Evading detection is the key to success for cybercriminals. In order to bypass the latest firewalls and network gateways, malware delivery tactics and digital attributes need to evolve – constantly.

As a result, the cybercriminals' body of work is fast-growing and represents millions of active threats. Some are known and defensible through the use of malware detection technology; other threats are new and so sophisticated that they can modify their own digital signatures to prevent detection.

The good news is that you don’t have to go it alone. If you suspect a compromise, the Tevora Malware Analysis and Reverse Engineering services have what it takes to stop the threat, clean the system, and build your defenses to help protect you from future attacks.

Threat Dissection

While “families” of malware possess similar traits, the goals, purpose, and skills behind each piece of malicious software are as unique as its criminal creator. Coupled with the perpetual need to evolve to avoid detection, malware therefore varies widely in scripting patterns, payload delivery, and behavior.

Tevora takes a comprehensive and highly scalable approach to detecting and analyzing unknown, advanced, and targeted malware. Using automated tools, our process begins with the examination of network traffic, file activity, and registry keys for basic “indicators of compromise.” These help us rapidly identify and quarantine the suspected software and minimize its impact on the environment.

How Tevora Dissects and Reverses Threats

1. Isolate
   - Utilize automated malware detection and analysis tools to gain a high-level understanding of how the malware interacts with the environment
   - Using tools and visual examination, determine how the malware has been packaged to obfuscate its inner workings
   - Conduct a static analysis to examine code structure for insights on how payload is executed

2. Analyze
   - Deploy malware in an isolated environment to discover all functionality, behavior, and to determine motive
   - Snapshot system configurations, files, and settings before and after running malware to identify anomalies
   - Monitor network traffic to identify any inbound and outbound connections

3. Respond
   - Reverse engineer the malicious code to review functionality and logic for hidden agenda or purpose
   - Look for additional functionality within the malware that may not have been triggered
   - Apply insights from analysis and reverse engineering to determine how to eradicate the malware and the appropriate defenses for future protection
The malicious software then is isolated in our advanced malware analysis lab in an environment that mirrors your network. There, our experienced analysts conduct a static analysis of the code structure to understand the malware’s purpose through its embedded resources, hashes, embedded strings, and other attributes.

Our team also performs a dynamic forensic analysis of the malware through its attack life cycle. The malware is executed and allowed to run in our isolated environment so that its behavior can be learned. Close monitoring by our team and “before-after” snapshots of system configurations, files, and settings enable a better understanding of what the malware is designed to do – and helps direct focus on what other systems and information are at risk.

Reversing the Threat

The in-depth phases of our analysis return a wealth of knowledge of the malware’s purpose and behavior. Reverse engineering – including decoding encrypted data, decompiling and disassembling the exe binary – surfaces deeper insights into the bits of code to reveal the software’s critical logic and functionality. These provide valuable and actionable insights that support the effective removal of the malware from the system, and drive the appropriate strategies for defending against it in the future.

Good Security Is Good Business

Our credentialed Tevora senior consultants apply their depth of experience to view each security issue through a business lens. We know that an MBA is as important as a CISSP, and we take the time to learn our client’s unique challenges. We combine our technical knowledge with practical business acumen to produce and execute strategies – such as our comprehensive Tevora Malware Analysis and Reverse Engineering services – that guide our clients in an evolving threat landscape, fortify their assets, and build a secure foundation for the future.