

# Cuckoo modified

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# About Cuckoo

- Cuckoo is an open source automated malware analysis system.
- It's used to automatically run and analyze files and collect comprehensive analysis results that outline what the malware does while running inside an isolated Windows operating system



# About Cuckoo modified

- Cuckoo modified is a forked, modified version of Cuckoo (<https://github.com/spender-sandbox/cuckoo-modified>)
- Advantages over the original Cuckoo
  - A) Fully-normalized file and registry names
  - B) 64-bit analysis
  - C) Handling of WoW64 filesystem redirection
  - D) Many additional API hooks
  - E) Service monitoring
  - F) Correlates API calls to malware call chains
  - G) Ability to follow APC injection and stealth explorer injection
  - H) Pretty-printed API flags
  - I) Per-analysis Tor support
  - J) Over 150 new signature modules (over 75 developed solely by Optiv)
  - K) Anti-anti-sandbox and anti-anti-VM techniques built-in
  - L) More stable hooking
  - M) Ability to restore removed hooks
  - N) Greatly improved behavioral analysis and signature module API
  - O) Ability to post comments about analyses
  - P) Deep hooks in IE's JavaScript and DOM engines usable for Exploit Kit identification
  - Q) Automatic extraction and submission of interesting files from ZIPs, RARs, RFC 2822 emails (.eml), and Outlook .msg files
  - R) Direct submission of AV quarantine files (Forefront, McAfee, Trend Micro, Kaspersky, MalwareBytes, MSE/SCEP, and SEP12 formats currently supported)
  - S) Automatic malware classification by [Malheur](#)



# Cuckoo Testing Environment

- Host machine: Ubuntu Desktop 16.04.3 LTS
- Virtual environment: VirtualBox

# Cuckoo modified Installation (guest OS)

- Install VirtualBox

## ◎ Setup apt repository

```
deb http://download.virtualbox.org/virtualbox/debian xenial contrib
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:/etc/apt$ pwd
/etc/apt
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:/etc/apt$ cat sources.list
```

## ◎ Setup Oracle public key

```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:/etc/apt$ wget -q https://www.virtualbox.org/download/oracle_vbox_2016.asc
-O- | sudo apt-key add -
OK
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:/etc/apt$ wget -q https://www.virtualbox.org/download/oracle_vbox.asc -O- | sudo apt-key add
-
OK
```

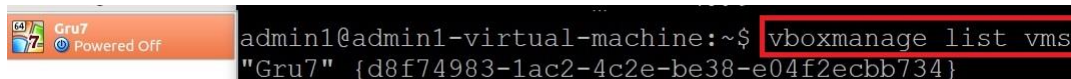
## ◎ Install Oracle VirtualBox

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install virtualbox-5.1
```

# Cuckoo modified Installation (guest OS)

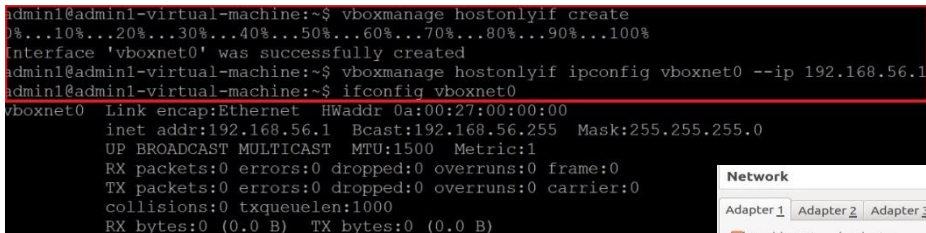
- Create and Configure Guest VM (VirtualBox)

© Install Guest OS (Windows 7 x64)

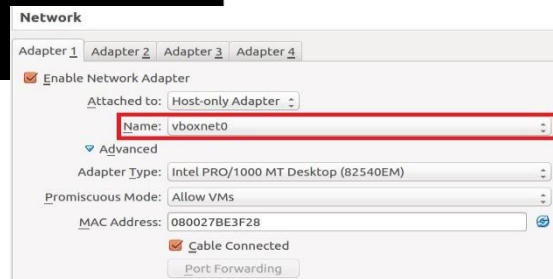


```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~$ vboxmanage list vms
"Gru7" {d8f74983-1ac2-4c2e-be38-e04f2ecbb734}
```

© Configure host-only network



```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~$ vboxmanage hostonlyif create
0%...10%...20%...30%...40%...50%...60%...70%...80%...90%...100%
Interface 'vboxnet0' was successfully created
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~$ vboxmanage hostonlyif ipconfig vboxnet0 --ip 192.168.56.1
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~$ ifconfig vboxnet0
vboxnet0  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 0a:00:27:00:00:00
           inet addr:192.168.56.1  Bcast:192.168.56.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
           UP BROADCAST MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
           RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
           TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
           collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
           RX bytes:0 (0.0 B)  TX bytes:0 (0.0 B)
```



# Cuckoo modified Installation (guest OS)

- To make Cuckoo run properly in the virtualized Windows system, install some required software and libraries
  - Install Python (<https://www.python.org/ftp/python/2.7.13/python-2.7.13.msi>)
  - Install Python Image library (<http://www.pythonware.com/products/pil/>)
  - Turn off windows firewall, automatic updates and disable UAC
  - Install the agent

```
(venv) admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo/agent$ pwd
/home/admin1/.cuckoo/agent
(venv) admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo/agent$
(venv) admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo/agent$ ls -la
total 32
drwxrwxr-x 3 admin1 admin1 4096 Aug 12 20:01 .
drwxrwxr-x 14 admin1 admin1 4096 Aug 11 16:20 ..
-rw-rw-r-- 1 admin1 admin1 12307 Aug 11 09:56 agent.py
-rwxrwxr-x 1 admin1 admin1 386 Aug 11 09:56 agent.sh
drwxrwxr-x 3 admin1 admin1 4096 Aug 12 20:01 android
```

```
C:\Users\Cuckoo1\Downloads>dir
C:\Users\Cuckoo1\Downloads>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is ACE8-B5F9

Directory of C:\Users\Cuckoo1\Downloads

08/13/2017  05:12 AM  <DIR>          .
08/13/2017  05:12 AM  <DIR>          ..
08/13/2017  05:12 AM             6,573 agent.py
08/13/2017  05:10 AM             626,744 pscp.exe
08/13/2017  05:11 AM             19,161,008 python-2.7.13.msi
08/13/2017  05:10 AM             20,632,249 python-2.7.13.msi
                4 File(s)    20,632,249 bytes
                2 Dir(s)    71,575,404,544 bytes free
```

- Run the Agent

```
C:\Users\Cuckoo1\Downloads>agent.py
[+] Starting agent on 0.0.0.0:8000 ...
```



# Cuckoo modified Installation (guest OS)

## © Saving the virtual machine

```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified$ vboxmanage snapshot Gru/ take Snap1 --pause
0%...10%...20%...30%...40%...50%...60%...70%...80%...90%...100%
Snapshot taken. UUID: 329aadb-7d91-47e7-9ad8-2959fe111972
```

## © Power off the machine and restore it

```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified$ vboxmanage controlvm Gru/ poweroff
0%...10%...20%...30%...40%...50%...60%...70%...80%...90%...100%
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified$ vboxmanage snapshot Gru7 restorecurrent
Restoring snapshot 329aadb-7d91-47e7-9ad8-2959fe111972
0%...10%...20%...30%...40%...50%...60%...70%...80%...90%...100%
```

## © Edit virtualbox.conf

```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/conf$ pwd
~/home/admin1/cuckoo-modified/conf
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/conf$ file virtualbox.conf
virtualbox.conf ASCII text
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/conf$ make virtualbox.conf
[VirtualBox]
# Specify which VirtualBox mode you want to run your machines on.
# Can be "gui", "sdl" or "headless". Refer to VirtualBox's official
# documentation to understand the differences.
mode = gui
# Path to the local installation of the VBoxManage utility.
path = /usr/bin/VBoxManage
# Specify a comma-separated list of available machines to be used. For each
# specified ID you have to define a dedicated section containing the details
# on the respective machine. (E.g. cuckoo1,cuckoo2,cuckoo3)
machines = cuckoo1
[cuckoo1]
# Specify the label name of the current machine as specified in your
# MinimalBox configuration.
label = Gru7
# Specify the operating system platform used by current machine
# [windows/darwin/linux].
platform = windows
# Specify the IP address of the current virtual machine. Make sure that the
# IP address is valid and that the host machine is able to reach it. If not,
# the analysis will fail.
ip = 192.168.96.2
```

# Cuckoo modified Installation

- Install Python, MongoDB (to use Django-based web interface)

```
sudo apt-get install python  
sudo apt-get install mongodb
```

- Install ElasticSearch

```
add-apt-repository ppa:webupd8team/java  
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:webupd8team/java  
sudo wget -qO - https://packages.elasticsearch.org/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch | sudo apt-key add -  
sudo add-apt-repository "deb http://packages.elasticsearch.org/elasticsearch/1.4/debian stable main"  
sudo apt-get update  
sudo apt-get install oracle-java8-installer elasticsearch  
sudo  
Setting up java-wrappers (0.1.28) ...  
sudo apt-get install elasticsearch  
sudo update-rc.d elasticsearch defaults 95 10  
sudo /etc/init.d/elasticsearch start
```

- Install SQLAlchemy and Python BSON

```
sudo apt-get install python-sqlalchemy python-bson
```

# Cuckoo modified Installation

- Install optional dependencies

```
sudo apt-get install python-dpkt python-jinja2 python-magic python-pymongo python-libvirt python-bottle python-pefile python-chardet swig libssl-dev clamav-daemon python-geoip geoip-database mono-utils
```

- For faster generation of PDF reports install wkhtmltopdf

```
sudo apt-get install wkhtmltopdf xvfb xfonts-100dpi
```

- If Pip is not installed, install Pip

```
sudo apt-get install python-pip
```

- Install Cybox and Maec

```
sudo pip install cybox==2.1.0.9
```

```
sudo pip install maec==4.1.0.11
```

# Cuckoo modified Installation

- Install YARA

```
wget https://github.com/VirusTotal/yara/archive/v3.6.3.tar.gz
tar -zxf v3.6.3.tar.gz
cd yara-3.6.3/
sudo apt-get install automake libtool make gcc
./bootstrap.sh
```

- Compile YARA with Cuckoo module

```
sudo apt-get install libjansson-dev
./configure --enable-cuckoo
make
sudo make install
```

- Run the test cases to make sure everything is fine

```
=====  
Testsuite summary for yara 3.6.3  
=====
```

# TOTAL:	6
# PASS:	6
# SKIP:	0
# XFAIL:	0
# FAIL:	0
# XPASS:	0
# ERROR:	0

```
=====
```

make[3]:	Leaving directory	'/home/admin1/yara-3.6.3'
make[2]:	Leaving directory	'/home/admin1/yara-3.6.3'
make[1]:	Leaving directory	'/home/admin1/yara-3.6.3'

```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/yara-3.6.3$ make check
```

# Cuckoo modified Installation

- Install pydeep

```
sudo apt-get install python-dev libfuzzy-dev
sudo git clone https://github.com/kbandla/pydeep.git
cd pydeep/
sudo python setup.py build
sudo python setup.py test
sudo python setup.py install
```

- Install tcpdump (installed by default in Ubuntu)
- Tcpdump requires root privileges, but since Cuckoo does not need to run as root set specific Linux capabilities to the binary

```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~$ sudo setcap cap_net_raw,cap_net_admin=eip /usr/sbin/tcpdump
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~$ getcap /usr/sbin/tcpdump
/usr/sbin/tcpdump = cap net admin,cap net raw+eip
```

# Cuckoo modified Installation

- Optional: Create a new user

```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~$ sudo adduser cuckoo
Adding user `cuckoo' ...
Adding new group `cuckoo' (1001) ...
Adding new user `cuckoo' (1001) with group `cuckoo' ...
Creating home directory `/home/cuckoo' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
```

- If using VirtualBox add the new user to the vboxusers group

```
sudo usermod -a -G vboxusers cuckoo
```

- Install Cuckoo modified

```
git clone https://github.com/spender-sandbox/cuckoo-modified
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/utils$ pwd
/home/admin1/cuckoo-modified/utils
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/utils$ ./community.py --force --rewrite --all
```

# Cuckoo modified Installation

- Configure the web interface

## © Install django

```
sudo pip install django
```

## © Enable Mongoddb

```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/conf$ pwd
/home/admin1/cuckoo-modified/conf
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/conf$ grep --color mongodb reporting.conf -A 1
[mongodb]
enabled = yes
```

## © Install missing modules

```
sudo pip install django-ratelimit
```

```
git clone https://github.com/rthalley/dnspython
cd dnspython/
sudo python setup.py install
```

```
sudo pip install requests
```

# Cuckoo modified Installation

- Configure the web interface

## © Apply the migrations

```
System check identified no issues (0 silenced).

You have 13 unapplied migration(s). Your project may not work properly until you apply the migrations for app(s): admin, auth, contenttypes, sessions
Run 'python manage.py migrate' to apply them.

admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/web$ python manage.py migrate
Operations to perform:
  Apply all migrations: admin, auth, contenttypes, sessions
Running migrations:
  Applying contenttypes.0001_initial... OK
  Applying auth.0001_initial... OK
  Applying admin.0001_initial... OK
  Applying admin.0002_logentry_remove_auto_add... OK
  Applying contenttypes.0002_remove_content_type_name... OK
  Applying auth.0002_alter_permission_name_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0003_alter_user_email_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0004_alter_user_username_opts... OK
  Applying auth.0005_alter_user_last_login_null... OK
  Applying auth.0006_require_contenttypes_0002... OK
  Applying auth.0007_alter_validators_add_error_messages... OK
  Applying auth.0008_alter_user_username_max_length... OK
  Applying sessions.0001_initial... OK
```



# Cuckoo modified Installation

- Configure the web interface

```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/web$ python manage.py runserver
Performing system checks...

System check identified no issues (0 silenced).
August 11, 2017 - 10:42:56
Django version 1.11.4, using settings 'web.settings'
Starting development server at http://127.0.0.1:8000/
Quit the server with CONTROL-C.

admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/web$ python manage.py runserver 192.168.10.111:8000
Performing system checks...

System check identified no issues (0 silenced).
August 11, 2017 - 10:44:56
Django version 1.11.4, using settings 'web.settings'
Starting development server at http://192.168.10.111:8000/
Quit the server with CONTROL-C.
```

© Resolve /\* NoneType' object has no attribute 'upper \*/ when starting the web interface

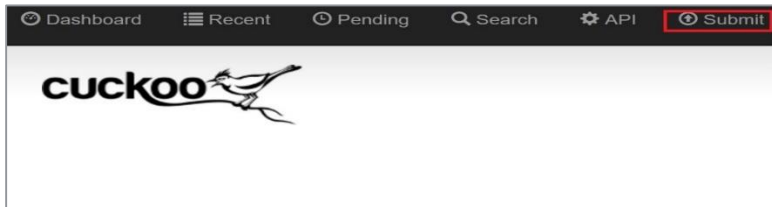
```
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/web/web$ pwd
/home/admin1/cuckoo-modified/web/web
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/web/web$ file settings.py
settings.py: Python script, ASCII text executable
admin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified/web/web$ grep UTC --color settings.py -B 1 -A 1
USE_TZ = True
TIME_ZONE = "UTC"
```

# Submit a file through the web interfaces

- Run cuckoo

```
2017-08-13 05:33:59,195 [lib.cuckoo.core.resultserver] DEBUG: ResultServer running on 192.168.56.1:2042.
2017-08-13 05:33:59,197 [lib.cuckoo.core.scheduler] INFO: Using "virtualbox" machine manager with max_analysis_count=0, max_machines
unt=10
2017-08-13 05:33:59,278 [modules.machinery.virtualbox] DEBUG: Getting status for Gru7
2017-08-13 05:33:59,351 [modules.machinery.virtualbox] DEBUG: Machine Gru7 status saved
2017-08-13 05:33:59,363 [modules.machinery.virtualbox] DEBUG: Stopping vm Gru7
2017-08-13 05:33:59,364 [modules.machinery.virtualbox] DEBUG: Getting status for Gru7
2017-08-13 05:33:59,449 [modules.machinery.virtualbox] DEBUG: Machine Gru7 status saved
2017-08-13 05:34:00,471 [modules.machinery.virtualbox] DEBUG: VBoxManage exited with error powering off the machine
2017-08-13 05:34:00,473 [modules.machinery.virtualbox] DEBUG: Getting status for Gru7
2017-08-13 05:34:00,634 [modules.machinery.virtualbox] DEBUG: Machine Gru7 status saved
2017-08-13 05:34:00,654 [lib.cuckoo.core.scheduler] INFO: Loaded 1 machine/s
2017-08-13 05:34:00,666 [lib.cuckoo.core.scheduler] INFO: Waiting for analysis tasks.
^Cadmin1@admin1-virtual-machine:~/cuckoo-modified$ python cuckoo.py -d
```

- Submit a file



# Submit a file through the web interfaces

- Submit a file

The screenshot shows a web interface for submitting a file for analysis. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "File" (highlighted with a red box), "Quarantine File", "URL", and "PCAP". Below the tabs is a text input field containing "ZEPTO bin" and a "Select" button. A section titled "Advanced Options" contains several configuration fields:

- Analysis Package:** A dropdown menu set to "Detect Automatically".
- Machine:** A dropdown menu set to "First available".
- Timeout:** An empty text input field.
- Options (help):** An empty text input field.
- Priority:** A dropdown menu set to "Low".
- Clock:** An empty text input field with a calendar icon on the right.
- Custom:** An empty text input field.

At the bottom, there is a list of checkboxes for additional options:

- No Injection (disable behavioral analysis)
- No Fake Referrer for URL Tasks
- Enable Tor transparent proxy
- Disable automated interaction
- Process Memory Dump
- Enforce Timeout

At the very bottom of the form is an "Analyze" button, highlighted with a red box.

# References

- Cuckoo website  
<https://cuckoosandbox.org>
- GitHub  
<https://github.com/cuckoosandbox/cuckoo>
- Cuckoo modified Github  
<https://github.com/spender-sandbox/cuckoo-modified>