## Malware Analysis Project

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## Static Analysis

# Here are the steps I'll be following throughout this Static Analysis.

- ☐ Obtain the Malware File
- ☐ Check File Information
- ☐ Extract Strings
- ☐ Analyze File Headers
- ☐ Perform Anti-Virus Scan

#### **Obtain the Malware File:**

- Let's first identify the file that we wanna analyze.
- Then download or take a copy of the Malware file to your system.

```
$\frac{1}{\text{git}}$ clone https://github.com/kunaldg01/Virus.git
Cloning into 'Virus'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 156, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (74/74), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (56/56), done.
remote: Total 156 (delta 21), reused 58 (delta 13), pack-reused 82
Receiving objects: 100% (156/156), 48.09 MiB | 2.76 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (48/48), done.
```

```
L$ 1s

1.abc

1.
```

#### **Check File Information:**

- Use the "file" command to determine the file type and basic information.
- Run the following command.

```
L$ file payment.doc
payment.doc: Composite Document File V2 Document, Little Endian, Os: Windows, Version 6.1, Code page: 1252, Author: admin, Template: Normal.dotm, Last Saved By: admin,
Revision Number: 1, Name of Creating Application: Microsoft Office Word, Total Editing Time: 03:00, Create Time/Date: Wed Jun 29 17:09:00 2016, Last Saved Time/Date: We
d Jun 29 17:12:00 2016, Number of Pages: 1, Number of Words: 0, Number of Characters: 0, Security: 0
```

## **Extract Strings:**

- Let's now extract readable strings from the file using the "strings" command.
- Run the following command.

```
↓$ strings payment.doc

bjbj
pa!\pa!\
hi=f
[Content_Types].xml
rels/.rels
theme/theme/themeManager.xml
sQ}#
theme/theme/theme1.xml
QV32#y78
rC!f;
Z1B$v
]f0>
4;]?
8sA,
5$Cr`T
]|d"
h.Pds9D
)szc
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^fW%
Mfz[0
IBEF
D-W.?O
A8>v
T6X=
4TEvM
Q[MfP
7eXjv6j
*MBS
theme/theme/_rels/themeManager.xml.rels
6?$Q
K(M&$R(.1
[Content_Types].xmlPK
_rels/.relsPK
theme/theme/themeManager.xmlPK
theme/theme/theme1.xmlPK
theme/theme/_rels/themeManager.xml.relsPK
```

This output is too big to display on the terminal, so I've pasted the strings below.

## **Analyze File Headers:**

- Use "hexdump" command to analyze the headers from this malware file.
- Run the following command.

```
↓$ hexdump -C payment.doc
00000000
          d0 cf 11 e0 a1 b1 1a e1
                                                   00 00 00
00000010
                   00 00 00
00000020
          06 00 00
                   00 00 00
                            00 00
00000030
          01 00 00
                   00 fe ff ff
                                ff
                                    00 00
                                          00 00 26 00 00 00
00000040
00000050
          ec a5 c1
00000200
                   00 5b e0
                             09 04
                                    00 00
                                                    00 00 00
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          00 00 00
                                    00 08
                                          00 00 01
                   10 00 00
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                                                    08 00 00
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                                    12 0b
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                   00 70 61 21 5c
                                    70 61
                                          21
                                             5c 01 00 00 00
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                   00 ff ff 0f 00
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                            00 00
                                                       14 00
000002c0
          00 00 ba 14 00 00
                                    00 00
                                          ba 14 00
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                                             ff ff
000002d0
          00 00 00
                   00 00 00
                            00 00
000002e0
          00 00 ce
                   14 00 00
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000002f0
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          00 00 da 14 00 00
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00000310
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00000320
00000340
          00 00 c1 15 00 00
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                                    00 00
                                          c1 15 00
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00000350
                c1 15 00 00
                                00
                                       00
                                          09 16
                                                00
                                                   00 02 00
00000360
00000380
          00 00 0b 16 00 00 00 00
                                    00 00 0b 16 00 00 24 00
00000390
          00 00 ba 17 00 00 b6 02
                                    00 00 70 1a 00 00 3e 00
```

Because the output is too big, I couldn't show everything in the screenshot.

Let's now look at the file headers based on this hexdump.

• File Type:

The file begins with the signature "D0CF11E0A1B11AE1" (not visible in the provided snippet, but common for MS Office files). The document type is identified as "Microsoft Word 97-2003 Document" in the ASCII representation.

#### • Structure:

The file structure includes information about the Word document, such as version compatibility, CMG, DPB, GC, and Host Extender Info.

#### • Version:

The Word version compatibility is set to "393222000" (probably indicating compatibility with Word 2003).

#### • Other Information:

The document mentions a host extender with a specific ID.

#### **Perform Anti-Virus Scan:**

- I'll be running an anti-virus scan on the malware file using a command-line antivirus scanner like "clamscan".
- Run the following command.

```
-$ clamscan payment.doc
LibClamAV Warning: ***********************************
LibClamAV Warning: *** The virus database is older than 7 days! ***
LibClamAV Warning: *** Please update it as soon as possible. ***
Loading: 14s, ETA: 0s [=============]
Compiling: 2s, ETA: 0s [================]
                                                         8.67M/8.67M sigs
                                                            41/41 tasks
/home/voldemort/Documents/7 SEM/Malware Analysis (MA)/PROJECT/payment.doc: Doc.Macro.Downloader-6360616-1 FOUND
   ----- SCAN SUMMARY -----
Known viruses: 8672428
Engine version: 1.0.3
Scanned directories: 0
Scanned files: 1
Infected files: 1
Data scanned: 0.03 MB
Data read: 0.02 MB (ratio 1.33:1)
Time: 18.428 sec (0 m 18 s)
Start Date: 2023:11:25 22:06:56
End Date: 2023:11:25 22:07:15
```

## **Dynamic Analysis**

# Here are the steps I'll be following throughout this Dynamic Analysis.

- ☐ Set up a Sandbox Environment ☐ Monitor System Activities ☐ Analyze Process Activities ☐ Monitor File System Changes
- ☐ Capture System Memory

## Set up a Sandbox Environment:

- Let's create a virtual machine to isolate the malware and protect the host system.



## **Monitor System Activities:**

- I'll be using tools like "strace" or "ltrace" to monitor system calls and library calls made by the malware.
- Run the following command.

### soffice.bin

```
strace /usr/lib/libreoffice/program/soffice.bin >
strace soffice.log
```

The output is much larger.

The summary of this log file is:

- 1. The malware attempts to connect to a UNIX socket at "/var/run/nscd/socket", but it fails due to "No such file or directory" (ENOENT).
- 2. It reads the "/etc/nsswitch.conf" file and "/etc/passwd" file, performing file operations like opening, reading, and closing.
- 3. It checks the existence of directories such as "/home/user/.config/libreoffice/4" and "/tmp".
- 4. It tries to launch "javaldx", but there's a warning that if failed, indicating a potential issue with java functionality.
- 5. The malware makes use of pipes and clones processes.

To monitor the system calls and library calls in real-time, use the following "strace" command.

strace -o output.txt -e trace=all -f -p 14845

Here, I've given the <PID> of soffice.bin process.

#### oosplash

#### 1. File Operations:

- Opened files using 'openat' and checked file status using 'newfstatat'.
- Read content from files using 'read'.
- Closed files with 'close'.
- Accessed user-related information in "/etc/passwd".

#### 2. File System Operations:

- Created directories with 'mkdir'.
- Checked file existence and permissions with 'access'.
- Investigated symbolic links with 'readlink'.

#### 3. Socket Operations:

• Created a Unix domain socket using 'socket'.

• Attempted to connect to a socket file in "/tmp", but failed ('connect').

### 4. Process and Thread Operations:

- Used 'clone3' to create new process/thread.
- Various operations related to process signals ('rt\_sigaction', 'rt sigprocmask', 'futex', 'exit group').

#### 5. Memory Operations:

- Allocated memory using 'mmap'.
- Set memory protection with 'mprotect'.

#### 6. Miscellaneous:

- Checked user ID using 'getuid'.
- Checked and manipulated the current working directory with 'getcwd'.

To monitor the system calls in real-time, we can use the following strace command.

```
strace -f -o strace oosplash.log -p 14828
```

Here, I've given the <PID> of oosplash process.

## **Analyze Process Activities:**

- Monitor the process activities of the malware using tools like "ps" or "top".
- Run the following command.



```
top - 23:57:23 up 2:11, 1 user, load average: 0.19, 0.28, 0.42
Tasks: 297 total, 1 running, 295 sleeping, 0 stopped, 1 zombie
%Cpu(s): 21.0 us, 9.9 sy, 0.0 ni, 68.5 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.7 si, 0.0 st
MiB Mem : 3871.6 total,
                             1137.9 free,
                                             1612.0 used, 1121.7 buff/cache
                                              123.8 used.
            3220.0 total,
                             3096.2 free,
                                                             1967.9 avail Mem
MiB Swap:
                   PR NI VIRT
                                      RES
    PID USER
                                             SHR S %CPU %MEM
                                                                     TIME+ COMMAND
  14845 meet
                       0 1034428 265044 140556 S
                                                    43.5
                                                                   0:02.54 soffice.bin
                   20
                                                             6.7
   1246 meet
                       0 4514176 220808 88092 S
                                                                   3:29.16 gnome-shell
                   20
                                                    18.9
                                                             5.6
   1108 meet
                   9 -11 1693072 19040 13664 S
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                                                                   0:31.82 pulseaudio
                       0 323736
0 356464
   1539 meet
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                                    10668
                                            5760 S
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                                                                   0:04.92 ibus-daemon
                                                                   0:02.19 ibus-extension-
   1615 meet
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   1632 meet
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   9151 meet
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  14173 root
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     22 root
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                                                                   0:00.87 migration/1
```

```
ps -ef
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 00:00:00 /usr/libexec/fbus-x11
00:00:07 /usr/libexec/fbupd/fwupd
00:00:00 /usr/bin/snap userd
00:00:00 update-notifter
00:00:01 [kworker/1:2H-kblockd]
00:00:03 gjs /usr/share/gnome-shell/extensions/ding@rastersoft.com/ding.js -E -P /usr/share/gnome-shell/ext
00:00:00 /usr/shin/cups -1
00:00:00 /usr/shin/cups -1
00:00:00 /usr/shin/cups -- gapplication-service
00:00:00 /usr/shin/seahorse --gapplication-service
00:00:00 /usr/bin/seahorse --gapplication-service
00:00:00 /usr/bin/seahorse --gapplication-service
00:00:00 /usr/bin/spech-dispatcher-service
00:00:00 /usr/bin/spech-dispatcher -s -t 0
00:00:00 [kworker/1:2-events]
00:00:00 [sd_espeak-ng-mb] <defunct>
00:00:00 [sd_espeak-ng-mb] <defunct>
00:00:00 (vsr/lib/speech-dispatcher-modules/sd_espeak-ng /etc/speech-dispatcher/modules/espeak-ng.conf
00:00:00 /usr/lib/speech-dispatcher-modules/sd_dummy /etc/speech-dispatcher/modules/dummy.conf
00:00:00 [kworker/u256:5-events_unbound]
00:00:00 [kworker/u256:5-events_unbound]
00:00:00 [kworker/i:0-cgroup_destroy]
00:00:00 [kworker/1:0-cgroup_destroy]
00:00:01 [kworker/1:0-cgroup_destroy]
00:00:01 [kworker/1:0-cgroup_destroy]
00:00:01 [kworker/0:3-events]
00:00:01 [kworker/0:3-events]
00:00:01 [kworker/0:3-events_unbound]
00:00:00 [kworker/0:0-events]
00:00:00 [kworker/0:0-events]
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9151 0 23:56 pts/0
14864 0 23:56 pts/0
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14812
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00:00[kworker/0:1-events]
00:00:00 | /usr/lib/libreoffice/program/oosplash --writer file:///home/meet/payment.doc
00:00:01 | /usr/lib/libreoffice/program/soffice.bin --writer file:///home/meet/payment.doc
00:00:00 bash
00:00:00 ps -ef
                                                                 14819
14828
14845
                                                                    14864
                                                                    14871
```

## **Monitor File System Changes:**

- Observe any changes made to the file system by the malware using tools like "inotifywait" or "auditetl".
- Run the following command.

```
setting up watches. Beware: since -r was given, this may take a while!

Watches established.
/ PREN payment. doc
/ ACCESS payment. doc
```

- **1. Repetitive Changes:** The file "./ ACCESS payment.doc" is repeatedly accessed, suggesting potential modification or access.
- **2. LibreOffice Configuration Changes:** There are multiple entries related to changes in LibreOffice configurations, such as modifications to toolbar, menubar, popupmenu, and statusbar.
- **3. Recent Files:** The log shows activities related to recently-used.xbel, indicating modifications, movements, and attribute changes.
- **4. User Configuration Changes:** Entries related to user configurations, like the creation and modification of files in the "./.config/libreoffice/4/user/config/" directory.

## **Capture System Memory:**

- Capture and analyze the memory of the running malware using tools like "volatility" or "gdb".
- Run the following command.

```
- Run the following command.

meet@meet-virtual-machine:-$ volatility -f tcpdump.dmp pslist
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
No suitable address space mapping found
Tried to open image as:
MachoAddressSpace: Nec: need base
LimeAddressSpace: lime: need base
WindowsKrashDumpSpace64BitMap: No base Address Space
WindowsCrashDumpSpace64BitMap: No base Address Space
WindowsCrashDumpSpace64BitMap: No base Address Space
WindowsCrashDumpSpace64BitMap: No base Address Space
VMWAreMetaAddressSpace: No base Address Space
VMWAreMetaAddressSpace: No base Address Space
VMWAreMetaAddressSpace: No base Address Space
VindowsCrashDumpSpace32: No base Address Space
VMindowsCrashDumpSpace32: No base Address Space
WindowsCrashDumpSpace32: No base Address Space
VinuxMno64PagedMemory: No base Address Space
LinuxMno64PagedMemory: No base Address Space
LinuxMno64PagedMemory: No base Address Space
LinuxMno64PagedMemory: No base Address Space
In32PagedMemoryPae: No base Address Space
In32PagedMemoryPae: No base Address Space
OSXPmemELF: No base Address Space
OSXPmemELF: No base Address Space
MachOAddressSpace: Invalid Lime header signature invalid
LineAddressSpace: Invalid Lime header signature invalid
WindowsCrashDumpSpace64BitMap: Header signature invalid
WindowsCrashDumpSpace64BitMap: Header signature invalid
WindowsCrashDumpSpace64BitMap: Header signature invalid
VMAreMetaAddressSpace: Invalid Windre signature invalid
VMAreMetaAddressSpace: Invalid VMware signature: 0x64706374
WindowsCrashDumpSpace32: Header signature invalid
SkipDuplicatesAMDo64PagedMemory: Incompatible profile WinXPSP2x86 selected
WindowsAMD64PagedMemory: Incompatible profile WinXPSP2x86 selected
LinuxAMD64PagedMemory: Incompatible profile WinXPSP2x86 selected
AMO64PagedMemory: Incompatible profile WinXPSP2x86 selected
LinuxAMD64PagedMemory: Incompatible profile WinXPSP2x86 selected
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