

Project UNIX

Pestilence

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Chapter I Preamble

Because a little culture never hurt no one, here is what the CTRL+C management looks like on MS-DOS 2.0:

```
INCLUDE DOSSEG.ASM
       SEGMENT BYTE PUBLIC 'CODE'
       ASSUME SS:DOSGROUP,CS:DOSGROUP
INCLUDE DOSSYM.ASM
INCLUDE DEVSYM.ASM
       i_need DevIOBuf,BYTE
       i_need DidCTRLC,BYTE
              INDOS, BYTE
       i_need DSKSTCOM,BYTE
       i_need DSKSTCALL,BYTE
              DSKSTST, WORD
       i_need BCON,DWORD
       i_need DSKCHRET,BYTE
       i_need
              DSKSTCNT, WORD
       i_need IDLEINT,BYTE
       i_need CONSWAP,BYTE
       i_need user_SS,WORD
i_need user_SP,WORD
       i_need ERRORMODE,BYTE
       i_need ConC_spSave,WORD
i_need Exit_type,BYTE
       i_need PFLAG,BYTE
       i_need ExitHold,DWORD
       i_need WPErr,BYTE
       i_need ReadOp,BYTE
       i_need CONTSTK,WORD
              Exit_Code,WORD
       i_need CurrentPDB,WORD
       i_need DIVMES,BYTE
       i_need DivMesLen,BYTE
SUBTTL Checks for ^C in CON I/O
PAGE
ASSUME DS:NOTHING,ES:NOTHING
       BYTE PTR [INDOS],1
ASSUME DS:DOSGROUP
               BYTE PTR [DSKSTCOM], DEVRDND
               BYTE PTR [DSKSTCALL], DRDNDHL
               [DSKSTST],CX
               BX,OFFSET DOSGROUP:DSKSTCALL
               SI,[BCON]
ASSUME DS:NOTHING
              DEVIOCALL2
               [DSKSTST],STBUI
               ZRET
                                      ; No characters available
               AL, BYTE PTR [DSKCHRET]
```

```
DSK1:
                AL,"C"-"@"
                RET36
                BYTE PTR [DSKSTCOM], DEVRD
                BYTE PTR [DSKSTCALL], DRDWRHL
                BYTE PTR [DSKCHRET],CL
                [DSKSTST],CX
                [DSKSTCNT],CX
                DEVIOCALL2
        POP
        JMP
                SHORT CNTCHAND
ZRET:
                                       ; Set zero
RET36:
NOSTOP:
                AL,"P"-"@"
                INCHK
                NOT TOGLPRN
                AL,"N"-"@"
INCHK
        CMP
                INCHK
DSKSTATCHK ENDP
        procedure SPOOLINT, NEAR
                BYTE PTR [IDLEINT],0
                POPFRET
                BYTE PTR [ERRORMODE],0
                POPFRET
                                        ;No spool ints in error mode
                int_spooler
POPFRET:
RET18: return
SPOOLINT ENDP
        procedure STATCHK, NEAR
        invoke DSKSTATCHK
                                       ; Allows ^C to be detected under
                                        ; input redirection
                BX,BX
               GET_IO_FCB
                RET18
                IOFUNC
                SPOOLINT
                NOSTOP
               IOFUNC
                SHORT PAUSOSTRT
```

```
PRINTOFF:
PRINTON:
                  BYTE PTR [PFLAG]
PAUSOLP:
                  SPOOLINT
PAUSOSTRT:
                  IOFUNC
                  PAUSOLP
INCHK:
                  BX,BX
                  GET_IO_FCB
                  RET18
                  AH, AH
                  IOFUNC
         CMP
                  PRINTON
                  NOT TOGLPRN
                  PRINTOFF
STATCHK ENDP
                       CNTCHAND, NEAR
 \ ^{"}\text{C"} and CR/LF is printed. Then the user registers are restored and the user CTRL-C handler is executed. At this point the top of the stack
  has 1) the interrupt return address should the user CTRL-C handler wish
  to allow processing to continue; 2) the original interrupt return address to the code that performed the function call in the first place. If
  the user CTRL-C handler wishes to continue, it must leave all registers
 unchanged and RET (not IRET) with carry CLEAR. If carry is SET then an terminate system call is simulated.
                                          ; Display "℃"
                  AL,3
         invoke BUFOUT
                  CRLF
         DS:DOSGROUP
                  BYTE PTR [CONSWAP],0
                  NOSWAP
         invoke SWAPBACK
NOSWAP:
                                          ; Prepare to play with stack
                  SP,[user_SP]
                  SS,[user_SS]
         SS:NOTHING
         invoke restore_world
                                          ; User registers now restored
        DS:NOTHING
                  BYTE PTR [INDOS],0 ; Go to known state
                  BYTE PTR [ERRORMODE],0
                  [ConC_spsave],SP
                                          ; Execute user Ctrl-C handler
                  int_ctrl_c
                  [user_SS],AX
         PUSHF
                                          ; and the flags (maybe new call)
                  SP, [ConC_spsave]
                  ctrlc_try_new
                                          ; new syscall maybe?
ctrlc_repeat:
                  AX,[user_SS]
                      COMMAND
                                          ; Repeat command otherwise
ctrlc_try_new:
                  [ConC_spsave],2
                                          ; Are there flags on the stack?
                  SP, [ConC_spsave]
                  ctrlc_new
                                          ; yes, new system call
```

```
ctrlc_abort:
                  AX, (EXIT SHL 8) + 0
                  BYTE PTR [DidCTRLC], OFFh
                      COMMAND
                                         ; give up by faking $EXIT
ctrlc_new:
                  [user_SS]
                  ctrlc_repeat
                                         ; repeat operation
                  ctrlc_abort
                                         ; indicate ^ced
CNTCHAND ENDP
SUBTTL DIVISION OVERFLOW INTERRUPT
; Default handler for division overflow trap
        procedure DIVOV, NEAR
DS: NOTHING, ES: NOTHING, SS: NOTHING
                  SI, OFFSET DOSGROUP: DIVMES
                  RealDivOv
                  ctrlc_abort
                                    ; Use \mathit{Ctrl-C} abort on divide overflow
        ENDP
 RealDivOv: perform actual divide overflow stuff.
 Inputs: none
Outputs: message to BCON
        {\tt procedure} \quad {\tt RealDivOv,NEAR} \quad ; \ {\tt Do} \ {\tt divide} \ {\tt overflow} \ {\tt and} \ {\tt clock} \ {\tt process}
                                         ; get ES addressability
                                         ; get DS addressability
ASSUME DS:DOSGROUP
                  BYTE PTR [DskStCom], DevWrt
                  BYTE PTR [DskStCall], DRdWrHL
                  [DskSTST],0
                  BL,[DivMesLen]
                  BH,BH
                  [DskStCnt],BX
                  BX,OFFSET DOSGROUP:DskStCall
                   \begin{tabular}{ll} WORD \ PTR \ [DskChRet+1] \ , SI & ; \ transfer \ address \ (need \ an \ EQU) \\ \end{tabular} 
                  SI, [BCON]
ASSUME DS:NOTHING
         invoke DEVIOCALL2
                  WORD PTR [DskChRet+1],OFFSET DOSGROUP:DevIOBuf
                  [DskStCnt],1
RealDivOv ENDP
SUBTIL CHARHRD, HARDERR, ERROR -- HANDLE DISK ERRORS AND RETURN TO USER
         procedure CHARHARD, NEAR
ASSUME DS:NOTHING,ES:NOTHING,SS:DOSGROUP
  Character device error handler
; Same function as HARDERR
                  WORD PTR [EXITHOLD+2],ES
                  WORD PTR [EXITHOLD],BP
                  DI,STECODE
                                              ;Device pointer is BP:SI
                  BP.DS
                  FATALC
             ENDP
                      HardErr, NEAR
```

```
DS:NOTHING, ES:NOTHING
         Hard disk error handler. Entry conditions:
                                DS:BX = Original disk transfer address
                                DX = Original logical sector number
                                CX = Number of sectors to go (first one gave the error)
                                DI = Original sector transfer count
                                ES:BP = Base of drive parameters
                                                                 AX,DI
                                                                                                                                                                 ; Error code in DI, count in AX
                                                                DI,STECODE
                                                                DI, WRECODE
                                                                                                                                                                  ; Write Protect Error?
                                                                NOSETWRPERR
                                                                 AL,ES:[BP.dpb_drive]
                                                                BYTE PTR [WPERR], AL
                                                                                                                                                                                                     ; Flag drive with WP error
 NOSETWRPERR:
                                                                                                                                                                  ; Number of sectors successfully transferred % \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right
                                                                                                                                                                  ; First sector number to retry
                                                                 ES:[BP.dpb_sector_size]
                                                                                                                                                                                                       ; Number of bytes transferred % \left( {{{\bf{r}}_{1}}} \right)
                                POP
                                                                BX,AX
                                                                                                                                                                  ; First address for retry
                                                                 AH, AH
                                                                                                                                                                    ; Flag disk section in error
                                CMP
                                                                 DX,ES:[BP.dpb_first_FAT]
                                                                                                                                                                                ; In reserved area?
                                                                 ERRINT
                                                                AH ; Flag for FAT DX,ES:[BP.dpb_dir_sector] ; In FAT?
                                                                 ERRINT
                                                                DX,ES:[BP.dpb_first_sector]
                                                                                                                                                                                                          ; In directory?
                                                                 ERRINT
                                                                                                                                                                 ; Must be in data area
 ERRINT:
                                                                                                                                                                  ; Make room for read/write bit
                                                                 AH, BYTE PTR [READOP]
                                                                 FATAL
                                                                 AL,ES:[BP.dpb_drive]
                                                                                                                                                                         ; Get drive number
                                                                 FATAL1
                                                                 WORD PTR [EXITHOLD+2],ES
                                                                 WORD PTR [EXITHOLD], BP ; The only things we preserve
                                                                 SI,ES:[BP.dpb_driver_addr]
                                                                                                                                                                  ; BP:SI points to the device involved
FATALC:
                                                                BYTE PTR [ERRORMODE],0
                                                                 SETIGN
                                                                                                                                                                  ; No INT 24s if already INT 24
                                                                 [CONTSTK],SP
                              ES:DOSGROUP
                                                                                                                                                                  ; Prepare to play with stack
                                                                 BYTE PTR [ERRORMODE]
                                                                 BYTE PTR [INDOS]
                                                                                                                                                                  ; INT 24 handler might not return
                                                                SS, [user_SS]
                              SS:NOTHING
                                                                 SP,ES:[user_SP]
                                                                                                                                                                 ; User stack pointer restored
                                                                 int_fatal_abort
                                                                                                                                                                  ; Fatal error interrupt vector, must preserve ES
                                                                ES: [user_SP], SP
ES: [user_SS], SS
                                                                SP,ES
                                                                SS,SP
                               SS:DOSGROUP
                                                                SP, [CONTSTK]
                                                                 BYTE PTR [INDOS]
                                                                BYTE PTR [ERRORMODE], 0 ; Back from INT 24
 IGNRET:
                                                                BP, [EXITHOLD]
                              ES:NOTHING
                                                                 error_abort
                                                                 BYTE PTR [WPERR],-1
                                                                                                                                                                                                     ;Forget about WP error
```

```
SETIGN:
                                         ;Flag ignore
                SHORT IGNRET
error_abort:
ASSUME DS:DOSGROUP
                BYTE PTR [CONSWAP],0
                NOSWAP2
       invoke SWAPBACK
NOSWAP2:
                BYTE PTR [exit_Type],Exit_hard_error
                DS, [CurrentPDB]
ASSUME DS: NOTHING
 reset_environment checks the DS value against the CurrentPDB. If they
 are different, then an old-style return is performed. If they are the same, then we release jfns and restore to parent. We still use
 the PDB at DS:0 as the source of the terminate addresses.
  output: none.
                {\tt reset\_environment}
        ASSUME DS:NOTHING, ES:NOTHING
                                         ; save PDB of process
                AL, int_Terminate
                $Get_interrupt_vector ; and who to go to
                WORD PTR [EXITHOLD+2], ES ; save return address
                WORD PTR [EXITHOLD], BX
                BX,[CurrentPDB]
                                        ; get current process
                DS,BX
                AX,DS:[PDB_Parent_PID] ; get parent to return to
  AX = parentPDB, BX = CurrentPDB, CX = ThisPDB
 Only free handles if AX <> BX and BX = CX and [exit_code].upper is not
 Exit\_keep\_process
                AX,BX
                reset_return
                                        ; parentPDB = CurrentPDB
                BX,CX
                                         ; CurrentPDB <> ThisPDB
                reset_return
                                          ; save parent
                BYTE PTR [exit_type],Exit_keep_process
                reset_to_parent
                                        ; keeping this process
       invoke arena_free_process
        ; reset environment at [CurrentPDB]; close those handles
                CX,FilPerProc
reset_free_jfn:
                                         ; get jfn
               $CLOSE
                                         ; close it, ignore return
                                        ; and do 'em all
                reset_free_jfn
reset_to_parent:
                [CurrentPDB]
                                         ; set up process as parent
reset_return:
        ASSUME DS:DOSGROUP
        invoke FLUSHBUF
                                        ; make sure that everything is clean
                BYTE PTR [INDOS],0
                                                  ;Go to known state
                BYTE PTR [WPERR],-1
                                                  ;Forget about WP error
```

```
; $
; Snake into multitasking... Get stack from CurrentPDB person
;

MOV DS,[CurrentPDB]
ASSUME DS:NOTHING
MOV SS,WORD PTR DS:[PDB_user_stack+2]
MOV SP,WORD PTR DS:[PDB_user_stack]

ASSUME SS:NOTHING
invoke restore_world
ASSUME ES:NOTHING
POP AX
POP AX
POP AX
MOV AX,0F202h ; STI
PUSH WORD PTR [EXITHOLD+2]
PUSH WORD PTR [EXITHOLD]
STI
IRET ; Long return back to user terminate address

Harderr ENDP

ASSUME SS:DOSGROUP

do_ext

CODE ENDS
END
```

Chapter II

Introduction

Obfuscation is a information management strategy that aims to cloud the meaning of a message. This strategy can be intentional or unintended.

This strategy can be used for the protection of privacy (personal date protection of digital reputation for instance), but it can also be a base for the message content, war tactics or confidentiality saving.

Chapter III

Objectives

Thanks to the Famine subject, you know what self-replicating programming means. You also know the subject difficulty to obtain a little "virus" useless in an updated system.

We are going to make this virus running method more complex bringing programming methods that you were not necessarily introduced to during your school years.

Your little Famine program is about to be upgraded. You will quickly understand that if you want to validate this project, you're going to have to make radical changes in your source code. When Famine just needed you to discreetly patch a binary, Pestilence will require a way more discreet binary forcing you to apply a "simple" obfuscation strategy within your code... when we say simple, keep in mind this is a very subjective matter...

Chapter IV

Mandatory part

Pestilence is a binary of your own design which, just like Famine, will apply a signature that will at least include your own logins on binaries located in a specific folder, following the same constraints as Famine. The signature might have this header for instance:

Pestilence version 1.0 (c)oded by <first-login> - <second-login>

However you will have to code Pestilence so that:

- the code won't execute if a specific process is active on the target machine.
- the code doesn't execute if you try to use a debugger to run it.
- when a manual modification on the virus in order to avoid the anti-debugging launching is made, the infection routine must be partly obfuscated.

In regards of the latest point difficulty, the goal will simply be to make the reading and understanding of your infection routine difficult for a physical person. Being an actual issue in the real world, the obfuscation level will have an influence on your final grade.

Here are the constraints for this subject:

- The executable will be named Pestilence.
- This executable is coded in assembler, C or C++. Nothing else.
- Your program will not display anything on the standard or error outputs.
- You **WILL HAVE** to work in a VM.
- You will choose the target OS type. However, you will have to set up a proper VM for the evaluation.
- Your program will have to act on the /tmp/test and /tmp/test2 folders or the counterpart on your chosen OS and NOTHING ELSE. You're responsible for the propagation of your program.

Chapter V

Example of use

Here is a potential use:

Lay the foundation:

```
# ls -al ~/Pestilence
total 736
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 May 24 08:03 .
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 May 24 07:32 ..
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 744284 May 24 08:03 Pestilence
```

We create a sample.c for our tests:

```
# nl sample.c
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int
3 main(void) {
4    printf("Hello, World!\n");
5    return 0;
6 }
# gcc -m64 ~/Virus/sample/sample.c
#
```

We copy binaries (tests + ls) for our tests:

```
# cp ~/Virus/sample/sample /tmp/test2/.
# ls -al /tmp/test
total 16
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 24 08:07 .
drwxrwxrwt 13 root root 4096 May 24 08:08 ...
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 6712 May 24 08:11 sample
# /tmp/test/sample
Hello, World!
# file /tmp/test/sample
tmp/test/sample: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /
    lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]=938[...]10b, not stripped
# strings /tmp/test/sample | grep "wandre"
# cp /bin/ls /tmp/test2/
# ls -al /tmp/test2
total 132
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 24 08:11 .
drwxrwxrwt 14 root root 4096 May 24 08:11 .
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 126480 May 24 08:12 ls
# file /tmp/test2/ls
 tmp/test2/ls: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /
lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]=67e[...]281, stripped
```

Pestilence without the "test" process:

```
# pgrep "test"
  ./Pestilence
# strings /tmp/test/sample | grep "wandre"
Pestilence version 1.1 (c)oded may-2017 by wandre
# /tmp/test/sample
Hi!
\# strings /tmp/test2/ls \mid grep "wandre" Pestilence version 1.1 (c)oded may-2017 by wandre
# /tmp/test2/ls -la /tmp/test2/
total 132
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 2 10:11 .
drwxrwxrwt 14 root root 4096 May 2 10:17 .
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root xxxxxx May 2 10:12 ls
# gcc -m64 ~/Virus/sample/sample.c -o /tmp/test/sample
# ls -al /tmp/test
total 16
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 2 10:07 .
drwxrwxrwt 13 root root 4096 May 2 10:08 .. -rwxr-xr-x 1 root root xxxx May 2 10:12 sample
# /tmp/test/sample
Hi!
# file /tmp/test/sample
/tmp/test/sample: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /
    lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]=
     # strings /tmp/test/sample | grep "wandre"
 /tmp/test2/ls -la /tmp/test2/
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 2 10:11 .
drwxrwxrwt 14 root root 4096 May 2 10:17 ...
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root xxxxxx May 2 10:12 ls
# strings /tmp/test/sample | grep "wandre"
Pestilence version 1.1 (c)oded may-2017 by wandre
```

Pestilence with the "test" process:

```
# pgrep "test"
22987
# ./Pestilence
# strings /tmp/test/sample | grep "wandre"
# /tmp/test/sample
Hi!
# strings /tmp/test2/ls | grep "wandre"
# /tmp/test2/ls -la /tmp/test2/
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 2 10:11 .
drwxrwxrwt 14 root root 4096 May 2 10:17 ...
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root xxxxxx May 2 10:12 ls
# gcc -m64 ~/Virus/sample/sample.c -o /tmp/test/sample
# ls -al /tmp/test
total 16
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 2 10:07 .
drwxrwxrwt 13 root root 4096 May 2 10:08 ...
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root xxxx May 2 10:12 sample
# /tmp/test/sample
# file /tmp/test/sample
tmp/test/sample: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter
    lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]=
    # strings /tmp/test/sample | grep "wandre"
# /tmp/test2/ls -la /tmp/test2/
total 132
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 May 2 10:11 .
drwxrwxrwt 14 root root 4096 May 2 10:17 ...
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root xxxxxx May 2 10:12 ls
# strings /tmp/test/sample | grep "wandre"
```

And now, last but not least, let's try to run Pestilence with gdb. It will be best understood with a little message:

```
# gdb -q ./Pestilence
(gdb) rum
Starting program: /root/a.out
DEBUGGING..
[Inferior 1 (process 2683) exited with code 01]
# strings /tmp/test/sample | grep "wandre"
# /tmp/test/sample
Hi!
# strings /tmp/test2/ls | grep "wandre"
# # strings /tmp/test2/ls | grep "wandre"
```

For the obfuscation part, since I don't want to demand anything or guide you, it will be mostly code review. If you can understand the infection routine execution too easily, it will mean your method is not enough! You can obfuscate your code with a key algorithm or using useless functions to complicate the reading and understanding of your virus.

You must understand that the harder the reading and understanding of your infection routine, the higher your grade. Be crafty!

Chapter VI Bonus part



Bonus will be taken into account only if the mandatory part is PERFECT. PERFECT meaning it is completed, that its behavior cannot be faulted, even because of the slightest mistake, improper use, etc... Practically, it means that if the mandatory part is not validated, none of the bonus will be taken in consideration.

Bonus ideas:

- Being able to infect 32 bits binaries.
- Being able to infect all the files recursively from your OS root.



You must optimize this part executing infected binaries...

- Allowing infection on non-binary files.
- Using packing like methods directly on the virus. The aim being to make the binary as light as possible.
- You can play around adding a backdoor through your virus but make sure no error is visible... moreover if your backdoor provides a mean to open a port on your machine.

Chapter VII

Turn-in and peer-evaluation

- This project will only be reviewed by humans. You're free to organize and name your files as you will as long as you respect the following instructions.
- You must manage the errors a reasonable way. Your program will not quit unexpectedly (Segmentation fault, etc...).
- As usual, turn in your work on your repo GiT. Only the work included on your repo will be reviewed during the evaluation.
- During evaluation, you must be in a VM. For your information, the grading scale was built with a stable 64 bits Debian 7.0.
- You can use anything you will need except libraries that will do the dirty work for you. This would be considered cheating.
- You can post your questions on the forum, Jabber, IRC, Slack...