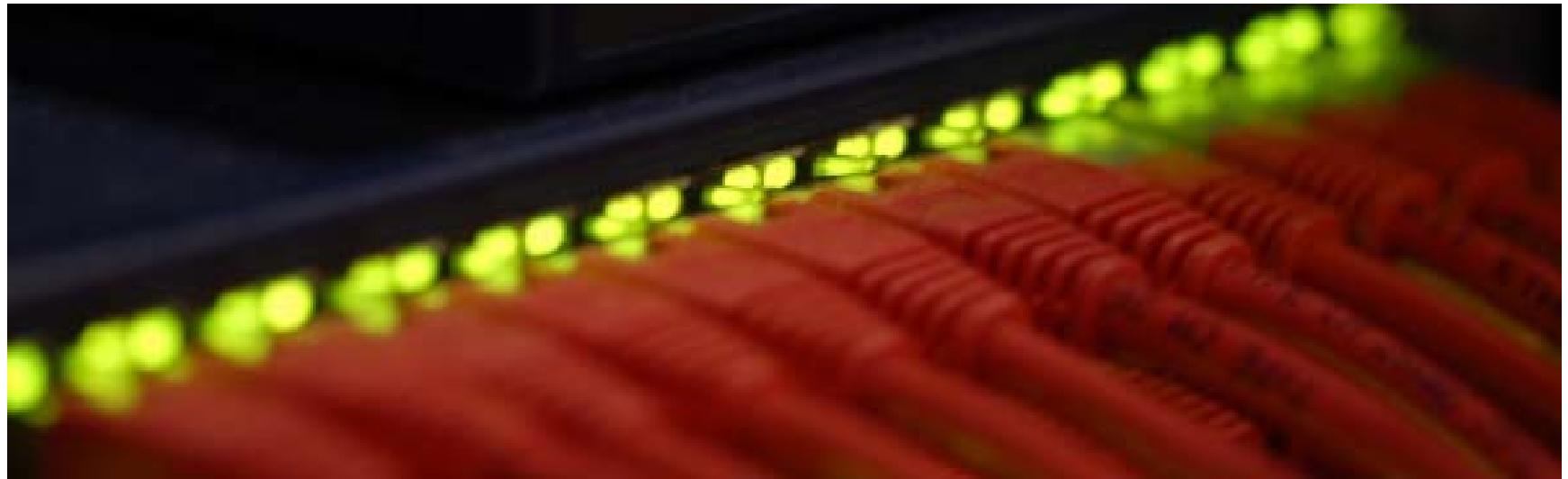


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An IDA Pro extension for easier (malware) reverse engineering

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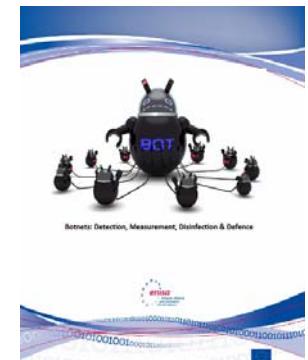
Some words about myself

■ Personal background

- PhD student and researcher at University of Bonn & Fraunhofer FKIE
 - Research focus: Reverse Engineering
 - Work focus: malware analysis and botnet mitigation

■ Projects

- Author of 2011 ENISA Botnet Study [1]
- PyBox [2]
 - Userland-hooking framework (with Felix Leder)
- AntiRE [3]
 - An Executable Collection of Anti-Reversing Techniques



[1] <http://www.enisa.europa.eu/act/res/botnets/botnets-measurement-detection-disinfection-and-defence>

[2] <http://code.google.com/p/pyboxed> [3] https://bitbucket.org/fkie_cd_dare/simplifire.antire

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Current State

IDAScope

... in a nutshell

- An IDA Pro extension for easier (malware) reverse engineering.
- Motivated by the current workflow of working with IDA Pro.
 - Repeat: „Identify relevant parts of the binary; tear apart; document findings.“

■ Common tasks:

1

- Malware RE usually starts with the corner pieces: strings, API calls, signature hits, ...
 - API calls are a good indicator for function semantics.

2

- Reoccurring need for looking up things in MSDN.
 - Switch windows time and time again...

3

- C&C communication schemes are of high interest!
 - Find and understand cryptographic routines used.

■ Idea:

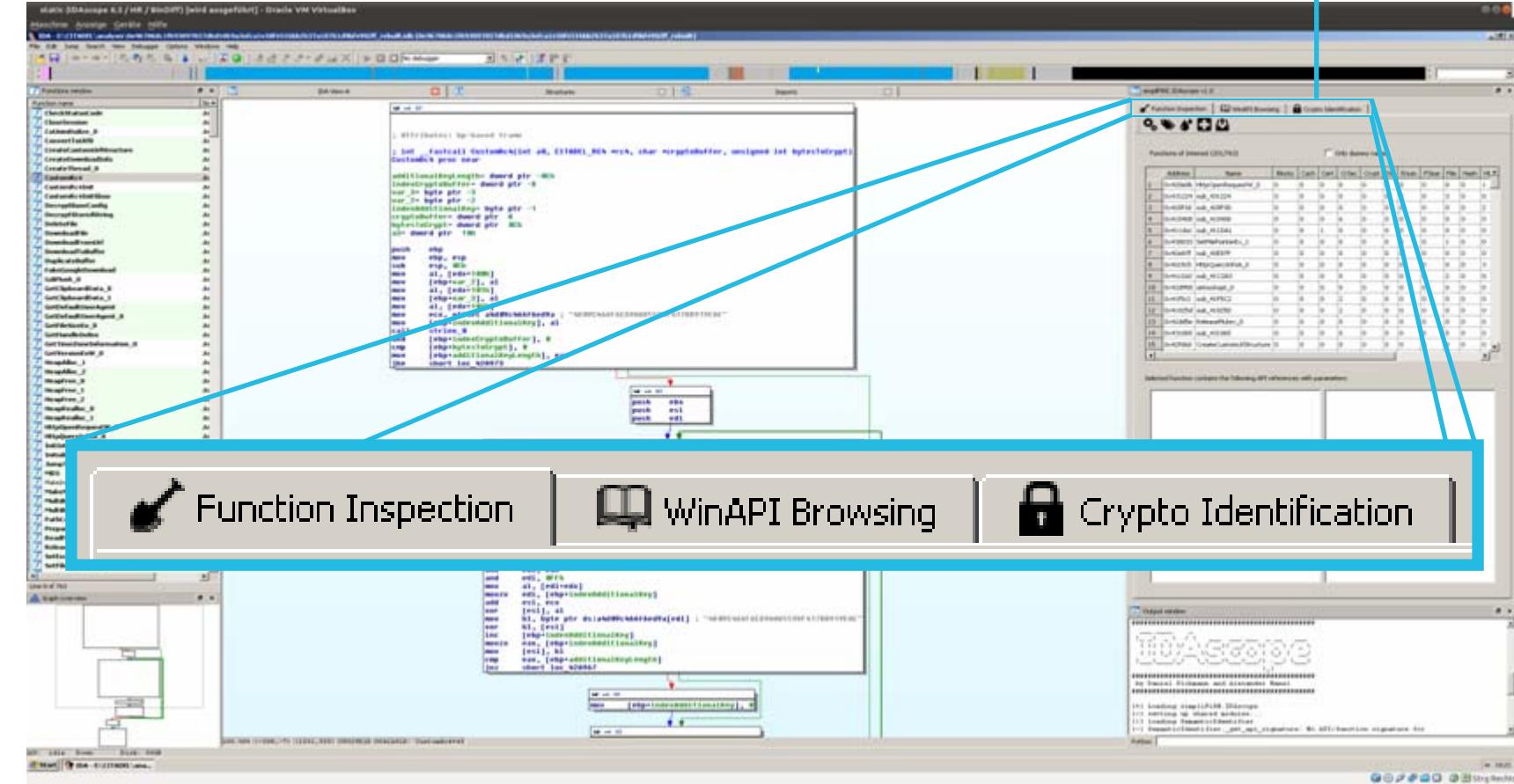
- Provide automation/integration of „helpers“ that assist with regularly performed tasks.

The screenshot shows the 'Plug-In Contest 2012: Hall Of Fame' section of the Hex-Rays website. The page has a dark background with blue and white text. At the top, it says 'Hex-Rays Home > Plug-In Contest' and 'Hex-Rays'. Below that, it says 'Plug-In Contest 2012: Hall Of Fame'. There is a navigation bar with 'Contests' and years '2012', '2011', '2010', '2009'. A small image of a person in a superhero costume is on the left. The main text on the right says: 'This year the plugin contest gathered five contestants. But as you know, there can only be one, well, two winners! Based on the plugin's functionality, robustness, usefulness, ease of use and documentation, we declare the following winners:'. It lists two winners: '1. Aaron Portnoy, of Exodus Intelligence, with the IDA Toolbag plugin' and '2. Daniel Plohmann, of the Fraunhofer FKIE, with the IDAScope plugin'. At the bottom, it says: 'Congratulations to both! We are pleased with the improved plugin quality and complexity. Below is the list of all submissions in no particular order. All contest entries are interesting and useful.'

IDAscope

Overview

- Functionality organized in tabs
- Main window can be dragged around like every other IDA view.



IDAscope: Features

1) Function Inspection



- Tagging of functions
 - Based on API calls
 - APIs can be specified via config
 - Renaming with tags possible
- Example
 - **DownloadToFile** consists of API calls tagged with File and Network

| | Address | API | Tag |
|---|----------|------------------|-------|
| 1 | 0x42c20d | CreateFileW | File |
| 2 | 0x42c257 | InternetReadFile | WINet |
| 3 | 0x42c292 | FlushFileBuffers | File |
| 4 | 0x42c272 | WriteFile | File |

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Function Inspection | WinAPI Browsing | Crypto Identification

Functions of Interest (201/763) Only dummy names

| Address | Name | Blocks | Cach | Cert | CrSec | Crypt | Dir | Enum | FSear | File | Hash | Http | Info | Mod | Mutx | Pipe | Proc | Reg | Url | Virt | WINet | Ws2 | |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|-------|-----|---|
| 1 | 0x4209f0 sub_4209f0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | |
| 2 | 0x40dd3e Thread_MakeInetRe... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| 3 | 0x42c024 sub_42c024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 4 | 0x41a29e sub_41A29E | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 5 | 0x40e0bf MakeInetRequest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 6 | 0x420541 sub_420541 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 7 | 0x42bf6b InitInternetSession | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 8 | 0x42bfd7 CloseSession | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 9 | 0x42c56b sub_42C56B | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 10 | 0x40cf0a sub_40CF0A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 11 | 0x42c515 sub_42C515 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 12 | 0x421227 sub_421227 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 13 | 0x41682e sub_41682E | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 14 | 0x42c07f CheckStatusCode | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 15 | 0x421281 sub_421281 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 16 | 0x42f6bd CreateCustomUrlStr... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 17 | 0x42c2c1 DownloadFromUrl | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 18 | 0x40d77a sub_40D77A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 19 | 0x42110d sub_42110D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 20 | 0x42c14d DownloadToBuffer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 21 | 0x42117a sub_42117A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 22 | 0x4211a8 sub_4211a8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 23 | 0x42c1ed DownloadToFile | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 24 | 0x42e200 sub_42E200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | 0x41a244 sub_41A204 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 26 | 0x40fc08 sub_40FC08 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | 0x42e200 sub_42E200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Selected function contains the following API references with parameters:

| Address | API | Tag |
|---------|---------------------------|-------|
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| 3 | 0x42c292 FlushFileBuffers | File |
| 4 | 0x42c272 WriteFile | File |

| Address | Type | Name | Value |
|---------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | LPOVERLAPPED | lpOverlapped | 0x3 |
| 2 | LPCVOID | lpBuffer | 0xffffffff0 |
| 3 | DWORD | nNumberOfBytesToWrite | 0xffffffff8 |
| 4 | LPDWORD | lpNumberOfBytesWritten | 0x0 |
| 5 | HANDLE | hFile | 0x7 |

IDAscope: Features

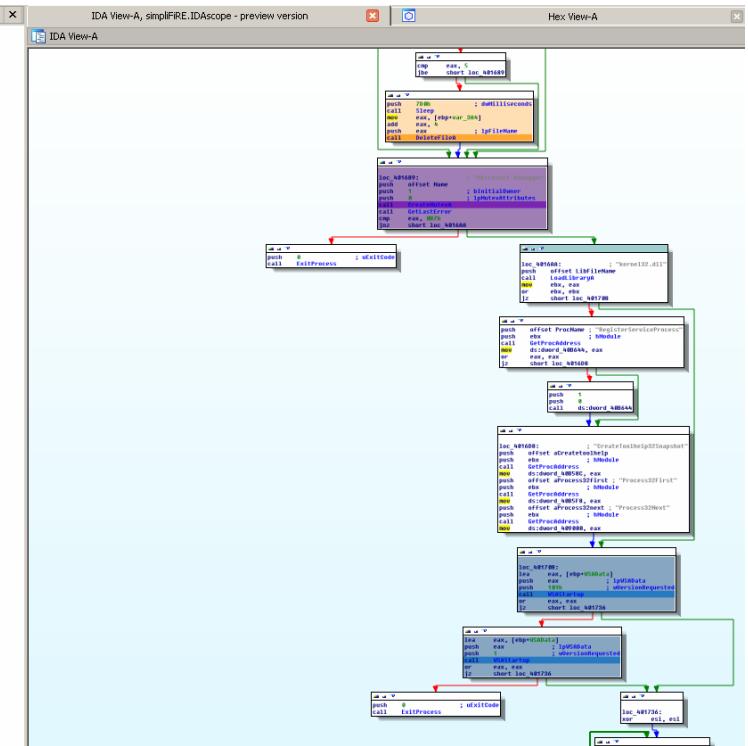
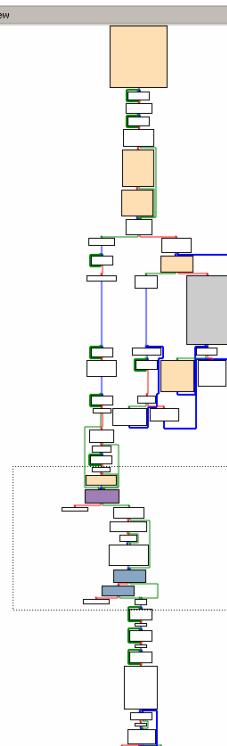
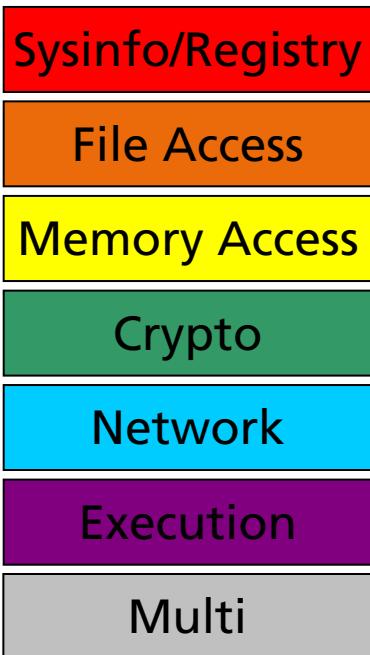
1) Function Inspection



- ## ■ Coloring of basic blocks

- Based on API semantics
 - Colors can be adjusted

- More an experiment :)



IDAscope: Features

1) Function Inspection



Code to function conversion

- Function prologues get handled first
- Then remaining undefined areas
- Opens these code sections to further analysis

The screenshot illustrates the workflow of IDAscope's function inspection feature. It starts with a block of assembly code (left), which is then converted into a list of functions (center). Finally, the converted functions are displayed with their assembly details and comments (right).

Left Window (Assembly View):

```
:00421A2A          push    ebp
:00421A2B          mov     ebp, esp
:00421A2D          sub     esp, 224h
:00421A33          push    ebx
:00421A34          xor     ebx, ebx
:00421A36          cmp     dword ptr [ebp+8], 1
:00421A38          push    edi
:00421A3B          mov     edi, edx
:00421A3D          mov     [ebp-1], bl
:00421A40          jbe    loc_421B78
:00421A46          mov     eax, [edi+4]
:00421A49          cmp     [eax], bx
:00421A4C          jz     loc_421B78
:00421A52          push    esi
:00421A53          push    eax
:00421A54          call    ds:PathIsURLW
:00421A5A          cmp     eax, 1
:00421A5D          jnz    loc_421AF4
:00421A63          push    dword ptr [edi+4]
:00421A66          lea     esi, [ebp-1Ch]
:00421A69          or     eax, 0xFFFFFFFFh
:00421A6C          call    CreateStringStruct
```

Center Window (Function List):

| Function name |
|----------------------|
| f sub_41E010 |
| f sub_41E320 |
| f sub_41E352 |
| f sub_41E399 |
| f sub_41E3D6 |
| f sub_41E430 |
| f sub_41E480 |
| f sub_41E4DC |
| f sub_41E51F |
| f sub_41E547 |
| f sub_41E56F |
| f sub_41E59A |
| f sub_41E5C5 |
| f WideCharStrToAscii |
| f FD_ISSET |
| f SockRecv |
| f sub_41E725 |

Line 498 of 1085

Right Window (Function Details):

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame
sub_421A2A proc near
FullPath= word ptr -224h
String= string_t ptr -10h
var_10= dword ptr -10h
var_C= dword ptr -8Ch
var_8= dword ptr -8
var_1= byte ptr -1
arg_0= dword ptr 8

000 push    ebp
004 mov     ebp, esp
004 sub     esp, 224h
228 push    ebx
22C xor     ebx, ebx
22C cmp     [ebp+arg_0], 1
22C push    edi
230 mov     edi, edx
230 mov     [ebp+var_1], bl
230 jbe    loc_421B78
```

IDAscope: Features

1) Function Inspection



- Automatic renaming of wrapper functions

■ Credits go to **Branko Spasojevic** (author of Optimice) for providing the code!

The screenshot shows the assembly code for the `ReadFile_0` function. The code is annotated with comments explaining the parameters and local variables. Below the assembly, a flowchart illustrates the control flow graph, showing the entry point, initial stack setup, and the execution path through various blocks and jumps.

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame
; int __stdcall ReadFile_0(int, LPUOID lpBuffer, DWORD NumberOfBytesRead)
ReadFile_0 proc near

arg_0= dword ptr  8
lpBuffer= dword ptr  0Ch
NumberOfBytesRead= dword ptr  10h

000 push    ebp
004 mov     ebp, esp
004 push    0          ; lpOverlapped
008 lea     eax, [ebp+NumberOfBytesRead]
008 push    eax, [ebp+NumberOfBytesRead] ; lpNumberOfBytesRead
00C push    [ebp+NumberOfBytesRead] ; nNumberOfBytesToRead
010 mov     eax, [ebp+arg_0]
010 push    [ebp+lpBuffer], ; lpBuffer
014 push    dword ptr [eax], ; hFile
018 call    ds:ReadFile
004 test    eax, eax
004 jnz    short loc_42E5C1

004 or     eax, 0FFFFFFFh
004 jmp    short loc_42E5C4

loc_42E5C1:
004 mov     eax, [ebp+NumberOfBytesRead]

loc_42E5C4:
004 pop    ebp
000 retn    0Ch
ReadFile_0 endp
```

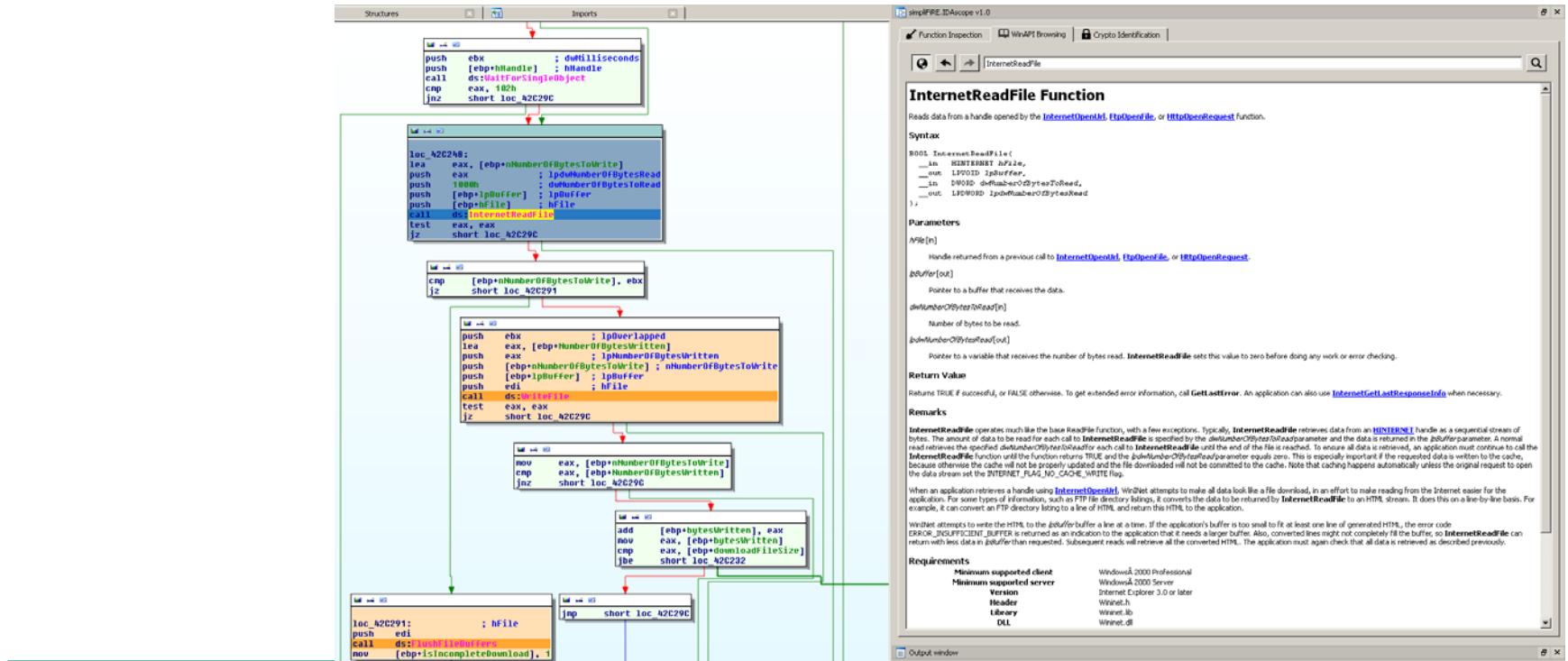
```
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0040931a] to [memcpy_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [00409595] to [InitializeCriticalSection_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [00409c31] to [memcmp_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [00409c67] to [memcpy_l]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [00410f50] to [CreateFileMappingW_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0041ca4d] to [VirtualQueryEx_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0041da77] to [CoInitializeEx_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0041daa8] to [CoUninitialize_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0041dae3] to [CoCreateInstance_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [00420elc] to [StrCmpNIA_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [00422b7b] to [GdiFlush_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [004279f7] to [HeapAlloc_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [004282dc] to [LoadLibraryW_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0042bbcc] to [PathMatchSpecW_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0042b535] to [CreateEventW_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0042bf1] to [WaitForSingleObject_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0042d8ae] to [__imp_memset_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0042e53d] to [SetFilePointerEx_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0042e57f] to [SetFilePointerEx_1]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [0042e59e] to [ReadFile_0]
Identified and renamed potential wrapper @ [00436fe0] to [SetUnhandledExceptionFilter_0]
```

IDAscope: Features

2) WinAPI Browsing

■ Seamless integration of MSDN in IDA Pro

- accessible via shortcut on highlighted elements
- Now also with online lookup!
- But not multi-threaded / no backgrounded lookups yet



IDAscope: Features

3) Crypto Identification

Identification of cryptographic / compression routines

- Based on ratio of arithmetic / logic instructions to all instructions in a basic block
- Approach described in „Dispatcher: Enabling Active Botnet Infiltration using Automatic Protocol Reverse-Engineering“ by Juan Caballero et al.

The screenshot shows the simplFIRE.IDAscope v1.0 interface. On the left, the assembly code for the `DecryptStoredString` function is displayed in three sections: the prologue, the main loop body, and the epilogue. The main loop body is highlighted with a green box and contains several arithmetic and logic instructions. A call graph below the assembly shows the flow from the prologue through the loop body back to the epilogue. On the right, the "Crypto Identification" tab is active, showing a table of 14 blocks that matched the heuristic criteria. The table includes columns for Address, Name, Block Address, # Instr, and Arithmetic/Logic Rating. The "Found Crypto Signatures" section at the bottom lists three types of signatures: CRC 32 Generator, AES inverse box, and AES forward box.

| Address | Name | Block Address | # Instr | Arithmetic/Logic Rating |
|---------|---------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1 | DecryptStoredString | 0x418b9f | 9 | 33.33 |
| 2 | sub_42d135 | 0x42d135 | 8 | 37.50 |
| 3 | sub_42c622 | 0x42c622 | 26 | 42.31 |
| 4 | sub_42aabc | 0x42aabc | 31 | 45.16 |
| 5 | sub_42a655 | 0x42a655 | 128 | 64.06 |
| 6 | sub_42a77e | 0x42a77e | 9 | 55.56 |
| 7 | sub_42a655 | 0x42a655 | 127 | 64.57 |
| 8 | sub_42aabc | 0x42aabc | 15 | 53.33 |
| 9 | sub_423336 | 0x423336 | 8 | 50.00 |
| 10 | sub_42a708 | 0x42a708 | 11 | 54.55 |
| 11 | _SomeRandomFunction | 0x42a5e6 | 14 | 57.14 |
| 12 | sub_42a708 | 0x42a708 | 14 | 57.14 |
| 13 | sub_418bd0 | 0x418bd0 | 12 | 33.33 |
| 14 | sub_42da35 | 0x42da35 | 8 | 50.00 |

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The screenshot shows the 'Arithmetic/Logic Heuristic' configuration window. It includes sliders for 'ArithLog Rating' (30.00), 'Basic Blocks size' (8), and 'Allowed calls' (0). To the right are three checkboxes: 'Exclude Zeroing' (unchecked), 'Looped Blocks only' (checked), and 'Group by Functions' (unchecked). Below the configuration is a table of results:

| 5 | 0x42ac65 | sub_42Ac65 | 0x42b109 | 128 | 64.06 |
|---|----------|------------|----------|-----|-------|
| 6 | 0x42a77e | sub_42A77E | 0x42a7c2 | 9 | 55.56 |
| 7 | 0x42ac65 | sub_42Ac65 | 0x42ad1f | 127 | 64.57 |
| 8 | 0x42aaeb | sub_42AAEB | 0x42aecd | 15 | 53.33 |
| 9 | 0x423336 | sub_423336 | 0x423376 | 8 | 50.00 |

The assembly view shows the following code sequence:

```
loc_418BAF:  
mov    edx, [eax+4]  
movzx esi, cx  
mov    dl, [edx+esi]  
xor    dl, [eax]  
xor    dl, cl  
inc    ecx  
mov    [esi+edi], dl  
cmp    cx, [eax+2]  
jb     short loc_418BAF
```

A red box highlights the first four instructions: `mov edx, [eax+4]`, `movzx esi, cx`, `mov dl, [edx+esi]`, and `xor dl, [eax]`.

Example: Citadel string decryption.

- 1) 3 AritlogInstructions / 9 Instructions = 33% rating
- 2) 9 instructions
- 3) 0 calls
- 4) Is a looped basic block

=> Matches above parameters

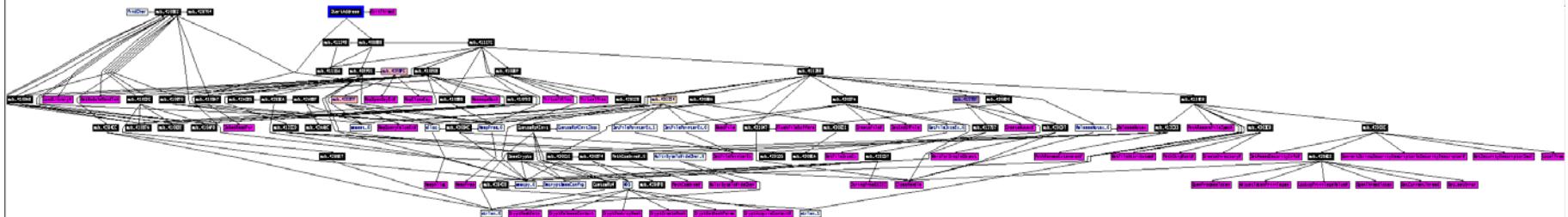
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Future Plans

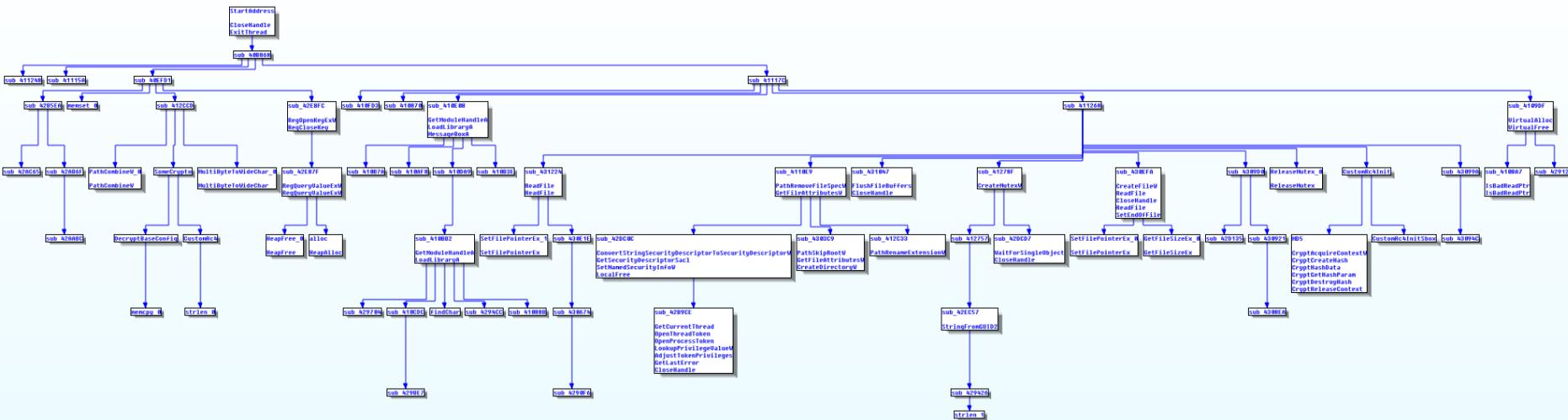
IDScope: Future Plans

4) Threads / Function Relationship

- Threads and function call chains are a good indicator of functionality
 - A „big picture“ would be very helpful.
 - My opinion: We need something better than this (WinGraph) or step by step navigation via xrefs.



- Same function scope as IDA graph (IDAPython API has limited graph support), not much better...

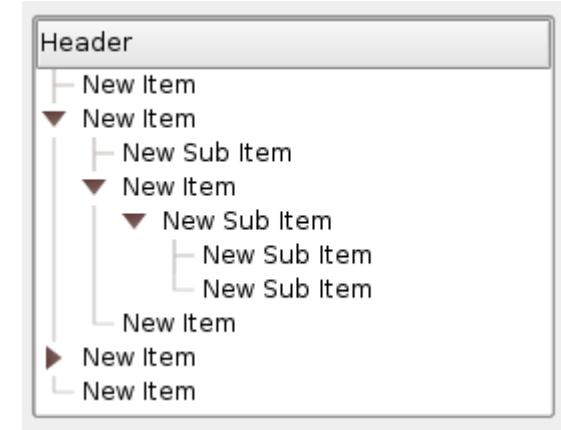
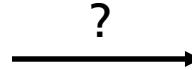


IDAscope: Future Plans

4) Threads / Function Relationship

- Threads and function call chains are a good indicator of functionality
 - Same displayed as tree, generated with Alex' script [4]

```
CreateThread Call 0x40bc39      sub_41278F
StartAddress (lpStartAddr)    sub_412757
sub_40B868                  sub_42EC57
    sub_40EFD1                sub_429426
        memset_0               strlen_1
        sub_412CCD              * Call StringFromGUID2
        SomeCrypto              * Call CreateMutexW
        DecryptBaseConfig       sub_42DCD7
            memcpy_0             * Call WaitForSingleObject
            CustomRc4             * Call CloseHandle
            strlen_0
        MultiByteToWideChar_0   sub_4110E9
            * Call MultiByteToWideChar
        PathCombineW_0          sub_412C33
            * Call PathRenameExtensionW
        PathCombineW             * Call PathRemoveFileSpecW
            * Call PathCombineW
        sub_42E8FC              sub_4303C9
            * Call RegOpenKeyExW
            sub_42E87F              * Call RegQueryValueExW
            alloc                 alloc
                * Call HeapAlloc
                * Call RegQueryValueExW
            HeapFree_0              sub_42DC0C
                * Call HeapFree
                * Call RegCloseKey
            sub_42B5EA              sub_42B9CE
                * Call GetCurrentThread
                sub_42AB6F              * Call OpenThreadToken
                sub_42AACB              * Call OpenProcessToken
                sub_42AC65              * Call LookupPrivilegeValueW
                * Call AdjustTokenPrivileges
                * Call GetLastError
                * Call CloseHandle
                * Call ConvertStringSecurityDescriptorToSecurityDescriptorW
                * Call GetSecurityDescriptorSacl
                * Call SetNamedSecurityInfoW
                * Call LocalFree
                * Call GetFileAttributesW
sub_41115A
sub_41117C
sub_411268
```



Use a TreeWidget
for rendering?

[4] <http://hooked-on-mnemonics.blogspot.com/2012/08/ida-thread-analysis-script.html>

IDAscope

Conclusion

- Start using it! :)
 - Repository at
 - <http://idascope.pnx.tf>
(points to: https://bitbucket.org/daniel_plohmann/simplifire.idascope)
 - I report about updates
 - in my blog: <http://blog.pnx.tf>
 - on twitter [@push_pnx](#)
 - Alex has a blog, too: <http://hooked-on-mnemonics.blogspot.com>
 - Send **feedback** or **ideas** for improvement!
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