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# R3MF – R3v3rs1ng on Mach-O File

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### Long live Open Source - Use Linux (Slackware) ###

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# Agenda

- 0x00 Motivation of Research
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- 0x03 Tricks for Reversing
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# 0x00 Motivation Of Research



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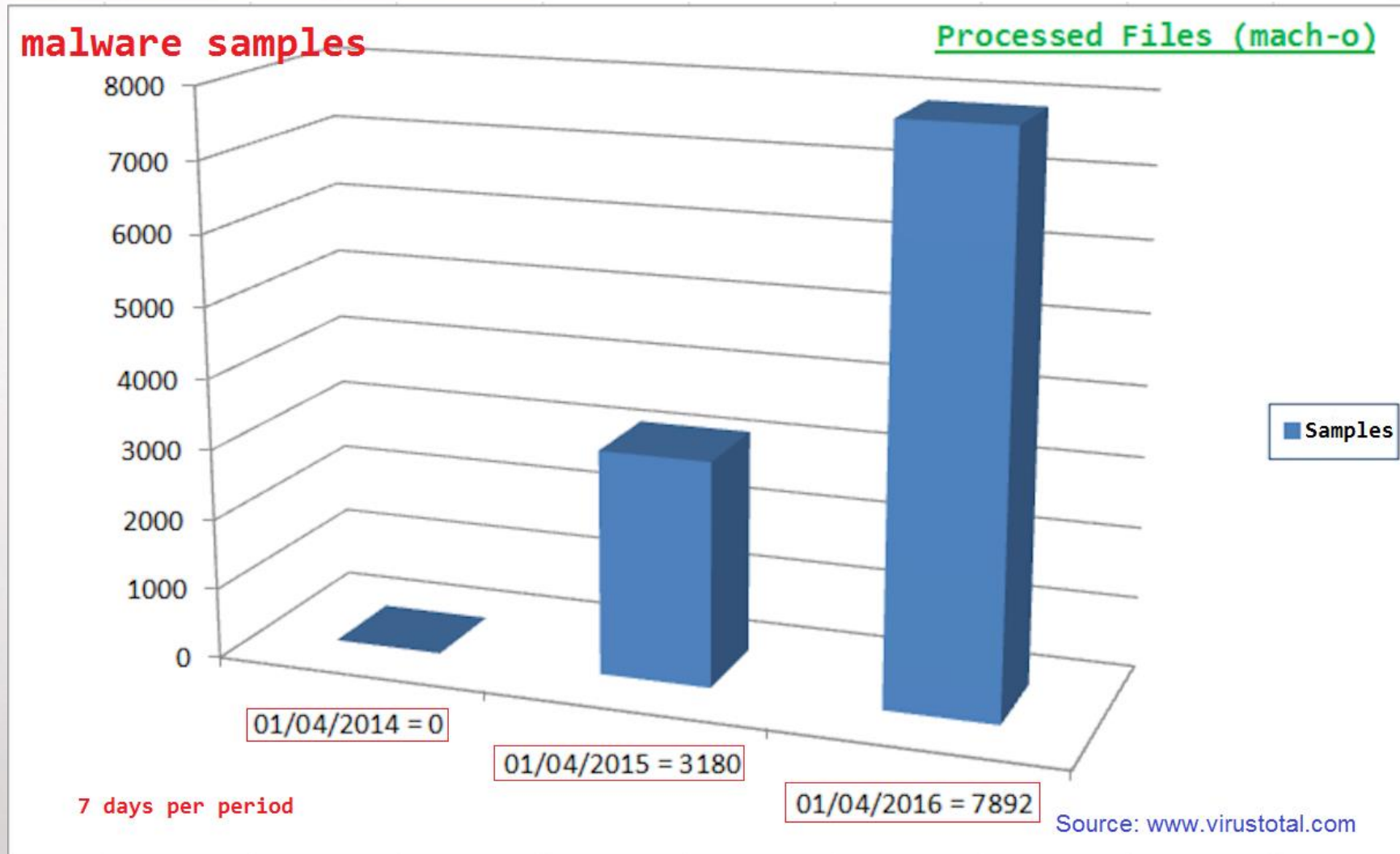
- Malware
- Crackmes
- Vulnerability Hunting

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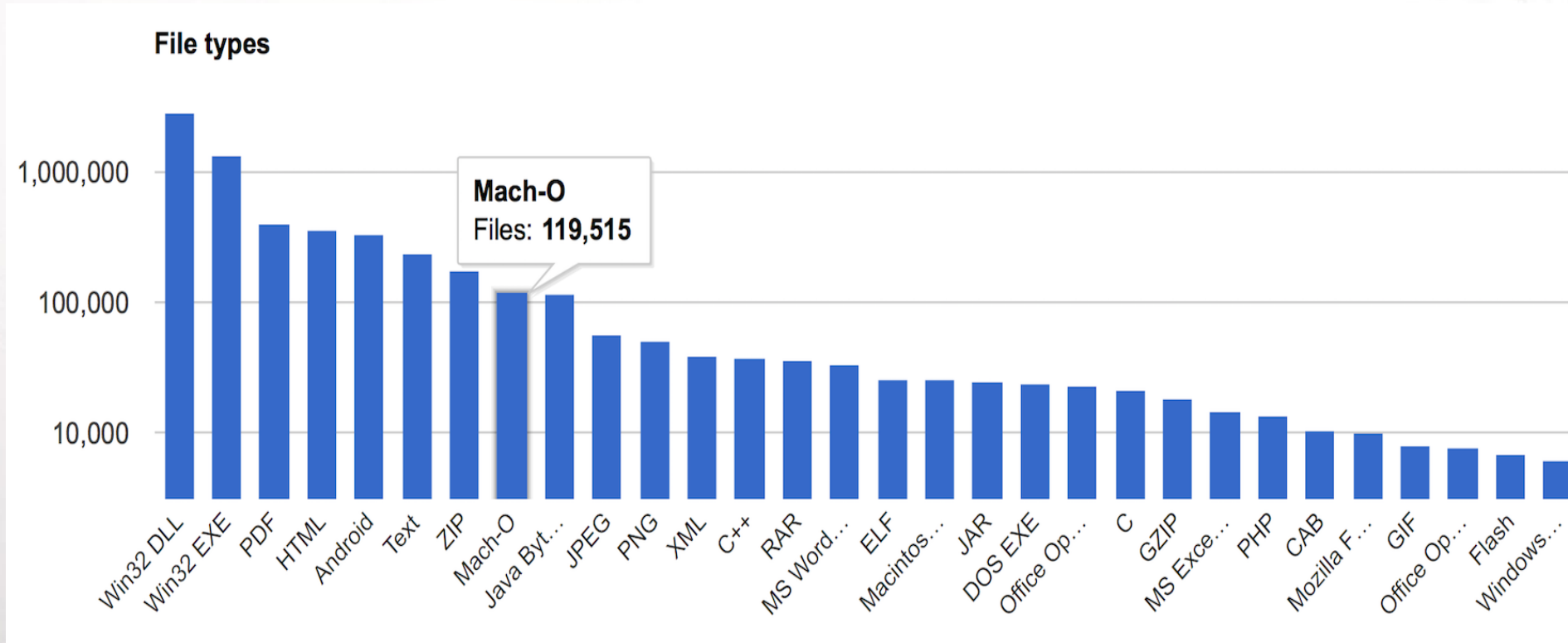


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Source: [www.virustotal.com](http://www.virustotal.com) 17/11/2016

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## Mac.BackDoor.OpinionSpy.3

Names: MacOS\_X/OpinionSpy.A (Microsoft),  
Mac.BackDoor.OpinionSpy.3 (F-Secure),  
Mac.BackDoor.OpinionSpy.3 (Trend)

.OSA --> ZIP:

- PremierOpinion
- upgrade.xml

## OSX\_KAITEN.A

Names: MacOS\_X/Tsunami.A (Microsoft),  
OSX/Tsunami (McAfee),  
OSX/Tsunami-Gen (Sophos),  
OSX/Tsunami.A (F-Secure),

Binary:  
/tmp/.z

## OSX\_CARETO.A

Names: MacOS:Appetite-A [Trj] (Avast)  
OSX/BackDoor.A (AVG)  
Trojan.OSX.Melgato.a (Kaspersky)  
OSX/Backdoor-BRE (McAfee)  
Backdoor:MacOS\_X/Appetite.A (Microsoft)  
OSX/Appetite-A (Sophos)

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# 0x01 The Mach-o Format



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The mach-o is a Universal (fat) binaries (for i386 x86\_64 ppc ppc64 armv6 armv7), this format was adopted as the **standard** in OS X from version 10.6 on.

We are currently in version ~~10.11.5 (El Capitan)~~  
10.12 MacOS Sierra



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```
bash-3.2$ pwd
/opt/local/lib
bash-3.2$ vim libmagic.dylib
```

```
bash-3.2$ pwd
/usr/share/file/magic
bash-3.2$
```



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## Binary (Linux)

```
→ reversing file cal
cal: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked
(uses shared libs), for GNU/Linux 2.6.18, stripped
→ reversing
```

## Binary (Windows)

```
→ reversing file calc.exe
calc.exe: PE32+ executable for MS Windows (GUI) Mono/.Net assembly
→ reversing
```

## Binary (OS X)

```
→ reversing file /usr/bin/cal
/usr/bin/cal: Mach-O 64-bit executable x86_64
→ reversing
```

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## Magic Number: File Signatures

CA FE BA BE - Mach-O Fat Binary  
FE ED FA CE - Mach-O binary (32-bit)  
FE ED FA CF - Mach-O binary (64-bit)  
CE FA ED FE - Mach-O binary (reverse byte 32-bit)  
CF FA ED FE - Mach-O binary (reverse byte 64-bit)

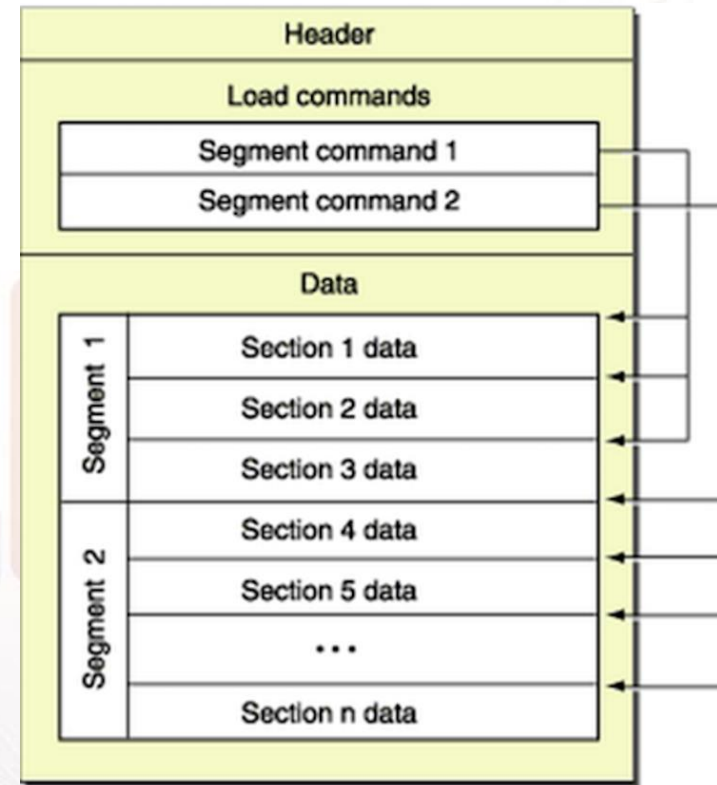
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Mach-O (Mach Object)

HEADER  
LOAD COMMANDS  
SECTIONS

Architecture of object code

ppc ppc64 i386 x86\_64 armv6  
armv7 armv7s arm64



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Structs on File:

```
loganbr ~$ vim /usr/include/mach-o/loader.h
```

- Code is located in **\_\_TEXT** section.
- Linked libraries in **LC\_LOAD\_DYLIB** commands.
- The entrypoint is defined at **LC\_UNIXTHREAD** or **LC\_THREAD**.

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HEADER

```
loganbr ~$ vim /usr/include/mach-o/loader.h
```

```
/*  
 * The 64-bit mach header appears at the very beginning of object files for  
 * 64-bit architectures.  
 */  
struct mach_header_64 {  
    uint32_t    magic;        /* mach magic number identifier */  
    cpu_type_t  cputype;      /* cpu specifier */  
    cpu_subtype_t  cpusubtype; /* machine specifier */  
    uint32_t    filetype;     /* type of file */  
    uint32_t    ncmds;        /* number of load commands */  
    uint32_t    sizeofcmds;   /* the size of all the load commands */  
    uint32_t    flags;        /* flags */  
    uint32_t    reserved;     /* reserved */  
};
```

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LOAD\_COMMANDS

```
loganbr ~$ vim /usr/include/mach-o/loader.h
```

```
struct load_command {  
    uint32_t cmd;           /* type of load command */  
    uint32_t cmdsize;       /* total size of command in bytes */  
};
```

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SECTIONS

```
loganbr ~$ vim /usr/include/mach-o/loader.h
```

```
struct section_64 { /* for 64-bit architectures */
    char      sectname[16]; /* name of this section */
    char      segname[16]; /* segment this section goes in */
    uint64_t  addr; /* memory address of this section */
    uint64_t  size; /* size in bytes of this section */
    uint32_t  offset; /* file offset of this section */
    uint32_t  align; /* section alignment (power of 2) */
    uint32_t  reloff; /* file offset of relocation entries */
    uint32_t  nreloc; /* number of relocation entries */
    uint32_t  flags; /* flags (section type and attributes) */
    uint32_t  reserved1; /* reserved (for offset or index) */
    uint32_t  reserved2; /* reserved (for count or sizeof) */
    uint32_t  reserved3; /* reserved */
};
```

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## Cross Compiling

Building a mach-o file supported by multiple platforms.

```
logan /opt $  
logan /opt $ gcc -arch x86_64 -arch i386 -arch ppc7400 -c hello.c  
logan /opt $ █
```

```
logan /opt $ file hello  
hello: Mach-O universal binary with 3 architectures  
hello (for architecture x86_64):      Mach-O 64-bit executable x86_64  
hello (for architecture i386):      Mach-O executable i386  
hello (for architecture ppc7400):    Mach-O executable ppc
```



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```
logan /opt/malware/mach-o $ lipo -detailed_info sample_01
Fat header in: sample_01
fat_magic 0xcafebabe ——— Magic Number: Mach-o Fat Binary
nfat_arch 3
architecture x86_64
    cputype CPU_TYPE_X86_64
    cpusubtype CPU_SUBTYPE_X86_64_ALL
    offset 4096
    size 17136
    align 2^12 (4096)
architecture i386
    cputype CPU_TYPE_I386
    cpusubtype CPU_SUBTYPE_I386_ALL
    offset 24576
    size 16776
    align 2^12 (4096)
architecture ppc7400
    cputype CPU_TYPE_POWERPC
    cpusubtype CPU_SUBTYPE_POWERPC_7400
    offset 45056
    size 20652
    align 2^12 (4096)
```

```
logan /opt/malware/mach-o $ lipo -extract x86_64 -output sample_01-x86_64 sample_01
logan /opt/malware/mach-o $
logan /opt/malware/mach-o $ file sample_01-x86_64
sample_01-x86_64: Mach-O universal binary with 1 architecture
sample_01-x86_64 (for architecture x86_64): Mach-O 64-bit executable x86_64
logan /opt/malware/mach-o $
logan /opt/malware/mach-o $ lipo -detailed_info sample_01-x86_64
Fat header in: sample_01-x86_64
fat_magic 0xcafebabe
nfat_arch 1
architecture x86_64
    cputype CPU_TYPE_X86_64
    cpusubtype CPU_SUBTYPE_X86_64_ALL
    offset 4096
    size 17136
    align 2^12 (4096)
```



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```
logan /opt/malware/mach-o $ otool -h sample_01 | more
```

```
sample_01:
```

```
Mach header Magic Number: Mach-o binary 64-bit
```

| magic      | cputype  | cpusubtype | caps | filetype | ncmds | sizeofcmds | flags      |
|------------|----------|------------|------|----------|-------|------------|------------|
| 0xfeedfacf | 16777223 | 3          | 0x80 | 2        | 13    | 1968       | 0x00000085 |

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## Load command 0

```
    cmd LC_SEGMENT_64
  cmdsize 72
  segname __PAGEZERO
  vmaddr 0x0000000000000000
  vmsize 0x0000000010000000
  fileoff 0
  filesize 0
  maxprot 0x00000000
  initprot 0x00000000
  nsects 0
  flags 0x0
```

## Load command 1

```
    cmd LC_SEGMENT_64
  cmdsize 632
  segname __TEXT
```



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## Section

```
sectname __symbol_stub1
segname  __TEXT
  addr 0x0000000100001402
  size 0x000000000000000c6
  offset 5122
  align 2^1 (2)
  reloff 0
  nreloc 0
  flags 0x80000408
reserved1 0 (index into indirect symbol table)
reserved2 6 (size of stubs)
```

## Section

```
sectname __cstring
segname  __TEXT
  addr 0x00000001000014c8
```



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Load command 7

cmd LC\_LOAD\_DYLINKER

cmdsize 32

name /usr/lib/dyld (offset 12)

Load command 8

cmd LC\_UUID

cmdsize 24

uuid 853B1C68-5F39-DF57-87AA-96A3D27064DD

Load command 9

cmd LC\_UNIXTHREAD

cmdsize 184

flavor x86\_THREAD\_STATE64

count x86\_THREAD\_STATE64\_COUNT

rax 0x0000000000000000 rbx 0x0000000000000000 rcx 0x0000000000000000

# 0x02 Demo I



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## Demo 01 Crackme

**Binary:** cryptorev

**Level:** easy

**Detail:** cryptorev is a binary mach-o the goal is run binary and found the flag.

This demo don't have protection in this code just UPX (packer) and DEADBEEF in file ;)

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# 0x03 Tricks for Reversing



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When talking about malwares we have a lot of techniques to make it difficult to analyze (reversing the sample) like:

- Anti-Disassembly
- Anti-Debugging
- Obfuscation
- Anti-Vm

Good Research about this:

<https://www.blackhat.com/docs/us-14/materials/us-14-Branco-Prevalent-Characteristics-In-Modern-Malware.pdf>

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# 0x03 Tricks for Reversing



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## VMWARE FUSION / PARALLELS / VIRTUALBOX

- Keep Virtualization Software Updated
- Use System Tools Installed in VM
- Network Host-Only mode
- If you use Shared Folder(Host) leave it as “read-only”
- Disable Gatekeeper (Allow apps downloaded from: **Anywhere**)

# 0x03 Tricks for Reversing

## Static Analysis



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|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <code>file</code>          | -> determine file type   |
| <code>upx / binwalk</code> | -> compress or expand executable files   |
| <code>strings</code>       | -> find the printable strings in a object, or other binary, file                     |
| <code>strip</code>         | -> remove symbols  |
| <code>hexEdit</code>       | -> hex editor  |
| <code>Lipo</code>          | -> create or operate on universal files  |
| <code>otool</code>         | -> object file displaying tool like a <code>objdump</code> and <code>ldd</code>      |
| <code>nm</code>            | -> display name list (symbol table)  |
| <code>codesign</code>      | -> create and manipulate code signatures   |
| <code>machOView</code>     | -> visual Mach-O file browser  |
| <code>class-dump</code>    | -> utility for examining the Objective-C runtime information stored in Mach-O files. |
| <code>dtrace</code>        | -> generic front-end to the DTrace facility  |
| <code>fs_usage</code>      | -> report system calls and page faults related to filesystem activity in real-time   |
| <code>xattr</code>         | -> display and manipulate extended attributes  |

# 0x03 Tricks for Reversing

## Dynamic Analysis



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- Xcode
  - > xcode is an (IDE) containing a suite of software development.
- iDA Pro
  - > disassembler and debugger.
- hopper
  - > tool used for disassemble, and decompile your 32/64bits mach-o file.
- lldb
  - > debugger
- fseventer
  - > disk activity tool with a good graphical representation and solid filter tool.
- open snoop
  - > snoop file opens as they occur. Uses DTrace.
- activity Monitor
  - > tool to help you keep your system in good shape.
- procexp
  - > It's a simple tool like a top get information accessible by proc\_info
- tcpdump
  - > for dump and analisis traffic on a network
- wireshark
  - > for dump and analisis traffic on a network
- lsock
  - > based on PF\_SYSTEM provider, you can get real time notifications of socket activity like TCPView from SysInternals.
- little Snitch
  - > network traffic monitoring and control.



# 0x04 Demo II

## Demo 02 Ransomware Keranger

On March 2016 appear the first Ransomware writing for mach-o file on OSX System (KeRanger), Distributed by client BitTorrent Transmission (v.2.90) This threat has been fixed in version v.2.91 the client.

The latest version Gatekeeper OSX already block this ransomware since the first sample published \0/!!!

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OS X ABI Mach-O File Format Reference

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Calling Convention

[http://www.agner.org/optimize/calling\\_conventions.pdf](http://www.agner.org/optimize/calling_conventions.pdf)

Thanks for my wife and brothers (Rubira, Gabriel Negreiros, C00ler, Slayer, Ygor-r0gy)

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# 0x05 Conclusions



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## Question & (MAYBE ;) \0/) Answer

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