# Report for Malware Detection

#### Task 1: Create a Yara rule for njRAT malware

In the first step, we need to install yara which is a pattern-matching software, and one of its capabilities is detecting malwares.

```
-(kali®kali)-[/var/log/suricata]
$ <u>sudo</u> apt-get install yara
[sudo] password for kali:
Reading package lists ... Done
Building dependency tree ... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
   libyara9
The following NEW packages will be installed:
The following packages will be upgraded:
   libyara9
1 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 1313 not upgraded.
Need to get 187 kB of archives.
After this operation, 84.0 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y
Get:1 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 libyara9 amd64 4.2.3-1 [160 kB]
Get:2 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 yara amd64 4.2.3-1 [27.0 kB]
Fetched 187 kB in 6s (30.8 kB/s)
(Reading database ... 338511 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../libyara9_4.2.3-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libyara9:amd64 (4.2.3-1) over (4.2.1-1+b1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package yara.
Preparing to unpack .../yara_4.2.3-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking yara (4.2.3-1) ...
Setting up libyara9:amd64 (4.2.3-1) ...
Setting up yara (4.2.3-1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.35-4) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1)
Processing triggers for kali-menu (2022.3.1)
```

Then we extracted the sample malware named "njRAT-v0.6.4.zip" with the below commands:

Once we unzipped the given file, we can see all the files inside it as shown in the picture below:

```
[kali⊗kali)-[~/Downloads/njRAT-v0.6.4]
$ | GeoIP.dat Mono.Cecil.dll NAudio.dll njRAT.exe | Plugin/ stub.il Stub.manifest
```

After that, with the command "strings" we can check which APIs this malware used

```
File Actions Edit View Help
EndInit
set_AutoSize
set_Minimum
set_DropDownStyle
set_FlatStyle
set_FormattingEnabled
set_UseVisualStyleBackColor
set_Multiline
set_Checked
set_CheckState
get_SlateBlue
PerformLayout
remove_Click
add_Click
remove_CheckedChanged
add_CheckedChanged
get_Icon
ToDecimal
get_SelectedIndex
ToBitmap
set_Key
set_Mode
CreateEncryptor
TransformFinalBlock
set_Filter
set_FileName
ShowDialog
get_FileName
ReadAllText
Environ
WriteAllText
set_CreateNoWindow
set_WindowStyle
set_Arguments
WaitForExit
op_Explicit
BringToFront
MsgBox
get_Image
set_Title
FromFile
add_FormClosing
remove_SelectedIndexChanged
add_SelectedIndexChanged
get_SelectedItem
ConcatenateObject
get_Lime
set_Opacity
remove_TextChanged
```

Then it will help us to use them for writing our Yara rules and put these API-name in string part, and in the condition part if this rule detects 10 of them and raise errors.

```
1 r
2 |{
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                    description = "Yara rule for njRAT detection Task1"
                   author = "Team PH Pegah and Hanieh"
                   $string1=/GetModules/
                    $string2=/Get_Assembly/
                    $string3=/get_Parent/
10
                    $string4=/GetTypes/
                    $string5=/IntPtr/
12
13
                    $string6=/Read/
                    $string7=/BitConverter/
                    $string8=/Space/
14
15
                    $string9=/StrDup/
16
                    $string10=/ToInt32/
17
                    $string11=/Zero/
18
                    $string12=/CompressionMode/
19
                    $string13=/System.Reflection/
20
                   $string14=/DirectoryInfo/
21
22
23 }
24
```

After running our Yara rule, the name of the rule and file which is malware was printed. This shows, at least 10 out of 14 strings (function calls) are used in the malware.

```
(kali@ kali)-[~/Downloads/njRAT-v0.6.4]

GeoIP.dat Mono.Cecil.dll NAudio.dll njRAT.exe Plugin/ stub.il Stub.manifest Task1-rule.yara

(kali@ kali)-[~/Downloads/njRAT-v0.6.4]

syara Task1-rule.yara njRAT.exe
njrat_detection njRAT.exe
```

#### Task2: Run Yara on malware samples

For this task, we have given a file which is contained a bunch of different malware samples and some Yara rules. like task1, we again used unzip command (7za) to extract the file. In the figure below we can see them all in our directory:

```
(ball@ hall)=[~/Downloads]
| Since | Sinc
```

Then need to run each Yara rule on the "malwaresamples" file and see what is the result of each yara command.

Below pictures shows all of them:

```
s yara crime_wannacry.yar malwaresamples
WannaCry_Ransomware malwaresamples/999c88589a40c7321c46d3ce53f6c2ca8d0a1ed34601c3c33e2995fd3e066297.exe
WannaCry_Ransomware_Gen malwaresamples/999c88589a40c7321c46d3ce53f6c2ca8d0a1ed34601c3c33e2995fd3e066297.exe
WannaCry_Ransomware malwaresamples/76bac32537fe948a8a8b2a4d7cd9877b8d0f603e39298e13c2534c5ef5063e8f.exe
WannaCry_Ransomware malwaresamples/03d4a5dc27bbd683325451ddd8903380113b84581a3e1fa7f7ec0eac6e12595c.dll
WannaCry_Ransomware malwaresamples/795742e194ad35b73172bf15bf5f8379b2e8c82a1548ec59c5e935c351e5ffb0.dll
WannaCry_Ransomware_Gen malwaresamples/795742e194ad35b73172bf15bf5f8379b2e8c82a1548ec59c5e935c351e5ffb0.dll
WannaCry Ransomware malwaresamples/85aea2af28cb7f0d72911be0a8c52917334c5234682a257b3d001d28cd9baaba.exe
WannaCry_Ransomware_Gen malwaresamples/85aea2af28cb7f0d72911be0a8c52917334c5234682a257b3d001d28cd9baaba.exe
WannaCry_Ransomware malwaresamples/8449c227a0a1dadbc8e1f81bbf6cdf3669727864c9a2f309a224a1d9f31901e9.exe
WannaCry_Ransomware_Gen malwaresamples/8449c227a0a1dadbc8e1f81bbf6cdf3669727864c9a2f309a224a1d9f31901e9.exe
WannaCry_Ransomware malwaresamples/b5e8ed118ebda8bebd08e69cd2a602866dca8f0aebe20429f4eaf31732c9cc38.exe
  | (kali@kali)-[~]
| $\text{yara general_rats_malwareconfig.yar malwaresamples} | \text{yara general_rats_malwaresamples} | \text{yara_sen_es_fad_rate_config.yar} | \text{yara_sen_es_fad_rate_config.yar
RAT_njRat malwaresamples/fd624aa205517580e83fad7a4ce4d64863e95f62b34ac72647b1974a52822199.rat
MAL_JRAT_Oct18_1 malwaresamples/d61e712d33eb5c948bb64c232292e64add9fbe64172163b2eaaa333a017edce3.jar
 (kali % kali)-[~]

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 jRat malwaresamples/2c2e6699405f6fece6adca153c90bdbc58630b10a70b2b92438de04953b5ea12.jar
 jRat malwaresamples/df64df82b18e852a3b662b4b26e46a1077fd298c0b9133ba7a8f084b988a4b0f.jar
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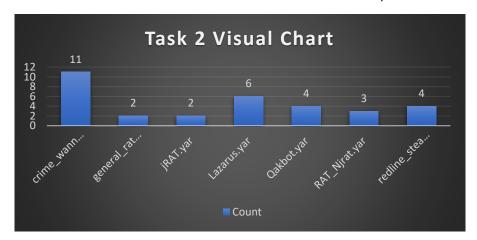
$ yara Lazarus.yar malwaresamples
Windows_API_Function malwaresamples/a1b65f18c7e882b1606a4ef9387d8988e6fd755d7d03214b677ad528a487d73a.rat
Encrypted_Office_Document malwaresamples/a9ecb2c9292cb2d021b122ff5ee1d3f45c672fd75af71e823e524130eb9dd81b.docx Windows_API_Function malwaresamples/f1bd53092088ec6c35205a381df1360d145f03c6cc11185218dff5013e813776.iso
Windows_API_Function malwaresamples/351025529c0a38aa351e96c58143f41798f1dd26be05431aae60ca092c07c22e.img
EXE_in_LNK malwaresamples/178a81904017a5b53f378821225ee5d6e436834b1e9e4c9f0ce50805ac36ca37.lnk
Windows_API_Function malwaresamples/dc20873b80f5cd3cf221ad5738f411323198fb83a608a8232504fd2567b14031.iso
  (kali⊕ kali)-[~]

$ yara Qakbot.yar malwaresamples
Windows_API_Function malwaresamples/351025529c0a38aa351e96c58143f41798f1dd26be05431aae60ca092c07c22e.img
\label{lem:windows_API_Function} Windows\_API\_Function \ malwaresamples/a1b65f18c7e882b1606a4ef9387d8988e6fd755d7d03214b677ad528a487d73a.ra{t} \\ Windows\_API\_Function \ malwaresamples/f1bd53092088ec6c35205a381df1360d145f03c6cc11185218dff5013e813776.iso
Windows_API_Function malwaresamples/dc20873b80f5cd3cf221ad5738f411323198fb83a6<u>08a8232504fd2567b14031.iso</u>
 (kali ⊛ kali)-[~]
$ yara RAT_Njrat.yar malwaresamples
Njrat malwaresamples/fd624aa205517580e83fad7a4ce4d64863e95f62b34ac72647b1974a52822199.rat
njrat1 malwaresamples/fd624aa205517580e83fad7a4ce4d64863e95f62b34ac72647b1974a52822199.rat
Njrat malwaresamples/a1b65f18c7e882b1606a4ef9387d8988e6fd755d7d03214b677ad528a487d73a.rat
  $ yara redline_stealer.yar malwaresamples
INDICATOR_EXE_Packed_Themida malwaresamples/f86ade6b016aa96bdb40c459b7b3cb413680b891d4436ffa8acc25fa03f0eba0.exe
MALWARE_Win_RedLine malwaresamples/38dcfe4f6c31cd0e5c90fc55a2413e3c25342c89b9<u>0c42b54cb2a2fe8c9a1c77.exe</u>
MALWARE_Win_NjRAT malwaresamples/fd624aa205517580e83fad7a4ce4d64863e95f62b34ac72647b1974a52822199.rat
MALWARE_Win_zgRAT malwaresamples/e2acf723916ce5db6714a17e6d3cf2c95fca1a859de7fbe741a480e679749a86.dll
```

On the other hand, if we check the inside of "malwaresamples" by "I" command we can see all these results are in it as below red lines:

```
s cd malwaresamples
 —(kali⊛kali)-[~/malwaresamples]
-$_l
03d4a5dc27bbd683325451ddd8903380113b84581a3e1fa7f7ec0eac6e12595c.dll
129c188a40001cfc54c92bbe1d88dde350133c2456fa3b4e8efe3b5af702faff.xls
178a81904017a5b53f378821225ee5d6e436834b1e9e4c9f0ce50805ac36ca37.lnk
351025529c0a38aa351e96c58143f41798f1dd26be05431aae60ca092c07c22e.img
38dcfe4f6c31cd0e5c90fc55a2413e3c25342c89b90c42b54cb2a2fe8c9a1c77.exe
4ed978dd7a57e5df732c4a20a738adb245aa389abfad3ed9aa784f57325e990e.js
76bac32537fe948a8a8b2a4d7cd9877b8d0f603e39298e13c2534c5ef5063e8f.exe
795742e194ad35b73172bf15bf5f8379b2e8c82a1548ec59c5e935c351e5ffb0.dll
835a00d6e7c43db49ae7b3fa12559f23c2920b7530f4d3f960fd285b42b1efb5.rat
8449c227a0a1dadbc8e1f81bbf6cdf3669727864c9a2f309a224a1d9f31901e9.exe
85aea2af28cb7f0d72911be0a8c52917334c5234682a257b3d001d28cd9baaba.exe
8a0675001b5bc63d8389fc7ed80b4a7b0f9538c744350f00162533519e106426.rat
999c88589a40c7321c46d3ce53f6c2ca8d0a1ed34601c3c33e2995fd3e066297.exe
a1b65f18c7e882b1606a4ef9387d8988e6fd755d7d03214b677ad528a487d73a.rat
a6e96799222a133139c4426067330763acc5f8e59f05e1af8636851b0d6aac89.xlsx
a9ecb2c9292cb2d021b122ff5ee1d3f45c672fd75af71e823e524130eb9dd81b.docx
b5e8ed118ebda8bebd08e69cd2a602866dca8f0aebe20429f4eaf31732c9cc38.exe
cd9709bf1c7396f6fe3684b5177fa0890c706ca82e2b98ba58e8d8383632a3c8.rat
cdadc26c09f869e21053ee1a0acf3b2d11df8edd599fe9c377bd4d3ce1c9cda9.rat
dc20873b80f5cd3cf221ad5738f411323198fb83a608a8232504fd2567b14031.iso
e2acf723916ce5db6714a17e6d3cf2c95fca1a859de7fbe741a480e679749a86.dll
f1bd53092088ec6c35205a381df1360d145f03c6cc11185218dff5013e813776.iso
f86ade6b016aa96bdb40c459b7b3cb413680b891d4436ffa8acc25fa03f0eba0.exe
fd624aa205517580e83fad7a4ce4d64863e95f62b34ac72647b1974a52822199.rat
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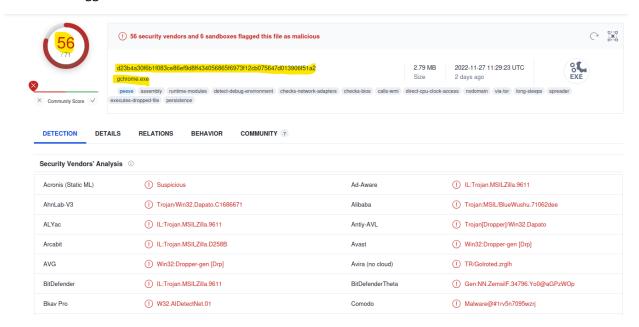
The below chart shows the number of sample files matched by each rule. The horizontal line shows the names of Yara rules and the vertical line shows the number of matched sample files.



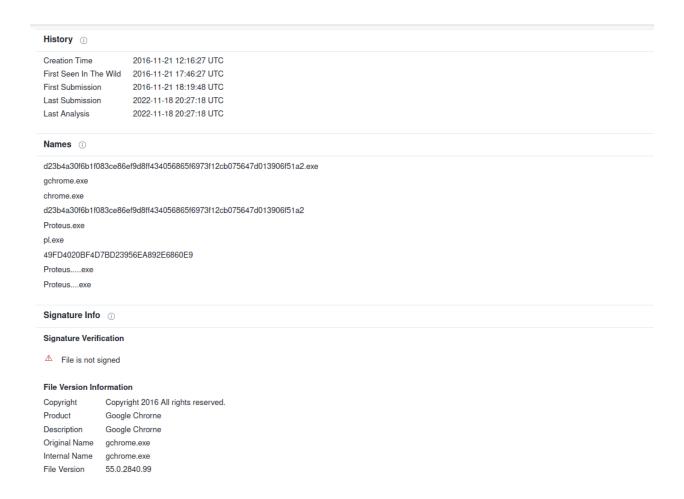
#### Task 3: Analyse the malware sample

In this task, we as group "PH" has been given a unique malware sample. Again we unzipped it.

There is a site named <a href="https://www.virustotal.com">https://www.virustotal.com</a>. We uploaded this file to this site to see if it shows any details about the malware. As we can get through the site, it shows that 56 security vendors and 6 sandboxes flagged this file as malicious.



The below image shows, this malware is a Trojan horse for the Chrome browser.



#### 3.1: Hashes - md5, sha1sum, sha256sum

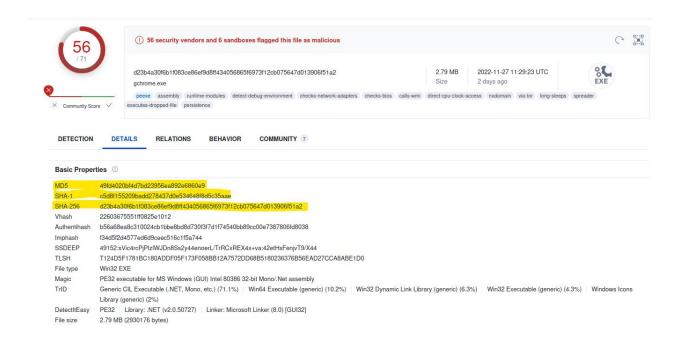
In this step, we created hash values of the malware using md5, sha1 and sha2 algorithms. Then we compared them with the provided values from the website.

```
(kali@ kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ md5sum d23b4a30f6b1f083ce86ef9d8ff434056865f6973f12cb075647d013906f51a2.exe
49fd4020bf4d7bd23956ea892e6860e9 d23b4a30f6b1f083ce86ef9d8ff434056865f6973f12cb075647d013906f51a2.exe

(kali@ kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ shalsum d23b4a30f6b1f083ce86ef9d8ff434056865f6973f12cb075647d013906f51a2.exe
c5d8f155209badd278437d0e534648f8d5c35aae d23b4a30f6b1f083ce86ef9d8ff434056865f6973f12cb075647d013906f51a2.exe

(kali@ kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ sha256sum d23b4a30f6b1f083ce86ef9d8ff434056865f6973f12cb075647d013906f51a2.exe
d23b4a30f6b1f083ce86ef9d8ff434056865f6973f12cb075647d013906f51a2 d23b4a30f6b1f083ce86ef9d8ff434056865f6973f12cb075647d013906f51a2.exe
```

The figure below shows that hash values are the same and we conclude that the malware we consider is the same as that considered by the website.



#### 3.2: Yara rule

For yara rules, we checked in "Malpedia" site and get the rule for this malware from there. Should mentioned that the other name of this malware is "Proteus"



As below, we have downloaded this rule and extracted them as well. The name of the rule is win\_proteus\_auto.

```
| Compressed | 1631 | Comp
```

```
meta:
    author = "Felix Silstein - yara-signator at cocacoding dot com"
    date = "2020-05-30"
    version = "1"
    description = "autogenerated rule brought to you by yara-signator"
    tool = "yara-signator v0.4.0"
    signator_config = "callsandjumpsidatarefs;binvalue"
    malpedia_perience = "https://malpedia.caad.fxle.fraunhofer.de/details/win.proteus"
    malpedia_sharing = "TLP:WHITE"

/* DISCLAIMER

* The strings used in this rule have been automatically selected from the
    disassembly of memory dumps and unpacked files, using yara-signator.

* The code and documentation / approach is published here:
    https://glthub.com/fxb-ocacodim/yara-signator that for a given
    https://glthub.com/fxb-ocacodim/yara-signator.

* The code and documentation / approach is published here:
    https://glthub.com/fxb-ocacodim/yara-signator.

* The strings used in this use and assign that for a given
    https://glthub.com/fxb-ocacodim/yara-signator.

* This likely impacts the degree of generalization these rules will offer.

* Take the described generation method also into consideration when you
    apply the rules in your use
```

# 3.3: Common Windows API used (if any is present)

No API

3.4: Network communication, if any are present (URLs and suspicious IPs)

# Network Communication ① **DNS Resolutions** + 140.215.184.52.in-addr.arpa + 16.155.190.20.in-addr.arpa + 4.4.8.8.in-addr.arpa + 80.69.35.23.in-addr.arpa prda.aadg.msidentity.com proteus-network.ml wpad **IP Traffic** 114.114.114.114:53 (UDP) 13.107.39.203:80 (TCP) 20.99.133.109:443 (TCP) 20.99.184.37:443 (TCP) 218.85.157.99:53 (UDP) 23.216.147.62:443 (TCP) 52.251.79.25:443 (TCP) a83f:8110:2f6a:9cff:2d68:9aff:2b66:98ff:53 (UDP)

#### 3.5: Persistence mechanism (if is present)

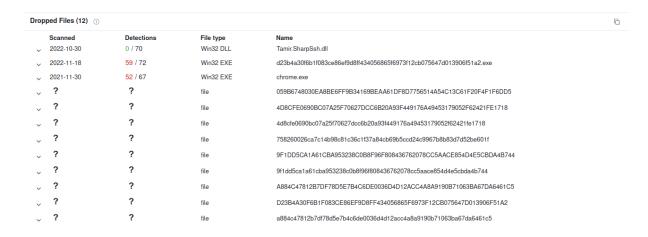
Moving over to registry items, a lot of registry writes were performed by Proteus making it tough to sort out what was garbage and what was not. The most interesting item that I found was C:\Users\admin\AppData\Roaming\chrome.exe being written to key HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run. This is used as a persistence mechanism to ensure that the application runs on startup.



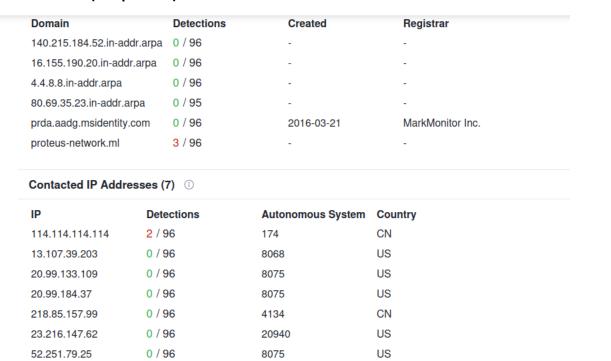
#### 3.6: Imported DLLs (Dynamically Loaded Libraries)



## 3.7: Dropped files (if present)



#### 3.8: DNS info (if is present)



#### 3.9: Research on suspicious activities

Proteus malware is an example of a cyber threat which is multi-functional menace:

#### 3.9.1: Proteus steels cryptocurrency

According to Bleeping Computer, Proteus capable of mining fo cryptocurrency by using SHA256 miner, CPUMiner and ZCashMiner, to steal Bitcoin, Litecoin, Zcash, and so on....

#### 3.9.2: Proteus turns the computer into a SOCKS proxy

Proteus can enable the computer act as a socket secure proxy which can relays traffic between a client and a server for any type of network protocol. So that any malicious traffic can pass through an infected system. So that it will change your endpoints to an open door for cybercriminals. So that any other types of malwares can be downloaded and executed easily.

#### 3.9.3: Proteus verifies stolen credentials

One of the most interesting and useful purposes of this malware is testing the validity of stolen login credentials.it is typically used by e-commerce sites.

## 3.9.4: Proteus logs keystrokes

Proteus is able to steal login credentials, verify them, use them to extract PII and then once it needed, route that PII to a remote client. It means it can work as a stealing machine.

#### Conclusion

Now after doing this Lab, we are able to install Yara in a Kali Linux machine and use it as malware detection by writing Yara Rules. Also, we learn how to apply rules if there is malicious file, how to extract information and see the matched between rules and the files

Furthermore, we learned how to analyze malwares and obtain useful information such as network communication, persistent mechanisms and so on from some websites as we performed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> task.