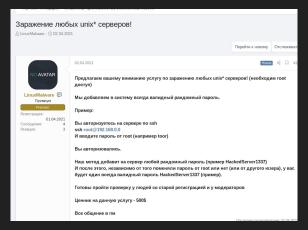
Ian Harte
 @is\_henderson
hartescout@protonmail.com

"That's why I've
implemented for the first
time in one of my virus,
the polymorphic
false-disassembly technique
(or simply "fake
polymorphism") in order to
obfuscate
the decryptor." - Written
with love by S01den

"I just exploited
malware on a windows
machine but I don't
want that machine
but there is Linux
machine at the same
network so how can I
spread malware to
the Linux" - yonex

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"We bring to your attention a service for infecting any unix \* servers!" - LinuxMalware\_\_\_\_\_



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# Initramfs Persistence Technique

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
0	0×0	ASCII cpio archive (SVR4 with no CRC), file name: "kernel", file name l∈
120	0×78	ASCII cpio archive (SVR4 with no CRC), file name: "kernel/x86", file nam
244	0×F4	ASCII cpio archive (SVR4 with no CRC), file name: "kernel/x86/microcode'
376	0×178	ASCII cpio archive (SVR4 with no CRC), file name: "kernel/x86/microcode/
540	0x21C	ASCII cpio archive (SVR4 with no CRC), file name: "kernel/x86/microcode/
3004080	0x2DD6B0	ASCII cpio archive (SVR4 with no CRC), file name: "TRAILER!!!", file nam
3004416	0×2DD800	gzip compressed data, from Unix, last modified: 1970-01-01 00:00:00 (nul
44913745	0x2AD5451	MySQL MISAM compressed data file Version 5
44913784	0x2AD5478	MySQL MISAM compressed data file Version 5
44913823	0x2AD549F	MySQL MISAM compressed data file Version 5
44913862	0x2AD54C6	MySQL MISAM compressed data file Version 5
44913901	0×2AD54ED	MySQL MISAM compressed data file Version 5

- Extracting initramfs
- Edit init script, adding code after 'maybe break init'
- mount -o remount, rw \${rootmnt}
  - Adjust initrd.img symlink accordingly

CONFIG\_SECURITY\_LOADPIN=y

# Tsunami Backdoor (Won't go Away)

- 70 various forms since 2002
- macOS/BSD available
- Remember when MINT downloads

```
rule Tsumani_Backdoor {
    meias_mount_Backdoor {
    meias_mount_Backdoor |
    meias_mount_Backdoor |
    dosc.rightion = "Numani_Backdoor" |
    dosc.rightion = "
```

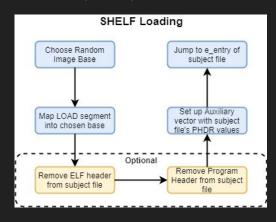
YARA is our Friend but what about behavioral/evolving detections to help our hunts?!

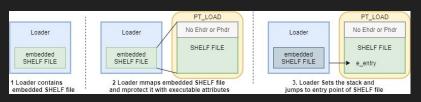
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### SHELF Loading

@ulexec and @Anonymous\_ https://tmpout.sh/1/10/





"...anti-forensic features that SHELF loading can provide, which we think to be a considerable enhancement when compared with previous versions of ELF Reflective Loading." - <u>Qulexec and QAnonymous</u>
Elf Binary - Reflective Loading Overview

- Setup the stack of the embedded executable with its correspondent Auxiliary Vector.
- 2. Parse PHDR's and identify if there is a PT\_INTERP segment, denoting that the file is a dynamically linked executable.
- LOAD interpreter if PT\_INTERP is present.
  - 4. LOAD target embedded executable.
- 5. Pivot to mapped e\_entry of target executable or interpreter accordingly, depending if the target executable is a dynamically linked binary.

#### DYLD\_INSERT\_LIBRARIES: A well-Documented Simple Threat

- load time the dynamic linker load any dynamic libraries
- By naming a function the same as one in a library function it will override any calls to the original.
- retrieved using the dlsym(RTLD NEXT, "function name"); function. This allows a simple method of wrapping existing library functions.

Apple Platform Binaries and Third Party Developers have the use of <a href="Hardened Runtime">Hardened Runtime</a> and System Integrity Protection to protect against the DYLD method, DLL hijacking, and process memory space tampering. Notarized Applications must have hardened runtime enabled.

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- - PoC and waiting? 40k infected

- - Rust Based
  - PLIST



M1-based

#### Thread Hijacking

quite a few "legacy" techniques that were well documented and fairly easy to pull off. In 2018 a workaround was discovered using task threads API returning thread ports for threads in task.

" While this API is has many legitimate uses in a microkernel system like Mach, it also happens to make exploitation much easier: taken note." - Brandon Azad

- ptrace on macOS is not fully implemented as is on Linux systems therefore the threat is mitigated.
  - Ptrace\_peektext ptrace\_poketext ptrace\_getregs ptrace\_setregs are not available on macOS platform for

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## Kernel Configuration

- CHECKPOINT RESTORE
- STACKPROTECTOR
- VMAP\_STACK
- CONFIG\_RANDOMIZE\_BASE
- CONFIG\_SECURITY\_LOADPIN

## System Call Restrictions

- Whitelisting
- seccomp-bpf

thread create: 2

Systemd, docker, gemu, chromium

- System Log /var/log/system.log
- Application Logs /library/logs
- User Logs
   /Users/<name>/Library/Logs/DiagnosticReports

```
External Modification Summary:

Calls made by other processes targeting this process:

task_for_pid: 2

thread_create: 0

thread_set_state: 0

Calls made by this process:

task_for_pid: 0

thread_create: 0

thread_set_state: 0

Calls made by all processes on this machine:
task for pid: 11110019
```

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- Objective-See
- vx-underground
- 0×00sec
- Tmp.Out New Zine ELF's!
- Twitter People (so many!)
  - @lazy\_activist(wizard) @cocaman Yara Scan Service!
  - o @DebugPrivilege @abuse\_ch @patrickwardle @sdoknight





