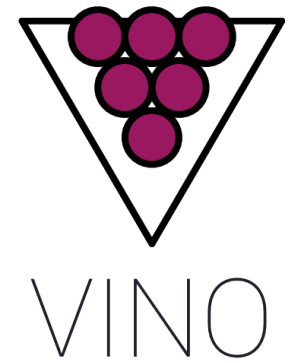


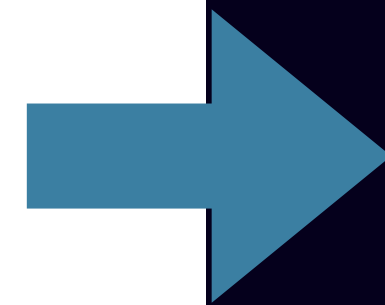
# **THE STATE OF CREDENTIAL STUFFING.**

Bad bots and the automation war

# JARROD OVERSON

Perpetually frustrated maker of things.

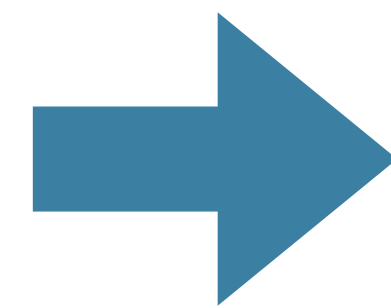




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How has automation evolved?

Where do we go from here?



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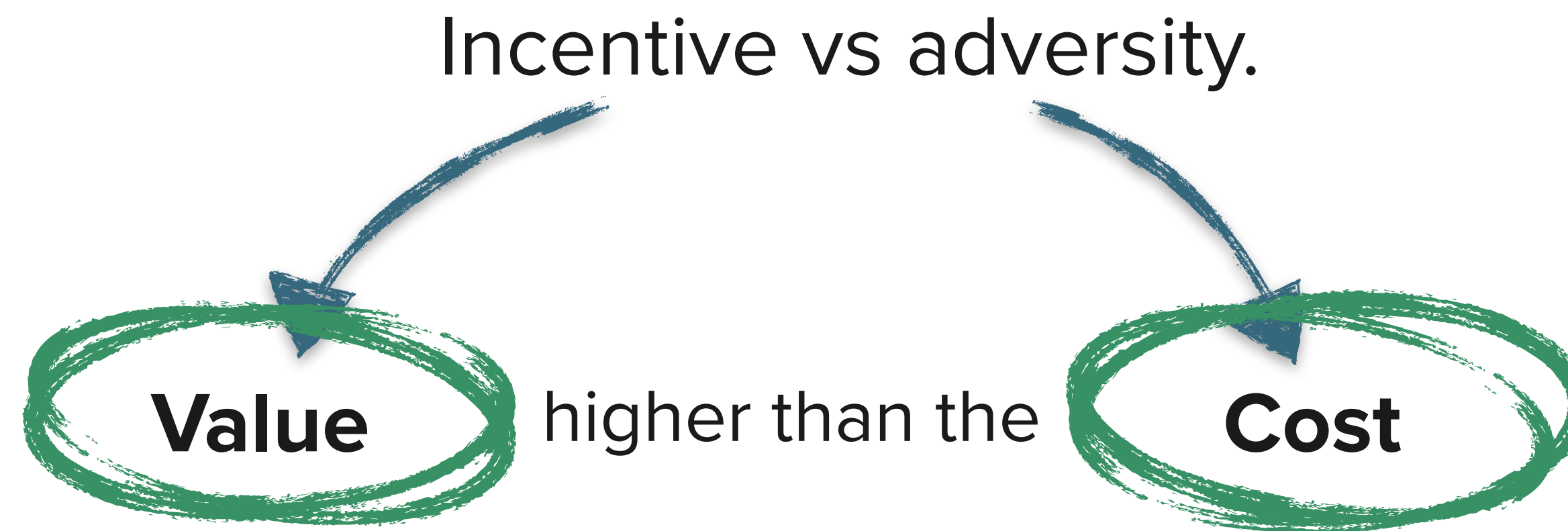


Loads of money.



Us.

# What's driving evolution?



# Case study: credential stuffing.

What does it take?

1. Credentials

Total: \$0

# Case study: credential stuffing.

What does it take?

1. Credentials
2. An account checker

Total: \$0 + \$0

# Case study: credential stuffing.

What does it take?

1. Credentials
2. An account checker
3. Proxies

Total: \$0 + \$0 + \$.0005

# Case study: credential stuffing.

What does it take?

1. Credentials
2. An account checker
3. Proxies
4. CAPTCHA bypasses

Total: \$0 + \$0 + \$.00005 + \$.001

# Case study: credential stuffing.

What does it take?

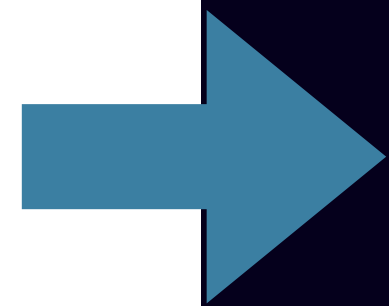
Total: less than  $\frac{2}{10}$  of one US penny per tested credential.

The break-even rate for accounts worth \$1 is 0.2%

Accounts are regularly worth \$3 - >\$100

At Shape, we saw success rates around 2%

What's driving evolution?



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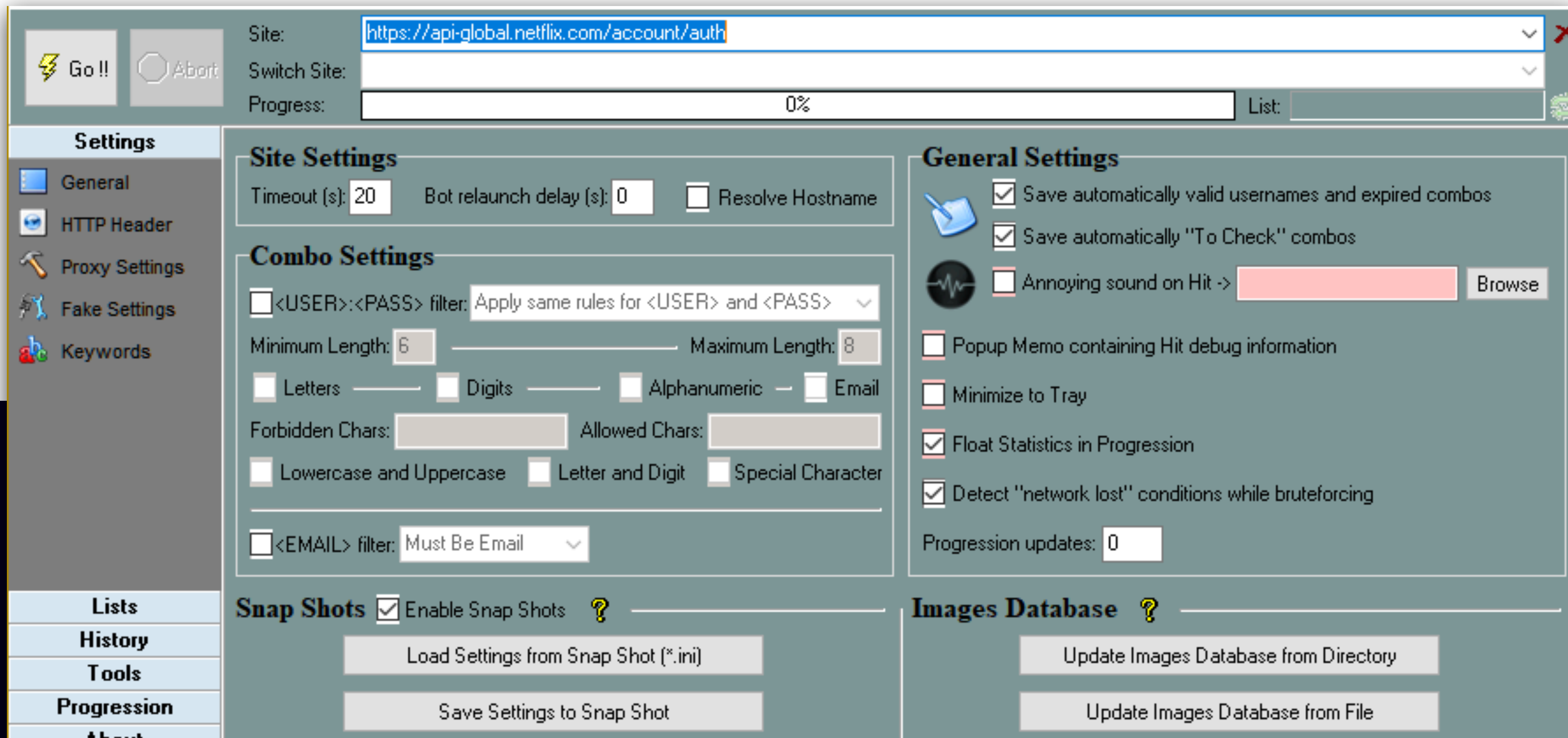


# Generation 0: Basic HTTP requests with common tools

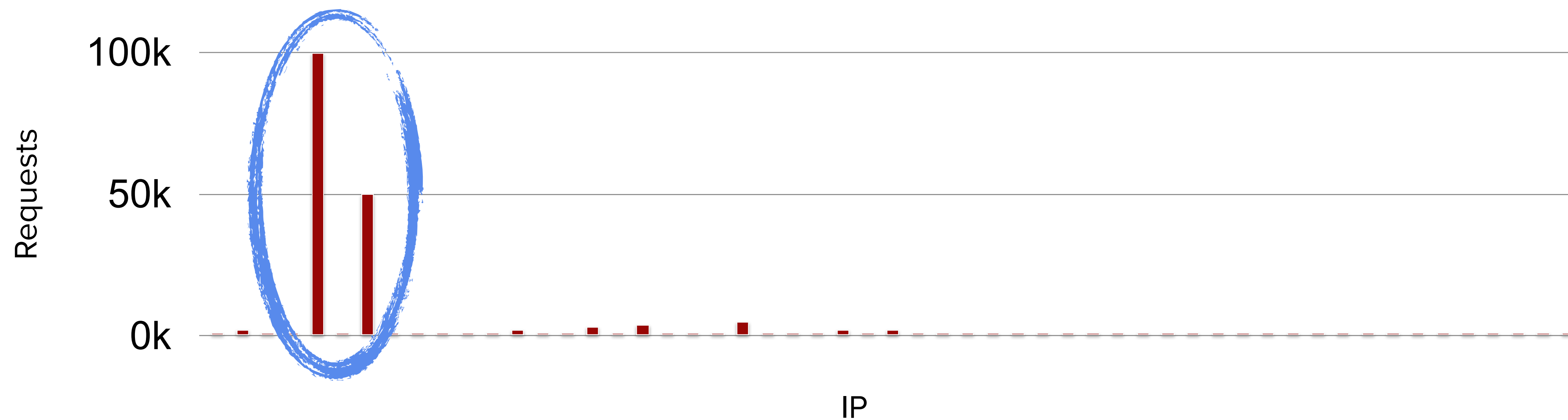
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# SentryMBA

- Performs basic HTTP requests.
- Extensible and highly configurable.
- Tailored towards specific attack use cases.



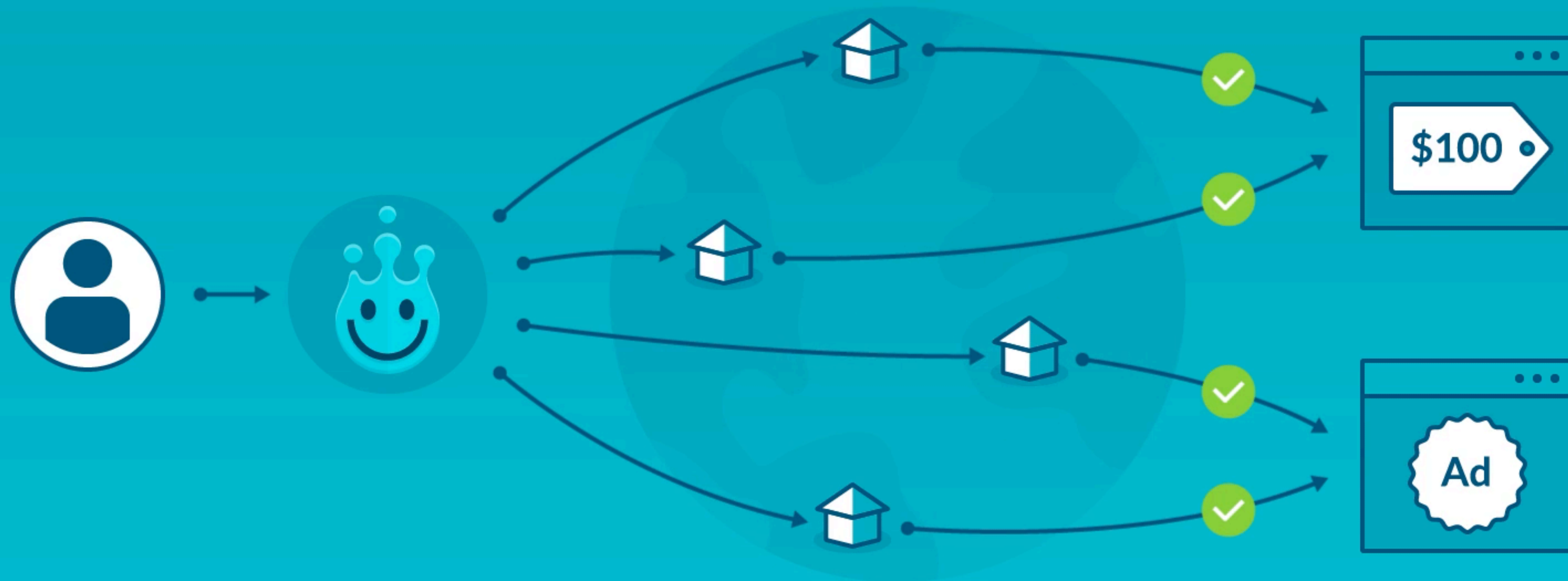
# Early defense: IP Rate limiting.



# Iteration 1: Rotate through proxies

Free Proxy List						FREE PROXY ▾	WEB PROXY ▾	SOCKS PROXY	BUY PROXY ▾	COMPANY ▾
Show 20 ▾ entries			Search all columns: <input type="text"/>							
IP Address	↕	Port	↕	Code	↕	Anonymity	↕	Https	↕	
185.122.44.218		36805		IT		elite proxy		yes		
41.39.125.250		23500		EG		elite proxy		yes		
197.211.245.50		53281		ZW		elite proxy		yes		
195.234.87.211		53281		BG		elite proxy		yes		
121.139.218.165		31409		KR		elite proxy		yes		
109.92.140.250		53281		RS		elite proxy		yes		
46.10.240.182		55878		BG		elite proxy		yes		
115.42.13.168		53281		AU		elite proxy		yes		

## Luminati — Residential proxy network



Every country and every city in the world





# Unblock any website

Used by over **190 million** people worldwide

Click to install Hola VPN

Start



# Defense: Text-based CAPTCHAs

## Security Check

Please enter the text below





# Iteration 2: CAPTCHA Solvers

2Captcha

Work for us    Captcha recognition service    API    Software    Blog    

Sign in

Register

Order C

CAPTCHA

50¢ Starting price for solved CAPTCHAs

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- Easy-to-use **API** available for most popular programming languages.
- DeCaptcha** and **Antigate (Anti-Captcha)** API support to make migration to Death By Captcha as easy as possible.

STATUS: OK

Average solving time 1 minute ago: 14 sec  
5 minutes ago: 11 sec  
15 minutes ago: 11 sec  
Today's average accuracy rate: 89.8 %  
(updated every minute)

Create a FREE account

Log In

Username:

Password:

☐

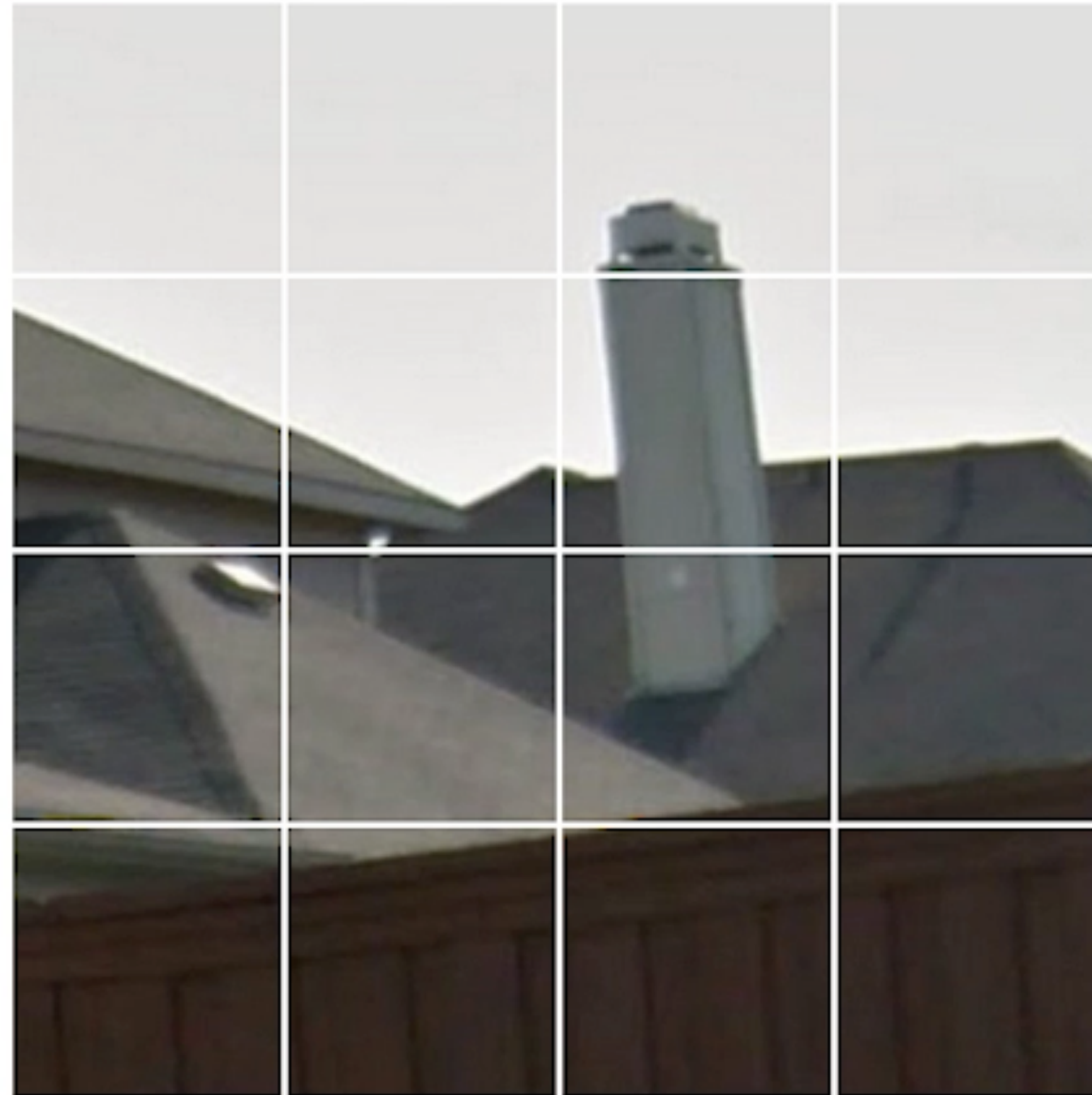
I'm not a robot

Click here for help

- @jsoverson



# Defense: Dynamic sites and JavaScript heavy defenses.



# Iteration 3: Scriptable WebViews



**PhantomJS**

**Full web stack  
No browser required**



**trifleJS**

Headless automation for Internet Explorer

# Defense: Header Fingerprinting & Environment Checks



```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:1337
Connection: keep-alive
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_5) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/39.0.2171.95 Safari/537.36
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, sdch
```



```
GET / HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X) AppleWebKit/534.34 (KHTML, like Gecko) PhantomJS/1.9.8 Safari/534.34
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Connection: Keep-Alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip
Accept-Language: en-US,*
Host: localhost:1337
```

# Modern Era



# Iteration 4: Scriptable Consumer Browsers



## **Playwright & Puppeteer**

Playwright and puppeteer are automation drivers for modern browsers.

# Defense: Browser Fingerprinting



## Browser Fingerprinting

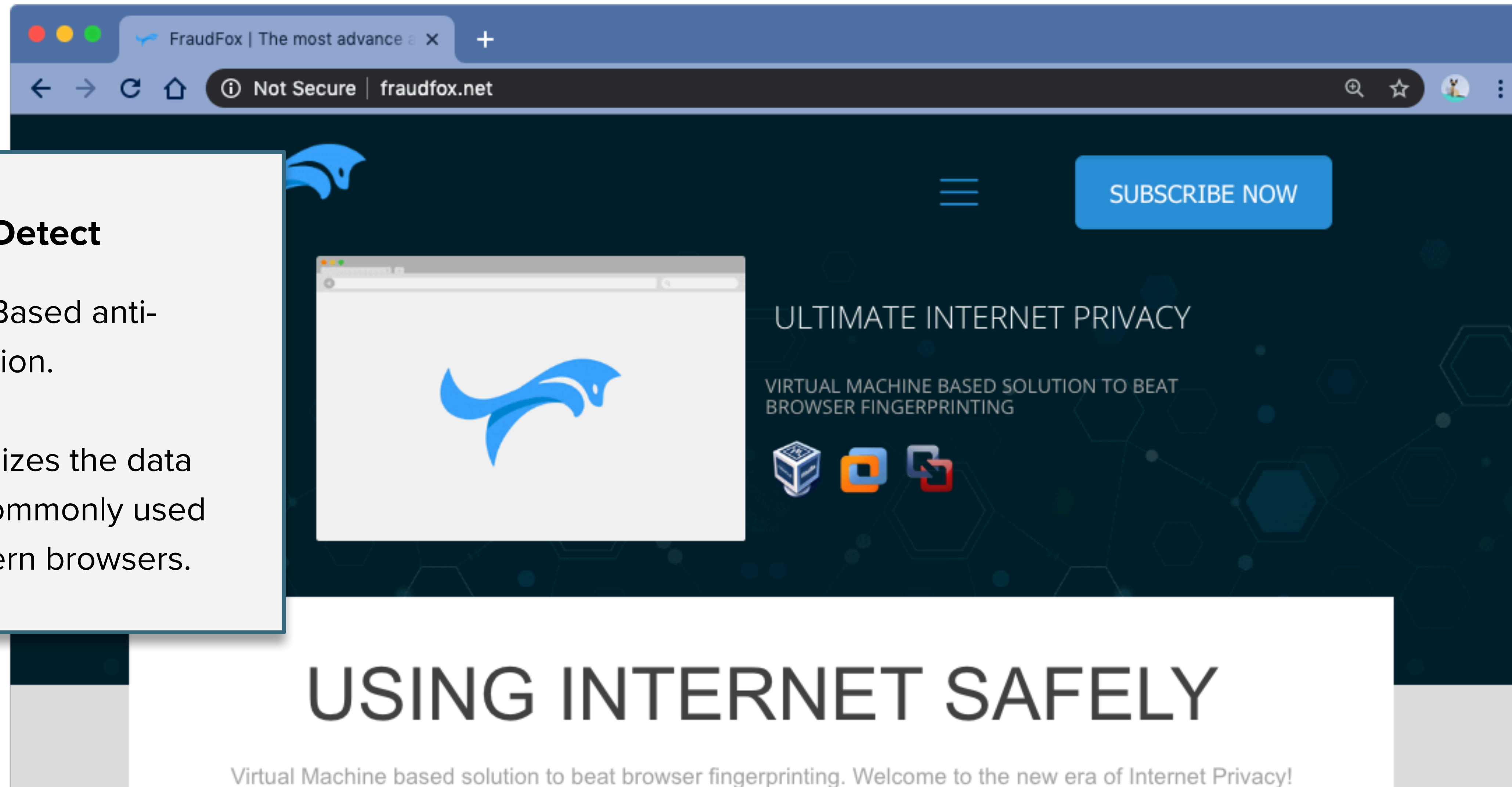
Collecting data points like screen size, fonts, and plugins can produce an effective fingerprint.

# Iteration 5: Randomizing Fingerprint Data Sources

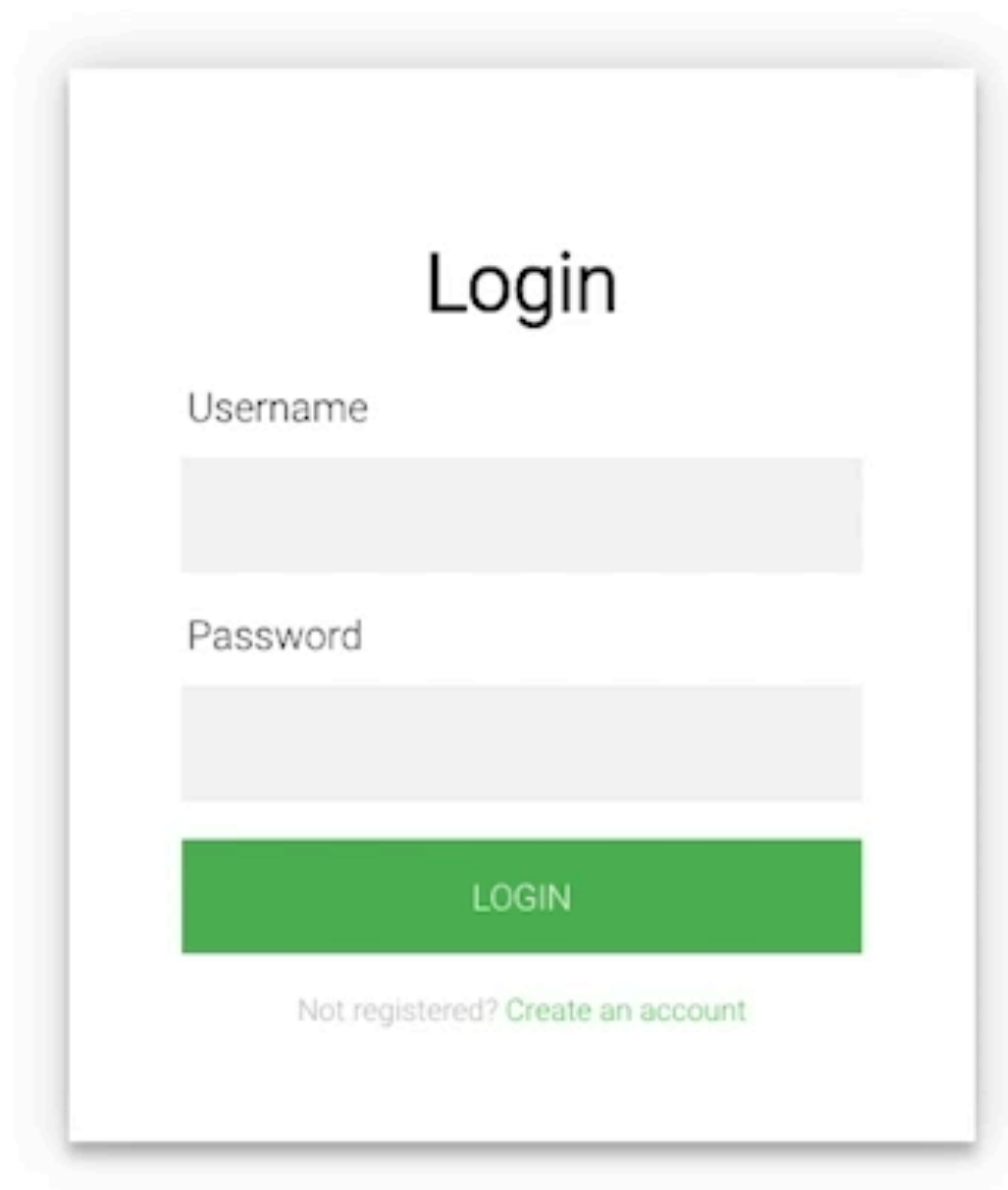
## FraudFox & AntiDetect

FraudFox is a VM-Based anti-fingerprinting solution.

AntiDetect randomizes the data sources that are commonly used to fingerprint modern browsers.



# Defense: Behavior Analysis for Negative Traits



Login

Username

Password

LOGIN

Not registered? [Create an account](#)

## Behavior Analysis

Bots always click in the same spot, humans don't.

Bots type with lightning speed, humans don't.

Basic behavior analysis catches all simple bots.



# Iteration 6: Human Behavior Emulation

About Store



Gmail Images

Sign in



## Browser Automation Studio

BAS is an automation tool that combines CAPTCHA solving, proxy rotation, and emulated human behavior.



# Defense: Browser Consistency Checks

The screenshot shows the Can I Use website interface. The search bar contains 'ogg vorbis' and shows '1 result found'. Below the search bar, there's a section for 'Ogg Vorbis audio format' with a description: 'Vorbis is a free and open source audio format, most commonly used with the Ogg container.' To the right, it shows 'Usage % of all users' as 'Global 81.44%'. Below this, there's a table with browser support data.

IE	Edge	Firefox	Chrome	Safari	Opera	iOS Safari	Opera Mini	Andr Brow
	12-16	2-3			10.1			2.1-2.2
6-10	17	3.5-68	4-76	3.1-12	11.5-60	3.2-12.1		2.3-4.4.4
11	18	69	77	12.1	62	12.3	all	76
	76	70-71	78-80	13-TP		13		

## Validating Fingerprints

Good Users don't lie much.

Attackers need a few clients to look like thousands and have to lie to make it convincing.

Those lies add up.



# Iteration 7: Use real device data



## CAPABILITIES

Here is a list of properties involved in browser fingerprinting. They can be changed with FingerprintSwitcher service:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Canvas data</a>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Webgl data</a>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Video card properties</a> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Audio data</a>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Audio settings</a>    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Font list</a>             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">WebRTC IP</a>    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Browser language</a>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Timezone</a>              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Plugin list</a>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Screen properties</a> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">User agent</a>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Platform ID</a>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Touch support</a>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Battery capacity</a>      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Do not track</a> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Gamepad</a>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Geolocation</a>           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Connection</a>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">USB devices</a>       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">SVG reading</a>           |

### Using Real Values

Bablosoft's Fingerprint Switcher gives you real browser fingerprints, reducing the lies in your data.



# Defense: MFA and risk scoring



## Enter code

Please type in the code displayed on your authenticator app from your device

Code

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[More information](#)

Verify

## Iteration 8: Hijack sessions and user computers.

☰

- Dashboard
- Genesis Wiki new
- News 10
- Bots 127417
- Generate FP
- Orders
- Purchases 1
- Payments
- Tickets
- Genesis Security
- Profile
- Invites
- Logout

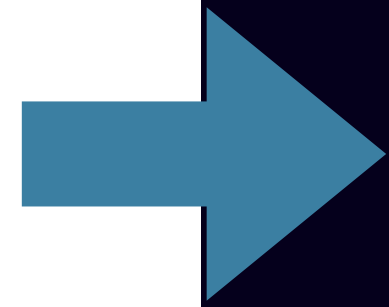
Home / Bots

## Bots

BOT NAME/ 	RESOURCES KNOWN / OTHER	COUNTRY / HOST	PRICE / ...
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What's driving evolution?

How has automation evolved?



**Where do we go from here?**

# As a company: bring security & fraud into UX decisions

The best defenses are internal.

## **Limit, delay, and vary feedback in the UX.**

Advanced adversaries are developers. Don't aid them with helpful messages.

## **Reduce your surface area**

Funnel risk into bottlenecks to simplify modeling and response.

## **Build a system of dials and levers**

Adversaries iterate quickly and defenses need to change rapidly. Build for speed.



# Stop using CAPTCHAs

They are trivially bypassed and are more frustrating to users than adversaries.

drag the rings to rotate them. Fix the image.



Pick the image where the dice add up to 16





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