

# REMNUX USAGE TIPS FOR MALWARE ANALYSIS ON LINUX

This cheat sheet outlines the tools and commands for analyzing malicious software on REMnux Linux distro.

#### **Getting Started with REMnux**

Download REMnux as a virtual appliance or install the distro on an existing compatible system, such as <u>SIFT</u>.

Review REMnux documentation at REMnux.org/docs.

Stay logged into the REMnux virtual appliance as the user "remnux"; default password "malware".

Use apt-get to install additional software packages if your system is connected to the Internet.

Run the "update-remnux all" command to upgrade REMnux and update its software.

Switch keyboard layout by clicking the keyboard icon in the bottom right corner of the REMnux desktop.

Use setxkbmap to change the keyboard layout in the terminal window.

On VMware, install VMware Tools using install-vmware-tools to adjust the screen size.

| General Commands on REMnux |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Shut down the system       | shutdown          |
| Reboot the system          | reboot            |
| Switch to a root shell     | sudo -s           |
| Renew DHCP lease           | renew-dhcp        |
| See current IP address     | myip              |
| Edit a text file           | scite <i>file</i> |
| View an image file         | feh <i>file</i>   |
|                            |                   |

| Start web server | httpd start |
|------------------|-------------|
| Start SSH server | sshd start  |

## Statically Examine Files

Inspect file properties using <u>pescanner</u>, <u>pestr</u>, <u>portex</u>, readpe, <u>pedump</u>, <u>peframe</u>, <u>signsrch</u>, <u>readpe.py</u>.

Investigate binary files in-depth using <u>bokken</u>, <u>vivbin</u>, <u>udcli</u>, RATDecoders, radare2, <u>yara</u>, <u>wxHexEditor</u>.

Deobfuscate contents with <u>xorsearch</u>, <u>unxor.py</u>, <u>Balbuzard</u>, <u>floss</u>, <u>brutexor.py</u>, <u>xortool</u>.

Examine memory snapshots using Rekall, Volatility.

Assess packed files using <u>densityscout</u>, <u>bytehist</u>, <u>packerid</u>, <u>upx</u>, <u>byte-stats.py</u>, <u>diec</u>.

Extract and carve file contents using <u>hachoir-subfile</u>, <u>bulk extractor</u>, <u>scalpel</u>, <u>foremost</u>.

Scan files for malware signatures using <u>clamscan</u> after refreshing signatures with <u>freshclam</u>.

Examine and track multiple malware samples with <u>mas</u>, <u>viper</u>, <u>maltrieve</u>, <u>Ragpicker</u>.

Work with file hashes using <u>nsrllookup</u>, <u>Automater</u>, <u>hash\_id</u>, <u>ssdeep</u>, <u>totalhash</u>, <u>virustotal-search</u>, <u>vt</u>.

Define signatures with <u>yaraGenerator.py</u>, <u>autorule.py</u>, <u>IOCextractor.py</u>, <u>rule-editor</u>.

## **Handle Network Interactions**

Analyze network traffic with <u>wireshark</u>, <u>ngrep</u>, <u>tcpick</u>, <u>tcpxtract</u>, <u>tcpflow</u>, <u>tcpdump</u>, <u>dshell</u>.

Intercept all laboratory traffic destined for IP addresses using accept-all-ips.

Analyze web traffic with <u>burpsuite</u>, <u>mitmproxy</u>, <u>CapTipper</u>, <u>NetworkMiner</u>.

Implement common network services using <u>fakedns</u>, fakesmtp, <u>inetsim</u>, <u>fakenet.py</u>, "httpd start".

#### **Examine Browser Malware**

Deobfuscate JavaScript with <u>SpiderMonkey</u> (js), <u>d8</u>, <u>rhinodebugger</u>, <u>box-js</u>.

Define JavaScript objects for SpiderMonkey using /usr/share/remnux/objects.js.

Clean up JavaScript with <u>is-beautify</u>.

Retrieve web pages with wget and curl.

Examine malicious Flash files with <u>swfdump</u>, <u>flare</u>, RABCDAsm, xxxswf.py, extract swf.

Analyze Java malware using <a href="mailto:idx">idx</a> parser.py, <a href="mailto:cfr">cfr</a>, <a href="jad-gui">jad-gui</a>, <a href="jad-gui">Javassist</a>.

Inspect malicious websites and domains using thug, Automater, pdnstool.py, passive.py, pt-client.

#### **Examine Document Files**

Analyze suspicious Microsoft Office documents with <u>oletools</u>, <u>libolecf</u>, <u>oledump.py</u>, <u>msoffice-crypt</u>.

Examine PDFs using pdfid, pdfwalker, <u>pdf-parser</u>, pdfdecompress, <u>pdfxray lite</u>, <u>pyew</u>, <u>peepdf</u>.

Extract JavaScript or SWFs from PDFs using <u>pdfextract</u>, <u>pdf.py</u> and swf mastah.

## Investigate Linux Malware

Disassemble and debug binaries using bokken, vivbin, edb, gdb, udcli, radare2, objdump.

Examine the system during behavioral analysis with <u>sysdig</u>, <u>unhide</u>, <u>strace</u>, <u>ltrace</u>.

Examine memory snapshots using <u>Rekall</u>, <u>Volatility</u>, VolDiff.py, linux mem diff.py.

Decode Android malware using Androwarn, AndroGuard.

## **Examine Memory Using Volatility**

| Determine profile                               | kdbgscan, imageinfo                                    |
|---|--|
| Set profile export V                            | OLATILITY_PROFILE= <i>profile</i>                      |
| Spot hidden processes                           | psxview  |
| List all processes                              | pslist, psscan, cmdline                                |
| Show a registry key                             | printkey -K <i>key</i>                                 |
| Extract process image                           | procdump   |
| Extract process memory                          | memdump, vaddump                                       |
| List open handles, files, DL and mutant objects | <sup>Ls</sup> handles,filescan,<br>dlllist, mutantscan |
| List services, drivers and kernel modules       | svcscan, driverscan,<br>modules, modscan               |
| View network activities                         | connscan, connections,<br>sockets, sockscan, netscan   |
| View activity timeline                          | timeliner, evtlogs                                     |
| Find hidden malware                             | malfind, apihooks                                      |

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