

"" Capstone Project: Malware Detector Author: Chukwuebuka Tobiloba Nwaizugbe Email: nwaizugbechukwuebuka@gmail.com LinkedIn: <https://linkedin.com/in/chukwuebuka-tobiloba-nwaizugbe>

Description: This script simulates a basic malware detection system using:

- File hashing (SHA256)
- VirusTotal API for threat intelligence
- Simulated Snort rule validation ""

```
import os
import hashlib
import requests
import time
```

----- Configuration -----

```
VIRUSTOTAL_API_KEY = "YOUR_API_KEY_HERE" # Replace with your actual API key if not
VIRUSTOTAL_API_KEY or VIRUSTOTAL_API_KEY == "YOUR_API_KEY_HERE": raise
ValueError("Please set a valid VirusTotal API key in VIRUSTOTAL_API_KEY variable.")
```

```
HEADERS = { "x-apikey": VIRUSTOTAL_API_KEY }
```

----- Hashing Function -----

```
def calculate_sha256(file_path):
    sha256 = hashlib.sha256()
    with open(file_path, "rb") as f:
        for byte_block in iter(lambda: f.read(4096), b''):
            sha256.update(byte_block)
    return sha256.hexdigest()
```

----- VirusTotal Lookup -----

```
def check_virustotal(file_hash):
    url = f"https://www.virustotal.com/api/v3/files/{file_hash}"
    try:
        response = requests.get(url, headers=HEADERS)
        if response.status_code == 200:
            data = response.json()
            malicious_count = data['data']['attributes']['last_analysis_stats']['malicious']
            return malicious_count
        elif response.status_code == 404:
            return "Not found in VirusTotal"
        else:
            return f"Error: {response.status_code}"
    except requests.exceptions.RequestException as e:
        return f"Request failed: {str(e)}"
```

----- Simulated Snort Rule Check --

```
def snort_simulation(file_path): """ Dummy function to simulate a Snort rule check. Real-
world Snort integration would analyze packet capture (pcap) files or live traffic. """
print("[Simulated Snort] Checking for suspicious file patterns...") # Simulate threat
detection if "malware" in file_path.lower(): return True return False
```

----- Main Detection Function -----

```
def scan_file(file_path): print(f"\nScanning file: {file_path}")

if not os.path.exists(file_path):
    print("Error: File not found.")
    return

sha256_hash = calculate_sha256(file_path)
print(f"SHA-256 Hash: {sha256_hash}")

snort_result = snort_simulation(file_path)
vt_result = check_virustotal(sha256_hash)

# Report Summary
print("\n--- Malware Scan Summary ---")
print(f"File Path      : {file_path}")
print(f"Snort Alert     : {'YES' if snort_result else 'NO'}")
print(f"VirusTotal      : {vt_result}")
print("-----")
```

----- Execution -----

```
if name == "main": # Example usage: place sample files in the same directory
    files_to_scan = ["example_file.exe", "test_malware_sample.zip"]

    for file in files_to_scan:
        scan_file(file)
        time.sleep(15) # Respect VirusTotal API rate limits
```