

The Recent Trends of Polymorphic Shellcodes Detection Technologies

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가  
가  
가  
(shellcode)  
가  
2~3 (polymor-  
phism) (metamorphism)  
가  
가

I.



가

[1].

[2].

WRITE READ

GetPC

GetPC

(polymorphism)  
(metamorphism)  
(target host)

READ READ  
WRITE

(attack

(2)

host)가

(encryption)

(decryption)

가

[3]-[6]

GetPC  
(programmer)

가

가

(1)

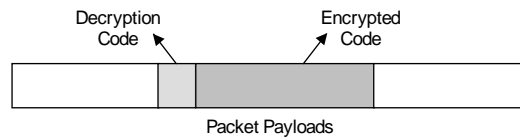
(3)

Metasploit

가

가

가



( 1)

Polymorphic Shellcodes

Read and Decrypt

(3) Decrypt

(1) GetPC

(2) Register

( 2)

1)

가

(encrypt)  
(decrypt)

(instruction pointer, program counter)  
가 READ

가 (self-modifying code)  
(static analysis resistant method)

Snort[7] (signature-based)  
(NIDS)  
NOP (sled)

(program counter)가

[9]

가

가 Polygraph[10],

1. (Thwarting Disassembly)

PAYL[11], PADS[12]  
(string)

가

(linear disassembly) (recursive disassembly)  
(invalid)

(decode) (branch)

( 3) Metasploit framework  
countdown

가

0x0003 call  
0x0007

[13]-[15]

(a)



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0000 6A7F      push 0x7F
0002 59        pop ecx
0003 E8FFFFFF  call 0x7
0008 C15E304C  rcr [esi+0x30], 0x4C
000C 0E        push cs
000D 07        pop es
000E E2FA     loop 0xA
0010
... <encrypted payload>
008F

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(a)

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0000 6A7F      push 0x7F
0002 59        pop ecx
0003 E8FFFFFF  call 0x7
0007 FFC1      inc ecx
0009 5E        pop esi
000A 304C0E07  xor [esi+ecx+0x7], cl
000E E2FA     loop 0xA
0010
... <encrypted payload>
008F

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(b)

( 3) Countdown

call  
, 0x0008 rcr  
(b)  
call 0x0007 inc  
ecx

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0000 6A7F      push 0x7F
0002 59        pop ecx
0003 E8FFFFFF  call 0x7
0007 FFC1      inc ecx
0009 5E        pop esi
000A 80460AE0  add [esi+0xA], 0xE0
000E 304C0E0B  xor [esi+ecx+0xB], cl
0012 02FA     add bh, dl
0014
... <encrypted payload>
0093

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(a)

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0000 6A7F      push 0x7F
0002 59        pop ecx ;ecx = 0x7F
0003 E8FFFFFF  call 0x7 ;PUSH 0x8
0007 FFC1      inc ecx ;ecx = 0x80
0009 5E        pop esi ;esi = 0x8
000A 80460AE0  add [esi+0xA], 0xE0 ;ADD [0012] 0xE0
000E 304C0E0B  xor [esi+ecx+0xB], cl ;XOR [0093] 0x80
0012 E2FA     loop 0xE ;ecx = 0x7F
000E 304C0E0B  xor [esi+ecx+0xB], cl ;XOR [0092] 0x7F
0012 E2FA     loop 0xE ;ecx = 0x7E
...

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(b)

( 4) Countdown

(run-time)  
CFG  
가 . (  
4) countdown

( 4) (a)

0x000a add  
[esi+0xA], 0xE0 0x0012 add bh, dl  
loop 0xE loop  
가

2.

(b) (a)가

(CFG)

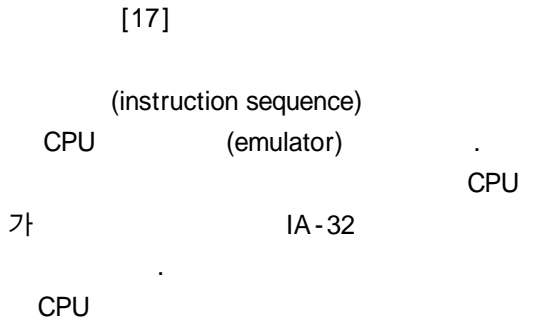
[14],[16]



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가 .

## 1. Polychronakis's First Method

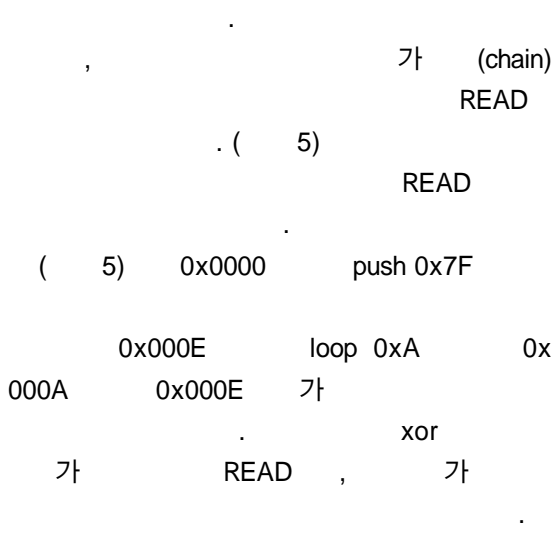


(false positive) GetPC  
가  
GetPC  
(stack)

( 5) call 0x7 pop esi가  
GetPC

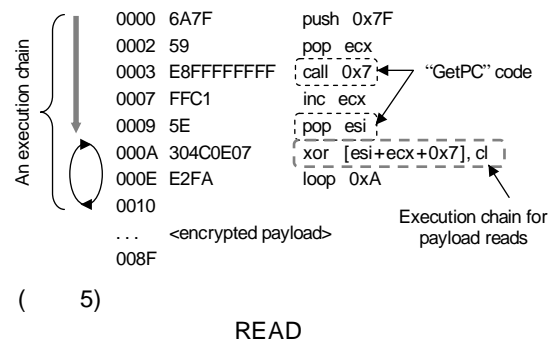
## 2. Zhang's Method

[18] Polychronakis



GetPC  
(hybrid)  
, GetPC

call, fnstenv seed  
( 6) ShikataGaNai  
( 6) (a) 0x0006  
fnstenv가  
READ xor [ebx+  
15], edi



xor  
ebx, edi  
. xor  
. ebx 0x000F, edi 0x000A  
, seed  
, seed  
, seed



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0000 31 c9      xor ecx, ecx
0002 da c7      fcmovb st(0), st(7)
0004 b1 23      mov cl, 23
0006 d9 74 24 f4  fnstenv 14/28byte[esp-0c]
000A bf 78 0f 5e f3  mov edi, f35e0f78
000F 5b        pop ebx
0010 31 7b 15   xor [ebx+15], edi
0013 03 7b 15   add edi, [ebx+15]
0016 83 bb 0b bc 06 c7 fc  cmp [ebx+c706bc0b], -4
... <encrypted payload>

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(a)

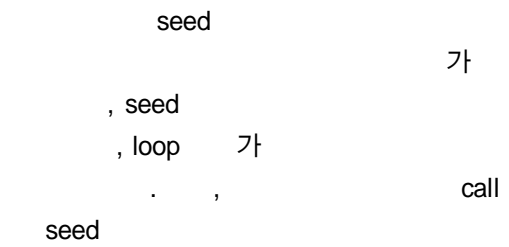
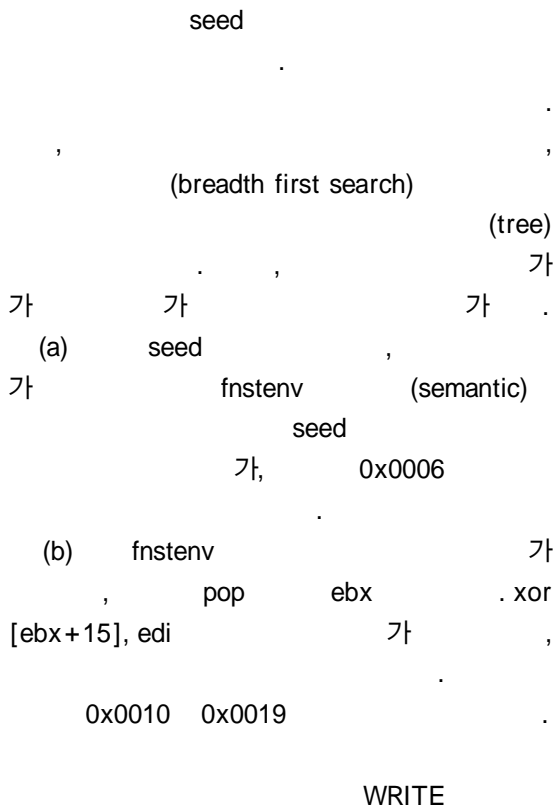
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000A bf 78 0f 5e f3  mov edi, f35e0f78
000F 5b        pop ebx
0010 31 7b 15   xor [ebx+15], edi
0013 03 7b 15   add edi, [ebx+15]
0016 83 c3 04   add ebx, 4
0019 e2 f5      loop 0010
... <encrypted payload>

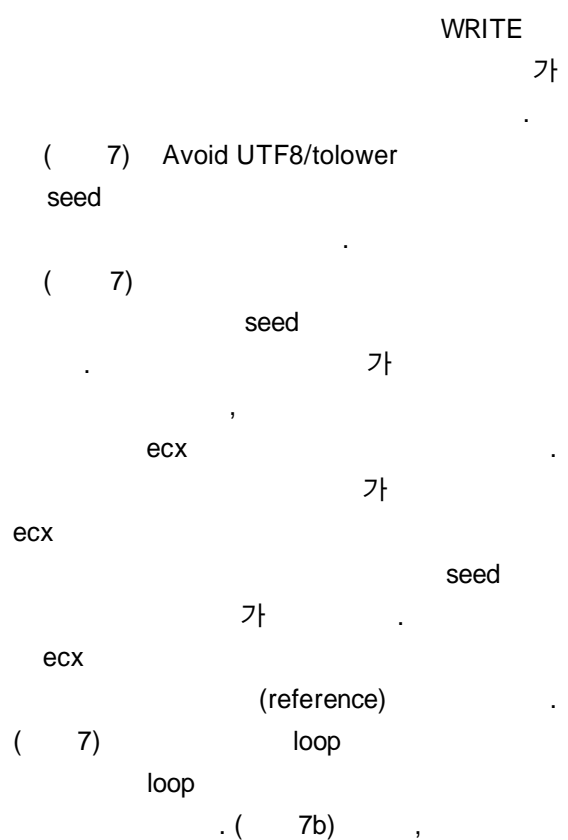
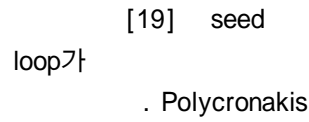
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(b)

( 6) ShikataGaNai



### 3. Polychronakis's Second Method

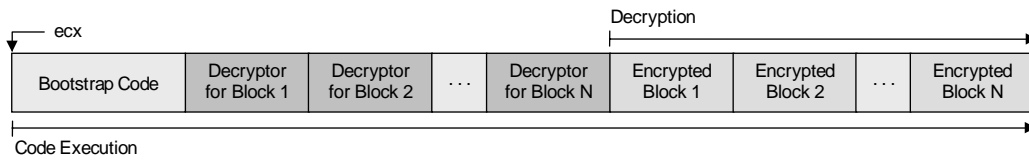


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0 60000000 6A20      push 0x20      ; ecx points here
1 60000002 6B3C240B    imul edi, [esp], 0xb ; edi = 0x160
2 60000006 60          pusha         ; push all registers
3 60000007 030C24      add ecx, [esp] ; ecx = 0x60000160
4 6000000a 6A11      push 0x11
5 6000000c 030C24      add ecx, [esp] ; ecx = 0x60000171
6 6000000f 6A04      push 0x4      ; encrypted block size
7 60000011 6826191413  push 0x13141926
8 60000016 5F          pop edi       ; edi = 0x13141926
9 60000017 0139      add [ecx], edi ; [600000171] = "ABCD"
10 60000019 030C24     add ecx, [esp] ; ecx = 0x60000175
11 6000001c 6817313F1E  push 0x1e3f3117
12 60000021 5F          pop edi       ; edi = 0x1E3F3117
13 60000022 0139      add [ecx], edi ; [60000175] = "EFGH"
14 60000024 030C24     add ecx, [esp] ; ecx = 0x60000179

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(a) Seed



(b)

( 7) Avoid UTF8/Tolower

( 7)

seed  
가 가

8 32

(random)

가 가

8

WRITE가

가

WRITE

가 가

( 7) seed

GetPC: Get Program Counter  
가

(Sled):

## OS

CFG Control Flow Graph  
 NIDS Network Intrusion Detection System

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