

Malware de Terminales

Punto de Venta:

evolución, tipos y características



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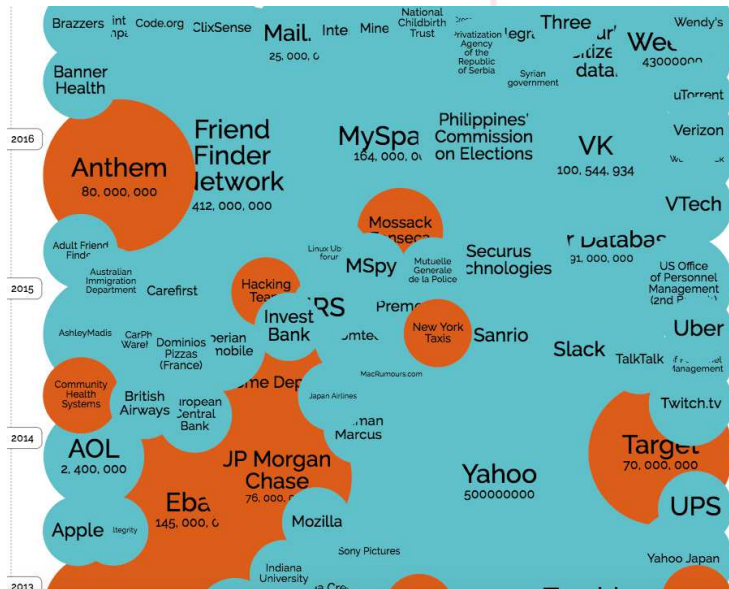


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Credits: <http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/worlds-biggest-data-breaches-hacks/>

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Credit & debit card data

- **Sought-after items in underground market**
 - US credit card data: \$1.5 ~ \$5 – discounts may apply when bulk buying!
 - EU credit card data are expensive (\$5 ~ \$8)
 - **Price depends in card type and other data** (e.g., US *fullz* data +\$20)
- **Minimum data needed to complete a payment**
 - Cardholder name, expiry date, and credit card number

Where are these data coming from, dude?

- **Mainly retrieved from Point-of-Sale (POS) devices**
 - In-store systems used to pay merchants for good or services
- Summary of publicly known cyberattacks in 2014 reported **36% related to stolen credit card customer data**
 - Mostly occurred at **retailers and restaurants**



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POS RAM Scrapping malware

- **Specially crafted malware** to attack these systems
- Currently, **their major threat (before it was network sniffing)**
- **Ad-hoc solutions from numerous vendors**

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Evolution and characterization of this kind of malware

RQ1. Functionality and persistence

RQ2. Processes search data scrapped

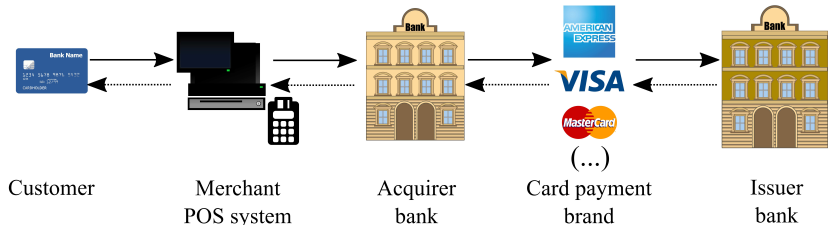
RQ3. Exfiltration of scrapped data

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POS Card Transaction Flow



But... where data may be accessed?

- **Data in memory:** in the processing machine while being manipulated
- **Data at rest:** temporarily or for long-term storing
- **Data in transit:** following between devices within the system
- **Own application** running into POS systems

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Payment Card Industries standard

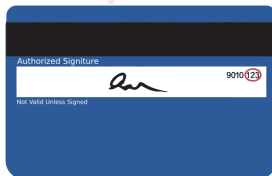
- **PCI Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS)**
 - Defines how sensitive cardholder data must be protected by the merchants and service providers (acquirer/issuer banks)
- **Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS)**
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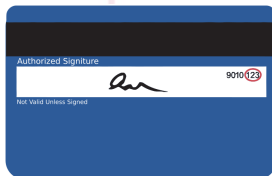
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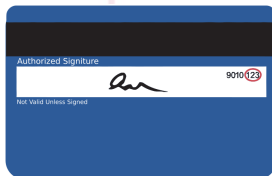
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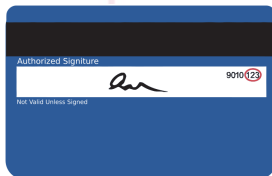
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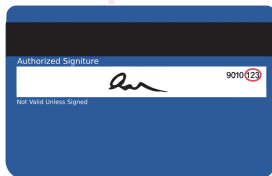
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Ways to Access to Credit Card Data



Magnetic Stripe

- Three tracks, but Track 3 not really used
 - Track 1 & 2: ISO/IEC 7813
 - Track 3: ISO/IEC 4909 (also known as THRIFT)

SS	FC	PAN	FS	CN	FS	ED	SC	DD	ES	LRC
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(a) Track 1

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(b) Track 2

Check this out! <https://youtu.be/UHSFf0Lz1qc>



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Contactless cards

- Just another door to access to the card content without *any* physical contact
- Payments of limited value (and limited amounts of time)

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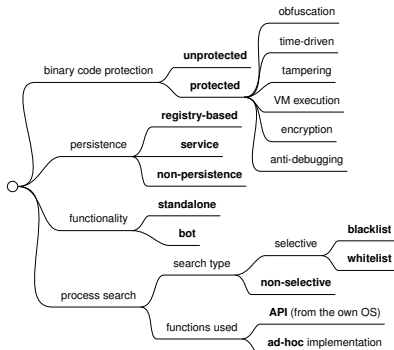
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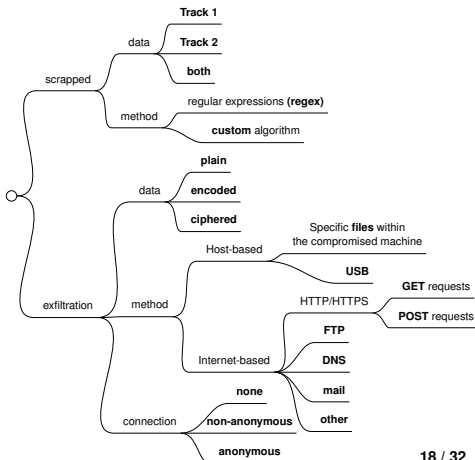
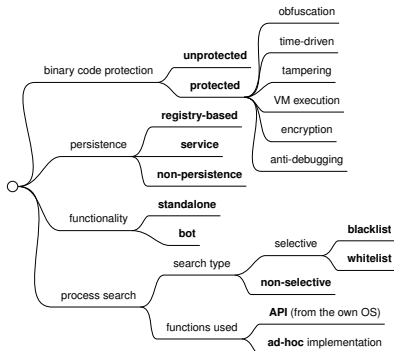
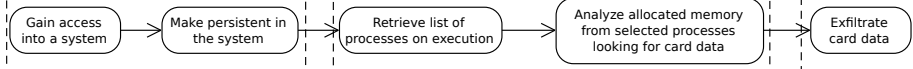
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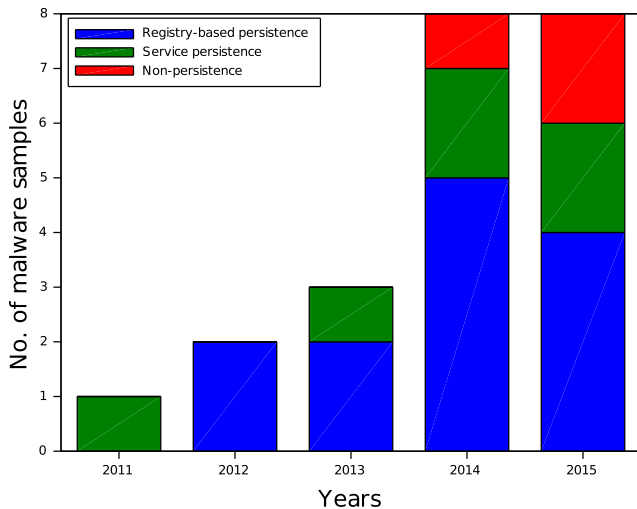


- 144 samples from 22 known families
- Sample with highest VT ratio selected as most representative

Malware family	Other names	Discovery date	Selected sample	VT ratio
rdasrv		2011 (Q4)	516cef2625a822a253b89b9ef523ba37	47 out of 52
ALINA		2012 (Q4)	1efeb85c8ec2c07dc0517ccca7e8d743	46 out of 55
Dexter		2012 (Q4)	70feec581cd97454a74a0d7c1d3183d1	50 out of 54
vSkimmer		2013 (Q1)	dae375687c520e06cb159887a37141bf	48 out of 55
BlackPOS	KAPTOXA, Reedum	2013 (Q2)	d9cc74f36ff173343c6c7e9b4db228cd	45 out of 52
FYSNA	Chewbacca	2013 (Q4)	21f8b9d9a6fa3a0cd3a3f0644636bf09	47 out of 55
Decebal		2014 (Q1)	d870d85e89f3596a016fdd393f5a8b39	41 out of 55
JackPOS		2014 (Q1)	75990dde85fa2722771bac1784447f39	41 out of 52
Soraya		2014 (Q2)	1483d0682f72dfef522ac726d22256	43 out of 55
BackOfff	PoSeidon, FindPOS	2014 (Q3)	17e1173f6fc7e920405f8dbde8c9ecac	49 out of 56
BrutPOS		2014 (Q3)	95b13cd79621931288bd8a8614c8483f	42 out of 53
FrameworkPOS	BlackPOS v2	2014 (Q3)	b57c5b49dab6bbd9f4c464d396414685	45 out of 56
GetmypassPOS		2014 (Q4)	1d8fd13c890060464019c0f07b928b1a	35 out of 56
LusyPOS		2014 (Q4)	bc7bf2584e3b039155265642268c94c7	47 out of 56
LogPOS		2015 (Q1)	af13e7583ed1b27c4ae219e344a37e2b	44 out of 56
Punkey		2015 (Q2)	b1fe4120e3b38784f9fe57f6bb154517	44 out of 56
FighterPOS		2015 (Q2)	b0416d389b0b59776fe4c4ddeb407239	43 out of 57
NitlovePOS		2015 (Q2)	6cdd93dcb1c54a4e2b036d2e13b51216	47 out of 56
MalumPOS		2015 (Q2)	acdd2cffc40d73fdc11eb38954348612	36 out of 56
BernhardPOS		2015 (Q3)	e49820ef02ba5308ff84e4c8c12e7c3d	43 out of 56
GamaPOS		2015 (Q3)	58e5dd98015164b40de533e379ed6ac8	43 out of 55
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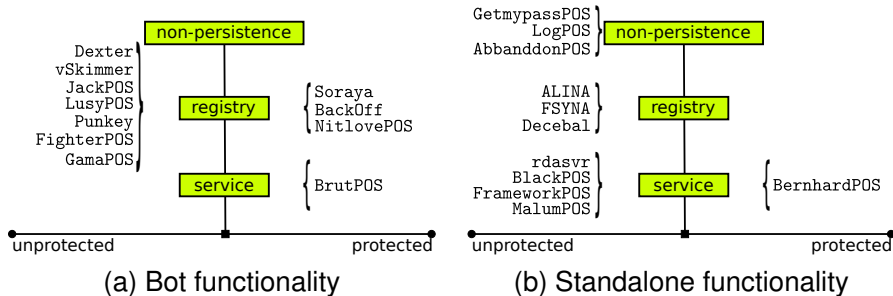
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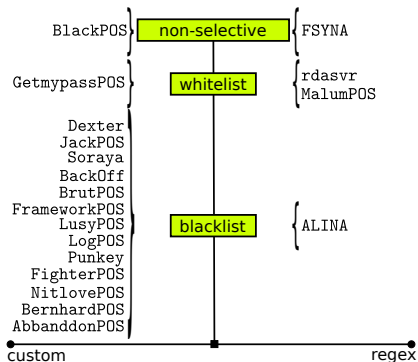
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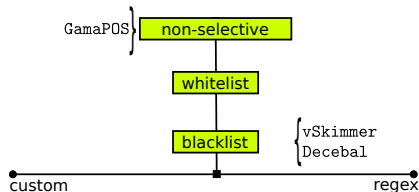
- **Mainly C++ and Delphi binaries**
 - GamaPOS is .NET
- **UPX and custom packer** (5 out of 22)
 - Only three families use anti-analysis tricks
- **Mostly registry-based persistence**
 - NitlovePOS uses NTFS ADS

Classification and Discussions

On Process and Data Search (1)



(a) Both tracks



(b) Track 2



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On Process and Data Search (2)

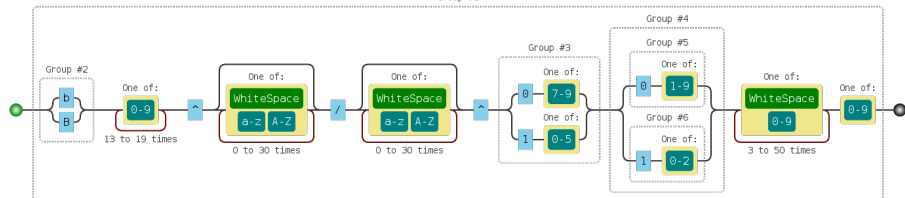


- **Mostly process blacklisting**
 - AbbandonPOS only excludes itself 😊
 - 3 out of 22 search for particular processes
 - The same number analyze any process on execution
- **Windows APIs for collecting processes**
 - *CreateToolhelp32Snapshot*
 - *EnumProcesses*
 - *ZwQuerySystemInformation* (BernhardPOS)
- **Read of process memory from the malware itself**
 - BernhardPOS, LogPOS: **inject the reading process** into the victim's process 😊
- **Some samples include a custom implementation of Luhn formula**
- Track 1 & Track 2, or Track 2 only. None looks only for Track 1 data.

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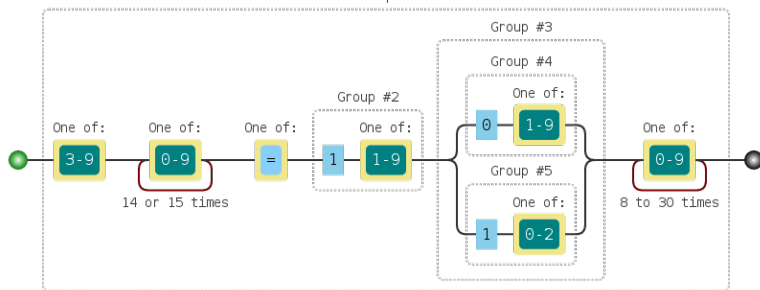
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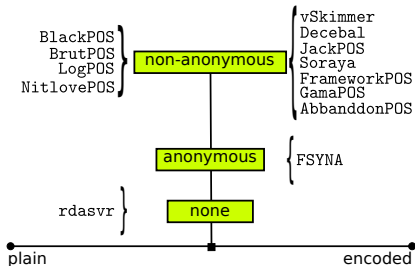
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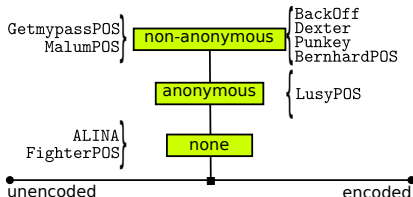


Classification and Discussions (VI)

On Exfiltration



(a) Non-ciphered



(b) Ciphered

- Mainly, data encoded or/and ciphered
- HTTP POST (commonly)
 - 3 out of 22 generate files in the compromised machine
 - DNS requests and specific USB drives (e.g., vSkimmer)
- Non-anonymous communication
 - FSYNA, LusyPOS use TOR network

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The diagram illustrates the process of Dynamic Binary Instrumentation. A dashed box labeled 'Arbitrary code' is positioned above a vertical dashed arrow pointing downwards to the text 'Running code'. This indicates that the arbitrary code is inserted into the execution flow of the running code.

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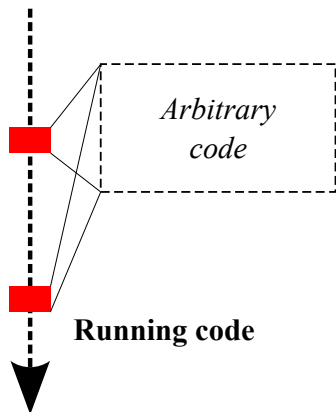
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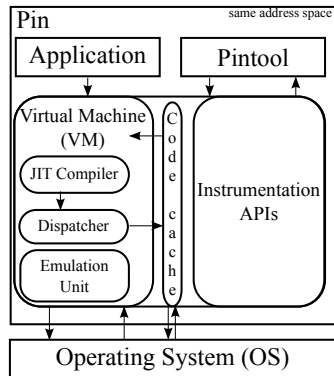
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Pin



What is Pin?

- Framework **designed by Intel**
- Allows to build **easy-to-use, portable, transparent and efficient instrumentation tools** (DBA, or Pintools)
- Recall: **instrumentation enables the execution of arbitrary code during run-time of a binary**



PinAPIhook

- APIs intercepted: **files, registry, processes, network**
- We intercept when a program *calls* any API to inspect parameters and execution result
 - Note that **we could fake the return result**



MD5: 0de9765c9c40c2c2f372bf92e0ce7b68
(slightly patched for demo)

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Others...

- Tool to identify credit card data in commercial payment systems
 - Scraps the network packets
- Security analysis of audio MSRs for mobile devices

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