# Malware Analysis and Playpen Recuritment Talk

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## Seminar Outline

- What is Malware and its general behavior
- Tools for Malware analysis
- Basic steps for Malware analysis
- A live demo of a real case Malware analysis to show how a Malware
- Playpen Recruitment

## IT Security Jobs are most wanted

## 網絡保安項目管理「吃香」

銀行及不少大機構本身有獨特的系統網絡,網絡保安、項目管理等皆是搶手人才,例如有8年經驗的項目管理人才月薪市價為5萬元,但銀行往往多出20%至30%薪酬「搶人」

各級資訊科技人才需求變化					
類別	2004年	2007年	變化		
操作服務	8609	12,925	+50.1 %		
資訊科技保安	391	439	+12.3%		
資訊科技/軟件開發	28,733	30,669	+6.7 %		
資訊科技教育及訓練	2494	2585	+3.6%		
系統程式編製/資訊 科技銷售/實地支援	14,956	14,266	-4.6%		
資料庫	897	851	-5.1 %		
一般資訊科技管理	1753	1639	-6 <b>.</b> 5 %		
電訊及網絡	4265	3896	-8.7 %		
總計	62,098	67,270	+8.3%		
資料來源:政府統計處及職業訓練局					

From MingPao News Jan 18, 2007

## What is Malware

- Malware is the short form for "Malicious Software". It implies any software instructions that were developed with the intention to cause harm. Some common examples of malware are worms, exploit code and trojan horses. (From SANS)
- Malware or malicious software is software designed to infiltrate or damage a computer system without the owner's informed consent. It is a portmanteau of the words "malicious" and "software". The expression is a general term used by computer professionals to mean a variety of forms of hostile, intrusive, or annoying software or program code. (From Wikipedia)

## Things that under Malware

- Computer Virus
- Computer Worm
- Trojan Horse
- Spyware
- Botnet and Zombie

## General Behaviors of Malware

- Changing network settings
- Disabling antivirus and antispyware tools
- Turning off the Microsoft Security Center and/or Automatic Updates
- Installing rogue certificates
- Cascading file droppers
- Keystroke Logging
- URL monitoring, form scraping, and screen scraping
- Turning on the microphone and/or camera
- Pretending to be an antispyware or antivirus tool
- Editing search results
- Acting as a spam relay
- Planting a rootkit or otherwise altering the system to prevent removal
- Installing a bot for attacker remote control
- Intercepting sensitive documents and exfiltrating them, or encrypting them for ransom
- Planting a sniffer

Source: SANS

## **Tools for Malware Analysis**

#### Built-in Tools:

#### netstat in command prompt

shows pids (Process Identifiers) which can then be used to map ports to process names.

#### dir in command prompt

The command "dir /o:d" show when are the files recently modified or created in a directory. Similar to "Is -Itr" command in Unix.

#### Search in start menu

It can help you to search files and folder by the file name, file size, or modify date.

#### regedit

It help you to view and edit the register value on your system.

#### sigverif

This tool checks the digital signatures on all the system files, and will alert you of any that aren't correct, or not signed.

## Other free Tools: for Malware Analysis

#### **TCPView**

Show you detailed listings of of all TCP and UDP endpoints on your system

#### **Process Explorer**

List all open processes and delineate between the parent processes and the processes that are spawned by the parent

#### Filemon

monitors and displays file system activity on a system in real-time

#### LADS

List Alternate Data Streams

#### **Autoruns**

shows you what programs are configured to run during system bootup or login

#### Regmon

show you which applications are accessing your

#### Ad-aware

to find and remove adware and spyware

#### **BHODemon**

a guardian for Internet Explorer browser

#### **Foremost**

to recover files based on their headers, footers, and internal data structures

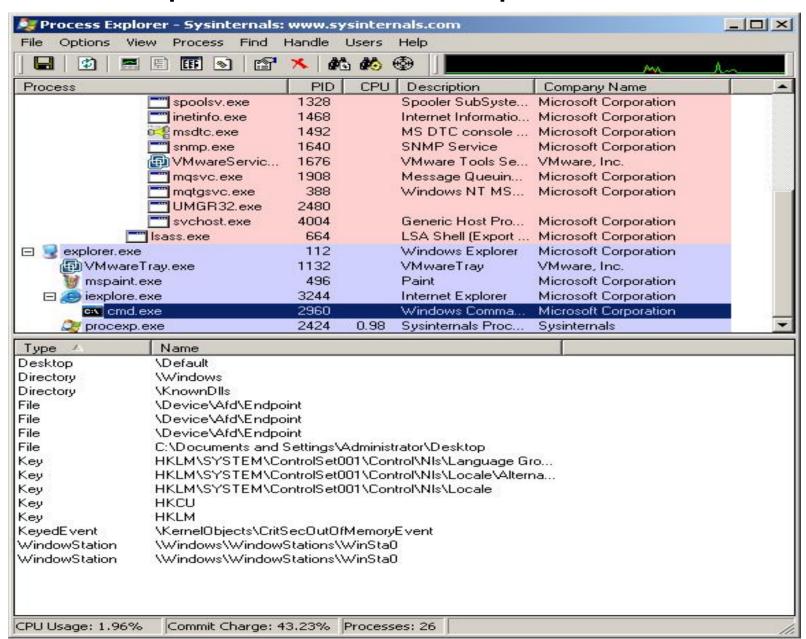
### TCPView shows a Trojan Horse backdoor at 8080

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msdtc.exe:1492	TCP	ntecxp1-2:1026	ntecxp1-2:0	LISTENING
inetinfo.exe:1468	TCP	ntecxp1-2:1027	ntecxp1-2:0	LISTENING
mgsvc.exe:1908	TCP	ntecxp1-2:1030	ntecxp1-2:0	LISTENING
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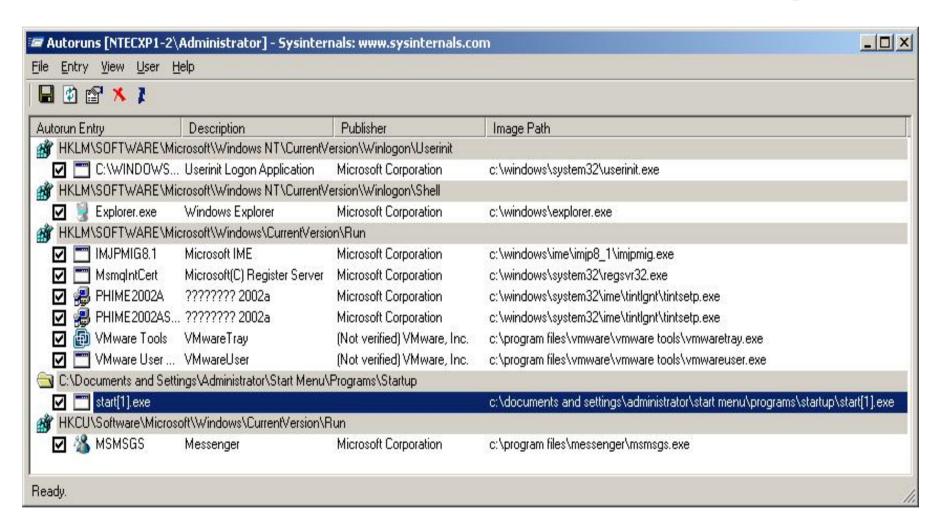
#### **TCPView shows a established connection at 7777**

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iexplore.exe:3244	TCP	ntecxp1-2:7777	ntecxp1-2:0	LISTENING
UMGR32.exe:2480	TCP	ntecxp1-2:8080	ntecxp1-2:0	LISTENING
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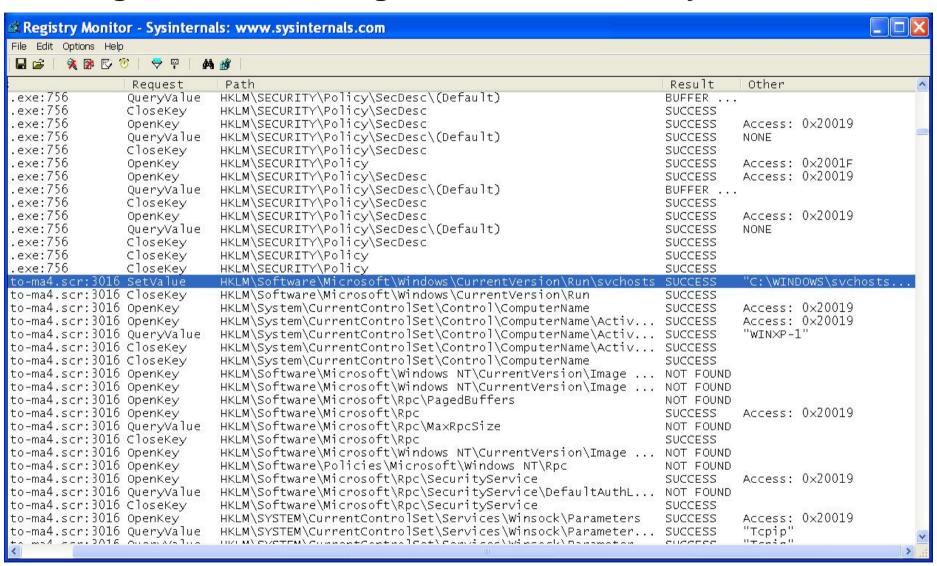
#### Process Explore shows a cmd shell spawned from IE browser



## Autoruns shows the start[1].exe program



#### Regmon shows a register modification by a malware



## Filemon shows a file creation by a malware

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## Basic steps for Malware analysis

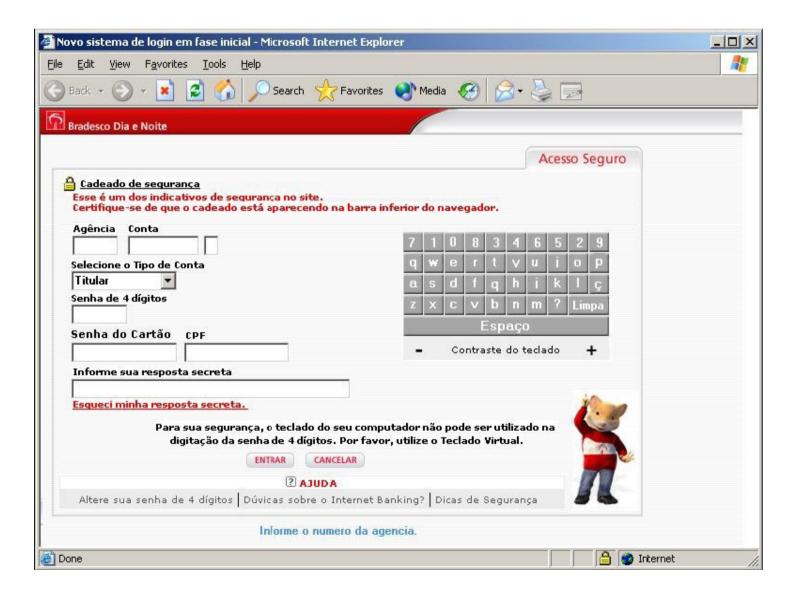
- 1. Visual Analysis: File size, type, strings, MD5 signature... etc
- Behavioral Analysis: Run the malware in a well controlled and protected environment
- 3. Code Analysis: Reviewing its code

## Case Study of a Malware

#### Upon inflection

- 1. copies itself to C:\WINDOWS\svchosts.exe
- 2. adds a registry entry to "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run", ensuring "C:\WINDOWS\svchosts.exe" is run on system startup
- 3. sends a mail via smtp indicating successful installation
- 4. remains in memory, using DDE to check the URL being displayed in the foreground IE window. Once a matching URL (one of a list of Brazilian Internet banking sites) is typed, it:
  - creates a window over the IE browser to display an on-line bank login form to let the victim to type in his/her financial details
  - once the victim enter his/her details, under the assumption he/she is logging into the on-line banking site, the malware sends those login details back the attacker via an smtp mail
  - the malware then displays a "system error" dialog to the user, and removes itself from the system (quit from the memory and undo the registry)

The Malware creates a window over the IE browser to display an on-line bank login form



## Appendix

- Sysinternals
  - http://www.microsoft.com/technet/sysinternals/default.
    mspx
- Ethereal
  - http://www.ethereal.com/
- Foremost
  - http://foremost.sourceforge.net/
- Sandboxie
  - <a href="http://www.sandboxie.com/">http://www.sandboxie.com/</a>
- VMWare
  - <a href="http://www.vmware.com/">http://www.vmware.com/</a>

## What is Playpen?

## Enclosure in which a baby or young child may play

http://playpen.ie.cuhk.edu.hk

## Objectives of Playpen

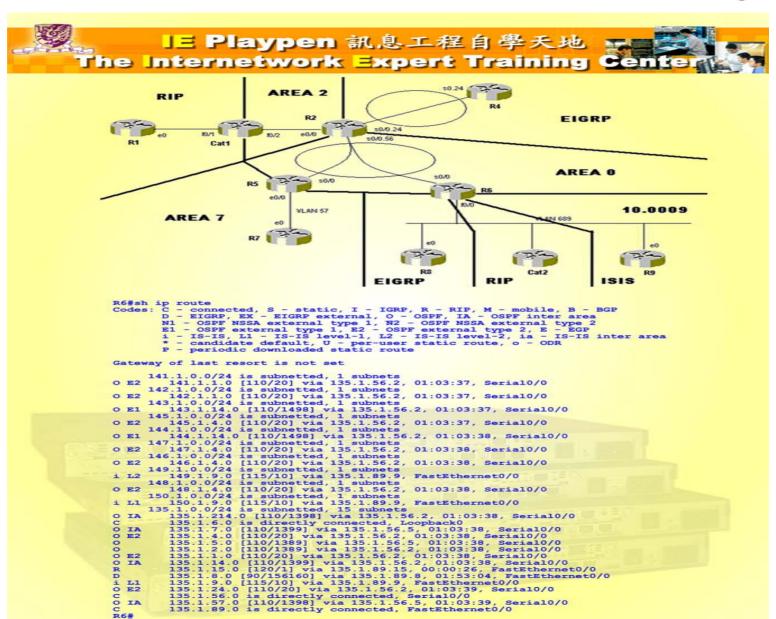
- Let students have the hand on experiment of managing a network
- Provide some useful Internet services for their community
- Provide a playground to test and develop students work
- Provide a platform for students to try some experiments that they cannot try on original lab or production network

## Past Activities in Playpen

- 1. 3-Days Linux workshop
- 2. Firewall seminar
- 3. HoneyNet project seminar
- 4. Super Worm seminar
- 5. Next attack in Internet seminar
- 6. Worm Analysis seminar
- 7. Academic Networks in Asia seminar
- 8. Open day showcase demo project in 2002 and 2003
- Web Portal project
   (http://playpen.ie.cuhk.edu
   .hk)
   (now in production and is
   still actively under
   enhancement)
- 10. Playpen network infrastructure enhancement
- 11. Game server project

- 12. PPTP based VPN using Window server project
- 13. Window server project
- 14. Access grid testing project
- 15. Simple video streaming testing project
- 16. System reborn card testing project
- 17. Library System
- 18. Buffer Overflow workshop
- 19. Computer Networking workshop
- 20. Phishing Seminar
- 21. Self learn Cisco equipment kit https://www.ie.cuhk.edu.hk/rack2/
- 22. Man-In-The-Middle (MITM) attack Seminar
- 23. Linux Talk 2005
- 24. Enhancement of Self Learn Network Equipment Kit for lab courses and summer workshops support
- 25. Security course and FYP support

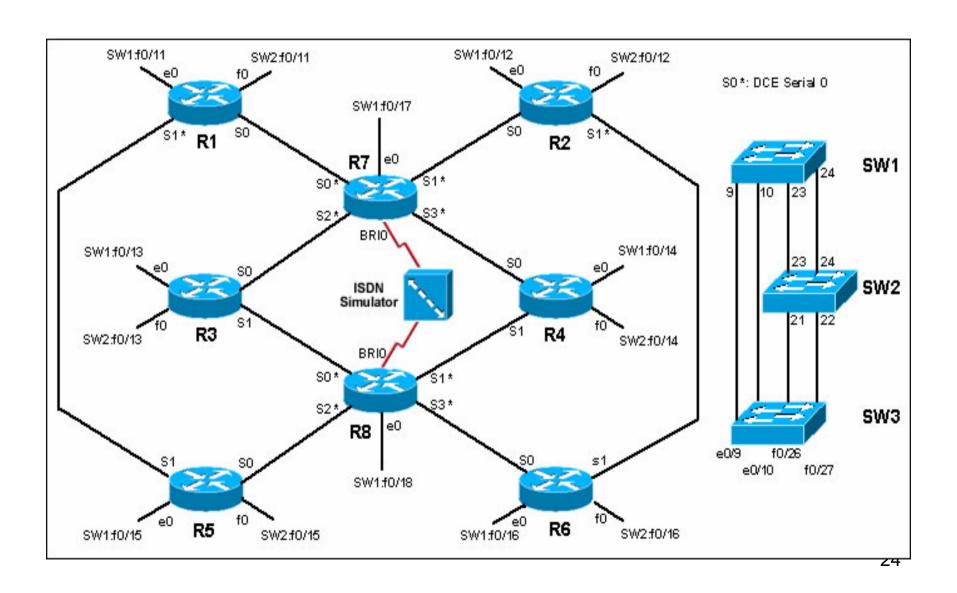
## Internetwork Expert Lab Setting



## Equipment in Playpen

- Over 15 PC
- Over 5 servers which can emulate over 80 virtual hosts
- Over 26 Routers (2500, 2600, 1721, 7513)
- Over 5 switches (2900, 3500, LS1010)
- ISDN equipment
- Other different OS and machines (Solaris, Linux, Iris... etc)

## Self learn Cisco equipment kit



## IE Playpen Network Diagram

