



Automatically Identify Malware Capabilities

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CAPABILITY	NAMESPACE
check for OutputDebugString error	anti-analysis/anti-debugging/debugger-detection
read and send data from client to server	c2/file-transfer
execute shell command and capture output	c2/shell
receive data (2 matches)	communication
send data (6 matches)	communication
connect to HTTP server (3 matches)	communication/http/client
create HTTP request (3 matches)	communication/http/client
send HTTP request (3 matches)	communication/http/client
create pipe	communication/named-pipe/create
get socket status (2 matches)	communication/socket
initialize Winsock library (2 matches)	communication/socket
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send data on socket (3 matches)	communication/socket/send
connect TCP socket	communication/socket/tcp
create TCP socket	communication/socket/tcp
create UDP socket	communication/socket/udp/send
act as TCP client	communication/tcp/client
encode data using Base64	data-manipulation/encoding/base64
reference Base64 string	data-manipulation/encoding/base64
encode data using XOR (6 matches)	data-manipulation/encoding/xor
run as a service	executable/pe
get common file path (3 matches)	host-interaction/file-system





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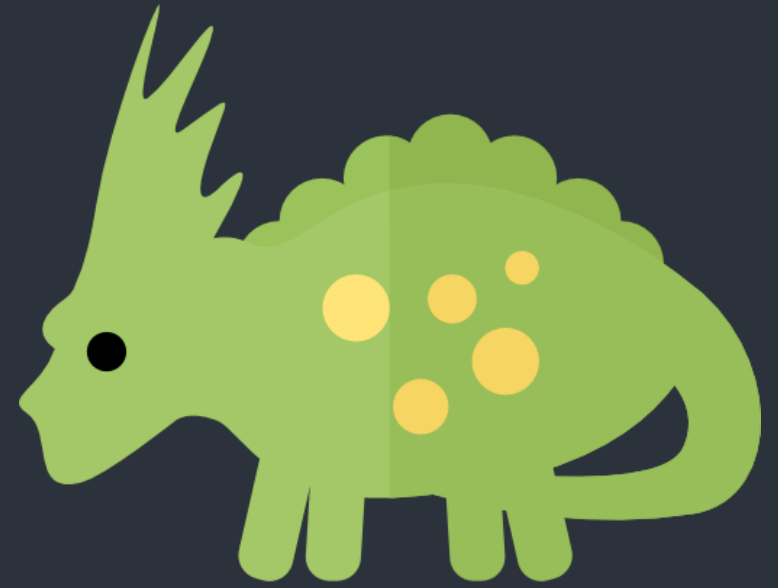
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 CAPA analyzes a program
and identifies things the program could do.

 CAPA uses rules,
written by experts,
to recognize these capabilities.



CAPA vs Wannacry worm



```
INFO:capa:-----
INFO:capa: Using default embedded rules.
INFO:capa: To provide your own rules, use the form `capa.exe ./path/to/rules/ /path/to/mal.exe`.
INFO:capa: You can see the current default rule set here:
INFO:capa:      https://github.com/fireeye/capa-rules
INFO:capa:-----
INFO:capa:successfully loaded 276 rules
INFO:viv_utils.idaloader:failed to import IDA Pro modules
INFO:capa:generating vivisect workspace for: /tmp/wannacry-worm.bin
INFO:capa:format: pe, platform: windows, architecture: i386, number of functions: 87
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wannacry killswitch

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author michael.hunhoff@fireeye.com
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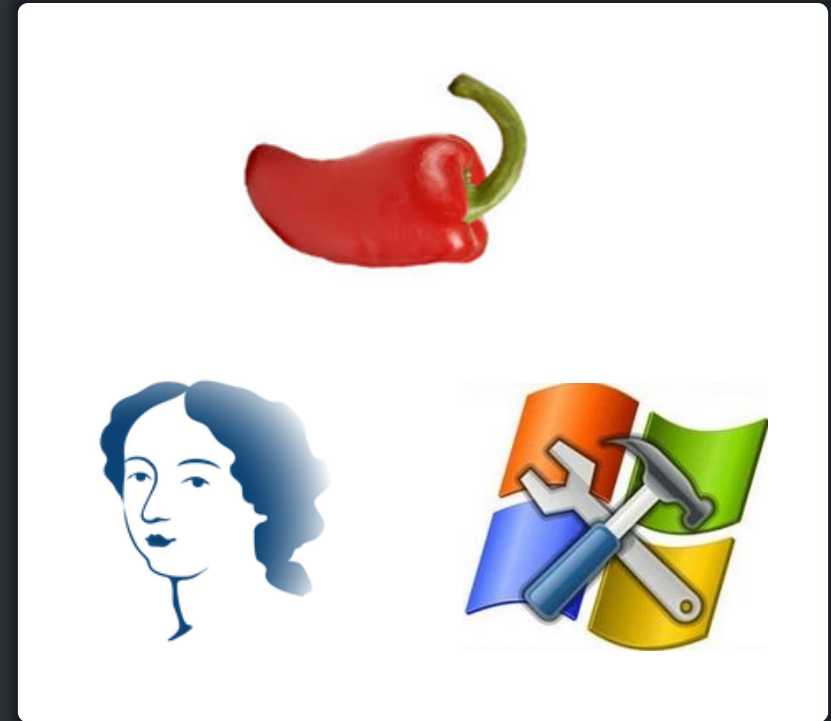
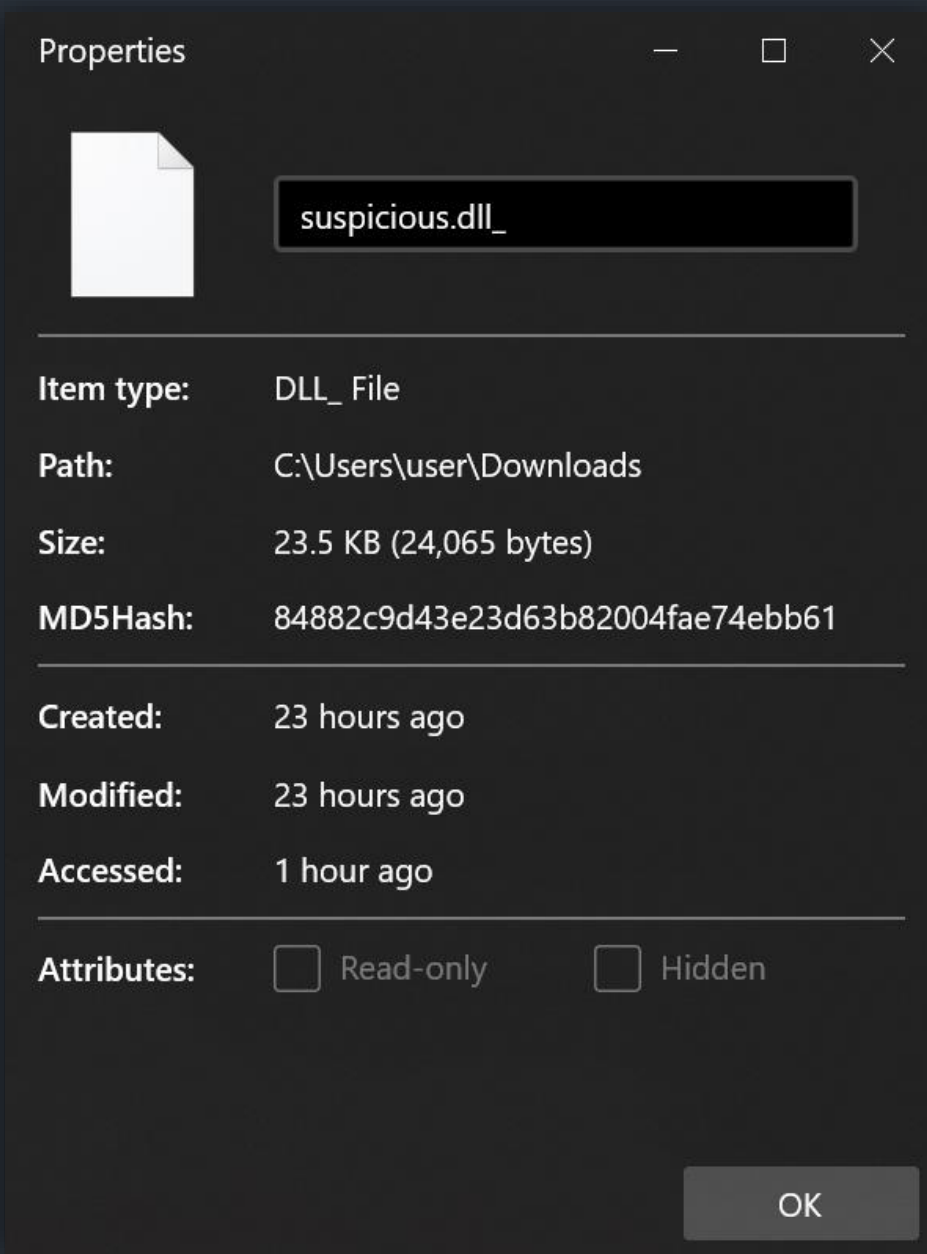
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```
.text:00408140 _WinMain@16 proc near
.text:00408140 sub     esp, 50h
.text:00408143 push    esi
.text:00408144 push    edi
.text:00408145 mov     ecx, 0Eh
.text:0040814A mov     esi, offset aHttpWwwIuqerfs ; "http://www.iuqerfsodp9i
.text:0040814F lea     edi, [esp+58h+szUrl]
.text:00408153 xor     eax, eax
.text:00408155 rep movsd
.text:00408157 movsb
.text:00408158 mov     [esp+58h+var_17], eax
.text:0040815C mov     [esp+58h+var_13], eax
.text:00408160 mov     [esp+58h+var_F], eax
.text:00408164 mov     [esp+58h+var_B], eax
.text:00408168 mov     [esp+58h+var_7], eax
.text:0040816C mov     [esp+58h+var_3], ax
.text:00408171 push    eax                ; dwFlags
.text:00408172 push    eax                ; lpszProxyBypass
.text:00408173 push    eax                ; lpszProxy
.text:00408174 push    1                  ; dwAccessType
.text:00408176 push    eax                ; lpszAgent
.text:00408177 mov     [esp+6Ch+var_1], al
.text:0040817B call    ds:InternetOpenA
.text:00408181 push    0                  ; dwContext
.text:00408183 push    84000000h          ; dwFlags
.text:00408188 push    0                  ; dwHeadersLength
.text:0040818A lea     ecx, [esp+64h+szUrl]
.text:0040818E mov     esi, eax
.text:00408190 push    0                  ; lpszHeaders
.text:00408192 push    ecx                ; lpszUrl
.text:00408193 push    esi                ; hInternet
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killswitch
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```
0x004e00 section .data -----
0x004e10 string "Y29ubmVjdA=="
0x004e28 string "practicalmalwareanalysis.com"
0x004e68 string "serve.html"
0x004eb8 string "dW5zdXBwb3J0"
0x004ec8 string "c2xlZXA="
0x004ed4 string "Y21k"
0x004edc string "cXVpdA=="
0x004eec string " Windows XP 6.11"
0x004f04 string "CreateProcessA"
0x004f14 string "kernel32.dll"
0x004f28 string ".exe"
0x004f38 string "HTTP/1.1"
0x004f44 string "%s %s"
0x004f4c string "1234567890123456"
0x004f64 string "quit"
0x004f6c string "exit"
0x004f74 string "getfile"
0x004f7c string "cmd.exe /c "
```

the triage analysis “gap”

less experience → more 😞

- often good triage can avoid deeper analysis
- and thus, save time and money

more experience:

- know where to look
- know shortcuts
- know what's common



the triage analysis “gap”

triage should be quick and *guide* further analysis steps

current triage tools

- strings / FLOSS: all strings in a binary, used or not, *without any context*
- PE header: e.g. imports, but *not how/why they're used*
- sandbox detonation: limited to behavior seen on exercised code-paths

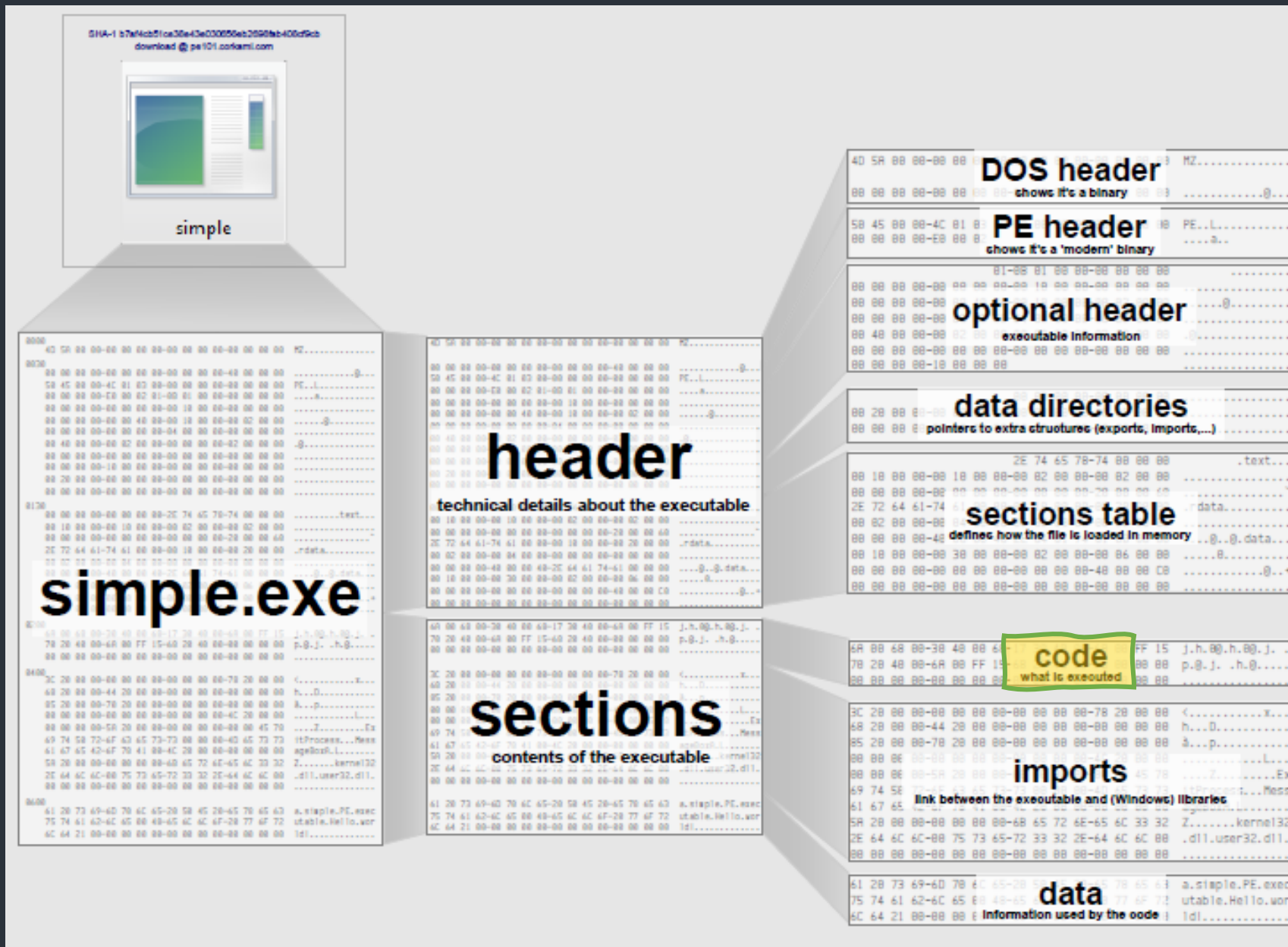


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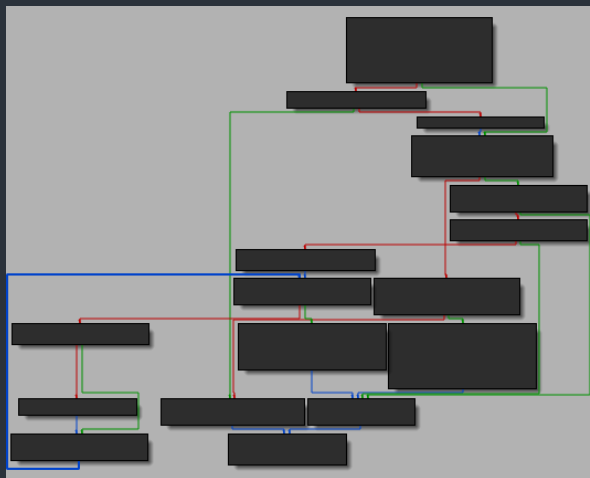
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SHA-1 b7e4cb51ce36e43e030056e2698b400cf5c
download @ pe101.corkami.com

simple

simple.exe

header

technical details about the executable

sections

contents of the executable

code

what is executed

imports

link between the executable and (Windows) libraries

data

Information used by the code

DOS header

shows it's a binary

PE header

shows it's a 'modern' binary

optional header

executable information

data directories

pointers to extra structures (exports, imports,...)

sections table

defines how the file is loaded in memory

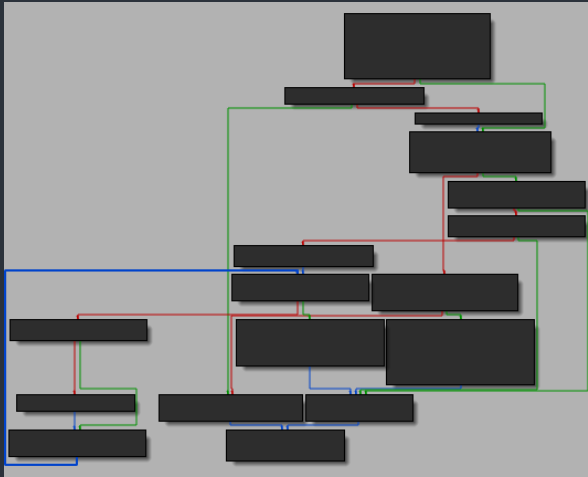
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.text:1000106D    push    eax                        ; lpMutexAttributes
.text:1000106E    call    ds:CreateMutexA
.text:10001074    lea     ecx, [esp+1208h+WSAData]
.text:10001078    push    ecx                        ; lpWSAData
.text:10001079    push    202h                      ; wVersionRequested
.text:1000107E    call    ds:WSAStartup
.text:10001084    test    eax, eax
.text:10001086    jnz     loc_100011E8
.text:1000108C    push    6                          ; protocol
.text:1000108E    push    1                          ; type
.text:10001090    push    2                          ; af
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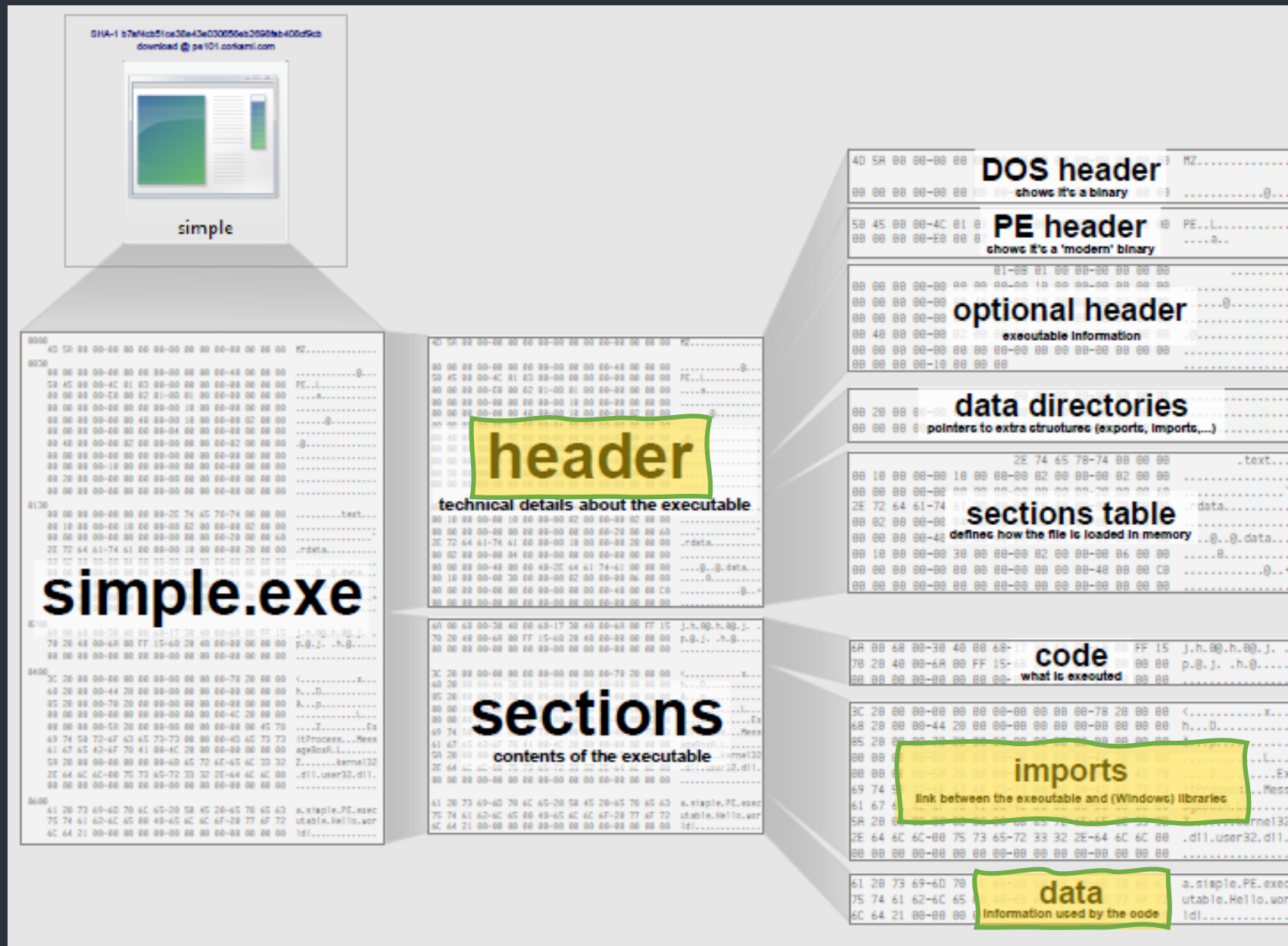
Features



Rules

File

- header info
- imports
- strings



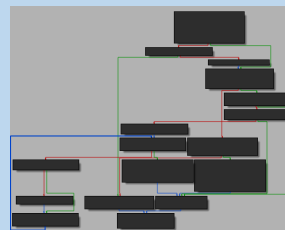
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Features

header
technical details about the executable

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ds:CreateMutexA

ds:socket

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Rules

Features

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Feature combination → capability

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Feature combination → capability

```
call    ds:WriteFile
mov     ecx, [ebp+hFile]
push    ecx                ; hObject
call    ds:CloseHandle
push    0                  ; uCmdShow
lea     edx, [ebp+FileName]
push    edx                ; lpCmdLine
call    ds:WinExec
```

AND

Dropper

Features

+

Rules

Feature combination → capability

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AND

Dropper

```
.text:1000108C    push    6                ; protocol
.text:1000108E    push    1                ; type
.text:10001090    push    2                ; af
.text:10001092    call    ds:socket
```

AND

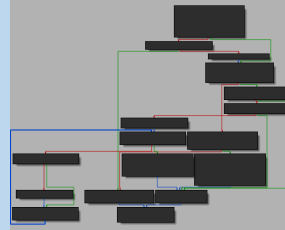
TCP socket

EXE

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- and:
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- or:
- api: ws2_32.socket
- api: ws2_32.WSASocket
```

AND
OR
NOT
COUNT



Program
Capabilities

Persist via registry Run key

```
1 rule:
2   meta:
3     name: persist-via-Run-registry-key
4     namespace: persistence/registry/run
5     author: moritz.raabe@fireeye.com
6     scope: function
7     att&ck:
8       Persistence::Boot-or-Logon-Autostart-Execution::Registry-Run-Keys-/Startup-Folder-[T1547.001]
9     examples:
10       Practical-Malware-Analysis-Lab-06-03.exe_:0x401130
11   features:
12     and:
13       or:
14         or:
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16           api: advapi32.RegOpenKeyEx
17         or:
18           api: advapi32.RegSetValue
19           api: advapi32.RegSetValueEx
20       or:
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“this sample may...”

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categorization

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categorization

tagging

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where to look

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} rule logic

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logic tree of features

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how to persist via the windows registry

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features

Create TCP socket

```
rule:
  meta:
    name: create TCP socket
    namespace: communication/socket/tcp
    author: william.ballenthin@fireeye.com
  scope: basic block
  examples:
    - Practical Malware Analysis Lab 01-01.dll_0x10001010
  features:
    - and:
      - number: 6 = IPPROTO_TCP
      - number: 1 = SOCK_STREAM
      - number: 2 = AF_INET
    - or:
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```

Connect TCP socket

```
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```

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rule:
  meta:
    name: connect TCP socket
    namespace: communication/socket/tcp
    author: moritz.raabe@fireeye.com
    scope: function
    examples:
      - Practical Malware Analysis Lab 01-01.dll:0x10001010
  features:
    - and:
      - match: create TCP socket
    - or:
      - api: ws2_32.connect
      - api: ws2_32.WSAConnect
      - api: ConnectEx
```

previous rule match



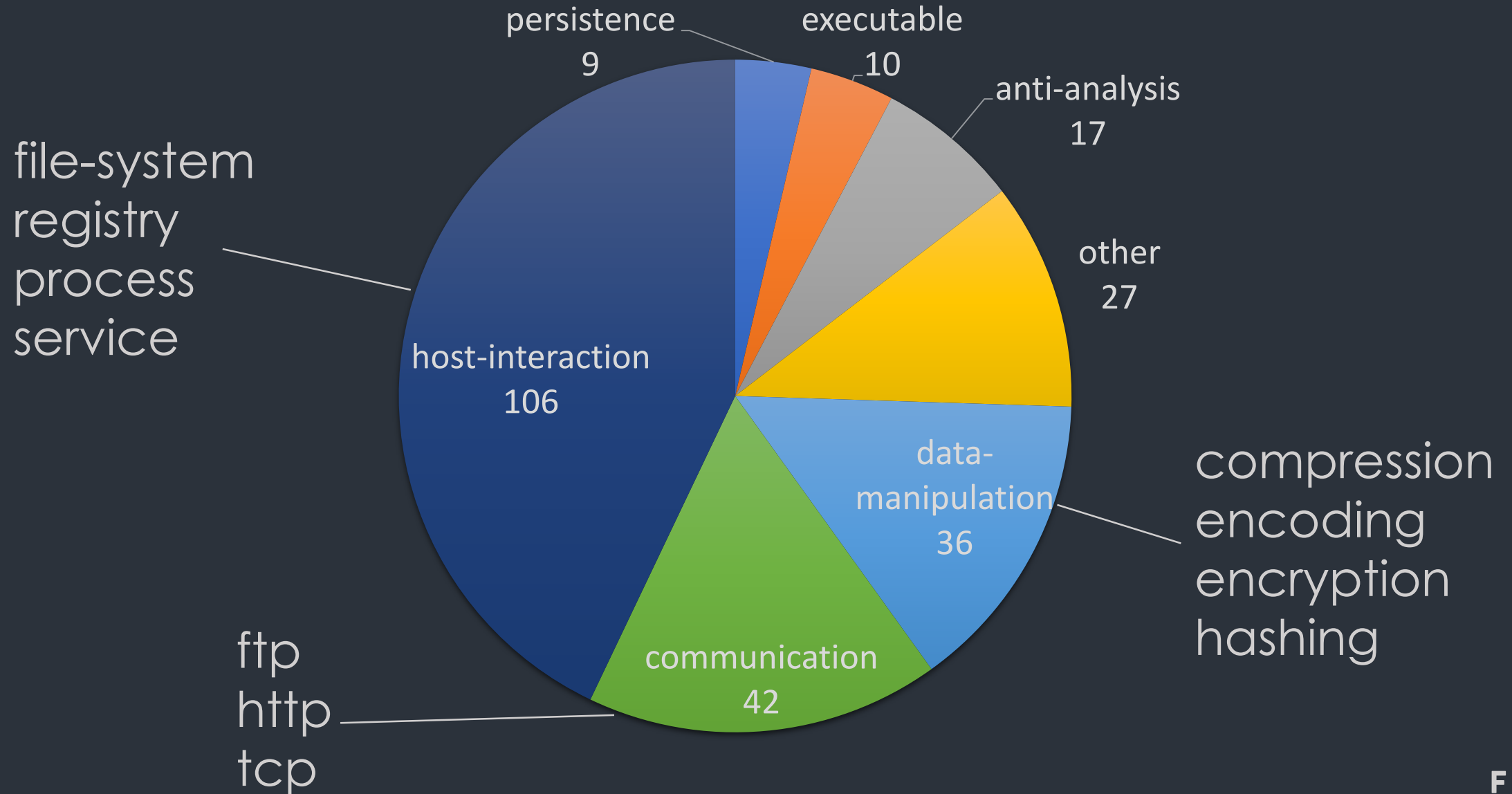
Schedule task via ITaskScheduler (COM)

```
rule:
  meta:
    name: schedule task via ITaskScheduler
    namespace: persistence/scheduled-tasks
    author: moritz.raabe@fireeye.com
    scope: function
    att&ck:
      - Persistence/Scheduled Task/Job/Scheduled Task [T1053.005]
    examples:
      - 2B8BEC5BCB1777EAA155D832F7AFC797:0x405887
  features:
    - and:
      - api: ole32.CoCreateInstance
      - bytes: 2A D5 8B 14 AB A2 CE 11 B1 1F 00 AA 00 53 05 03 = CLSID_CTaskScheduler
      - bytes: 27 D5 8B 14 AB A2 CE 11 B1 1F 00 AA 00 53 05 03 = IID_ITaskScheduler
      - or:
        - offset: 0x20 = pts->NewWorkItem
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~260 rules – by namespace





CAPA vs Wannacry encryptor



encryptor

encryptor

+-----+-----+	
md5	f351e1fcca0c4ea05fc44d15a17f8b36
path	/tmp/wannacry-encryptor.bin
+-----+-----+	
+-----+-----+	
ATT&CK Tactic	ATT&CK Technique
+-----+-----+	
DEFENSE EVASION	Indicator Removal on Host::Timestamp [T1551.006]
	Obfuscated Files or Information [T1027]
DISCOVERY	File and Directory Discovery [T1083]
	System Information Discovery [T1082]
	System Owner/User Discovery [T1033]
EXECUTION	Shared Modules [T1129]
+-----+-----+	

encryptor

CAPABILITY	NAMESPACE
timestamp file	anti-analysis/anti-forensic/timestamp
encode data using XOR (9 matches)	data-manipulation/encoding/xor
reference AES constants (3 matches)	data-manipulation/encryption/aes
encrypt data using RC4 KSA (2 matches)	data-manipulation/encryption/rc4
contain a resource (.rsrc) section	executable/pe/section/rsrc
get common file path (5 matches)	host-interaction/file-system
copy file (5 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/copy
create directory	host-interaction/file-system/create
delete file (3 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/delete
check if file exists (7 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/exists
enumerate files via kernel32 functions (2 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/files/list
get file size (3 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/meta
set file attributes (3 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/meta
move file	host-interaction/file-system/move
read file (4 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/read
write file (6 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/write
get disk information (4 matches)	host-interaction/hardware/storage
check mutex	host-interaction/mutex
create mutex (2 matches)	host-interaction/mutex
get hostname	host-interaction/os/hostname
create process (2 matches)	host-interaction/process/create
terminate process	host-interaction/process/terminate
get session user name (3 matches)	host-interaction/session
get token membership	host-interaction/session
create thread (3 matches)	host-interaction/thread/create
link function at runtime (3 matches)	linking/runtime-linking

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encryptor

```
1 rule:
2   meta:
3     name: maybe ransomware?
4     maec/malware-label-ov: ransomware
5     scope: file
6   features:
7     and:
8       match: data-manipulation/encryption
9       match: host-interaction/file-system/files/list
10      match: host-interaction/file-system/meta
```

when things break...

```
$ capa bad.dll
WARNING:capa:-----
WARNING:capa: This sample appears to be packed.
WARNING:capa:
WARNING:capa: Packed samples have often been obfuscated to hide their logic.
WARNING:capa: capa cannot handle obfuscation well. This means the results may be misleading or incomplete.
WARNING:capa: If possible, you should try to unpack this input file before analyzing it with capa.
WARNING:capa:
WARNING:capa: Use -v or -vv if you really want to see the capabilities identified by capa.
WARNING:capa:-----
```

```
$ capa mal.exe
WARNING:capa:-----
WARNING:capa: This sample appears to be a .NET module.
WARNING:capa:
WARNING:capa: .NET is a cross-platform framework for running managed applications.
WARNING:capa: capa cannot handle non-native files. This means that the results may be misleading or incomplete.
WARNING:capa: You may have to analyze the file manually, using a tool like the .NET decompiler dnSpy.
WARNING:capa:
WARNING:capa: Use -v or -vv if you really want to see the capabilities identified by capa.
WARNING:capa:-----
```


capa can be TOO good




```
execute anti-VM instructions
namespace anti-analysis/anti-vm/vm-detection
author moritz.raabe@fireeye.com
scope basic block
att&ck Defense Evasion::Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion::System Call
mbc Anti-Behavioral Analysis::Virtual Machine Detection::Instructions
examples Practical Malware Analysis Lab 17-03.exe_:0x401A80
basic block @ 0x4084A2
or:
mnemonic: cpuid @ 0x4084A6, 0x4084B9
```

“__get_sse2_info”

```
.text:00408470 __get_sse2_info proc near
.text:00408470
.text:0040847C var_18= dword ptr -18h
.text:0040847C var_14= dword ptr -14h
.text:0040847C var_10= dword ptr -10h
.text:0040847C var_C= dword ptr -0Ch
.text:0040847C var_8= dword ptr -8
.text:0040847C var_4= dword ptr -4
.text:0040847C
.text:0040847C mov     edi, edi
.text:0040847E push    ebp
.text:0040847F mov     ebp, esp
.text:00408481 sub     esp, 18h
.text:00408484 xor     eax, eax
.text:00408486 push    ebx
.text:00408487 mov     [ebp+var_4], eax
.text:0040848A mov     [ebp+var_C], eax
.text:0040848D mov     [ebp+var_8], eax
.text:00408490 push    ebx
.text:00408491 pushf
.text:00408492 pop     eax
.text:00408493 mov     ecx, eax
.text:00408495 xor     eax, 200000h
.text:0040849A push    eax
.text:0040849B popf
.text:0040849C pushf
.text:0040849D pop     edx
.text:0040849E sub     edx, ecx
.text:004084A0 jz     short $DONE$27017
```

```
.text:004084A2 push    ecx
.text:004084A3 popf
.text:004084A4 xor     eax, eax
.text:004084A6 cpuid
.text:004084A8 mov     [ebp+var_C], eax
.text:004084AB mov     [ebp+var_18], ebx
.text:004084AE mov     [ebp+var_14], edx
.text:004084B1 mov     [ebp+var_10], ecx
.text:004084B4 mov     eax, 1
.text:004084B6 cpuid
.text:004084B8 mov     [ebp+var_4], edx
.text:004084BE mov     [ebp+var_8], eax
```

future work

- code analysis engines
 - operate on sandbox data or API traces
 - add Python 3 support
- integration   
 - easy to markup via standardized JSON output
- “bubble up” capabilities
 - confusion when a capability is split across multiple functions

IDA Pro integration

```
.text:00408143 push esi
.text:00408144 push edi
.text:00408145 mov ecx, 0Eh
.text:0040814A mov esi, offset aHttpWwwIuqerfs ; "http://www.iuqerfsodp9ifjaposdfjhgosuri"...
.text:0040814F lea edi, [esp+58h+szUrl]
.text:00408153 xor eax, eax
.text:00408155 rep movsd
.text:00408157 movsb
.text:00408158 mov [esp+58h+var_17], eax
.text:0040815C mov [esp+58h+var_13], eax
.text:00408160 mov [esp+58h+var_F], eax
.text:00408164 mov [esp+58h+var_8], eax
.text:00408168 mov [esp+58h+var_7], eax
.text:0040816C mov [esp+58h+var_3], ax
.text:00408171 push eax ; dwFlags
.text:00408172 push eax ; lpszProxyBypass
.text:00408173 push eax ; lpszProxy
.text:00408174 push 1 ; dwAccessType
.text:00408176 push eax ; lpszAgent
.text:00408177 mov [esp+6Ch+var_1], al
.text:0040817B call ds:InternetOpenA
.text:00408181 push 0 ; dwContext
.text:00408183 push 84000000h ; dwFlags
.text:00408188 push 0 ; dwHeadersLength
.text:0040818A lea ecx, [esp+64h+szUrl]
.text:0040818E mov esi, eax
.text:00408190 push 0 ; lpszHeaders
.text:00408192 push ecx ; lpszUrl
.text:00408193 push esi ; hInternet
.text:00408194 call ds:InternetOpenUrlA
.text:0040819A mov edi, eax
.text:0040819C push esi ; hInternet
.text:0040819D mov esi, ds:InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081A3 test edi, edi
.text:004081A5 jnz short loc_4081BC
```

```
.text:004081A7 call esi ; InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081A9 push 0 ; hInternet
.text:004081AB call esi ; InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081AD call StartWannaCry
.text:004081B2 pop edi
.text:004081B3 xor eax, eax
.text:004081B5 pop esi

.text:004081BC loc_4081BC:
.text:004081BC call esi ; InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081BE push edi ; hInternet
.text:004081BF call esi ; InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081C1 pop edi
.text:004081C2 xor eax, eax
```

Summary MITRE Tree View

Limit results to current function

Rule Information	Address	Details
connect to URL		
function(_WinMain@16)	00408140	
and		
api(wininet.InternetOpenUrl)	00408194	call ds:InternetOpenUrlA
optional		
match(create HTTP request)		
and		
api(wininet.InternetOpen)	0040817B	call ds:InternetOpenA
optional		
api(wininet.InternetCloseHandle)		
create HTTP request		
act as TCP client		
check for time delay via GetTickCount (2 matches)		
check for time delay via QueryPerformanceCounter		
connect TCP socket		
contain an embedded PE file		
contain obfuscated stackstrings		
create service		
create TCP socket		
create thread (4 matches)		
create UDP socket (4 matches)		
extract resource via kernel32 functions		
get file size		
get networking interfaces		
get socket status		
initialize Winsock library		
link function at runtime		
move file		
persist via Windows service		
read file		
receive data (5 matches)		
receive data on socket (5 matches)		
resolve DNS (6 matches)		
send data (5 matches)		
send data on socket (5 matches)		
set socket configuration		
start service		
terminate thread (2 matches)		

IDA Pro integration

```
.text:00408143 push esi
.text:00408144 push edi
.text:00408145 mov ecx, 0Eh
.text:0040814A mov esi, offset aHttpWwwIuqerfs ; "http://www.iuqerfsodp9ifjaposdfjhgosuri"...
.text:0040814F lea edi, [esp+58h+szUrl]
.text:00408153 xor eax, eax
.text:00408155 rep movsd
.text:00408157 movsb
.text:00408158 mov [esp+58h+var_17], eax
.text:0040815C mov [esp+58h+var_13], eax
.text:00408160 mov [esp+58h+var_F], eax
.text:00408164 mov [esp+58h+var_8], eax
.text:00408168 mov [esp+58h+var_7], eax
.text:0040816C mov [esp+58h+var_3], ax
.text:00408171 push eax ; dwFlags
.text:00408172 push eax ; lpszProxyBypass
.text:00408173 push eax ; lpszProxy
.text:00408174 push 1 ; dwAccessType
.text:00408176 push eax ; lpszAgent
.text:00408177 mov [esp+6Ch+var_1], al
.text:0040817B call ds:InternetOpenA
.text:00408181 push 0 ; dwContext
.text:00408183 push 84000000h ; dwFlags
.text:00408188 push 0 ; dwHeadersLength
.text:0040818A lea ecx, [esp+64h+szUrl]
.text:0040818E mov esi, eax
.text:00408190 push 0 ; lpszHeaders
.text:00408192 push ecx ; lpszUrl
.text:00408193 push esi ; hInternet
.text:00408194 call ds:InternetOpenUrlA
.text:0040819A mov edi, eax
.text:0040819C push esi ; hInternet
.text:0040819D mov esi, ds:InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081A3 test edi, edi
.text:004081A5 jnz short loc_4081BC
```

```
.text:004081A7 call esi ; InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081A9 push 0 ; hInternet
.text:004081AB call esi ; InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081AD call StartWannaCry
.text:004081B2 pop edi
.text:004081B3 xor eax, eax
.text:004081B5 pop esi

.text:004081BC loc_4081BC:
.text:004081BC call esi ; InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081BE push edi ; hInternet
.text:004081BF call esi ; InternetCloseHandle
.text:004081C1 pop edi
.text:004081C2 xor eax, eax
```

Summary MITRE Tree View

Limit results to current function

Rule Information	Address	Details
connect to URL		
function(_WinMain@16)	00408140	
and		
api(wininet.InternetOpenUrl)	00408194	call ds:InternetOpenUrlA
optional		
match(create HTTP request)		
and		
api(wininet.InternetOpen)	0040817B	call ds:InternetOpenA
optional		
api(wininet.InternetCloseHandle)		
create HTTP request		
act as TCP client		
check for time delay via GetTickCount (2 matches)		
check for time delay via QueryPerformanceCounter		
connect TCP socket		
contain an embedded PE file		
contain obfuscated stackstrings		
create service		
create TCP socket		
create thread (4 matches)		
create UDP socket (4 matches)		
extract resource via kernel32 functions		
get file size		
get networking interfaces		
get socket status		
initialize Winsock library		
link function at runtime		
move file		
persist via Windows service		
read file		
receive data (5 matches)		
receive data on socket (5 matches)		
resolve DNS (6 matches)		
send data (5 matches)		
send data on socket (5 matches)		
set socket configuration		
start service		
terminate thread (2 matches)		

```
IDA View-A
; Exported entry 2. ServiceMain

; Attributes: bp-based frame

public ServiceMain
ServiceMain proc near

Destination= byte ptr -100h
arg_4= dword ptr 0Ch

push ebp
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, 100h
push esi
push edi
mov edi, [ebp+arg_4]
mov esi, 100h
push esi ; Count
lea eax, [ebp+Destination]
push dword ptr [edi] ; Source
push eax ; Destination
call ds:strncpy
push esi ; MaxCount
lea eax, [ebp+Destination]
push dword ptr [edi] ; Source
push eax ; Dest
call ds:wcsombs
add esp, 18h
lea eax, [ebp+Destination]
push offset HandlerProc ; lpHandlerProc
push eax ; lpServiceName
call ds:RegisterServiceCtrlHandlerA
xor esi, esi
mov hServiceStatus, eax
cmp eax, esi
jz short loc_10003214

loc_10003214:
push 1
push esi
push 2
call sub_10004C38
push esi
push esi
push 4
call sub_10004C38
add esp, 18h
push 0EA60h ; dwMilliseconds
call ds:Sleep
call sub_1000321A
call sub_10003286

loc_10003214:
pop edi
pop esi
leave
retn 8
ServiceMain endp
```

File

Summary MITRE Tree View

☐ Limit results to current function

Rule Information	Address	Details
<input type="checkbox"/> act as TCP client		
<input type="checkbox"/> check for OutputDebugString error		
<input type="checkbox"/> connect TCP socket		
<input type="checkbox"/> connect to HTTP server (3 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> create a process with modified I/O handles and window		
<input type="checkbox"/> create HTTP request (3 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> create pipe		
<input type="checkbox"/> create process		
<input type="checkbox"/> create registry key		
<input type="checkbox"/> create service		
<input type="checkbox"/> create TCP socket		
<input type="checkbox"/> create thread		
<input type="checkbox"/> create UDP socket		
<input type="checkbox"/> delete service		
<input type="checkbox"/> encode data using XOR (6 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> execute shell command and capture output		
<input type="checkbox"/> get common file path (3 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> get hostname		
<input type="checkbox"/> get socket status (2 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> initialize Winsock library (2 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> link function at runtime		
<input type="checkbox"/> open registry key		
<input type="checkbox"/> persist via Windows service		
<input type="checkbox"/> print debug messages (2 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> query registry entry		
<input type="checkbox"/> query registry value		
<input type="checkbox"/> read and send data from client to server		
<input type="checkbox"/> read file		
<input type="checkbox"/> receive data (2 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> receive data on socket (2 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> reference Base64 string		
<input type="checkbox"/> resolve DNS		
<input type="checkbox"/> run as a service		
<input type="checkbox"/> send data (6 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> send data on socket (3 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> send HTTP request (3 matches)		
<input type="checkbox"/> set registry value		
<input type="checkbox"/> set socket configuration		
<input type="checkbox"/> terminate thread		
<input type="checkbox"/> write file (2 matches)		

get capa



github.com/fireeye/capa

standalone executables, no installation



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soon

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github.com/fireeye/capa-rules

as you find cool malware behaviors,
share your rules!

rules 261

 CAPA analyzes a program
and identifies things the program could do.

 CAPA uses rules,
 written by experts, this can be you!
to recognize these capabilities.



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