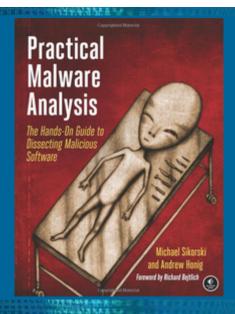
## **CNIT 126: Practical Malware Analysis**

**Spring 2017 Sam Bowne** 

37184 Mon 6:10 - 9 PM SCIE 200

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**Scores** 



#### **Catalog Description**

Learn how to analyze malware, including computer viruses, trojans, and rootkits, using disassemblers, debuggers, static and dynamic analysis, using IDA Pro, OllyDbg and other tools.

Advisory: CS 110A or equivalent familiarity with programming

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Describe types of malware, including rootkits, Trojans, and viruses.
- B. Perform basic static analysis with antivirus scanning and strings
- C. Perform basic dynamic analysis with a sandbox
- D. Perform advanced static analysis with IDA Pro
- E. Perform advanced dynamic analysis with a debugger
- F. Operate a kernel debugger
- G. Explain malware behavior, including launching, encoding, and network signatures
- H. Understand anti-reverse-engineering techniques that impede the use of disassemblers, debuggers, and virtual machines
- I. Recognize common packers and how to unpack them

#### **Textbook**

"Practical Malware Analysis: The Hands-On Guide to Dissecting Malicious Software", by Michael Sikorski and Andrew Honig; ISBN-10: 1593272901 Buy from Amazon

#### **Quizzes**

The quizzes are multiple-choice, online, and open-book. However, you may not ask other people to help you during the quizzes. You will need to study the textbook chapter before the lecture covering it, and take the quiz before that class. Each quiz is available for one week, up till 8:30 am Saturday. Each quiz has 5 questions, you have ten minutes to take it, and you can make two attempts. If you take the quiz twice, the second score is the one that counts, not necessarily the higher score.

To take quizzes, first <u>claim your RAM ID</u> and then log in to Canvas here:

https://ccsf.instructure.com

## Schedule (may be revised)

Note: Chapter Numbers are one too high in the E-Book: Chapter 0 is mislabelled as Chapter 1, etc.

<u>Date</u> <u>Quiz</u> <u>Topic</u>

Mon 1-23 0: Malware Analysis Primer & 1: Basic Static Techniques



# CNIT 126.0: Malware Analysis Primer...

- · Dissecting malware to understand
  - How it works
  - How to identify it
  - How to defeat or el inate it
- A critical part of incident response



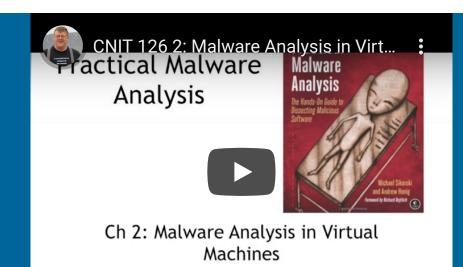
CNIT 126 0: Malware Analysis Primer...

Linked Libraries and Functions

Mon 1-30

2: Malware Analysis in Virtual Machines &

3: Basic Dynamic Analysis



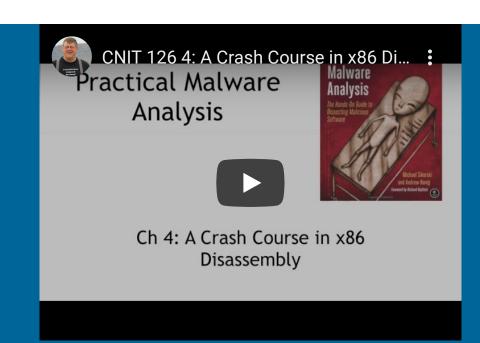
Fri 2-3 Last Day to Add Classes

Ch 0-1 Quiz due before class

Mon 2-6 Ch 4 Quiz due before class

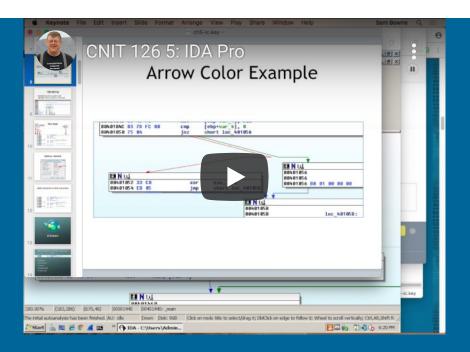
Proj 1-2 due

4: A Crash Course in x86 Disassembly



Ch 2-3 Quiz due before class Mon 2-13 Ch 5 Quiz due before class Proj 3 due

5: IDA Pro



Mon 2-20 Holiday - No Class

Mon 2-27 Ch 6 Quiz recommended before class Proj 4-5 due

6: Recognizing C Code Constructs in Assembly



Mon 3-6 Ch 6 & 7 Quiz due before class Proj 6 due

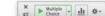
7: Analyzing Malicious Windows Programs





# MalwarennyxierMelcimeden...

- More powerful than user-mode malware
- · Auditing doesn't apply to kernel
- · Almost all rootkits use kernel code
- Most malware does not use kernel mode



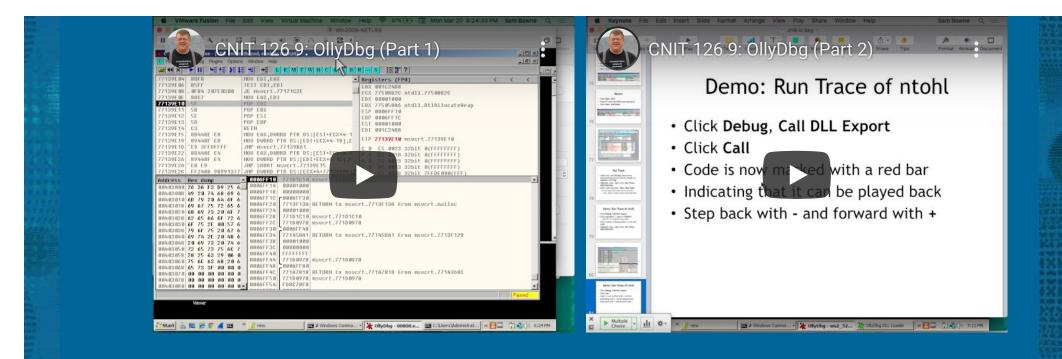
Ch 8 Quiz due before class Mon 3-13 Proj 7-8 due

8: Debugging



Mon 3-20 Ch 9 Quiz due before class Proj 9 due

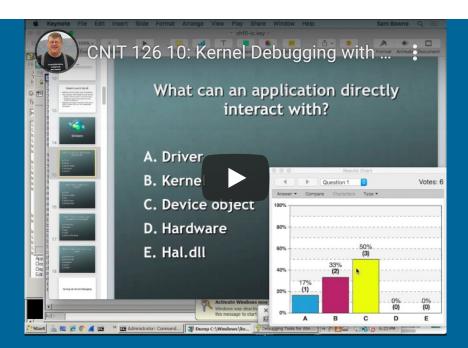
9: OllyDbg



Mon 3-27 Holiday - No Class

Mon 4-3 Ch 10 Quiz due before class Proj 10-11 due

10: Kernel Debugging with WinDbg



Wed 4-6 Mid-Term Grades Due

Mon 4-10 Ch 11 Quiz due before class Proj 12 due

11: Malware Behavior



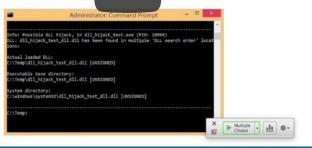
## CBIT 126 11: Malware Behavior (Part ...

- Injects lsaext.dll into lsass.exe
  - Calls GetHash, an export of Isaext.dll
  - Hash extraction uses undocumented Windows function calls
- Attackers may change the name of the GetHash function



 Searches for DLLs that appear multiple times in the file system, in suspicious folders, and are <u>unsigned</u>

From SANS (2015) ( k Ch 11d)



Mon 4-17 No Quiz No Proj due Guest Speaker: Jason Nelson Desktop Support Technician at Child Mind Institute | Digital Advertising/Social Media consultant to lifestyle brands and non-profits

Mon 4-24 Ch 12 Quiz due before class Proj 13 & 14 due

12: Covert Malware Launching



Mon 5-1 No Quiz due Proj 15 due

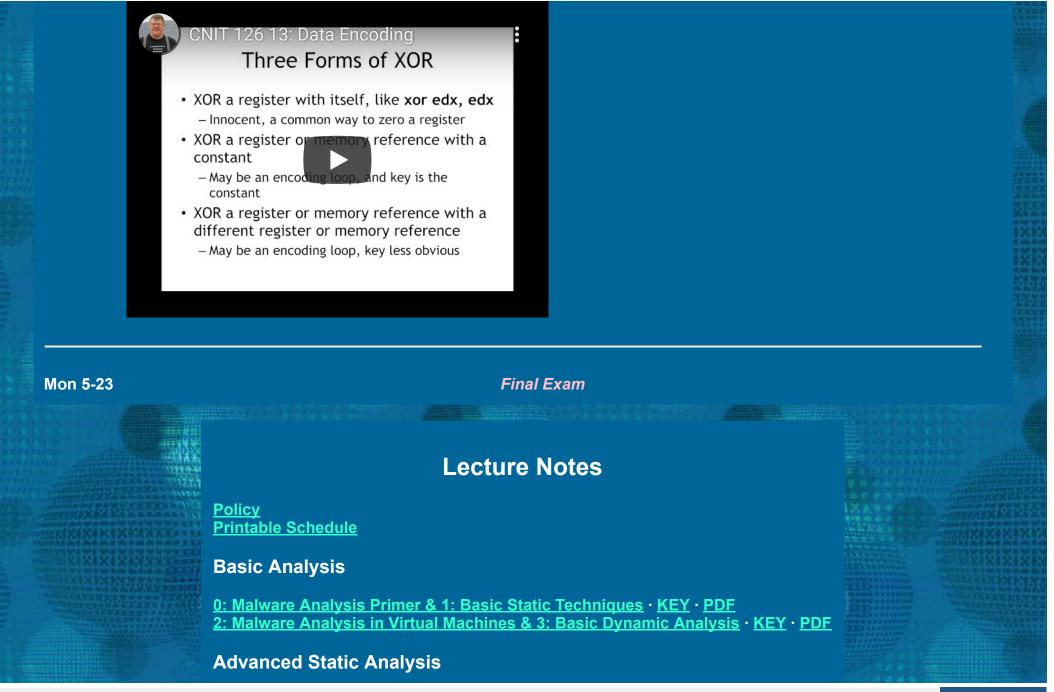
**Technical Sergeant Fernando Borrego Air National Guard Reserve** 

**NOTE: DIFFERENT TIME -- 6:30 PM** 

Mon 5-8 Class Cancelled for CyberSecureGov in Washington, DC

Last Class · Ch 13 Quiz due before class Mon 5-15 Proj 16 due All extra credit Proj. due

13: Data Encoding





4: A Crash Course in x86 Disassembly · KEY · PDF

5: IDA Pro · KEY · PDF

6: Recognizing C Code Constructs in Assembly · KEY · PDF

7: Analyzing Malicious Windows Programs · KEY · PDF

#### **Advanced Dynamic Analysis**

8: Debugging · KEY · PDF

9: OllyDbq · KEY · PDF

10: Kernel Debugging with WinDbg · KEY · PDF

#### **Malware Functionality**

11: Malware Behavior KEY PDF

12: Covert Malware Launching KEY PDF

13: Data Encoding KEY PDF

#### Slides below this line are being updated

14: Malware-Focused Network Signatures KEY

#### **Anti-Reverse-Engineering**

15: Anti-Disassembly KEY

16: Anti-Debugging

17: Anti-Virtual Machine Techniques

18: Packers and Unpacking

#### **Special Topics**

19: Shellcode Analysis

20: C++ Analysis 21: 64-Bit Malware





#### Links

#### Lab Files

**Download Textbook Labs Here** 

### **Chapter Links**

Ch 1a: Breach clean-up cost LinkedIn nearly \$1 million, another \$2-3 million in upgrades (Aug. 2012)

Ch 1b: Fake FBI warning tricks man into surrendering himself for possession of child porn

Ch 2a: VirusTotal - Free Online Virus, Malware and URL Scanner

Ch 2b: UPX NotCompressibleException

Ch 2c: Peering Inside the PE: A Tour of the Win32 Portable Executable File Format

Ch 2d: Dependency Walker (depends.exe) Home Page

**Ch 2e: PEview Download** 

Ch 2f: Resource Hacker

Ch 2g: Download PEiD 0.95

Ch 2h: UPX: the Ultimate Packer for eXecutables - Download Ch 2i: BinText 3.03 McAfee Free Tools

**Ch 3a: Process Monitor Download** 

**Ch 3b: Process Explorer Download** 

Ch 3c: RegShot download

Ch 3d: Regshot user guide

**Ch 3e: ApateDNS Download** 

Ch 3f: 3 Free Tools to Fake DNS Responses for Malware Analysis

Ch 5a: OpenRCE -- Free IDA Scripts

Ch 6a: Entry points for Windows programs

**Ch 7b: Autoruns for Windows** 

Ch 7c: Anatomy of a Program in Memory

Ch 7d: assembly - The point of test eax eax

Ch 7e: CurrentControlSetServices Subkey Entries

Ch 7f: Globally unique identifier - Wikipedia

Ch 7g: SEH in x86 Environments

Ch 7h: assembly - What is the 'FS''GS' register intended for?

Ch 7i: winapi - FS register in Win32 Ch 7j: Ring (computer security) - Wikipedia Ch 8a: Exploit Development for Mere Mortals Joe McCray - YouTube **Ch 8b: x86 Protected Mode Exceptions** Ch 8c: Enabling Postmortem Debugging - Windows 10 hardware dev Ch 8d: Using Windows Event Viewer to debug crashes Ch 8e: LiveKd for Virtual Machine Debugging Ch 9a: Download OllyDbg 1.10 Ch 9b: OllyDbg v. 2.01 is EVIL; just misses functions found in v. 1.10 Ch 9c: OLLYDBG TUTORIALS! The Legend Of Random Ch 9d: OpenRCE OllyDbg Plugins (down on 10-14-13) **Ch 9e: shell-storm Shellcodes Database** Ch 10a: Download Windows Symbol Packages Ch 10b: ntoskrnl.exe - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia Ch 10c: Choosing the 32-Bit or 64-Bit Debugging Tools (Windows Debuggers) Ch 10d: How To: Debug the WRK on Mac OS X Using VMware Fusion Ch 10e: Assembly Code Debugging in WinDbg (Windows Debuggers) Ch 10f: Microsoft Windows library files - HAL runs in kernel mode Ch 10g: Windbg Tutorials Ch 10h: A word for WinDbg Ch 10i: Kernel Patch Protection - Wikipedia Ch 10j: On Windows Syscall Mechanism and Syscall Numbers Extraction Methods Ch 10k: The Sysenter Instruction and 0x2e Interrupt Ch 10l: Hooking the System Service Dispatch Table (SSDT) Ch 10m: Common WinDbg Commands (Thematically Grouped) Ch 11a: Portable Executable - Wikipedia Ch 11b: Resource Hacker Ch 11c: Capturing Windows 7 Credentials at Logon Using a Custom Credential Provider (Replaces MSGINA.DLL) Ch 11d: Detecting DLL Hijacking on Windows | SANS Institute (2015) Ch 11e: Windows 10 Hooking Nirvana explained (2016) Ch 13a: Tools for Examining XOR Obfuscation for Malware Analysis

Ch 13b: Base64 Decode and Encode - Online

Ch 13c:: Download FindCrypt2 (IDA Pro Plug-In)

Ch 13d: Kanal Free Download

Ch 13e: Entropy (information theory) - Wikipedia

Ch 13f: IDA Entropy Plugin

Ch 13g: IDA Entropy Plugin 0.1 -- working download link Ch 13h: Ent -- entropy visualizer that works on Windows

Ch 15a: The Bastard Linux Disassembler (Linear)

Ch 15b: JUMP and CALL - Stack Overflow

### **Training Materials**

**Introductory: Chapter 0** 

Introduction to Malware Analysis Slides by Lenny Zeltser
Introduction to Malware Analysis - Free Recorded Webcast by Lenny Zeltser
Analysis of Malware Samples -- EXCELLENT TIPS FOR PROCESS MONITOR
Sam's Honeynet "Reverse Engineering Malware" Class Notes (Mar. 2012)

**Assembly Language: Chapter 4** 

<u>Windows Assembly Language Megaprimer -- VIDEO</u> <u>Introductory Intel x86: Architecture, Assembly --Free class materials!</u>

**PE Structure--Excellent Diagram** 

**Download jasmin x86 Assembler Interpreter** 

Jasmin tutorial - Java Assembler Interpreter

Windows Internals: Chapter 7

Windows 0wn3d By Default Mark Baggett -- VIDEO

**Debugging: Chapter 8** 

Exploit Development for Mere Mortals Joe McCray -- VIDEO OllyDbg Tricks for Exploit Development

OllyDbg: Chapter 9

Exploit Dev Night School Day 2 - YouTube -- HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, MORE DEBUGGER DEMOS Reverse Engineering 101 on Vimeo

#### **Other Links**

**Catalog of key Windows kernel data structures** 

**Malware Analysis Resources** 

Pwning a Spammer's Keylogger - SpiderLabs Anterior

**SANS Memory Forensics Cheat Sheet (PDF)** 

An interesting case of Mac OSX malware

Picking Apart Malware In The Cloud - The business need for malware analysis

FakeNet -- Dynamic malware analysis tool

**Static Analysis Talk** 

Worm 2.0, or LilyJade in action

**Pwning the Herpes bothet and it's creator** 

A technical analysis of Adobe Flash Player CVE-2012-0779 Vulnerability - Microsoft Malware Protection Center - Site Home - TechNet Blogs

Virtual USB Analyzer - Tutorial

**PolyPack: An Automated Online Packing Service for Optimal Antivirus Evasion** 

**FileInsight McAfee Free Tools** 

McAfee FileInsight -- recommended malware analysis tool

**CSI:Internet - PDF timebomb** 

Static Analysis: Following Along at Home with Hopper's Decompiler Feature, Part 1

**Deconstructing an ELF File** 

**Malware Analysis Course Lecture Slides** 

**Defeating Flame String Obfuscation with IDAPython** 

**System Forensics: MBR Malware Analysis** 

**Malware Hunting with the Sysinternals Tools** 

**Honeypot Alert PHP-CGI Vuln Targeted For Database Dumping** 

Th3-0uTl4wS Database -- bot source code

**Fuzzy Hashing presentation by Jesse Kornblum** 

**Malware Unpacking Level: Pintool** 

WireShnork and other Forensics plugins for Wireshark

**Introduction To Reverse Engineering** 

Tweaking Metasploit Modules To Bypass EMET -- Part 1

corkami - reverse engineering experiments and documentations

**Modifying VirtualBox settings for malware analysis** 

What was that Wiper thing? - EXCELLENT MALWARE ANALYSIS

Malware Must Die!: Racing with time to get the latest payload of Blackhole Exploit Kit

Extracting EXE file (in HTTP stream) from captured packets file with Wireshark

Analyzing Unknown Malware: #2 Disclosure of an interesting Botnet - The Executable (Part 1)

Malware Analysis as a Hobby slides -- Cuckoo looks great!

**Shamoom The Wiper: further details (Part II) - Securelist** 

**Backdoors are Forever: Hacking Team and the Targeting of Dissent** 

**The Case of the Unexplained FTP Connections** 

Analysis of malware that infects virtual machines

**Deobfuscating "PluginDetect"** 

**To Russia With Targeted Attack** 

**Windows DLL Injection Basics** 

Reverse engineering challenge intended for women

**India APT Attack -- Several useful tools demonstrated** 

MFT vs Super Timeline: Part 1

Stack Smashing On A Modern Linux System -- Good gdb examples

**Nothink.org -- EXCELLENT HONEYPOT DATA** 

Oh, you found a remote OpenSSH 0-day on Pastebin? Don't trust it.

**KernelMode.info -- Site to get real malware samples** 

MalwareURL -- Site to get real malware samples

Malc0de Database -- Site to get real malware samples

PEiD 0.95 Free - Detects packers, cryptors and compilers

**QUnpack -- recommended unpacker** 

**ThreatExpert - Automated Threat Analysis** 

**TCPView for Windows -- traffic monitoring** 

Total Uninstall Analyze, monitor and uninstall programs -- useful for malware analysis

Malware Analyst's Cookbook and DVD: Tools and Techniques for Fighting Malicious Code -- recommended book

**Volatility Cheat Sheet** 

Good analysis of the malware at speedtest.net

Free Online Malware Analysis Class

**APT #TargetedAttacks within Twitter** 

**How to use MANDIANT Memoryze** 

contagio: Collection of Pcap files from malware analysis

Malware analysis lab tools

6.25 DNS DDOS Attack In Korea -- Good example of simple dynamic analysis

**Mandiant Redline is Free** 

**Windows 8 Server 2012 Memory Forensics** 

**Structured Exception Handler EXPLOITATION** 

**Malware and DLLs** 

Trojaning antivirus uninstallers with DLL injection

When Malware Meets Rootkits (from 2005)

**Process Hiding** 

Dr. Fu's Security Blog: Malware Analysis Tutorials: a Reverse Engineering Approach -- MORE PROJECTS HERE

Malware Analyst's Cookbook and DVD: Tools and Techniques for Fighting Malicious Code -- RECOMMENDED BOOK

**SANS Work Study -- Get SANS classes for cheap!** 

**Finding Evil: Automating Autoruns Analysis** 

**Attackers' Toolbox Makes Malware Detection More Difficult** 

Large botnet cause of recent Tor network overload

Pushdo Botnet detects "FakeNet" analysis tool and spams practicalmalwareanalysis.com (Sept, 2013)

Reverse Engineering a D-Link Backdoor with IDA Pro

Anatomy of an exploit -- inside the CVE-2013-3893 Internet Explorer zero-day -- Part 1

binwalk - Firmware Analysis Tool

**Reverse Engineering Videos** 

How to solve Windows system crashes in minutes -- Debugging crash dumps

**Kernel Pool Exploitation on Windows 7 (from 2011)** 

**Analysis of a Malware ROP Chain** 

**New Tool: XORStrings** 

**Strings from CSRSS show command-line history on Windows** 

Reconstructing Master File Table (MFT) Entries with MFTParser.py

**The OpenIOC Framework -- for sharing threat intelligence** 

security-onion - recommended for Snort GUIs

**Malware Research -- samples** 

**Barracuda Launches Web-Based Malware Analysis Tool Threatglass** 

**Malware Analysis with pedump** 

Practical Malware Analysis - Free Download eBook - pdf (works as of 2014-07-16)

What is a mutex? - EPIC EXPLANATION

OfficeMalScanner -- detects malware in Office files

Hopper -- Mac OS X Disassembler, highly recommended by @iamevltwin

fseventer for Mac -- observe filesystem changes

logkext - Freeware keylogger for OS X

contagio: OSX malware and exploit collection (~100 files)

Shellter -- inject Metasploit payloads into PE files to bypass AV

**Exeinfo PE Download** 

How to setup plugins for ollydbg 2.x.x?

**Download OllyScript to Automate Packing** 

**Download OllyScript PE Compact Script OuickUnpack Tool -- Download** Ether: Malware Analysis via Hardware Virtualization Exsensions -- Free online unpacker MacMemoryForensics - volatility - Instructions on how access and use the Mac OS X support PEStudio performs the static investigation of Windows executables Valgrind Tutorial PEStudio: static malware analysis tool ty @lennyzeltser #S4con Process Hacker can dump strings from running processes ty @lennyzeltser #S4con Google mutant names to help identify malware ty @lennyzeltser #S4con Malware Analysis Database -- search for mutex values & more ty @lennyzeltser #S4con ProcDOT - Visual Malware Analysis ty @lennyzeltser #S4con urlvoid.com Website Reputation Checker Tool ty @lennyzeltser #S4con Exeinfo PE -- Identifies packers ty @lennyzeltser #S4con Hacker Disassembly Uncovered (free download) **Reversing & Malware Analysis - FREE TRAINING SLIDES** The evolution of OS X malware (Oct. 2014) Bypassing EMET's EAF with custom shellcode using kernel pointer (from 2011) Disarming Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit (EMET) v 5.0 Cuckoo Sandbox VM Escape Vulnerability (2014) Rootkits by Csaba Barta (from 2009) Malwr - Malware Analysis by Cuckoo Sandbox **Malware Investigator -- from the FBI** Reversing a malvertisment: javascript, regex, and cookie **POWELIKS Levels Up With New Autostart Mechanism** Malicious Flash Files Gain the Upper Hand With New Obfuscation Techniques Security Intelligence Blog Inside a Kippo honeypot: how the billgates botnet spreads -- PROJECT IDEA **Hook Analyser** Online JavaScript beautifier -- deobfuscates code! -- IMPORTANT FOR MALWARE ANALYSIS Retrieve the apk signature at runtime for Android 2015-10-07: IOS Application Security Testing Cheat Sheet - OWASP theZoo · Malware Samples to Analyze ty @the fire dog Malware Researcher\'s Handbook (Demystifying PE File) - InfoSec Resources **RPISEC/Malware: Course materials for Malware Analysis Malware Analysis by Abstruse Goose** A Crash Course In DLL Hijacking -- EXCELLENT EXPLANATION x64dbg: An open-source x64/x32 debugger for windows -- ALTERNATIVE TO IDA PRO REMNUX V6 FOR MALWARE ANALYSIS (PART 2): STATIC FILE ANALYSIS

Microsoft security technology EMET used to disable itself (Feb. 2016)

**The Ultimate Disassembly Framework -- Capstone** 

Malwarebytes 2.2.0.1024 DLL Hijacking (works on Win 2008 Server but not Win 10) -- SHOW TO CLASS

**Win32 Assembly Cheat Sheet** 

<u>Local Kernel-Mode Debugging - Windows 10 hardware dev</u>

WinDbg tools and tutorials

pestudio: Malware Initial Assessment Tool

**Identifying malware with PEStudio** 

A fundamental introduction to x86 assembly programming

**Practical Malware Analysis Starter Kit** 

**Introductory Intel x86: Architecture, Assembly, Applications - YouTube** 

Assembly Primer for Hackers (Part 1) System Organization Tutorial.mp4 - YouTube

Automatically Extracting Obfuscated Strings from Malware using the FireEye Labs Obfuscated String Solver (FLOSS)

**GitHub - RPISEC/Malware: Course materials for Malware Analysis by RPISEC** 

**Manalyzer: free online static analysis** 

WARNING: Tweet to download live Locky malware (BE CAREFUL)

**Kwetza: infecting android applications -- MAKE INTO PROJECT** 

pwning bin2json | psych0tik

Microsoft/binskim: A binary static analysis tool that provides security and correctness results for Windows portable executables.

GitHub - GoSecure/malboxes: Builds malware analysis Windows VMs so that you don't have to.

pev - the PE file analysis toolkit -- MAY BE USEFUL FOR PROJECTS

pev Video Demo

Plasma is an interactive disassembler for x86/ARM/MIPS. It can generates indented pseudo-code with colored syntax. -- TRY FOR PROJECTS

CS7038-Malware-Analysis by ckane

**Reverse Engineering Malware 101 -- free online course** 

#### **New Unsorted Links**

My first SSDT hook driver

SSDT Hooking mini-library/example - RaGEZONE - MMO development community

**Shadow SSDT Hooking with Windbg** 

**Download Windows Driver Kit Version 7.1.0 from Official Microsoft Download Center** 

InstDrv plug-in - NSIS

**Installing the AWS Command Line Interface** 

HowTo Export a VM in OVA format in VMware Fusion for OS X with ovftool

FLARE VM: The Windows Malware Analysis Distribution You've Always Needed!

pestudio -- USEFUL FOR MALWARE ANALYSIS

**Dropper Analysis -- TEST FOR PROJECT** 

**GUnpacker 0.5 | Generic Unpacker for RE of Malware** 

wsunpacker -- unpacks many formats

**Ether: Online Malware Unpacker** 

Portable Executable File Corruption Preventing Malware From Running -- USE FOR PROJECTS

fireeye/flare-floss: FireEye Labs Obfuscated String Solver - Automatically extract obfuscated strings from malware.

Practical Malware Analysis Chapter 1 Lab Attempt - YouTube

**Kernel Forensics and Rootkits** 

pestudio: Malware Initial Assessment Tool

Malware Analysis Tutorials: a Reverse Engineering Approach

**Reversing Basics - A Practical Approach Using IDA Pro** 

Ch 8f: LiveKd for Virtual Machine Debugging -- Mark's Blog

**ScyllaHide: conceals debuggers from malware** 

Process Doppelganging Malware Evasion Technique (from 2017) ty @lennyzeltser #IRespondCon

Processhacker: Monitor system resources, debug software and detect malware --ty @lennyzeltser #IRespondCon

Invoke-DOSfuscation: Cmd.exe Command Obfuscation Tool -- ty @lennyzeltser #IRespondCon

olevba -- Extracts VBA Macros from Microsoft Office files -- ty @lennyzeltser #IRespondCon

Malware-Traffic-Analysis.net A source for pcap files and malware samples ty Andrea Kaiser #IRespondCon

MalShare: A free Malware repository providing researchers access to samples, malicous feeds, and Yara results

**VirusShare.com - Because Sharing is Caring** 

**Detect It Easy -- Unpacker for Windows malware** 

**CFF Explorer -- Malware Analysis Tool** 

pestudio -- malware analysis tool

Game Hacking: WinXP Minesweeper - Reverse Engineering

**Automated Malware Analysis - Joe Sandbox** 

Ch 10n: About Dynamic-Link Libraries | Microsoft Docs

Ch 10n: Callback Objects | Microsoft Docs

Ch 10o: Using a Driver-Defined Callback Object | Microsoft Docs

Exeinfo PE by A.S.L - packer - compression detector and data detector

GitHub - horsicg/Detect-It-Easy: Detect it Easy

The Mac Malware of 2018--WITH SAMPLES

**OALabs Malware Analysis Virtual Machine** 

**Intro to Cutter for Malware Analysis** 

Three Heads are Better Than One: Mastering Ghidra

**Top 10 Free Keyloggers for Windows** 

EgeBalci/Keylogger: Simple C Keylogger...

**Understanding and Analyzing Carrier Files Workshop**