

REPORT OF MALWARE THREAT

MODULE 7



ACTIVE INFECTIONS



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- TROJAN.WIN32.GENERIC
- WORM.EMAIL.PHISHING
- ROOTKIT.STEATH.ACCESS



SYSTEMS COMPROMISED

- 192.168.1.105 - SERVER_ALPHA
- 19.168.1.105 - SERVER_ALPHA
- 10.013%.22 WORKSATION_BETA
- DATABASE_GAMMA

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

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MALWARE THREAT MODULE - 7

Learning Objectives -

- Explain different malware threats and their categories concepts.
- Describe how njRAT Trojans operate.
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Malware Threat Concepts: -

Malware Threat

What is Malware?

Malware — short for *malicious software* — is any program created with harmful intent. Its mission? To break things, steal what isn't theirs, or quietly slip into systems where it has no business being. Attackers deploy malware to gain unauthorized access, extract sensitive data, disrupt operations, or simply cause chaos for fun or profit.

Types of Malwares

1. Virus

- **How it works:** Infects legitimate files or programs and spreads when those files are executed.
- **Impact:** Corrupts data, deletes files, slows systems, and causes crashes.
- **User action required:** Yes (opening the infected file).
- **Example:** ILOVEYOU virus.

2. Worm

- **How it works:** Spreads automatically across networks without user interaction.
- **Impact:** Consumes network resources, installs malicious payloads, or crashes systems.
- **Self-replication:** Yes.
- **Examples:** SQL Slammer, WannaCry.

3. Trojan Horse

- **How it works:** Pretends to be legitimate software to trick the user. After installation, it opens a hidden backdoor.
 - **Impact:** Remote access for attackers, data theft, installation of secondary malware.
 - **Example:** Zeus Trojan.
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Common Ports Used by Trojans

Port Number	Trojan Name	Port Number	Trojan Name
23432	Asylum	31338	Net Spy
31337	Back Orifice	31339	Net Spy
18006	Back Orifice 2000	139	Nuker
12349	Bionet	44444	Prosiak
6667	Bionet	8012	Ptakks
80	Codered	7597	Qaz
21	DarkFTP	4000	RA
3150	Deep Throat	666	Ripper
2140	Deep Throat	1026	RSM
10048	Delf	64666	RSM
23	EliteWrap	22222	Rux
6969	GateCrash	11000	Senna Spy
7626	Gdoor	113	Shiver
10100	Gift	1001	Silencer
21544	Girl Friend	3131	SubSari

Port Number	Trojan Name	Port Number	Trojan Name
7777	GodMsg	1243	Sub Seven
6267	GW Girl	6711	Sub Seven
25	Jesrto	6776	Sub Seven
25685	Moon Pie	27374	Sub Seven
68	Mspy	6400	Thing
1120	NetBus	12345	Valvoline

4. Ransomware

- **How it works:** Encrypts user data and demands payment for decryption.
- **Impact:** Data loss, financial damage, downtime in critical sectors.
- **Common victims:** Healthcare, finance, government, education.
- **Examples:** WannaCry, REvil.

5. Spyware

- **How it works:** Silently monitors user actions, such as keystrokes and browsing.
- **Impact:** Identity theft, financial fraud, stolen credentials.
- **Examples:** Keyloggers, banking trojans.

6. Adware

- **How it works:** Bombards the system with ads or redirects traffic to unsafe sites.
- **Impact:** System slowdown, tracking, and potential malware entry points.
- **Example:** Fireball.

7. Rootkit

- **How it works:** Hides deep inside the system to mask malicious activity and give attackers privileged access.
- **Impact:** Bypasses security tools, steals data, enables long-term espionage.
- **Detection difficulty:** Very high.

8. Botnet (Bot + Network)

- **How it works:** Turns infected devices into remotely controlled bots.
- **Impact:** Used for large-scale DDoS attacks, spam campaigns, and spreading malware.
- **Example:** Mirai Botnet.

9. Fileless Malware

- **How it works:** Lives in RAM instead of the hard drive, leaving almost no trace.
- **Impact:** Difficult for traditional antivirus to detect.
- **Example:** PowerShell-based attacks.

10. Scareware

- **How it works:** Shows fake security alerts to trick users into buying bogus software.
- **Impact:** Financial loss and risk of installing real malware.
- **Example:** Fake antivirus pop-ups.

Common Malware Delivery Methods

- Phishing emails and malicious attachments
- Infected USB drives / removable media
- Drive-by downloads from compromised websites
- Fake software updates
- Cracked software & illegal downloads
- Social engineering and fake apps
- Vulnerability exploitation

Attacking Phase.

Gaining Access to the Target System Using the njRAT Trojan

What Is a Trojan?

A computer Trojan is a malicious program disguised as legitimate software. Unlike viruses or worms, it does not self-replicate. Instead, it relies on user interaction to execute. Once activated, a Trojan can give an attacker unauthorized access to the target system, allowing them to steal data, manipulate files, monitor user activity, or completely compromise system integrity. Classic trick, modern damage.

Lab Scenario Overview

In this lab scenario, attackers leverage social engineering and digital deception to gain access to a target system using a Trojan. The attacker crafts a file that appears harmless—such as a movie, document, or utility—but secretly contains malicious code. When the victim downloads and executes the file, the Trojan activates and silently performs its predefined actions.

njRAT Trojan: -

njRAT (also known as **Bladabindi**) is a powerful **Remote Access Trojan (RAT)** designed to give attackers unauthorized remote control over Windows systems. Once installed on a victim machine, it allows the attacker to monitor activities, steal data, execute commands, and manipulate system resources—all without the user's knowledge.

In this practical setup,

Attacker Machine: Windows 11

Target Machine: Windows 7

How to Download njRAT

1. Open a web browser on the attacker machine.
2. Search for: **“njRAT download GitHub”**
3. Download from the repository:
<https://github.com/BlackAll9/NjRat.0.7D>
4. Open the main njRAT executable.
5. Start the program by selecting the “Start” option.
6. Proceed to the “Builder” section.
7. Now enter attacker machine (your machine ip) ip in host sections
8. Specify a name for the generated executable and click on build
9. Exe file created now share this folder or files to target machine
10. Return to the analyst machine to observe the connection within the evaluation setup.
11. Right-click inside the interface to access show options.
12. Open the manager panel to review the available controls.

Windows 10 [Running] - Oracle VMVirtualBox : 1

njRAT v0.7d Port[5552] Online[1] Selected[1] REQ[0]

Scre	Name	IP	PC	User	Install Date	Flag	Country	Operating System	Cam	Ver	Ping	Active Window
	Hacked_A019A02F	192.168.1.78	SACHET-PC	sachet	25-12-17	IN	N/A	Win 7 Ultimate SP9 x64	No	6.7d	838ms	njRAT

[Logs] [Builder] [Settings] [About] Connections[1] Upload [0 Bytes] Download [0 Bytes]

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The screenshot displays the ngRAT interface within a Windows 10 virtual machine. At the top, a status bar indicates 'ngRAT v0.7d', 'Port[5552]', 'Online[1]', and 'Selected[0]'. Below this is a table listing connected devices:

Screen	Name	IP	PC	User	Install Date	Flag	Country	Operating System	Cam	Ver	Ping	Active Window
	Hacked_A019A02F	192.168.1.78	SACHEL 7-PC	sachet	25-12-17		N.A	Win 7 Ultimate SP9 x64	No	6.7d	126ms	Start

Below the table, a file explorer window is open, showing the contents of the 'Hacked_A019A02F/sachet/Win 7 Ultimate SP9...' directory. The file list includes various system files and folders, such as 'bin', 'boot', 'bootmgr', 'bootmgr.efi', 'bootmgr.efi.bak', 'bootmgr.efi.bak2', 'bootmgr.efi.bak3', 'bootmgr.efi.bak4', 'bootmgr.efi.bak5', 'bootmgr.efi.bak6', 'bootmgr.efi.bak7', 'bootmgr.efi.bak8', 'bootmgr.efi.bak9', 'bootmgr.efi.bak10', 'bootmgr.efi.bak11', 'bootmgr.efi.bak12', 'bootmgr.efi.bak13', 'bootmgr.efi.bak14', 'bootmgr.efi.bak15', 'bootmgr.efi.bak16', 'bootmgr.efi.bak17', 'bootmgr.efi.bak18', 'bootmgr.efi.bak19', 'bootmgr.efi.bak20', 'bootmgr.efi.bak21', 'bootmgr.efi.bak22', 'bootmgr.efi.bak23', 'bootmgr.efi.bak24', 'bootmgr.efi.bak25', 'bootmgr.efi.bak26', 'bootmgr.efi.bak27', 'bootmgr.efi.bak28', 'bootmgr.efi.bak29', 'bootmgr.efi.bak30', 'bootmgr.efi.bak31', 'bootmgr.efi.bak32', 'bootmgr.efi.bak33', 'bootmgr.efi.bak34', 'bootmgr.efi.bak35', 'bootmgr.efi.bak36', 'bootmgr.efi.bak37', 'bootmgr.efi.bak38', 'bootmgr.efi.bak39', 'bootmgr.efi.bak40', 'bootmgr.efi.bak41', 'bootmgr.efi.bak42', 'bootmgr.efi.bak43', 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Malware Analysis

Malware analysis refers to the detailed investigation of malicious software to understand how it works, where it came from, and what damage it can cause. The purpose is to uncover its functionality, identify its techniques, and determine how to detect, mitigate, or eliminate the threat effectively.

Types of Malware Analysis

1. **Static Malware Analysis**
2. **Dynamic Malware Analysis**

Static Malware Analysis

Static analysis focuses on studying the malware file *without actually running it*. In this method, an analyst reviews the file's internal structure—such as its code, embedded strings, headers, and metadata—to predict what the malware is designed to do.

1. Static Analysis Using Hybrid Analysis Online Platform

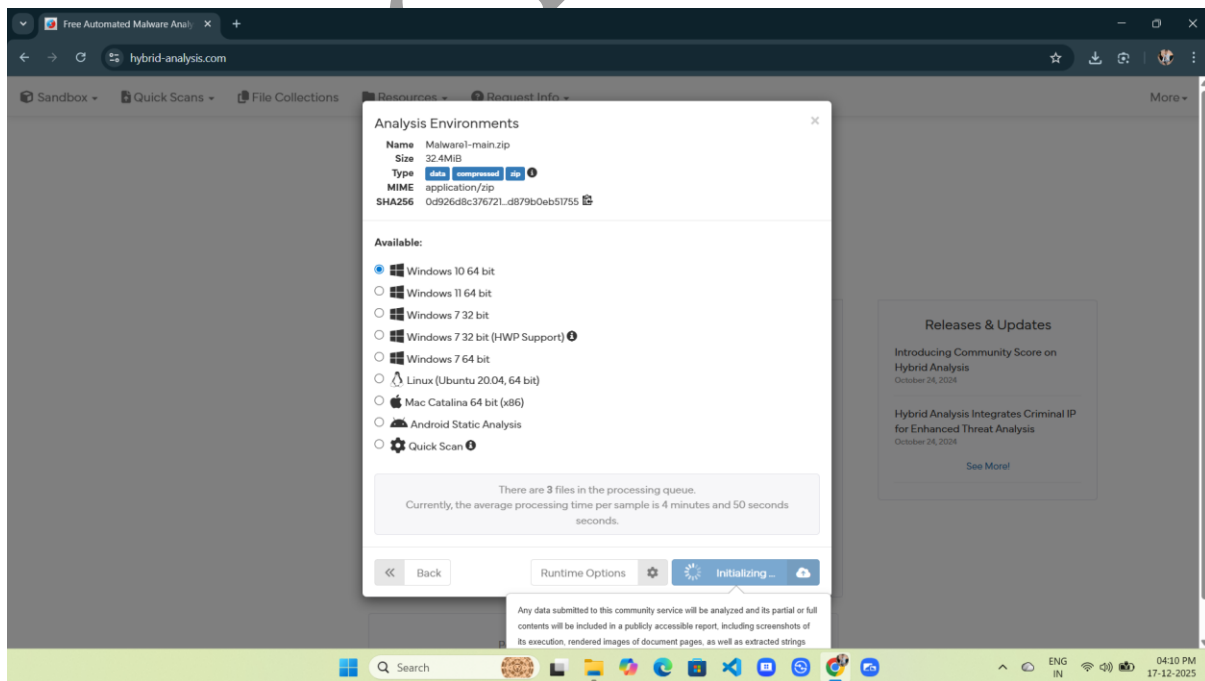
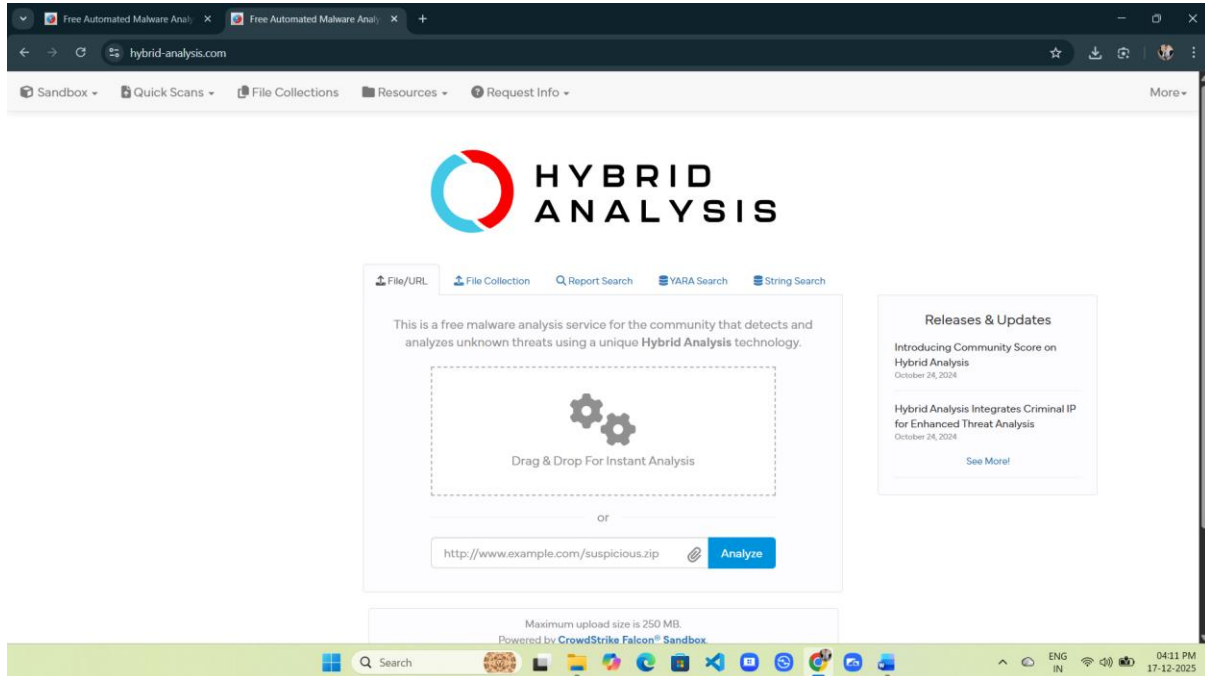
To perform basic static checks, you can use online malware-analysis tools that automatically examine the file and generate reports.

How to use the Hybrid Analysis platform:

- Open any web browser and search for “**Hybrid Analysis**”.
- Go to the official site: <https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/>
- Upload the suspicious file for automatic static and behavioral inspection.

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- Add file that you want to analys



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- Here scan completed and it is a malicious file

The screenshot shows the Hybrid Analysis interface for a submission named 'Malware1-main.zip'. The submission details include a size of 32MiB, type of application/zip, and a SHA256 hash. The analysis overview shows a 'suspicious' label with an AV detection rate of 3% and a community score of 0. The anti-virus results section features a MetaDefender Multi Scan Analysis result, which is 'Malicious (1/27)'. The interface also includes a search bar, navigation tabs, and a taskbar at the bottom.

Submission name: Malware1-main.zip
Size: 32MiB
Type: application/zip
SHA256: 0d926d8c37672146ef80116e5a4cfa8f08fb7fb3039fd29a3d879b0eb51755
Submitted At: 2025-12-17 10:39:20 (UTC)
Last Anti-Virus Scan: 2025-12-17 10:40:35 (UTC)
Last Sandbox Report: 2025-12-17 10:40:34 (UTC)

Analysis Overview
Request Report Deletion | Show Sample Content

suspicious
AV Detection: 3%
Labeled As: Trojan.Wacatac.oa
Community Score: 0

Anti-Virus Results
Updated a while ago

MetaDefender
Multi Scan Analysis
Malicious (1/27)

CrowdStrike Threat Intelligence reports include YARA and SNORT rules that you can implement in your environment. All rules are written and tested for false

The screenshot displays the 'Latest Submissions' table on the Hybrid Analysis platform. The table lists recent submissions with columns for Timestamp, Input, Threat level, Analysis Summary, Countries, Environment, and Action. All listed submissions are marked as 'malicious'.

Timestamp	Input	Threat level	Analysis Summary	Countries	Environment	Action
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December 17th 2025 10:46:39 (UTC)	a7a6a565f703fb44da832aa503f966683f33334bbb85d93bab5bca20e44fb PE32 executable for MS Windows 4.00 (GUI), Intel i386 (stripped to external PDB) ... a7a6a565f703fb44da832aa503f966683f33334bbb85d93bab5bca20e44fb	malicious	AV Detection: 100% Win/malicious_confidence_100%	-	quickscan	<input type="checkbox"/>
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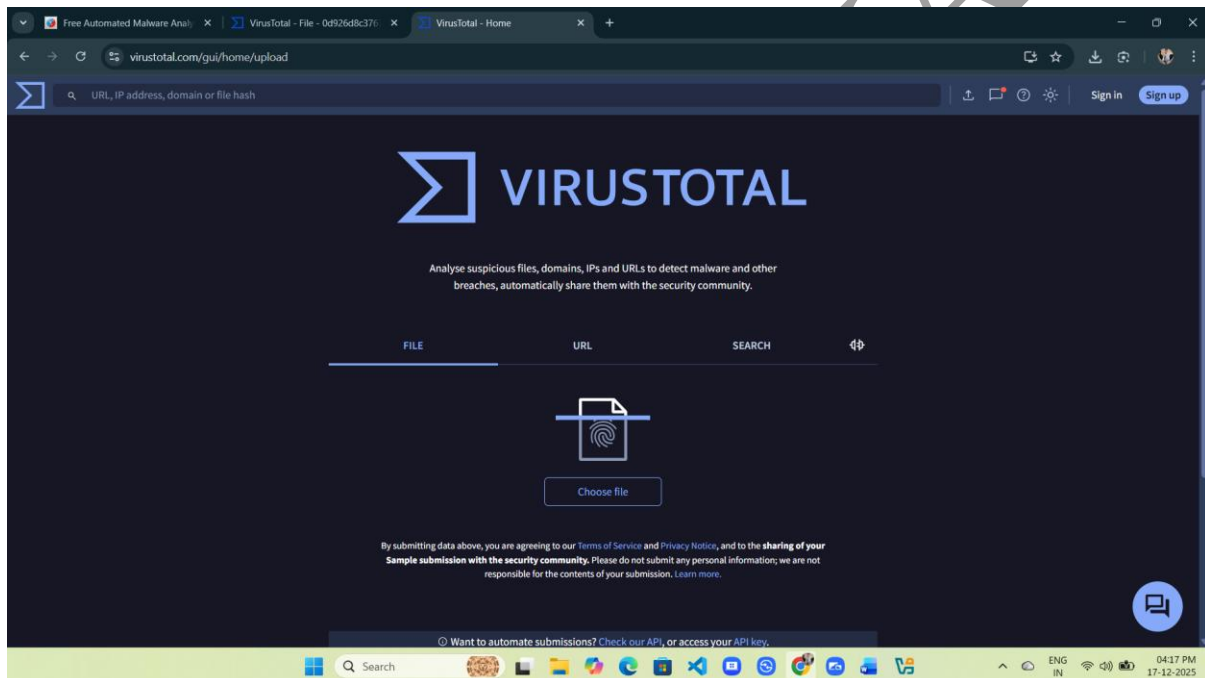
2.Static Malware Analysis Using Virus Total (Website)

How to use it -:

- Open Browser and search Virus Total

Website -: <https://www.virustotal.com/gui/home/upload>

- Now, choose a file that want to scan



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- Here scan completed and it is a malicious file

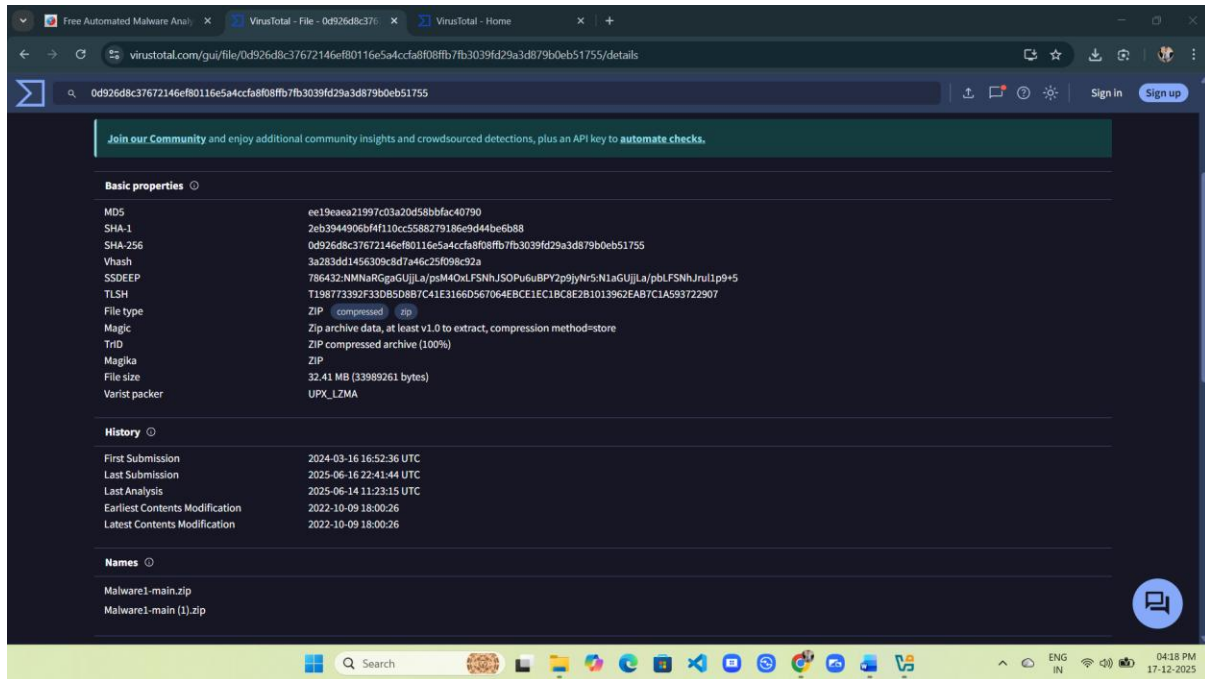
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Security vendors' analysis	Do you want to automate checks?
AhnLab-V3	Malware/Win.Generic.C5225456
Alibaba	Trojan:MSIL/DllInject.F219d88a
AlCloud	Trojan/dropper:MSIL/Killmb
ALYac	Gen.Variant.Fragtor.476798
Antiy-AVL	Trojan/MSIL_Agent
Avast	Win32/Malware-gen
AVG	Win32/Malware-gen
Avira (no cloud)	TR/AD.Nekark.dsgeu
BitDefender	Gen:Trojan.RegistryDisabler.IF0@aWQJ1...
ClamAV	Win.Malware.Killmb-7989846-0

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Lionic	Trojan.ZIP.DiskWriter.4lc
MaxSecure	Trojan.Malware.73716977.susgen
Microsoft	Trojan:Win32/KillDiskrfrn
NANO-Antivirus	Trojan.Win32.KillDisk.kjgcol
Panda	Trj/CLA
Rising	Trojan.Agent.B.1.E (CLOUD)
Sangfor Engine Zero	Trojan.Win32.Save.a
SentinelOne (Static ML)	Static AI - Malicious Archive
Skyhigh (SWG)	GenericRXWM-ZC11C93ABA8D33D
Sophos	Mal/Genetic-S
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TrendMicro	Trojan.Win32.KILLMBR.SMA
TrendMicro-HouseCall	Trojan.Win32.KILLMBR.SMA
Varist	W32/ABTrojan.EWPPW-0431
VBA32	Win32.Trojan.Dropper.Heur
VirIT	Trojan.Win32.MSIL_Heur.A
WithSecure	Heuristic.HEUR/AGEN.1373716
Xcitium	Malware@hvtwibhgr0e
Yandex	Trojan.GenAsaiUZBUpQr4Zi
ZoneAlarm by Check Point	Troj/KILLMBR-U
Acronis (Static ML)	Undetected
Arcabit	Undetected
Avast-Mobile	Undetected
Baidu	Undetected
CMC	Undetected

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3.Static Malware Analysis Using Detect It Easy (DIE)

Definition

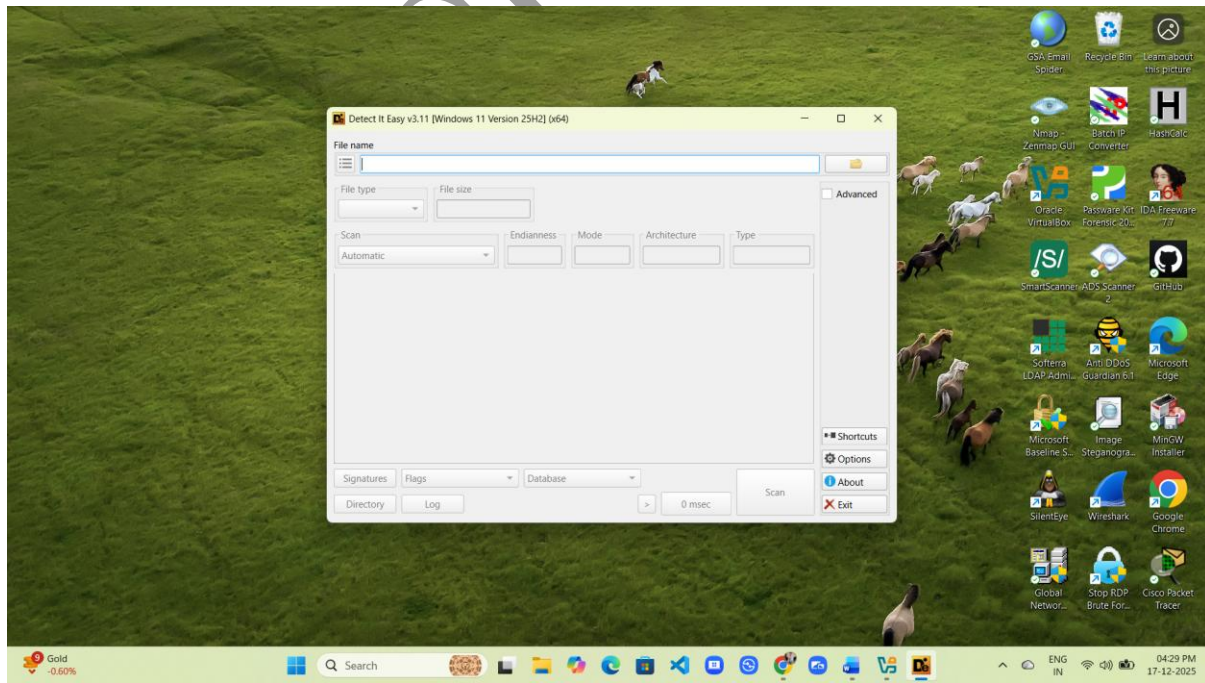
Static malware analysis is the art of understanding a suspicious file **without executing it**. No running, no detonating—just observation. Detect It Easy (DIE) is a lightweight analysis tool used to identify file type, compiler, packer, and basic characteristics of malware samples. Think of it as reading the enemy's diary without waking them up.

Working

DIE scans the malware sample and analyzes its internal structure. It looks for signatures, entropy levels, and known packers to determine how the file was built and whether it's obfuscated or compressed. Since the file is never executed, the system stays safe—old-school caution, modern efficiency.

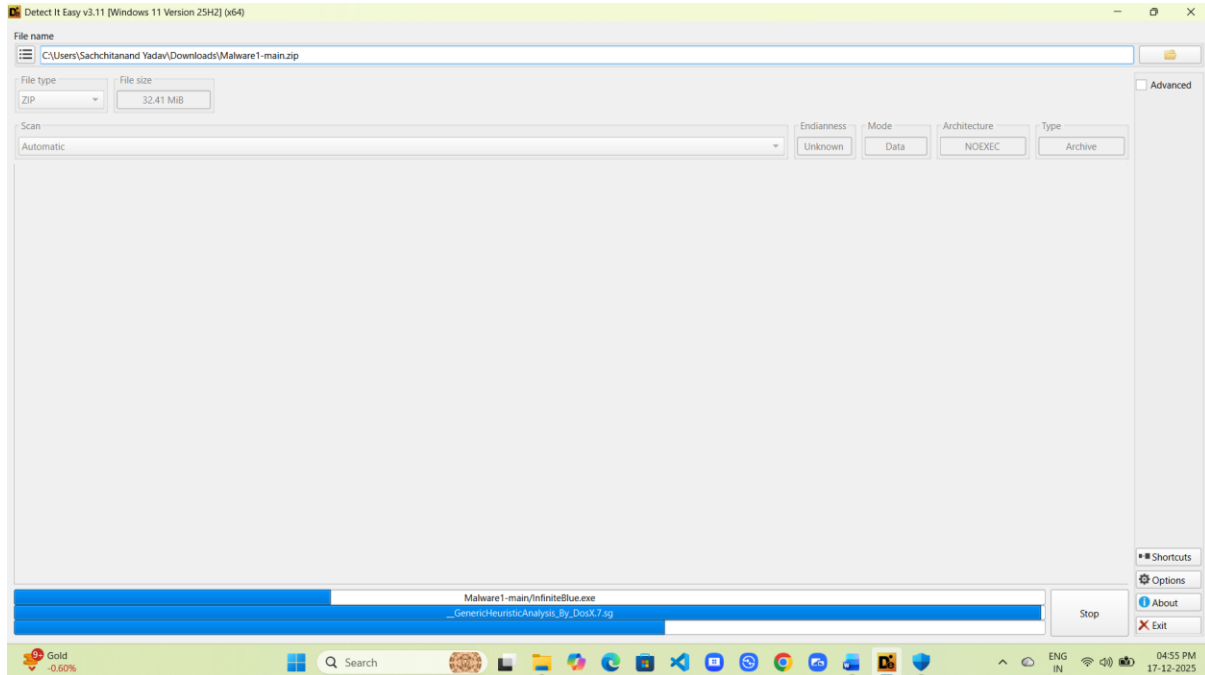
Steps

1. Launch Detect It Easy (DIE) on the analysis system.

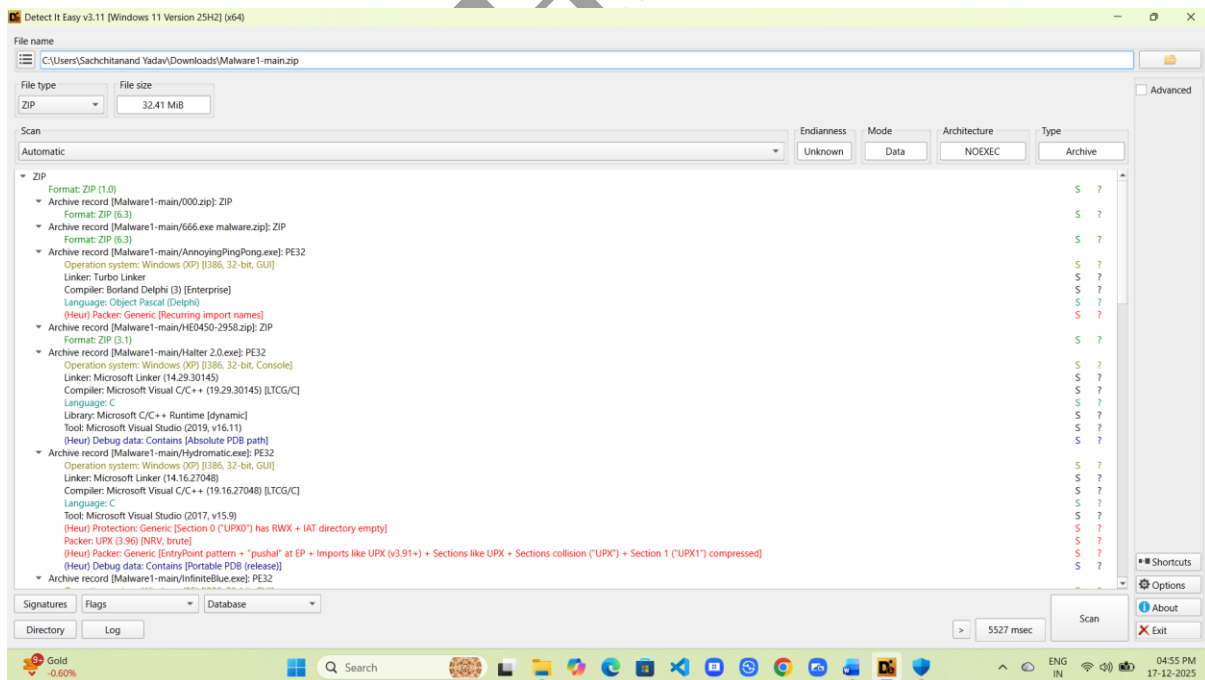


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2. Load the suspicious executable file into the tool.

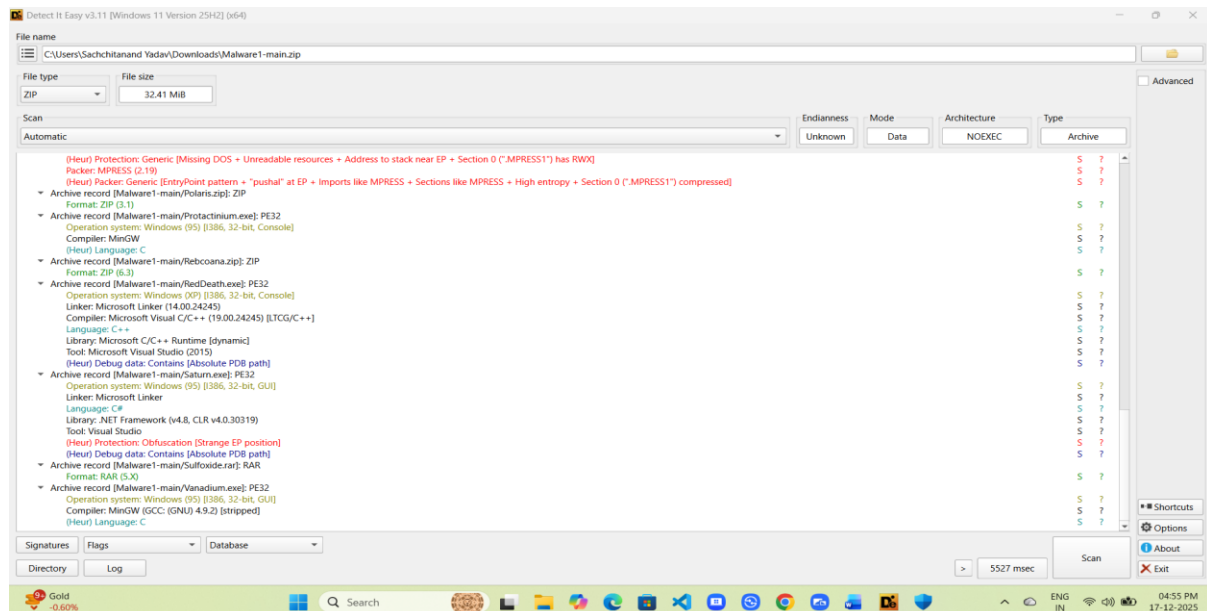


3. Examine detected information such as file format, compiler, packer, and entropy.

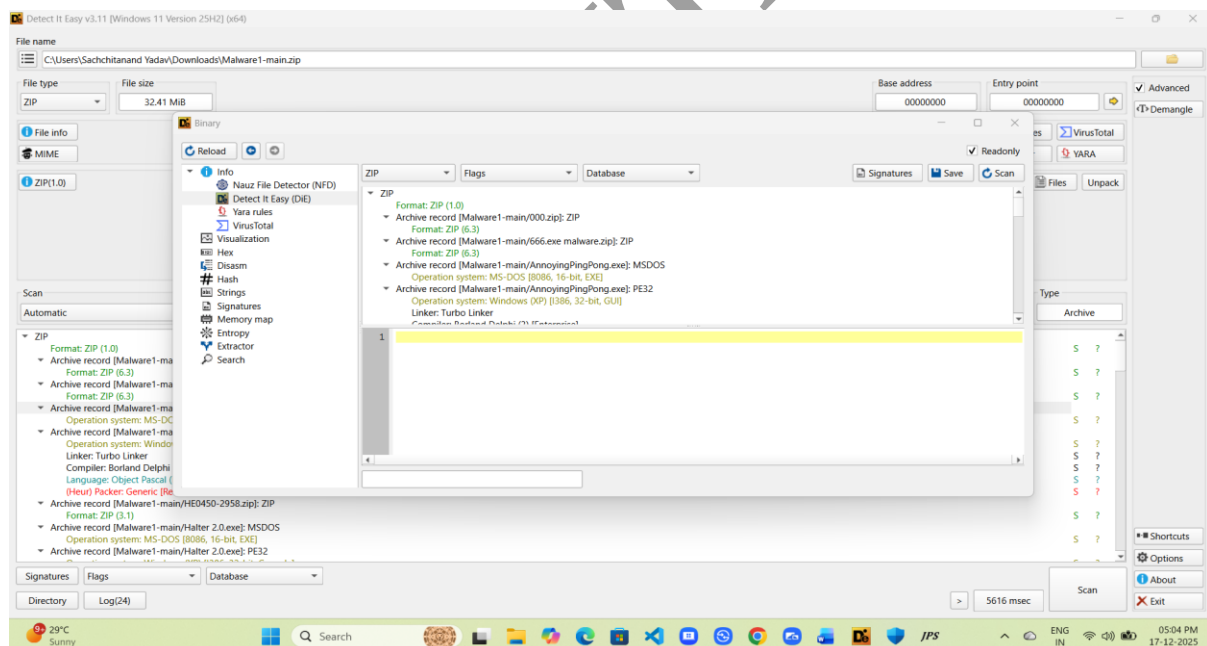


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4. Analyze results to understand whether the file is packed or potentially malicious.



5. Document findings for further investigation or reporting.



Conclusion

Static analysis using DIE provides a safe and effective first look into malware behavior. It helps analysts identify threats early without risking system infection. The lesson is simple and timeless: observe before you act—because smart defense always starts with understanding.

4. Perform Malware Disassembly Using IDA

Definition

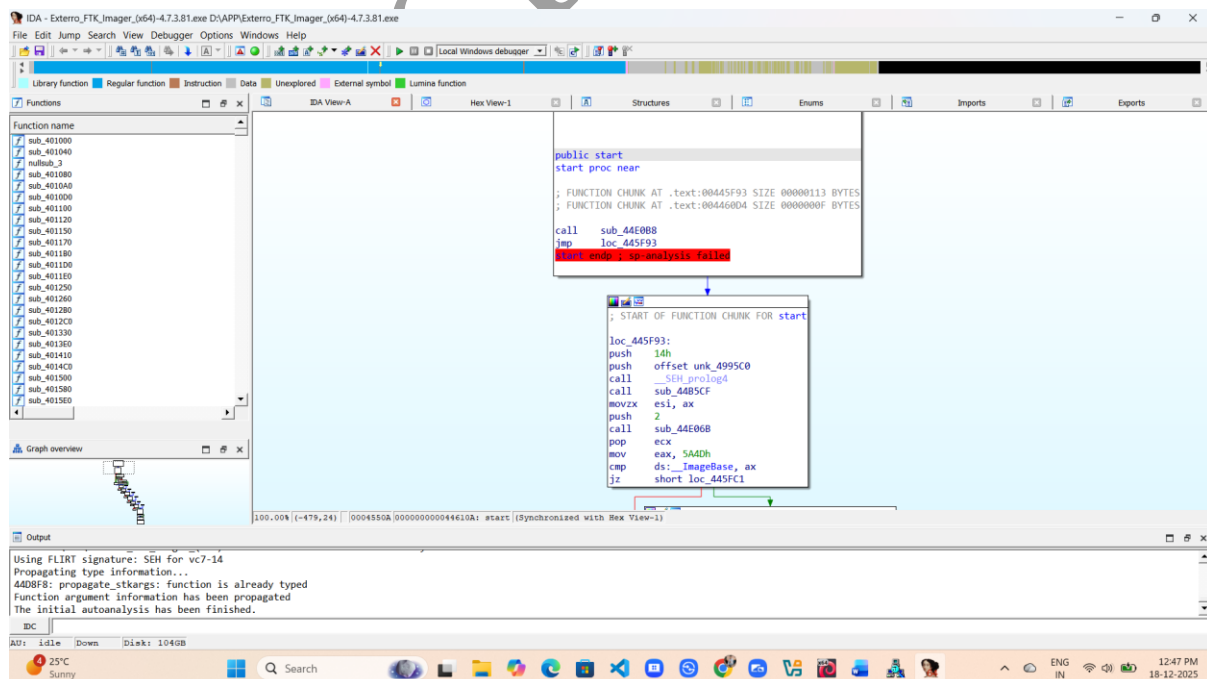
Malware disassembly is a static analysis technique used to study malicious programs by converting machine code into human-readable assembly code. IDA (Interactive Disassembler) is a widely used professional tool that helps analysts understand a program's internal logic **without executing it**.

Working

IDA analyzes the binary file and breaks it down into assembly instructions, functions, and code flow graphs. It allows analysts to trace program behavior, identify suspicious routines, API calls, and hidden logic. Since the malware is not run, the system remains safe—slow, careful analysis over reckless execution. Tradition wins.

Steps

1. Open IDA on a secure analysis system.
2. Load the suspicious executable file.
3. Allow IDA to analyze and disassemble the binary automatically.
4. Review functions, strings, and code flow to identify malicious behavior.
5. Note important findings for documentation and further analysis.



Conclusion

Malware disassembly using IDA provides deep insight into how malicious programs are structured and operate internally. It is a powerful technique for understanding threats, strengthening defenses, and improving incident response—proof that real security starts with patience, precision, and respect for fundamentals.

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Dynamic Malware Analysis

Dynamic malware analysis involves running the suspicious file inside a controlled, isolated environment (sandbox or virtual machine) to directly observe how it behaves. This approach reveals its real-time actions, such as system changes, network activity, or process creation.

Working

Once executed, the malware interacts with the system as it normally would. Analysts monitor changes such as file creation, registry modification, process spawning, and network communication. Unlike static analysis, this method shows what the malware **actually does**, not just what it could do.

Process Monitoring Using TCPView

TCPView is a powerful network monitoring tool from Microsoft Sysinternals that shows all active TCP and UDP connections on a Windows system. It displays real-time details such as local and remote IP addresses, port numbers, connection states, and the exact processes (PIDs) using those connections. This makes it extremely useful for spotting suspicious programs or hidden malware communications.

How to Install TCPView:

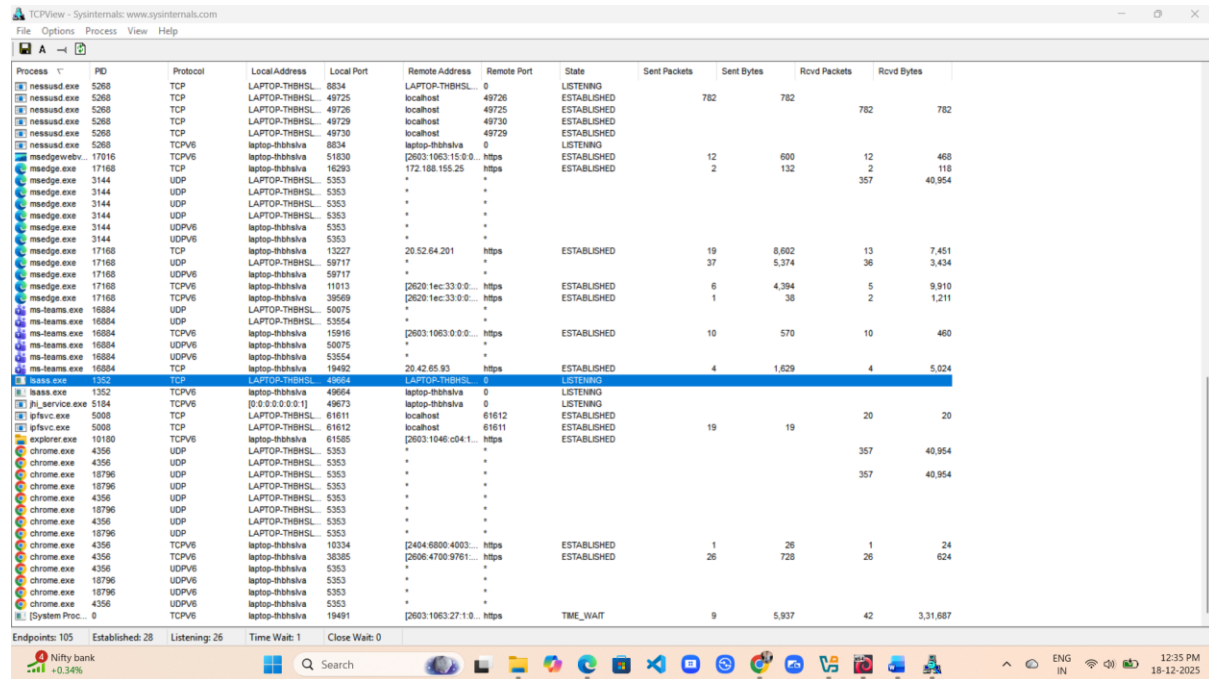
- Open your browser and search for “**TCPView download**”.

You can get the official version from the Microsoft Sysinternals website:

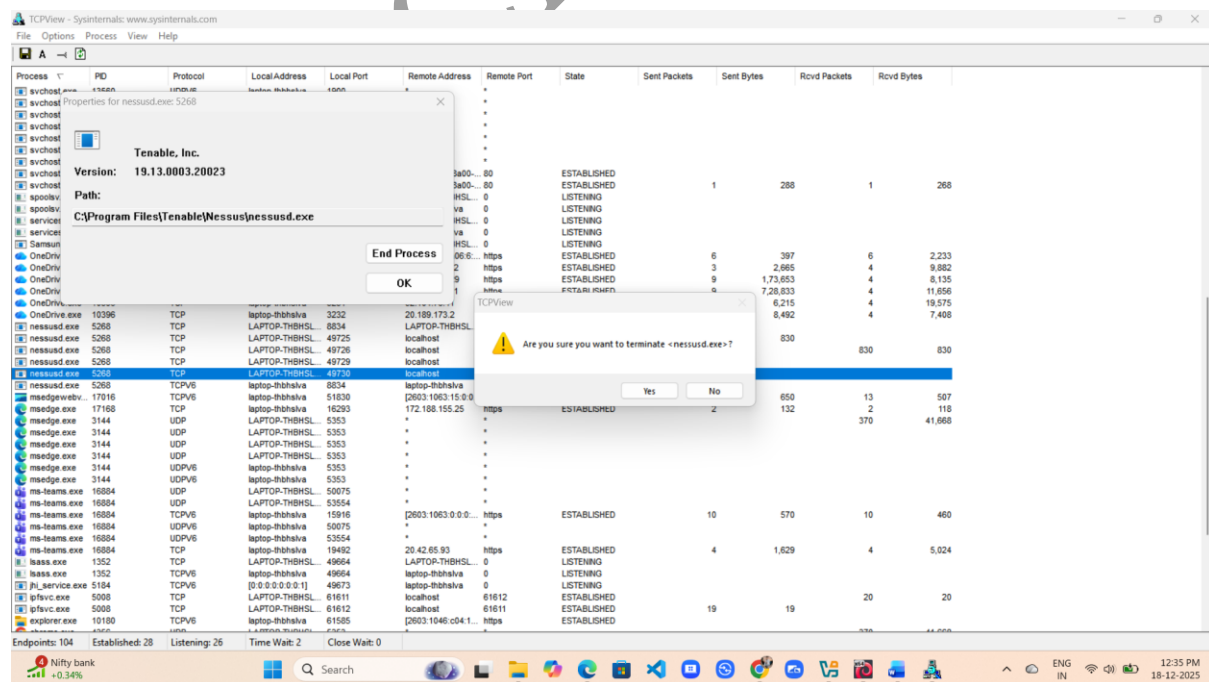
<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/downloads/tcpview>

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- After Download, Open It



- You can also see the path/location of running process, simply click on the running process



Conclusion

Dynamic malware analysis exposes the true intent of malicious software by watching it operate live. Tools like TCPView help uncover hidden network activity and command-and-control communication. The takeaway is timeless: trust behavior over promises—because malware always tells the truth when it thinks no one's watching.

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Infecting a Target System Using a Virus

A computer virus is a self-replicating malicious program that spreads by attaching its code to legitimate executable files. Once activated, it operates without the knowledge or consent of the user, quietly doing its thing behind the curtain. Classic villain energy.

Lab Scenario

Viruses remain one of the oldest yet most persistent threats in modern computing. From personal laptops to enterprise networks, no system is truly immune. The true strength of a virus lies in its ability to reproduce—often repeatedly—based on parameters defined by its creator.

Virus Creation Using JPS Virus Maker

The JPS Virus Maker is a legacy malware-generation tool that allows the creation of customized malicious programs by enabling predefined behaviors. These behaviors may include automatic execution at system startup, forced system shutdown, disruption of user input devices, interference with system services, and termination of operating system processes.

From a cybersecurity education perspective, such tools are discussed **only as proof-of-concept artifacts**. Ethical hackers and penetration testers study them to understand how malware operates, how attackers abuse system privileges, and how defensive controls can be evaluated against real-world threats.

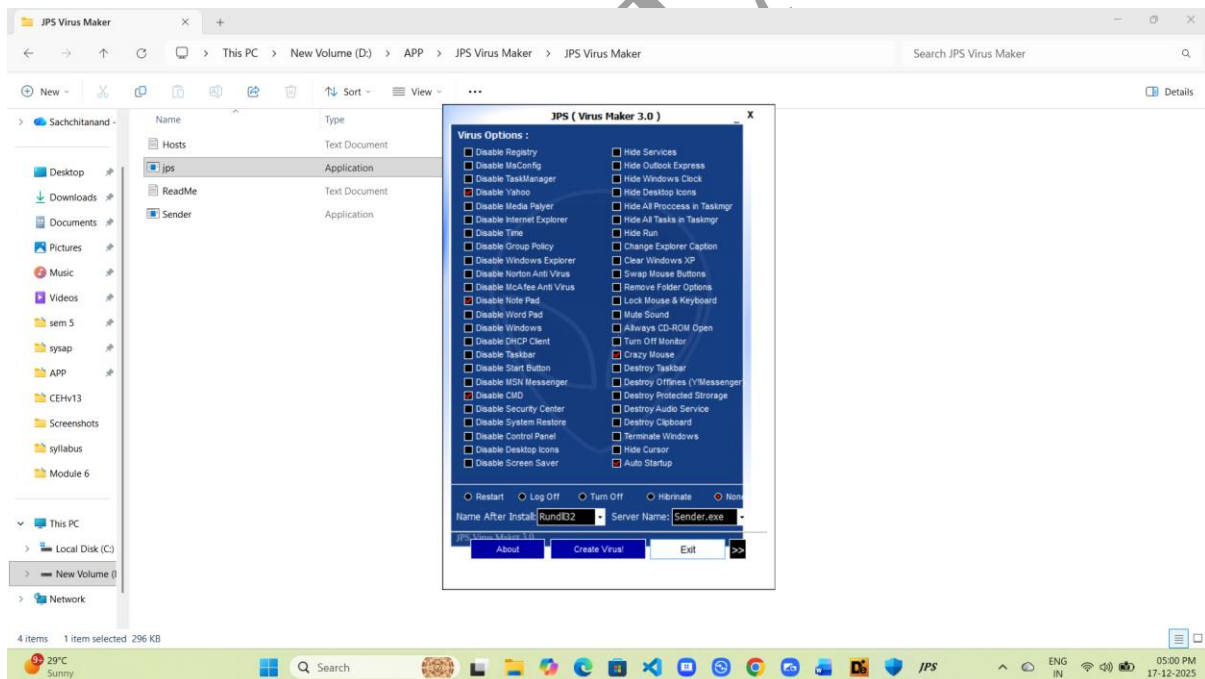
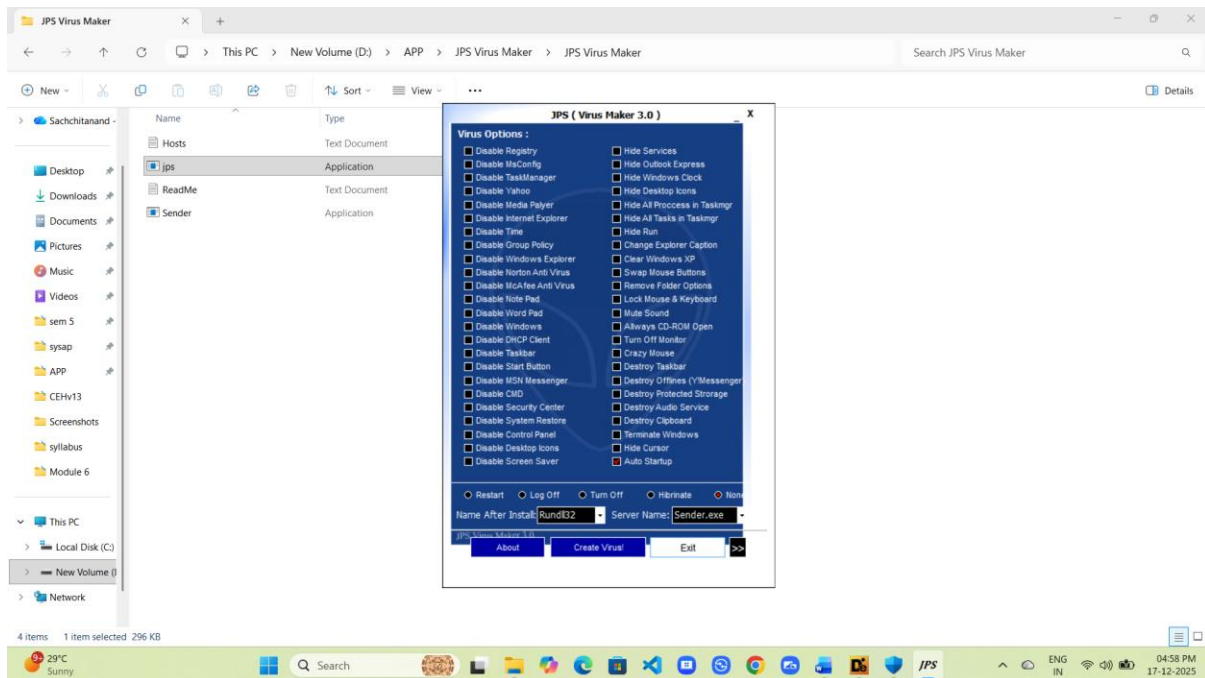
In controlled laboratory environments, simulated malware is sometimes used to assess:

- Effectiveness of antivirus and endpoint protection
- User privilege restrictions
- System hardening and recovery mechanisms
- Incident response readiness

Using JPS Virus Maker

- Open JPS Virus Maker in a controlled virtual machine environment.
- Select the type of virus to create (e.g., file infector, system disruptor).
- Configure the virus's behavior, such as target file types or execution triggers.
- Compile the virus into an executable file.
- Test the virus in an isolated, sandboxed environment to observe its effects without risking actual systems.

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Conclusion

This task helped in understanding the basic working of computer viruses and their impact on system security. It emphasizes the importance of secure configurations, user awareness, and effective defensive measures to protect systems from malware attacks.

Explain Malware Countermeasures

Malware countermeasures are the strategies and controls used to **prevent, detect, and respond** to malicious software attacks. Old wisdom, new tools—the goal stays the same: keep systems clean and trustworthy.

1. Preventive Countermeasures

Prevention is the first line of defense, and honestly, still the strongest.

- Install and regularly update antivirus and anti-malware software
- Keep operating systems and applications patched
- Use firewalls to block unauthorized access
- Avoid downloading software from untrusted sources
- Apply least-privilege access to users and services

2. Detection Countermeasures

Because let's be real—some threats will slip through.

- Monitor system processes and network traffic
- Use intrusion detection and endpoint protection systems
- Perform regular malware scans and log analysis
- Watch for abnormal behavior like unknown processes or network connections

3. Corrective Countermeasures

When malware hits, speed and discipline matter.

- Isolate the infected system immediately
- Remove malware using trusted security tools
- Restore systems from clean backups
- Apply security updates to prevent reinfection

Key Malware Countermeasures

- Avoid opening email attachments from unknown or untrusted senders
- Do not download or execute software from untrusted sources
- Install OS and application patches and keep systems updated
- Use reputable antivirus and anti-malware tools and keep them up to date
- Enable firewalls and block unnecessary ports at the host and network level
- Regularly back up important data
- Enable pop-up blockers and use internet security features

- Do not open files with multiple or suspicious extensions
- Always verify applications before installation
- Keep security tools running with current virus definitions

Conclusion

Malware defense is not about one tool—it's about habits. Strong prevention, smart monitoring, and fast response form a security posture that actually works. The tech evolves, threats mutate, but the rule stays old-school and undefeated: **protect, monitor, recover—repeat.**

Module Summary

This module walked through the fundamentals of malware and how it spreads—viruses, Trojans, worms, ransomware, fileless threats, and AI-powered malware. It broke down how these threats infect systems and evolve through their lifecycle. Static and dynamic malware analysis techniques were explored to understand detection in real-world scenarios, along with practical countermeasures and anti-malware tools. Bottom line: know the threat, read its moves, shut it down. Old threats, new tricks—but disciplined defense still wins.

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