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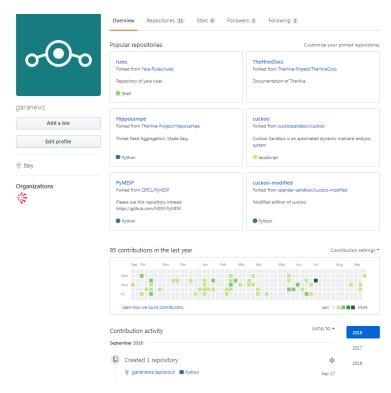








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Why



The number of malicious samples that appear every day makes manual analysis impractical.

Although these samples belong to a limited number of malware families, it is difficult to categorize them automatically.

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Tools used





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☐ JPCERTCC / impfuzzy



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ssdeep

Started with **ssdeep** (already supported by MISP) but often do not coincide with the similarity of malware samples:

ssdeep Project | ssdeep - Fuzzy hashing program



Introduction

ssdeep is a program for computing context triggered piecewise hashes (CTPH). Also called fuzzy hashes, CTPH can match inputs that have homologies. Such inputs have sequences of identical bytes in the same order, although bytes in between these sequences may be different in both content and length.

A complete explanation of CTPH can be found in <u>Identifying almost identical files using context triggered piecewise hashing</u> from the journal Digital Investigation. There is a free version of this paper available through the Digital Forensic Research Workshop conference, <u>free version of Identifying almost identical files using context triggered piecewise hashing.</u>

It also provides a library (libfuzzy) to generate/compare fuzzy hashes.

ssdeep hashes are now widely used for simple identification purposes. (e.g. Basic Properties section in VirusTotal) Although "better fuzzy hashes" are available, ssdeep is still one of the primary choices because of its speed (now about twice as fast as TLSH) and being a de facto standard

python mal_compare.py gootkit_2016-01-11 gootkit_2016-01-27

Ssdeep1:

384:gDUMQz+v+MwmvjMA2CiiOrAHhnmCmlwwH1m02 w1sDt2u6

OUMU9orCgmrmK1sDt2u

Ssdeep2:

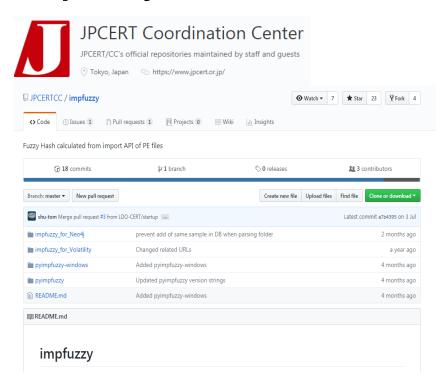
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AY0206UYDtdg:y1GrQ5c2YrSZXYG7nW6HDtdg

Ssdeep Compare: 0



Impfuzzy from JP-CERT

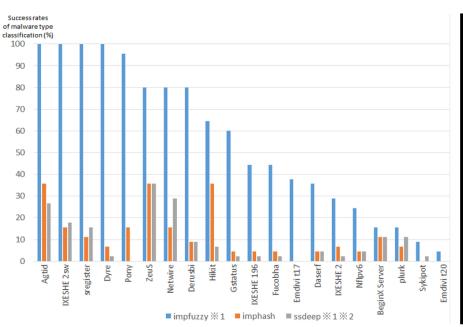


The proposed method, as in imphash, calculates values from Import API, however, it also uses Fuzzy Hashing to calculate hash values of Import API, in order to supplement the shortcomings of imphash. With this process, a close value will be derived if just a part of Import API was added or modified.

Furthermore, it reduces time for calculation and enables efficient comparison by specifying the object of the hash value calculation to Import API (and not to the Fuzzy Hashing value of the whole executable file).



Evaluation of impfuzzy



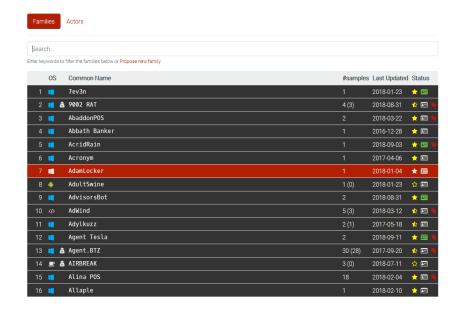


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Malware families baseline: MALPEDIA

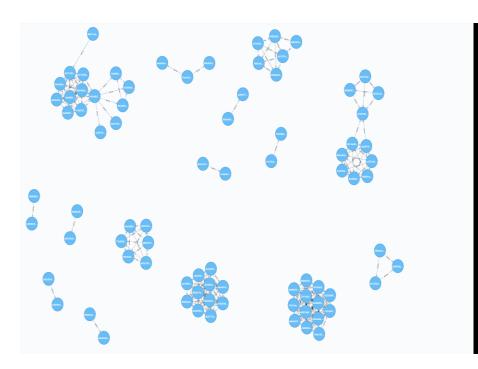




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Start to Clustering: impfuzzy for Neo4j



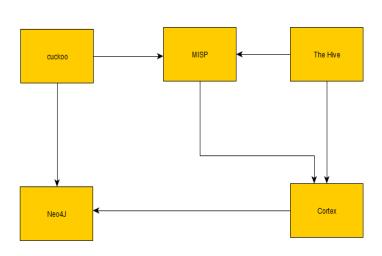
impfuzzy for Neo4j operates in the following sequence:

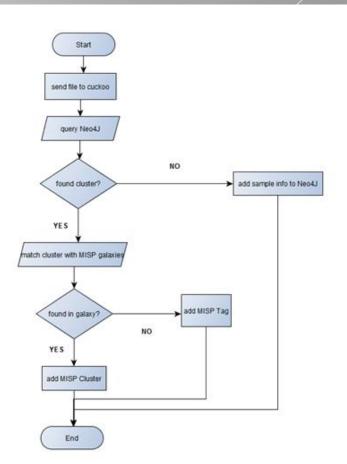
- 1.Calculate the similarity of malware using impfuzzy
- 2. Generate a graph (network) based on the similarity
- 3. Conduct network analysis over the graph (clustering)
- 4. Register and visualize the clustering results on Neo4j

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Connect all the things

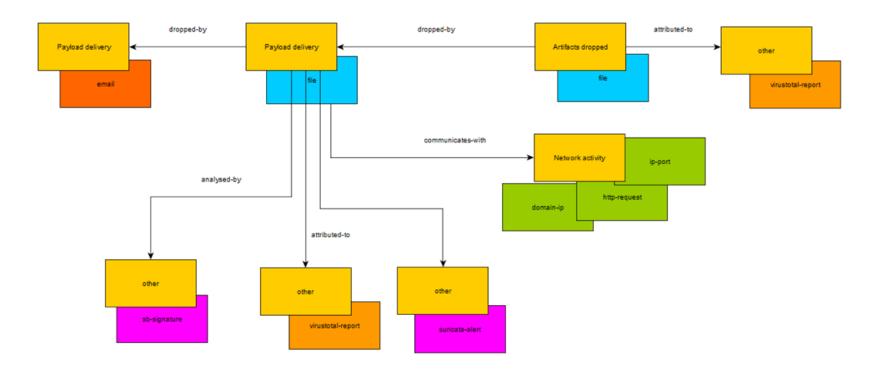




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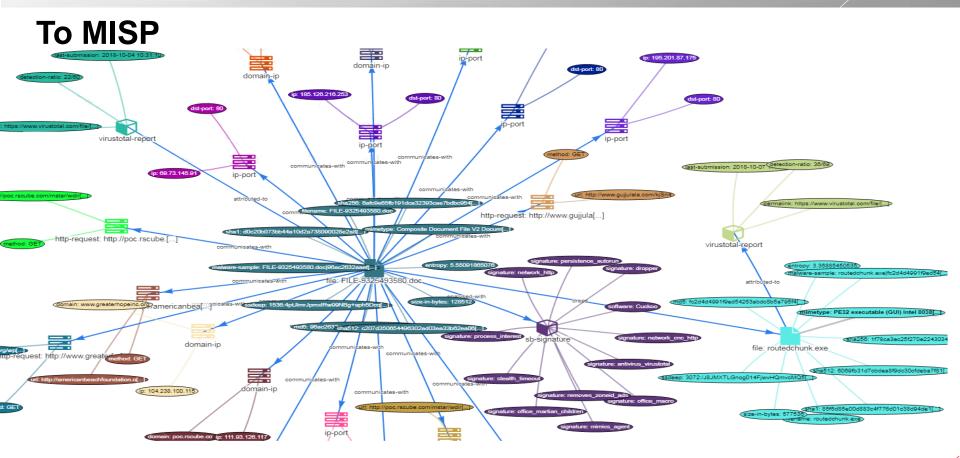
Cuckoo to MISP





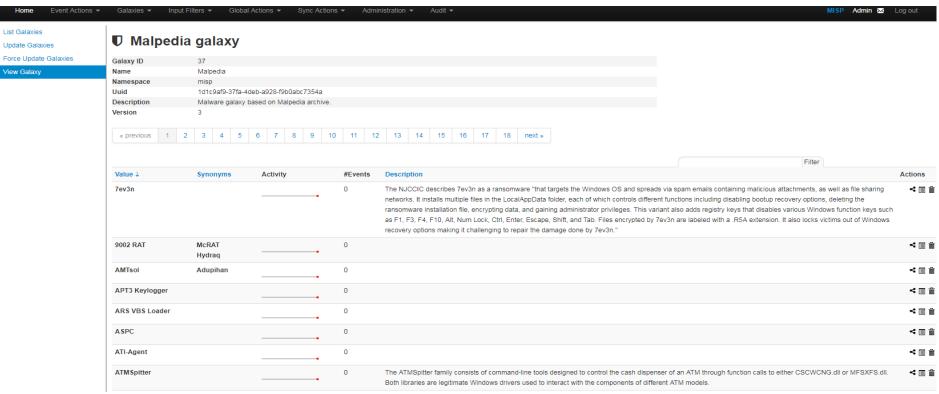
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79190	2018-10-08 10:25:59	f667680df596631fba58754c1 6c3041fae12ed6bf25d6068e6 981ee68a6c9d0a_unpacked	137eb9b6ef122857bde72f78962ed208	dll	None	0/0/0/0	49/68	10.0	Turla	PCAP	None	None	reporte d
79187	2018-10-08 10:24:22	b360a27cc842a453a450ec9c 4a1993273a3d1946fd75ae97 9be9df422f754fcb	2b816a8e80a69a018b8be8eb98ffe4e1	exe	None	0/0/0/0	23/54	10.0	Sarhust	PCAP	None	None	reporte d
79189	2018-10-08 10:24:22	edb1ff2521fb4bf748111f9278 6d260d40407a2e8463dcd24b b09f908ee13eb9	cfdd16225e67471f5ef54cab9b3a5558	None	None	0/0/0/0	56/69	10.0	Olympicdestroye r	PCAP	Win.Trojan.Olym picDestroyer- 6446992-0	None	reporte d
79188	2018-10-08 10:22:50	d685f21ae0ffbcf002939500e8 c1b6a8d37f18c1c33eca37f4a 5628c577dc9ef	c8201ed20fbe24f777ea70258102a7cb	None	None	0/0/0/0	52/68	10.0	None	PCAP	None	None	reporte d
79182	2018-10-08 10:00:08	fb9e181d3ea6faa9d0e7431bf c8301fd66bcc8c3d66b26cef7 036d117ee5fbb1	875f3fc948c6534804a26176dcfb6af0	None	None	0/0/0/0	42/64	10.0	Agent	PCAP	Win.Trojan.Agen t-419088	None	reporte d
79179	2018-10-08 09:58:05	ff808d0a12676bfac88fd26f95 5154f8884f2bb7c534b993651 0fd6296c543e8	36524c90ca1fac2102e7653dfadb31b2	exe	None	0/0/0/0	53/68	10.0	Sofacy	PCAP	None	None	reporte d
79181	2018-10-08 09:58:58	22b785c8713abbe7ae13c501 9999ae1ee4d163af64f0a8d6a cb326d0812383ec	574322a51aee572f60f2d87722d75056	dll	None	0/0/0/0	40/63	10.0	None	PCAP	None	None	reporte d







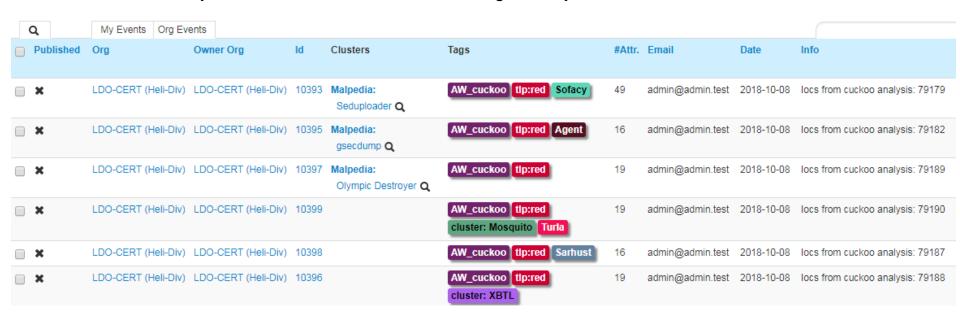
MISP: New Malpedia Galaxy





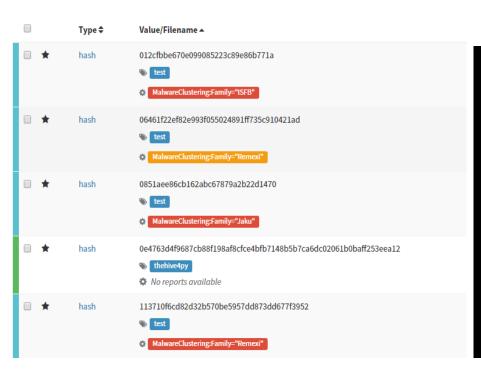
Cuckoo to MISP: final result

Add Cluster if family is found in MISP Galaxies, Add Tag if family is not found





Analyzer for The Hive

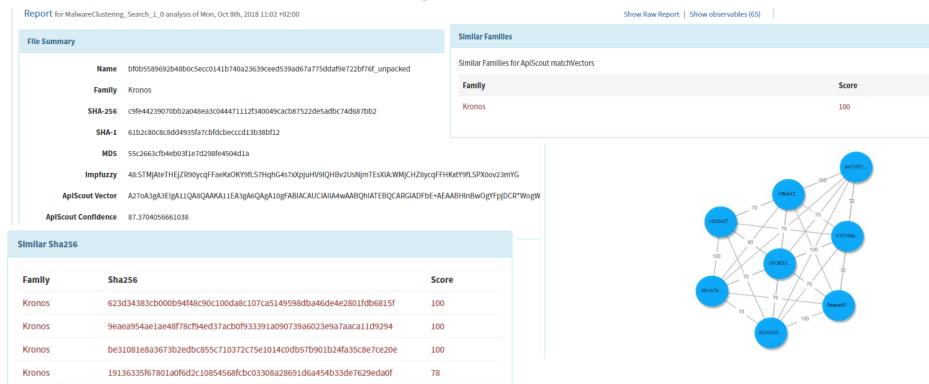


If the observable is an hash, the analyzer queries the Neo4j and retrieves the family and hashes contained in the matched family.

If the observable is a file, the analyzer calculates impfuzzy, adds it to Neo4j (if not present), calculates the cluster and retrieves the family and hashes contained in the matched family.



Analyzer for The Hive: long report





204: 0x0001c344: 05: 0x0001c348

06: 0x0001c34c;

07: 0x0001c350; 08: 0x0001c354;

209: 0x0001c358

10: 0x0001c35c

11: 0x0001c360

212: 0x0001c364

13: 0x0001c368

LLs: 7. APIs: 213. references: 1427

Confidence: 91.2258058392

inApil024 Vector Results:

Next level of Clustering: ApiScout & ApiVector

For some family impfuzzy has low success rate: let's try ApiVector!

Zw0penThread

ZwClose

RtlInitUnicodeString

RtlNtStatusToDosError

; RtlQueryRegistryValues

ZwQuerySystemInformation

ZwQueryInformationProcess

ZwMapViewOfSection

ZwTerminateThread

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-/presentation$ python /home/analyst/apiscout/scout.py -t cobral
sing base adress 0x0 to infer reference counts.
Parsing Import Table for
esults for API DB: import_table
.dx: offset ; VA
                         ; IT?; #ref;DLL
0x00000000; yes; 2; adv
 1: 0x0001c000:
                                             2; advapi32.dll_0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             SetFileSecurityA
MakeAbsoluteSD
 2: 0x0001c004:
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             2; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
 3: 0x0001c008
                         0x000000000: ves:
                                             4: advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             : SetTokenInformation
                                                                                             : ConvertStringSidToSidA
 4: 0x0001c00c
                         0x000000000; yes;
                                             2; advapi32.dll_0x0 (32bit)
 5: 0x0001c010
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             2; advapi32.dll_0x0 (32bit)
1; advapi32.dll_0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             ; CryptGenRandom
  : 0x0001c014
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                                                                             CryptAcquireContextA
  : 0x0001c018
                                              3; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             ConvertStringSecurityDescriptorToSecurityDescriptorA
 8: 0x0001c01c
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             4: advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             CreateProcessAsUserA
 9: 0x0001c020
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             10; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             OpenProcessToken
 l0: 0x0001c024
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             2; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             ConvertSidToStringSidA
11: 0x0001c028;
12: 0x0001c02c;
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                              3; advapi32.dll_0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             GetTokenInformation
RegSetValueExA
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                              5; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
13: 0x0001c030
                                              2; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                                                                             RegCreateKeyExW
14: 0x0001c034:
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                              3; advapi32.dll_0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             RegQueryValueExA
15: 0x0001c038
                         0x000000000; yes;
                                              5; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             RegQueryValueExW
16: 0x0001c03c
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             2; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             : LookupPrivilegeValueA
 17: 0x0001c040
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                              5; advapi32.dll_0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             Reg0penKeyExA
18: 0x0001c044;
19: 0x0001c048;
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             6; advapi32.dll_0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             DuplicateTokenEx
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                              2; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             AdjustTokenPrivileges
20: 0x0001c04c
                                              3; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             LogonUserA
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             6; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
 21: 0x0001c050
                                                                                             RegCloseKey
 22: 0x0001c054
                         0x000000000: ves:
                                             4: advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                              RegSetValueExW
 3: 0x0001c058
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             2; advapi32.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             ImpersonateNamedPipeClient
                                             5; ntdll.dll_0x0 (32bit)
2; ntdll.dll_0x0 (32bit)
00: 0x0001c334;
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                                                                             ZwFreeVirtualMemory
                         0x00000000; yes;
01: 0x0001c338:
                                                                                             ZwUnmapViewOfSection
   0x0001c33c
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                              3; ntdll.dll 0x0 (32bit)
                                                                                             ZwCreateFile
                         0x00000000; yes;
                                             2; ntdll.dll 0x0 (32bit)
03: 0x0001c340
                                                                                             ZwWaitForSingleObject
ZwReadVirtualMemory
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2; ntdll.dll_0x0 (32bit)

2; ntdll.dll 0x0 (32bit)

1; ntdll.dll 0x0 (32bit)

2; ntdll.dll_0x0 (32bit) 2; ntdll.dll_0x0 (32bit)

6; ntdll.dll 0x0 (32bit)

17; ntdll.dll 0x0 (32bit)

2; ntdll.dll 0x0 (32bit)

2; ntdll.dll_0x0 (32bit)

Vector: A23IA13CA7CMA8QqMABAABIA4EIkIIAFAAQkQDqAQFAQqAAIAQAAJACAKDIAkEqAQDAARAAwDBqBACQAGAqqiMIUDACiBUAAHAkDBahUwwaF

0x00000000; yes; 2; ntdll.dll_0x0 (32bit)

0x00000000; yes;

0x00000000; yes;

0x00000000; yes;

0x00000000; yes;

0x00000000; yes;

0x00000000; yes;

0x000000000; yes;

import table: 149 / 208 (71.63%) APIs covered in WinApil024 vector.

ApiScout is a library that allows the recovery of potentially used Windows API functions from memory dumps.

ApiVectors are a compact representation of "interesting" API functions extracted with ApiScout that can be used to get a first impression of a malware's potential capabilities but may also serve for matching against a reference database to aid in malware identification.

Okay, but how can I use this?

You can easily incorporate ApiVectors into your own analysis environment. For starters, the <u>previous blog post on ApiScout</u> explains how to build a DB custom to your Windows system. After this, you can simply crawl arbitrary buffers (e.g. memory dumps of selected suspicious segments from processes) for their API information and have this available in your other analysis such as IDA Pro.

If you do not want to use ApiScout to crawl memory dumps, you can also create ApiVectors directly from a given list of Windows API functions (e.g. Import Tables) using getApiVectorFromApiList() and getApiVectorFromApiDict() from the ApiVector class respectively.

A concrete use case for ApiVectors is matching them against each other. In that context, projects like ImpHash and ImpFuzzy may come to mind. The advantage of ApiVectors is that they actually carry the identity of API functions used without abstracting them with only little higher cost in terms of required storage. We are currently looking to hook our approach up with sandboxing, e.g. Cuckoo.

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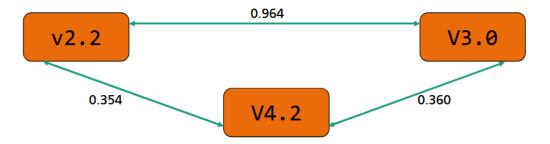


Comparison of ApiVectors

- Example Vectors
 - Base64-like encoding (Run-Length compressed) 4-172 bytes long

```
A42gA28KA13 CAAMA16BABAAJAECAxMAACkAAQUA7CJBCgAgUBA3 kQCBAHJSRjU^q-*}_pb__N,__^?
A42gA28KA13 CAAMA16BABAAJAEAAxMAACkAAQUA7CJBCgAAUBA3 kQCBAHJSRjU^q-*}_pL__N,._^?
A41BA29CA4IA9gCA9gA8Q BAAJAEAABMA3 gAAQA8 QJRCgAgUBAAHkQARCDIADDBGAqQAgCcGOIOp,f?
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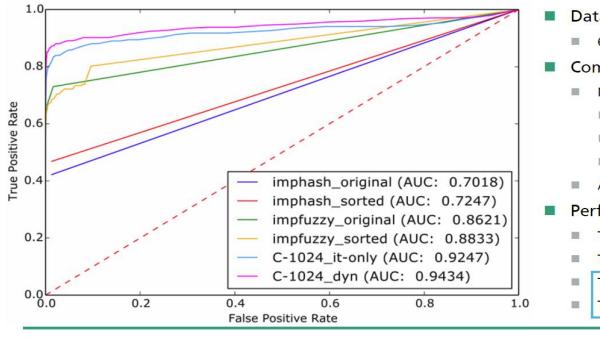


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ApiVector matching performances



- Data set: Malpedia (2018-05-17)
 - 673 families, 1854 samples
- Comparison with ImpHash, ImpFuzzy
 - Mean Fingerprint sizes:
 - ImpHash: 32 bytes
 - ImpFuzzy: 54.4 bytes
 - ApiVector: 74.3 bytes
 - ApiVector: recoverable info
- Performance @ Thresholds
 - T: 0.18 90.18% TPR, 9.45% FPR
 - T: 0.22 89.10% TPR, 4.74% FPR
 - T: 0.32 86.55% TPR, 0.99% FPR
 - T: 0.55 80.72% TPR, 0.09% FPR

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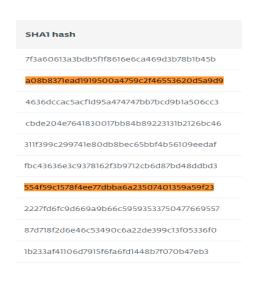
Compare 2 Cobra samples

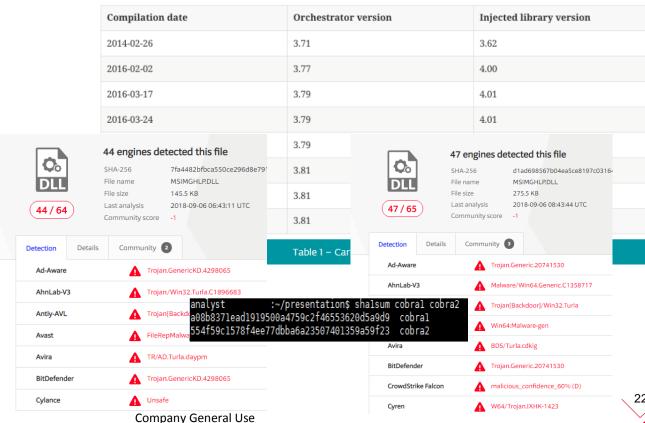
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Carbon Paper: Peering into Turla's second stage backdoor

Carbon footprint

Table 2 - Carbon sample hashes







Compare with ApiVector

python mal_compare.py cobra1 cobra2

Ssdeep1:

3072:dSjh5NkoeU+KmSrNja7l5jlJeUd9f3bs/uleUx:dQR eUm57l9lcUd9Uu

Ssdeep2:

6144:N0aBhxDgpfGxzudQwDYm6WSN4Tq+9UjT:77Dg

RGxzMQwDxY43

Ssdeep Compare: 0

ImpFuzzy1:

96:cA8yytCJq5gugxLRz0l3qYCJWMoZpcf+Po4pzdStK3

BK:cAh05ULRz0lbC2rSQQ

ImpFuzzy2:

96:k5JFIEZeVeXxLdaM+fgclikn4xtS23K5bnvaqch2sz:kxheVC

jan4xMX59cgsz

Impfuzzy Compare: 0

python scout.py -t cobra1

VectorA:

A23IA13CA7CMA8QgMABAABIA4EIkIIAFAAQkQDgOAQFA QgAAIAQAAJACAKDIAkEgAQDAARAAwDBgBACoAGAogi MIUDACiBUAAHAkDBahUwwaEBHJMDuGqqCYGGINxW?

python scout.py -t cobra2

VectorB:

A23IA3+A9CA3BA3CA9QgMABAABIA4EIEIIAFAAQkADAO AQFgQgAAIA4JgCAKDIAkEA6QAAwBBgAACoAEAoACMA QCACiBQAAHAgDBShUwwaEBHJMDuEAgCYGGINxWW? python match.py \$Vector1 –v Vector2

Result of matching vectors:

Vector A: A23IA13CA7CMA8Q.....

Vector B: A23IA3+A9CA3BA3C.....

Score: 73.0656996953

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Next Steps

Microsoft Visual C++	388					
Armadillo v1.71						
Microsoft Visual C++ v5.0/v6.0 (MFC)						
Microsoft Visual C# / Basic .NET						
Microsoft Visual C++ v6.0 DLL						
.NET executable						
Armadillo v1.xx - v2.xx						
Microsoft Visual Basic v5.0/v6.0	82					
Microsoft Visual Basic v5.0	46					
BobSoft Mini Delphi -> BoB / BobSoft	36					
UPX v0.89.6 - v1.02 / v1.05 -v1.24 -> Markus & Laszlo [overlay]						
Microsoft Visual C++ v7.1 EXE						
UPX 2.90 [LZMA] -> Markus Oberhumer, Laszlo Molnar & John Reiser						
Microsoft Visual C++ vx.x DLL	26					
Microsoft Visual C++ 8.0 [Debug]						
Microsoft Visual C++ v7.0 DLL	16					
ASPack v2.12						
Microsoft Visual C++ v7.0	10					
InstallShield 2000	9					
ASProtect V2.X DLL -> Alexey Solodovnikov	7					
ASProtect v1.23 RC1	6					
ASProtect 1.33 - 2.1 Registered -> Alexey Solodovníkov						
UPX v0.89.6 - v1.02 / v1.05 -v1.22 (Delphi) stub						
ASProtect v1.2x (New Strain)						
PeCompact 2.xx> BitSum Technologies						
PECompact V2.X-> Bitsum Technologies						

Improve identification of packed PE32 (now with peid), try to unpack it automatically, calculate apivector over the upacked sample and store hashes about both files.

Did some test with entropy:

1) win.bolek_packed

PE: compiler: Microsoft Visual C/C++(2003)[-]

Entropy: 7.57267

2) win.bolek_unpacked

PE: compiler: EP:Microsoft Visual C/C++(-)[looks like

patched]

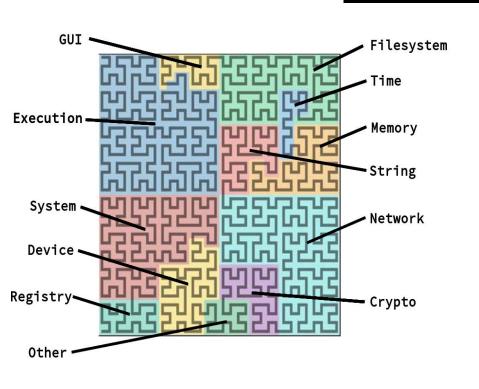
Entropy: 6.72804

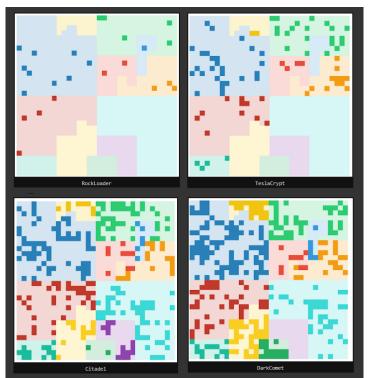
But result often is not so good.



Next Steps

Integrate ApiQR representation from ByteAtlas: Hilbert curve for 1024 bit ApiVector with the semantic categories.





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Places to be



- https://github.com/LDO-CERT
- https://github.com/MISP/misp
- https://github.com/spender-sandbox/cuckoo-modified
- https://github.com/TheHive-Project
- https://github.com/JPCERTCC/impfuzzy
- https://github.com/danielplohmann/apiscout
- https://github.com/TheHive-Project
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