A two day course in English ONLINE

Analysis of Malware by Reverse Engineering

Your trainer is Dr. Baptiste David

The workshop is in English. As the speaker´s mother tongue is French, in-company trainings can also be held in the French language. Our workshops take place online. In-company presentations are possible against surcharge. A workshop particpation is possible from any PC/lap top with a stable internet connection.

You don´t need additional software. An up-to-date browser is sufficient (current Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome or Firefox). Access to the training lab will also take place via your browser. Exercises can be implemented without additional software. The workshop will of course be transmitted live from the ERNW studio. The workshop material as well as possible demos and of course the trainer are always visible and will be shown depending on the requirements or will be emphasized. We will provide the training material electronically before the start of the course. The trainer will answer questions live. The microfone and/or camera are optional. You can also ask questions via chat.

Course Description

This training is about the analysis of malware by reverse-engineering. When automatic analysis tools can no longer work as expected (malware escaping their analysis environment, unknown threat, need to answer specific questions...), it becomes necessary to analyze the malware manually. Therefore, we offer an initiation training for malware analysis going from a novice level to an initiated one. For the sake of understanding, malware analysis is done at pseudo code level with a Windows-API focus approach.

The first part of the course focuses on the technical and conceptual presentation of the different forms of malware threats, from historical viruses to the most recent and modern ones. The purpose of this part is to cover the different technologies used by malware to propagate or execute itself as well as to cover their malicious nature through numerous examples. This approach aims to better understand the threat to analyze it more efficiently.

The second part of the course focuses on the practical application of the previously learned concepts presented through a series of practical exercises and it ends with an operational real case study. For this purpose, analyze will be driven by practicing reverse engineering at a pseudo-code level, close to C/C++ programming. The goal is to be able to understand simple malware in an efficient way and to be able to identify some malware threat intelligence elements. In the end of the training, an unpublished and special crafted for this training malware will be provided to the participant.

Note that the content of this training is mainly focused on the Windows operating system (since a large part of the threat is there) but it also presents threats in the Linux environment. In fact, the most important is to understand the algorithms used by malware and how to find them via reverse engineering before focusing on the specifics of a given technique or an operating system.

In the end, all participants will have a better understanding of what is possible and of what is not possible in the field of malware, through a didactic and practical introduction to reverse engineering, based on relatively simple but particularly representative examples. The participants will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of malware and associated threats by observing technical details from more than ten different types of malwares over two intensive days.

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Various institutions will acknowledge this course as a re-certification measure.

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Course Agenda

Day 1

Introduction to malware

- ☐ Basic concept definition: program, virus, worm, malware, antivirus software …
- ☐ Technical refresher on the operating system
  - ● Microsoft & Posix API
  - ● Useful API: File, Network, Crypto, Process, …

- ☐ Computer virus Fundamentals
  - ● Life cycles of a virus
  - ● Different kinds of virus

- ☐ Malware and technical description illustrated with real cases
  - ● Trojan / RAT
  - ● Spyware / Adware
  - ● Worms / Bots
  - ● Rootkits
  - ● Keyloggers
  - ● Ransomware / Wiper

- ☐ Other technologies used by malware
  - ● Polymorphism and packer software
  - ● Fileless Malware & reinfection
  - ● Script malware (VBScript, PowerShell, other)

- ☐ Presentation of a secure analysis environment for malware
  - ● Introduction to sandboxing environment
  - ● Tooling for malware analysis

- ☐ Conclusion & practice
  - ● IDA: analysis of simple samples

Day 2

Exercises and practice

Exercises with malware samples:
- ☐ WannaCry: Ransomware (2017) by exploiting a vulnerability (EternalBlue) leaked from the NSA.
- ☐ NotPetya: Ransomware/Wiper (2017) infected hundreds of thousands computer in the world by reusing the EternalBlue vulnerability.
- ☐ German Parliament: RAT (2015) targeting German institution that might be of Russian origin.

Workshop:
- ☐ Full analysis of an unknown malware (for half a day)
  - ● Analysis of an unknown malware specifically written for this training and based on real cases
  - ● Network, system interaction, and propagation analysis (malware analysis tooling)
  - ● Introduction to possible remediation

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▌▌▌ Why you should attend

The training aims to allow you to answer the following questions in a qualified manner:

- What are the different kinds of malware and how to recognize them (ransomware/trojan/keylogger/rootkit/bot) with reverse engineering?
- What are the strategies used by malware authors and how to identify then in malware?
- What are the different technical means used by malware to perform malicious actions?
- How did some famous malware work?
- How do we manage a real malware in an operational context?

▌▌▌ Target Groups

With this training, the following participant are addressed in particular:

- Analysts in CERT/CSIRT/SOC
- Junior malware analysts
- Threat intelligence analysts
- Cyber security engineer

More generally, this training is designed for anyone wishing to have a rigorous and efficient methodological approach, including an intensive experience to practice of reverse engineering at pseudo-code level on malware. It can be an introduction to the world of malware for beginners or an intensive update for more experienced participants.

▌▌▌ Speaker Biography

Dr. Baptiste David is an IT security specialist at ERNW, specialized in Windows operating system. His research is mainly focused on malware analysis, reverse engineering, security of the Windows operating system platform, kernel development and vulnerabilities research. He has given special courses and trainings in different universities in Europe. Also, he gives regularly talks on different conferences including Black Hat USA, Defcon, Troopers, Zero Night, Cocon, EICAR, ECCWS…

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