#### Fight against 1-day exploits: Diffing Binaries vs Anti-diffing Binaries

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#### Introduction: The Problem

- Security patches are meant to fix security vulnerabilities.
  - fixing problems and protect computers and end users from risks.
- 1-day exploits
  - binary diffing technique can be used to identify the vulnerabilities
  - especially useful for Microsoft's binaries

#### Introduction: The Solution

- Purpose: making 1-day exploits difficult and time-consuming
  - Make binary differs' life harder
  - Severe code obfuscation is not an option
  - Need an efficient lightweight code obfuscation
- In-house tool to achieve this
  - Hondon(meaning Chaos)

#### Binary Diffing: Demo

- Just grab an idea what binary diffing is.
- We will show simple process of binary diffing.

### Binary Diffing: The History

- BMAP: 10 years ago
- Halvar
  - Bindiff: Expensive commercial tool
  - Not affordable to most non-corporate researchers
- TODD
- eEye
- 2-3 free or opensource tools

### Binary Diffing: BMAT(1999)

- Heavily depends on symbolic name matching
- Used mainly for Microsoft's binaries which symbol they have access to.
- Auxiliary method: 64bit hashing-based comparison for the blocks inside each procedure
  - hashing=multiple level of abstractions with opcode and operands

#### Binary Diffing: Automated Reverse Engineering(2004)

- Halvar at Blackhat 2004
- Signature of functions
  - signatures=number of nodes, edges and calls
- Isomorphic comparison between functions CG
  - A function is a node and calling relationship is an edge

# Binary Diffing: Comparing binaries with graph isomorphism(2004)

- Todd Sabin
- Instructions graph's isomorphic matching
- Compares instructions not basic blocks
  - Very unique
- No POC ever released
  - Only testing datasheet released

## Binary Diffing: Structural Comparison of Executable Objects(2004)

 Improved version of Halvar's Blackhat 2004 "Automated Reverse Engineering(2004)"[ARE] presentation[SCEO] Binary Diffing: Graph-based comparison of Executable Objects(2005)

- Improved previous paper "Structural Comparison of Executable Objects(2004)"
- Heavily dependent on CFG generation from the binaries

# The Tools: Sabre Security's bindiff(2004)

- Halvar
- A commercial binary diffing tool
- Based on his graph based function fingerprinting theory.

#### The Tools: IDACompare(2005)

- Based on signature scanning
- Used for porting malware analysis data
- Designed for around 500k file in size
  - Which is a small size

#### The Tools: eEye Binary Diffing Suite(2006)

- Internally used for Microsoft's Patch Tuesday patches analysis
- Patch analysis was the only way to obtain some secret information they don't release
  - You can use eye ball instead of binary diffing tools
  - Some of them has the talent
- The "DarunGrim" is one of the tools included and performs the main binary diffing analysis.

#### The Tools: Patchdiff2(2008)

- Made specifically for security patch or hotfix analysis
- Using checksum of graph call for signaturing
- Sounds like similar to bindiff

#### The Tools: DarunGrim2(2008)

- The improved version of eEye Binary Diffing Suite
- Using C++ instead of Python to overcome performance and memory footprint issues
- Will be Open-Sourced in few weeks

#### DarunGrim2: Algorithms

- The previous works in binary difference analysis were mainly concentrated on the graph structure analysis and graph isomorphism.
  - Intensive comparison of two graphs
  - dependency on the disassembler's CFG analysis capabilities
- "Basic Block Fingerprint Hash Map" is the way to overcome this limitation and to improve analysis result drastically.

#### Algorithms: Basic Block Fingerprint Hash Map

- Fingerprint hashing method is a main algorithm of DarunGrim2
  - Fingerprint of the block=extracted from instruction sequences
- Two fingerprint hash table for original binary and patched binary
- For each unique fingerprints from original binary
  - DarunGrim2 check if the patched binaries fingerprint hash table has matching entry.

#### Algorithms: Basic Block Fingerprint Hash Map

- Generating fingerprint for a basic block
  - Using IDA
- Overcoming Order Dependency
- Reducing Hash Collision
  - Merge multiple fingerprints from parent and children
- Determining matching functions
  - Count the number of matching basic blocks choose the pair that has highest matches
- Matching blocks inside function
  - After function match is determined, use locality.

#### Algorithms: Symbolic Names Matching

- Basic starting points for binary matching procedure
- Microsoft is generous enough to provide symbol files as soon as the patch is out

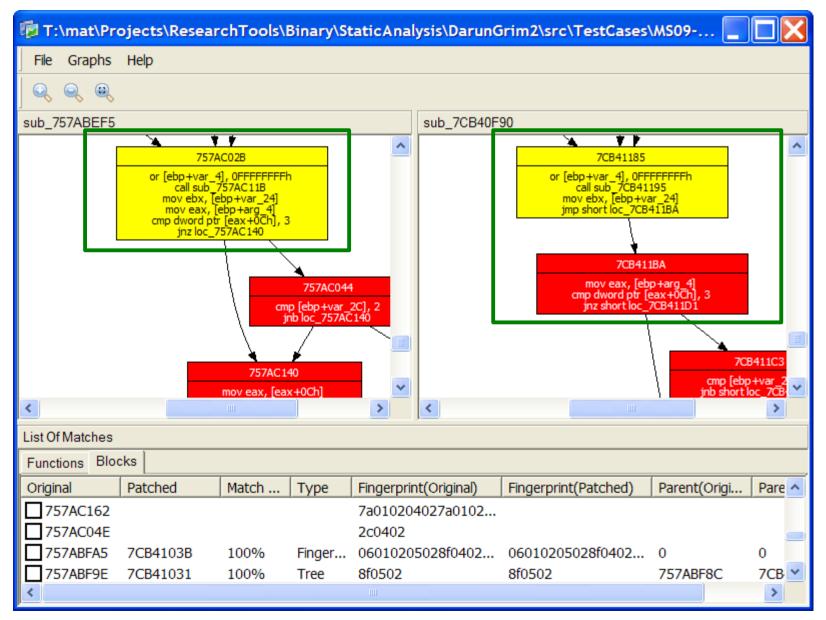
#### Algorithms: Structure Based Analysis

- Philosophy of divide and conquer
  - Similar to that of BMAT tool
- Calculating match rate
  - Compare fingerprint string using string match algorithm, same algorithm used in GNU diff(1)
  - Determines "Stop" (If match rate is under n%) or "Go" (If match rate is over n%).
- Need to recognize control flow Inversion
  - Todd's method: categorizing control flow

#### DarunGrim2: Real Life Issues

- Split Blocks
- Hot Patching
- Basic Blocks in Multiple Functions

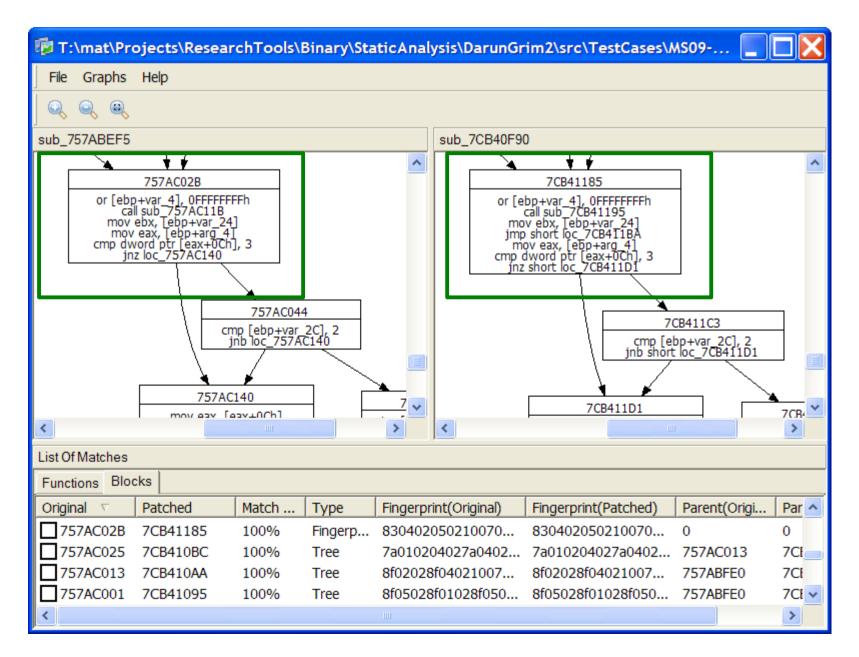
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- "The block who has one child and the child of the block has only one parent in CFG."
- The split blocks tend to make CFG broken
  - The matching process incomplete.
- Need to merge split blocks

#### Real Life Issues: Split Blocks



#### Real Life Issues: Hot Patching

.text:765D1E9C; int stdcall sub 765D1E9C(unsigned int8 \*NetworkAddr,int) .text:765D1E9C sub 765D1E9C proc near .text:765D1E9C mov eax, eax .text:765D1E9E ; stdcall W32TimeGetNetlogonServiceBits(x, x) .text:765D1E9E W32TimeGetNetlogonServiceBits@8: .text:765D1E9E push ebp .text:765D1E9F ebp, esp mov .text:765D1EA1 **OFFFFFFFh** push .text:765D1FA3 offset dword 765D1F80 push

Solution: Just ignore any hot patching preamble
Pattern: mov RegA,RegA at the start of a function

#### Real Life Issues: Basic Blocks in Multiple Functions

- Usually one basic block belongs to one function
- There are some cases that one basic block can be part of multiple functions.
  - For example: Windows kernel
- The limitation with IDA
  - One function for one basic block

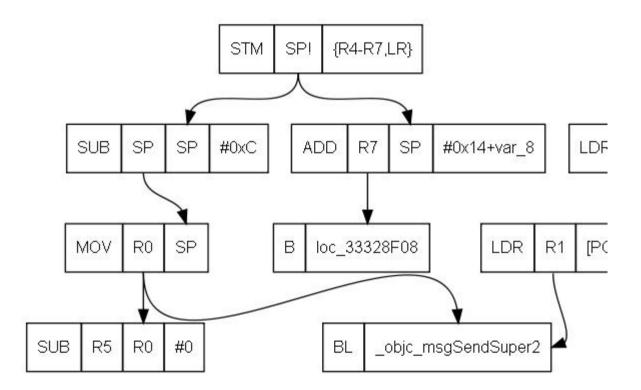
#### Real Life Issues: Basic Blocks in Multiple Functions

- Perform additional custom CFG analysis
  - Doesn't totally rely on IDA's CFG analysis
- Design data structure to make it possible for
  - a basic block can belong to multiple functions.

- During ARM binaries diffing experiments
  - we found that there are a lot of instruction reordering happen over each releases.
  - Binary differ is confused a lot and mark all the same blocks as being different

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func_4C000				func_37B20								
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List Of Matches												
Functions Blocks												
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Generate Data flow graph and serialize each node



Origin	nal		Patched			
	D_SP!, {R4-R7,I		STMFD SP!, {R4-R7,LR}			
	R7, SP, #0x14+		ADD R7, SP, #0x14+var_8			
LDR R3, =(off_3AFE 0x32FF9A80)		Original		Patched		
		STMFD SP!, {F	R4-R7,LR}	STMFD SP!, {R4-R7,LR}		
		ADD R7, SP,		ADD R7, SP, #0x14+var	8	
0x32FF	-9A88) —	SUB SP, SP,	#0xC _	SUB SP, SP, #0xC		
LDR	R3, [PC,R3]	BEQ loc_32F	F9B84	BEQ loc_33328F08		
STR	R0, [SP,#0x20+	MOV R0, SP		MOV R0, SP		
LDR	R1, [PC,R1]	SUBS R5, R0	, #0	SUBS R5, R0, #0		
MOV	R0, SP	STR R0, [SP,	#0x20+var_20]	STR R0, [SP,#0x20+var_	20]	
MOV	R6, R2	LDR R3, =(of	f_3AFD9AAC -	LDR R3, =(off_3B2CF6C8 -		
STR	R3, [SP,#0x20+	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		0x33328E08)		
	_ /	LDR R3, [PC,	,R3]	LDR R3, [PC,R3]		
SUBS	R5, R0, #0		#0x20+var_1C]	STR R3, [SP,#0x20+var_		
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		0x32FF9A88)		0x33328E10)		
		LDR R1, [PC	,R1] ;	LDR R1, [PC,R1] ;		
		"initWithPath:"		"initWithPath:"		
		BL _objc_ms	gSendSuper2	BL _objc_msgSendSupe	er2	
		MOV R6, R2		MOV R6, R2		

#### Examples

Microsoft's Binaries Non-Microsoft's Binaries Malwares

#### **Gathering Binaries**

- Each vendors patch pages
  - Use MS patches pages
- Need to archive binary files for future patch releases
  - SortExecutables.exe: Sort PE binaries according to the version information.
  - <Company Name>\<File Name>\<Version Name>

#### Gathering Binaries: SortExecutables

•You can make your own archive of binaries in more organized way

T:\PROJECTS\BINARIES\WINDOWS XP\MICROSOFT CORPORATION\MSHTML -6.00.2600.0000 (xpclient.010817-1148) -6.00.2800.1528 -6.00.2800.1561 -6.00.2800.1562 -6.00.2900.2180 (xpsp sp2 rtm.040803-2158) -6.00.2900.2604 (xpsp.041130-1728) -6.00.2900.2604 (xpsp sp2 gdr.041130-1729) -6.00.2900.3020 (xpsp sp2 gdr.061023-0214) -6.00.2900.3492 (xpsp sp2 gfe.081212-1622) -6.00.2900.5512 (xpsp.080413-2105) -6.00.2900.5659 (xpsp sp3 gdr.080819-1237) -6.00.2900.5659 (xpsp sp3 qfe.080819-1352) -6.00.2900.5694 (xpsp sp3 gfe.081015-1409) -6.00.2900.5726 (xpsp\_sp3\_gdr.081212-1450) -6.00.2900.5726 (xpsp sp3 qfe.081212-1451) -7.00.6000.16788 (vista gdr.081211-1619) -7.00.6000.16809 (vista gdr.090114-1504) -8.00.6001.18702 (longhorn ie8 rtm(wmbla).090308-0339)

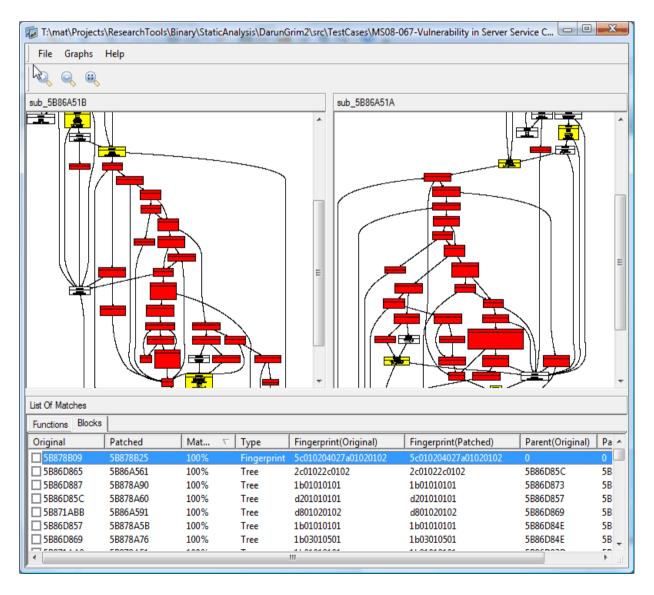
### Performing Diffing

- Using DarunGrim2.exe and Two IDA sessions
  - First launch DarunGrim2.exe
  - Launch two IDA sessions
  - First run DarunGrim2 plugin from the original binary
  - Secondly run DarunGrim2 plugin from the patched binary
- Using DarunGrim2C.exe command line tool
  - Handy
  - Batch-able
  - Quick

# The infamous MS08-067(which was exploited by Conficker)

- Conficker worm exploited this vulnerability to propagate through internal network.
- Easy target for binary diffing: only 2 functions changed.
- One is a change in calling convention.
- The other is the function that has the vulnerability

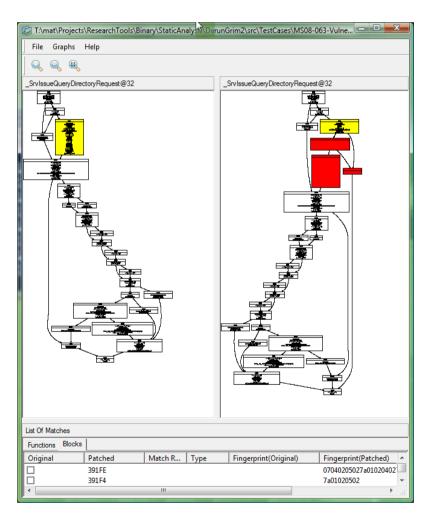
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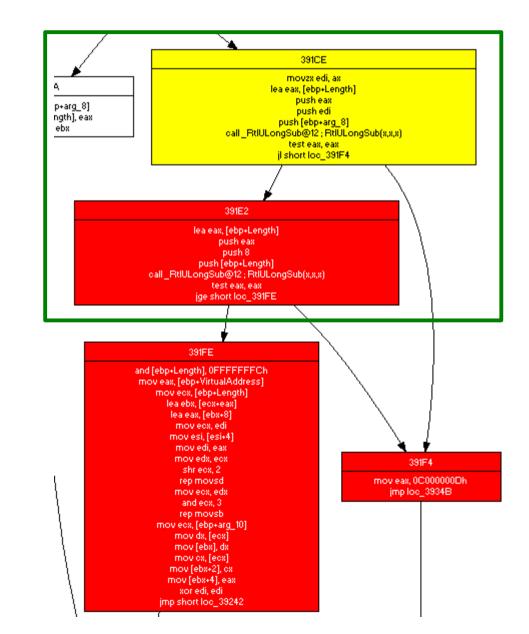
# Modified Functions

Original	Unmat	Patched	Unmat	Different	Matched	M	$\mathcal{X}$
SrvCompleteRfcbClose@4	0	_SrvCompleteRfcbClose@4	1	3	18	90%	
SrvRestartRawReceive@4	0	@SrvRestartRawReceive@4	1	5	25	90%	
SrvIssueQueryDirectoryRequest@32	0	_SrvIssueQueryDirectoryRequest@32	2	1	23	94%	
func_1D0E4	0	func_1CD48	0	1	11	95%	
SrvFsdRestartPrepareRawMdlWrite	0	@SrvFsdRestartPrepareRawMdlWrite@4	3	1	43	95%	
SrvRequestOplock@12	0	_SrvRequestOplock@12	0	2	40	97%	
GenerateOpen2Response@8	0	_GenerateOpen2Response@8	0	1	57	99%	

#### MS08-063: DarunGrim2 vs bindiff \_SrvIssueQueryDirectoryRequest@32



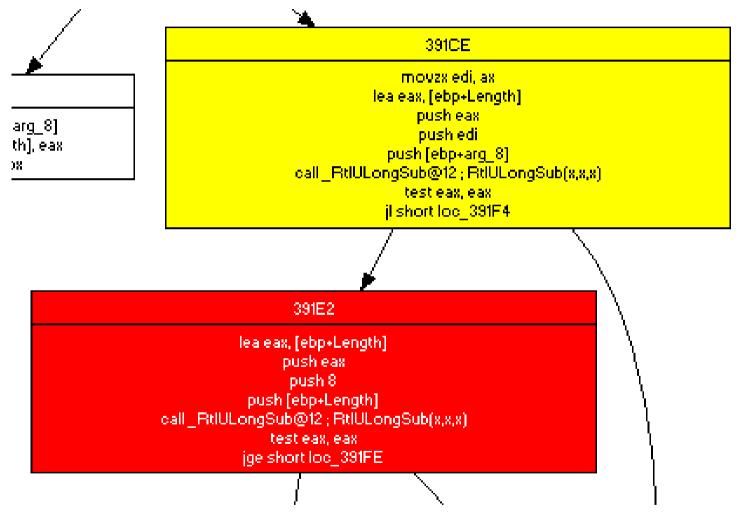
#### MS08-063: DarunGrim2 vs bindiff Patched Blocks



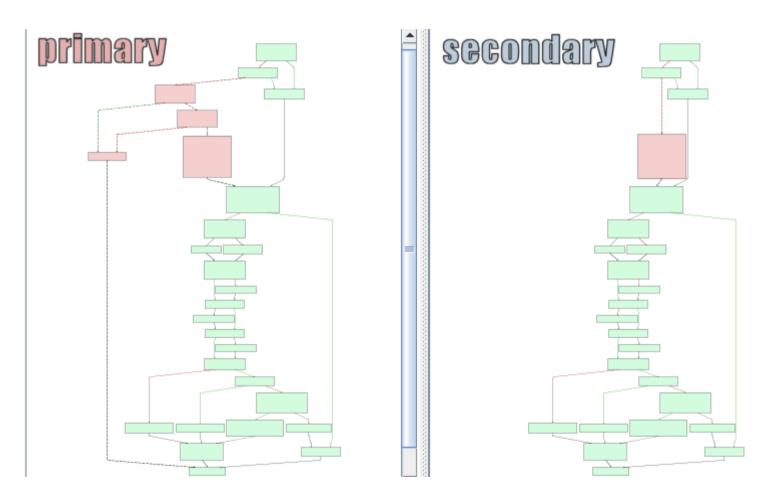
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movzx ecx, cx	
moviebx, [ebp+arg_8]	
sublebx, ecx	
sublebx, 8	
and ebx, 0FFFFFFFCh	
mov [ebp+Length], ebx	
moviedx, [ebp+VirtualAddress]	
add ebx, edx	
lea edi, [ebx+8]	
moviesi, [eax+4]	
moviedx, ecx	
shriecx, 2	
rep movsd	
moviecx, edx	
and ecx, 3	
rep movsb	
movicx, [eax]	
mov [ebx], cx	
mov ax, [eax]	
mov [ebx+2], ax	
lea eax, [ebx+8]	
mov [ebx+4], eax	
xor edi, edi	
jmp short loc_392A9	

# MS08-063: DarunGrim2 vs bindiff

#### Patched Blocks



#### MS08-063: DarunGrim2 vs bindiff Bindiff Results



#### MS08-063: DarunGrim2 vs bindiff False Negatives

\_SrvCompleteRfcbClose@4 @SrvRestartRawReceive@4 \_SrvIssueQueryDirectoryRequest@32 func\_1D0E4 @SrvFsdRestartPrepareRawMdIWrite... \_SrvRequestOplock@12

\_GenerateOpen2Response@8

SrvFsdRestartPrepareRawMdlWrite SrvIssueQueryDirectoryRequest SrvRestartRawReceive

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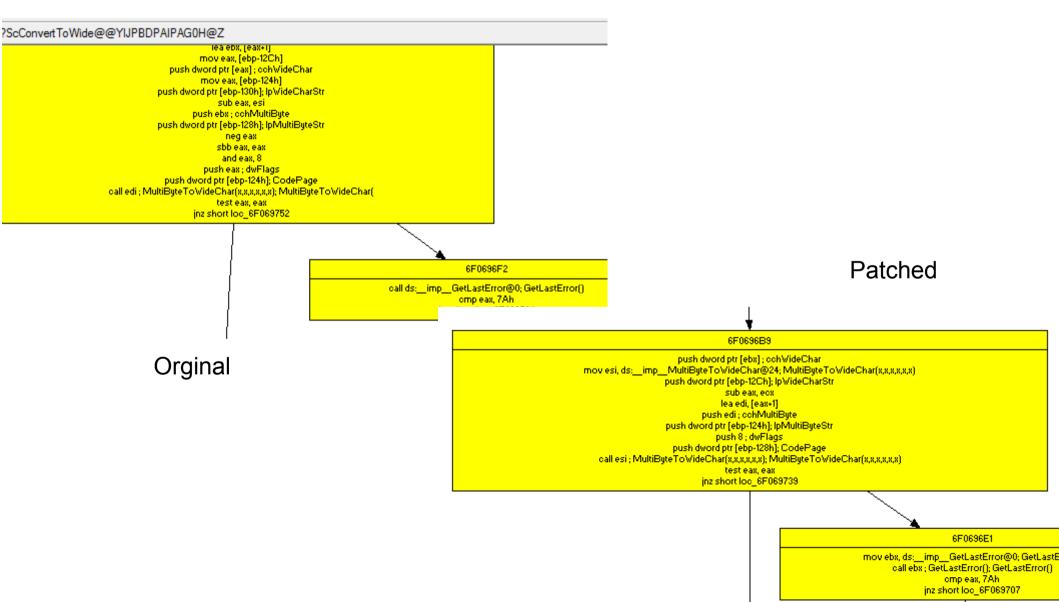
#### MS09-020: WebDav case Patched Function looks almost same

?ScConvertToWide@@YUPBD...

0 ?ScConvertToWide@@YIJPBDPA...

10 16 80%

0



#### MS09-020: WebDav case Flags has changed

Original

mov eax, [ebp-12Ch] push dword ptr [eax] ; cchWideChar mov eax, [ebp-124h] push dword ptr [ebp-130h]; lpWideCharStr sub eax, esi push ebx ; cchMultiByte push dword ptr [ebp-128h]; lpMultiByteStr

neg eax

sbbleax, eax and eax, 8

push eax ; dwFlags push dword ptr [ebp-124h]; CodePage call edi ; MultiByteToWideChar(x,x,x,x,x); MultiByteToWideChar(

Patched

push dword ptr [ebx]; cchWideChar mov esi, ds:\_\_imp\_\_\_MultiByteToWideChar@24; MultiByteToWideChar(x,x,x,x,x,x) push dword ptr [ebp-12Ch]; lpWideCharStr sub eax, ecx lea edi, [eax+1] push edi ; cchMultiByte push dword ptr [ebp-124h]; lpMultiByteStr push dword ptr [ebp-128h]; CodePage call esi ; MultiByteToWideChar(x,x,x,x,x); MultiByteToWideChar(x,x,x,x,x,x)

#### MS09-020: WebDav case What does flag 8 mean?

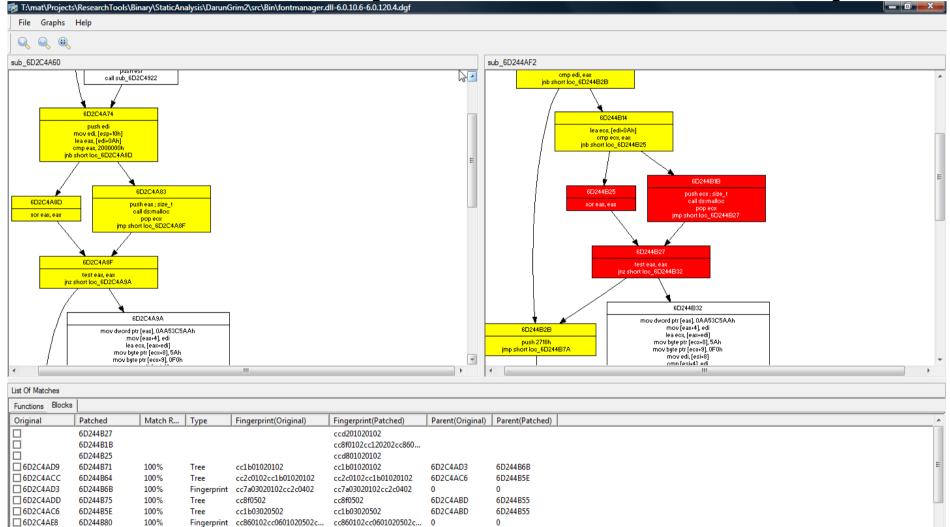
MSDN(http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dd319072(VS.85).aspx) declares like following:

MB\_ERR\_INVALID\_CHARS Windows Vista and later: The function does not drop illegal code points if the application does not set this flag. Windows 2000 Service Pack 4, Windows XP: Fail if an invalid input character is encountered. *If this flag is not set, the function silently drops illegal code points.* A call to GetLastError returns ERROR\_NO\_UNICODE\_TRANSLATION.

### MS09-020: WebDav case Broken UTF8 Heuristics?

```
6F0695EA mov esi, 0FDE9h
,,,,
6F069641 call ?FIsUTF8Url@@YIHPBD@Z;
FIsUTF8Url(char const *)
6F069646 test eax, eax
if(!eax)
    6F0695C3 xor edi. edi
    6F06964A mov [ebp-124h], edi
}else
{
    6F069650 cmp [ebp-124h], esi
}
6F0696C9 mov eax, [ebp-124h]
6F0696D5 sub eax, esi
6F0696DE neg eax
6F0696E0 sbb eax, eax
6F0696E2 and eax, 8
```

### JRE Font Manager Buffer Overflow(Sun Alert 254571)



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6D244B32

6D244B4E

6D2C4A9A

6D2C4AB6

0

Fingerprint cc7a01020402ccd801020... cc7a01020402ccd801020... 0

cc8f0502

cc8f0102cc100702

~~7-02020502~~7-04020

6D2C4ABD

6D2C4AB6

6D2C4AE2

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Tree

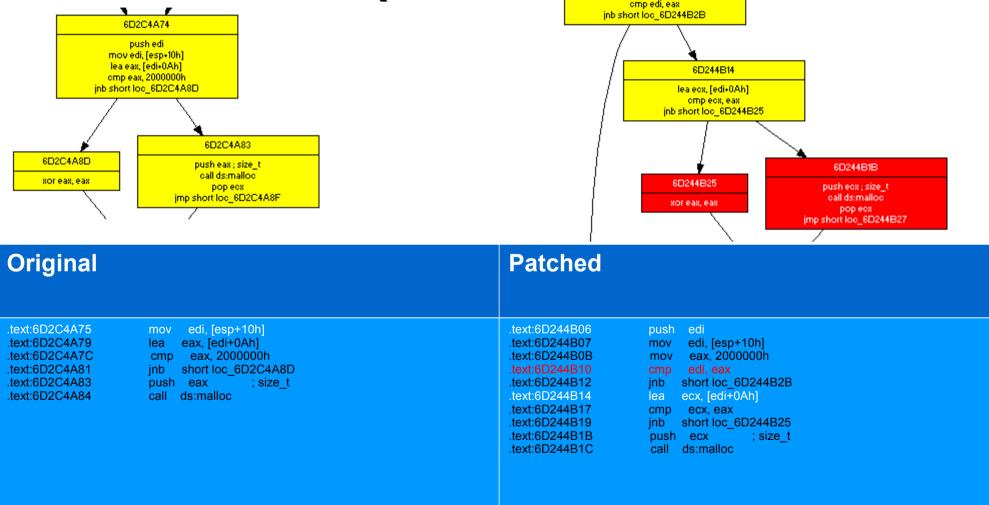
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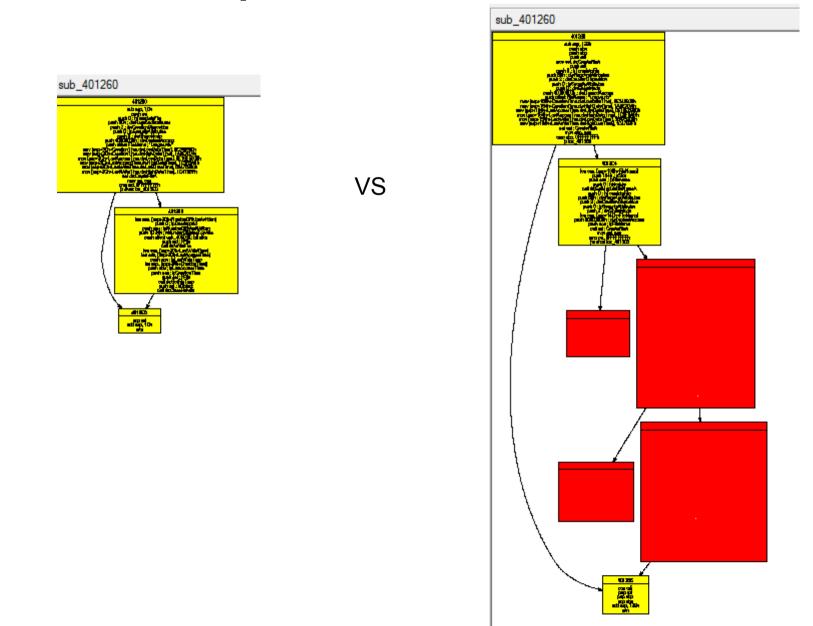
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# Malwares: 4<sup>th</sup> of July DDOS Attack

- On this 4<sup>th</sup> of July a DDOS attack was fired against some of US government and corporate sites.
  - It had very limited impact against the targets
- For some reason they changed their targets to South Korean government and major news sites.
  - This time it made a huge success and the targets were almost unreachable during the attack period(3 days).
  - During the time few variants of malware samples were collected.

### Malwares: 4<sup>th</sup> of July DDOS Attack: Comparison of variants



# Malwares: 4<sup>th</sup> of July DDOS Attack



•This is the routines that saves new attack targets. •From the binary this part was the only modification. It can save a lot of time for the malware analysists.

# Anti-Binary Diffing

- Symbol Mangling
- Reordering and replacing instructions
- CFG Altering
  - Call that never returns
  - Sharing Basic Blocks
  - Use multiple heads for a function
- CG Altering
  - Use proxy call

# Anti Binary Diffing Tool: Hondon

- Hondon= 혼돈 = 混沌 = Chaos
  - A state that can't be divided and defined.
- Don't do extensive code obfuscation that can affect performance
  - Just make the codes not disassemble-able easily.
  - Disassemblableness is not a mandatory feature for a legitimate binary.
  - Usually make IDA's the function recognition fail

# Anti Binary Diffing Tool: Hondon

- Implements CFG altering
  - Minor CFG altering breaks IDA
- Tested under 5.0 and 5.5.
  - 5.0 is broken severely
  - 5.5 is much better, but is still very confused with function recognition
- Hondon works as IDA plugin
  - In real world it should be implemented as a part of compiler(like Visual C++ or gcc).
  - Use binary rewriting to generate obfuscated binary

#### Hondon: Demo

Check if how IDA can be confused.

## Conclusion

- The 1-day exploit threat is real
  - Someone finds vulnerabilities fixed silently
  - Bugs tend to aggregate and many times around where bugs were found
  - Some fixes are incomplete and someone can find those facts and can exploit the conditions
- "Hondon" attacks binary-differs weak points
  - Dependency on disassemblers for CFG and CG

#### DarunGrim2 and Hondon

### http://www.darungrim.org

•All the source code and latest binaries will be uploaded within 2 weeks

#### Questions?