

Anti-VM and Anti-Debugging Techniques

`3 + 3 = exit(-1);`



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Anti-Debugging #1

code: ptrace.c

- Avoid ptrace'ing(2) via ggdb or lldb.
- Using direct ptrace(2) syscall to deal with LDPRELOAD attack if executable is statically linked.
- No posterior ptrace'ing.



Anti-Debugging #2

code: `prctl.c`

- Same approach as #1 (using direct syscall).
- `prctl(2)` (process control) for Linux and some BSD flavors.
- `PR_SET_DUMPABLE` to 0 to avoid core dump and avoid attach using `ptrace(2)`.



Anti-Debugging #3

code: brk.c

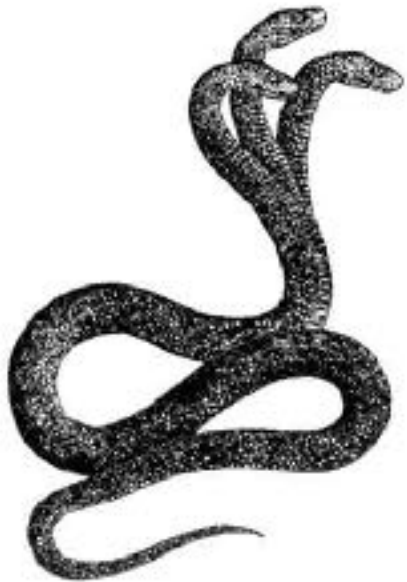
- Set addresses at the beginning and end of .text
- Read opcodes (machine code) and look for int 3 execution (0xCC).
- If found, there's a breakpoint in that address.



Anti-VM #1

code: mac.py

- MAC addresses contain Organizational Unique Identified (OUI) in it's first 3 octets.
- Catch a VM with those.



Anti-VM #2

code: `cpuid.c`

- Opcode: `0x0f 0xa2`
- http://0l.wtf/x86/html/file_module_x86_id_45.html
- Supplies information about the processor being used. Output is stored in `RBX` `RCX` `RDX`
- `VBoxVBoxVBox` is a positive value for VirtualBox host detection, for example.



Anti-VM #3

code: `cpu_flags.c`

- Grab information from `/proc/cpuinfo` (or from `cputid(2)`)
- <https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/stable/linux.git/tree/arch/x86/include/asm/cpufeatures.h#n145>
- hypervisor flag shows we are running as a guest



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- <https://github.com/a0rtega/pafish>
- PoC||GTFO 6:9: “Davinci Seal” by Ryan O’Neill.
(<https://www.alchemistowl.org/pocorgtfo/pocorgtfo06.pdf#41>)
- The “Ultimate” Anti-debugging Reference by Peter Ferrie (<http://0l.wtf/data/antidebug.pdf>)
- `man(1)`

