



Introduction to Malware

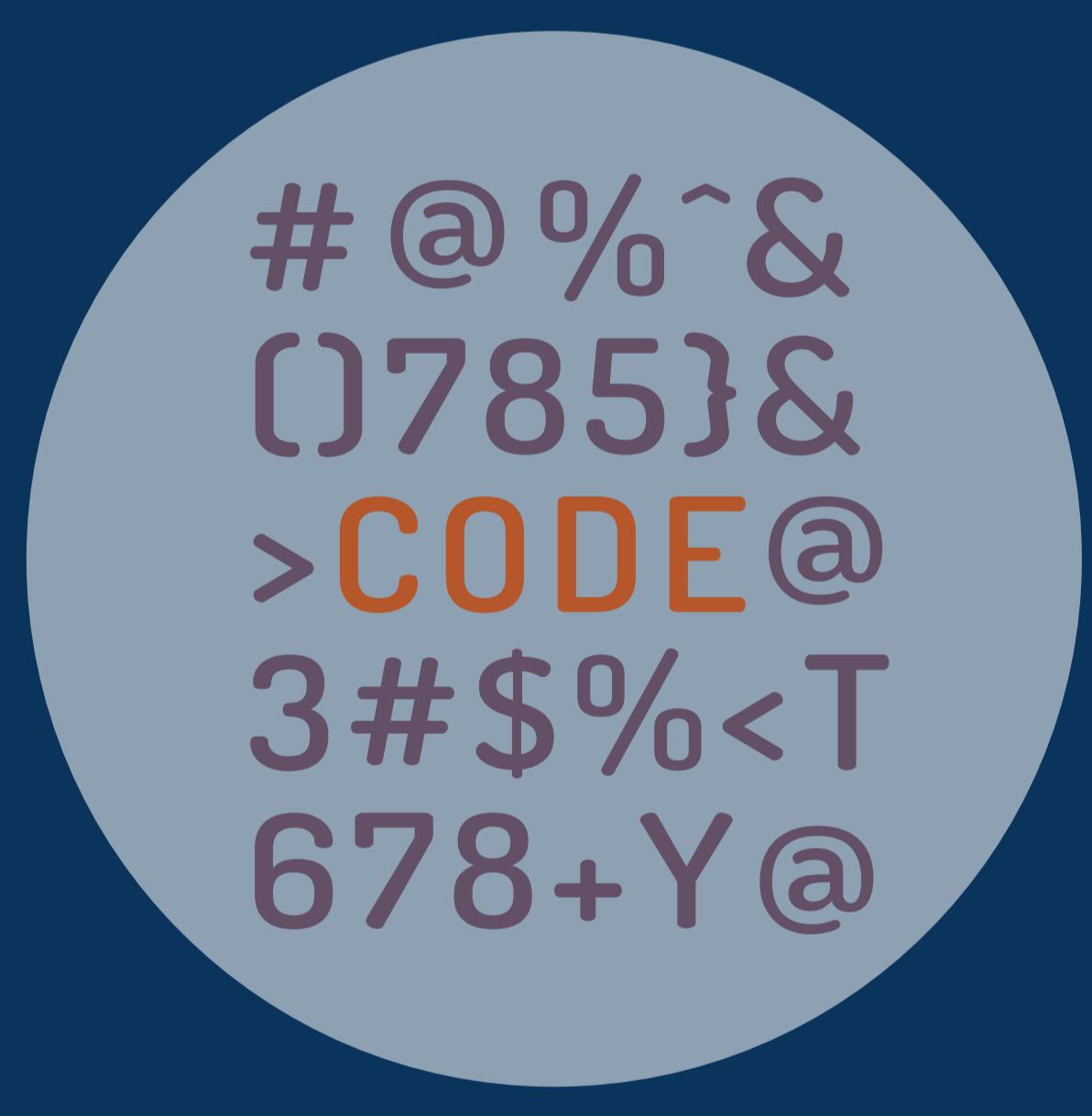


Malware is a portmanteau combining the words “malicious” and “software”

“Virus” should not be used interchangeably with “malware”, as a virus is a subset of malware.



Hackers can aim to acquire sensitive information, such as passwords, by capturing keystrokes using a keylogger



A hacker can encrypt our files using a type of malware called “ransomware” and demand ransom.



Every day, thousands of pieces of malware get released, so antimalware or antivirus vendors need to keep releasing updates regularly.