

STEGOSPLOIT

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A tiger with orange and black stripes is walking through a dense forest with tall grass and trees. The tiger is the central focus of the image, moving from left to right. The background is filled with green foliage and tree trunks, creating a natural, somewhat blurred environment.


BROWSER
EXPLOITS
USING ONLY IMAGES

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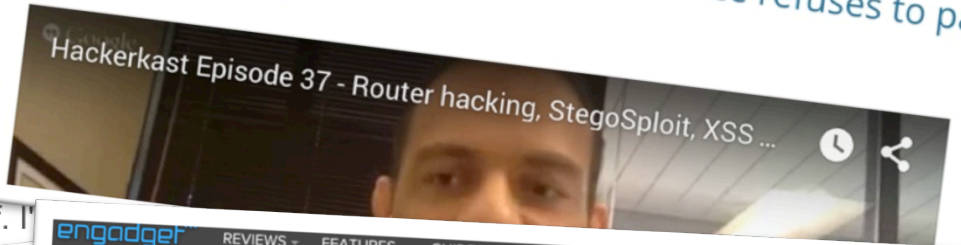
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Stop Saying Stegosplit Is
<https://www.endgame.com/blog/stegosplit>

#HackerKast 37: More router hacking, StegoSploit, XSS Polyplot and Columbia Casualty Insurance refuses to pay Cottage Health



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Internet pictures can hide code that leaves you open to hacks (update: criticism)

MOST RECOMMENDED STORY

Christian Bundy
May 31

Why Stegosplit Isn't An Exploit

Edit: I screwed up. The "false claims" I'm attacking in this piece are about a new (unreleased) version of Stegosplit, which I wasn't aware of. I'll leave this article as it is and post a new one soon. Sorry for not researching this well enough, and thanks for understanding my mistake.

UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE CAN BE TOLD...



... WHAT STEGOSPLOIT IS

Stegosplot is...

not a 0-day attack with a cute logo

not exploit code hidden in EXIF

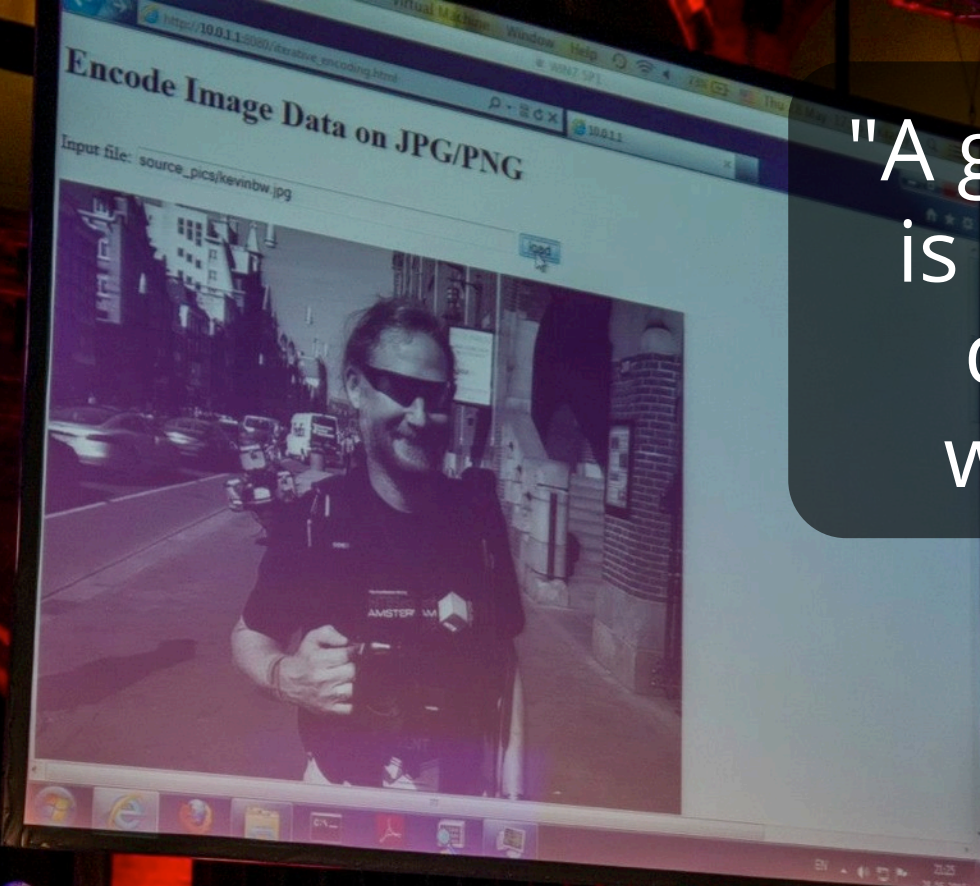
not a PHP/ASP webshell

not a new XSS vector

Stegosplot is ...



**“Browser Exploits Delivered
as Pictures.”**



"A good exploit is one that is delivered with style"



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Triple Track Security Conference
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∞storm crÿpto haven∞
@cryptostorm_is

Follow

Protocol-spanning, syntax-based generalized exploit methodologies are the new black.

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#stegosplit tools will be released in the next PoC||GTFO. The only fitting publication for the purpose. cc @travisgoodspeed @angealbertini

Hacking with pictures, in style!

- ONLY image files – on network and disk.
- Exploit hidden in pixels.
 - no visible aberration or distortion.
- Image "auto runs" upon load.
 - decoder code bundled WITH the image.
- Exploit automatically decoded and triggered.
- ...all with just ONE IMAGE.

Steganography



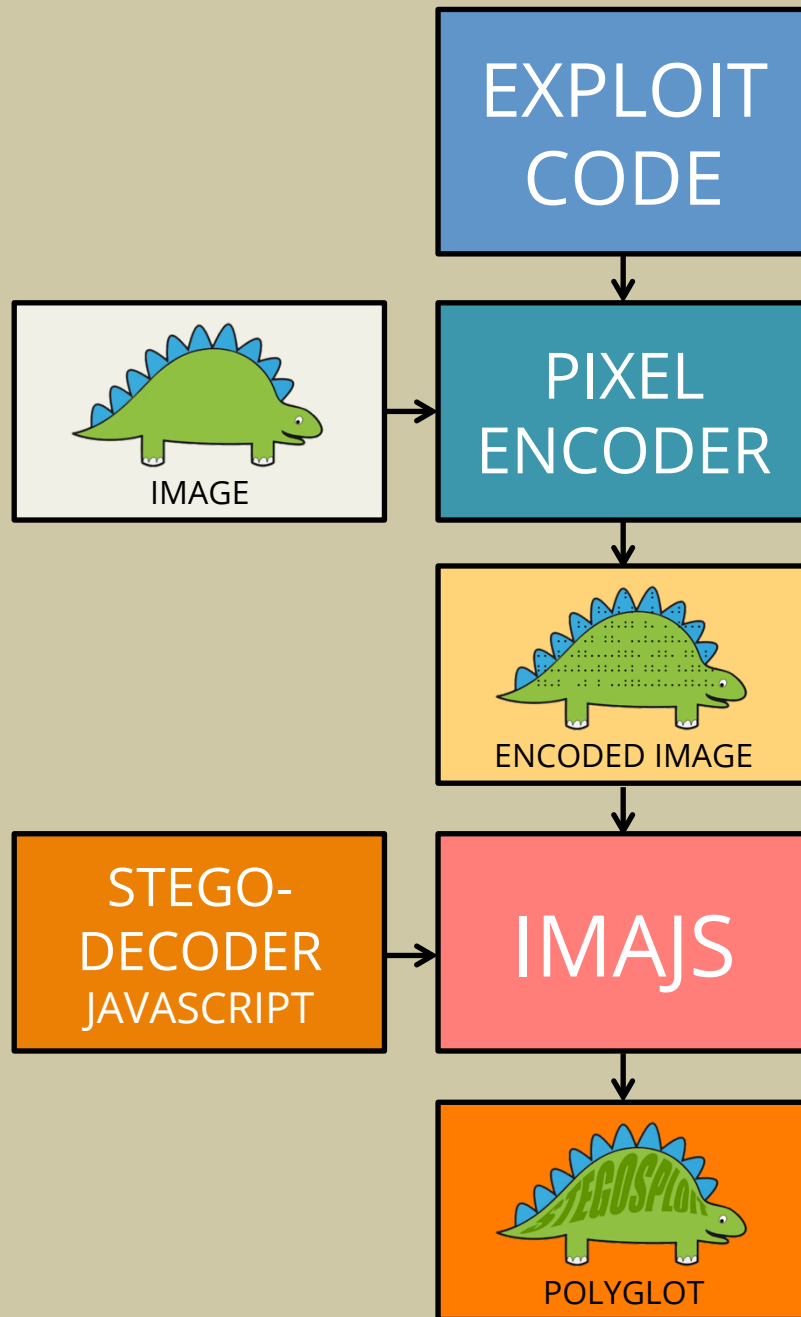
Polyglots

Two or more
data formats
in a single
container...

...that co-exist
happily without
breaking each
other's spec or
syntax.



Stegosplot-ing a browser exploit



Case study: CVE-2014-0282

- IE Input Use-After-Free
- hidden in a JPG

Case study: CVE-2013-1690

- FF onreadystatechange UAF
- hidden in a PNG

The Stegosploit Toolkit

STEGANOGRAPHY TOOLS

- image_layer_analysis.html
- iterative_encoding.html
- image_decoder.html
- analyse an image's bit layers
- steganographic encoder
- test for any encoding errors

POLYGLOT TOOLS

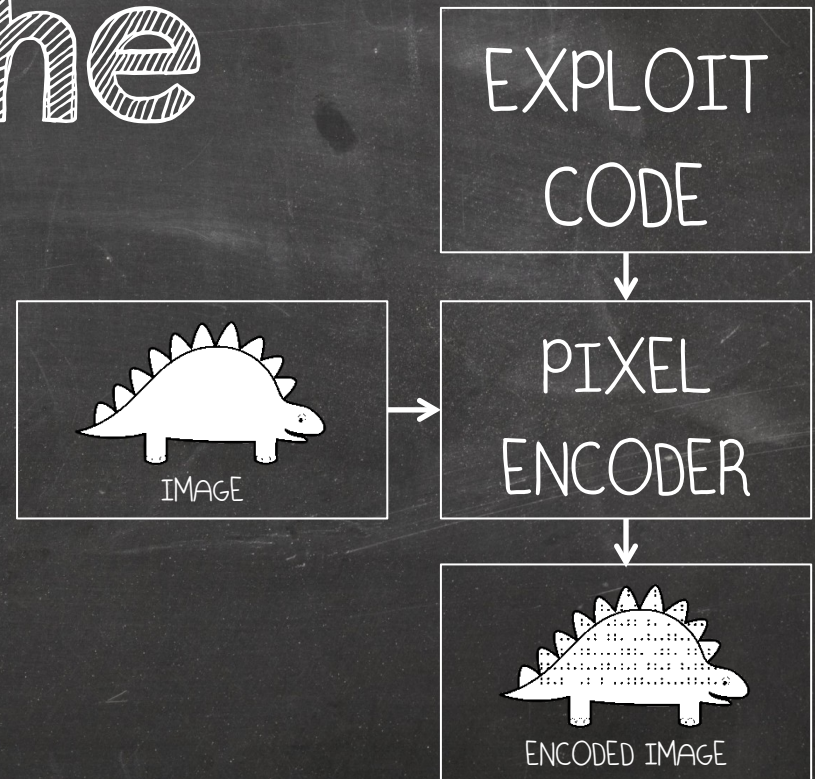
- imajs_jpg.pl
- imajs_png.pl
- make a JPG+HTML+JS polyglot
- make a PNG+HTML+JS polyglot

EXPLOITS

- exploits.js
- cve_2014_0282.template
- decode_pixels.js
- collection of browser exploits
- exploit HTML template
- JS Steganography decoder

Step 1.

Hiding the Exploit Code in the Image



Hiding an Exploit in an Image

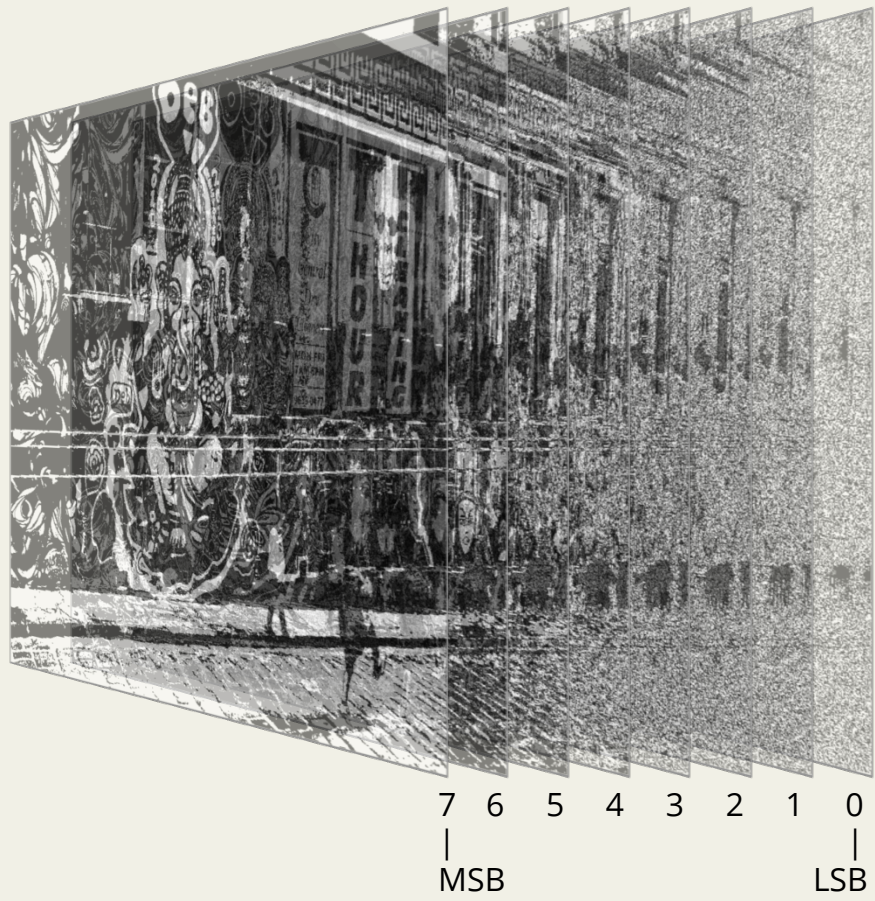
- Simple steganography techniques.
- Encode exploit code bitstream into lesser significant bits of RGB values.
- Spread the pixels around e.g. 4x4 grid.

I  PIXELS

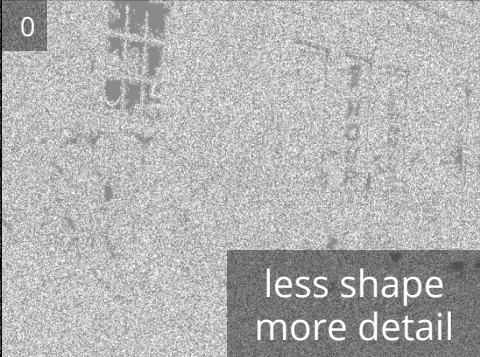
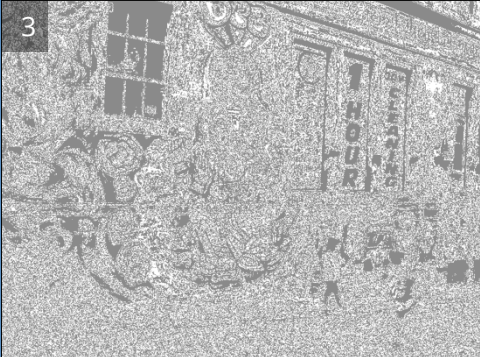
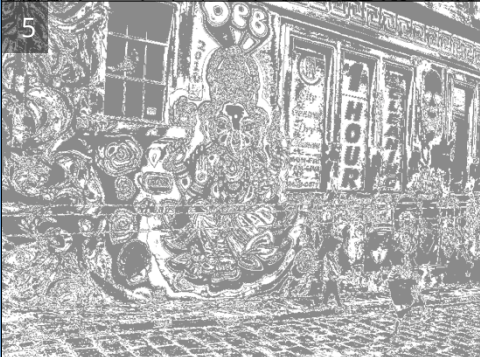
The "Bit Layer" View



1 pixel = 8 bits (grayscale)



The "Bit Layer" View







7

6

5

4

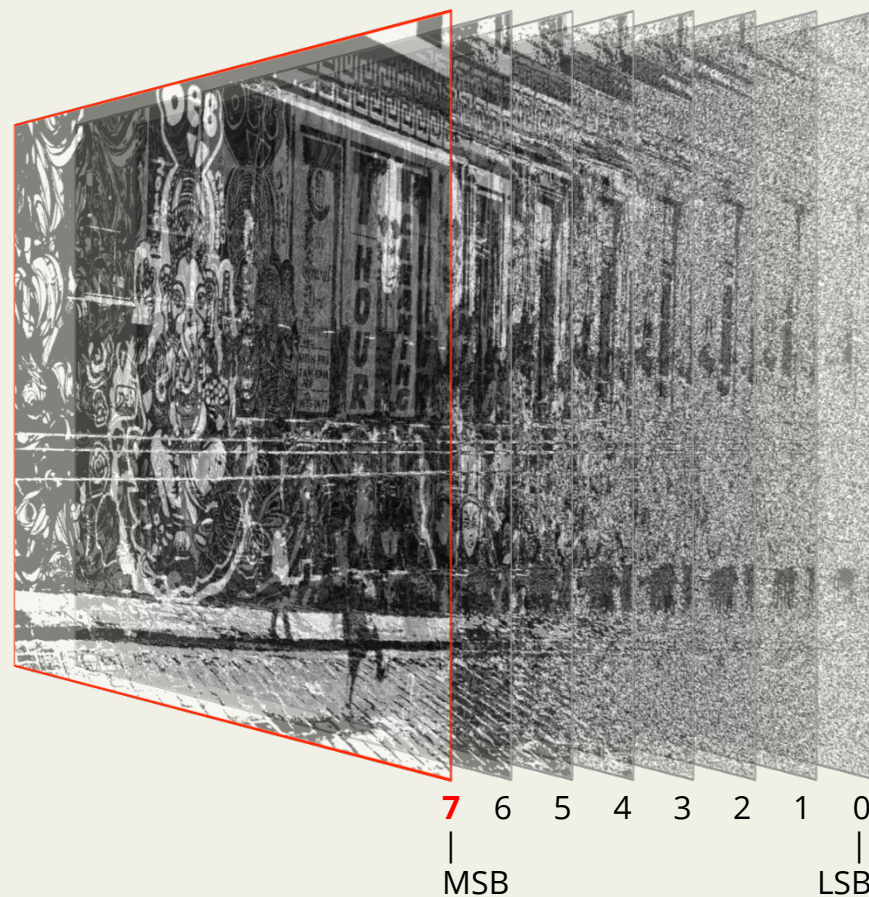
3

2

1

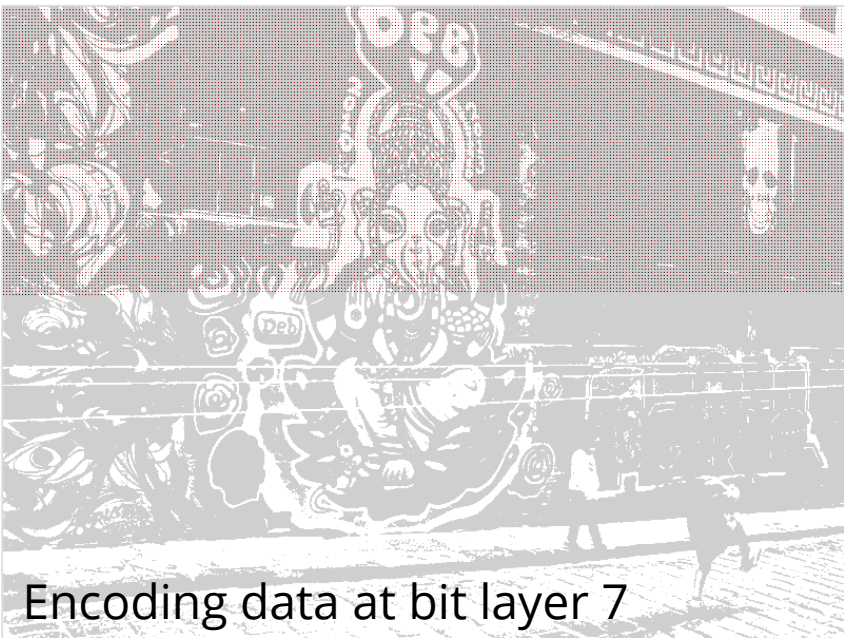
0

Encoding at Bit Layer 7

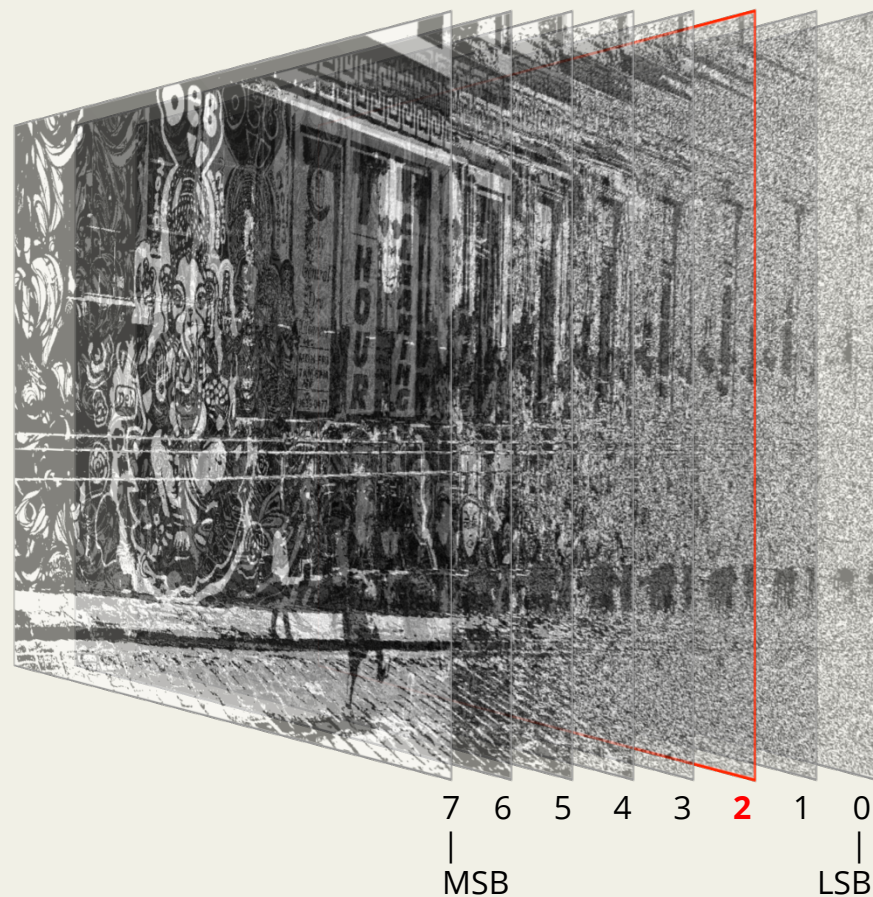


Exploit code converted to bitstream.

Pixel bits of layer 7 are overwritten with exploit bitstream.

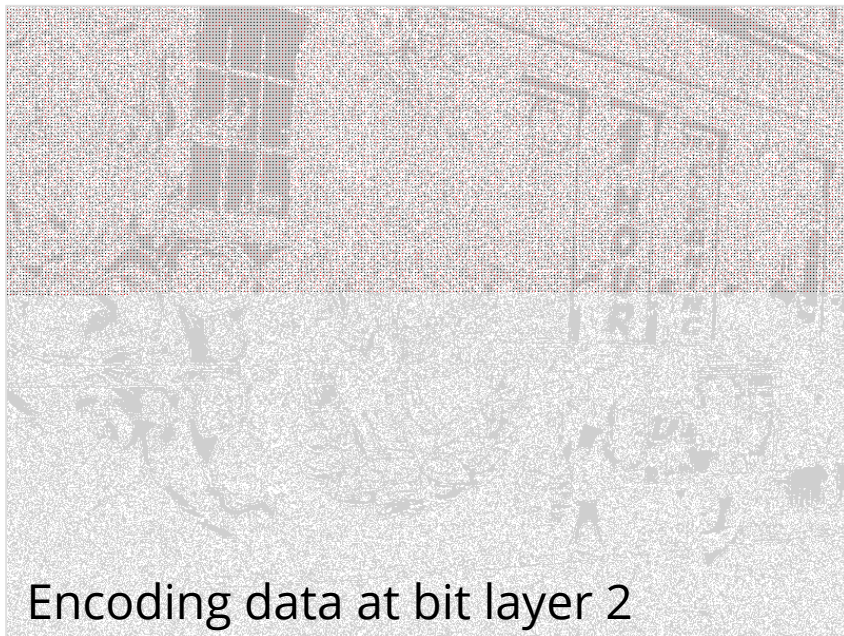


Encoding at Bit Layer 2



Exploit code converted to bitstream.

Pixel bits of layer 2 are overwritten with exploit bitstream.



Encoding on JPG

- JPG – lossy compression.
- Pixels may be approximated to their nearest neighbours.
- Overcoming lossy compression by ITERATIVE ENCODING.
- Can't go too deep down the bit layers.
- IE's JPG encoder is terrible!
- Browser specific JPG quirks.

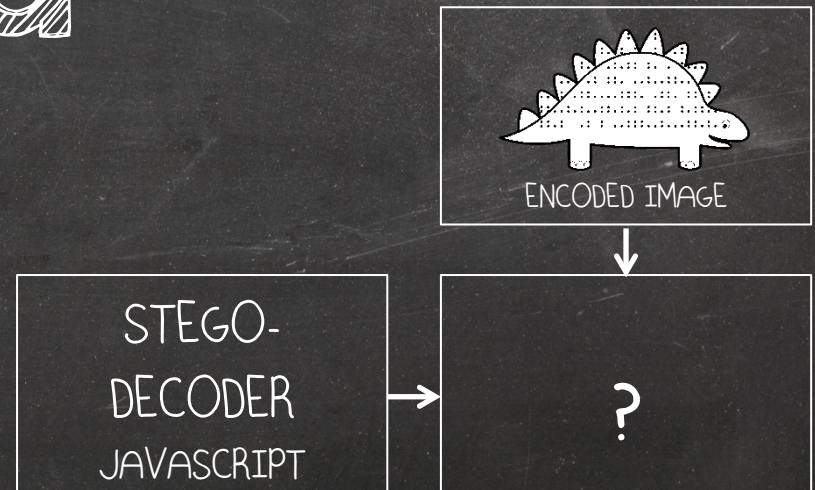
Encoding on PNG

- Lossless compression.
- Can encode at bit layer 0.
 - minimum visual distortion.
- Independent of browser library implementation.
- Single pass encoding.

- JPG is still more popular than PNG!

Step 2.

Decoding the encoded Pixel Data

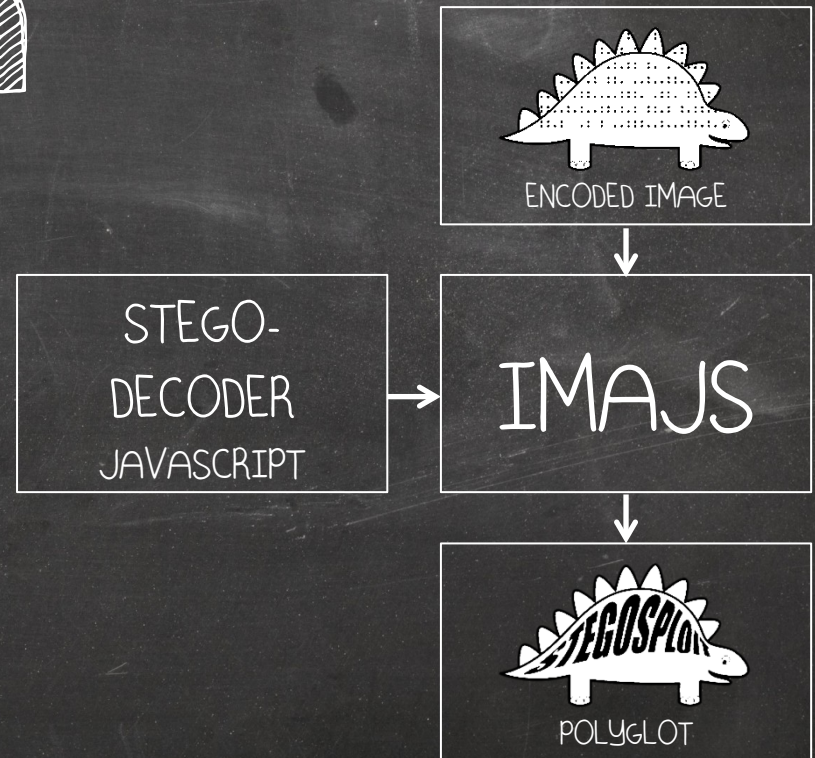


HTML5 CANVAS to the rescue!

- Read image pixel data using JS.
- In-browser decoding of steganographically encoded images.

Step 3.

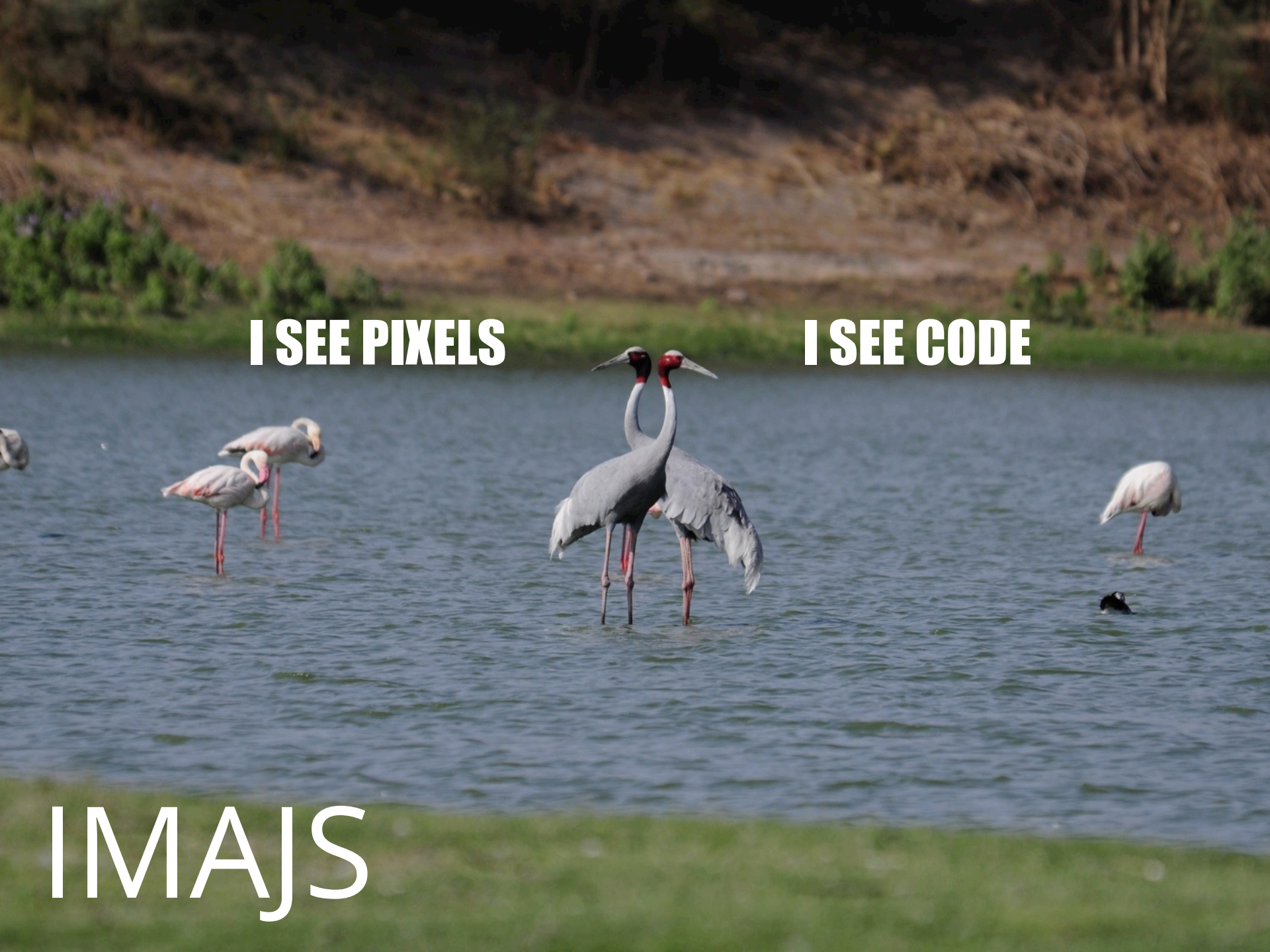
Images that "Auto Run"



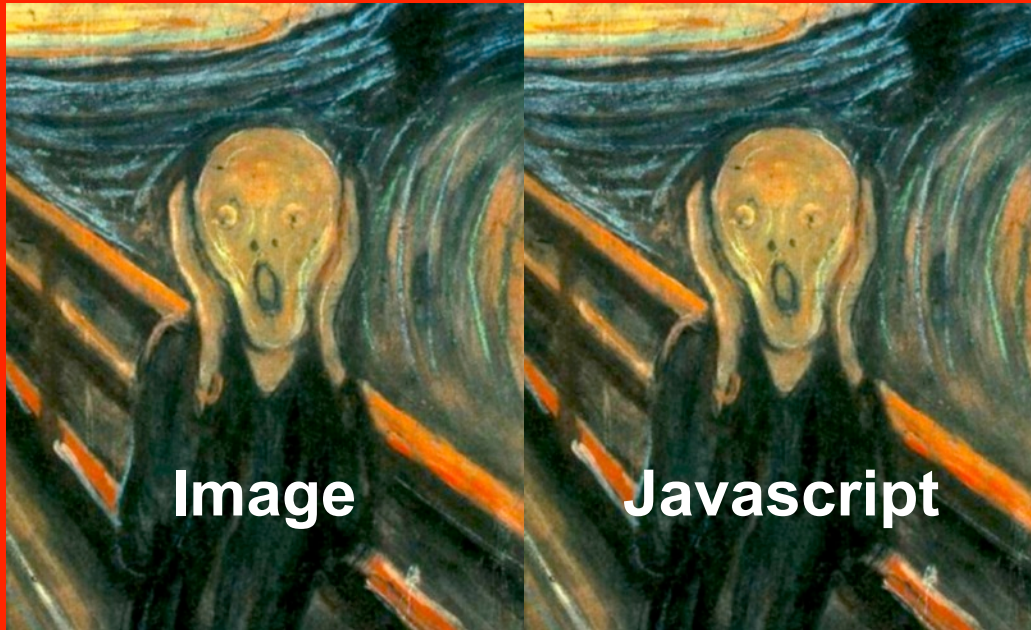
I SEE PIXELS

I SEE CODE

IMAJ
S



IMAJ5 - The Concept



`` sees pixels
`<script>` sees code

#YourPointOfView

Holy
Sh**
Bipolar
Content!

IMAJS-JPG!

I  JPG

JPG + HTML + JS + CSS

Hat tip: Michael Zalewski @lcamtuf

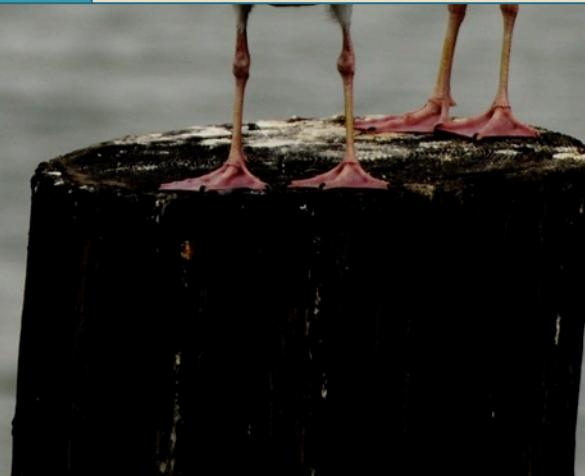
JPG Secret Sauce

shhh..
don't tell
anyone



JPG Secret Sauce

SOI	FF D8							
APP0	FF E0	length	J	F	I	F	\0	
		versn	U	Xres	Yres	H	V	
DQT	FF DB	quantization tables						
DQT	FF DB	quantization tables						
SOF0	FF C0	start of frame						
DHT	FF C4	Huffman tables						



JPG Secret Sauce

SOI

FF D8

APP0

FF E0 length J F I F \0

versn U Xres Yres H V

<html random random random random...
random ><head random> decoder script
and other HTML stuff goes here...
<script type=text/undefined> ...
... more random data ...

DQT

FF DB quantization tables

DQT

FF DB quantization tables

SOF0

FF C0 start of frame

DHT

FF C4 Huffman tables

IMAJSPNG!

I  PNG

PNG + HTML + JS + CSS

PNG Secret Sauce - FourCC

PNG Header

89 50 4E 47 0D 0A 1A 0A

IHDR

length	IHDR	chunk data	CRC
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IDAT chunk

length	IDAT	pixel data	CRC
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IDAT chunk

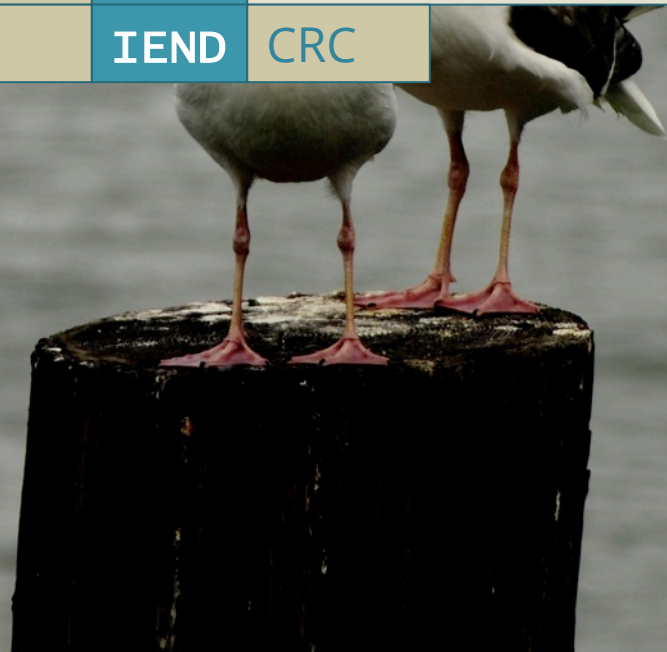
length	IDAT	pixel data	CRC
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IDAT chunk

length	IDAT	pixel data	CRC
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IEND chunk

0	IEND	CRC
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PNG Secret Sauce - FourCC

PNG Header

89 50 4E 47 0D 0A 1A 0A

IHDR

length	IHDR	chunk data	CRC
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extra tEXt chunk

length	tEXt	_00<html random random ... random><head random> decoder script and other HTML stuff goes here... <script type=text/undefined>...	CRC
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IDAT chunk

length	IDAT	pixel data	CRC
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IDAT chunk

length	IDAT	pixel data	CRC
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IDAT chunk

length	IDAT	pixel data	CRC
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IEND chunk

0	IEND	CRC
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Step 4.

The Finer Points of Package Delivery



A Few Browser Tricks...

Content
Sniffing

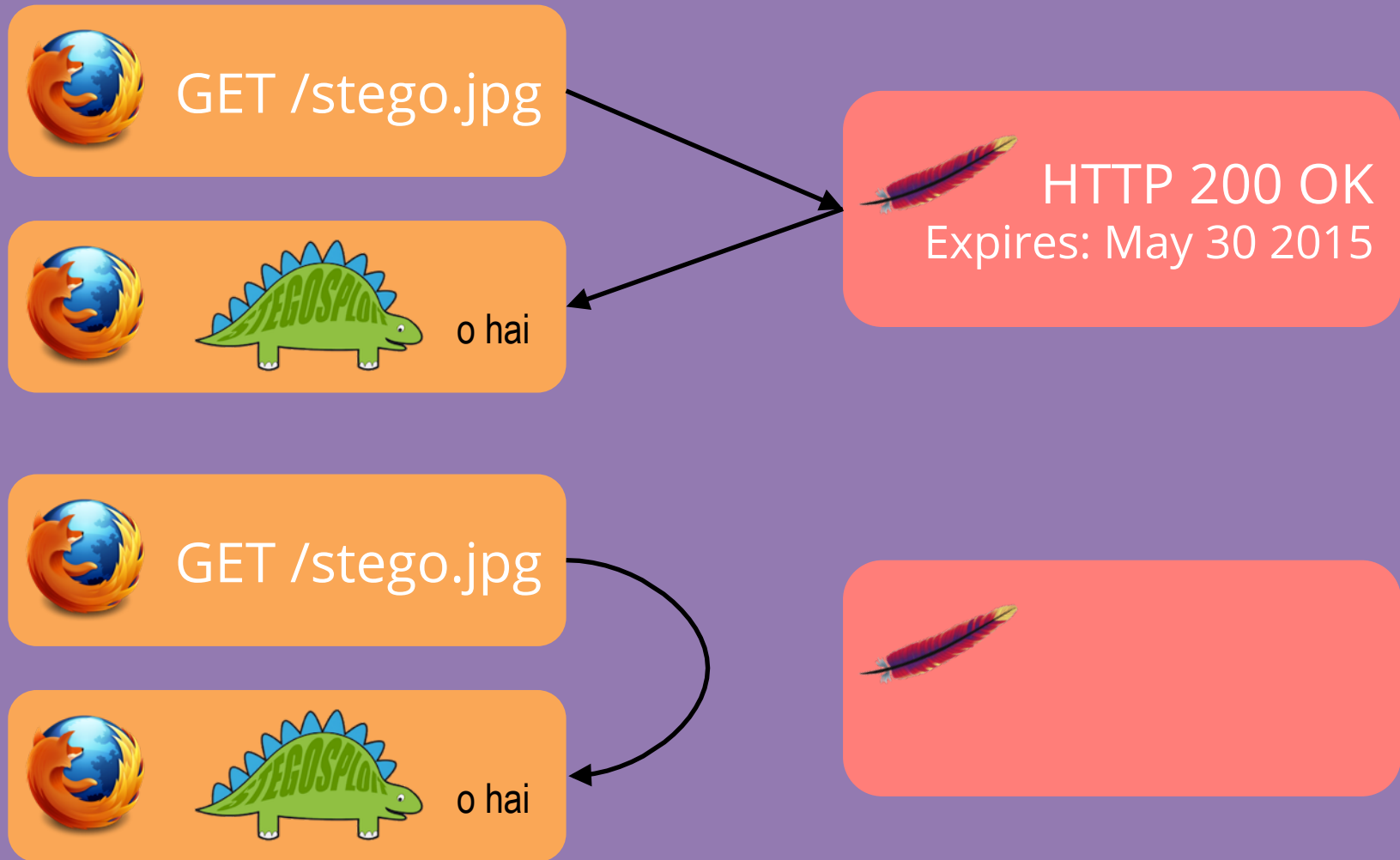
Expires and
Cache-Control

Clever CSS

Content Sniffing

Test description	MSIE6	MSIE7	MSIE8	FF2	FF3	Safari	Opera	Chrome	Android
Is HTML sniffed when no Content-Type received?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Content sniffing buffer size when no Content-Type seen	256 B	∞	∞	1 kB	1 kB	1 kB	~130 kB	1 kB	∞
Is HTML sniffed when a non-parseable Content-Type value received?	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Is HTML sniffed on application/octet-stream documents?	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Is HTML sniffed on application/binary documents?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Is HTML sniffed on unknown/unknown (or application/unknown) documents?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
Is HTML sniffed on MIME types not known to browser?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Is HTML sniffed on unknown MIME when .html, .xml, or .txt seen in URL parameters?	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Is HTML sniffed on unknown MIME when .html, .xml, or .txt seen in URL path?	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Is HTML sniffed on text/plain documents (with or without file extension in URL)?	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
Is HTML sniffed on GIF served as image/jpeg?	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Is HTML sniffed on corrupted images?	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Content sniffing buffer size for second-guessing MIME type	256 B	256 B	256 B	n/a	n/a	∞	n/a	n/a	n/a
May image/svg+xml document contain HTML xmlns payload?	(YES)	(YES)	(YES)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	(YES)
HTTP error codes ignored when rendering sub-resources?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Dive Into Cache



← PAYLOADS GO BACK IN TIME

MONTH DAY YEAR PM HOUR MIN
OCT 26 1985 09 00

DESTINATION TIME

MONTH DAY YEAR PM HOUR MIN
OCT 28 2005 00 00

PRESENT TIME

MONTH DAY YEAR PM HOUR MIN
NOV 00 0000 00 00

LAST TIME DEPARTED

← ATTACK TIMELINE

I'M IN UR BASE

GET /lolcat.png
200 OK
Expires: 6 months

Exploit code
encoded in image.
EVIL



AUG 2015

....KILLING UR DOODZ

GET /lolcat.png
Load from cache

Decoder script references image
from cache.
SAFE



DEC 2015




Sample #55798d37e25bf6_52084739



Submitted at	2015-06-11 14:29:27
Filename	cammy2_ffready_propspray_imajs
Comment	Stegosplit CVE-2013-1690
Filesize	192703 bytes
MD5	af79a55e9d7c83b24a6207f7ed3a7453
SHA1	67924dd9398d5e5c26886b611774b9b8cf959896
Status	complete

Anti-Virus	Update	Detected	Signature
[VT Yara]	PeID	☑	-
[VT Yara]	Memory	☑	-
[VT Yara]	Mobile	☑	-
[VT Yara]	Trojans	☑	-
AVG	12.0.1794.0	☑	-
ClamAV	0.96.5	☑	-
Comodo	1.0.2	☑	-
Drweb	6.0.2.2 - linux	☑	-
ESET	4.0.77	☑	-
F-Prot	4.6.5.141	☑	-
Ikarus	1.3.2	☑	-
Kaspersky	8.0.1-50	☑	-


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AS EXPLOITS SIT LONELY,
FORGOTTEN ON THE SHELF
YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS AT
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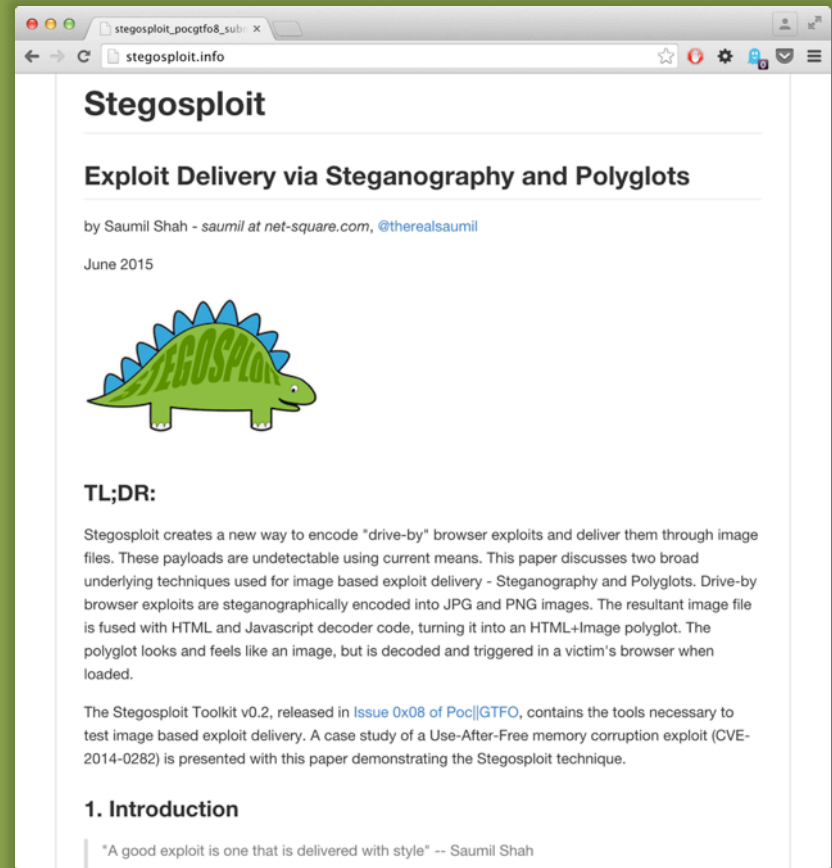
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the tools
are in here.



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Stegosplit

Exploit Delivery via Steganography and Polyglots

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TL;DR:

Stegosplit creates a new way to encode "drive-by" browser exploits and deliver them through image files. These payloads are undetectable using current means. This paper discusses two broad underlying techniques used for image based exploit delivery - Steganography and Polyglots. Drive-by browser exploits are steganographically encoded into JPG and PNG images. The resultant image file is fused with HTML and Javascript decoder code, turning it into an HTML+Image polyglot. The polyglot looks and feels like an image, but is decoded and triggered in a victim's browser when loaded.

The Stegosplit Toolkit v0.2, released in [Issue 0x08 of PoC||GTFO](#), contains the tools necessary to test image based exploit delivery. A case study of a Use-After-Free memory corruption exploit (CVE-2014-0282) is presented with this paper demonstrating the Stegosplit technique.

1. Introduction

"A good exploit is one that is delivered with style" -- Saumil Shah

<http://stegosplit.info>

Conclusions - Offensive

- Lot of possibilities!
- Weird containers, weird encoding, weird obfuscation.
- Image attacks emerging "in the wild".
- CANVAS + CORS = spread the payloads.
- Not limited to just browsers.
- PDF+Flash / HTML+JS+FLASH
(@angealbertini?)

Browsers and W3C - Wake Up!

BROWSERS

- Don't be afraid to "BREAK THE WEB".
- Reject content that does not conform to strict standards/specs.

W3C

- Establish STRICT parsing rules.
- Browser compliance and user-awareness is YOUR responsibility.

Conclusions - Defensive

- DFIR nightmare.
 - how far back does your window of inspection go?
- Can't rely on magic numbers, file extensions, file types.
- Quick "fix" – re-encode all images!

Greets!

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