# Let your CSIRT do malware analysis, Recruit-CSIRT has done it!



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# Background and Motivation





#### Background 1



## Malware explosion in the wild





## Ransomeware explosion in our env





#### We discovered a malware file over 100MB in size!





Can it be done Reverse Engineering rapidly? No way!

#### Background 4



Work time





# Reducing Work Time



# FIRST Step

✓ Using Commercial Malware Analysis Products.

- ✓ Sandbox Product A -> Advantage of Anti-Sandbox.
- ✓ Sandbox Product B -> Advantage of Mal-Signature.

# But .. When We got malware

malware  $\lceil \alpha \rfloor$  was not analyzed by A because of the Browser Version. malware  $\lceil \beta \rfloor$  was not analyzed by B because of Anti-sandbox technique malware  $\lceil \gamma \rfloor$  was not analyzed by both because of the size ! We paid

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## Let's create our own malware analysis system

Purpose

- <u>Reducing cost</u>
- <u>Reducing user work time</u>
- Stored knowledge internally

It's impossible to create a malware analysis system that can handle all samples perfectly.

government of the people, by the people, for the people

by Lincoln

## Analysis of our CSIRT, by our CSIRT, for our CSIRT by Recruit

Our system's target is "our malware"

# Malware Analysis System for Recruit-CSIRT





#### Malware Analysis System Overview







#### Malware Analysis Scheme





# Advantages and Disadvantages







# **Advantages**

Optimized guest image env

Capable of analyzing huge malware samples

Anti-Virus detection control

Auto-C&C analysis

Real-time visualization

# **Disadvantages**

Cannot handle a lot of malware

# No accelerated sleep bypass

Weak to virtual env evasion



## Advantages - [Optimized guest Image env]



## the Same Image

- Same Middleware, Same Applications, Same Versions
- Some Ground bait, Mouse Control and Real Date

It help us to focus only on malware infecting our env



Advantages - [Capable of analyzing huge malware ]



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# Cuckoo Sandbox 2.0 rc1

- Agent Default
  - /cuckoo/agent/agent.py
    - XMLRPC based connection to host
      - $\gg$  Huge malware samples cause memory exceptions
      - $\gg$  Because of oversize XMLRPC's memory...
- Manager Default
  - /cuckoo/lib/cuckoo/core/guest.py
    - Has two managers
    - OldGuestManager Class(default) and GuestManager Class(for new agent)

# We enhanced Cuckoo Sandbox 2.0 rc1

- New Agent We added functions to the agent: time-sync, etc.
  - https://github.com/jbremer/agent/blob/master/agent.py
    - HTTP based Connection: Agent launches SimpleHTTPServer
    - No limit on Chunk Data to submit
- Manager uses "GuestManager Class" in guest.py

#### Advantages - [Anti-Virus Detection Control]





# Almost Sandbox system -> <u>Antivirus disabled</u> Usually prevents analysis

Our system permits Antivirus to delete the sample. We observe while the malware and its child processes exist in our env. Advantages – [Auto-C&C Analysis]





#### Advantages - [Real-Time Visualization] 1



### Default cuckoo report cannot be watched until analysis finished.



#### Advantages – **[Real–Time Visualization]** 2





## Disadvantages - [Cannot Handle a lot of Malware]





- reducing the input sample
  - (auto) duplicate hash
  - (auto) untargeted extension and file-type
  - (manual) 'targeted' or 'common' by analyst
- reducing during analysis
- Handle Anti-Virus detection

# But we

Focus Deeper Analysis than shallow and efficient

C&C's domain, IP

Attacker's visit etc...

spawn files,

When we catch APT malware through forensic, We analyze long-term to observe the changes



Disadvantages - [No accelerated sleep bypass]



- Malware often calls 'Sleep' to wait for some time
- Some Sandbox products have functions...
  - Accelerated sleep bypass

 $\clubsuit$  In order to analyze the sample efficiently

However malware is evolving...

Have Anti-sandbox techniques for this

Ex. <u>CPU Clock difference using GetTickCount etc.</u>



Our human resource is limited. We don't take this into account.

# i.e. Raw Analysis

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Malware often checks whether it runs on a <u>virtual machine</u> or not, halts its execution in analysis envs.

There may be also endless Anti-Sandbox techniques employed.

Recruit changed Office PCs to VDI Thin Client. Virtual env = Our env

Some Signature should be removed, **but not all.** It is important to imitate VDI's Virtual env.



# Conclusion





# ✓ Effective for our malware which is affected ✓ Can be used flexibly

- ✓Theoretically no limit, since it is developed by ourselves
- ✓ Our System is not perfect to analyze all malware.



Thank



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