



Malware Analysis as a Hobby

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Why the strange
hobby?

1. Start virtual environment
2. Copy sample
3. Start logging facilities
4. Execute sample
5. Stop logging facilities
6. Analyze logs

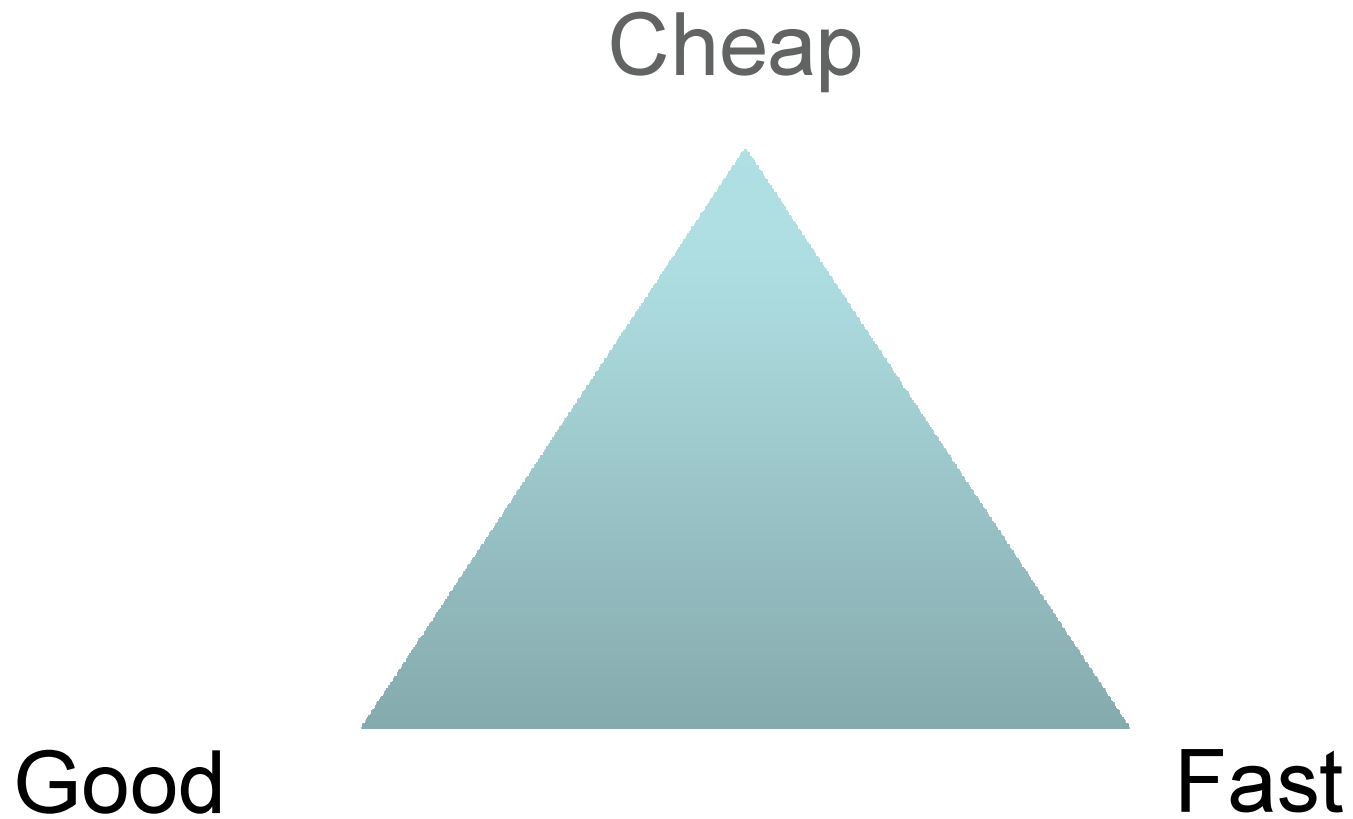




Drawbacks

- Time consuming
- Boring in the long run (not all malware are created equal)

Choose any two....



Choose any two?
Why not all of them?

Cheap

I can do it cheaply (hardware and license cost-wise). Human time not included.

I can do it quickly (I spend up to 3 hours a day doing this, at average even less).

I get pretty good results (quality). Where the system lacks I can compensate for its shortcomings.

Good

Fast

A cartoon character with a white face, large eyes, and a wide-open mouth as if shouting. The character is wearing a pink shirt and holding a paintbrush with a yellow tip. Behind the character is a bright yellow starburst or explosion effect.

Automate
everything!

Automate

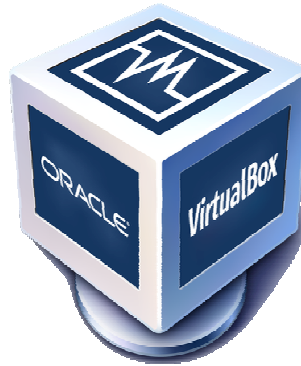
Engineer yourself out of the workflow



M.A.R.T
MALWARE ANALYST RESEARCH TOOL

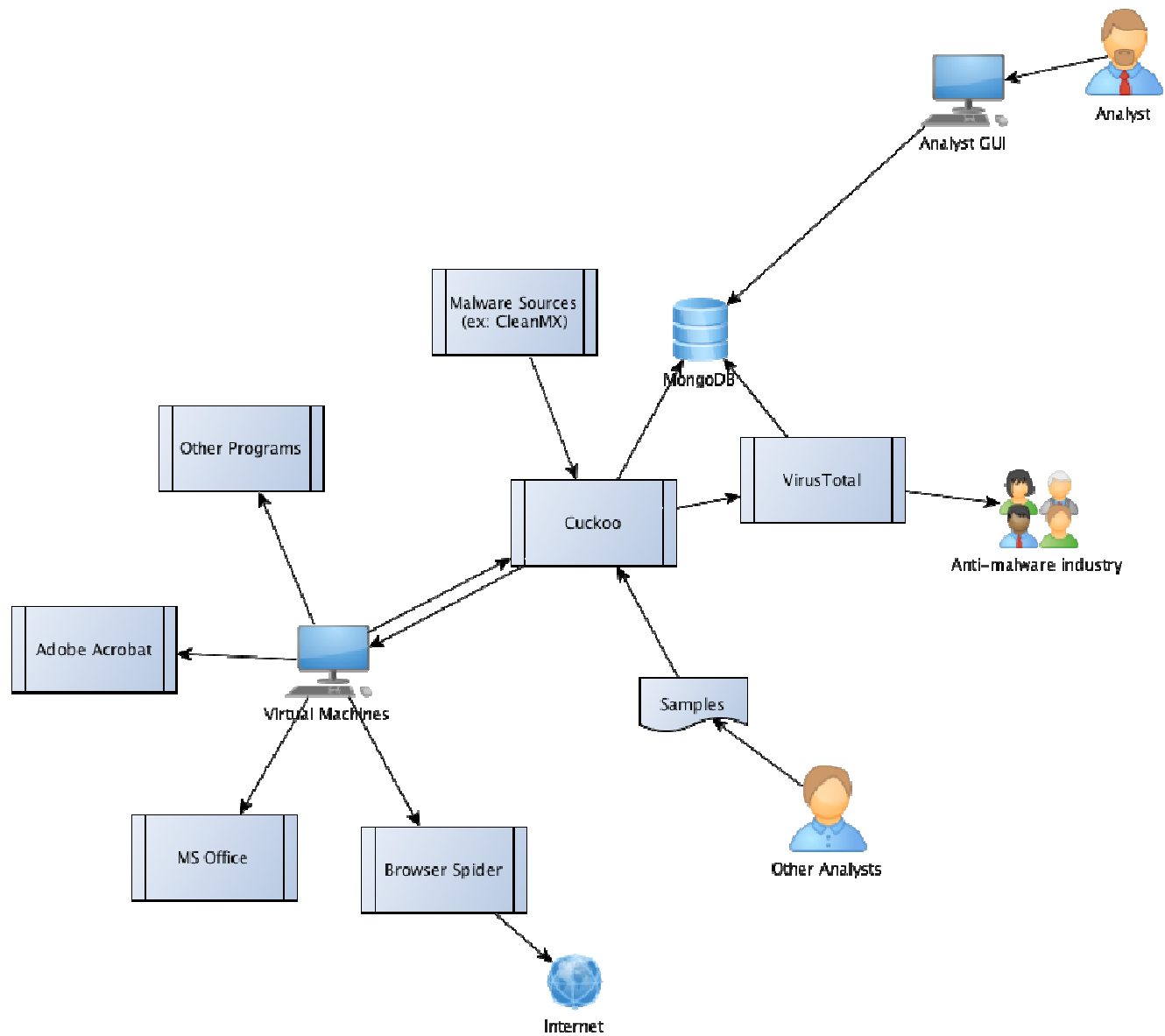
Birth of the MART Project

Malware Analyst Research Toolkit

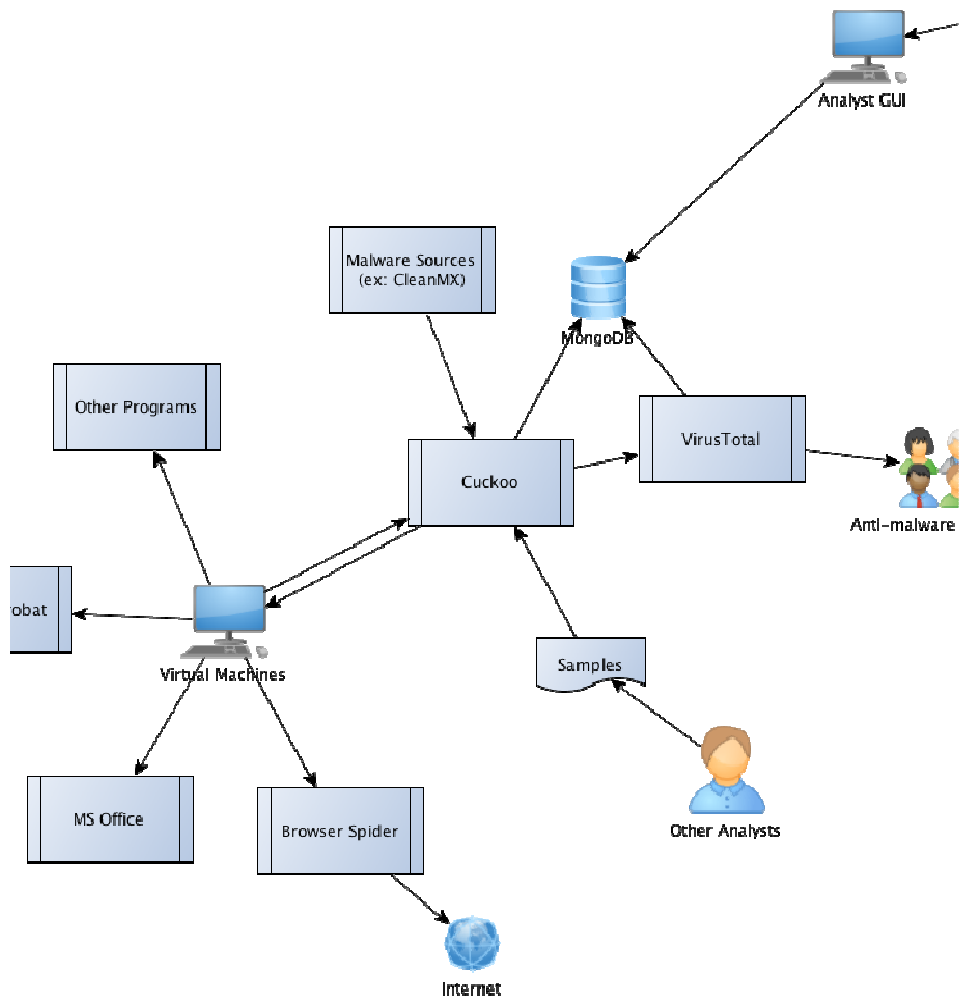


Components



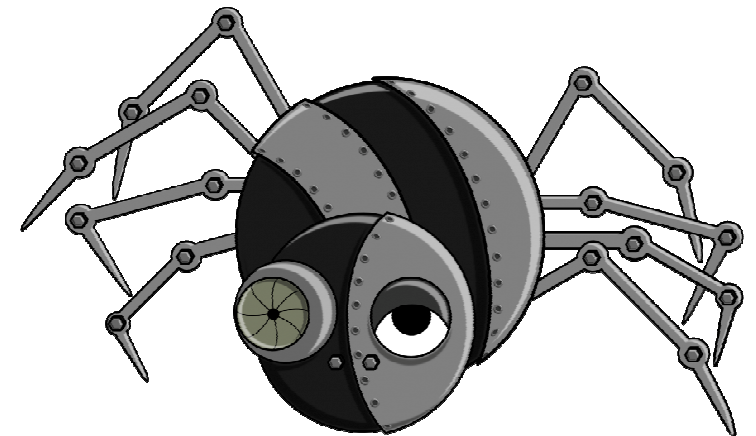


- Public & Private Collections
- Exchange with other malware analysts
- Finding and collecting malware yourself
 - Download files from the web
 - Grab attachments from email
 - Feed BrowserSpider with links from your SPAM-folder



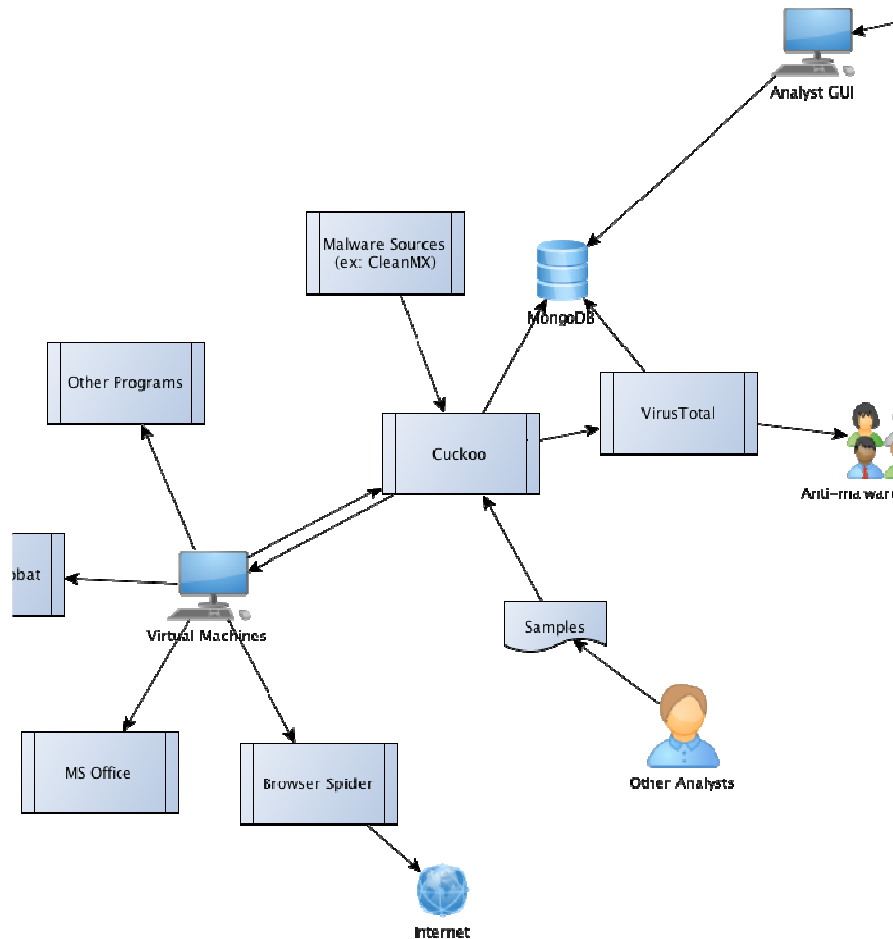
BrowserSpider

- Written in Python
- Using the Selenium framework to control REAL browsers
 - Flash, PDFs, Java applets etc. executes as per normal
 - All the browser bugs exists for real
- Spiders and follows all links seen



Sample Analysis

- Cuckoo Sandbox
- VirusTotal



A days work for a Cuckoo



DEMO: Submit sample for analysis





New Analysis

use this form to add a new analysis task

File to upload No file chosen

Package to use

Options

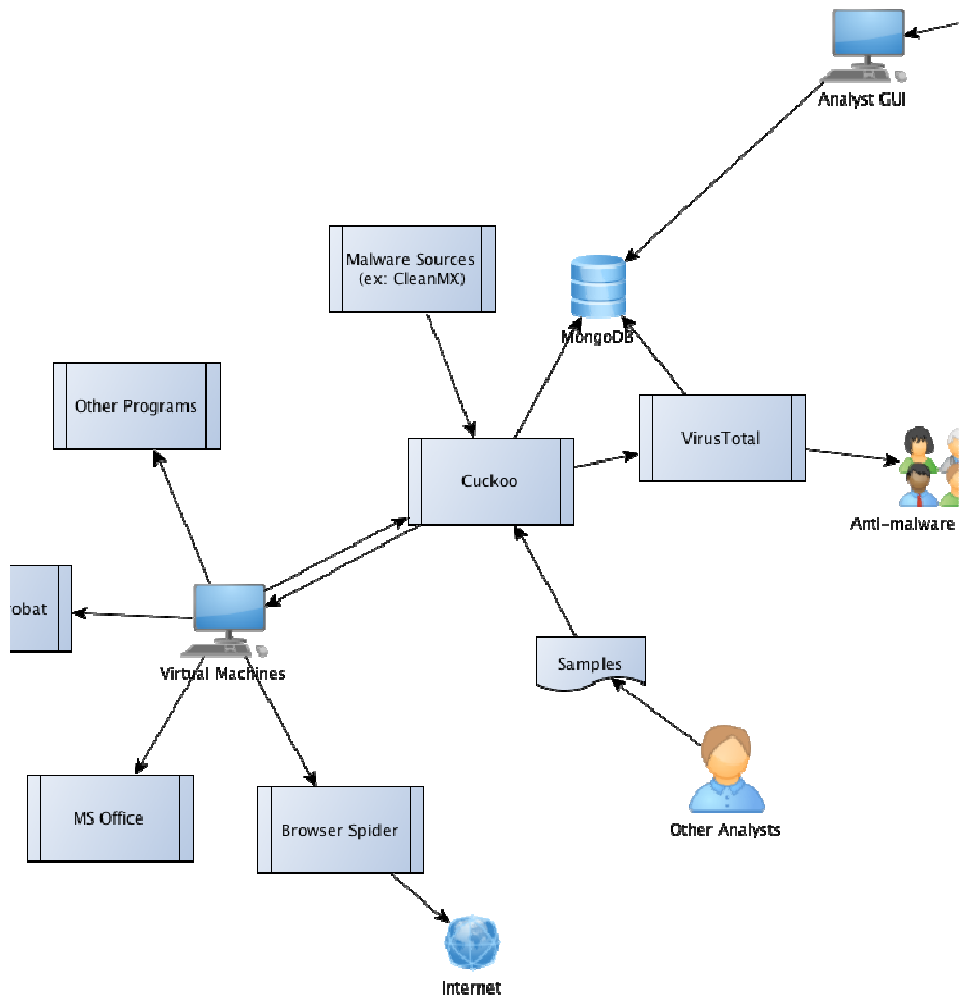
Timeout

Priority

Sample Reporting

Results are stored in MongoDB
(optional, highly recommended)

Accessed using a analyst GUI





File Signatures Screenshots Static Dropped Network Behavior

File Details file indicators

File name:	MART-app.exe
File size:	21504 bytes
File type:	PE32 executable (console) Intel 80386, for MS Windows
CRC32:	561F1BFA
MD5:	18b2708009f0efb6b12e39876bb4f87a
SHA1:	149ca9c7a81d9b1049a5a2e7f321e0f34c7e9c7b
SHA256:	dc9de3ecc7ddb2eef1e9bfe61e6891de945cc42d2a9c8bb2f6f1380c7f645ddd
SHA512:	07d4fe457d5c10d371053ea49e37fe705bbaf4dd1e0dafd57d16778f155e3de4c29d26d771aeede6be57b9fd790a044f17ef6e23abe20bde58bf6c430e990cc6
Ssdeep:	None
PEiD Signatures:	• Pelles C 3.00, 4.00, 4.50 EXE (X86 CRT-LIB)
Yara Signatures:	None matched
Antivirus Results:	File not found on VirusTotal

Signatures matched cuckoo signatures

Signatures

matched cuckoo signatures

Creates a empty file

Screenshots

pictures of the desktop during execution



Static Analysis

binary details

[Sections](#)

[Imports](#)

Dropped Files

files created or deleted by the malware

[ntfs.txt](#)

[text.txt](#)

Network Analysis

network activity performed during analysis

[Hosts Involved](#)

[DNS Requests](#)

[HTTP Requests](#)

Behavior Analysis

details on the malware execution

Behavior Analysis details on the malware execution

Summary

Files

- text.txt
- ntfs.txt:ntfs
- ntfs.txt

Mutexes

Nothing to display.

Registry Keys

Nothing to display.

Processes

MART-app.exe PID: 3824, Parent PID: 3804

Data Mining

Where Virtual Machine analysis fails

And what to do about it

Problems

- Cuckoo is easily bypassed
- User-detection
- Sleeping malware

Problems

- VM or Sandbox detection
- The guest OS might not be sufficient enough
- Any multistage attack

Iterating automation



Known Good	Known Bad
Unknown	

Iterating automation



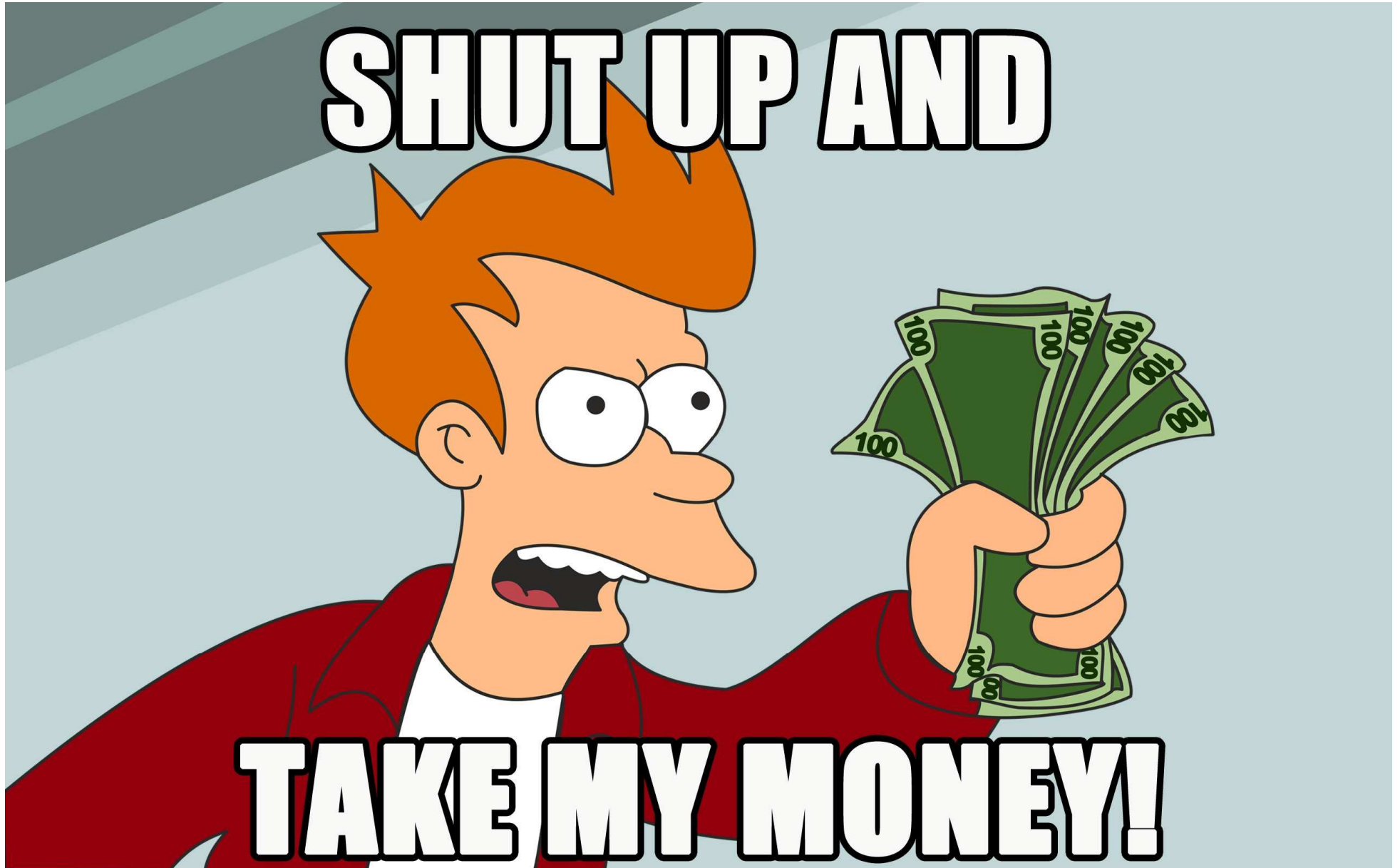
- Does not do anything
- Detects environment
- Encrypted segments
- Failed execution

Iterating automation



- Run longer
- Envirnoment customization

SHUT UP AND



TAKE MY MONEY!

Budget

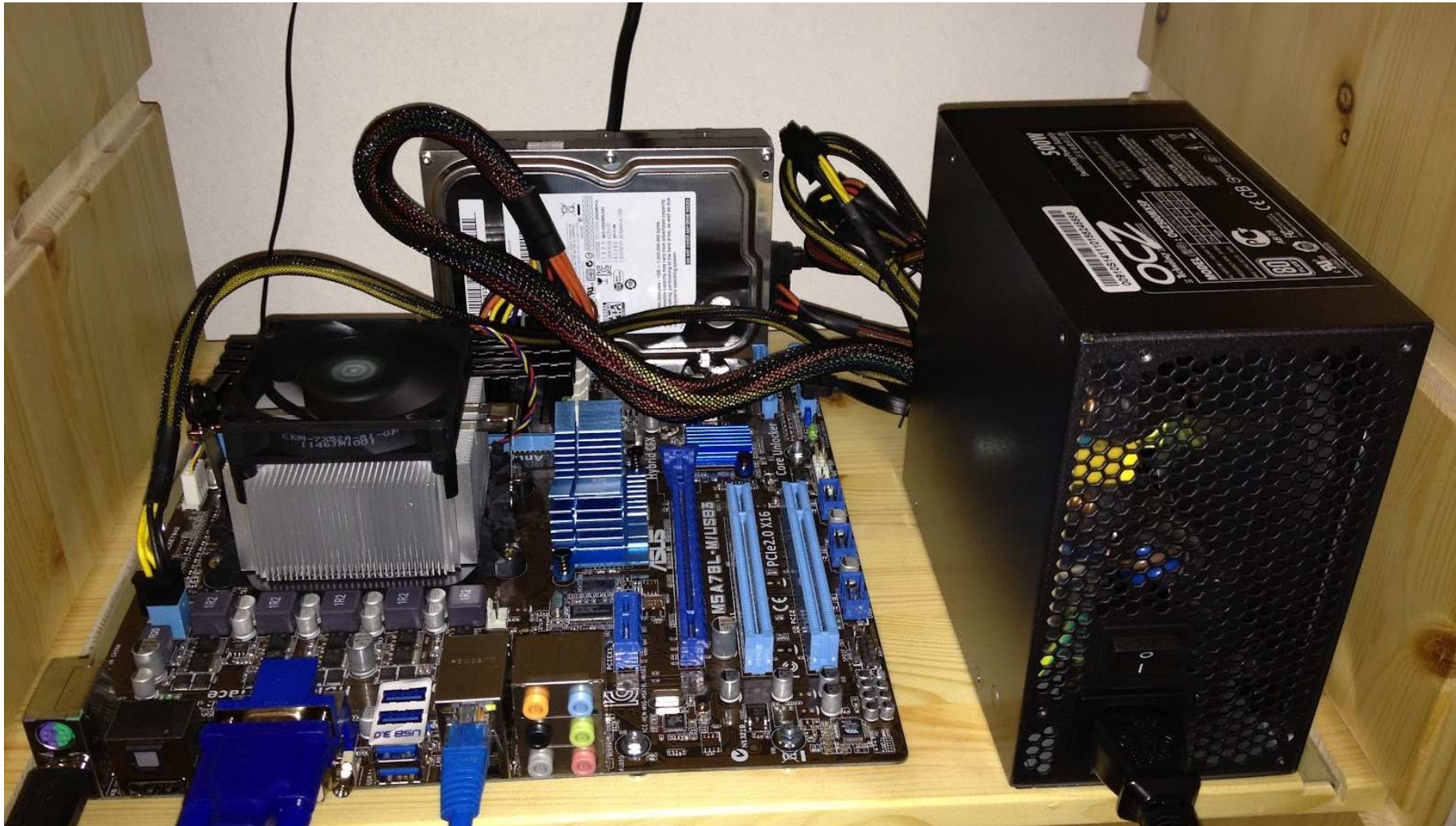
- Computer: €520
- MSDN License: €800 (€590 renewal)
- Year 1: €1320
- Year N: €590
- Money saved from stopped smoking (yearly): €2040



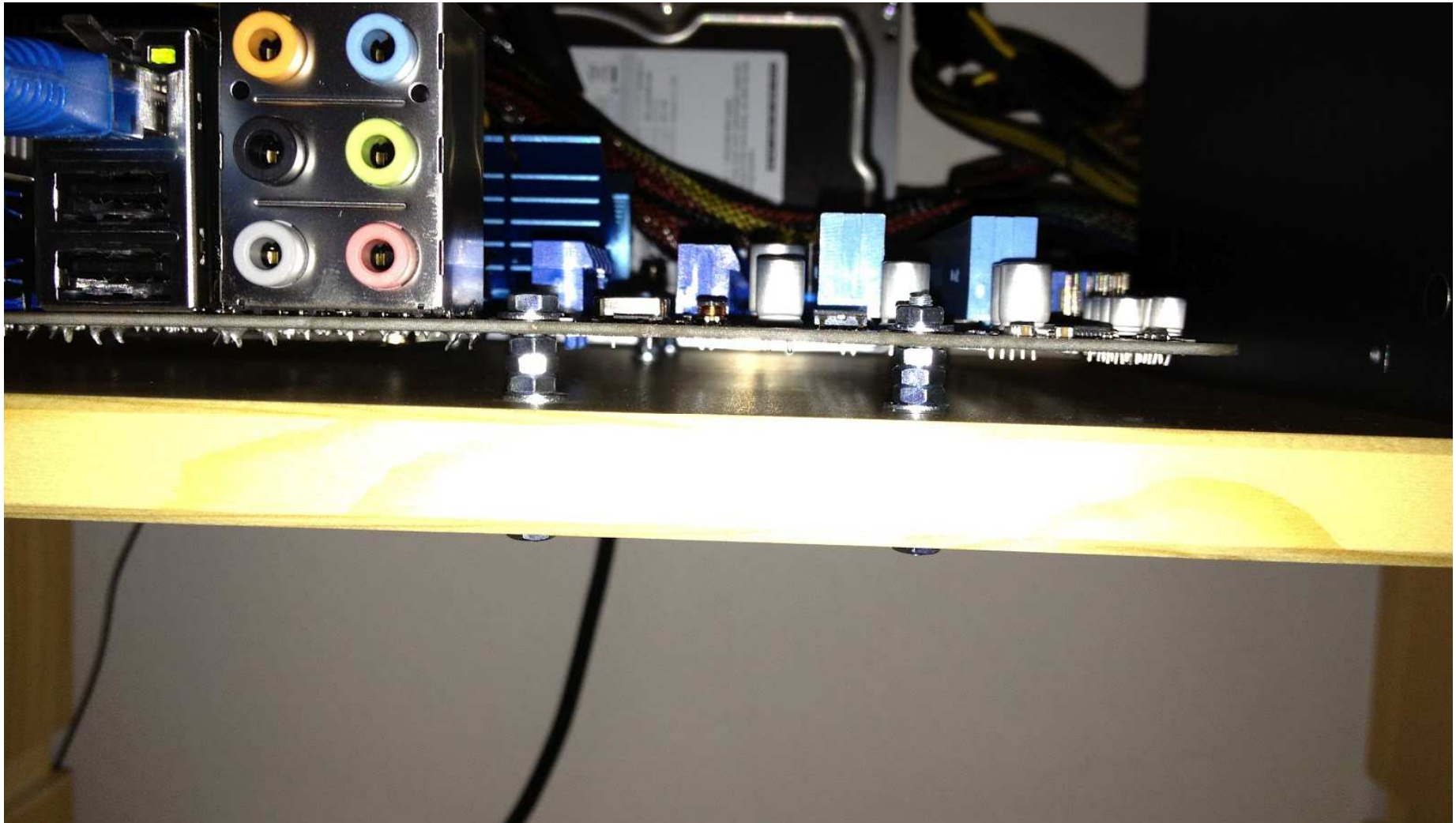
Malware Lab



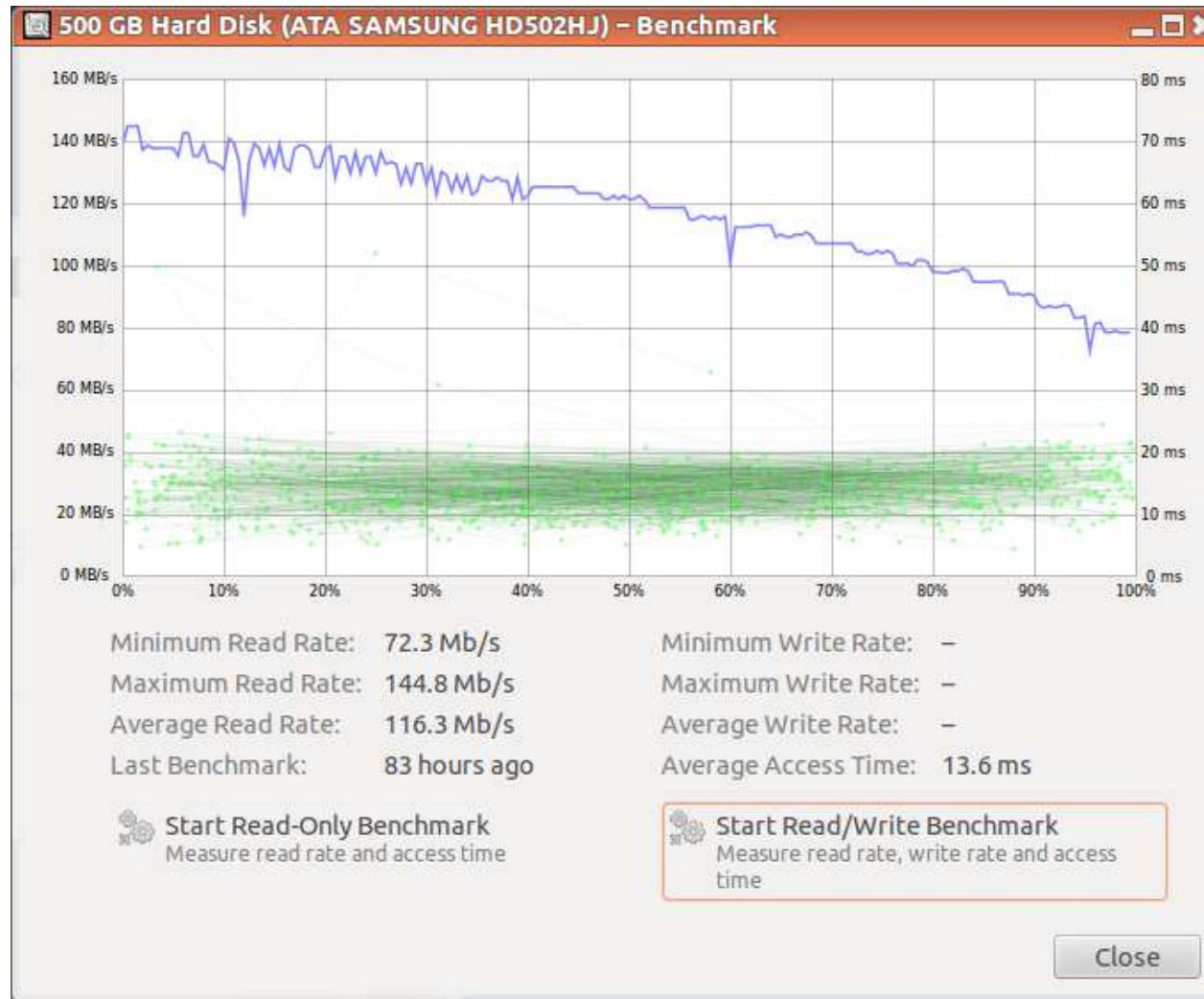
MART Hardware (overview)



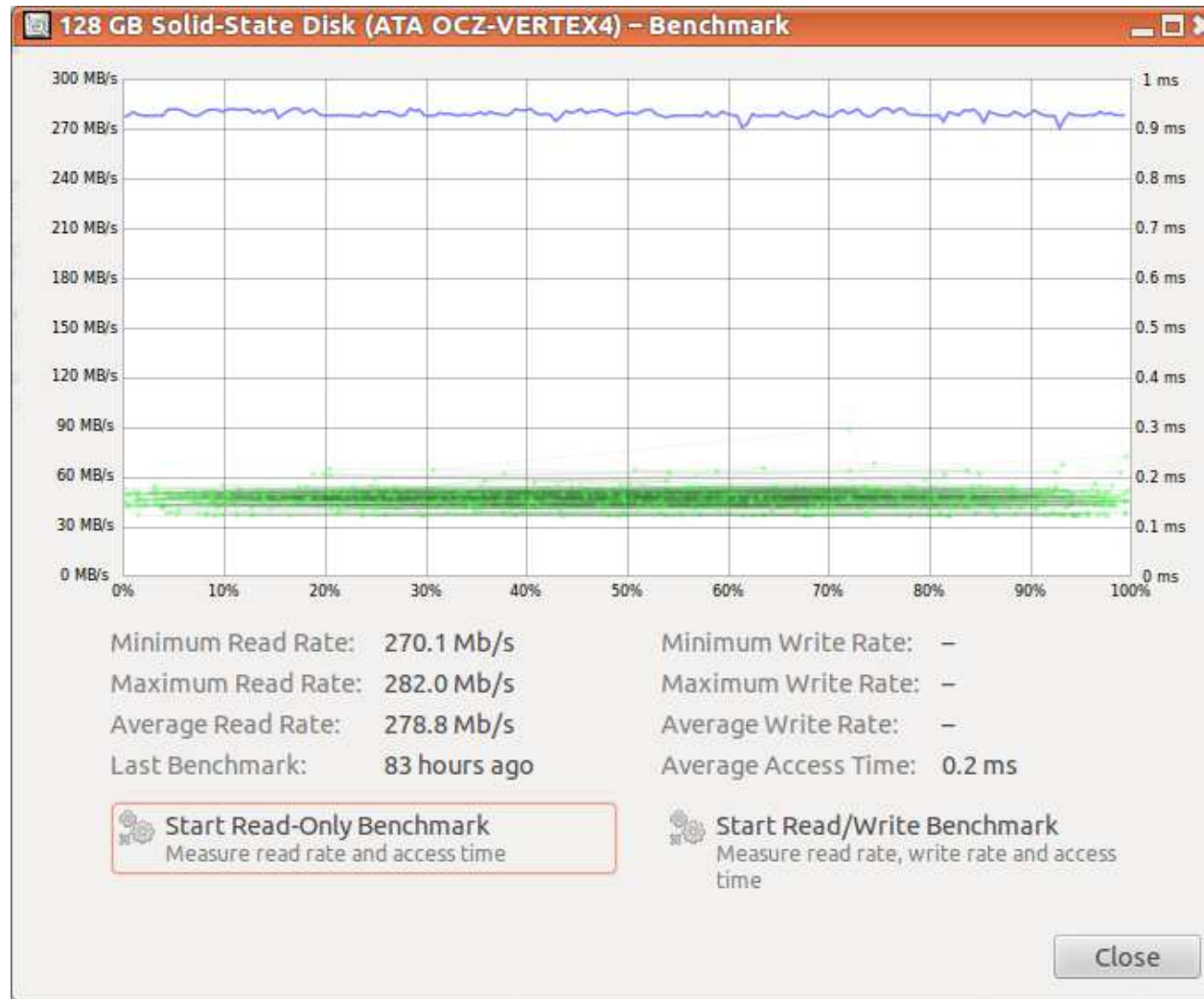
MART Hardware (mounts)



MART Hardware (HDD)

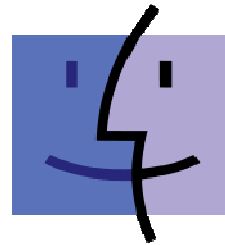


MART Hardware (SSD)



Next steps

- Barebone on-the-iron malware analysis
- Android platform support
- OSX platform support
- iOS platform support

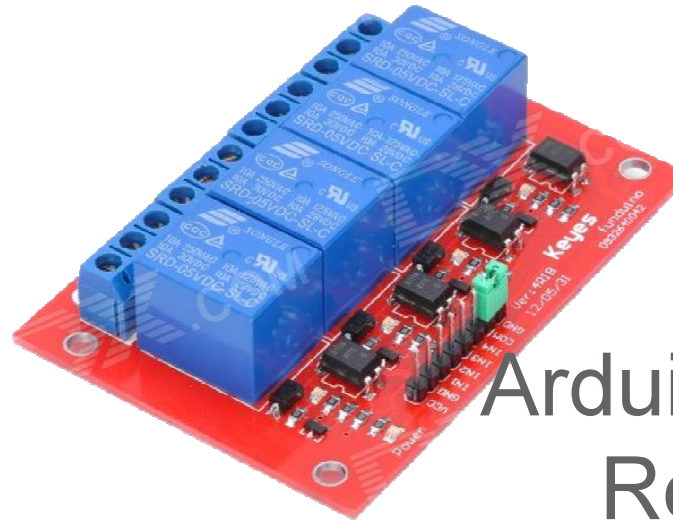
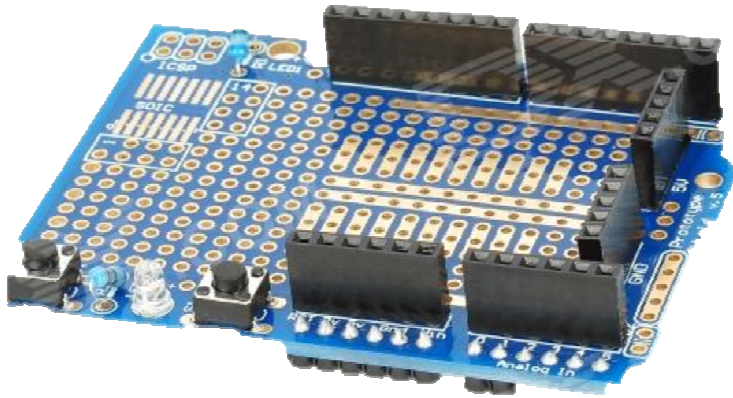


Mac[™] OS

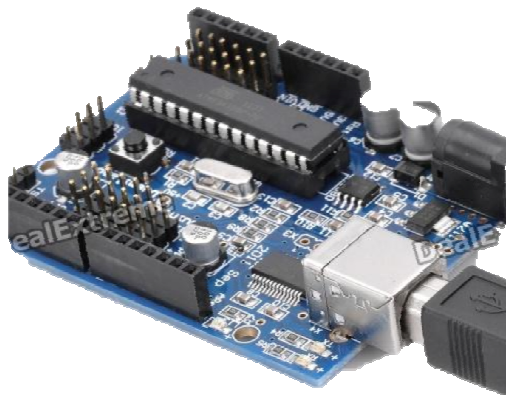
iOS

Proof of Concept hardware

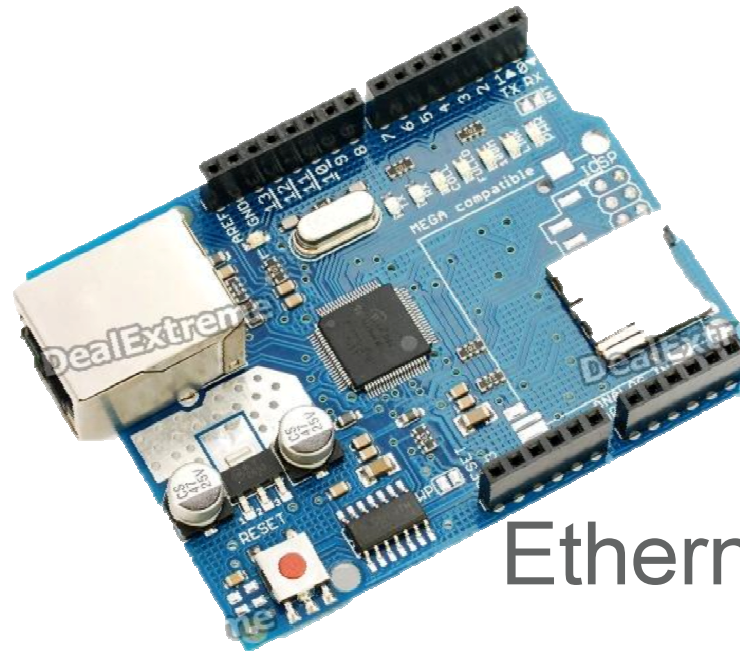
Prototype Shield



Arduino 4-Channel
Relay Shield



Arduino
Duemilanove



Ethernet Shield



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