Malware Analysis Sandbox

Malware analysis is a powerful investigation technique widely used in various security areas including digital forensics and incident response processes. Working through practical examples, you'll be able to analyze any type of malware you may encounter within the modern world.

This book gathers the Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Broad-Band Wireless Computing, Communication and Applications, held on November 8–10, 2017 in Barcelona, Spain. Information networking is currently undergoing a rapid evolution. Different kinds of networks with different characteristics are emerging and being integrated in heterogeneous networks. As a result, there are many interconnected problems that can occur at different levels of the hardware and software design of communicating entities and communication networks. These networks are expected to manage increasing usage demand, provide support for a significant number of services, guarantee Quality of Service (QoS), and optimize the use of network resources. The success of all-IP networking and wireless technology has changed the lifestyles of people around the world, and advances in electronic integration and wireless communications will pave the way to providing access to wireless networks on the fly, as electronic devices can increasingly exchange information with each other virtually anytime and anywhere. The aim of this book is to provide the latest findings, methods and development techniques from both theoretical and practical perspectives regarding the emerging areas of broad-band and wireless computing.

A comprehensive guide to the threats facing Apple computers and the foundational knowledge needed to become a proficient Mac malware analyst. Written by leading macOS threat analyst Patrick Wardle, The Art of Mac Malware Analysis covers the knowledge and hands-on skills required to analyze Mac malware. Using real-world examples and references to original research, Part 1 surveys the malware's various infection methods, persistence mechanisms, and capabilities. In Part 2, you'll learn about the static and dynamic analysis tools and techniques needed to examine malware you may find in the wild. Finally, you'll put these lessons into practice by walking through a comprehensive analysis of a complex Mac malware specimen (Part 3).

The rapid growth and development of Android-based devices has resulted in a wealth of sensitive information on mobile devices that offer minimal malware protection. This has created an immediate need for security professionals that understand how to best approach the subject of Android malware threats and analysis.In Android Malware and Analysis, K

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 18th International Symposium on Research in Attacks, Intrusions and Defenses, RAID 2015, held in Kyoto, Japan, in November 2015. The 28 full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 119 submissions. This symposium brings together leading researchers and practitioners from academia, government, and industry to discuss novel security problems, solutions, and technologies related to intrusion detection, attacks, and defenses.

Understand malware analysis and its practical implementation Key Features Explore the key concepts of malware analysis and memory forensics using real-world examples Learn the art of detecting, analyzing, and investigating malware threats Understand adversary tactics and techniques Book Description Malware analysis and memory forensics are powerful analysis and investigation techniques used in reverse engineering, digital forensics, and incident response. With adversaries becoming sophisticated and carrying out advanced malware attacks on critical infrastructures, data centers, and private and public organizations, detecting, responding to, and investigating such intrusions is critical to information security professionals. Malware analysis and memory forensics have become must-have skills to fight advanced malware, targeted attacks, and security breaches. This book teaches you the concepts, techniques, and tools to understand the behavior and characteristics of malware through malware analysis. It also teaches you techniques to investigate and hunt malware using memory forensics. This book introduces you to the basics of malware analysis, and then gradually progresses into the more advanced concepts of code analysis and memory forensics. It uses real-world malware samples, infected memory images, and visual diagrams to help you gain a better understanding of the subject and to equip you with the skills required to analyze, investigate, and respond to malware-related incidents. What you will learn Create a safe and isolated lab environment for malware analysis Extract the metadata associated with malware Determine malware's interaction with the system Perform code analysis using IDA Pro and x64dbg Reverse-engineer various malware functionalities Reverse engineer and decode common encoding/encryption algorithms Reverse-engineer malware code injection and hooking techniques Investigate and hunt malware using memory forensics Who this book is for This book is for incident responders, cyber-security investigators, system administrators, malware analyst, forensic practitioners, student, or curious security professionals interested in learning malware analysis and memory forensics. Knowledge of programming languages such as C and Python is helpful but is not mandatory. If you have written few lines of code and have a basic understanding of programming concepts, you’ll be able to get most out of this book.

Implement reverse engineering techniques to analyze software, exploit software targets, and defend against security threats like malware and viruses. Key Features Analyze and improvise software and hardware with real-world examples Learn advanced debugging and patching techniques with tools such as IDA Pro, x86dbg, and Radare2. Explore modern security techniques to identify, exploit, and avoid cyber threats Book Description If you want to analyze software in order to exploit its weaknesses and strengthen its defenses, then you should explore reverse engineering.

Reverse Engineering is a hackerfriendly tool used to expose security flaws and questionable privacy practices.In this book, you will learn how to analyse software even without having access to its source code or design documents. You will start off by learning the low-level language used to communicate with the computer and then move on to covering reverse engineering techniques. Next, you will explore analysis techniques using real-world tools such as IDA Pro and x86dbg. As you progress through the chapters, you will walk through use cases encountered in reverse engineering, such as encryption and compression, used to obfuscate code, and how to to identify and overcome anti-debugging and anti-analysis tricks. Lastly, you will learn how to analyse other types of files that contain code. By the end of this book, you will have the confidence to perform reverse engineering. What you will learn Learn core reverse engineering Identify and extract malware components Explore the tools used for reverse engineering Run programs under non-native operating systems Understand binary obfuscation techniques Identify and analyze anti-debugging and anti-analysis tricks Who this book is for If you are a security engineer or analyst or a system programmer and want to use reverse engineering to improve your software and hardware, this is the book for you. You will also find this book useful if you are a developer who wants to explore and learn reverse engineering. Having some programming/shell scripting knowledge is an added advantage.

Malware Forensics Field Guide for Windows Systems is a handy reference that shows students the essential tools needed to do computer forensics analysis at the crime scene. It is part of Syngress Digital Forensics Field Guides, a series of companions for any digital and computer forensic student, investigator or analyst. Each Guide is a toolkit, with checklists for specific tasks, case studies of difficult situations, and expert analyst tips that will aid in recovering data from digital media that will be used in criminal prosecution. This book collects data from all methods of electronic data storage and transfer devices, including computers, laptops, PDAs and the images, spreadsheets and other types of files stored on these devices. It is specific for Windows-based systems, the largest running OS in the world. The authors are world-renowned leaders in investigating and analyzing malicious code. Chapters cover malware incident response - volatile data collection and examination on a live Windows system; analysis of physical and process memory dumps for malware artifacts; post-mortem forensics - discovering and extracting malware and associated artifacts from Windows systems; legal considerations; file identification and profiling initial analysis of a suspect file on a Windows system; and analysis of a suspect program. This field guide is intended for computer forensic investigators, analysts, and specialists. A condensed hand-held guide complete with on-the-job tasks and checklists Specific for Windows-based systems, the largest running OS in the world Authors are world-renowned leaders in investigating and analyzing malicious code

Master the fundamentals of malware analysis for the Windows platform and enhance your anti-malware skill set 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 codein 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. Style and approach 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.

Smartphones from an Applied Research Perspective highlights latest advancements of research undertaken in multidisciplinary fields where the smartphone plays a central role. Smartphone is synonymous to innovation in today's society. Very few visionaries predicted its social, cultural, technological and economic impacts, although the usage of smartphone is almost pervasive and transcendental. This book is meant for researchers and postgraduate students looking forward for hot topics for their final year projects, doctoral or even postdoctoral studies. Practitioners too will find food for thought and will surely be amazed by the broadness of the topics presented.

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Analyze malicious samples, write reports, and use industry-standard methodologies to confidently triage and analyze adversarial software and malware Key Features Investigate, detect, and respond to various types of malware threat Understand how to use what you've learned as an analyst to produce actionable IOCs and reporting Explore complete solutions, detailed walkthroughs, and case studies of real-world malware samples Book Description Malicious software poses a threat to every enterprise globally. Its growth is costing businesses millions of dollars due to currency theft as a result of ransomware and lost productivity. With this book, you'll learn how to quickly triage, identify, attribute, and remediate threats using proven analysis techniques. Malware Analysis Techniques begins with an overview of the nature of malware, the current threat landscape, and its impact on businesses. Once you've covered the basics of malware, you'll move on to discover more about the technical nature of malicious software, including static characteristics and dynamic attack methods within the MITRE ATT&CK framework. You'll also find out how to perform practical malware analysis by applying all that you've learned to attribute the malware to a specific threat and weaponize the adversary's indicators of compromise (IOCs) and methodology against them to prevent them from attacking. Finally, you'll get to grips with common tooling utilized by professional malware analysts and understand the basics of reverse engineering with the NSA's Ghidra platform. By the end of this malware analysis book, you'll be able to perform in-depth static and dynamic analysis and automate key tasks for improved defense against attacks. What you will learn Discover how to maintain a safe analysis environment for malware samples Get to grips with static and dynamic analysis techniques for collecting IOCs Reverse-engineer and debug malware to understand its purpose Develop a well-polished workflow for malware analysis Understand when and where to implement automation to react quickly to threats Perform malware analysis tasks such as code analysis and API inspection Who this book is for This book is for incident response professionals, malware analysts, and researchers who want to sharpen their skillset or are looking for a reference for common static and dynamic analysis techniques. Beginners will also find this book useful to get started with learning about malware analysis. Basic knowledge of command-line interfaces, familiarity with Windows and Unix-like filesystems and registries, and experience in scripting languages such as PowerShell, Python, or Ruby will assist with understanding the concepts covered.

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As the advancement of technology continues, cyber security continues to play a significant role in today’s world. With society becoming more dependent on the internet, new opportunities for virtual attacks can lead to the exposure of critical information. Machine and deep learning techniques to prevent this exposure of information are being applied to address mounting concerns in computer security. The Handbook of Research on Machine and Deep Learning Applications for Cyber Security is a pivotal reference source that provides vital research on the application of machine learning techniques for network security research. While highlighting topics such as web security, malware detection, and secure information sharing, this publication explores recent research findings in the area of electronic security as well as challenges and countermeasures in cyber security research. It is ideally designed for software engineers, IT specialists, cybersecurity analysts, industrial experts, academicians, researchers, and post-graduate students.

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The book begins with real world cases of botnet attacks to underscore the need for action. Next the book will explain botnet fundamentals using real world examples. These chapters will cover what they are, how they operate, and the environment and technology that makes them possible. The following chapters will analyze botnets for opportunities to detect, track, and remove them. Then the book will describe intelligence gathering efforts and results obtained to date. Public domain tools like OurMon, developed by Jim Binkley of Portland State University, will be described in detail along with discussions of other tools and resources that are useful in the fight against Botnets. This is the first book to explain the newest internet threat - Botnets, zombie armies, bot herders, what is being done, and what you can do to protect your enterprise Botnets are the most complicated and difficult threat the hacker world has unleashed - read how to protect yourself

Describes various types of malware, including viruses, worms, user-level RootKits, and kernel-level manipulation, their haracteristics and attack method, and how to defend against an attack.

This book captures the state of the art research in the area of malicious code detection, prevention and mitigation. It contains cutting-edge behavior-based techniques to analyze and detect obfuscated malware. The book analyzes current trends in malware activity online, including botnets and malicious code for profit, and it proposes effective models for detection and prevention of attacks using. Furthermore, the book introduces novel techniques for creating services that protect their own integrity and safety, plus the data they manage. Cyber-Security Threats, Actors, and Dynamic Mitigation provides both a technical and state-of-the-art perspective as well as a systematic overview of the recent advances in different facets of cyber-security. It covers the methodologies for modeling attack strategies used by threat actors targeting devices, systems, and networks such as smart homes, critical infrastructures, and industrial IoT. With a comprehensive review of the threat landscape, the book explores both common and sophisticated threats to systems and networks. Tools and methodologies are presented for precise modeling of attack strategies, which can be used both proactively in risk management and reactively in intrusion prevention and response systems. Several contemporary techniques are offered ranging from reconnaissance and penetration testing to malware detection, analysis, and mitigation. Advanced machine learning-based approaches are also included in the area of anomaly-based detection, that are capable of detecting attacks relying on zero-day vulnerabilities and exploits. Academics, researchers, and professionals in cyber-security who want an in-depth look at the contemporary aspects of the field will find this book of interest. Those wanting a unique reference for various cyber-security threats and how they are detected, analyzed, and mitigated will reach for this book often.

No source code? No problem. With IDA Pro, the interactive disassembler, you live in a source code-optional world. IDA can automatically analyze the millions of opcodes that make up an executable and present you with a disassembly. But at that point, your work is just beginning. With The IDA Pro Book, you'll learn how to turn that mountain of mnemonics into something you can actually use. Hailed by the creator of IDA Pro as "profound, comprehensive, and accurate," the second edition of The IDA Pro Book covers everything from the very first steps to advanced automation techniques. You'll find complete coverage of IDA's new Qt-based user interface, as well as increased coverage of the IDA debugger, the Bochs debugger, and IDA scripting (especially using IDAPython). But because humans are still smarter than computers, you'll even learn how to use IDA's latest interactive and scriptable interfaces to your advantage. Save time and effort as you learn to: –Navigate, comment, and modify disassembly –Identify known library routines, so you can focus your analysis on other areas of the code –Use code graphing to quickly make sense of cross references and function calls –Extend IDA to support new processors and filetypes using the SDK –Explore popular plug-ins that make writing IDA scripts easier, allow collaborative reverse engineering, and much more –Use IDA's built-in debugger to tackle hostile and obfuscated code Whether you're analyzing malware, conducting vulnerability research, or reverse engineering software, a mastery of IDA is crucial to your success. Take your skills to the next level with this 2nd edition of The IDA Pro Book. Nearly every business depends on its network to provide information services to carry out essential activities, and network intrusion attacks have been growing increasingly frequent and severe. When network intrusions do occur, it’s imperative that a thorough and systematic analysis and investigation of the attack is conducted to determine the nature of the threat and the extent of information lost, stolen, or damaged during the attack. A thorough and timely investigation and response can serve to minimize network downtime and ensure that critical business systems are maintained in full operation. Network Intrusion Analysis teaches the reader about the various tools and techniques to use during a network intrusion investigation. The book focuses on the methodology of an attack as well as the investigative methodology, challenges, and concerns. This is the first book that provides such a thorough analysis of network intrusion investigation and response. Network Intrusion Analysis addresses the entire process of investigating a network intrusion by: *Providing a step-by-step guide to the tools and techniques used in the analysis and investigation of a network intrusion. *Providing real-world examples of network intrusions, along with associated workarounds. *Walking you through the methodology and practical steps needed to conduct a thorough intrusion investigation and incident response, including a wealth of practical, hands-on tools for incident assessment and mitigation. Network Intrusion Analysis addresses the entire process of investigating a network intrusion Provides a step-by-step guide to the tools and techniques used in the analysis and investigation of a network intrusion Provides real-world examples of network intrusions, along with associated workarounds Walks readers through the methodology and practical steps needed to conduct a thorough intrusion investigation and incident response, including a wealth of practical, hands-on tools for incident assessment and mitigation

A practical guide to deploying digital forensic techniques in response to cyber security incidents About This Book Learn incident response fundamentals and create an effective incident response framework Master forensics investigation utilizing digital investigative techniques Contains real-life scenarios that effectively use threat intelligence and modeling techniques Who This Book Is For This book is targeted at Information Security professionals, forensics practitioners, and students with knowledge and experience in the use of software applications and basic command-line experience. It will also help professionals who are new to the incident response/digital forensics role within their organization. What You Will Learn Create and deploy incident response capabilities within your organization Build a solid foundation for acquiring and handling suitable evidence for later analysis Analyze collected evidence and determine the root cause of a security incident Learn to integrate digital forensic techniques and procedures into the overall incident response process Integrate threat intelligence in digital evidence analysis Prepare written documentation for use internally or with external parties such as regulators or law enforcement agencies In Detail Digital Forensics and Incident Response will guide you through the entire spectrum of tasks associated with incident response, starting with preparatory activities associated with creating an incident response plan and creating a digital forensics capability within your own organization. You will then begin a detailed examination of digital forensic techniques including acquiring evidence, examining volatile memory, hard drive assessment, and network-based evidence. You will also explore the role that threat intelligence plays in the incident response process. Finally, a detailed section on preparing reports will help you prepare a written report for use either internally or in a courtroom. By the end of the book, you will have mastered forensic techniques and incident response and you will have a solid foundation on which to increase your ability to investigate such incidents in your organization. Style and approach The book covers practical scenarios and examples in an enterprise setting to give you an understanding of how digital forensics integrates with the overall response to cyber security incidents. You will also learn the proper use of tools and techniques to investigate common cyber security incidents such as malware infestation, memory analysis, disk analysis, and network analysis.

The malware threat landscape is constantly evolving, with upwards of one million new variants being released every day. Traditional approaches for detecting and classifying malware usually contain brittle handcrafted heuristics that quickly become outdated and can be exploited by nefarious actors. As a result, it is necessary to change the way software security is managed by using advanced analytics (i.e., machine learning) and significantly more automation to develop adaptable malware analysis engines that correctly identify, categorize, and characterize malware. ? In this dissertation, we introduce a next-generation sandbox that leverages machine learning to create an adaptive malware analysis platform. This intelligent environment considerably extends the capabilities of Cuckoo, an open-source malware analysis sandbox, and significantly optimizes the resources dedicated to the dynamic analysis of malware. ? Dynamic analysis allows security analysts to collect information about the behavior of malicious samples in an isolated environment. However, running malware in a sandbox is time-consuming and computationally expensive. This technique extracts information from malware without executing it and is orders of magnitude faster than dynamic analysis. Nevertheless, for some malware it may still be necessary to use dynamic-based features to produce better classifications and characterizations. ? With our system, we were successful in identifying the simplest characterizations required to accurately classify malware. This is an important feature because it allows us to determine the subset of samples that is truly different, and requires very expensive dynamic characterization. When dynamic analysis is imperative, our system also estimates the minimum amount of time required to accurately detect and classify malware. As a result, our intelligent analysis platform can reallocate the time saved to analyzing files that require longer execution times and produce actionable intelligence for our system. Finally, by leveraging the speed of static analysis, our system induces highly accurate machine learning models for malware capability detection, removing the need to perform dynamic analysis to identify high-level functionalities of malicious code.

Beginning with a basic primer on reverse engineering-including computer internals, operating systems, and assembly language-and then discussing the various applications of reverse engineering, this book provides readers with practical, in-depth techniques for software reverse engineering. The book is broken into two parts, the first deals with security-related reverse engineering and the second explores the more practical aspects of reverse engineering. In addition, the author explains how to reverse engineer a third-party software library to improve interfacing and how to reverse engineer a competitor's software to build a better product. * The first popular book to show how software reverse engineering can help defend against security threats, speed up development, and unlock the secrets of competitive products * Helps developers plug security holes by demonstrating how hackers exploit reverse engineering techniques to crack copy-protection schemes and identify software targets for viruses and other malware * Offers a primer on advanced reverse-engineering, delving into "disassembly"-code-level reverse engineering-and explaining how to decipher assembly language

Dissecting the dark side of the Internet with its infectious worms, botnets, rootkits, and Trojan horse programs (known as malware) is a treaterous condition for any forensic investigator or analyst. Written by information security experts with real-world investigative experience, Malware Forensics Field Guide for Windows Systems is a "tool" with checklists for specific tasks, case studies of difficult situations, and expert analyst tips. *A condensed hand-held guide complete with on-the-job tasks and checklists *Specific for Windows-based systems, the largest running OS in the world *Authors are world-renowned leaders in investigating and analyzing malicious code

Malware Forensics: Investigating and Analyzing Malicious Code covers the complete process of responding to a malicious code incident. Written by authors who have investigated and prosecuted federal malware cases, this book deals with the emerging and evolving field of live forensics, where investigators examine a computer system to collect and preserve critical live data that may be lost if the system is shut down. Unlike other forensic texts that discuss live forensics on a particular operating system, or in a generic context, this book emphasizes a live forensics and evidence collection methodology on both Windows and Linux operating systems in the context of identifying and capturing malicious code and evidence of its effect on the compromised system. It is the first book detailing how to perform live forensic techniques on malicious code. The book gives deep coverage on the tools and techniques of conducting runtime behavioral malware analysis (such as file, registry, network and port monitoring) and static code analysis (such as file identification and profiling, strings discovery, armoring/packing detection, disassembling, debugging), and more. It explores over 150 different tools for malware incident response and analysis, including forensic tools for preserving and analyzing computer memory. Readers from all educational and technical backgrounds will benefit from the clear and concise explanations of the applicable legal case law and statutes covered in every chapter. In addition to the technical topics discussed, this book also offers critical legal considerations addressing the legal ramifications and requirements governing the subject matter. This book is intended for system administrators, information security professionals, network personnel, forensic examiners, attorneys, and law enforcement working with the inner-workings of computer memory and malicious code. * Winner of Best Book Bejtlich read in 2008! * http://taosecurity.blogspot.com/2008/12/best-book-bejtlich-read-in-2008.html * Authors have investigated and prosecuted federal malware cases, which allows them to provide unparalleled insight to the reader. * First book to detail how to perform "live forensic" techniques on malicous code. * In addition to the technical topics discussed, this book also offers critical legal considerations addressing the legal ramifications and requirements governing the subject matter

Malware Data Science explains how to identify, analyze, and classify large-scale malware using machine learning and data visualization. Security has become a "big data" problem. The growth rate of malware has accelerated to tens of millions of new files per year while our networks generate an ever-larger flood of security-relevant data each day. In order to defend against these advanced attacks, you'll need to know how to think like a data scientist. In Malware Data Science, security data scientist Joshua Saxe introduces machine learning, statistics, social network analysis, and data visualization, and shows you how to apply these methods to malware detection and analysis. You'll learn how to: - Analyze malware using static analysis - Observe malware behavior using dynamic analysis - Identify adversary groups through shared code analysis - Catch 0-day vulnerabilities by building your own machine learning detector - Measure malware detector accuracy - Identify malware campaigns, trends, and relationships through data visualization Whether you're a malware analyst looking to add skills to your existing arsenal, or a data scientist interested in attack detection and threat intelligence, Malware Data Science will help you stay ahead of the curve.

?This book is focused on the use of deep learning (DL) and artificial intelligence (AI) as tools to advance the fields of malware detection and analysis. The individual chapters of the book deal with a wide variety of state-of-the-art AI and DL techniques, which are applied to a number of challenging malware-related problems. DL and AI based approaches to malware detection and analysis are largely data driven and hence minimal expert domain knowledge of malware is needed. This book fills a gap between the emerging fields of DL/AI and malware analysis. It covers a broad range of modern and practical DL and AI techniques, including frameworks and development tools enabling the audience to innovate with cutting-edge research advancements in a multitude of malware (and closely related) use cases.

Discover how the internals of malware work and how you can analyze and detect it. You will learn not only how to analyze and reverse malware, but also how to classify and categorize it, giving you insight into the intent of the malware. Malware Analysis and Detection Engineering is a one-stop guide to malware analysis that simplifies the topic by teaching you undocumented tricks used by analysts in the industry. You will be able to extend your expertise to analyze and reverse the challenges that malicious software throws at you. The book starts with an introduction to malware analysis and reverse engineering to provide insight on the different types of malware and also the terminology used in the anti-malware industry. You will know how to set up an isolated lab environment to safely execute and analyze malware. You will learn about malware packing, code injection, and process hollowing plus how to analyze, reverse, classify, and categorize malware using static and dynamic tools. You will be able to automate your malware analysis process by exploring detection tools to modify and trace malware programs, including sandboxes, IDS/IPS, anti-virus, and Windows binary instrumentation. The book provides comprehensive content in combination with hands-on exercises to help you dig into the details of malware dissection, giving you the confidence to tackle malware that enters your environment. What You Will Learn Analyze, dissect, reverse engineer, and classify malware Effectively handle malware with custom packers and compilers Unpack complex malware to locate vital malware components and decipher their intent Use various static and dynamic malware analysis tools Leverage the internals of various detection engineering tools to improve your workflow Write Snort rules and learn to use them with Suricata IDS Who This Book Is For Security professionals, malware analysts, SOC analysts, incident responders, detection engineers, reverse engineers, and network security engineers "This book is a beast! If you're looking to master the ever-widening field of malware analysis, look no further. This is the definitive guide for you." Pedram Amini, CTO Inquest; Founder OpenRCE.org and ZeroDayInitiative

Incident response is critical for the active defense of any network, and incident responders need up-to-date, immediately applicable techniques with which to engage the adversary. Applied Incident Response details effective ways to respond to advanced attacks against local and remote network resources, providing proven response techniques and a framework through which to apply them. As a starting point for new incident handlers, or as a technical reference for hardened IR veterans, this book details the latest techniques for responding to threats against your network, including: Preparing your environment for effective incident response Leveraging MITRE ATT&CK and threat intelligence for active network defense Local and remote triage of systems using PowerShell, WMIC, and open-source tools Acquiring RAM and disk images locally and remotely Analyzing RAM with Volatility and Rekall Deep-dive forensic analysis of system drives using open-source or commercial tools Leveraging Security Onion and Elastic Stack for network security monitoring Techniques for log analysis and aggregating high-value logs Static and dynamic analysis of malware with YARA rules, FLARE

VM, and Cuckoo Sandbox Detecting and responding to lateral movement techniques, including pass-the-hash, pass-the-ticket, Kerberoasting, malicious use of PowerShell, and many more Effective threat hunting techniques Adversary emulation with Atomic Red Team Improving preventive and detective controls

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Detection of Intrusions and Malware, and Vulnerability Assessment, DIMVA 2018, held in Saclay, France, in June 2018. The 17 revised full papers and 1 short paper included in this book were carefully reviewed and selected from 59 submissions. They present topics such as malware analysis; mobile and embedded security; attacks; detection and containment; web and browser security; and reverse engineering.

Malware analysis is big business, and attacks can cost a company dearly. When malware breaches your defenses, you need to act quickly to cure current infections and prevent future ones from occurring. For those who want to stay ahead of the latest malware, Practical Malware Analysis will teach you the tools and techniques used by professional analysts. With this book as your guide, you'll be able to safely analyze, debug, and disassemble any malicious software that comes your way. You'll learn how to: –Set up a safe virtual environment to analyze malware –Quickly extract network signatures and host-based indicators –Use key analysis tools like IDA Pro, OllyDbg, and WinDbg –Overcome malware tricks like obfuscation, anti-disassembly, anti-debugging, and anti-virtual machine techniques –Use your newfound knowledge of Windows internals for malware analysis –Develop a methodology for unpacking malware and get practical experience with five of the most popular packers –Analyze special cases of malware with shellcode, C++, and 64-bit code Hands-on labs throughout the book challenge you to practice and synthesize your skills as you dissect real malware samples, and pages of detailed dissections offer an over-the-shoulder look at how the pros do it. You'll learn how to crack open malware to see how it really works, determine what damage it has done, thoroughly clean your network, and ensure that the malware never comes back. Malware analysis is a cat-and-mouse game with rules that are constantly changing, so make sure you have the fundamentals. Whether you're tasked with securing one network or a thousand networks, or you're making a living as a malware analyst, you'll find what you need to succeed in Practical Malware Analysis.

One of the biggest buzzwords in the IT industry for the past few years, virtualization has matured into a practical requirement for many best-practice business scenarios, becoming an invaluable tool for security professionals at companies of every size. In addition to saving time and other resources, virtualization affords unprecedented means for intrusion and malware detection, prevention, recovery, and analysis. Taking a practical approach in a growing market underserved by books, this hands-on title is the first to combine in one place the most important and sought-after uses of virtualization for enhanced security, including sandboxing, disaster recovery and high availability, forensic analysis, and honeypotting. Already gaining buzz and traction in actual usage at an impressive rate, Gartner research indicates that virtualization will be the most significant trend in IT infrastructure and operations over the next four years. A recent report by IT research firm IDC predicts the virtualization services market will grow from $5.5 billion in 2006 to $11.7 billion in 2011. With this growth in adoption, becoming increasingly common even for small and midsize businesses, security is becoming a much more serious concern, both in terms of how to secure virtualization and how virtualization can serve critical security objectives. Titles exist and are on the way to fill the need for securing virtualization, but security professionals do not yet have a book outlining the many security applications of virtualization that will become increasingly important in their job requirements. This book is the first to fill that need, covering tactics such as isolating a virtual environment on the desktop for application testing, creating virtualized storage solutions for immediate disaster recovery and high availability across a network, migrating physical systems to virtual systems for analysis, and creating complete virtual systems to entice hackers and expose potential threats to actual production systems. About the Technologies A sandbox is an isolated environment created to run and test applications that might be a security risk. Recovering a compromised system is as easy as restarting the virtual machine to revert to the point before failure. Employing virtualization on actual production systems, rather than just test environments, yields similar benefits for disaster recovery and high availability. While traditional disaster recovery methods require time-consuming reinstallation of the operating system and applications before restoring data, backing up to a virtual machine makes the recovery process much easier, faster, and efficient. The virtual machine can be restored to same physical machine or an entirely different machine if the original machine has experienced irreparable hardware failure.

Decreased downtime translates into higher availability of the system and increased productivity in the enterprise. Virtualization has been used for years in the field of forensic analysis, but new tools, techniques, and automation capabilities are making it an increasingly important tool. By means of virtualization, an investigator can create an exact working copy of a physical computer on another machine, including hidden or encrypted partitions, without altering any data, allowing complete access for analysis. The investigator can also take a live ?snapshot? to review or freeze the target computer at any point in time, before an attacker has a chance to cover his tracks or inflict further damage.

Your one-stop guide to know digital extortion and it's prevention. Key Features A complete guide to how ransomware works Build a security mechanism to prevent digital extortion. A practical approach to knowing about, and responding to, ransomware. Book Description Ransomware has turned out to be the most aggressive malware and has affected numerous organizations in the recent past. The current need is to have a defensive mechanism in place for workstations and servers under one organization. This book starts by explaining the basics of malware, specifically ransomware. The book provides some quick tips on malware analysis and how you can identify different kinds of malware. We will also take a look at different types of ransomware, and how it reaches your system, spreads in your organization, and hijacks your computer. We will then move on to how the ransom is paid and the negative effects of doing so. You will learn how to respond quickly to ransomware attacks and how to protect yourself. The book gives a brief overview of the internals of security software and Windows features that can be helpful in ransomware prevention for administrators. You will also look at practical use cases in each stage of the ransomware phenomenon. The book talks in detail about the latest ransomware attacks involving WannaCry, Petya, and BadRabbit. By the end of this book, you will have end-to-end knowledge of the trending malware in the tech industry at present. What you will learn Understand malware types and malware techniques with examples Obtain a quick malware analysis Understand ransomware techniques, their distribution, and their payment mechanism Case studies of famous ransomware attacks Discover detection technologies for complex malware and ransomware Configure security software to protect against ransomware Handle ransomware infections Who this book is for This book is targeted towards security administrator, security analysts, or any stakeholders in the security sector who want to learn about the most trending malware in the current market: ransomware.

A one-of-a-kind guide to setting up a malware research lab, using cutting-edge analysis tools, and reporting the findings Advanced Malware Analysis is a critical resource for every information security professional's anti-malware arsenal. The proven troubleshooting techniques will give an edge to information security professionals whose job involves detecting, decoding, and reporting on malware. After explaining malware architecture and how it operates, the book describes how to create and configure a state-of-the-art malware research lab and gather samples for analysis. Then, you'll learn how to use dozens of malware analysis tools, organize data, and create metrics-rich reports. A crucial tool for combatting malware—which currently hits each second globally Filled with undocumented methods for customizing dozens of analysis software tools for very specific uses Leads you through a malware blueprint first, then lab setup, and finally analysis and reporting activities Every tool explained in this book is available in every country around the world

A computer forensics "how-to" for fighting malicious code andanalyzing incidents With our ever-increasing reliance on computers comes anever-growing risk of malware. Security professionals will findplenty of solutions in this book to the problems posed by viruses,Trojan horses, worms, spyware, rootkits, adware, and other invasivesoftware. Written by well-known malware experts, this guide revealssolutions to numerous problems and includes a DVD of customprograms and tools that illustrate the concepts, enhancing yourskills. Security professionals face a constant battle against malicioussoftware; this practical manual will improve your analyticalcapabilities and provide dozens of valuable and innovativesolutions Covers classifying malware, packing and unpacking, dynamicmalware analysis, decoding and decrypting, rootkit detection,memory forensics, open source malware research, and much more Includes generous amounts of source code in C, Python, and Perlto extend your favorite tools or build new ones, and customprograms on the DVD to demonstrate the solutions

Malware Analyst's Cookbook is indispensible to ITsecurity administrators, incident responders, forensic analysts,and malware researchers.

This volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th IFIP WG 11.2 International Conference on Information Security Theory and Practices, WISTP 2017, held in Heraklion, Crete, Greece, in September 2017. The 8 revised full papers and 4 short papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 35 submissions. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: security in emerging systems; security of data; trusted execution; defenses and evaluation; and protocols and algorithms.

The two-volume set, LNCS 10492 and LNCS 10493 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 22nd European Symposium on Research in Computer Security, ESORICS 2017, held in Oslo, Norway, in September 2017. The 54 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 338 submissions. The papers address issues such as data protection; security protocols; systems; web and network security; privacy; threat modeling and detection; information flow; and security in emerging applications such as cryptocurrencies, the Internet of Things and automotive.

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 14th International Symposium on Recent Advances in Intrusion Detection, RAID 2011, held in Menlo Park, CA, USA in September 2011. The 20 papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 87 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on application security;

malware; anomaly detection; Web security and social networks; and sandboxing and embedded environments.

This book is a step-by-step, practical tutorial for analyzing and detecting malware and performing digital investigations. This book features clear and concise guidance in an easily accessible format.Cuckoo Malware Analysis is great for anyone who wants to analyze malware through programming, networking, disassembling, forensics, and virtualization. Whether you are new to malware analysis or have some experience, this book will help you get started with Cuckoo Sandbox so you can start analysing malware effectively and efficiently.