

CS370 Notes

Week 9

Malware

- Malicious software that violates a security policy

Virus: Attaches to program, hops | (and worms) use UDP packets, no ACK.
to other programs | Can spread by drive-by (websites)

Trojan: Contains unexpected functionality

Logic Bomb: triggers on logic event

Time Bomb: triggers at a given time

Trapdoor: allows unauthorized access to functionality

Worm: propagates through network, Dormant, spread, trigger, execute payload

Rabbit: replicates to exhaust resources

Netbot: trapdoor orchestrated through control channel

Root Kit: hooks OS calls to hide data

↳ breaks syscall table ptrs, stays hidden

How does malware get onto computers?

→ everything from USB's to SQL vulns

IPV6: It is much harder to find good hosts

Virus Scanner Generations

- 1] Signatures
- 2] Heuristics and integrity checks
- 3] behavior based
- 4] multiple.

Zero Day

- no patch when vuln is discovered/released

Blue Pill Rootkit

- installs a hypervisor layer

Viruses:

Dormant - waiting

Propagate - replicate to other locations

Triggering - triggered

Execution - executes payload

- can attach to programs (start or end, or within), (more below)

Worms scan in patterns - this can be recognized and the worm can be found.

Macro Viruses

- Mobile code, interpreted not compiled

- interpreted by file running the program

- appear to be ~~code~~ data, not code

- check hashes; don't trust anyone

- Scan for viruses (though <50% effective)

- used to be able to scan for signatures, not anymore

↳ Polymorphic: many different but same-functioning copies of virus

↳ Stealth: tries to hide signature

↳ Encrypted: most is encrypted

↳ Metamorphic: complete rewrite on each infection