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Regarding my deliverable:

My plan for the deliverable portion of the assignment, as we discussed, was to obtain a copy of a POS malware executable and perform various analyses on it. I initially spent most of my time on the paper itself, and ended up postponing working on the deliverable component later and later as I was bogged down in other finals work, etc. In the end, I found that it was much harder to acquire the malware source code than I had anticipated in the time that I had left myself, and I could not think of another good idea for a POS-related deliverable. The end result is that I have nothing to show for my efforts at creating a deliverable. I understand that this is probably disappointing, and I will admit to being quite disappointed in myself. However, that is the situation that I have created, and I have to live with it. I hope you enjoy the paper as much as I enjoyed researching it; this was one of my favorite projects of the semester, and I found the research to be eye-opening.

Regards,  
- Rob