

Basic Analysis

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Virtual Machines

- What is a virtual machine?
 - Simply, a computer in your computer
 - Really, a **(usually)** segregated virtual environment that emulates real hardware
- There are different types/methods that we'll discuss later

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- Why are we using a virtual machine?

- Safety, reliability, consistency, it's easy
- Keep the malware in a contained environment
- Snapshots
 - Completely 100% revert the VM to an earlier state
 - If things go bad, no one cares

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- What's in mine?

- Free Microsoft IE testing VM license
- Lots of free tools all pre-setup for you (C:\tools)
 - Common ones are linked on the desktop
 - symlinks to desktop and tools directory in cygwin home dir
 - debuggers, disassemblers, analyzers, unpackers, compilers... the list goes on

- You'll know them all soon enough!

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Static Analysis

- Analyzing a sample without executing any code
- Safe(r)
- Infer functionality
- Provides good pointers to guide dynamic and advanced analysis
- Lots of tools involved!

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 - URLs, filenames, registry keys
- But it's not always so easy!

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- Analyze what happens when the sample is executed
- Are files made, processes created, websites contacted, files downloaded/executed, etc
- Shows you the effect the malware has on the system/network

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Lab

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- Problems will be similar to those you saw today
- Must answer a few questions about each sample

-See the PMA Chapter Labs for examples

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Additional Material

- Related Readings:

- Practical Malware Analysis

- Chapter 1. Basic Static Analysis
- Chapter 2. Malware Analysis in Virtual Machines
- Chapter 3. Basic Dynamic Analysis

The chapter outlines make a great reference

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and eax, 0FFFFFFh
or eax, 80070000h
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loc_31308C: ; CODE XREF: sub_312FD8
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mov [ebp+var_4], eax
```