

Basic Analysis

Malware Analysis
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call    sub_314118
loc_31306D:                                ; CODE XREF: sub_312FD8
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call    sub_3140F3
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Virtual Machines

- What is a virtual machine?
 - Simply, a computer in your computer
 - Really, a (**usually**) segregated virtual environment that emulates real hardware
- There are different types/methods that we'll discuss later

Virtual Machines

- Why are we using a virtual machine?
 - Safety, reliability, consistency, it's easy
 - Keep the malware in a contained environment
 - Snapshots
 - Completely 100% revert the VM to an earlier state
 - If things go bad, no one cares

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Virtual Machines

- What's in mine?
 - Free Microsoft IE testing VM license
 - Lots of free tools all pre-setup for you ([C:\tools](#))
 - Common ones are linked on the desktop
 - symlinks to desktop and tools directory in cygwin home dir
 - debuggers, disassemblers, analyzers, unpackers, compilers... the list goes on

• You'll know them all soon enough!

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Static Analysis

- Analyzing a sample without executing any code
- Safe(r)
 - Infer functionality
- Provides good pointers to guide dynamic and advanced analysis
- Lots of tools involved!

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Static Analysis

- Can be an easy way to find signatures
 - URLs, filenames, registry keys
- But it's not always so easy!

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Dynamic Analysis

- Analyze what happens when the sample is executed
- Are files made, processes created, websites contacted, files downloaded/ executed, etc
- Shows you the effect the malware has on the system/network

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Lab

- Friday 09/04, same place same time
- Problems will be similar to those you saw today
- Must answer a few questions about each sample
 - See the PMA Chapter Labs for examples

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Additional Material

- Related Readings:
 - Practical Malware Analysis

- Chapter 1. Basic Static Analysis
- Chapter 2. Malware Analysis in Virtual Machines
- Chapter 3. Basic Dynamic Analysis

The chapter outlines make a great reference

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