

Workshop Overview

This workshop will be 50 minutes broken down into three sections: Theory, Static Analysis, and Dynamic Analysis. This workshop is for people curious about malware analysis and designed for beginners, but with the assumption that the attendees have the basic knowledge of networking and fundamentals of computer security. Each student will have their own analysis/victim virtual machine to use with analysis tools, and learn about how to glean functional information about the malware samples.

Due to infrastructure, seats will be limited to 10 per session. There will be three sessions in the morning.

Workshop Outline

- Malware Analysis Introduction and Slides (20 mins)
 - What is malware analysis? Why analyze malware?
 - Malware Types and Families
 - 10-second introduction to ASM, Coding Constructs, Code Logic
 - PE File Structure
 - Dynamic Vs Static Vs Sandbox Analysis
 - Triaging
 - YARA
- Static Analysis (15 mins) -- Hands-On Lab
 - Introduction to static analysis tools
 - Packer Detection
 - Insight into ELF/PE
 - Search for malicious indicators
 - Write simple YARA signatures
- Dynamic Analysis (15 Mins) -- Hands-on Lab
 - Introduction to dynamic analysis tools
 - Debuggers
 - Sysinternals
 - PCAP Analysis

Samples used during workshop:

- VPNFilter
- Metasploit Payloads
- Netcat
- Ransomware

Requirements:

- Personal Laptop with Chrome or Firefox + Flash installed, Ideally 8+GB of RAM
- Basic understanding of Networking
- Basic understanding of using virtual machines (reverting)
- Moderate understanding of Computer Security (familiarity with terms like shell (bind, reverse), and items like the registry)
- Critical thinking skills

Bio

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