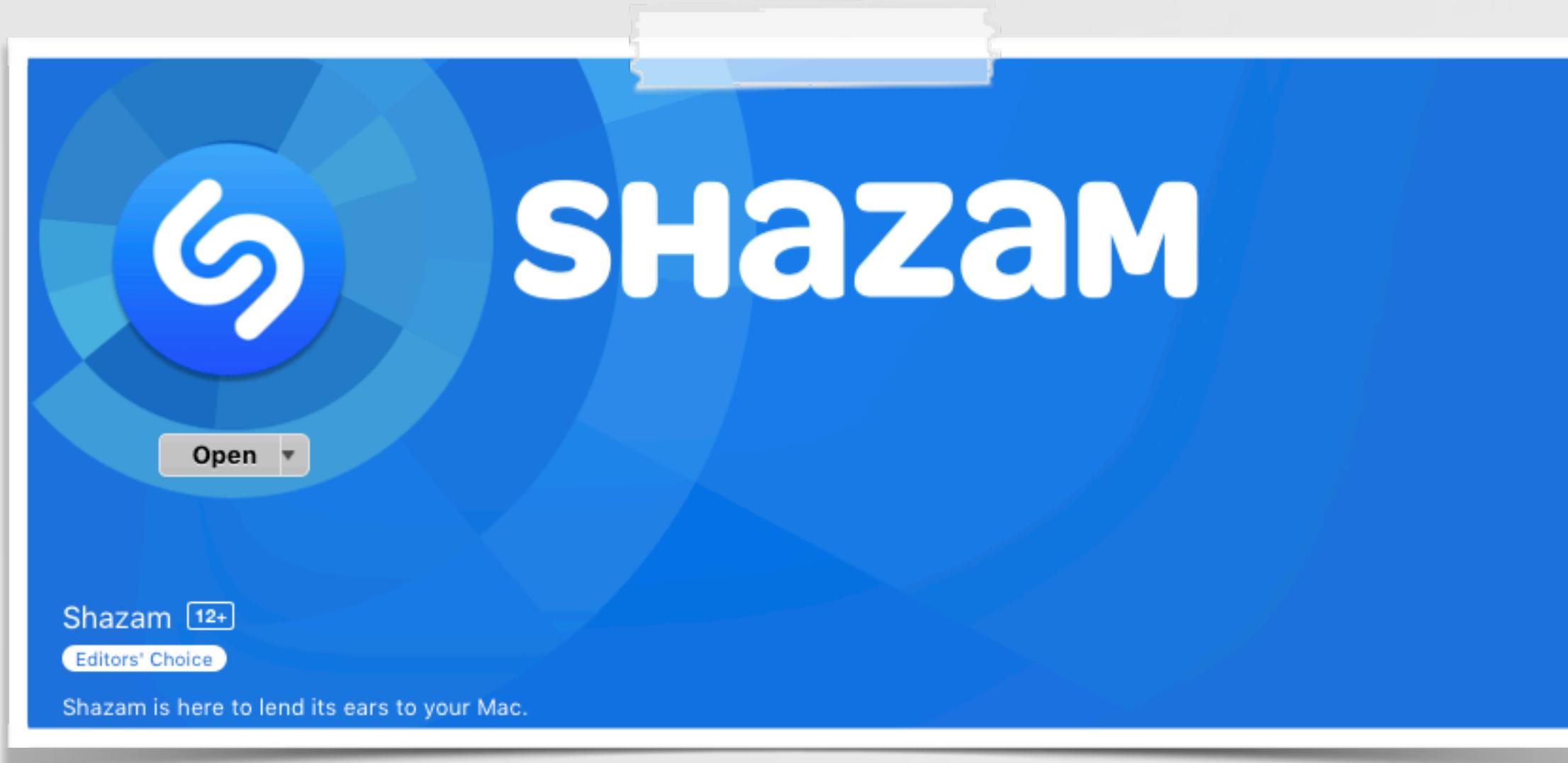
flight to EkoParty Conference



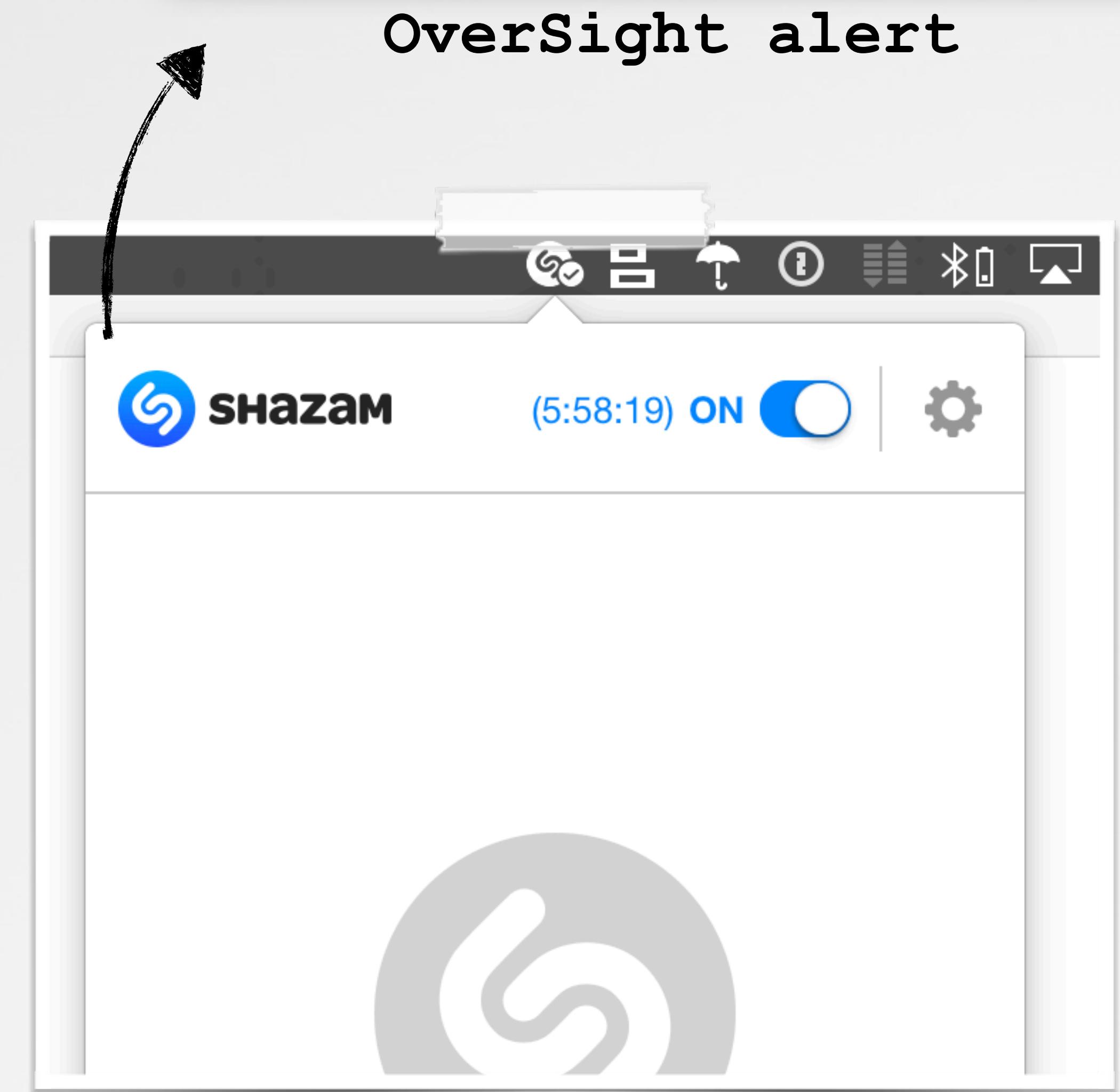
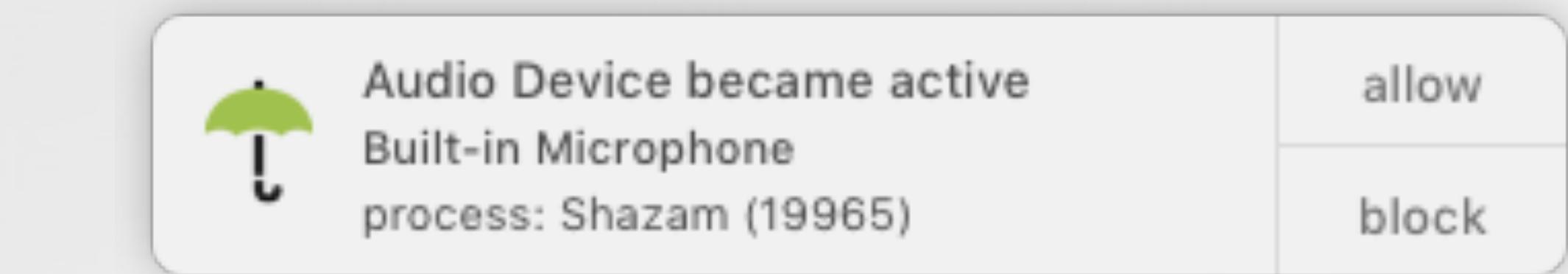
= no distractions

CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

can you hear me now?



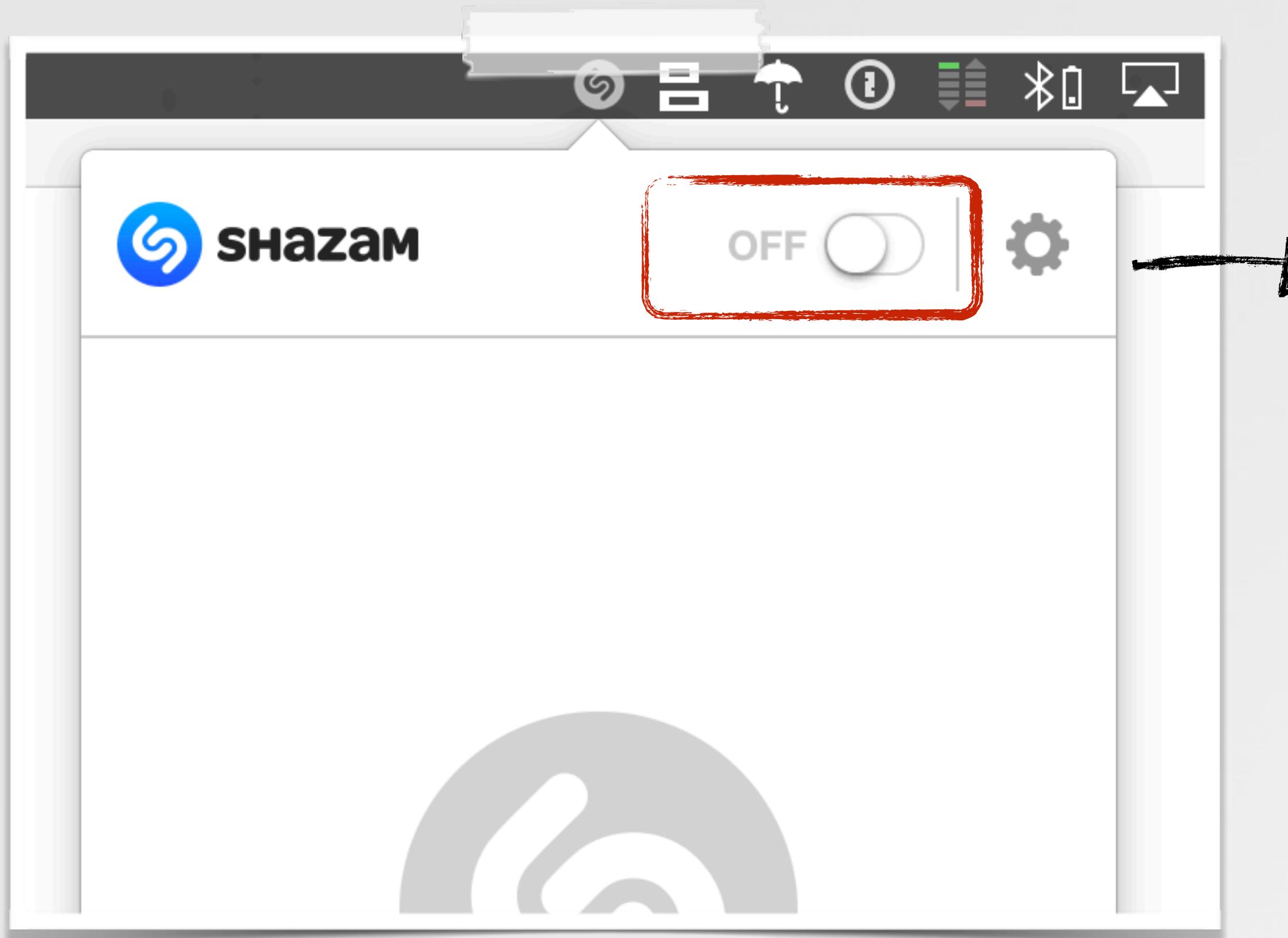
song identification



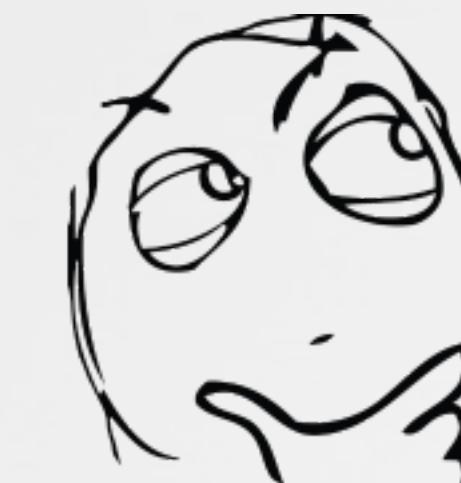
on & listening

CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

but what about when we turn it off?



no OverSight
'deactivation' alert



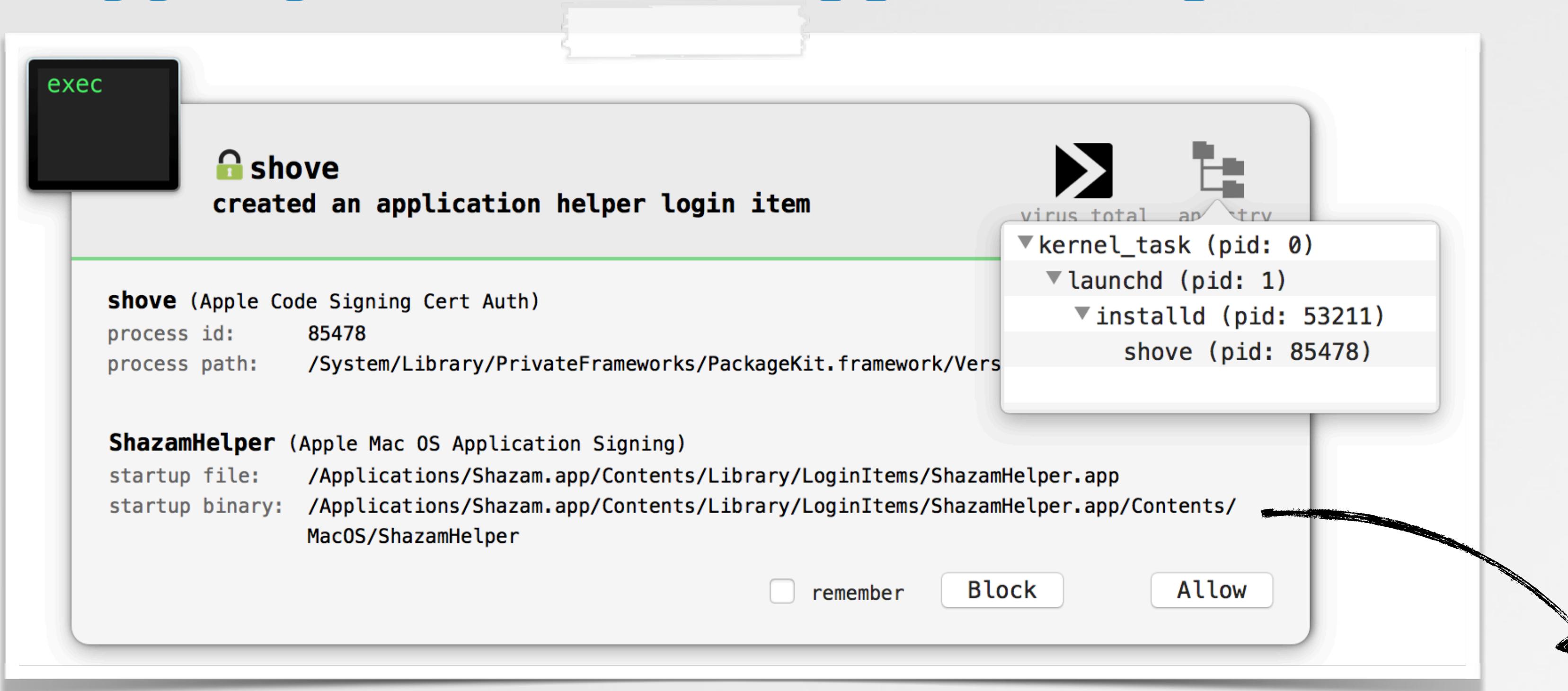
they aren't still
listening? are they! ? !



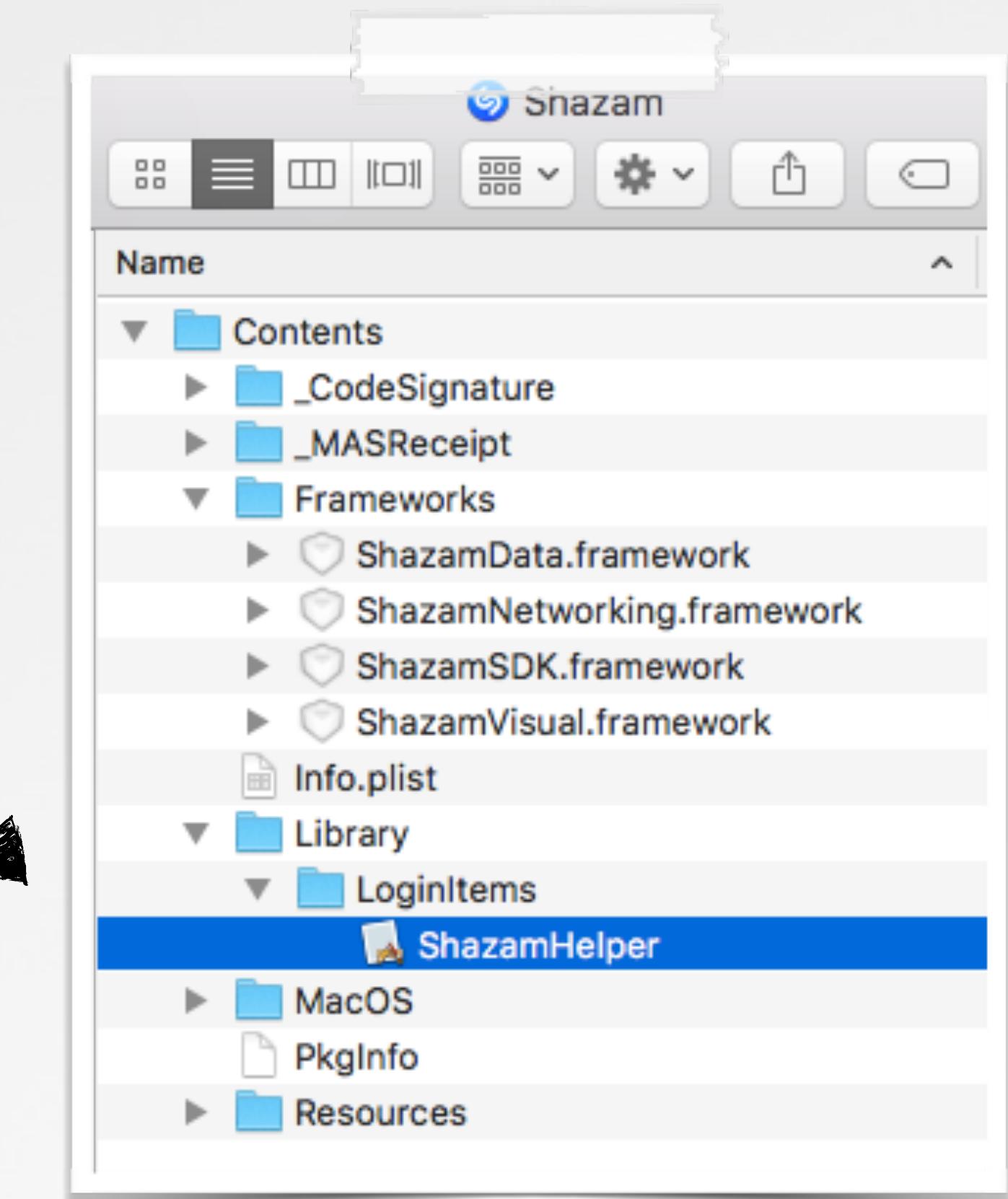
"shazam is here to lend its ears to your mac"
-shazam

CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

digging into the app's components



Block Block alert



Shazam's app bundle

"Modern Login Items"
>martiancraft.com/blog/2015/01/login-items/



MARTIANCRAFT

CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

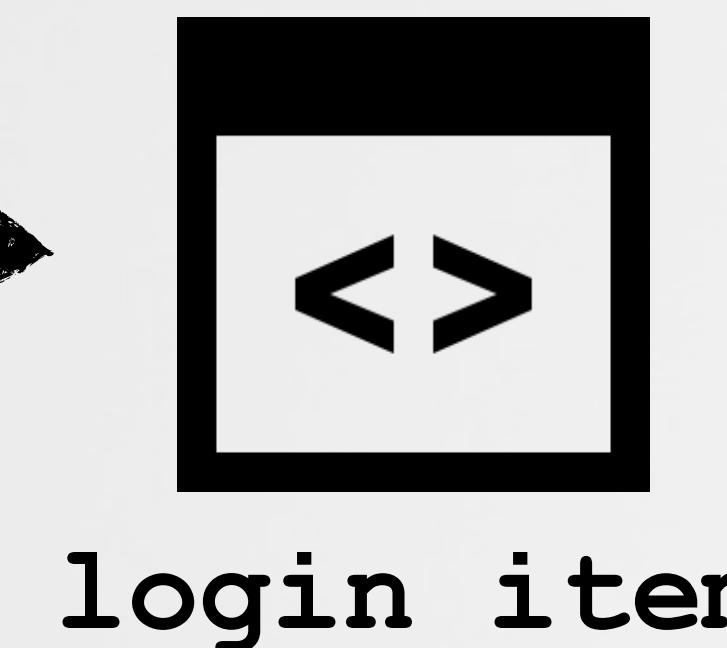
reversing Shazam Login Item

```
- [SHLPAppDelegate applicationDidFinishLaunching:]  
  
    mov     r13, cs:_objc_msgSend_ptr  
    mov     rdi, cs:classRef_NSURL  
    mov     rsi, cs:selRef_URLWithString_  
    lea     rdx, cfstr_ShazammacLaunc ; "shazammac://launch"  
    call    r13  
  
    mov     rdi, cs:classRef_NSWorkspace  
    mov     rsi, cs:selRef_sharedWorkspace  
    call    r13  
    mov     r14, rax  
  
    mov     rsi, cs:selRef_openURL_  
    mov     rdi, r14  
    mov     rdx, rbx  
    call    r13
```

disassembly



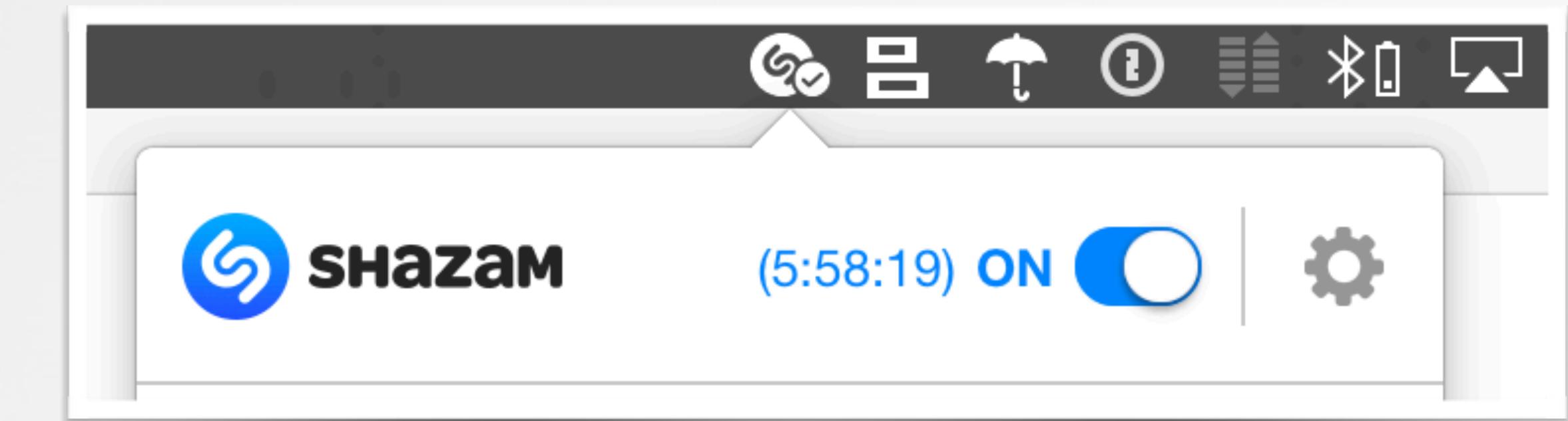
login



login item

```
- [SHLPAppDelegate applicationDidFinishLaunching:]  
{  
  
    //create URL  
    NSURL* url = [NSURL URLWithString:@"shazammac://launch"];  
  
    //open it  
    [[NSWorkspace sharedWorkspace] openURL:url];  
  
}
```

pseudo code



shazam
(automatically started)

CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

Shazam's URL Schemes

```
$ cat /Applications/Shazam.app/Contents/Info.plist  
  
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
<plist version="1.0">  
<dict>  
  <key>CFBundleURLTypes</key>  
  <array>  
    <dict>  
      <key>CFBundleTypeRole</key>  
      <string>Editor</string>  
      <key>CFBundleURLName</key>  
      <string>com.shazam.mac.Shazam</string>  
      <key>CFBundleURLSchemes</key>  
      <array>  
        <string>shazammac</string>  
      </array>  
    </dict>  
  </array>  
...
```



[**CFBundleURLSchemes**]

url schemes the app
can 'handle'

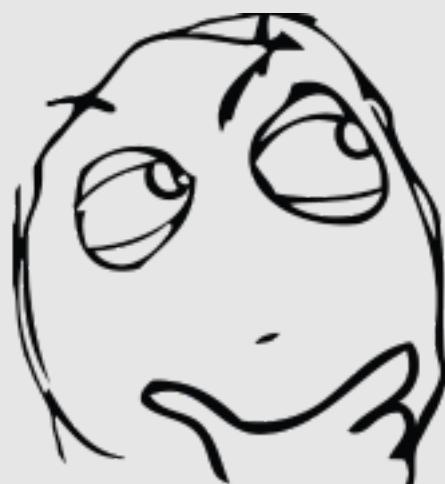
scheme
shazamac://



Shazam's URL Schemes

CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

reversing Shazam Application



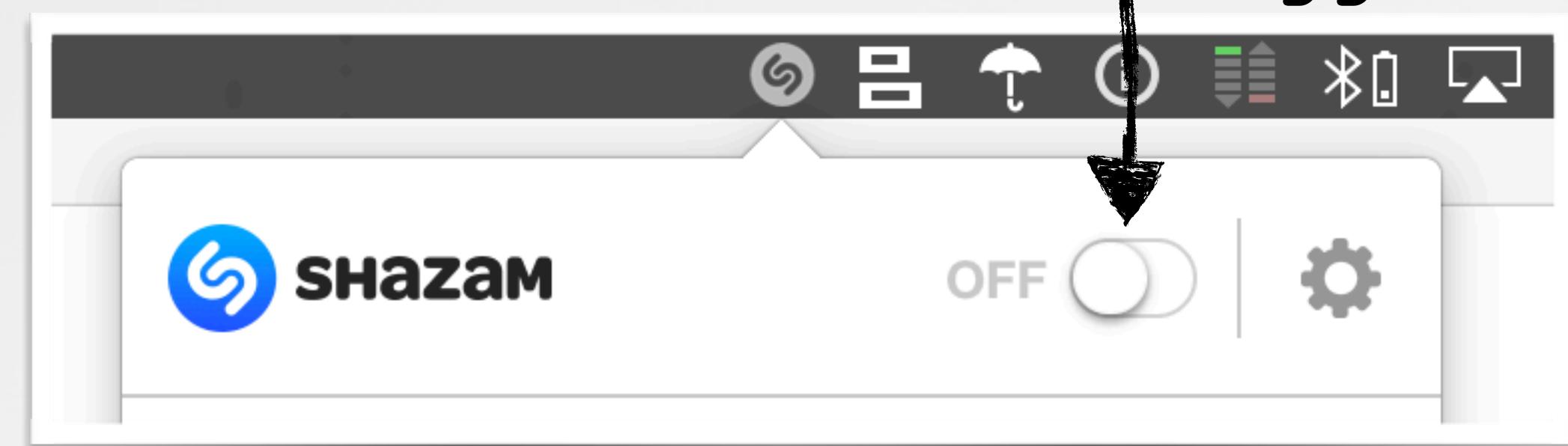
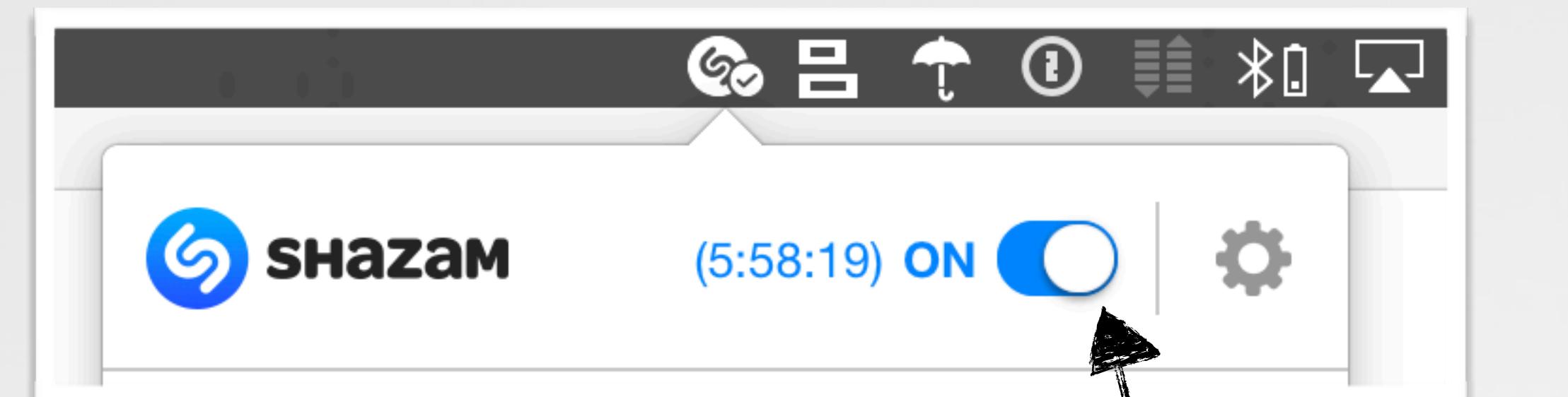
what logic is executed
when user toggles on/off?

```
$ classdump Shazam.app/Contents/MacOS/Shazam
```

```
@interface SHMainViewController : NSViewController
{
    SHAppTagManager *_tagManager;
    SHContinuousTagging *_continuousTagging;
    ...
}

-(void)toggleAutoTagging:(id)arg1;
-(void)updateAutoTaggingUI;
```

class dump of Shazam



'toggleAutoTagging':
looks interesting!



...let's debug/analyze →

CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

reversing 'toggleAutoTagging:'

```
$ lldb /Applications/Shazam.app
(lldb) target create "/Applications/Shazam.app"
Current executable set to '/Applications/Shazam.app'
(lldb) b -[SHMainViewController toggleAutoTagging:]

(lldb) * stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
Shazam`-[SHMainViewController toggleAutoTagging:]
```

arg	name	(for) objc_msgSend
0	RDI	class
1	RSI	method name
2	RDX	1st argument
3	RCX	2nd argument
4	R8	3rd argument
5	R9	4th argument

calling convention
(system v, amd64 abi)

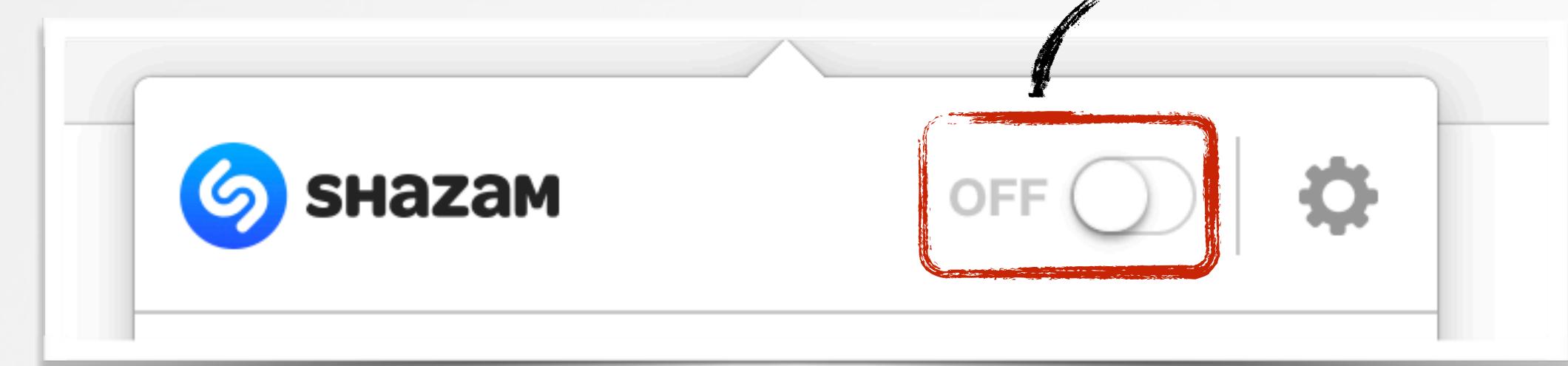
```
(lldb) po $rdi
<SHMainViewController: 0x10199d2e0>

(lldb) x/s $rsi
0x10001f72d: "toggleAutoTagging:"

(lldb) po $rdx
<ITSwitch: 0x107c37a00>

(lldb) p (BOOL)[$rdx isOn]
(BOOL) $5 = NO
```

'ITSwitch' class



CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

reversing 'toggleAutoTagging:'

```
void -[SHMainViewController toggleAutoTagging:]  
{  
    //will execute when user toggles to 'OFF'  
    if([rbx isContinuousTaggingRunning] != 0x0)  
    {  
        rbx = [r14 applicationConfiguration];  
        [rbx setUserDisabledTagging:0x1, rcx];  
  
        rbx = [[r14 tagManager] retain];  
        [rbx stopTagging];  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

```
void -[SHKTaggingInterruptController stopTagging]  
{  
    ...  
    [self stopTaggingForReason:0x2  
        withError:0x0 tagContext:0x0];  
}
```

5 - [SHKTaggingInterruptController
stopTaggingCommon:]

- 1
- 2 - [SHMainViewController toggleAutoTagging:]
- 3 - [SHAppTagManager stopTagging]
- 4 - [SHKTaggingInterruptController stopTagging]

```
$ classdump Shazam.app/Contents/Frameworks/  
ShazamSDK.framework/ShazamSDK  
  
@interface SHKTaggingInterruptController  
- (void)stopTagging;  
- (void)stopRecording;
```

```
//check if recording should stop  
r13 = (rbx,  
@selector(shouldStopRecordingWhenTaggingEnds));  
if (r13 != 0x0)  
    [r14 stopRecording];
```

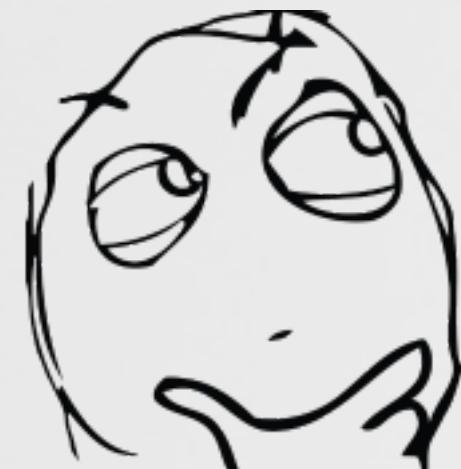
CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

reversing 'stopRecording'

```
int __33-[SHKAudioRecorder stopRecording]_block_invoke(int arg0)
{
    rbx = [* (arg0 + 0x20) audioConfigurator] retain;
    r15 = AudioOutputUnitStop([rbx rioUnit]);
}
```



AudioOutputUnitStop: "*stops an I/O audio unit, which in turn stops the audio unit processing graph that it is connected to*" -apple



recall though, 'stopRecording' is only invoked if 'shouldStopRecordingWhenTaggingEnds' return YES (TRUE)

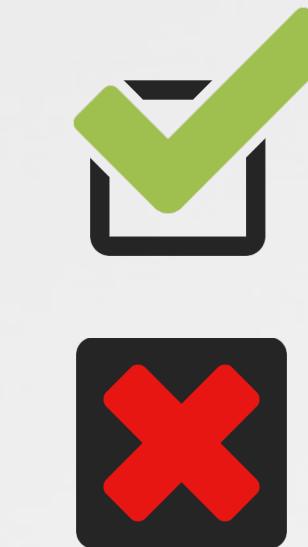


CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

reversing 'shouldStopRecordingWhenTaggingEnds':

```
char -[SHKTaggingOptions  
shouldStopRecordingWhenTaggingEnds]  
{  
    rax = [self taggingType];  
    rax = (rax == 0x2 ? 0x1 : 0x0) & 0xff;  
    return rax;  
}
```

'taggingType' is 0x2?

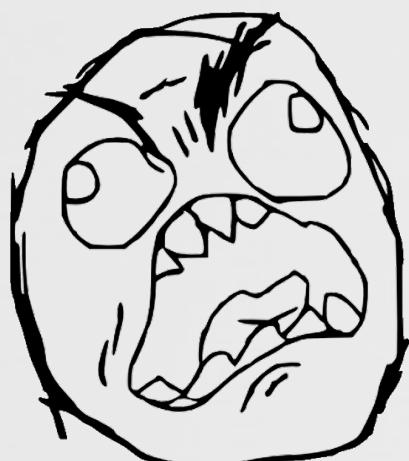


return 'YES' (TRUE/0x1)



return 'NO' (FALSE/0x0)

```
(lldb) * stop reason = breakpoint 2.1  
ShazamSDK`-[SHKTaggingOptions shouldStopRecordingWhenTaggingEnds]  
  
(lldb) p (int)[$rdi taggingType]  
(int) $17 = 1
```



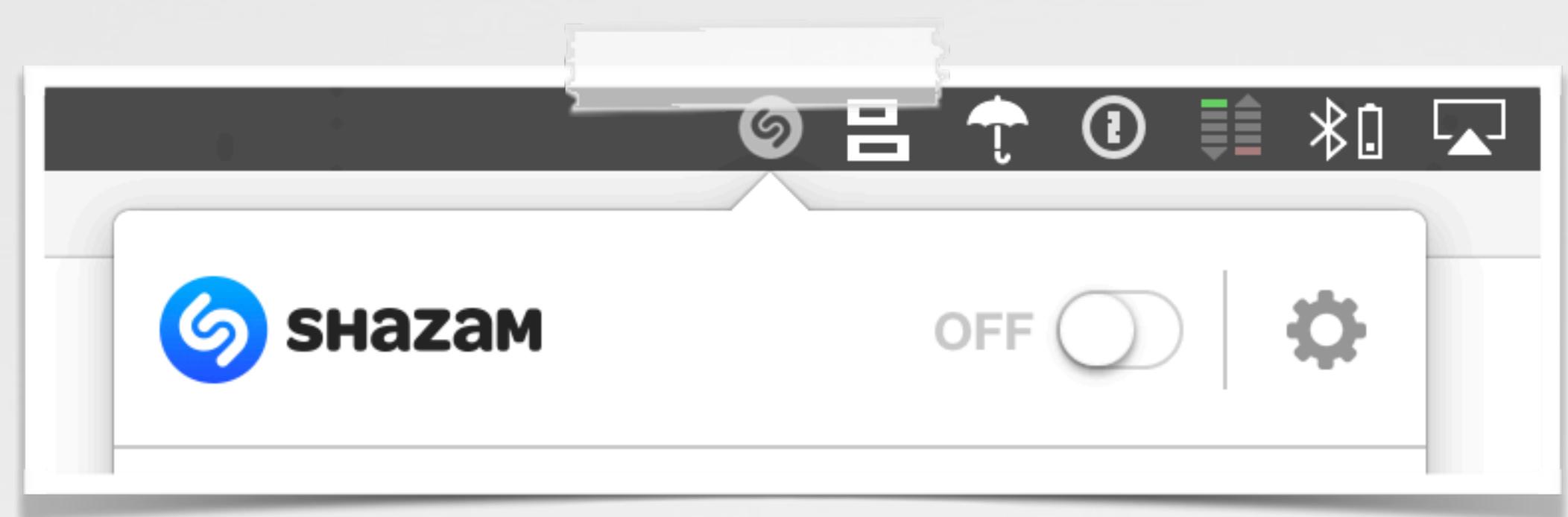
so, since 'taggingType' is not 0x2, 'stopRecording' isn't called when user clicks 'OFF'...wtf!?

CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

are we sure?

```
void -[SHAppTagManager startContinuousTagging]
{
    rbx = [[self taggingController] retain];
    [rbx startTaggingWithType:0x1];
    ...
}
```

'taggingType' hardcoded



'SHKAudioRecorder' instance

```
(lldb) p (BOOL) [0x100729040 isRecording]
(BOOL) $19 = YES
```

turned off; 'isRecording' returns YES!

Shazam Support <shazam.support@shazam.com>

to patrick

Hi Patrick,

Thanks for getting in touch and bringing this to our attention. The iOS and Mac apps use a shared SDK, hence the continued recording you are seeing on Mac. We use this continued recording on iOS for performance, allowing us to deliver faster song matches to users.

As you rightly point out the SDK still pulls the audio but doesn't process it on Mac when the switch is toggled 'OFF'.

Shazam admitted to 'continue recording'

CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

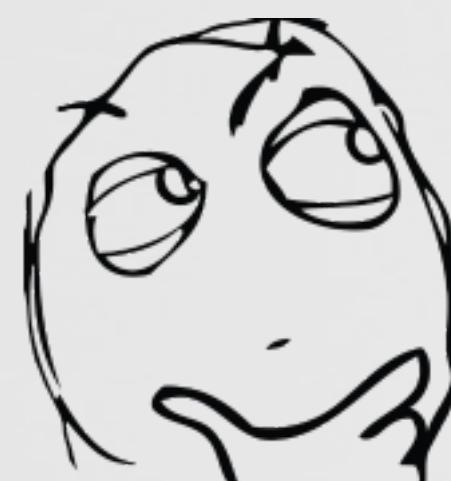
is this an issue? well...

```
(lldb) bt
frame #1: ShazamSDK`ShazamRecordingInputCallback + 1302
frame #2: CoreAudio`AUHAL::AUProc() + 2324
frame #3: CoreAudio`HALC_ProxyIOContext::IOWorkLoop() +
frame #4: CoreAudio`HALC_ProxyIOContext::IOThreadEntry(
frame #5: CoreAudio`HALB_IOTread::Entry() +
```

```
(lldb) * stop reason = breakpoint 3.1
ShazamSDK`-[SHKSignatureGenerator setGenerating:]
```

```
(lldb) p (BOOL)$rdx
(BOOL) $46 = NO
```

```
//only process audio if 'generating' flag is set
if (YES == (r14 = (rbx, @selector(generating), rdx, rcx))) {
...
memcpy(*((rbx, @selector(audioConsumerBufferList)) + 0x10), var_38, 0x0);
```



'OFF' thereof means simply, "stop processing the recorded data" ...not cease recording ('sampling')

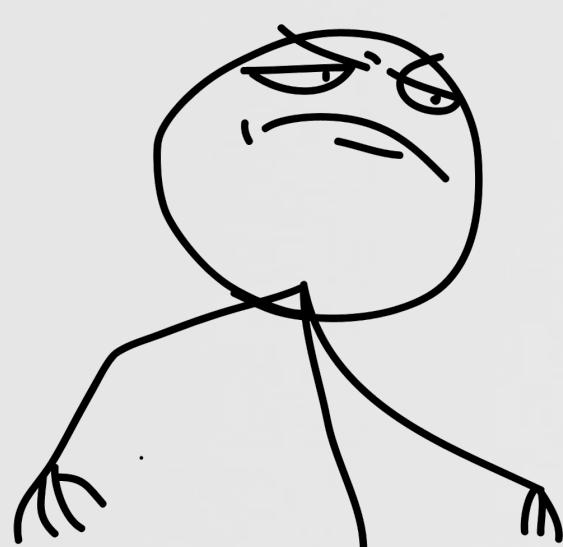
CASE STUDY: SHAZAM

MOTHERBOARD

NEWS

Shazam Keeps Your Mac's Microphone Always On, Even When You Turn It Off

LORENZO FRANCESCHI-BICCHIERAI
Nov 14 2016, 7:01am



"updated the app to make sure the microphone is completely turned off when Shazam isn't running" -shazam, v1.2.1

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Shhh! Shazam is always listening – even when it's been switched 'off'

But it's totally benign, say developers



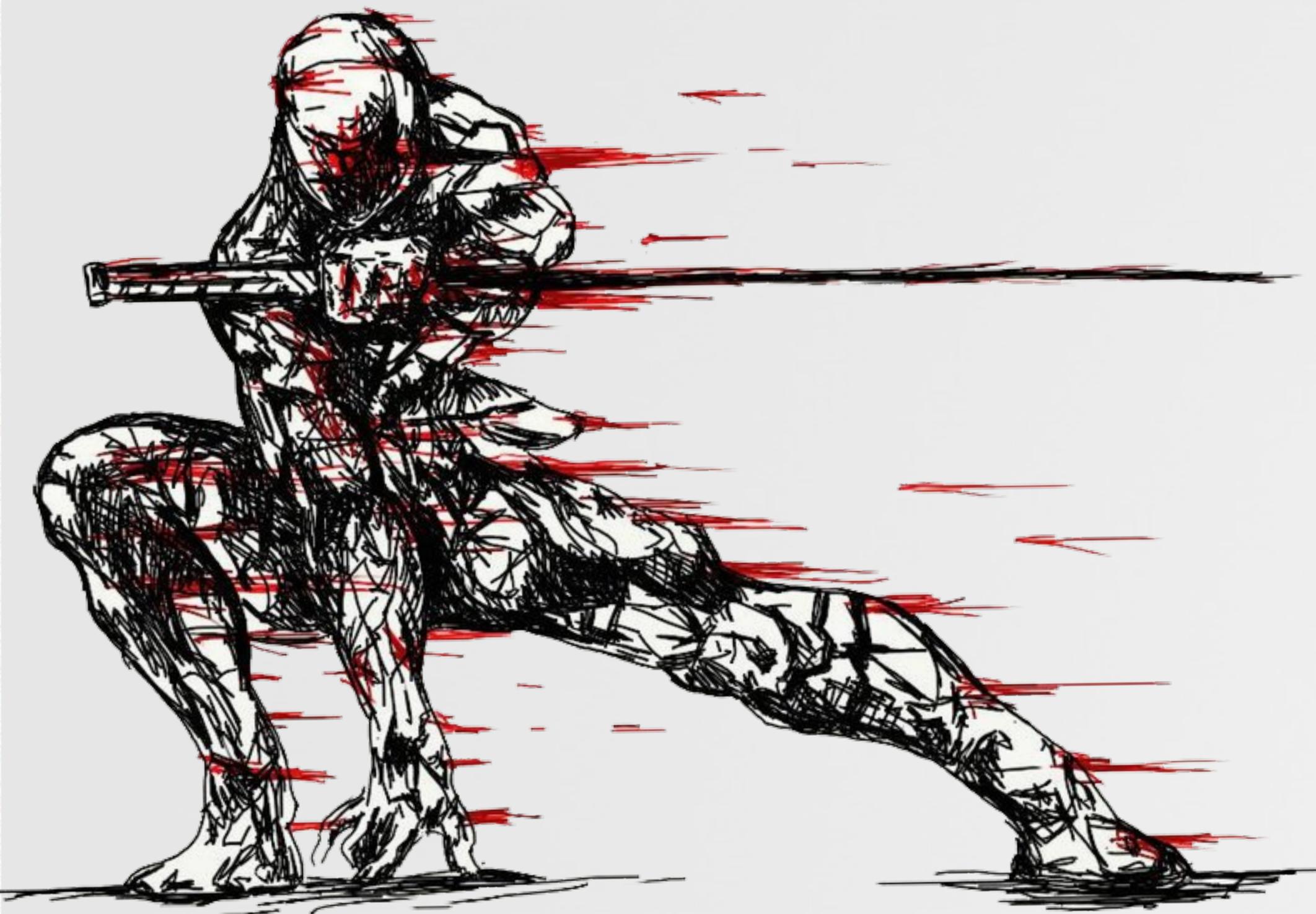
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SHAZAM

What's New in Version 1.2.1
We've fixed a few crashes, added a new menu bar icon so it's easier to see when the app is Shazaming, and updated the app to make sure the microphone is completely turned off when Shazam isn't running on Mac.

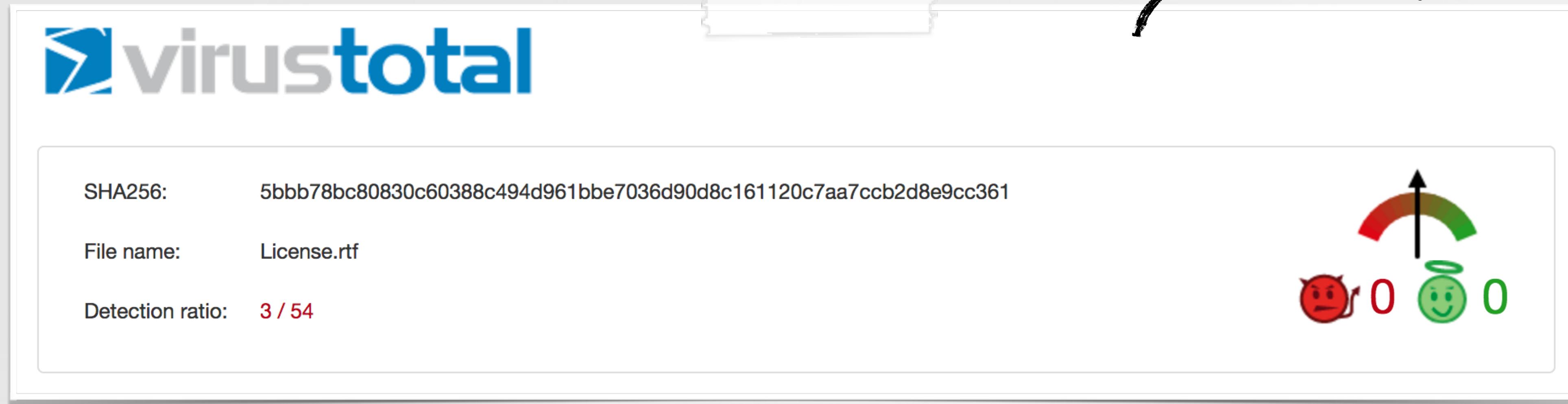
CONCLUSIONS

wrapping this up



GENERIC DETECTIONS

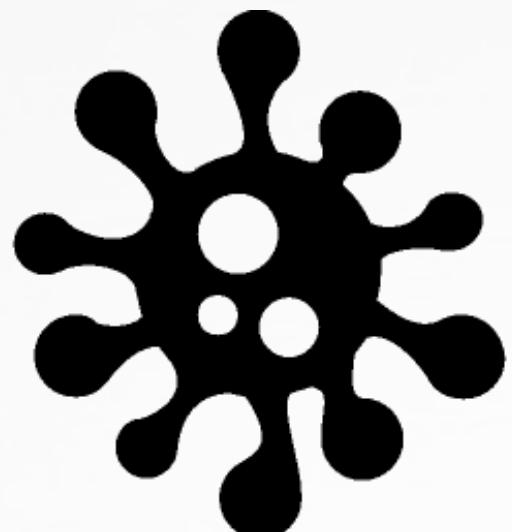
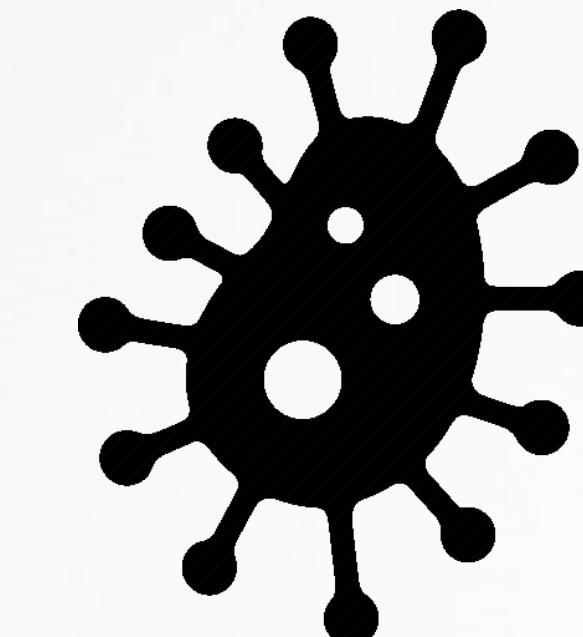
as traditional AV has (well-known) limitations



keydnap (7/2016)

known limitations:

- ✗ only detects known samples
- ✗ trivial to bypass



MALWARE PERSISTS

enumerate/monitor all persistent software

The image shows the KnockKnock application interface. On the left, a sidebar lists persistent software categories with counts: Kernel Extensions (2), Launch Items (20), Library Inserts (0), and Login Items (3). The main pane displays a table of detected items:

Category	Name	Path	Status	Actions
Launch Items	Little Snitch Agent	/Library/Little Snitch/Little Snitch Agent.app/Contents/MacOS/Little Snitch Agent /Library/LaunchAgents/at.obdev.LittleSnitchUIAgent.plist	0/57	virusTotal info show
	UpdaterStartupUtility	/Library/Application Support/Adobe/00BE/PDApp/UWA/UpdaterStartupUtility /Library/LaunchAgents/com.adobe.AAM.Updater-	0/57	virusTotal info show
	Creative Cloud	/Applications/Utilities/Adobe Creative Cloud/ACC/CreativeCloud /Library/LaunchAgents/com.adobe.AdobeCreativeCloud.p		
Login Items	adprintd	/usr/share/centrifydc/sbin/adprintd /Library/LaunchAgents/com.centrify.adprintd.plist		

A central message box states: "osxMalware installed a launch daemon or agent". It provides details about the malware process:

osxMalware (unsigned)
process id: 74090
process path: /Users/patrick/Downloads/osxMalware.app/Contents/MacOS/osxMalware

com.malware.persist.plist (unsigned)
startup file: /Users/patrick/Library/LaunchAgents/com.malware.persist.plist
startup binary: /usr/bin/malware.bin

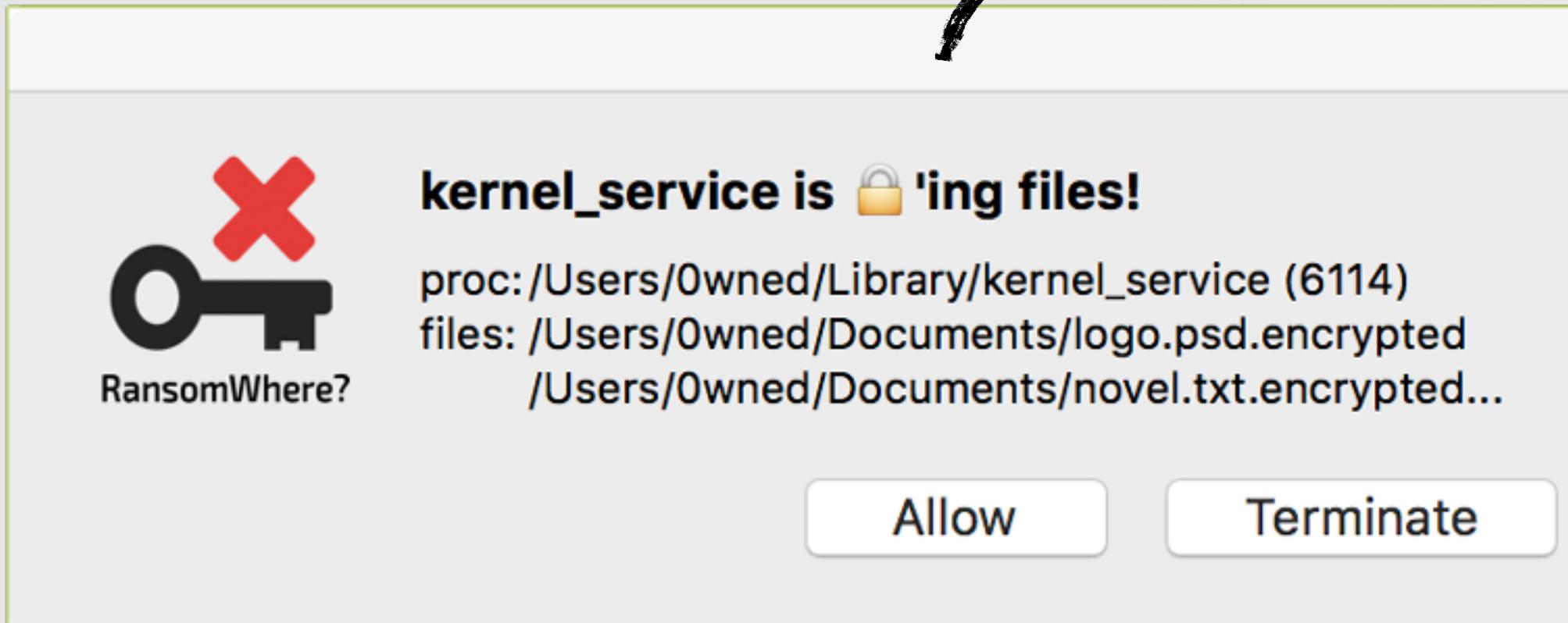
At the bottom right, there is a "Block" button with a "remember" checkbox and an "Allow" button.

BlockBlock

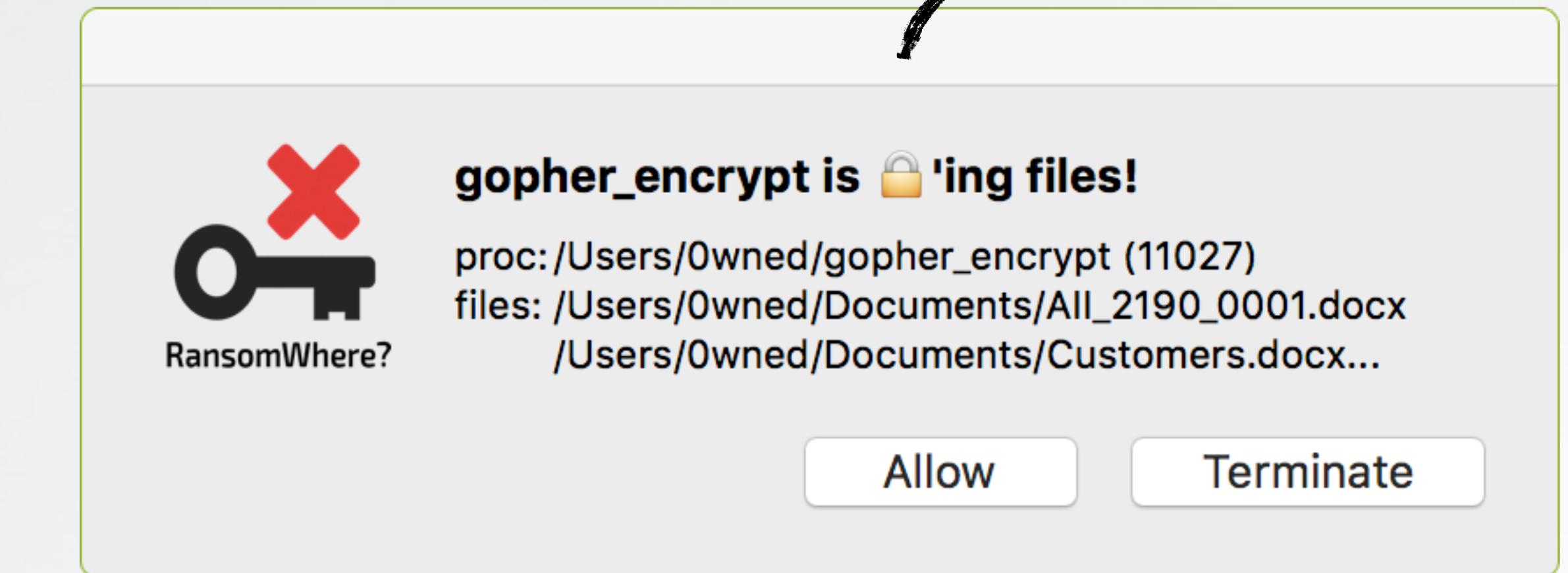
RANSOMWARE ENCRYPTS !

detect rapid creation of -files by untrusted procs

OSX/KeRanger



"Towards Generic
Ransomware Detection"



RansomWhere?



- creating encrypted files
- rapidly / high number
- by an untrusted process



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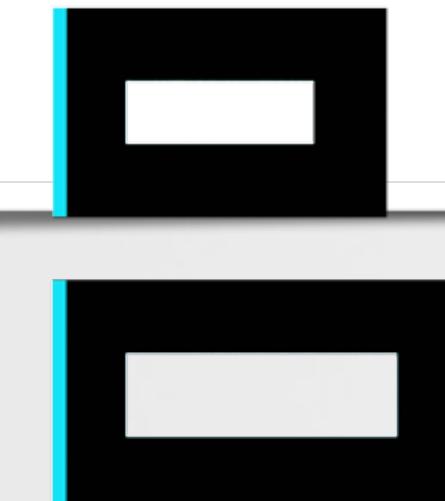
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TaskExplorer



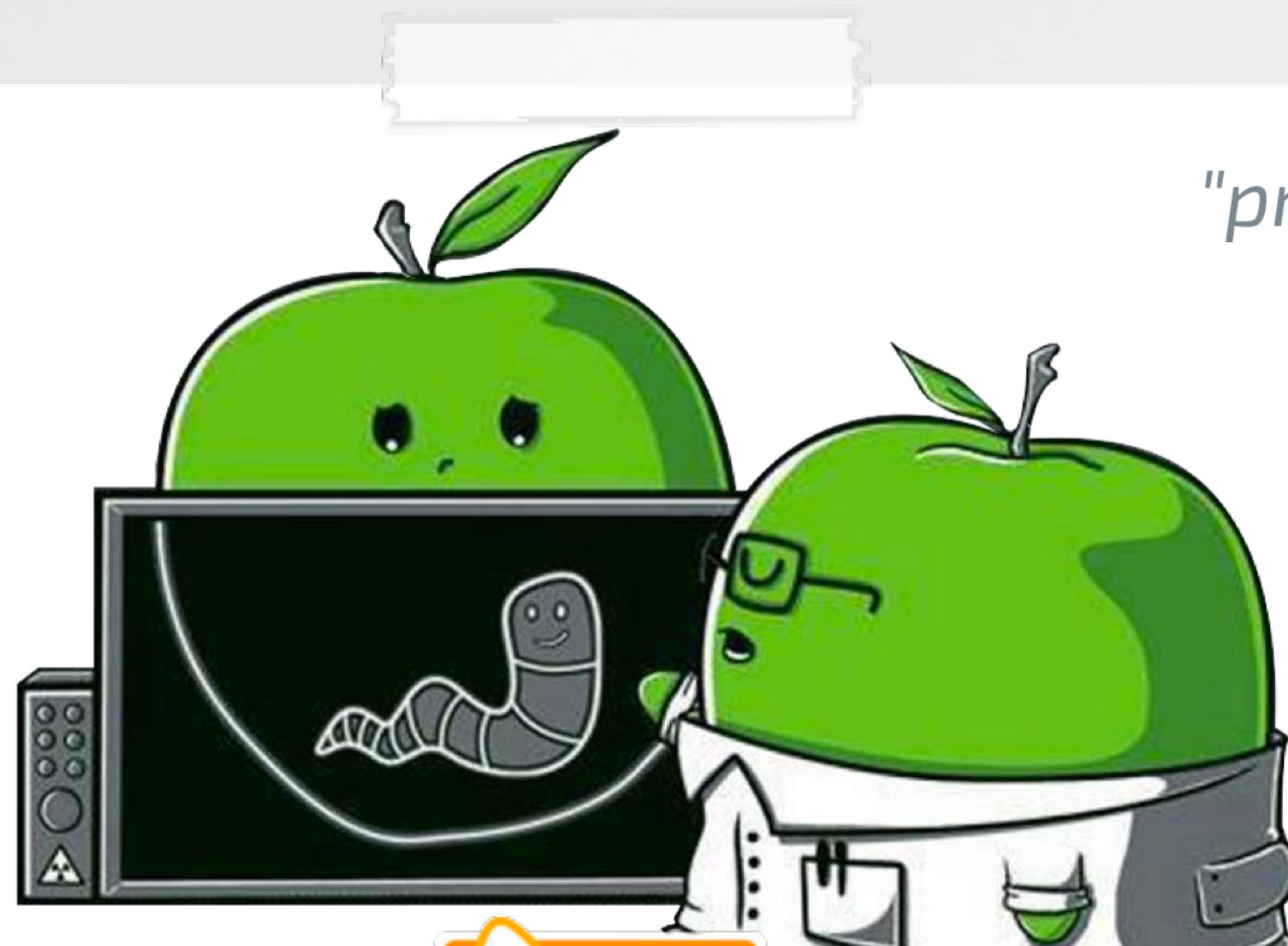
KnockKnock



BlockBlock



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to the core"*



Hijack Scanner



RansomWhere?



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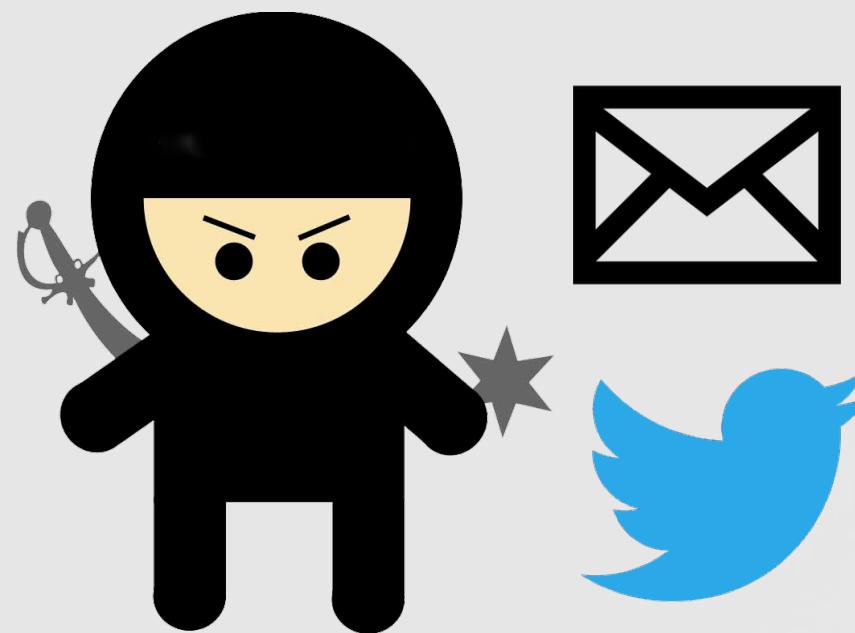


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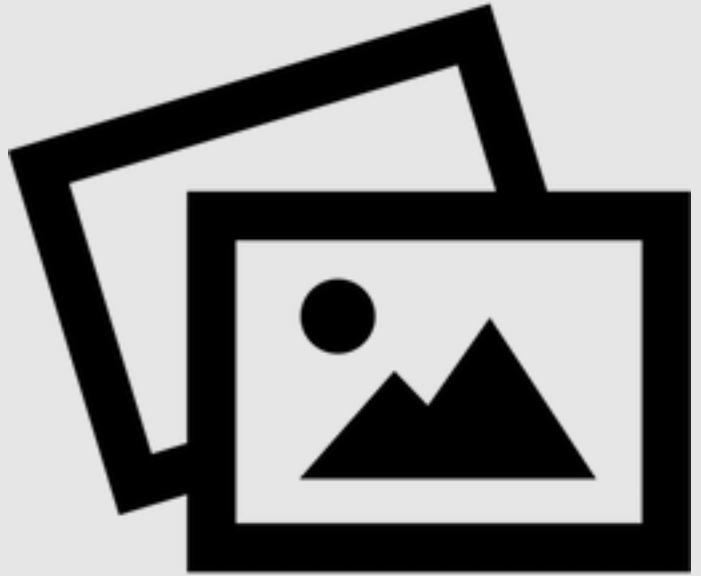


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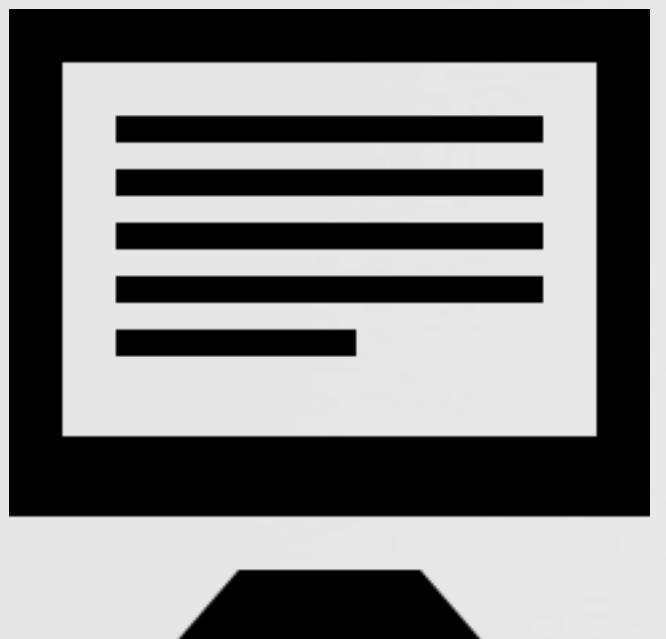
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