

# ROBUST MALWARE DETECTION FOR INTERNET CONNECTED DEVICES USING DEEP EIGEN SPACE LEARNING

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**Abstract** – Internet of Things (IoT) in military setting generally consists of a diverse range of Internet-connected devices and nodes (e.g. medical devices to wearable combat uniforms), which are a valuable target for cyber criminals, particularly state-sponsored or nation state actors. A common attack vector is the use of malware. In this paper, we present a deep learning based method to detect Internet of Battlefield Things (IoBT) malware via the device's Operational Code (OpCode) sequence. We transmute OpCodes into a vector space and apply a deep Eigenspace learning approach to classify malicious and benign application. We also demonstrate the robustness of our proposed approach in malware detection and its sustainability against junk code insertion attacks. Lastly, we make available our malware sample on Github, which hopefully will benefit future research efforts (e.g. for evaluation of proposed malware detection approaches).

**Key Words:** malware, IoBT, Deep Eigen space.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Junk Software Injection Attack is a software anti-forensic tactic used against OpCode inspection. As the name suggests, the introduction of junk code that involve the incorporation of innocuous OpCode sequences that do not run in malware, or the inclusion of instructions (e.g. NOP) that do not necessarily make any difference in malware operations. Junk Code Injection Technique is typically intended to obscure the malicious OpCode sequence and that the 'proportion' of malicious OpCodes in malware in our suggested solution, we use affinity-based requirements to minimize junk OpCode injection anti- forensics. Specifically, our feature collection approach excludes less detailed OpCodes to minimize the impact of insertion of OpCodes garbage. To show the efficacy of our proposed solution to Code Insertion Attack, In an incremental manner, a specified proportion of all the elements in the graph generated by each sample was chosen randomly and their value increased by one. For example, in the 4th iteration of the evaluations, 20% of the indices in each sample graph were chosen to increase their value by one. In addition, the probability of repeated feature collection for simulate has been included in our assessments and several injections of OpCode.

Incrementing  $E_{i,j}$  in the sample generated graph is equal to injecting  $OpCode_j$  next to  $OpCode_i$  in the sample instruction series to deceive the detection algorithm. Algorithm 2 describes the iteration of the junk code insertion during experiments, and this procedure should be repeated for each iteration of the k-fold validation. In order to demonstrate the robustness of our proposed solution and to compare it with existing proposals, two congruent algorithms mentioned in Section 1 are applied to our developed dataset using Adaboost as a classification algorithm.

## 1.1 OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

Robust malware detection for internet of things is a process performed by software and hardware. Input Architecture is the method of translating a user-oriented data definition into a computer-based program. This architecture is necessary in order to prevent mistakes in the data input process and to display the correct way to the management to get the correct information from the computerized system. This is done by designing user- friendly data entry screens to accommodate huge data volumes. The aim of input design is to make data entry simpler and error-free. The data entry system is designed in such a way that all data processing can be done. It also offers a record screening service. When the data is entered, it must test the authenticity of the results. Data can be entered with the aid of a phone. Reasonable alerts are received as appropriate so that the consumer is not immediately in maize. The goal of the interface design is therefore to create an interface structure that is simple to navigate.

## 1.2 EXISTING SYSTEM:

Malware identification approaches may be either static or dynamic. In contextual malware detection methods, the program is executed in a managed environment (e.g. a virtual machine or sandbox) to capture the functional characteristics, such as the necessary resources, the direction of execution, and the desired privilege, in order to identify the program as malware or benign. Static methods (e.g. signature-based detection, byte-based detection, OpCode sequence identification and control flow graph traversal) Statistically check the software code for questionable programs. David et al have proposed Deepsign to automatically detect malware using a

signature generation process. The above generates a dataset based on API call activity records, registry entries, site queries, port accesses, etc., in a sandbox and transforms records to a binary matrix. They used the deep-seated network for classification and allegedly achieved 98.6 percent accuracy. In another study, Pascanu et al. suggested a method for modeling malware execution using natural language processing. They extracted the relevant features using a recurrent neural network to predict future API calls. Both logistic regression and multi-layer perceptrons were then used as a classification module. Next API call estimation and use the history of previous events as functionality. It has been recorded that a true positive rate of 98.3 percent and a false positive rate of 0.1 percent is obtained. Demme et al. investigated the feasibility of developing a malware detector on IoT node hardware using output counters as a learning tool and K- Nearest Neighbor, Decision Tree and Random Forest as classifiers. The reported accuracy rate for specific malware families varies from 25 percent to 100 percent. Alam et al. used Random Forest to identify malware codes on a dataset of Internet-connected mobile apps. They run APKs in an Android emulator and documented different features, such as memory detail, permissions and a network for classification, and tested their approach using different tree sizes. Their results have shown that the ideal classifier includes 40 trees and a mean square root of 0.0171 has been obtained.

### 1.3 PROPOSED SYSTEM:

In our suggested solution, we use affinity-based criteria to minimize junk OpCode anti-forensic injection technique. Specifically, our function collection process excludes fewer instructive OpCodes to minimize the effects of insertion of OpCodes garbage. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first OpCode based deep learning method for IoT and IoBT malware detection. We then demonstrate the robustness of our proposed approach, against existing OpCode based malware detection systems. We also demonstrate the effectiveness of our proposed approach against junk-code insertion attacks. Specifically, our proposed approach employs a class-wise feature selection technique to overrule less important OpCodes in order to resist junk- code insertion attacks. Furthermore, we leverage all elements of Eigenspace to increase detection rate and sustainability. Finally, as a secondary contribution, we share a normalized dataset of IoT malware and benign applications<sup>2</sup>, which may be used by fellow researchers to evaluate and benchmark future malware detection approaches. On the other hand, since the proposed method belongs to OpCode based detection category, it could be adaptable for non-IoT platforms. IoT and IoBT application are likely to consist of a long sequence of OpCodes, which are instructions to be performed on device processing unit. In order to disassemble samples, we utilized Objdump (GNU binutils version 2.27.90) as a disassembler to extract the OpCodes. Creating n-gram Op- Code sequence is a common approach to classify malware

based on their disassembled codes. The number of rudimentary features for length N is CN, where C is the size of instruction set. It is clear that a significant increase in N will result in feature explosion. In addition, decreasing the size of feature increases robustness and effectiveness of detection because ineffective features will affect performance of the machine learning approach.

### 1.4 REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS

The research included reviewing the functionality of a few apps in order to make the program more user-friendly. To do so, it was very important to keep the navigation from one computer to the other well ordered and at the same time to minimize the amount of typing that the user has to do. In order to make the application more available, the version of the browser had to be selected to be compliant with the most of the browsers.

#### Functional Requirements

Graphical User interface with the User.

#### Software Requirements

For developing the application the following are the Software Requirements:

Python

Django

#### Operating Systems supported

Windows 7

Windows XP

Windows 8

#### Technologies and Languages used to Develop

Python

#### Debugger and Emulator

Any Browser (Particularly Chrome)

#### Hardware Requirements

For developing the application the following are the Hardware Requirements:

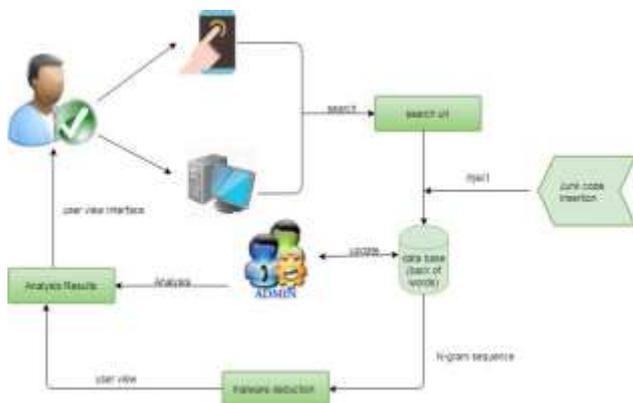
Processor: Pentium IV or higher

RAM: 256 MB

Space on Hard Disk: minimum 512MB

**2. SYSTEM DESIGN**

**2.1 ARCHITECTURE**



**2.2 ALGORITHM:**

Algorithm: Junk Code Insertion Procedure  
 Input: Trained Classifier D, Test Samples S, Junk Code Percentage k  
 Output: Predicted Class for Test Samples  
 P1:  $P = fg$   
 2: for each sample in S do  
 3:  $W =$  Compute the CFG of sample based on Section 4.14:  $R =$  fselect k% of W's index randomly (Allowd uplicate indices)  
 5: for each index in R do 6:  
 $W_{index} = W_{index} + 1$   
 7: end for  
 8: Normalize W  
 9:  $e_1; e_2 =$  1st and 2nd eigenvectors of W  
 10:  $l_1; l_2 =$  1st and 2nd eigenvalues of W  
 11:  $P = P \cup \{e_1, e_2; l_1, l_2\}$   
 12: end for  
 13: return P

**2.3 INPUT AND OUTPUT DESIGN**

**2.3.1 Input Design**

The configuration of the input is the relation between the information system and the customer. It involves the creation of requirements and procedures for data preparation and these measures are required to position transaction data in a functional form for analysis and can be accomplished by checking a device for reading data from a written or printed record or by making people lock the data directly into the database. The input architecture focuses on managing the amount of input required, reducing errors, preventing delays, avoiding unnecessary steps and making the process quick. The feedback is built in such a way

as to maintain protection and ease of use while maintaining.

**2.3.2 Output Design**

A standard performance is one that meets the requirements of the end user and communicates the details clearly. In any system, the effects of the processing are transmitted by outputs to users and to other systems. In the production process, it is decided how the material is to be transferred for immediate use, as well as the output of the hard copy. This is the most critical and clear source information to the customer. Effective and insightful performance architecture strengthens the interaction of the device and help users make decisions.

- Designing the output of the machine should continue in an coordinated, well thought-out manner; the correct output should be produced thus ensuring that every output feature is configured so that the program can be used conveniently and efficiently. When evaluating the program output configuration, they will define the unique performance required to satisfy the requirements.
- Pick the methods to display the details.
- Build a text, study or other format containing information generated by the device.

**2.4 DEEP EIGENSPACE LEARNING AND DEEPLARNING**

**2.4.1 Deep Eigenspace Learning**

A prevalent data type in machine learning is graphs as a complex data structure for representing relationships between vertices. There are very few algorithms for data mining and deep learning that consider a graph as an input. A logical alternative is therefore to integrate a graph into a vector space. Graph embedding is essentially a bridge between recognizing statistical patterns and graph mining. Eigenvectors and individual values are two characteristic elements in the continuum of the graph, which could turn the adjacency matrix of a graph linearly into a vector space. It denotes ownvectors, uniqueness values and the adjacency or affinity matrix of a line. In this article, for the learning process, we employ a sub-set of  $v$  and  $\dot{y}$ .

$$Av = \lambda v$$

To obtain substantive knowledge of the structure of CGFs generated, a graph is produced which illustrates the cumulative of all samples in our dataset. The figure below consists of two major diagonal building blocks (marked with red boundaries), indicating that the samples contain two main data distributions. Based on the spectrum theory of the graph, there should be an explicit own gap in the proper values of the matrix in this case, and it depicts the presence of a gap between  $\pi_2$  and  $\pi_k(k>2)$ .

## 2.4.2 Deep Learning

Deep Learning or Deep structural learning is an evolved version of Neural Network. There are few or several basic, interconnected nodes called neurons in a standard NN. In a few layers, NN's neurons are arranged, namely: an input layer, several unseen layers and an output layer. DL as a "upgraded" NN phenomenon, focuses on deeper understanding of the data structure by focusing on the strengths and functionalities of the hidden layer. Recently, deep learning has been successfully applied to tackle problems across a range of applications, including speech recognition and machine vision. DL types, such as Convolutional Networks, Limited Boltzmann Machines and Sparse Coding.

## 2.5 MODULES:

There are three modules can be divided here for this project they are listed as below

- User Activity
- Malware Deduction
- Junk Code Insertion Attacks

From the above three modules, project is implemented. Bag of discriminative words are achieved

### 2.5.1 User Activity:

User managing IOT(Internet Thought Example for Nest Smart House, Kisi Smart Lock, Canary Smart Protection Network, DHL's IoT Tracking and Monitoring Program, Cisco's Wired Warehouse, ProGlove 's Smart Glove, Kohler Verdera Smart Mirror) for a variety of occasions. If some computer targets any unauthorized malware apps, this malware contains personal data per user hazard, bank account numbers and any kind of personal documents are hacking possible.

### 2.5.2 Malware Deduction

Users scan any connection in particular, not all network traffic data created by malicious applications equate to malicious content. Many malwares take the form of repackaged benign apps; thus, malware may also include the basic functionality of the benign device. Subsequently, the network traffic that they produce can be described by mixed benevolent and malicious network traffic. We're looking at the traffic flow header using N-gram method from the natural language processing.

#### Junk Code Insertion Attacks:

Junk Code Injection Attack is a software anti-forensic tactic used against OpCode inspection. As the name suggests, the introduction of junk code can involve the incorporation of innocuous OpCode sequences that do not run in malware, or the inclusion of instructions (e.g. NOP) that do not necessarily make any difference in malware operations. Junk Code Injection Technique is typically designed to obscure the malicious OpCode sequence and reduce the proportion of malicious OpCodes in a malware.

## 3. CONCLUSION:

In the near future, IoT, in particular IoBT, will become increasingly relevant. No malware mitigation approach would be foolproof, but we can be confident of a relentless battle between cyber attackers and cyber defenders. It is therefore critical that we maintain constant pressure on the actors at risk. In this article, we introduced a class-wise IoT and IoBT malware identification method. In this paper, we presented an IoT and IoBT malware detection approach based on the class-wise selection of the Op-Codes sequence as a classification task feature. A graph of selected features has been created for each sample and a deep self-space learning approach has been used for malware detection. Our tests showed the robustness of our malware detection strategy at an accuracy rate of 98.37% and a precision rate of 98.59%, as well as the potential to prevent junk code intrusion attacks.

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