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Reverse and Simulate your Enemy Botnet C&C

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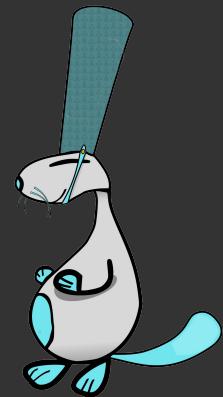
« You talkin' to me? »

Travis Bickle



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 - Trusted Computing





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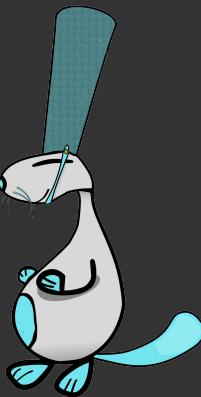
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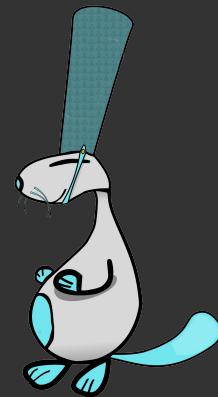
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- ▶ Audit and evaluation
 - ITSEF lab (Common Criteria, CSPNs, ...)
 - Pentest lab
- ▶ R&D



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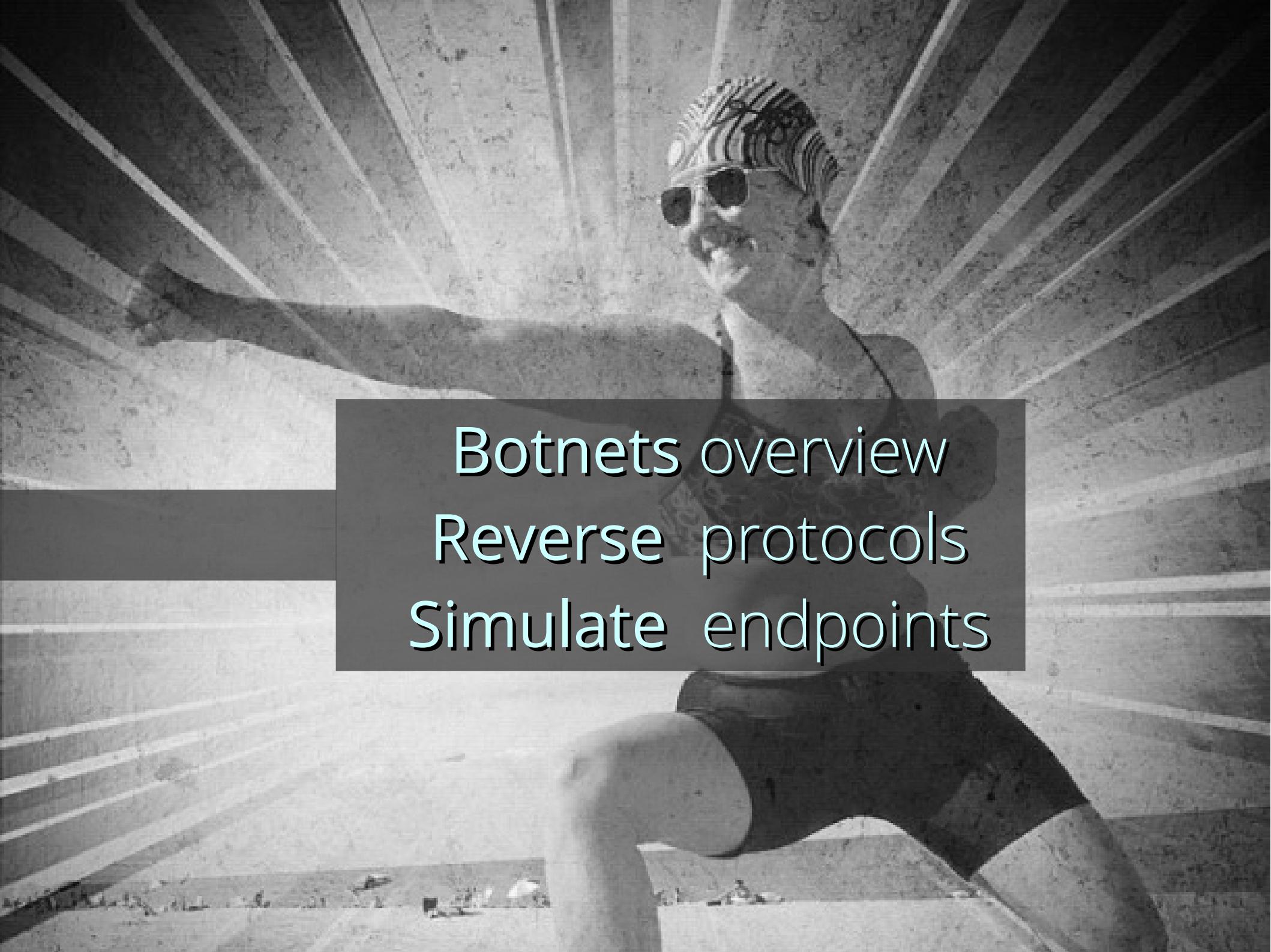
A black and white photograph showing several pieces of cheese, likely French, arranged in a pile. In the foreground, a wedge of cheese with a soft, creamy texture and a small hole is visible. Behind it, larger blocks of cheese with rinds, some appearing crumbly and others smooth, are stacked. The lighting highlights the textures of the cheese.

Yes, we're French !

Topics...

« Go ahead, make my day »

Harry Callahan



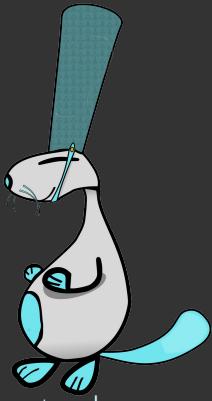
Botnets overview
Reverse protocols
Simulate endpoints



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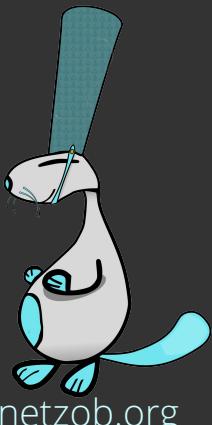
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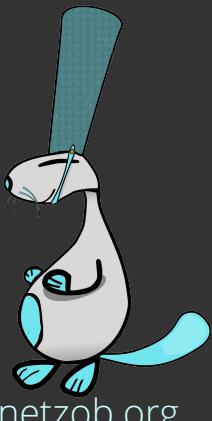
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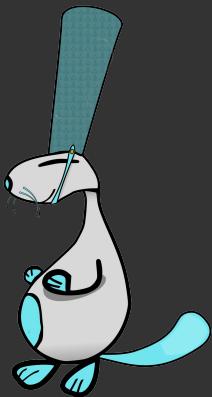
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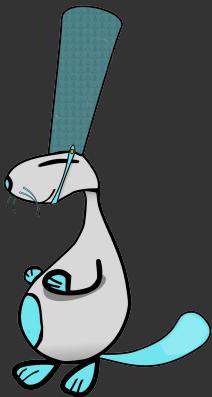


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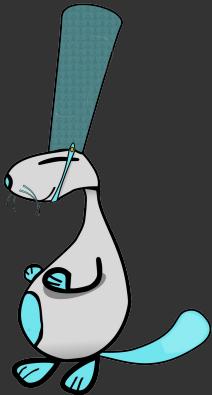
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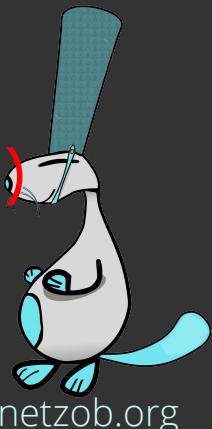
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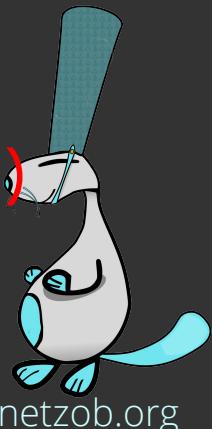
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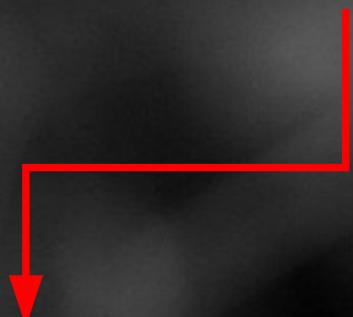
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Protocol RE
(?????????????????????)





No available tool to reverse
a proprietary protocol...

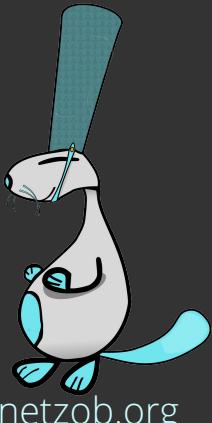


Should we create one?

Other « use-cases » for protocol RE

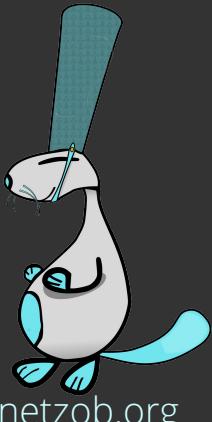
To assess the robustness of implementations

- ▶ *Ex : Fuzz the control API of a centrifuge*



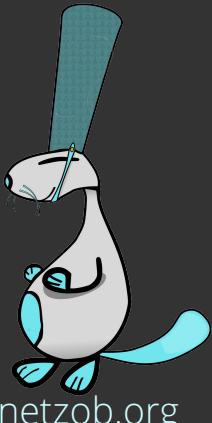
To analyze traffic and identify potential data leakage

- *Ex : Are you sure your « IP Reputation Appliance » doesn't leak your emails ?*



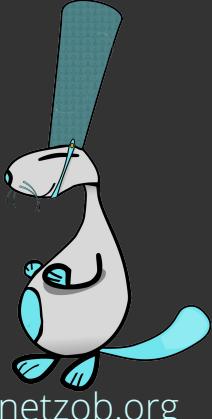
To compare the implementation of a protocol
with its official specifications

- *Ex : CC evaluations of crypto products*



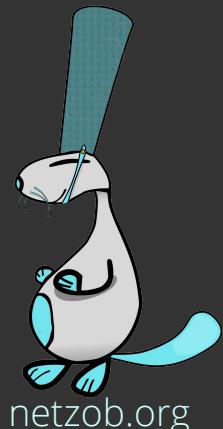
To develop a free version of a proprietary implementation

- ▶ *Ex : Drew Fisher's talk @ 28C3 on Kinect RE*



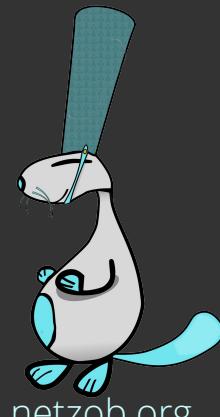
Current reverse engineering approach...

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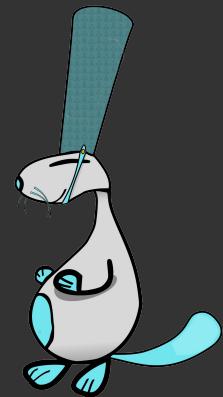


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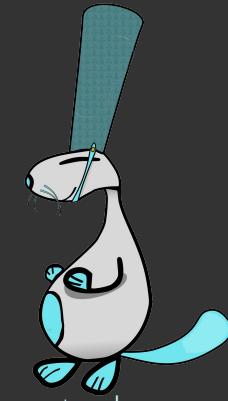
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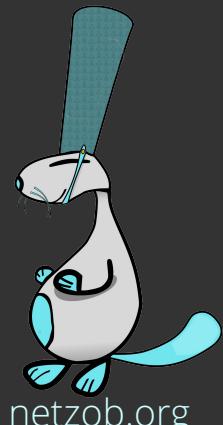
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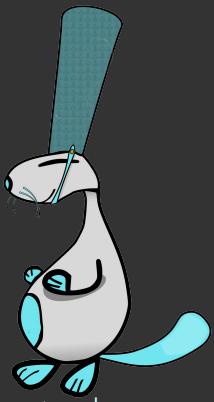


But wait... Couldn't we automate
many RE tasks ?



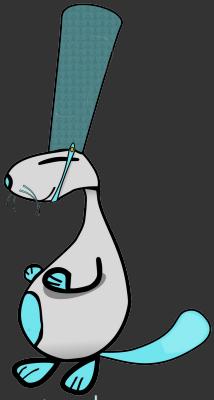


Examples of tasks we would like to automate



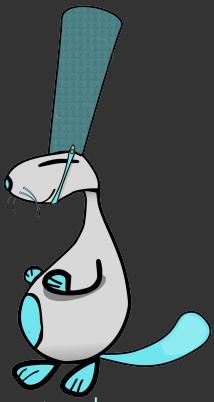


... capture **samples** from its network
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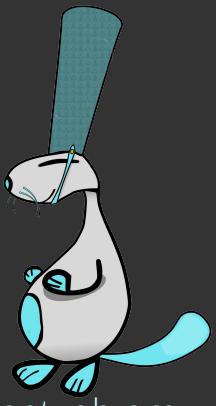


... split messages in « equivalent » groups



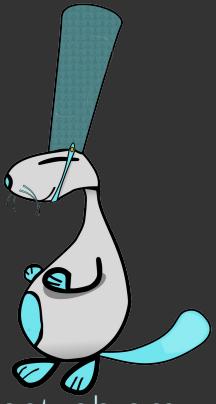


... understanding field **semantics**





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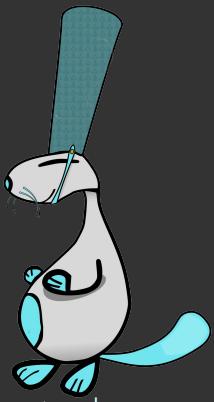


... find CRCs, hashes and other
relations between bits



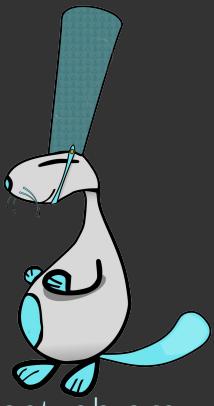


... understand the **valid sequences** of
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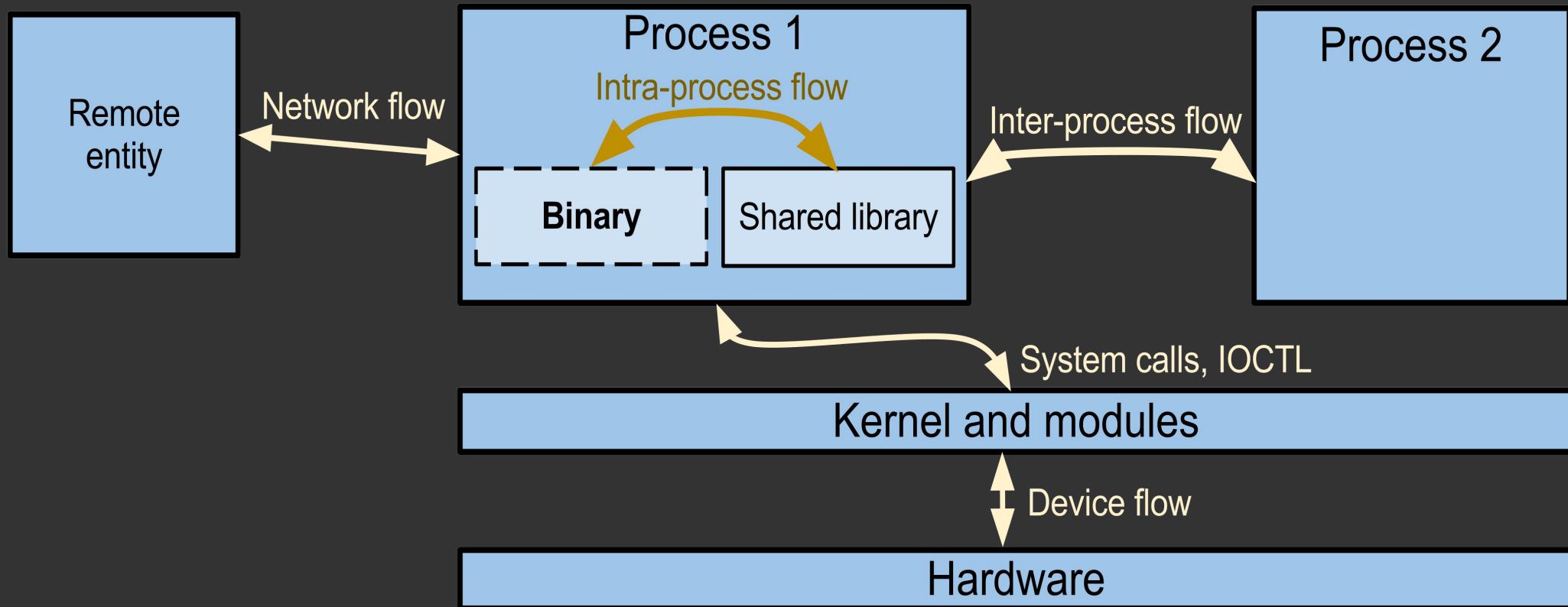


... simulate **realistic** and **controllable** actors



Some reminders about protocols

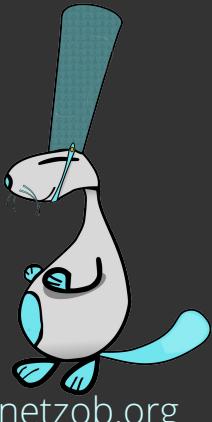




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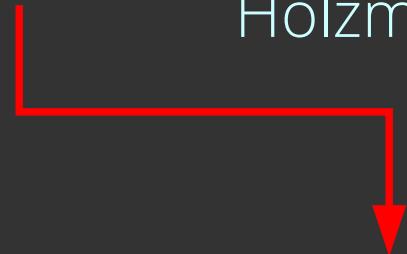
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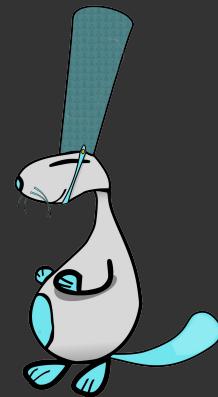


Academics are very good with models :)

« *Design and Validation of Computer Protocols* » by G.
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A Communication Protocol is made of
5 distinct parts ...



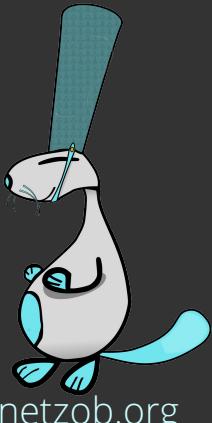
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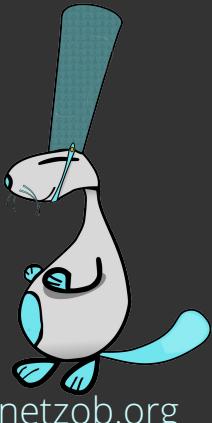
some **assumptions** about the
environment (2/5)



a vocabulary of messages (3/5)



the encoding (format) of each message
(4/5)

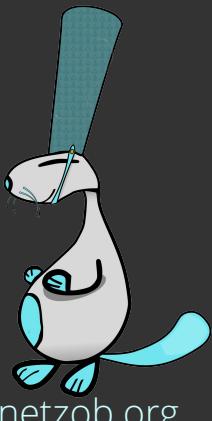


the procedure rules (5/5)

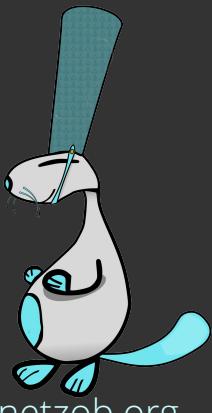
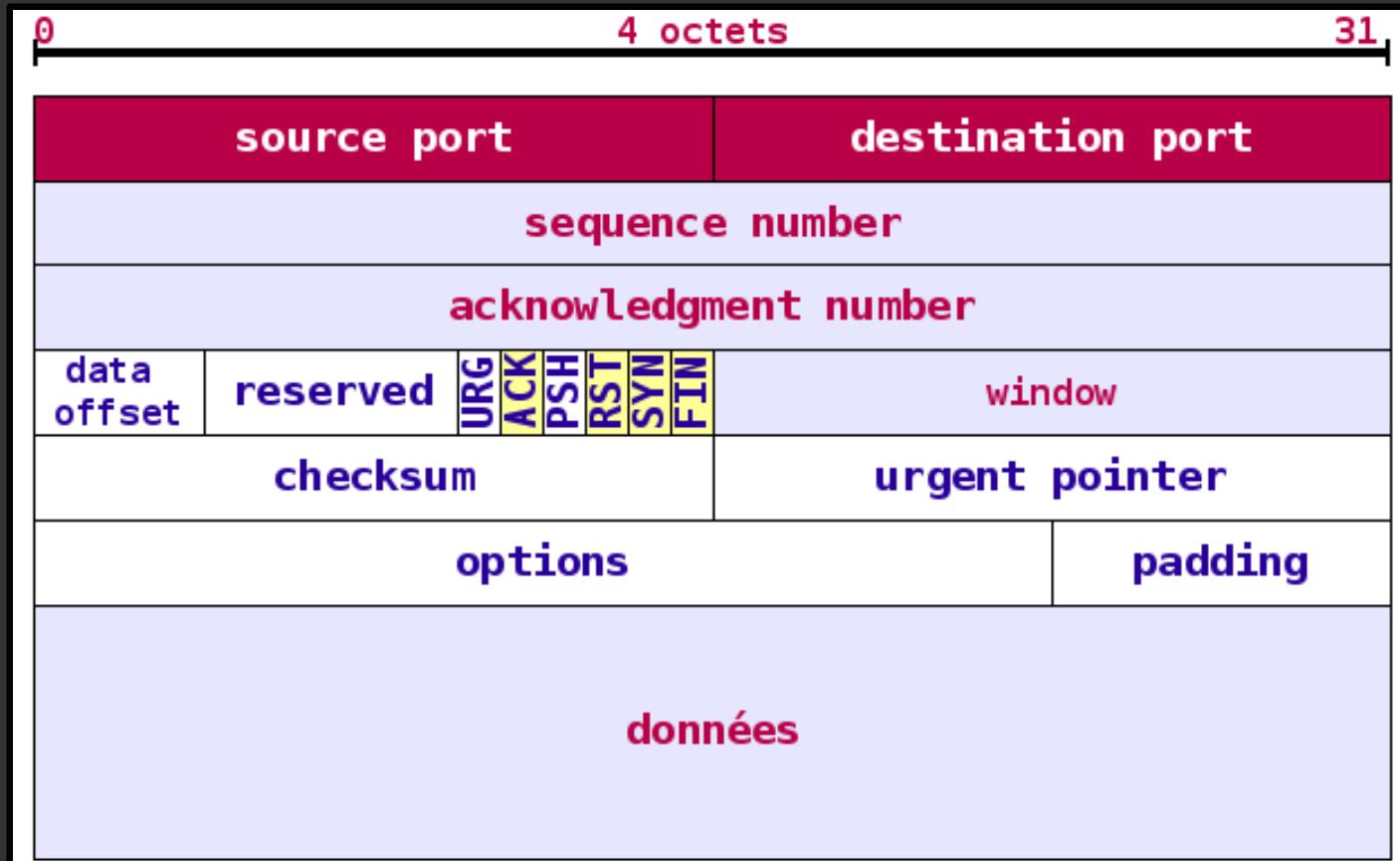


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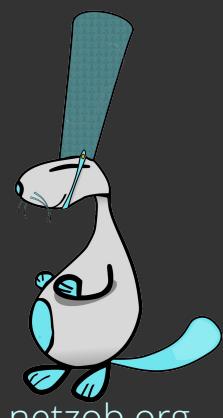
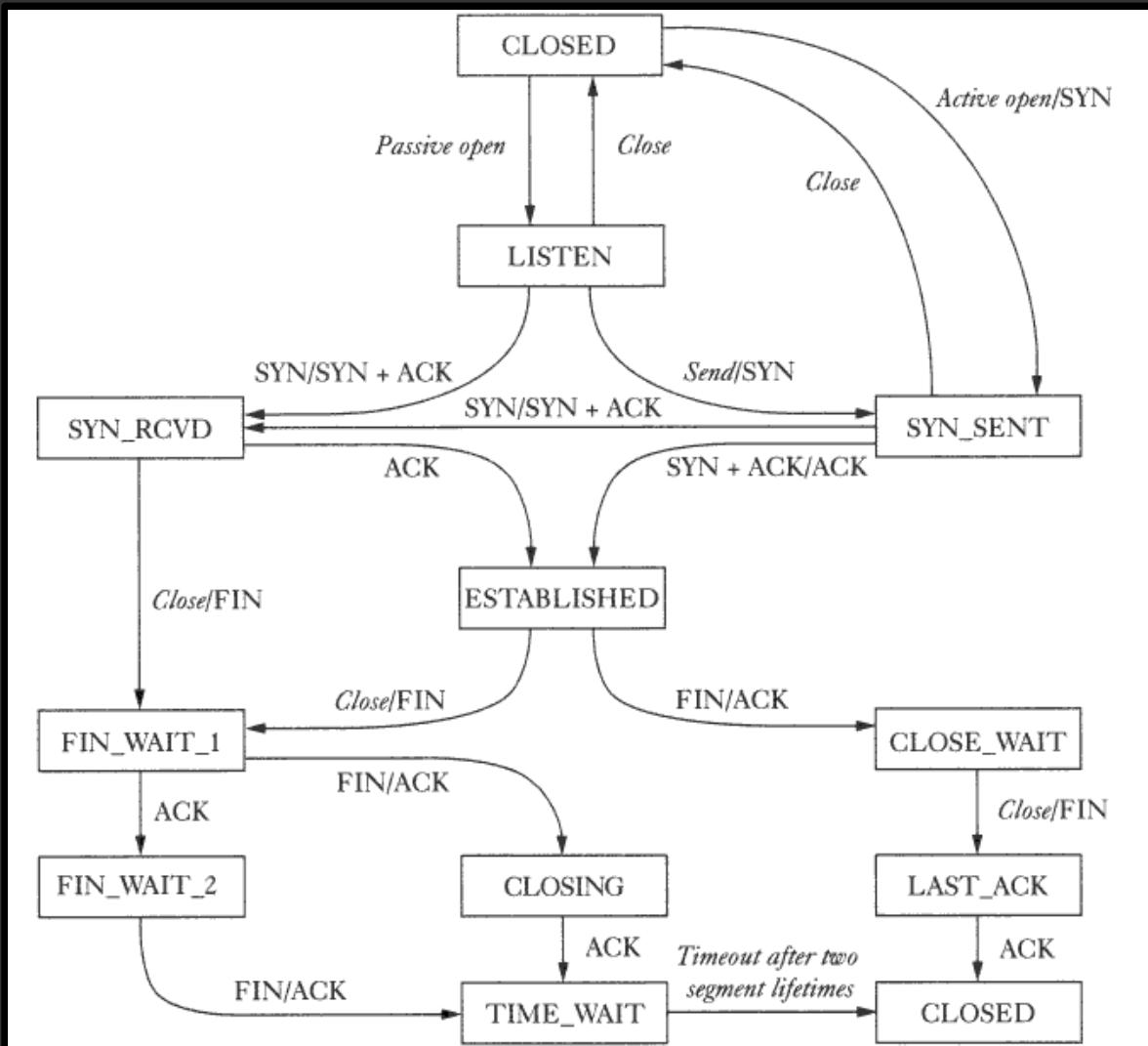
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- ▶ a grammar → **State Machine**

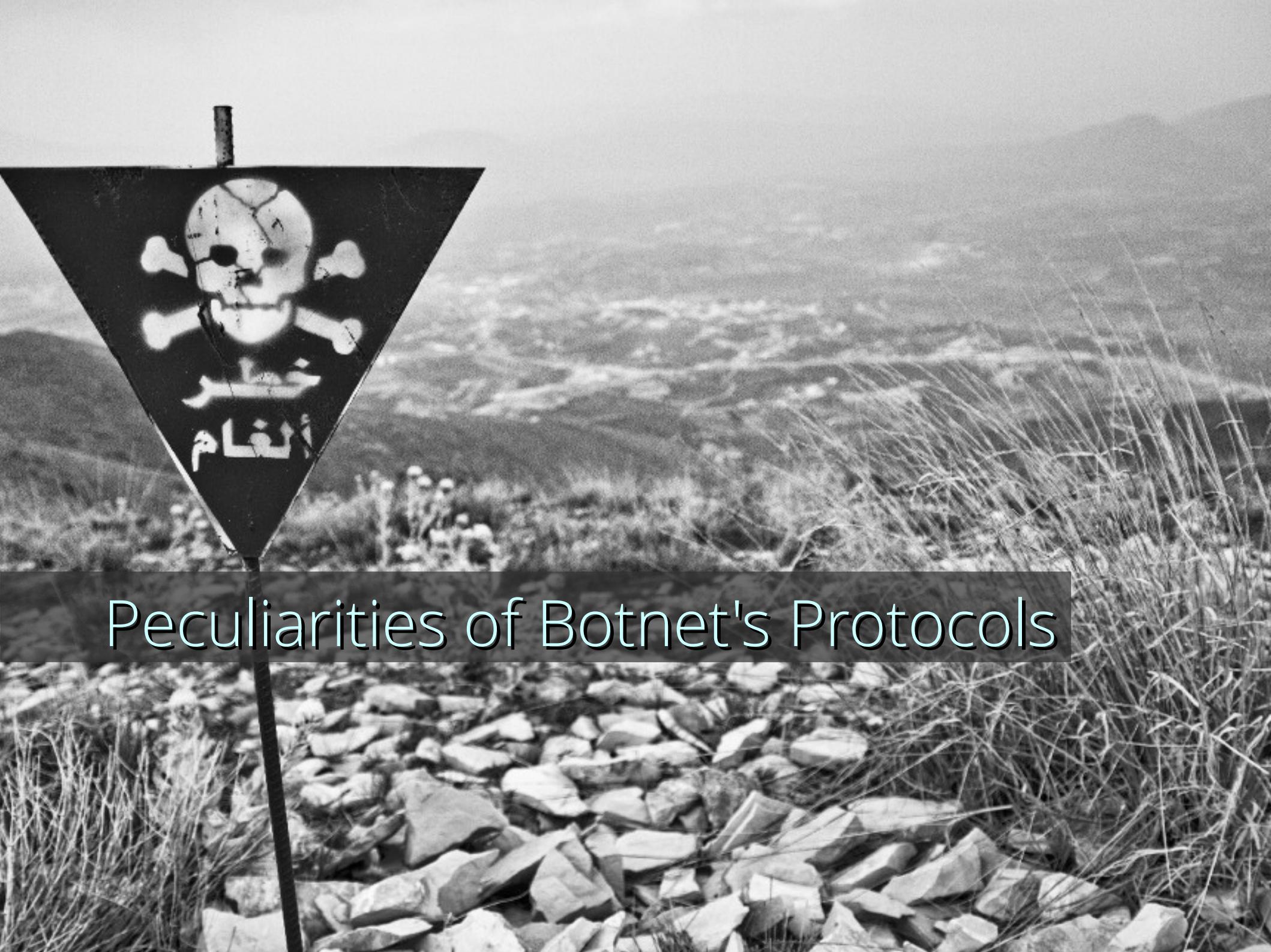


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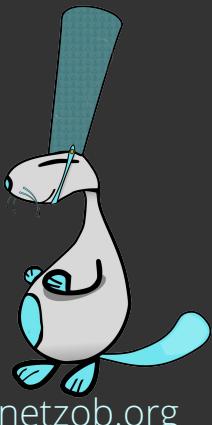




Peculiarities of Botnet's Protocols

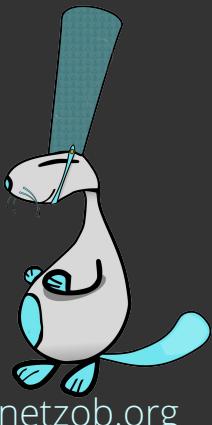
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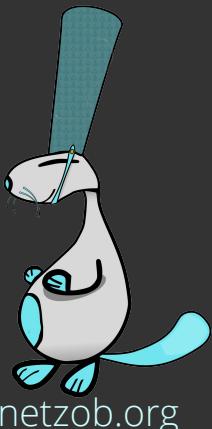
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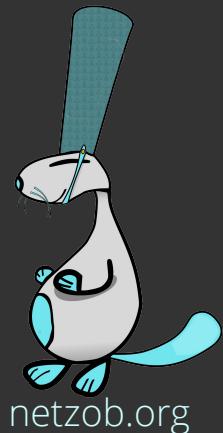
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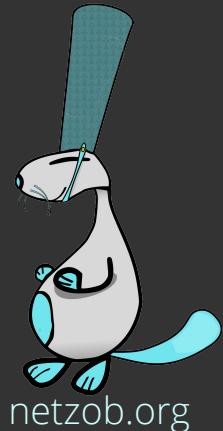
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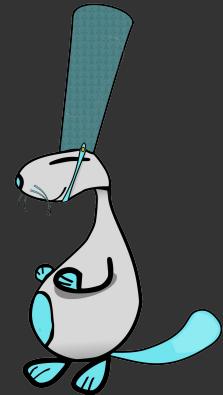
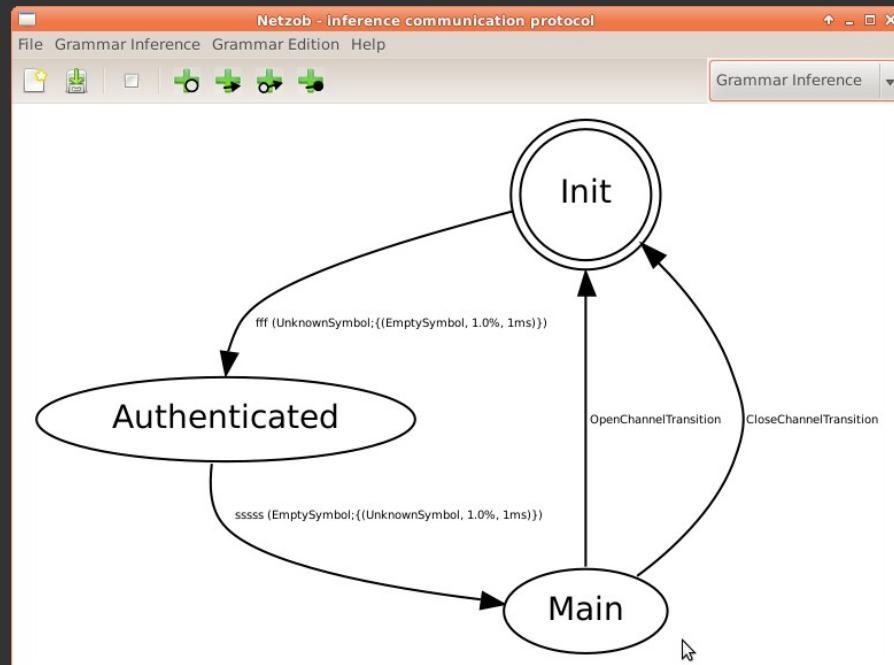
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Smart-Fuzz targeted implementations

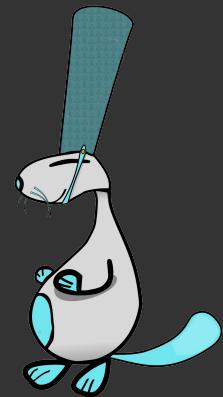
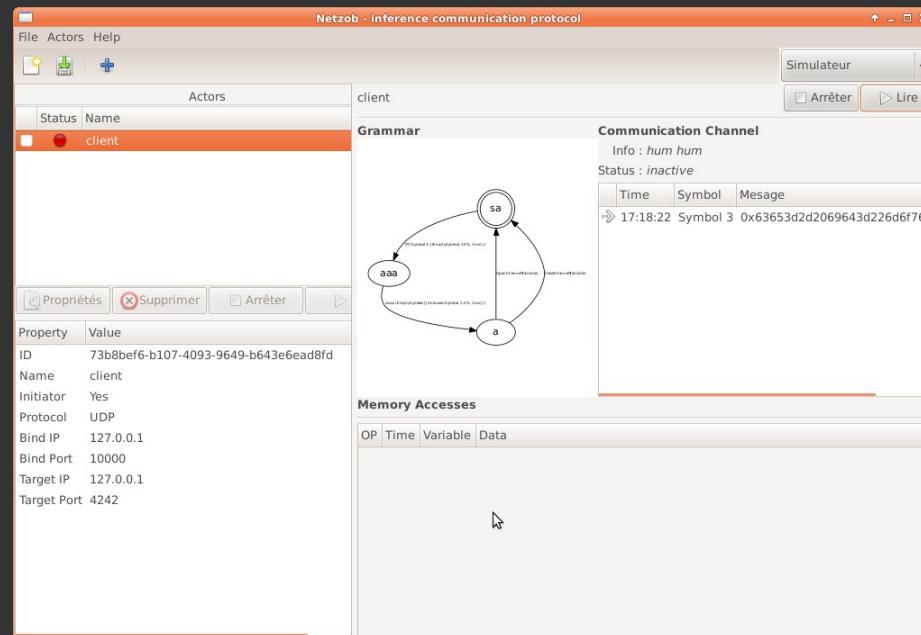


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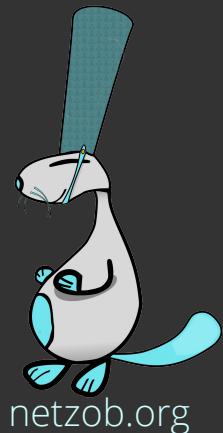
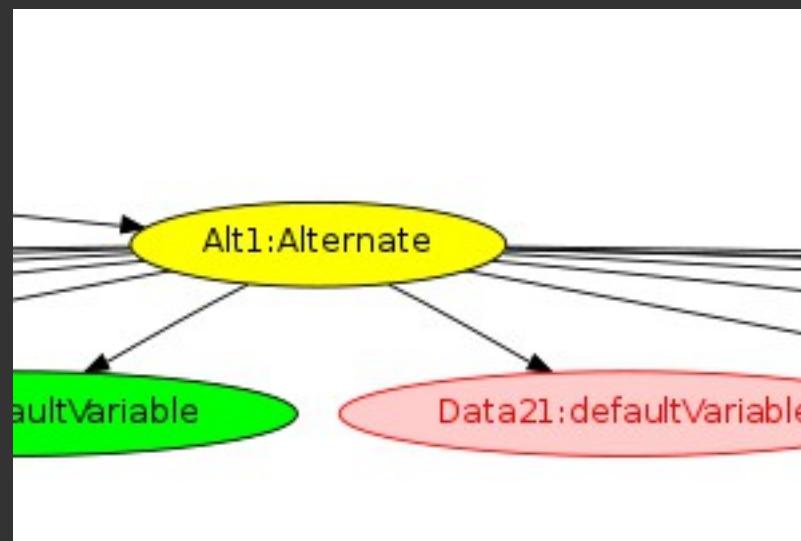
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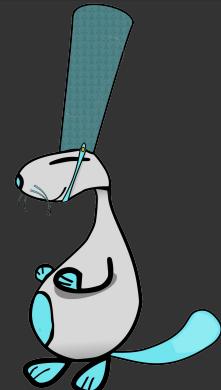
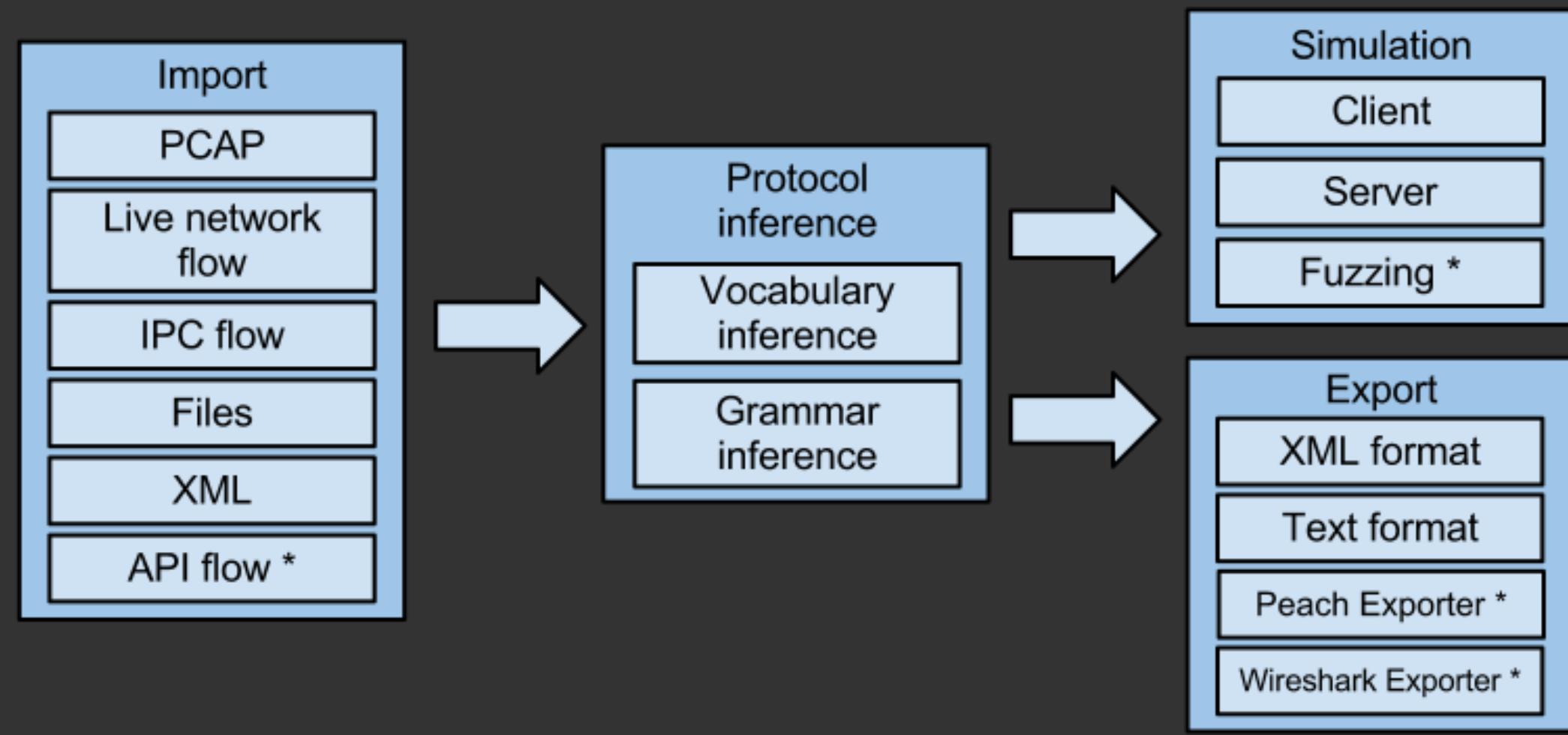
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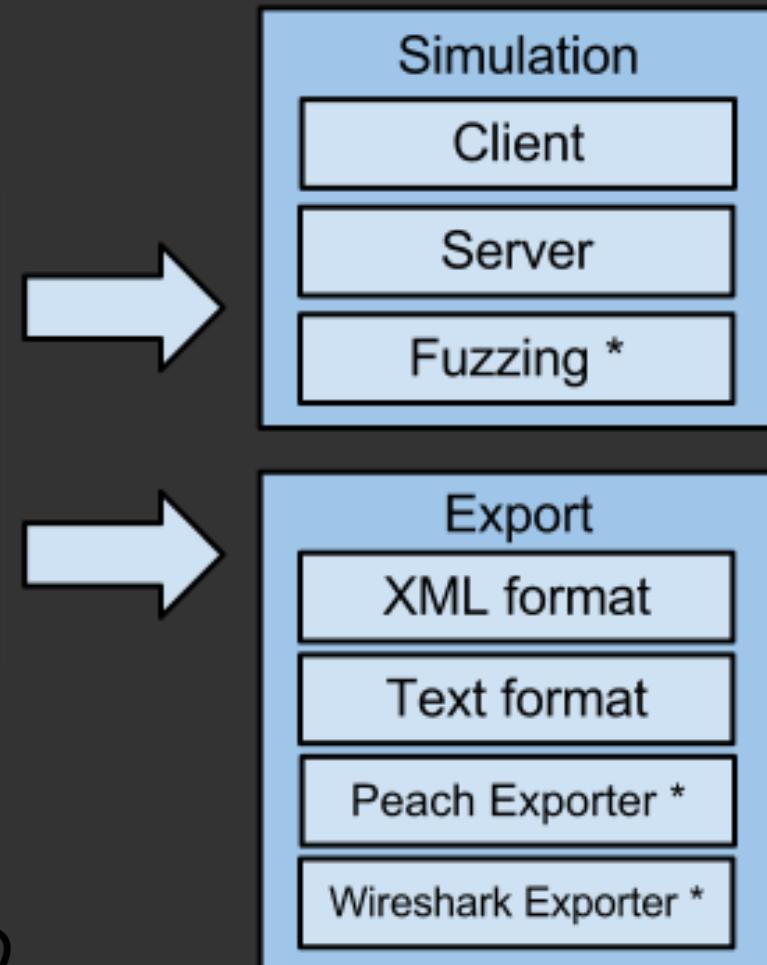
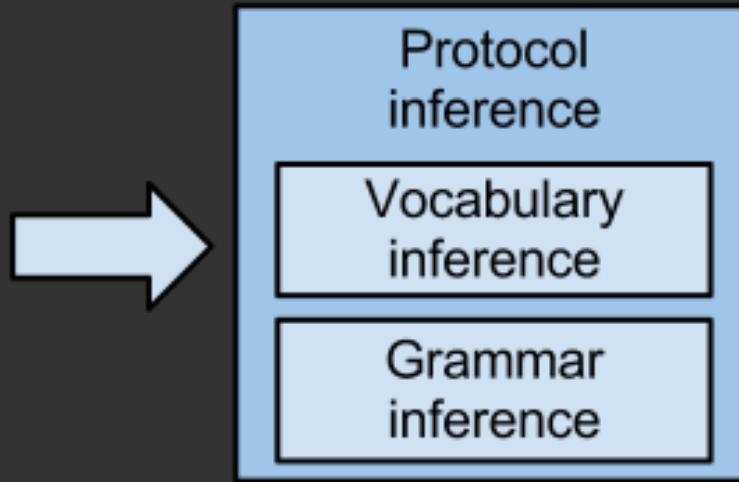
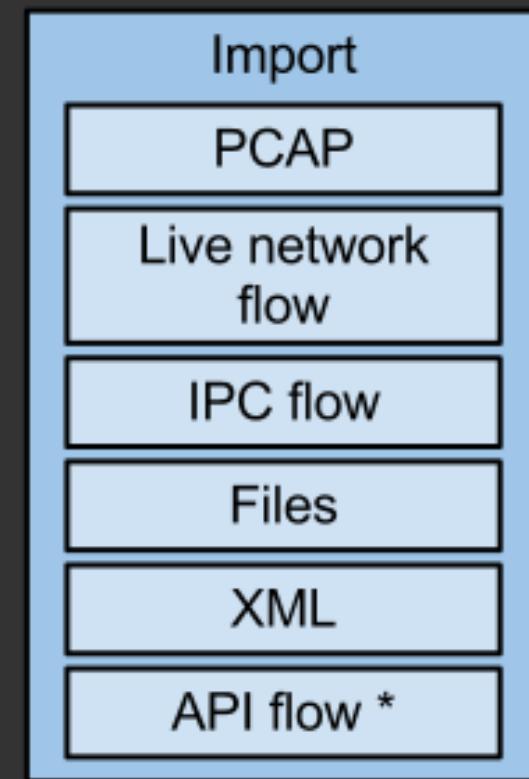


Goals of Netzob

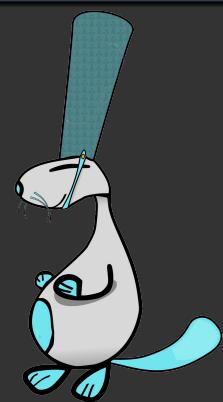
- Infer proprietary protocols
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Free as in Freedom



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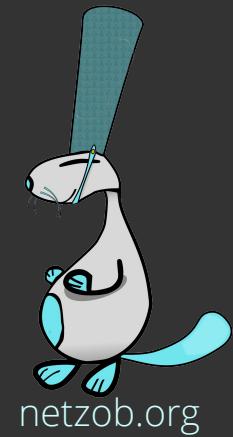
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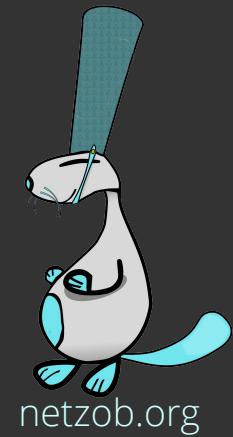
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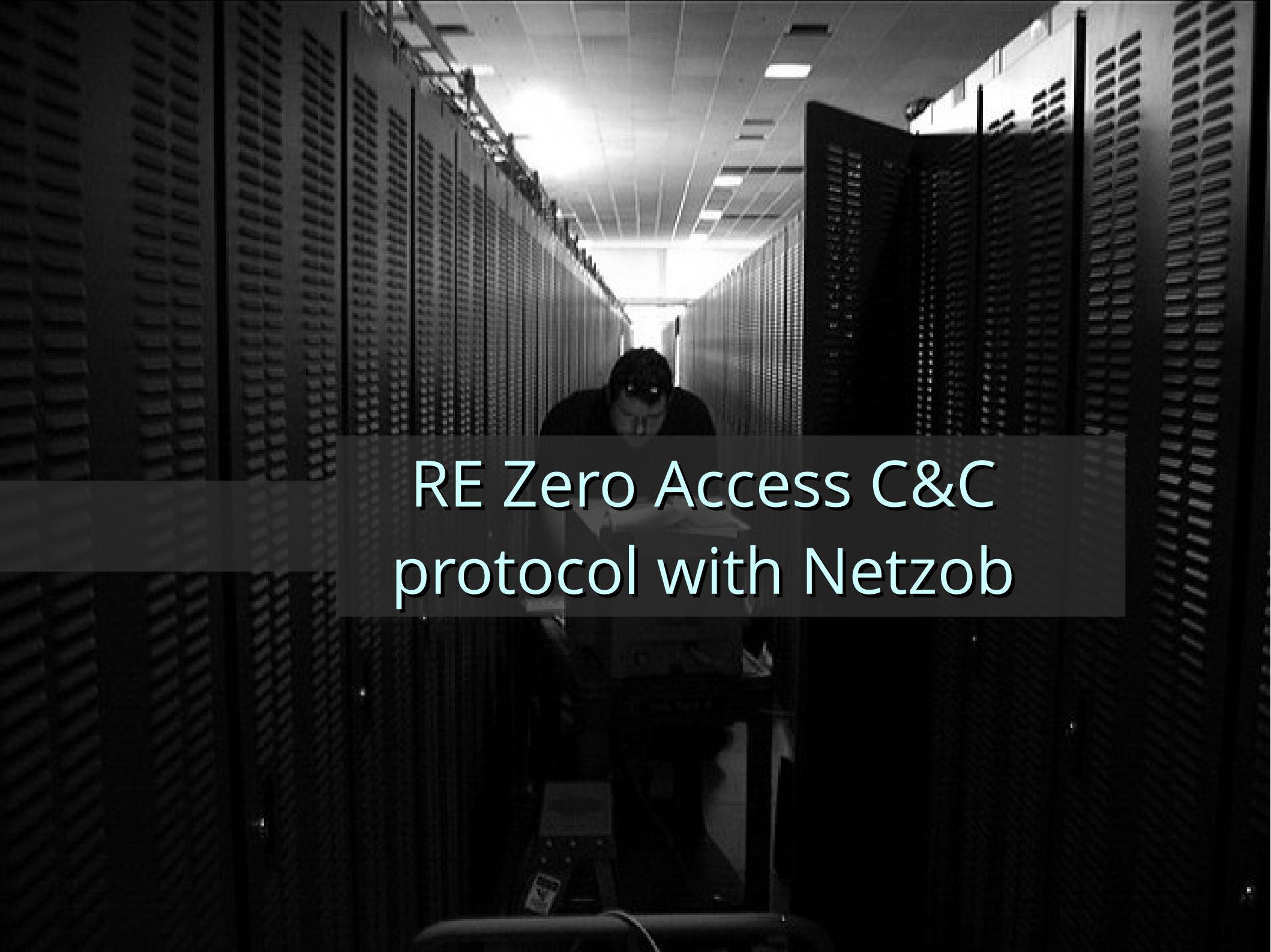
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Based on an original idea of Matt Might





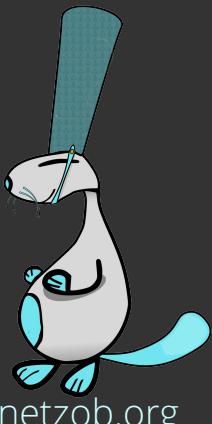
RE Zero Access C&C
protocol with Netzob

Requirements



Few **real** communication traces

ZAccess : some traces were provided by *Kevin McNamee* and
from an **infected machine**

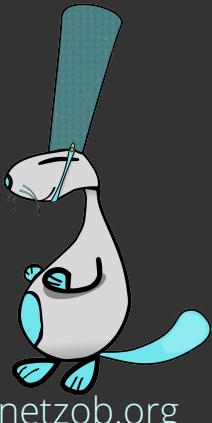


The malware **binary**



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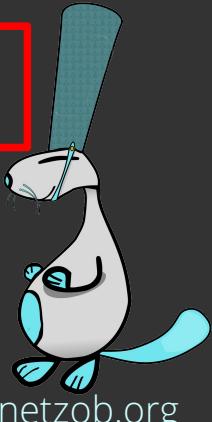
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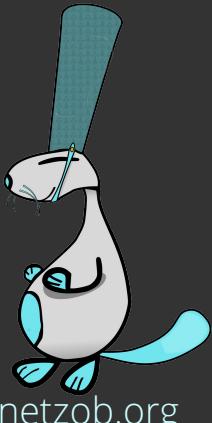
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Warning : Consider legal issues before dealing with this !

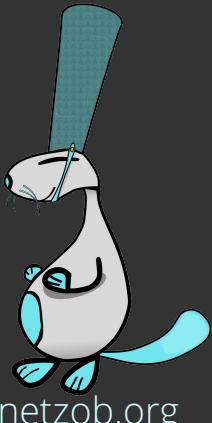


Step 1 : Get messages



Capture **dataflows**

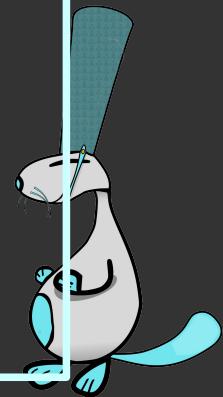
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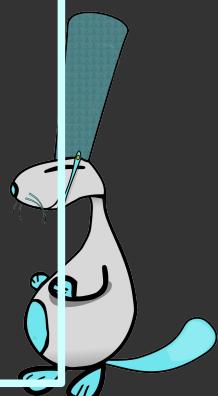
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?..b(.....@.p...aU(.....3.Mi.L..."..f3.8:+.6..d...x,'3...>4...L.....:3.8;..q..d...Q..3.....
L.QsY.8:3..m.0...d.E....3.Zj."...L.F...8:3-.>ad...s
.....3%.GgM.... | ..C.8:...}...o.....(t0...iW.....oj.. `?...~.!c.p./e..z.....%gl.T.s.mE..+-..;
R.{eoDz.}At..d.QP3.SX=)::JU.7` ..t...g.V..5.2.....OW..f2p.X8(.....r..7.....S..&8...!..
'.p.....<
..g3...C....&(P..T...y....5..2.....v...&.....iM..e
....].LP....N..X.SV.JA.M.....#.Y{....;XVptd....t..
....=.O..?... Qpga("...;...^:....LU..>'..i..1=...ui.
L8.7c....@.....}1iN.7...25t.G.)53.,.....S.....9.'L5.J.
?..b(.....@.p.gN..(.....3V...L.....f3.8?:e..d.....3....x.F.L...u..:3.8;:Wu..d.| ....3.._...'..L.[Z.
8:3.h..4...d.b....3.....L...k.8:3}.e.d.....3%.GgM.... | ..C.8:...}...o.....(t0...iW.....oj..
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```



Split **dataflows** in **messages**

(sub protocol knowledge, time based, delimiter...)

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?..b(.....@.p...aU(.....3.Mi.L..."..f3.8:+.6..d...x,'3...>4...L.....:3.8;..q..d...Q..3.....
L[Z. Message 1 O.....d.E....3.Zj."...L.F...8:3->ad...s
..]..8:...}...o.....(t0...iW.....oj.. `?...~.!c.p./e..z.....%gl.T.s.mE..+-..;
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?[Z. Message 3 ?..b(.....@.p.gN..(.....3V...L.....f3.8?:e..d.....3....x.F.L...u.:3.8;.Wu..d.| ....3.._!...L.
8:3.....L...k.8:3}.e.d.....3%.GgM....| ..C.8:...}...o.....(t0...iW.....oj..
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....=.O..?... Qpga("...;...^:....LU..>'..i..1 Message 4
L8.7c....@.....}1iN.7...25t.G.)53.,.....S.....9.'L5.J.
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capture_p2p_canal_getl_retl.pcap [Wireshark 1.8.2]

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Tools Internals Help

Filter: Expression... Clear Apply Enregistrer

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1 0.000000000			UDP	58	Source port: 52483 Destination port: 16464
2 1.000867000			UDP	58	Source port: 52483 Destination port: 16464
3 2.002419000			UDP	58	Source port: 52483 Destination port: 16464
4 3.003707000			UDP	58	Source port: 52483 Destination port: 16464
5 4.004729000			UDP	58	Source port: 52483 Destination port: 16464
6 4.511146000			UDP	610	Source port: 16464 Destination port: 52483
7 5.006712000			UDP	58	Source port: 51576 Destination port: 16464

Frame 1: 58 bytes on wire (464 bits), 58 bytes captured (464 bits) on interface 0
 Ethernet II, Src: , Dst:
 Internet Protocol Version 4, Src:
 User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 52483 (52483), Dst Port: 16464 (16464)
 Data (16 bytes)
 Data: 0cb14db628948dabc9c0d19909e7c9d5
 [Length: 16]

0000 0d ab c9 c0 d1 99 09 e7 c9 d5 0c b1 4d b6 28 94 .&Z... .(H,E.
 0010 F..@I 3...M(.
 0020 ..
 0030 ..

Frame (frame), 58 bytes

Packets: 202 Displayed: 202 Marked: 0 Load time... Profile: Default

Capturer les messages réseau

Device: eth0

BPF Filter:

Import layer: Raw Layer 2 (Ethernet/Linux SLL) Layer 3 (IPv4) Layer 4 (UDP/TCP)

Count limit: 10 Time limit: 10

Launch capture

Source IP	Destination IP	Protocol	Source Port	Destination Port	Payload
192.168.200.180	10.0.0.1	UDP	57641	53	e82f0100000100000
192.168.200.180	10.0.0.1	UDP	57641	53	48690100000100000
10.0.0.1	192.168.200.180	UDP	53	57641	e82f8180000100000
10.0.0.1	192.168.200.180	UDP	53	57641	48698180000100000
192.168.200.180	204.43.111.196	TCP	57162	80	474554202f20485454

Select all Unselect all Invert selection

Ether: d4:be:d9:6a:55:60 -> 0:21:91:b:84:bc
 IP 192.168.200.180 -> 204.43.111.196
 TCP ack push 57162 -> 80
 TCP Option: No Operation
 TCP Option: No Operation
 TCP Option: Timestamp

4745 5420 2f20 4854 5450 2f31 2e31 0d0a GET / HTTP/1.1..

Displayed Packets:5 Selected Packets:3

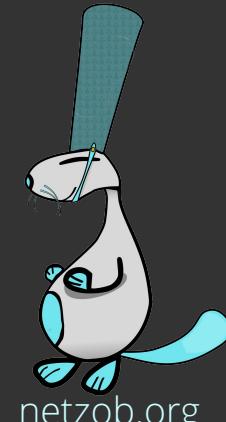
Annuler Import messages

Import

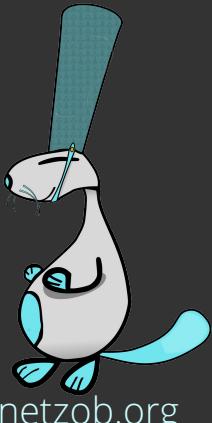
Capture

Netzob framework

Filter imported messages
 Choose layer of import



Step 2 : RE vocabulary



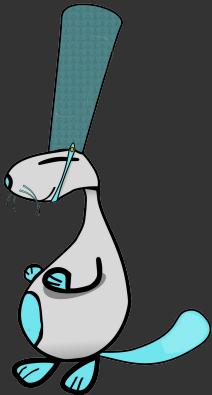
Abstract messages

1 message = a sorted **received or sent**
sequence of bits



specific to a context

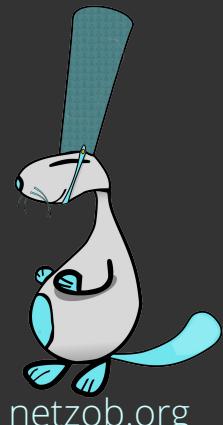
Emails, IPs, Timestamps, BID, AddID, ...



We have to **decontextualize** messages
and regroup **similar** ones



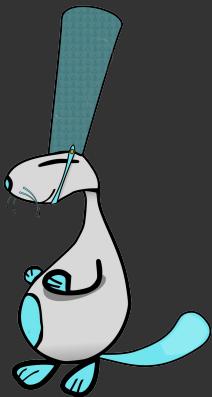
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- Delimiter-based Alignment
- Sequence Alignment

3e341eb5ce	4c068e	c2d5baed3a	331938	3b108271e8
dc18fcb8ce	4c068e	2da8f3e33a	331938	cf48cd8fe8
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cfa0	4c	5519e43e2e27fa6916313dc89ac77569a00d	4c	38f
cfa0	4c	5519e43e2e27fa6916313dc89ac77569a00d	4c	38f
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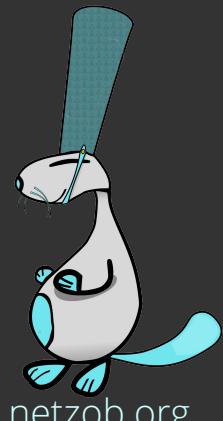


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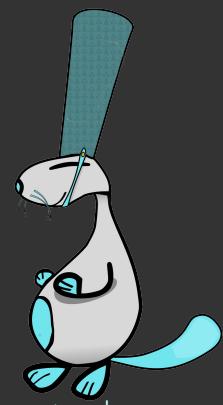
Needleman & Wunsch

3a8	70	832f65bd867ad2	00	d9aeddc
3a8	70	832f65bd867ad2	00	d9aeddc
	70	c400	00	
	70	c400	00	



Static Fields

3a8	70	832f65bd867ad2	00	d9aeddd
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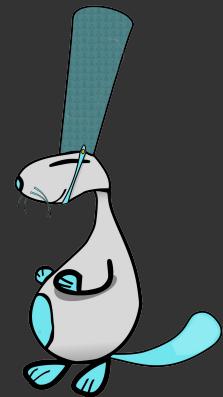
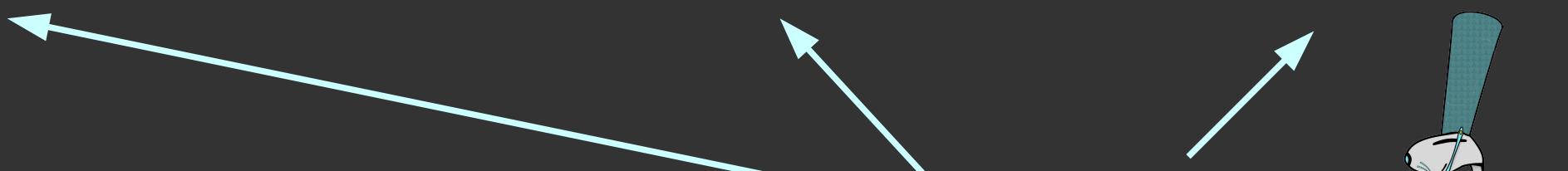


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Static Fields



Dynamic Fields



Sequence alignment with Needleman-Wunsh

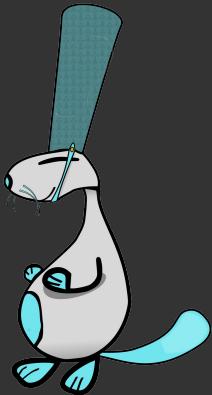
Idea proposed by Bedoe

Sequence alignment with Needleman-Wunsh

70 83 2f 65 bd 86 7a d2 00

70 c4 00 00

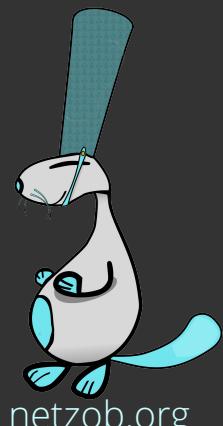
We start with 2 messages



Sequence alignment with Needleman-Wunsh

		70	83	2f	65	bd	86	7a	d2	00
70										
c4										
00										
00										

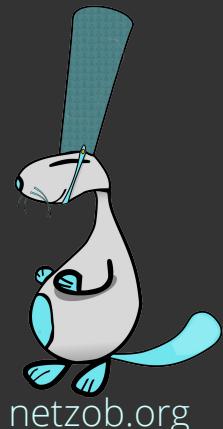
We build a distance matrix



Sequence alignment with Needleman-Wunsh

		70	83	2f	65	bd	86	7a	d2	00
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	0									
c4	0									
00	0									
00	0									

We initialize the matrix



Sequence alignment with Needleman-Wunsh

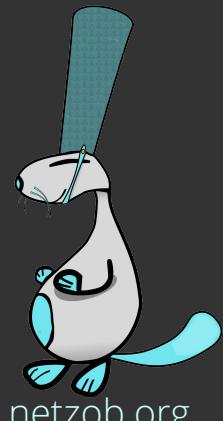
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	0	?								
c4	0									
00	0									
00	0									

We fill the matrix with to the formula:

$$M(i,j) = \text{Max}(M(i-1, j-1) + S, M(i, j-1) + W, M(i-1, j) + W)$$

S: Match/Mismatch score (+/- 10)

W: Gap score (0)

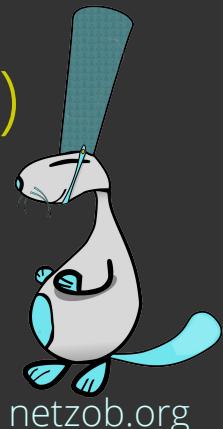


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		70	83	2f	65	bd	86	7a	d2	00
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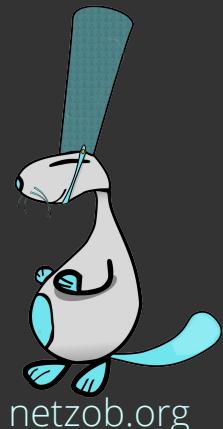
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		70	83	2f	65	bd	86	7a	d2	00
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
c4	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
00	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20
00	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	30

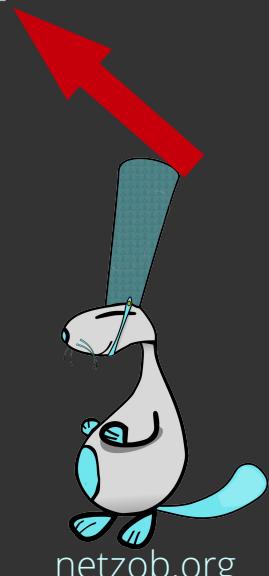
We fill the entire matrix



Sequence alignment with Needleman-Wunsh

		70	83	2f	65	bd	86	7a	d2	00
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
c4	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
00	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20
00	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	30

We do a traceback



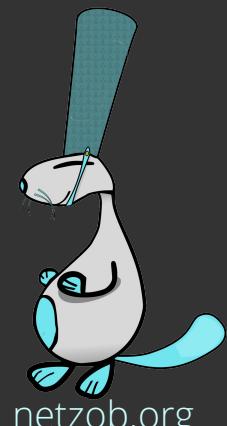
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		70	83	2f	65	bd	86	7a	d2	00
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
c4	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
00	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20
00	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20

We compute the common pattern

70 83 2f 65 bd 86 7a d2 00

70 c4 00 -- -- -- -- -- 00



Sequence alignment with Needleman-Wunsh

We finally build a regex for the model

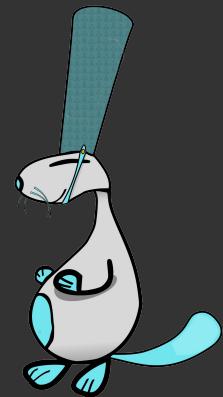
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70 c4 00 -- -- -- -- -- 00

(70)

(.*{2,7})

(00)



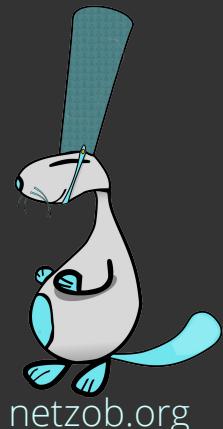
How to evaluate messages similarities ?

Measure of the Quality of Symbols

$0 \% < \text{Similarity Score} < 100 \%$

Messages have
Nothing in common

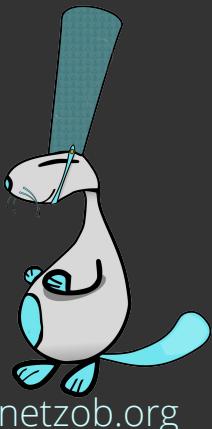
Messages are
identicals



Similarity factors between messages

Currently two factors are used

- ▶ F1: ratio of dynamic fields / static bytes
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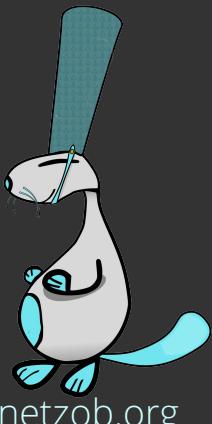


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The design of Netzob allows for inclusion
of future factors



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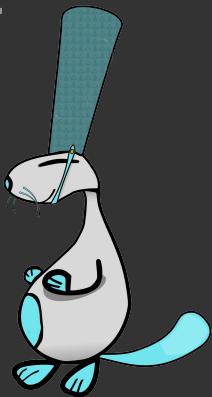
F2: ratio of common dynamic bytes

70 83 2f 65 bd 86 7a d2 00

70 c4 00 -- -- -- -- -- 00

$$F2 = 100 / 2 * 7$$

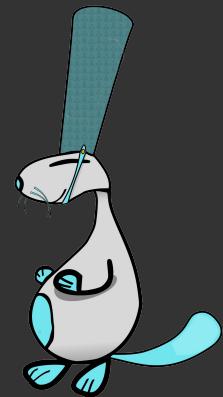
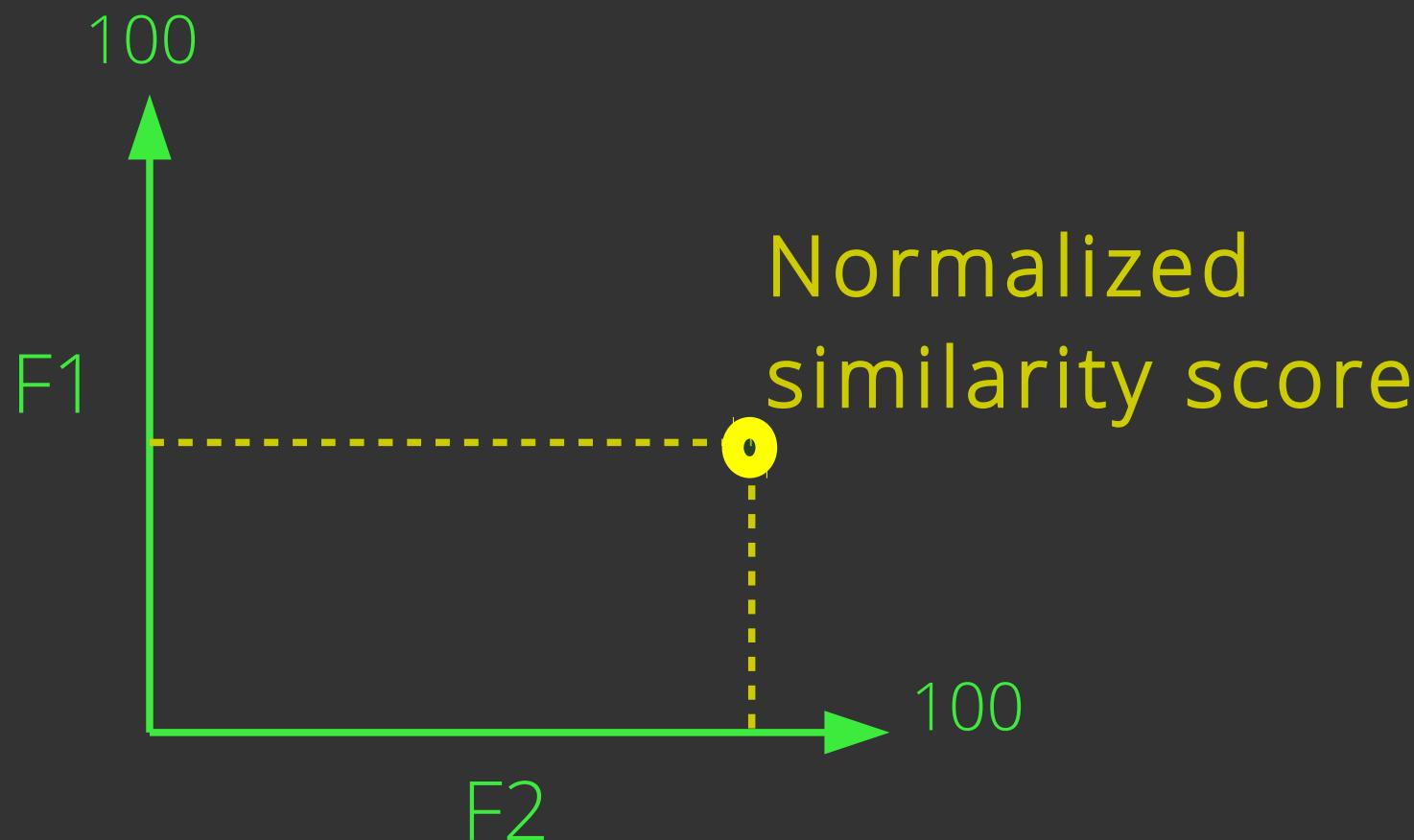
$$F1 = 100 / (1 + 2) * 2$$



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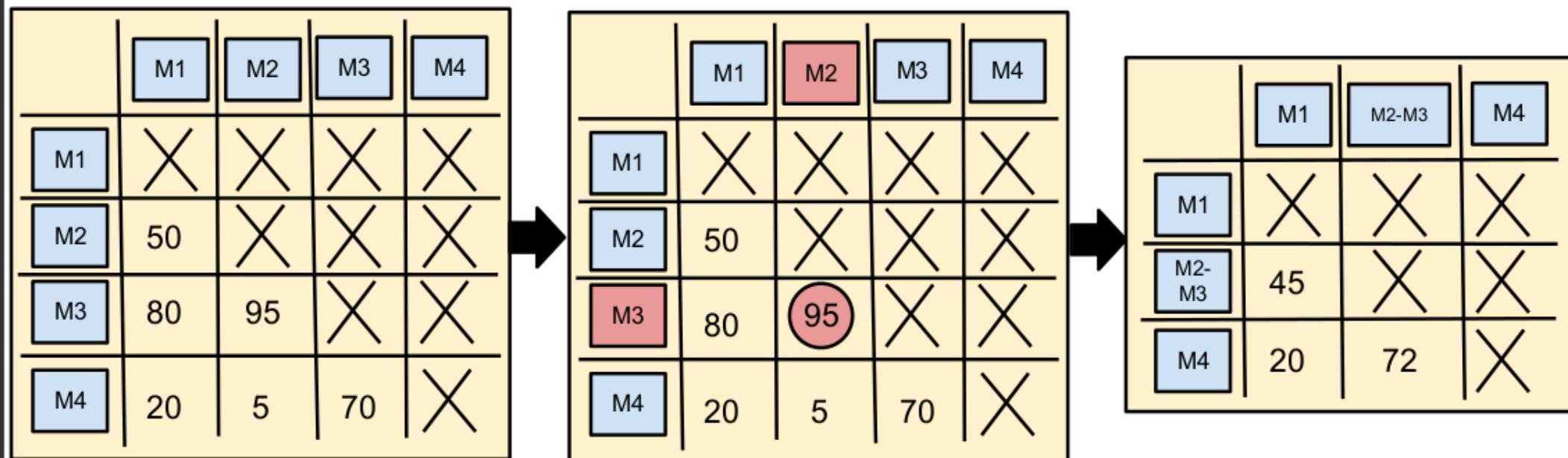
F2: ratio of common dynamic bytes



Hierarchical Clustering by similarities:

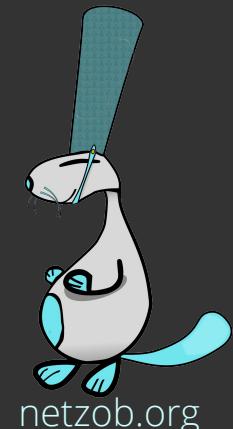
Similarity matrix

UPGMA

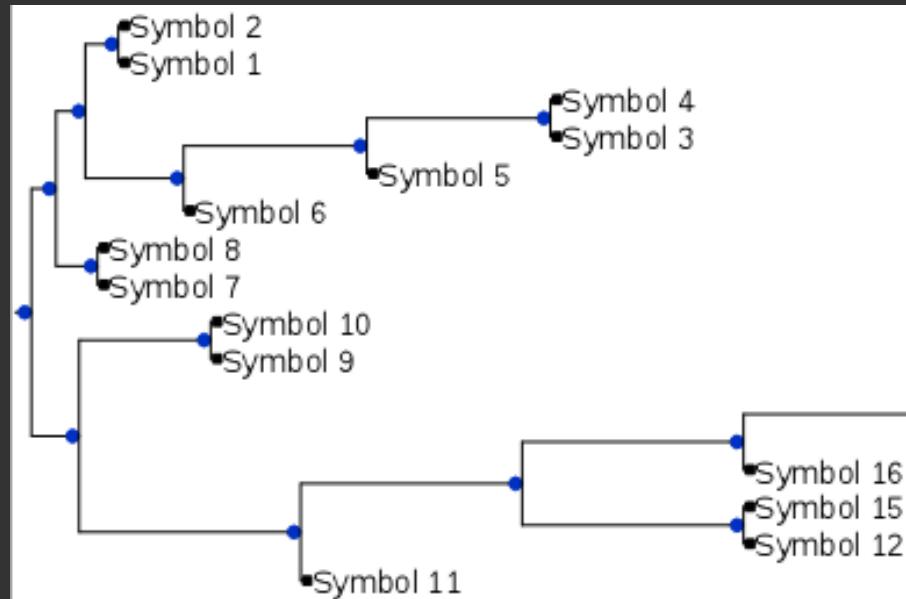


Fill of a similarity matrix

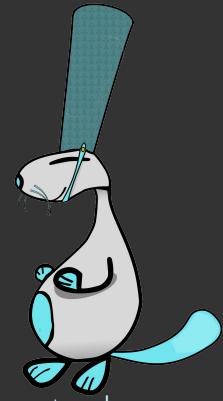
Iteratively merge the 2 most similar messages



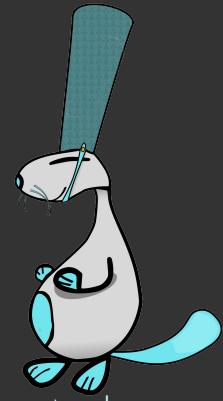
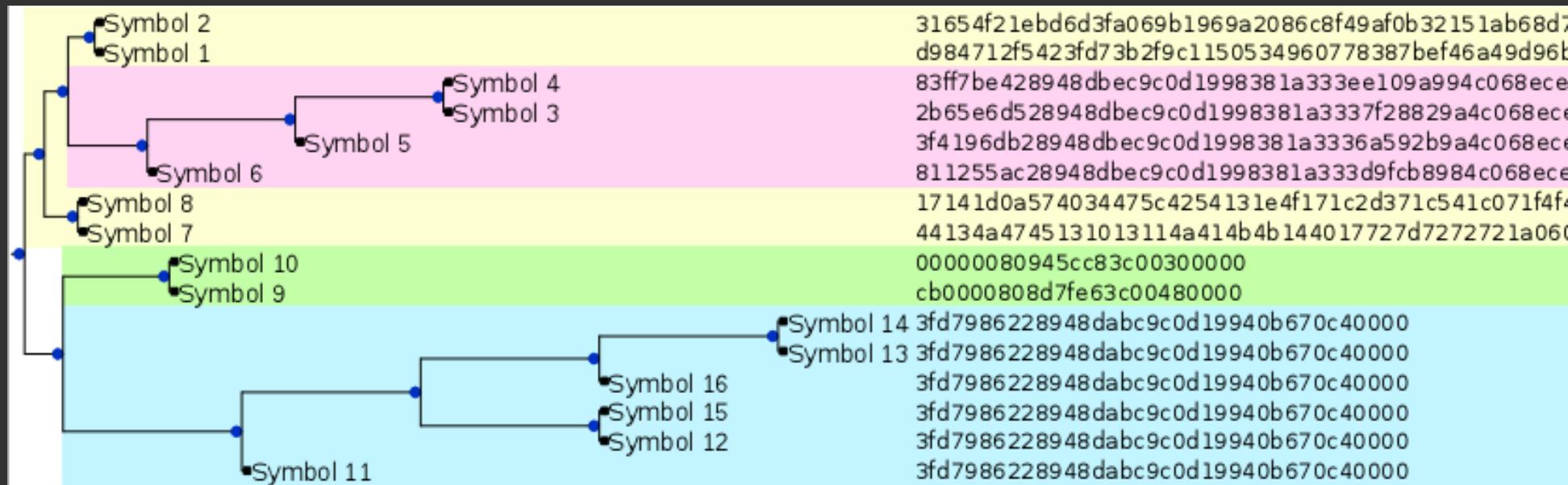
UPGMA creates a similarity tree



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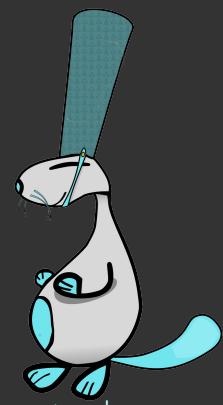
UPGMA creates a similarity tree and facilitates clustering



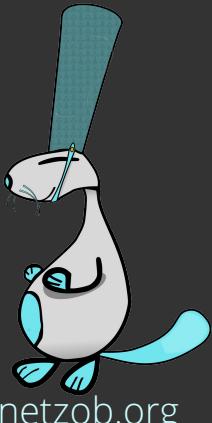
ZAccess Example

Results of Clustering and Sequence Alignment

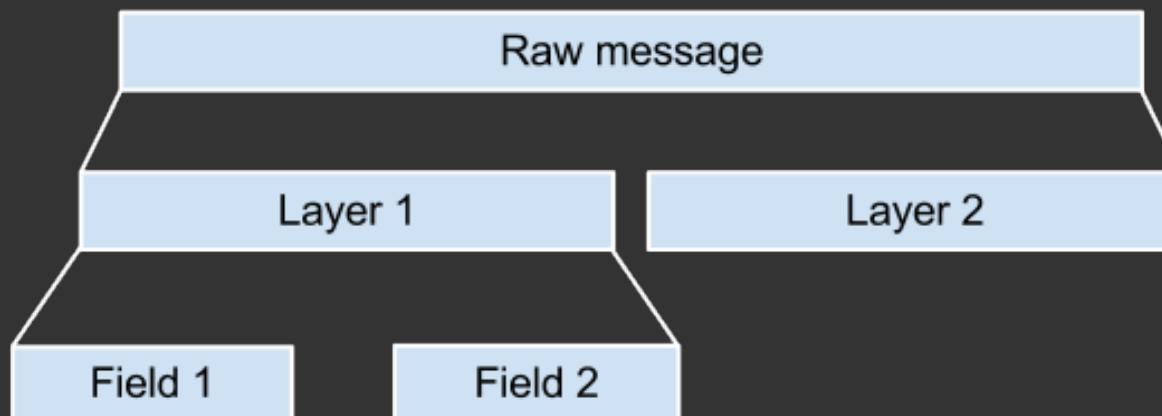
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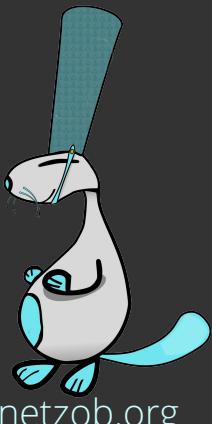
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Message format model

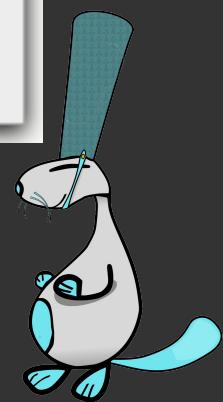
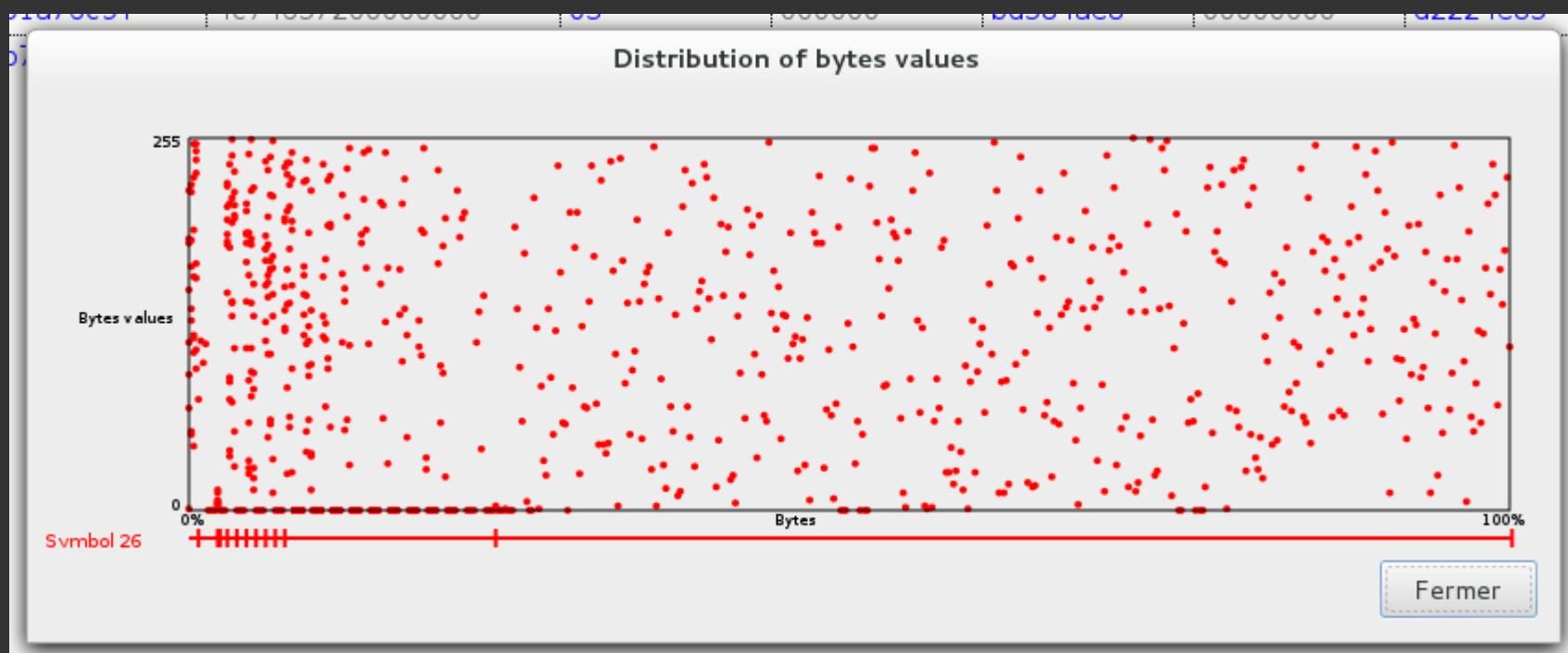


Allows multiple partitionment strategies per symbols

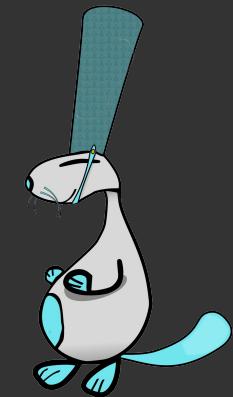
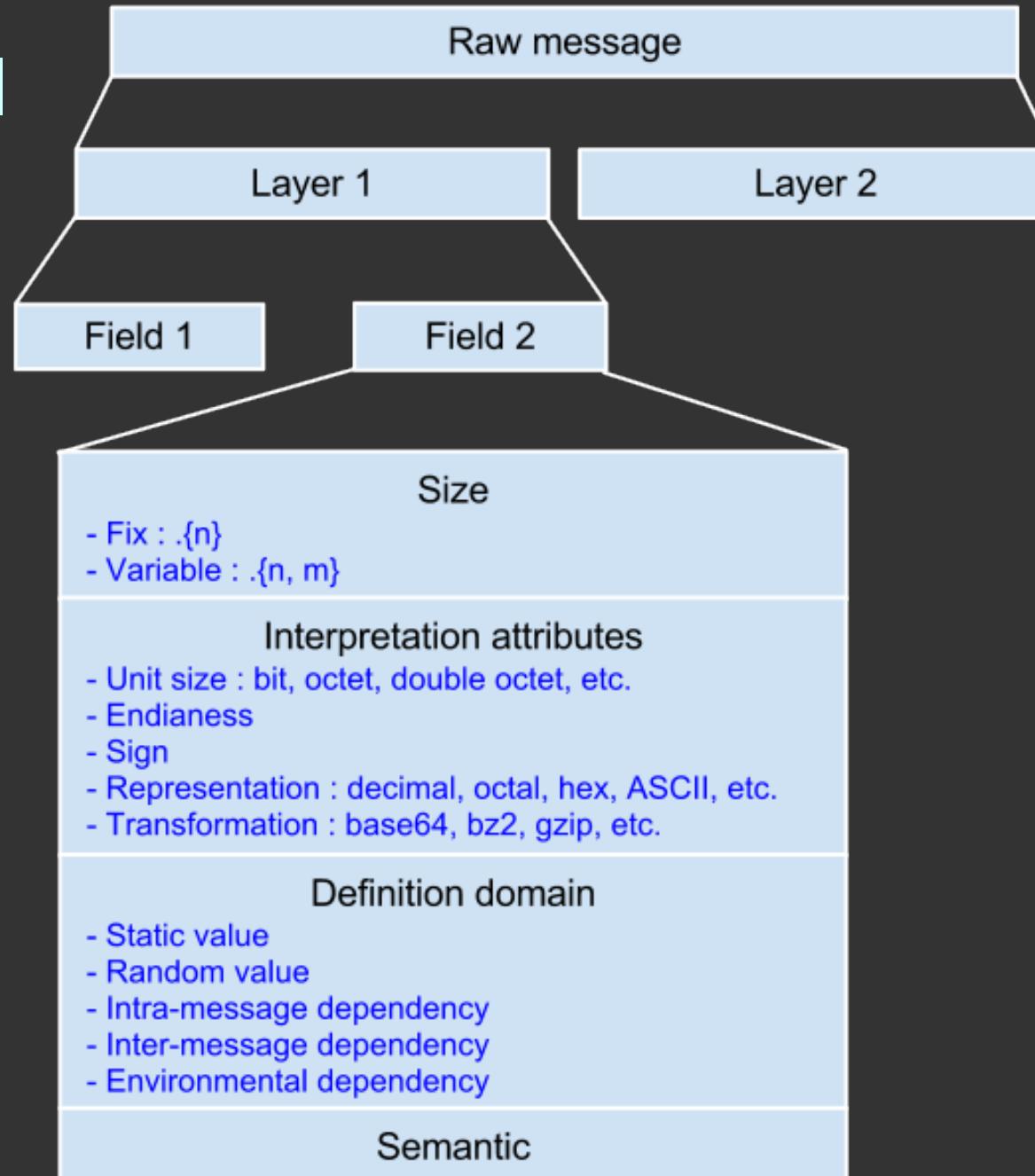


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The bytes distribution helps to identify multiple partitionment strategies



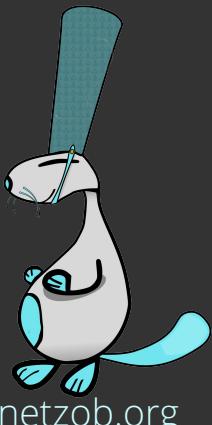
Full message format model



Transformations

The idea: transform raw bytes into application-level bytes

- ▶ Applied either on messages, layers or fields
- ▶ Examples of provided functions: base64, gzip, bz2



Adding a custom transformation function

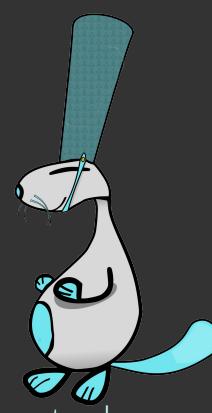
Ex: ZeroAccess XOR-based obfuscation

[Create a Custom Transformation Function](#)

 **Custom Transformation Function**

Name of the function

```
key=0x66747032
result = []
binMessage = binascii.a2b_hex(message)
for i in range(0,len(binMessage), 4):
    if len(binMessage[i:])>=5 :
        subData = struct.unpack("<I", binMessage[i:i+4])[0]
        xoredSubData = subData ^ key
        result.append(struct.pack("<I", xoredSubData))
        key = ((key << 1) & 0xffffffffL | key >> 31)
strMessage = ".join(result)
message = binascii.b2a_hex(strMessage)
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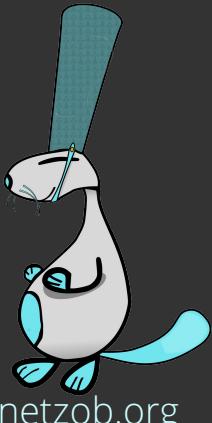
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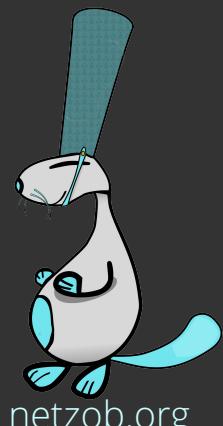


Search for relations



Binary ID, Affiliate ID,
Filenames, etc.

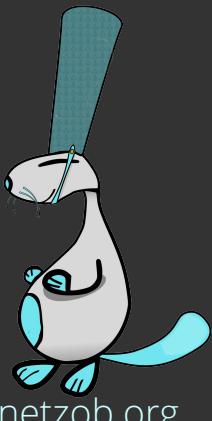
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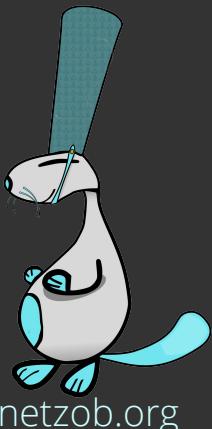
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Size Fields, CRCs, *etc.*



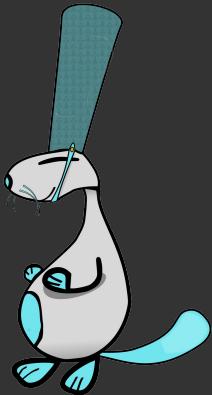
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Qualify correlated fields

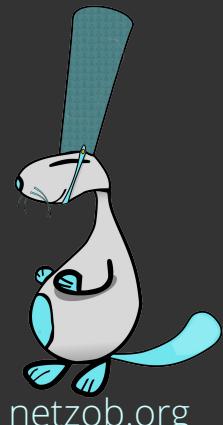


Search for closest pairs :

- ▶ Measure **dependence** between each pairs
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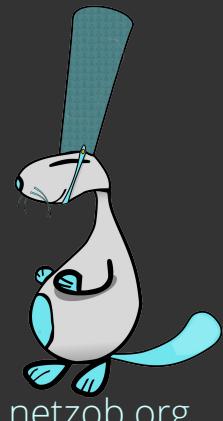


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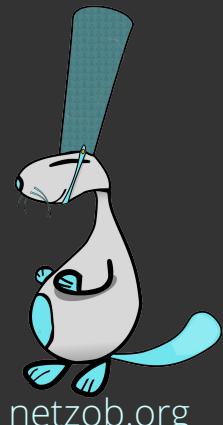
Generate Pairs of data :

Simple way :

- ▶ **Value** of each field
- ▶ **Size** of each dynamic field

Add more :

- ▶ Concat fields
- ▶ Create n-grams (4bits, 8bits, ...)
- ▶ Consider CRCs, MD5, SHA1,

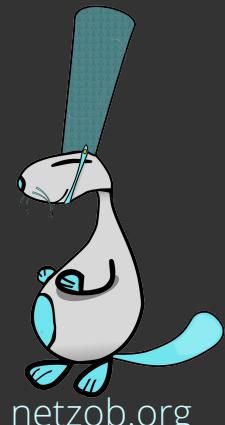


« Environmental » dependencies

Search for messages' meta-information in data

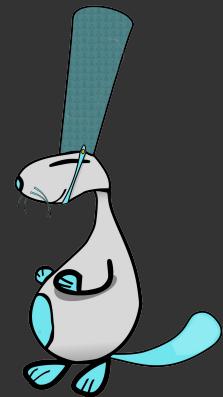
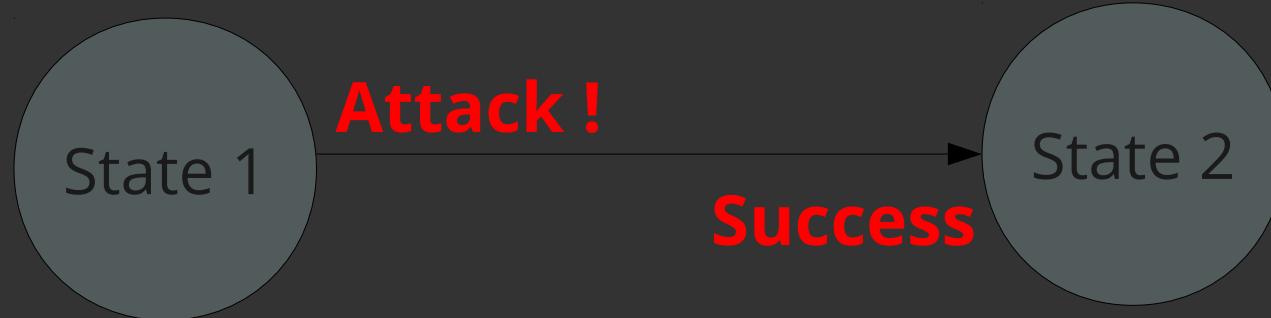
Step 3 : RE grammar

Sequence of valid exchanged symbols.
→ IO Automata

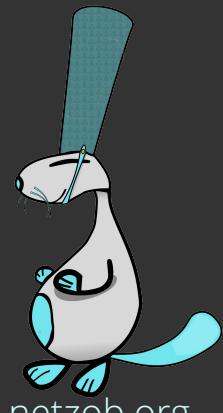
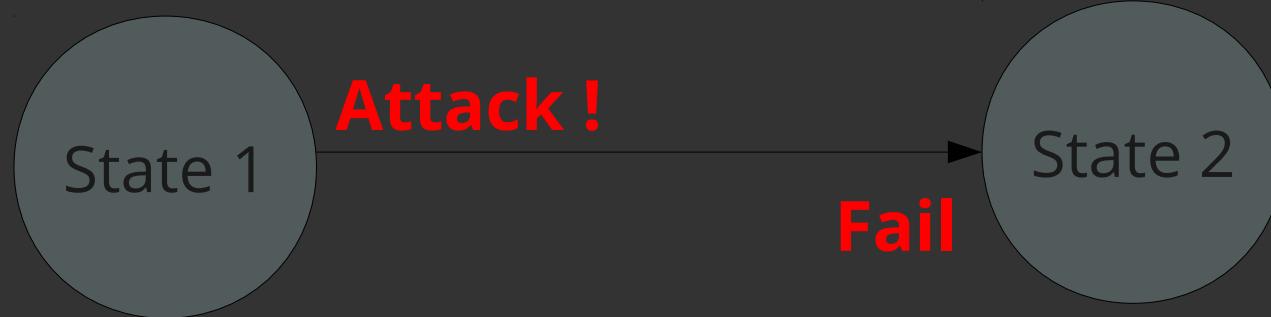


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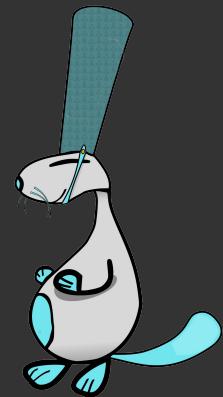
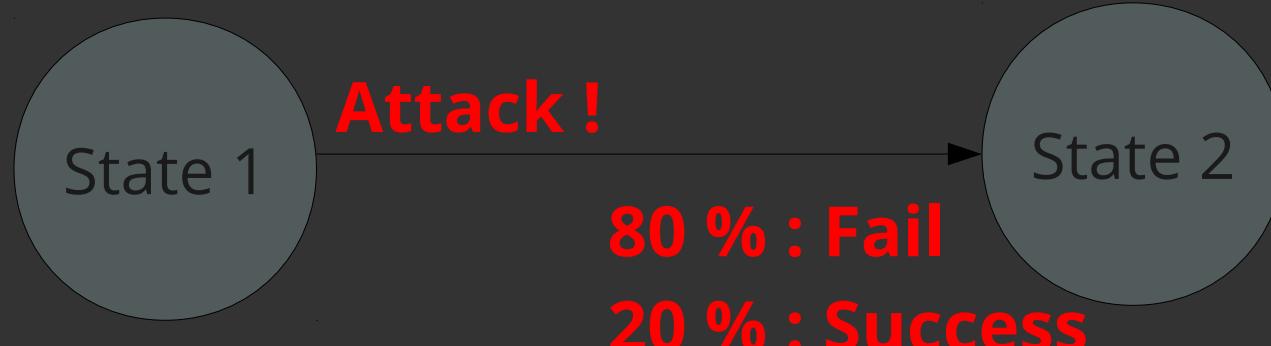
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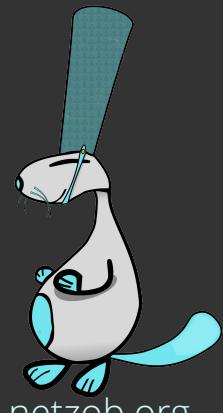
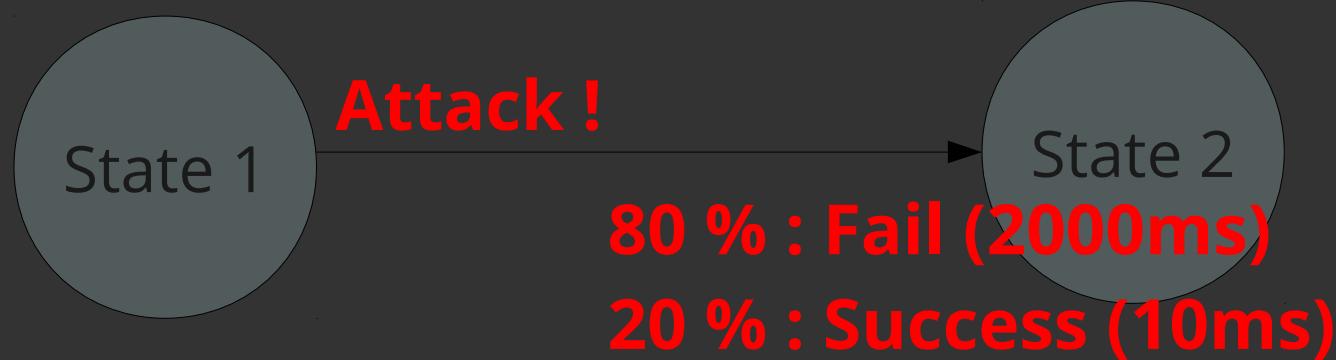
But answers depends on the environment



Our model (SMMDT)
→ Add probabilities on output messages

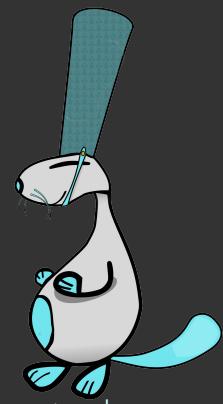
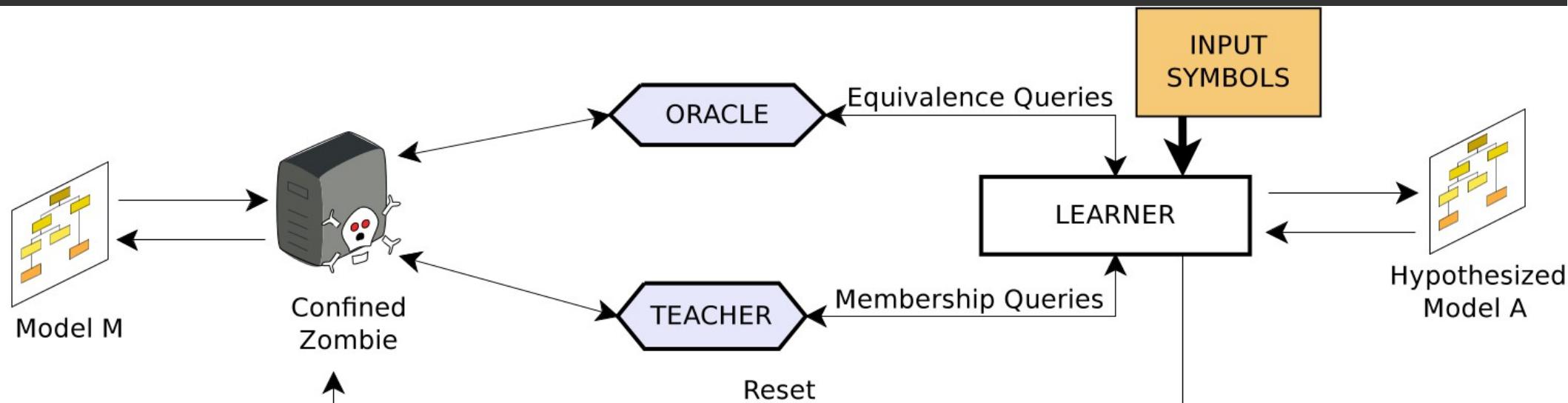


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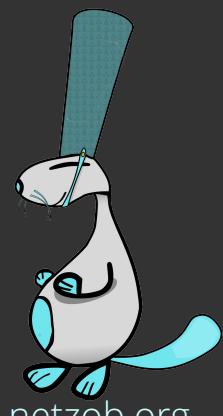
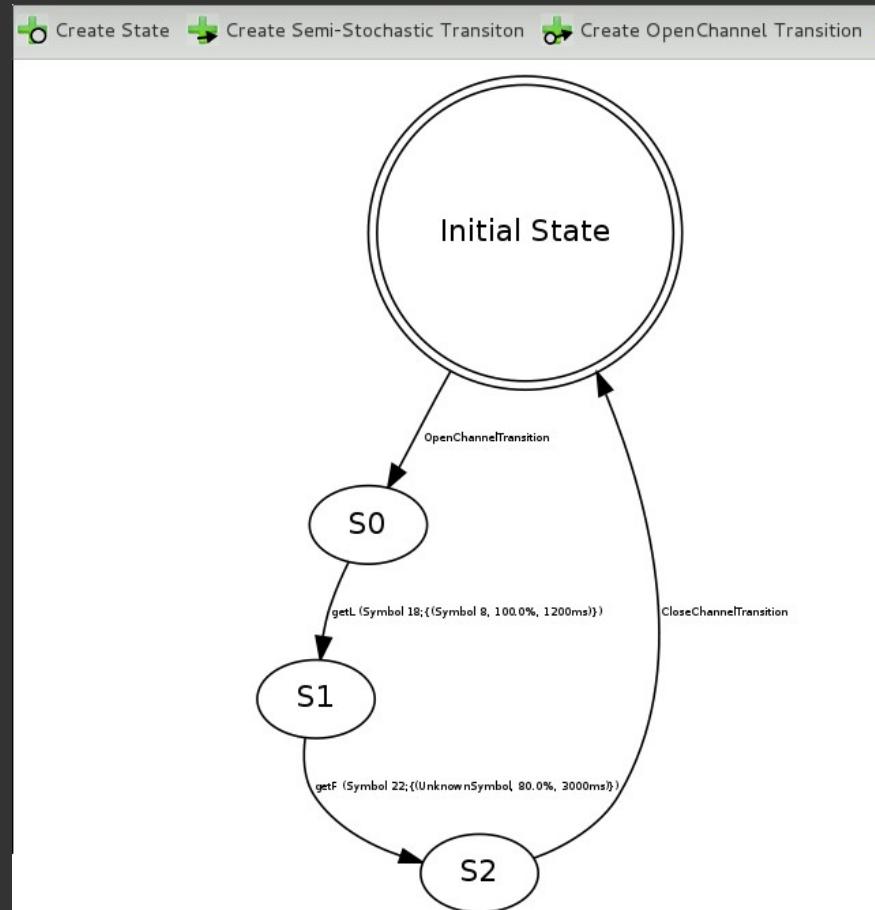
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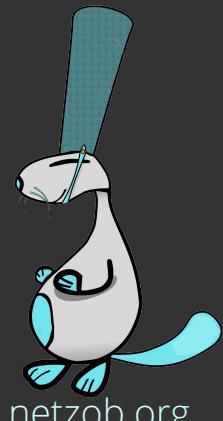
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Recaps on ZeroAccess protocol

Recaps on ZA protocol

- ▶ At least 2 versions
- ▶ Multiple P2P management messages
 - ▶ « GetL », « RetL », « GetF », ...
 - ▶ Share common format
- ▶ **Low-encryption**
- ▶ UDP & TCP connections
 - ▶ UDP for messages (port 16464)
 - ▶ TCP for data
- ▶ Hard coded Bootstrap Peers
 - ▶ Ex : 92.47.102.2, (...), 216.211.181.226

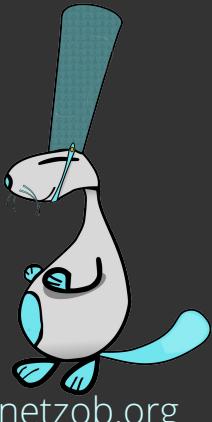




Generating traffic...

Netzob can generate traffic that:

- Follows the inferred message format
- Respects the state machine



Emulation of different kind of actors and flows

- Client ↔ Real server implementation
- Server ↔ Real client implementation
- Both client(s) and server

Create Network Actor

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General Informations

ID	d544669c-b30e-46b8-a67c-4d8b15b09!
Name	zeroAccessBot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiator	

Network Configuration

Type	CLIENT
Predefined Values	
L4_PROTOCOL	UDP
BIND_IP	192.168.42.41
BIND_PORT	1
TARGET_IP	115.22.87.69
TARGET_PORT	16464

Distinction between

- Client / server
- Initiator / responder of the opening channel

*Ex : TLS with TCP session initiated
by the server*



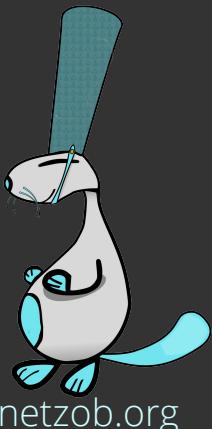
Abstraction from the communication channel

TCP messages

USB channel

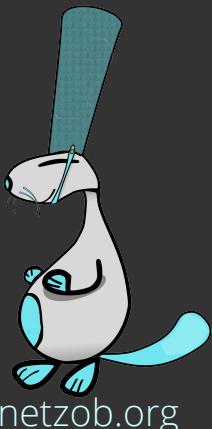
IPC flow

Raw file

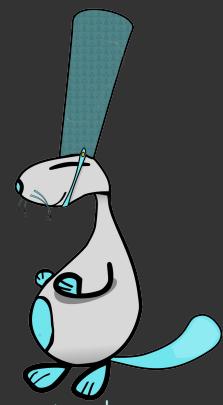
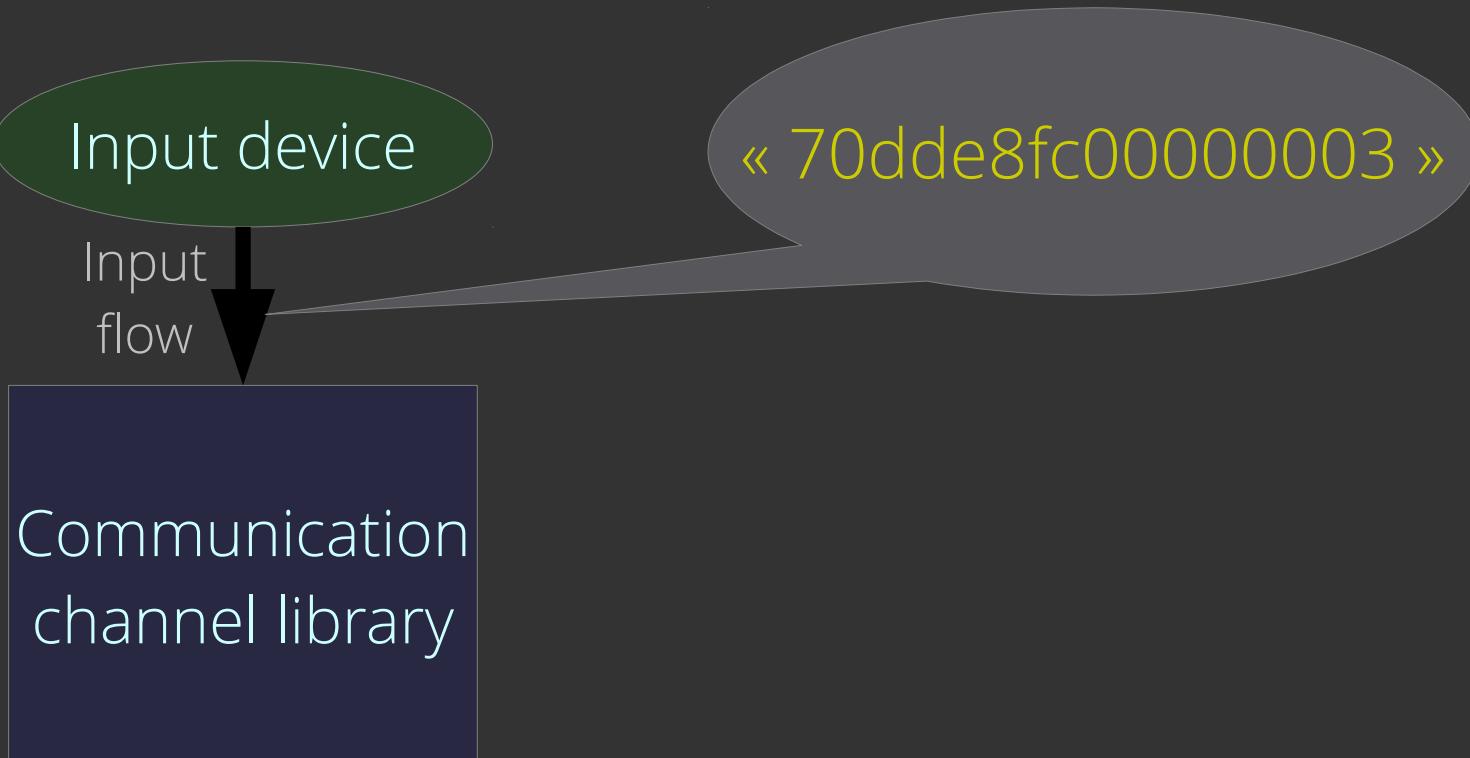


Memory mechanism

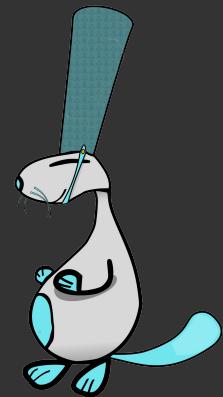
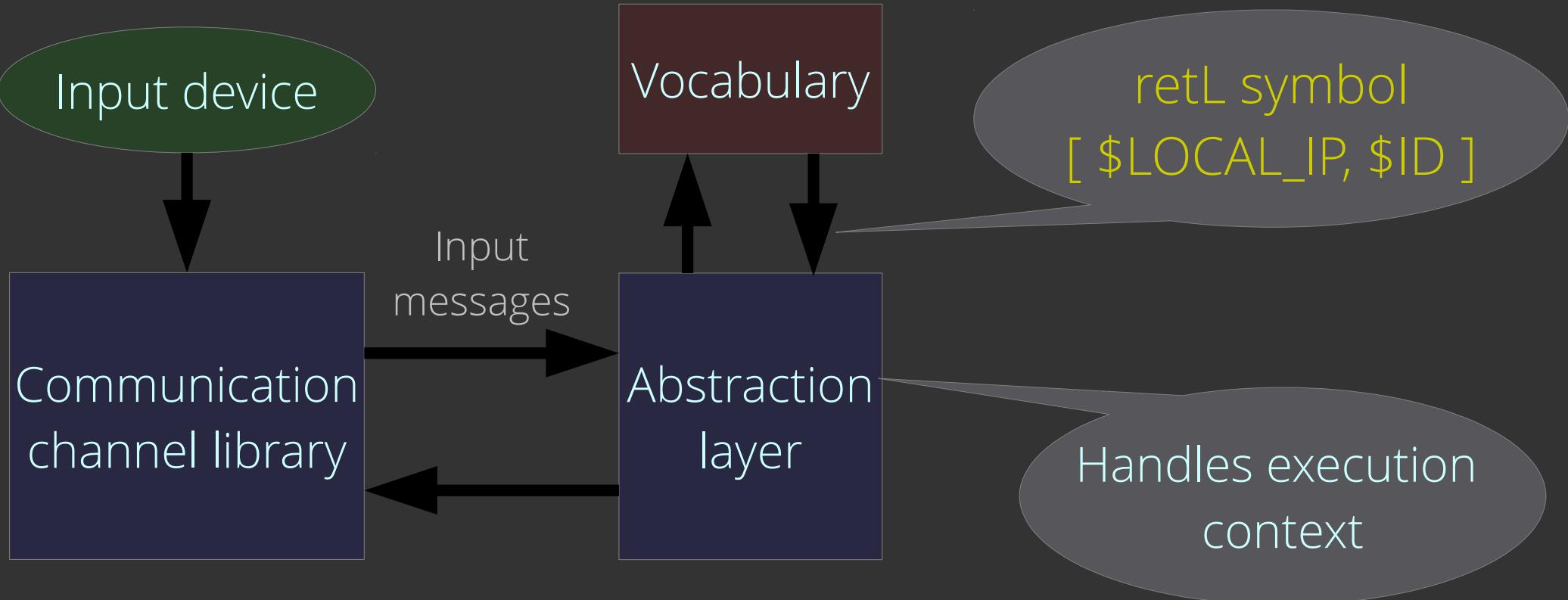
- Some received values are **memorized**...
- ...and **reinjected** in future messages
- Also handles contextual values (IP, time, etc.)



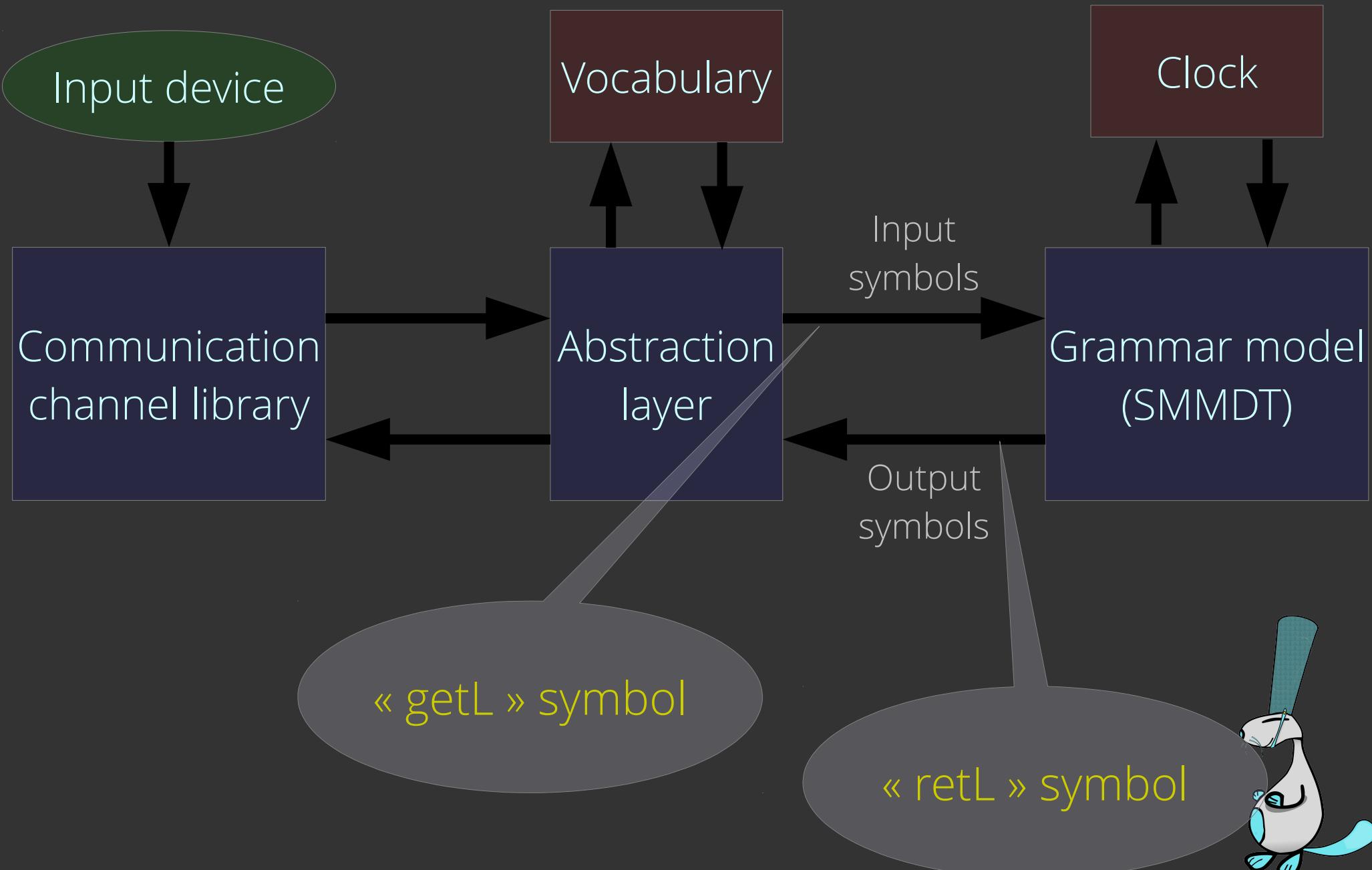
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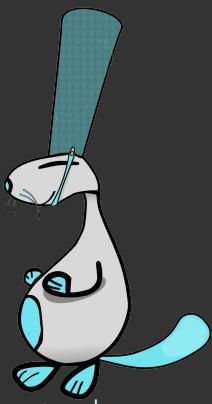
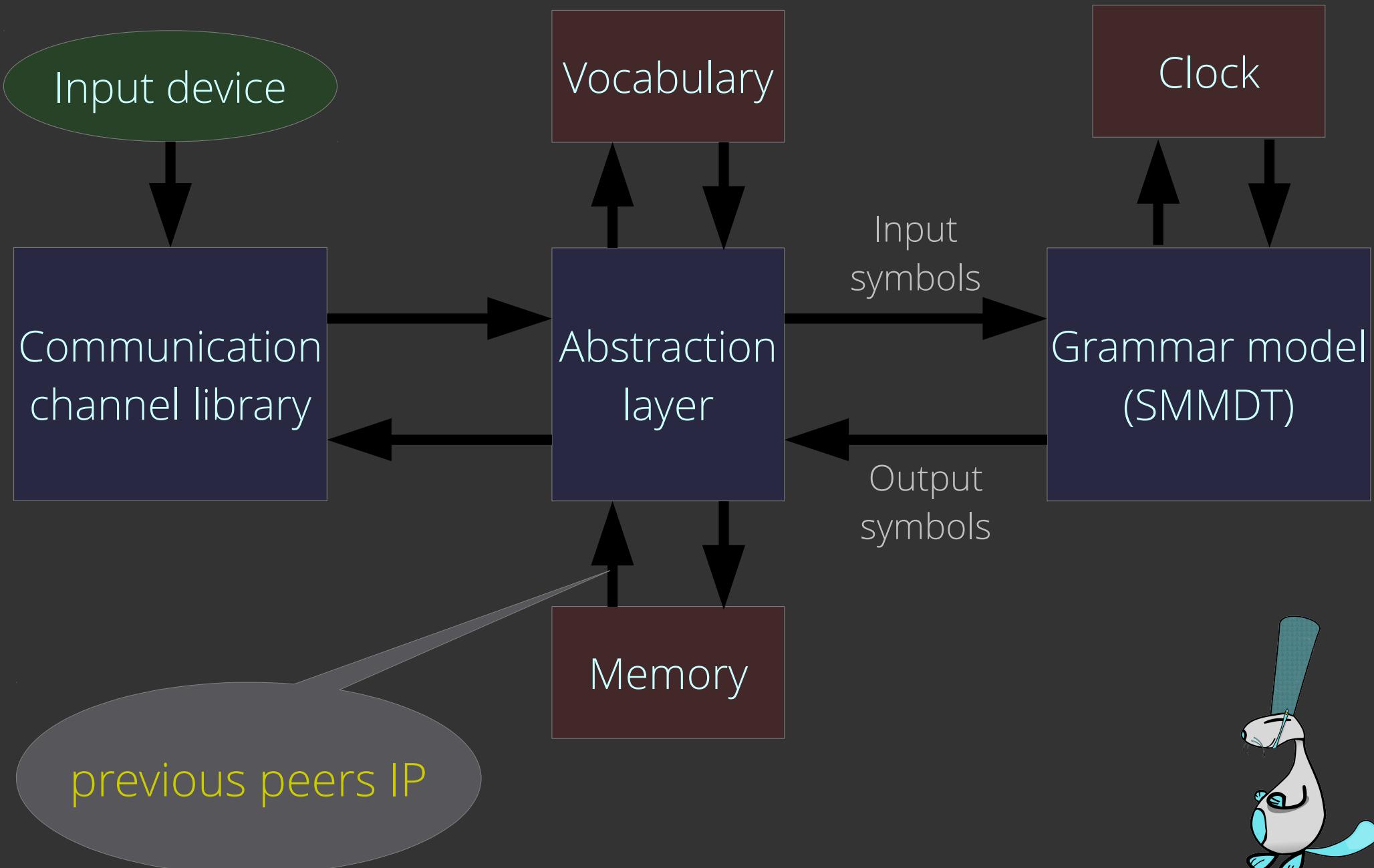
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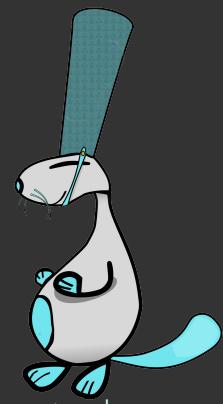
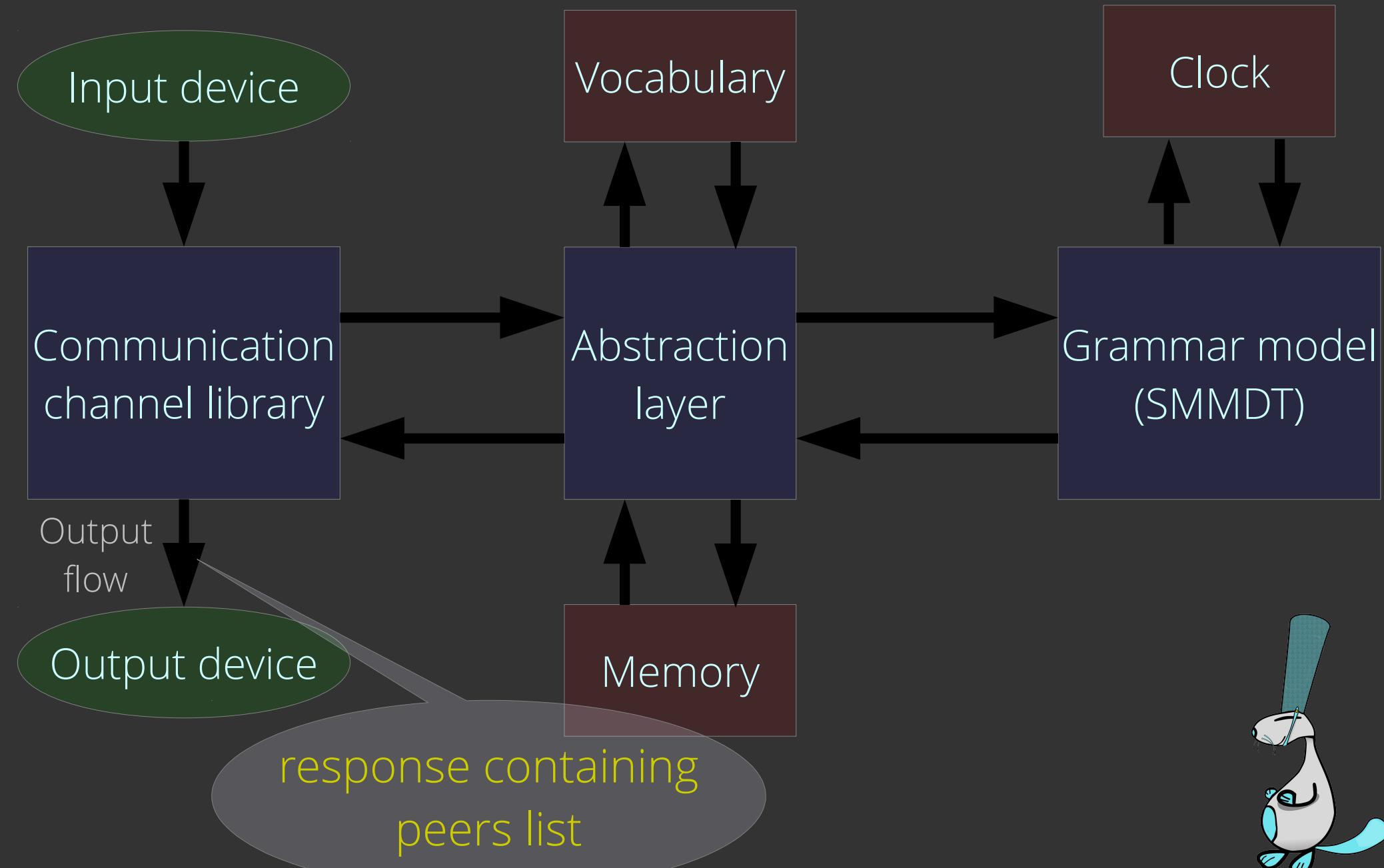
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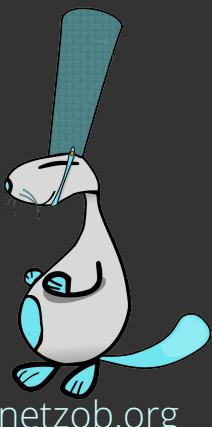
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Use cases of traffic simulation

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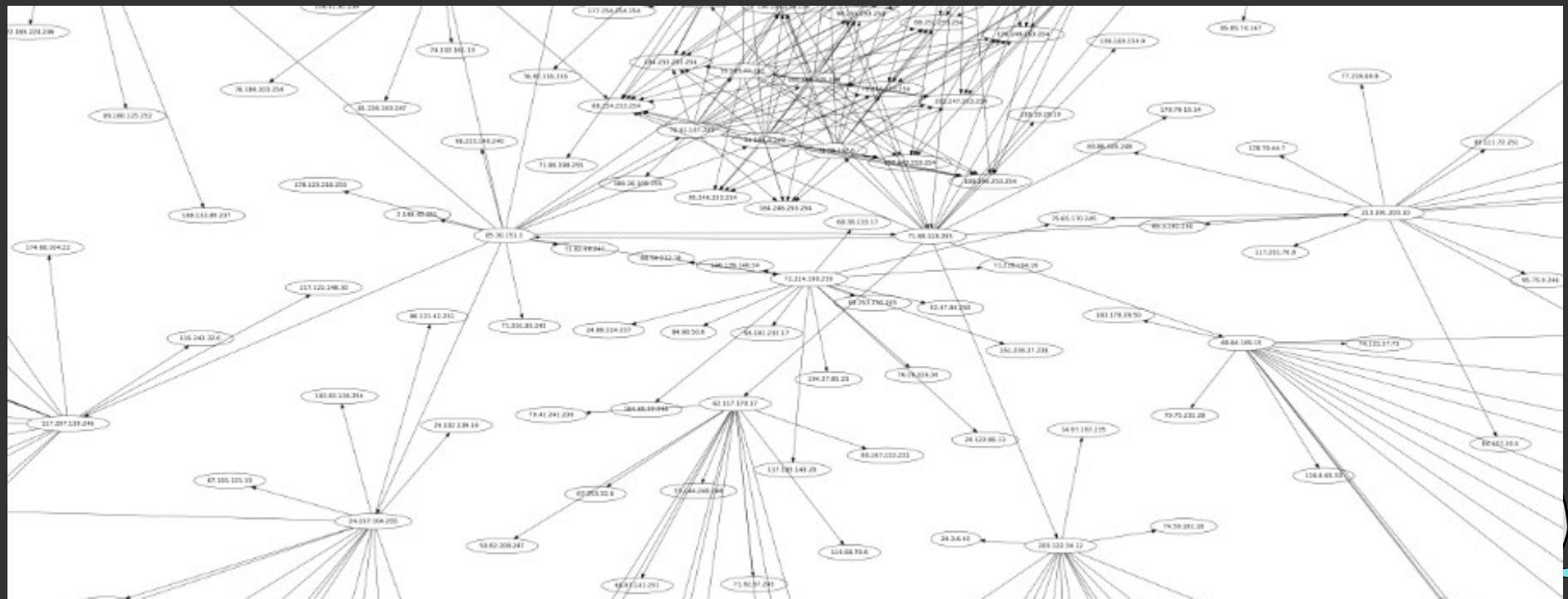
- Analyzing botnet scaling
- Studying botnet behavior at the network level
- Testing 3rd party products (IDS, ...)



Use cases of traffic simulation

Use case 2: retrieve the P2P zombie directory

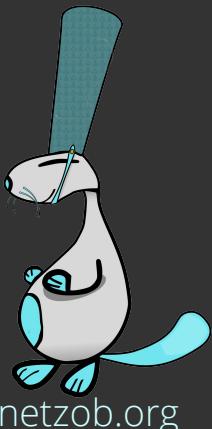
- Zero Access P2P map visualization
- Mapping the peers neighbours relations



Future improvements
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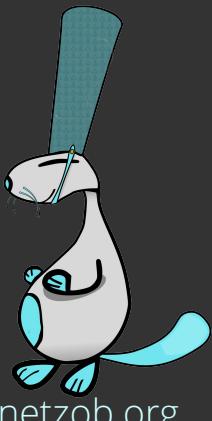
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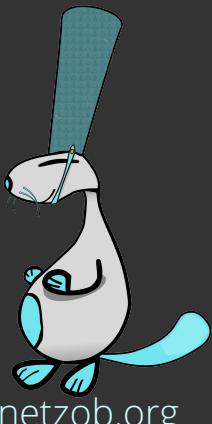
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Support of more communication channels

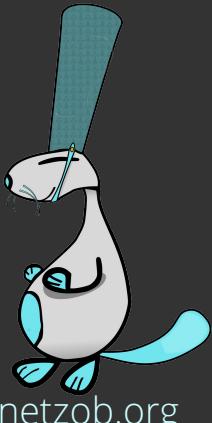
- ▶ USB
- ▶ IOCTL
- ▶ API (ssl_read, ssl_write, etc.)



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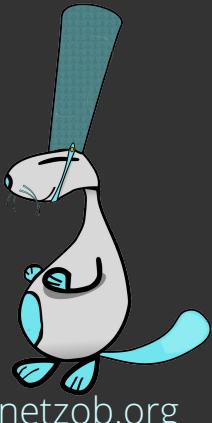
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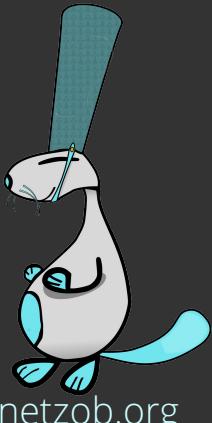
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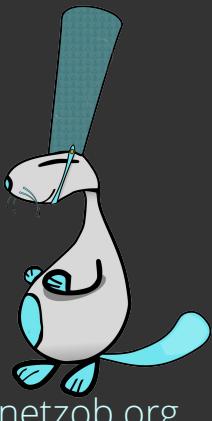


Conclusion...

- ▶ Protocol RE automation domain is quite active at the academic level
- ▶ But **no real tool available...**
- ▶ Netzob tries to fill this lack by
 - ▶ Supporting academic researches
 - ▶ Being **usable in operational context**



- ▶ Main current sponsors: AMOSSYS & Supélec
- ▶ **Open** to all kind of **contributions**
 - ▶ Feedback
 - ▶ Bug fix
 - ▶ Feature proposal / implementation
 - ▶ Translation
 - ▶ ...

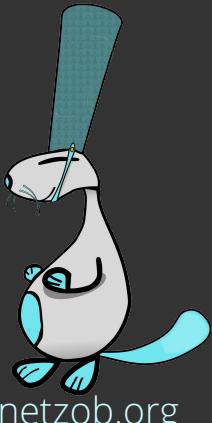


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« JumpingRhino »

« It's alive ! It's alive ! »

Henry Frankenstein

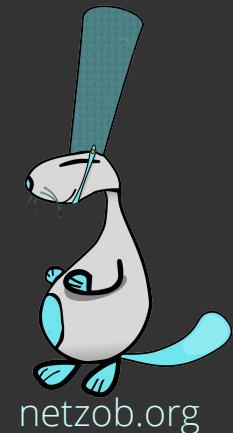


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