Cyber Security Technologies

Session 4 - Malware Analysis

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Overview

- This week's lecture will consist of labs we will walk through together analyzing real malware from the wild
- Therefore, do NOT perform any of the labs in this slide deck on your RADISH VM or your personal or work computers.
- Go ahead and logon to your Win 8.1 physical workstation in the lab.
- Do not logon to RADISH

OVA

- We will not be using RADISH in class today
- We will be using an OVA file to import a Windows XP VM into VirtualBox on your physical desktop
- Make sure the following share is mapped to your lab computer:
 - \\coulson.otsads.iit.edu\itm448
- Copy the Win XP 32 Bit SP3 x48-1.ova file to your desktop

Note

- If you missed class and would like to perform the labs in this slide deck you will need to stop by the TS2033 lab during open hours. The itm448 share can be mapped there as well
- Then, only use VirtualBox and do not connect to RADISH to run through these labs

Overview

Part I – Creating an Isolated Analysis Environment

Part II – Basic Static Analysis

Part III – Advanced Static Analysis

Part IV – Basic Dynamic Analysis

Part V – Advanced Static Analysis

Definition of Malware Analysis

"The art of dissecting malware to understand how it works, how to identify it, and how to defeat or eliminate it."

Malware Analysis Techniques

- Static Analysis
 - Evaluate the executable without executing it.
- Dynamic Analysis
 - Evaluate the executable during execution.

Part I

Creating an Isolated Analysis Environment

Isolated Analysis Environment

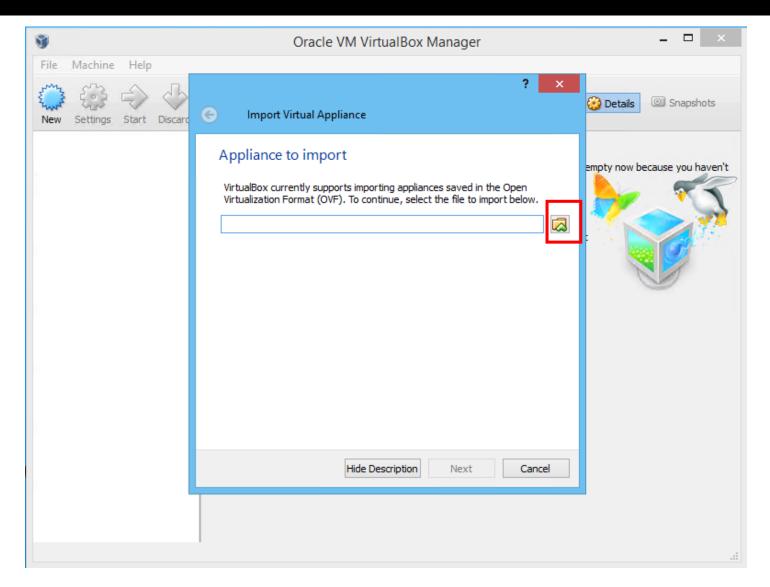
- Especially needed for Dynamic Analysis
- Should also be used for Static Analysis in case of accidental execution

Creating an Isolated Analysis Environment

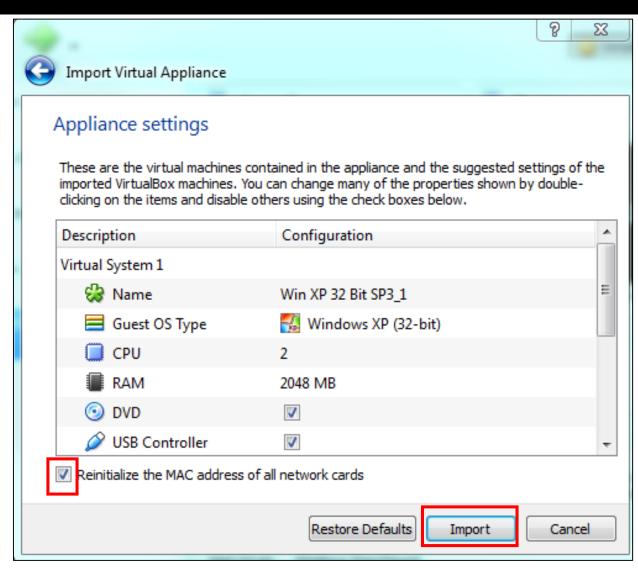
- 1. Create virtual machine(s)
 - May need multiple OSs since malware may behave differently in each
- 2. Isolate VM from host and/or internet.
- 3. Install static and dynamic analysis tools
- 4. Create a snapshot of the state of the VM at this point
 - Can revert to this state between tests

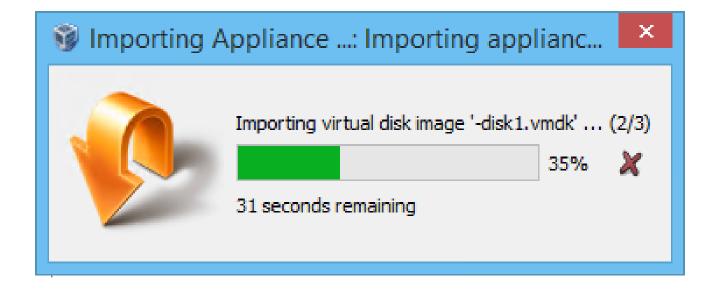
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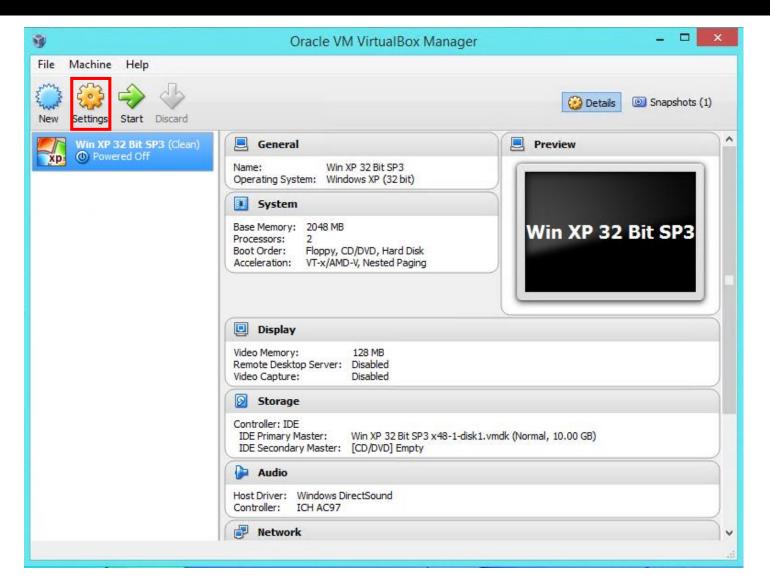
- We already have an XP VM ready for you to import.
- Open VirtualBox on your physical machine's desktop.
- · Click "File" and "Import Appliance"

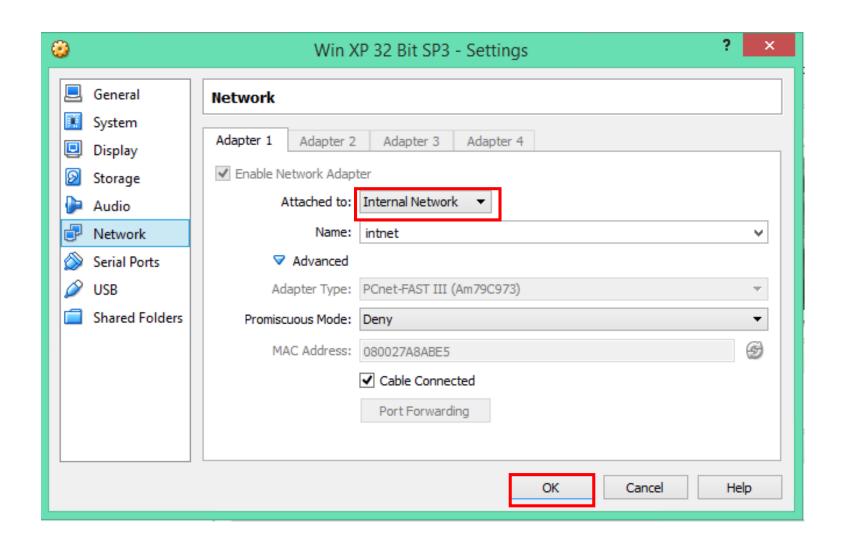


- •Select the XP OVA file you copied to your desktop from the \\coulson.otsads.iit.edu\itm448 share in the beginning of class
- Hit "Open"
- Hit "Next"









2. Isolate VM from host and/or Internet

• Let's review some of the VirtualBox network options that are in the "Attached to" dropdown.

VirtualBox Network Modes (Internet)

- Bridged Adapter
 - Physical Host and VM are on same network and can connect to each other
 - •VM can reach internet
- NAT
 - Physical Host and a single VM are on different networks
 - Physical Host cannot initiate connection to VM but VM can initiate connection to Physical Host.
 - VM can reach internet

VirtualBox Network Modes (Internet)

- NAT Network
 - Same as NAT but multiple VMs can share the same network.
 - VM can reach internet

VirtualBox Network Modes (No internet)

- Host Only Adapter
 - Physical Host and VM(s) are on same private network
 - •VM(s) cannot reach internet
- Internal Network
 - Physical Host and VM(s) are on different networks
 - No DHCP (would need to assign static IPs)
 - VM cannot reach internet
- Not Attached
 - Completed disconnected

VirtualBox Network Modes Conclusion

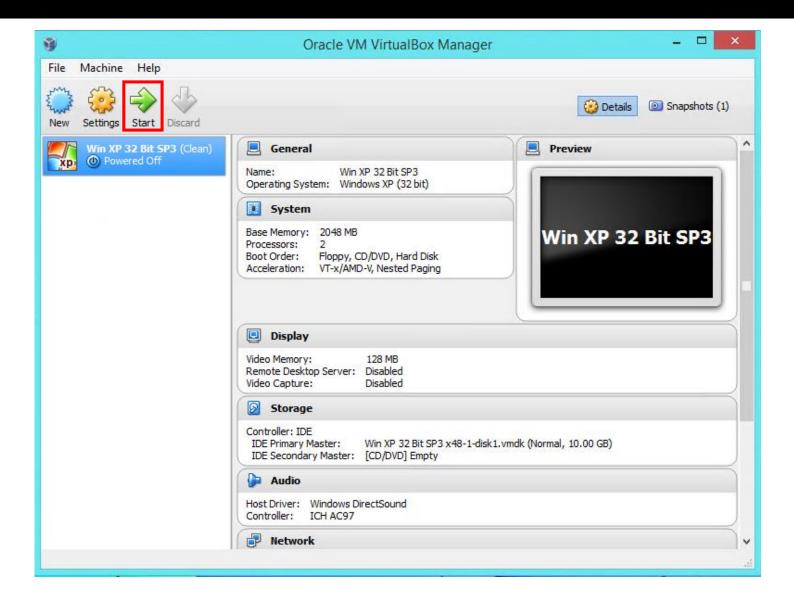
- Could infect your entire LAN:
 - Bridged Adapter
- Could infect your Physical Host:
 - Use NAT, NAT, Network, Host Only Adapter
- Will not infect your Physical Host or LAN:
 - Internal Network, Not Attached

Best Solution

- If you need to reach the internet and not infect your Physical Host:
 - Install a second network adapter and lease a separate internet connection (dirty pipe)

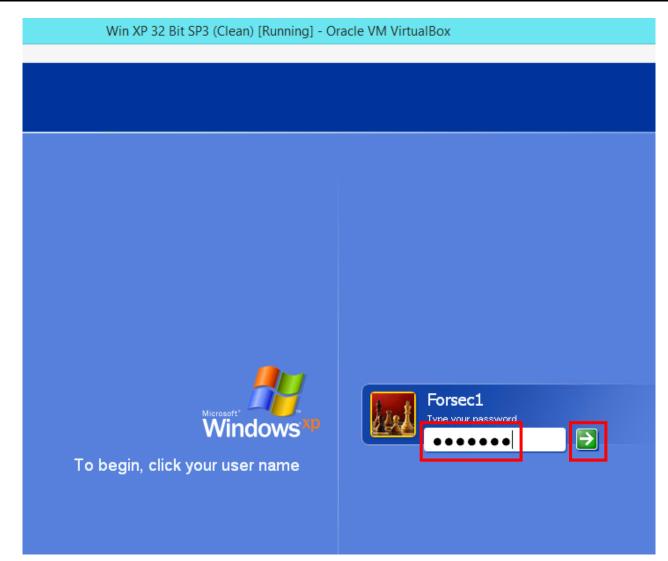
(In here, we will just use the "Internal Network" for our malware analysis labs)

Start XP VM



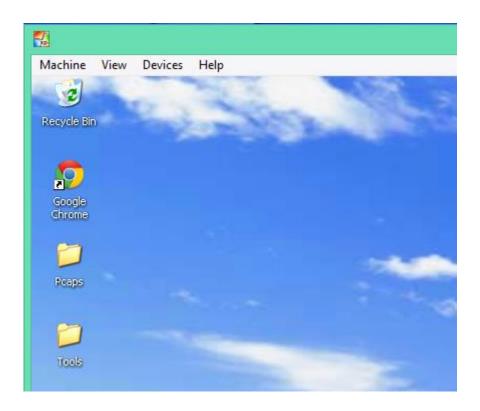
Start XP VM

Password = Forsec1

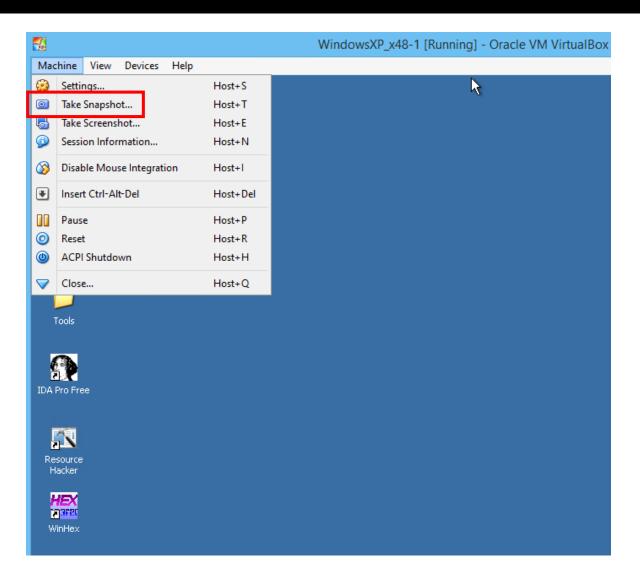


3. Install Static and Dynamic Analysis Tools

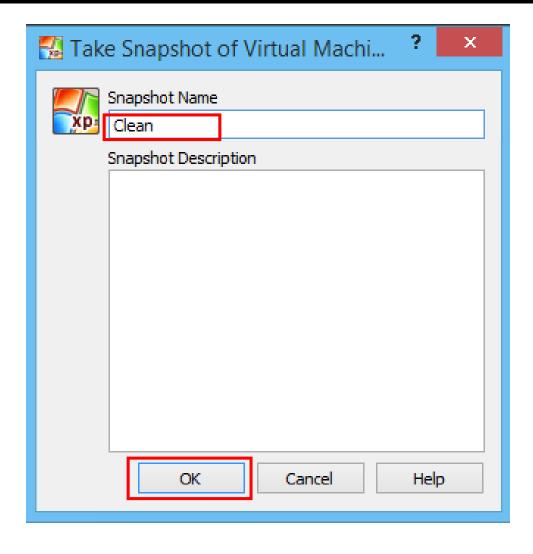
- Tools already placed in Tools folder on desktop
- Pcaps Crimeboss Pcap
 - Will use for in class lab



4. Create a snapshot of the state of the VM at this point



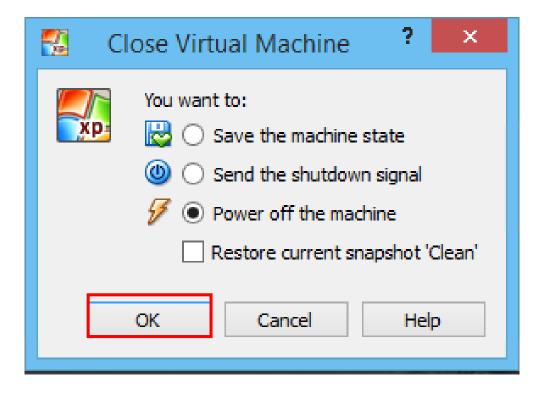
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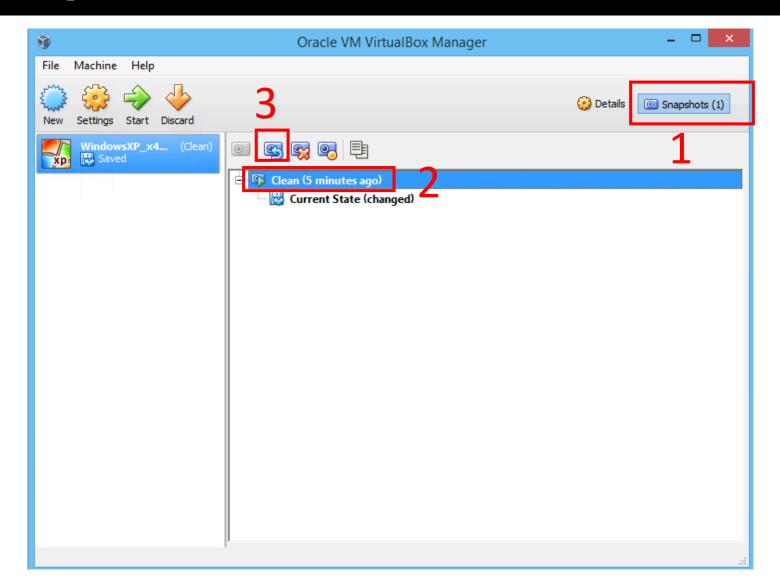


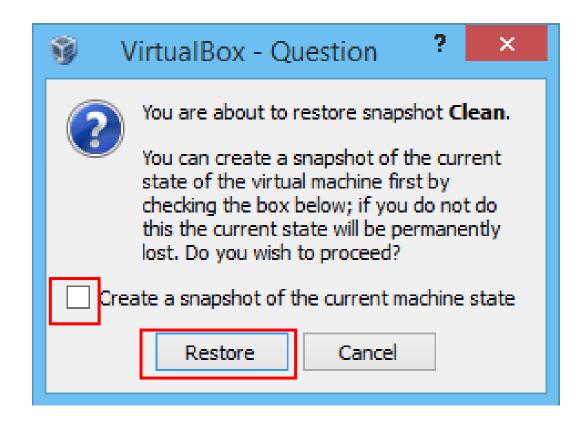
Clean Snapshot

- Now, you can revert back to a clean state after running Malware.
- Let's practice reverting.
- First, right click properties and change the desktop background to something else.

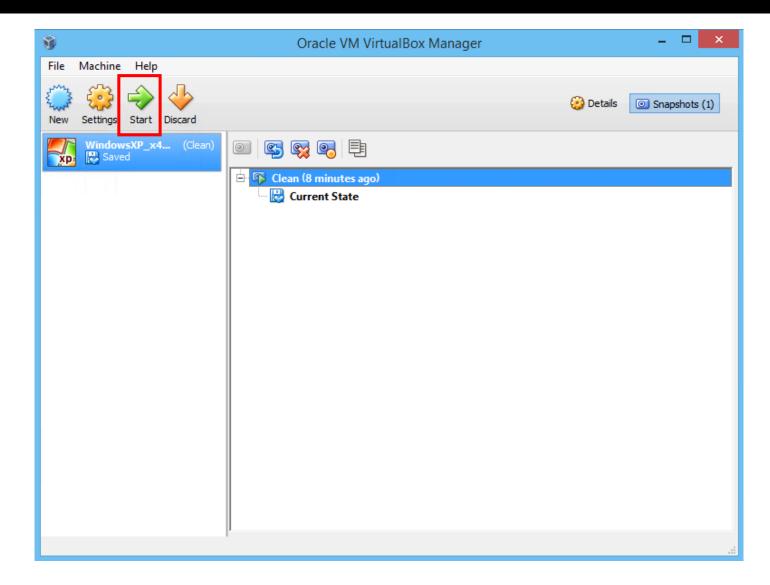
• Click the Red X in the top right cover of the XP VM.



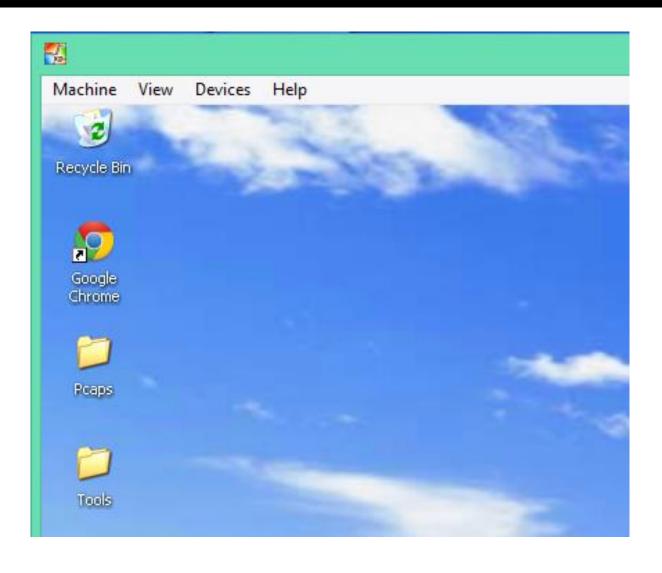




Uncheck Box



Back to Clean Snapshot



Isolated Environment



Part II

Basic Static Analysis

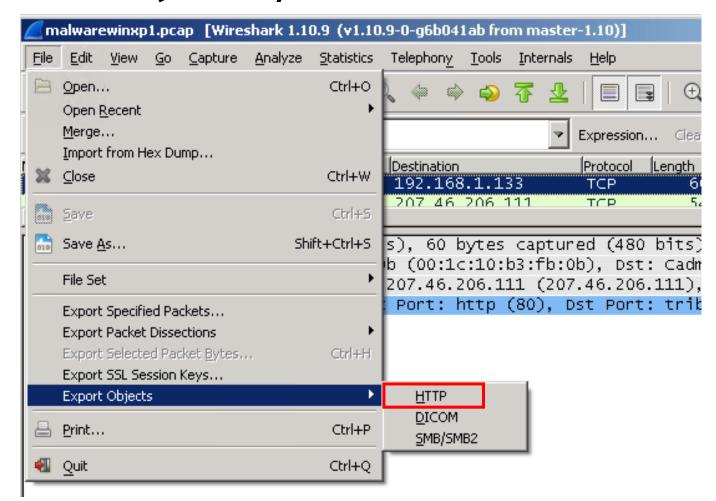
Static Analysis

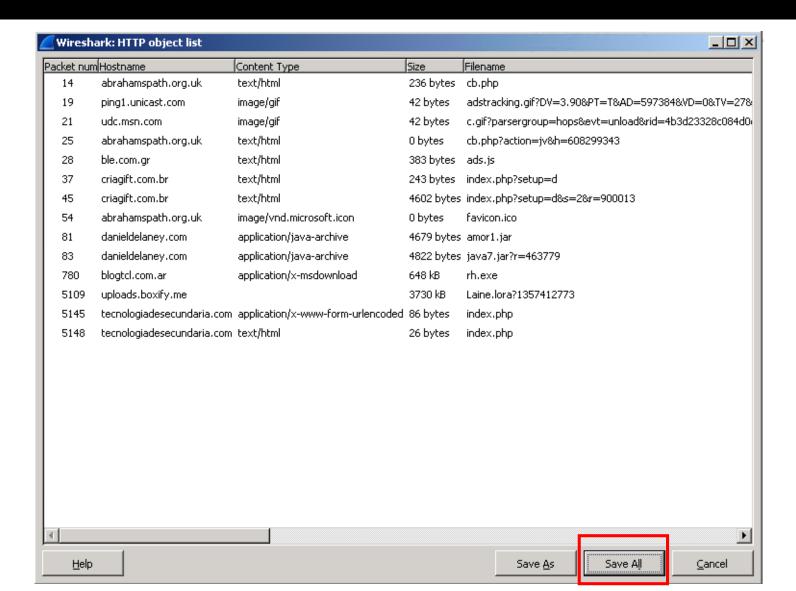
- Basic Static Analysis
 - Examine the malicious executable file
 - Not viewing actual code instructions inside
 - Not executing the file.
- Advanced Static Analysis
 - Load the malicious executable file into a disassembler (such as IDA)
 - Determine what the malware does by examining the code instructions of the executable file
 - Not executing the file.

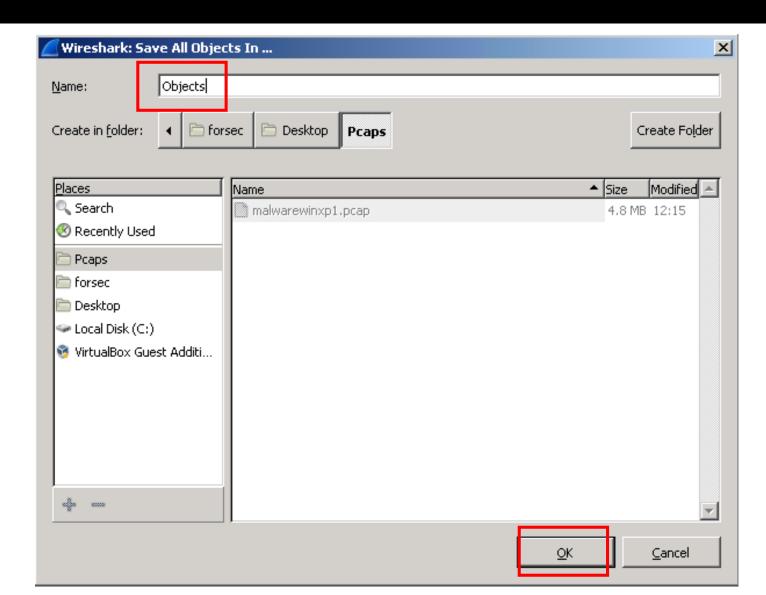
• In last week's lab we noticed that the Crimeboss exploit kit downloader Trojan grabbed a large file called Laine.lora.

- Go ahead and open the Pcaps folder on the desktop.
- Now, double-click on the malwarewinxp1.pcap file to open it in Wireshark

File / Export Objects / HTTP







- Exit out of Wireshark and open the Pcaps\Objects
 Folder
- Do not execute any of these files!
 - Static Analysis does not involve execution.

What is the Laine.lora file????

- Open WinHex
- Drag Laine.lora file from Objects folder into Winhex
- Click OK on any warnings
- What does the header tell you about this file??

Laine.lora Header

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Laine.lora Strings

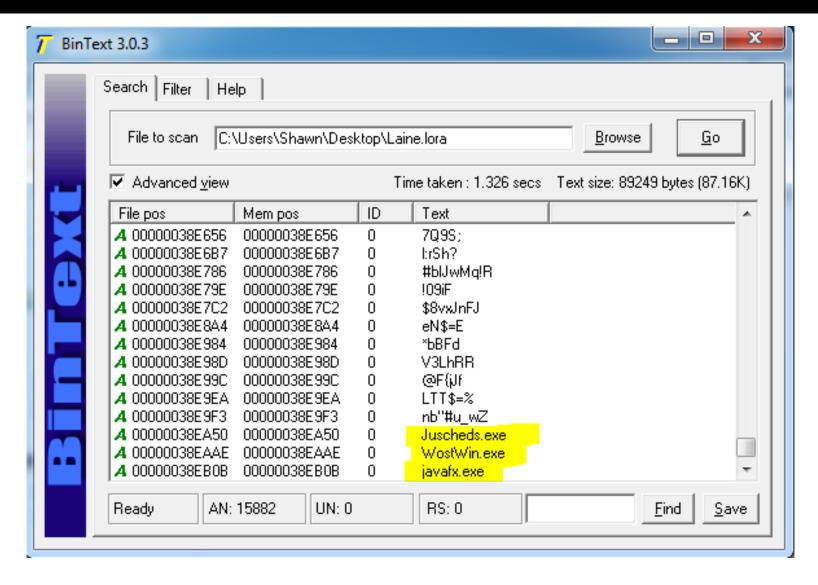
Close WinHex.

- Open BinText
 - Desktop / Tools / BinText / BinText.exe

Drag Laine.lora into BinText Window

Scroll to bottom of BinText Window

Laine.lora Strings (Cont.)

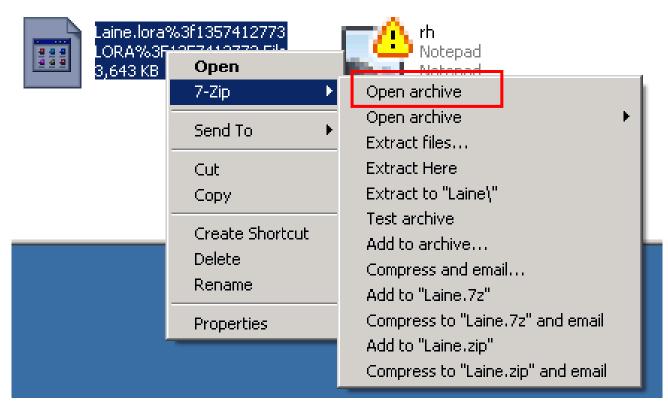


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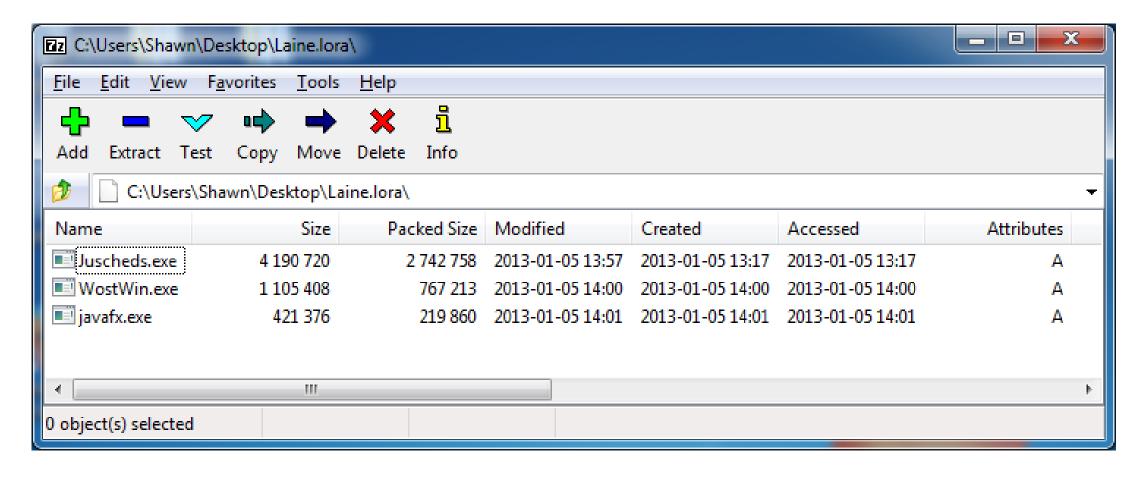
Close BinText.

• In Objects folder, right click Laine.lora, select 7-

Zip, Open archive



• This file is really just a compressed archive.



Extract 3 Files from Laine.lora

- Select "Extract" in 7-Zip
- Keep default for Objects folder.
- Select "OK"
- Close out of 7-Zip
- Now in Objects folder we have:



Plan of Attack

• javafx.exe – We will walk through analyzing this file in the lecture now together.

Basic Static Analysis Tasks

- 1. Generate hash of executable
- 2. Search executable for interesting strings
- 3. View the executable in a hex editor to determine file type
- 4. Use PEiD to determine if executable is packed
- 5. Use PEview to determine compilation date
- 6. Use Resource Hacker to view resource section
- 7. Use Dependency Walker to determine functions that executable imports and exports

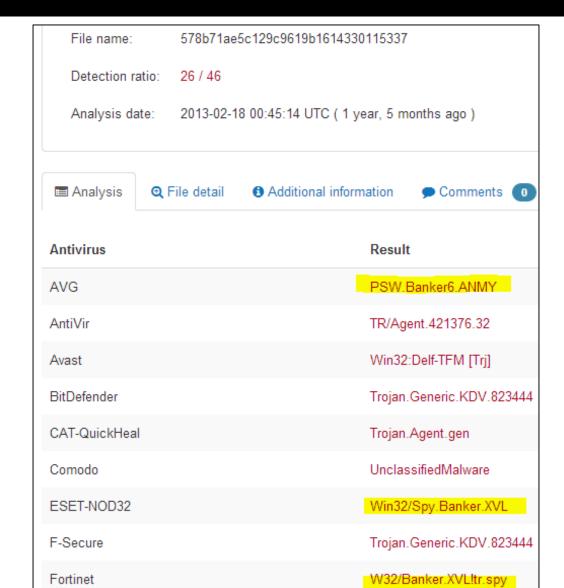
Hash with md5deep: javafx.exe

- Start / Run / cmd
- cd Desktop\tools\md5deep-4.3
- md5deep.exe ..\..\Pcaps\Objects\javafx.exe

virustotal: javafx.exe

- Right click in terminal
- Select "Mark"
- Select hash and right click it to copy.
- Open Chrome on Win8.1 Physical Desktop
- Browse to www.virustotal.com
- Select "Search" tab
- Paste hash into text box.
- Select "Search it!"

virustotal: javafx.exe



virustotal

- You just used the search feature to look for existing hashes and previous analysis
- You could also have just uploaded the malicious file for a new analysis
- Why wouldn't you want to do that???

 Alerts the attacker that you are on to them if they happen to be using a 0-day attack!

Interesting Strings: javafx.exe

• Drag javafx.exe into BinText

Look through the strings.

Which do you think are interesting???

Interesting Strings: javafx.exe

Text

C:\Program Files\

C:\Program Files (x86)

C:\Program Files (x86)\GbPlugin

C:\Windows\SysW0W64\drivers\

C:\Program Files (x86)\

C:\Program Files\GbPlugin

C:\Windows\System32\drivers\

C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin

C:\Arquivos de Programas\

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km.sy

s" /T /E /C /P SY

STEM:N

Text

shutdown

| Service failed in custom message(%d): %s

Service installed successfully

Service "%s" failed to install with error: "%s"

Service uninstalled successfully

Service "%s" failed to uninstall with error: "%s"

Docked control must have a name

Error removing control from dock tree

- Dock zone not found.
- Dock zone has no control

Unable to find a Table of Contents

Right

Shift+

Ctrl+

Clipboard does not support Icons

Cannot open clipboard

Menu '%s' is already being used by another form

|Service failed on %s: %s

execute

GbPlugin

- Anyone know what this is???
- A little Google searching will tell you that this plugin is:
 - Used by Brazilian banks to protect customers during internet banking transactions.

Hex View: javafx.exe

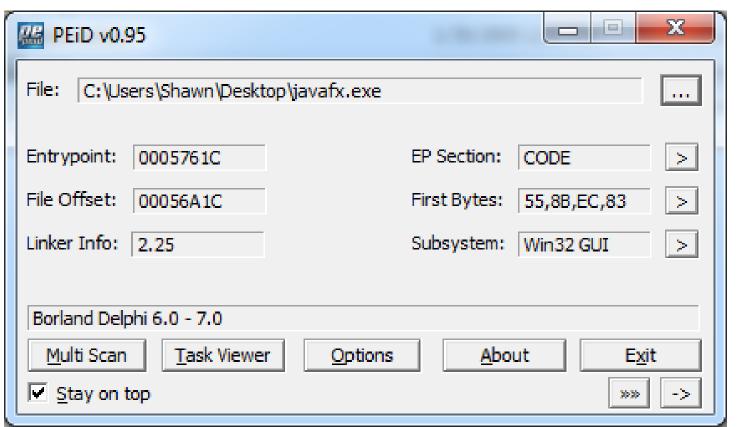
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PEiD: javafx.exe

- Open PEiD tool
- Drag javafx.exe into it

PEiD: javafx.exe

- Valid PE (Portable Executable) file
- Borland Delphi and lots of strings = not packed



Packed Files

- Malicious executable is compressed with packer in order to obfuscate strings.
 - UPX, NSPack, Upack, FSG, etc.
- Executable must be unpacked to view strings.
- Generally, if you see many viewable strings, the executable is not packed.

PEview:

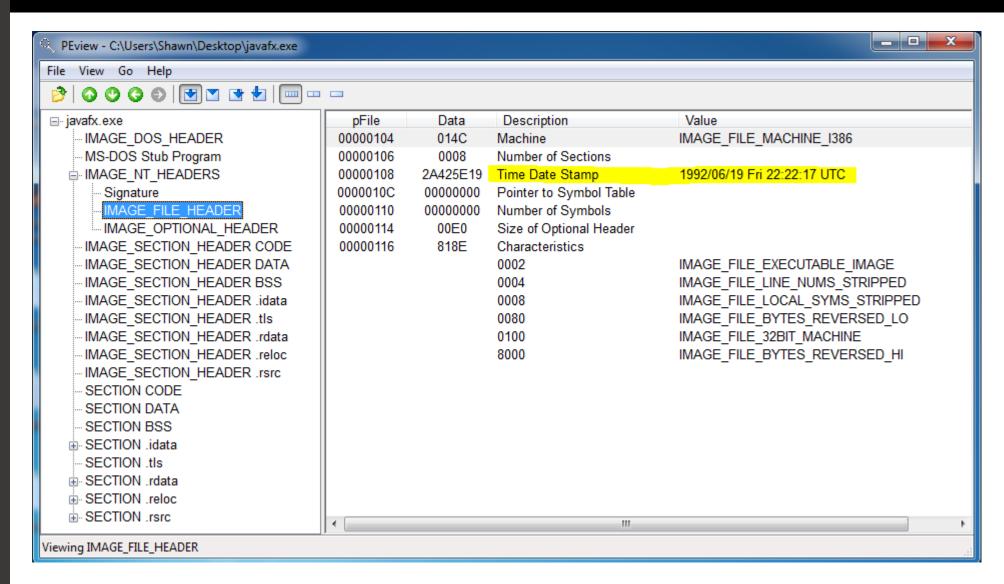
- Open Peview
- Close the Open dialog box
- Drag javafx into PEview GUI

Used to view PE file format header information

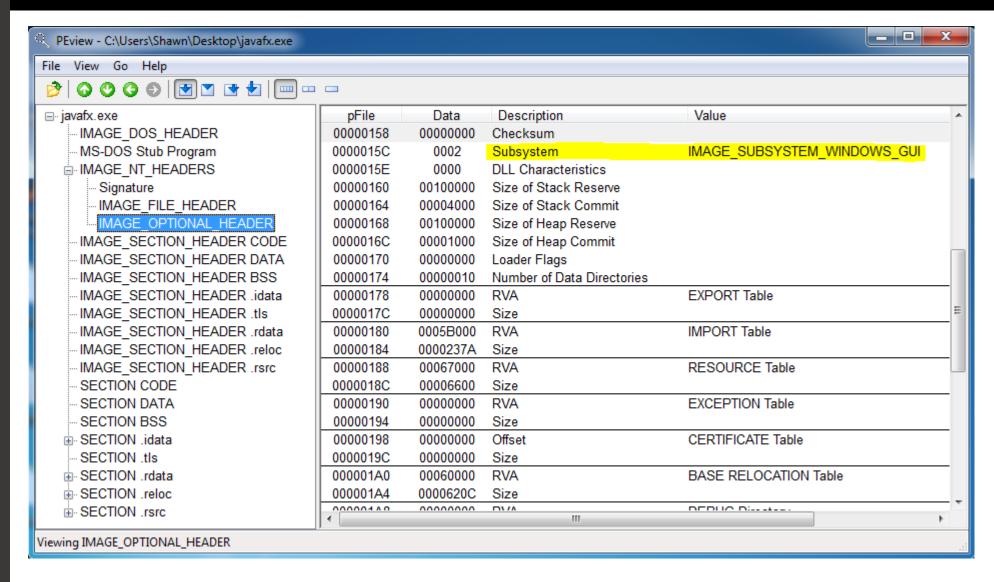
Some Sections of a PE File

- DATA or .data
 - Contains the executable code
- •BSS
 - Section for declaring variables
- •.rdata
 - Read-only data accessed by program
- rsrc
 - Resources needed by the executable

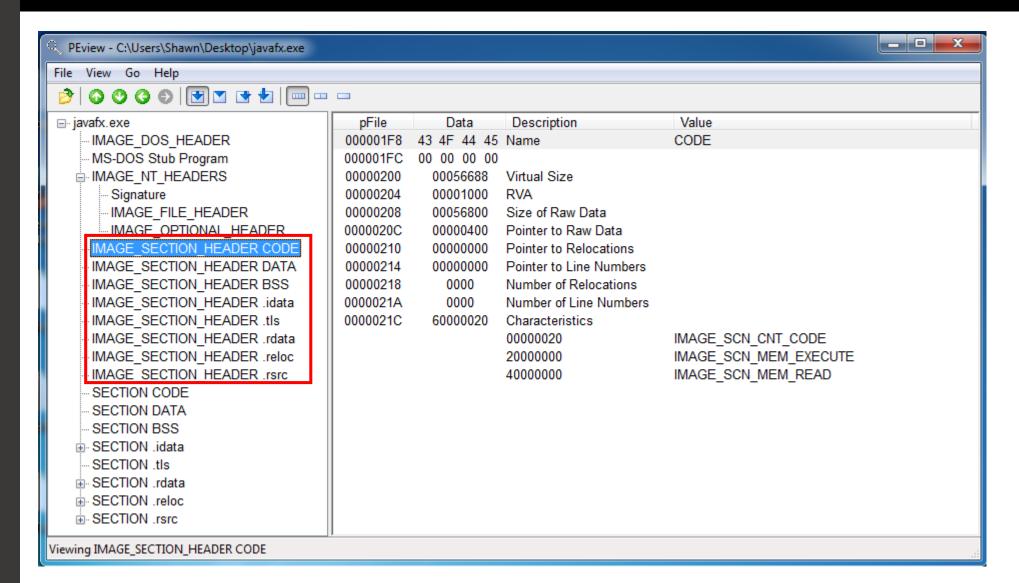
PEview: javafx.exe - Compilation Date



PEview: javafx.exe – Console or GUI Program?



PEview: javafx.exe – Section Headers



PEview: javafx.exe - Section Headers (Cont.)

- Describes each section of a PE file
- Virtual Size = How much space allocated during loading
- Size of Raw Data = How big the section is on disk

- If Virtual Size is much larger than Size of Raw Data:
 - Code could be packed

PEview: javafx.exe – Section Headers (Cont.)

• Does this file seem to be packed based on Section Headers???

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000001F8	43 4F 44 45	Name	CODE					
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00000200	00056688	Virtual Size						
00000204	00001000	RVA						
00000208	00056800	Size of Raw Data						
0000020C	00000400	Pointer to Raw Data						
00000210	00000000	Pointer to Relocations						
00000214	00000000	Pointer to Line Numbers						
00000218	0000	Number of Relocations						
0000021A	0000	Number of Line Numbers						

.rsrc = Resource Section of PE file

- Icons used in executable
- GUI Menus
- Dialog Menus
- Strings
- Version/Company Name/Copyright

Resource Hacker tool can view .rsrc section

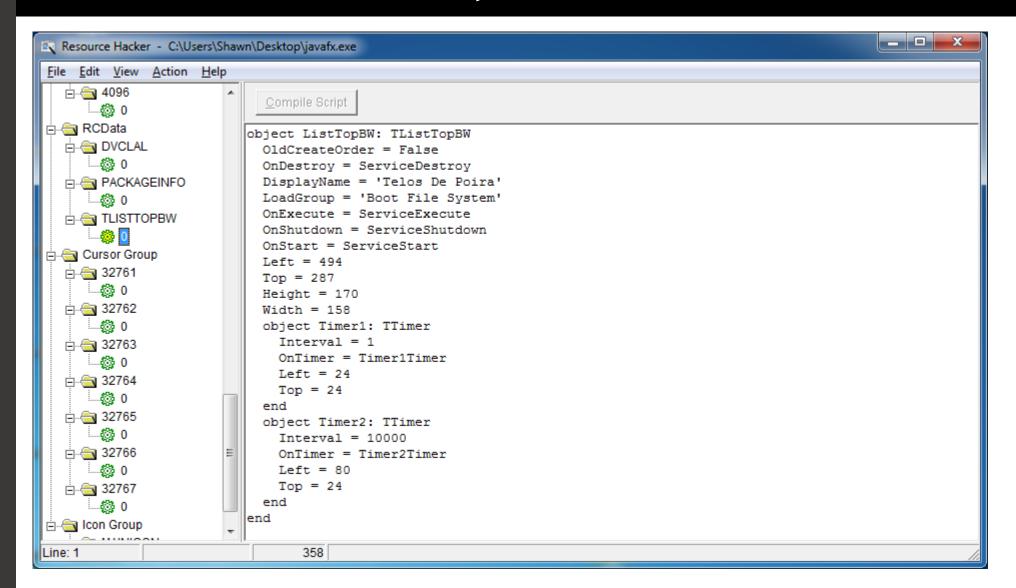
Resource Hacker: javafx.exe

- Open Resource Hacker tool
- Drag javafx.exe into tool
- Hit View \ Expand Tree

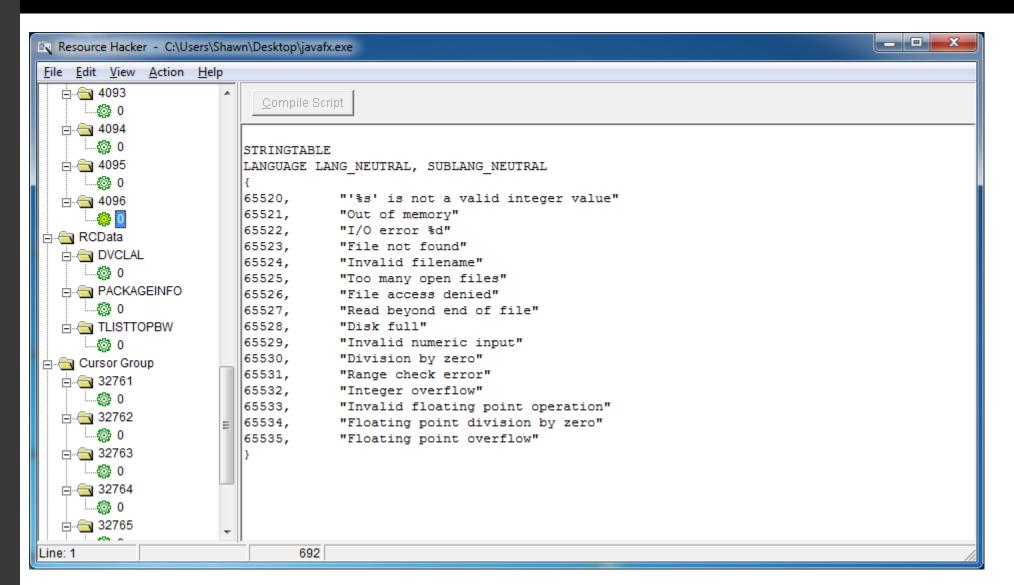
Resource Hacker: javafx.exe - Icons

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Resource Hacker - C:\Users\Shawn\Desktop\javafx.exe
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Resource Hacker: javafx.exe - RCData



Resource Hacker: javafx.exe - String Tables



Imported Functions

• Malware often imports system DLLs which contain various functions that can be utilized.

• What is the difference between an EXE and a DLL???

EXE vs DLL

- EXE
 - Executable file that runs as its own process
 - Runs in its own address space
- DLL
 - Dynamic Link Library
 - Not directly executable, needs host EXE file to run it
 - Contains functions, classes, variables, resources, etc.
 - Does not run in its own address space

Why do Malware authors use DLLs?

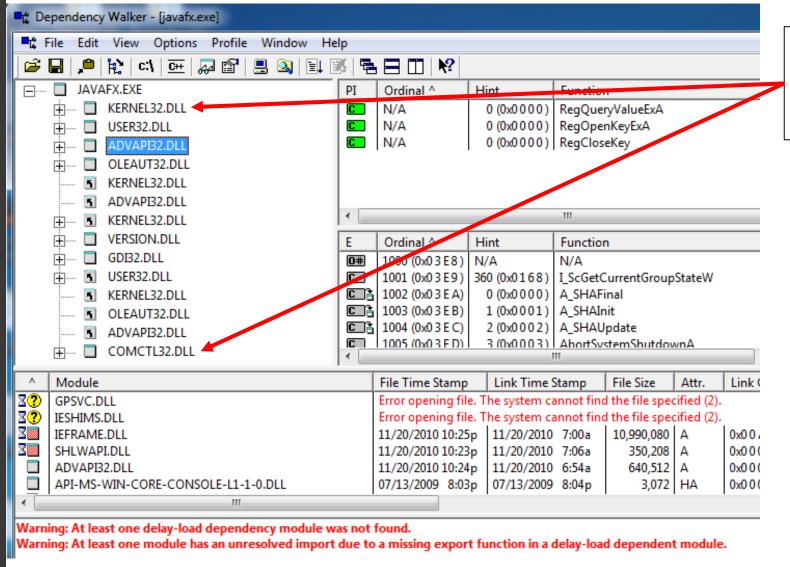
- They can use existing Windows or 3rd party DLLs to keep their malware programs smaller
- To store malicious code

- You can analyze a DLL with Dependency Walker
 - In Dynamic analysis you could execute a DLL with the rundll32.exe command

Dependency Walker:

- Open the Dependency Walker tool
- Drag javafx.exe into it

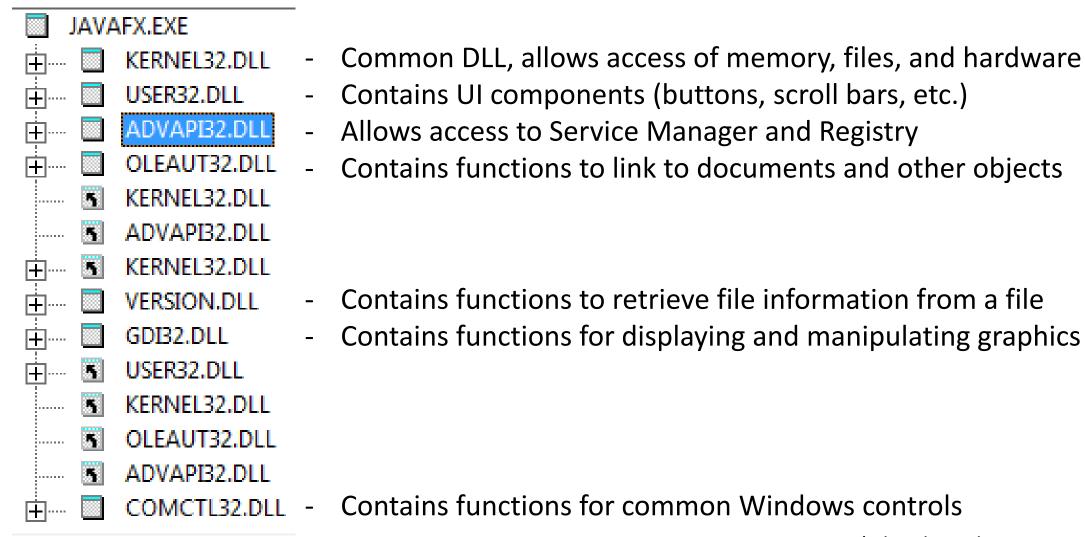
Dependency Walker: javafx.exe



DLLs being imported into malware exe

(Sikorski and Honig, 2012, p. 16)

Dependency Walker: javafx.exe

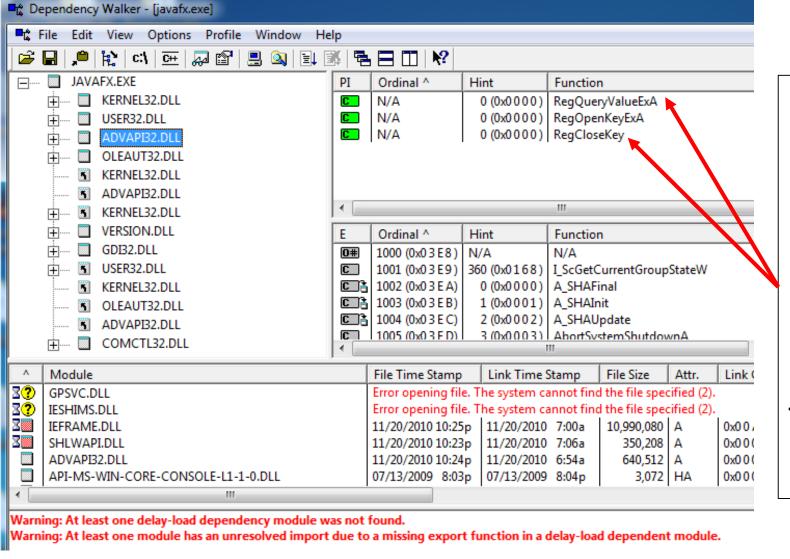


(Sikorski and Honig, 2012, p. 17)

Note about javafx.exe imported DLLs

- No networking DLLs were imported such as:
 - WSock32.dll
 - ■Ws2_32.dll
 - Wininet.dll

Dependency Walker: javafx.exe



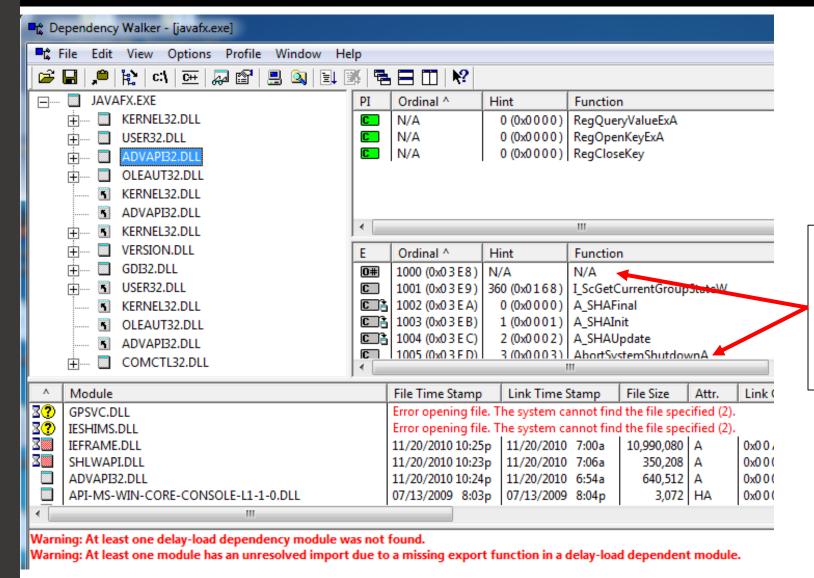
Functions being imported in malware EXE from selected DLL

(Can double click on function to query MSDN for more info)

Interesting Imported Functions: javafx.exe

- KERNEL32.DLL
 - WriteFile
- USER32.DLL
 - GetKeyboardType, LoadSTringA, MessageBoxA, CharNextA
- ADVAPI32.DLL
 - ReqQueryValueExA, RegOpenKeyExA, RegCloseKey
- VERSION.DLL
 - VerQueryValueA, GetFileVersionInfoSizeA, Get FileVersionInfoA

Dependency Walker: javafx.exe



All functions that could be exported from selected DLL

Part III

Advanced Static Analysis

Advanced Static Analysis

- Using a disassembler like IDA Pro
- X86 disassembly is a specialized skill

Levels of Abstraction

 Malware authors write code in a high level language such as C, C++, Java, etc.

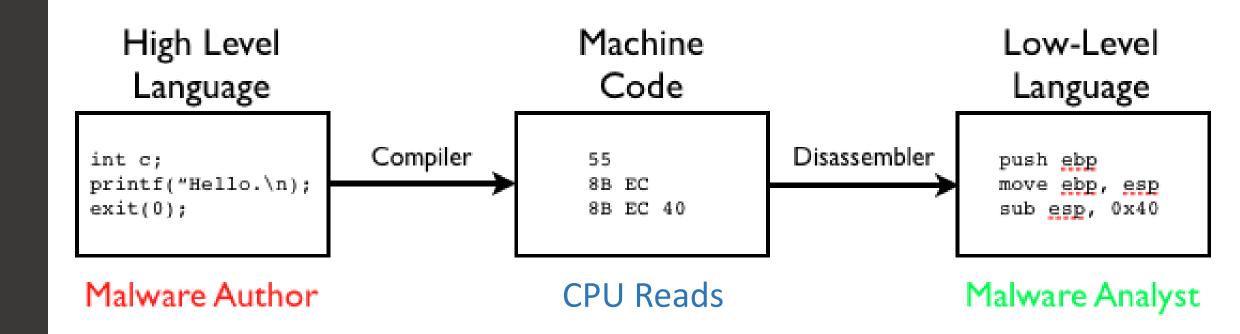
• Compiled into binary code which is at machine code level for the computer to run.

Levels of Abstraction (Cont.)

- Machine code consists of opcodes:
 - Hexadecimal digits too difficult for human to comprehend

- Disassembler takes malware binary as input and generates low-level assembly code
 - Easier to read for analysts

Levels of Abstraction (Cont.)



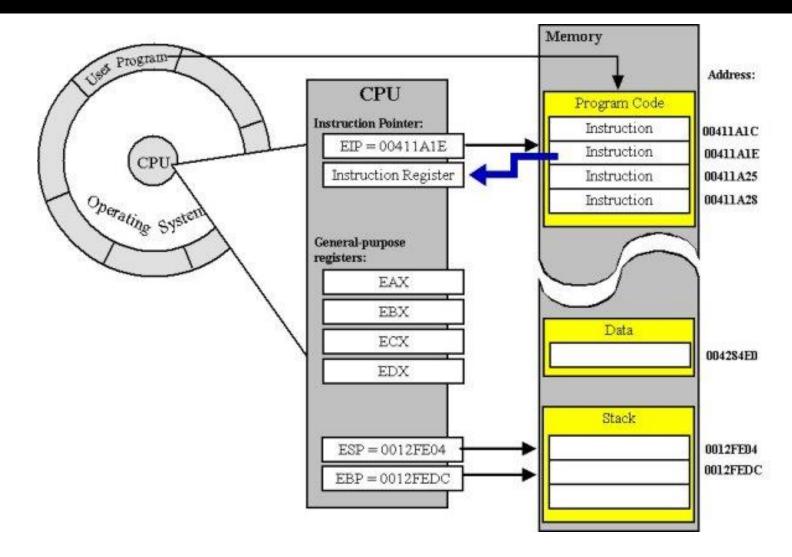
Dialects of Assembly Language

- Each family of microprocessors has a different assembly dialect
- •x86, x64, SPARC, PowerPC, MIPS, ARM, etc.
- X86 most popular architecture for PCs

Common Assembly Conditions

- JMP
 - Transfers control to new address
- CMP
 - Compares two operands
- MOV
 - Copies source operand to destination operand without changing the source
- PUSH
 - Write value to stack
- POP
 - Take whatever is on top of stack and put it into a register

CPU Registers & RAM Memory Stack



Uses of General-Purpose CPU Registers

Register	Size	Typical Uses	
EAX	32-bit	Accumulator for operands and results	
EBX	32-bit	Base pointer to data in the data segment	
ECX	32-bit	Counter for loop operations	
EDX	32-bit	Data pointer and I/O pointer	
EBP	32-bit	Frame Pointer - useful for stack frames	
ESP	32-bit	Stack Pointer - hardcoded into PUSH and POP operations	
ESI	32-bit	Source Index - required for some array operations	
EDI	32-bit	Destination Index - required for some array operations	
EIP	32-bit	Instruction Pointer	
EFLAGS	32-bit	Result Flags - hardcoded into conditional operations	

Assembly Code Example – Hello World

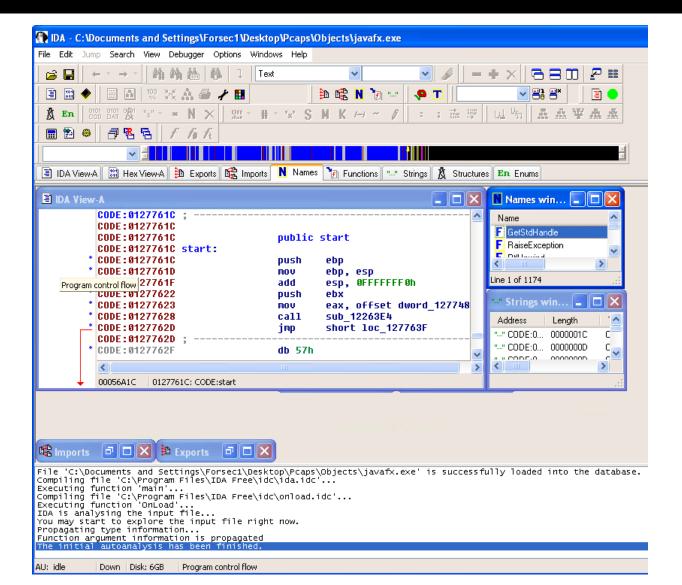
```
section .text
  global start ; must be declared for linker (ld)
         tells linker entry point;
start:
  mov edx,len ;message length
  mov ecx,msg ;message to write
  mov ebx,1 ;file descriptor (stdout)
  mov eax,4 ;system call number (sys_write)
  int 0x80 ;call kernel
  mov eax,1 ;system call number (sys_exit)
  int 0x80 ;call kernel
section .data
msg db 'Hello, world!', 0xa ;our dear string
len equ $ - msg ;length of our dear string
```

http://www.tutorialspoint.com/assembly_programming/assembly_basic_syntax.htm

IDA: javafx.exe

• We don't have time to cover learning assembly language in this course but we will look at some IDA basics.

IDA: javafx.exe



IDA: javafx.exe

- 1. Open IDA Pro Free, Select "Go Work on your own"
- 2. Drag javafx.exe into the IDA GUI
- 3. Leave the selection on PE and select "OK"
- 4. Wait until the file finishes loading (Numbers will stop in bottom left corner)
- 5. Expand the "Strings window"
- 6. Find the GbPlugin strings near the bottom.

IDA: javafx.exe (Cont.)

6. Double click on one of the GbPlugin lines

"" Strings window					
Address	Length	Туре	String		
"" CODE:0	00000020	С	C:\\Program Files (x86)\\GbPlugin		
"" CODE:0	0000001D	С	C:\\Windows\\Sys\VOW64\\drivers\\		
"" CODE:0	00000018	С	C:\\Program Files (x86)\\		
"" CODE:0	0000001A	С	C:\\Program Files\\GbPlugin		
"" CODE:0	0000001D	С	C:\\Windows\\System32\\drivers\\		
"" CODE:0	00000022	С	C:\\Arquivos de Programas\\GbPlugin		
"" CODE:0	0000001A	С	C:\\Arquivos de Programas\\		
"" CODE:0	00000012	С	s\" /T /E /C /P SY		
"" CODE:0	00000015	С	IV'' /T /E /C /P SYSTE		
"" CODE:0	00000011	С	*.*\" /T /E /C /		
"" CODE:0	00000011	С	*\" /T /E /C /P		
"" CODE:0	00000011	С	\" /T /E /C /P To		
"" CODE:0	00000013	С	c\" /T /E /C /P Tod		

IDA: javafx.exe (Cont.)

- 7. Expand the main IDA-View-A window
- 8. Double-click on one of the XREFs (cross-references under "GBPlugin"

```
IDA View-A
        * CODE:01276E90
                                        dd OFFFFFFFFh, 19h
       *CODE:01276E98 aCProgramFilesG db 'C:\Program Files\GbPlugin',0; DATA XREF: sub 12767EC+7F10
       * CODE: 01276EB2
                                        align 4
                                        dd OFFFFFFFFh, 1Ch

    CODE: 01276EB4

        * CODE:01276EBC aCWindowsSystem db 'C:\Windows\System32\drivers\',0
                                                                 ; DATA XREF: sub 12767EC+8CTo
         CODE: 01276EBC
        * CODE: 01276ED9
                                        align 4
                                        dd OFFFFFFFFh, 21h
        * CODE:01276EDC
        * CODE:01276EE4 aCArquivosDePro db 'C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin',0
         CODE: 01276EE4
                                                                 ; DATA XREF: sub 12767EC+A8To
        * CODE:01276F06
                                        align 4
       * CODE: 01276F08
                                        dd OFFFFFFFFh, 19h
        *|CODE:01276F10 aCArquivosDeP 0 db 'C:\Arquivos de Proqramas\',0 ; DATA XREF: sub 12767EC+B5†o
        * CODE: 01276F2A
                                        align 4
        * CODE: 01276F2C
                                        dd OFFFFFFFFh, 7
        * CODE:01276F34 dword_1276F34
                                        dd 6C636163h, 222073h, 0FFFFFFFFh, 1
         CODE: 01276F34
                                                                 ; DATA XREF: sub 12767EC+D1To
         CODE: 01276F34
                                                                 ; sub 12767EC+10Ffo ...
        * CODE:01276F44 dword_1276F44
                                        dd 67h, OFFFFFFFFh, 2 ; DATA XREF: sub_12767EC+D91o
        * CODE:01276F50 dword_1276F50
                                        dd 7062h, OFFFFFFFFh, 5 ; DATA XREF: sub_12767EC+DETo
       * CODE: 01276F5C dword_1276F5C
                                        dd 732E6D6Bh, 79h, OFFFFFFFh, 11h
                                                                ; DATA XREF: sub 12767EC+E3To
         CODE: 01276F5C
                                        db 's" /T /E /C /P SY',0 ; DATA XREF: sub 12767EC+E8To
        * CODE:01276F6C aSTECPSy
        * CODE: 01276F7E
                                        align 10h
                                        dd OFFFFFFFFh. 6
        * CODE:01276F80
```

IDA: javafx.exe (Cont.)

```
edx, offset aCProgramFilesG ; "C:\\Program Files\\GbPlugin"
mov
call
        sub 1224578
        eax, [ebp+var 8]
lea-
        edx, offset aCWindowsSystem ; "C:\\Windows\\System32\\drivers\\"
call
        sub 1224578
        eax, [ebp+var C]
lea-
        edx, offset aCProgramFiles ; "C:\\Program Files\\"
        sub 1224578
call
        short loc 12768AB
jmp
                          III N ULL
                          loc 12768AB:
                                  eax, [ebp+var_4]
                          call
                                  sub 1228984
                          test
                                  al, al
                                  1oc 1276DAB
          <mark>⊞</mark> N Щ
          push
                   offset dword_1276F34
          push
                   [ebp+var 8]
          push
                   offset dword 1276F44
                   offset dword 1276F50
          push
                  offset dword 1276F5C
                   offset aSTECPSy ; "s\" /T /E /C /P SY"
          push
                   offset dword_1276F88; uCmdShow
          1ea
                   eax, [ebp+var 14]
                   edx, 7
                   sub 1224860
          call
```

- 9. This takes you to graph view of that XREF.
- 10. You can drag the graph around to see the conditional jumps.

Part IV

Basic Dynamic Analysis

Dynamic Analysis

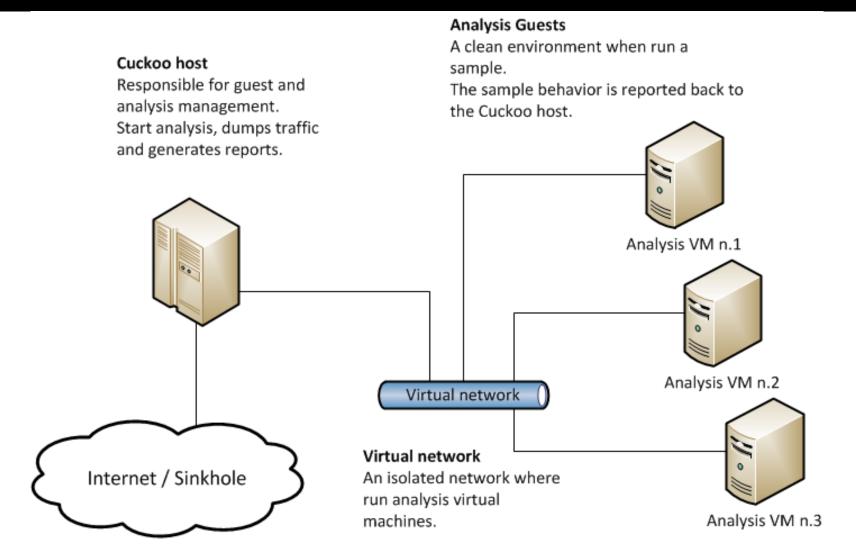
- Basic Dynamic Analysis
 - Executing the malware inside an isolated environment
 - Observing its behavior to determine behavior and produce effective signatures.
- Advanced Dynamic Analysis
 - Examine the internal state of running malware inside an isolated environment using a debugger (such as OllyDbg).

Malware Sandboxes

Provides automated dynamic analysis

- Open source solution to run locally:
 - http://www.cuckoosandbox.org
- Online Sandboxes that accept sample uploads:
 - http://www.virustotal.com
 - http://www.malwr.com
 - Runs Cuckoobox
 - http://anubis.iseclab.org

Cuckoo Sandbox



Malware Sandboxes Pros vs. Cons

• Pros:

- Great for large organizations/many daily samples
- Helps analysts narrow down which samples need manual analysis

• Cons:

- Runs executable without command-line options
- Malware sleep function might evade quick running Sandbox
- Doesn't tell you what malware does.

Malware Sandboxes (Cont.)

 Sandboxes should not replace the need for manual analysis skills



Basic Dynamic Analysis Tasks

- 1. Monitor registry changes
- 2. Monitor processes
- 3. Monitor network activity

Setting up the Test – Follow along

- 1. Turn off networking (unless you are using a dirty pipe which we are not)
- 2. Ensure you have a clean snapshot of your VM
- 3. Run Fakenet
- 4. Run Process Monitor (procmon)
- 5. Run Process Explorer (procexp)
- 6. Run Regshot-x86-ANSI.exe

Setting up the Test (Cont.)

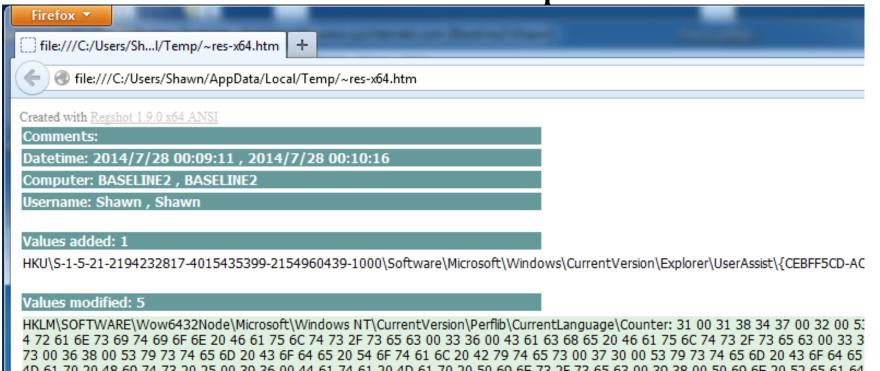
- 7. In Regshot, select "1st shot" and then "shot"
- 8. Wait until Regshot is done taking the first registry snapshot (2nd shot will light up)
- 9. Put Process Explorer where you can see it

Setting up the Test (Cont.)

- 10. Execute the malware (javafx.exe)
- 11. In Procmon, click File, and unselect "Capture Events"
- 12. Wait about a few seconds and click "2nd shot" and then "shot" in Regshot

Analyzing the Test - Regshot

- Click "Compare" in Regshot
 - Shows Values added, modified, and deleted
 - •Information doesn't help us for this malware



Analyzing the Test - FakeNet

Pull up the FakeNet Window

No outbound traffic requests were made from the

malware:

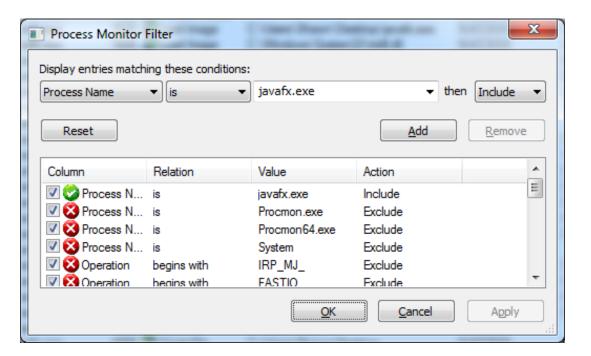
```
C:\Users\Shawn\Desktop\Fakenet1.0b\FakeNet.exe
FakeNet Version 1.0
[Starting program, for help open a web browser and surf to any URL.]
 [Press CTRL-C to exit.]
[Modifying local DNS Settings.]
Scanning Installed Providers
Installing Layered Providers
Preparing To Reoder Installed Chains
Reodering Installed Chains
Saving New Protocol Order
[Listening for traffic on port 80.]
[Listening for SSL traffic on port 443.]
[Listening for SSL traffic on port 443.]
[Listening for traffic on port 1337.]
[Listening for traffic on port 8080.]
[Listening for SSL traffic on port 8000.]
[Listening for traffic on port 31337.]
[Listening for traffic on port 25.]
[Listening for SSL traffic on port 465.]
[Listening for DNS traffic on port: 53.]
[Listening for ICMP traffic.]
[Listening for SSL traffic on port 51344.]
```

Analyzing the Test – Process Explorer

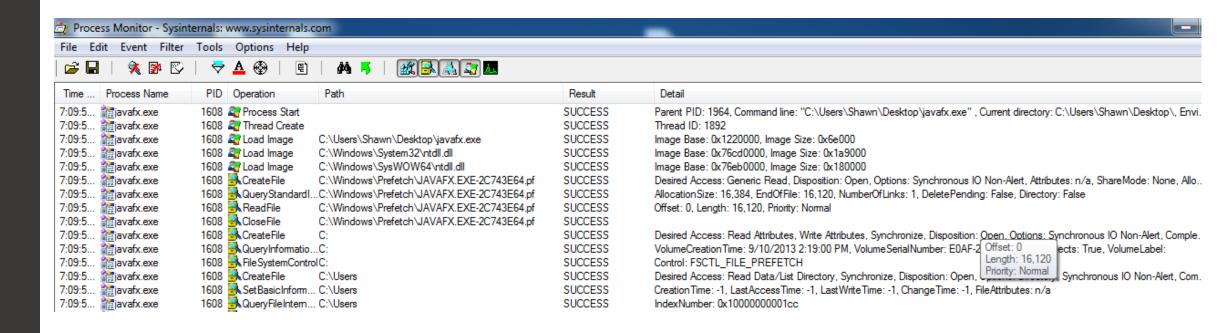
- javafx.exe process appeared and then disappeared
- Malware appeared to cleanly exit without starting another hidden process

**Process Explorer is more useful when malware continues to run or starts a new process.

- Select "Filter" and "Filter" in ProcMon
- Change Filter so that Process Name is javafx.exe
- Click Add, Apply, and OK



- Now all of the processes shown will be for javafx.exe only
- Expand "Detail" column to the right



- Look through the Malware's process events.
- What pops out to you???

 A lot of queries for C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin but "PATH NOT FOUND"

Time	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path	Result
7:55:3	🚞 javafx.exe	3304 星	∖ QueryOpen	C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin	PATH NOT FOUND
7:55:3	🚞 javafx.exe	3304 星	∖ QueryOpen	C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin	PATH NOT FOUND
7:55:3	🚞 javafx.exe	3304 星	∖ QueryOpen	C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin	PATH NOT FOUND
7:55:3	🚞 javafx.exe	3304 星	L QueryOpen	C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin	PATH NOT FOUND
7:55:3	🚞 javafx.exe	3304 星	∖ QueryOpen	C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin	PATH NOT FOUND
7:55:3	🚞 javafx.exe	3304 星	∖ QueryOpen	C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin	PATH NOT FOUND
7:55:3	🚞 javafx.exe	3304 星	∖ QueryOpen	C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin	PATH NOT FOUND
7:55:3	🚞 javafx.exe	3304 星	∖ QueryOpen	C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin	PATH NOT FOUND
7:55:3	🔃 javafx.exe	3304 星	∖ QueryOpen	C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin	PATH NOT FOUND

- Showed the malware process exited on its own.
- No other processes spawned.

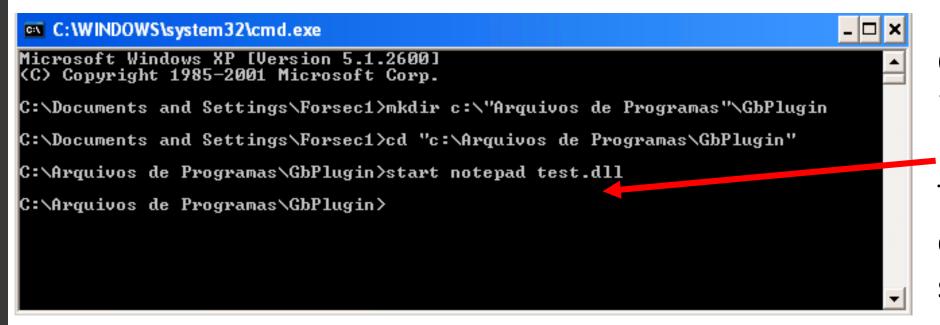
What now???

- Our analysis appears that the malware is looking for the GbPlugin
- We would like to know what the malware will do if it finds the GbPlugin on a system.
- Any ideas???



Next steps

 Let's create a fake GbPlugin directory at the path the malware was searching for:



Create new file in Notepad.

Type a few characters and save the file.

Next steps (cont.)

- Re-run the similar ProcMon test as before
- Select "Edit" and "Clear Display"
- Select "File" and check "Capture Events"
 - Your javafx.exe filter is still active
- Execute javafx.exe again
- Wait 10 seconds
- Select "File" and uncheck "Capture Events"

2nd Test Result

• What do you notice a lot of now that you didn't before???

2nd Test Result

 Add a filter of Detail contains GbPlugin to narrow down the cacls commands.

PID Op	peration	Path	Result	Detail
1568 🌊 P	Process Create	C:\WINDOWS\system32\cacls.exe	SUCCESS	PID: 1676, Command line: cacls "C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin*.dll" /T /E /C /P SYSTEM:N
1568 🌊 P	Process Create	C:\WINDOWS\system32\cacls.exe	SUCCESS	PID: 404, Command line: cacls "C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin*.*" /T /E /C /P SYSTEM:N
1568 🌊 P	Process Create	C:\WINDOWS\system32\cacls.exe	SUCCESS	PID: 784, Command line: cacls "C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin*" /T /E /C /P SYSTEM:N
1568 🌊 P	Process Create	C:\WINDOWS\system32\cacls.exe	SUCCESS	PID: 1108, Command line: cacls "C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin*.gpc" /T /E /C /P SYSTEM:N
1568 🌊 P	Process Create	C:\WINDOWS\system32\cacls.exe	SUCCESS	PID: 1212, Command line: cacls "C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin*.dll" /T /E /C /P Todos:N
1568 🌊 P	Process Create	C:\WINDOWS\system32\cacls.exe	SUCCESS	PID: 1100, Command line: cacls "C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin*.exe" /T /E /C /P Todos:N
1568 🌊 P	Process Create	C:\WINDOWS\system32\cacls.exe	SUCCESS	PID: 1148, Command line: cacls "C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin*" /T /E /C /P Todos:N
1568 🌊 P	Process Create	C:\WINDOWS\system32\cacls.exe	SUCCESS	PID: 1068, Command line: cacls "C:\Arquivos de Programas\GbPlugin*.gpc" /T /E /C /P Todos:N

What does the cacls command do???

calcs command – javafx.exe

- cacls "C:\Arquivos de Programas/GbPlugin*" /T /E /C /P SYSTEM:N
- cacls command modifies ACLs
- /T Change ACL
- /E Edits ACL
- /C Continues
- /P Replaces existing permissions
- SYSTEM:N Specifies no access to SYSTEM user

What is the cacls command being used to do overall?

 cacls command and options would effectively disable the GbPlugin banking security driver if it were present on the system

Part V

Advanced Dynamic Analysis

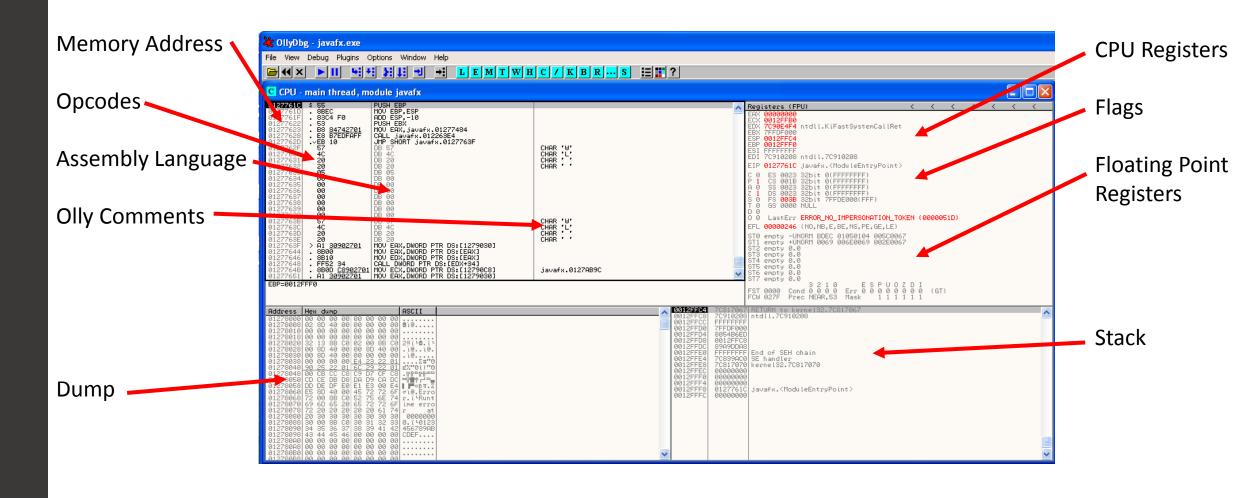
Advanced Dynamic Analysis Tasks

- 1. Running the Malware in a Debugger
- 2. Watching values of memory addresses as they change during execution
- 3. Could alter execution by changing variables

OllyDbg

- 32-bit assembly level debugger for Windows Windows binaries
- We won't demo this tool in class but you will use it to set a breakpoint in the homework lab

OllyDbg Windows



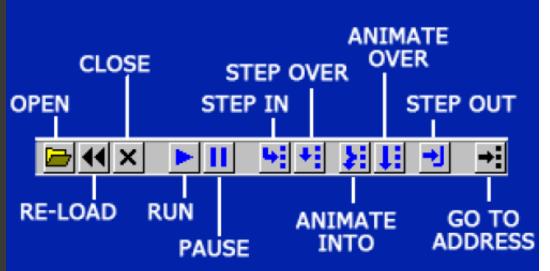
OllyDbg Window Descriptions (Left)

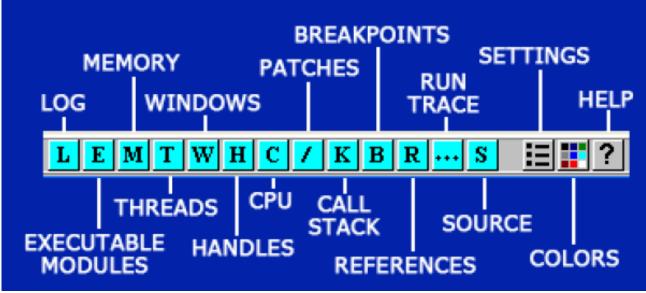
- Memory Address
 - Address of the instruction in memory
- Opcodes
 - Code CPU reads to perform instruction
- Assembly Language
 - Human readable language for analyst
- Olly Comments
 - Might be helpful. Double-click to add own comments
- Dump
 - Shows Hex and ASCII of raw binary data in memory

OllyDbg Window Descriptions (Right)

- CPU Registers
 - Holds temporary values
- Flags
 - CPU flags code when something happens
- Floating Point Registers
 - Used when CPU performs floating point arithmetic
- Stack
 - Section of memory reserved for temporary list of data
 - Holds return addresses for code to return to after calling a function

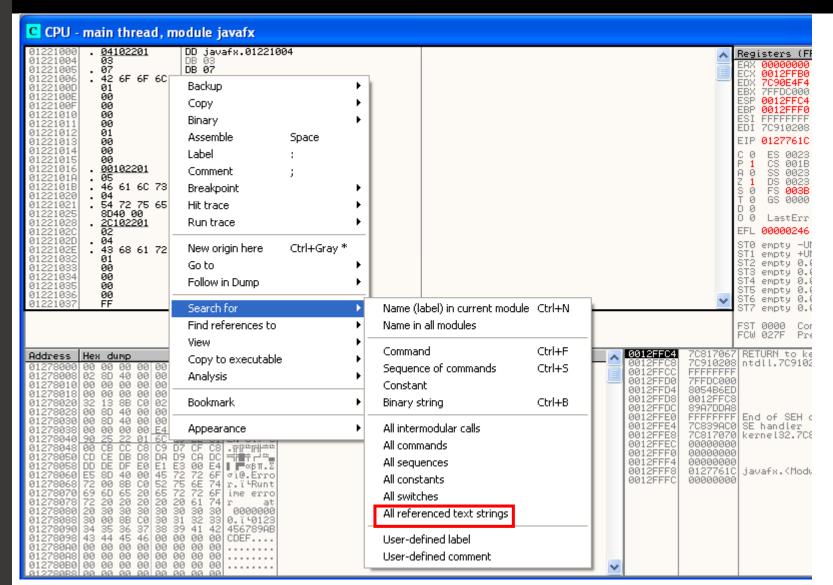
OllyDbg Toolbar



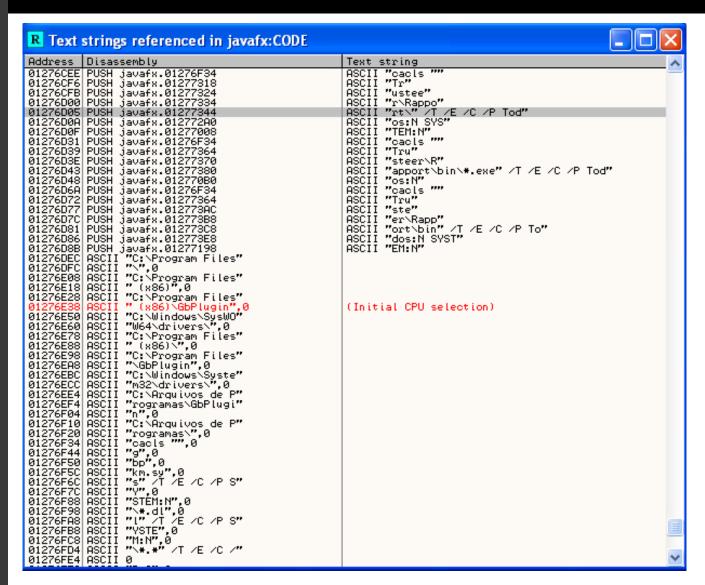


- RUN Executes program
- STEP IN Executes single instruction of program and then pauses execution
- STEP OVER Passes over call instructions within functions to bypass them
- BREAKPOINTS Used to pause execution to view program's state (view registers, memory addresses, etc.
 http://thelegendofrandom.com/blog/sample-page

OllyDbg - Strings



OllyDbg – Strings (Cont.)



OllyDbg - Memory

M Memo	M Memory map								
Address		Owner	Section	Contains		Acce	SS		Mapped as
00010000 00120000 00120000 00120000 00140000 00140000 00250000 00250000 00250000 00350000 00370000 00520000 00500000 00500000000	00001000 00001000 00001000 00001000 00006000 00006000 000016000 00001000	javafx javafx javafx javafx javafx javafx javafx comct 132 comct 132 comct 132	.reloc .text .orpc .data	stack of ma	Priviv Priviv Priviv Prip Prip Prip Prip Prip Prip Prip Prip	77777777777777777777777777777777777777		RW RW RW	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\WINDOWS\system32\unicode.nls \Device\HarddiskVolume1\WINDOWS\system32\sortkey.nls \Device\HarddiskVolume1\WINDOWS\system32\sortkey.nls \Device\HarddiskVolume1\WINDOWS\system32\sorttbls.nls \Device\HarddiskVolume1\WINDOWS\system32\sorttbls.nls \Device\HarddiskVolume1\WINDOWS\system32\ctype.nls

Extra Analysis In-Class Exercise

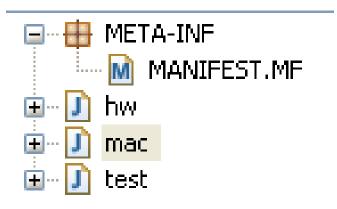
- You are now going to analyze the malicious files from the Blackhole pcap
- Normally, you would revert to your clean snapshot prior to starting a new analysis but you can skip that for today's purposes
- IMPORTANT: Make sure your Vbox Network settings are set to Internal Network

- Open Blackhole.pcap in Wireshark
- File / Export Objects / HTTP
- Save All
- Set name as Blackhole Objects
- Hit OK
- Close Wireshark
- Open Blackhole Objects in Pcaps folder on Desktop

- Change view in Windows Explorer to Details
- 1. *.php%3fccpuyqj=...
 - Malicious JAR Browser Exploit
- 2. *.php%3fef=1f...
 - Malicious EXE Payload

- Drag both files to desktop
- Rename 1st file as malicious.jar
- Rename 2nd file as malicious.exe

- Open jd-gui from Tools folder
- Drag malicious.jar into jd-gui
- jd-gui is a decompiler for java archives which allows you to view the code inside.
- Expand the view to look like this:



- Select "mac" and take a few minutes to read through the code
- What do you think it does???

```
Object localPermissions = rMethod("java.lang.reflect.Constructor",
    "newInstance",
    new Class[] { [Ljava.lang.Object.class },
    gco(zzaq, new Class[0]),
    new Object[] { new Object[0] });
Object oo = rMethod(zzaq2,
    "newInstance",
    new Class[] { [Ljava.lang.Object.class },
    gco("java.security.AllPermission", new Class[0]),
    new Object[] { new Object[0] });
getClassByName(zzaq).getMethod("123add".substring(3), new Class[] { Permission.class }).invoke(localPermissions, new Object[] { oo });
```

From Java Docs:

```
public final class AllPermission extends Permission
```

The AllPermission is a permission that implies all other permissions.

Note: Granting AllPermission should be done with extreme care, as it implies all other permissions. Thus, it grants code the ability to run with security disabled. Extreme caution should be taken before granting such a permission to code. This permission should be used only during testing, or in extremely rare cases where an application or applet is completely trusted and adding the necessary permissions to the policy is prohibitively cumbersome.

- Ultimately, the java exploit is trying to get all permissions in an effort to exploit the browser to force it to download the EXE file payload from the Blackhole server.
- The hw section for the Applet contains obfuscated code for the server URL:

```
String t2 = "MFRH3A2Gly_DN9vp7qUuWZEtriVzfISOnKm0sdXh?BQL.&Y5aj8#PeC6%boTwxc=kJ4-1:g/";
String p = "";
int b = 0;
String dest = "dq&EpgKF3twh_NvQJkzB%MCo8saDOWy:#u-mGSO2b7A4fULVR/iX6ejlc=nP.?9HxI51rZYT";
```

- If there is still time, learn as much as you can about the malicious.exe file using static and dynamic analysis tools and then we'll discuss your findings
- Look for:
 - Files added to the host by the malware
 - Network communications caused by the malware
 - Processes started by the malware

- Execute Fakenet
- Execute Procmon
- Run Regshot-x86-ANSI
- Check "Scan dir" and change it to C:\
- Change "Output path" to Desktop and take first shot
- Once shot is done, execute malicious file from desktop
- Close error message to terminate program
- Stop Procmon capture by removing check from "Capture Events"
- Take second shot in Regshot and hit Compare when done

What files did Regshot tell you were added?

```
Files added: 3
```

C:\Documents and Settings\Forsec1\Local Settings\Temp\UpdateFlashPlayer_2318352a.exe C:\WINDOWS\Prefetch\MALICIOUS.EXE-2F27FBE4.pf C:\WINDOWS\Prefetch\NTVDM.EXE-1A10A423.pf

- Open the most recent 2015 pcap in the Fakenet folder to view the malicious file's traffic
- Open Statistics / HTTP / Requests
- Create Stat (and leave filter blank)

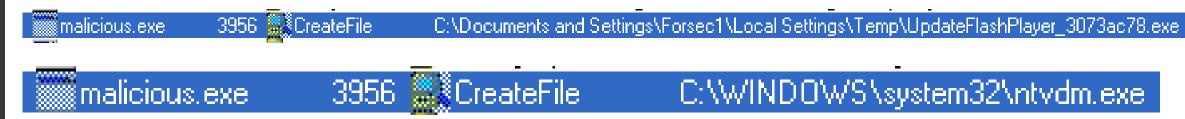
- What traffic do you see that is interesting?
 - nime-qasgin.com /b/shoe/54675
 - invert-meging.com

/com-phocaguestbook-php/jquery/

/com-phocaguestbook-php/ajax/

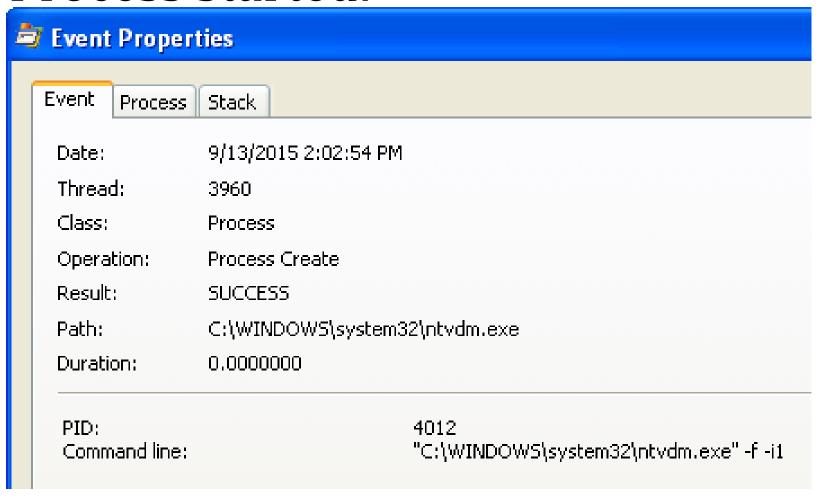
• In Procmon, filter so that only the malicious.exe Process Name is showing

• File created:



• It is always good to look at the bottom to see if the current executable caused another process to start.

Process started:

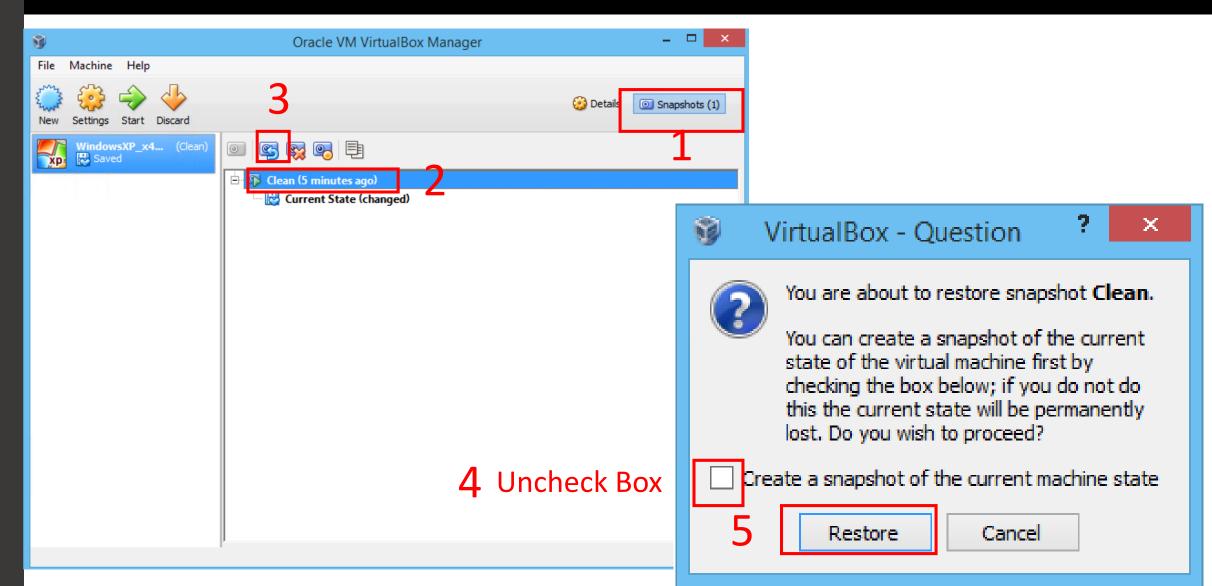


• ntvdm.exe allows a 16-bit process to execute on a 32-bit platform:

- Ultimately, malicious.exe is a dropper/downloader Trojan that tries to download additional files but couldn't since our network connection is off
- This is where having a dedicated dirty pipe is useful to download the additional malware into the VM

- Power off your XP VM
- Revert to your clean snapshot to remove all of the malware from the VM

Reverting to a Clean Snapshot



Homework

- Complete Homework4 located on Blackboard under "Homework Assignments."
 - Due Feb. 14th before midnight
 - The Homework lab will be performed in RADISH. Normally, we wouldn't analyze malware outside of a VM but it will be okay in this instance for your homework. Just don't use any personal credentials for the lab.
- Make sure you are putting time into your project

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