

# Rogue Behavior Detection

Tackling binaries  
while they're  
on the ground



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# Malware Analysts

*And their issues...*

# Malware analysis and its issues

*The average malicious binary is not interesting*

- Repetitive code
- Repetitive techniques
- Self-taught developers
- Limited interests

Wouldn't it be neat to see at one glance roughly what a binary is about?

# *Limitations of contemporary automated malware analysis*

## **Static**

- Obfuscation
- Self-modifying code
- Byte code and virtual machines
- Dynamic API loading
- Asynchronous code
- Object oriented code

## **Dynamic**

- Sandbox detection
- Missing dependencies/components
- Need for interaction
- Time based evasion
- Missing input values
- Multiple execution paths
- Incompatibilities



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# Multiple execution paths

*Common sandboxes are fairly limited in their analysis capabilities of multi-purpose malware*



*In almost all cases they are totally useless for analyzing benign binaries*

# Wicked plan...

*Look at all areas of a binary*

*API calls*

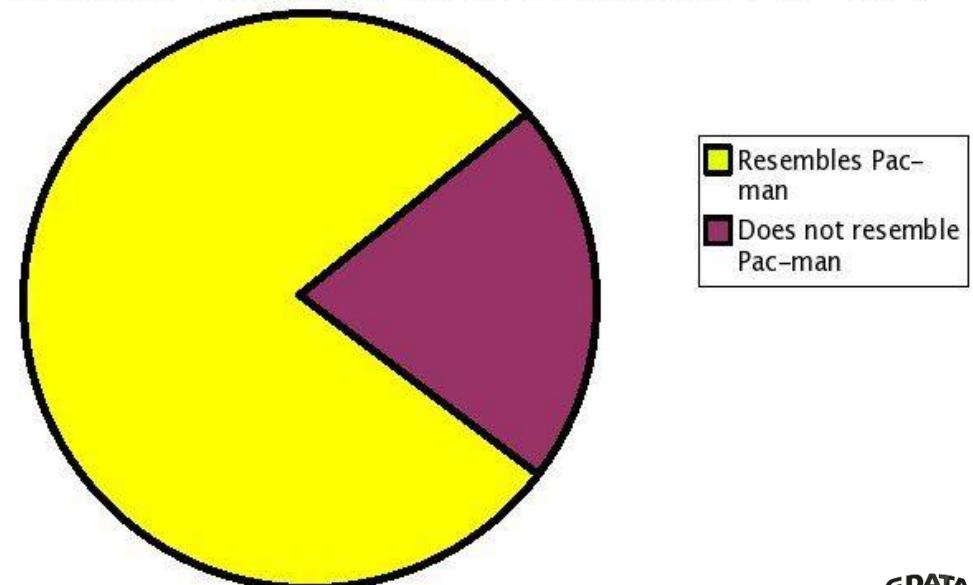
*Strings*

*Structure*

*Graphs*

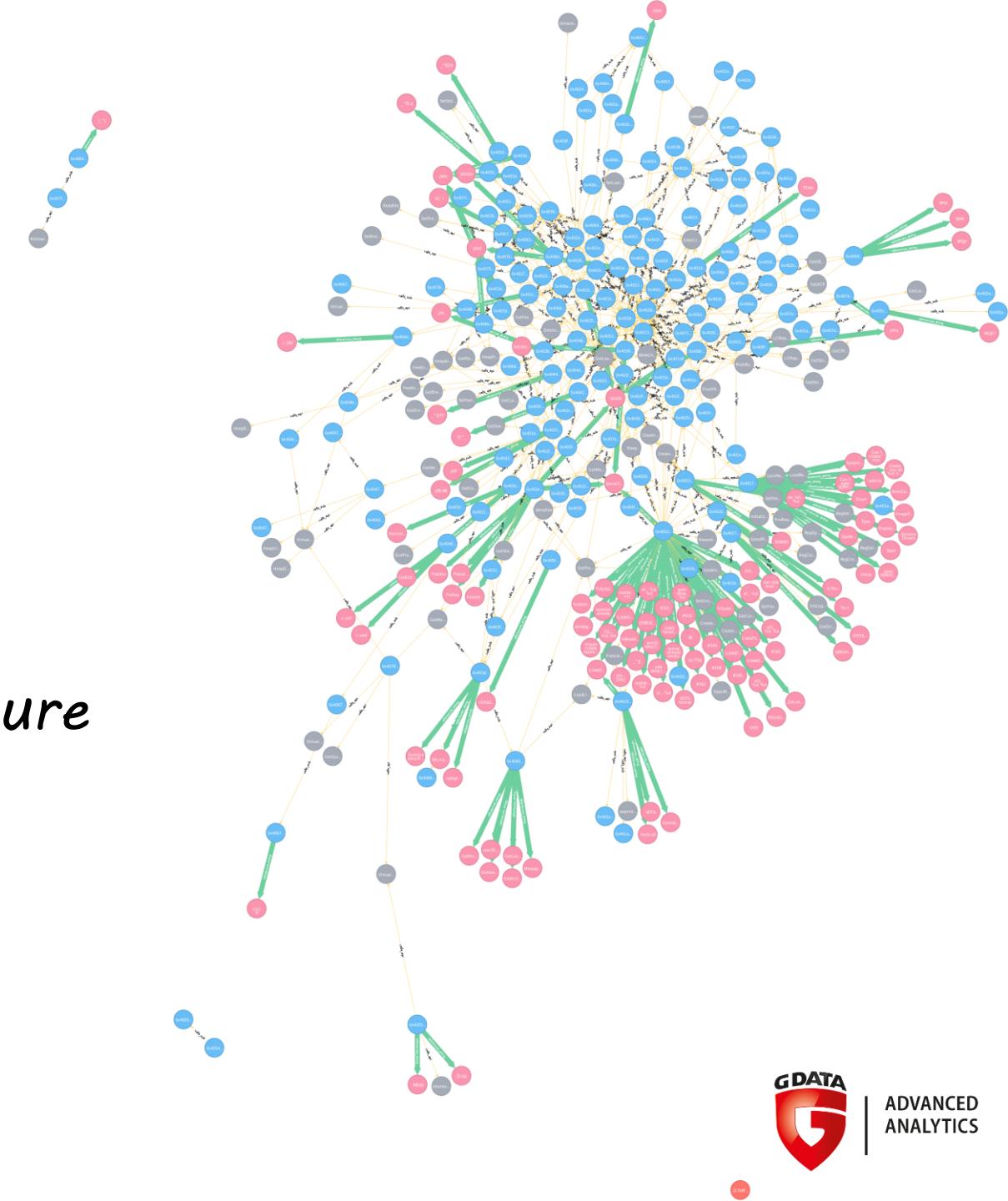
*Radare2*

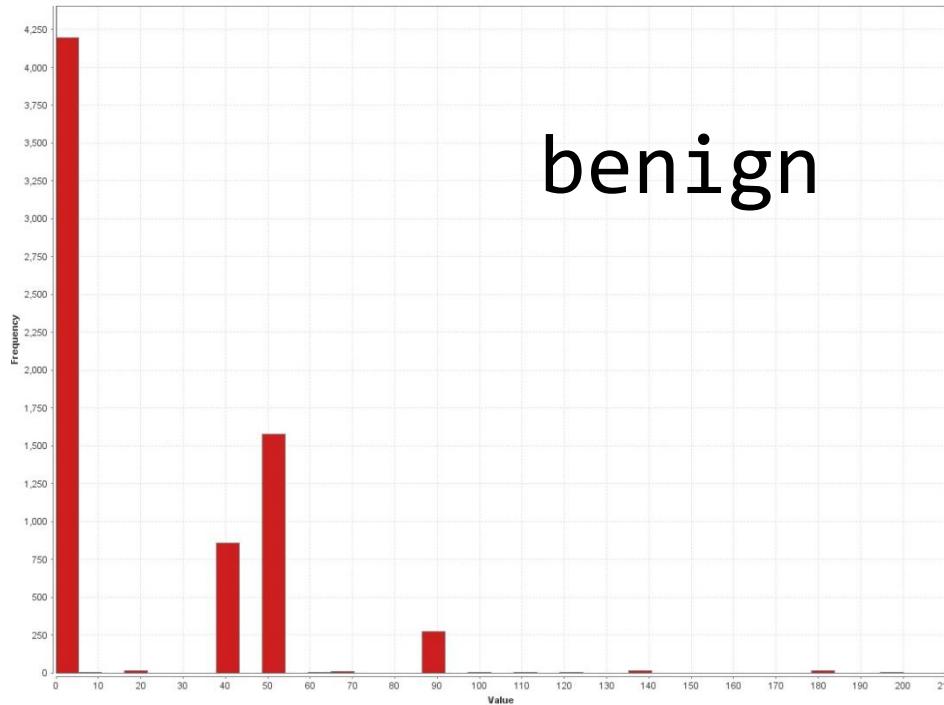
Percentage of Chart Which Resembles Pac-man



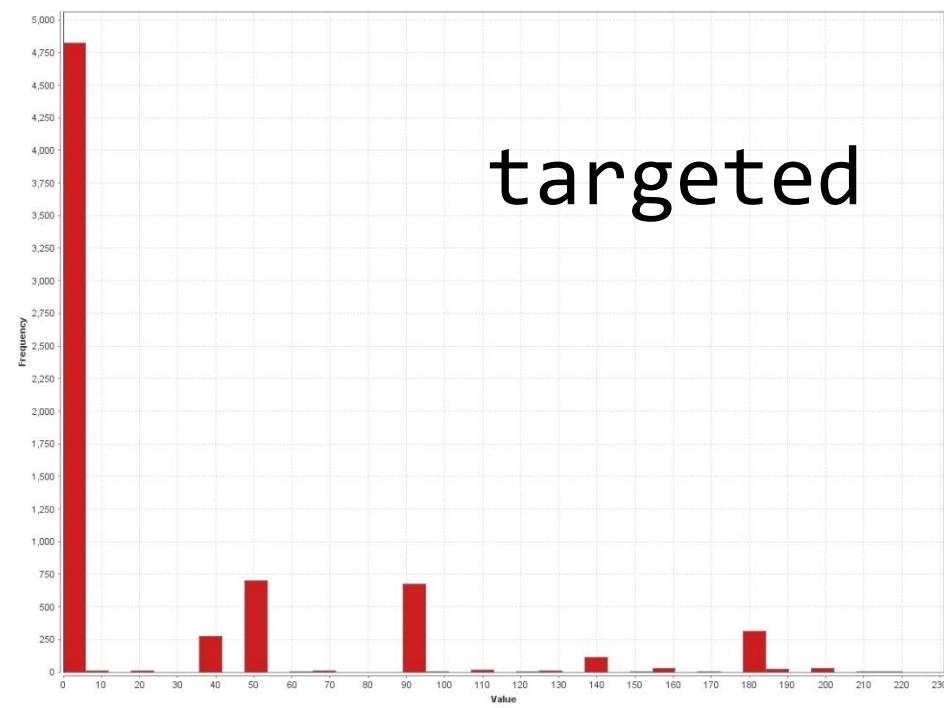
# Graphs

*Binaries naturally are graphs,  
and graphs of graphs,  
and graphs of· You get it  
Great for visualisation  
Also pretty amazing data structure  
Strings, APIs, what not*





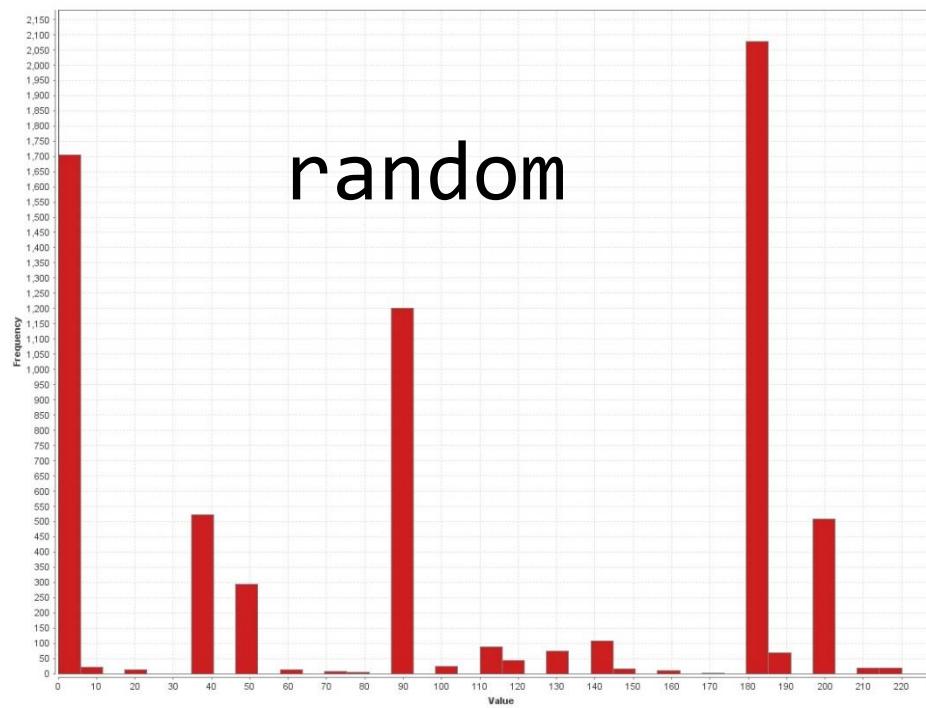
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# Indicators for packers

- EP section name abnormal*
- EP section entropy too high/low*
- Use of TLS sections*
- API calls / KB ratio*
- Section count too low*
- Imphash missing*



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**WHY?**



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*Help in static analysis*

*Persisting of analysis results*

*Small to medium scale sample sets*

*Tool that's easy to handle and extendable*

*Metrics*

*Creative indicator extraction*

No big data

No clustering

For sure no machine learning

No binary diffing

No serious math

No software licenses ^^



Malware Unicorn  
@malwareunicorn

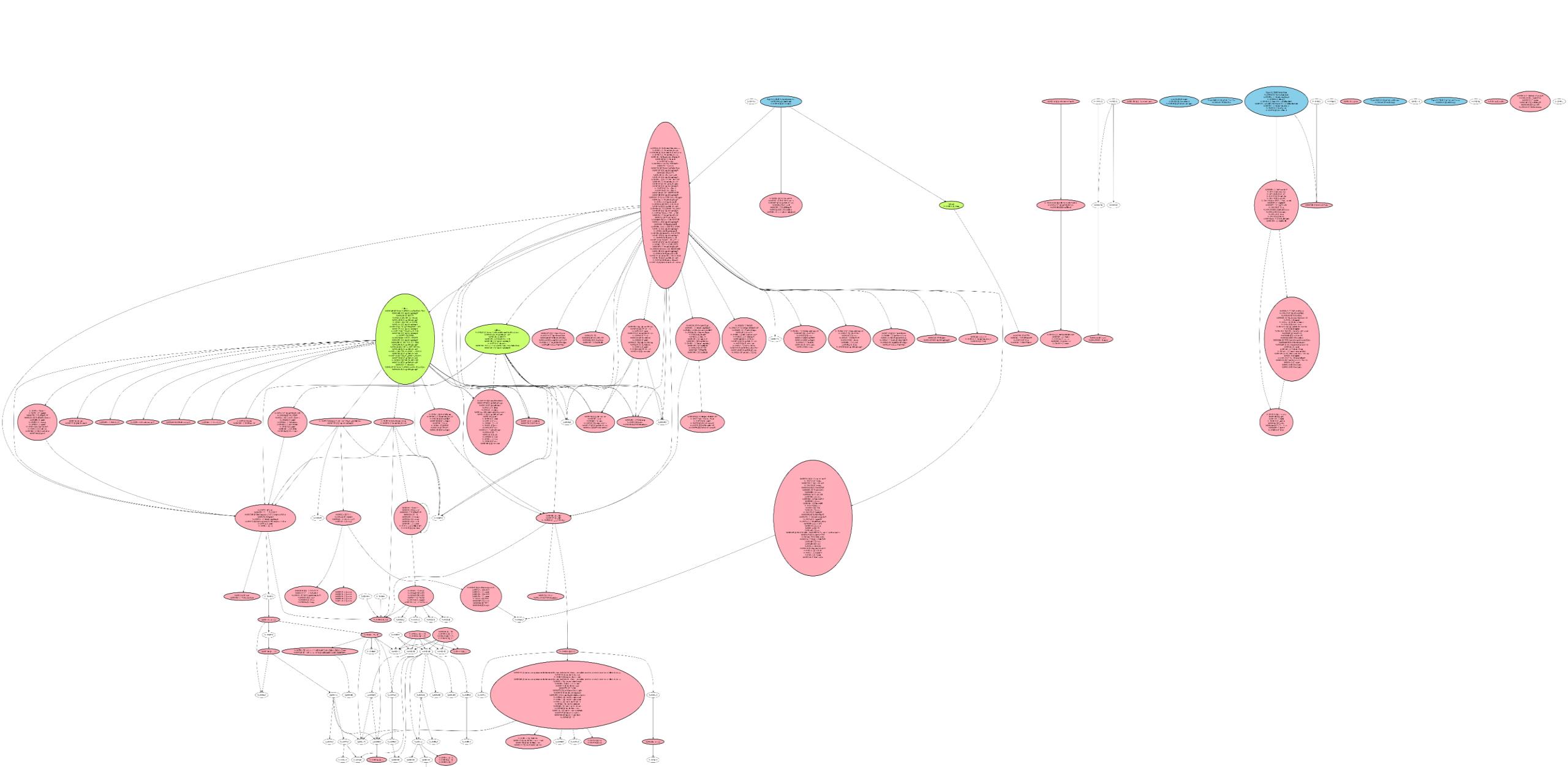
Folgen

I need a ball labeled "ML" so I can throw machine learning at things

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# So yeah.. I used radare2



*Radare2 accessed through r2pipe, scripted from Python*

Available for free

Disassemble (and assemble for) many different architectures

Debug with local native and remote debuggers (gdb, rap, webui, r2pipe, winedbg, windbg)

Run on Linux, \*BSD, Windows, OSX, Android, iOS, Solaris and Haiku

Perform forensics on filesystems and data carving

Be scripted in Python, Javascript, Go and more

Support collaborative analysis using the embedded webserver

Visualize data structures of several file types

Patch programs to uncover new features or fix vulnerabilities

Use powerful analysis capabilities to speed up reversing

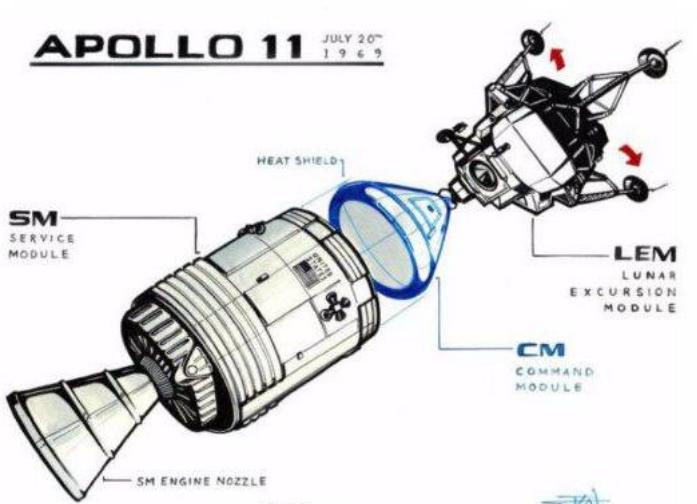
Aid in software exploitation

```
kevin@kevin-VirtualBox:~/radare2$ r2 /mnt/hgfs/projects/testmalware/banito.bin  
-- Microsoft Visual Radare.NET 2008. Now OOXML Powered!
```

0x100001a0e ;[As]  
TEST R12D, R12D

**APOLLO 11** JULY 20<sup>th</sup>  
1 9 6 9

0x100001a2e ;[Ad]  
LEA RAX, sym.func.1  
JMP 0x10001A47 ;[A]



, 0

0x10001a1c  
DWORD [0  
0x100001

f



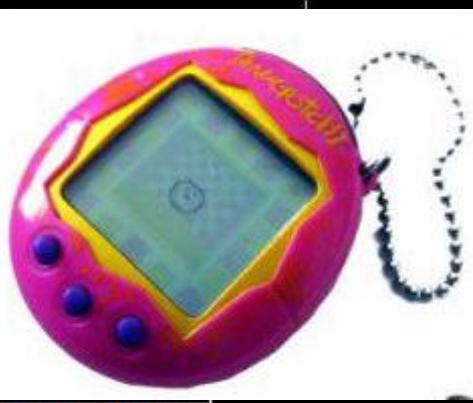
0x100001a40 ;[A]  
RAX, sym.func.10000368c

0x100001a25 ;[An]  
LEA RAX, sym.func.10000375e  
JMP 0x10001A47 ;[Ac]



Ac]  
00005510], RAX  
1 ;[Ae]

0x100001a  
LEA RSI,  
MOV EDI,  
JMP 0x100

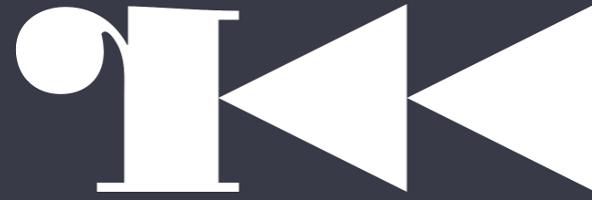


0x100001a6b ;[Af]  
CALL sym.func.100001b58 ;[Ah]  
MOVZX EDI, BYTE [0x100005518]  
CALL sym.imp.exit ;[Ai]



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# With splendid reasoning



*Scalable  
Scriptable  
GUI-free  
Great support  
Quick bug fixes*

*Can analyze entire binaries  
Provides*

- functions and cross references
- symbols
- strings
- basic PE information

```
kevin@kevin-VirtualBox:~/radare2$ r2 /mnt/hgfs/projects/testmalware/banito.bin
-- I script in C, because I can.
```



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# Color me rainbow ^^

```
; arg int arg_1h @ ebp+0x1
; arg int arg_3h @ ebp+0x3
; arg int arg_8h @ ebp+0x8
; arg int arg_ch @ ebp+0xc
; arg int arg_10h @ ebp+0x10
; arg int arg_14h @ ebp+0x14
; var int local_0h @ ebp-0x0
; var int local_2h @ ebp-0x2
; var int local_4h @ ebp-0x4
; var int local_8h @ ebp-0x8
; var int local_ch @ ebp-0xc
; var int local_10h @ ebp-0x10
; var int local_14h @ ebp-0x14
; var int local_18h @ ebp-0x18
; var int local_1ch @ ebp-0x1c
; var int local_20h @ ebp-0x20
; CALL XREF from 0x773d4664 (sym.COMCTL32.dll_Ordinal_156)
; CALL XREF from 0x773d460a (sym.COMCTL32.dll_CreateMRUListW)
0x773d42f6    8bff      mov edi, edi
0x773d42f8    55        push ebp
0x773d42f9    8bec      mov ebp, esp
0x773d42fb    83ec20   sub esp, 0x20
0x773d42fe    53        push ebx
0x773d42ff    8b5d08   mov ebx, dword [ebp + arg_8h] ; [0x8:4]=4
0x773d4302    8b4314   mov eax, dword [ebx + 0x14] ; [0x14:4]=0
0x773d4305    8b4b0c   mov ecx, dword [ebx + 0xc] ; [0xc:4]=0xffff
0x773d4308    8b5310   mov edx, dword [ebx + 0x10] ; [0x10:4]=184
0x773d430b    56        push esi
0x773d430c    57        push edi
0x773d430d    8b7b04   mov edi, dword [ebx + 4]      ; [0x4:4]=3
0x773d4310    33f6      xor esi, esi
0x773d4312    85c0      test eax, eax
0x773d4314    8975f8   mov dword [ebp - local_8h], esi
0x773d4317    897de8   mov dword [ebp - local_18h], edi
0x773d431a    8945ec   mov dword [ebp - local_14h], eax
,=< 0x773d431d    7521      jne 0x773d4340
| 0x773d431f    8b4308   mov eax, dword [ebx + 8]      ; [0x8:4]
| 0x773d4322    a801      test al, 1                  ; "Z. @ 0x1
--< 0x773d4324    7409      je 0x773d432f
```

```
R2handle = r2pipe.open(<file>)
```

```
R2handle.cmd(<cmd>)
```

```
Watch magic
```

aaa – analyze the target binary

afr @ [address] – recursively analyze function at [address]

iS – get information about file sections

ijj – get import table in JSON format

axtj @@ sym.\* - get cross references on found symbols in JSON

axtj @ [address] – get cross references for [address]

pd 300 @ [address] – disassemble 300 instructions at [address]

pd -30 @ [address] – disassemble backwards 30 instructions at [address]

pdf @ [address] – disassemble function at [address], after e.g. aaa command

izzj – get strings out of entire binary in JSON

iz – get strings out of code section

iEj – get exports of a library

?v \$FB @ [address] – get function which contains [address]

aflj – get list of functions with supporting information in JSON

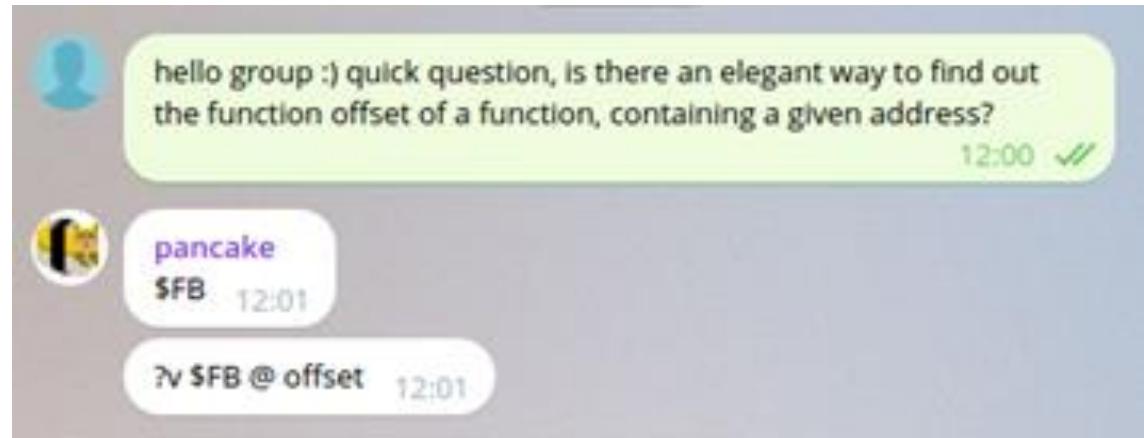
```
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-- See you in shell
```

# r2 command cheat sheet



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Many thanks to  
pancake, maijin &  
friends <3



# Graphity

*Python project built on  
radare2 / r2pipe  
NetworkX  
pyplot  
pefile  
Neo4j*

*Be published soonish at  
<https://github.com/pinkflawd>*

*graphity  
graphityOut  
graphityFunc  
graphityUtil*



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# Function call graphs

Function cross references within code section

References to function offsets

References to code w/o function

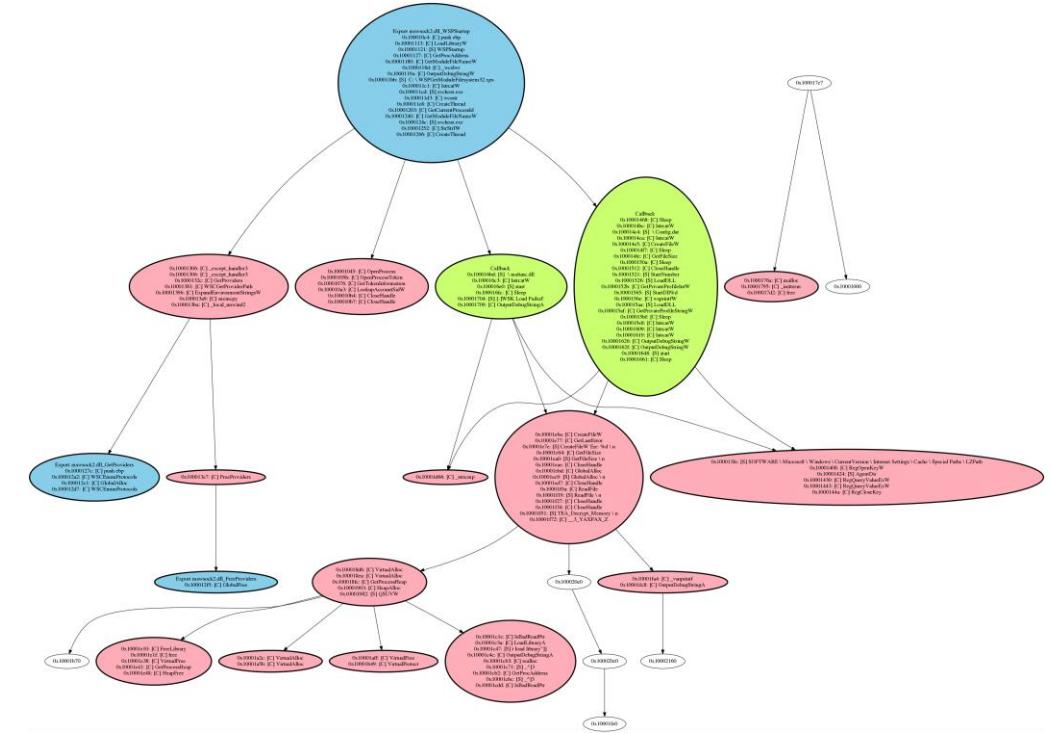
Outside executable section(s)

Nodes: functions

=> Offset, size, calling convention

Edges: calls, handler functions

# A binary art project :)



# Strings

*String parsing*

*Evaluation: ASCII, cross references*

*String list detection*

*string length + alignment*

*string following w/o cross reference*

*Fitting strings into the graph*

*What's the information one can gain from strings?*

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with several memory dump windows. The top window displays a string: "isakmpAutoNegociate". The middle window shows assembly code and strings related to file operations: "Initialize", "CheckEsp", "aExecqueryfai\_1", and "ebp+var\_9C]. The bottom window shows another assembly code snippet with strings: "File sended: %s!\n", "var\_20]", and "41". To the right of these windows, there are lists of error codes and plugin names.

Server: NewDownFileConnect SendPacket Error
Server: NewFileConnect RecvPacket Error
CMD_File_RENAME
CMD_File_DELETE_FOLDER

Server: NewFileConnect SendPacket Error
SeShutdownPrivilege
Server: SendPacket CMD_File_GetDisk Error

Load Dll Error
Windows Plugin
CreateFile Error
Windows Plugin\
ProcInstallPlugin

arg_0]
LeSendedS ; "File sended: %s!\n"
var_20]
41

PluginProcess.dll
Server PROCESS_ENUM
PluginService.dll
Server SERVICE_ENUM
PluginRegedit.dll
Server CMD_REGEDIT
PluginCmd.dll
Server: SHELL_CMD
CMD_UNINSTALL_HOST
CMD_CLOSE_HOST

# APIs

*Cross references on symbols*

*Indirect calls*

- parsing for mov/lea
- disassembling further
- call and jmp considered xref

*Thunk pruning*

*Dynamic loading*

```
[0x004344b6]> axt @@ sym.*  
data 0x40e552 mov ebp, dword [sym.imp.KERNEL32.dll_LoadLibraryA] in fcn.00402db0  
data 0x40e558 mov ebx, dword [sym.imp.KERNEL32.dll_GetProcAddress] in fcn.00402db0  
call 0x4345de call dword [sym.imp.KERNEL32.dll_GetModuleHandleA] in entry0  
data 0x4345de call dword [sym.imp.KERNEL32.dll_GetModuleHandleA] in entry0  
call 0x4345ba call dword [sym.imp.KERNEL32.dll_GetStartupInfoA] in entry0  
data 0x4345ba call dword [sym.imp.KERNEL32.dll_GetStartupInfoA] in entry0  
call 0x401c3f call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_RealizePalette] in fcn.00401040  
data 0x401c3f call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_RealizePalette] in fcn.00401040  
call 0x401b5b call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_CreateDIBSection] in fcn.00401040  
call 0x401bd6 call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_CreateDIBSection] in fcn.00401040  
data 0x401b5b call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_CreateDIBSection] in fcn.00401040  
data 0x401bd6 call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_CreateDIBSection] in fcn.00401040  
call 0x401b6b call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_IntersectClipRect] in fcn.00401040  
data 0x401b6b call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_IntersectClipRect] in fcn.00401040  
call 0x401c5d call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_CreateRectRgn] in fcn.00401040  
data 0x401c5d call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_CreateRectRgn] in fcn.00401040  
call 0x401c4f call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_GetBkMode] in fcn.00401040  
data 0x401c4f call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_GetBkMode] in fcn.00401040  
call 0x401c47 call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_CreateCompatibleDC] in fcn.00401040  
data 0x401c47 call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_CreateCompatibleDC] in fcn.00401040  
data 0x401c2d mov esi, dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_SetPaletteEntries] in fcn.00401040  
call 0x401c27 call dword [sym.imp.GDI32.dll_GetClipBox] in fcn.00401040
```



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# Callbacks / Handler Functions

„Top-down“

*Disassemble upwards*

*Check the push instructions for function cross references*

*Add edge and tag*

*Currently only CreateThread and SetWindowsHookEx,  
because context*

„Bottom-up“

*Sweep for nodes without inbound edges*

*Check for cross references within functions*

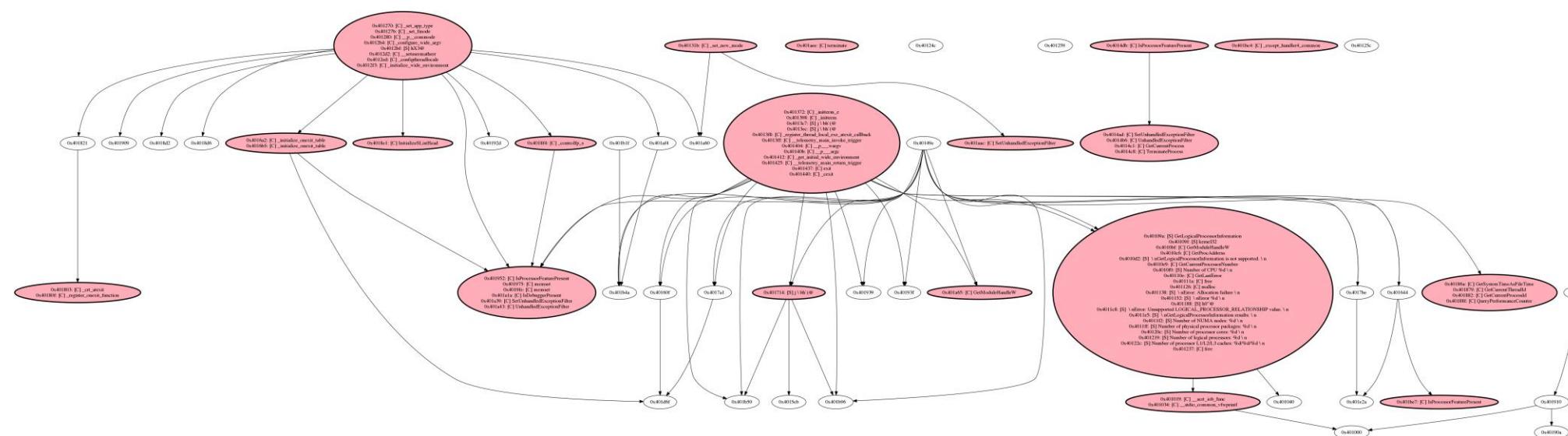
*Add edge and tag*



# Compiler settings & optimizer magic

*Graphing objectives:*

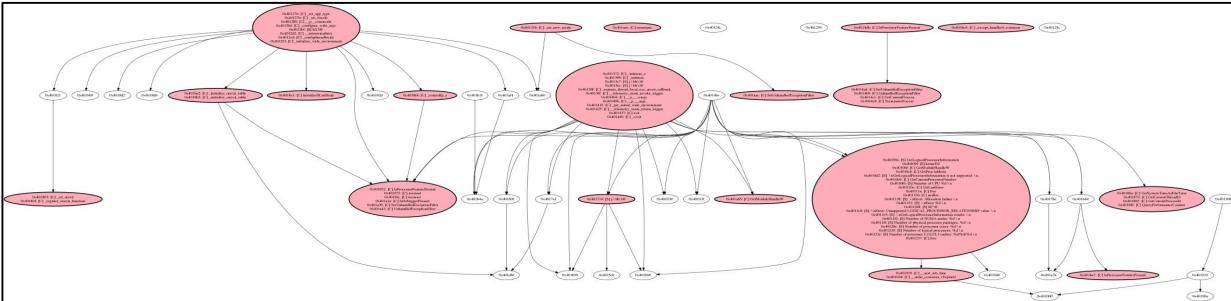
- as little data as possible
- with as much information as possible



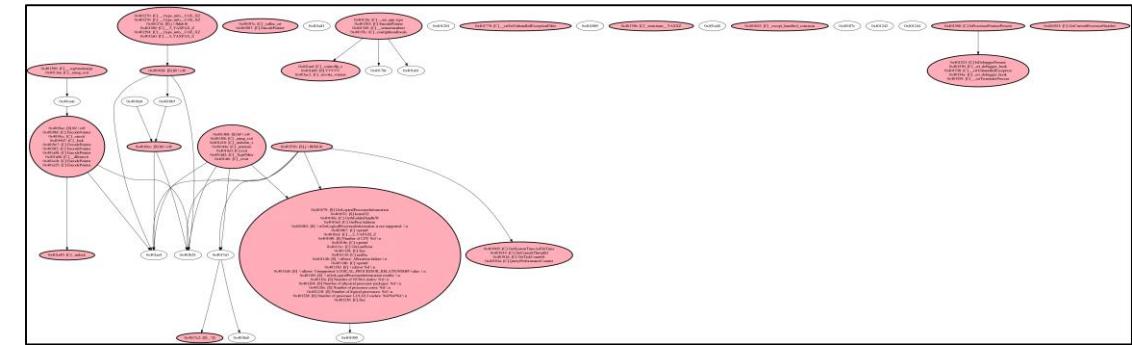
```
kevin@kevin-VirtualBox:~/radare2$ r2 /mnt/hgfs/projects/testmalware/banito.bin
-- Using radare2 to generate intelligence ...
```



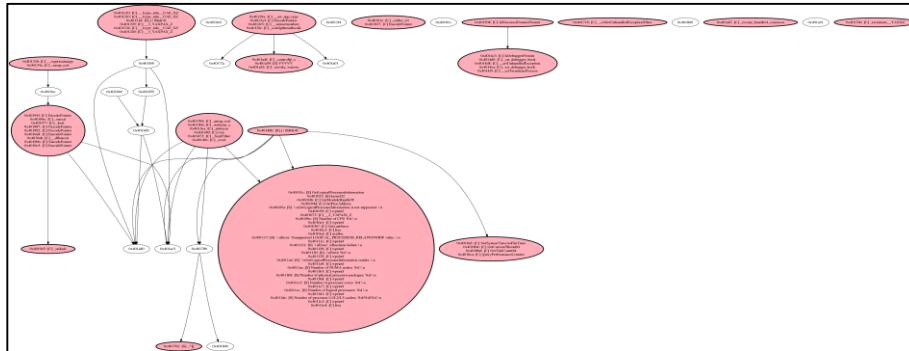
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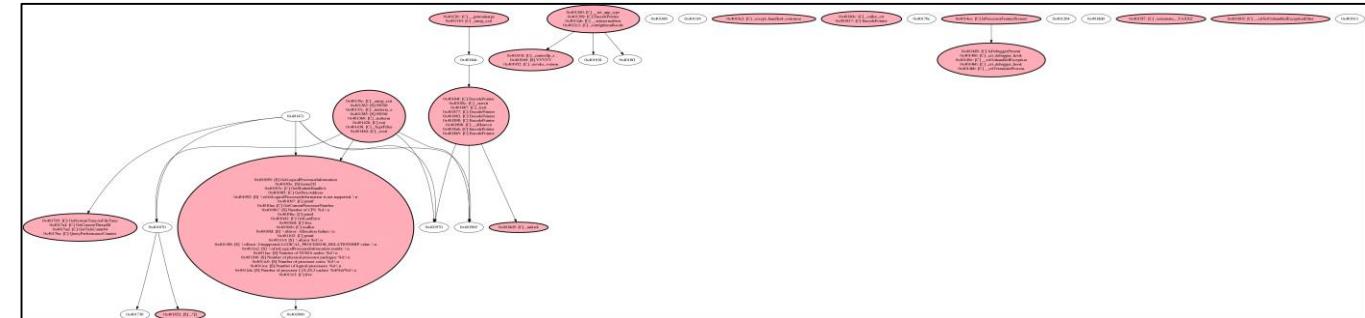
**Default**



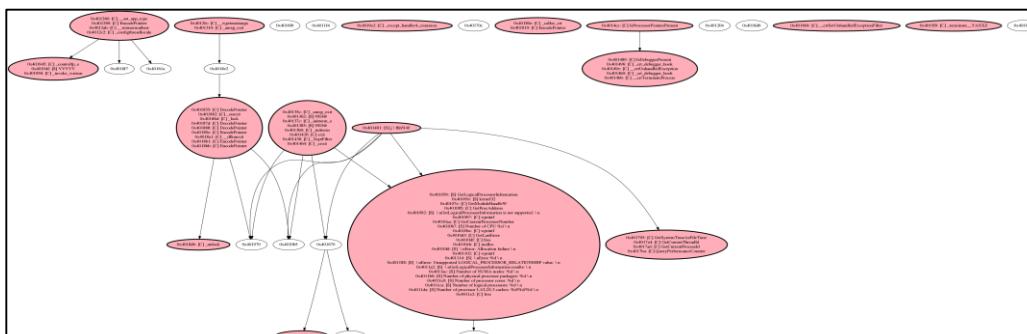
**FullyOptimized**



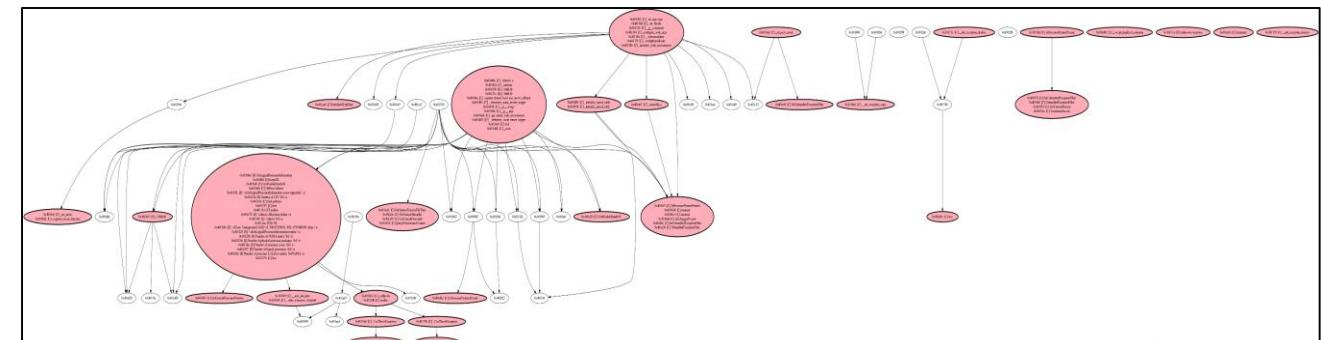
**SizeOptimized**



**vc110**



**vc120**



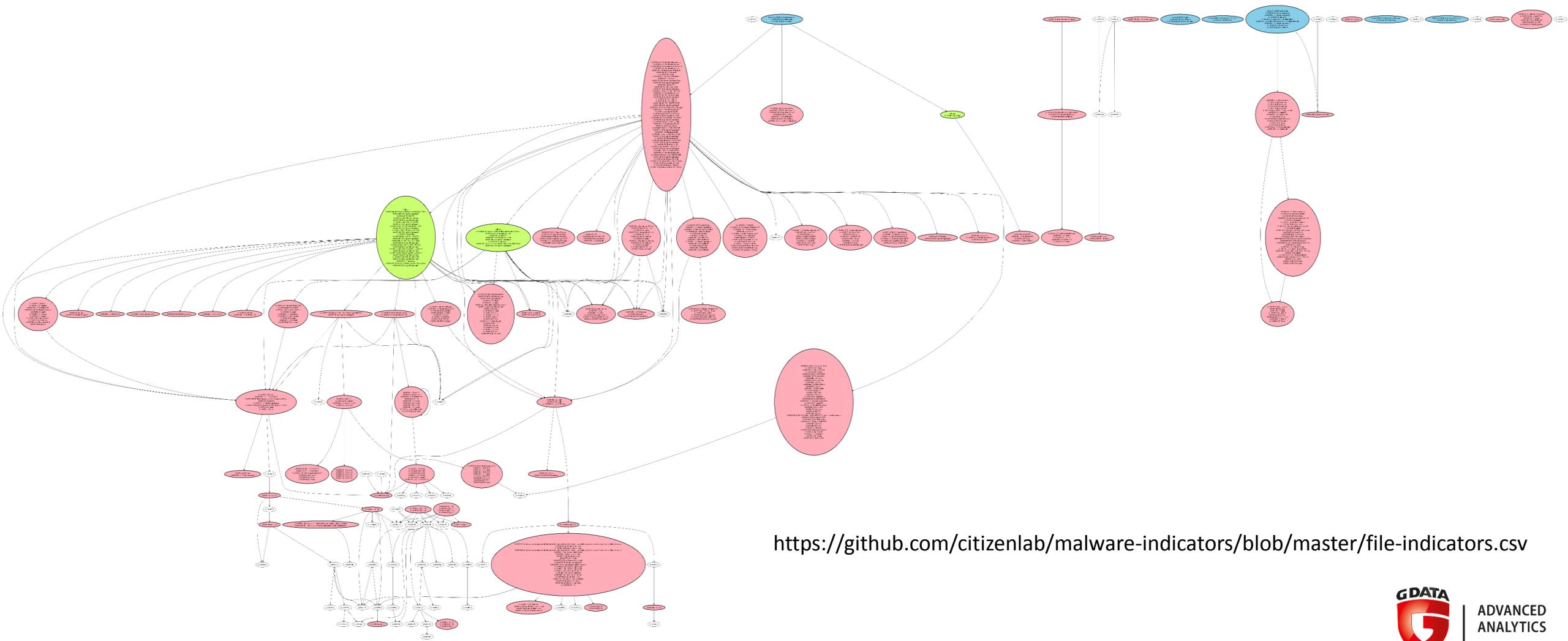
**vc150Dbg**

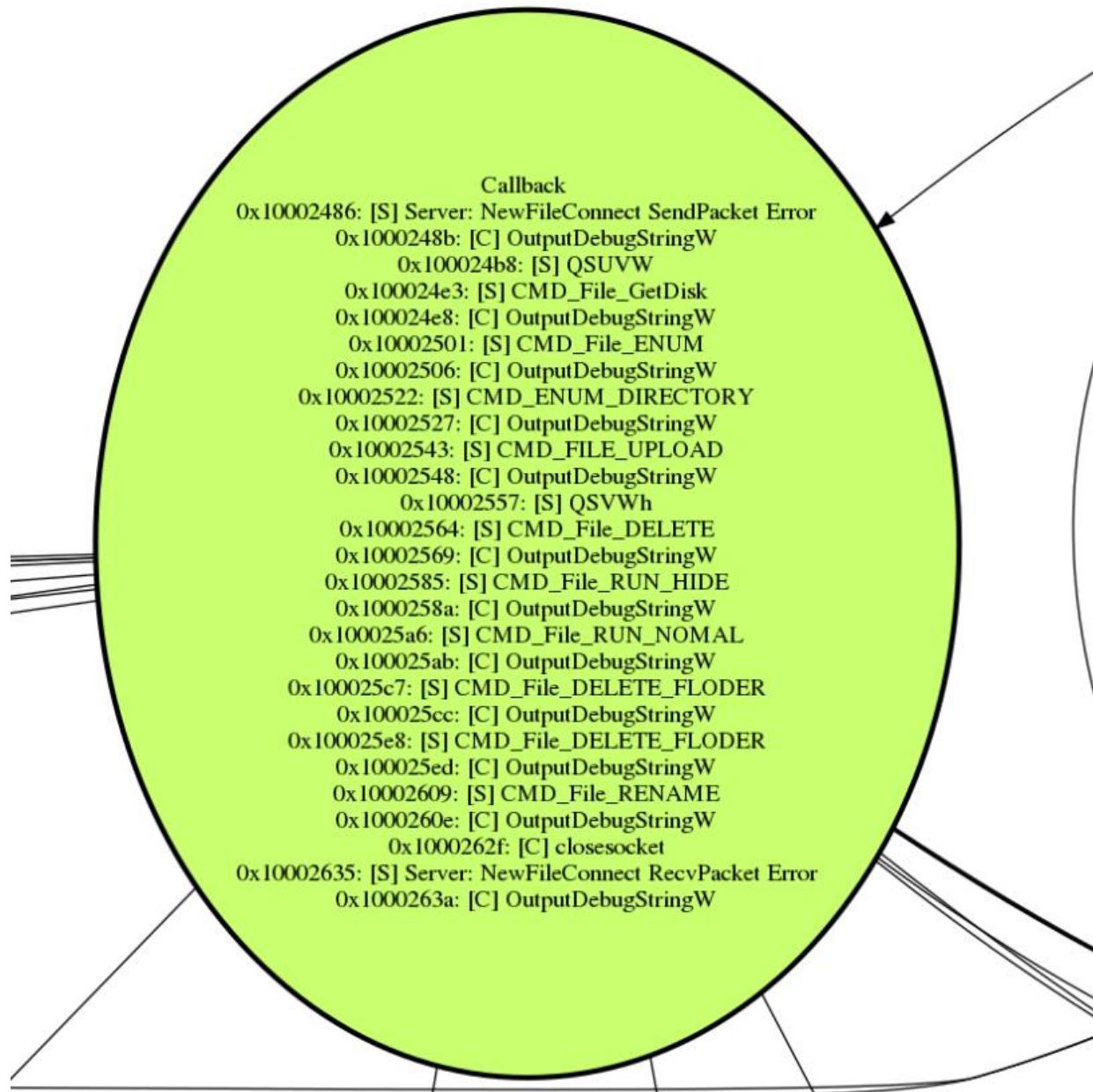
# STUFF

Visualization  
Behavior  
Metrics  
GraphDB



# Backdoor: Win32/Redsip.A





## *Thread handler function*

## *C&C command parsing*

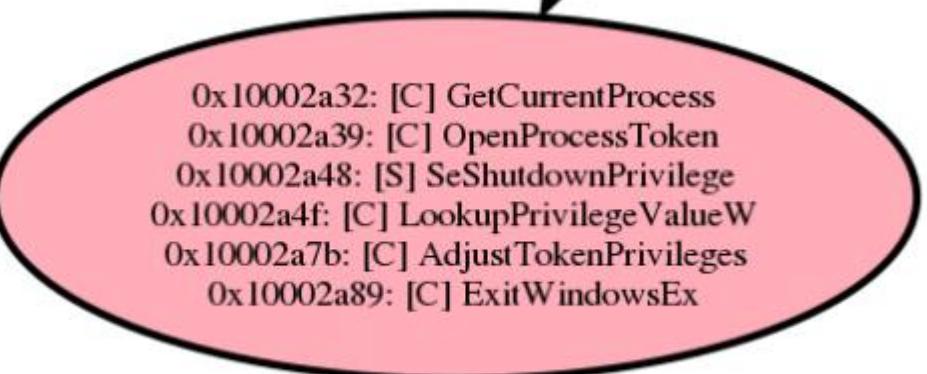
```
0x100017c1: [C] GetComputerNameW
    0x100017d4: [C] wcscpy
    0x100017fd: [C] GetUserNameW
        0x10001816: [C] wcscpy
    0x10001838: [C] GetVersionExW
        0x1000187e: [S] Windows2003
            0x10001884: [C] wcscat
        0x100018a7: [S] WindowsXP
            0x100018ad: [C] wcscat
    0x100018d1: [S] Windows2000
        0x100018d7: [C] wcscat
    0x100018ef: [S] WindowsNT
        0x100018f5: [C] wcscat
        0x10001918: [S] Vista
        0x1000191e: [C] wcscat
    0x10001950: [C] wsprintfW
    0x1000195a: [C] GetDriveTypeW
    0x10001979: [C] GetDiskFreeSpaceExW
        0x100019d9: [C] wsprintfW
    0x100019e3: [C] GlobalMemoryStatus
        0x100019fe: [C] wsprintfW
        0x10001a0f: [C] wcscpy
        0x10001a1a: [S] CPU:
        0x10001a20: [C] wcscat
0x10001a39: [S] HARDWARE \ DESCRIPTION \ System \ CentralProcessor \ 0
    0x10001a43: [C] RegOpenKeyExW
    0x10001a64: [S] VendorIdentifier
    0x10001a6a: [C] RegQueryValueExW
        0x10001a83: [C] wcscat
        0x10001a8e: [C] wcscat
        0x10001aa8: [S] ~MHz
    0x10001ab6: [C] RegQueryValueExW
        0x10001ac1: [S] %dMHz
        0x10001ac7: [C] wsprintfW
        0x10001acf: [C] wcscat
    0x10001adc: [C] RegCloseKey
```

## *System information gathering*



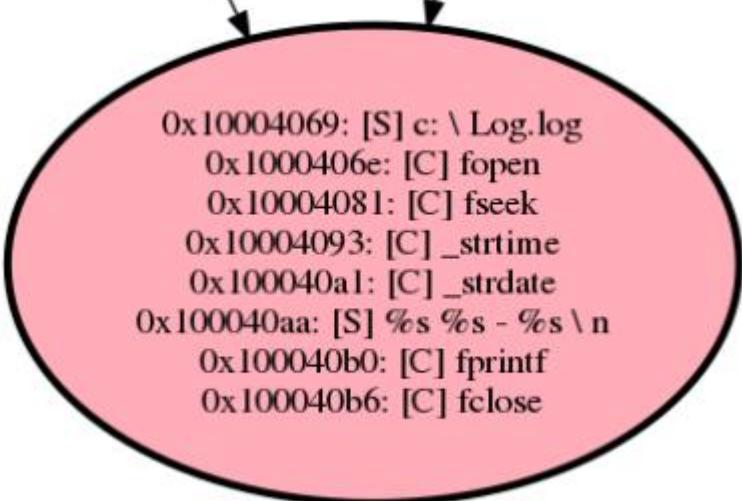
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## *System shutdown feature*



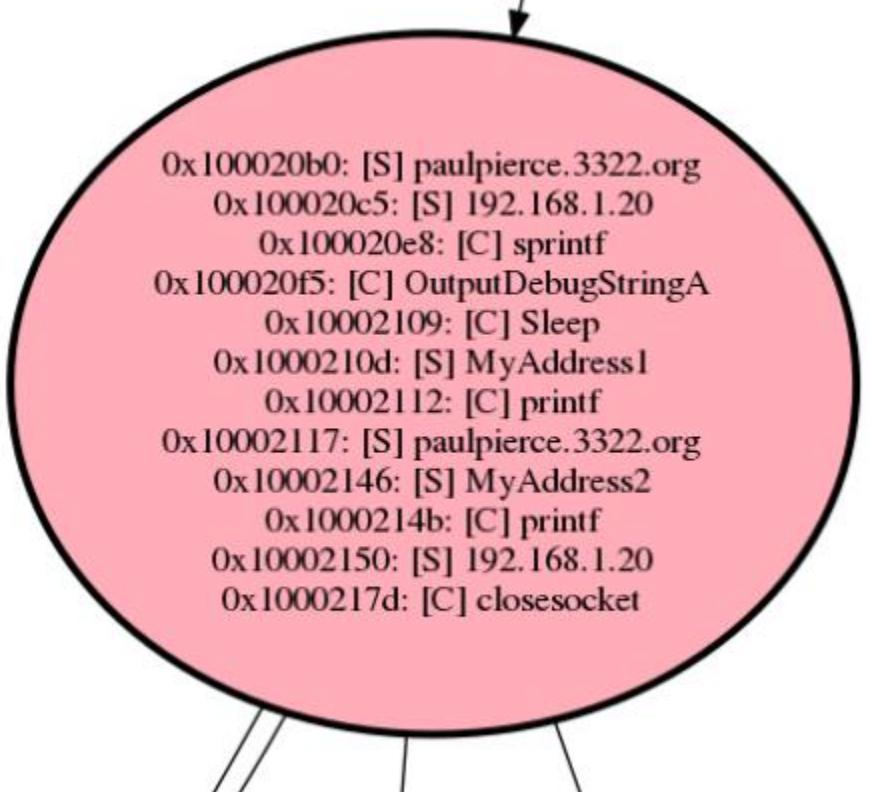
```
0x10002a32: [C] GetCurrentProcess  
0x10002a39: [C] OpenProcessToken  
0x10002a48: [S] SeShutdownPrivilege  
0x10002a4f: [C] LookupPrivilegeValueW  
0x10002a7b: [C] AdjustTokenPrivileges  
0x10002a89: [C] ExitWindowsEx
```

## *Writing to logfile*

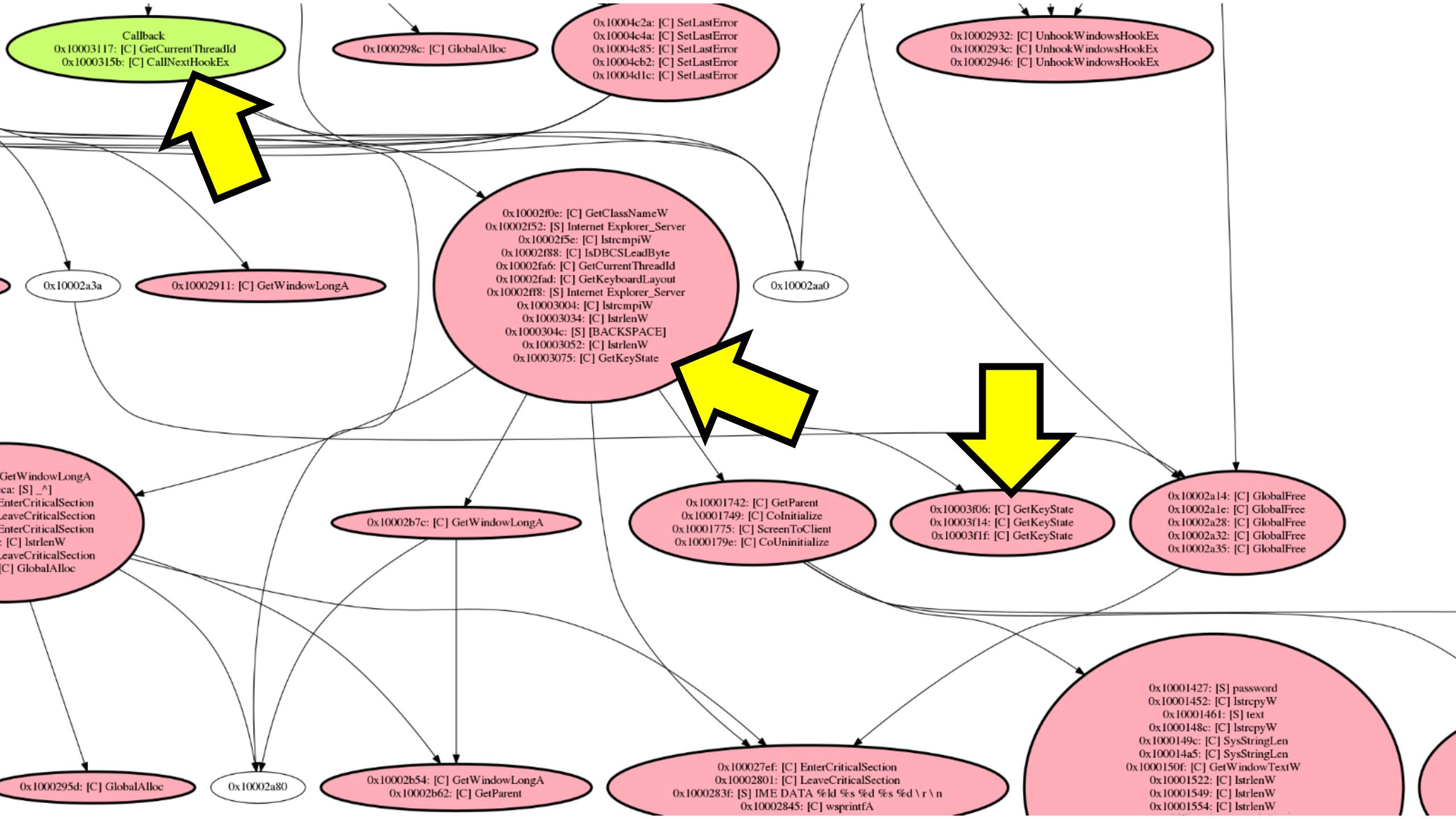


```
0x10004069: [S] c:\Log.log  
0x1000406e: [C] fopen  
0x10004081: [C] fseek  
0x10004093: [C] _strtime  
0x100040a1: [C] _strdate  
0x100040aa: [S] %s %s - %s \n  
0x100040b0: [C] fprintf  
0x100040b6: [C] fclose
```

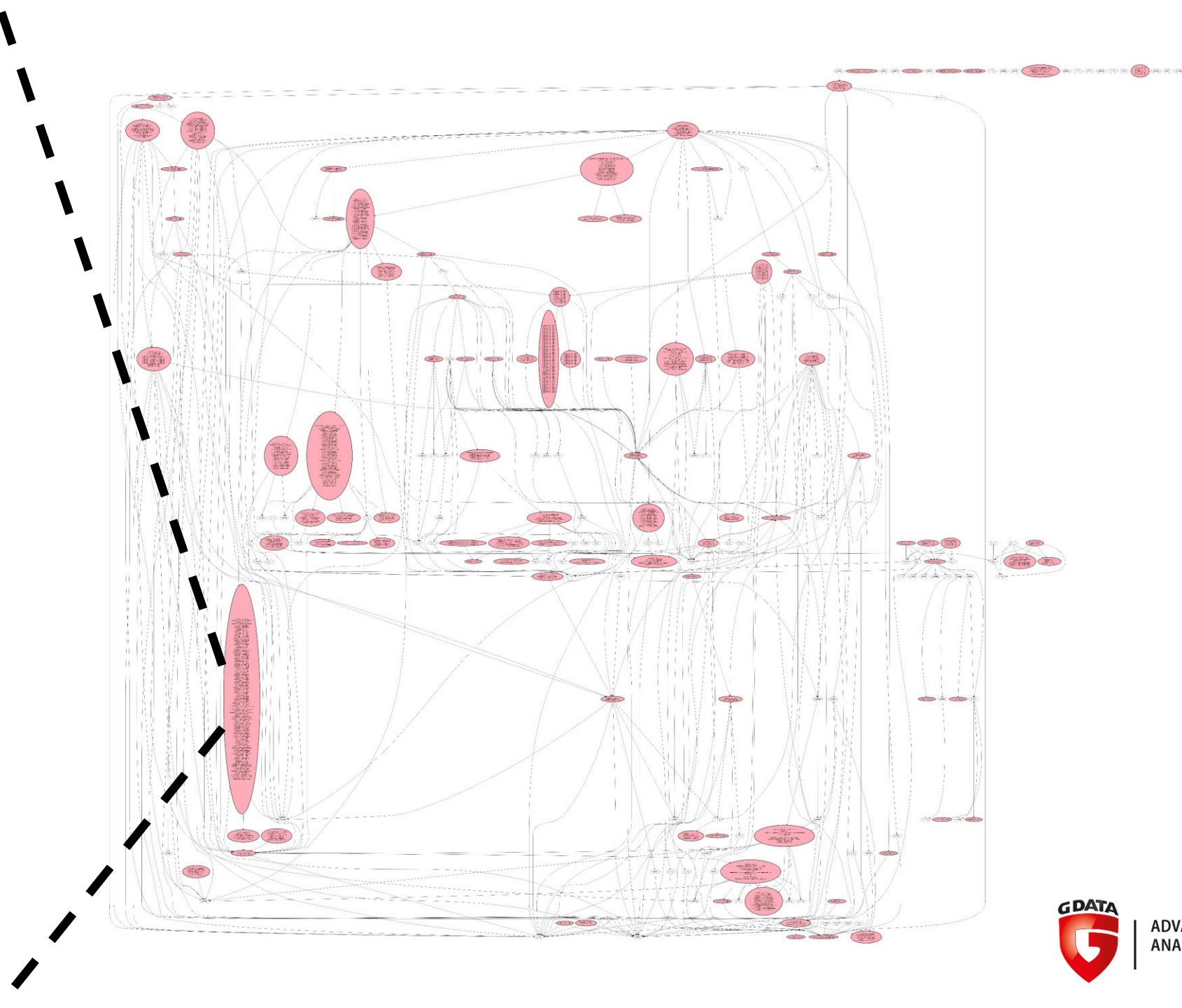
## *Who's Paul Pierce?!*

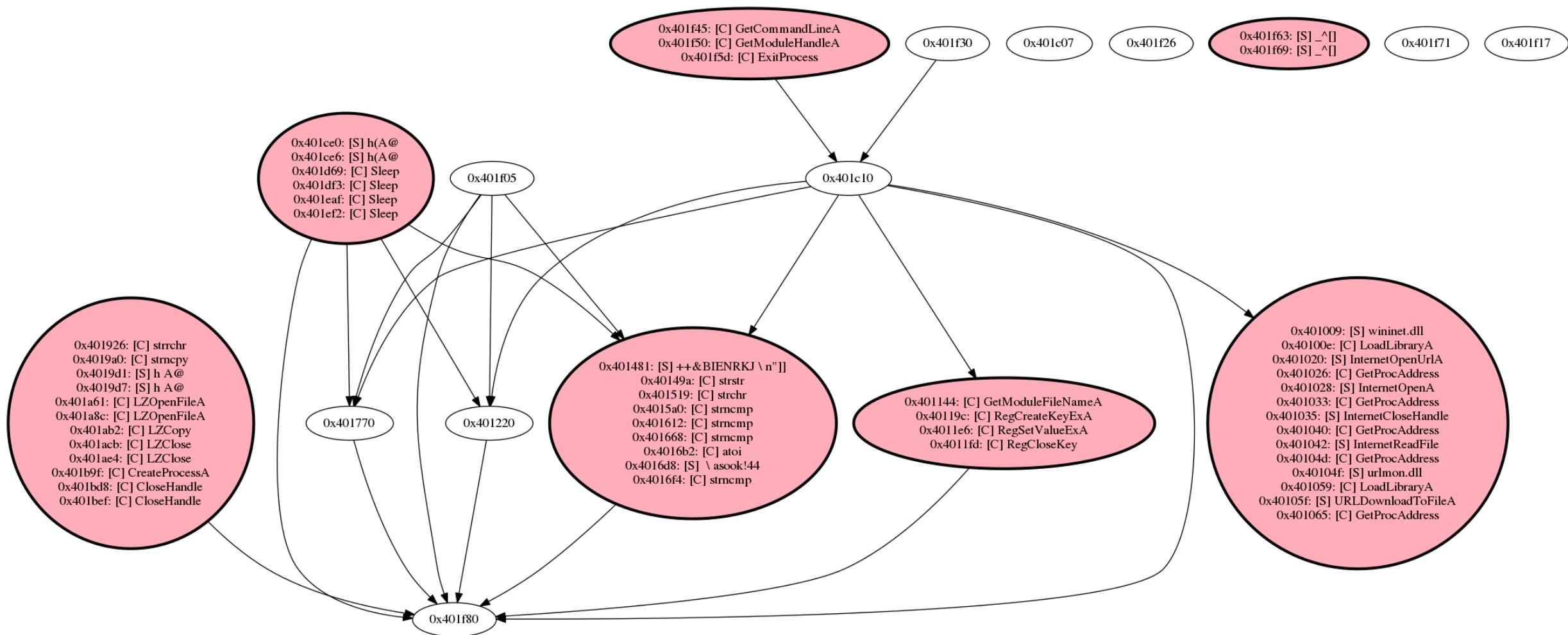


```
0x100020b0: [S] paulpierce.3322.org  
0x100020c5: [S] 192.168.1.20  
0x100020e8: [C] sprintf  
0x100020f5: [C] OutputDebugStringA  
0x10002109: [C] Sleep  
0x1000210d: [S] MyAddress1  
0x10002112: [C] printf  
0x10002117: [S] paulpierce.3322.org  
0x10002146: [S] MyAddress2  
0x1000214b: [C] printf  
0x10002150: [S] 192.168.1.20  
0x1000217d: [C] closesocket
```



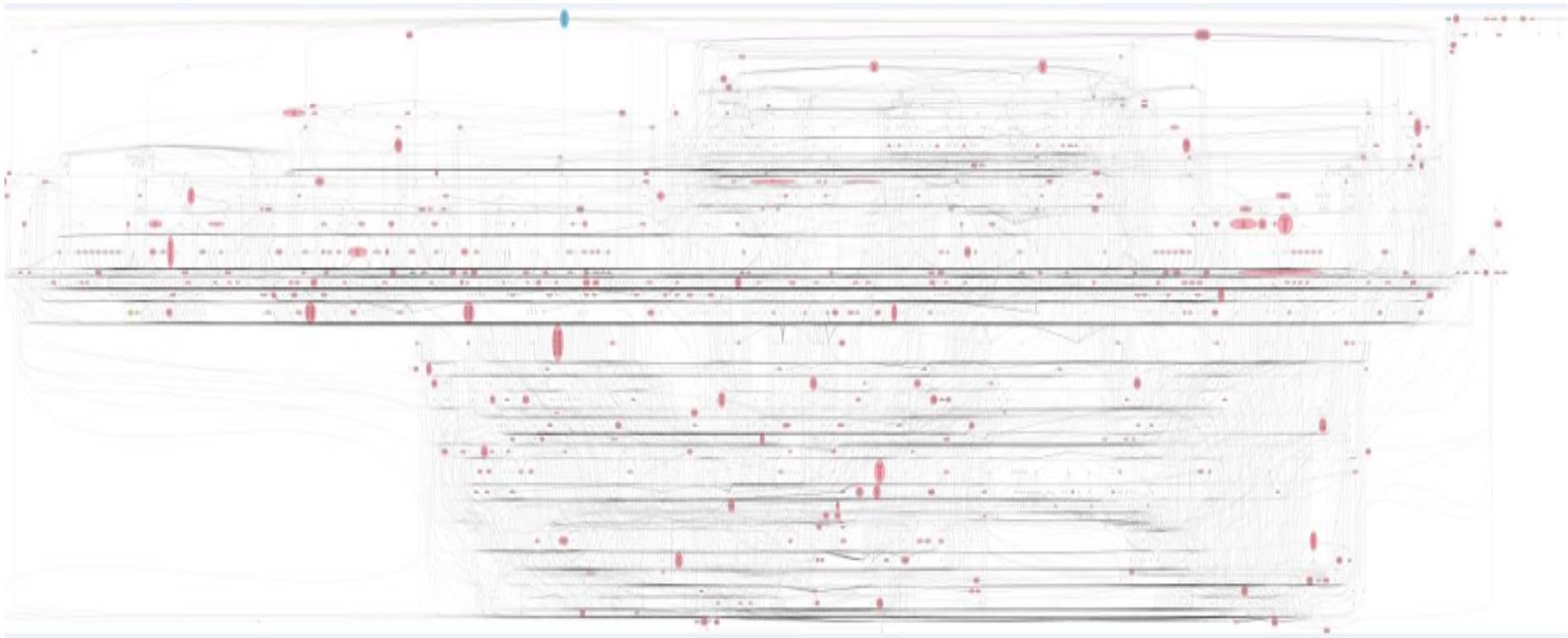
0x401941: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x401964: [S] ESET  
0x40196e: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x40197a: [S] \eset  
0x4019a5: [S] nod32  
0x4019af: [S] KasperskyLab  
0x4019b9: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x4019c5: [S] \KasperskyLab  
0x4019fa: [S] JiangMin  
0x401a04: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x401a27: [S] AhnLab  
0x401a31: [C] lstrcmpiW  
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0x401a72: [S] Filseclab  
0x401a7c: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x401a88: [S] \Filseclab  
0x401abd: [S] micropoint  
0x401ac7: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x401aea: [S] MPAV  
0x401af4: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x401b17: [S] 360safe  
0x401b21: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x401b2d: [S] \360safe  
0x401b62: [S] Norton  
0x401b6c: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x401b8f: [S] G Data  
0x401b99: [C] lstrcmpiW  
0x401ba5: [S] \G Data  
0x401bd0: [S] G data  
0x401bda: [S] Panda Security





*Suspiciously low on strings  
Rich in APIs for download-and-execute-binary ops*

# So..



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```
['0x100018fc', u'GetProcessHeap']
['0x10001903', u'HeapAlloc']
['0x10001982', 'QSUVW']
0x10001dc0
['0x10001e10', u'FreeLibrary']
['0x10001e1f', u'free']
['0x10001e38', u'VirtualFree']
['0x10001e41', u'GetProcessHeap']
['0x10001e48', u'HeapFree']
0x100019e0
['0x10001a2c', u'VirtualAlloc']
['0x10001a5b', u'VirtualAlloc']
0x100010c4
mswsock2.dll_WSPStartup
['0x100010c4', u'push ebp']
['0x10001113', u'LoadLibraryW']
['0x10001121', 'WSPStartup']
['0x10001127', u'GetProcAddress']
['0x10001180', u'GetModuleFileNameW']
['0x1000118d', u'_wcslwr']
['0x1000119a', u'OutputDebugStringW']
['0x100011bb', ' C: \\\ WSPGetModuleFilesystem32.xps']
['0x100011c1', u'lstrcatW']
['0x100011cd', 'svchost.exe']
['0x100011d3', u'wcsstr']
['0x100011e8', u'CreateThread']
['0x10001203', u'GetCurrentProcessId']
['0x10001240', u'GetModuleFileNameW']
['0x1000124c', 'svchost.exe']
['0x10001252', u'StrStrIW']
['0x10001266', u'CreateThread']
0x1000100b
['0x10001045', u'OpenProcess']
['0x1000105b', u'OpenProcessToken']
['0x10001076', u'GetTokenInformation']
['0x100010a3', u'LookupAccountSidW']
['0x100010b4', u'CloseHandle']
['0x100010b7', u'CloseHandle']
0x10001d10
['0x10001d66', u'_strcmp']
0x100012fc
['0x10001306', u'_except_handler3']
['0x10001306', u'_except_handler3']
['0x1000132c', u'GetProviders']
```



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# Rogue behavior detection

*API call gadgets*

*„pattern matching“ of APIs*

*Iterate nodes*

*Iterate neighbors*

*If feasible, further iterations*

*Problems:*

- *indirect function calls*
- *bigger call gadgets lower hit chances*
- *human analyst to draw final conclusions*

```
3 funcDict = {
4     'DRIVERCOMM': ['DeviceIoControl'],
5     'CREATESTARTSERVICE': ['OpenSCManager', 'CreateService', 'OpenService', 'StartService'],
6     'CREATETHREAD': ['CreateThread'],
7     'PROCESSITER': ['CreateToolhelp32Snapshot', 'Process32First', 'Process32Next'],
8     'APILOADING': ['LoadLibrary', 'GetProcAddress'],
9     'WRITEFILE': ['CreateFile', 'WriteFile'],
10    'READFILE': ['CreateFile', 'ReadFile'],
11    'WINHOOK': ['SetWindowsHookEx'],
12    'DRIVESITER': ['GetLogicalDriveStrings', 'GetDriveType'],
13    'FILEITER': ['FindFirstFile', 'FindNextFile', 'FindClose'],
14    'REGSETVAL': ['RegOpenKey', 'RegSetValue'],
15    'REGQUERY': ['RegOpenKey', 'RegQueryValue'],
16    'DUMPRSRC': ['FindResource', 'LoadResource', 'CreateFile', 'WriteFile'],
17    'LOADRSRC': ['FindResource', 'LoadResource', 'LockResource'],
18    'WSASEND': ['WSAStartup', 'gethostbyname', 'send'],
19    'RECV': ['recv', 'send'],
20    'RETROINJECTION': ['GetCurrentProcess', 'CreatePipe', 'DuplicateHandle'],
21    'WINEEXEC': ['WinExec'],
22    'SHELLEXEC': ['ShellExecute'],
23    'CREATEPROC': ['CreateProcess'],
24    'WINDOW': ['CreateWindow', 'RegisterClass', 'DispatchMessage'],
25    'EXITSYSTEM': ['ExitWindows'],
26    'TEMPFILEWRITE': ['GetTempFileName', 'CreateFile', 'WriteFile'],
27    'REMTHREAD': ['CreateThread', 'WriteProcessMemory', 'ReadProcessMemory', 'ResumeThread'],
28    'FPRINT': ['fopen', 'fprintf', 'fclose'],
29    'UPDATERESOURCE': ['BeginUpdateResource', 'UpdateResource', 'EndUpdateResource'],
30    'SCREENSHOT': ['CreateCompatibleDC', 'GetDeviceCaps', 'CreateCompatibleBitmap', 'BitBlt'],
31    'CRYPT': ['CryptAcquireContext', 'CryptGenKey', 'CryptEncrypt']
32 }
```



# Backdoor: Win32/Redsip.A

```
71 For INET found {'recv': '0x10003a40', 'send': '0x10003a40'}
72 For CREATETHREAD found {'CreateThread': '0x10002010'}
73 For CREATETHREAD found {'CreateThread': '0x10003080'}
74 For CREATETHREAD found {'CreateThread': '0x10001bb0'}
75 For CREATETHREAD found {'CreateThread': '0x100034f0'}
76 For CREATETHREAD found {'CreateThread': '0x10002030'}
77 For CREATEPROC found {'CreateProcess': '0x10001cd0'}
78 For READFILE found {'CreateFile': '0x10003dc0', 'ReadFile': '0x10003dc0'}
79 For READFILE found {'CreateFile': '0x10002ce0', 'ReadFile': '0x10002ce0'}
80 For EXITSYSTEM found {'ExitWindows': '0x10002a20'}
81 For EXITSYSTEM found {'ExitWindows': '0x10002aa0'}
82 For REGQUERY found {'RegQueryValue': '0x10001790', 'RegOpenKey': '0x10001790'}
83 For SHELLEXEC found {'ShellExecute': '0x10002960'}
84 For SHELLEXEC found {'ShellExecute': '0x10002930'}
85 For APILOADING found {'GetProcAddress': '0x10003f40', 'LoadLibrary': '0x10003f40'}
86 For APILOADING found {'GetProcAddress': '0x10002e40', 'LoadLibrary': '0x10002e40'}
87 For APILOADING found {'GetProcAddress': '0x10001cd0', 'LoadLibrary': '0x10001cd0'}
88 For APILOADING found {'GetProcAddress': '0x10001be0', 'LoadLibrary': '0x10001be0'}
89 For FILEITER found {'FindNextFile': '0x100027b0', 'FindClose': '0x100027b0', 'FindFirstFile': '0x100027b0'}
90 For FILEITER found {'FindNextFile': '0x10001290', 'FindClose': '0x10001290', 'FindFirstFile': '0x10001290'}
91 For WRITEFILE found {'WriteFile': '0x10002f90', 'CreateFile': '0x10002f90'}
92 For WRITEFILE found {'WriteFile': '0x10002db0', 'CreateFile': '0x10002db0'}
93 * 2016-10-13 23:02:58.973503 Scan finished
```



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# Random Dropper

```
For REGSETVAL found {'RegOpenKey': '0x4011c0', 'RegSetValue': '0x4011e4'}
For CREATEPROC found {'CreateProcess': '0x401000'}
For CREATEPROC found {'CreateProcess': '0x4013c5'}
For READFILE found {'CreateFile': '0x401618', 'ReadFile': '0x401618'}
For APILOADING found {'GetProcAddress': '0x4053a5', 'LoadLibrary': '0x4053a5'}
For WRITEFILE found {'WriteFile': '0x401618', 'CreateFile': '0x401618'}
For WINEXEC found {'WinExec': '0x401618'}
```

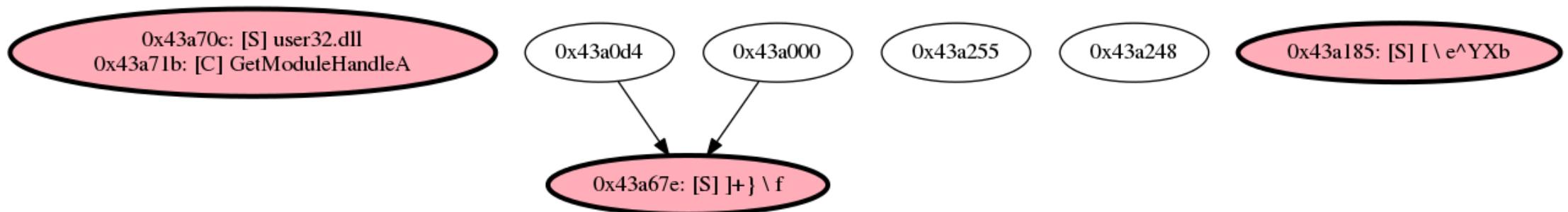
# Win32/Banito

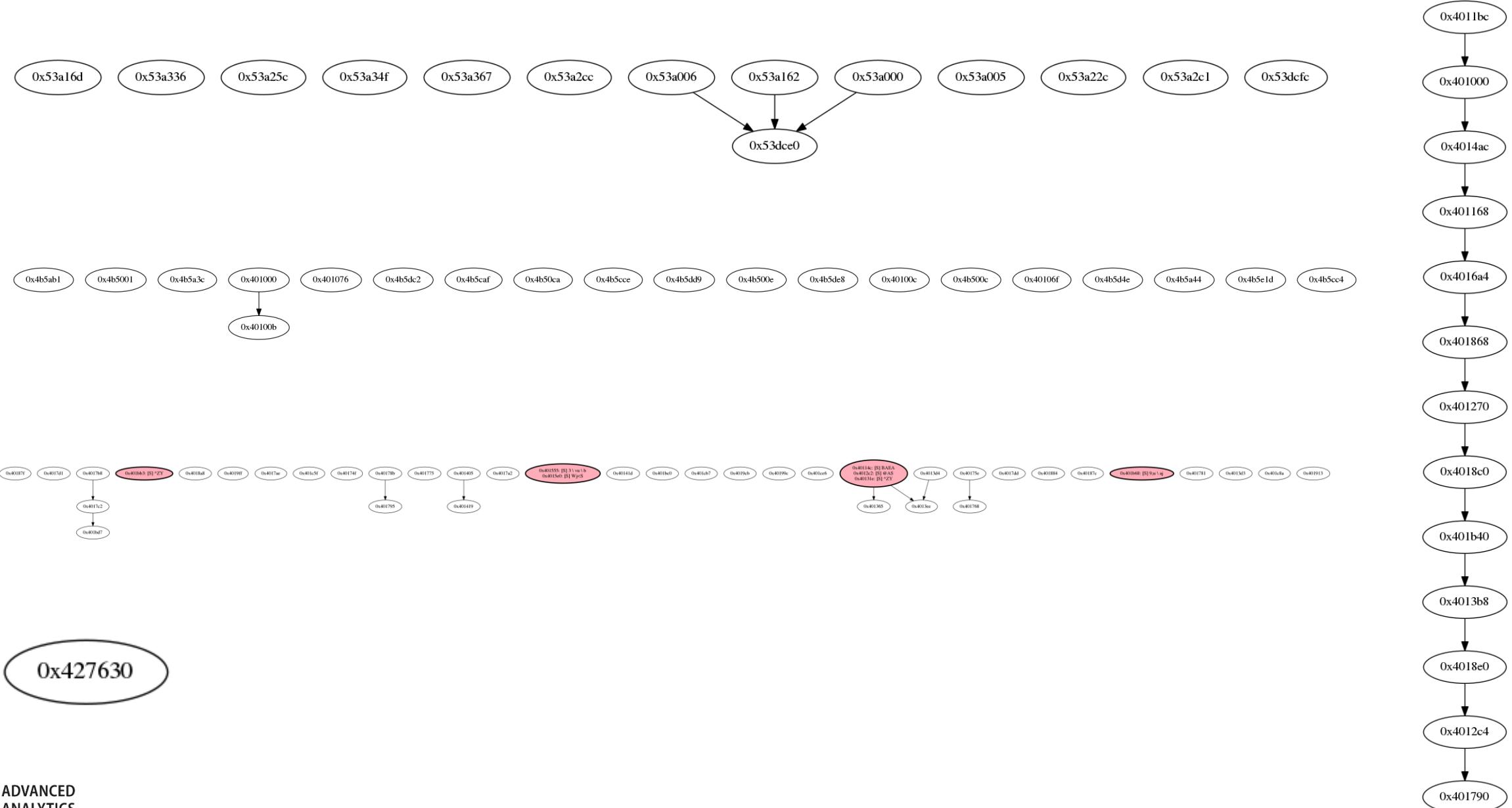
```
For APILOADING found {'GetProcAddress': '0x402db0', 'LoadLibrary': '0x402db0'}
```

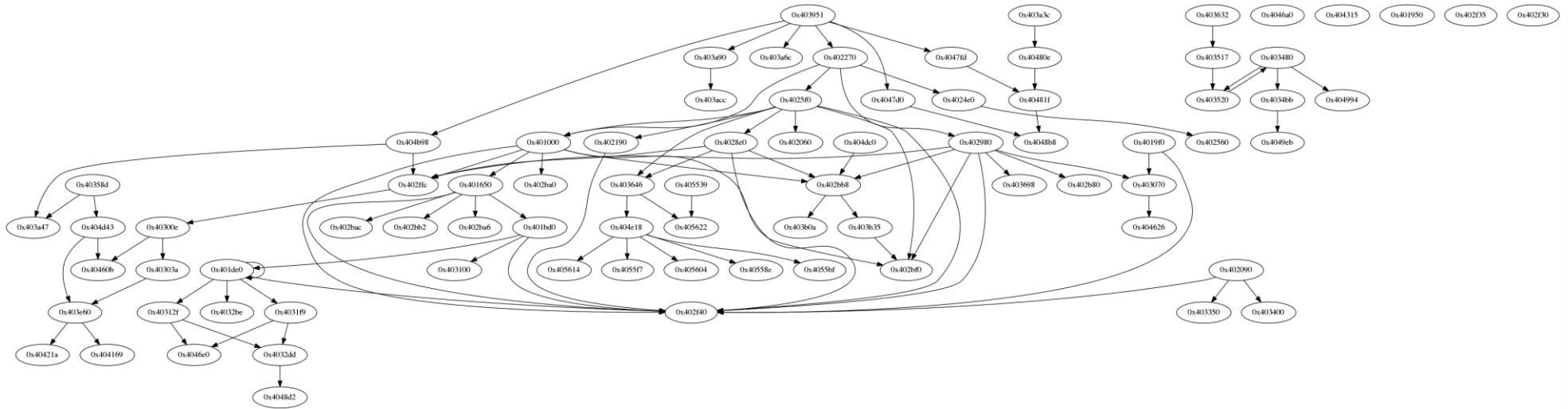


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# Packed / obfuscated binaries







**Some binaries  
got \_something\_ to hide**

# Why metrics?

*Measuring things is fun*

*Lack of metrics for sophistication*

*Lack of metrics for complexity*

*LOCs suck*

- they ain't no metrics that aren't cheaply tricked

*Little ability to measure suspiciousness*

*Little ability to measure benign-ness*



# Backdoor: Win32/Redsip.A

## Random Info

```
.
```

General graph info:

SAMPLE c3f8690087a454fa45e8975fd0b8b0b76aba554f540d7c2c98d3e15512268b51

Type: PE32 executable (DLL) (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows

Size: 71168

MD5: a372c78309a2a521ac4d6899d0ef2369

Name:

Type: DiGraph

Number of nodes: 126

Number of edges: 151

Average in degree: 1.1984

Average out degree: 1.1984

```
.
```

# Graph Measurement

- Graph measurement data:
  - 157 Total functions detected with 'aflj'
  - 344 Count of references to local functions
    - 1 Count of references to data section, global variables
    - 0 Count of references to unrecognized locations
  - 238 Total API refs found via symbol xref check
    - 0 Count APIs w/o function xref
  - 180 Total referenced Strings
    - 0 Count of dangling strings (w/o function reference)
  - 438 Count of strings w/o any reference

*Numbers: simplified representation, allow for distance measurement, help finding outliers and anomalies*

# Fat node detection

*Also called spaghetti code metric*

```
.  
Out degree centrality, count calls, count strings:  
0x10003080 0.184000 23 29 ← interesting  
0x100023a0 0.152000 13 14  
0x10002210 0.080000 4 4  
0x10007dd0 0.064000 0 0  
0x10005ea0 0.048000 0 21 ← awkward  
0x10004550 0.048000 0 1  
0x10001410 0.040000 3 3  
0x10002060 0.032000 6 6  
0x10002710 0.032000 1 1  
0x10002b30 0.032000 1 1  
0x100044c0 0.032000 0 0  
0x100040e0 0.024000 0 1  
0x10001200 0.024000 3 1  
0x10003750 0.024000 5 3  
0x100041b0 0.024000 0 1  
0x10003890 0.024000 1 2  
0x10007fe0 0.024000 0 0  
0x10002f90 0.016000 9 4  
0x10005290 0.016000 0 0  
0x10001ee0 0.016000 12 3 ← interesting  
. 
```

# Math, FTW

*Useful for graph complexity evaluation*

```
Average degree connectivity per degree k:
```

```
0 0.000000
1 0.169811
2 1.739130
3 1.481481
4 0.875000
5 2.200000
6 1.333333
7 2.071429
8 1.750000
10 0.700000
11 4.272727
20 3.250000
24 3.958333
```

```
Histogram of out degree centrality:
```

```
0.0 0.0005 0.001 0.0015 0.002 0.004 0.006 0.008 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.04 0.05 0.06 0.07 0.08 0.09 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5
79 0 0 0 0 25 0 9 8 7 2 0 1 1 0 0 2 0 0 0
```

```
Loose nodes 23 of total 126, that's 18.253968%
```

```
ExecSize FunctionCount ApiCount StringCount
37888 157 238 180
Per-Kilobyte ratio
4.14379222973 6.2816722973 4.75084459459
```

# **Moarrr metrics to come**

*Library usage*

*API usage variance*

*Global variables*

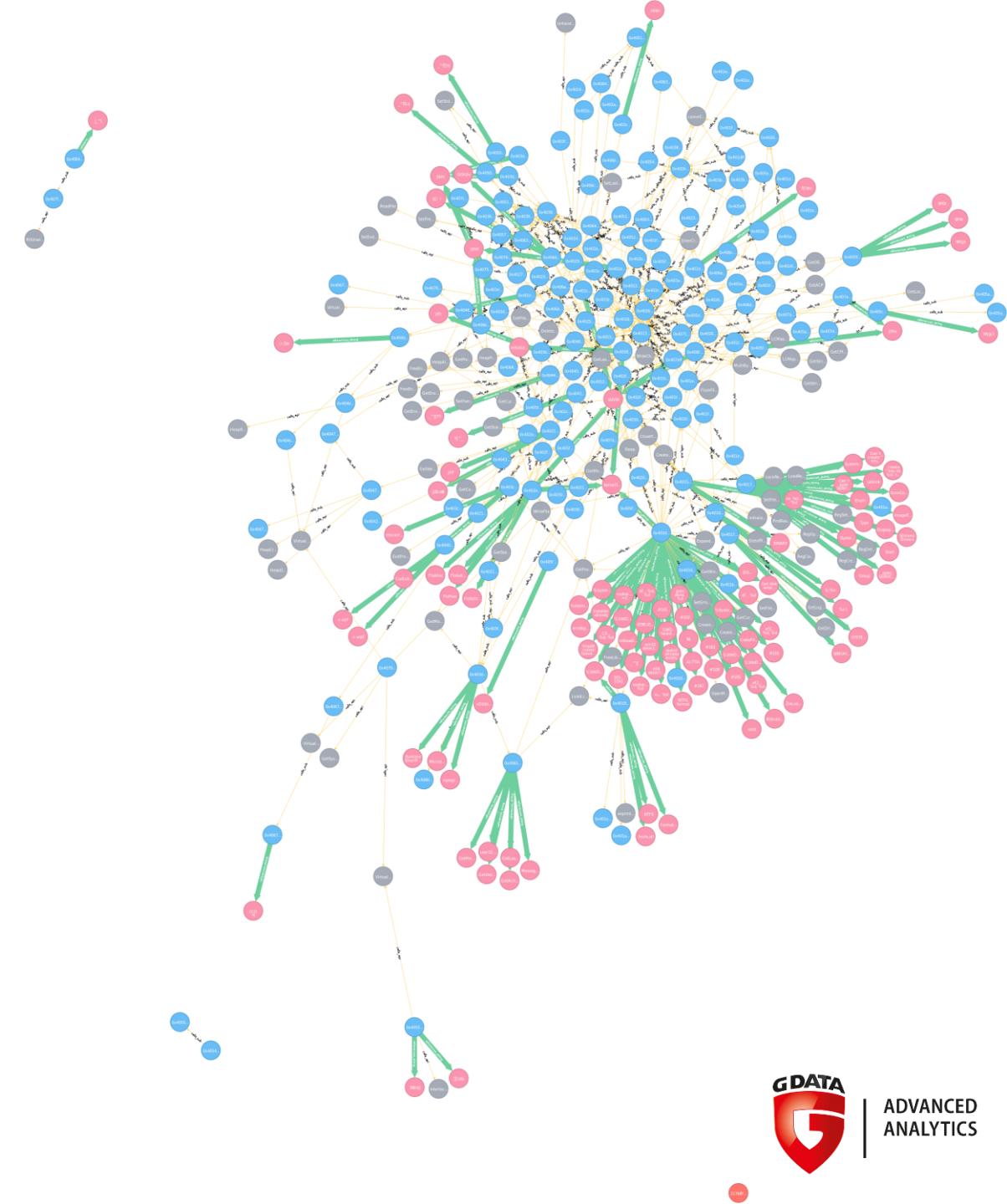
*Data cross references*

# Neo<sup>2</sup>lj

*Graph database with nice documentation and tutorials and a python connector*

## *Chosen backend (for now)*

# Got visualization (again)



# Now what

*Tool still far from being ready for use in production  
Works great with dynamically linked Win32 C binaries  
Works somewhat with statically linked and/or Win64  
binaries  
Produces funny results for C++, Delphi and such things  
Barely ever crashes ;)*

Thank You ☺



# Good Papers

„Jackdaw: Towards Automated Reverse Engineering of Large Datasets of Binaries“, Polino, Scorti, Maggi, Zanero

[https://iseclab.org/media/uploads/zotero/Polino%20et%20al\\_2015\\_Jackdaw.pdf](https://iseclab.org/media/uploads/zotero/Polino%20et%20al_2015_Jackdaw.pdf)

„Distributing the Reconstruction of High-Level Intermediate Representation for Large Scale Malware Analysis“, Matrosov, Rodionov, Barbosa, Branco

[https://github.com/REhints/BlackHat\\_2015/blob/master/slides\\_BHUS\\_2015.pdf](https://github.com/REhints/BlackHat_2015/blob/master/slides_BHUS_2015.pdf)

„Automated Reverse Engineering“, Halvar Flake

<http://www.blackhat.com/presentations/win-usa-04/bh-win-04-flake.pdf>