Malicious Network Data Analysis Using Open-Source Tools

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GitHub create account (if you don't already have one): <u>https://github.com/join</u> Workshop environment: <u>https://data-workshop.gosec.co</u>

Lab Outline

- Section 1 Contextual Information (~15 minutes)
- Express edition!! Section 2 – Pcap analysis and data extraction (~40 minutes)
 - Lab 0 Introduction to Jupyter Notebook
 - Lab 1 Explore with Wireshark and extract with Tshark (Wireshark's command-line interface)
 - Lab 2 Scale Pcap data extraction with GNU parallel

15-minute break

- Section 3 Data manipulation and graphs (~50 minutes)
 - Lab 3 Manipulate dataframes with network traffic with Pandas
 - Lab 4 Graph data using hvplot

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Who am I?

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The Workshop's Principles

- Be respectful: do not hack the environment
- Ask questions
- Collaborate
- Have fun!

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Contextual Information

For years, we have investigated

The Linux/Moose IoT Botnet



That conducted social media fraud : *mainly likes and follows online!*





The Linux/Moose Botnet in 2016





Other parts of the SMM ecosystem studied in 2019

Today

We take a step back...

- Start by explaining the honeypot infrastructure and the data collected on the Linux/Moose botnet
- Analyze some of the traffic together





All this with open-source tools !



Linux/Moose in a Nutshell

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Linux/Moose in a Nutshell

- Affects routers / Internet of Things (IoT)
 - Embedded Linux systems with busybox userland
- Worm-like behavior
 - Telnet credential bruteforce
- Payload: Proxy service
 - -SOCKSv4/v5, HTTP, HTTPS
- Used to proxy traffic to social media sites

Linux/Moose in a Nutshell

Timeline

- November 2014: Discovery by ESET
- Early 2015: Thoroughly reversed-engineered
- May 2015: Paper published
- June 2015: C&C down
- September 2015: New version

- Linux/Moose Botnet
- Back then we decided to study it via detonation in special honeypots

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Honeypots for Linux/Moose



Architecture of the Honeypot



We set up honeypots all around the world



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Today, we give you access to that network traffic!

Attacking Linux/Moose: Gaining access to its network traffic



How the Bots are Relaying Traffic



Workshop Time!



Dataset and Procedure

Dataset: a few days of the traffic gathered in the Singapore and Frankfurt honeypots!

Section 2 – Pcap analysis and data extraction

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- Lab 4 Graph data using Plotly (hvplot)

But first!

Familiarize yourself with the environment! <u>https://data-workshop.gosec.co</u>

TODO List

- Login (via your GitHub account)
- ✓ Open a Notebook
- ✓ Download a Pcap (in workshop/pcaps/)
- ✓ Optional: Download the slide deck (in workshop/)
- Optional: Open a Terminal

Once most of you connected, we will move on to the next section.

Pcap analysis and data extraction

Lab 0 - Intro to Jupyter Notebook



Jupyter Notebook

- Perform server-side computing with a Web UI
- Convenient Python and Shell bridge
- Data is in an environment ready for data analysis



Jupyter Notebook

 Run all the cells from the "labs/Lab 0 - Intro to Jupyter Notebook.ipynb" notebook

https://data-workshop.gosec.co

Hurry here! The solution will be demonstrated shortly.

- Here are resources to learn more:
 - How to Use Jupyter Notebook in 2020: A Beginner's Tutorial

– <u>Tutorial: Advanced Jupyter Notebooks</u>

Pcap analysis and data extraction

Lab 1 - Explore with Wireshark and scale with Tshark



Initial Packet Capture Analysis

A reminder of Wireshark's important features

- Protocol Hierarchy
- Conversations
- Follow TCP Stream
- Decode As
- Prepare a Filter

Important IP Addresses!

- Frankfurt 139.162.186.49
- Singapore 139.162.52.243

Your Assignment 1.1

- Linux/Moose is an IoT worm which attempts to self-replicate using Telnet, communicates with a C&C, and its payload is to proxy traffic.
- Open the moosehive_cn_01_00200... pcap in Wireshark and try to identify each type of traffic.
- https://data-workshop.gosec.co

Pcap files are in the workshop/pcaps/ directory of the Jupyter Notebook environment.

Automating Your Analysis with Tshark

- Tshark is the command-line tool that is part of the Wireshark suite. It uses the same engine and filtering language.
- To view all possible fields

tshark -G

To extract to a CSV file (Tab separated)

tshark -T fields -e ip.src -e socks.dstport -r "pcapfile" -Y "(display filter)" > output.csv

You can apply a "Decode As"

-d tcp.port==12345,socks

• Protip: Build your query using Wireshark then apply as a tshark display filter

Combining Tshark with Jupyter Notebook

- Create a more maintainable pcap data analysis pipeline than using a shell
 - It documents the commands in a durable form
 - And it is executable!

Other possible advantages include:

- You can avoid creating temporary files and load results directly in Python
- Perform the computing on server with more resources instead of your desktop
- Take advantage of data locality

Your Assignments 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4

 Run all the cells from the "labs/Lab 1 - Explore with Wireshark and extract with Tshark.ipynb" notebook

- Do it from our lab environment:
 - <u>https://data-workshop.gosec.co</u>



Hints for 1.2

 As seen in assignment 1.1, C&C check-ins are done over HTTP and the data is encoded in fake PHPSESSID cookies.

- You want to filter out as much of the unneeded packets as possible
 - Build a precise filter containing only the packets with the fields you want
- Human readable timestamps make it easier to deduce time deltas

Hints for 1.3

- To force a specific dissector to apply to a non-standard port (like "Decode As") use:
 - d tcp.port==20012,socks

- Only the first connect packet seems to have the proper "socks.dst" information (might be a wireshark bug)
 - tcp.seq can help you here

Hints for 1.4

- TLS before version 1.3 has plaintext metadata
 - You looked at the Server Name Indication extension?


1.1 Basic Exploration with Wireshark

Solution Demo

- Scanning behavior
- C&C
- Honeypot traffic

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• Proxy traffic

Protocol	 Percent Packets 	Packets	Percent Bytes	Bytes	Bits/s	End Packets
▼ Frame	100.0	224496	100.0	27008331	2,500	0
 Ethernet 	100.0	224496	11.6	3142944	291	0
 Internet Protocol Version 6 	1.3	2889	0.4	115560	10	0
Internet Control Message Protocol v6	1.3	2889	0.7	184896	17	2889
 Internet Protocol Version 4 	96.7	217008	16.1	4340160	401	0
User Datagram Protocol	0.3	644	0.0	5152	0	2
 Transmission Control Protocol 	94.7	212616	69.1	18662506	1,728	192897
Transport Layer Security	2.4	5321	20.5	5550014	513	5108
Telnet	4.1	9257	3.4	904894	83	9257
 Socks Protocol 	2.2	5000	8.6	2312731	214	1104
Malformed Packet	0.0	2	0.0	0	0	2
 Hypertext Transfer Protocol 	0.2	362	1.3	337704	31	194
Line-based text data	0.1	168	0.1	29736	2	168
Data	0.0	2	0.0	3499	0	2
Internet Control Message Protocol	1.7	3748	0.9	234378	21	3748
Address Resolution Protocol	2.0	4599	0.6	169722	15	4599

1.2 Solution

Demo in the Jupyter Notebook!

Step by step

- tshark -r "one pcap"
- -Y 'http contains "PHPSESSID"
- T fields -e frame.time -e ip.src -e ip.dst -e http.host
 - Human readable timestamps



1.3 Solution

Demo in the Jupyter Notebook!

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	Assignment 1.3 To study this traffic even more it would be nice if we could extract information about the proxied traffic. First lets extract the socks proxy destination IP of the socks traffic.	requests	and log the
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	Solution 1.3 Solution below. Additionally, if we do a whois lookup of some of these IP we instantly recognize some important brands.		
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1.4 Solution

 Demo in the Jupyter Notebook!

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	Assignment 1.4
	Can we extract TLS metadata that would allow us to get a more precise understanding of the intended traffic target?
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	Solution 1.4
	Filter on TLS client handshake (tls.handshake.type == 1) and extract server name extension (tls.handshake.extensions_server_name):
Entrée []:	<pre> Itshark -r '/home/jovyan/workshop/pcaps/moosehive_cn_01_00200_20160828183344.pcap' \ -T fields -e frame.time_epoch -e ip.src -e ip.dst -e tls.handshake.extensions_server_name \ -Y 'tls.handshake.type == 1' </pre>
	Bonus
	Here is some filtering code to keep unique domains. Just fix the tshark command with the right parameters from your last solution.
Entrée []:	<pre>proxy_dest = !tshark -r '/home/jovyan/workshop/pcaps/moosehive_cn_01_00200_20160828183344.pcap' \ -T fields -e frame.time_epoch -e ip.src -e ip.dst \ -Y 'tls'</pre>
	<pre>proxy_dest_domains = {} for _dst in proxy_dest: epoch, _srcip, _dstip, domain = _dst.split("\t") # fill dict with domain name as key, duplicates will overwrite each other proxy_dest_domains[domain] = 1</pre>
	<pre># turn dict into a list domains = [key for key, val in proxy_dest_domains.items()] sorted(domains)</pre>

Pcap analysis and data extraction

Lab 2 – Scale Pcap data extraction with GNU parallel

Group Assignment 2.1

 Together we will run all the cells from the "labs/Lab 2 -Scale Pcap data extraction with GNU parallel.ipynb" notebook



Do it yourself from our lab environment:

– <u>https://data-workshop.gosec.co</u> **GOSECURE**

Data manipulation and graphs Lab 3 – Manipulate dataframes with network traffic using Pandas



Lab 3 – Manipulate dataframes with network traffic with Pandas

What is Pandas?

"an open source, BSD-licensed library providing high-performance, easy-to-use data structures and data analysis tools for the Python programming language."





Lab 3 – Manipulate dataframes with network traffic with Pandas

- 1. We will load two CSVs created with tshark
- 2. We will merge the two CSVs and create one large clean dataframe
- 3. I will show a few tricks using Pandas
- 4. You will be given some questions to answer!

Useful documentation:

https://pandas.pydata.org/

🗂 Jupyter

Lab 3 - Manipulate Dataframes with Network Traffic using Pandas

Solution

Demo and a Jupyter notebook including the lab's solution will be provided in the participants' virtual environments



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Data manipulation and graphs

Lab 4 - Graph data using hvplot

Lab 4 - Graph data using hvplot

Lab:

- 1. We will go over a few tricks with hvplot
- 2. You will exercise with a few challenges!

Useful documentation:

https://hvplot.holoviz.org/

http://holoviews.org/user_guide/Customizing_Plots.html https://hvplot.holoviz.org/user_guide/Customization.html

Lab 4 - Graph data using hvplot



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import numpy as np		
<pre>import hvplot.pandas import holoviews as hv</pre>		
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Entrée []: M df = pd.read csv('tls-socks-clean.csv')		
<pre>df['timestamp'] = np.array(df['timestamp'], dtype='datetime64[s]') df['date'] = pd.to datetime(df['timestamp']).dt.date</pre>		
df.head()		
Basics of hvplot		
Entrée []: N df.socks src.value counts().hvplot.bar(title='Number of Requests Source IPs', vlabel=	'N'. xlabel='IPs')	

IUDVter Lab 4 - Solution - Graph data using hyplot Demière Sauvegarde ; il y a 3 minutes (auto-sauvegarde)

Lab Key Takeaways

We hope that through this lab, you have learned:

- How to use Wireshark and Tshark to extract meaningful information from malicious network traffic captures
- How to scale and self-document traffic extraction by combining Jupyter Notebooks and Tshark
- How to efficiently graph the extracted traffic to highlight hidden patterns using open-source Python libraries
- Network traffic investigation skills ③

One Last Word About Scalability

- What you have learned today could have been done with Wireshark and Excel
 - It's 21 days of honeypot traffic representing 3.9M packets
- Our Linux/Moose investigation ran approximately 10 honeypots for 6 months gathering more than 2700 days of traffic
 - That's approximately 500M packets
 - Enough to blow up Excel and a laptop's RAM and require the more robust and scalable tools you saw in action today

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