

GS ANALYZER

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Static binary threat analysis

GS Analyzer is a low latency, automated binary threat-assessment upgrade for GateScanner CDR suite.

Executable malicious code within files poses a major challenge for detection and mitigation. The SolarWinds supply chain attack of 2020 saw a major software developer targeted, and malicious code injected into its software updates. As a result, customers inadvertently installed malware onto their systems, providing attackers with backdoors to hundreds of affected networks in government, technology firms, and major entities around the world.

The challenge lies in the fact that the malicious nature of an executables is not evident until it is run, and often - much later than that. The infection of SolarWinds' Orion platform updates had gone undetected for nearly nine months.

Sandboxing - the standard line of defence against threat in executables, has limitations, being resource-intensive and introducing considerable delay.

Furthermore, sophisticated malware can detect sandbox environments and alter its behaviour to evade detection.

An innovative approach is the application of **static binary analysis** for threat evaluation. The decompilation of the code (i.e. its reverse engineering) offers a view into the functionality of the execution code - without actually running it.

Execution flow, data structures, and interactions with the operating system and other software components, are all analysed and scored, to quantify the risk they represent. A total risk score for the file is then calculated.

This score can serve as a threshold for automated threat-based filtering of executable content, enabling admins to quickly channel-out high-risk content.

GS Analyser processing stages:



De-compilation & AV scan

Code Analysis

and Risk Evaluation

1010 = regedit = 64

1010 = *delete* = 18.3



Calculated File Risk Scoring

GS Analyzer supports a broad range of file types , including: PDF, PNG, SLK, ISO, GIF 7-Zip, DOS .BAT/.COM/.EXE/.SYS, CAB, DMG, GZ, JAVA (see reverse side for a full list)



A sample of GS Analyzer binary threat analysis of *CCleaner Pro* setup file

Time: 7325	
g: 91.8	
Object ObjectTv	CCLEANERBUNDLE-1116-SETUP.EXE->(NSIS)->(NSIS)->FILE021->(NSIS)->(NSIS)->(NSIS)->FILE021->(NSIS)->(NSIS)->(NSIS)->FILE021->(NSIS)
	ze: 24064
Rating:	
	Item: Import
	Info: WININET.DLL:FtpOpenFileW
	ExtraInfo:
	Description: Imports an API named WININET.DLL:FtpOpenFileW
	Rating: 34.6
	Item: Import
	Info: WININET.DLL:InternetConnectW
	ExtraInfo:
	Description: Imports an API named WININET.DLL:InternetConnectW
	Rating: 6.4
	Item: Import
	Info: WININET.DLL:InternetReadFile
	ExtraInfo:
	Description: Imports an API named WININET.DLL:InternetReadFile
	Rating: 36
	Item: Import
	Info: WININET.DLL:InternetCloseHandle
	ExtraInfo:
	Description: Imports an API named WININET.DLL:InternetCloseHandle
	Rating: 27

Supported file types:

7Z | 8VY2 | 8BY3 | ACE | AIF | ALZ | AMI | APP | AR | ARJ | AUTOIT | BASE64 | BAT | BMP | BINXML | BOOT | BZ2 | CAB | CDR | CHM | COM | CRX | CRTF | CPIO | DBS | DEX | DFL | DMG | DOOM | DUMP | E32 | E64 | EBCDIC | EGG | EMF | ENC | EXE | FAT_MACHO | FDBS | GIF | GZIP | HA | HDBS | HFS | HLP | HQX | HTA | HQX | INI | INNO | IS | ISO | ICR | INF | IMATE | JET | JAVA | JOB | JEG | LZIP | LZMA | LZH | LNX | LINEAR | MACHO | MACBIN | MACHYPER | MACPEF | MACRSRC | MBR | MF | MIME | MSLZ | MSO | NSIS | OBJ | OLE | OLESTREAM | OS2_LE | OS2_LX | PALM | PDF | PIF | PNG | PHP | RAR | REG | RIFF | RISI | RTF | RPM | SH | SIM | SIS | SLK | SWF | SCRIPT | SUB | SUHD | SYMBIAN | SYS | SUF | TAR | TNEF | TAZ | TELEDISK | TEMP | TEXT | TIFF | UU | UNICODE | UNICODE4 | UNICODE4B | UNICODESB | UTF_8 | VBA | VHD | WASM | VMWR | WIN_64 | WIN_CE | WIN_NE | WIN_PE | WISE | WBT | WMF | WKS | WORD2 | WORD6 | WPD | XLSB | XX | XML | XOR | XZ | YNC | ZIP | ZOO