

Mem2Img : Memory-Resident Malware Detection via Convolution Neural Network

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AGENDA

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- + Dataset overview
- + Mem2Img Framework
- + Experiment result
- + Saliency map
- + Zero shot learning
- + Adversarial Attack

Recent Injection Technique used by APT

UUID Shellcode

- ◆ UuidFromStringA - it takes a string-based UUID and converts it to its binary representation. It takes a pointer to a UUID, which will be used to return the converted binary data.

```
ImageData(1) = "271F85EC-FCBC-F8D6-172A-E04500514109"  
ImageData(2) = "332700B4-2436-02FF-ABF3-920AACA90000"  
#End If  
For idx = 1 To UBound(ImageData)  
ret = UuidFromStringA(ImageData(idx), ImageNewAddr)  
ImageNewAddr = ImageNewAddr + 16  
Next idx  
FindImage4 = ImageNewAddr  
End Function
```

```
> python3  
Python 3.7.7 (default, Mar 10 2020, 17:25:08)  
[GCC 5.4.0 20160609] on linux  
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.  
>>> import uuid  
>>> shellcode = b"\xfc\xe8\x89\x00\x00\x00\x60\x89\xe5\x31\xd2\x64\x8b\x52\x30\x8b"  
>>> uuid.UUID(bytes_le = shellcode)  
UUID('0089e8fc-0000-8960-e531-d2648b52308b')  
>>> uuid.UUID(bytes_le=shellcode).bytes  
b'\x00\x89\xe8\xfc\x00\x00\x89'\xe5\xd2\x8bR0\x8b'
```

UUID Shellcode



- ◆ By providing a pointer to an heap address, this function can be (ab)used to both decode data and write it to memory without using common functions such as `memcpy` or `WriteProcessMemory`.
- ◆ Then use callback function(`EnumWindows`) to execute shellcode
- ◆ This vba script was used by Lazarus

```
If GetImageData() = False Then
    zLL = (0 + (0 Xor 0))
    zL = ((0 Xor 0) + 0)
    rL = HeapCreate(&H40000, zL, zL)
    ImageNewAddr = HeapAlloc(rL, zL, &H100000)
    ImageAddr = ImageNewAddr
    ImageNewAddr = FindImage1(ImageNewAddr)
    ImageNewAddr = FindImage2(ImageNewAddr)
    ImageNewAddr = FindImage3(ImageNewAddr)
    ImageNewAddr = FindImage4(ImageNewAddr)
    zLL = EnumWindows(ImageAddr, zLL)
    If ThisDocument.ReadOnly = False Then
        TxMLUeUuFF
        ThisDocument.Save
    End If
End If
```

Callback function to execute shellcode

- ◆ the lpLocaleEnumProc parameter specifies a callback function! By providing the address returned by HeapAlloc, this function can be (ab)used to execute shellcode
- ◆ There are many callback functions can used to execute shellcode
- ◆ This case was used in a PE file

```
v4 = HeapCreate(0x40008u, 0, 0);
if ( v4 )
{
    v5 = HeapAlloc(v4, 0, 0x400u);
    lpLanguageGroupEnumProc = v5;
    for ( i = 0; i < 50; ++i )
    {
        if ( !v5 )
            break;
        if ( UuidFromStringA(off_402910[i], v5) )
            return -1;
        ++v5;
    }
    if ( lpLanguageGroupEnumProc )
    {
        EnumSystemLanguageGroupsA(lpLanguageGroupEnumProc, 1u, 0);
        return 0;
    }
}
return -1;
```

Phantom DLL Hollowing

- ◆ The target dll is chosen based on the size of its .text section to house the reflective payload and then it could execute the binary within a + RX section in that dll
- ◆ We have found APT27 used this technique to spread CobaltStrike Beacon

```
GetSystemDirectoryW(SearchFilePath, 0x104u);
wcscat_s(SearchFilePath, 0x104ui64, L"\\*.dll");
hFind = FindFirstFileW(SearchFilePath, &FindFileData);
v9 = hFind;
if ( hFind != -1i64 )
{
    while ( 1 )
    {
        if ( GetModuleHandleW(FindFileData.cFileName) )
            goto LABEL_91;
        hObject = -1i64;
        GetSystemDirectoryW(ExistingFileName, 0x104u);
        wcscat_s(ExistingFileName, 0x104ui64, L"\\");
        wcscat_s(ExistingFileName, 0x104ui64, FindFileData.cFileName);
    }
}
```


Phantom DLL Hollowing



wpsupdate.exe



wpsupdate.exe - (2344) - 內容

Name	Base address	Size	Description
wpsupdate.exe...	0x140000000	196 kB	
aaclient.dll	0x7fef4170000	172 kB	Anywhere 存取用戶端
advapi32.dll	0x7feff270000	876 kB	進階 Windows 32 基礎 API
api-ms-win-core...	0x7feffa080000	12 kB	ApiSet Stub DLL

Phantom
DLL hollowing

Modules



Phantom DLL Hollowing

The screenshot displays a debugger window for `wpsupdate.exe` (PID: 928) with the loaded module `aaclient.dll`. The assembly view shows the following instructions:

```
000007FEF41710FF 41:BA 3A5679A7 mov r10d,A779563A
000007FEF4171105 FF D5 call rbp
000007FEF4171107 E9 93000000 jmp aaclient.7FEF417119F
000007FEF417110C 5A pop rdx
000007FEF417110D 48:89C1 mov rcx,rcx
000007FEF4171110 41:B8 BB010000 mov r8d,1BB
000007FEF4171116 4D:31C9 xor r9,r9
```

The memory map window, titled "記憶體映射", shows the following sections:

位址	大小	資訊	內容	類型	保護
0000000140030000	0000000000001000	".reloc"	Base relocations	IMG	-R---
000007FEF4170000	0000000000001000	aaclient.dll		IMG	-R---
000007FEF4171000	0000000000024000	".text"	可執行代碼	IMG	ER---
000007FEF4195000	0000000000003000	".data"	已初始化的資料	IMG	-RWC-
000007FEF4198000	0000000000001000	".pdata"	異常資料	IMG	-R---
000007FEF4199000	0000000000001000	".rsrc"	資源	IMG	-R---
000007FEF419A000	0000000000001000	".reloc"	Base relocations	IMG	-R---

In this case, the DLL used to make the phantom dll hollowing is `aaclient.dll`, it execute the cobaltstrike stager shellcode within a + RX section in that dll

Shellcode injection - Waterbear



- ◆ Generate random junk bytes to envelop real shellcode when decoding

```
len_padding1_180010508 = ((v10 * GetTickCount()) & 0xFFF) + 2048;
len_padding2_18001050C = len_padding1_180010508 * v10 % 4608 + 2048;
v11 = VirtualAlloc(0i64, len_padding1_180010508 + v10 + len_padding2_18001050C, 0x3000u, 0x40u);
v12 = v11;
if ( v11 )
{
    RNG_180001000(v11, (len_padding1_180010508 + v10 + len_padding2_18001050C));
    v13 = &v12[len_padding1_180010508];
    fread(v13, 1ui64, v10, v9);
    fclose(v9);
    RC4_decdoe_180001000(v14);
    if ( *v13 == 83 && v13[1] == 85 )
    {
        *a1 = v12;
        v5 = 1;
        *a2 = len_padding1_180010508 + v10 + len_padding2_18001050C;
    }
    else
    {
        *a1 = 0i64;
        memset(v12, 0, v10);
        VirtualFree(v12, 0i64, 0x8000u);
    }
}
```

Compare

C:\Users\user\Desktop\donot\DLLLoader64_193F.e...

Result	Address A	Size A	Address B	Size B
Only in A	0h	83Fh		
Match	83Fh	28B1h	0h	28B1h
Only in A	30F0h	F10h		

Shellcode injection - Waterbear



- ◆ Using `beginthreadex()` acts as a proxy and starts the new thread at `threadstartex()`, instead of using the address where the shellcode is located as if using `CreateThread()` directly

```
if ( v13 )
    lpThreadId = v13;
v11[18] = StartAddress;
v11[19] = ArgList;
result = CreateThread(Security, v9, threadstartex, v11, dwCreationFlags, lpThreadId);
if ( !result )
{
    v6 = GetLastError();
    goto $error_return$28429;
}
return result; |
```

Dataset Overview

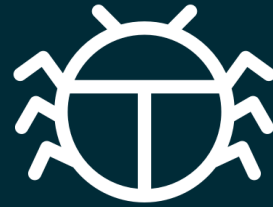
Memory Resident malware used by APT

- ◆ APT32 (OceanLotus) - Denis backdoor
- ◆ APT37 – Rokrat RAT
- ◆ Tropic Trooper - TClient backdoor
- ◆ BlackTech (PLEAD) – TSCookie, Capgeld, waterbear, kivars
- ◆ APT10 – Sodamaster, Lodeinfo, P8RAT, CobaltStrike
- ◆ Mustang Panda – PlugX
- ◆ Phantmlvy
- ◆ APT27 – Sysupdate, Hyperbro, CobaltStrike
- ◆ Winnti - CobaltStrike, ShadowPad
- ◆ Darkseoul – Dtrack
- ◆ Unknown group – Dropsocks, Dpass
- ◆ 21 malware family



Cyber Crime Memory-resident Malware

- ◆ Emotet
- ◆ Formbook
- ◆ Dridex
- ◆ AgentTesla
- ◆ Trickbot
- ◆ QuasarRAT(also used in APT)
- ◆ **6 malware family**



How to find memory-resident malware

- ◆ Tool

- ◆ pe-sieve (hollows_hunter)

- ◆ volatility(malfind)


- ◆ Hollowfind

- ◆ Data source

- ◆ Victim's PC

- ◆ Triage

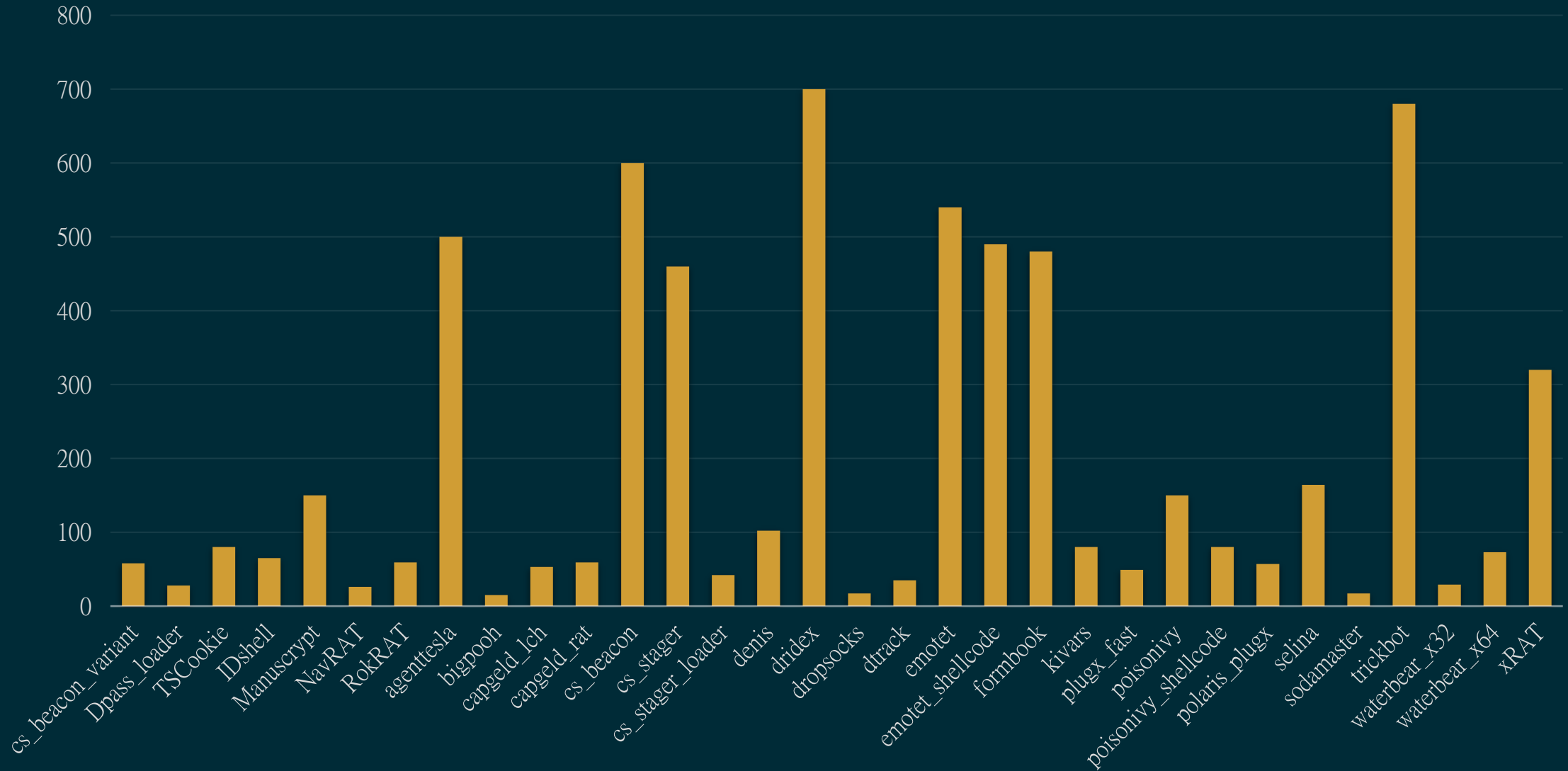
- ◆ VirusTotal

▼  Downloads

memory/1096-3-0x0000000000400000-0x000000000069B000-memory.dmp

memory/1096-2-0x0000000000400000-0x000000000069B000-memory.dmp

File distribution

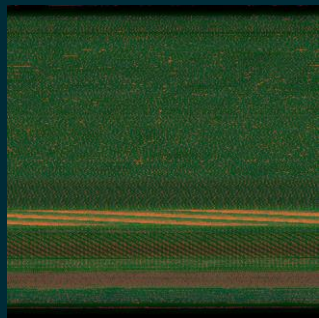


How to deal with Data Imbalance issue

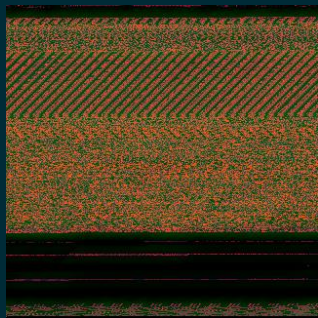
- ◆ Use class weights
 - ◆ class_1 has 1000 instances and class_2 has 100 instances
 - ◆ class_weights={"class_1": 1, "class_2": 10}
- ◆ SMOTE
- ◆ Data argumentation
 - ◆ Rotate, Flip, Scale
- ◆ Transfer learning
 - ◆ VGG16
 - ◆ InceptionV3

Why Transfer Learning

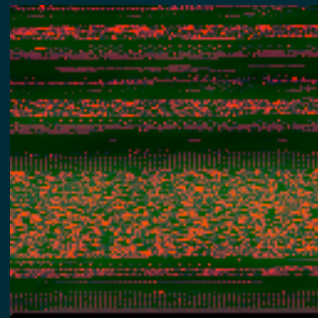
- ◆ Some APT Memory-resident malware is a small set of data
- ◆ Transfer learning uses knowledge from a learned task to improve the performance on a related task, typically **reducing the amount of required training data**.
- ◆ They allow models to make predictions for a new domain or task (target domain) using knowledge learned from another dataset or existing machine learning models (source domain).



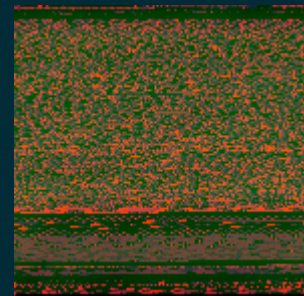
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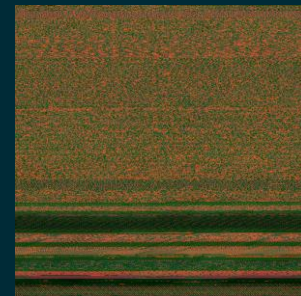
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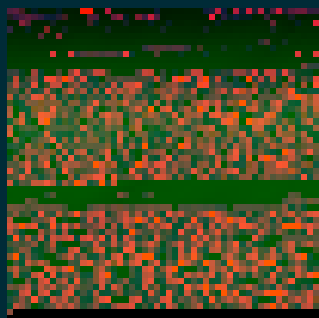
Capgeld_loader



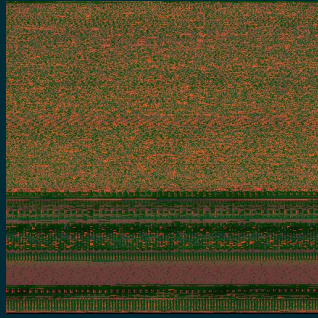
Capgeld_RAT



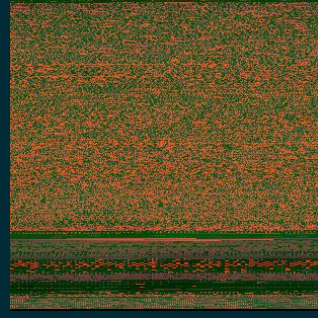
CobaltStrike beacon



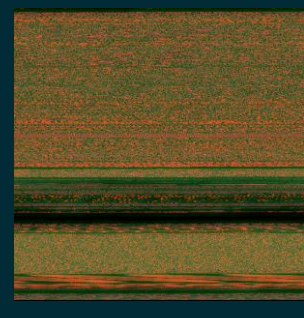
CobaltStrike stager



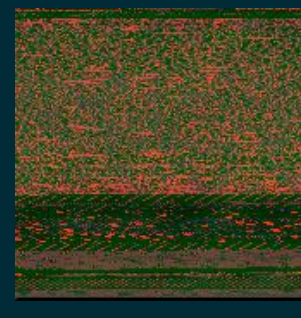
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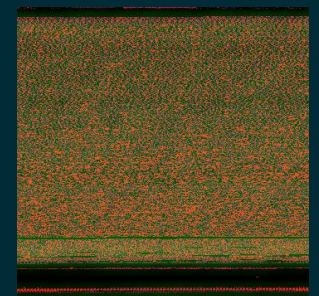
CobaltStrike variant



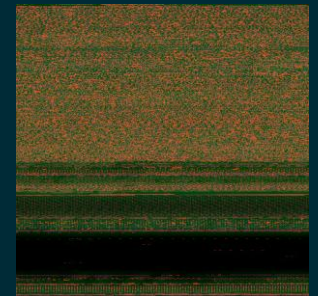
Denis RAT



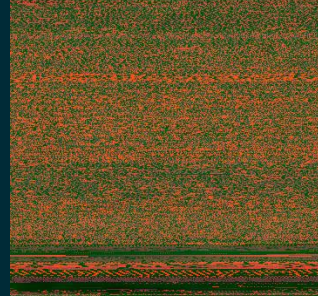
Dpass Loader



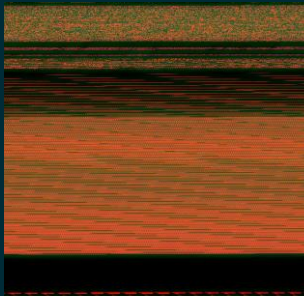
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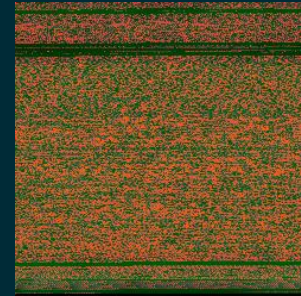
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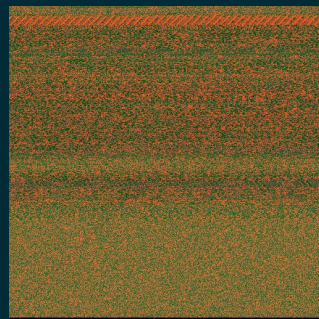
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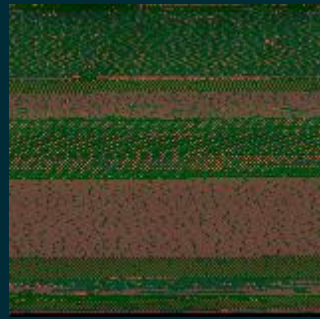
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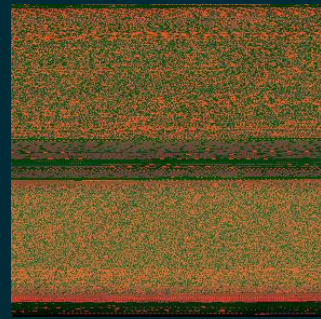
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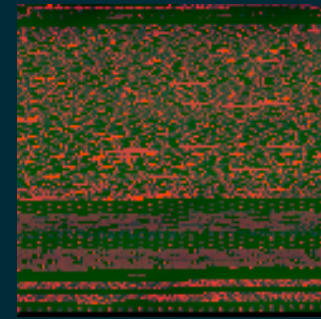
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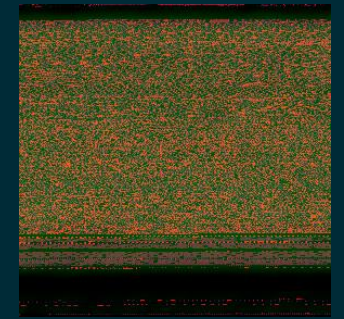
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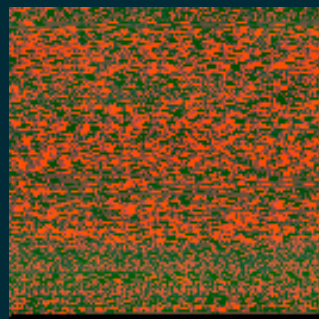
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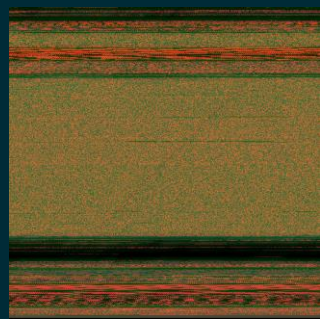
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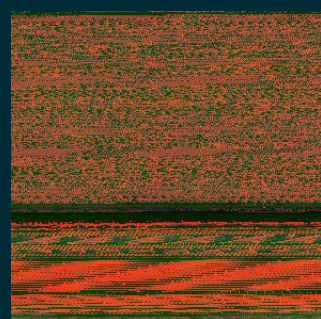
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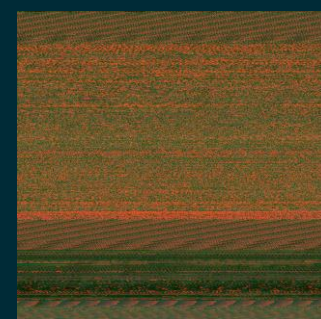
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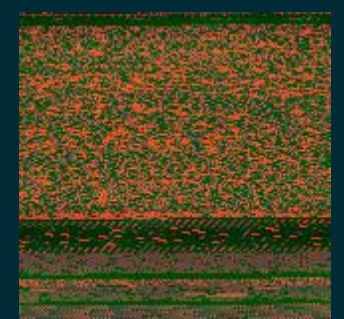
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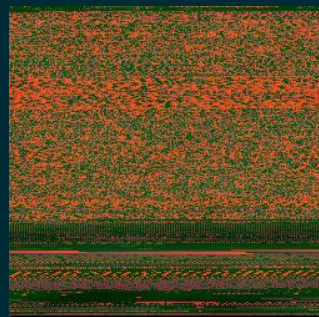
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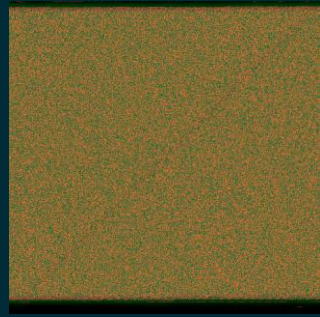
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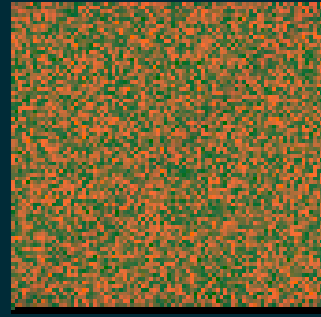
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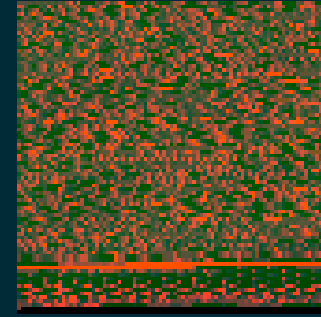
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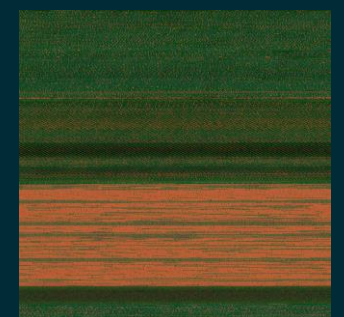
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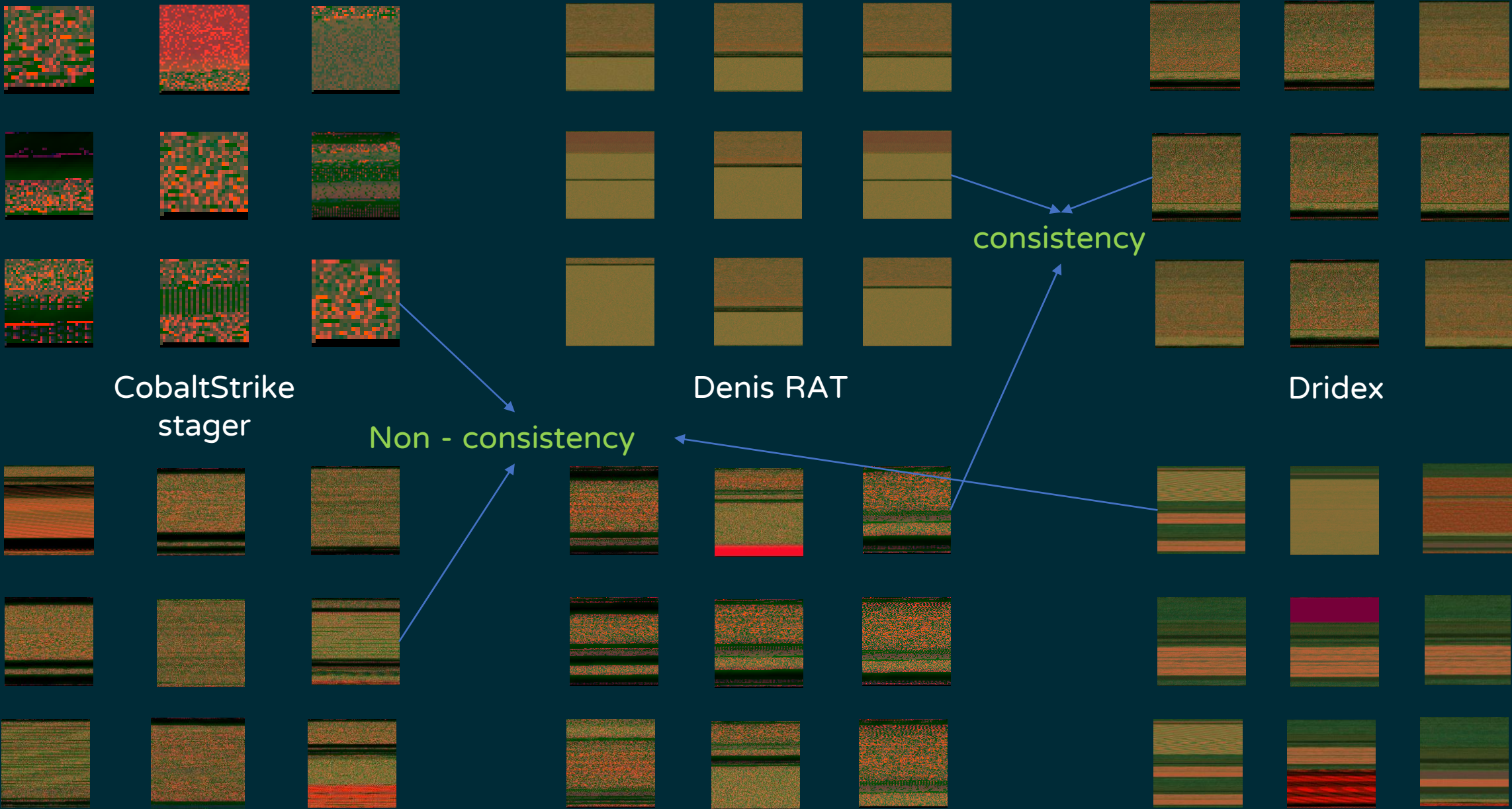
Waterbear_x32



Waterbear_x64



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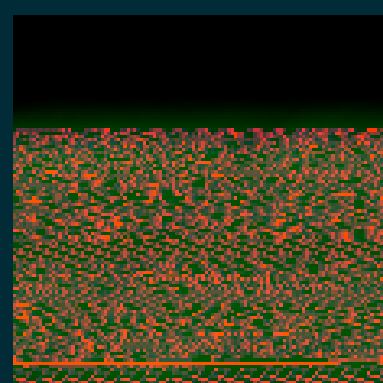
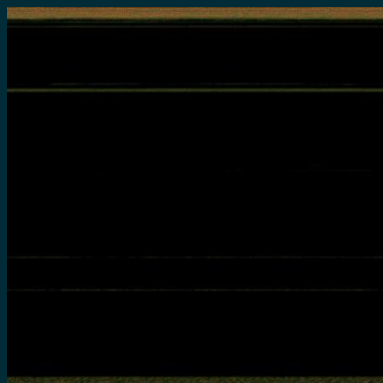
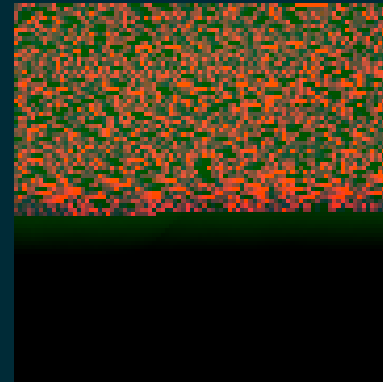
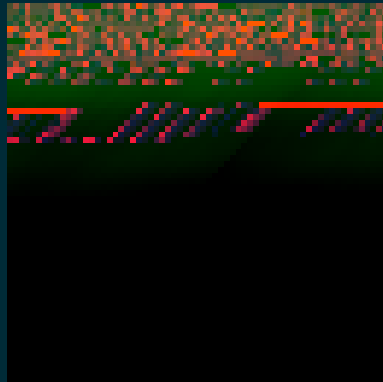
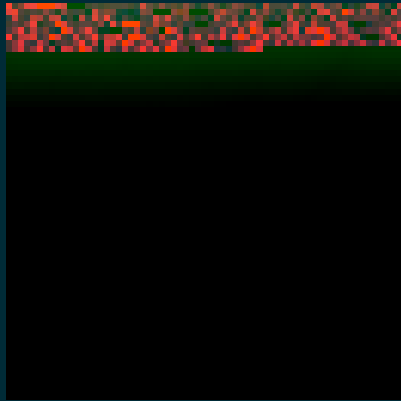
Non - consistency

consistency

Mem2Img Framework

Preprocessing Data

- ◆ Remove continuous bytes(junk bytes) in the binary, ex : NULL bytes, 0xFF

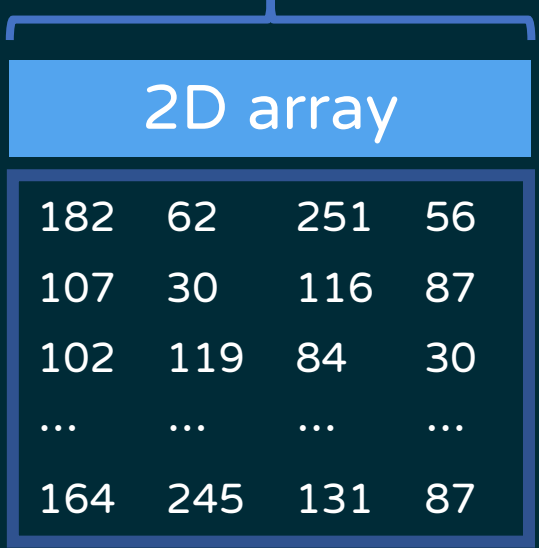
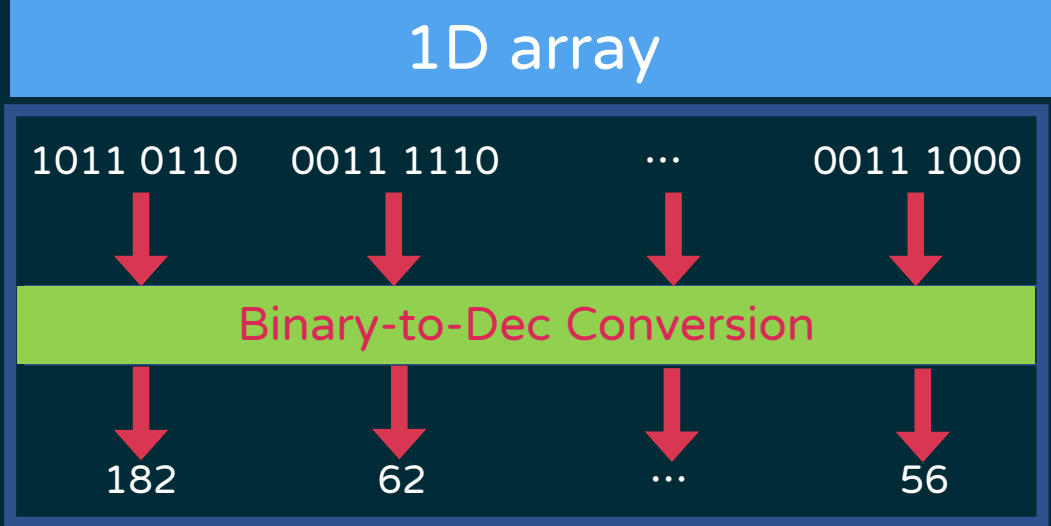


1D Array to 2D Array

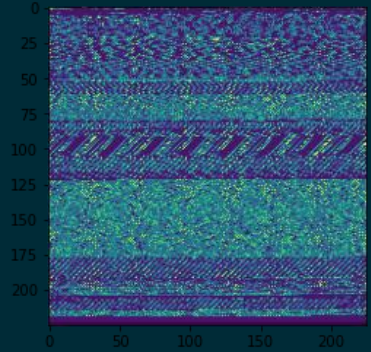
Image width
= height
= $\sqrt{\text{len}(1\text{D array})} + 1$



Memory-resident
PE or Shellcode



8-bit vectors to
Images



Three channel of the image

- ◆ **Red channel** : decimal values of each bytes
- ◆ **Green Channel** : Shannon entropy values of each bytes
- ◆ **Blue channel** : Local entropy values of the image
 - ◆ Use entropy function of skimage library
 - ◆ Local entropy is computed using base 2 logarithm and related to the complexity contained in a given neighborhood
 - ◆ the filter returns the minimum number of bits needed to encode the local gray level distribution. The disk is set to 10 in Mem2Img framework

Memory Resident Malware

```

0011 1110  1011 0110  1111 1011  0011 1000
0101 0111  0111 0111  0111 0100  0110 1011
0110 0110  0001 1110  0101 0100  0001 1110
0010 0100  1001 1111  0101 0011  0101 0111
0000 1110  0000 1100  1100 1100  1111 0100
    
```



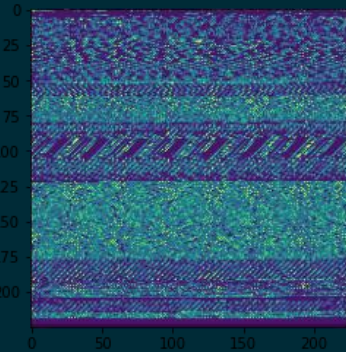
```

62  182  251  56
87  119  116  107
102 30   84   30
36  159  86   206
164 245  131  87
    
```

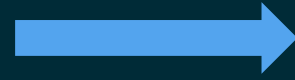
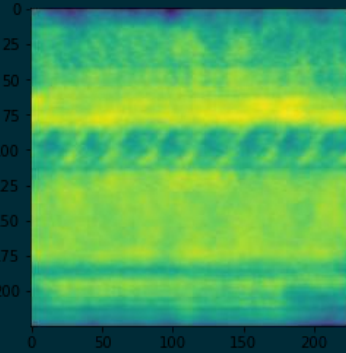
**Decimal –
Red Channel**

with decimal values of each byte

Convert to grayscale image



Generate local entropy image



Count Shannon entropy bytes to bytes, ie:10110111 -> 0.9544

Put the value of entropy image to blue channel

```

0.9544 0.9544 0.5436 0.9544
0.8544 0.8113 1      0.9544
1      1      0.9544 1
0.9544 0.8113 1      0.9544
0.9544 0.8113 1      0.9544
    
```

**Shannon Entropy –
Green Channel**

with Shannon entropy values of each byte
Value*15

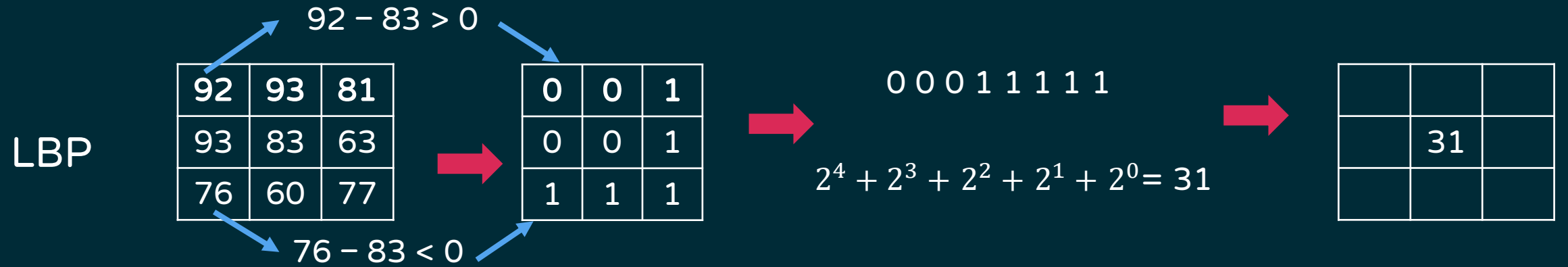
```

3.1521 3.0935 3.0424 3.0606
3.0398 3.0642 3.0241 2.9824
2.8085 2.7159 2.7506 2.6820
2.5863 2.5259 2.4454 2.2180
2.4309 1.9847 1.8668 1.8170
    
```

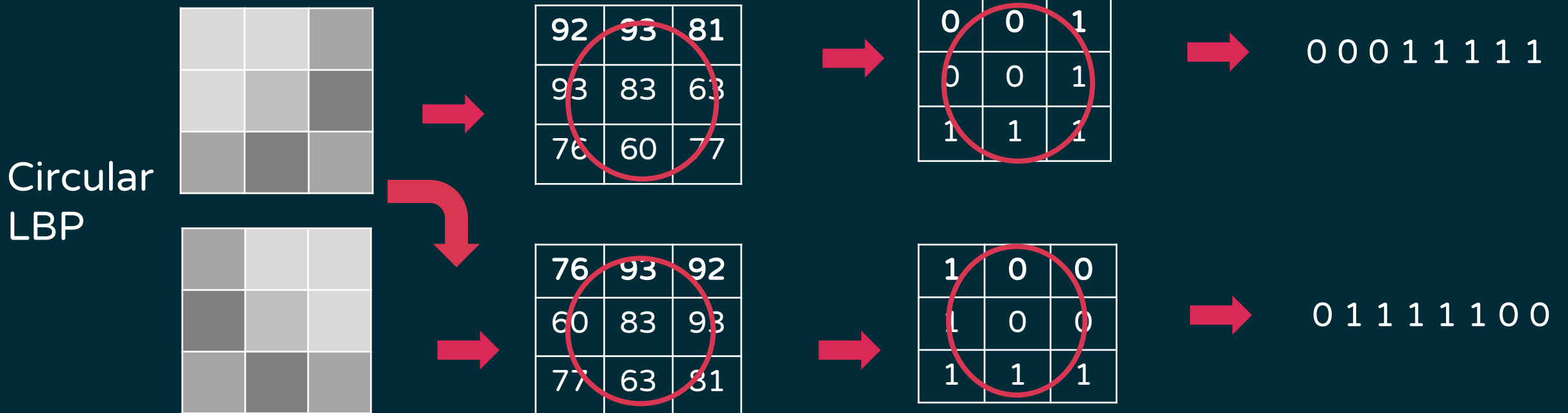
**Local Entropy –
Blue Channel**

with local entropy values of each byte
Value*60

Local Binary Pattern(LBP)



If $P = 8$ $R = 1$

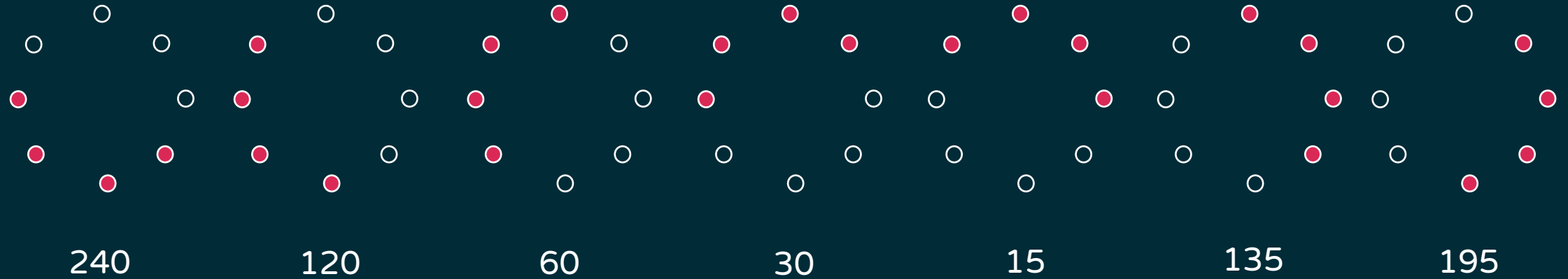


LBP Rotational Invariance

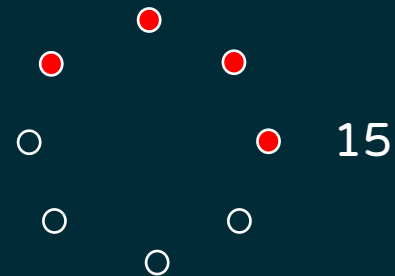
○ 1
● 0

225

Rotation



mapping



Choose the smallest one

Data Argumentation



Original	Flip	Rotate	Scale

Mem2Img

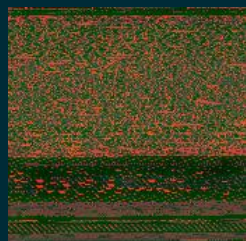
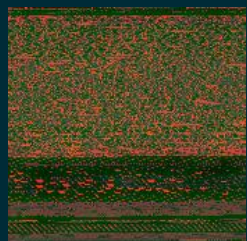


Image Resize

$224*224*3$



Transfer Learning

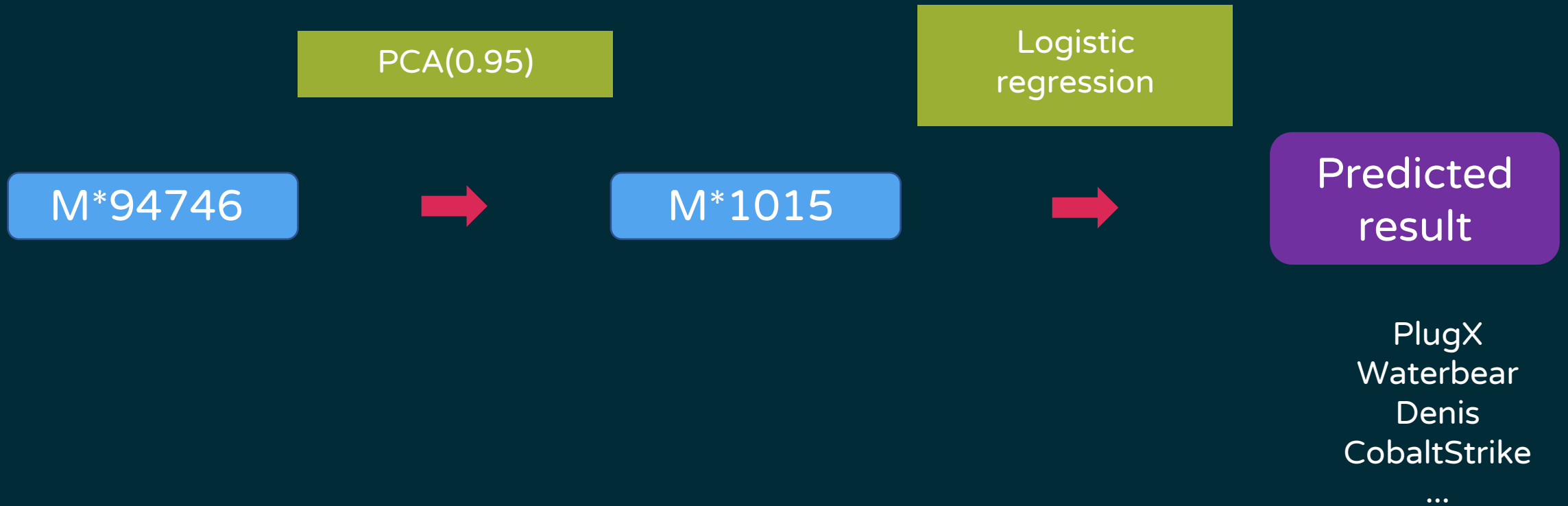
Weight = imagenet

Feature Fusion

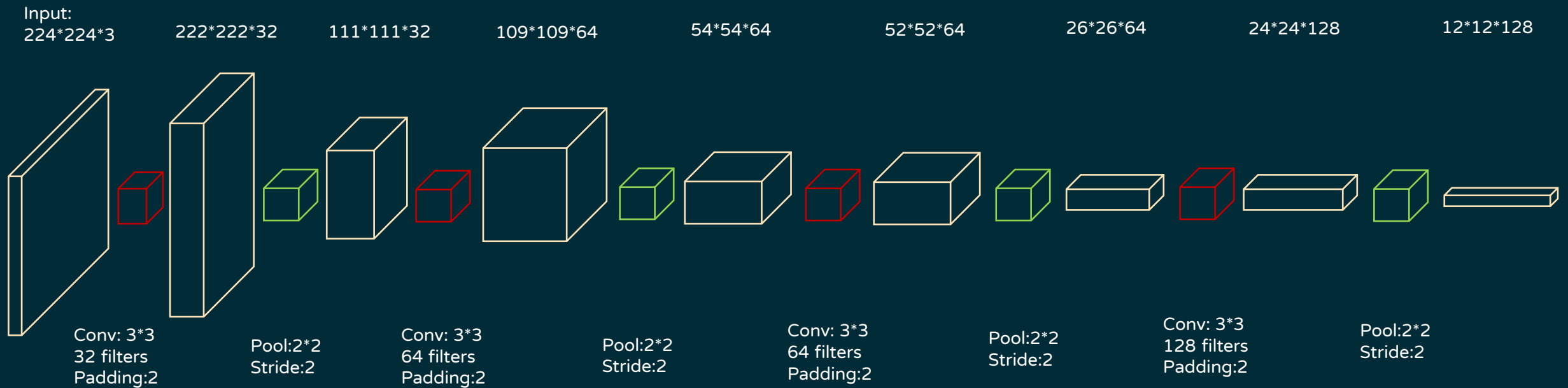
$M*94746$



Mem2Ing(cont.)



CNN Architecture



Training parameter

- ◆ Training : Testing : 5:1
- ◆ 30 class classification
- ◆ 12569 memory blocks image(after data argumentation)
- ◆ CNN:
 - ◆ activation function : Relu
 - ◆ Batch normalization
 - ◆ Learning rate decay
 - ◆ Training ephocs:32
- ◆ Logistic regression
 - ◆ Class weight

Different
Models's
Features

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
Mem2Img	98.36%	98.51%	98.36%	98.38%
CNN	96.5%	97.09	96.5%	96.6%
Vgg16	96.73%	97.28%	96.7%	96.8%
Inception v3	95.8%	96.2%	95.8%	95.8%
LBP	84.8%	86.6%	84.8%	84.6%

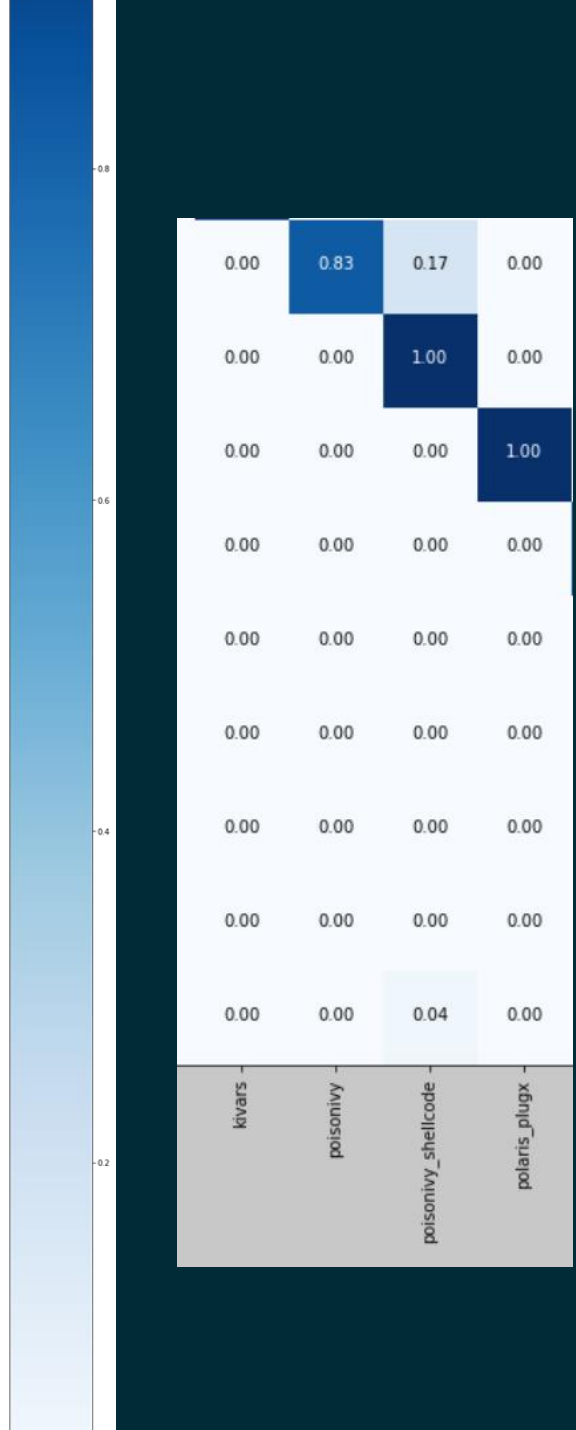
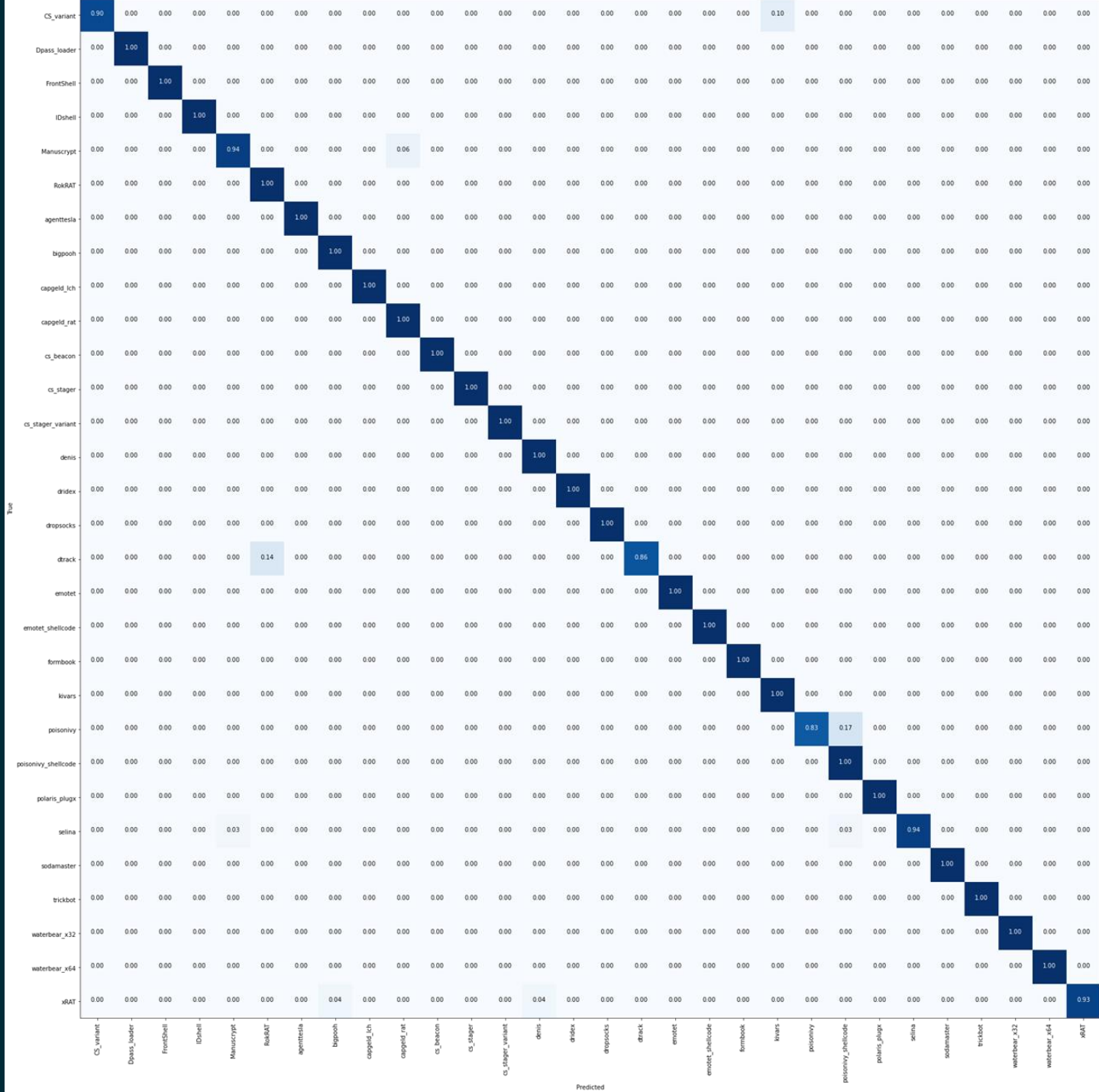
Different image

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
RGB	98.13%	98.3%	98.13%	98.14%
RG (without Blue channel : Local Entropy)	92.23%	93.2%	92.23%	92.23%
Gray	88.8%	90.3%	88.8%	88.9%

Different Algorithm

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
Logistic Regression	98.36%	98.51%	98.36%	98.38%
SVM	98.36%	98.44%	98.36%	98.36%
Xgboost	94.17%	94.51%	94.17%	94.15%
Random Forest	93.7%	95%	93.7%	93.83%

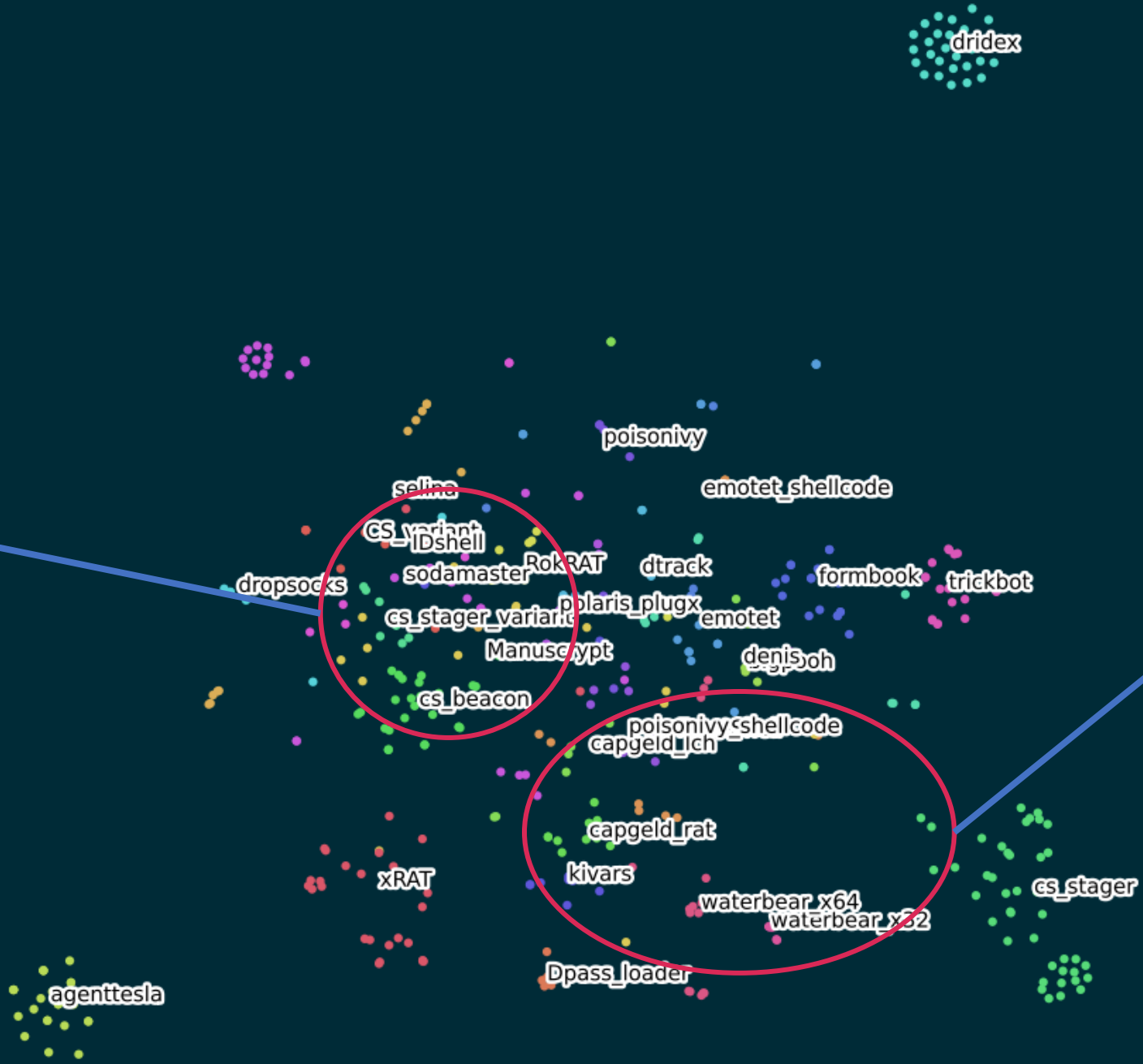
Confusion matrix among 30 malware class



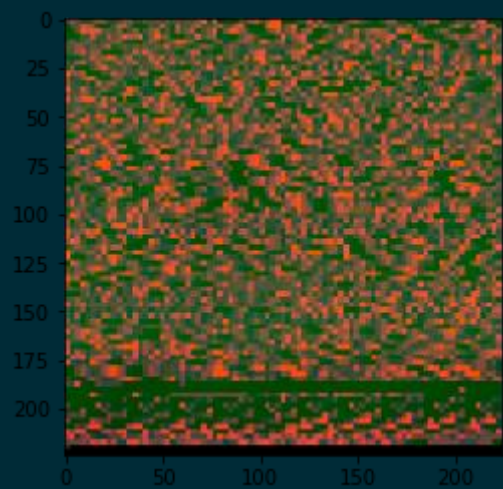
t-SNE

Cobaltstrike

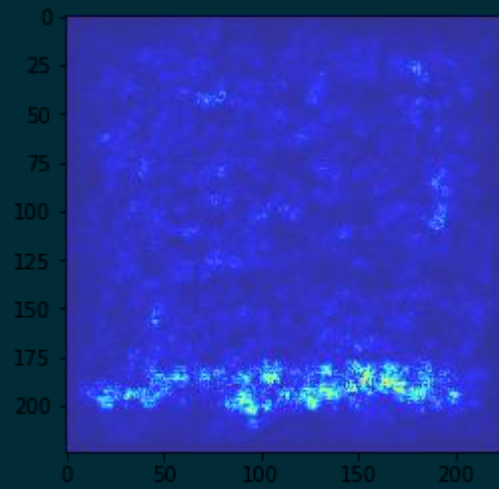
PLEAD malware



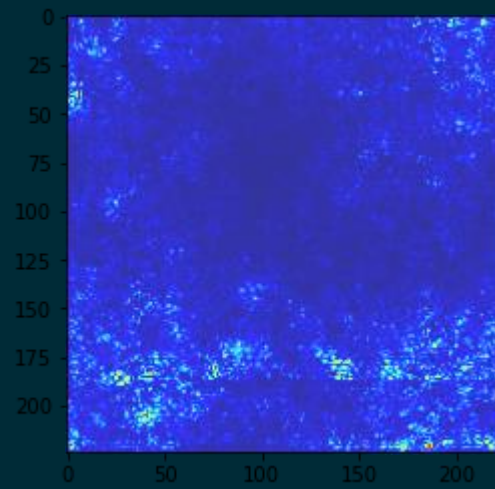
Saliency map



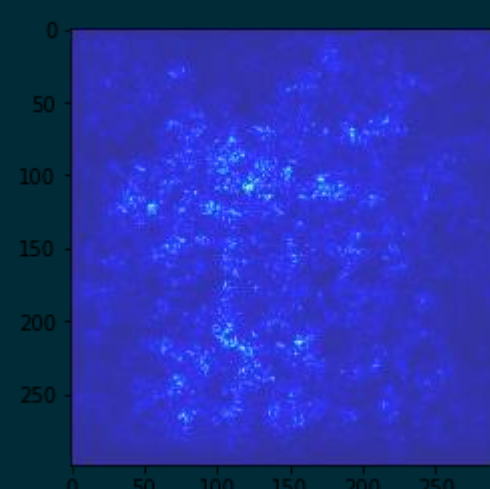
Original



CNN

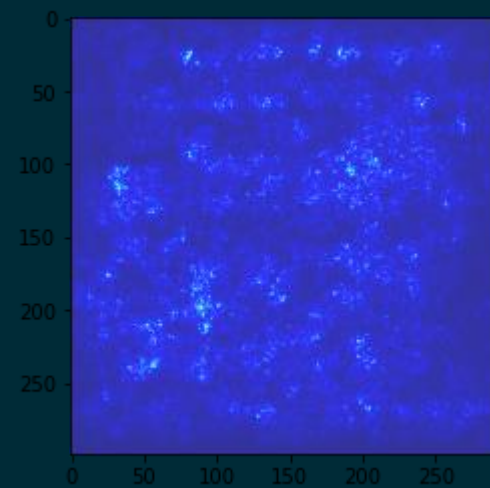
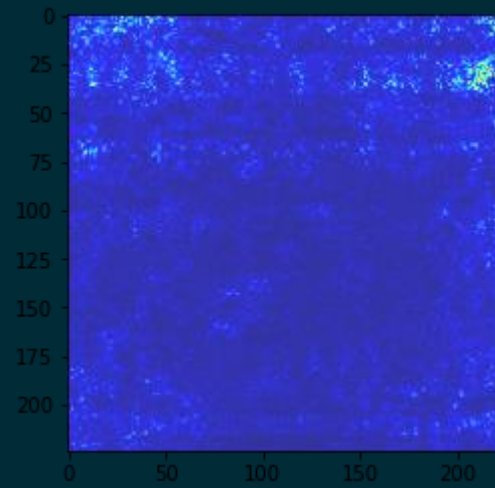
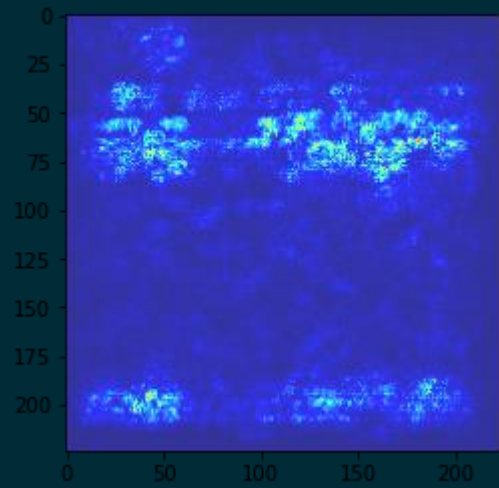
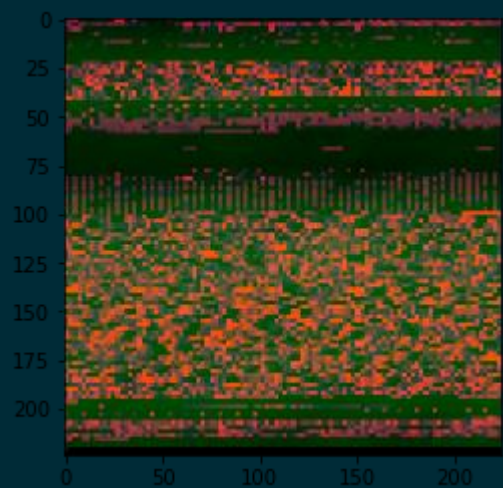


VGG16



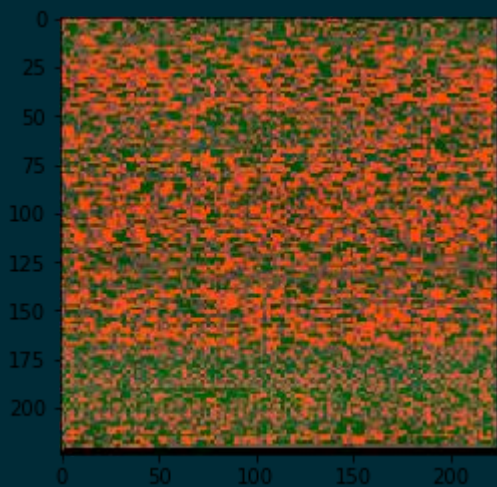
InceptionV3

Waterbear
_x64

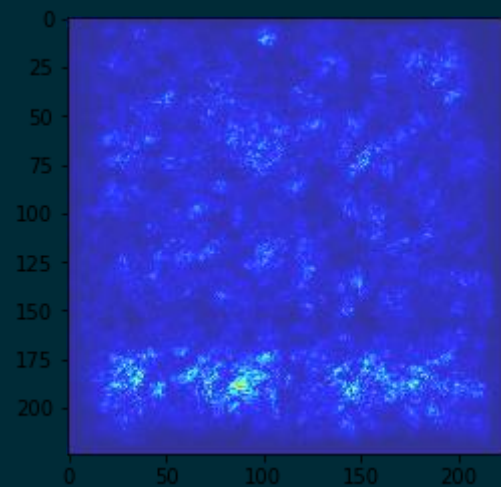


Capgeld
_loader

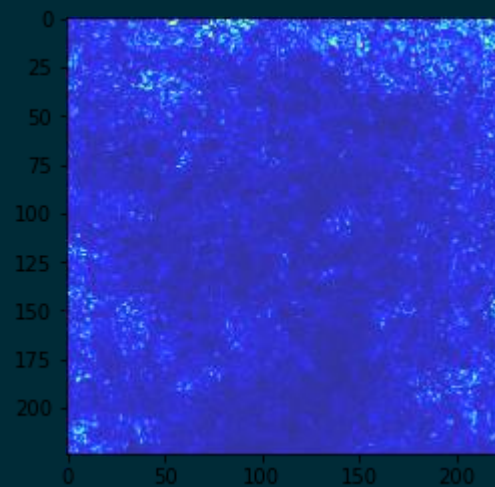
Saliency map



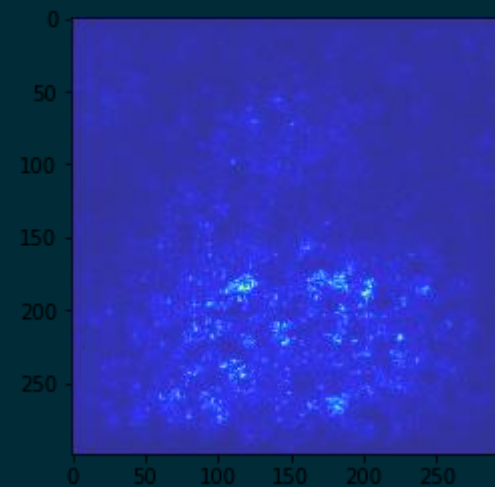
Original



CNN

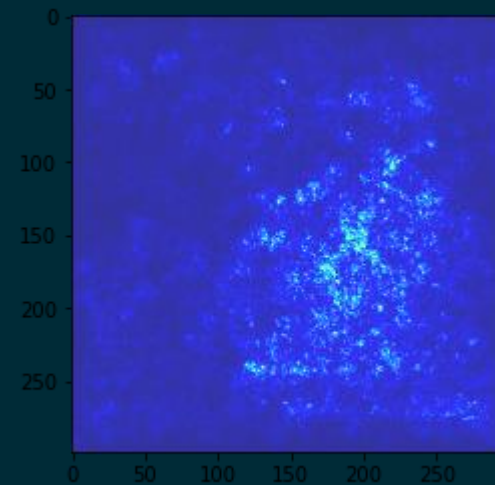
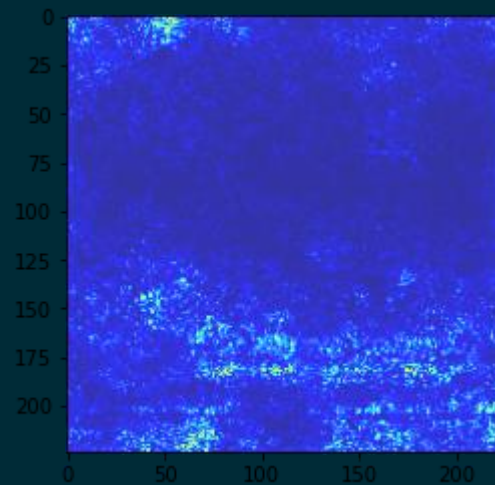
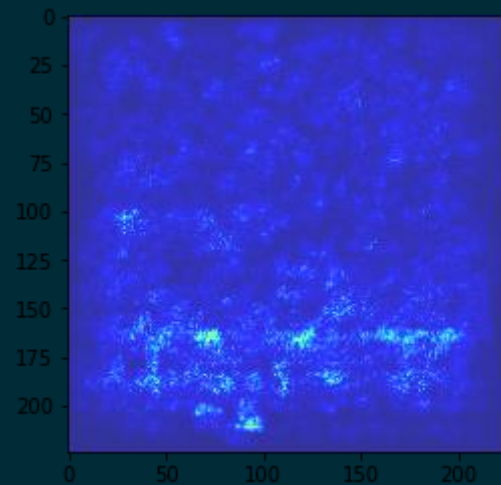
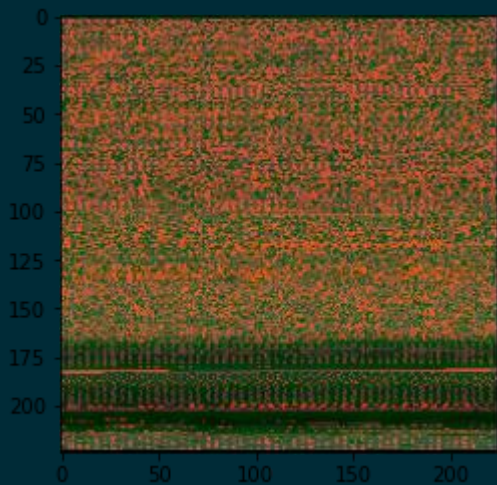


VGG16



InceptionV3

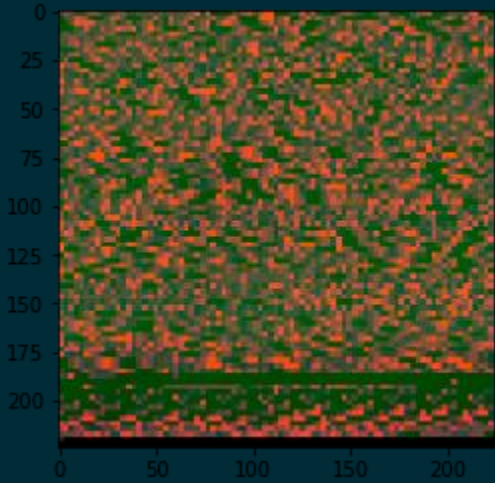
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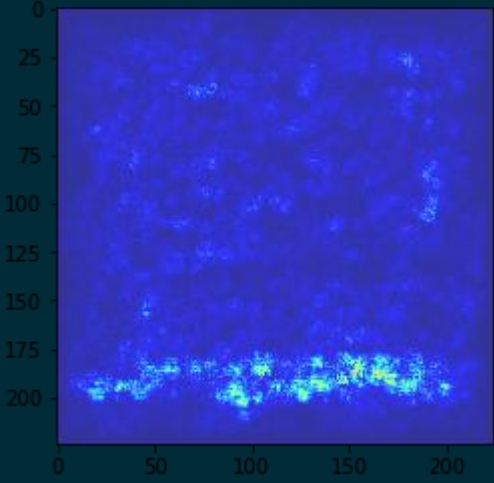
PlugX

Saliency map - Waterbear

Config block of the waterbear stager



Original



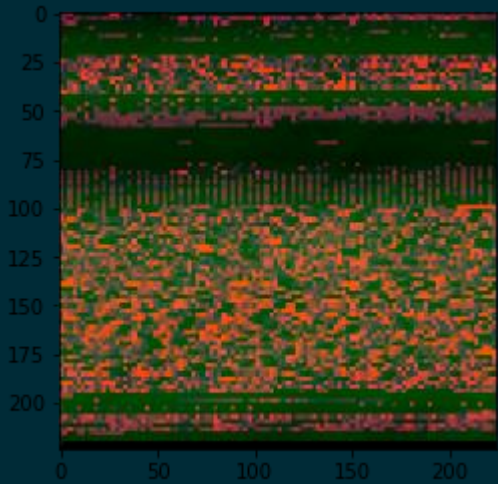
CNN



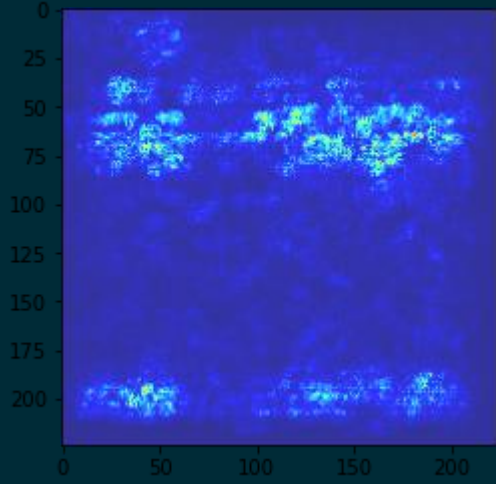
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1670h:	00 00 00 00	00 4D 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00M.....
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1690h:	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00
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16C0h:	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00
16D0h:	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00
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Saliency map - Capgield Loader

.rdata section of the Capgield Loader



Original



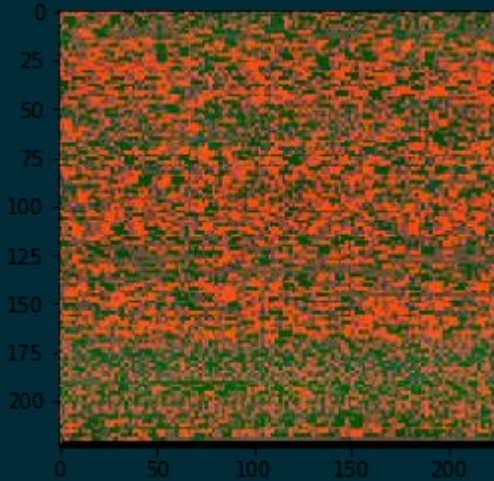
CNN



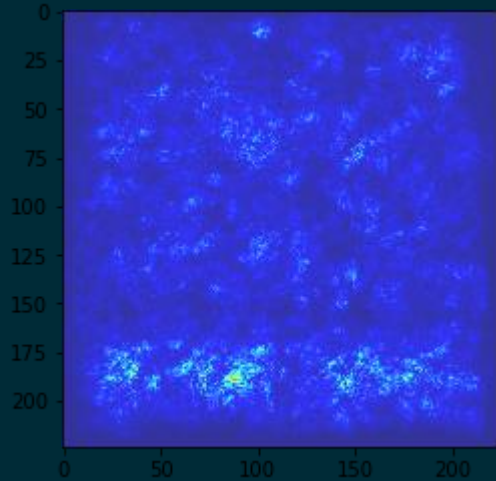
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08E0h:	4E 21 00 00	46 21 00 00	30 21 00 00	00 00 00 00	N!..F!..0!.....
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Saliency map - Phamtom Ivy

Some shellcode snippets of Phamtom Ivy



Original



CNN



3A40h:	75 EF 50 8B	75 F4 8F 86	BB 0A 00 00	68 AD D1 34	uiP<uô.t»...h-Ñ4
3A50h:	41 FF B6 BB	0A 00 00 6A	00 E8 3D F8	FF FF 89 86	Aÿ¶»...j.è=øÿÿ%t
3A60h:	9D 00 00 00	E8 09 00 00	00 61 64 76	61 70 69 33è....advapi3
3A70h:	32 00 FF 96	9D 00 00 00	89 86 D3 0A	00 00 89 86	2.ÿ-....%tÓ...%t
3A80h:	00 60 FF FF	E8 06 00 00	00 6E 74 64	6C 6C 00 FF	.`ÿÿè....ntdll.ÿ
3A90h:	96 9D 00 00	00 89 86 DB	0A 00 00 89	86 04 60 FF	-....%tÛ...%t.`ÿ
3AA0h:	FF E8 07 00	00 00 75 73	65 72 33 32	00 FF 96 9D	ÿè....user32.ÿ-
3AB0h:	00 00 00 89	86 BF 0A 00	00 89 86 08	60 FF FF E8	...%tç...%t.`ÿÿè
3AC0h:	07 00 00 00	75 72 6C 6D	6F 6E 00 FF	96 9D 00 00urlmon.ÿ-...
3AD0h:	00 89 86 0C	60 FF FF E8	07 00 00 00	57 53 32 5F	.%t.`ÿÿè....WS2_
3AE0h:	33 32 00 FF	96 9D 00 00	00 89 86 10	60 FF FF E8	32.ÿ-....%t.`ÿÿè
3AF0h:	08 00 00 00	57 69 6E 49	6E 65 74 00	FF 96 9D 00WinInet.ÿ-...
3B00h:	00 00 89 86	14 60 FF FF	E8 09 00 00	00 4B 65 72	..%t.`ÿÿè....Ker
3B10h:	6E 65 6C 33	32 00 FF 96	9D 00 00 00	89 86 18 60	nel32.ÿ-....%t.`
3B20h:	FF FF 68 92	F3 DC 04 FF	B6 BB 0A 00	00 6A 00 E8	ÿÿh'óÛ.ÿ¶»...j.è
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3B40h:	6A 00 FF D0	89 45 FC E8	74 02 00 00	E7 43 B9 20	j.ÿÐ%Euèt...çC¹
3B50h:	BB 0A 85 00	9D 4A 62 68	BB 0A A1 00	BA 36 C1 0A	».....Jbh».j.°6Á.
3B60h:	BB 0A A5 00	22 FC 89 DA	BB 0A B1 00	D5 BA 9B 0E	».¥."ü%Û».±.Õ°>.
3B70h:	BB 0A B5 00	3C C8 A5 6B	BB 0A B9 00	1B C4 98 74	».p.<È¥k».²..Ä~t
3B80h:	BB 0A BD 00	E8 A3 64 49	BB 0A C1 00	65 7F 4A CF	».%.èfdI».Á.e.JÏ

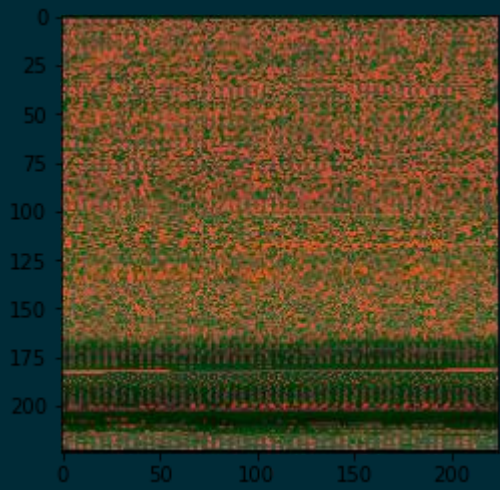
Yara rules of Phhamtom Ivy

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$snippet_call_3 = {FF 37 FF 34 06 6A 00 E8 ??????????}
$snippet_call_4 = {68 03 BF 21 39 FF B6 BB 0A 00 00 6A 00 E8 ??????????}
$snippet_call_5 = {68 6B 37 04 7E 50 6A 00 E8 ??????????}
$snippet_call_6 = {68 94 2C D5 87 FF B6 BB 0A 00 00 6A 00 E8 ??????????}
$snippet_call_7 = {68 0E 03 E5 E6 FF B6 DB 0A 00 00 6A 00 E8 ??????????}

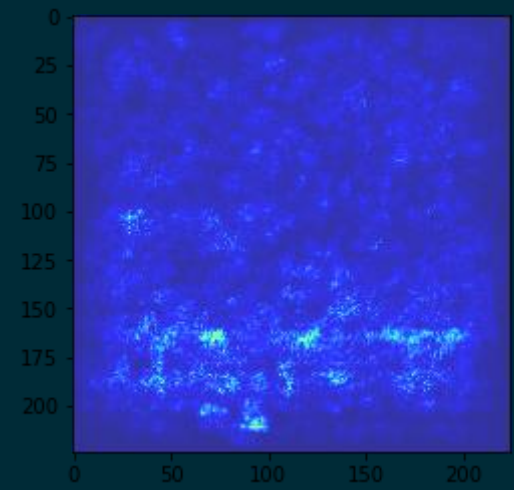
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  all of ($instruction_*) or 3 of ($snippet_*)
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Saliency map - Mustang Panda PlugX

Stack strings of PlugX



Original



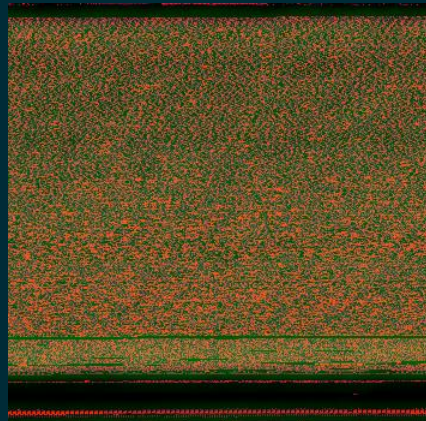
CNN



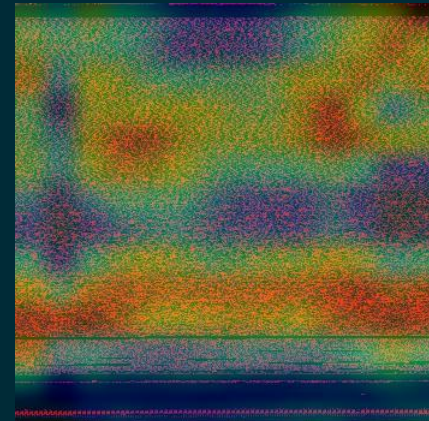
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1:6200h:	2E 00 32 00	58 00 25 00	32 00 2E 00	32 00 58 00	..2.X.%2...2.X.
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1:6220h:	64 00 2D 00	25 00 32 00	2E 00 32 00	64 00 2D 00	d.-.%2...2.d.-.
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1:6290h:	73 00 70 00	72 00 6F 00	66 00 69 00	6C 00 65 00	s.p.r.o.f.i.l.e.
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1:62E0h:	6C 00 6C 00	00 00 00 00	68 00 74 00	74 00 70 00	l.l.....h.t.t.p.
1:62F0h:	5F 00 64 00	6C 00 6C 00	2E 00 64 00	61 00 74 00	_d.l.l...d.a.t.
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1:6370h:	20 00 36 00	00 00 00 00	25 00 73 00	00 00 00 00	.6.....%s.....
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Grad-cam Analysis

Dridex



Raw image

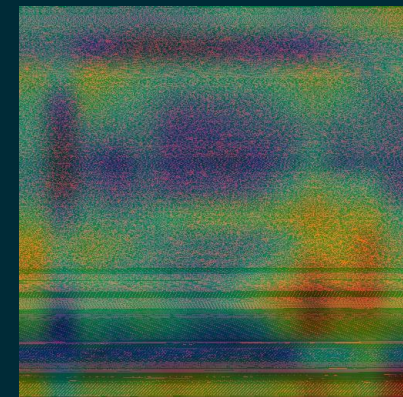
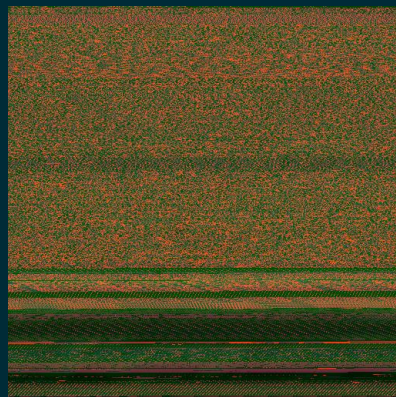


Heatmap over raw image

← C2 parsing function
And API Spam Bypass

← Some decode function
before .rdata section

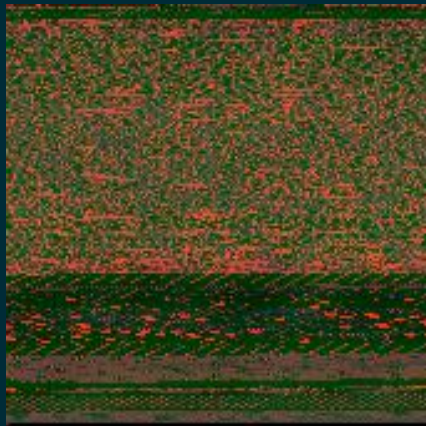
Cobalstrike
Beacon



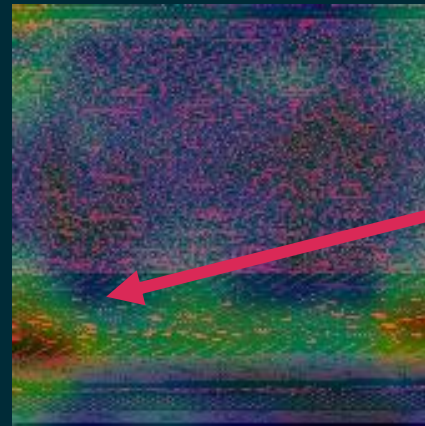
← Part .rdata section and
part .data section

Grad-cam Analysis

Dpass loader



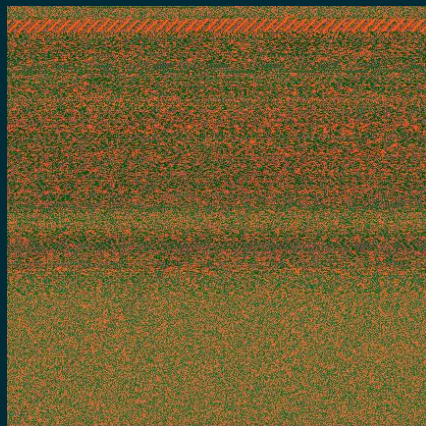
Raw image



Unique strings block

Heatmap over raw image

formbook



Obfuscated stack strings

```
.....@.....  
@,.€....bad allo  
cation.....  
G.l.o.b.a.l.\.M.  
i.c.r.o.s.o.f.t.  
.W.i.n.d.o.w.s.  
.C.r.i.t.i.c.a.  
l.R.e.s.t.o.r.e.  
.E.v.e.n.t.....  
\.....m.s.e.h.  
p...d.a.t.....  
$.s.w.b.e.m.\.$.  
s.....invalid  
vector<T> subscri  
pt.....vector<T  
> too long.....  
deque<T> too lon  
g..... h.€....  
..€....ÐD.€....  
g.€....€..€....  
\..€.....g.€....  
€..€....\..€....  
.f.€....€..€....  
\..€....".\".....  
Üo.....-j.....
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Zero-shot Learning



Unknown
Malware



Mem2Img

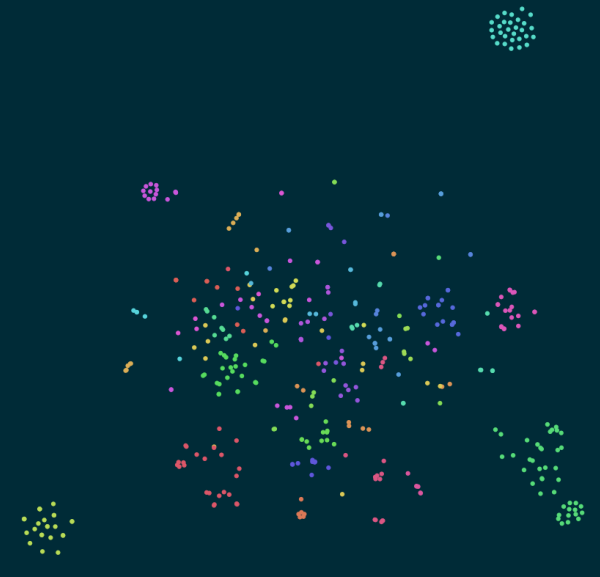


Embedding

After PCA



Use KD-TREE to find 5-10 nearest neighbors



TSCookie
TSCookie
TSCookie
Kivars
Kivars
...



The unknown malware maybe modified from TSCookie and maybe have high connection to the PLEAD APT Group

when we input the same unknown malware in to Mem2Img next time, the nearest neighbors may be the unknown malware input last time, and they can be new class when they have reached a certain amount. **No need to retrain a new model!**

Zero-shot Learning

- ◆ Jinhospy used by APT37
 - ◆ [RokRAT RokRAT Manuscrypt Selina RokRAT]
- ◆ plugX_fast
 - ◆ [polaris_plugx polaris_plugx poisonivy poisonivy poisonivy]
- ◆ Plugx_variant
 - ◆ [polaris_plugx polaris_plugx polaris_plugx polaris_plugx poisonivy]
- ◆ TEBSHell
 - ◆ [APT10'Cs loader APT10'Cs loader ...]
- ◆ P8RAT
 - ◆ [xRAT xRAT xRAT ...]
- ◆ Framecacher used by Chinese APT
 - ◆ [Selina Selina Selina Selina Selina]

Adversarial Attack

- ◆ Padding junk bytes to make the file size large
- ◆ Deliberately put the code of other malware families into the original malware for obfuscation
- ◆ Pack the malware files
- ◆ Self Modifying Code
 - ◆ self-modifying code is code that alters its own instructions while it is executing

Self-Modifying Code - Waterbear

```
H.\$.H.l$.H.t$ WATAUAVAWH..0....XH..!.....H.....H.....QPH1.....XI.
.u...I..C...M).L..PH..ATY.H1.....%h...X.(.eH.`.....PA\A..$=....
t.u..I.....I....XYH..H...H...u...x...H..H.....E1.E1.H...N.....
H..(....H.....E1.E1.H.....|.....E1.L.....L..h...1.H.....H.D$PH..
vH.....(....I..H.....1.9+v3L.L$PL..(....A.M.L.....I..$H..tY..I
...I...A.;+r...H.....r...q...H...H...p...H..H..I..H.....A..H..H.
...P...H...h...H.\$XH.l$.H.t$hH..0A_A^A]A\_.H.\$WH.. 3.H..H..H; ;t<D.
C.H.L$@.D$8..D$9..D$:..D$;.....D.8H..0D.?D.?0D..H...|.H.\$0H.. _H
.\$UVWH..@D.....H.....H.....H.....H.....D.....H.....H.....
.....u.H.....H...H.....D.....H..8...H.....H..H...8...D...
...H..8...H.....D.....H..@...H.....L.L$`L.D$hH..H..
.@...D.....H..@...H.....A...D.....H.....H.....D.D$h`H.T$
hH.....D.....H.....H..H.....H.....D.D$h`H.L$h3.....D.....
H...H.....A.....H..H... ..D.....H... ..H..H.....H..tv3.A..
...H.....D.....H..0...H.....L_..H.G.H.L$(H..L.\$ H.D$0H.|$8.....
L.L$ L..H..H...0...D.....H..0...H.....3.A.....H...8...H.L$h3.A..
...8...H.....H.....H.\$p...H..@_`].@SH.. H..H.....H..D..
...H..p...H.....L..I..A..p...H.C.H.K.3.A.....8...L.[.H..A.....
...H.. [.H.\$.H.l$.H.t$.WATAUH..p...D.....H..X...H.....H..3.....D
.g.L..$P...A..H...X...D.....H..X...H.....D.G.H.L.T$0E3.H
u.3..F...D.....H.....H.....H.T$h@H.....D.....H.....H.....
|$D&r...l$DH.T$HE3.D.E.H.....t.D.....H..`...H.....U.L..$P..
.H.L$E..`...D.....H..`...H.....A.MZ..fD9\$.E..A.....H.L$ M.....
.....k..+..@...@...H.T.@.....D.....H..X...H.....L..$`...H.L$
A...X...D.....H..X...H.....h...D.....H..P.....H..i.<.....H
.T$h@A....H...P...D.....H..P...H.....H.T$FH.L$0A.....M..D.d$h@D.l$
```

Before self-modifying

```
.....!....P...ko....I_....GqI..@.U...#b7.;...-K(4q..).%.."..... .Z
..O. C.U:<w....{.a.....N{.C...qgB.._z.....q....-N.a.b....s.7.&..s.#
c0.31c.d.~.....[w"S.-.....V..`P...U..z....._#.VF.....U.`..&.A-/.}..
....."90...U..O.a1miH.Yr0E.4.....Y.0=!...).!..08.Hd..Y.....mq.....
j..v>...z.....gA0%...g@'.3..|'.|...&.....qk...qy1.q..81...(77"1.
.).....d.X.7tF....]....,....1.....?4-.....}.+G+'.....d.....
...f}....t.q.D...N.....Y.a-.....q...6.....m.K..W.[{ygZ.<).y.....
8L...N4dx.....cc.....^..Z{.3."a.u.|D..eK.,....@.....p..
.m.[.....kZ.|.<1.._W.Z{.)..kt.t.O.Y_Z{.).....<1..I..Z{.)..qkt.t.y...
C.zH...y...I...Z3.l...]3.jB...../."5.0.C.|...../."tt.y.Y..Z{.)..
.kt.t.![.....).....<13..s[[{H..V.u.<y=...Z3.m.F.u.<};.....?l.gZ.<)..
!.....z..j<).q.C.._...].ykt.....Z?.%..jt...B.....5..jt..u.#.|~
..)..l.<1..I3.Z{.)..kt.t.y.E/+..I./.....C.._..(....N....!.....j..j
<)..C.._.....j5.41.C.|....].kt.x.1.....j<).y=.1`|[ {H.<....p.C
.....].ht.x.1.....j</...C..Y.o./h.".....]._h...ND..M.{1`|[ {H
...NT....._.....j0)..C.._..KI./...].C.....H"/."i...A....7l...+
.1..Y..Z{.)...t.<1...C.yH.gZ6P..0.C..W.;..r.@SH.. H..H.....H..D..
...H..p...H.....L..I..A..p...H.C.H.K.3.A.....8...L.[.H..A.....
...H.. [.m.K.~.~k.+[.r#.hp..0..^ {H..P.u.<y=...Z3..'..jt.....1d|[ {H.
D.p...Y{H..Rnv.<y=.V..Z3.i.B.u.<y;.....1..jt...A...../."i...B..T
&_..]ge...u.....H.....<).%.....J=1..Ed.[{H.....=1.....l.-.
j</p...].Z{.)..9kt.t.%#.....].ykt.}.....B..j..5]....F.\.....U.2c
.4._.....,.....U.....n4]...C.._..I./...=1..E<+..I./... \2.C.z.~[
.)...,<1..M..Z{.)..kt.t.}..]_Z{.1G.jt..VB...../.....P.....j<
/h...v..Z{.)...$.<1..M..Z{.)..kt.t.}..]_Z{./{.,</p...s..Z{.).....|u>/.
```

After self-modifying

Only the wait-for-connection function is left

Conclusion

- ◆ More and more advanced methods of process injection have been used
- ◆ **Transfer Learning** have great performance on memory-resident malware classification, especially on small set of data
- ◆ The features extract via Convolutional Network can find out the special area of malware
- ◆ We have also proposed some attackable methods for **Adversarial attack**
- ◆ <https://github.com/AragornTseng/Mem2Img>



THANK YOU!

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