

Malware Analysis

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What is Malware analysis?

- Learning how malware functions and any potential repercussions of a given malware.

Malware analysis methods

- Static malware analysis
- Dynamic malware analysis
- Hybrid malware analysis

Static malware analysis

Types of Malware

- Packed
- Obfuscated

Basic Static Analysis- Techniques

- Antivirus Scanning
- Hashing
- Flnding Strings
- Detecting Packers with PEiD

Dynamic Malware Analysis

Malware is analysed when executing;

Malware is run inside a sandbox(VM)

Direct Interaction with the malware

Basic Dynamic Malware analysis

Involves basically observing malware behaviour as it executes to understand what kind of malware it is

Actions include:

- Check changes to the registry
- Files created/added after the malware has run

Advanced Dynamic Malware analysis

Involves using a debugger to further examine the internal state of the malware, check processes etc.

Useful when static and basic dynamic analysis doesn't give results due to stealth nature of the malware.

Hybrid malware analysis

- Combines techniques from both methodologies to cover each other's shortcomings
- Malware is analysed before installation and also its execution behavior is logged. These sets of static and dynamic information are then used together to detect malicious behavior.



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