

## Inventarisierung und Vergleich von Schadsoftware

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# Einleitung

## \$whoami

- IT-Sicherheitsforscher @ Fraunhofer FKIE & Universität Bonn
- Forschungsschwerpunkt:
  - Analyse von Schadsoftware / Reverse Engineering / Analyseautomation
- Aktivitäten:



RE tooling: IDAScope,  
ApiScout, SMDA, MCRIT, ...



Botnet Takedowns

**DGA** ARCHIVE **malpedia**

Datensätze

# Einleitung

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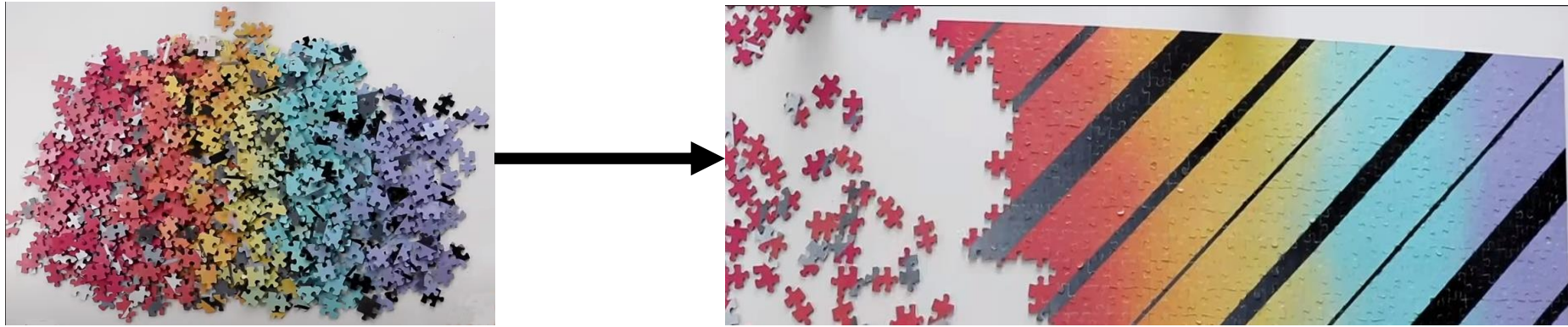
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  - Automatisierte Regelerstellung (YARA)
  - Codeähnlichkeitsanalysen

## Ursprung und Konzept

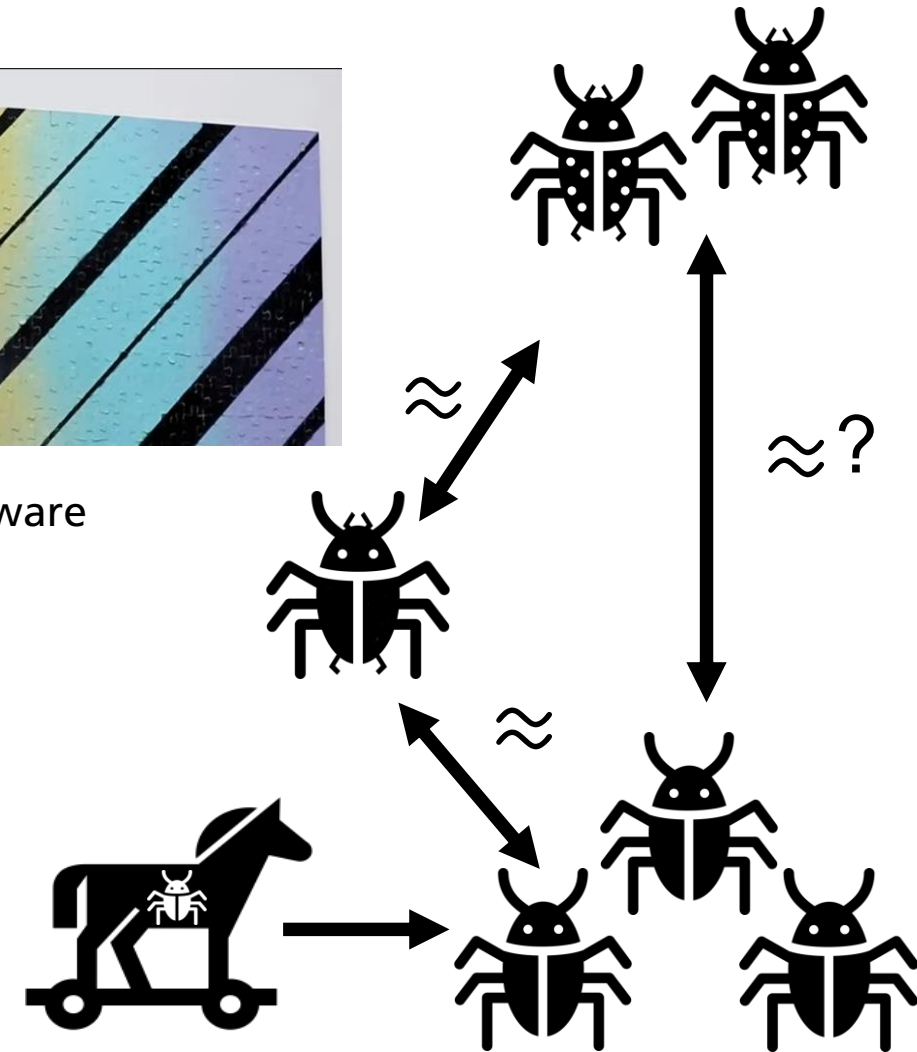
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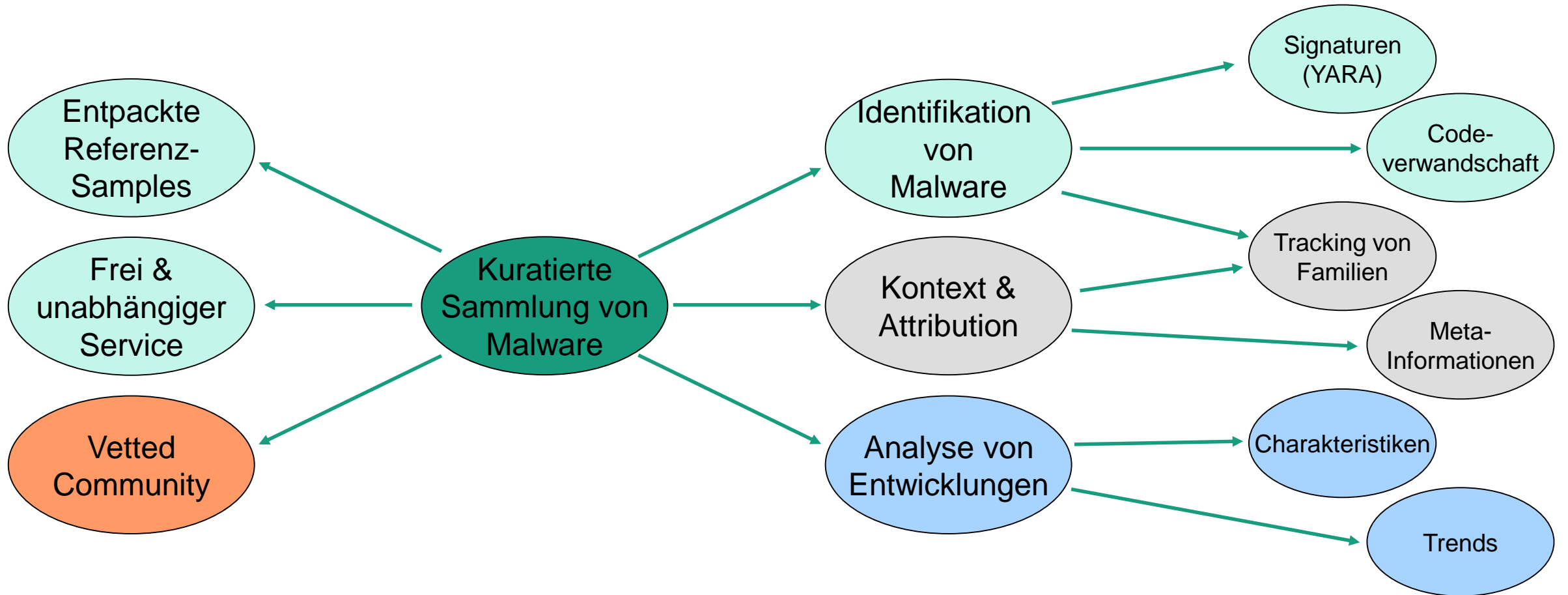
# Motivation

## Zeitreise in die Vergangenheit: Situation 2016



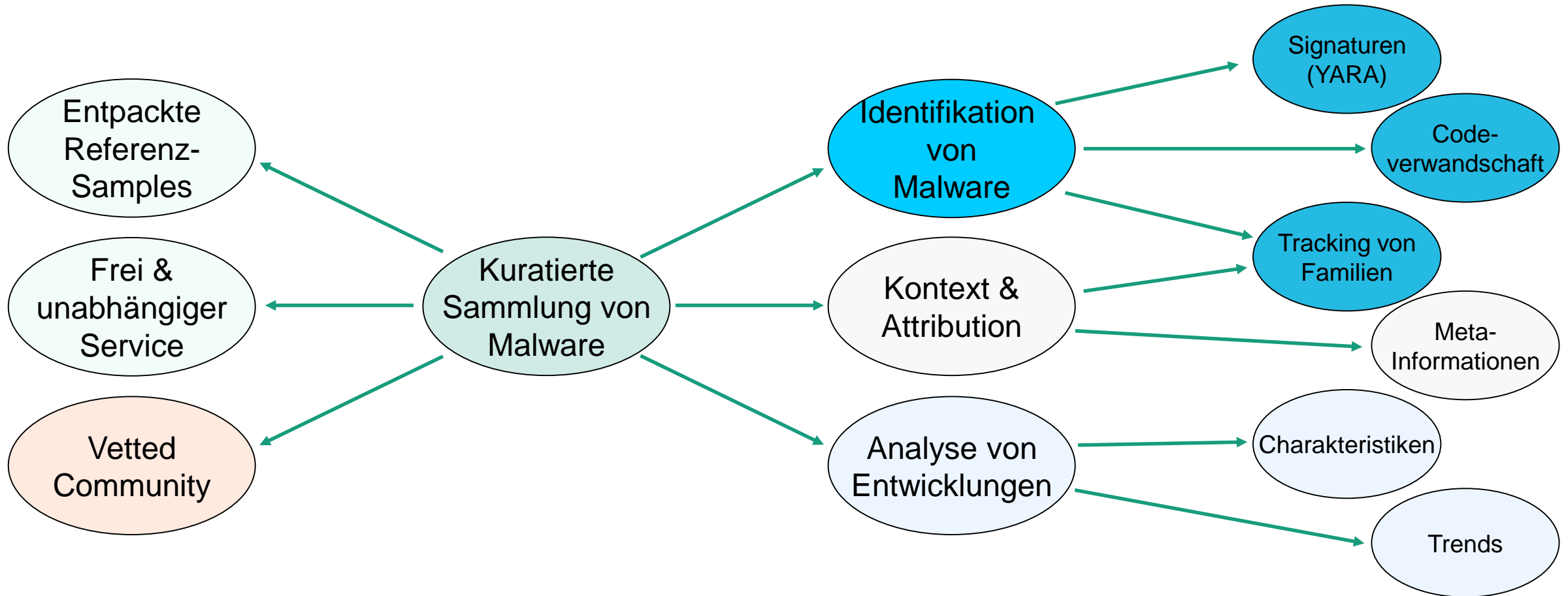
- Stattliche Sammlung von „okay, aber nicht herausragend“ sortierter Malware
- Identifikation von Malware signifikantes Problem:
  - Packing
  - Evolution in Familien
  - viele Synonyme, ...
- Gute Erfahrungen mit DGArchive – Übertragbar auf Schadsoftware?
  - Code-zentrischer Ansatz mit Fokus auf statischer Analyse
- Entwicklung des Projekts zusammen mit Steffen Enders





[1] <https://malpedia.caad.fkie.fraunhofer.de>

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Library Families Actors

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GraphicalNeutrino

win.graphical\_neutrino (Back to overview)

## GraphicalNeutrino

Actor(s): **APT29**

This loader abuses the benign service Notion for data exc

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There is no Yara-Signature yet.

### Samples

Version	SHA256
	381a3c6c7e119f58dfde6f03a9890353a

## APT29 (Back to overview)

aka: Group 100, COZY BEAR, The Dukes, Minidionis, SeaDuke, YTRTRIUM, IRON HEMLOCK, Grizzly Steppe, G0016, ATK7, Cloaked Ursa, TA421, Blue Kitsune, ITG11

A 2015 report by F-Secure describe APT29 as: 'The Dukes are a well-resourced, highly dedicated and organized cyberespionage group that we believe has been working for the Russian Federation since at least 2008 to collect intelligence in support of foreign and security policy decision-making. The Dukes show unusual confidence in their ability to continue successfully compromising their targets, as well as in their ability to operate with impunity. The Dukes primarily target Western governments and related organizations, such as government ministries and agencies, political think tanks, and governmental subcontractors. Their targets have also included the governments of members of the Commonwealth of Independent States;Asian, African, and Middle Eastern governments;organizations associated with Chechen extremism;and Russian speakers engaged in the illicit trade of controlled substances and drugs. The Dukes are known to employ a vast arsenal of malware toolsets, which we identify as MiniDuke, CosmicDuke, OnionDuke, CozyDuke, CloudDuke, SeaDuke, HammerDuke, PinchDuke, and GeminiDuke. In recent years, the Dukes have engaged in apparently biannual large - scale spear - phishing campaigns against hundreds or even thousands of recipients associated with governmental institutions and affiliated organizations. These campaigns utilize a smash - and - grab approach involving a fast but noisy breakin followed by the rapid collection and exfiltration of as much data as possible.If the compromised target is discovered to be of value, the Dukes will quickly switch the toolset used and move to using stealthier tactics focused on persistent compromise and long - term intelligence gathering. This threat actor targets government ministries and agencies in the West, Central Asia, East Africa, and the Middle East; Chechen extremist groups; Russian organized crime; and think tanks. It is suspected to be behind the 2015 compromise of unclassified networks at the White House, Department of State, Pentagon, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The threat actor includes all of the Dukes tool sets, including MiniDuke, CosmicDuke, OnionDuke, CozyDuke, SeaDuke, CloudDuke (aka MiniDionis), and HammerDuke (aka Hammertoss).'

### Associated Families

- win.gdrive win.miniduke win.tdiscoverer win.boombox win.cozyduke win.seadaddy win.beatdrop win.cloud\_duke win.cosmicduke win.fatduke win.liteduke win.newpass win.onionduke win.pinchduke win.polyglotduke win.unidentified\_098 win.unidentified\_099 win.vapor\_rage win.graphical\_neutrino

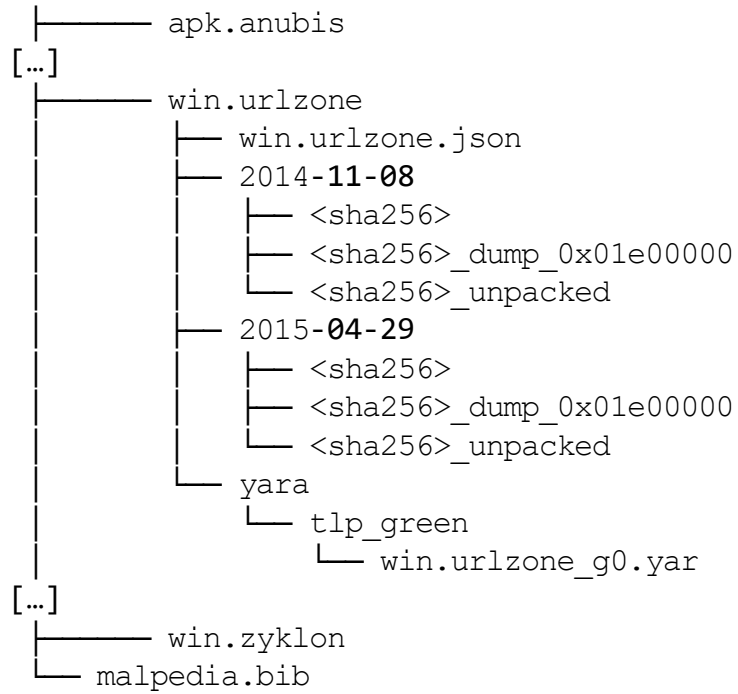
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- 2022-11-30 · Qianxin Threat Intelligence Center · Red Raindrop Team  
Analysis of APT29's attack activities against Italy  
Unidentified 098 (APT29 Slack Downloader)
- 2022-09-21 · Check Point · Jifí Vinopal  
Native function and Assembly Code Invocation  
MiniDuke

[1] <https://malpedia.caad.fkie.fraunhofer.de>

[2] <https://malpedia.io>





## ■ Git-Repository

- Versionskontrolle, Abschottung, Synchronisation
- Malware Samples:  
packed + unpacked und/oder memory dumped
- Direkte Einbettung von YARA-Regeln und Metadaten

## General Statistics

2707 Families

6998 Samples

## Samples



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[2] <https://malpedia.io>

07. Dezember 2017

02. Februar 2023

Accounts	~120 (Launch)	2100+
Contributions	~300	16.805
Malware Families	614	2.707
Malware Samples	1.630	6.998
Referenzen	906	13.188
YARA-Regeln	113 116 20	1.737 245 152

→ ~ 70% Community-Anteil!

Herzlicher Dank an alle  
Beitragenden!

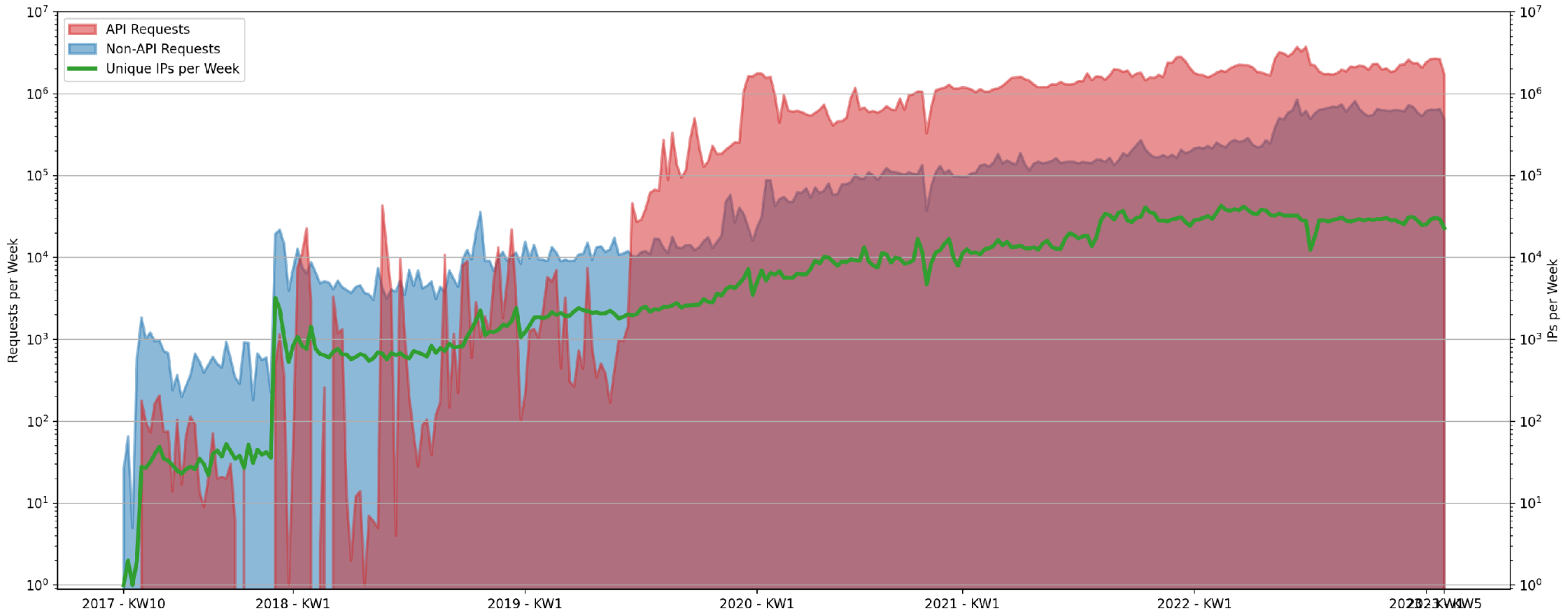


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# Aggregierte Nutzungsstatistiken

- Täglicher Durchschnitt, letzte 30 Tage:
  - 6.200 IPs
  - 475.000 Requests (380.000 API, also ~80%)
- Requests insgesamt seit Launch: 296.000.000



## Nutzungsaspekte

malpedia

# Nutzungsaspekte

## Integration mit anderen Tools und Frameworks



- Kontextualisierung
  - Referenzen für Familien, Akteure, ...
- Malware-Identifikation
  - YARA
  - Suche / Vergleich
  - Label Provider (Clustering)
- QA / Regression Testing
  - Analyse-Tools, Extraktoren, etc

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cvandeplas jq | 9dddc44 on Oct 19

6 contributors

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4     "Steffen Enders",
5     "Andrea Garavaglia",
6     "Davide Arcuri"
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15    {
16      "description": "",
17      "meta": {
18        "refs": [
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[1] <https://github.com/MISP/misp-galaxy/blob/main/clusters/malpedia.json>

# Nutzungsaspekte

## Integration mit anderen Tools und Frameworks

### ■ Beispiele:

- MISP
  - OpenCTI
  - IntelOwl
- } Enrichment

- MalwareBazaar, YARAify
  - TheHive Cortex
  - Unpac.me
  - CAPE Sandbox
  - VirusTotal
  - ...
- } YARA / Scanning

TheHive-Project / Cortex-Analyzers

Code Issues 49 Pull requests 20 Projects 0 Wiki Insights

Branch: master Cortex-Analyzers / analyzers / Malpedia /

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jeromeleonard #291 update analyzers and short templates Latest commit a16dfda on Jul 9

File	Commit	Time
Malpedia.json	consistency	5 months ago
malpedia_analyzer.py	#291 update analyzers and short templates	2 months ago
requirements.txt	Added Malpedia Analyzer (#168), fixes #166	8 months ago

0001c1409b360fc8e1b6933d20c7bfa42e1f5d7bc1593a5057a96930e0b5348

42 / 65

42 security vendors and 1 sandbox flagged this file as malicious

WEXTRACT.EXE.MUI

12.61 MB Size

2021-11-29 15:52:23 UTC 18 hours ago

Community Score

DETECTION DETAILS RELATIONS BEHAVIOR CONTENT SUBMISSIONS COMMUNITY 2

Collections

Emotet Collection by Malpedia

Domains: 176 | Files: 53583 | IPs: 347 | URLs: 91 | References: 171 | Yara rules: 1 | Threat actors: 2

While Emotet historically was a banking malware organized in a botnet, nowadays Emotet is mostly seen as infrastructure as a se...

[1] <https://github.com/TheHive-Project/Cortex-Analyzers>

[2] <https://blog.virustotal.com/2021/11/introducing-virustotal-collections.html>

# Nutzungsaspekte

## Generierung von YARA-Regeln

- Idee:
  - Generierung passender YARA-Regeln für so viele Malware-Familien wie möglich
  - Automatisierung der Auswahlmethode für code-basierte YARA strings (byte sequences)
  - Qualitätskontrolle (vs. VT Goodware)
- Methode:
  - Disassemblierung -> Shingling -> Aggregation und Selektion via Datenbank
- Framework: YARA-Signator [1]
  - Ergebnis Bachelor Thesis von Felix Bilstein

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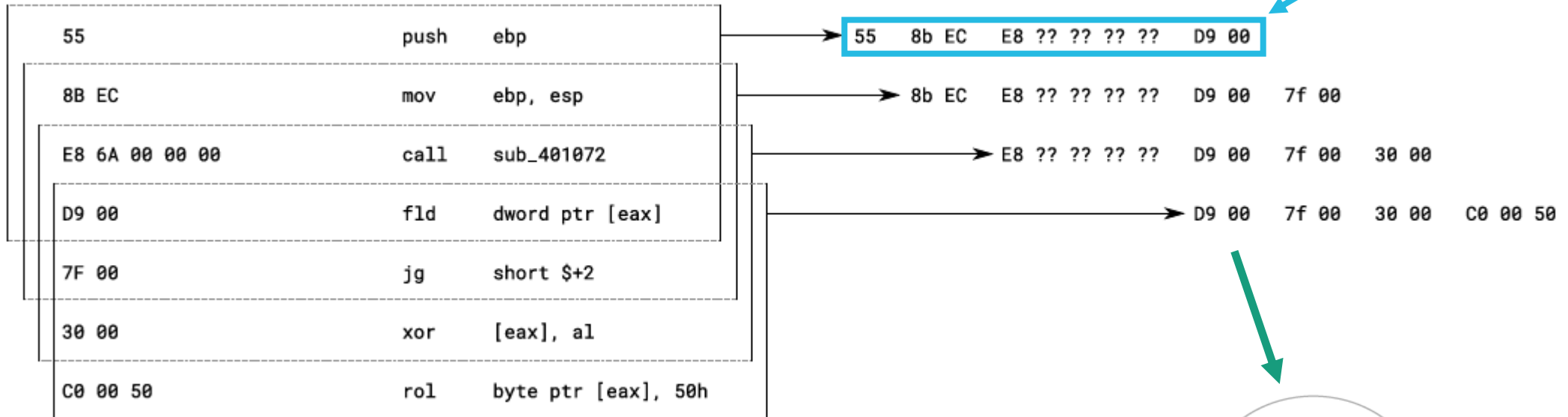
[1] <https://github.com/fxb-cocacoding/yara-signator>

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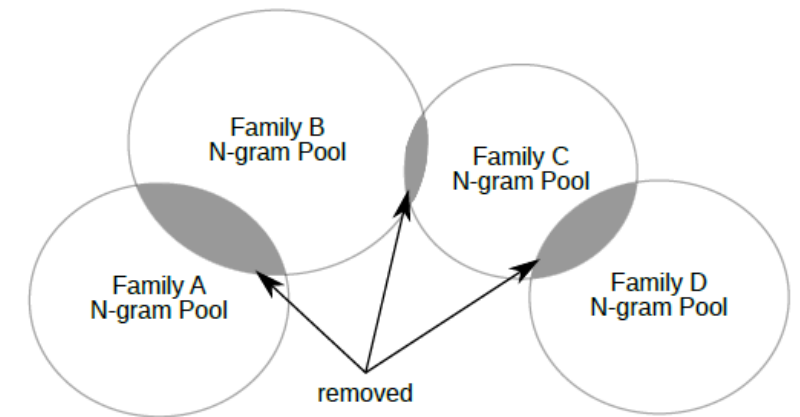
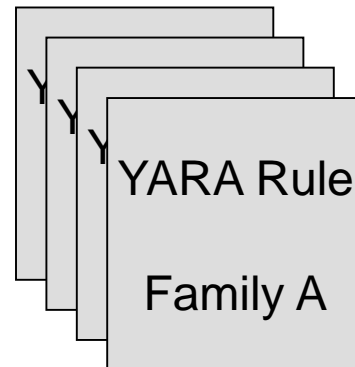
## Generierung von YARA-Regeln

Berechnung über ~1.2 Milliarden solcher N-gramme

- Methode (Instruktions-N-gramme der Länge 4-7)



```
$sequence_1 = { ffd6 85c0 7512  
                e8???????? eb03 }  
// n = 5, score = 4000  
// ffd6      | call  esi  
// 85c0      | test  eax, eax  
// 7512      | jne   0x14  
// e8???????? | call  ??  
// eb03      | jmp   5
```



[1] F. Bilstein, D. Plohmann, "YARA-Signator: Automated Generation of Code-based YARA Rules", In: The Journal on Cybercrime & Digital Investigations, v.5, 2019.

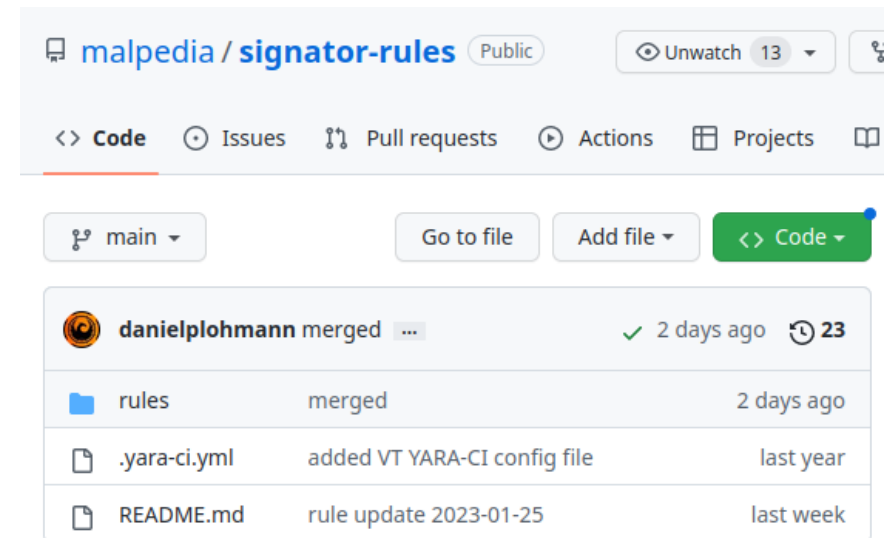


# Nutzungsaspekte

## Generierung von YARA-Regeln

- Malpedia's YARA-Signator rules
  - Monatlich neu generiert
  - Frei verfügbar (CC BY-SA 4.0) via Malpedia und Github [1]

Aktuelles Release:	2023-01-24
Samples:	12.710
Detektierbar:	5.244
Familien:	2.696
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Familien abgedeckt:	1.233
Saubere Regeln:	1.132
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False Positives:	43
False Negatives:	225
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Precision:	0,992
Recall:	0,957
F1:	0,974

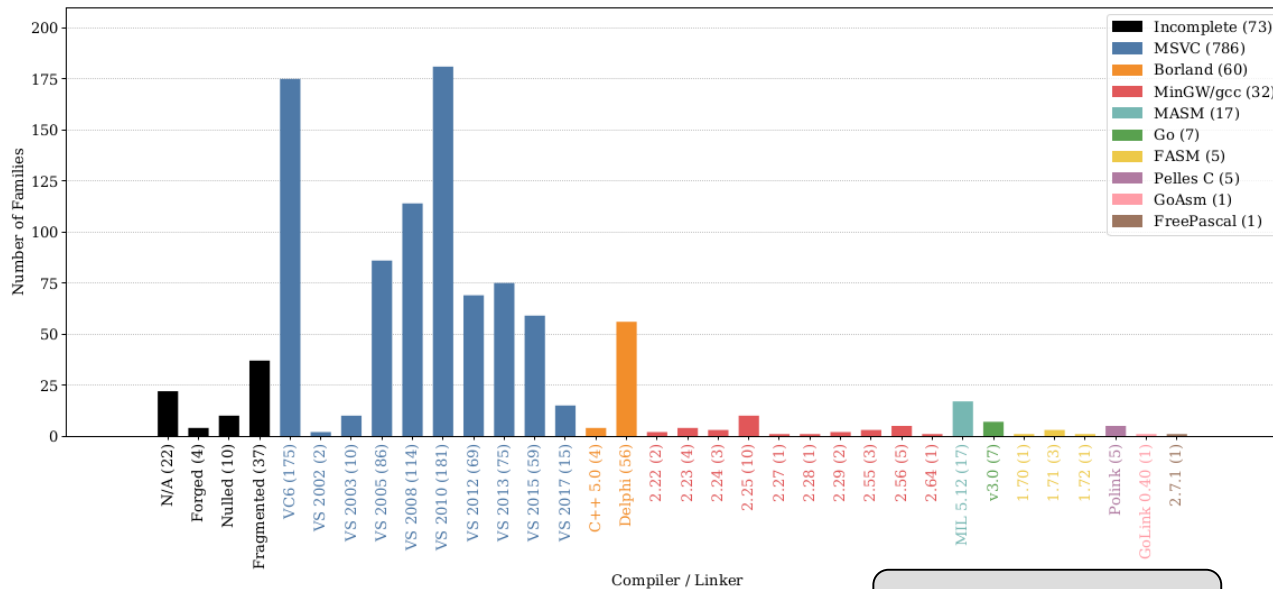


[1] <https://github.com/malpedia/signator-rules/>

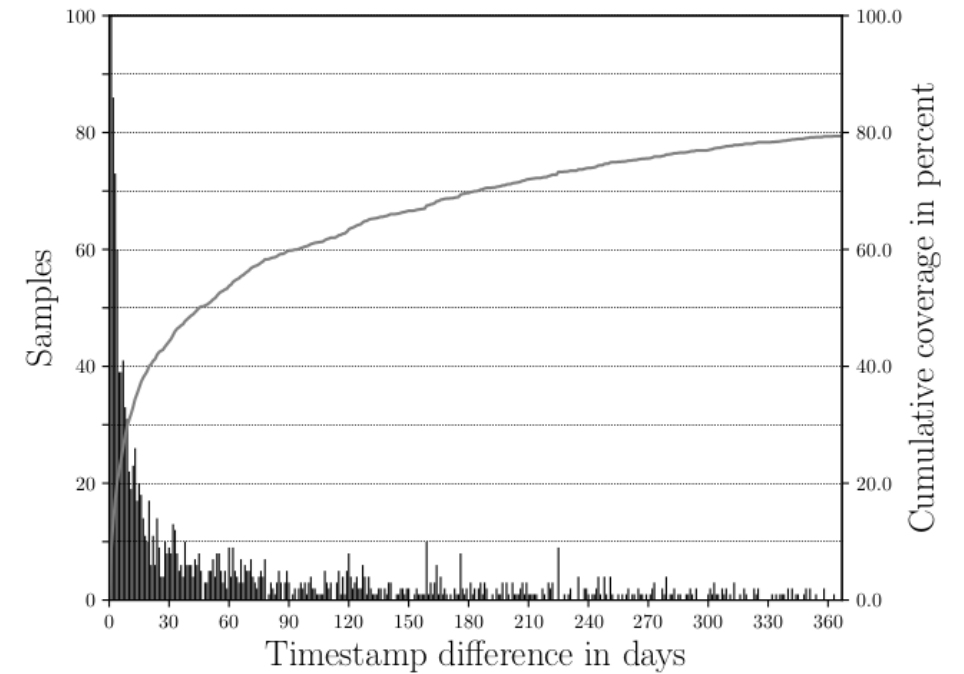
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## Statistische Auswertungen

- PE Header
- Windows API
- (Code)



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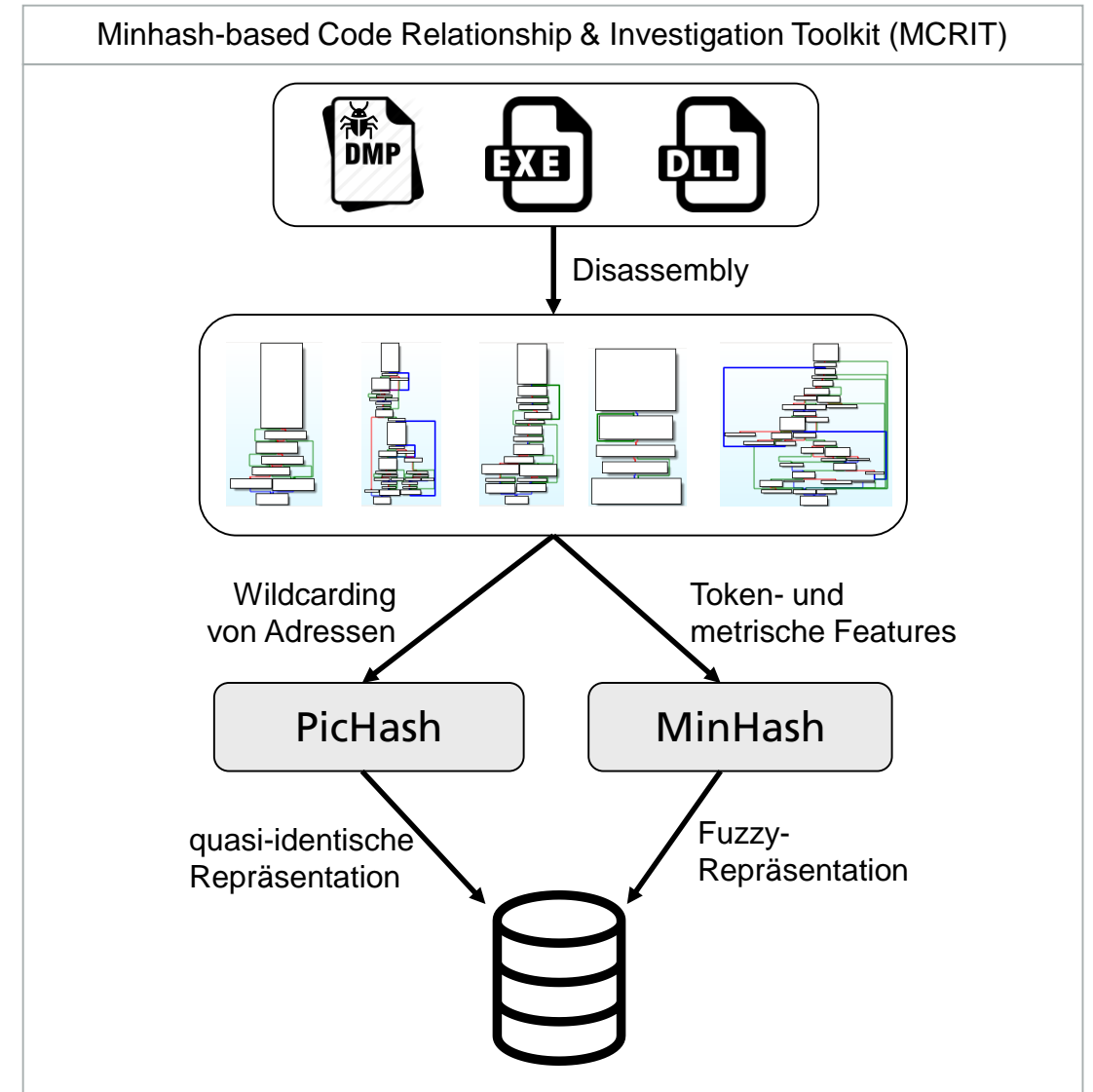


	APIs	DLLs
Minimum	0	0
25%	79	5.27
50%	114	7.66
75%	169	10
Maximum	717	26
Mean	139.51	8.06
STD	106.36	3.99
Count	4,994	80

Table 5.5.: API and DLL Occurrence Frequencies per Family.

# Nutzungsaspekte Codeähnlichkeitsanalysen

- Ausgangslage 2019
  - Survey von Haq et al. [1]:  
50+ Arbeiten zu Codeähnlichkeit seit 2010
  - Kaum Arbeiten mit größeren Malware-Corpora
  - Nur 1 Arbeit zu FOSS-Nutzung in Malware (Alrabaee et al. [2])
- Anforderungen
  - Robuste Ähnlichkeitsbewertung
  - Skalierbarkeit bis Millionen von Funktionen
- MCRIT
  - Kombination von quasi-identischer und Fuzzy-Repräsentation von Code
  - Effizientes 1:n Matching von Samples via LSH
  - Release im April 2023 (Botconf)

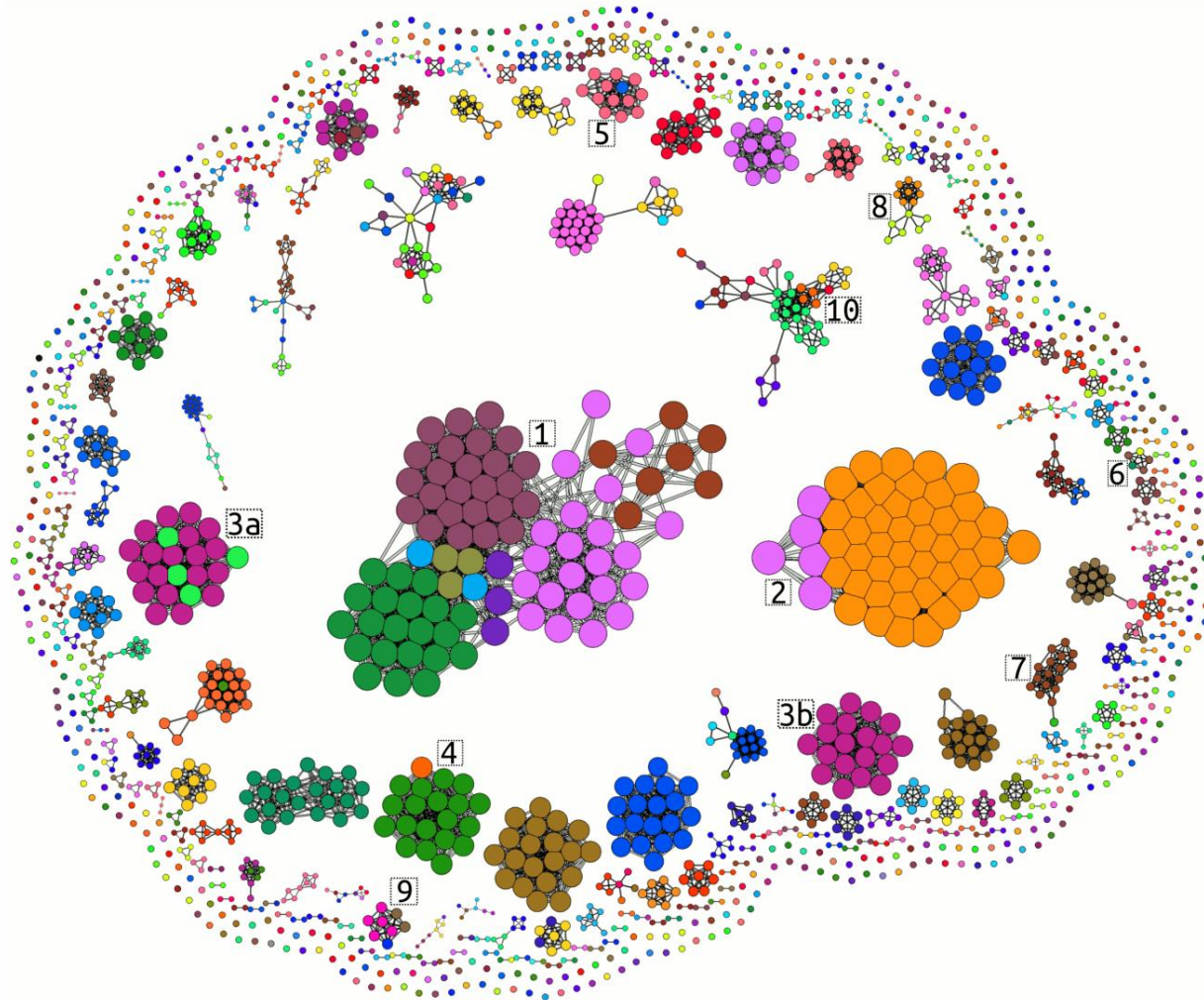


[1] I. U. Haq and J. Caballero, "A survey of binary code similarity", In: Arxiv.org Computers & Security, 2019.

[2] S. Alrabaee, P. Shirani, L. Wang, and M. Debbabi, "FOSSIL: A Resilient and Efficient System for Identifying FOSS Functions in Malware Binaries", In: ACM Trans. Priv. Secur., vol. 21, 2018.

# Nutzungsaspekte

## Codeähnlichkeitsanalysen: Clustering



- Clustering Malpedia (link: 10%+ Ähnlichkeit)
  - Filterung von Bibliothekscode
  - Gewichtung via Häufigkeitsanalyse
- Ausgewählte Cluster:
  - 1) Zeus-like families
  - 2) Vmzeus / pandabanker
  - 3) Dridex (and Friedex), 32bit vs 64bit
  - 4) Locky + Locky Decryptor
  - 5) GPCode + CryptoFortress
  - 6) Sage Ransom, Crylocker, Ransoc
  - 7) ISFB + Snifula
  - 8) Pony + IcedID (module)
  - 9) Murofet + GameoverP2P + GameoverDGA
  - 10) Mismatches due to OpenSSL, VCTools (XTunnel, ZeusOpenSSL, RokRAT, ...)

# Nutzungsaspekte

## Codeähnlichkeitsanalysen: Identifikation

### LockBit ransomware goes 'Green,' uses new Conti-based encryptor

By Lawrence Abrams

February 1, 2023 05:48 PM 0



The LockBit ransomware gang has again started using encryptors based on other operations, this time switching to one based on the leaked source code for the Conti ransomware.

Since its launch, the LockBit operation has gone through numerous iterations of its encryptor, starting with a custom one and moving to LockBit 3.0 (aka LockBit Black), which is derived from the BlackMatter gang's source code.

This week, cybersecurity collective VX-Underground [first reported](#) that the ransomware gang is now using a new encryptor named 'LockBit Green,' based on the leaked source code of the now-disbanded Conti gang.

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num_families	1440
num_functions	6995154
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## Query Sample

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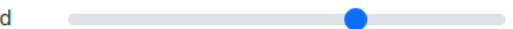
45c317\_lockbit\_green.exe

Unmapped

Dumped

Minhash  
Matching:

Standard



Submit

[1] <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/lockbit-ransomware-goes-green-uses-new-conti-based-encryptor/>

[2] lockbit green: 45c317200e27e5c5692c59d06768ca2e7eeb446d6d495084f414d0f261f75315

## Best Family Matches

total: 1070, showing: 1 - 10

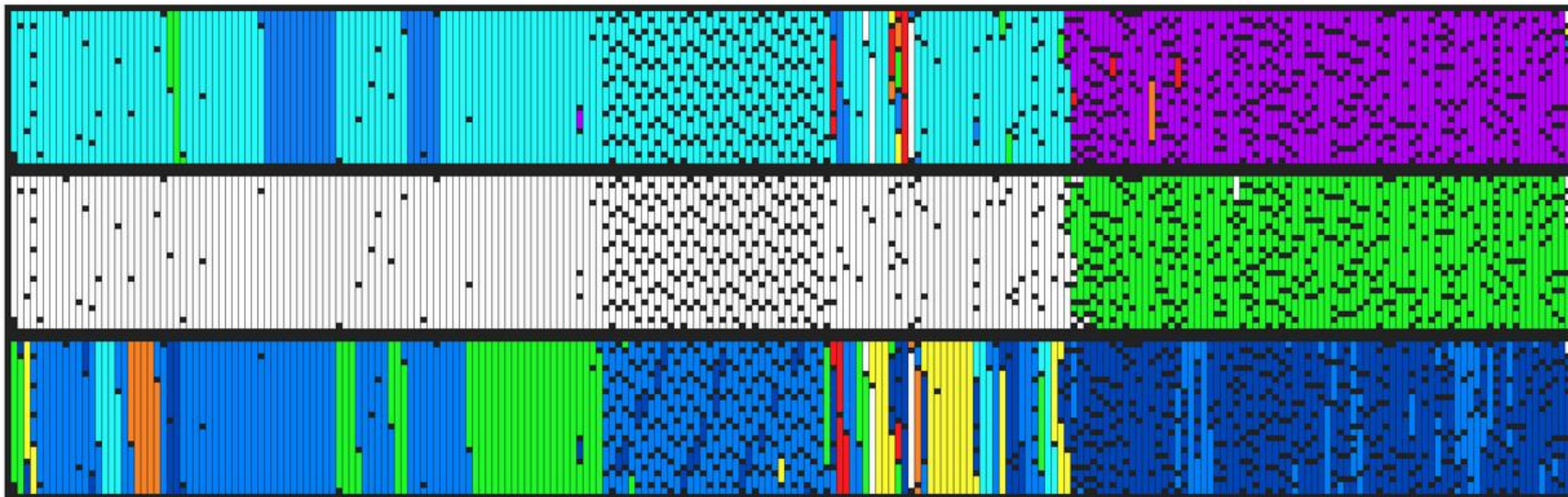
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<a href="#">win.void</a> ▼		<a href="#">1460</a> ▼	2fd1863e	2fd1863eb3...c_unpacked	32	7123	366	312	351	26	1	3	0
<a href="#">win.bandook</a> ▼		<a href="#">4792</a> ▼	fabce973	fabce973a9...7_unpacked	32	3229	363	306	349	25	1	3	0

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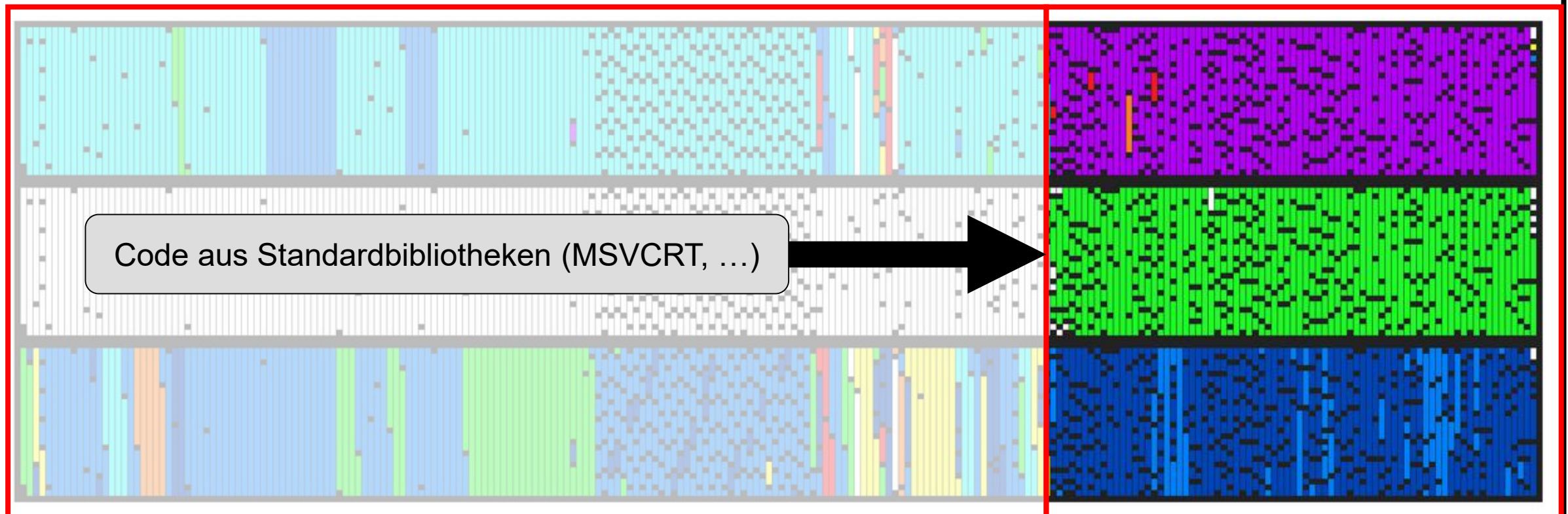


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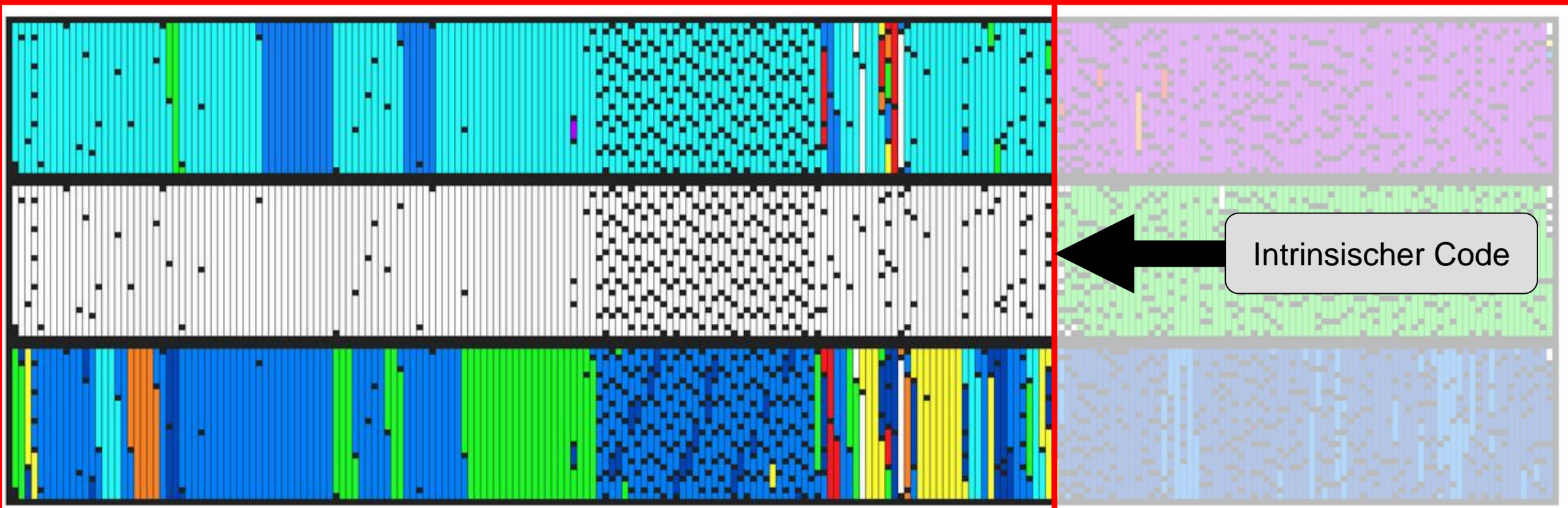


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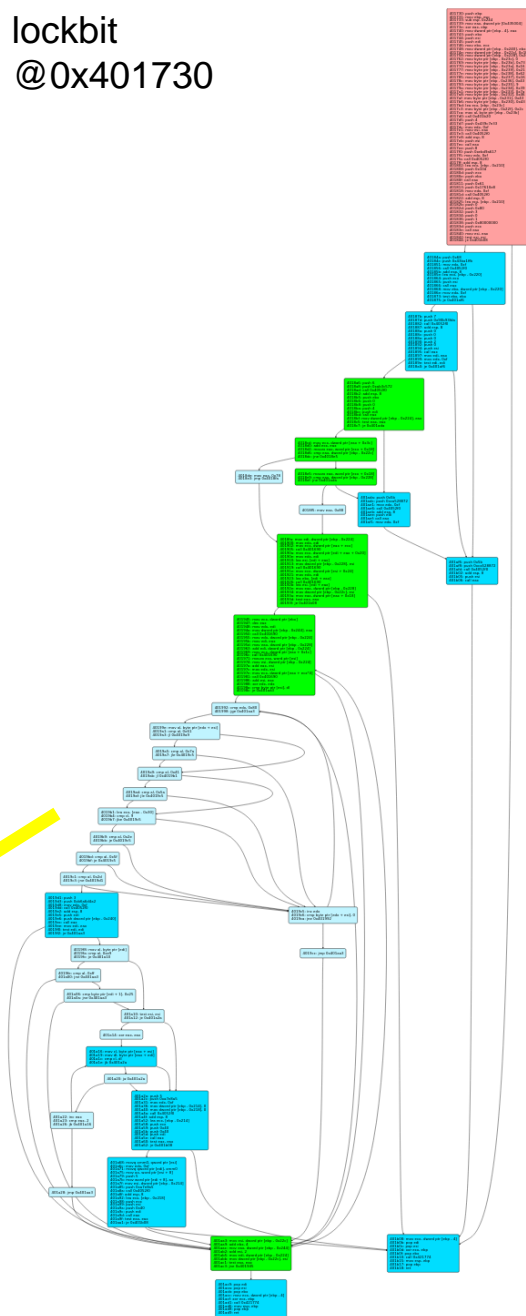


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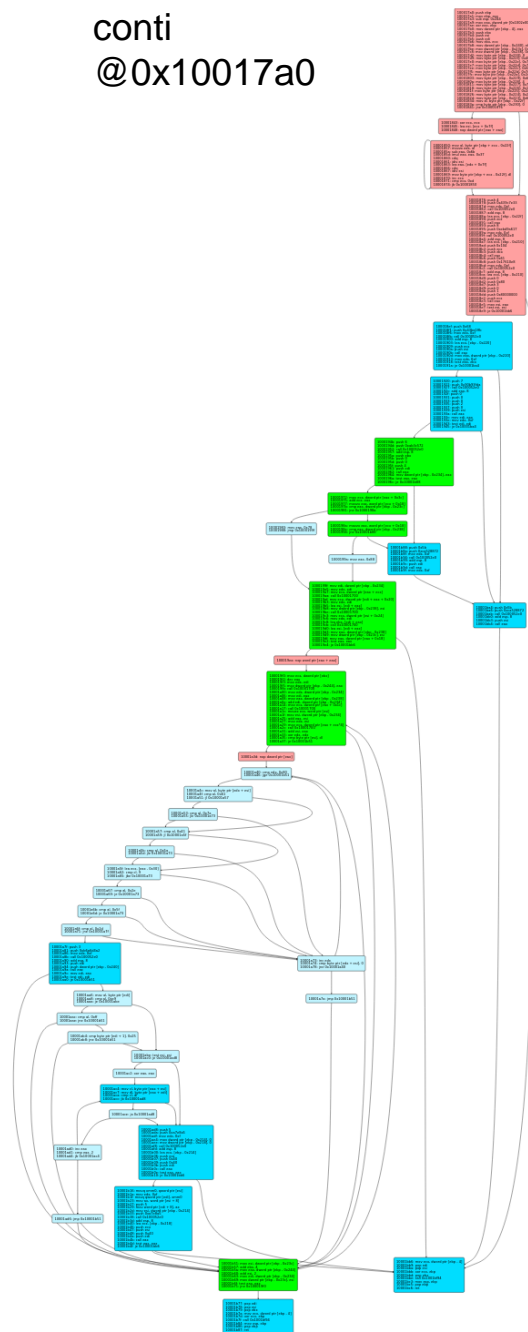
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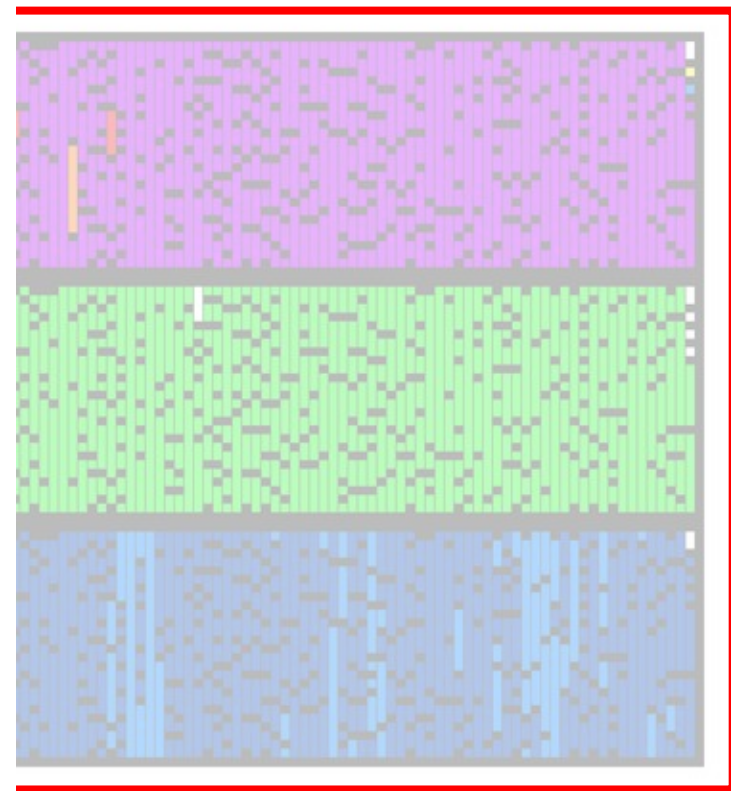
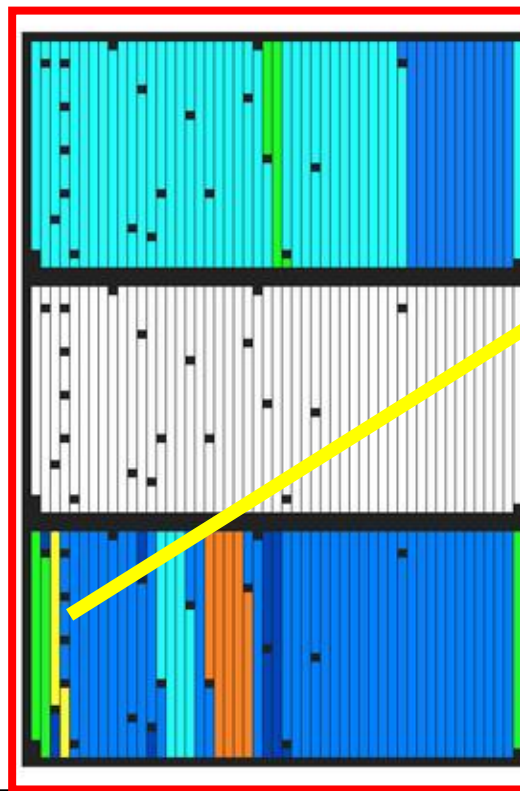


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  - Codeähnlichkeitsanalysen



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