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**Evaluation of static, dynamic,
and hybrid analysis
techniques in the analysis of
various malware.**

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Abstract

Malicious software, otherwise called malware, is becoming a common occurrence in the modern-day world as computerized devices are being used more and more. Viruses, spyware, adware, ransomware – these are some of the most common forms of malware that people and companies are falling victim to.

In this report, the tester goes over different types of malware and uses them to evaluate malware analysis techniques. The techniques that are discussed are Static analysis, Dynamic analysis, and Hybrid analysis.

Overall, the tester found that each technique holds their own advantages and limitations, as well as the environments that some are best used in – for example setting up a virtual machine for dynamically testing malware in order to minimize damage.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

Malicious software, also known as malware, is software purposefully made with the intent to do harm to a computer, network or device in order to gain access to information and do harm.

Viruses, Worms, Trojan Horses, adware and much more are some of the most common forms of malware. These programs were developed and sent across the internet in order to cause disruptions, steal information and/or to gain access to multiple devices for other intentions. With computers and the internet growing in popularity it is becoming a primary target when malicious users attempt to attain some form of information regarding other users. Such information can pertain to personal information, credit card details, or even finding way to steal user accounts to certain websites, etc. To fight these malicious programs, one needs to analyse them first. One technique of analysis is through Static analysis, which involves examining the code without executing the program.

Static analysis is considered to be the safer technique of malware analysis due to the lack of execution of said malware. However, due to the limitations of static analysis other methods needed to be considered.

Another such technique to analyse malware is through dynamic analysis. Dynamic analysis involves the actual executions of the malware to examine it's behaviour. In order to minimize damage, it is recommended that dynamic analysis occurs within a sandbox/virtual machine, as this will stop the malware from having an effect on the host PC and the network that it is connected to.

However, dynamic analysis has limitations which further provides the need to be able to examine malware a step further. This introduces the hybrid analysis technique which is a combination of static and dynamic analysis claiming to make up for the limitation in both of the mention techniques.

1.2 AIM

The aim of this report is to conduct several tests in order to evaluate the analysis techniques of malware analysers through analysing malware. By following a methodology, the tester will use each of the 3 techniques – static, dynamic and hybrid – to analyse various malware and evaluate each one in terms of how well they can determine the potential effects of the chosen malware.

This report aims to capture the process of analysis and explain the techniques while also demonstrating the techniques through analysing malware.

In order to achieve this the following objectives should be met:

- Setting up a safe environment for malware analysis.
- Prepare tools that will be used – gaining information regarding the tools used for each technique such as PEview, Dependency Walker, Wireshark, etc.
- Using methodology with each of the 3 different analysis techniques on varying types of malware.
- Reporting and evaluation – reporting all findings regarding the analysis of malware using each of the techniques supported by evidence and evaluate each technique describing their benefits and limitations.

1.3 METHODOLOGY

The tester mainly followed the guidance of the Practical Malware Analysis: A Hands-On Guide to Dissecting Malicious Software (Sikorski and Honig, 2012), which allowed the tester to follow a highly regarded malware analysis book to produce a comprehensive evaluation of malware analysis techniques.

The malware used in the report was downloaded from the practical malware analysis website under the 'labs' tab (Sikorski and Honig, 2012).

Methodology:

1. Static Analysis – a method in order to inspect malware without running it. This allows for analysis of the code and checking for signature recognition.
2. Dynamic Analysis – a method to examine malware by running it in a simulated environment (e.g. virtual machine). This allows for the analysis of the behavior of the malware.
3. Hybrid Analysis – a combination of Static and Dynamic analysis that overcomes many of the limitations of these two methods. This method allows for the analysis of signatures and observation of behaviour.

1.4 TOOLS

Here the tester will be explaining all the tools that will be used, a basic guide on how to use them, and what they do.

Some of the tools that the tester used were PEview (Radburn, 2019), PEiD (Download PEiD 0.95, 2018), Dependency Walker (Dependency Walker (depends.exe) Home Page, n.d.), Process Monitor (Wayback Machine, n.d.), Process Explorer (Rusinovich, 2020), Regshot (regshot, 2008), ApateDNS (ApateDNS Download | FireEye, 2021), INetSim (Hungenberg and Eckert, 2007), Strings searching (Rissinovich, 2016), and Wireshark (Index of /download, 2012).

The first tool that will be looked at is PEview. PEview is a free and easy to use tool that is used to look at PE files, such as PE headers and PE sections. This helps in identifying imports, file size, and other file specific data.

The next tool that will be looked at is Process Monitor. Process Monitor is an advanced monitoring tool for Windows that provides a way to monitor registry, file system, network, process, and thread activity. Process Monitor uses RAM in order to log data about the system, in which can lead to the crashing of the VM, so when the tester felt that there was no need to continue monitoring, Process Monitor was turned off.

Next, there is Process Explorer, which is an application that monitors running processes and displays them through a parent-child relationships diagram.

Another tool used was Regshot – a registry snapshot tool. Regshot is an “open-source registry comparison tool” (regshot, 2008) that allowed the tester to take and compare two registry snapshots before and after the execution of malicious software. To do this the tester launches Regshot and takes a snapshot using the “1st Shot” button, runs the malware, then when the malware is presumed to have ‘finished’, the tester then takes a second snapshot using the “2nd Shot” button. Finally, by clicking the “Compare” button, the two snapshots are compared and returned as either a plain .TXT file or a HTML file.

ApateDNS is a free to use tool that spoofs DNS requests through listening on port 53. By connecting ApateDNS to a fake webserver that was set up on the Linux VM, it is possible to capture any requests sent along this port.

INetSim is a free software suite that can be used to simulate common Internet services. It fakes HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, IRC, DNS, SMTP, etc. connections (Sikorski and Honig, 2012).

Finally, Wireshark is an open-source sniffer or otherwise known as a packet capturing tool that intercepts and logs network traffic.

2 PROCEDURE

2.1 OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURE

Following the methodology mentioned, the tester went on to evaluate the different techniques in malware analysis. To achieve this the tester used a selection of malware from the labs located on the practical malware analysis website alongside a selection of tools to analyse the malware with.

2.2 PROCEDURE

2.2.1 Static analysis

2.2.1.1 Unpacked

The tester started with static analysis when evaluating the analysis techniques with various malware for this report. The tools that were used for this were Virus Total, Dependency Walker, PEView, and PEiD.

Firstly, the tester sent a malicious .EXE file through virustotal.com to see if it was a malicious software with a signature commonly known. The results can be seen in the following figures Figure 1 and Figure 2, with all results seen in Appendix A.

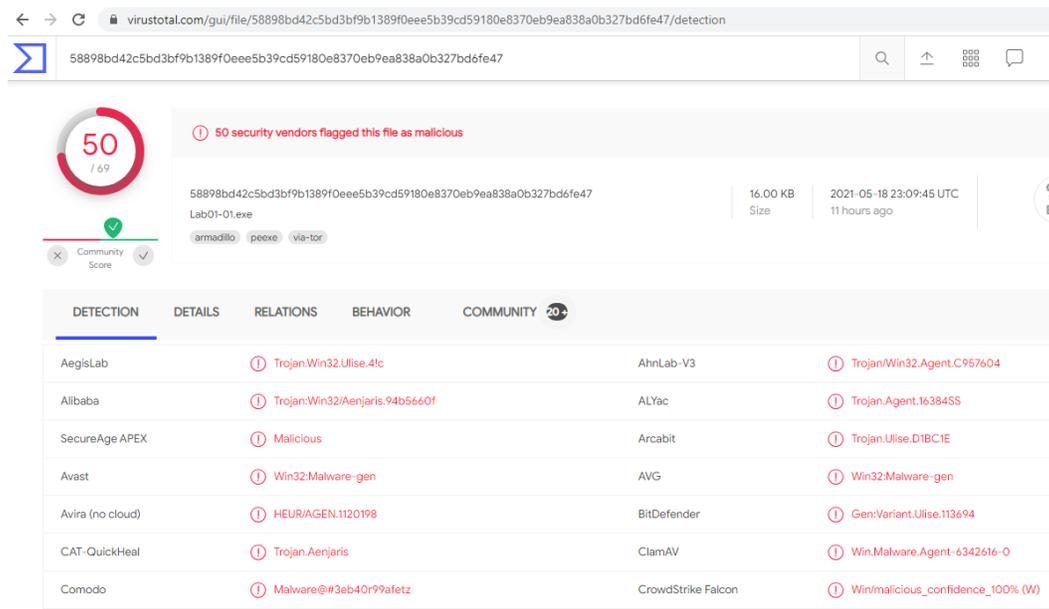


Figure 1 Virus Total – Lab01-01.exe

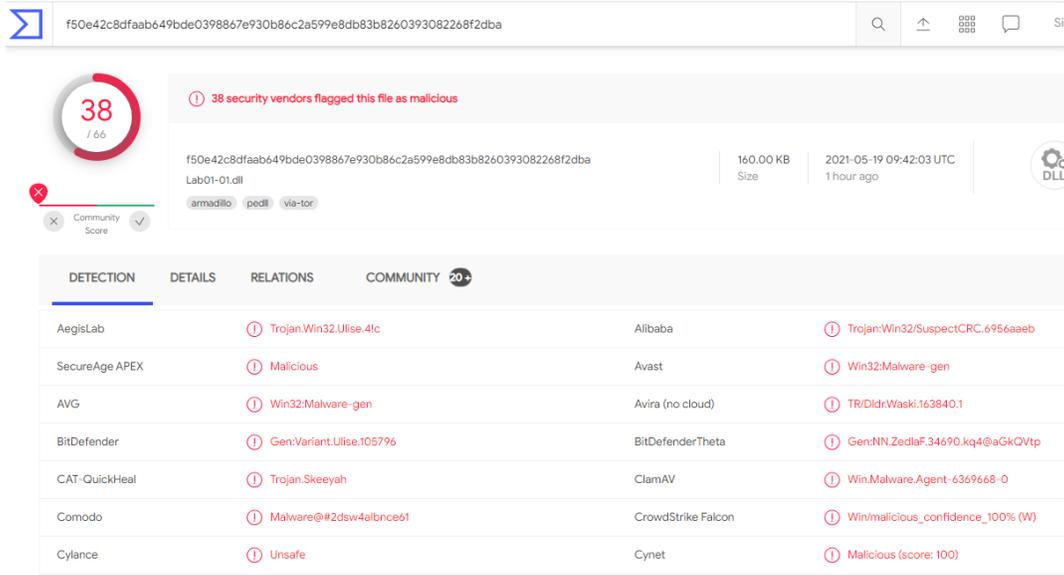


Figure 2 Virus Total – Lab01-01.dll

The above figures informed the tester that these two files are registered as malicious files on most of anti-virus scanners.

Next, the tester looked at the malware with its corresponding .DLL file through Dependency Walker as seen in Figure 3 and Figure 4. In these figures it can be seen that there are a few imports including kernel32.dll and msvcrt.dll, each importing further functions. Screenshots pertaining to the entire Dependency Walker results can be seen in Appendix B.

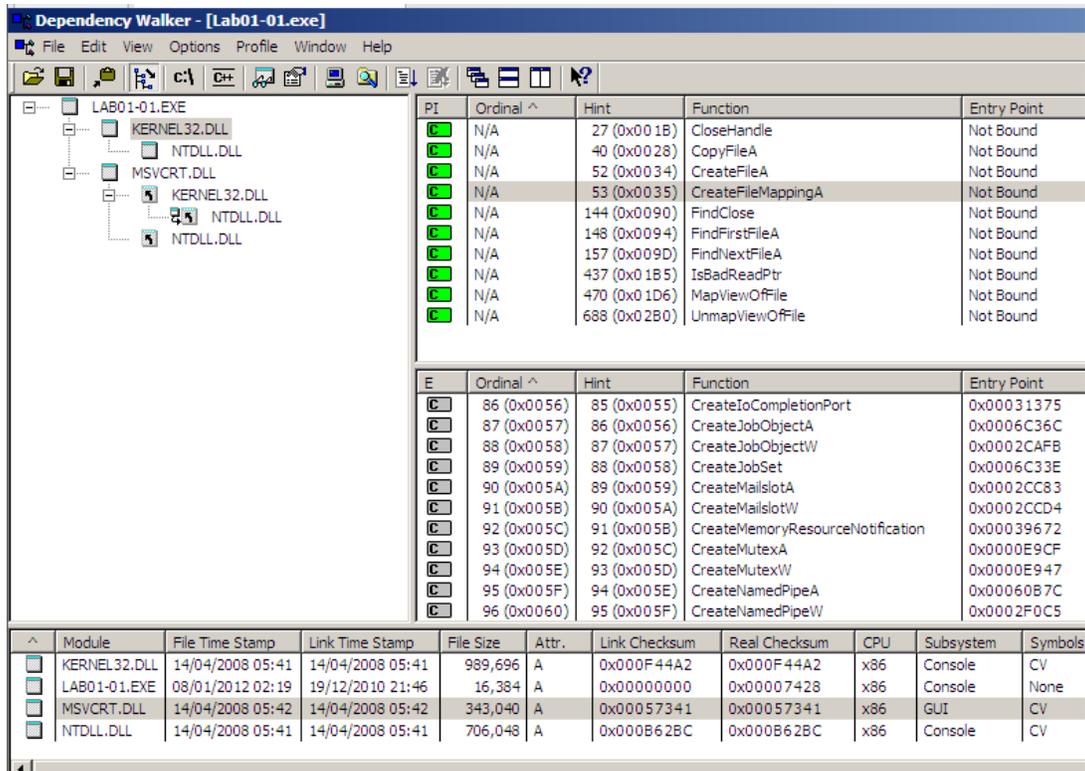


Figure 3 Static analysis of Lab01-01.exe Malware in Dependency Walker

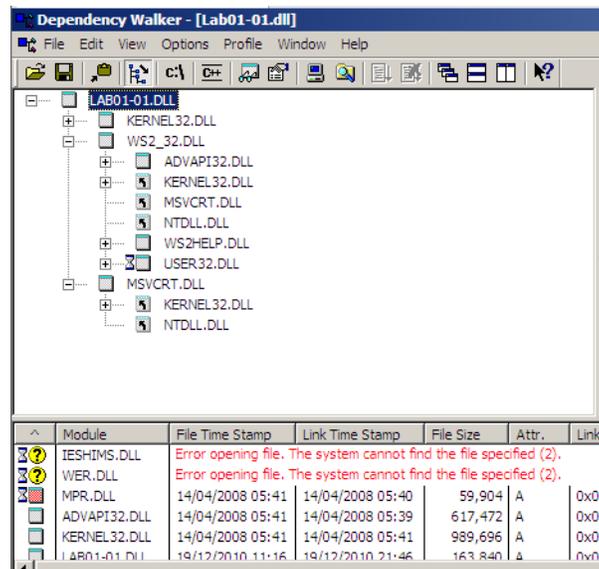


Figure 4 Static analysis of Lab01-01.dll in Dependency Walker

Kernel32.dll is a very common DLL that contains all key functions that allow for programs to do things such as have access to and manipulate memory, files, and hardware. Furthermore, the ws2_32.dll file

is library that is used to handle network connections. It relates to software processes and allows applications to communicate.

Then, the tester used the tool PView in order to look at any chances that the malware is packed or obfuscated. This is done by looking at and comparing the Raw Data value and the Virtual Size. If the malware is not packed at most there will be little difference between the size of them, otherwise if there is a large difference between the two, this indicated that the malware had been packed. In Figure 5 it can be seen that there is very little difference between the Raw data and the Virtual Size, therefore it can be assumed that this particular malware is not packed in any way.

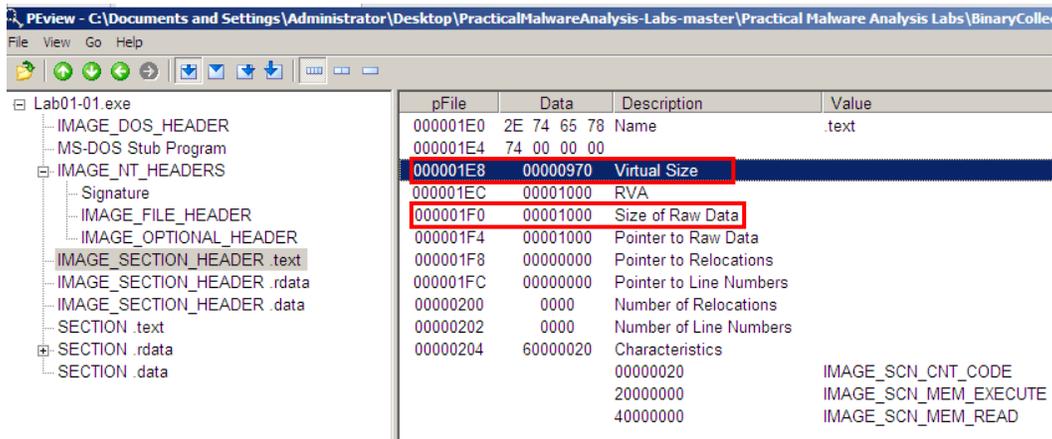


Figure 5 Static analysis of Lab01-01.exe in PView - checking Raw Data and Virtual Size

Furthermore, the packed state is further confirmed through the use of another tool: PEiD. This tool helps in identifying if software is packed and potentially what was used to pack it. As seen in Figure 6 this particular malware is not packed and has been identified as having been compiled with Microsoft Visual Studio C++.

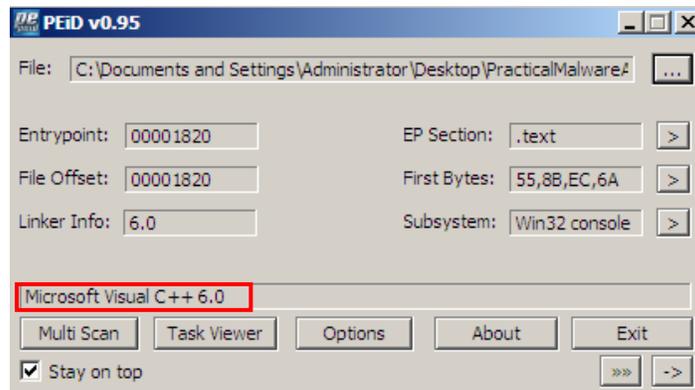


Figure 6 Static analysis of Lab01-01.exe- packed state through PEiD

After determining that the malware was not packed, the tester then moved on to see what sort of information could be gathered through string searching. To do this the tester used the Microsoft Strings program. The tester was able to find out some possible functionalities of the malware – as seen in Figure 7 and Figure 8 below, in which all information returned can be seen in Appendix C.

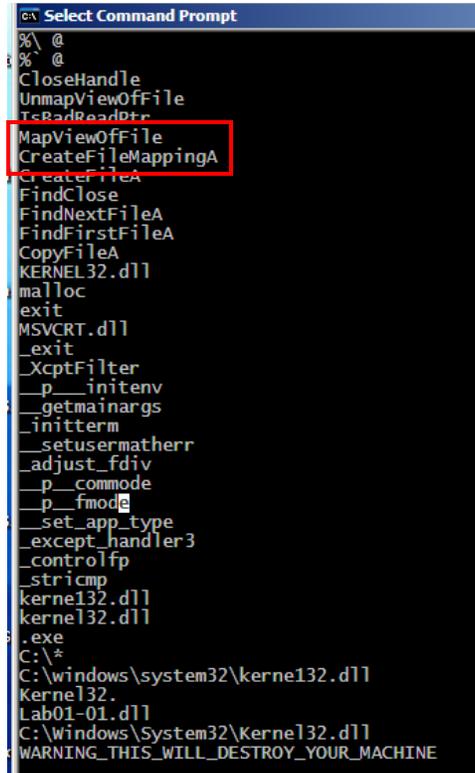


Figure 7 Static analysis of Lab01-01.exe - String search

```
ex Select Command Prompt
D$$
L$4PQj
D$\D
_ A]
u?h
%d`
YAj
=X
WVS
WVS
NWVS
u7WPS
u&WVS
WVS
_ A[]
%
C\loseHandle
Sleep
CreateProcessA
CreateMutexA
OpenMutexA
KERNEL32.dll
WS2_32.dll
strncmp
MSVCRT.dll
free
_initterm
malloc
_adjst_fdiv
exec
sleep
hello
127.26.152.13
SADFHUIH
/0IO[0h0p0
141G1[111
1Y2a2g2r2
31373
```

Figure 8 Static analysis of Lab01-01.dll - String search

From Figure 7, it can be noted that some interesting functions that were being called were 'CreateFileMap', 'FindFirstFile', and 'FindNextFile'. The CreateFileMap and MapViewOfFile are both functions that allow for the software to create a 'Map' object that will allow for the software to be able to gain access to the Shared Memory – where, in simple terms, the CreateFileMap is the map object and MapViewOfFile allows the access to the memory. While the FindFirstFile and FindNextFile are functions that are used to search for specific names and files. Furthermore, there is the interesting collision of similar looking names 'Kernel32.dll' and 'Kerne123.dll', which may indicate that the malware may attempt to disguise itself as the kernel32.dll file and may contain malicious code.

Therefore, it can be presumed, from the above Figure 7, that the malware searches for .EXE files on the machine and attempts to disguise it's core malicious code as the kernel32.dll file using the name kerne123.dll.

While from Figure 8 it can be seen that there are fewer functions called, but one interesting one is 'CreateProcessA', followed by what seems to be an IP address '127.26.152.13'. 'CreateProcessA' is a function that allows for a process to be created along with a primary thread, and when used can call any process that the user wants e.g., malicious software.

It is also noted that both 'CreateProcessA' and sleep are used for backdoors, which may explain the IP address found (CreateProcessA function (processthreadsapi.h) - Win32 apps, 2018).

2.2.1.2 Packed

Before analysing the next malicious software, the tester uploaded Lab01-03.exe to virustotal.com in order to check if the signature was registered and a commonly known malware (Figure 9). As seen in the figure, a large majority (51 out of 69) were able to identify it as malicious.

51 / 69 security vendors flagged this file as malicious

7983a582939924c70e3da2da80fd3352ebc90de7b8c4c427d484ff4f050f0aec
Lab01-03.exe
4.64 KB Size
2021-05-04 17:48:29 UTC
14 days ago

Community Score: 51/69

DETECTION	DETAILS	RELATIONS	BEHAVIOR	COMMUNITY
AegisLab	Trojan.Multi.Generic.IVbD	AhnLab-V3	Trojan/Win32.Agent.C2894355	
Alibaba	TrojanClicker:Win32/Agentb.3bb840a6	SecureAge APEX	Malicious	
Avast	Win32:Malware-gen	AVG	Win32:Malware-gen	
Baidu	Win32:Trojan-Clicker.Agent.z	BitDefenderTheta	Gen:NN.ZexaF.34688.ambdaODLcf	
CAT-QuickHeal	Trojan.Agentb	Comodo	TrojWare.Win32.Trojan.Inor.B_10@1qra8i	
CrowdStrike Falcon	Win/malicious_confidence_100% (W)	Cyance	Unsafe	
Cyren	Malicious (score: 100)	Cyren	W32/SuspPack.DH.genEldorado	

Figure 9 Virus Total - Lab01-03.exe

Next, the tester determined that this malicious file that was packed. This was determined to be packed through the lack of imports that could be found through the use of Dependency Walker as seen in Figure 10. There is only 1 import: Kernel32.dll, which is very unlikely in any software which leads it to being packed.

Module	File Time Stamp	Link Time Stamp	File Size	Attr.	Link Checksum	Real Checksum	CPU	Subsystem	Symbols	Preferre
KERNEL32.DLL	14/04/2008 05:41	14/04/2008 05:41	989,696	A	0x000F44A2	0x000F44A2	x86	Console	CV	0x7C80
LAB01-03.EXE	26/03/2011 07:54	01/01/1970 05:30	4,752	A	0x00000000	0x0000CED2	x86	Console	None	0x0040
NTDLL.DLL	14/04/2008 05:41	14/04/2008 05:41	706,048	A	0x000B62BC	0x000B62BC	x86	Console	CV	0x7C90

PI	Ordinal	Hint	Function ^	Entry Point
0	N/A	0 (0x0000)	GetProcAddress	Not Bound
1	N/A	0 (0x0000)	LoadLibraryA	Not Bound

E	Ordinal	Hint	Function ^	Entry Point
1	1 (0x0001)	0 (0x0000)	ActivateActCtx	0x0000A6D4
2	2 (0x0002)	1 (0x0001)	AddAtomA	0x00035505
3	3 (0x0003)	2 (0x0002)	AddAtomW	0x000326D9

Figure 10 Static analysis of Lab01-03.exe - Dependency Walker

This is further confirmed through the use of the PEiD tool and PView tool, in which the malware was packed using FSG (Figure 14). As can be seen in Figure 11, Figure 12 and Figure 13 the size of the Raw Data is significantly less than the Virtual Size. This would further indicate that the malware is packed.

pFile	Data	Description	Value
00000158	00 00 00 00	Name	
0000015C	74 00 00 00		
00000160	00003000	Virtual Size	
00000164	00001000	RVA	
00000168	00000000	Size of Raw Data	
0000016C	00000000	Pointer to Raw Data	
00000170	00000000	Pointer to Relocations	
00000174	00000000	Pointer to Line Numbers	
00000178	0000	Number of Relocations	
0000017A	0000	Number of Line Numbers	
0000017C	C00000E0	Characteristics	
	00000020		IMAGE_SCN_CNT_CODE
	00000040		IMAGE_SCN_CNT_INITIALIZED_DATA
	00000080		IMAGE_SCN_CNT_UNINITIALIZED_DATA
	40000000		IMAGE_SCN_MEM_READ
	80000000		IMAGE_SCN_MEM_WRITE

Figure 11 Static analysis of Lab01-03.exe- comparing Raw Data and Virtual Size

pFile	Data	Description	Value
00000180	00 00 00 00	Name	
00000184	74 61 00 00		
00000188	00001000	Virtual Size	
0000018C	00004000	RVA	
00000190	0000028C	Size of Raw Data	
00000194	00001000	Pointer to Raw Data	
00000198	00000000	Pointer to Relocations	
0000019C	00000000	Pointer to Line Numbers	
000001A0	0000	Number of Relocations	
000001A2	0000	Number of Line Numbers	
000001A4	C00000E0	Characteristics	
	00000020		IMAGE_SCN_CNT_CODE
	00000040		IMAGE_SCN_CNT_INITIALIZED_DATA
	00000080		IMAGE_SCN_CNT_UNINITIALIZED_DATA
	40000000		IMAGE_SCN_MEM_READ
	80000000		IMAGE_SCN_MEM_WRITE

Figure 12 Static analysis of Lab01-03.exe- comparing Raw Data and Virtual Size

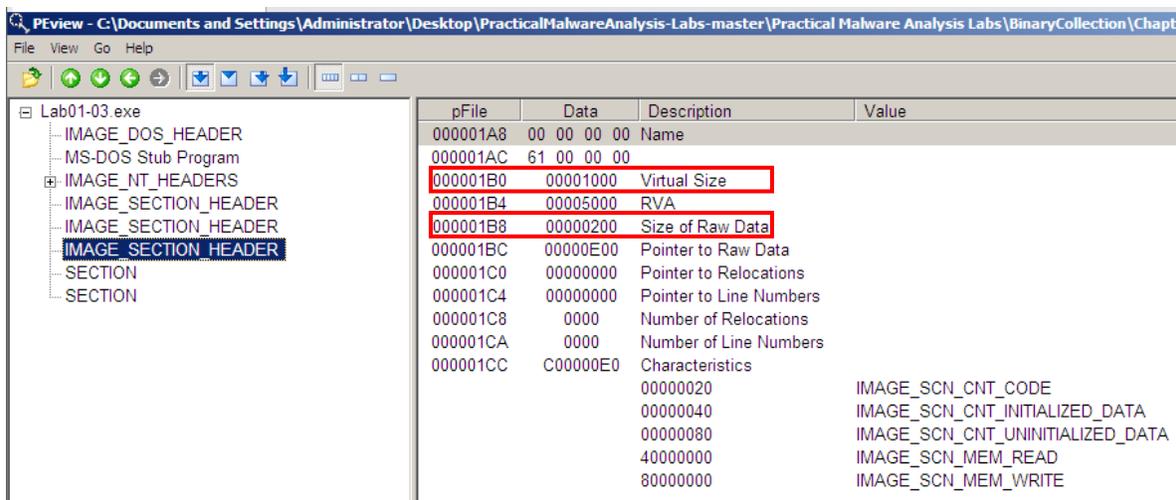


Figure 13 Static analysis of Lab01-03.exe- comparing Raw Data and Virtual Size

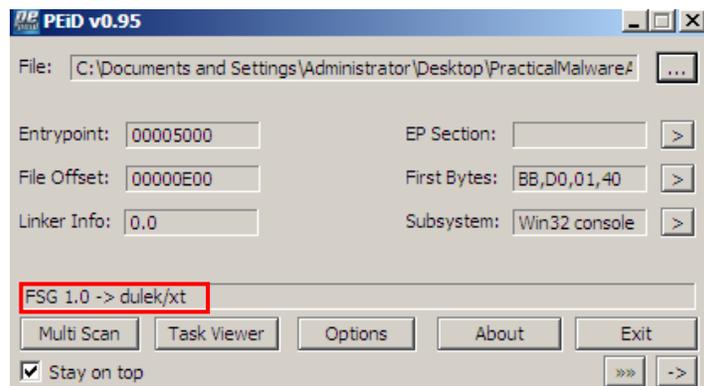


Figure 14 Static analysis of Lab01-03 packed state in PEiD

Due to the malware being packed and the tester lacking the correct knowledge for unpacking this specific malware, it was no longer possible for the tester to be able to move on in the investigation of the malware.

2.2.2 Dynamic analysis

2.2.2.1 Basic

The next technique that the tester looked at in malware analysis is dynamic analysis, where examination of the malware occurs after the execution of it. Unlike static analysis, dynamic analysis allows for the tester to be able to learn about the actual functionality of the malware, over speculation.

One could dynamically examine malware through the use of sandboxes/ Virtual Machines. Sandboxes often have the ability to analyse malware for free and are popular to use. As demonstrated in 2.2.1, the tester set up a Windows XP and a Kali Linux virtual machine for the dynamic analysis.

For this test, the tester looked at both a .EXE and a .DLL file.

2.2.2.1.1 EXE file

To start, the tester looked at an .EXE file. Running .EXE files are a common occurrence for both users and Windows operating system (OS), as they can be triggered by simply double-clicking them. But before running the malware, the tester did some static analysis checks through the use of Dependency Walker, to see what sort of imports there were for the malware. As seen in Figure 16 there seems to be only one import: kernel32.dll. This was most likely showing that this specific malware was packed.

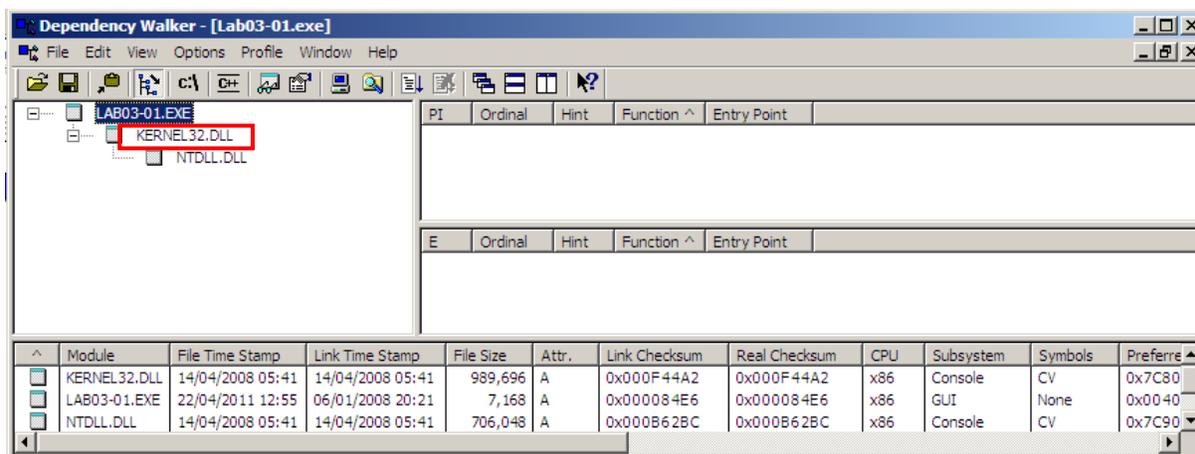


Figure 16 Lab03-01.exe - Dependency Walker

The packed state is proved through the use of both PEView and PEiD, where PEView showed a large difference between Raw Data and Virtual Size Figure 17 and Figure 18. While PEiD shows that it was packed and packed using PEncrypt 3.1 Final -> junkcode Figure 19.

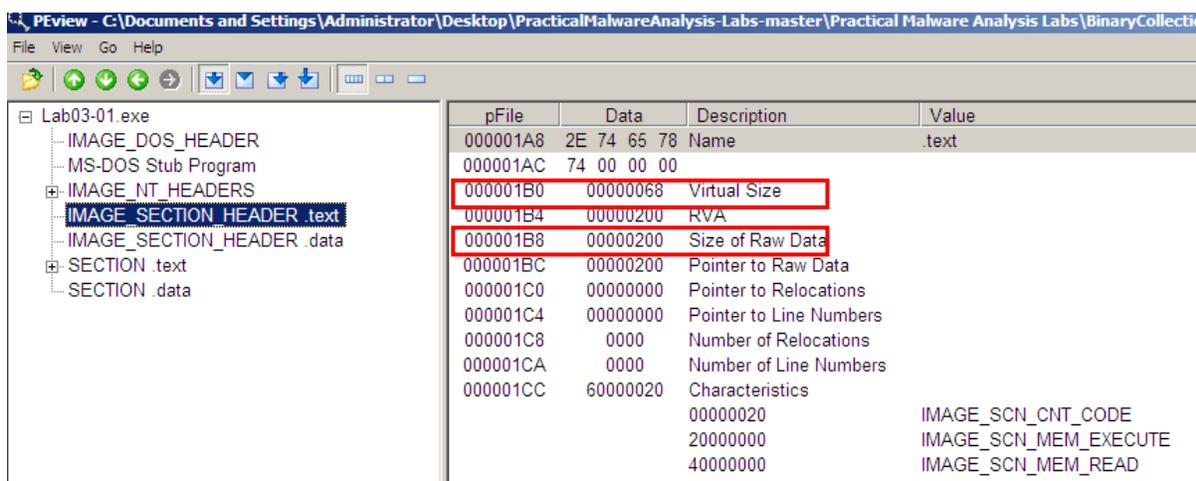


Figure 17 Comparing Raw Data to Virtual Size in Lab03-01.exe

pFile	Data	Description	Value
000001D0	2E 64 61 74	Name	.data
000001D4	61 00 00 00		
000001D8	0000168F	Virtual Size	
000001DC	00000400	RVA	
000001E0	00001800	Size of Raw Data	
000001E4	00000400	Pointer to Raw Data	
000001E8	00000000	Pointer to Relocations	
000001EC	00000000	Pointer to Line Numbers	
000001F0	0000	Number of Relocations	
000001F2	0000	Number of Line Numbers	
000001F4	C0000040	Characteristics	
	00000040		IMAGE_SCN_CNT_INITIALIZED_DATA
	40000000		IMAGE_SCN_MEM_READ
	80000000		IMAGE_SCN_MEM_WRITE

Figure 18 Comparing Raw Data to Virtual Size in Lab03-01.exe

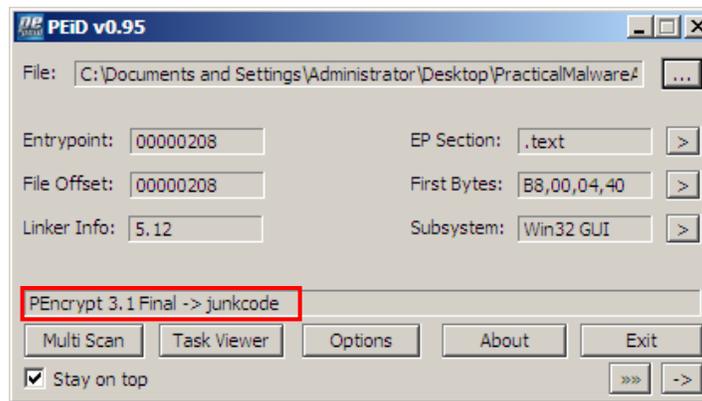


Figure 19 Lab03-01.exe is packed using PEnrypt 3.1 Final

Following this, the tester looked at any possible strings that could be recovered from the file, and what could be learned from it. This can be seen in Figure 20 and Figure 21. All returned values can be found in Appendix C.

```
C:\ Select Command Prompt
!This program cannot be run in DOS mode.
Rich
.text
.data
ExitProcess
kernel32.dll
ws2_32
A)|
~
"p7
cks=u
ttp=
cks=
CONNECT %s:%i HTTP/1.0
QSRW
QSRW
```

Figure 20 Strings for Lab03-01.exe

```
<2t
StubPath
SOFTWARE\Classes\http\shell\open\commandV
Software\Microsoft\Active Setup\Installed Components\
test
www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com
admin
VideoDriver
winVMX32-
vmx32to64.exe
SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
Ph?
VSh
V)V
SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Shell Folders
Pwj
AppData
j@h
VQj
ViW
V%_
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\Tools\Strings>
```

Figure 21 Strings for Lab03-01.exe

Through these figures, it is possible to discern that the malware may attempt to connect to the internet 'CONNECT HTTP/1.0' to the website 'www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com'. Furthermore, it may attempt to create and/or run a file called vmx32to64.exe, and so on.

Now, that the tester had some basic knowledge about the malware, the tester was ready to start dynamically assessing the malware.

The tester started with the Process Monitor tool. Firstly, the tester stopped the logging and cleared the display, by simply having selected the File tab and clicked the Capture events option to stop the logging of the system, then the tester goes to the Edit tab and selects the Clear Display option before starting the application to remove unnecessary information (Figure 22 and Figure 23). Then in order to start the application up again the tester clicked File Capture option in the first step again.

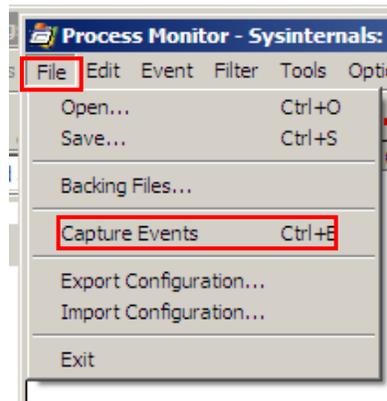


Figure 22 Stopping Process Monitor from logging

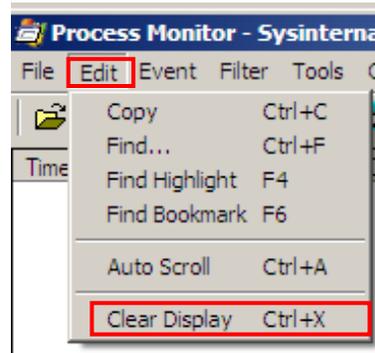


Figure 23 Clearing the display in Process Monitor

Furthermore, it was possible for the tester to be able to set Process Monitor so that it only monitored the one executable, this was through the filtering option. This is a particularly helpful tool as it reduces all the unnecessary information that appears on the display. Using this it was also possible for the tester to be able to zero in on certain system calls as well. To set the filtering option up the tester went to the Filter tab and selected the Filter option as seen in Figure 24. When the dialog pops up the tester was able to filter all the sections that the tester wanted and didn't want to show up on the screen. All processes that were shown would have a green tick next to the name while those that the tester did not want showing up had a red X by the process name (Figure 26). Important filters that were considered were Process Name, Operation, and Detail, in which the tester chose from comparators such as 'Is', 'Contains', and 'Less Than'. Furthermore, some helpful filters were found within the toolbar (Figure 25) which can filter the Registry, File system, Process activity, and Network – in which all of them are selected by default (Figure 27).

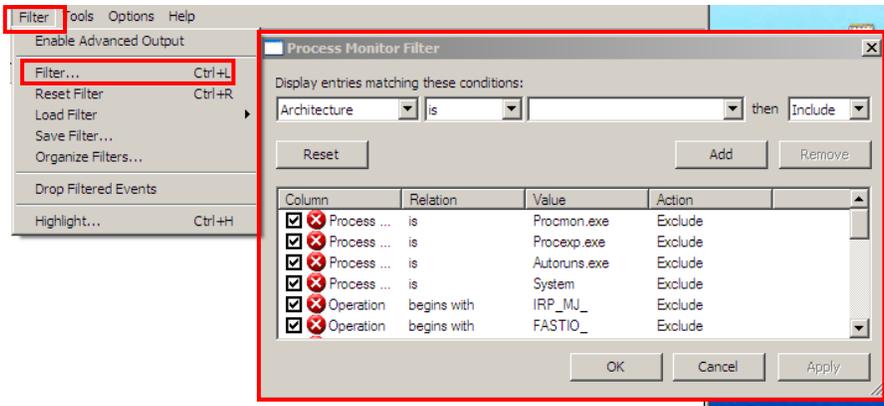


Figure 24 Filtering pop up

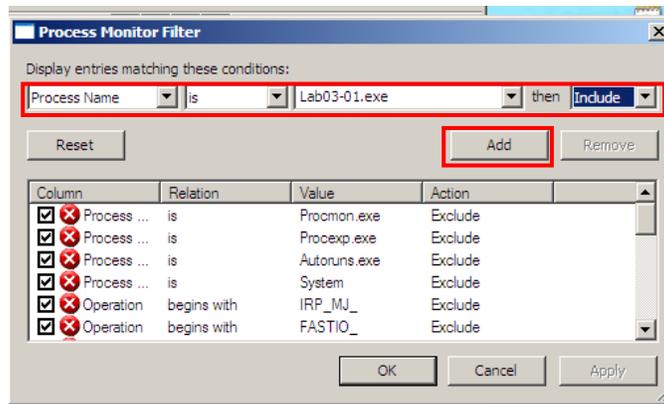


Figure 25 Entering the Process name to be filtered and shown

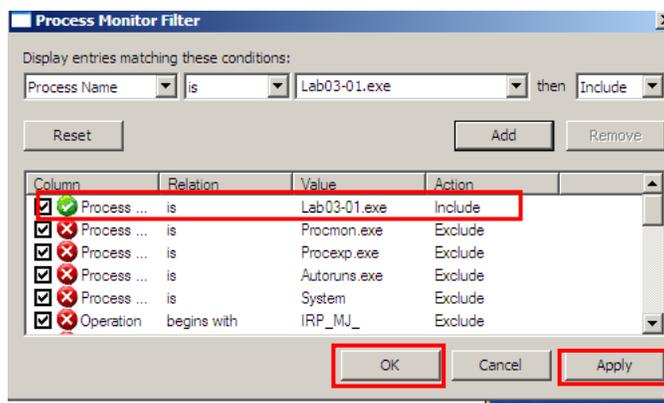


Figure 26 Green tick indicated the process will be shown in display



Figure 27 Filtering tabs

After applying the filters (Process Name, Operation WriteFile, and Operation RegSetValue) as seen in Figure 28, the tester then ran the malicious file Lab03-01.exe. After letting it run and watching Process Explorer for when the file was finished the tester turned back to Process Monitor to see what was captured during the execution of the file. Some results returned can be seen in Figure 30.

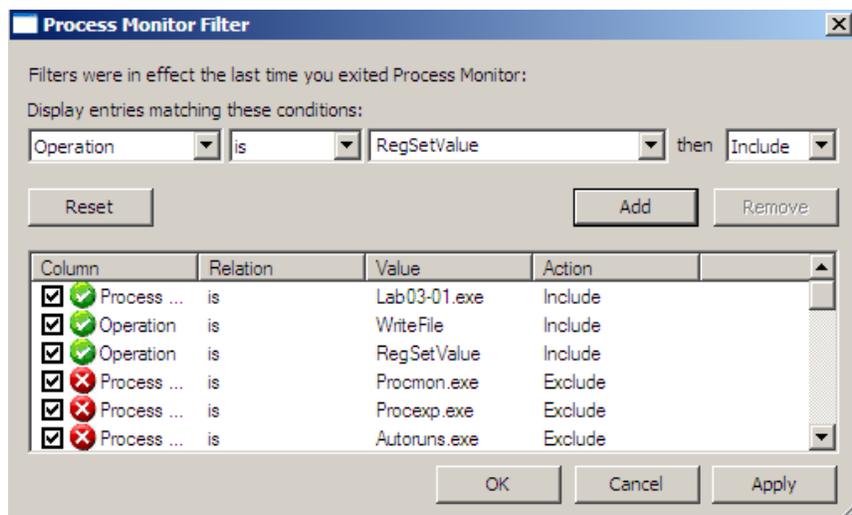


Figure 28 All the filters for Process Monitor for Lab03-01.exe

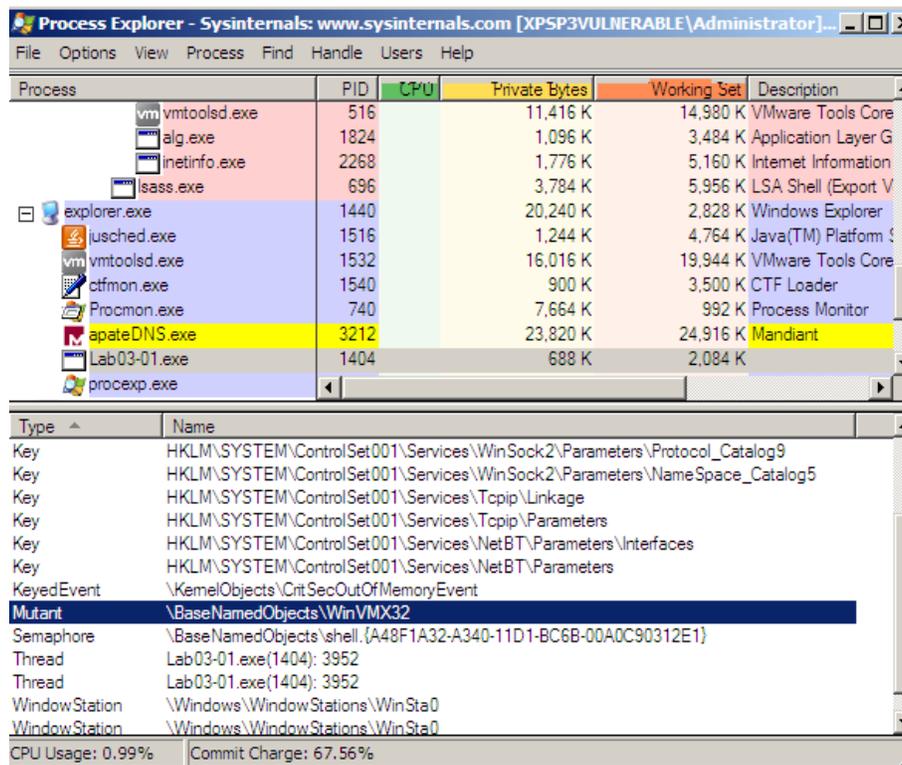


Figure 29 Mutex WinCMX32 created after running malware

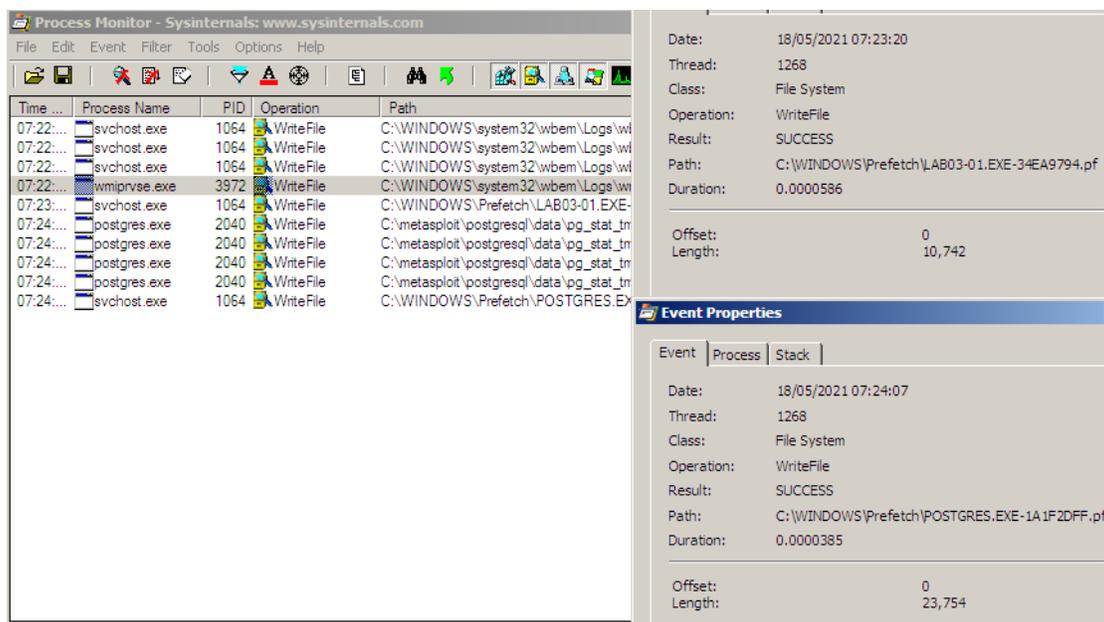


Figure 30 Returned results for WriteFile in Process Monitor for Lab03-01.exe

After confirming any possible actions that the file made to the system, the tester then turned to look at and requests logged in INetSim and captured through Wireshark. In Figure 31 it can be seen that there was a DNS request to 'www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com', as was seen and predicted in the string figures Figure 20 and Figure 21. This is further backed by the Wireshark capture of a DNS request to 'www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com' seen in Figure 32.

```

/var/log/inetsim/report/report.1943.txt [Read Only] - Mousepad
File Edit Search View Document Help
Warning, you are using the root account, you may harm your system.
Report for session '1943'
Real start date      : 2021-05-17 12:14:58
Simulated start date : 2021-05-17 12:14:58
Time difference on startup : none
2021-05-17 12:15:38 First simulated date in log file
2021-05-17 12:15:38 DNS connection, type: A, class: IN, requested name: google.com
2021-05-17 12:15:38 HTTP connection, method: GET, URL: http://google.com/, file name: /var/lib/inetsim/http/fakefiles/sample.html
2021-05-17 12:15:38 HTTP connection, method: GET, URL: http://google.com/favicon.ico, file name: /var/lib/inetsim/http/fakefiles/favicon.ico
2021-05-17 12:16:09 DNS connection, type: A, class: IN, requested name: www.wireshark.org
2021-05-17 12:16:59 DNS connection, type: A, class: IN, requested name: www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com
2021-05-17 12:17:42 DNS connection, type: A, class: IN, requested name: time.windows.com
2021-05-17 12:17:42 NTP connection, time received: 1621268263, time sent: 1621268267, difference: 4
2021-05-17 12:17:42 Last simulated date in log file
  
```

Figure 31 INetSim report

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.00000000	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.1	DNS	92	Standard query 0xbdb99 A www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com
2	0.02071900	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.200	DNS	108	Standard query response 0xbdb99 A 192.168.1.1
3	0.02105000	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.1	TCP	62	dab-sti-c > https [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1
4	0.02621800	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.200	TCP	62	https > dab-sti-c [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1
5	0.02623500	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.1	TCP	54	dab-sti-c > https [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0
6	0.02631000	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.1	SSL	310	Continuation Data
7	0.02692900	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.200	TCP	60	https > dab-sti-c [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=257 Win=63984 Len=0
8	0.03923600	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.200	TCP	60	https > dab-sti-c [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=257 Win=63984 Len=0
9	5.07043700	Vmware_74:d1:a3	Vmware_82:97:8d	ARP	60	who has 192.168.1.200? Tell 192.168.1.1
10	5.07045100	Vmware_82:97:8d	Vmware_74:d1:a3	ARP	42	192.168.1.200 is at 00:0c:29:82:97:8d
11	15.56967400	fe80::20c:29ff:fe74:ff02::2		ICMPv6	70	Router solicitation from 00:0c:29:74:d1:a3
12	30.04205200	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.1	TCP	62	imgames > https [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1
13	30.04786600	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.200	TCP	62	https > imgames [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1
14	30.04788900	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.1	TCP	54	imgames > https [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0
15	30.04795200	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.1	SSL	310	Continuation Data
16	30.04810200	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.200	TCP	60	https > imgames [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=257 Win=63984 Len=0
17	30.06043800	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.200	TCP	60	https > imgames [RST, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=257 Win=63984 Len=0
18	42.68054800	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.1	DNS	76	Standard query 0x64f7 A time.windows.com
19	42.69602900	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.200	DNS	92	Standard query response 0x64f7 A 192.168.1.1
20	42.70782200	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.1	NTP	90	NTP Version 3 symmetric active

[E] Frame 1: 92 bytes on wire (736 bits), 92 bytes captured (736 bits) on interface 0	
[E] Ethernet II, Src: Vmware_82:97:8d (00:0c:29:82:97:8d), Dst: Vmware_74:d1:a3 (00:0c:29:74:d1:a3)	
[E] Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.200 (192.168.1.200), Dst: 192.168.1.1 (192.168.1.1)	
0000	00 0c 29 74 d1 a3 00 0c 29 82 97 8d 08 00 45 00 ..)t....)....E.
0010	00 4e a8 8d 00 00 80 11 0d f8 c0 a8 01 c8 c0 a8 .N.....
0020	01 01 04 1f 00 35 00 3a 34 07 db 99 01 00 00 014.....
0030	00 00 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 18 70 72 61 63 74w ww.pract
0040	69 63 61 6c 6d 61 6c 77 61 72 65 61 6e 61 6c 79 icalmalw areanaly
0050	72 60 72 02 62 6f 6d 00 00 01 00 01 ..c.com

Figure 32 Wireshark capture of Lab03-01.exe

2.2.2.1.2 DLL file

Next, the tester looked at malicious a .DLL file – Lab03-02.dll. To start the tester attempted to get information about the file through the use of Dependency Walker (Figure 33 and Figure 35) as well as check if this particular malware was packed through the tool PEiD (Figure 34). This confirmed that Lab03-02.dll was not packed.

In Figure 35 a particularly interesting export was noted: ServiceMain.

ServiceMain was an indicator that this .DLL file needed to be installed as a service to run (chappell, 2021). Furthermore, by having looked at the exports table as well as the strings for the file it was believed that this malicious DLL file needed to be installed as a service using installA (Figure 35 and Figure 37).

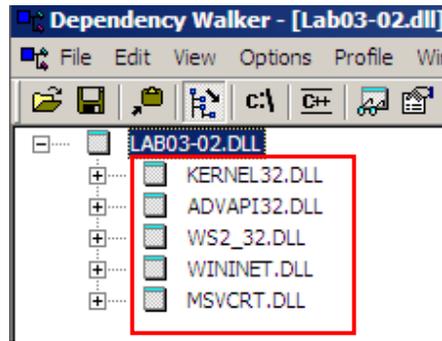


Figure 33 Dependency Walker - imports for Lab03-02.dll

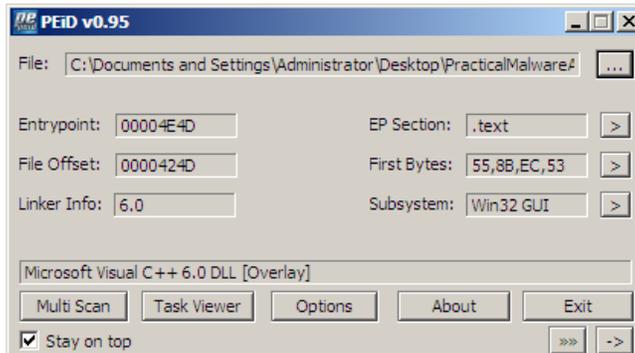


Figure 34 Using PEiD to check if Lab03-02.dll was packed

E	Ordinal	Hint	Function ^	Entry Point
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 (0x0001)	0 (0x0000)	Install	0x00004706
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 (0x0004)	3 (0x0003)	installA	0x00004B0B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 (0x0002)	1 (0x0001)	ServiceMain	0x00003196
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 (0x0005)	4 (0x0004)	uninstallA	0x00004C2B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 (0x0003)	2 (0x0002)	UninstallService	0x00004B18

Figure 35 Dependency Walker analysis for Lab03-02.dll

After learning a little about the malware through the use of Dependency Walker and PEiD, the tester then turned to see if any strings could be recovered and any potential information that could be

revealed. In the following figures – Figure 36 and Figure 37 – it can be presumed that the malware is going to make a HTTP request to 'www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com'. Furthermore, it can be presumed that the malware has something to do with an 'Intranet Network Awareness' (Figure 38).

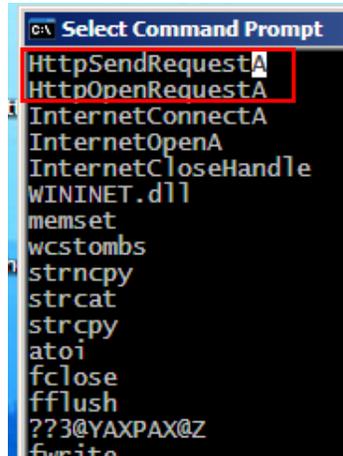


Figure 36 Strings search - HTTP Request

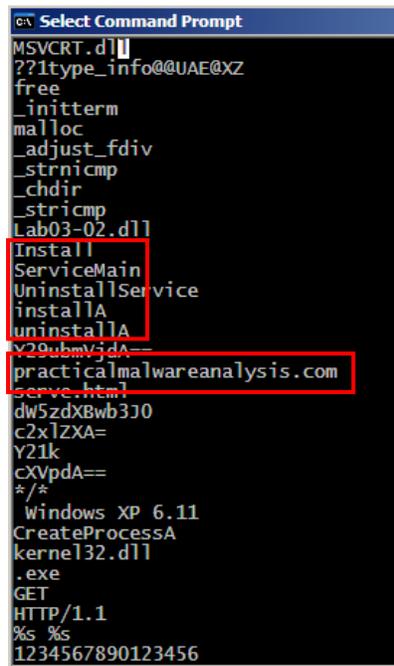


Figure 37 Strings search - export function and HTTP request Destination

```
1234567890123456
quit
exit
getFile
cmd.exe /c
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789+ /
--!>
<! --
.PAX
.PAD
DependOnService
RpcSs
ServiceDll
GetModuleFileName() get dll path
Parameters
Type
Start
ObjectName
LocalSystem
ErrorControl
DisplayName
Description
Depends INA+, Collects and stores network configuration and location information
, and notifies applications when this information changes.
ImagePath
%SystemRoot%\System32\svchost.exe -k
SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\
CreateService(%*) error %d
Intranet Network Awareness (INA+)
%SystemRoot%\System32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs
OpenSCManager ()
```

Figure 38 String search - Intranet Network Awareness

However, when considering running the malware it is key to remember that Windows does not have an automatic method of running .DLL files, unlike with .EXE files.

So, for the tester to have been able to execute this file, the tester would have needed to trigger it manually. In order to do this the tester would need to know a little about the rundll32.exe file that comes with Windows automatically and running it alongside the chosen .DLL file in the command line.

The below template code was used.

```
> 'rundll32.exe DLL name, Export arguments'
```

The 'Export arguments' value must be a function name within the .DLL file. As was demonstrated earlier through the use of the tool Dependency Walker where the tester got a list of the exported values in the Export table.

However, first, to track any changes that the malware might make the tester took a snapshot of the registry through the use of the tool Regshot by having clicked the "1st Shot" button, before running the malware (Figure 39). Following this the tester then set up all the tools that the tester was going to use after installing the malware, this included Process Monitor, Process Explorer, INetSim, and Wireshark.

After installing the malware (Figure 40), the tester then looked towards Process Explorer in order to ensure there are no more processes being started up or terminated that are related to the malicious .DLL file. Confirming the termination, the tester then took a second snapshot with Regshot to compare to the first shot to check if the malware installed itself within the registry. This then allows for the tester to be able to compare the two shots and have the log saved as a .TXT file (Figure 41). The entire .TXT file with comparisons for the two snapshots can be found in Appendix D.

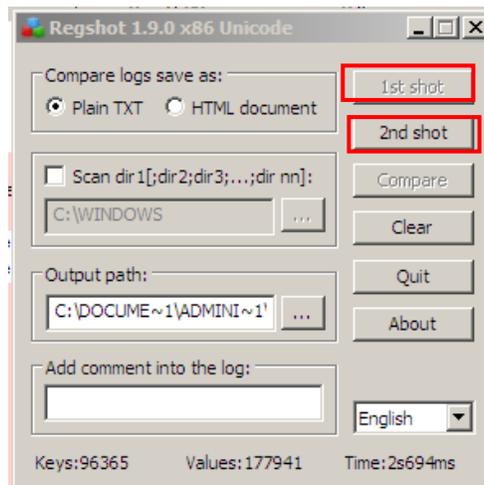


Figure 39 Regshot

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>rundll32.exe Lab03-02.dll, installA
```

Figure 40 Running the malicious Lab03-02.dll

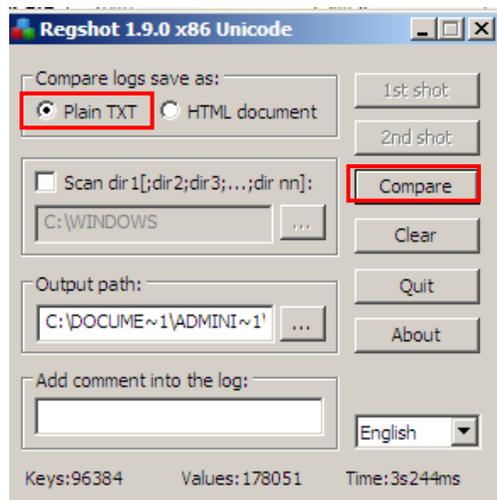


Figure 41 Compare and create a .TXT log

Also, given that the malware is installed as the IPRIP service the tester started it using the command below:

```
> 'net start IPRIP'
```

Which outputted information that was very similar to what was found in the strings search (Figure 38) can be seen in Figure 42.

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>net start IPRIP
The Intranet Network Awareness (INA+) service is starting.
The Intranet Network Awareness (INA+) service was started successfully.
```

Figure 42 Running the service that the malware was installed under

Next, the tester filters for the .DLL file in Process Explorer looking for the process and Process ID for the malware. Following this the tester then opened the View, Lower pane view, DLLs and further confirmed the running of the malicious software (Figure 43).

Then the tester checked the rest of the tools that were set up and found that a DNS request was made that connected to a website Figure 44. And finally, in the figure there was also found that the malware made a HTTP GET request over port 80 INetSim to the same host as the DNS request.

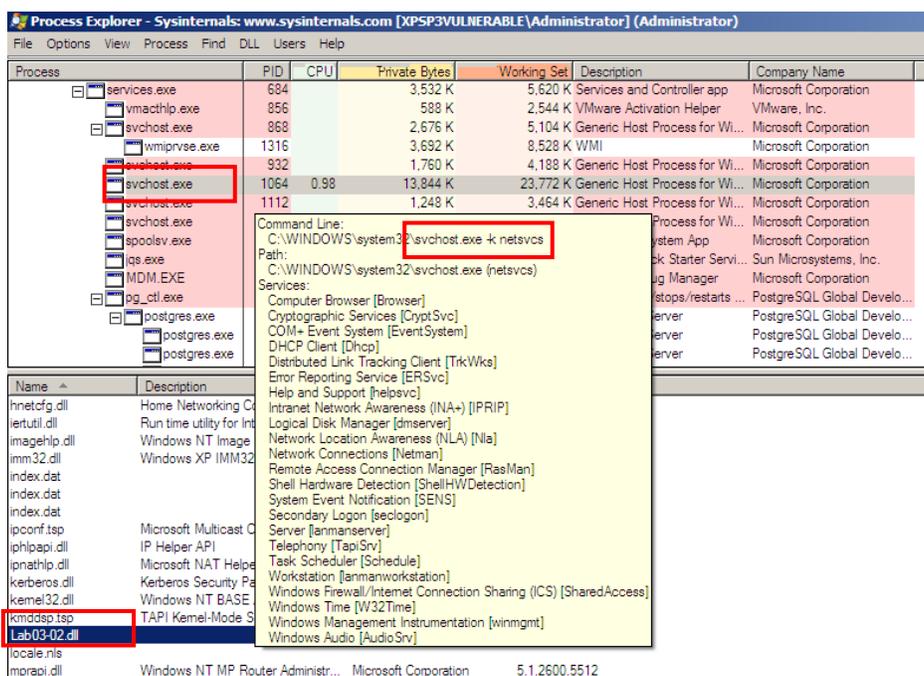


Figure 43 Process Explorer Lab03-02.dll running under svchost.exe PID 1064

```
File Edit Search View Document Help
Warning, you are using the root account, you may harm your system.
Report for session '2366'
Real start date      : 2021-05-17 14:39:50
Simulated start date : 2021-05-17 14:39:50
Time difference on startup : none
2021-05-17 14:39:51 First simulated date in log file
2021-05-17 14:39:51 DNS connection, type: A, class: IN, requested name: www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com
2021-05-17 14:39:52 DNS connection, type: A, class: IN, requested name: practicalmalwareanalysis.com
2021-05-17 14:39:52 HTTP connection, method: GET, URL: http://practicalmalwareanalysis.com/serve.html, file name: /var/lib/inetsim/http/fakefiles/sample.html
2021-05-17 14:39:52 Last simulated date in log file
```

Figure 44 INetSim report on DNS and HTTP requests made

2.2.3 Hybrid analysis

With attempts to use the hybrid analysis technique to analyse malware, the tester firstly used a website called 'hybrid-analysis.com'. This website allowed a user to upload a malicious file to the website and submit it for analysis. The tester uploaded each of the files that have been used so far; Lab01-01.exe, Lab01-03.exe, Lab03-01.exe, and Lab-03-02.dll.

2.2.3.1 Lab01-01.exe

First, the tester looked at the Lab01-01.exe file. As can be seen in Figure 45, there is a simple uploading pop up where it was possible to drag and drop the malicious file for analysis. After uploading it and waiting for the analysis to complete the analysis is returned with images detailing the results of scanning the malware using various scanners (Figure 46).

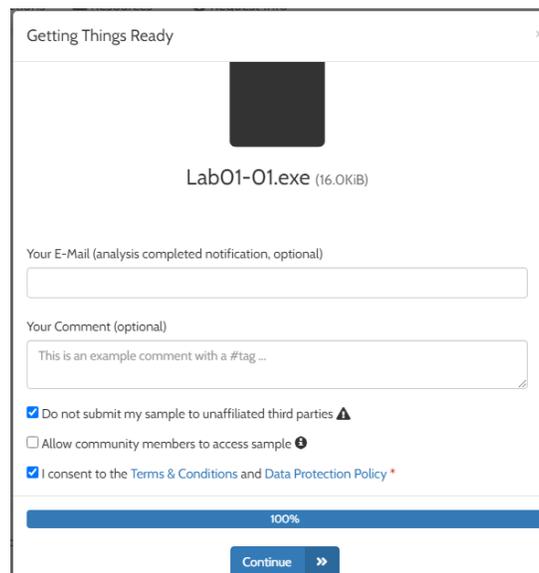


Figure 45 Uploading Lab01-01.exe to hybrid-analysis.com

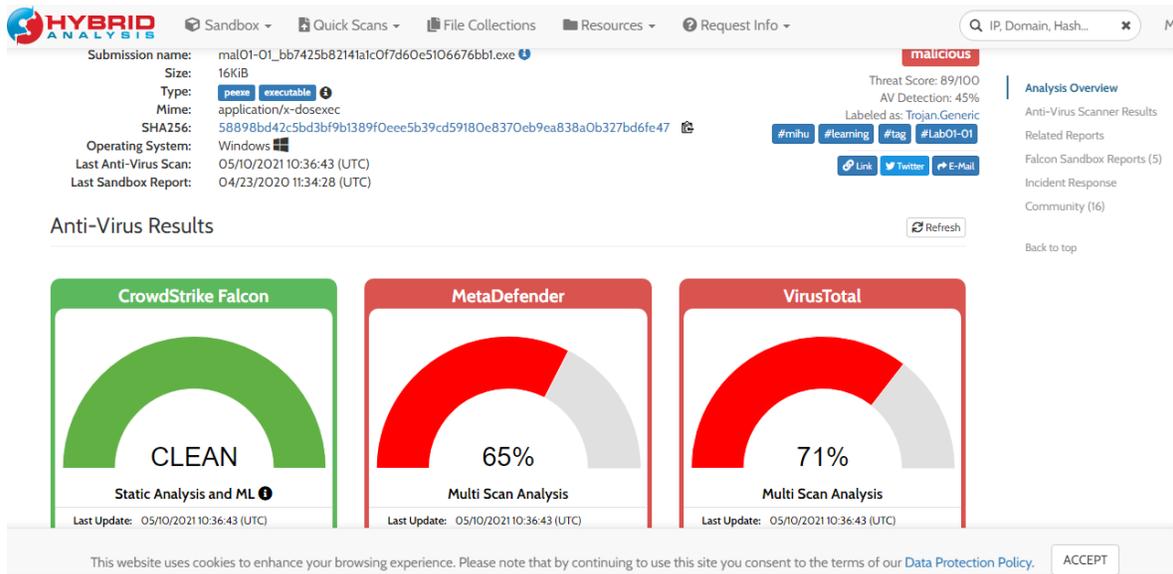


Figure 46 Report of Lab01-01.exe

2.2.3.2 Lab01-03.exe

Next the tester looked at Lab01-03.exe. After uploading the next malicious software, Lab01-03.exe (Figure 47), more results were returned. As was seen with the previous malware, there was a visual representation of the identification as malware from various scanners (Figure 48 and Figure 49). Figure 49 indicates that the malware has been identified by a large majority of the malware scanners, and is therefore classified as a threat.

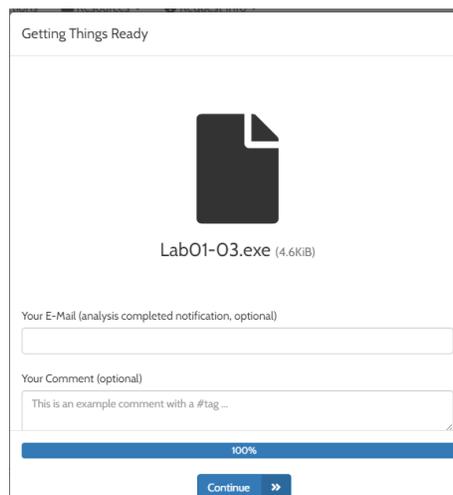


Figure 47 Uploading Lab01-03.exe to hybrid-analysis.com

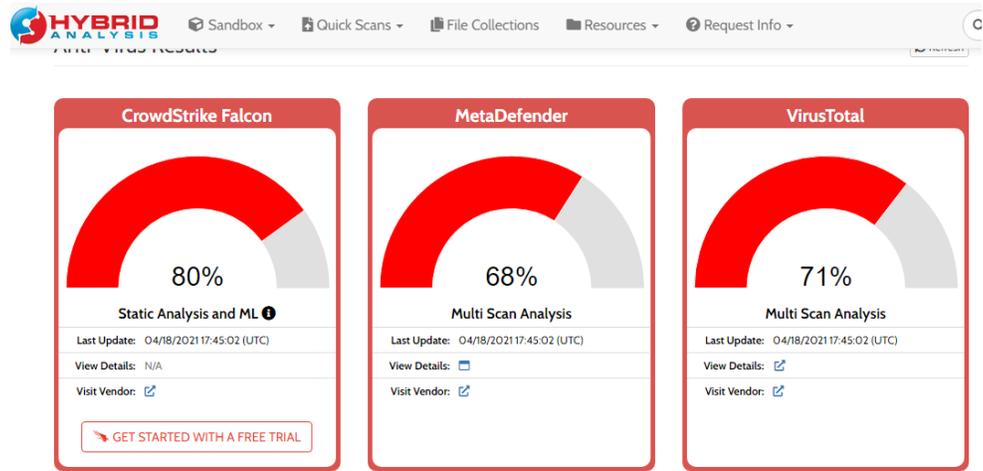


Figure 48 Report of Lab01-03.exe against various scanners



Figure 49 More information returned from the hybrid analysis - 'Malicious Indicators'

In figures Figure 50 and Figure 51 there can be seen more information regarding the malware that was uploaded. In Figure 50 it can be seen any parts of the malware that had a link to the functionality of the malware has be indicated to be 'suspicious'. While in Figure 51 there a more 'informative' peiece of information regarding the malware such as the size of the Raw Data being zero – indicating the likliness of the malware was packed as was seen in the Static analysis that occurred in section 2.2.1 part 2.2.1.2.

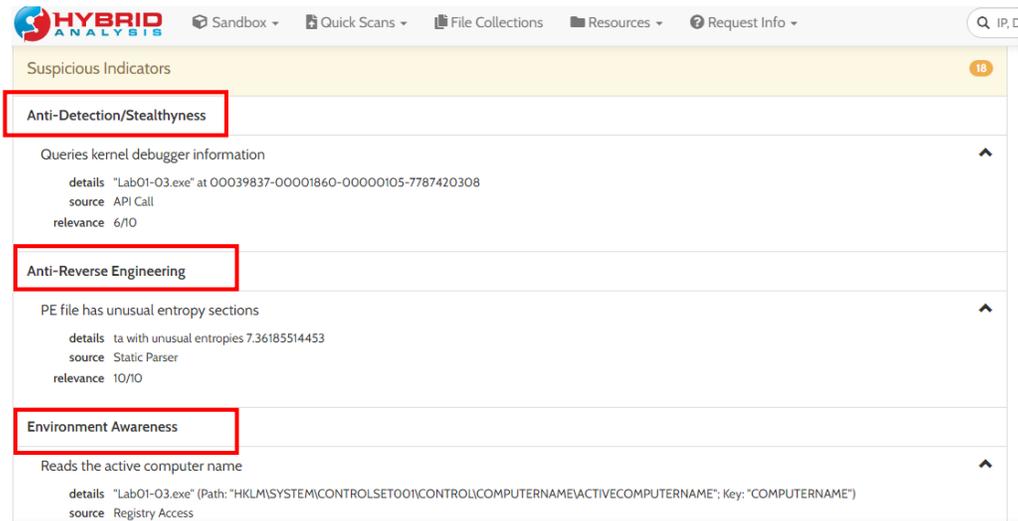


Figure 50 More information returned from the hybrid analysis - 'Suspicious Indicators'

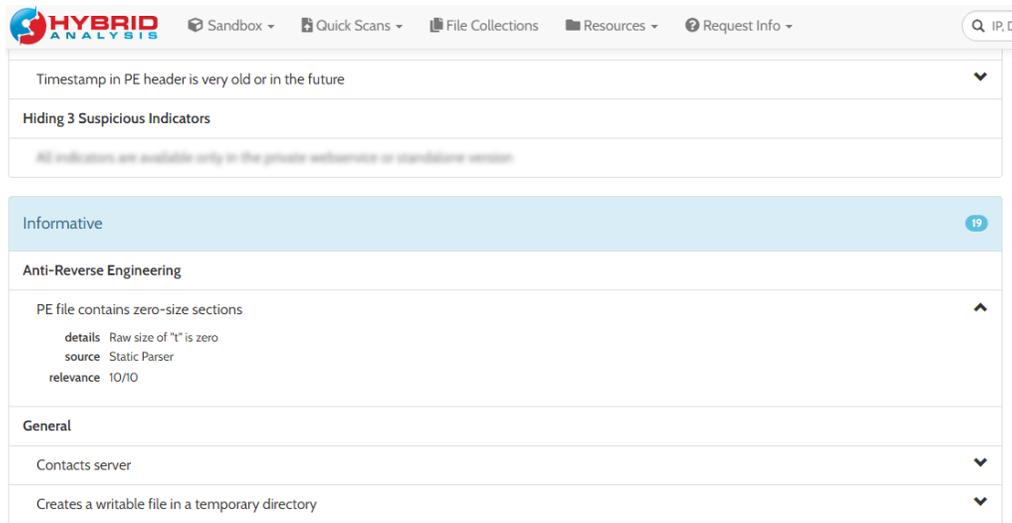


Figure 51 More information returned from the hybrid analysis - 'Informative'

2.2.3.3 Lab03-01.exe

After the completion of the of the Lab01-03.exe file, the tester then uploaded the Lab03-01.exe file (Figure 52 and Figure 53).

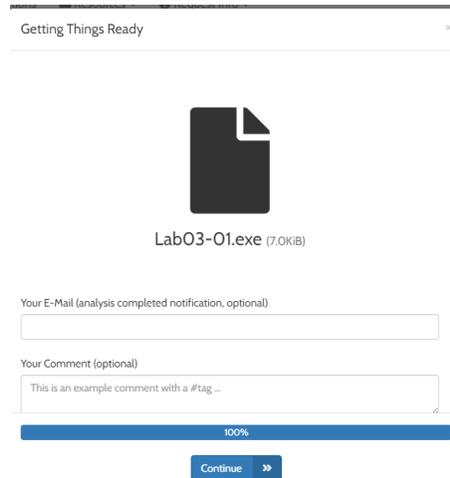


Figure 52 Uploading Lab03-01.exe

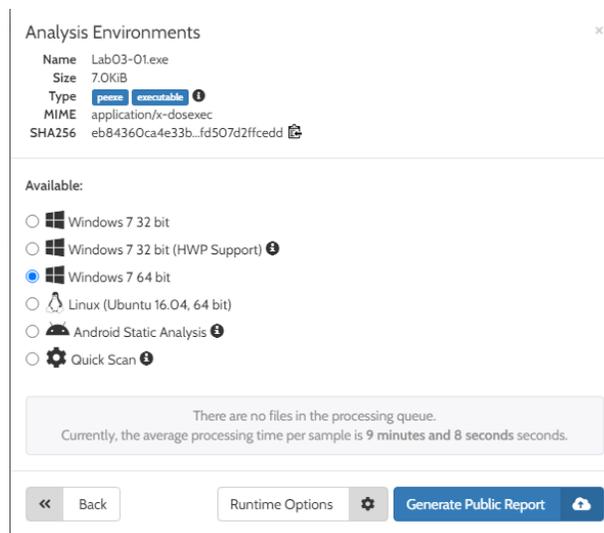


Figure 53 Uploading Lab03-01.exe

Figure 54, like the previous malware analysis, is a representation of how many scanners recognize this file as malware. Figure 55 shows results from an analysis of 'Technique Detection' where it noted interesting behaviour from the malware and categorised it as persistent, privilege escalating, has access to Remote Desktop Protocol.

In figures Figure 56, Figure 57, and Figure 58, much like the previous malware, the report breaks down the sections of the malware into ‘Malicious Indicator’, ‘Suspicious Indicator’, and ‘Informative’.

Figure 56 is the figure representing the ‘Malicious Indicator’, which simply goes to explain that the malware was detected by a large amount of malware scanners and its relevance.

Figure 57 represents the ‘Suspicious Indicator’ section of the analysis report, which details the malware’s attempt to connect to the URL ‘www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com’ – much like what was found in the dynamic analysis of this malware.

Finally, Figure 58 shows the ‘Informative’ section of the hybrid analysis report. This shows a similar selection as to Figure 57, where the malware attempts to connect to ‘www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com’.

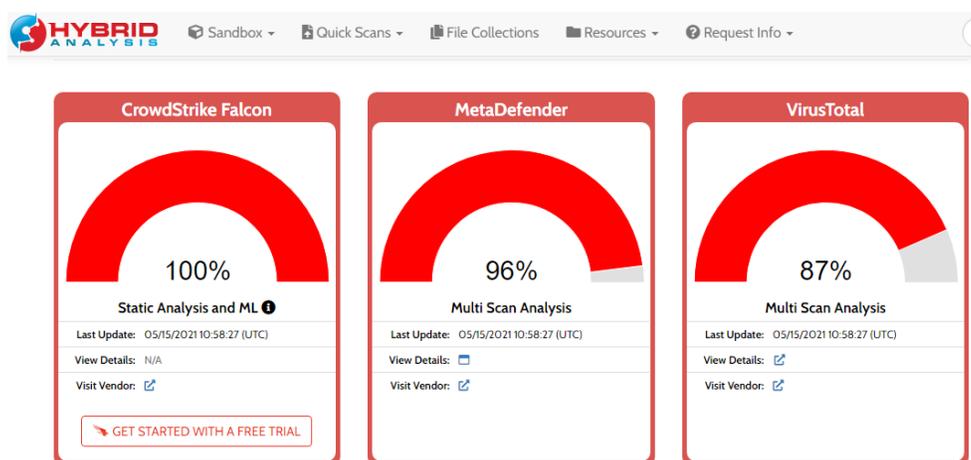


Figure 54 Report of Lab03-01.exe against various scanners

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Exfiltration	Impact
		Hooking 1	Hooking 1		Hooking 1		Remote Desktop Protocol 1				

Figure 55 Technique Detection for Lab03-01.exe

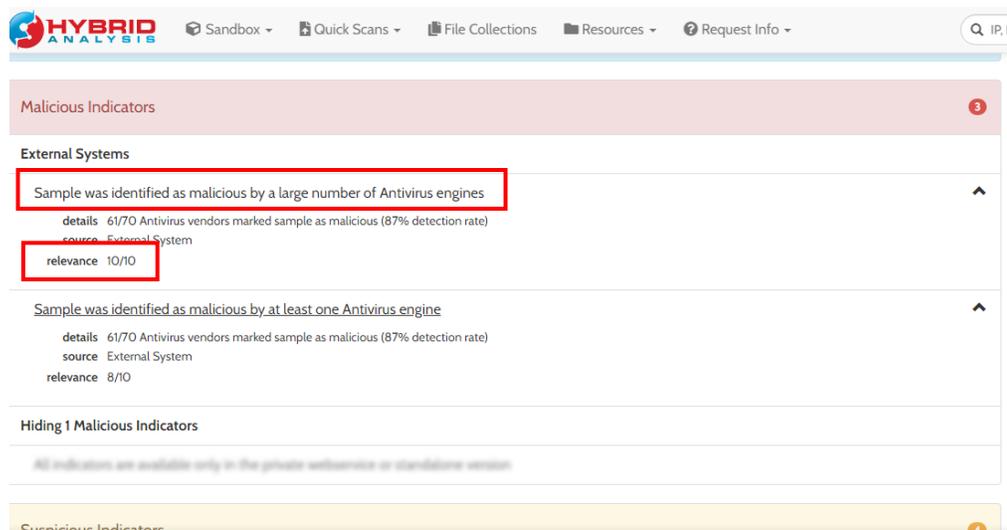


Figure 56 More information returned from the hybrid analysis for Lab03-01.exe - 'Malicious Indicators'

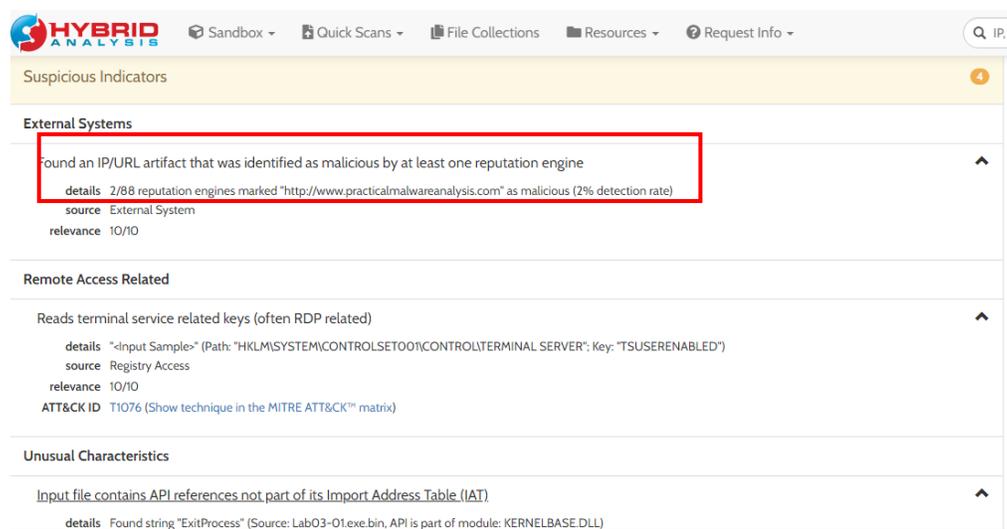


Figure 57 More information returned from the hybrid analysis for Lab03-01.exe - 'Suspicious Indicators'

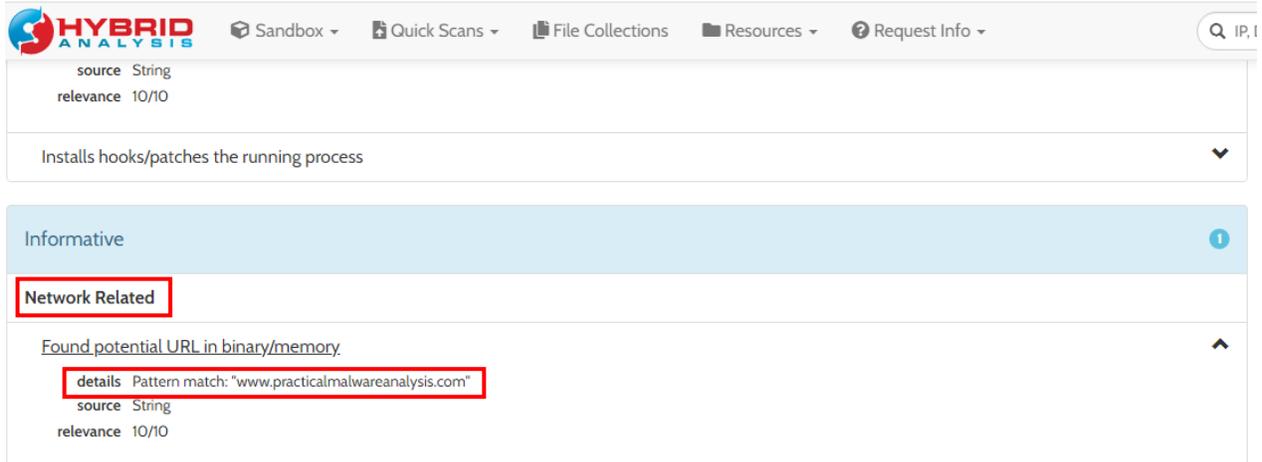


Figure 58 More information returned from the hybrid analysis for Lab03-01.exe - 'Informative'

2.2.3.4 Lab03-02.dll

Finally, the tester uploaded Lab03-02.dll onto hybrid-analysis.com (Figure 59 and Figure 60). Like the previous analysis reports Figure 61 shows the number of malware scanners to recognize this malware as a threat.

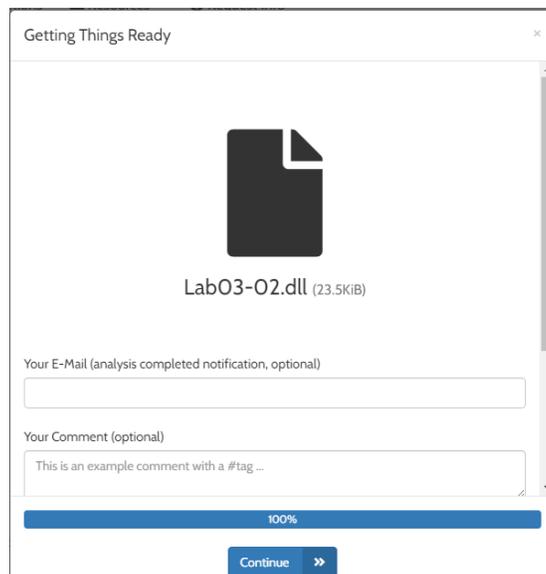


Figure 59 Uploading Lab03-02.dll

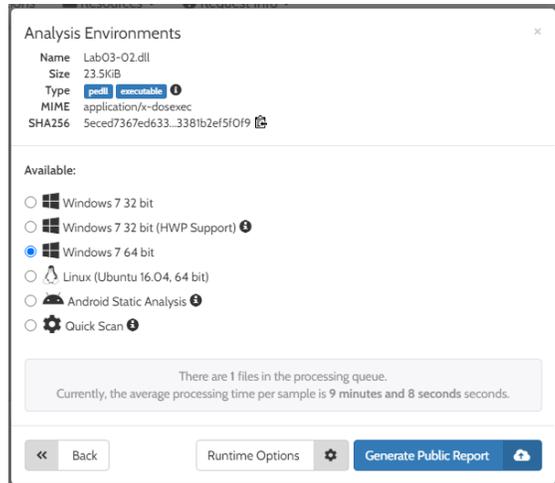


Figure 60 Uploading Lab03-02.dll

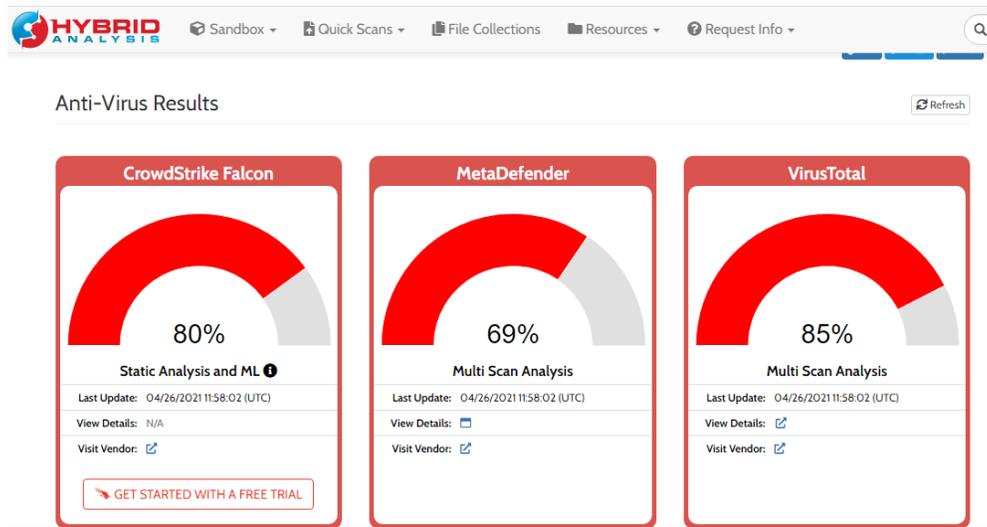


Figure 61 Report of Lab03-02.dll against various scanners

Following this, figures Figure 62 and Figure 63 show further information about the malware.

Figure 62 shows the 'Network Analysis' section which tells about the malware trying to make a connection to 2 IP addresses.

While Figure 63Figure 62 shows the 'Technique Detection' detailing this malware as persistent, evades defence, and so on.

These figures explains the main features if the malware by detailing that it possibly used to gain access to a device through persistance and defense evasion as well as gain access to or create any user

credentials. Then, connects to external IP addressed, to potentially pass the information back to the attacker (sender of the malware).

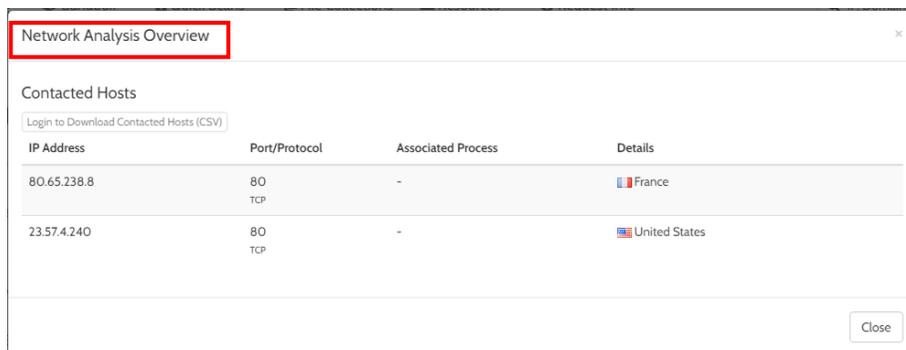


Figure 62 Further information about Lab03-02.dll – ‘Network Analysis’

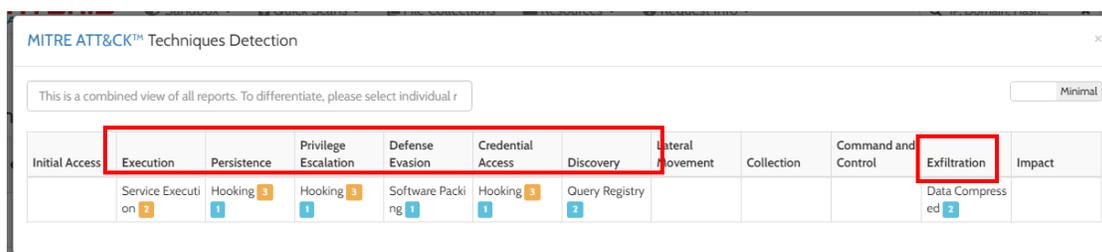


Figure 63 Further information about Lab03-02.dll – ‘Technique Detection’

Following this, much like the previous few reports, there are sections details various strings and functionality of the malware (Figure 64, Figure 65, Figure 66, and Figure 67). Figure 64 show the ‘Malicious Indicators’ which reports that the malware is identified as a thread by a large number of antivirus scanners. While Figure 65 shows more about the potential functionality of the malware, as it details the creation of a new process after the malware is run. With the creation of a new process, there are a multitude of processes that a malicious attacker might wish to create that would allow them to be able to gain information about the machine that it has been executed as well as find a way to gain access to it. Lastly, in figures Figure 66 and Figure 67 there is information about what the malware has created, potentially after running it. This includes the creation of a mutant and new processes in Figure 66. This is finally followed by the attempt to make a connection to ‘www.practicalmalwareanalysis.com’ website and potential installation for persistence of the malware in Figure 67.

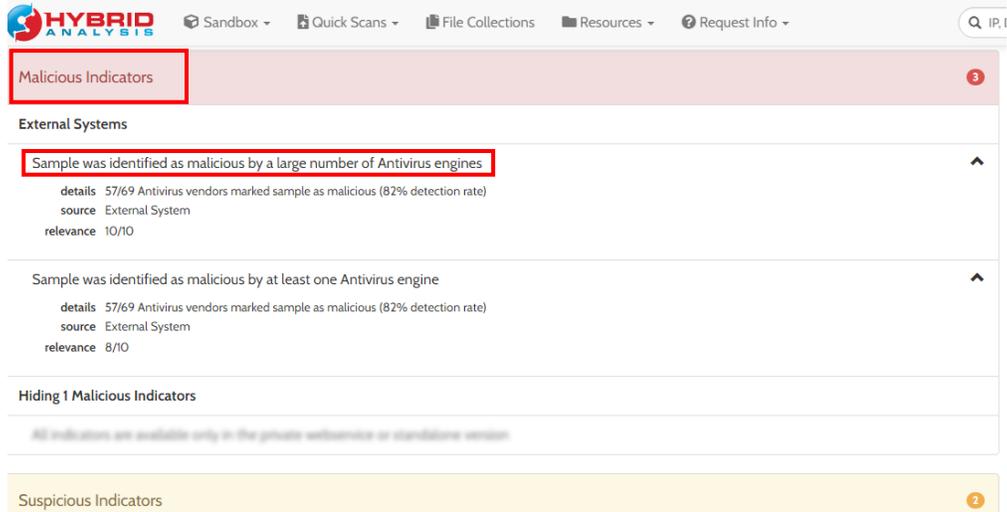


Figure 64 More information returned from the hybrid analysis for Lab03-02.dll - 'Malicious Indicator'

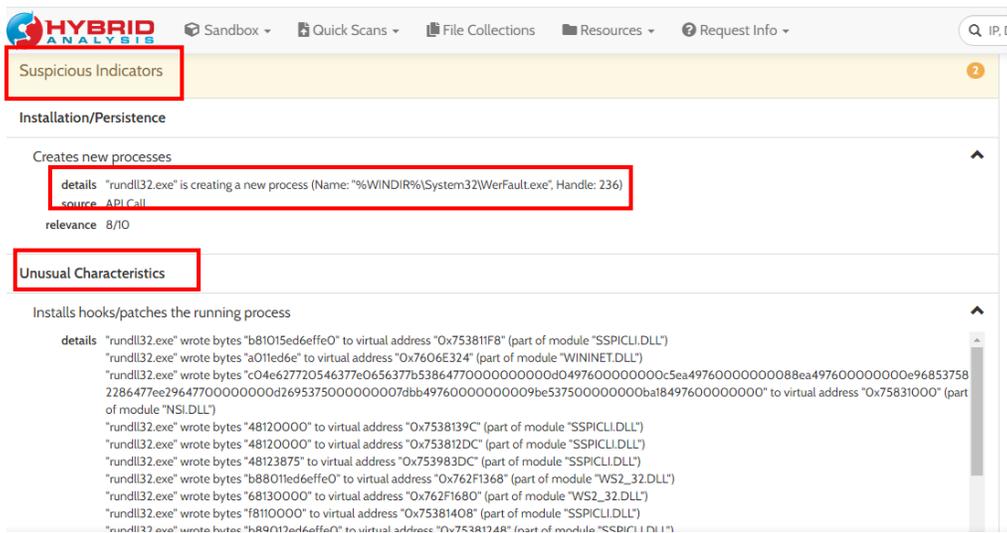


Figure 65 More information returned from the hybrid analysis for Lab03-02.dll - 'Suspicious Indicator'

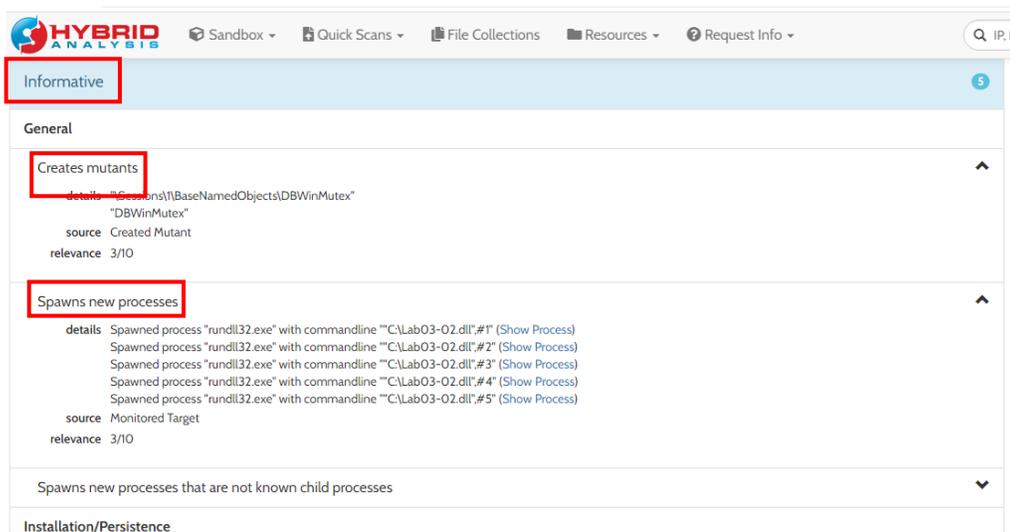


Figure 66 More information returned from the hybrid analysis for Lab03-02.dll - 'Informative'

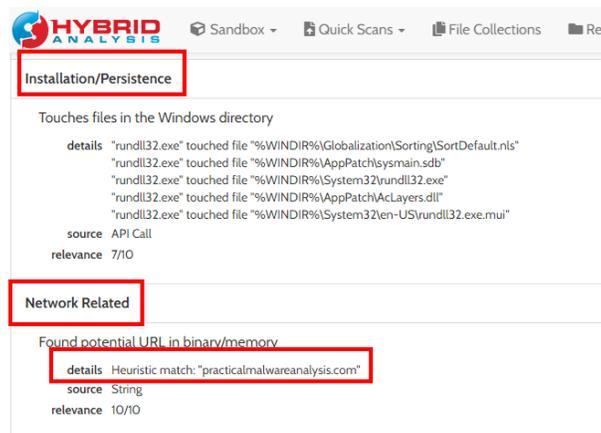


Figure 67 Install/Persist and Network related information about Lab03-02.dll

After completing the hybrid analysis using 'hybrid-analysis.com' the tester intended to use Cuckoo Sandbox, a very popular sandbox for malware analysis, however due to both technical issues and time constraints this was not achieved.

In theory, the Cuckoo Sandbox (Cuckoo Sandbox - Automated Malware Analysis, 2021) was expected to give similar results compared to 'hybrid-analysis.com' with perhaps more detailed information as well as results with a stronger demonstration of the effects of the malware, compared to the static information provided by the hybrid analysis website.

3 RESULTS

3.1 RESULTS

The aim of the analysis of malware was to evaluate the various analysis techniques that are available and mostly used: Static, Dynamic, and Hybrid analysis. These tests went to show both the advantages and limitations that each technique has, and which one may be considered to be the better technique to use.

The tester started the tests using the static analysis technique. To implement this technique the tester used tools such as VirusTotal.com, PEview, Dependency Walker, and so on. Through these, as seen in section 2.2.1 – Static analysis – the tester was able to piece together the threat level through signature, as well as potential functionality of the malware. By gathering data through these methods, it was possible for the tester to be able to evaluate the benefits and limits of static analysis. Overall, it was noted that through the use of anti-virus scanners in the browsers have the ability to identify malware that is already stored in the database through signatures, this particular method is essentially useless if one was to upload a piece of malware that is not in said database or have a signature related to it, as these can be changed by a particularly ‘strong’ malicious programmer. Furthermore, when using tools in order to attempt to break down the malware in strings and viewing imports etc. there is no guarantee that the malware will use each specific import and/or function used from each import. However, static analysis is a simple way to be able to gain information about a suspicious file and does not require any testing through execution and likewise does not require to set up a virtual machine/ sandbox.

Considering the limitations found in the static analysis technique, another technique was taken up – Dynamic analysis. For this analysis technique some static analysis techniques were still used, given that it provides some insight as to what the tester might expect from the malicious files that are being tested.

Following the static analysis, the tester used a Kali Linux and a Windows XP virtual machine for the execution and analysis of the malware. Through the execution of the malware, it was possible to determine, with evidence, the functionality and therefore covering one of the limitations of static analysis. Furthermore, dynamic analysis removes the limitation of the type of application that can be tested. For example, with static analysis (unless using a large number of various tools) tools will be limited to the language and/ or type of application that can be analysed. With dynamic analysis it is possible to run a much larger population of file types and capture events that have occurred.

However, this technique provides a form of false security that everything is being address and/ or recorded by the tools that are being used, even though false positives and false negatives can still occur. Furthermore, there is the consideration of the costs to have and run virtual machines/ sandboxes, which involves more knowledge in setting up and using them.

For hybrid analysis, it can be considered to be a faster alternative to both static and dynamic analysis, as well as significantly less time and labour being used. Using ‘hybrid-analysis.com’, suspicious files can be uploaded, and the website will do the analysis for the user, while also doing so for free. Therefore, this technique covers both static and dynamic analysis while also reducing costs and time. However, similarly

to dynamic analysis, this may give a false sense of security that everything is being tested while potential false positives and false negatives may be given. Furthermore, this technique does not eliminate the costs completely as for more advanced forms of hybrid analysis, providers may charge for the use of these systems/ sandboxes, etc.

However, a fatal limitation for all the techniques discussed is the analysis through the use of a virtual machine. Recent malwares have the ability to be able to check whether it is on a 'real' (host) machine or if it has been moved/downloaded onto a virtual machine by being able to check key parts of the machine. This can include checking the number of cores as well as checking disk size, etc., as these would be different compared to the host machine.

Moreover, through some research the validity of the hybrid analysis website that was used is not what was presumed at face value (Are hybrid-analysis reports trustworthy?, 2015). The website that was used is prone to false positives, something that is expected by the designer, in that there is a lack of a threshold for threat level that separated genuine programs from malicious ones, as genuine software can still use similar functions and imports that malicious one's use, for example creating a process. Furthermore, this could be seen in Figure 46, where Lab01-01.exe is considered as 'clean' by CrowdStrike's the Falcon sandbox, which is an unexpected outcome given that Lab01-01.exe is a malicious file. While also the lack of further information about said malware – leading to a very short report for it from the hybrid analysis website.

4 DISCUSSION

4.1 GENERAL DISCUSSION

Overall, through the various testing that was done, the tester found that each of the techniques analysed had various advantages and limitations, as was mentioned in the results section. In order of static, dynamic, and hybrid analysis the limitations of the previous are addressed and countermeasures implemented in the next technique in order to create an analysis tool that could have the potential to automate the analysis of malware completely.

Considering everything that the tester has learned about analysis techniques and of the malware, the tester believes that the technique that returned the most accurate results was the dynamic analysis technique. This technique provides a hands-on experience that allows for a user to be able to find the functionality of a piece of malware by running through a virtual machine. Even though there are some limitations to the use of this techniques, the tester finds that through practice and experience it would be possible to minimize the majority of them.

4.2 CONCLUSIONS

To conclude, there were many advantages and limitations to all the analysis techniques that were discussed in this report. As per the aim of this report each technique was used to test various malware with the intention to evaluate the technique and its efficiency with identifying malware and it's functions. Simply following the basics of this report will not provide all the detailed information that may be desired by large companies or when dealing with particularly complex malicious programs but is a strong starting point with plenty of improvements and future work to be considered.

As it is, the technique that the tester evaluated to be the better one of the three tested was the dynamic analysis technique, based on its ability to prove, more effectively through hands-on experience, the functionality and potential threat-level of malware.

4.3 FUTURE WORK

If more time were available for further analysis, the tester would look at advanced static and dynamic analysis with the use of further tools such as debuggers and disassemblers. Furthermore, this would have provided an opportunity to allow the tester to be able to get another form of hybrid analysis tool working to be able to get more results regarding this particular analysis technique. One such tool would have been the popular malware analysis sandbox 'Cuckoo'.

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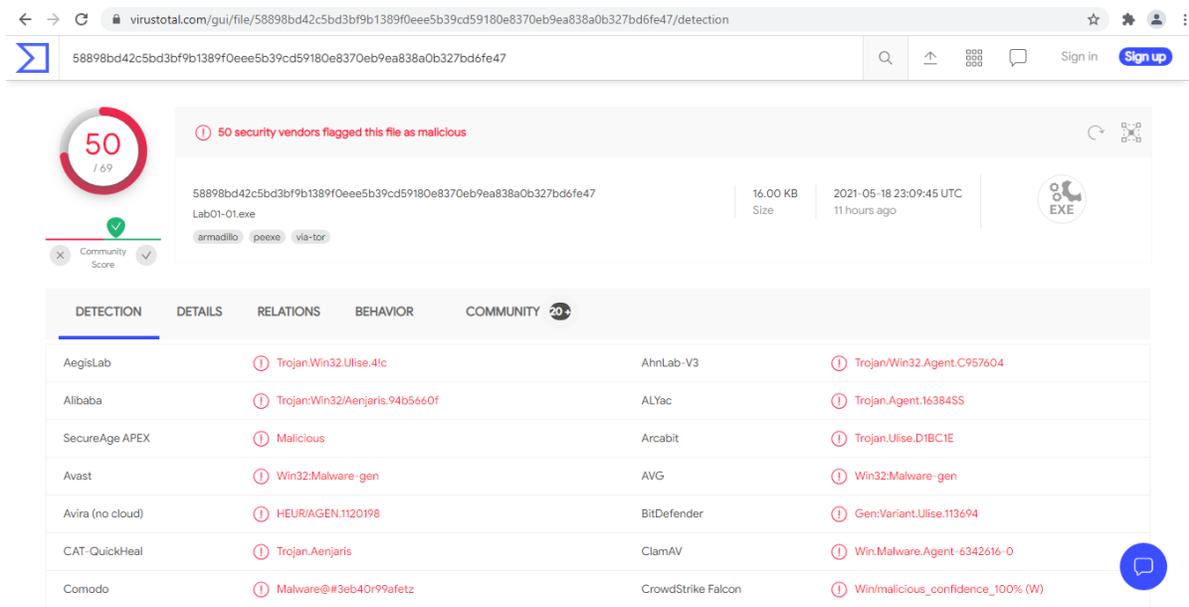
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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A – VIRUS TOTAL

- 1) Lab01-01
 - a. Lab01-01.EXE



The screenshot shows the VirusTotal analysis page for the file Lab01-01.exe. The page displays a detection score of 50 out of 69, indicating that 50 security vendors have flagged the file as malicious. The file is identified as Lab01-01.exe, with a size of 16.00 KB and a detection date of 2021-05-18 23:09:45 UTC. The file is associated with the tags 'armadillo', 'peexe', and 'via-tor'. The page also shows a list of detections from various vendors, including AegisLab, Alibaba, SecureAge APEX, Avast, Avira (no cloud), CAT-QuickHeal, Comodo, AhnLab-V3, ALYac, Arcabit, AVG, BitDefender, ClamAV, and CrowdStrike Falcon.

DETECTION	DETAILS	RELATIONS	BEHAVIOR	COMMUNITY
AegisLab		ⓘ Trojan.Win32.Ulise.41c		AhnLab-V3 ⓘ Trojan/Win32.Agent.C957604
Alibaba		ⓘ Trojan:Win32/Aenjaris.94b5660f		ⓘ Trojan.Agent.16384SS
SecureAge APEX		ⓘ Malicious		ⓘ Trojan.Ulise.D1BC1E
Avast		ⓘ Win32:Malware-gen		ⓘ Win32:Malware-gen
Avira (no cloud)		ⓘ HEUR/AGEN.1120198		ⓘ Gen:Variant.Ulise.113694
CAT-QuickHeal		ⓘ Trojan.Aenjaris		ⓘ Win.Malware.Agent-6342616-0
Comodo		ⓘ Malware@#3eb40r99afetz		ⓘ Win/malicious_confidence_100% (W)

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Comodo	Malware@#3eb40r99afetz	CrowdStrike Falcon	Win/malicious_confidence_100% (W)
Cybereason	Malicious.82141a	Cylance	Unsafe
Cynet	Malicious (score: 99)	Cyren	W32/Ulise.CK.gen/Eldorado
Elastic	Malicious (high Confidence)	Emsisoft	Gen:Variant.Ulise.113694 (B)
eScan	Gen:Variant.Ulise.113694	ESET-NOD32	A Variant Of Win32/Agent.WOM
F-Secure	Heuristic.HEUR/AGEN.1120198	FireEye	Generic.mg.bb7425b82141a1c0
Fortinet	W32/Agent.WOM/tr	GData	Gen:Variant.Ulise.113694
Gridinsoft	Trojan.Win32.Agent.dg	Ikarus	Trojan.Rogue
K7AntiVirus	Trojan (004b6b551)	K7GW	Trojan (004b6b551)
Malwarebytes	Trojan.SystemKiller	MAX	Malware (ai Score=100)
McAfee	RDN/Generic.afr	McAfee-GW-Edition	RDN/Generic.afr
Microsoft	Trojan:Win32/Aenjaris.CT/bit	NANO-Antivirus	Trojan.Win32.Generic.fhvmhd
Palo Alto Networks	Generic.ml	Rising	Trojan.Agent18.B1E (CLOUD)
Sangfor Engine Zero	Trojan.Win32.Aenjaris.CT	Sophos	Mal/Generic-R

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Sangfor Engine Zero	Trojan.Win32.Aenjaris.CT	Sophos	Mal/Generic-R
Symantec	Trojan.Gen.2	TACHYON	Trojan/W32.Agent.16384.BFW
Tencent	Malware.Win32.Gencirc.i0baf903	TrendMicro	TROJ_GEN.R002C0DID20
TrendMicro-HouseCall	TROJ_GEN.R002C0DID20	VBA32	Trojan.Tiggre
VIPRE	Trojan.Win32.Generic/IT	Webroot	W32.Malware.Gen
Yandex	Trojan.GenAsalc.Gc9XwKYsAs	Zillya	Downloader.Amonetize.Win32.3112
Acronis	Undetected	Ad-Aware	Undetected
Baidu	Undetected	BitDefenderTheta	Undetected
Bkav Pro	Undetected	CMC	Undetected
DrWeb	Undetected	eGambit	Undetected
Jiangmin	Undetected	Kaspersky	Undetected
Kingsoft	Undetected	MaxSecure	Undetected
Panda	Undetected	Qihoo-360	Undetected
SentinelOne (Static ML)	Undetected	SUPERAntiSpyware	Undetected

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Bkav Pro	Undetected	CMC	Undetected
DrWeb	Undetected	eGambit	Undetected
Jiangmin	Undetected	Kaspersky	Undetected
Kingsoft	Undetected	MaxSecure	Undetected
Panda	Undetected	Qihoo-360	Undetected
SentinelOne (Static ML)	Undetected	SUPERAntiSpyware	Undetected
ViRobot	Undetected	ZoneAlarm by Check Point	Undetected
Zoner	Undetected	Avast-Mobile	Unable to process file type
BitDefenderFalk	Unable to process file type	Symantec Mobile Insight	Unable to process file type
Trapmine	Unable to process file type	Trustlook	Unable to process file type

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b. Lab01-01.DLL

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38 security vendors flagged this file as malicious

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Lab01-01.dll

armadillo | pedll | via-tor

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Size

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1 hour ago

DETECTION	DETAILS	RELATIONS	COMMUNITY
AegisLab	Trojan.Win32.Ulise.4lc	Allbaba	Trojan:Win32/SuspectCRC.6956aaeb
SecureAge APEX	Malicious	Avast	Win32:Malware-gen
AVG	Win32:Malware-gen	Avira (no cloud)	TR/Dldr:Waski.163840.1
BitDefender	Gen:Variant.Ulise.105796	BitDefenderTheta	Gen:NN.ZedlaF.34690.kq4@aGkQVtp
CAT-QuickHeal	Trojan.Skeeyah	ClamAV	Win.Malware.Agent-6369668-0
Comodo	Malware@#2dsw4albnce61	CrowdStrike Falcon	Win/malicious_confidence_100% (W)
Cylance	Unsafe	Cynet	Malicious (score: 100)

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Cylance	Unsafe	Cynet	Malicious (score: 100)
Elastic	Malicious (high Confidence)	Emsisoft	Gen:Variant.Ulise.105796 (B)
eScan	Gen:Variant.Ulise.105796	ESET-NOD32	A Variant Of Generik.TGEWDD
FireEye	Generic.mg.290934c61de9176a	Fortinet	PossibleThreat
GData	Gen:Variant.Ulise.105796	Gridinsoft	Trojan.Win32.Agent.dg
Ikarus	Trojan.SuspectCRC	MAX	Malware (ai Score=96)
McAfee	GenericRXFO-RTI290934C61DE9	McAfee-GW-Edition	GenericRXFO-RTI290934C61DE9
Microsoft	Trojan.Win32/Skeeyah.AIMTB	NANO-Antivirus	Trojan.Win32.Waski.dtkvsp
Rising	Trojan.Tikent8.F605 (CLOUD)	Sangfor Engine Zero	Trojan.Win32.Agent.96BCNL
Sophos	Mal/Generic-R	Symantec	ML.Attribute.HighConfidence
TrendMicro	TROJ_GEN.R002COPHF20	TrendMicro-HouseCall	TROJ_GEN.R002COPHF20
VIPRE	Trojan.Win32.Generic.IBT	Webroot	W32.Gen.BT
Yandex	Trojan.Gen.AsalHoPrbOQvuI0	Zillya	Adware.InstallCore.Win32.1036
Acronis	Undetected	Ad-Aware	Undetected

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Acronis	Undetected	Ad-Aware	Undetected
AhnLab-V3	Undetected	Arcabit	Undetected
Baidu	Undetected	Bkav Pro	Undetected
CMC	Undetected	Cyren	Undetected
DrWeb	Undetected	F-Secure	Undetected
Jiangmin	Undetected	K7AntiVirus	Undetected
K7GW	Undetected	Kaspersky	Undetected
Kingsoft	Undetected	Malwarebytes	Undetected
MaxSecure	Undetected	Palo Alto Networks	Undetected
Panda	Undetected	Qihoo-360	Undetected
SentinelOne (Static ML)	Undetected	SUPERAntiSpyware	Undetected
TACHYON	Undetected	Tencent	Undetected
VBA32	Undetected	ViRobot	Undetected
ZoneAlarm by Check Point	Undetected	Zoner	Undetected

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Panda	Undetected	Qihoo-360	Undetected
SentinelOne (Static ML)	Undetected	SUPERAntiSpyware	Undetected
TACHYON	Undetected	Tencent	Undetected
VBA32	Undetected	ViRobot	Undetected
ZoneAlarm by Check Point	Undetected	Zoner	Undetected
eGambit	Confirmed timeout	Avast-Mobile	Unable to process file type
BitDefenderFalk	Unable to process file type	Cybereason	Unable to process file type
Symantec Mobile Insight	Unable to process file type	Trupmine	Unable to process file type
Trustlook	Unable to process file type	ALYac	-

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2) Lab01-03.exe

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51 / 169 security vendors flagged this file as malicious

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Lab01-03.exe

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AegisLab	Trojan.Multi.Generic.IVbD	AhnLab-V3	Trojan/Win32.Agent.C2894355	
Alibaba	TrojanClicker:Win32/Agentb.3bb840a6	SecureAge APEX	Malicious	
Avast	Win32:Malware-gen	AVG	Win32:Malware-gen	
Baidu	Win32:Trojan-Clicker.Agent.z	BitDefenderTheta	Gen:NN.ZexaF.34688.ambdaODfLcf	
CAT-QuickHeal	Trojan.Agentb	Comodo	TrojWare.Win32.Trojan.Inor.B_10@1qra8I	
CrowdStrike Falcon	Win/Malicious_confidence_100% (W)	Cylance	Unsafe	
Cyren	Malicious (score: 100)	Cyren	W32/SuspPack.DH.gen!Eldorado	

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Cynet	Malicious (score: 100)	Cyren	W32/SuspPack.DH.gen!Eldorado
DrWeb	Trojan.Click2.16518	eGambit	Generic.Malware
Elastic	Malicious (high Confidence)	ESET-NOD32	Win32/TrojanClicker.Agent.NVN
FireEye	Generic.mg.9c5c27494c28ed0b	Fortinet	W32/WebDown.E76Altr
GData	Win32.Trojan.Agent.B25F01	Gridinsoft	Trojan.Win32.Agent.ns
Ikarus	Trojan.Win32.Genome	Jiangmin	Trojan/Genome.bmbp
K7AntiVirus	Spyware (0055e3f61)	K7GW	Spyware (0055e3f61)
Kaspersky	Trojan.Win32.Agentb.bquu	Kingssoft	Win32.Troj.Genome.(kcloud)
Malwarebytes	Trojan.Agent.MWL	MAX	Malware (ai Score=100)
McAfee	GenericRXAA-FA19C5C27494C28	McAfee-GW-Edition	BehavesLike.Win32.RAHack.xz
Microsoft	Trojan.Win32/Tnega.MSR	NANO-Antivirus	Trojan.Win32.Inor.getjo
Palo Alto Networks	Generic.ml	Rising	Trojan.Proxy.Win32.Small.gs (CLOUD)
Sangfor Engine Zero	Trojan.Win32.Agentb.bquu	SentinelOne (Static ML)	Static AI - Suspicious PE
Sophos	Mal/Genetic-R + Mal/Packer	Symantec	ML.Attribute.HighConfidence

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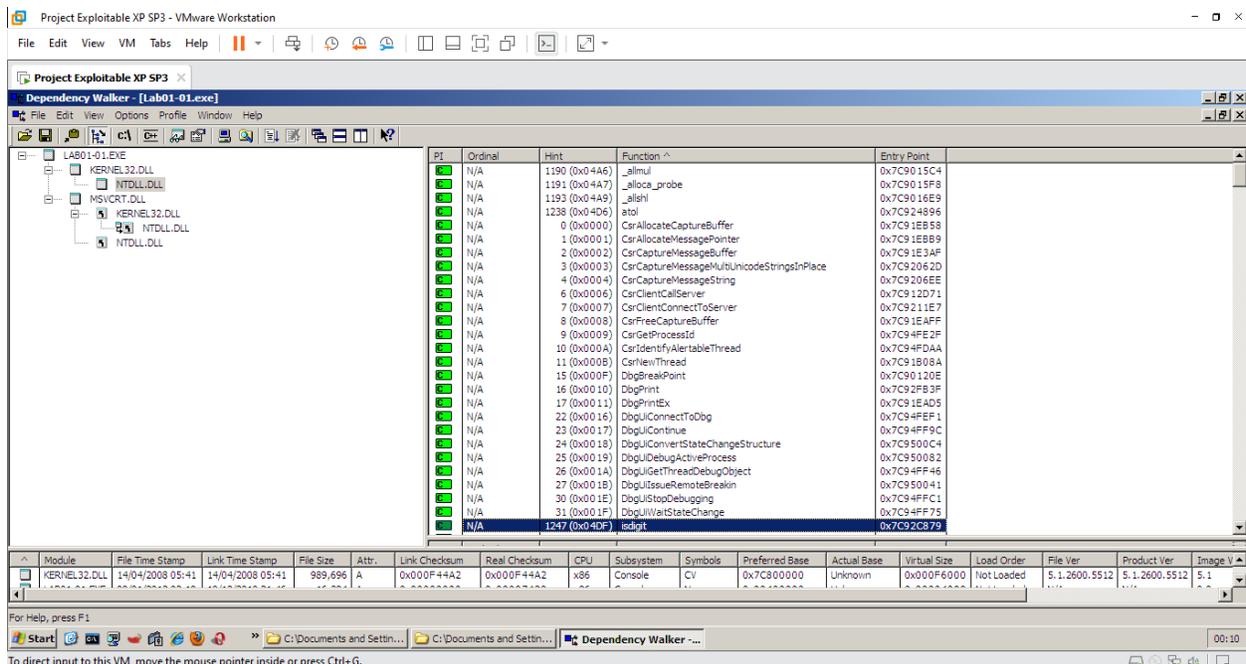
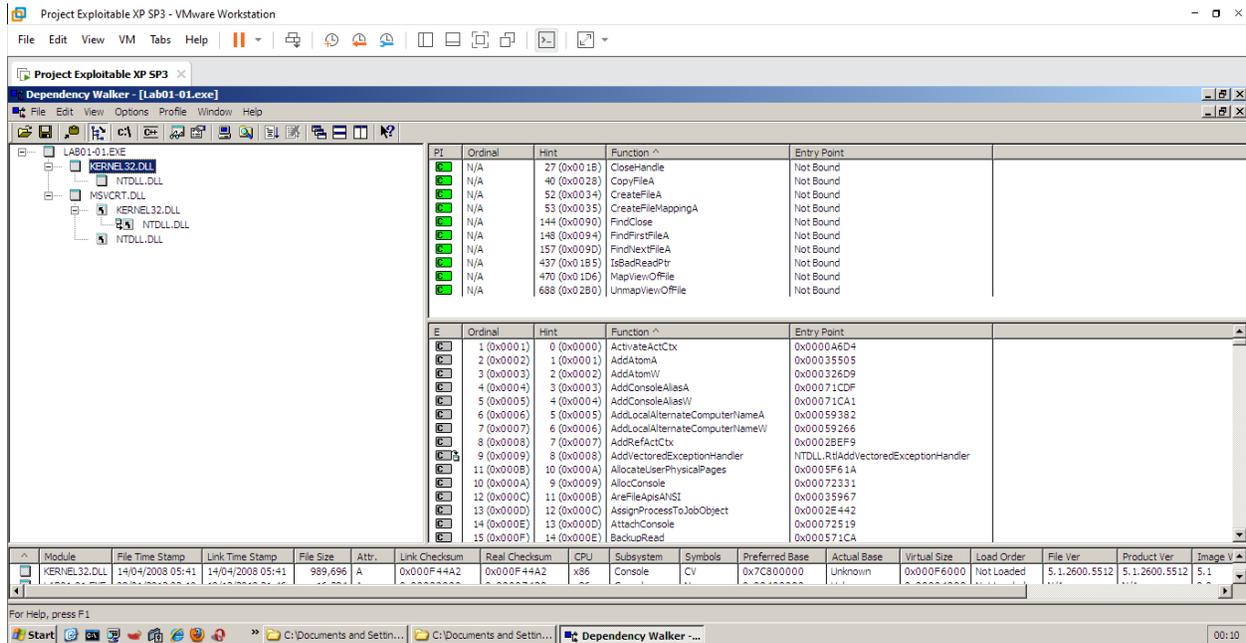
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TACHYON	Trojan/W32.Small.4752.C	Tencent	Win32.Trojan.Agentb.Huzk
TrendMicro	TROJ_SPNR.30E214	TrendMicro-HouseCall	TROJ_SPNR.30E214
VBA32	Trojan.Wacatac	VIPRE	Trojan.Win32.Generic!BT
ViRobot	Trojan.Win32.Z.Genome.4752	Webroot	W32.Genome.Ssrc
Yandex	Trojan.Genome/qjszR3auxbA	Zillya	Trojan.Genome.Win32.112441
ZoneAlarm by Check Point	Trojan.Win32.Agentb.bquu	Acronis	Undetected
Ad-Aware	Undetected	ALYac	Undetected
Antiy-AVL	Undetected	Arcabit	Undetected
Avira (no cloud)	Undetected	BitDefender	Undetected
Bkav Pro	Undetected	ClamAV	Undetected
CMC	Undetected	Emsisoft	Undetected
eScan	Undetected	F-Secure	Undetected
MaxSecure	Undetected	Panda	Undetected

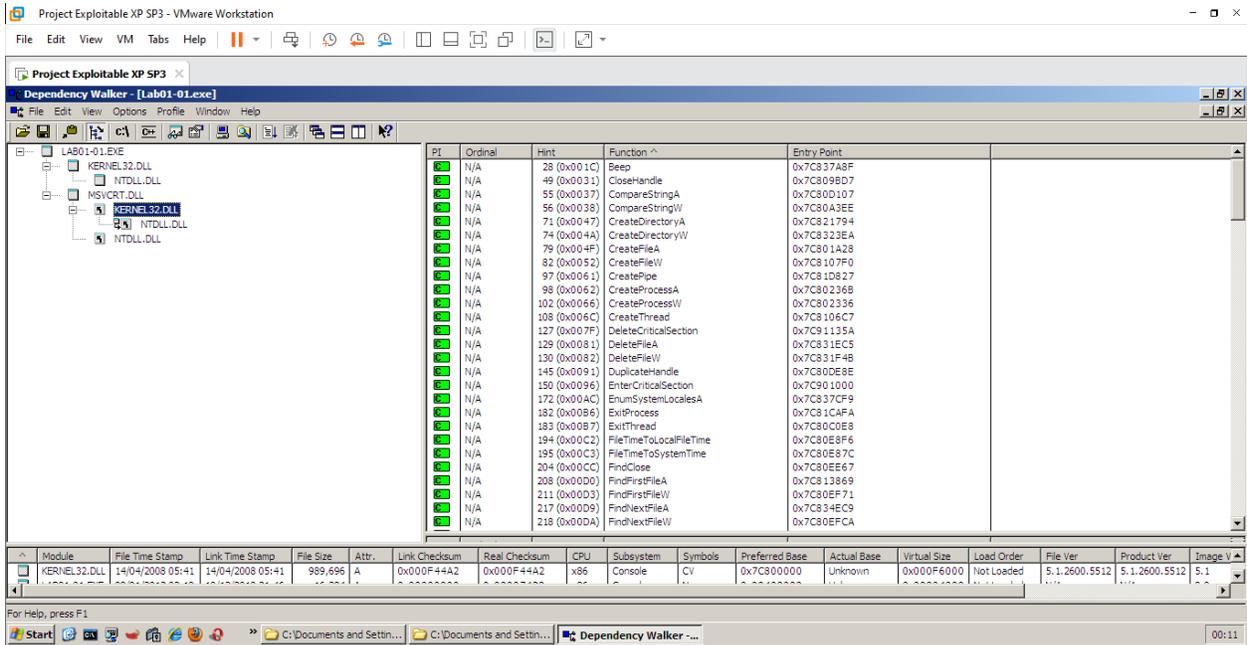
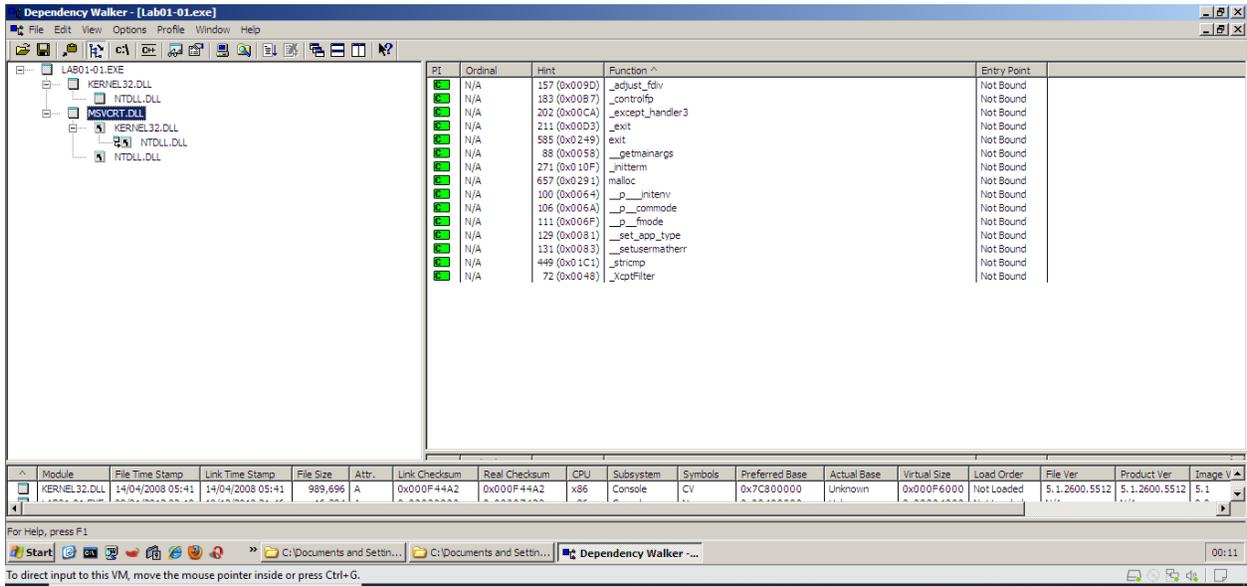
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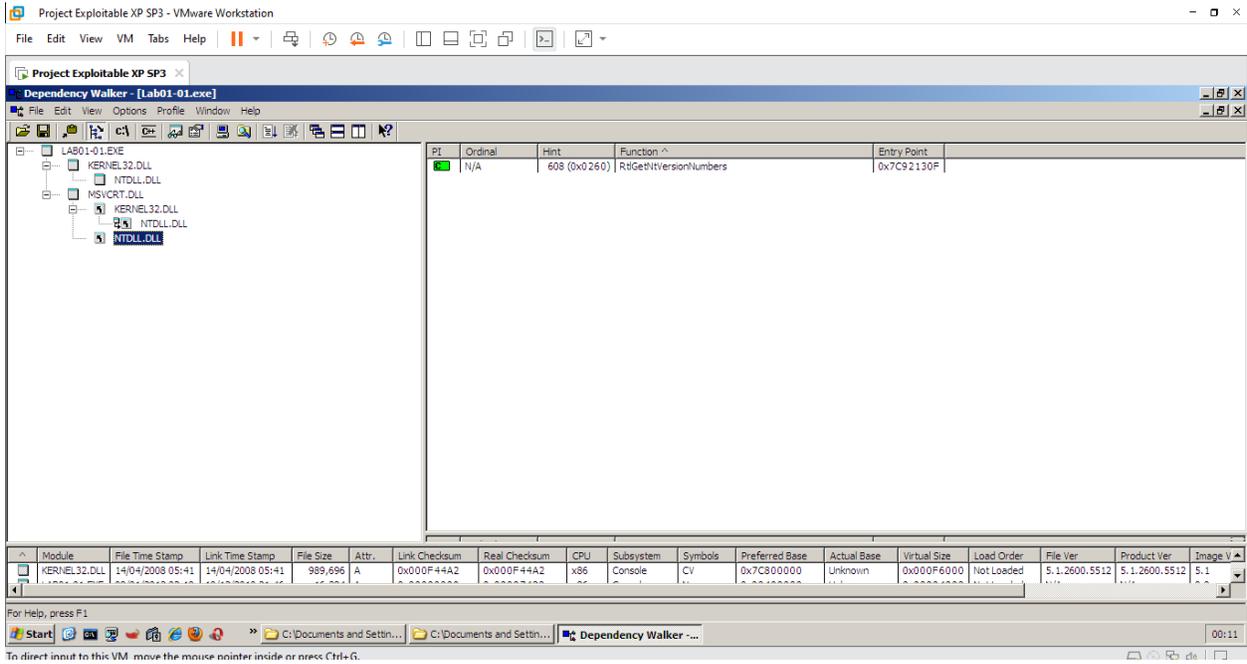
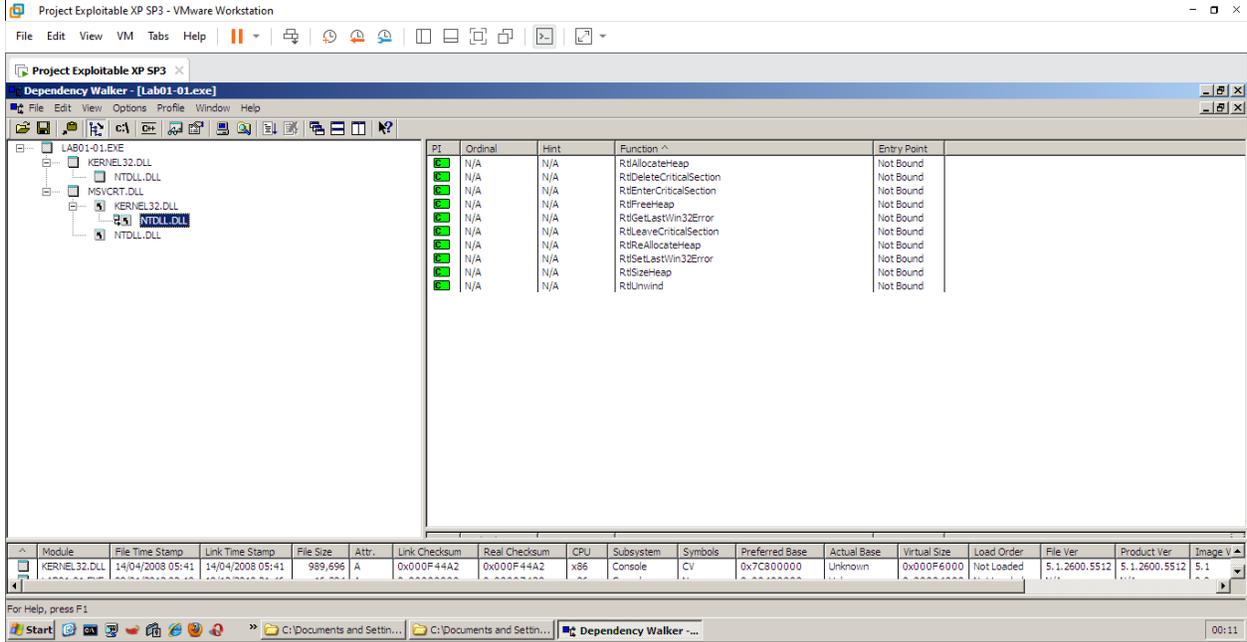
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Basic Static Analysis:

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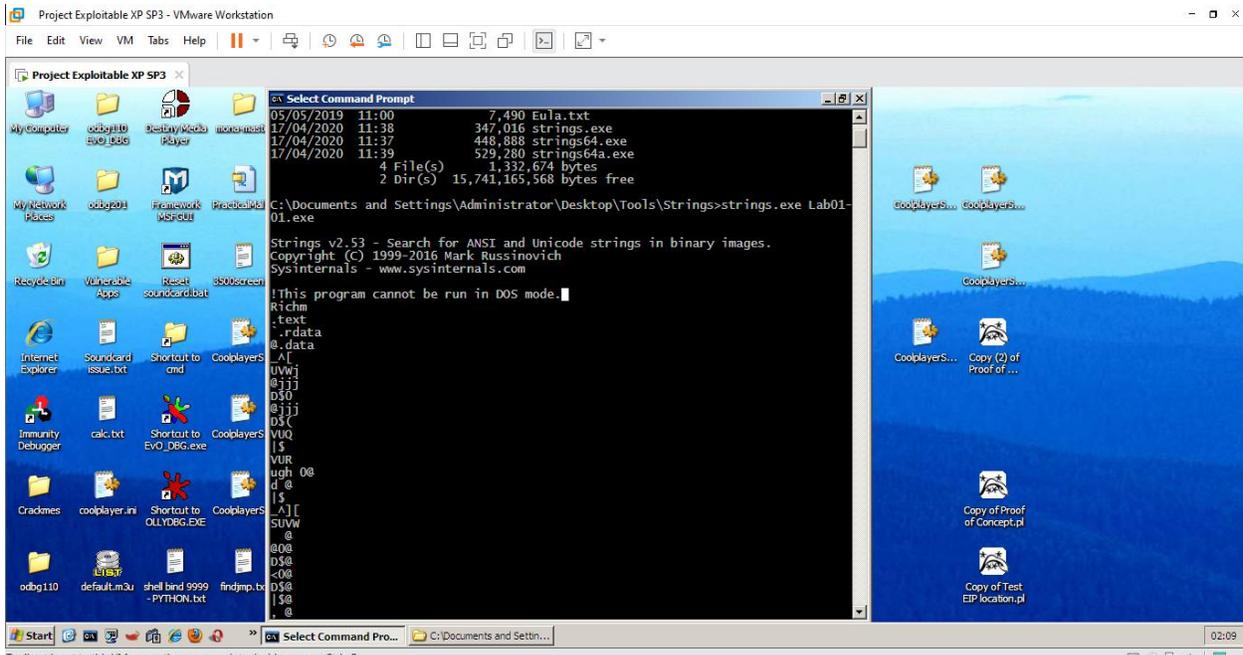


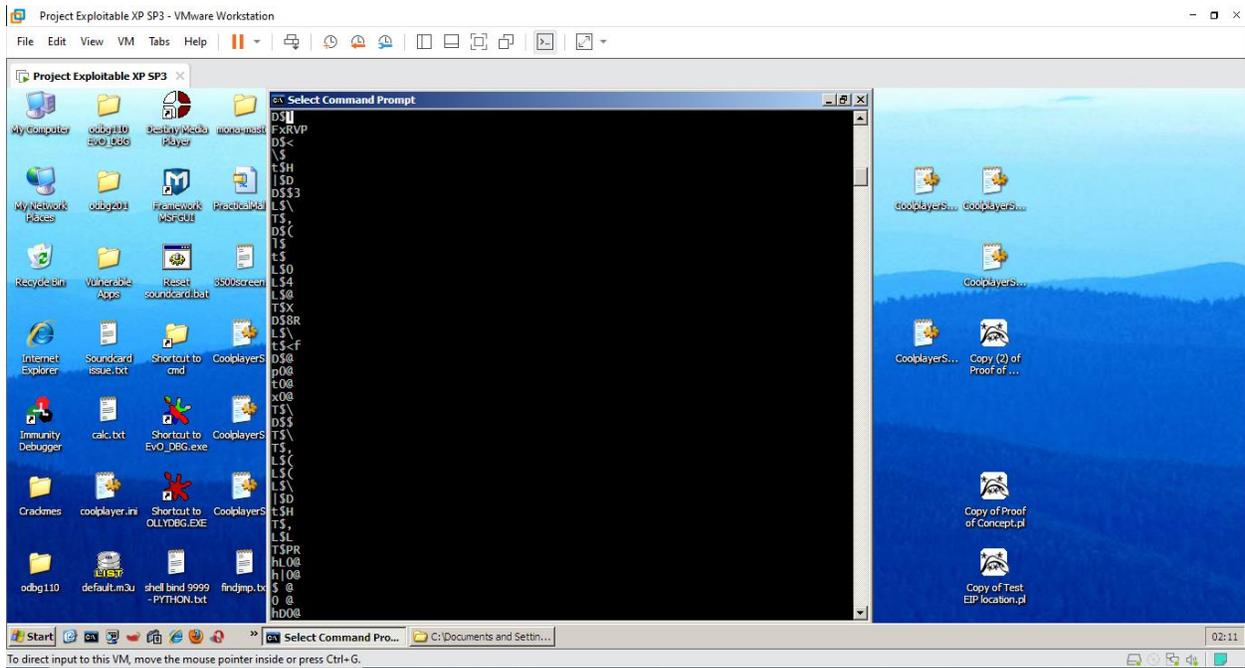
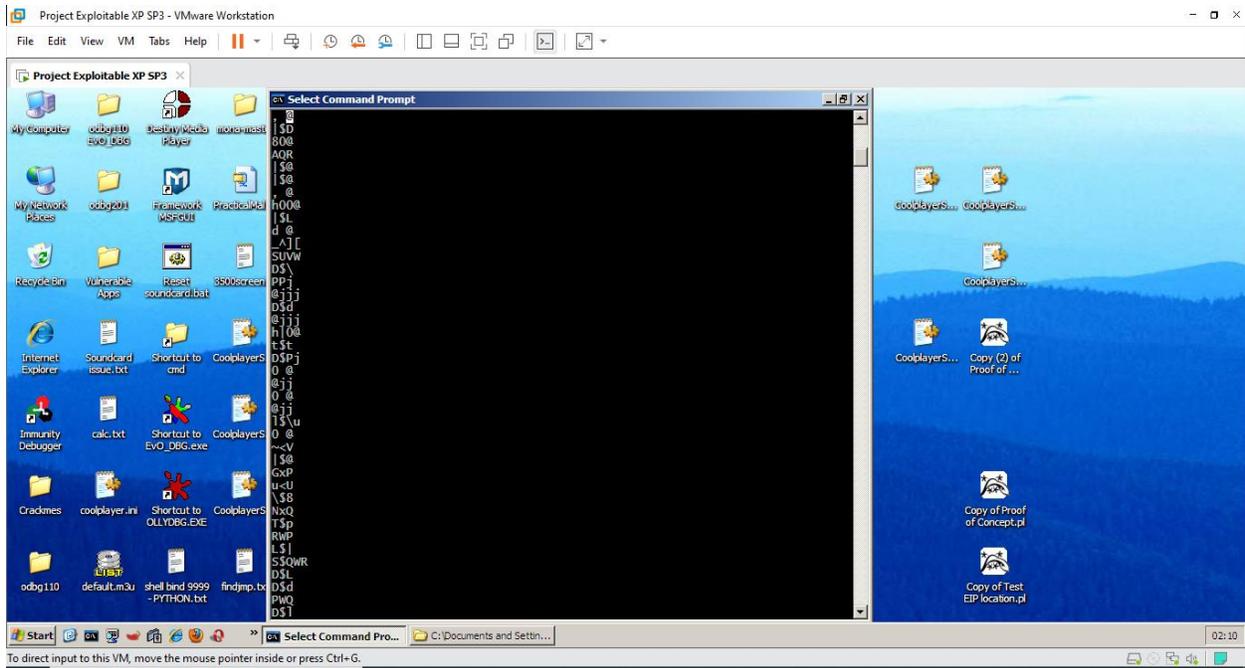


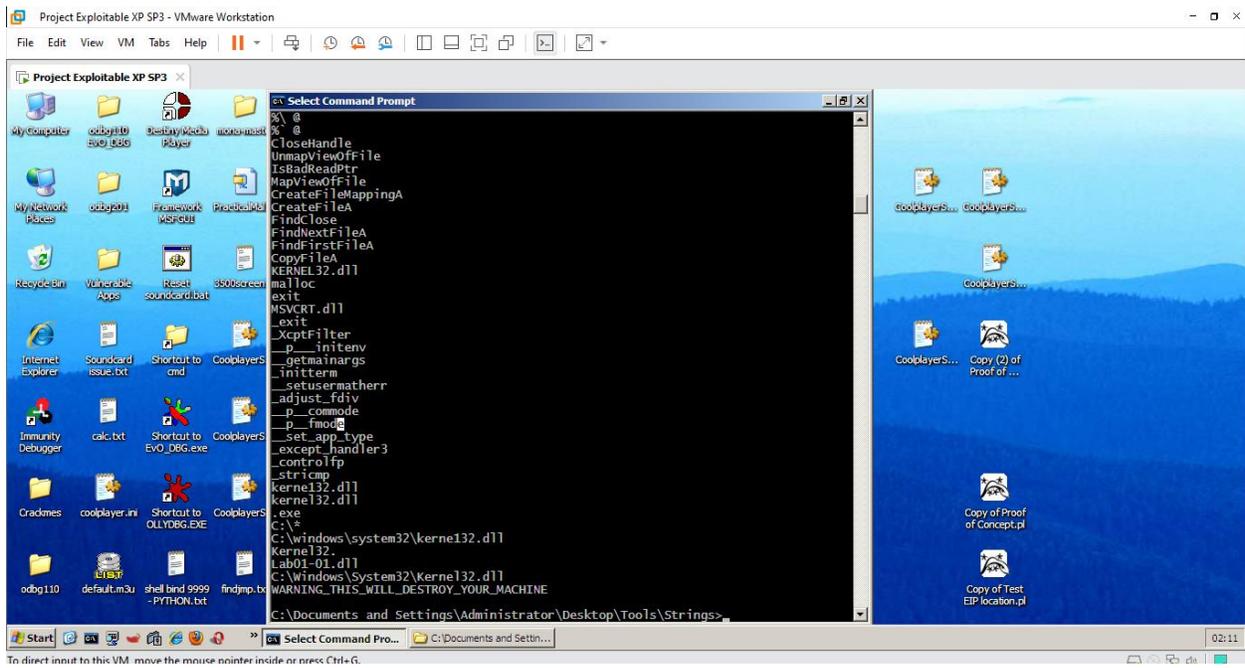
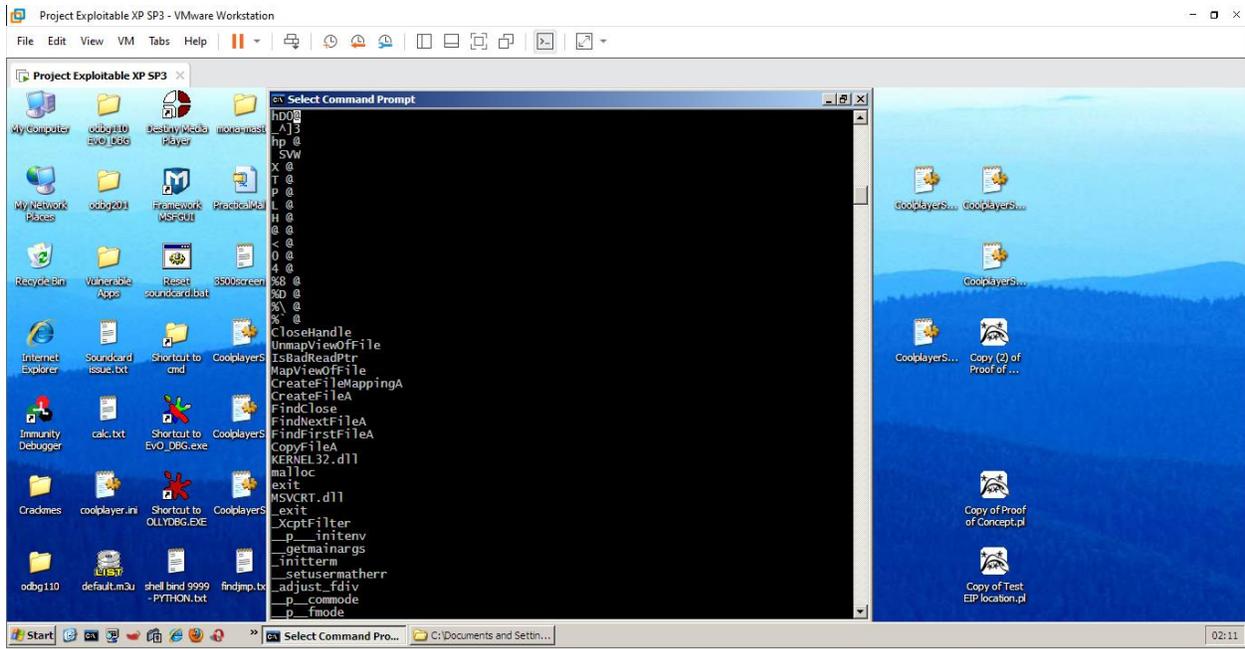
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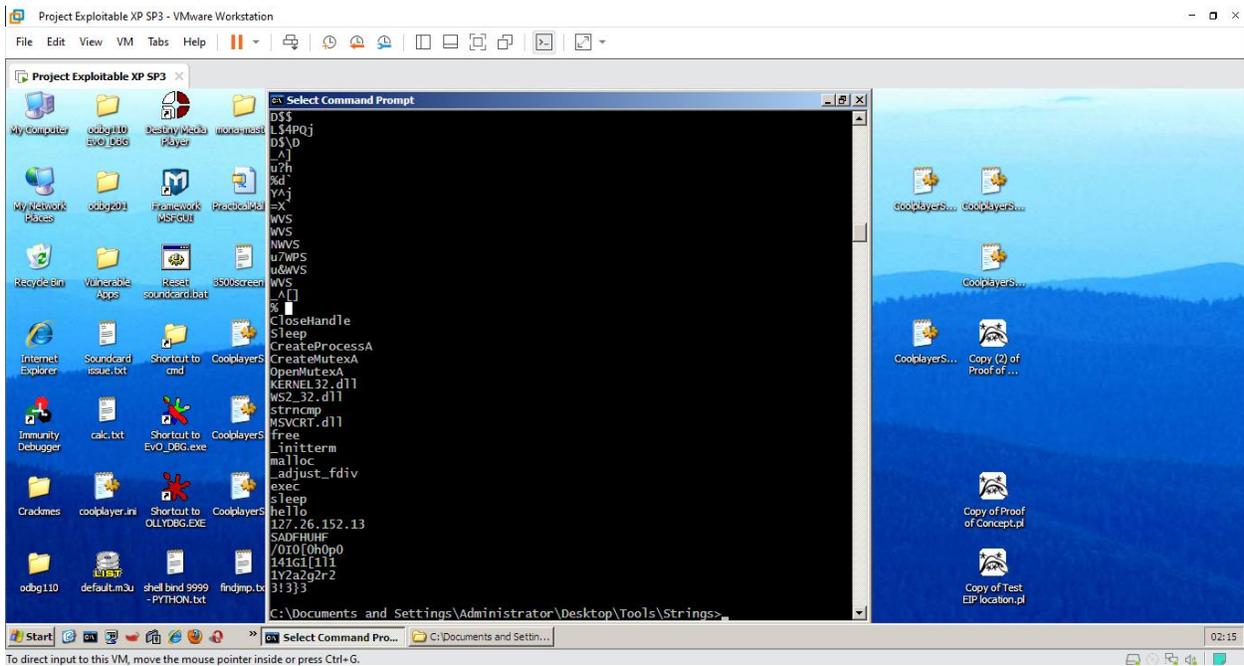
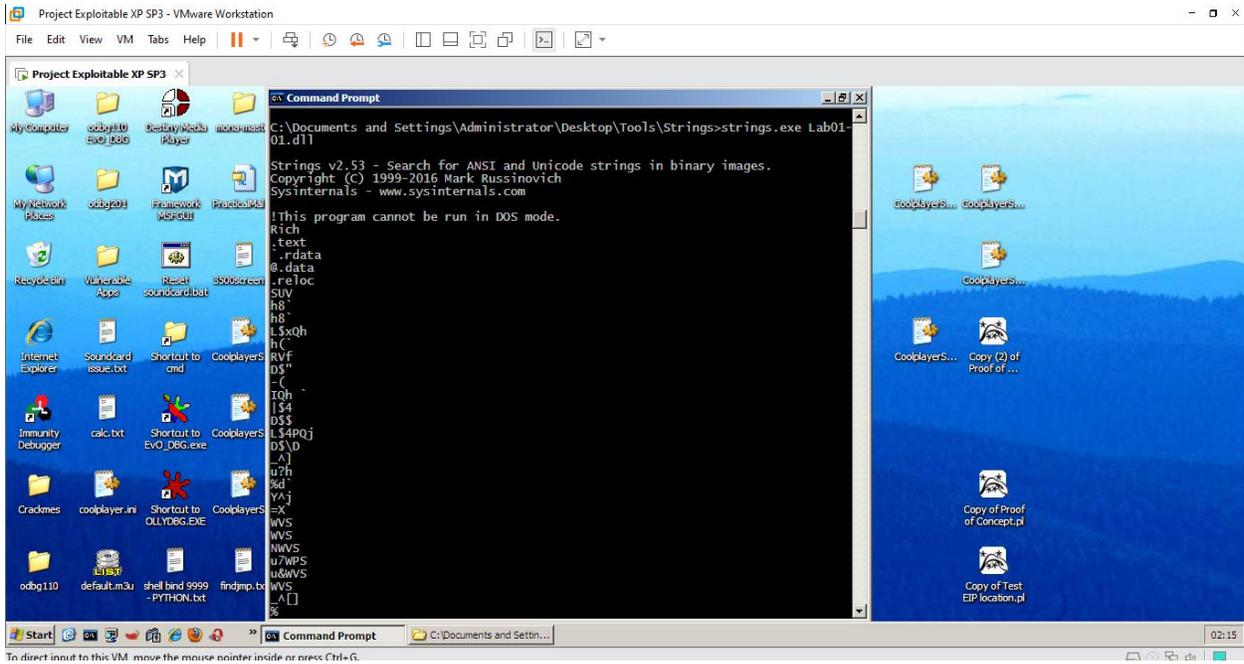
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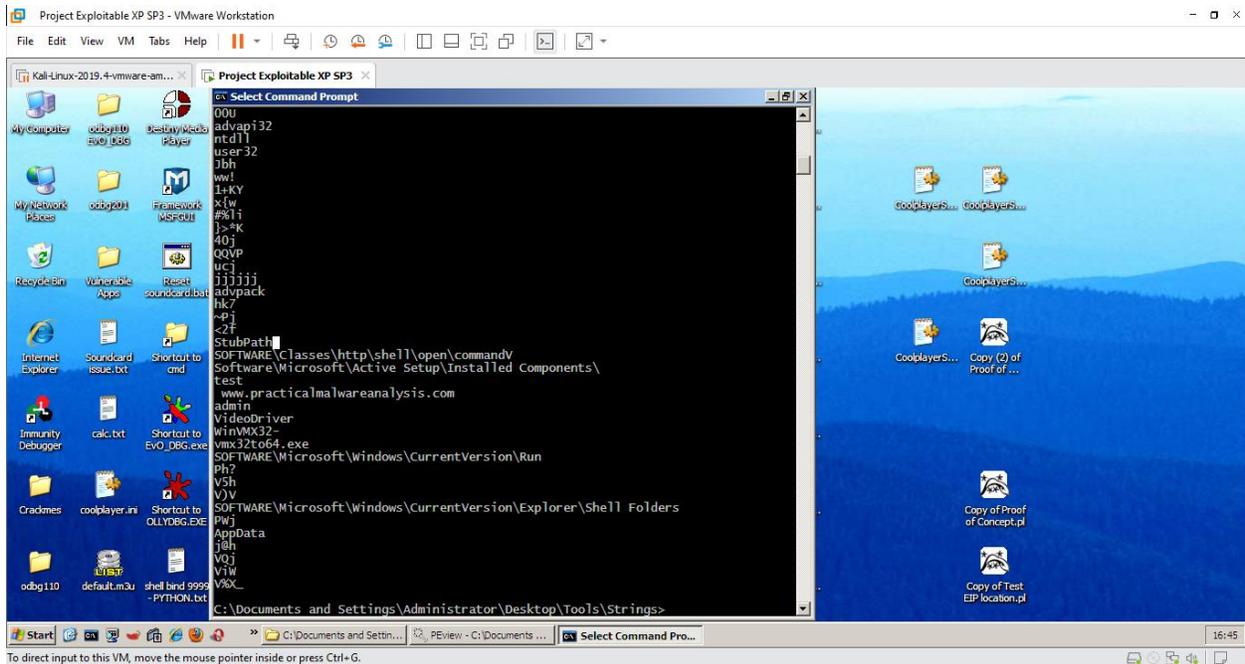




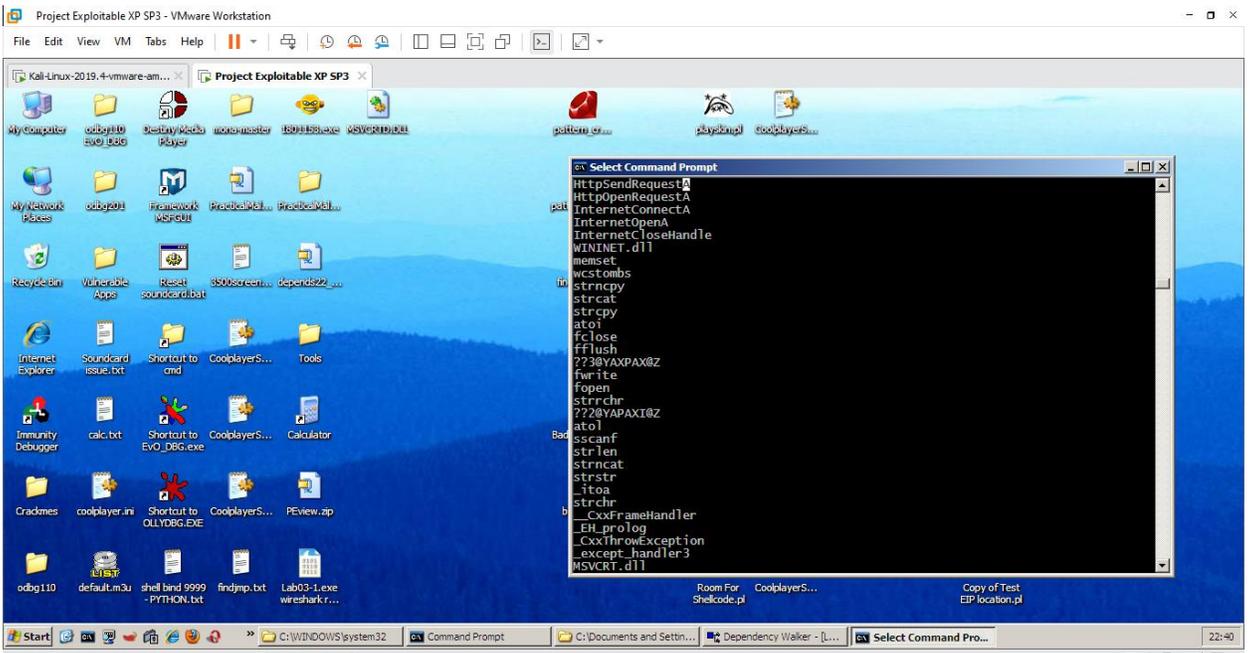
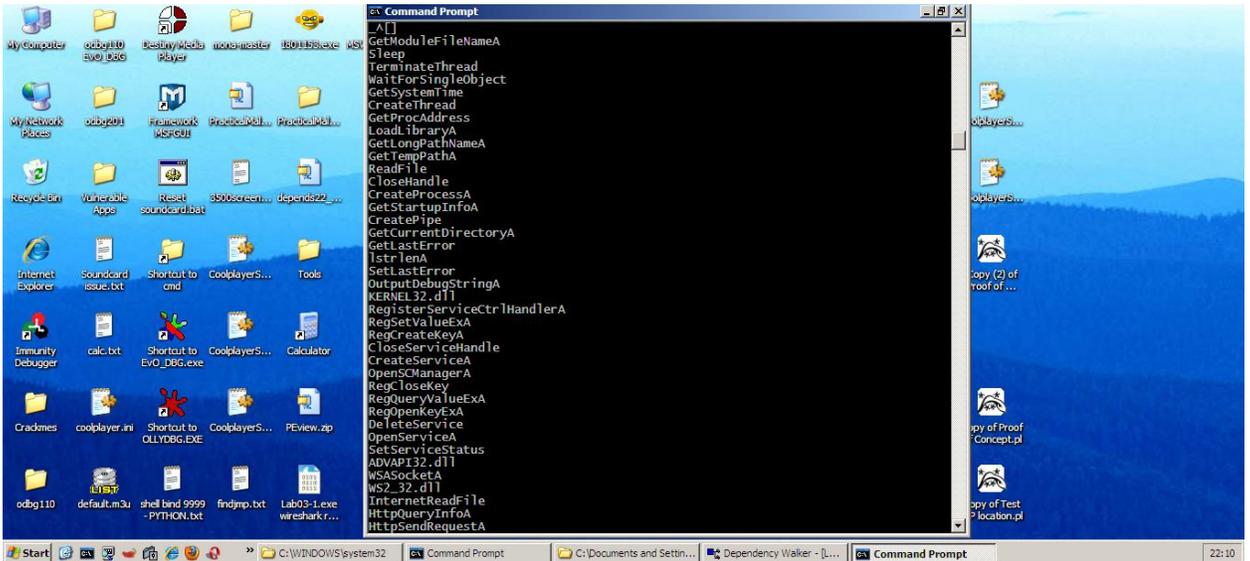


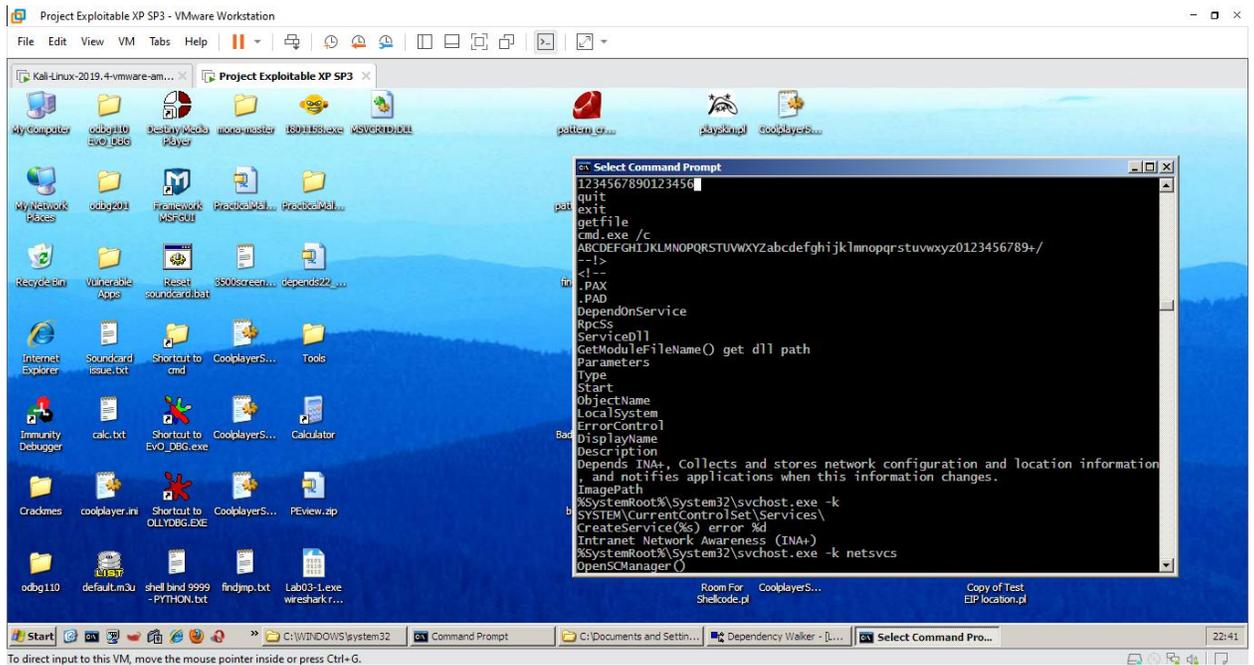
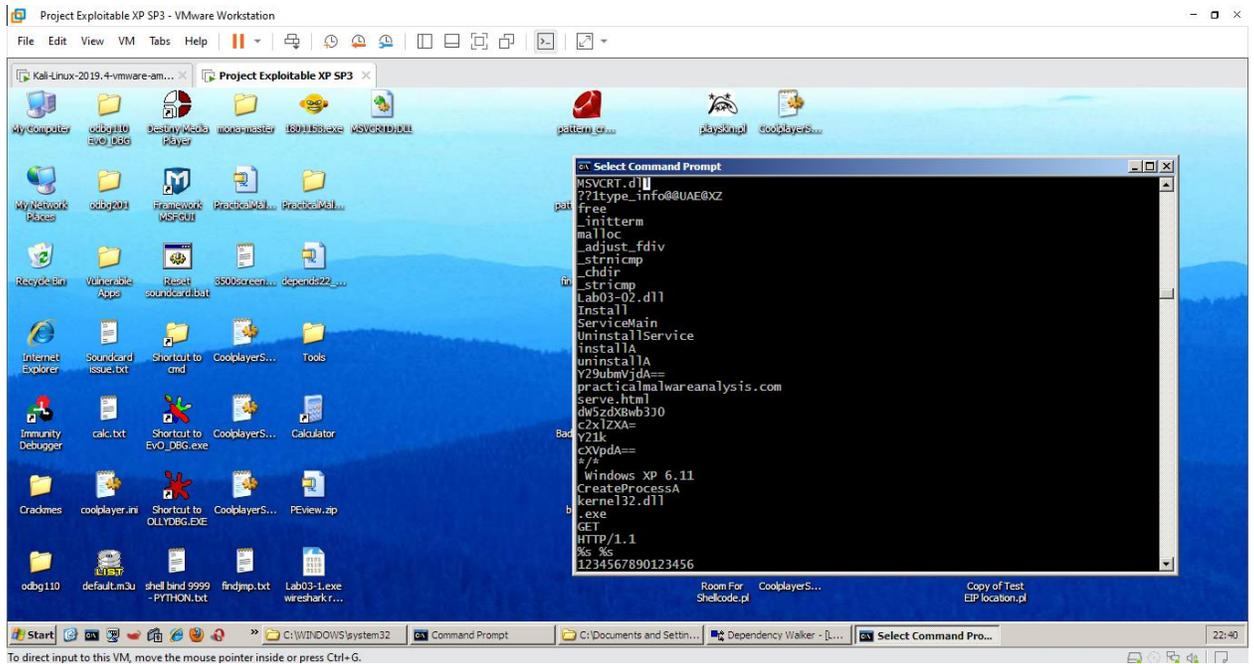
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b. Lab03-02.dll






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