



# Automated Malware Analysis

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The background of the slide features a close-up, high-contrast black and white photograph of a tangle of many computer cables, likely Ethernet or power cables, creating a complex, chaotic texture.

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The word "HACKINBO" is displayed in large, bold, red, sans-serif letters. The letter "i" is unique, containing two red concentric arcs above a white dot, resembling a stylized speech mark or a signal icon.

# MALWARE?

**Malicious software:** software utilizzato a fini malevoli, per danneggiare, rubare, abusare o accedere in modo fraudolento e non autorizzato.

- Virus, Worm, Trojan
- Cryptolocker
- Spyware
- Malware di Stato



# WHY?

## Perché scrivere malware?

- Fama
- Business (\$\$\$)
- Spionaggio
- Red team

## Perché analizzare malware?

- Incident response
- Defensive security
- Identificare vulnerabilità
- Investigazione e Intelligence

# ANALISI MALWARE

**Static Analysis:** analizzare il malware senza eseguirlo.

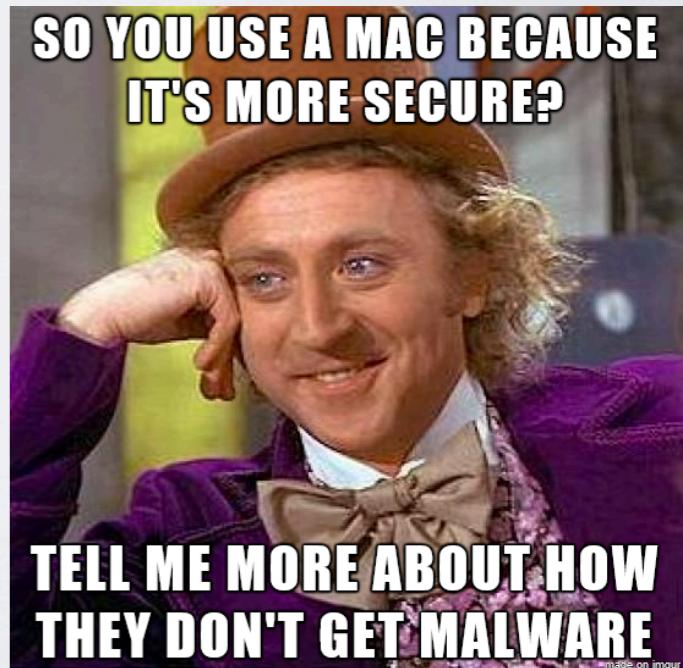
- File identification, analisi header, strings, ecc.
- Dissassembler

**Dynamic Analysis:** analizzare il malware eseguendolo in modo controllato.

- Memory forensics, network monitoring, etc.
- Debuggers

# BIG FAT WARNING!!

- ✓ **Segregazione** fra rete per l'analisi malware e le altre.
- ✓ Macchine **dedicate** all'analisi malware.
- ✓ **Igiene** nella gestione dei malware.



# TOOLS

(LIMITED SET OF...)

## Network Monitoring

Wireshark  
SmartSniff  
Bro  
InetSim

## Process Monitoring

Process Explorer  
Process Hacker

## File System & Registry Monitoring

Process Monitor  
Capture BAT  
RegShot

## Disassembler & Debugger

OllyDbg  
Immunity Debugger  
IDA Pro  
Radare2

## Memory Dumper

LordPE  
OllyDump

## Memory Analysis

Volatility  
Rekall

## Documents

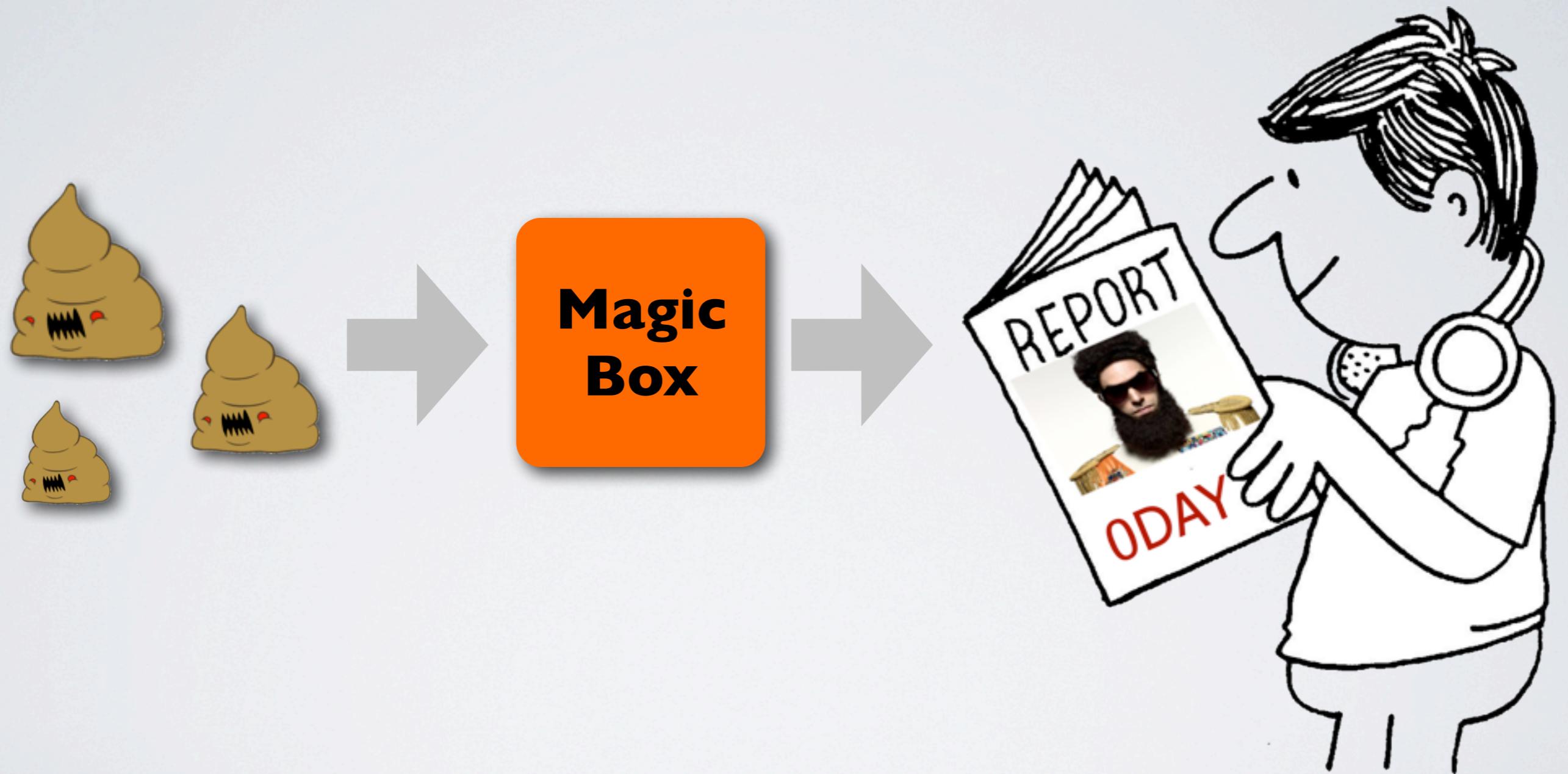
Peepdf  
PDF Tools

## OSINT

Virustotal  
Maltego  
Intel / IOC resources

# AUTOMATED MALWARE ANALYSIS

# IDEA?!



# SANDBOX

- Meccanismo per **isolare** l'esecuzione del software.
- Mette a disposizione un set limitato e **controllato** di **risorse** hardware e software.
- Usato per eseguire software **non fidato**.
- Paradigma utilizzato in security e **malware analysis**.

# SANDBOX & MALWARE

- Esecuzione del malware in ambiente **isolato**.
- Monitoraggio del suo **funzionamento**.
- Monitoraggio delle **interazioni** con le risorse HW/SW.
- Software o hardware.

# SANDBOX VS MALWARE

- Grandi **quantità** di malware.
- **Automazione** totale e flessibilità.
- Integrazione con altri strumenti di sicurezza.
- Analisi con risultati comparabili con quella manuale.

# SCOPI

- **Analisi** Malware.
- **Ricerca** di minacce.
- **Forensics** e incident response.
- Sistemi integrati per la sicurezza.

WANTED!



# MA..

- Prodotti commerciali **costosi** e **closed** source.
- Setup complessi.
- Nessuna o poco flessibilità.
- Svantaggiosi per studenti, **ricercatori**, ecc.



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# CUCKOO SANDBOX

- Sandbox per **analisi automatizzata** di malware.
- Progettata per essere **facile** da usare.
- Progettata per essere totalmente **personalizzabile**.



*Free as in Freedom*

# FUNZIONALITÀ

- Completamente **automatizzata**.
- **Personalizzabile** in ogni sua parte: tutto è modulare.
- Analisi parallela, analisi distribuita.
- Tracciamento **API calls**.
- Memory dump.
- Analisi traffico di **rete**.
- Dump file.
- Screenshots.
- **Signature**.

# TEAM

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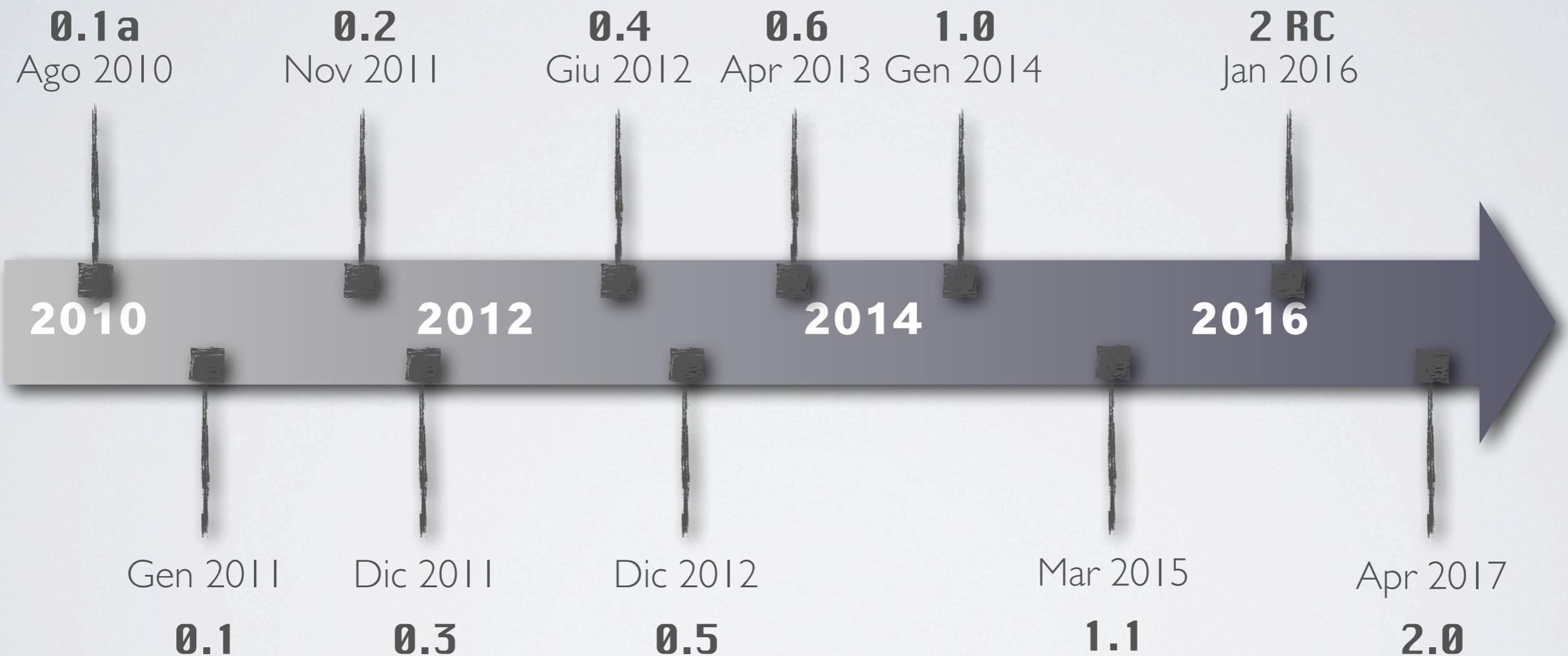
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# MAJOR RELEASES

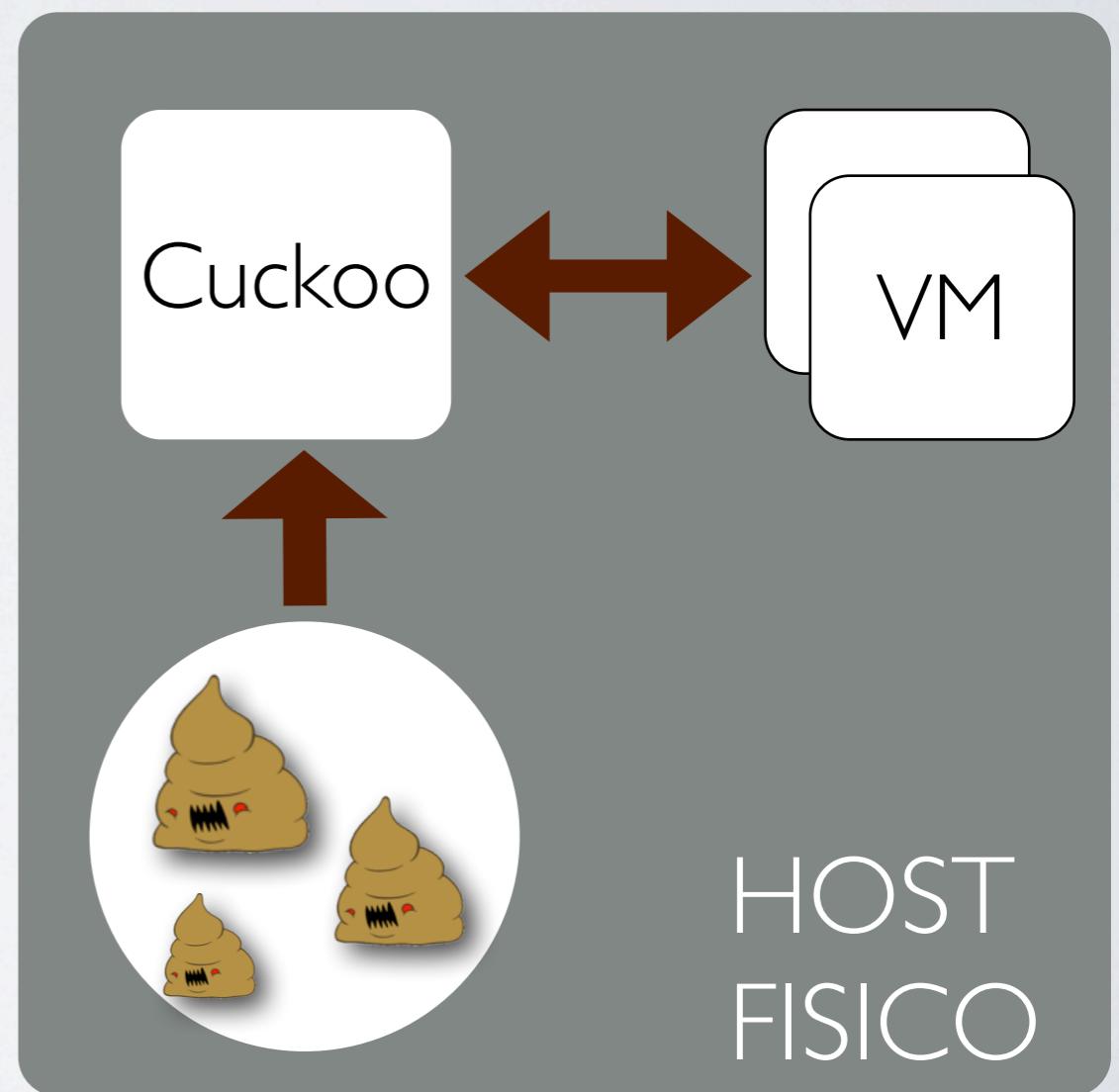


# ARCHITETTURA



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- Host GNU/**Linux**.
- Software di **virtualizzazione** (VirtualBox, KVM/libvirt, Vmware, XEN).
- Macchine virtuali (**VM**) o fisiche in cui eseguire il malware.



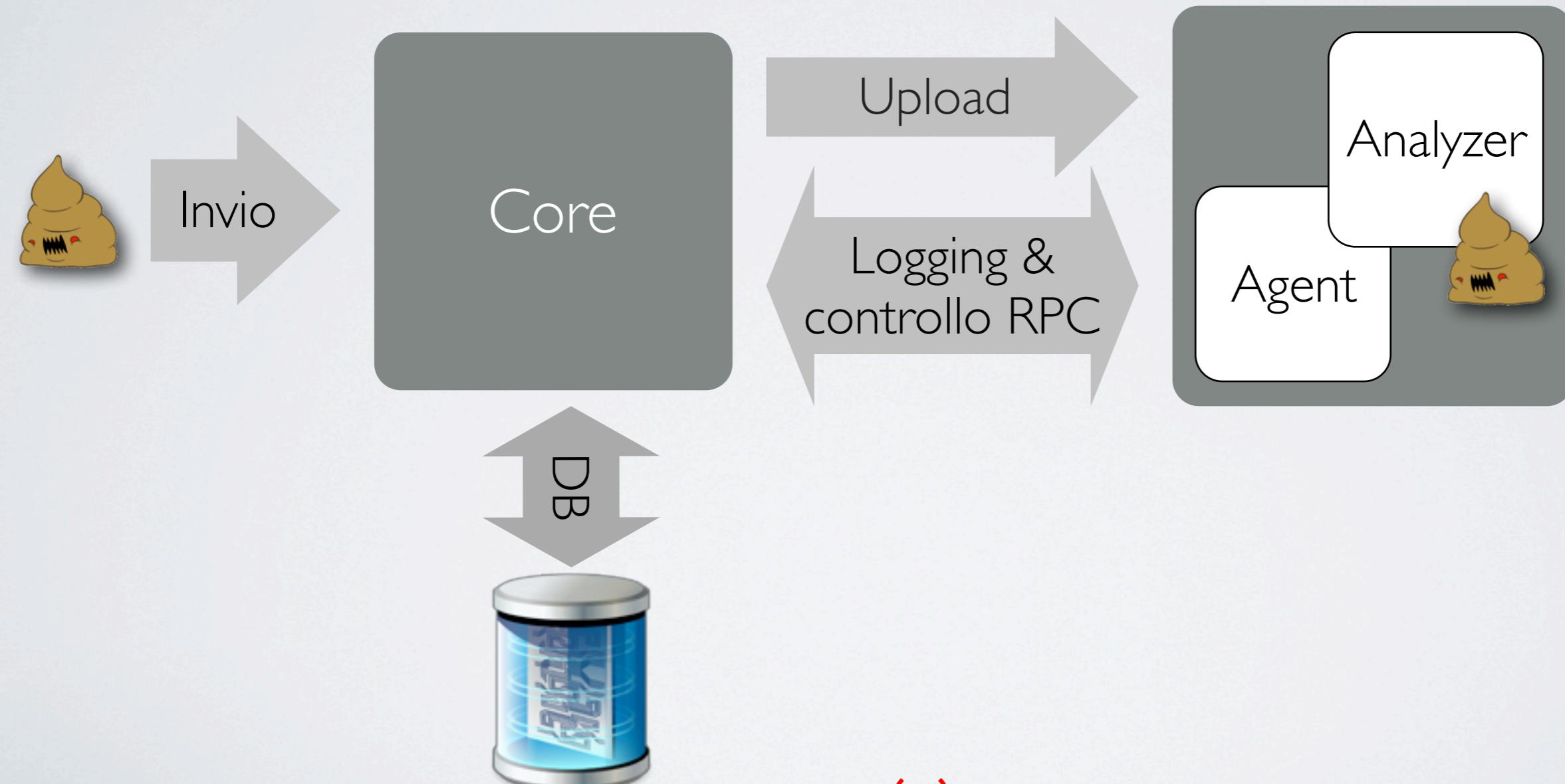
# CICLO DI ANALISI



# COMPONENTI

- **Core deamon**
  - ▶ Gestisce il processo di analisi, i moduli e le VM.
- **Analyzer**
  - ▶ All'interno della VM **esegue** il sample e comunica al core le sue azione.
  - ▶ Modulare: per ogni sistema operativo.

# CICLO DI ANALISI

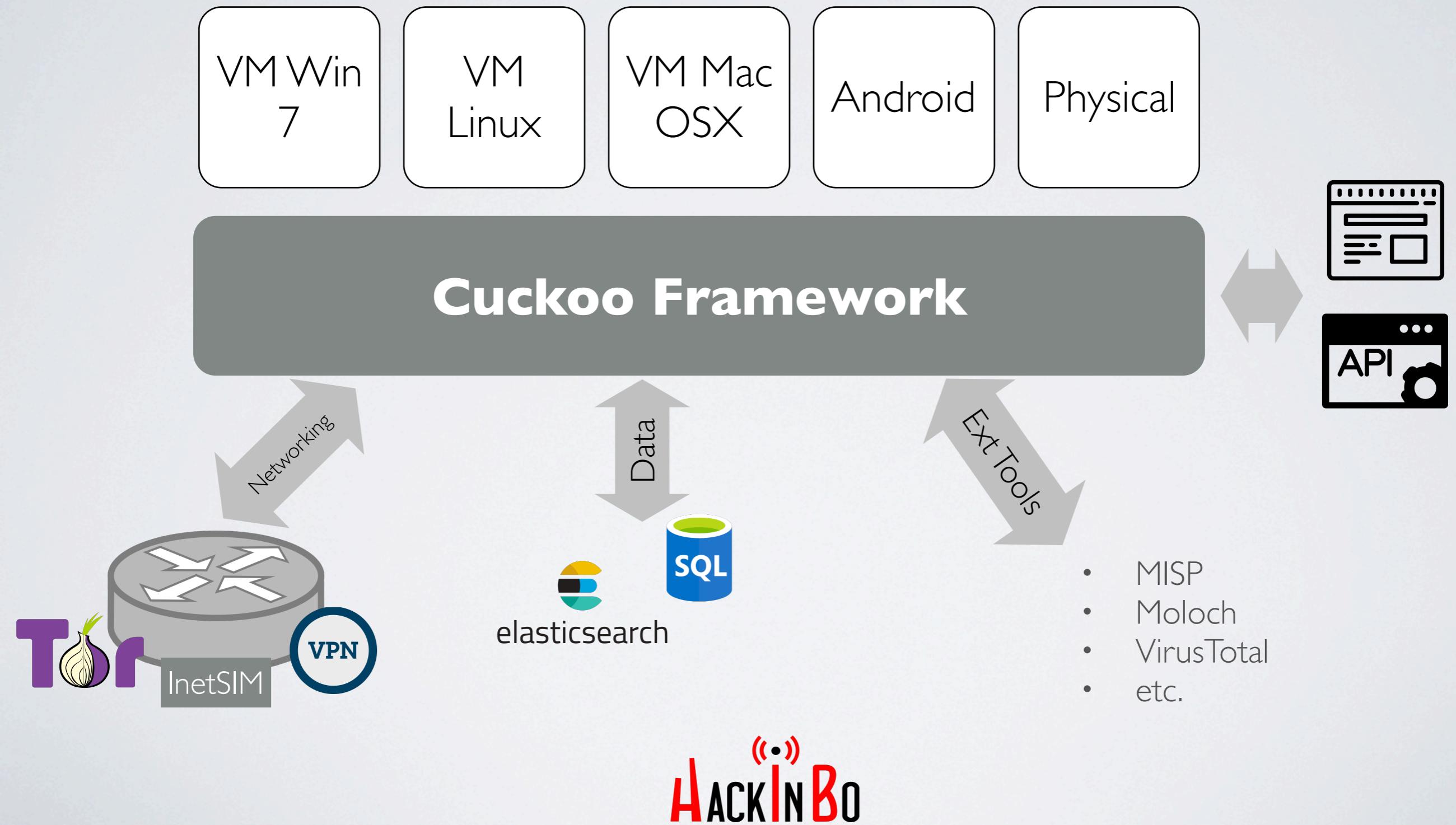


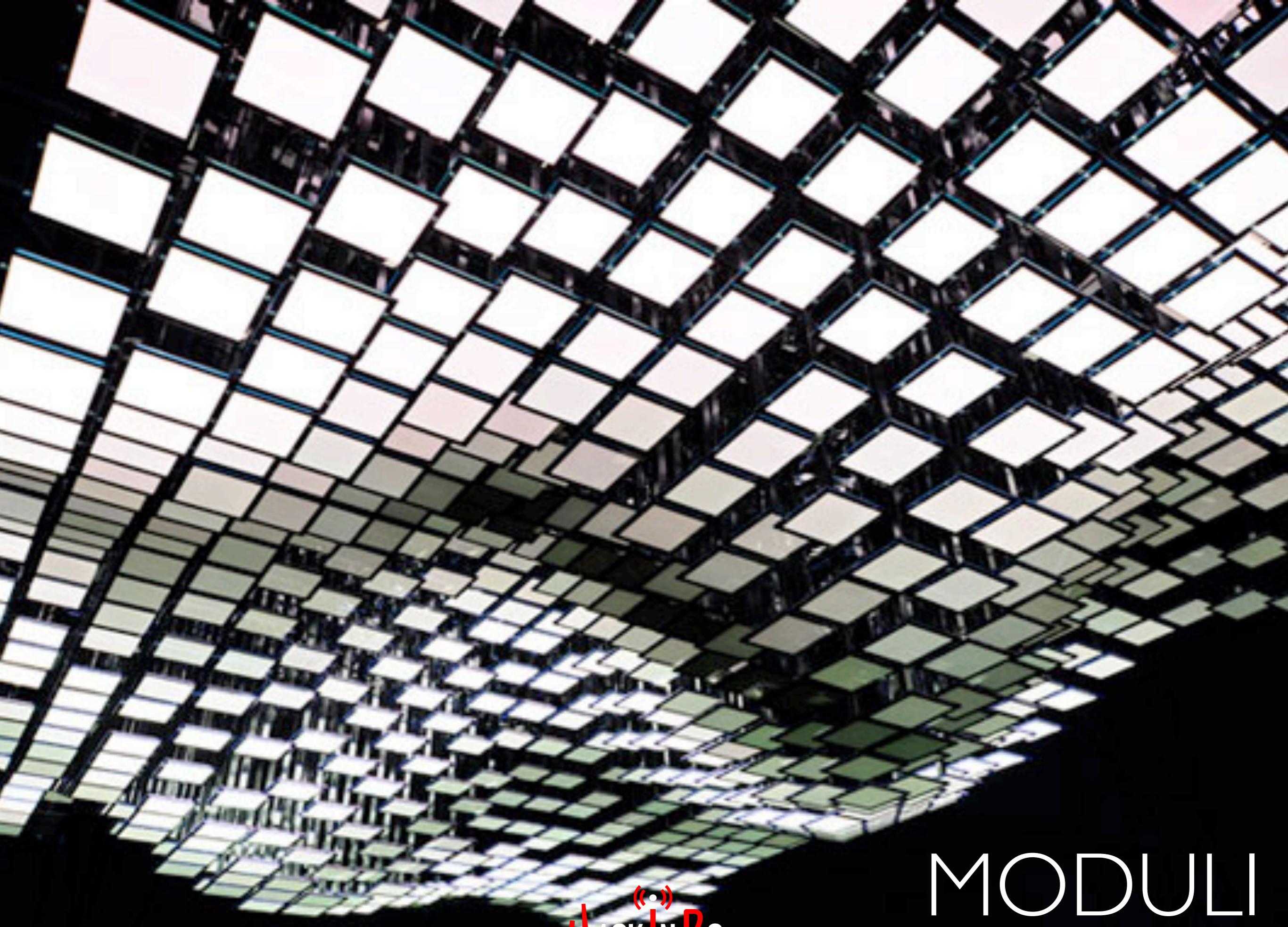
# CUCKOO MONITOR

- Instrumentation via **DLL** injection.
- Hooking delle principali funzioni (circa 170 **APIs**).
- Logging in real time via network.
- Traccia i **processi** child o injected.
- Codice in C.

<https://github.com/cuckoosandbox/monitor>

# THE BIG PICTURE





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MODULI

# MACHINERY

- Interagiscono con il software di **virtualizzazione**
- Codice Python in **cuckoo/machinery/**
- Software supportati:
  - ▶ VirtualBox
  - ▶ VMWare Workstation
  - ▶ QEMU/KVM
  - ▶ XenServer
  - ▶ Base class LibVirt

```
1 import logging
2
3 from lib.cuckoo.common.abtracts import LibVirtMachinery
4
5▼ class KVM(LibVirtMachinery):
6     """Virtualization layer for KVM based on python-libvirt."""
7
8     # Set KVM connection string.
9     dsn = "qemu:///system"
```

# AUXILIARY

- Eseguiti in **parallelo** all'analisi.
- Codice Python in **cuckoo/auxiliary/**
- Esempio:
  - ▶ Network sniffer
  - ▶ MitmProxy
  - ▶ Reboot detection

# PROCESSING

- **Elaborano** i dati grezzi di analisi
- Codice Python in **cuckoo/processing/**
- Analysis Info
- File Hashes, Analisi header PE32
- Yara Signatures
- Behavior Analysis
- Dropped Files
- Analisi del memory dump con Volatility
- Analisi traffico di rete
- TLS master key
- Strings
- Ricerca VirusTotal
- Integrazione MISP, IRMA

```
6 import os.path
7 import re
8
9 from cuckoo.common.abstracts import Processing
10 from cuckoo.common.exceptions import CuckooProcessingError
11
12 class Strings(Processing):
13     """Extract strings from analyzed file."""
14     MAX_FILESIZE = 16*1024*1024
15     MAX_STRINGCNT = 2048
16     MAX_STRINGLEN = 1024
17
18     def run(self):
19         """Run extract of printable strings.
20         @return: list of printable strings.
21         """
22         self.key = "strings"
23         strings = []
24
25         if self.task["category"] == "file":
26             if not os.path.exists(self.file_path):
27                 raise CuckooProcessingError(
28                     "Sample file doesn't exist: \"%s\"" % self.file_path
29                 )
30
31         try:
32             data = open(self.file_path, "r").read(self.MAX_FILESIZE)
33         except (IOError, OSError) as e:
34             raise CuckooProcessingError("Error opening file %s" % e)
35
36         strings = re.findall("[\x1f-\x7e]{6,}", data)
37         for s in re.findall("(?:[\x1f-\x7e][\x00]){6,}", data):
38             strings.append(s.decode("utf-16le"))
39
40         # Now limit the amount & length of the strings.
41         strings = strings[:self.MAX_STRINGCNT]
42         for idx, s in enumerate(strings):
43             strings[idx] = s[:self.MAX_STRINGLEN]
44
45         return strings
```

# SIGNATURES

- Scattano in corrispondenza di determinati **eventi** o **comportamenti**.
- Codice Python
- Esempi:
  - ▶ Riconoscere famiglie
  - ▶ Estrarre ulteriori dettagli (configurazioni)
- Community repository

<https://github.com/cuckoobox/community>

```
16  from lib.cuckoo.common.abstracts import Signature
17
18  class Prinimalka(Signature):
19      name = "banker_prinimalka"
20      description = "Detected Prinimalka banking trojan"
21      severity = 3
22      categories = ["banker"]
23      families = ["prinimalka"]
24      authors = ["nex"]
25      minimum = "2.0"
26
27      filter_apinames = "RegSetValueExA", "RegSetValueExW"
28
29      def on_call(self, call, process):
30          regkey = call["arguments"]["regkey"].lower()
31          if regkey.endswith("_opt_server1"):
32              self.mark_call()
33              self.mark_ioc("cnc", call["arguments"]["value"])
34          return True
35
```

# REPORTS

- Presentano le informazioni in vari **formati**.
- Codice Python in **cuckoo/reporting/**
- Default reports:
  - ▶ JSON
  - ▶ HTML
  - ▶ Database: MongoDB, Elasticsearch
  - ▶ External tools: MISP, Moloch, Mattermost

```
5 import calendar
6 import datetime
7 import json
8 import requests
9
10 from cuckoo.common.abtracts import Report
11 from cuckoo.common.exceptions import CuckooReportError
12
13 def default(obj):
14     if isinstance(obj, datetime.datetime):
15         if obj.utcoffset() is not None:
16             obj = obj - obj.utcoffset()
17         return calendar.timegm(obj.timetuple()) + obj.microsecond / 1000000.0
18     raise TypeError("%r is not JSON serializable" % obj)
19
20 class Notification(Report):
21     """Notifies external service about finished analysis via URL."""
22     order = 3
23
24     def run(self, results):
25         post = {
26             "task_id": self.task["id"],
27             "identifier": self.options.get("identifier"),
28             "data": json.dumps(
29                 results.get("info"), default=default, sort_keys=False
30             )
31         }
32
33         try:
34             requests.post(self.options.get("url"), data=post)
35         except Exception as e:
36             raise CuckooReportError(
37                 "Failed posting message via Notification: %s" % e
38             )
```

# ANALYSIS PACKAGES

- **Lanciano** il sample in base al suo tipo (URL, Office, etc)
- Codice Python in **data/analyzer/\$OS/modules/packages/**
- Default packages:
  - ▶ Java applet, DLL, Word, executable, HTML, URL (Internet Explorer), Java JAR, Adobe PDF, VBS, Excel, ZIP

```
5 import os
6
7 from lib.common.abSTRACTS import Package
8
9 class HTA(Package):
10     """HTA analysis package."""
11     PATHS = [
12         ("System32", "mshta.exe"),
13     ]
14
15     def start(self, path):
16         mshta = self.get_path("mshta")
17
18         # Enforce .hta extension.
19         if not path.endswith(".hta"):
20             os.rename(path, path + ".hta")
21             path += ".hta"
22
23         return self.execute(mshta, args=[path])
```

# ANALYSIS AUXILIARY

- Eseguiti **parallelamente** al sample
- Codice Python in ***data/analyzer/\$OS/modules/auxiliaries/***
- Esempi: muovere il mouse, screenshots

```
5 import logging
6
7 from lib.api.process import Process
8 from lib.common.abstracts import Auxiliary
9 from lib.common.exceptions import CuckooError
10
11 log = logging.getLogger(__name__)
12
13 class DumpTLSMasterSecrets(Auxiliary):
14     """Dump TLS master secrets as used by various Windows libraries."""
15     def start(self):
16         try:
17             p = Process(process_name="lsass.exe")
18             p.inject(track=False, mode="dumptls")
19         except CuckooError as e:
20             if "process access denied" in e.message:
21                 log.warning(
22                     "You're not running the Cuckoo Agent as Administrator. "
23                     "Doing so will improve your analysis results!"
24                 )
25             else:
26                 log.warning(
27                     "An unknown error occurred while trying to inject into "
28                     "the lsass.exe process to dump TLS master secrets: %s", e
29                 )
```

# SETUP



# DOWNLOAD

- Via **PIP**:

```
pip install cuckoo
```

- Dal **sito** ufficiale:

<http://www.cuckoosandbox.org>

- Da **GitHub**:

<http://github.com/cuckoobox/cuckoo>

# INSTALLAZIONE

- Installare Cuckoo da pip
- Installare le **dipendenze** (da manuale)
- Creare una VM per l'analisi, eseguirci **agent.py**, e fare uno snapshot
- Configurare il networking
- Modificare a piacimento la configurazione in **.cuckoo**

# CREAZIONE VM

- Diverse VM per **requisiti**
  - ▶ Sistema operativo e livello di patching
  - ▶ Architettura CPU
  - ▶ Applicativi installati (exploitable)
- Anti VM detection
- Fake stuff: credenziali, ecc.
- Eseguire **agent.py**
- Fare **snapshot**
- **Vmcloack** to the rescue!



# CONFIGURAZIONE

- Configurazione generale
- Configurazione VM
- Sniffer
- Processing
- Reports

La configurazione  
deve essere  
**calibrata** sul  
risultato voluto

# UTILIZZO



# SAMPLE SUBMISSION

- Via **console**: **cuckoo submit \$FILE**
- Via **API**: **cuckoo api**
- Via interfaccia **web**
- Via codice **Python**

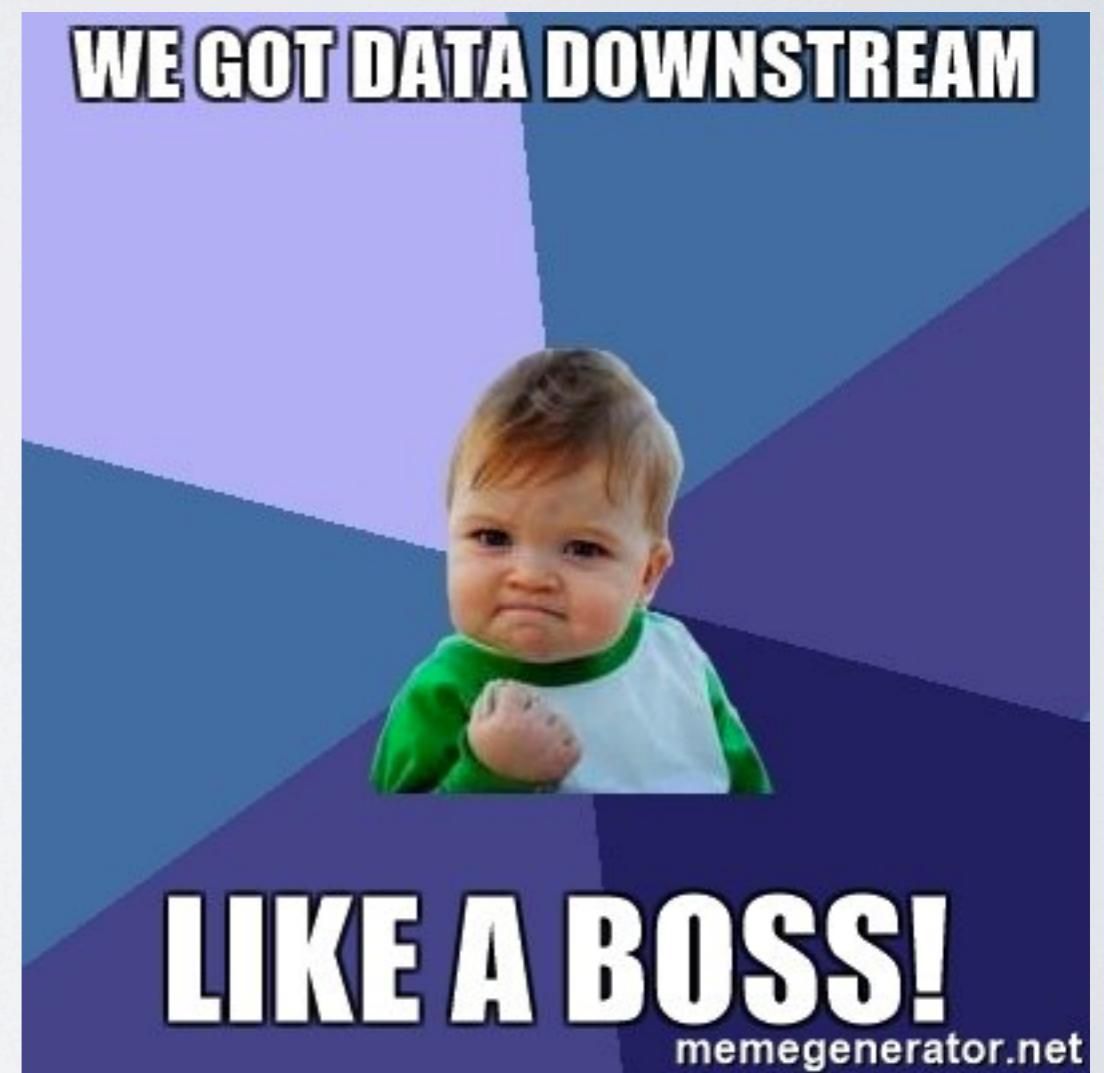
```
5 from cuckoo.core.database import Database  
6 db = Database()  
7 db.add_path("/tmp/malware.exe")
```

# OPZIONI DI SUBMISSION

- Package di analisi e opzioni
- Timeout
- Priorità dell'analisi
- Virtual machine name
- Virtual machine platform
- Virtual machine tag
- Memory dump (VM)
- Memory dump (processo)
- Clock

# RISULTATI

- Folder di analisi ***data/storage/analysis/{id}/***
- Il contenuto dipende dall'esito dell'analisi.
- Il contenuto dipende dai moduli abilitati.



# WEBAPP

- Django web application in **data/web/**
- Submission con opzioni
- **Ricerca** di analisi
- Report **interattivo**
- **Comparazione** analisi.
- Monitoraggio sistema.
- Import / **export** analisi.



## Insights

## Cuckoo

### Cuckoo Installation

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| Version | 2.0.4 |
|---------|-------|

### Usage statistics

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| reported | 395 |
|----------|-----|

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| completed | 1 |
|-----------|---|

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| total | 400 |
|-------|-----|

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| running | 4 |
|---------|---|

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| pending | 0 |
|---------|---|

### SUBMIT A FILE FOR ANALYSIS

[Submit](#)

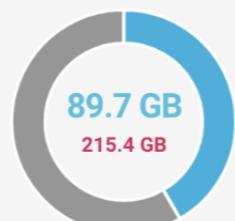
### SUBMIT URLs/HASHES

ⓘ Drag your file into the left field or click the icon to select a file.

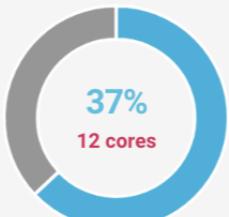
### System info

[free](#) [used](#) [total](#)

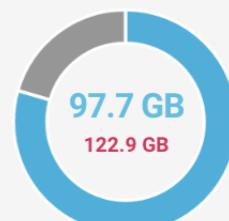
#### FREE DISK SPACE



#### CPU LOAD



#### MEMORY USAGE





Dashboard Recent Pending Search

Submit

Import



## Summary

### File cuckoo-40791a2bca437918bd35f212c96c6d0c2b4522cc49af13272a4560d05ec8d50a

#### Summary

[Download](#) [Resubmit sample](#)

Size 3.7MB

Type PE32 executable (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows, UPX compressed

MD5 b680a84bf8220dc7a0f802753e4ad553

SHA1 bfc6fa1f2793dda97f4f35485dcdbf566ec98f47

SHA256 40791a2bca437918bd35f212c96c6d0c2b4522cc49af13272a4560d05ec8d50a

SHA512 [Show SHA512](#)

CRC32 D857001D

ssdeep 49152:BYl8WhqlmZo0I0xZoDkpMSUWZBVT74cwIlgUjcwMwx8UxSrrS9ouZmOAYnuju7:BYCW0luI0zos91BeC3JmU8mOsA08+uhh

Yara None matched



#### Score

This file is **very suspicious**, with a score of **8.2 out of 10!**

Please notice: The scoring system is currently still in development and should be considered an **alpha** feature.

#### Feedback

Expecting different results? Send us this analysis and we will inspect it. [Click here](#)

## Information on Execution

### Analysis

| Category | Started                  | Completed                | Duration   | Logs   |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| FILE     | Oct. 13, 2017, 5:09 p.m. | Oct. 13, 2017, 5:09 p.m. | 25 seconds | <a href="#">Show Analyzer Log</a><br><a href="#">Show Cuckoo Log</a> |



Summary



Static Analysis



Extracted Artifacts



Behavioral Analysis

2



Network Analysis



Dropped Files

0



Dropped Buffers

6



Process Memory

1



Compare Analysis



Export Analysis



Reboot Analysis



Options



Feedback



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## Signatures

Queries for the computername (2 events)



Checks amount of memory in system, this can be used to detect virtual machines that have a low amount of memory available (1 event)



The executable uses a known packer (1 event)



One or more processes crashed (1 event)



One or more potentially interesting buffers were extracted, these generally contain injected code, configuration data, etc.



Performs some HTTP requests (1 event)



Allocates read-write-execute memory (usually to unpack itself) (1 event)



Queries the disk size which could be used to detect virtual machine with small fixed size or dynamic allocation (3 events)



Checks adapter addresses which can be used to detect virtual network interfaces (1 event)



The binary likely contains encrypted or compressed data indicative of a packer (2 events)



The executable is compressed using UPX (2 events)



One or more of the buffers contains an embedded PE file (1 event)



Detects virtualization software with SCSI Disk Identifier trick(s) (2 events)



Creates known Bancos Banking Trojan files, registry keys and/or mutexes





## Process contents



cuckoo-40791a2bca437918bd35f212c96c6d0c2b4522cc49af13272a4560d05ec8d50a.exe

PID 2240

Parent PID 2216

1

2

3

4

5

default

registry

file

network

process

services

synchronisation

iexplore

office

pdf

Time &amp; API

Arguments

Status

Return

Repeated

LdrLoadDLL

Oct. 13, 2017, 5:09 p.m.

module\_name: KERNEL32.DLL  
basename: KERNEL32  
stack\_pivoted: 0  
flags: 0  
module\_address: 0x770a0000

1

0

0

LdrGetProcedureAddress

Oct. 13, 2017, 5:09 p.m.

ordinal: 0  
function\_address: 0x770b10ff  
function\_name: Sleep  
module: kernel32  
module\_address: 0x770a0000

1

0

0

LdrLoadDLL

Oct. 13, 2017, 5:09 p.m.

module\_name: KERNEL32.DLL  
basename: KERNEL32  
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## Network Analysis

[Download pcap](#)

Hosts 2 | DNS 1 | **TCP** 3 | UDP 12 | HTTP(S) 3 | ICMP 0 | IRC 0 | Suricata 0 | Snort 0

| TCP Requests         |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 192.168.56.104:49165 | → 5.149.254.182:80<br>teal.throcytes.ru |
| 192.168.56.104:49166 | → 5.149.254.182:80<br>teal.throcytes.ru |
| 192.168.56.104:49158 | → 81.198.165.210:80                     |

|  |                     |   |
|--|---------------------|---|
| 192.168.56.104:49165   | →                   | 5.149.254.182:80  |
| <a href="#">plaintext</a>  | <a href="#">hex</a> | <a href="#">16 bytes</a> <a href="#">32 bytes</a> <a href="#">48 bytes</a> <a href="#">64 bytes</a> |
| 00000000: 504f 5354 202f 6170 6920 4854 5450 2f31 POST./api.HTTP/1<br>00000010: 2e30 0d0a 436f 6e6e 6563 7469 6f6e 3a20 .0..Connection:.<br>00000020: 6b65 6570 2d61 6c69 7665 0d0a 436f 6e74 keep-alive..Cont<br>00000030: 656e 742d 4c65 6e67 7468 3a20 3131 3233 ent-Length:.1123<br>00000040: 0d0a 486f 7374 3a20 7465 616c 2e74 6872 ..Host:.teal.thr<br>00000050: 6f63 7974 6573 2e72 750d 0a41 6363 6570 ocytes.ru..Accep<br>00000060: 743a 2074 6578 742f 6874 6d6c 2c61 7070 t:.text/html,app<br>00000070: 6c69 6361 7469 6f6e 2f78 6874 6d6c 2b78 lication/xhtml+x<br>00000080: 6d6c 2c61 7070 6c69 6361 7469 6f6e 2f78 ml,application/x<br>00000090: 6d6c 3b71 3d30 2e39 2c2a 2f2a 3b71 3d30 ml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0<br>000000a0: 2e38 0d0a 4163 6365 7074 2d45 6e63 6f64 .8..Accept-Encod<br>000000b0: 696e 673a 2069 6465 6e74 6974 790d 0a55 ing:.identity..U<br>000000c0: 7365 722d 4167 656e 743a 204d 6f7a 696c ser-Agent:.Mozil<br>000000d0: 6c61 2f33 2e30 2028 636f 6d70 6174 6962 la/3.0.(compatib<br>000000e0: 6c65 3b20 496e 6479 204c 6962 7261 7279 le;.Indy.Library<br>000000f0: 290d 0a0d 0a ).... | →                   | 5.149.254.182:80  |
| 192.168.56.104:49165   | →                   | 5.149.254.182:80  |

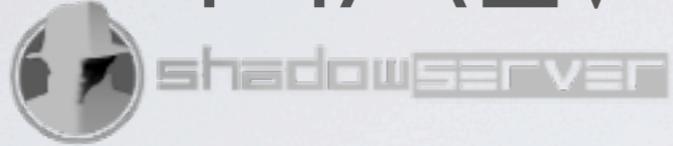
community

# COMMUNITY REPO

- GitHub repository di contributi dalla **community**.
- Analyzer, moduli e **signature**.
- Comando **cuckoo community**.
- <https://github.com/cuckoosandbox/community>



# MALWR.COM



- Istanza pubblica.
- Sample **condivisi**.
- User accounts.
- Analisi **private**.
- Code of conduct.

The screenshot shows the Malwr.com homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Analyses', 'Search', 'Submit', and 'About'. On the right, there are 'Sign up' and 'Login' buttons. The main header features the 'malwr' logo with a small bug icon. Below the header, three key statistics are displayed: '789453 Total Analyses', '68% Shared Malware', and '275582 Unique Domains'. To the left, a table titled 'Recent Analyses (see more)' lists ten analyses with their dates and IDs. To the right, a table titled 'Recent Domains' lists ten domains with small icons next to them. The overall layout is clean and modern, using a light gray background and white tables.

| Recent Analyses (see more) |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
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