

# Clamav funcation call flow

ac scan with regex signature

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## The call flow

When Clamav doing specific file scan (clamscan.c), there are following procedures:

- Initialize data structures
- Set engine parameters
- Load signatures
- Scan

## Data structures

See *flow\_normal\_sgin\_bm\_scan.pdf*

## Test case

*test.txt*

STARToooTESTkkkMYOtestTEST

ndb test

**create ndb signature for test.txt**

format

**MalwareName:TargetType:Offset:HexSignature**

where **TargetType** is one of the following numbers specifying the type of the target file:

0: Any file

1: Portable Executable

2: OLE2 component (eg: VBA script)

3: HTML (normalized)

4: Mail File

5: Graphics

6: ELF

7: ASCII text file (normalized)

And **Offset** is an asterisk or a decimal number n possibly combined with a special modifier:

- \* = any
  - n = absolute offset
  - EOF-n = end of file minus n bytes
- Signatures for PE and ELF files additionally support:

- EP+n = entry point plus n bytes (EP+0 for EP)
- EP-n = entry point minus n bytes
- Sx+n = start of section x's (counted from 0) data plus n bytes
- Sx-n = start of section x's data minus n bytes
- SL+n = start of last section plus n bytes
- SL-n = start of last section minus n bytes

All the above offsets except \* can be turned into **floating offsets** and represented as Offset,MaxShift where MaxShift is an unsigned integer. A floating offset will match every offset between Offset and Offset+MaxShift, eg. 10,5 will match all offsets from 10 to 15 and EP+n,y will match all offsets from EP+n to EP+n+y. Versions of ClamAV older than 0.91 will silently ignore the MaxShift extension and only use Offset.

**HexSignature**

**Wildcards**

ClamAV supports the following extensions inside hex signatures:

- ??

Match any byte.

- a?

Match a high nibble (the four high bits). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The nibble matching is only available in libclamav with the functionality level 17 and higher therefore please only use it with .ndb signatures followed by ":17" (MinEngineFunctionalityLevel, see 2.3.4).

- ?a

Match a low nibble (the four low bits).

- \*

Match any number of bytes.

- {n}

Match n bytes.

- {-n}

Match n or less bytes.

- {n-}

Match n or more bytes.

- (aa|bb|cc|. . .)

Match aa or bb or cc..

- HEXSIG[x-y]aa or aa[x-y]HEXSIG

Match aa anchored to a hex-signature, see [https://www.clamav.net/bugzilla/show\\_bug.cgi?id=776](https://www.clamav.net/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=776) for a discussion and examples.

The range signatures \* and { } virtually separate a hex-signature into two parts, eg. aabbcc\*bbaacc is treated as two sub-signatures aabbcc and bbaacc with any number of bytes between them. It's a requirement that each sub-signature includes a block of two static characters somewhere in its body.

```
user@ubuntu:~/clamav$ sigtool --hex-dump
```

```
ooo*kkk
```

```
6f6f6f2a6b6b6b
```

```
File test.ndb
```

```
test_ndb_regex:0:3,5:6f6f6f{4}6b6b6b
```

```
sudo cp test.ndb /var/lib/clamav/test.ndb
```

Above is a regex based signature with offset info, so it will be loaded into ac pattern structure and will be used in ac scan mode.

The virus record will match start offset between 3 and 5 with pattern as "ooo{4}kkk"(i.e.: any file with sub string "ooo'any 4 bytes'kkk" with the sub string's start at any position between absolute offset 3 and 5 will be identified as virus file)

**run**

```

LibClamAV Warning: *****
LibClamAV Warning: ***   The virus database is older than 7 days!   ***
LibClamAV Warning: ***   Please update it as soon as possible.   ***
LibClamAV Warning: *****
LibClamAV info: DEBUG: scan in bm_offmode=0 mode
LibClamAV info: DEBUG: ac scan
test.txt: test_ndb_regex.UNOFFICIAL FOUND
LibClamAV info: DEBUG: scan in bm_offmode=0 mode
LibClamAV info: DEBUG: ac scan
test1.txt: test_ndb_regex.UNOFFICIAL FOUND

----- SCAN SUMMARY -----
Known viruses: 1329150
Engine version: devel-a6558b5
Scanned directories: 0
Scanned files: 2
Infected files: 2
Data scanned: 0.00 MB
Data read: 0.00 MB (ratio 0.00:1)
Time: 5.562 sec (0 m 5 s)
user@ubuntu:~/clamav$

```

## Engine initialiazation and load signatures

scanmanager

cl\_load

cli\_load

cli\_loadndb

cli\_initroots

cli\_ac\_init

filter\_init

cli\_bm\_init

cli\_parse\_add

[// change from "6f6f6f{4}6b6b6b" to "6f6f6f???????6b6b6b"](#)

if((wild = strchr(hexsig, '{'))

if(sscanf(wild, "%c%u%c", &l, &range, &r) == 3 && l == '{' && r == '}' && range > 0 && range < 128)

hexcpy = cli\_calloc(hexlen + 2 \* range, sizeof(char));

strncpy(hexcpy, hexsig, wild - hexsig);

strcat(hexcpy, "??");

wild = strchr(wild, '}')

strcat(hexcpy, ++wild);

[//call again](#)

cli\_parse\_add(root, virname, hexcpy, rtype, type, offset, target, lsigid, options);

if(root->ac\_only || type || lsigid || strpbrk(hexsig, "?([") || (root->bm\_offmode && (!strcmp(offset, "\*") || strchr(offset, ','))) || strstr(offset, "VI") || strchr(offset, '\$'))

cli\_ac\_addsig

cli\_ac\_addpatt

```
cli_ac_addpatt /**
filter_add_acpatt
cli_caloff /**
```

### the loading:

this signature “test\_ndb\_regex:0:3,5:6f6f6f{4}6b6b6b” has regular expression involved, so should be loaded into AC scan sturcture.

Meanwhile, if the signature doesn’t specific a target type, it should be loaded to root[0](generic).

During the db loading process, filter\_add\_acpatt would be called to calculate prefiltering(using shift or FSM) data of the signatures which will speed up following bm scan a little bit.

### load for ndb

```
#define NDB_TOKENS 6 // NDB have 6 fields
```

#### cli\_loadndb

```
cli_initroots
for(i = 0; i < CLI_MTARGETS; i++) {
    if(cli_mtargets[i].ac_only || engine->ac_only) root->ac_only = 1;
    cli_ac_init // allocate memory for
                // root->ac_root and root->ac_root->trans
                // config and init filter filter_init, set all bits to 1:
                // memset(m->B, ~0, sizeof(m->B));
                // memset(m->end, ~0, sizeof(m->end));
    if(!root->ac_only) cli_bm_init // size = HASH(255, 255, 255) + 1;
        // allocate memory for root->bm_shift
        // root->bm_shift[i] = BM_MIN_LENGTH - BM_BLOCK_SIZE + 1;
    engine->root[1]->bm_offmode = 1; /* BM offset mode for PE files */
    target = (unsigned short) atoi(pt); // target is defined in each ndb record
    root = engine->root[target];
    cli_parse_add // add the pattern finally
```

### add pattern: select algo – AC or BM

#### cli\_parse\_add

```
if (hexsig[0] == '$') // macro
    cli_ac_addpatt

if((wild = strchr(hexsig, '{')) // regular expression
    if(sscanf(wild, "%c%u%c", &l, &range, &r) == 3 && l == '{' && r == '}' &&
    range > 0 && range < 128) // dealing case as “{a,b}”
        // change from "6f6f6f{4}6b6b6b" to "6f6f6f???????6b6b6b"
        hexcpy = cli_calloc(hexlen + 2 * range, sizeof(char));
```

```

    strncpy(hexcpy, hexsig, wild - hexsig);
    strcat(hexcpy, "??");
    wild = strchr(wild, '}')
    strcat(hexcpy, ++wild);
    //call again
    cli_parse_add(root, virname, hexcpy, rtype, type, offset, target, lsigid,
options);
else // dealing case as "string{a,b}string{c,d}" - partial sigs
    root->ac_partsigs++;
    // find all the partial sigs
    for(i = 0; i < hexlen; i++)
        // each hex string besides "{" or {"} will be split into two partial sigs
        if(hexsig[i] == '{' || hexsig[i] == '*') parts++;
    // adding each sig into ac tire
    start = pt = hexcpy;
    for(i = 1; i <= parts; i++)
        for(j = 0; j < strlen(start); j++)
            if(start[j] == '{') asterisk = 0; // has not asterisk
            // dealing case as "string{a,b}string*string{c,d}" - partial sigs
            if(start[j] == '*') asterisk = 1; // has asterisk
        ret = cli_ac_addsig(root, virname, start, root->ac_partsigs, parts, i, rtype,
type, mindist, maxdist, offset, lsigid, options)

    // each hex string besides "{" or {"} will be split into two partial sigs
    if(strchr(hexsig, '*'))
        root->ac_partsigs++;
        for(i = 0; i < hexlen; i++) if(hexsig[i] == '*') parts++;
        for(i = 1; i <= parts; i++)
            pt = cli_strtok(hexsig, i - 1, "**")
            ret = cli_ac_addsig(root, virname, pt, root->ac_partsigs, parts, i, rtype,
type, 0, 0, offset, lsigid, options)

    if(root->ac_only || type || lsigid || strpbrk(hexsig, "?([" || (root->bm_offmode
&& (!strcmp(offset, "")) || strchr(offset, ',')) || strstr(offset, "VI") || strchr(offset,
'$')) // cases that also applies ac algo
        // ac_only
        // targeting specific file type instead of generic
        // PE's bm offset mode with offset defined in signature
        // have VI(version information) offset
        // enters here with '?'
        cli_ac_addsig

    if(the rest case) //numbers only
        cli_bm_addpatt

```

## add signature(pre processing for regular expression) - AC

### cli\_ac\_addsig

```
new->ch[0] |= CLI_MATCH_IGNORE;
new->ch[1] |= CLI_MATCH_IGNORE;
// dealing case as "[" - "HEXSIG[x-y]aa or aa[x-y]HEXSIG"
if(strchr(hexsig, '[')) // with "[" - [] means a range, special case
    for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
        pt = strchr(hex, '[')
        pt2 = strchr(pt, ']')
        sscanf(pt, "%u-%u", &n1, &n2) // AC_CH_MAXDIST=3
        if(strlen(hex) == 2)
            dec = cli_hex2ui(hex); // case "aa[x-y]HEXSIG"
            new->ch[i] = *dec;
            new->ch_mindist[i] = n1;
            new->ch_maxdist[i] = n2;
        if(strlen(pt2) == 2)
            dec = cli_hex2ui(pt2); // case "HEXSIG[x-y]aa"
            new->ch[i] = *dec;
            new->ch_mindist[i] = n1;
            new->ch_maxdist[i] = n2;
```

### // special types

```
#define AC_SPECIAL_ALT_CHAR 1
#define AC_SPECIAL_ALT_STR 2
#define AC_SPECIAL_LINE_MARKER 3
#define AC_SPECIAL_BOUNDARY 4

#define AC_BOUNDARY_LEFT 1
#define AC_BOUNDARY_LEFT_NEGATIVE 2
#define AC_BOUNDARY_RIGHT 4
#define AC_BOUNDARY_RIGHT_NEGATIVE 8
#define AC_LINE_MARKER_LEFT 16
#define AC_LINE_MARKER_LEFT_NEGATIVE 32
#define AC_LINE_MARKER_RIGHT 64
#define AC_LINE_MARKER_RIGHT_NEGATIVE 128
```

// dealing case as "(" - "(aa|bb|cc|..) or !(aa|bb|cc|..) or (B) or (L)"

```
if(strchr(hexsig, '(')) // with "(" - () means or, special case
    start = pt = hexcpy;
    while((pt = strchr(start, '(')) // for each "("
        /* struct cli_ac_special {
            unsigned char *str;
            struct cli_ac_special *next;
            uint16_t len, num;
            uint8_t type, negative;
        }; */
        newspecial = (struct cli_ac_special *) mpool_calloc(root->mempool, 1,
            sizeof(struct cli_ac_special));
        if(pt >= hexcpy + 2) if(pt[-2] == '!') // case "!(aa|bb|cc|..)"
```

```

        newspecial->negative=1; // case "(aa|bb|cc|..)"
                                // newspecial->negative = 0

start = strchr(pt, '|')
if(!strcmp(pt, "B")) // case "(B)"
    if(!*start)
        new->boundary |= AC_BOUNDARY_RIGHT;
        if(newspecial->negative)
            new->boundary |= AC_BOUNDARY_RIGHT_NEGATIVE;
    if(pt - 1 == hexcpy)
        new->boundary |= AC_BOUNDARY_LEFT;
        if(newspecial->negative)
            new->boundary |= AC_BOUNDARY_LEFT_NEGATIVE;
if(!strcmp(pt, "L")) // case "(L)"
    if(!*start)
        new->boundary |= AC_LINE_MARKER_RIGHT;
        if(newspecial->negative)
            new->boundary |= AC_LINE_MARKER_RIGHT_NEGATIVE;
    if(pt - 1 == hexcpy)
        new->boundary |= AC_LINE_MARKER_LEFT;
        if(newspecial->negative)
            new->boundary |= AC_LINE_MARKER_LEFT_NEGATIVE;

// create new special table with old one copied over
new->special++;
newtable = (struct cli_ac_special **) mpool_realloc(root->mempool,
new->special_table, new->special * sizeof(struct cli_ac_special *));
newtable[new->special - 1] = newspecial;
new->special_table = newtable;

if(!strcmp(pt, "B")) newspecial->type = AC_SPECIAL_BOUNDARY;
if(!strcmp(pt, "L")) newspecial->type = AC_SPECIAL_LINE_MARKER;
else // case "(xx|yy|zz) or (a|b|c)"
    newspecial->num = 1;
    for(i = 0; i < strlen(pt); i++)
        if(pt[i] == '|') newspecial->num++;
    // case "(a|b|c)"
    if(3 * newspecial->num - 1 == (uint16_t) strlen(pt))
        newspecial->type = AC_SPECIAL_ALT_CHAR;
        newspecial->str = (unsigned char *) mpool_malloc(root->mempool,
newspecial->num);
        // case "(xx|yy|zz)"
        else newspecial->type = AC_SPECIAL_ALT_STR;

for(i = 0; i < newspecial->num; i++)

```



```

if(newspecial->num == 1) // case of only 1 "|"
    c = (char *) cli_mpool_hex2str(root->mempool, pt);
else // case multiple "|"
    (h = cli_strtok(pt, i, "|")
    c = (char *) cli_mpool_hex2str(root->mempool, h);\
// alternative chars stored in array and alternative strings stored in chain
if(newspecial->type == AC_SPECIAL_ALT_CHAR)
    newspecial->str[i] = *c; // set the char
else // string case
    if(i)
        specialpt = newspecial;
        // insert the string into chain of alternative
        while(specialpt->next)
            specialpt = specialpt->next;
        specialpt->next = (struct cli_ac_special *)
mpool_calloc(root->mempool, 1, sizeof(struct cli_ac_special));
        specialpt->next->str = (unsigned char *) c;
        else newspecial->str = (unsigned char *) c;
// sort the char array
if(newspecial->num>1 && newspecial->type == AC_SPECIAL_ALT_CHAR)
    cli_qsort(newspecial->str, newspecial->num, sizeof(unsigned char),
qcompare);

```

```

// dealing other case
new->pattern = cli_mpool_hex2ui(root->mempool, hex ? hex : hexsig);
// new->pattern is uint16_t
cli_mpool_hex2ui
cli_realhex2ui // in this function, each byte of the pattern would be
extended to uint16_t(low byte for the pattern byte and high byte for the matching
type corresponding to the regular expression type)

```

```

#define CLI_MATCH_WILDCARD 0xff00
#define CLI_MATCH_CHAR 0x0000
#define CLI_MATCH_IGNORE 0x0100
#define CLI_MATCH_SPECIAL 0x0200
#define CLI_MATCH_NIBBLE_HIGH 0x0300
#define CLI_MATCH_NIBBLE_LOW 0x0400

```

```

if(hex[i] == '?' && hex[i + 1] == '?') val |= CLI_MATCH_IGNORE;
if(hex[i + 1] == '?') val |= CLI_MATCH_NIBBLE_HIGH;
if(hex[i] == '?') val |= CLI_MATCH_NIBBLE_LOW;
if(hex[i] == '(') val |= CLI_MATCH_SPECIAL;
filter_add_acpatt /* prefiltering
// check if there's regex in first letters
if(new->pattern[i] & CLI_MATCH_WILDCARD)
cli_caloff /*"test_ndb_regex:0:3,5:6f6f6f{4}6b6b6b"
if((pt = strchr(offcpy, ',')) offdata[2] = atoi(pt + 1); // which is 5

```

```

offdata[0] = CLI_OFF_ABSOLUTE;
*offset_min = offdata[1] = atoi(offcpy); // which is 3
*offset_max = *offset_min + offdata[2]; // which is 8

```

cli\_ac\_addpatt

### add pattern to AC tire

#### cli\_ac\_addpatt

```

uint16_t len = MIN(root->ac_maxdepth, pattern->length);
// root->ac_maxdepth is set via CLI_DEFAULT_AC_MAXDEPTH
for(i = 0; i < len; i++)
next = pt->trans[(unsigned char) (pattern->pattern[i] & 0xff)];
if(!next) // this tran does not yet exist
    next = (struct cli_ac_node *) mpool_malloc(root->mempool, 1, sizeof(struct
cli_ac_node)); // allocate
    newtable = mpool_realloc(root->mempool, root->ac_nodetable,
root->ac_nodes * sizeof(struct cli_ac_node *)); // allocate a new node table to
copy over the old ones and store the new one, copy over is done automatically via
mpool_realloc
    root->ac_nodetable = (struct cli_ac_node **) newtable;
    root->ac_nodetable[root->ac_nodes - 1] = next;
    // put into the tire-
    pt->trans[(unsigned char) (pattern->pattern[i] & 0xff)] = next;
else
    pt = next // next char
// create new pattern table and copy over
newtable = mpool_realloc(root->mempool, root->ac_patttable,
root->ac_patterns * sizeof(struct cli_ac_patt *));
root->ac_patttable = (struct cli_ac_patt **) newtable;
root->ac_patttable[root->ac_patterns - 1] = pattern;
/*
ac node would have a list of ac patterns that share the same prefix
if there is pattern list, need to insert current one into it, sort according to the
first 2 latters of the pattern
also the ac tree only accept a max depth of 3
*/
// pt is ac node and ph is ac pattern and now pt is pointing at leaf of this pattern
in the ac tire
ph = pt->list; // the list only exists when the last node in the ac tire is shared by
other patterns
ph_add_after = ph_prev = NULL;

while(ph) // if leaf is shared by other patterns which is highly possible as only
first 3 bytes of the signature is used to build the ac tire, then try to insert it to the

```

shared pattern list, also of the pattern or subpattern are same, should also add into a structure called pattern->next\_same

// compare partno???

```
if(!ph_add_after && ph->partno <= pattern->partno && (!ph->next ||  
ph->next->partno > pattern->partno))
```

```
    ph_add_after = ph;
```

// same pattern length, same prefix length and same first two letters

// ending in same leaf, need to further confirm if the two pattern are same or similar

```
if((ph->length == pattern->length) && (ph->prefix_length ==  
pattern->prefix_length) && (ph->ch[0] == pattern->ch[0]) && (ph->ch[1] ==  
pattern->ch[1]))
```

// if the characters part of the two pattern are exact the same, compare other info in the signature

```
if(!memcmp(ph->pattern, pattern->pattern, ph->length * sizeof(uint16_t))  
&& !memcmp(ph->prefix, pattern->prefix, ph->prefix_length * sizeof(uint16_t)))
```

// if no other regex special case, the two sig are exact match

```
if(!ph->special && !pattern->special) match = 1
```

```
if(ph->special == pattern->special)
```

//compare the special info

```
    a1 = ph->special_table[i];
```

```
    a2 = pattern->special_table[i];
```

```
else match = 0;
```

```
if(match) // sig info is the same
```

// insert into next\_same(same signature list) and sorting according

to partno

```
if(pattern->partno < ph->partno)
```

```
    pattern->next_same = ph; // insert into same pattern list
```

if(ph\_prev) ph\_prev->next = ph->next; // remove ph from the leaf node's pattern list since it is added into same pattern list of current pattern

```
else pt->list = ph->next; // removing from current pattern's list
```

```
else
```

```
    while(ph->next_same && ph->next_same->partno <  
pattern->partno)
```

```
        ph = ph->next_same;
```

```
    pattern->next_same = ph->next_same;
```

```
    ph->next_same = pattern;
```

```
else
```

// try next pattern in the list

```
    ph_prev = ph;
```

```

        ph = ph->next;

    if(ph_add_after) // insert
        pattern->next = ph_add_after->next;
        ph_add_after->next = pattern;
    else // append in head
        pattern->next = pt->list;
        pt->list = pattern;

```

**compile the tire to build the data structure for ac scan(build goto/fail/jump table)**

**cl\_engine\_compile**

cli\_loadftm

```

in cli_loadftm loading: MPEG video stream,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_IGNORED
in cli_loadftm loading: MPEG sys stream,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_IGNORED
in cli_loadftm loading: GZip,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_GZ
in cli_loadftm loading: SCRENC,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_SCRENC
in cli_loadftm loading: PostScript,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_IGNORED
in cli_loadftm loading: BinHex,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_BINHEX
in cli_loadftm loading: Real Media File,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_IGNORED
in cli_loadftm loading: Mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: BMP,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_GRAPHICS
in cli_loadftm loading: BZip,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_BZ
in cli_loadftm loading: Mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: Mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: Mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: Mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: Eserv mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: MBox,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: Exim mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: GIF,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_GRAPHICS
in cli_loadftm loading: Qmail bounce,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: MP3,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_IGNORED
in cli_loadftm loading: MS CHM,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MSCHM
in cli_loadftm loading: MS-EXE/DLL,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MSEXEXE
in cli_loadftm loading: Mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: Mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: Ogg Stream,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_IGNORED
in cli_loadftm loading: ZIP,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_ZIP
in cli_loadftm loading: ZIP,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_ZIP
in cli_loadftm loading: RIFF,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_RIFF
in cli_loadftm loading: RIFX,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_RIFF
in cli_loadftm loading: RAR,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_RAR
in cli_loadftm loading: Raw mail,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL
in cli_loadftm loading: Maildir,CL_TYPE_ANY,CL_TYPE_MAIL

```

[illegible]

in cli\_loadftm loading: HTML data,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_HTML  
in cli\_loadftm loading: HTML data,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_HTML  
in cli\_loadftm loading: PE,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MSEXE  
in cli\_loadftm loading: ZIP-SFX,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_ZIPSFX  
in cli\_loadftm loading: RAR-SFX,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_RARSFX  
in cli\_loadftm loading: ARJ-SFX,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_ARJSFX  
in cli\_loadftm loading: ARJ-SFX,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_ARJSFX  
in cli\_loadftm loading: ARJ-SFX,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_ARJSFX  
in cli\_loadftm loading: AUTOIT,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_AUTOIT  
in cli\_loadftm loading: NSIS,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_NULSFT  
in cli\_loadftm loading: SIP log,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_IGNORED  
in cli\_loadftm loading: HTML data,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_HTML  
in cli\_loadftm loading: RTF,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_RTF  
in cli\_loadftm loading: TAR-POSIX,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_POSIX\_TAR  
in cli\_loadftm loading: mirc ini,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_SCRIPT  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Mail file,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MAIL  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Mail file,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MAIL  
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in cli\_loadftm loading: Mail file,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MAIL  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Mach-O LE,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MACHO  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Mach-O LE 64-bit,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MACHO  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Mach-O BE,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MACHO  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Mach-O BE 64-bit,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MACHO  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Universal Binary/Java Bytecode,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MACHO\_UNIBIN  
in cli\_loadftm loading: 7zip,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_7Z  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Mail file,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MAIL  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Mail file,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MAIL  
in cli\_loadftm loading: CPIO NEWC,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_CPIO\_NEWC  
in cli\_loadftm loading: CPIO CRC,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_CPIO\_CRC  
in cli\_loadftm loading: CPIO ODC,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_CPIO\_ODC  
in cli\_loadftm loading: CPIO OLD BINARY BE,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_CPIO\_OLD  
in cli\_loadftm loading: CPIO OLD BINARY LE,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_CPIO\_OLD  
in cli\_loadftm loading: ISHIELD-MSI,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_ISHIELD\_MSI  
in cli\_loadftm loading: PDF document,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_PDF  
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in cli\_loadftm loading: SYM DATFILE,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_IGNORED  
in cli\_loadftm loading: PDF image,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_IGNORED

in cli\_loadftm loading: SQLite WAL,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_IGNORED  
in cli\_loadftm loading: SQLite WAL,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_IGNORED  
in cli\_loadftm loading: SQLite database,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_IGNORED  
in cli\_loadftm loading: SQLite journal,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_IGNORED  
in cli\_loadftm loading: SWF (compressed),CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_SWF  
in cli\_loadftm loading: SWF (uncompressed),CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_SWF  
in cli\_loadftm loading: MS CAB,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MSCAB  
in cli\_loadftm loading: CAB-SFX,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_CABSFX  
in cli\_loadftm loading: ISO9660,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_ISO9660  
in cli\_loadftm loading: TAR-POSIX-CVE-2012-1419,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_POSIX\_TAR  
in cli\_loadftm loading: SIS,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_SIS  
in cli\_loadftm loading: Mail file,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_MAIL  
in cli\_loadftm loading: JPEG2000,CL\_TYPE\_ANY,CL\_TYPE\_GRAPHICS

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## Scan

### scan logic design

there are 4 scan methods

1. BM
2. AC
3. Hash
4. Bytecode

There are 2 entry points to begin a scan: cli\_map\_scandesc and cli\_magic\_scandesc  
cli\_map\_scandesc will scan a file that is mapped to virtual memory already, this method is not yet used except in unit test case.

cli\_magic\_scandesc however is used for now as the primary entry of a scan and actually in a later stage, the file to be scanned will be mapped to memory also.

Before the actual scan, the type of the file is assumed as CL\_TYPE\_ANY, and the actual type of the incoming file would be decided with cli\_filetype2 at magic\_scandesc

After the filetype is decided, specific scan function dedicated to the file will be called directly. However, for ASCII file, - CL\_TYPE\_TEXT\_ASCII, the scan will only be called with certain config. So for ascii file, cli\_scanraw will be called to make the scan.

In raw scan, ASCII type will be assumed as CL\_TYPE\_ANY again and calling cli\_fmap\_scandesc to do further scan.

In cli\_fmap\_scandesc, according to **ftonly**(if configured as scan specific file type only) and **ftype**(the type of the file which will further decide the root to load) to decide the db to load and scan algo to use in match\_run:

- Generic db or type specific db
- BM(normal signature mode or offset mode, currently off mode is only enabled for PE type) or AC or Hash scan
- Hash scan will be performed if BM and AC scan return clean
- If hash scan is clean also, then logic code scan/bytecode scan will be performed via calling cli\_lsig\_eval and further cli\_magic\_scandesc\_type(mormal BM/AC scan), matchicon or cli\_bytecode\_runlsig(bytecode scan)
- Bytecode scan will be run finally via cli\_bytecode\_run
- Bytecode scan can also be triggered via cli\_pdf and cli\_scanpe
- The bytecode scan will be finally done at cli\_vm\_execute

In matcher\_run, a prefiltering(filter\_search\_ext) is called to reduce the length of actual scan if possible. After that, BM scan firstly and AC scan later is performed to match against the virus db loaded

Case of scanning a text file

#### scanfile

cl\_scandesc\_callback

scan\_common

// in normal case, argument 'map' passed into will be NULL  
//except for cl\_scanmap\_callback in unit test

cli\_magic\_scandesc

// fmap function defined at libclamav/fmap.c  
if(!(\*ctx->fmap = fmap(desc, 0, sb.st\_size)))  
// call magic\_scandesc with type=CL\_TYPE\_ANY  
// in cli\_magic\_scandesc\_type, will call magic\_scandesc with specific type

magic\_scandesc

if(type == CL\_TYPE\_ANY)  
    type = cli\_filetype2(\*ctx->fmap, ctx->engine);  
    call cli\_filetype  
    call cli\_texttype  
filetype = cli\_ftname(type);  
cache\_check // calculate hash for a file and do first hash scan???  
// what is following doing???  
hashed\_size = (\*ctx->fmap)->len;



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old_hook_lsig_matches = ctx->hook_lsig_matches;
ctx->hook_lsig_matches = NULL;
... ..
ctx->hook_lsig_matches = cli_bitset_init();
in case CL_TYPE_TEXT_ASCII, will not do cli_scan_structured

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cli_scanraw
    unsigned int acmode = AC_SCAN_VIR
    if(!type) acmode |= AC_SCAN_FT; // specific value for acmode will be
used in cli_ac_scanbuff

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cli_fmap_scandesc(ctx, type == CL_TYPE_TEXT_ASCII ? 0 : type, 0,
&ftoffset, acmode, NULL, rehash)

```

### **cli\_fmap\_scandesc**

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// ftonly is the file type [assumed], if is not CL_TYPE_ANY(=0), then ftonly is true
// ret=cli_fmap_scandesc(ctx, type == CL_TYPE_TEXT_ASCII ? 0 : type, 0, &ftoffset,
acmode, NULL, rehash), so ftonly is set here called from cli_scandesc
if(!ftonly) groot = ctx->engine->root[0]; /* generic signatures */
if(ftype) // in ascii text case, it is 0 which is converted to before
    //now pick up a root for targets
/* the matrix is:
If ftonly is set then use generic root, if recognized specific file type, then use
corresponding root
ftonly is set:
means engine will only scan structured file, hence will not use generic root
ftype is set:
means incoming file is a structured file so should pick a specific root
*/
targetinfo(&info, i, map); // get offset and other info according to decided target
type(root[index])
    if(target == 1)
        einfo = cli_peheader; // PE
    else if(target == 6)
        einfo = cli_elfheader; // ELF
    else if(target == 9)
        einfo = cli_machoheader; // MACHO
    else
        return;
if(!ftonly)
    cli_ac_initdata // init data for groot(generic root)
if(!troot) // if use specific root for a file type, not applicable in this case
    cli_ac_initdata
    cli_ac_caloff

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    if(troot->bm_offmode) // if in bm offset mode
        cli_bm_initoff
if(!ftonly && hdb) // if it's a specific file type and has hash db loaded, try do hash can
preparation
if(troot)
    matcher_run with troot and ac mode decided via acmode
if(!ftonly)
    matcher_run with groot and ac mode decided via acmode

in matcher_run calls
cli_bm_scanbuff
    // byte by byte scan
    shift=root->bmsift[idx]
    if(shift==0)
        //scan over whole pattern
    else
        i+=shift
cli_ac_scanbuff

```