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LAB 9-1

1. How can you get this malware to install itself?

The malware installs itself when run with the “-in” flag/command line argument. We also need to provide the password in order to successfully install the malware.

00402845	8995 E0E7FFFF	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-1820],edx	
00402848	68 70C14000	push lab09-01.40C170	40C170:“-in”
00402850	8B85 E0E7FFFF	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-1820]	
00402856	50	push eax	eax:“PE”
00402857	E8 B30C0000	call lab09-01.40380F	
0040285C	83C4 08	add esp,8	
0040285F	85C0	test eax,eax	eax:“PE”
00402861	75 64	jne lab09-01.4028C7	

As can be seen in the above image, the highlighted command checks whether the “-in” command line argument is present or not.

2. What are the command-line options for this program? What is the password requirement?

The image below shows the different command-line options for this program:

00402A3E	mov edi,lab09-01.40C12C	“.exe”
00402848	push lab09-01.40C170	“-in”
004028D3	push lab09-01.40C16C	“-re”
00402C5B	push lab09-01.40C168	“-c”
00402CE5	push lab09-01.40C164	“-cc”
00402D58	push lab09-01.40C14C	“k:%s h:%s p:%s per:%s\n”
00403381	push lab09-01.40B180	“COMSPEC”
004033CC	push lab09-01.40B17C	“/c”

As can be seen above, “-in”, “-re”, “-c”, and “-cc” are the 4 different command-line options. The “-in” argument installs the malware, “-re” argument removes the malware, “-c” argument updates the malware’s configuration, and “-cc” argument prints the malware’s current configuration to the screen.

00402518	83C9 FF	or ecx,FFFFFFFF	
00402518	33C0	xor eax,eax	eax:"PE"
0040251D	F2:AE	repne scasb	
0040251F	F7D1	not ecx	
00402521	83C1 FF	add ecx,FFFFFFFF	
00402524	83F9 04	cmp ecx,4	
00402527	74 04	je lab09-01.402520	
00402529	33C0	xor eax,eax	eax:"PE"
0040252B	EB 73	jmp lab09-01.4025A0	
0040252D	8B45 08	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
00402530	8A08	mov cl,byte ptr ds:[eax]	eax:"PE"
00402532	884D FC	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-4],cl	
00402535	0FB555 FC	movsx edx,byte ptr ss:[ebp-4]	
00402539	83FA 61	cmp edx,61	edx:"PE", 61: 'a'
0040253C	74 04	je lab09-01.402542	
0040253E	33C0	xor eax,eax	eax:"PE"
00402540	EB 5E	jmp lab09-01.4025A0	
00402542	8B45 08	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
00402545	8A48 01	mov cl,byte ptr ds:[eax+1]	
00402548	884D FC	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-4],cl	
0040254B	8B55 08	mov edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
0040254E	8A45 08	mov al,byte ptr ss:[ebp-4]	
00402551	2A02	sub al,byte ptr ds:[edx]	edx:"PE"
00402553	8845 FC	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-4],al	
00402556	0FB54D FC	movsx ecx,byte ptr ss:[ebp-4]	
0040255A	83F9 01	cmp ecx,1	
0040255D	74 04	je lab09-01.402563	
0040255F	33C0	xor eax,eax	eax:"PE"
00402561	EB 3D	jmp lab09-01.4025A0	
00402563	8A45 FC	mov al,byte ptr ss:[ebp-4]	
00402566	B2 63	mov dl,63	63: 'c'
00402568	F6EA	imul dl	
0040256A	8845 FC	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-4],al	
0040256D	0FB545 FC	movsx eax,byte ptr ss:[ebp-4]	
00402571	8B4D 08	mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
00402574	0FB551 02	movsx edx,byte ptr ds:[ecx+2]	edx:"PE"
00402578	3BC2	cmp eax,edx	eax:"PE", edx:"PE"
0040257A	74 04	je lab09-01.402580	

As can be seen in the above image, the first character of the password is 'a'. Then, it performs mathematical operations to go to the second ASCII character 'b'. 'c' is explicitly tested for and 'd' is mathematically computed as with 'b'. In the end, the password turns out to be 'abcd'.

- How can you use OllyDbg to permanently patch this malware, so that it doesn't require the special command-line password?

The malware can be patched as seen in the screenshot below:

00402510	B8 01000000	mov eax,1	
00402515	C3	ret	
00402516	90	nop	
00402517	90	nop	
00402518	83C9 FF	or ecx,FFFFFFFF	ecx:EntryPoint
00402518	33C0	xor eax,eax	
0040251D	F2:AE	repne scasb	
0040251F	F7D1	not ecx	ecx:EntryPoint
00402521	83C1 FF	add ecx,FFFFFFFF	ecx:EntryPoint
00402524	83F9 04	cmp ecx,4	ecx:EntryPoint
00402527	74 04	je lab09-01.402520	
00402529	33C0	xor eax,eax	
0040252B	EB 73	jmp lab09-01.4025A0	

I changed the password checking function's first few bytes to always return 1 no matter what password is provided or entered. I first moved 1 into eax and returned true to skip the password verification process.

4. What are the host-based indicators of this malware?

This malware creates a registry key at “HKLM\Software\Microsoft \XPS\Configuration”.

00401229	push lab09-01.40C040		"SOFTWARE\Microsoft \XPS"
00401244	push lab09-01.40C030		"Configuration"
004012A4	push lab09-01.40C040		"SOFTWARE\Microsoft \XPS"
004012D1	push lab09-01.40C030		"Configuration"

004012A4	68 40C04000	push lab09-01.40C040	40C040:"SOFTWARE\Microsoft \XPS"
004012A9	68 02000080	push 80000002	
004012AE	FF15 20804000	call dword ptr ds:[<&RegOpenKeyExA>]	
004012B4	85C0	test eax,eax	
004012B6	74 0A	je lab09-01.4012C2	
004012B8	88 01000000	mov eax,1	
004012BD	E9 4F010000	jmp lab09-01.401411	
004012C2	8D4D F8	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-8]	ecx:EntryPoint
004012C5	51	push ecx	ecx:EntryPoint
004012C6	8D95 F8FFFFFF	lea edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-1008]	edx:EntryPoint
004012CC	52	push edx	edx:EntryPoint
004012CD	6A 00	push 0	
004012CF	6A 00	push 0	
004012D1	68 30C04000	push lab09-01.40C030	40C030:"Configuration"

As can be seen in the above two screenshots, the registry key is being created.

This malware also creates a service called “XYZ Manager Service” and XYZ can be specified during run-time (installation). The screenshots below show the service being created.

0040268F	mov edi,lab09-01.40C12C		".exe"
004027A3	mov edi,lab09-01.40C118		"Manager Service"

0040279E	83E1 03	and ecx,3	ecx:EntryPoint
004027A1	F3:A4	rep movsb	
004027A3	BF 18C14000	mov edi,lab09-01.40C118	edi:EntryPoint, 40C118:"Manager Service"
004027A8	8D95 FCF3FFFF	lea edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-C04]	edx:EntryPoint
004027AE	83C9 FF	or ecx,FFFFFFFF	ecx:EntryPoint

5. What are the different actions this malware can be instructed to take via the network?

0040204C	mov edi,lab09-01.40C0C4		"SLEEP"
0040205E	push lab09-01.40C0C4		"SLEEP"
004020D2	mov edi,lab09-01.40C0B8		"UPLOAD"
004020E4	push lab09-01.40C0B8		"UPLOAD"
00402186	mov edi,lab09-01.40C0AC		"DOWNLOAD"
00402198	push lab09-01.40C0AC		"DOWNLOAD"
0040223A	mov edi,lab09-01.40C0A8		"CMD"
0040224C	push lab09-01.40C0A8		"CMD"
004022C1	push lab09-01.40C0A0		"rb"
00402330	mov edi,lab09-01.40C098		"NOTHING"
00402342	push lab09-01.40C098		"NOTHING"

As can be seen in the above screenshot, this malware can take the following actions via the network: sleep, upload, download, cmd, and nothing.

The sleep command is used to instruct the malware not to perform any actions for a given period of time. The upload command is used to read a file from the network and write it to the local system at the path specified. The download command instructs the malware to send the contents of said file earlier over the network to a remote host. The cmd command instructs the malware to open a shell on the local system. Finally, the nothing command instructs the malware to do nothing by issuing a no-op command.

6. Are there any useful network-based signatures for this malware?

00401835	mov edi, lab09-01.40C080		"GET"
0040183F	mov edi, lab09-01.40C070		" HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
00401C94	push lab09-01.40C068		"\r\n\r\n"
00401F10	push lab09-01.40C090		"\r\n\r\n"
00401F49	push lab09-01.40C088		"\r\n\r\n"
0040188D	F3:A4	rep movsb	
0040188F	BF 70C04000	mov edi, lab09-01.40C070	edi:EntryPoint, 40C070: " HTTP/1.0\r\n\r\n"
00401894	8D95 FCFBFFFF	lea edx, dword ptr ss:[ebp-404]	edx:EntryPoint
0040189A	83C9 FF	or ecx, FFFFFFFF	ecx:EntryPoint
004028D1	push lab09-01.40C110		"80"
004028D6	push lab09-01.40C0E8		"http://www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com"
004028D8	push lab09-01.40C0E4		"ups"

As can be seen in the above images, this malware uses HTTP 1.0 GET requests and beacons out to "<http://www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com>". One important thing to note is that the malware does not provide any HTTP headers with the requests. Further analysis revealed that this is an HTTP reverse backdoor.

LAB 9-2

1. What strings do you see statically in the binary?

Address	Disassembly	String
00401067	push lab09-02.405030	"cmd"
004012CA	push lab09-02.4043A4	"<program name unknown>"
0040220C	push lab09-02.4043A0	"..."
00402220	push lab09-02.404384	"Runtime Error!\n\nProgram: "
0040223E	push lab09-02.404380	"\n\n"
00402249	push dword ptr ds:[esi+405114]	"&R6002\r\n- floating point not loaded\r\n"
00402266	push lab09-02.404358	"Microsoft Visual C++ Runtime Library"
0040227A	lea esi, dword ptr ds:[esi+405114]	"&R6002\r\n- floating point not loaded\r\n"
004033A8	push lab09-02.4043EC	"user32.dll"
004033C2	push lab09-02.4043E0	"MessageBox"
004033D3	push lab09-02.4043D0	"GetActiveWindow"
004033D8	push lab09-02.4043DC	"GetLastError"
004051D0	mov dword ptr ds:[20A3DA], eax	"L\"entrail Atlas Tamazight (Tifinagh)"
00405200	mov dword ptr ds:[20A3DA], eax	"L\"entrail Atlas Tamazight (Tifinagh)"
718114F9	mov dword ptr ds:[eax+eax], 4C760	"L\"win-ntuser-window-11-1-1"
71813598	push apphelp.718135C4	"ApphelpDebug"
7181359D	push apphelp.7188B018	"03"
7181369C	push dword ptr ds:[7188B018]	"03"
718136C7	and dword ptr ds:[7188B018], 0	"03"
71813704	push dword ptr ds:[7188B020]	"8"
71813716	and dword ptr ds:[7188B020], 0	"8"
71813987	push dword ptr ds:[7188B018]	"03"
71813B88	push dword ptr ds:[esi+7181389C]	"&L\"NTDLL.DLL"
71813D04	push apphelp.71813D04	"Ignoring hooks for intra-module call from Dll: 0x%p"
71813D0E	push apphelp.71813D08	"SE_GetProcAddressForCaller"
71813E6C	push apphelp.71813F98	"%s!%s not hooked in %S due to inexec policy"
71813E76	push apphelp.71813D08	"SE_GetProcAddressForCaller"
7181404A	push apphelp.71814228	"L\"indiv"
7181405F	mov edi, 7FFE0030	"L\"C:\\Windows"
71814082	push 7FFE0030	"L\"C:\\Windows"
718140C6	push apphelp.7181419C	"L\"System32\\InstallShield\\"
718140D0	push apphelp.71814184	"L\"System32\\"
718140F3	push apphelp.71814418	"L\"apphelp.dll"
71814109	push apphelp.71814234	"L\"cmd.exe"
7181411F	push apphelp.718141D0	"L\"csrss.exe"
71814135	push apphelp.718141E8	"L\"java.exe"
7181414B	push apphelp.718141FC	"L\"javaw.exe"
71814161	push apphelp.71814210	"L\"javaws.exe"
71814541	push apphelp.71814430	"L\"kernel32.dll"
71814559	push apphelp.7181444C	"L\"kernelbase.dll"

As can be seen above, 'cmd' is one of the statically appearing strings in this binary. Also, there are many imports like apphelp.dll or java.exe that are also statically appearing in the binary.

2. What happens when you run this binary?

This binary only has one breakpoint and even after stepping over, the binary just exits within 5-8 step overs. This binary doesn't seem like it does a whole lot, if anything at all.

3. How can you get this sample to run its malicious payload?

00401131	56	push esi	esi:EntryPoint
00401132	57	push edi	edi:EntryPoint
00401133	C685 50FEFFFF 31	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-180],31	31:'1'
0040113A	C685 51FEFFFF 71	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AF],71	71:'q'
00401141	C685 52FEFFFF 61	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AE],61	61:'a'
00401148	C685 53FEFFFF 7A	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AD],7A	7A:'z'
0040114F	C685 54FEFFFF 32	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AC],32	32:'2'
00401156	C685 55FEFFFF 77	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AB],77	77:'w'
0040115D	C685 56FEFFFF 73	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AA],73	73:'s'
00401164	C685 57FEFFFF 78	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A9],78	78:'x'
0040116B	C685 58FEFFFF 33	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A8],33	33:'3'
00401172	C685 59FEFFFF 65	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A7],65	65:'e'
00401179	C685 5AFEFFFF 64	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A6],64	64:'d'
00401180	C685 5BFEFFFF 63	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A5],63	63:'c'
00401187	C685 5CFEFFFF 00	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A4],0	
0040118E	C685 60FEFFFF 6F	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A0],6F	6F:'o'
00401195	C685 61FEFFFF 63	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19F],63	63:'c'
0040119C	C685 62FEFFFF 6C	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19E],6C	6C:'l'
004011A3	C685 63FEFFFF 2E	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19D],2E	2E: '.'
004011AA	C685 64FEFFFF 65	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19C],65	65:'e'
004011B1	C685 65FEFFFF 78	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19B],78	78:'x'
004011B8	C685 66FEFFFF 65	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19A],65	65:'e'
004011BF	C685 67FEFFFF 00	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-199],0	
004011C6	B9 08000000	mov ecx,8	ecx:EntryPoint
004011CB	BE 34504000	mov esi,lab09-02.405034	esi:EntryPoint
004011D0	8DBD 10FEFFFF	lea edi,dword ptr ss:[ebp-1F0]	edi:EntryPoint

As can be seen above, there are two strings being created. The first string is “1qaz2wsx3edc” and the second string is “ocl.exe”.

0040118E	C685 60FEFFFF 6F	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A0],6F	6F:'o'
00401195	C685 61FEFFFF 63	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19F],63	63:'c'
0040119C	C685 62FEFFFF 6C	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19E],6C	6C:'l'
004011A3	C685 63FEFFFF 2E	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19D],2E	2E: '.'
004011AA	C685 64FEFFFF 65	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19C],65	65:'e'
004011B1	C685 65FEFFFF 78	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19B],78	78:'x'
004011B8	C685 66FEFFFF 65	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-19A],65	65:'e'
004011BF	C685 67FEFFFF 00	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-199],0	
004011C6	B9 08000000	mov ecx,8	ecx:EntryPoint
004011CB	BE 34504000	mov esi,lab09-02.405034	esi:EntryPoint
004011D0	8DBD 10FEFFFF	lea edi,dword ptr ss:[ebp-1F0]	edi:EntryPoint
004011D6	F3:A5	rep movsd	
004011D8	A4	movsb	
004011D9	C785 48FEFFFF 00000000	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-188],0	
004011E3	C685 00FDFFFF 00	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-300],0	
004011EA	B9 43000000	mov ecx,43	ecx:EntryPoint, 43:'C'
004011EF	33C0	xor eax,eax	
004011F1	8DBD 01FDFFFF	lea edi,dword ptr ss:[ebp-2FF]	edi:EntryPoint
004011F7	F3:AB	rep stosd	
004011F9	AA	stosb	
004011FA	68 0E010000	push 10E	
004011FF	8D85 00FDFFFF	lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-300]	
00401205	50	push eax	
00401206	6A 00	push 0	
00401208	FF15 0C404000	call dword ptr ds:[<&GetModuleFileNameA>]	
0040120E	6A 5C	push 5C	
00401210	8D8D 00FDFFFF	lea ecx,7779B030 <kernel32.GetModuleFileNameA>	
00401216	51	push ecx	
00401217	E8 34030000	call lab09-02.405034	
0040121C	83C4 08	add esp,ebp	
0040121F	8945 FC	mov dword ptr [ebp],esp	
00401222	8B55 FC	mov dword ptr [ebp],esp	
00401225	83C2 01	add edx,1	edx:EntryPoint
00401228	8955 FC	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-4],edx	edx:EntryPoint

The malicious payload can be run if we rename the “ocl.exe” string before running it as can be seen in the above image where a call to ‘GetModuleFileNameA’ exists.

4. What is happening at 0x00401133?

00401131	56		push esi	esi:EntryPoint
00401132	57		push edi	edi:EntryPoint
00401133	C685 50FEFFFF 31		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-180],31	31:'1'
0040113A	C685 51FEFFFF 71		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AF],71	71:'q'
00401141	C685 52FEFFFF 61		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AE],61	61:'a'
00401148	C685 53FEFFFF 7A		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AD],7A	7A:'z'
0040114F	C685 54FEFFFF 32		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AC],32	32:'2'
00401156	C685 55FEFFFF 77		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AB],77	77:'w'
0040115D	C685 56FEFFFF 73		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1AA],73	73:'s'
00401164	C685 57FEFFFF 78		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A9],78	78:'x'
0040116B	C685 58FEFFFF 33		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A8],33	33:'3'
00401172	C685 59FEFFFF 65		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A7],65	65:'e'
00401179	C685 5AFEFFFF 64		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A6],64	64:'d'
00401180	C685 5BFEFFFF 63		mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-1A5],63	63:'c'

As can be seen above, at the specified memory location, a string is being built on the stack. This is done by moving each character one at a time and thus obfuscating the string to prevent being found by simple string utilities.

5. What arguments are being passed to subroutine 0x00401089?

There are two arguments that are being passed into the subroutine at 0x00401089. The first is the string "1qaz2wsx3edc" that was created earlier and the second is a pointer to a buffer of data. This can be seen in the screenshot below:

004012B6	8D95 50FEFFFF	lea edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-180]	edx:EntryPoint
004012BC	52	push edx	edx:EntryPoint
004012BD	E8 C7FDFFFF	call lab09-02.401089	
004012C2	83C4 08	add esp,8	
004012C5	8945 F8	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-180],eax	
004012C8	8B45 F8	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-180]	
004012CB	50	push eax	
004012CC	FF15 A4404000	call dword ptr ss:[ebp-180]	
004012D2	8985 44FEFFFF	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-108],0	
004012D8	83BD 44FEFFFF 00	cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-108],0	
004012DF	75 23	jne lab09-02.4010E3	
004012E1	8B8D FCFCFFFF	mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-100],0	
004012E7	51	push ecx	
004012E8	FF15 A8404000	call dword ptr ss:[ebp-100]	
004012EE	FF15 AC404000	call dword ptr ss:[ebp-FF]	
004012F4	68 30750000	push 7530	
004012F9	FF15 08404000	call dword ptr ss:[ebp-8]	
004012FF	E9 48FFFFFF	jmp lab09-02.4010E3	
00401304	8B95 44FEFFFF	mov edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
0040130A	8B42 0C	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
0040130D	8B08	mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
0040130F	8B11	mov edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
00401311	8995 38FEFFFF	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-104],eax	
00401317	68 0F270000	push 270F	
0040131C	FF15 B0404000	call dword ptr ss:[ebp-108]	
00401322	66 8985 36FFFFFF	mov word ptr ss:[ebp-108],0	

6. What domain name does this malware use?

The domain name being used is “practicalmalwareanalysis.com” as can be seen in the screenshot below:

004010D2	EB 0F	jmp lab09-02.4010E3	
004010D4	8B8D F8FEFFFF	mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-108]	ecx:EntryPoint
004010DA	83C1 01	add ecx,1	ecx:EntryPoint
004010DD	898D F8FEFFFF	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-108],ecx	ecx:EntryPoint
004010E3	83BD F8FEFFFF 20	cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-108],20	ecx:EntryPoint
004010EA	7D 31	jge lab09-02.401110	ecx:EntryPoint
004010EC	8B55 0C	mov edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp+C]	edx:EntryPoint
004010EF	0395 F8FEFFFF	add edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-108]	edx:EntryPoint
004010F5	0FBEOA	movsx ecx,byte ptr ds:[edx]	ecx:EntryPoint
004010F8	8B85 F8FEFFFF	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-108]	ecx:EntryPoint, edx:EntryPoint
004010FE	99	cdq	
004010FF	F7BD FCFEFFFF	idiv dword ptr ss:[ebp-104]	
00401105	8B45 08	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
00401108	0FBF1410	movsx edx,byte ptr ds:[eax+edx]	edx:EntryPoint
0040110C	33CA	xor ecx,edx	ecx:EntryPoint, edx:EntryPoint
0040110E	8B85 F8FEFFFF	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-108]	
00401114	8B8C05 00FFFFFF	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp+eax-100],cl	
0040111B	EB B7	jmp lab09-02.4010D4	
0040111D	8D85 00FFFFFF	lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-100]	
00401123	5F	pop edi	edi:EntryPoint

As can be seen above, the loop is executed multiple times until the domain name is finally decoded.

7. What encoding routine is being used to obfuscate the domain name?

This malware XORs the domain name with the string “1qaz2wsx3edc” to encode/decode it since XOR is reversible.

8. What is the significance of the CreateProcessA call at 0x0040106E?

This is a really significant call since it actually creates the reverse shell and ties it back to the socket which is created at the beginning of the process call. It sets the different handles such as stdout, stderr, and stdin. One important thing to note is that the shell window is suppressed so the user doesn’t see it at all.

00401034	C745 D4 01010000	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-2C],101	
00401038	66:C745 D8 0000	mov word ptr ss:[ebp-28],0	
00401041	8B55 18	mov edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp+18]	edx:EntryPoint
00401044	8955 E0	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-20],edx	edx:EntryPoint
00401047	8B45 E0	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-20]	
0040104A	8945 E8	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-18],eax	
0040104D	8B4D E8	mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-18]	ecx:EntryPoint
00401050	894D E4	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-1C],ecx	ecx:EntryPoint
00401053	8D55 F0	lea edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-10]	edx:EntryPoint
00401056	52	push edx	edx:EntryPoint
00401057	8D45 A8	lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-58]	
0040105A	50	push eax	
0040105B	6A 00	push 0	
0040105D	6A 00	push 0	
0040105F	6A 00	push 0	
00401061	6A 01	push 1	
00401063	6A 00	push 0	
00401065	6A 00	push 0	
00401067	68 30504000	push lab09-02.405030	405030:"cmd"
0040106C	6A 00	push 0	
0040106E	FF15 04404000	call dword ptr ds:[<CreateProcessA>]	
00401074	8945 EC	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-14],eax	
00401077	6A FF	push FFFFFFFF	777C5B10 <kernel32.CreateProcessA>
00401079	8B4D F0	mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-10]	mov edi,edi
0040107C	51	push ecx	push ebp
0040107D	FF15 00404000	call dword ptr ds:[<WaitF>]	mov ebp,esp
00401083	33C0	xor eax,eax	pop ebp
00401085	8BE5	mov esp,ebp	jmp dword ptr ds:[<CreateProcessA>]

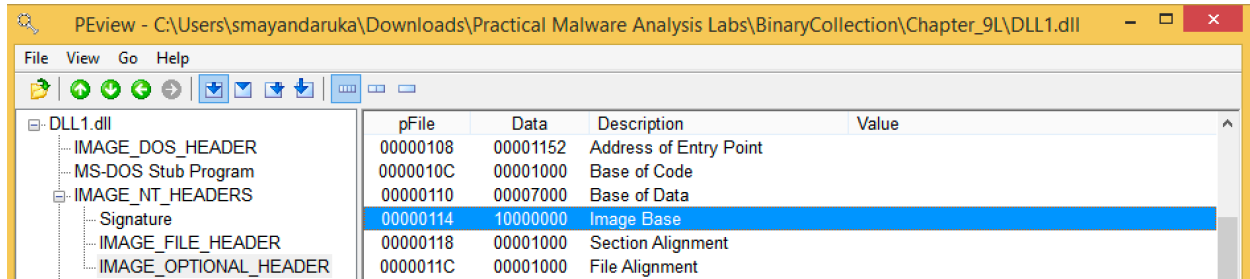
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1. What DLLs are imported by Lab09-03.exe?

pFile	Data	Description	Value
00005454	000054CC	Import Name Table RVA	
00005458	00000000	Time Date Stamp	
0000545C	00000000	Forwarder Chain	
00005460	000055BC	Name RVA	KERNEL32.dll
00005464	00005014	Import Address Table RVA	
00005468	00005570	Import Name Table RVA	
0000546C	00000000	Time Date Stamp	
00005470	00000000	Forwarder Chain	
00005474	000055DE	Name RVA	NETAPI32.dll
00005478	000050B8	Import Address Table RVA	
0000547C	000054B8	Import Name Table RVA	
00005480	00000000	Time Date Stamp	
00005484	00000000	Forwarder Chain	
00005488	000055F8	Name RVA	DLL1.dll
0000548C	00005000	Import Address Table RVA	
00005490	000054C0	Import Name Table RVA	
00005494	00000000	Time Date Stamp	
00005498	00000000	Forwarder Chain	
0000549C	0000561C	Name RVA	DLL2.dll
000054A0	00005008	Import Address Table RVA	
000054A4	00000000		
000054A8	00000000		
000054AC	00000000		
000054B0	00000000		
000054B4	00000000		

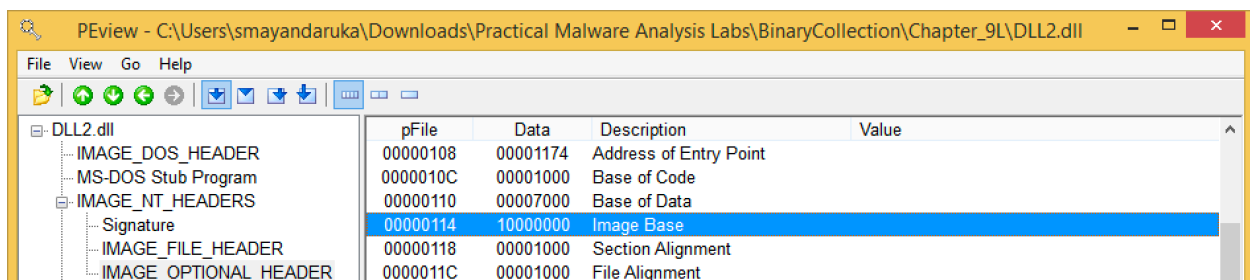
As can be seen above, KERNEL32.dll, NETAPI32.dll, DLL1.dll, and DLL2.dll are imported by Lab09-03.exe. USER32.dll and DLL3.dll are dynamically imported during runtime.

2. What is the base address requested by DLL1.dll, DLL2.dll, and DLL3.dll?



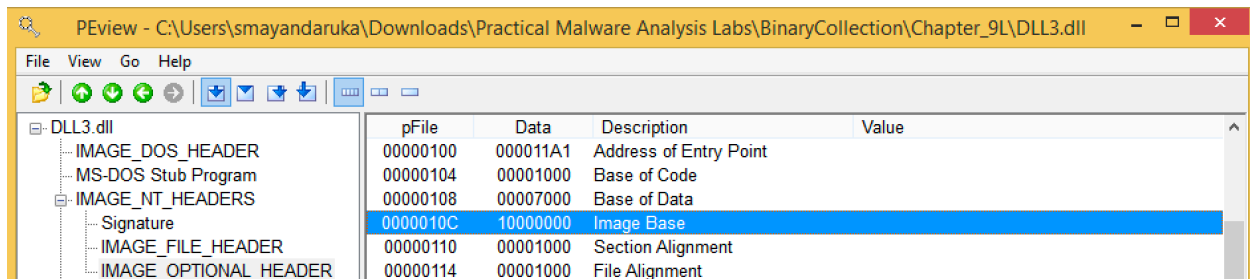
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	pFile	Data	Description	Value
IMAGE_DOS_HEADER	00000108	00001152	Address of Entry Point	
MS-DOS Stub Program	0000010C	00001000	Base of Code	
IMAGE_NT_HEADERS	00000110	00007000	Base of Data	
Signature	00000114	10000000	Image Base	
IMAGE_FILE_HEADER	00000118	00001000	Section Alignment	
IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER	0000011C	00001000	File Alignment	



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	pFile	Data	Description	Value
IMAGE_DOS_HEADER	00000108	00001174	Address of Entry Point	
MS-DOS Stub Program	0000010C	00001000	Base of Code	
IMAGE_NT_HEADERS	00000110	00007000	Base of Data	
Signature	00000114	10000000	Image Base	
IMAGE_FILE_HEADER	00000118	00001000	Section Alignment	
IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER	0000011C	00001000	File Alignment	



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	pFile	Data	Description	Value
IMAGE_DOS_HEADER	00000100	000011A1	Address of Entry Point	
MS-DOS Stub Program	00000104	00001000	Base of Code	
IMAGE_NT_HEADERS	00000108	00007000	Base of Data	
Signature	0000010C	10000000	Image Base	
IMAGE_FILE_HEADER	00000110	00001000	Section Alignment	
IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER	00000114	00001000	File Alignment	

As can be seen in the screenshots above, each of the DLLs requests the same base address which is "0x10000000".

3. When you use OllyDbg to debug Lab09-03.exe, what is the assigned based address for: DLL1.dll, DLL2.dll, and DLL3.dll?

00010000	00010000			MAP	-RW--	-RW--
00020000	00001000	dll2.dll		IMG	-R---	ERWC-
00021000	00006000	".text"	Executable code	IMG	ER---	ERWC-
00027000	00001000	".rdata"	Read-only initialized data	IMG	-R---	ERWC-
00028000	00005000	".data"	Initialized data	IMG	-RW--	ERWC-
0002D000	00001000	".reloc"	Base relocations	IMG	-R---	ERWC-
00040000	0000F000			MAP	-R---	-R---
00050000	00035000	Reserved		PRV	-RW--	-RW--
00085000	00008000			PRV	-RW-G	-RW--
00090000	000FC000	Reserved		PRV	-RW-G	-RW--
0018C000	00004000	Thread 7F0 Stack		PRV	-R---	-R---
00190000	00004000			MAP	-R---	-R---
001A0000	00002000			PRV	-RW--	-RW--
00180000	0007E000	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\windows\		MAP	-R---	-R---
00380000	00005000			PRV	-RW--	-RW--
00385000	00008000	Reserved (00380000)		PRV	-RW--	-RW--
00400000	00001000	lab09-03.exe		IMG	-R---	ERWC-
00401000	00004000	".text"	Executable code	IMG	ER---	ERWC-
00405000	00001000	".rdata"	Read-only initialized data	IMG	-R---	ERWC-
00406000	00003000	".data"	Initialized data	IMG	-RW--	ERWC-
005E0000	00006000			PRV	-RW--	-RW--
005E6000	000FA000	Reserved (005E0000)		PRV	-RW--	-RW--
10000000	00001000	dll1.dll		IMG	-R---	ERWC-
10001000	00006000	".text"	Executable code	IMG	ER---	ERWC-
10007000	00001000	".rdata"	Read-only initialized data	IMG	-R---	ERWC-
10008000	00005000	".data"	Initialized data	IMG	-RW--	ERWC-
1000D000	00001000	".reloc"	Base relocations	IMG	-R---	ERWC-

As can be seen above, the following base addresses are assigned:

- DLL1.dll – 0x10000000
- DLL2.dll – 0x00020000
- DLL3.dll – 0x00400000

4. When Lab09-03.exe calls an import function from DLL1.dll, what does this import function do?

10001029	68 34800010	push dll1.10008034	10008034:"DLL 1 mystery data %d\n"
1000102E	E8 05000000	call dll1.10001038	
10001033	83C4 08	add esp,8	
10001036	5D	pop ebp	
10001037	C3	ret	
10001038	53	push ebx	
10001039	56	push esi	esi:"wain_32.dll"
1000103A	BE 70800010	mov esi,dll1.10008070	esi:"wain_32.dll"
1000103F	57	push edi	
10001040	56	push esi	esi:"wain_32.dll"
10001041	6A 01	push 1	
10001043	E8 C5020000	call dll1.10001300	
10001048	56	push esi	esi:"wain_32.dll"
10001049	E8 34030000	call dll1.10001382	
1000104E	8BF8	mov edi,eax	
10001050	8D4424 20	lea eax,dword ptr ss:[esp+20]	
10001054	50	push eax	
10001055	FF7424 20	push dword ptr ss:[esp+20]	
10001059	56	push esi	esi:"wain_32.dll"
1000105A	E8 DA030000	call dll1.10001439	
1000105F	56	push esi	esi:"wain_32.dll"
10001060	57	push edi	
10001061	8BD8	mov ebx,eax	
10001063	E8 A7030000	call dll1.1000140F	
10001068	56	push esi	esi:"wain_32.dll"
10001069	6A 01	push 1	

As can be seen above, DLL1.dll calls an import function which prints "DLL 1 mystery data" to the screen and it also prints the current process ID.

5. When Lab09-03.exe calls WriteFile, what is the filename it writes to?

00021010	68 00000040	push 40000000	
00021015	68 30800200	push d112.28030	28030:"temp.txt"
0002101A	FF15 00700200	call dword ptr ds:[<&CreateFileA>]	
00021020	A3 78B00200	mov dword ptr ds:[28078],eax	
00021025	80 01	mov al,1	
00021027	5D	pop ebp	

As can be seen above, WriteFile writes to "temp.txt".

6. When Lab09-03 creates a job using NetScheduleJobAdd, where does it get the data for the second parameter?

71ED1846	FF75 08	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	
71ED1849	FF75 DC	push dword ptr ss:[ebp-24]	
71ED184C	68 9018ED71	push schedcli.71ED1890	71ED1890:"NetScheduleJobAdd"
71ED1851	E8 DE110000	call schedcli.71ED2D34	
71ED1856	8BF0	mov esi,eax	esi:"wain_32.dll"
71ED1858	8975 D8	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-28],esi	
71ED185B	C745 FC FFFFFFFF	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-4],FFFFFFFF	
71ED1862	837D E4 00	cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-1C],0	
71ED1866	74 03	je schedcli.71ED1868	

The data for the second parameter is received from DLL3GetStructure which is dynamically resolved for the call to NetScheduleJobAdd.

0040106E	8945 F0	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-10],eax	
00401071	8D55 E4	lea edx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-1C]	edx:EntryPoint
00401074	52	push edx	edx:EntryPoint
00401075	FF55 F0	call dword ptr ss:[ebp-10]	
00401078	83C4 04	add esp,4	
0040107B	8D45 FC	lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-4]	
0040107E	50	push eax	
0040107F	8B4D E4	mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-1C]	ecx:EntryPoint
00401082	51	push ecx	ecx:EntryPoint
00401083	6A 00	push 0	
00401085	E8 12000000	call <JMP.&NetScheduleJobAdd>	
0040108A	68 10270000	push 2710	
0040108F	FF15 2C504000	call dword ptr ds:[<&Sleep>]	

7. While running or debugging the program, you will see that it prints out three pieces of mystery data. What are the following: DLL 1 mystery data 1, DLL 2 mystery data 2, and DLL 3 mystery data 3?

DLL1 mystery data 1 is the current process ID. DLL 2 mystery data 2 is a handle to the currently open temp.txt file. DLL 3 mystery data 3 is the location in memory of the string "ping www.malwareanalysisbook.com".

8. How can you load DLL2.dll into IDA Pro so that it matches the load address used by OllyDbg?

IDA Pro gives us the ability to specify our own base address and everything is automatically offset based off of that. We can use the "Manual Load" box.