

## Research @ Botacin's Lab

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# Automated Attack Generation Using LLM models

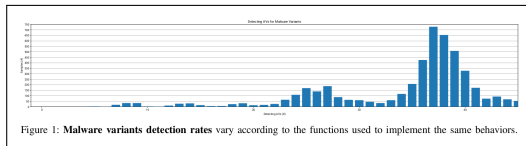
## GPThreats-3: Is Automatic Malware Generation a Threat?

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**Abstract**—Recent research advances introduced large textual models, of which GPT-3 is state-of-the-art. They enable many applications, such as generating text and code. Whereas the model's capabilities might be explored for good, they might also cause some negative impact: The model's code generation capabilities might be used by attackers to assist in malware creation, a phenomenon that must be understood. In this work, our goal is to answer the question: Can current large textual models (represented by GPT-3) already be

attackers could use the models [10]. To contribute to this debate, we present an evaluation of the model's capabilities from the attacker's perspective. We explore how the models could assist attackers in many tasks, from the entire malware creation to the addition of anti-analysis techniques to existing code, and the automatic creation of malware variants via a scriptable procedure.

We investigated model capabilities by creating custom queries that were performed via OpenAI's public



**Source:** <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10188649>

**GANs:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wzeHzUG314>

**CoPilot:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P92ayn2qt0>

**Integration:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p85EbQPREWk>

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# Adversarial ML in Practice



## Machine Learning Security Evasion Competition

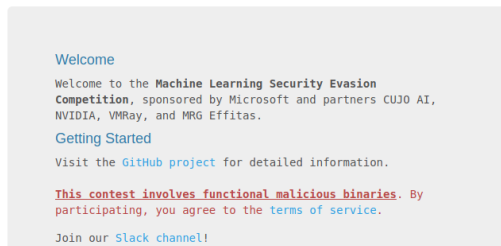


Figure: [mlsec.io](https://mlsec.io)



Luckily, everyone understood this mistake and accepted the new results.

## Analysis of the winning solutions

Please check out all the great write-ups from the participants.

First place in the attacker track and second at the defender track

<https://secret.inf.ufpr.br/2020/09/29/adversarial-malware-in-machine-learning-detectors-our-mlsec-2020-secrets/>

The previous one, but white-paper format, defender track only

<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8636415>

Figure: <https://cujo.com/machine-learning-security-evasion-competition-2020-results-and-behind-the-scenes/>

Framework: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2gubquZbDE>

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# Hardware-Assisted Attack Detectors

The screenshot shows the NSF Awards search results page. The NSF logo is in the top left. Navigation links include "Find Funding & Apply" and "Manage Your Awards". A sidebar on the left lists various award categories. The main content area displays the award details for "SaTC: CORE: Small: An evaluation framework and methodology to streamline Hardware-Assisted Attack Detectors".

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|-------------------------|---|
| NSF Org:                | CNS<br><a href="#">Division Of Computer and Network Systems</a> |
| Recipient:              | TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION                        |
| Initial Amendment Date: | July 18, 2023   |
| Latest Amendment Date:  | July 18, 2023   |
| Award Number:           | 2327427   |
| Award Instrument:       | Continuing Grant  |

**Source:** [https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD\\_ID=2327427](https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=2327427)

The screenshot shows the Texas A&M University Engineering website. The header includes the TAMU logo and navigation links for "ABOUT", "ACADEMICS", "ADMISSIONS AND AID", and "STUDENT LIFE". The article title is "Innovative Approach: Detecting Malware Through Hardware-integrated Protection". The author is Justin Agan, and the date is August 14, 2023. The article is categorized under "Computer Science and Engineering" and "Research".

**Source:** [tx.ag/ft0dCdj](https://tx.ag/ft0dCdj)



# Threat Intelligence Platforms

The screenshot shows the Corvus\_ web interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Pesquisar por nome, MD5 ou SHA1". Below the search bar, there are four main sections, each with an icon and a title:

- Envie Seus Arquivos**: Represented by a cloud upload icon. Description: "Suas aplicações são armazenadas e analisadas como todos os outros softwares maliciosos e benignos."
- Relatório de Arquivos**: Represented by a document with a magnifying glass icon. Description: "Corvus\_ gera um relatório completo de seus arquivos, extraindo dados estáticos e dinâmicos."
- Estatísticas**: Represented by a bar chart icon. Description: "Nosso sistema prevê um conjunto completo de estatística sobre os arquivos enviados."
- Salvar Relatórios**: Represented by a floppy disk icon. Description: "Exporte nossos relatórios e os use em seus experimentos."

Below these sections, there is a section titled "Selecione um item abaixo:" followed by a list of items:

- Estadísticas
- Submissões
- Arquivos
- Relatórios
- Public Collections

**Sandbox:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2-6Xg44ge4>

# Thanks!

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