Introduction to Dynamic Analysis

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Goals

What can you expect after this module?

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- 1. Understand how binaries behave by executing them
- 1. Get in touch with different well-known dynamic analysis tools

Introduction

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We are going to give the **first baby steps** towards dynamic analysis.

Dynamic analysis is the craft of extracting information from binaries by executing them.

Basically, we will get familiar with a couple of tools that can be used to extract information from binaries.

Warning (related to malware analysis):

Whenever you analyze malware, make sure you do so in a VM completely isolated from your day-to-day system.

This means:

- No internet connection
- No shared folders
- (...)

You can create a host-only network among VMs.

Make sure you **make an snapshot** of your VM before starting analyzing the malware sample.

The Tools

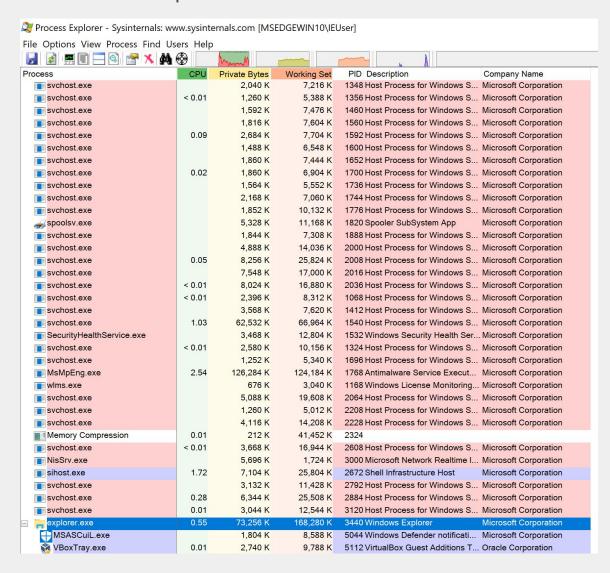
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- Process Explorer: Task manager on steroids
- RegShot: Diff utility for the Windows registry
- Process Monitor: Events tracing tool
- ApateDNS: Tool to respond to any DNS request
- (...)

Inspecting Processes

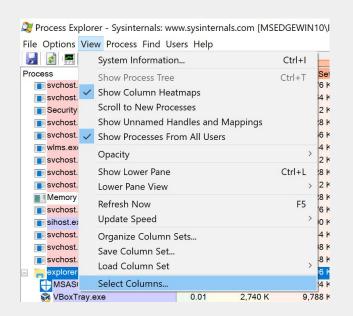
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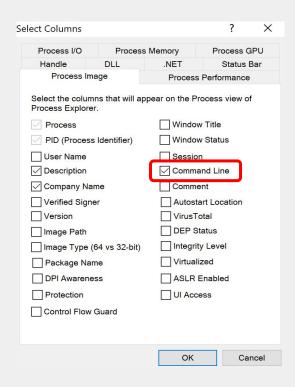
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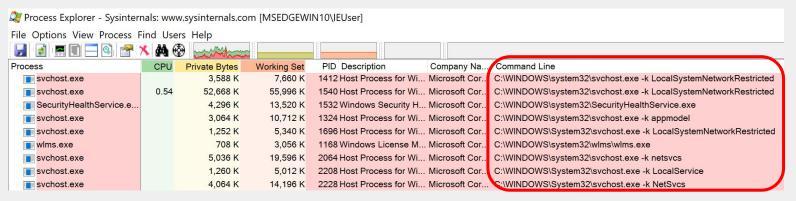


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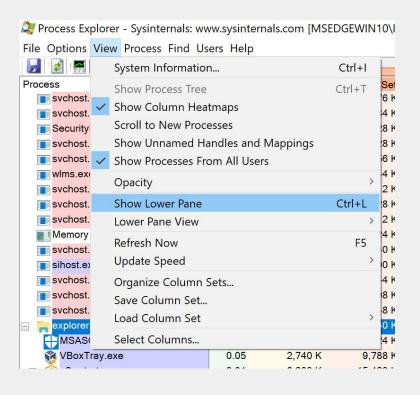






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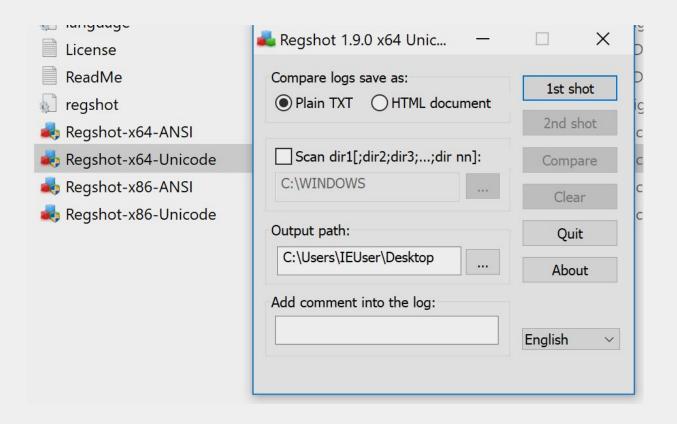
procexp64.exe	12.73	19,224 K	60,688 K	7560 Sysinternals Proces Sysin
taskhostw.exe		7,904 K	18,244 K	3528 Host Process for Wi Micro
SearchIndexer.exe		30,804 K	25,924 K	3888 Microsoft Windows Micro
svchost.exe		4,488 K	14,188 K	3936 Host Process for Wi Micro
RuntimeBroker.exe		18,780 K	38,052 K	4180 Runtime Broker Micro
svchost.exe		2,064 K	6,892 K	4308 Host Process for Wi Micro
WmiPrvSE.exe		8,432 K	13,416 K	4176
WmiPrvSF eye		2 600 K	8 480 K	256

Туре	Name
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\powrprof.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\iphlpapi.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\bcrypt.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\windows.storage.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\shlwapi.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\msctf.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\ole32.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\ntdll.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\taskschd.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\gpapi.dll.mui
File	C:\Windows\System32\en-US\rsaenh.dll.mui
Key	HKLM\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\Session Manager
Key	HKLM\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\NIs\Sorting\Versions
Key	HKLM
Key	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Image File Execution Options
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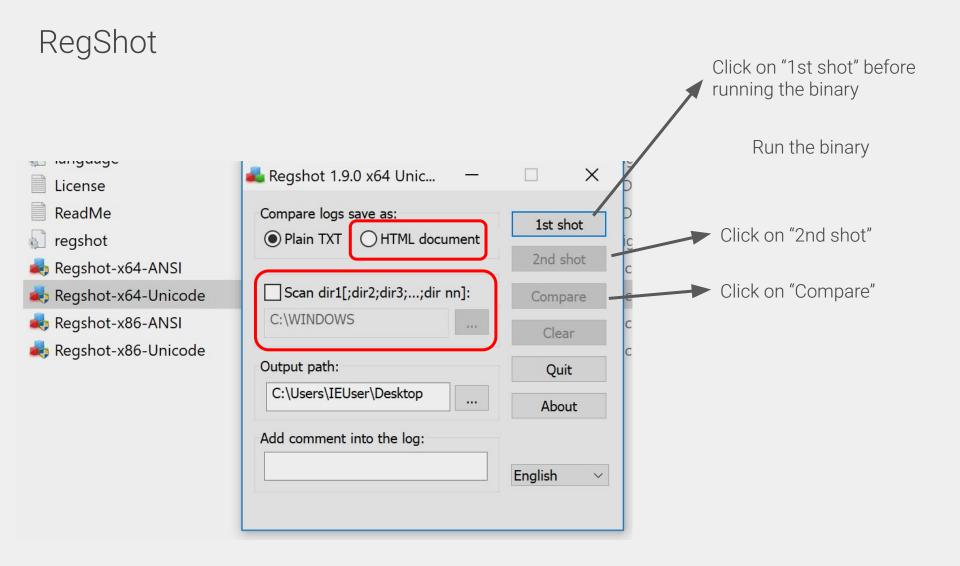
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RegShot



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RegShot

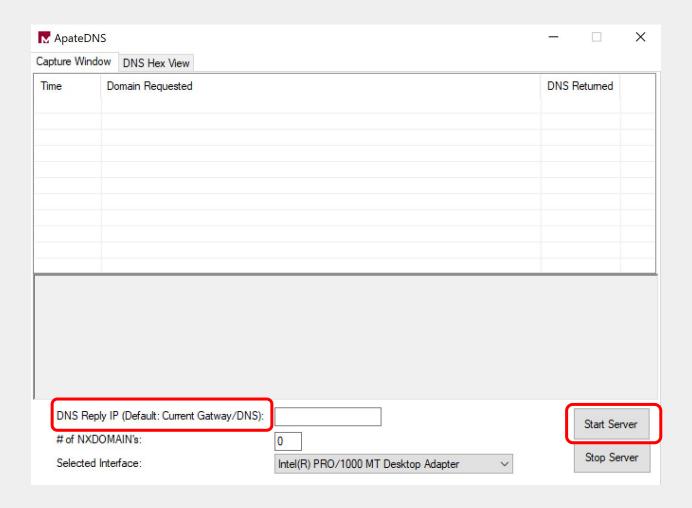
Values added: 11

Files added: 2

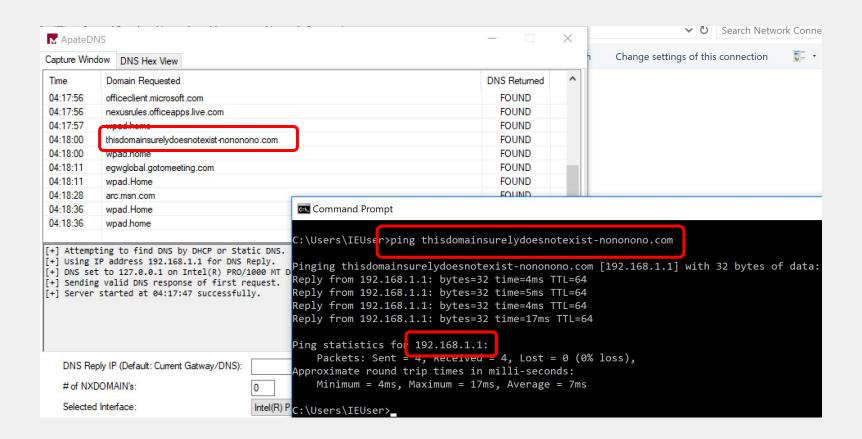
C:\Users\IEUser\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\notepad_test_2.lnk C:\Users\IEUser\Desktop\notepad_test_2.txt

DNS Resolution

ApateDNS



ApateDNS



Extra Ball: InetSim (Internet Services Simulation Suite)

- http://www.inetsim.org/index.html

With these tool you can simulate many services such as DNS, HTTP/S, FTP, etc.

Written in Perl, it needs to be executed from a Linux system.

The idea is to execute it in a Linux system with which you VM can communicate with. Then set the DNS server of the VM to the IP of the system running InetSim.

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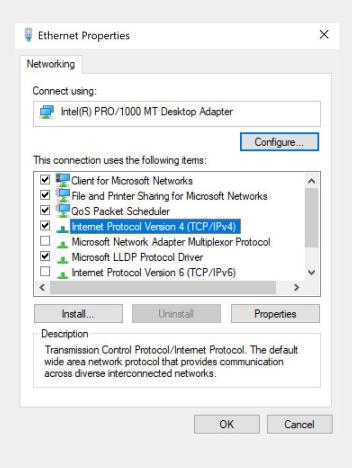
- Install InetSim in Ubuntu:
- 1. sudo apt-get install libnet-server-perl libnet-dns-perl libipc-shareable-perl libdigest-sha-perl libio-socket-ssl-perl
- 2. sudo groupadd inetsim
- cd <inetsim_directory>

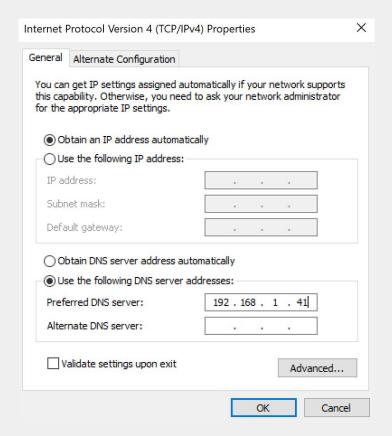
In <inetsim_directory>/conf/inetsim.conf, uncomment the following lines and set their values to the Ubuntu system private IP.

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service_bind_address 192.168.1.34
dns_default_ip 192.168.1.34
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- 1. ./setup.sh
- 2. ./inetsim

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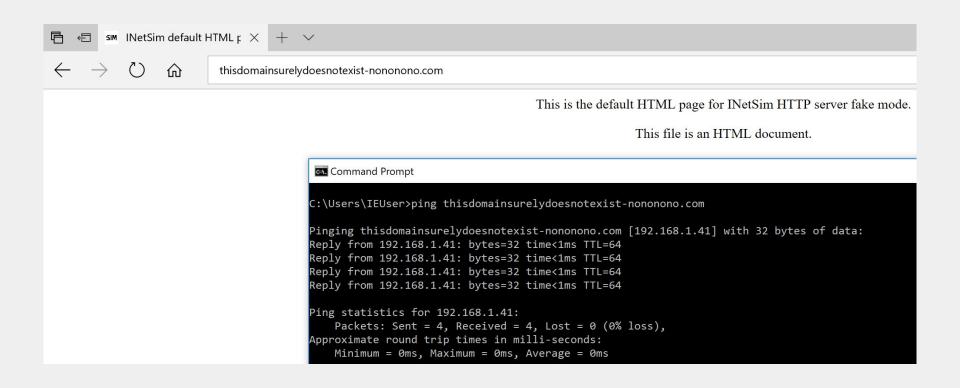




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→ inetsim-1.2.7 sudo ./inetsim
INetSim 1.2.7 (2017-10-22) by Matthias Eckert & Thomas Hungenberg
Using log directory: /home/albert/Downloads/inetsim-1.2.7/log/
Using data directory: /home/albert/Downloads/inetsim-1.2.7/data/
Using report directory: /home/albert/Downloads/inetsim-1.2.7/report/
Using configuration file: /home/albert/Downloads/inetsim-1.2.7/conf/inetsim.conf
Parsing configuration file.
Configuration file parsed successfully.
=== INetSim main process started (PID 3718) ===
Session ID:
               3718
Listening on: 192.168.1.41
Real Date/Time: 2018-03-03 14:06:28
Fake Date/Time: 2018-03-03 14:06:28 (Delta: 0 seconds)
Forking services...
 * dns 53 tcp udp - started (PID 3721)
 * smtps 465 tcp - started (PID 3725)
 * http_80_tcp - started (PID 3722)
 * discard 9 udp - started (PID 3743)
 * echo_7_tcp - started (PID 3740)
 * discard 9 tcp - started (PID 3742)
 * smtp_25_tcp - started (PID 3724)
 * time 37 udp - started (PID 3737)
 * echo 7 udp - started (PID 3741)
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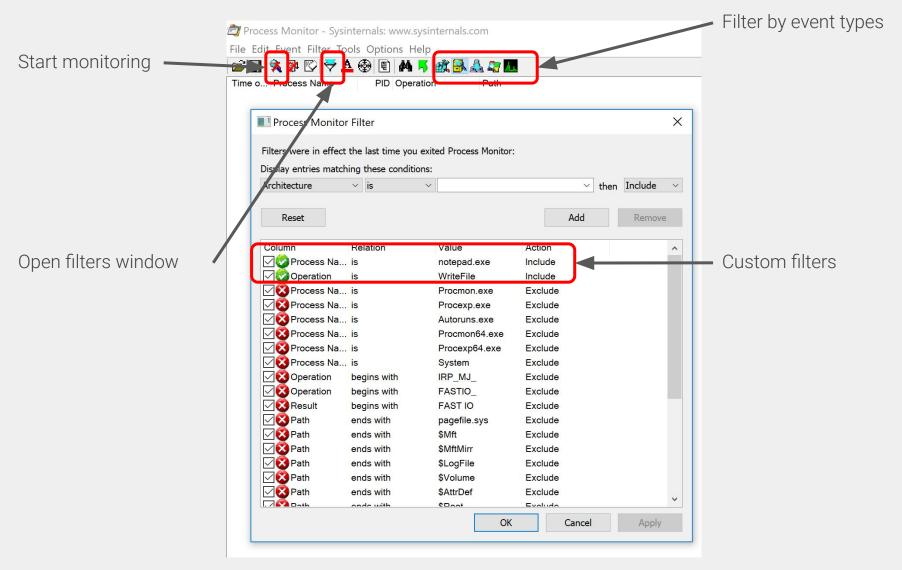
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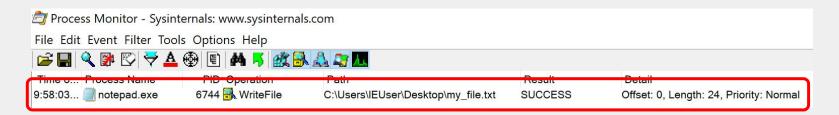
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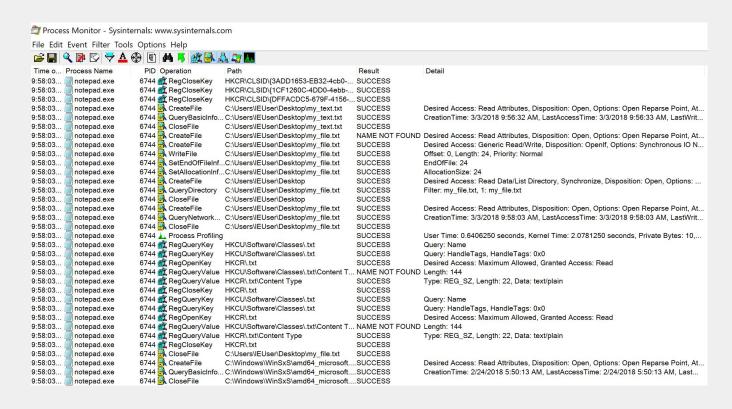
Process Monitor



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Process Monitor





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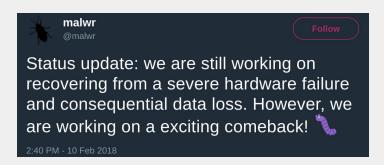
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There are some built-in ready to use sandboxes that will do the analysis for you.

Hybrid Analysis

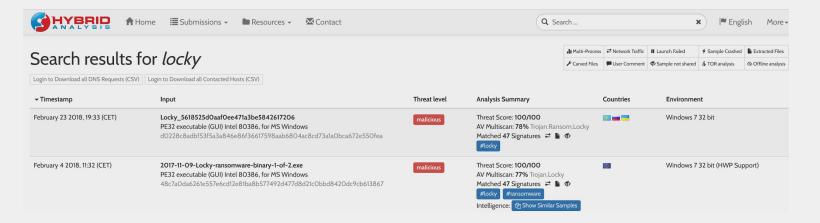


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HomeClasswork

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Let's analyze the following samples. What do they do?

- Lab03_01.exe

- second_mine.exe

Bibliography

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- Installing and Configuring InetSim
- <u>InetSim installation of Ubuntu 12.10</u>