



Malware Analysis & Digital Forensic



Introduction to Malware

- ▶ Malware types (Trojan, Ransomware, RATs, Worms, etc.)
- ► Malware lifecycle & case studies

Malware Analysis Environment Setup

- VirtualBox, isolated networks, INetSim, and safety tips
- ▶ Tools: ProcMon, TCPView, PEStudio, Wireshark

Static Malware Analysis

- ▶ Hashing, strings, metadata, PE file structure
- ► Using PEStudio, ExeInfoPE

Behavioral Analysis (Dynamic)

- ▶ Monitoring file, registry, process changes
- ► Tools: ProcMon, RegShot, Process Hacker

Network Behavior Analysis

- ▶ Packet capture (Wireshark), C2 detection basics
- ▶ DNS, HTTP/HTTPS-based malware activity

Advanced Malware Techniques

▶ Focus: Real-world malware traits, persistence, and sandboxing

Malware Execution Flow

- ▶ Process injection, child process creation
- ► Windows API behaviors (overview only)

Malware Evasion Techniques

- Anti-VM, anti-debugging, obfuscation methods
- ► Detecting behavior-based evasion

Malware Persistence Techniques

- ▶ Registry run keys, scheduled tasks, WMI
- ▶ Identifying persistence indicators



Analyzing Droppers & Downloaders

- ► First-stage vs second-stage malware
- ▶ Live sample analysis of dropper behavior

On Malware Case Study

- ► Analyze one InfoStealer or Trojan
- ▶ Deliver IOC report

Incident Response & Malware Reporting

► Focus: End-to-end response process for malware attacks

Malware Log Analysis

- Sysmon, Windows Event logs for malware indicators
- ▶ IOC correlation

Malware Triage & Containment

- ► Initial triage, isolation strategy
- ► Tools/scripts for quick containment

Malware Investigation Report Writing

- ▶ Format: Executive summary, IOCs, behavior, recommendations
- ▶ Templates for incident reporting

Group Activity - Malware IR Simulation

- ► Simulated infection chain
- ► Analyze and contain threat as a team

Malware Analysis Assessment & Recap

- Quiz + Practical
- Recap key tools, workflow, tips



Digital Forensics

Forensics Fundamentals

▶ Focus: Core forensic concepts, acquisition, and legal aspects

Introduction to Digital Forensics

- Scope, phases, and challenges
- Volatile vs non-volatile data

Evidence Handling & Chain of Custody

- ▶ Legal considerations, tools for documentation
- Disk imaging tools (FTK Imager)

File System Forensics – Windows

- ▶ NTFS structure, MFT, \$Logfile, \$UsnJrnl
- ▶ Data carving concepts

Forensic Imaging & Validation

- ▶ Creating disk images
- ► Hashing for integrity check

Lab: Disk Acquisition + File System Analysis

- ▶ Use FTK Imager + Autopsy
- ▶ Identify deleted files, access patterns

Host, Email, and Browser Forensics

▶ Focus: System artifact analysis for evidence discovery

Memory Forensics (Volatility Basics)

- Memory acquisition tools
- Volatility: pslist, malfind, cmdscan,



Windows Artefacts - Deep Dive

- ▶ Prefetch, Jump Lists, LNK, Shimcache
- Extracting user behavior

Email Forensics

- ▶ Header analysis, phishing trace, email payload
- ▶ Tools: PST Viewer, online analyzers

Browser & Application Forensics

- ► Chrome/Firefox history, cache, cookies
- ▶ Tools: NirSoft utilities, SQLite viewers

Lab: Email + Browser + Artefact Analysis

- Forensic case scenario
- ▶ Student creates mini forensic report

End-to-End Investigation

▶ Focus: Combining skills for timeline building and reporting

Timeline Analysis

- ▶ Creating forensic timeline using Plaso/log2timeline
- **▶** Event correlation

Incident Response Process

- ► Triage → Containment → Analysis → Recovery
- Documentation and SOPs

Capstone Briefing: Forensic Case

- ► Provide compromised image (Windows or Linux)
- ▶ Objectives: find infection vector, timeline, user activity

Student Project + Reporting

- ► Investigation + Report submission
- Peer reviews and feedback

Final Day: Career Tips + Certification Paths

- CHFI, GCFA, EnCE overview
- ▶ Resume building & job roles in DFIR



Tools Covered

Malware Analysis Tools

▶ PEStudio, ExelnfoPE, ProcMon, RegShot, Wireshark, Process Hacker

Forensics Tools

▶ FTK Imager, Autopsy, Volatility, Plaso, Browser History Viewer, PST Viewer





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