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PWN2KILL Debrief

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PWN2KILL Challenge



- Win 7/User mode.
- Use of virtual machines.
- 15 AV as evaluation target.
- Commercial version (except Avast).
- Board of journalists (jury).
- Organized by A. Desnos and E. Filiol.

Target of evaluation



- Avast (free edition)
- AVG
- Avira
- BitDefender
- DrWeb
- F-Secure
- G-Data
- Kaspersky
- McAfee
- Microsoft AV
- NOD32
- Norton
- Safe'n'Sec
- Sophos
- Trend Micro.



Rules

- Any behaviour a normal user is used to.
- The user profile
 - A typical home user (your mother).
 - A typical office user.
- Proactive warning can be bypassed

“Your application is trying to modify the registry base. Do you accept it?” is not understood by users.
- Having a PhD is not mandatory to use computers!

Rules (cont.)

1. Each candidate describes shortly his attack.
2. For each AV (mandatory)
 1. Perform a on-demand scanning (sequence-based detection).
 2. Execute his attack (on-access scanning automatically involved).
3. Detection ? Attack successful ?
4. Next candidate.

Presentation of attacks

A stylized, high-contrast illustration of a person with long, flowing hair and sunglasses, rendered in white lines against a gray background. The person is shown from the chest up, facing slightly to the right. The style is reminiscent of a stencil or a graphic design element.

- [F.-X. Bru & F. Bertrand.](#)
- [G. Fahrner.](#)
- [S. Megguedem & A. Desnos.](#)
- [A. Zaccardelle.](#)
- [B. David](#)
- [Dechaux - Fizaine – Grivaux – Jaafar.](#)

Last minute candidates

- F. Déchelle and his Korf Bmob

:loop

Start /realtime %0

Goto :loop

Known for a few year

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_JKHWhmmg

Guess what it is ?

AV product	Attack 1	Attack 2	Attack 3	Attack 4	Attack 5	Attack 6	Attack 7
Avast	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
AVG	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
Avira	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
BitDefender	F	D	D	F	F	F	F
DrWeb	F	D	F	F	F	F	DDDF
F-Secure	F	D	D	F	F	F	F
G-Data	F	D	D*	F	F	F	F
Kaspersky	F	D	F	F	F	F	DDDF
McAfee	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
MSE	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
NOD32	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
Norton	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
Safe'n'Sec	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
Sophos	F	D	F	F	F	F	DDF
Trend	F	D	F	F	F	F	F

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G-Data	F	D	F	F	D*	F	F
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McAfee	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
MSE	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
NOD32	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
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Safe'n'Sec	F	D	F	F	F	F	F
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Trend	F	D	F	F	D	F	F

**On-access scanning (behaviour-based detection) – F (failed) – D (detect) –
* just a proactive, not blocking message (attack still possible)**



Facts

- Most of these attacks rely on techniques published during the recent years.
 - K-ary viruses (2007).
 - Sophisticated armored viruses (2005).
 - Encryption techniques (2000, 2001, 2002...).
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Conclusion

- Any AV can be bypassed...
- ... but a few can be bypassed TOO easily!
- It is no longer admissible from a user/decision-maker perspective!
- No differences between products.
 - The problem lies in the technological and economic models of AV industry!
 - They have to understand that they have to change.
- Marketing and events budgets should be replaced by R&D budgets for a few vendors.

Conclusion (2)

- In a growing context of cyber warfare
 - Our systems and networks are totally unprotected.
 - Any new attack is bound to remain undetected.
- Extremely concerning situation of weakness
- Part of the solution:
 - do not connect sensitive systems to Internet
 - Physically control the use of USB device
 - Enforce strict mail attachment filtering
- It is security policy above all.

Conclusion (3)

- Use your freedom to choose the less inefficient product...
- But
 1. Keep using an antivirus!
 2. Have safe behaviours and rules of conducts when using a computer (security policy first).
 3. Update your OS and applications
- Your destiny is essentially in YOUR hands not in AV (as good or bad as it might be).

Thousands of thanks



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Now it is time to have Gala Dinner

A short journey in Asterix & Obelix realm

