

Risky PDF!

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Portable Document Format

Risk associated with PDF usage
Risk Mitigation

Intro...

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72 2F 46 6C 61 74 65 44 65 63 6F 64 65 2F 49 20 r/FlateDecode/I
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73 74 72 65 61 6D 0D 0A 78 DA 62 60 60 D0 66 60 stream..x.b``.f`
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Physical Structure

%PDF-1.1 **Header**

1 0 obj
<<
 /Type /Catalog
 /Outlines 2 0 R
 /Pages 3 0 R
>>
endobj

Objects

2 0 obj
<<
 /Type /Outlines
 /Count 0
>>
endobj

3 0 obj
<<
 /Type /Pages
 /Kids [4 0 R]
 /Count 1
>>
endobj

4 0 obj
<<
 /Type /Page
 /Parent 3 0 R
 /MediaBox [0 0 612 792]
 /Contents 5 0 R
 /Resources
 << /ProcSet 6 0 R
 /Font << /F1 7 0 R >>
 >>
>>
endobj

5 0 obj
<< /Length 67 >>
stream

5 0 obj
<< /Length 67 >>
stream
BT
/F1 24 Tf
100 700 Td
(Hello World)Tj
ET
endstream
endobj

6 0 obj
[/PDF /Text]
endobj

7 0 obj
<<
 /Type /Font
 /Subtype /Type1
 /Name /F1
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 /Encoding /MacRomanEncoding
>>
endobj

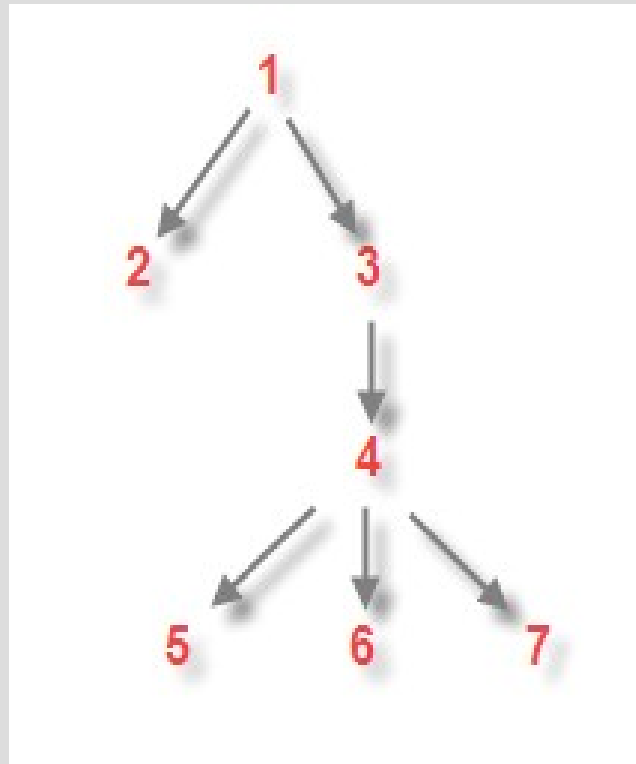
xref
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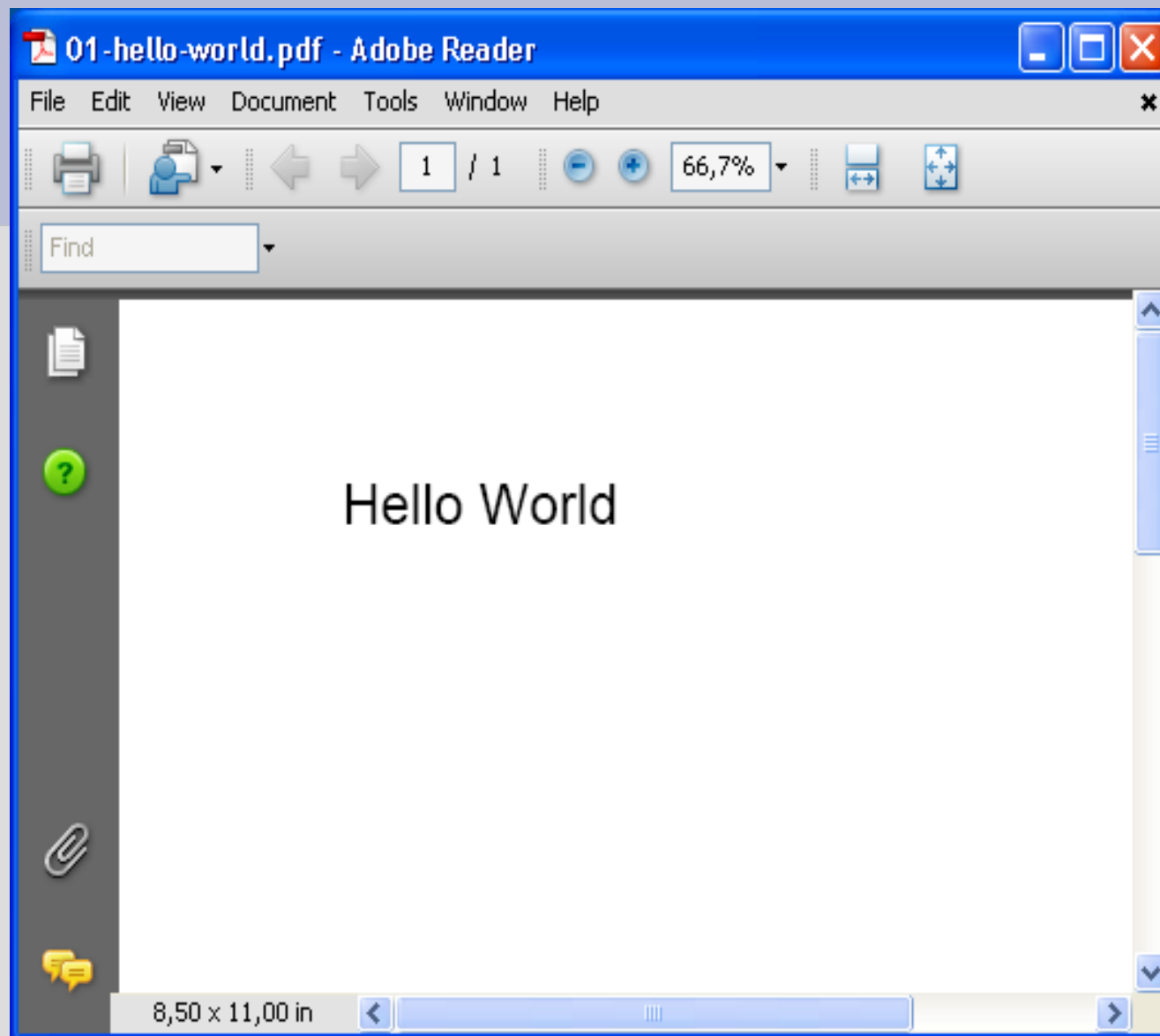
Cross Reference

trailer
<<
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>>
startxref
642
%%EOF

Trailer

Logical Structure

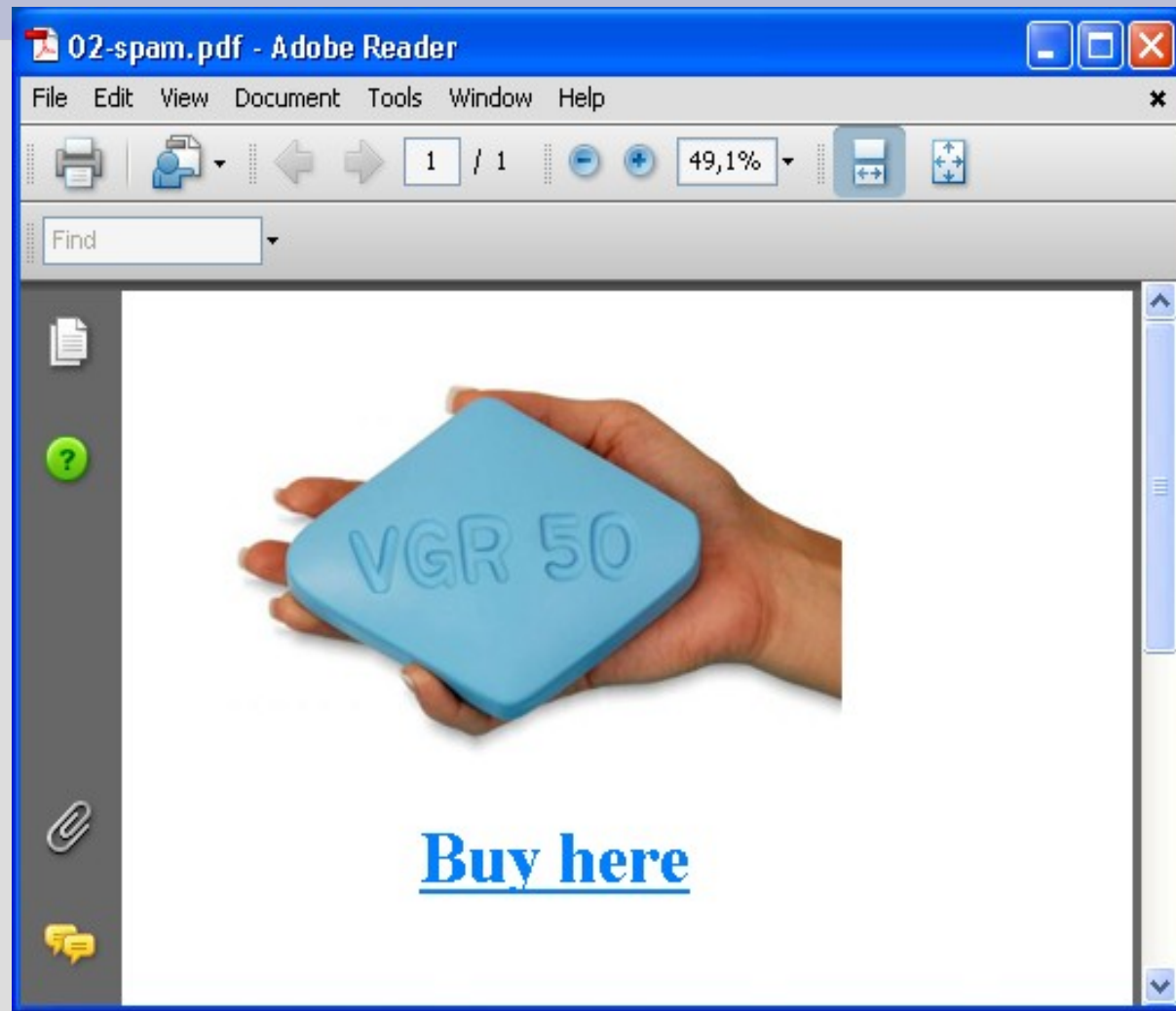




Risks

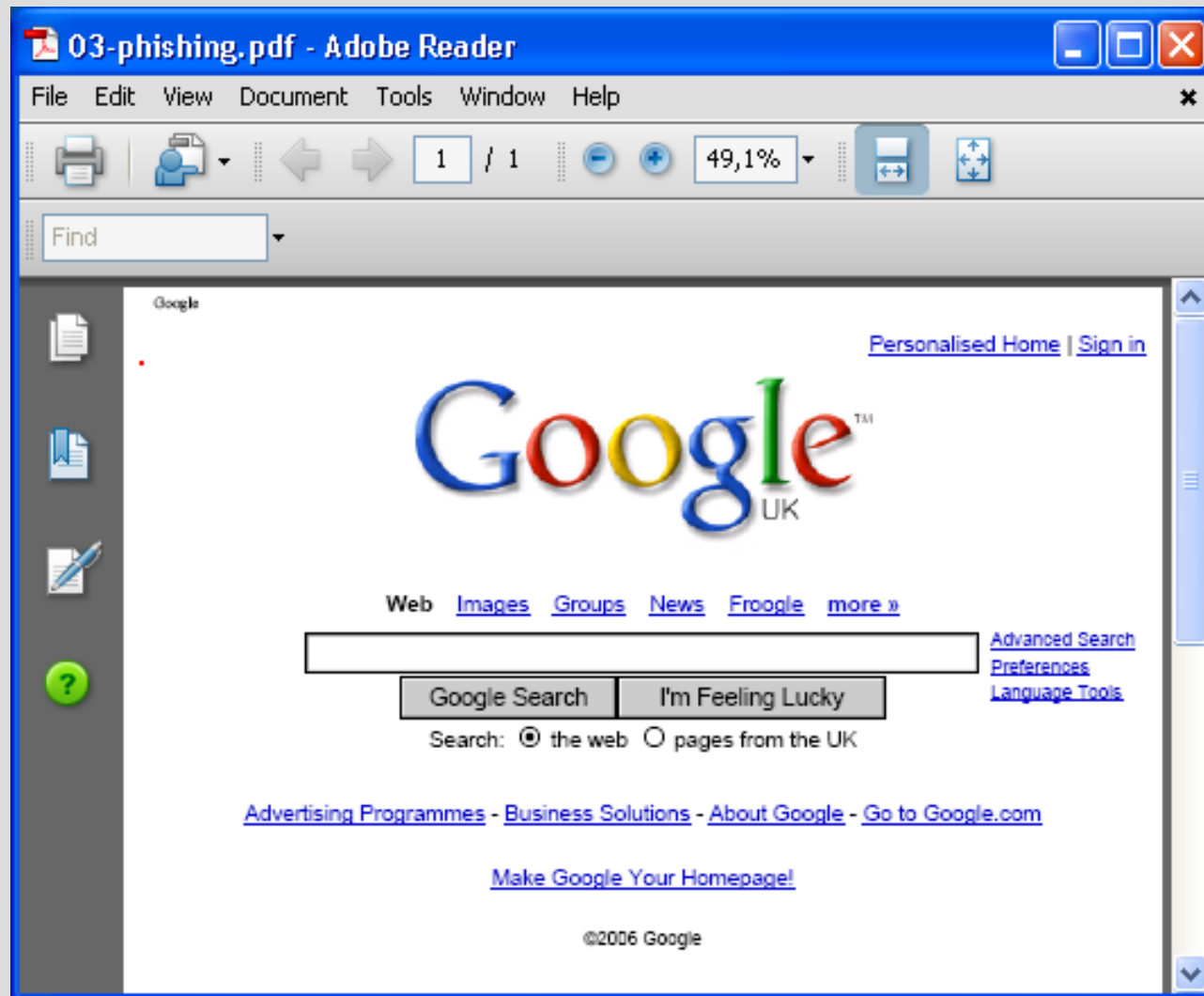


Spam



Phishing

FDF - Forms Data Format

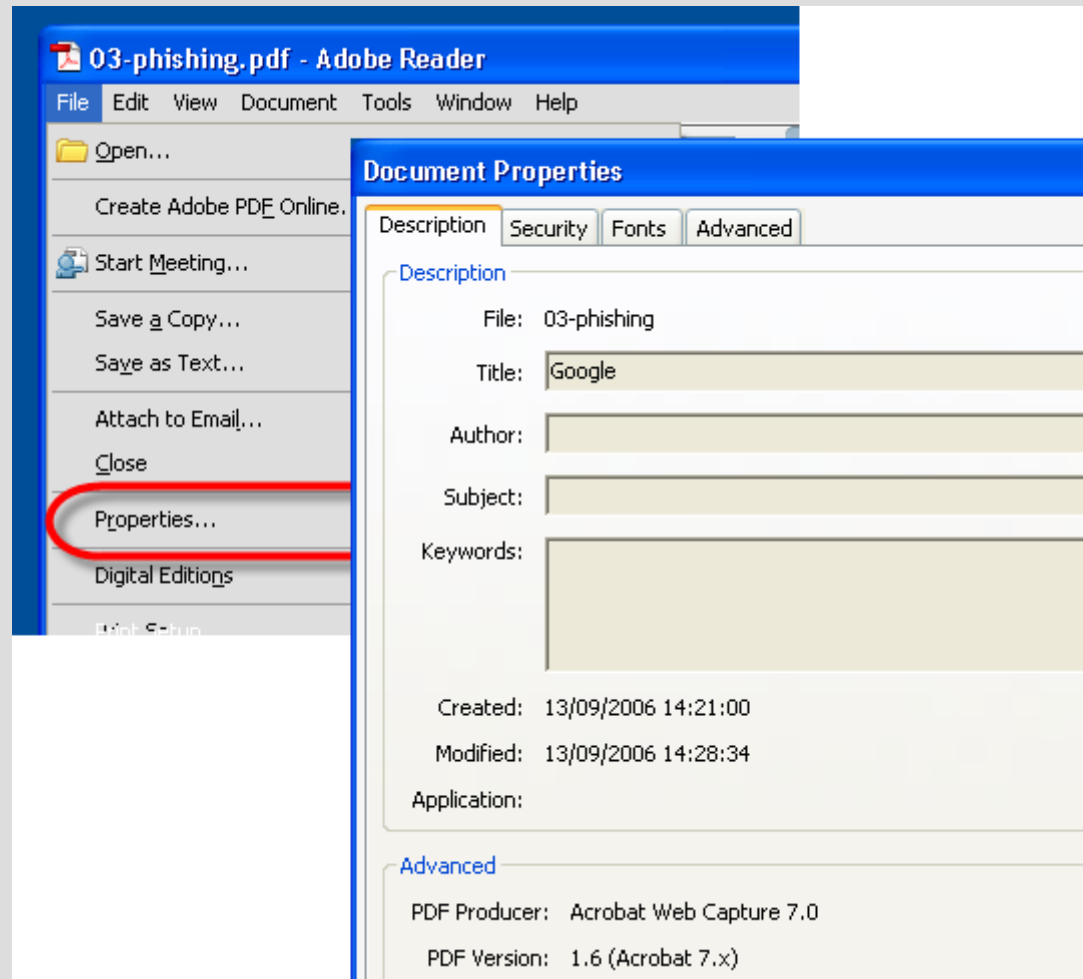


Demo time!



Information disclosure

Metadata



Information disclosure

Incremental Updates

- header
- objects (original content)
- cross reference table (original content)
- trailer (original content)

Original Content

- objects (updated content)
- cross reference table (updated content)
- trailer (updated content)

Updated Content

Demo time!



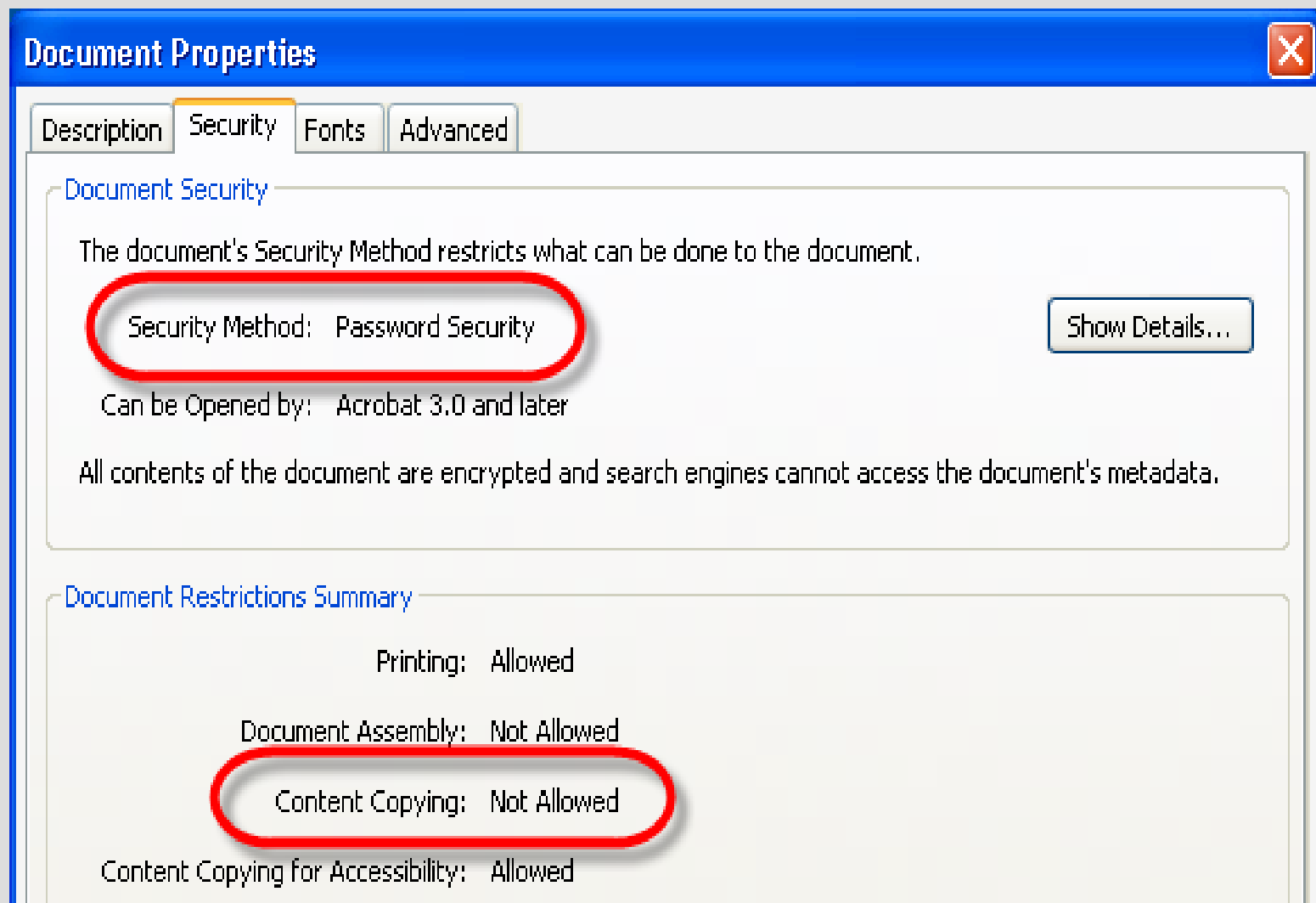
Malware Author at Work

Information disclosure

Malware Author at Work

06/11/2008 00:56:42	Start		
06/11/2008 01:54:14	00:57:32		\r\n
06/11/2008 01:54:58	00:00:44		app.setTimeout("main()", 3000);
06/11/2008 01:59:10	00:04:12		setTimeout("main()", 3000);
06/11/2008 02:00:40	00:01:30		app.setTimeout("main()", 5000);
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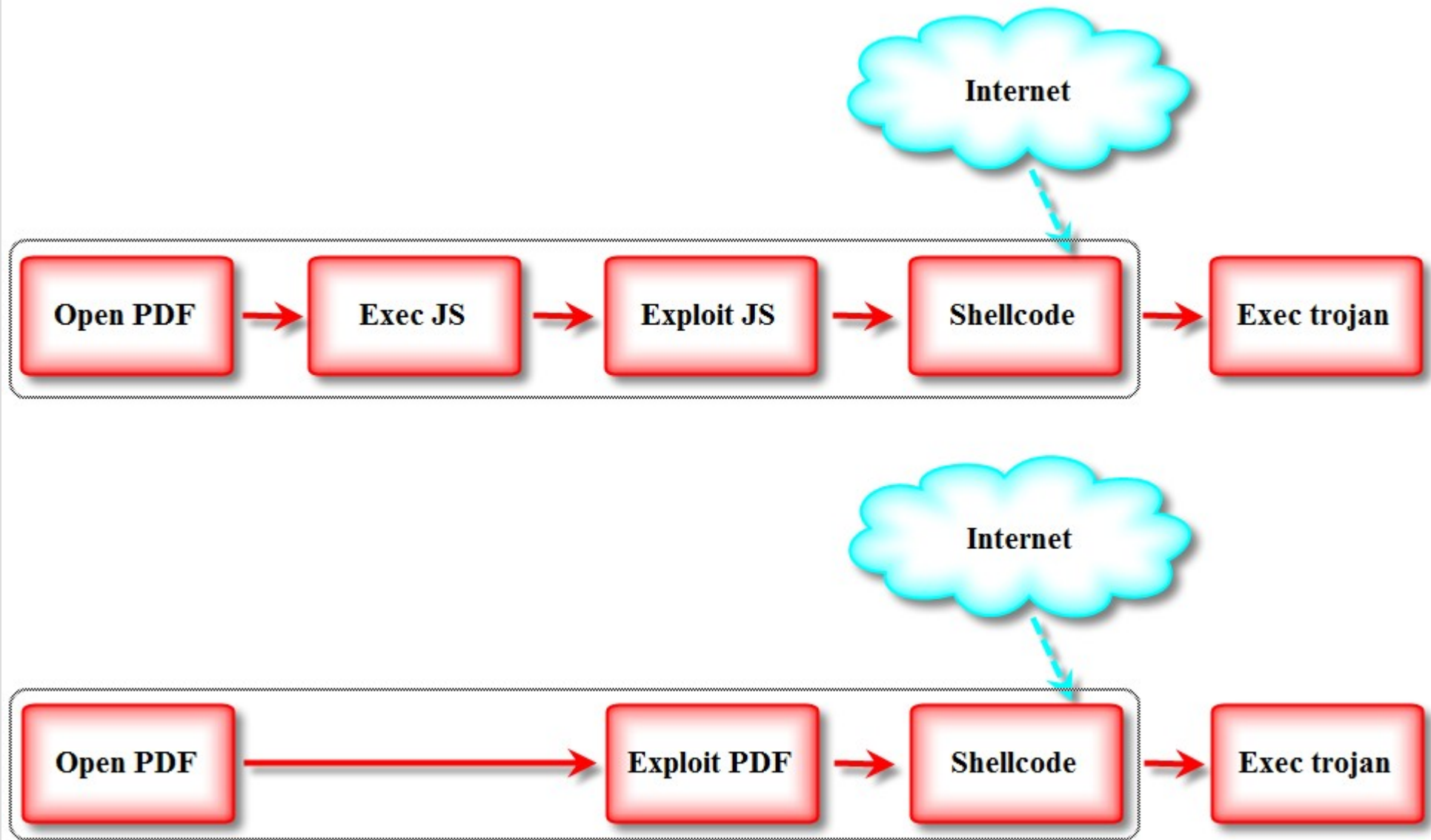
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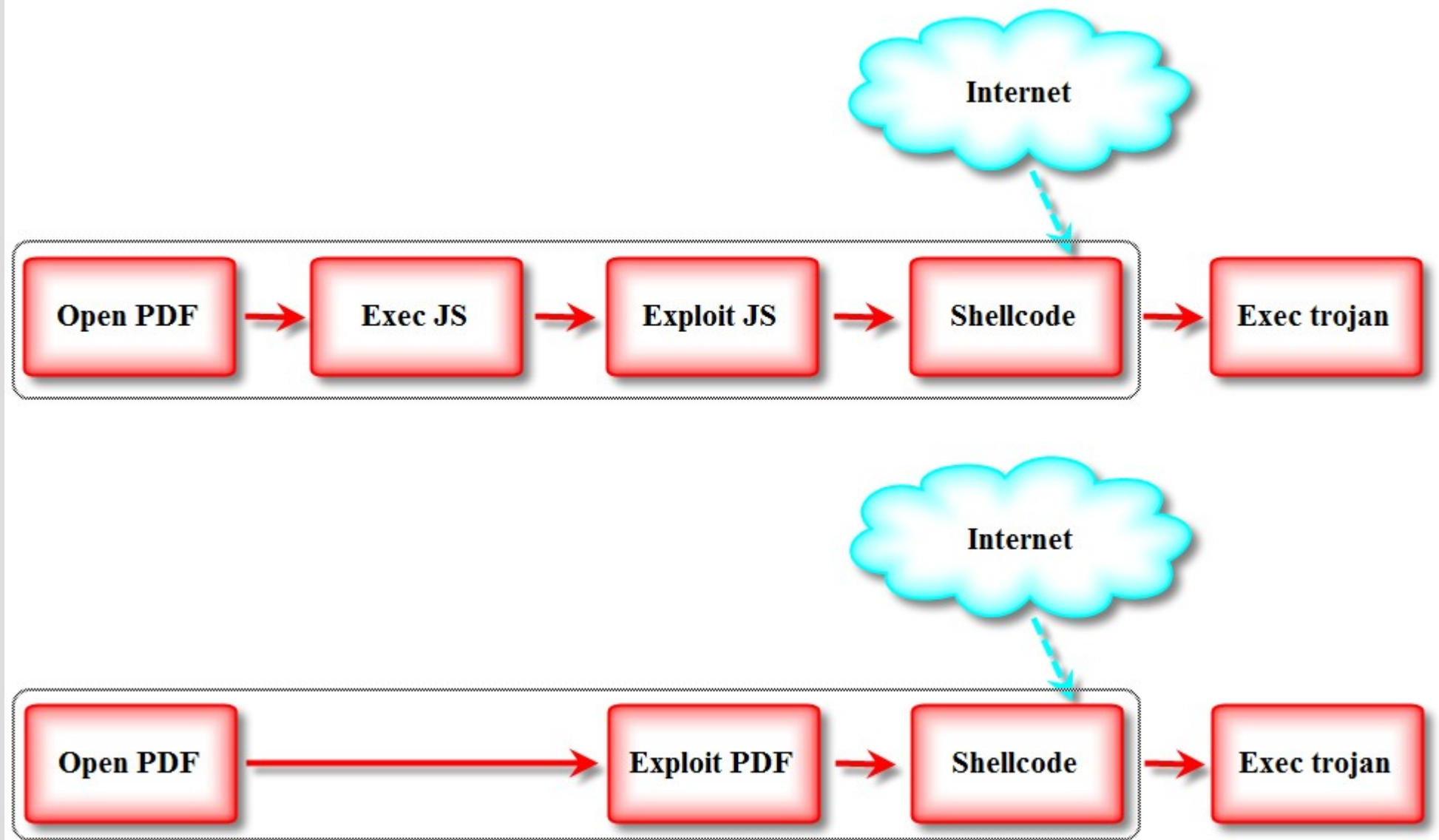
Mitigation



Mitigation

- Don't allow PDF!
- Scan PDF
- Patch / Upgrade
- Reduce / Change attack surface
- Sandbox PDF Reader
- Block generic malware
 - LUA
 - Application whitelisting
 - AV / HIPS

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Questions?

And hopefully some answers...

Thank you

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