Bashfucator: Goals and Next Steps

What is Bashfuscator?

- Bash obfuscator
- Obfuscates and mutates Bash commands or scripts to evade detection
- Obfuscated command is deobfuscated and run in memory
- Example:

Foundational Principals

Usable

- Framework is easy to use, readable user manual
- Allow the user to customize the obfuscation process as much as possible

Extendable

- Code is clearly readable and documented well
- Framework is structured in such a way to make adding Mutators as easy as possible

Educational

- Methods and techniques used by Bashfuscator are as easy to understand as possible
- Credit to people and websites that inspired parts of the framework are given whenever possible

Foundational Principals (cont.)

- In two words: Community based
 - Able to be easily used by the security community
 - Able to be easily extended by the security community
 - Able to easily educate the security community

Terminology

Mutator:

- A module of Bashfuscator that takes a set of Bash commands as input
- Mutates and modifies the input to produce output
- Output's execution result is the same as the input's execution result

Goals of Project

- Robust Obfuscation
 - Mutators feed into one another

Original Command cat /etc/passwd

Hex Hash Obfuscator eval "\$(printf "\x\$(printf 'wQT'|md5sum|cut -b10-11)";printf "\x\$(printf 'xOA'|md5sum|cut -b4-5)";printf "\x\$(printf 'Tr'|md5sum|cut -b11-12)";printf "\x\$(printf 'Tr'|md5sum|cut -b12-13)";printf "\x\$(printf '3'|md5sum|cut -b14-15)";printf "\x\$(printf 't'|md5sum|cut -b27-28)";printf "\x\$(printf 'i'|md5sum|cut -b30-31)";printf "\x\$(printf 'i'|md5sum|cut -b15-16)";printf "\x\$(printf 'xNN'|md5sum|cut -b27-28)";printf "\x\$(printf 'jX'|md5sum|cut -b10-11)";printf "\x\$(printf 'D'|md5sum|cut -b18-19)";printf "\x\$(printf 'T'|md5sum|cut -b28-29)";printf "\x\$(printf 'g7P'|md5sum|cut -b1-2)";printf "\x\$(printf 'Q'|md5sum|cut -b5-6)";)"

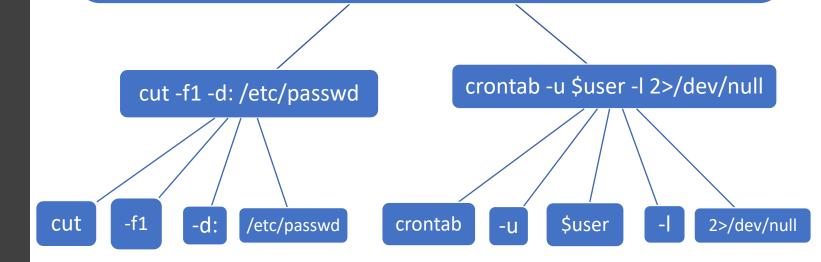
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for user in \$(cut -f1 -d: /etc/passwd); do crontab -u \$user -l 2>/dev/null; done



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 - Each Mutator generates extremely nondeterministic output

- Everything that can be randomized should be randomized
 - Variable names
 - Order of commands
- Maximum variance in output is the goal
- If something that can be written in multiple ways, they should all be supported
 - Ex. character substitution: can be done with
 - sed
 - tr
 - awk
 - Perl
 - Python

Goals of Project (cont.)

Encryptors

- Mutators that encrypt the payload and decrypt it in novel ways
- Ex. derive key from an attacker hosted webpage a la Veil-Evasion

Stagers

 Generate stub that downloads and executes payload from a attacker hosted server in memory

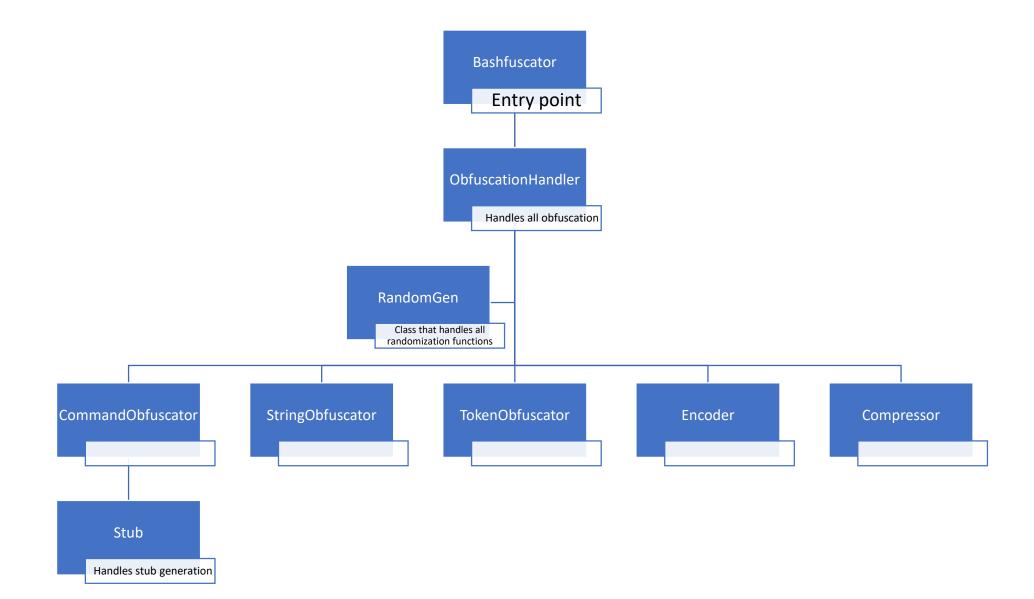
Interactive console

- Allow user to choose Mutators one at a time
- Undo, redo, reset functionality
- Generate obfuscation tree

Pretty script generation

• Take obfuscated payload and format it like a normal script (beautification)

Framework Architecture



Roadmap

- 1. Figure out empirical method for measuring size and time ratings
- 2. Create unit tests
- 3. Create bash minifier, using bashlex (Bash lexical parser)
- 4. Integrate bashlex
- 5. Set up logging for ObfuscationHandler