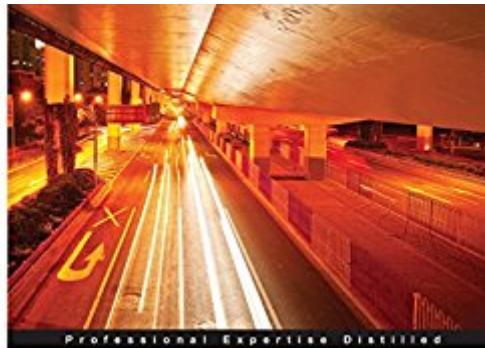


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Synopsis

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About This Book

Set the baseline towards performing malware analysis on the Windows platform and how to use the tools required to deal with malware

Understand how to decipher x86 assembly code from source code inside your favourite development environment

A step-by-step based guide that reveals malware analysis from an industry insider and demystifies the process

Who This Book Is For

This book is best for someone who has prior experience with reverse engineering Windows executables and wants to specialize in malware analysis. The book presents the malware analysis thought process using a show-and-tell approach, and the examples included will give any analyst confidence in how to approach this task on their own the next time around.

What You Will Learn

- Use the positional number system for clear conception of Boolean algebra, that applies to malware research purposes
- Get introduced to static and dynamic analysis methodologies and build your own malware lab
- Analyse destructive malware samples from the real world (ITW) from fingerprinting and static/dynamic analysis to the final debrief
- Understand different modes of linking and how to compile your own libraries from assembly code and integrate the code in your final program
- Get to know about the various emulators, debuggers and their features, and sandboxes and set them up effectively depending on the required scenario
- Deal with other malware vectors such as pdf and MS-Office based malware as well as scripts and shellcode

In Detail

Windows OS is the most used operating system in the world and hence is targeted by malware writers. There are strong ramifications if things go awry. Things will go wrong if they can, and hence we see a salvo of attacks that have continued to disrupt the normal scheme of things in our day to day lives. This book will guide you on how to use essential tools such as debuggers, disassemblers, and sandboxes to dissect malware samples. It will expose your innards and then build a report of their indicators of compromise along with detection rule sets that will enable you to help contain the outbreak when faced with such a situation.

We will start with the basics of computing fundamentals such as number systems and Boolean algebra. Further, you'll learn about x86 assembly programming and its integration with high level languages such as C++. You'll understand how to decipher disassembly code obtained from the compiled source code and map it back to its original design goals.

By delving into end to end analysis with real-world malware samples to solidify your understanding, you'll sharpen your technique of handling destructive malware binaries and vector mechanisms. You will also be encouraged to consider analysis lab safety measures so that there is no infection in the process.

Finally, we'll have a rounded tour of various emulations, sandboxing, and debugging options so that you know what is at your disposal

when you need a specific kind of weapon in order to nullify the malware. An easy to follow, hands-on guide with descriptions and screenshots that will help you execute effective malicious software investigations and conjure up solutions creatively and confidently.

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I have read through the chapters of this book several times, and it is helpful from start to finish. It starts out with well written introductory chapters to catch people back up on the knowledge they need in order to properly grasp later concepts, and it does it well! Concepts such as a basic understanding of bits and x86 assembly that are not otherwise easily grasped. This book also contains a plethora of information on malware structure, basic tooling used to understand malware, and is often written in a playful and enjoyable manner that assists in making the content a pleasure to read. I know it says "Windows" in the title, but many of the topics covered and tooling carries over to other platforms as well.

Very thorough book, I enjoyed reading it !The technical subject is quite high level but thanks to a wonderful and precise introduction about the basics of reverse engineering and disassembling, you

can attain your goals of understanding malicious codes.I recommend tremendously !

Wonderful published book. Great vendor!!

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