# Malware strings analyzer Documentation

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#### **CHAPTER**

## **ONE**

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## msa.py

```
msa.exit_error()
Call the usage() function and exit msa.py with an error return value.

msa.getopts(argv)
Parse and extract set options.

Parameters argv(List) - List of parameters set by the user.

Returns All valid parameters entered by the user or exit in case of unknown parameter. :rtype: List

msa.start(argv)
Analyze users options and run the malware string analyzer.

Parameters argv - Users options.

Type List
Returns True if msa success, False otherwise.

Return type Boolean

msa.usage()
Display the usage message of msa.py
```

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## vt.py

class lib.vt.Vt (api\_key, malware\_path)

The Vt class is used in order to perform all request to the Virus Total API.

#### \_Vt\_\_malware\_md5()

Private method that perform the md5 algorithm on the malware binary accessible by using the absolute path on the malware\_path attribut.

**Returns** MD5 hash of the analyzed malware.

Return type string

```
_Vt__print_ip_rslt(json, key, msg)
```

Private method that display a green "yes" or a red "no" depending of the results sent by Virus Total.

#### **Parameters**

- json Returned json from Virus Total API.
- **key** Json field to analyze.
- msg Description of the Json field currently analyzed.

```
_Vt__send_req(url, parameters)
```

Private method that perform a HTTP request to a specific url with parameters.

#### **Parameters**

- url (string) Contains targeted url.
- parameters (dict) Contains a list of parameters to be sent.

**Returns** Response of the HTTP request formated in json.

Return type dict

```
___init__(api_key, malware_path)
```

Initialize api\_key and malware\_path attributs of the class.

#### **Parameters**

- api key (string) The user's Virus Total API key.
- malware\_path (string) The absolute path of the malware binary to analyze.

#### file analysis()

Perform a malware analysis of the selected malaware binary by using Virus Total API.

**Returns** Notify the success or the failure of this analysis.

#### Return type Boolean

#### ip\_analysis(ip)

Perform an ip analysis of a specified ip by using Virus Total API.

**Parameters** ip (string) – IP to analyze.

**Returns** Notify the success or the failure of this analysis.

Return type Boolean

#### isActivate()

Check if the api\_key has been entered by the user and consequently if the Virus Total analysis has to be executed.

**Returns** If the Virus Total option is activated or not.

Return type Boolean

#### url\_analysis (url\_to\_analyze)

Perform an url analysis of a specified url by using Virus Total API.

**Parameters url\_to\_analyze** (string) – Url to analyze.

**Returns** Notify the success or the failure of this analysis.

Return type Boolean

# rules.py

#### class lib.rules.Rules

This object is inherited by all specific string analysis rules. It also contained an instance of the db object, used by all rules.

```
___init___()
```

Initialize the bar attributs that allow all rules to use the ProgressBar object.

#### run\_analysis (string\_list)

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with a specific type.

**Parameters** string\_list (List) – All strings to analyse.

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

**Return type** List

# progress\_bar.py

```
class lib.progress_bar.ProgressBar
```

This class is used to display a Progress bar to evaluate the progression of the string analysis.

```
_ProgressBar__cur_percentage()
```

Compute the current percentage of string analysis progression.

Returns Current percentage value.

Return type int

#### \_ProgressBar\_\_cur\_progression()

Build the display of current string analysis progression.

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```
Returns String representing the current progression.
```

**Return type** string

### \_ProgressBar\_\_display\_bar()

Format and display the progression bar.

```
___init___()
```

Initialize all value needed to display the progress bar.

```
close(str, endedCorrectly)
```

This method is called in the end of the progression bar to clean the display. It also display if the analysis have succeeded or not.

```
init (iterable, init str)
```

Initialize the progression bar.

#### **Parameters**

- iterable (List) List of strings to analyze.
- init\_str (string) String to display in the begin of the progression bar.

#### update()

This method increment the progression bar by adding 1 percent.

## parser.py

```
class lib.parser.Parser
```

This class is used to perform all tasks concerning the string analysis.

```
static getCmd (string)
```

Static method that extract strings detected as a linux command line.

```
Parameters string (String) – A string to be analyzed.
```

**Returns** None if the string doesn't match or the part of the string which corresponds.

Return type string

```
static getFormatStr (string)
```

Static method that extract strings detected as a format string.

```
Parameters string (String) – A string to be analyzed.
```

**Returns** None if the string doesn't match or the part of the string which corresponds.

Return type string

```
static getId (string)
```

Static method that extract strings detected as an identifier.

```
Parameters string (String) – A string to be analyzed.
```

**Returns** None if the string doesn't match or the part of the string which corresponds.

Return type string

```
static getIp (string)
```

Static method that extract strings detected as an IP address.

```
Parameters string (String) – A string to be analyzed.
```

**Returns** None if the string doesn't match or the part of the string which corresponds.

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#### Return type string

#### static getMessage (string)

Static method that extract strings detected as an english message.

**Parameters** string (String) – A string to be analyzed.

**Returns** None if the string doesn't match or the part of the string which corresponds.

Return type string

#### static getPath (string)

Static method that extract strings detected as a file path.

**Parameters string** (String) – A string to be analyzed.

**Returns** None if the string doesn't match or the part of the string which corresponds.

Return type string

#### static getSection (string)

Static method that extract strings detected as a elf binary section.

**Parameters** string (String) – A string to be analyzed.

**Returns** None if the string doesn't match or the part of the string which corresponds.

Return type string

#### static getUrl (string)

Static method that extract strings detected as an URL.

**Parameters** string (String) – A string to be analyzed.

**Returns** None if the string doesn't match or the part of the string which corresponds.

**Return type** string

## static isValidBin (path)

Detect if a file is an elf binary.

**Parameters** path (string) – Absolute path to an elf binary.

**Returns** First value determine if its a binary or not and the second contains the error message in case of error.

Return type Boolean, string

## static strings (path)

Extract all readable strings from a binary.

**Parameters** path – Path to the binary to analyze.

**Type** string

**Returns** List that contains all strings.

Return type List

# database.py

## class lib.database.Database(malware\_path)

This class is used to interact with database.

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```
___init___(malware_path)
     Initialize the database and create a table corresponding to the malware to analyze.
         Parameters malware_path – Absolute path to the malware binary.
close()
     Close the database.
createEntry (string, extract, type)
     This methods is used by all rules to create an entry in the current table.
         Parameters
              • string – String that has been analyzed.
              • extract – Part of the string corresponding to as specific rule.
              • type – Type of the rule corresponding to the extracted element.
getIpAddresses()
     Return all strings detected as an IP address.
         Returns All IP address in the current table.
         Type List
getUrls()
     Return all strings detected as an URL.
         Returns All URLs in the current table.
         Return type List
```

## core.py

```
class lib.core.Core (malware_path, vt_key)
    class core
    __init__ (malware_path, vt_key)
    run ()
        Entry point of the MSA functions.
        Parameters self (object) - blabla
        Returns If the function success or not.
        Return type Boolean
```

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**CHAPTER** 

## THREE

## /LIB/ALLRULES/

# cmd.py

#### class lib.allRules.cmd.Cmd

This class is used to extract linux command line from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
__init__()
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here command line - cmd), and the message to display when the rule is initialized.

#### run\_analysis (string\_list)

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "command line" type.

**Parameters** string\_list (List) – All strings to analyse.

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

# formatStr.py

```
class lib.allRules.formatStr.FormatStr
```

This class is used to extract format strings from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
__init__()
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here format strings - formatStr), and the message to display when the rule is initialized.

```
run_analysis (string_list)
```

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "format string" type.

**Parameters** string\_list (List) – All strings to analyse.

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

# id.py

```
class lib.allRules.id.Id
```

This class is used to extract identifiers (username/password) from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the

Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
___init___()
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here identifiers - Id), and the message to display when the rule is initialized.

```
run_analysis (string_list)
```

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "identifiers" type.

**Parameters** string\_list (List) – All strings to analyse.

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

# ipAddr.py

```
class lib.allRules.ipAddr.IpAddr
```

This class is used to extract IP addresses from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
___init___()
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here format ip addresses - IpAddr), and the message to display when the rule is initialized.

```
run_analysis (string_list)
```

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "ip addresses" type.

**Parameters** string\_list (*List*) – All strings to analyse.

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

# message.py

```
{\bf class} \; {\tt lib.allRules.message.Msg}
```

This class is used to extract english message from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
___init___()
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here format messages - Msg), and the message to display when the rule is initialized.

```
run_analysis (string_list)
```

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "message" type.

**Parameters** string\_list (*List*) – All strings to analyse.

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

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# path.py

```
class lib.allRules.path.Path
```

This class is used to extract file path from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
___init___()
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here file path - path), and the message to display when the rule is initialized.

```
run_analysis (string_list)
```

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "file path" type.

```
Parameters string_list (List) – All strings to analyse.
```

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

# section.py

```
class lib.allRules.section.Section
```

This class is used to extract binaries elf sections from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
___init___()
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here elf sections - section), and the message to display when the rule is initialized.

```
run analysis (string list)
```

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "elf section" type.

```
Parameters string_list (List) – All strings to analyse.
```

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

# symbol.py

```
class lib.allRules.symbol.Symbol (malware_path)
```

This class is used to extract binaries elf symbols from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
__init__ (malware_path)
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here elf symbols - symbol), and the message to display when the rule is initialized. This class also contains a malware path value containing the absolute path of the analyzed binary.

**Parameters** malware\_path – Absolute path of the analyzed binary.

Type string

```
run_analysis (string_list)
```

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "elf symbols" type.

**Parameters** string\_list (*List*) – All strings to analyse.

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**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

# undefined.py

```
class lib.allRules.undefined.Undefined
```

This class is used to extract all undefined strings from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
___init___()
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here undefined strings - undefined), and the message to display when the rule is initialized.

```
run_analysis (string_list)
```

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "undefined" type.

**Parameters** string\_list (*List*) – All strings to analyse.

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

# url.py

```
class lib.allRules.url.Url
```

This class is used to extract URLs from malware binaries strings. It also inherit the Rules object used to gather all shared functions and variables.

```
___init___()
```

Initialize type and info\_msg attributes which respectively represent the type of extracted information (here URLs - url), and the message to display when the rule is initialized.

```
run_analysis (string_list)
```

This method is used by the core to run analyze and extract strings matching with the "url" type.

**Parameters** string\_list (List) – All strings to analyse.

**Returns** A list of string without strings previously matched.

Return type List

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