



# Fast fingerprinting of OLE2 files:

heuristics for detection of exploited OLE2 files based on specification non-conformance

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What were we trying to achieve?

- Troj/DocDrop-S
- Binary specification
- Prototyped a non-conformance scanner

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What were we trying to achieve?

- Fast method to hash on files that we wanted to spend time on.
- Differentiate different threats

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How we went about it?

- Read the Microsoft Specifications
- Initially we implemented the detection as an internal detection
- Implemented it in python

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How we went about it?

## BOF record – 128 bits

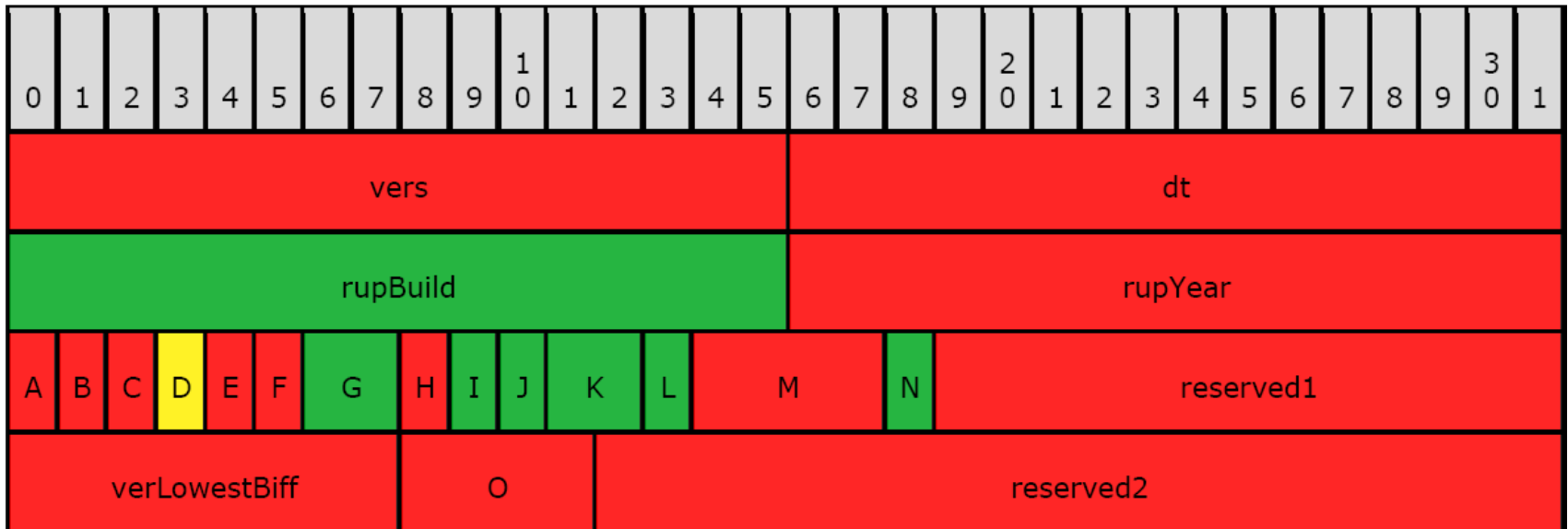
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vers																dt															
rupBuild																rupYear															
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		I	J	K	L	M			N	reserved1														
verLowestBiff								O				reserved2																			

Source: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc313154%28v=office.12%29.aspx>

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How we went about it?

**BOF record** – 128 bits : 104 can violate the specification

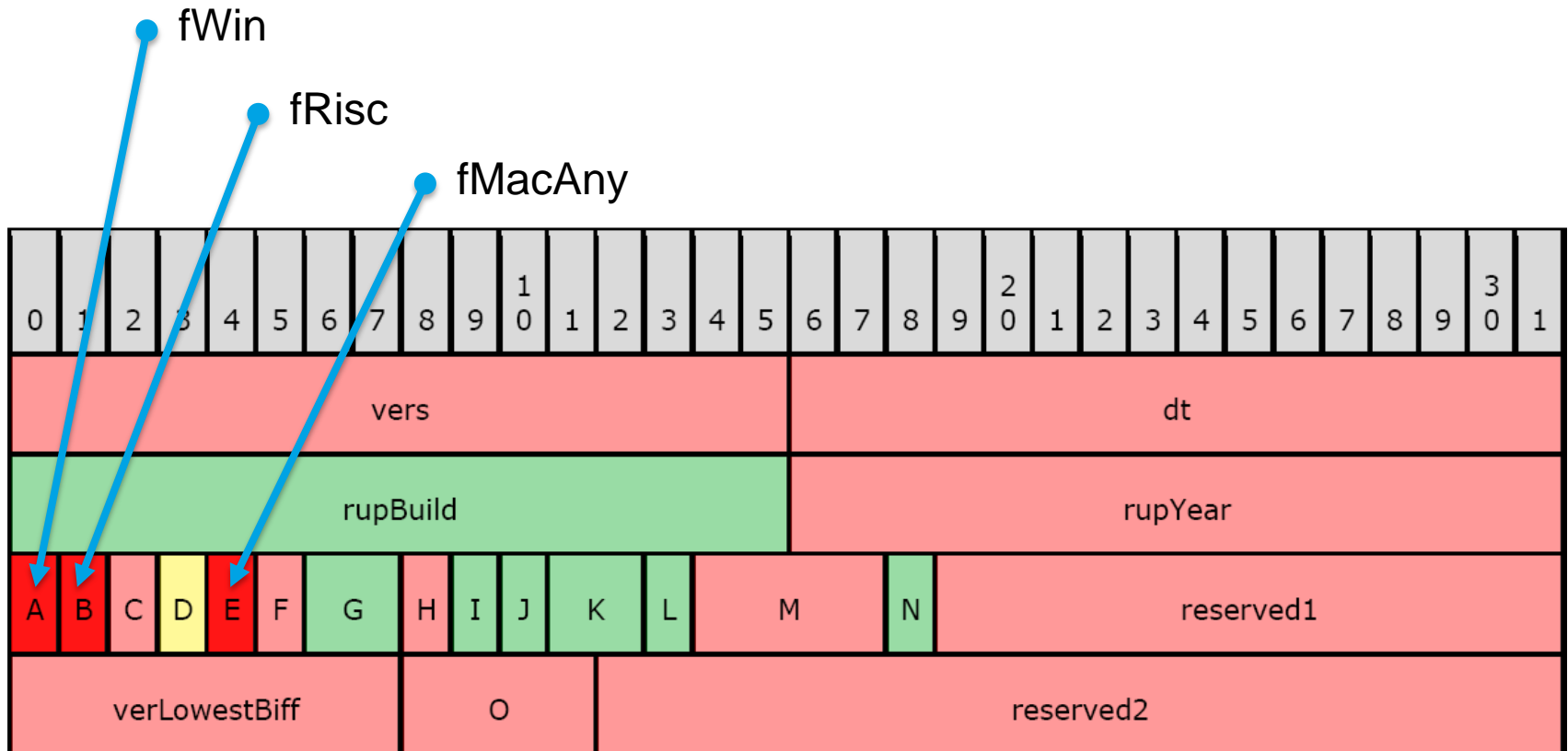


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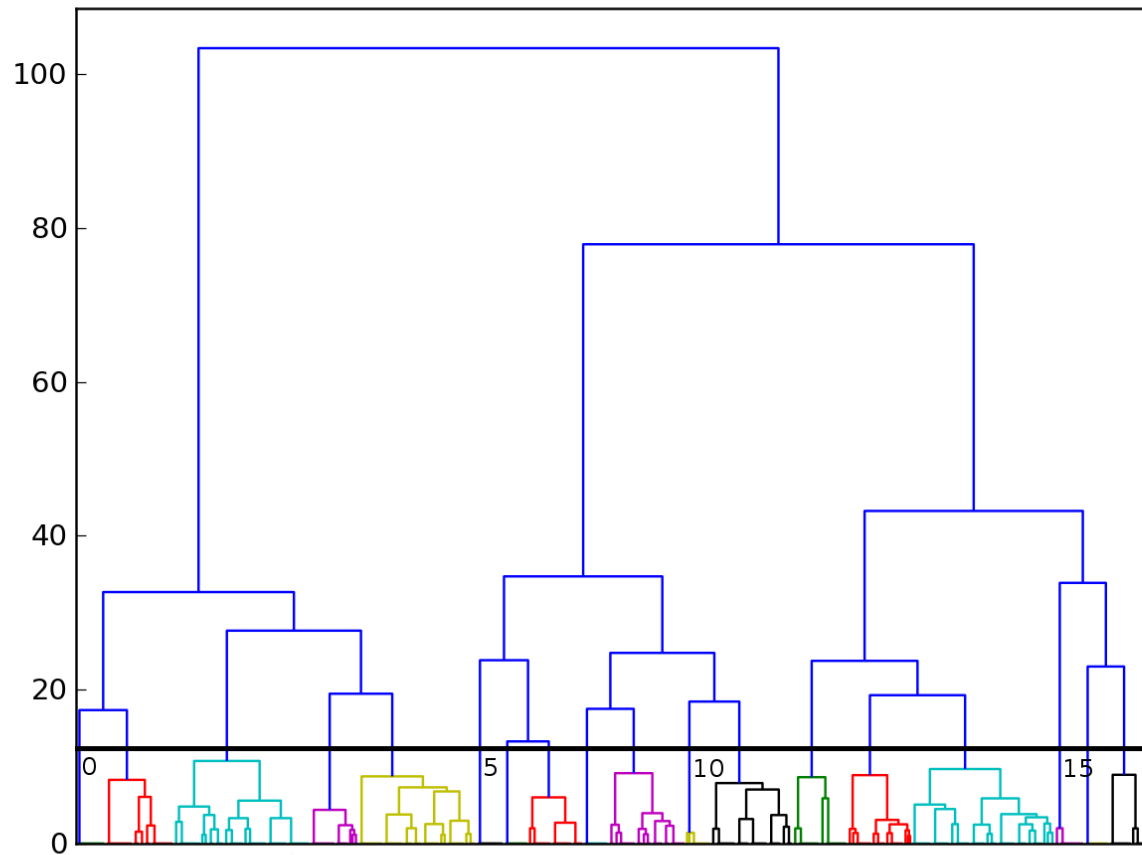
How we went about it?



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What we found? Clustering



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What we found?

- Troj/DocDrop-S grouped well
- XM97/Hidemod-A also grouped

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What we found? Troj/DocDrop-S

- [CVE-2009-3129](#)
- [MS09-067](#)
- Interesting [sample](#) names
- Some more on my [blog](#)

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00000a00 E0 07 00 00 53 4D 54 4A 00 00 00 00 10 00 D0 07 ...SMTJ...
00000a10 48 00 50 00 20 00 4C 00 61 00 73 00 65 00 72 00 H.P.L.a.s.e.r.
00000a20 4A 00 65 00 74 00 20 00 50 00 32 00 30 00 31 00 J.e.t..P.2.0.1.
00000a30 35 00 20 00 53 00 65 00 72 00 69 00 65 00 73 00 5...S.e.r.i.e.s.
00000a40 20 00 50 00 43 00 4C 00 20 00 35 00 65 00 00 00 .P.C.L..5.e...
00000a50 49 6E 70 75 74 42 69 6E 00 46 4F 52 4D 53 4F 55 InputBin.FORMSOU
00000a60 52 43 45 00 52 45 53 44 4C 4C 00 55 6E 69 72 65 RCE.RESDLL.Unire
00000a70 73 44 4C 4C 00 48 50 50 43 6F 6D 70 6F 73 69 74 sDLL.HPPComposit
00000a80 65 55 53 42 47 65 74 53 65 72 69 61 6C 4E 75 6D eUSBGetSerialNum
00000a90 62 65 72 00 68 70 70 64 76 71 30 31 2E 64 6C 6C ber.hppdvq01.dll
00000aa0 5F 67 65 74 44 65 76 69 63 65 53 65 72 69 61 6C _getDeviceSerial
00000ab0 4E 75 6D 62 65 72 57 00 48 50 50 49 D6 77 13 00 NumberW.HPPI.w...
00000ac0 B2 77 13 00 DE 77 13 00 BA 77 13 00 E6 77 13 00 .w...w...w...w...
00000ad0 EB 1A 71 30 31 2E 64 6C D6 77 13 00 B2 77 13 00 ..q01.dl.w...w...
00000ae0 DE 77 13 00 BA 77 13 00 E6 77 13 00 EB 22 57 00 .w...w...w..."W.
00000af0 52 65 73 6F 6C 75 74 69 6F 6E 00 36 30 30 64 70 Resolution.600dp
00000b00 69 00 4F 72 69 65 6E 74 61 74 69 6F 6E 00 50 4F i.Orientation.PO
00000b10 33 C0 66 B8 9D 01 91 EB 12 00 33 C0 5A B0 FF 49 3.f.....3.Z..I
00000b20 30 04 0A FE C8 85 C9 75 F6 EB 06 FC E8 E9 FF FF 0.....u.....
00000b30 FF 36 EF 89 E7 8B 48 68 6A 6B E7 99 86 30 71 71 .6....Hhjk...0qq
00000b40 72 F8 8C 9D B2 77 78 79 F3 7D F5 23 7A 80 B6 E9 r....wxy.}.#z...
00000b50 2F 18 F9 5A 6E 63 88 89 8A 02 CA 85 71 B9 F8 B8 /..Znc.....q...
00000b60 80 55 C2 7D 43 97 98 99 13 DD 90 62 A8 F7 F9 9D .U.}C.....b....
00000b70 A5 D8 4C 63 A6 A7 A8 20 EC BB 53 DA AA 50 C6 B9 ..Lc.....S..P..
00000b80 5A D5 B4 B5 B6 3E FE AD D0 BB D6 BD D4 BF AA C5 Z....>.....
00000b90 A8 C3 3B B3 D2 38 9E C5 43 8D D4 A7 CE A5 D0 BB ...8..C.....
00000ba0 D2 B9 D2 2A A0 CF 27 8F CA 52 9A C1 67 CB E4 E1 ...*...'..R..g...
00000bb0 E2 E0 E3 AC AF AE A1 68 DE E3 B0 80 93 62 75 38 .....h.....bu8
00000bc0 87 02 0B C3 09 81 FC 72 BC E7 77 2D FD F8 FF 76 .....r..w-...v
00000bd0 16 88 CE 06 49 17 59 F6 7D 07 87 C7 0D 40 18 40 ....I.Y.}....@.@
00000be0 9F 5C 0C 44 E9 61 04 92 E6 E4 FC 2E D7 94 74 05 .\..D.a.....t.
00000bf0 2A A8 78 01 22 76 7A 43 2A 7A D3 FE 74 76 0B F3 *.x."vzC*z...tv..
00000c00 46 36 B7 F4 32 DC D6 B2 FB F9 34 3D 6B 69 24 E0 F6..2.....4=ki$.
00000c10 72 43 44 45 C3 87 30 5A 74 C0 0C 41 70 C4 20 4D rCDE..0Zt..Ap..M
00000c20 6C D8 0A 5D FB 69 D3 31 52 B0 51 63 D5 1F 54 5F 1..].i.1R.Qc..T_
00000c30 E9 CB DC 65 66 67 5B B2 E1 AE 32 30 AD 3C 25 27 ...efg[...20.<%T
00000c40 25 45 FF 19 52 6F 4E F2 3F 47 4A F6 2A 7A F8 82 %E..RoN.?GJ.*z...
00000c50 57 BD 0F CF 9E B9 03 D3 AA 88 51 6E B6 C6 AE 1A W.....Qn....
00000c60 A6 18 97 60 A5 68 64 AA 5A 37 A6 59 EA 98 61 6E ...\.hd.Z7.Y..an
00000c70 AF A0 5C 4E 54 91 93 D5 8E BF D9 72 90 24 EA 95 .\NT.....r.$...
00000c80 B1 6E D2 8B 3D BB F3 87 31 E1 A0 BE 63 81 4B C5 .n...=...1...c.K.
00000c90 49 C0 01 2E C4 F4 08 42 1F 94 92 90 95 0D D8 D1 I.....B.....
00000ca0 3A D3 D4 D5 D6 8F 5B 19 DF 18 DC BB DE DF F7 6C :.....[.....l
00000cb0 E3 E3 F3 8F E6 E7 E8 24 EA EB FB DA EF EF F0 A7 .....$.....

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000000a00  E0 07 00 00 53 4D 54 4A 00 00 00 00 10 00 D0 07  ....SMTJ.....
000000a10  48 00 50 00 20 00 4C 00 61 00 73 00 65 00 72 00  H.P. .L.a.s.e.r.
000000a20  4A 00 65 00 74 00 20 00 50 00 32 00 30 00 31 00  J.e.t. .P.2.0.1.
000000a30  35 00 20 00 53 00 65 00 72 00 69 00 65 00 73 00  5. .S.e.r.i.e.s.
000000a40  seg000:00000B0E 50                      db  50h ; P
000000a50  seg000:00000B0F 4F                      db  4Fh ; 0
000000a60  seg000:00000B10          ; -----
000000a70  seg000:00000B10 33 C0                  xor  eax, eax
000000a80  seg000:00000B12 66 B8 9D 01          mov  ax, 19Dh
000000a90  seg000:00000B16 91                    xchg  eax, ecx
000000aa0  seg000:00000B17 EB 12                  jmp  short loc_B2B
000000ab0  seg000:00000B17          ; -----
000000ac0  seg000:00000B19 00                      db   0
000000ad0  seg000:00000B1A          ; -----
000000ae0  seg000:00000B1A          ; -----
000000af0  seg000:00000B1A          loc_B1A:
000000b00  seg000:00000B1A 33 C0                  xor  eax, eax
000000b10  seg000:00000B1C 5A                    pop  edx
000000b20  seg000:00000B1D B0 FF                  mov  al, 0FFh
000000b30  seg000:00000B1F          ; -----
000000b40  seg000:00000B1F          loc_B1F:
000000b50  seg000:00000B1F 49                    dec  ecx
000000b60  seg000:00000B20 30 04 0A          xor  [edx+ecx], al
000000b70  seg000:00000B23 FE C8          dec  al
000000b80  seg000:00000B25 85 C9          test ecx, ecx
000000b90  seg000:00000B27 75 F6          jnz  short loc_B1F
000000ba0  seg000:00000B29 EB 06          jmp  short loc_B31
000000bb0  seg000:00000B2B          ; -----
000000bc0  seg000:00000B2B          ; -----
000000bd0  seg000:00000B2B          loc_B2B:
000000be0  seg000:00000B2B FC          cld
000000bf0  seg000:00000B2C E8 E9 FF FF FF      call loc_B1A
000000c00  seg000:00000B31          ; -----
000000c10  seg000:00000B31          loc_B31:
000000c20  49 C0 01 2E C4 F4 08 42 1F 94 92 90 95 0D D8 D1  I.....B.....
000000ca0  3A D3 D4 D5 D6 8F 5B 19 DF 18 DC BB DE DF F7 6C  :.....[.....1
000000cb0  E3 E3 F3 8F E6 E7 E8 24 EA EB FB DA EF EF F0 A7  .....$.

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What we found? Troj/DocDrop-S

Bit index	Property name	Spec notes	Probable meaning
3	rupYear	"The value MUST be 0x07cc or 0x07cd"  "Excel97 writes 0x07cc for rupYear" (1996)	Maps to Excel spec version.  Is set to 0x0700 in this instance; 1792!
5	fRisc	"MUST be 0"  "last edited on RISC platform"	Unknown. This bit is so commonly set that the given meaning in the spec seems unlikely.
7	fWinAny	"SHOULD be 1"	Flag denoting if the file has ever been edited on Windows.
8	fMacAny	"MUST be 0"	Flag denoting if the file has ever been edited on Mac. Again, this violation is very common, and it would make little sense to have this bit, have Mac products, yet never set it!
11	2 <sup>nd</sup> bit of unused1 field	"Undefined and MUST be ignored"	Unknown.
35	reserved2	20 bits, "MUST be zero"	Unknown. The 20 following bits often have a consistent pattern within a group it is likely these bits are in use and have an undocumented meaning.
38-39	Bits 2-3 of the reserved2 bits	As above	As above

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What we did next?

- Looked at a more robust directory chain parser
- Extended to WordDocument
- ...



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What we did next? Extended to WordDocument

- File Information Block (Fib)
- Starts with FibBase
- 32 bytes 12 possible Must and 2 possible Should
- Going further in the docs looks promising

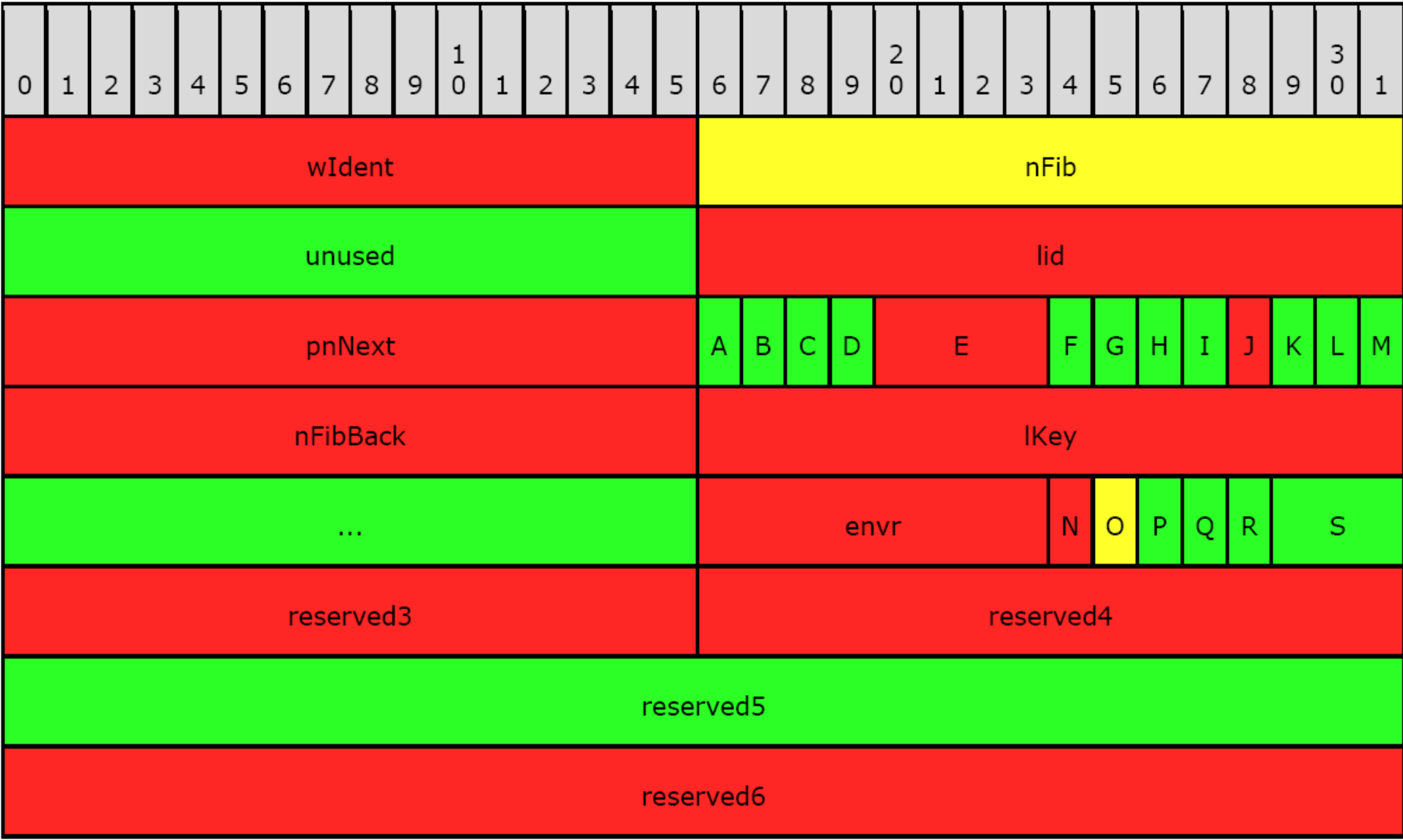
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## What we did next? Extended to WordDocument

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wIdent																nFib															
unused																lid															
pnNext																A	B	C	D	E			F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	
nFibBack																lKey															
...																envr						N	O	P	Q	R	S				
reserved3																reserved4															
reserved5																															
reserved6																															

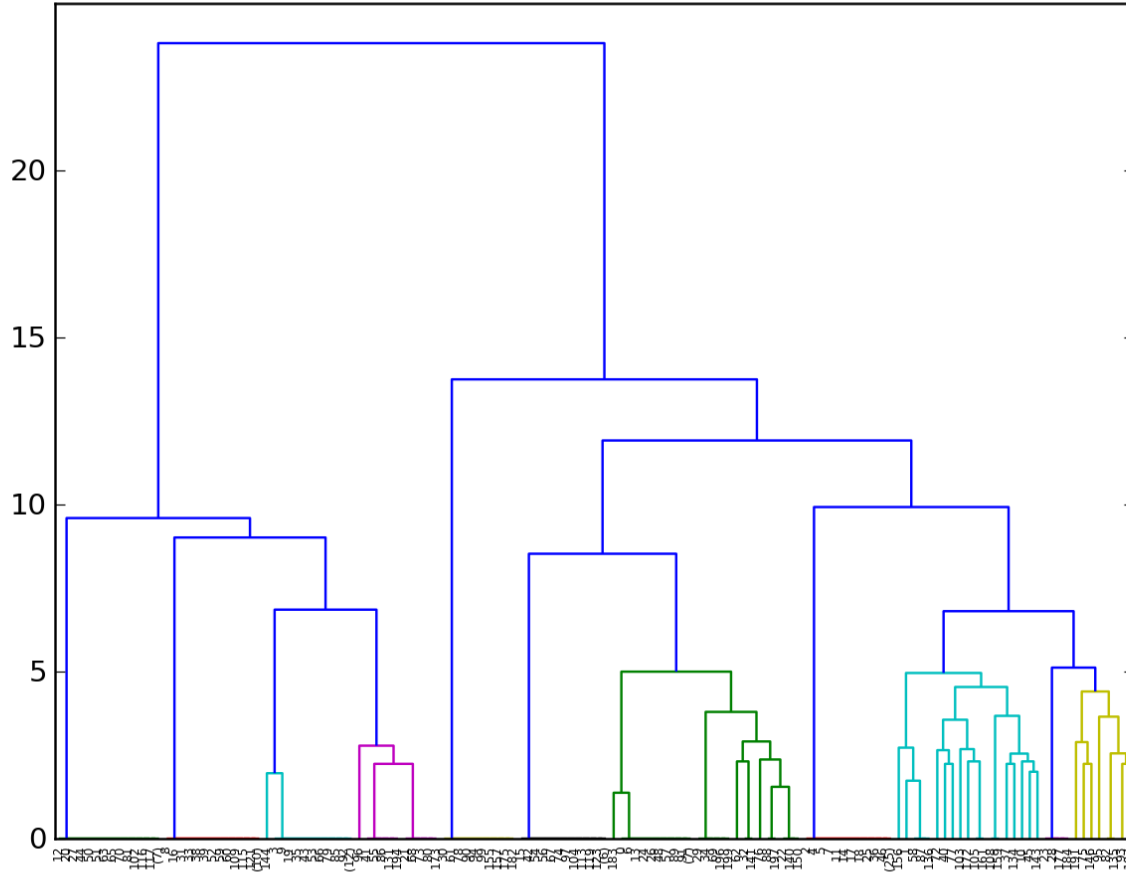
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## What we did next? Extended to WordDocument



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## What we did next? WordDocument



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What we did next? WordDocument

- Group 7
- 36 files all same violation
- ...

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## Conclusion

- Spec violations can provide good grouping.
- Quick/cheap less than 4 loads
- The fingerprints are common over diverse campaigns

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Questions?

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