

Automated detection of antivirus coverage

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What?



Terminology

- What is a “virus”?
- We will use the term “malware”.

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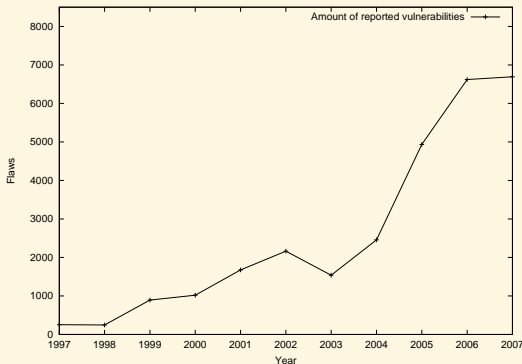
- An arbitrary amount of antivirus applications running the same types of operations with centralized control - possible?
- ... if so, implement such a system

The amount of malware increases



- The Internet grows → More targets
- There are existing solutions, but none of them are optimal
- A malware market has been established
 - Economic values
 - Sophisticated-hard-to-detect malware
- Complexity of software rise → More bugs/flaws

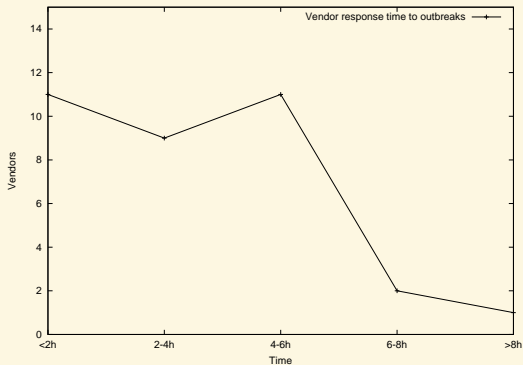
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Source: <http://nvd.nist.gov>

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Detection rates



Source: <http://www.av-test.org>

Naming of malware



Product	Virus signature name
AhnLab-V3	Win-Trojan/Agent.20480.KQ
AntiVir	TR/Agent.46592.C
BitDefender	Backdoor.Generic.58074
Ikarus	Backdoor.Pigeon.6620
K7AntiVirus	Trojan.Win32.Agent.Family
NOD32v2	Win32/Agent.OBH
Sophos	Generic Patcher
Symantec	Trojan Horse
TrendMicro	PAK_Generic.001
Webwasher-Gateway16	Trojan.Agent.46592.C

Possible solutions



- Multiple antivirus applications on the same computer
- metascan
- virustotal.com

Requirements and fulfillment



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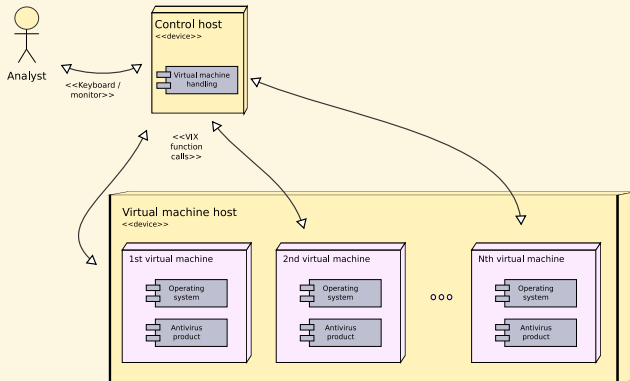
- Centralized control
- Automated scanning with result aggregation
- Support for scanning and virus definition updates
- Reversing any infections to the system(s) scanning the files

How to fulfill the reqs

- Virtualization - VMware server
- The automation API - VIX

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Implementation



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Problems



- Memory
- False negatives/positives
- Command line requirement

The future



- Exponential growth of polymorphic malware samples make signature based antivirus scans a dead end (?)
- Heuristic scanning broken by design
- Dynamic analysis on the fly?

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