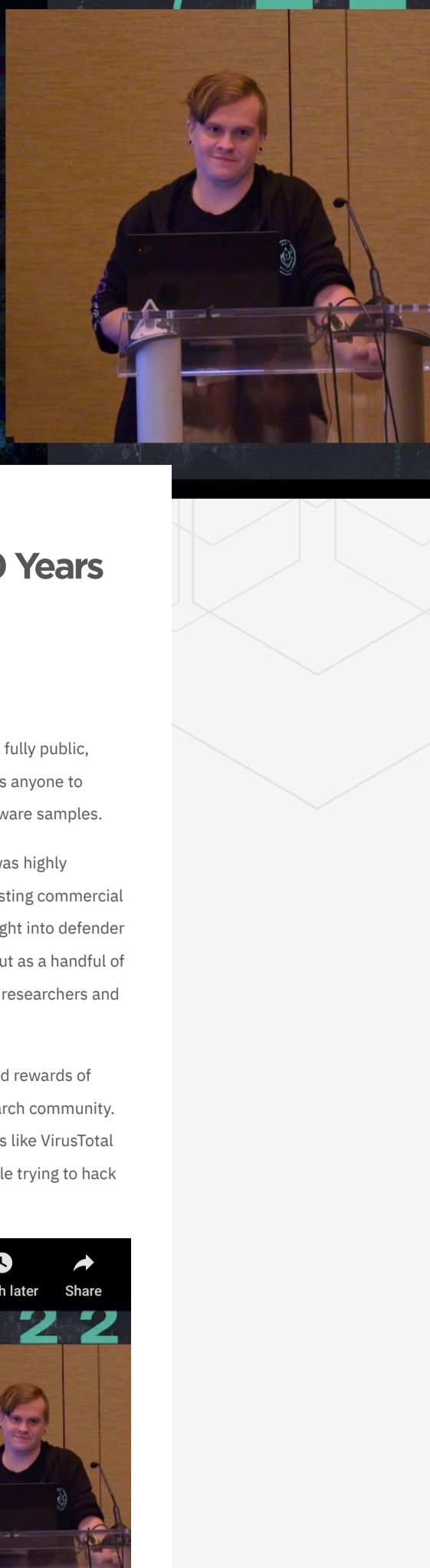


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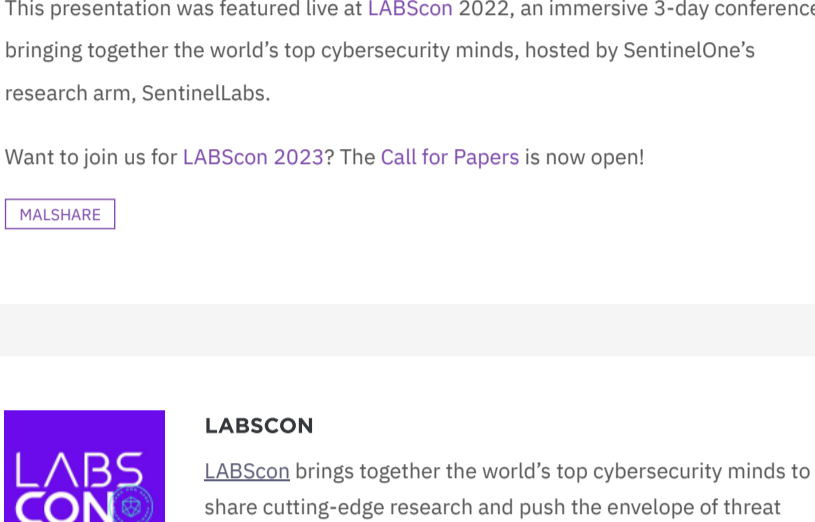
## LABSCon Replay | Malshare: 10 Years of Running a Public Malware Repository

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Since March 2013, alongside a handful of volunteers, Silas has run a fully public, never-for-profit malware repository named MalShare. The site allows anyone to register and immediately have access to our entire collection of malware samples.

When MalShare first launched, the idea of openly sharing malware was highly controversial; Silas was told the site would never survive against existing commercial options and that it would only serve to give threat actors deeper insight into defender visibility. Now ten years later, Malshare is still online. What started out as a handful of open web directories has grown into a service used by thousands of researchers and integrated into numerous tools.

In this talk, Silas shares his experience of some of the challenges and rewards of running a free, public malware repository for the benefit of the research community. Along the way, he describes his greatest fear, discusses rival services like VirusTotal and vx-underground, and explains why he doesn't worry about people trying to hack the site.



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Transcript

00:00:05 **Silas Cutler**  
Thanks for having me. My name is Silas Cutler. And today I'm going to be talking about talking about a really important project to me. But those of you who don't know me, as I said, my name is Silas. I wear many hats. I've worked quite a few places. But the hat that is the most important to me is one that started almost ten years ago. It'll be ten years in a couple of weeks.

00:00:38 **Silas Cutler**  
So I run a public malware repository with several other people, several of whom are here called Malshare. Malshare is a Public Repository. We don't have any paid services. We will never offer any paid services. The entire project is focused around making malware sample access easier. Malshare started on 28th March 2013 and it was really interesting.

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### About the Presenter

Silas Cutler is Senior Director for Cyber Threat Research and Analysis at the Institute for Security and Technology and Resident Hacker at Stairwell. He specializes in hunting advanced threat actors and malware developers, nation states and organized cybercrime groups. Prior to Stairwell, Silas was a threat intelligence practitioner at CrowdStrike, Google, Chronicle and Dell Secureworks.

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