Viper Documentation

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CHAPTER 1

What is Viper?

Viper is a binary analysis and management framework. Its fundamental objective is to provide a solution to easily organize your collection of malware and exploit samples as well as your collection of scripts you created or found over the time to facilitate your daily research. Think of it as a *Metasploit* for malware researchers: it provides a terminal interface that you can use to store, search and analyze arbitrary files with and a framework to easily create plugins of any sort.

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CHAPTER 2

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2.1 Installation

Viper is written in Python and requires **Python >= 3.6**. As of Viper 2.0, Python 2.x is no longer supported. In this documentation we will use Debian GNU/Linux based distributions, such as Ubuntu, as a reference platform. The following installation instructions should apply similarly to other distributions and possibly to Mac OS X as well, although it has not been properly tested.

Before proceeding, you should make sure you have the basic tools installed to be able to compile additional Python extensions:

```
$ sudo apt-get install git gcc python3-dev python3-pip
```

To install Viper from pip:

```
$ pip3 install viper-framework
```

To update Viper from pip:

```
$ pip3 install -U viper-framework
```

The console script *viper* will then be installed in \$HOME/.local/bin, make sure to have the folder added to your \$PATH. If you wish to install Viper globally:

```
$ sudo pip3 install viper-framework
```

To install Viper from sources:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/viper-framework/viper
$ cd viper
$ pip3 install .
```

2.1.1 First launch

If everything worked out fine, you should be able to launch Viper's shell without raising any exceptions, like following:

```
nex@nex:~/$ viper

(_)

| | | | | _ \| _ _ |/ ___)
| V /| | | _ | | _ _ | |
| \_/ |_ | __/ | ___) | v2.0

| | | | | | | | ___ | |
| You have 0 files in your default repository

You do not have any modules installed!
If you wish to download community modules from GitHub run:
    update-modules
viper >
```

On the first launch you will notice that Viper warns you that you do not have any modules installed. Since Viper 2.0 modules are installed separately.

In order to have support for the most basic modules, you will need to install the following dependencies too before proceeding:

```
\ sudo apt-get install libssl-dev swig libffi-dev ssdeep libfuzzy-dev unrar-free _{\! \_} _{\! \! \to \! \! \! \! \! p7zip-full}
```

You can now download the modules directly from our community GitHub repository using:

```
viper > update-modules
```

Modules will be installed in \$HOME/.viper/modules. If you wish to do so, you can manually add modules of your own to that folder.

2.1.2 Uninstall

To uninstall Viper:

```
$ pip3 uninstall -y viper-framework
```

2.1.3 Module Dependencies

The following dependencies are required to use specific modules.

Exif:

```
$ sudo apt-get install exiftool
```

ClamAV:

```
$ sudo apt-get install clamav-daemon
```

Tor:

```
$ sudo apt-get install tor
```

Scraper:

```
$ sudo apt-get install libdpkg-perl
```

2.2 Usage

2.2.1 Concepts

Before proceeding in learning the functioning of each available command and module, you need to understand some fundamental design concept that represent the foundation of Viper itself.

Projects

Viper allows you to create and operate on a collection of files. One collection represent one project.

You can create as many projects as you want and you can easily switch from one to another. Each project will have its own local repositories of binary files, a SQLite database containing metadata and an history file which contains all the commands you provided through Viper's shell exclusively in the context of the opened project.

In this way you can for example create different workbenches for each malware campaign, malware family or threat actor you're investigating. You can also easily pack up and share the whole project folder with your friends and colleagues.

As you can see from Viper's help message, you can specify a project name at startup:

When doing so, Viper will try to open an existing project with the given name and if it doesn't exist it will initialize it under the projects/folder.

If you opened a project, it will appear both in a startup message as well as in Viper's terminal:

From within the terminal, you can see which projects exist and eventually you can switch from one to another:

More details on the projects command are available in the *Commands* chapter.

Sessions

Most of commands and especially modules provided by Viper, are designed to operate on a single file, being a Windows executable or a PDF or whatever else.

In order to do so, you'll have to open the file of your choice and every time you do so a new **session** will be created. You'll be able to see the name of the file you opened in the terminal:

From then on, every command and module you launch will execute against the file you just opened (if the module requires to do so obviously).

Similarly to the projects, you can just as easily see which sessions you have currently opened:

You can eventually decide to switch to a different one:

```
viper darkcomet.exe > sessions --switch 1 [*] Switched to session #1 on \sim/viper/binaries/1/5/c/3/ \hookrightarrow 15c34d2b0e834727949dbacea897db33c785a32ac606c0935e3758c8dc975535 viper blackshades.exe >
```

You can also abandon the current session with the close command (the session will remain available if you wish to re-open it later):

```
viper blackshades.exe > close
viper >
```

A session will also keep track of the results of the last find command so that you'll be able to easily open new sessions without having to perform repeated searches on your repository. You can find more details about this in the *Commands* chapter.

Please note that if you switch to a whole different project, you'll lose the opened sessions.

Commands & Modules

The operations you can execute within Viper are fundamentally distinguished between **commands** and **modules**. Commands are functions that are provided by Viper's core and enable you to interact with the file repository (by adding, searching, tagging and removing files), with projects and with sessions. They are static and they should not be modified.

Modules are plugins that are dynamically loaded by Viper at startup and are contained under the ~/.viper/modules/folder. Modules implement additional analytical functions that can be executed on an opened file or on the whole repository, for example: analyzing PE32 executables, parsing PDF documents, analyzing Office documents, clustering files by fuzzy hashing or imphash, etc.

Modules are the most actively developed portion of Viper and they represent the most important avenue for contributions from the community: if you have an idea or you want to re-implement a script that you have lying around, make sure you submit it to Viper.

Database

The database that stores all meta information is per default in an sqlite database stored at:

```
$HOME/.viper/viper.db
```

Binaries

The files are stored in a folder structure within:

```
$HOME/.viper/binaries
```

2.2.2 Commands

Viper provides a set of core commands used to interact repositories of files you want to collect. In order to see which commands are available, type help:

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```
| Clear the console
clear
             | Close the current session
| close
сору
             | Copy opened file(s) into another project
delete
             | Delete the opened file
| exit, quit
              | Exit Viper
export
              | Export the current session to file or zip
| find
              | Find a file
| help
             | Show this help message
| info
             | Show information on the opened file
new
             | Create new file
             | View, add and edit notes on the opened file or project
notes
open
             | Open a file
Rename the file in the database
rename
sessions
             | List or switch sessions
             | Viper Collection Statistics
stats
       | Store the opened file to the local repository
| Modify tags of the opened file
store
| update-modules | Download Viper modules from the community GitHub repository |
```

Following are details for all the currently available commands.

about

The **about** command can be used to display some useful information regarding the Viper instance you are currently running. This includes the versions of both Viper itself and of your Python installation. Additionally the path of the active configuration file is shown:

analysis

The **analysis** command can be used to display stored analysis.:

```
viper foo.txt > analysis -h
usage: analysis [-h] [-l | -v ANALYSIS ID | -d ANALYSIS ID]
```

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```
View the stored analysis

optional arguments:

-h, --help show this help message and exit
-l, --list List all module results available for the current file
-v ANALYSIS ID, --view ANALYSIS ID

View the specified analysis
-d ANALYSIS ID, --delete ANALYSIS ID

Delete an existing analysis
```

This stores the modules run with the file in question, so after you did some scans and run **analysis -l** to see all stored analysis:

To view the output of a previously ran analysis use **analysis -v** this has the advantage that it is much faster than run modules again:

```
viper aasf.jpg > analysis -v 6
[*] Cmd Line: xor
[*] Searching for the following strings:
- This Program
- GetSystemDirectory
- CreateFile
- IsBadReadPtr
- IsBadWritePtrGetProcAddress
- LoadLibrary
- WinExec
- CreateFileShellExecute
- CloseHandle
- UrlDownloadToFile
- GetTempPath
- ReadFile
- WriteFile
- SetFilePointer
- GetProcAddr
- VirtualAlloc
- http
[*] Hold on, this might take a while...
[*] Searching XOR
```

To safe space it might be useful to delete a stored analysis using **analysis** -d

clear

Clear the console

close

This command simply abandon a session that was previously opened. Note that the session will actually remain available in case you want to re-open it later.

copy

The copy command let's you copy the opened file into another project. By default the stored analysis results, notes and tags will also be copied. If the file has children related to it then these will not be copied by default. Also copying all children (recursively) can be enabled by passing the --children or -c flag.

If the --delete or -d is passed then the files will be copied to the specified project and then deleted from the local project:

```
viper foo.txt > copy -h
usage: copy [-h] [-d] [--no-analysis] [--no-notes] [--no-tags] [-c] project
Copy opened file into another project
positional arguments:
           Project to copy file(s) to
 project
optional arguments:
 -h, --help show this help message and exit
 -d, --delete
                 delete original file(s) after copy ('move')
  --no-analysis do not copy analysis details
 --no-notes do not copy notes
--no-tags do not copy tags
 -c, --children also copy all children - if --delete was selected also the
                 children will be deleted from current project after copy
viper foo.txt > copy -d foobar
[+] Copied: e2c94230decedbf4174ac3e35c6160a4c9324862c37cf45124920e63627624c1 (foo.txt)
[*] Deleted: e2c94230decedbf4174ac3e35c6160a4c9324862c37cf45124920e63627624c1
[+] Successfully copied sample(s)
```

delete

The delete command you simply remove the currently opened file from the local repository:

```
viper poisonivy.exe > delete
Are you sure you want to delete this binary? Can't be reverted! [y/n] y
[+] File deleted
viper >
```

exit, quit

Exit Viper

export

The export command is used to export the currently opened file to the target path or archive name. You can zip up the file in a new archive too:

find

In order to quickly recover files you previously stored in the local repository, you can use the find command. Following is its help message:

This command expects a key and eventually a value. As shown by the help message, these are the available keys:

- all: this will simply return all available files.
- latest (optional limit value): this will return the latest 5 (or whichever limit you specified) files added to the local repository.
- name (required value): this will find files matching the given name pattern (you can use wildcards).
- md5 (required value): search by md5 hash.
- sha256 (required value): search by sha256 hash.
- tag (required value): search by tag name.
- **note** (required value): find files that possess notes matching the given pattern.
- any (required value): find files that possess any matching the given pattern.
- ssdeep (required value): find files that possess any matching the given sseep value.

For example:

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help

Show help message

info

The info command will return you some basic information on the file you currently have opened, for example:

```
viper poisonivy.exe > info
      | Value
| Name | poisonivy.exe
| Tags | rat, poisonivy
| Path | ~/viper/binaries/5/0/8/5/
| Size | 133007
| Type | PE32 executable (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows
| Mime | application/x-dosexec
      | 22f77c113cc6d43d8c12ed3c9fb39825
MD5
| SHA256 | 50855f9321de846f6a02b264e25e4c59983badb912c3c51d8c71fcd517205f26
| SHA512 |_
\rightarrow 6743b06e8b243d513457949ad407d80992254c99b9835eb1ed03fbc0e88a062f0bb09bfd4dd9c0d43093b2a5419ecdb6898
| SSdeep | 3072:I41RkAehGfzmuqTPryFm81e+ZNX2TpF3Vb:I41RkAehaKuqT+FD17NXs7B
| CRC32 | 4090D32C
| Parent |
| Children |
```

new

To create new file within viper the new command will then open the default text editor to write input for the file. After exiting the editor a session with the **not stored** file is opened in viper. This might save time without the need to exit viper to touch a new textfile in the viper session:

```
viper > new
Enter a title for the new file: viper_docu_demo.txt
[*] Session opened on /tmp/tmpjo86tcr1
[*] New file with title "viper_docu_demo.txt" added to the current session
```

notes

During an analysis you might want to keep track of your discoveries and results. Instead of having unorganized text files lying around, Viper allows you to create notes directly linked to the relevant files and even search across them. When you have a file opened, you can add any number of text notes associated to it through the notes command. This is the help message:

As shown in the help message, you can list add a note:

```
viper poisonivy.exe > notes --add
Enter a title for the new note:
```

Now you should enter a title, when you proceed Viper will open your default editor to edit the body of the note. Once done and the editor is closed, the new note will be stored:

```
[*] New note with title "Domains" added to the current file
```

Now you can see the new note in the list and view its content:

```
viper poisonivy.exe > notes --list
+---+----+
| ID | Title |
+---+----+
| 1 | Domains |
+---+----+
viper poisonivy.exe > notes --view 1
[*] Title: Domains
[*] Body:
- poisonivy.malicious.tld
- poisonivy2.malicious.tld
```

It is also possible to add notes directly to the project without associating it to a file. With no file open, notes created will only be added to the project. If a file is open, a project note can be added by using the --project flag:

```
viper poisonivy.exe > notes --add --project
Enter a title for the new note:
```

You can list the project notes when a file is open with the command shown below:

```
viper poisonivy.exe > notes --list --project
+---+---+
| ID | Title |
+---+---+
| 1 | Domains |
+---+----+
```

open

As explained in the *Concepts* chapter, Viper supports the concept of **session**, which is an execution context created when a specific file is opened and closed only when requested by the user. In order to create a session, you need to issue an open command. Following is the help message:

```
usage: open [-h] [-f] [-u] [-t] <target|md5|sha256>

Options:
    --help (-h) Show this help message
    --file (-f) The target is a file
    --url (-u) The target is a URL
    --last (-l) Open file from the results of the last find command
    --tor (-t) Download the file through Tor

You can also specify a MD5 or SHA256 hash to a previously stored
file in order to open a session on it.
```

You can fundamentally open:

- A file available in the local repository
- · Any file available on the local filesystem
- Any URL

If you don't specify any option, Viper will interpret the value you provided as an hash it has to look up in the local database, for example:

If you want to open a file elsewhere on the filesystem, you need to specify the --file (or -f) flag:

```
viper > open -f /tmp/poisonivy.exe
[*] Session opened on /tmp/poisonivy.exe
```

If you want to open an URL you can use the --url flag:

```
viper > open --url http://malicious.tld/path/to/file.exe
[*] Session opened on /tmp/tmpcuIOIj
viper tmpcuIOIj >
```

If you have Tor running, you can fetch the file through it by additionally specifying --tor.

Through the open command you can also directly open one of the entries from the results of the last executed find command, for example:

parent

Add or remove a parent file.:

To add a parent file for an file **parent -a** is used:

```
viper viper_docu_demo.txt > parent -a_
[*] parent added to the currently opened file
[*] Refreshing session to update attributes...
[*] Session opened on /home/viper/.viper/projects/demo/binaries/1/c/d/6/
→1cd63c1dc1004f9d43321be71fa05a4331083e85c500c7b8dade894d82358061
viper viper_docu_demo.txt > info
        | Value
| Key
| Name | viper_docu_demo.txt
| Tags
      | /home/viper/.viper/projects/demo/binaries/1/c/d/6/
→1cd63c1dc1004f9d43321be71fa05a4331083e85c500c7b8dade894d82358061
| Size | 11
| Type | UTF-8 Unicode text
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```

To open a session for the parent file **parent -o** is used (note the **children** section):

```
viper viper_docu_demo.txt > parent -o
[*] Session opened on /home/viper/.viper/projects/demo/binaries/7/4/9/b/
\rightarrow 749bb1bccfae3bc1996ad093312c4dc1c475a3488a2ea9f269482ce9d90b9af8
demo viper aasf.jpg > info
+-----
         | Value
| Name | aasf.jpg
Tags
| Path | /home/viper/.viper/projects/demo/binaries/7/4/9/b/
\rightarrow 749bb1bccfae3bc1996ad093312c4dc1c475a3488a2ea9f269482ce9d90b9af8
| Size
      | 1120
      | data
| Type
| Mime
      | application/octet-stream
         | 6296ff1a94c30a68d18748e7948c3ffa
 MD5
| bae357a94bffb3f33cae6f2610822f4008fa29e2
| SHA1
SHA256
         | 749bb1bccfae3bc1996ad093312c4dc1c475a3488a2ea9f269482ce9d90b9af8
| SHA512 |...
| SSdeep | 24:k3McZOX52TnV7/
→d1QLykkmjoOGBfBKWDZ2hy3tkRCoNplXNkye13N0B0rLO:k3McE8V7jQnjVG9wYcs3tVOXN%cytingk@nextpage)
```

projects

As anticipated in the *Concepts* section, Viper provides a way to create multiple **projects** which represent isolated collections of files. You can create a project by simply specifying a value to the --project argument at launch of viper.

From within the Viper viper, you can list the existing projects and switch from one to another by simply using the projects command. Following is the help message:

```
usage: projects [-h] [-l] [-s=project]

Options:
    --help (-h) Show this help message
    --list (-l) List all existing projects
    --switch (-s) Switch to the specified project
```

Each project will have its own local file repository, its own viper.db SQLite database and its own .viperhistory file, which is used to record the history of commands you entered in the terminal.

For example, this is how to launch Viper with a specific project:

From within the terminal, you can see which projects exist:

You can eventually switch to a different one:

```
test1 viper > projects --switch test2
[*] Switched to project test2
test2 viper >
```

Note that if you specify a name of a project that doesn't exist to the --switch parameter, Viper will create that project and open it nevertheless.

rename

Rename the file in the database with a prompt for the new filename (note: this will not rename the file on disk):

```
viper aasf.jpg > rename
[*] Current name is: aasf.jpg
New name: helloworld.jpg
 [*] Refreshing session to update attributes...
  \hspace{2.5cm} \color{red} \color{red} \color{blue} \color{bl
demo viper helloworld.jpg > info
 | Key | Value
 | Name | helloworld.jpg
 | Tags |
 | Path | /home/viper/.viper/projects/demo/binaries/7/4/9/b/
 →749bb1bccfae3bc1996ad093312c4dc1c475a3488a2ea9f269482ce9d90b9af8
 | Size | 1120
 | Type | data
 | Mime | application/octet-stream
 | MD5
                                          | 6296ff1a94c30a68d18748e7948c3ffa
                                          | bae357a94bffb3f33cae6f2610822f4008fa29e2
 | SHA1
                                          | 749bb1bccfae3bc1996ad093312c4dc1c475a3488a2ea9f269482ce9d90b9af8
 SHA256
 | SHA512
 \rightarrowe1408441b83346bb23a8929d86610cc7ac164a3d9ble963e14b1b6588779766b60fb13c3b10f801052b66\$a244c659012c-2014b1b6588779766b60fb13c3b10f801052b66
 | SSdeep | 24:k3McZOX52TnV7/
 →d1QLykkmjoOGBfBKWDZ2hy3tkRCoNplXNkye13N0B0rLO:k3McE8V7jQnjVG9wYcs3tVOXNky6N0KG
 | CRC32 | 220A0DE7
 | Parent |
 | Children | 1cd63c1dc1004f9d43321be71fa05a4331083e85c500c7b8dade894d82358061,
```

sessions

You can see which sessions are currently active and eventually switch from one to another through the sessions command. Following is the help message:

An example of execution is the following:

stats

Viper Collection Statistics:

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```
| pdf | 1
| doc | 1
| docx | 1
+----+
[*] Mime Types
                | Count |
Mime
| application/octet-stream | 5
| text/plain | 1
[*] Tags
+----+
| Tag | Count |
| tag333 | 1 | |
| tag1 | 1
[*] Size Stats
- Largest 109.44 KiB
- Smallest 11.00 B
- Average 59.97 KiB
```

store

The store command is used to store the currently opened file to the local repository. There are many options and filters you can apply, as shown in the following help message:

If you specify --delete it will instruct Viper to delete the original copy of the file you want to store in the local repository, for example:

If you want, you can store the content of an entire folder by specifying its path to the -folder parameter. In case the folder contains a large variety of files, you can filter which ones you're particularly interested in: with --file-size you can specify a maximum size in bytes, with --file-type you can specify a pattern of magic file type (e.g. PE32) and with --file-name you can specify a wildcard-enabled pattern to be matched with the file names (e.g. apt_*).

If you want, you can already specify a list of comma separated tags to apply to all files stored through the given command.

Following is an example:

```
viper > store --folder /tmp/malware --file-type PE32 --file-size 10000000 --file-name_

→apt_* --tags apt,trojan
```

tags

In order to easily group and identify files, Viper allows you to create one or more tags to be associated with them. This is the help message:

Once you have a file opened, you can add one ore more tags separated by a comma:

```
viper poisonivy.exe > tags --add rat,poisonivy
[*] Tags added to the currently opened file
[*] Refreshing session to update attributes...
[*] Session opened on ~/viper/binaries/5/0/8/5/

$\to$0855f9321de846f6a02b264e25e4c59983badb912c3c51d8c71fcd517205f26
```

Once added, the session will be refreshed so that the new attributes will be visible as you can see from the output of an info command:

```
viper poisonivy.exe > info
Key
      | Value
| Name | poisonivy.exe
| Tags | rat, poisonivy
      | ~/viper/binaries/5/0/8/5/
| Path
| Size | 133007
      | PE32 executable (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows
| Type
      | application/x-dosexec
| Mime
| MD5
      | 22f77c113cc6d43d8c12ed3c9fb39825
| SHA1 | dd639a7f682e985406256468d6df8a717e77b7f3
| SHA256 | 50855f9321de846f6a02b264e25e4c59983badb912c3c51d8c71fcd517205f26
```

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update-modules

Through this command you can download and update community modules from the dedicated GitHub repository.

2.2.3 HTTP Interfaces

Viper has two HTTP interfaces that can optionally be enabled alongside the console access.

- · Web interface
- · REST based API interface

The first one provides a graphical alternative to the traditional command-line interface, while the second one can be used to easily integrate Viper with other tools.

Security Considerations

Both the web interface and the REST API are implemented using the open source Python web framework Django (https://www.djangoproject.com/). Django is very widely used and the developers put a strong emphasis on web security.

Viper uses built-in features of Django to provide username/password based login to the web interface and token based authentication for the REST API. Django also provides a built-in web server that can be used to run a HTTP or a HTTPS web server. This works fine for small setups (e.g. single user with only a limited number of samples), but it is not recommended for bigger production scenarios.

Although both interfaces are developed with security in mind, users MUST be aware that exposing them to the Internet could potentially have a severe impact on the security of your system(s).

Malicious users/attackers that are able to gain access to the web interface or the REST API will not only have **full access to your Viper sample database** but will also be able to **execute commands on the hosting system**. Access could be gained by stealing/phishing the username/password, brute-forcing credentials or through authentication bypasses caused by implementation mistakes in Viper or bugs/design flaws in Django.

Web Interface

Viper comes with a basic HTML5 browser interface that can run alongside the command-line interface.

Its main features are:

- Project Switching / Creation
- Multiple File Upload
- · File Download
- · Extraction of Compressed uploads
- Full Search (including tag, name, mime, note, type)
- · Hex Viewer
- · Run Modules
- · Enter Notes
- Add / Delete / Modify Yara rules
- Add / Delete / Modify Tags

Configuration

For the configuration of the web interface please refer to the [web] section in your viper.conf file. There you can specify the IP address (e.g. 0.0.0.0 or 127.0.0.1) and port to listen on. Additionally you can configure HTTPS using TLS. This requires an x509 certificate and private key. Lastly you can setup the initial admin account and its password:

```
[web]
host = 0.0.0.0
port = 8080
tls = False
certificate =
key =
admin_username = admin
admin_password = changeme
```

Launching the web interface

To launch the web application, change into the viper directory and run the viper-web script. By default it launches a single threaded http Django development web server on localhost:8080. Please note that if there is no admin_password set, then a random password will be generated:

You can set the listening IP address and port on the commandline with parameters -H and -p:

You can also start an HTTPS web server with TLS enabled. This requires a regular x509 SSL/TLS certificate and key:

```
$: ./viper-web -H 0.0.0.0 -p 443 --tls --certificate viper.pem --key viper.key

[*] Using PEID info from directory: /home/user/.viper/peid

[*] Using Yara rules from directory: /home/user/.viper/yara

[!] There are outstanding Django DB migrations

[+] Applied outstanding migrations

[+] Created "admin" with initial password: nKAmWJluCS

[*] Starting Web Server on 0.0.0.0:8443

Validating models...

System check identified no issues (0 silenced).

February 04, 2018 - 17:49:48

Django version 2.0.1, using settings 'viper.web.settings'

Starting development server at https://0.0.0.0:443/

Using SSL certificate: ssl-cert.pem

Using SSL key: ssl-cert.key

Quit the server with CONTROL-C.
```

API

Viper provides a REST API through which the samples in all projects can be accessed and almost all commands that are available in the CLI can be executed. The REST API is a crucial part of the web interface and is therefore automatically started by the viper-web script.

In the past, the REST API was started separately from the web interface. This is no longer possible and the viper-api script has been removed.

The REST API is implemented using the [Django REST framework](http://www.django-rest-framework.org/), short DRF and is reachable after starting viper-web at:

```
http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/v3/
```

Additionally Viper makes use of [django-rest-swagger](https://marcgibbons.com/django-rest-swagger/), which automatically creates an interactive API documentation; all technical details about API endpoints and how to use them can be found at:

```
http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/v3/docs/
```

All requests to the REST API need to be authenticated with the only exception being a test interface (http://127.0.0.1: 8080/api/v3/test/). Authentication can either be done by providing a username/password or by sending an authorization header containing a token. These credentials can be managed in the Django admin interface (http://127.0.0.1:8080/admin/).

Using tokens is the recommended way of accessing the REST API.

Example: Uploading a file as a new sample using curl looks like this (note the trailing slash):

Response (HTTP Status Code: 201 Created):

```
[ {
    "url": "http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/v3/project/default/malware/
-24a05ea7cca0b976dd3dea2b436627bd70a303e91a82daa58d104f98eb5b7937/",
    "links": [
            "http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/v3/project/default/malware/
-24a05ea7cca0b976dd3dea2b436627bd70a303e91a82daa58d104f98eb5b7937/analysis/",
            "http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/v3/project/default/malware/
-24a05ea7cca0b976dd3dea2b436627bd70a303e91a82daa58d104f98eb5b7937/note/".
            "http://127.0.0.1:8080/api/v3/project/default/malware/
-24a05ea7cca0b976dd3dea2b436627bd70a303e91a82daa58d104f98eb5b7937/tag/"
    ],
    "data": {
        "created_at": "2018-02-04 17:56:53.172641", "sha256":
→"24a05ea7cca0b976dd3dea2b436627bd70a303e91a82daa58d104f98eb5b7937",
        "parent":null,
        "size":192,
        "sha1": "434656fde3f62bef3ed2d1fe2ac88085fbc17150",
        "ssdeep": "3:SQq3D7DQFCDqJMNLm9cFXmdd3WG/
→zAhlAHnd1FIati+v3sQ9scKJLAH4:SQq3D7DQFC8qK+wdd3WGYqvFIaFv3sQY",
        "crc32": "95AF7564",
        "type": "ASCII text",
        "id":1,
        "mime": "text/plain",
        "sha512":
→"166a850aa4423b887f14d74eba7a98c8df76bf4584385ce14d7719d5524784f878afae080a1ee2c26a92‡98100735a10d
        "parent_id":null,
        "md5": "8c15c2e4a48fe98483c7833bf0044fc4",
        "name": "your_file_name.txt"
} ]
```

User management

The credentials can be managed in the Django admin interface (http://127.0.0.1:8080/admin/).

Using Viper in a (web) production environment

In production use, its often not recommended to use the Django development web server. There are many generic descriptions of how to run a Django application in e.g. Apache, Nginx or uWSGI.

For Viper there is currently no finished step-by-step guide. Please feel free to send us a Pull Request on Github.. :-D https://github.com/viper-framework/viper/pulls

FAQ

Q: What is the default username and password for the web interface? A: The default username is "admin" and the password will be auto generated (or the value of admin_password in your viper.conf will be used)

Q: I didn't change (or write down) the auto generated password? How can I log in? A: The easiest way is to delete the Django database (\$storage_path/admin.db) and restart viper-web.

Q: Where can I find the API tokens? A: You can view and edit tokens in the Django admin site: http://127.0.0.1: 8080/admin/authtoken/token/

2.3 Create new modules

Viper in itself is simply a framework, modules are what give it analytical capabilities. We receive and include new modules all the time from contributors, but there are always new features to add. If you have an idea, you should implement a module for it and contribute it back to the community.

The following paragraphs introduce you to the first steps to create a new module.

2.3.1 First steps

First thing first, you need to create your .py script under the modules / directory: all modules are dynamically loaded by Viper from that folder exclusively. You can create subfolders and place your modules anywhere, Viper will be able to find them.

Any module needs to have some basic attributes that will make it recognizable. It needs to be a Python class inheriting Module, it needs to have a cmd and description attribute and it needs to have a run () function. For example the following would be a valid, although not very useful, Viper module:

```
from viper.common.abstracts import Module

class MyModule(Module):
    cmd = 'mycmd'
    description = 'This module does this and that'

def run(self):
    print("Do something.")
```

2.3.2 Arguments

When a module is invoked from the Viper shell it can be provided with a number of arguments and options. These should be parsed with the python argparse module as show in the example below.

```
from viper.common.abstracts import Module
2
   class MyModule (Module) :
3
       cmd = 'mycmd'
       description = 'This module does this and that'
       authors = ['YourName']
       def __init__(self):
           super(MyModule, self).__init__()
           self.parser.add_argument('-t', '--this', action='store_true', help=
10
   →'Do This Thing')
           self.parser.add_argument('-b', '--that', action='store_true', help=
11
   → 'Do That')
12
       def run(self):
```

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```
super(MyModule, self).run()

if self.args.this:
    print("This is FOO")

elif self.args.that:
    print("That is FOO")
```

2.3.3 Using the Config File

Viper provides a config file that will allow you to store user editable sections in a single file rather than inside the modules. This file is normally stored under ~/.viper/viper.conf.

You can easily access the config file:

```
from viper.core.config import __config__

cfg = __config__
```

From here you can access any element in the config file by name:

```
from viper.core.config import Config

cfg = Config()

config_item = cfg.modulename.config_item

# Example Getting VirusTotal Key

vt_key = cfg.virustotal.virustotal_key
```

2.3.4 Using common config settings for outbound http connections

A common use case for modules is to implement the API of an external web service (e.g. https://koodous.com/). The (great!) requests library (https://github.com/requests/requests/) provides an easy interface for making outbound http connections. Viper provides a global configuration section [http_client] where certain requests options can be set for Proxies, TLS Verification, CA_BUNDLE and TLS Client Certificates. Please check the current viper.conf.sample for more details.

When implementing a custom module settings from the global [http_client]] can be overridden by specifying them again in the configuration section of the custom module and then calling the Config.parse_http_client method for the custom module configuration section. Example:

```
# viper.conf

[http_client]

https_proxy = http://prx1.example.internal:3128

tls_verify = True

[mymodule]

base_url = https://myapi.example.internal

https_proxy = False

tls_verify = False
```

```
import requests
   from viper.common.abstracts import Module
   from viper.core.config import __config__
   cfg = __config__
   cfg.parse_http_client(cfg.mymodule)
   class MyModule (Module) :
      cmd = 'mycmd'
       description = 'This module does this and that'
10
11
       def run(self):
12
13
           url = cfg.mymodule.base_url
           r = requests.get(url=url, headers=headers, proxies=cfg.mymodule.
   →proxies, verify=cfq.mymodule.verify, cert=cfq.mymodule.cert)
```

2.3.5 Accessing the session

In most cases, you will probably want to execute some analysis function on the currently opened file and in order to do so you'll need to access the session. Sessions are internally made available through a global object called __sessions__, which has the following attributes:

- __sessions__.current: a Session object for the currently opened file.
- __sessions__.sessions: the list of all Session objects opened during the current Viper execution.
- __sessions__.find: a list contains all the results from the last executed find command.

A Session object has the following attributes:

- Session.id: an incremental ID for the session.
- Session.created_at: the date and time when the session was opened.
- Session.file: a File object containing common attributes of the currently opened file (generally speaking, the same information returned by the info command).

Following are the information available on the opened file:

```
__sessions__.current.file.path
__sessions__.current.file.name
__sessions__.current.file.size
__sessions__.current.file.type
__sessions__.current.file.mime
__sessions__.current.file.md5
__sessions__.current.file.sha1
__sessions__.current.file.sha256
__sessions__.current.file.sha512
__sessions__.current.file.crc32
__sessions__.current.file.ssdeep
__sessions__.current.file.ssdeep
__sessions__.current.file.tags
```

Here is an example:

```
from viper.common.abstracts import Module
   from viper.core.session import sessions
   class MyModule (Module) :
       cmd = 'mycmd'
       description = 'This module does this and that'
       def run(self):
           # Check if there is an open session.
           if not __sessions__.is_set():
10
                # No open session.
11
               return
12
13
            # Print attributes of the opened file.
14
           print("MD5: " + __sessions__.current.file.md5)
15
16
           # Do something to the file.
17
           do_something(__sessions__.current.file.path)
```

2.3.6 Accessing the database

In case you're interested in automatically retrieving all files stored in the local repository or just a subset, you'll need to access the local database. Viper provides an interface called Database() to be imported from viper.core. database.

You can then use the find() function, specify a key and an optional value and you will obtain a list of objects you can loop through. For example:

```
from viper.common.abstracts import Module
   from viper.core.database import Database
   class MyModule (Module):
       cmd = 'mycmd'
       description = 'This module does this and that'
6
       def run(self):
           db = Database()
            # Obtain the list of all stored samples.
10
           samples = db.find(key='all')
            # Obtain the list of all samples matching a tag.
13
           samples = db.find(key='tag', value='apt')
14
15
            # Obtain the list of all samples with notes matching a pattern.
16
           samples = db.find(key='note', value='maliciousdomain.tld')
17
            # Loop through results.
19
           for sample in samples:
20
                print("Sample " + sample.md5)
```

2.3.7 Printing results

Viper provides several function to facilitate and standardize the output of your modules. Viper uses a logging function to return the output to the console or web application. The format is self.log('type', "Your Text") and the following types are made available in Viper.

- info: prints the message with a [*] prefix.
- warning: prints the message with a yellow [!] prefix.
- error: prints the message with a red [!] prefix.
- success: prints the message with a green [+] prefix.
- item: prints an item from a list.
- table: prints a table with headers and rows.

You can also easily print tables, such as in the following example:

```
from viper.common.abstracts import Module
2
   class MyModule(Module):
       cmd = 'mycmd'
       description = 'This module does this and that'
       def run(self):
           self.log('info', "This is Something")
           self.log('warning', "This is the warning Text")
10
           # This is the header of the table.
11
           header = ['Column 1', 'Column 2']
12
           # These are the rows.
13
           rows = [
               ['Row 1', 'Row 1'],
               ['Row 2', 'Row 2']
18
           self.log('table', dict(header=header, rows=rows))
```

2.4 Known issues

2.4.1 Various errors when using unicode characters

unicode and python is a not easy and using unicode in notes, tags or filenames (or other modules where userinput is allowed) might result in unhandled exceptions.

2.4.2 Error storing file names containing unicode characters in database

If you try to store a file with a filename containing Unicode chars it will not be stored to the database.

2.4.3 Problem importing certain modules

If you experience an issue like:

```
[!] Something wrong happened while importing the module modules.office: No module on module of the module of the
```

You are likely missing dependencies.

To install required python modules run:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

2.4.4 The API interface isn't fully aware of projects

Most of the API commands are not able yet to interact with different projects, so most of the commands will be executed against the default repository.

2.4.5 PreprocessError: data/yara/index.yara:0:Invalid file extension '.yara'.Can only include .yar

If you running yara or RAT module and receiving that issue:

```
PreprocessError: data/yara/index.yara:0:Invalid file extension '.yara'.Can only...

→include .yar
...
```

It is most likely the versions of yara are not correct, try to run:

```
viper@viper:/home/viper# yara -version
yara 2.1
```

And check for the yara-python bindings:

```
viper@viper:/home/viper# pip freeze | grep yara
yara-python==2.1
```

If you have installed yara-python using pip it is likely you are running an older version of yara (see yara documentation for compiling howto)

2.4.6 Error Messages in log: ssl.SSLEOFError: EOF occurred in violation of protocol

When running the built-in HTTPS server several error messages are logged, then the favicon is accessed. This does not represent a problem and the favicon is loaded and display. So this is currently in status wontfix.

Log:

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```
v = self._sslobj.write(data)
ssl.SSLEOFError: EOF occurred in violation of protocol (_ssl.c:1638)
2018-02-05 14:29:33 - django.server - ERROR - basehttp.py:124 - "GET /favicon.ico...
→HTTP/1.1" 500 59
Exception happened during processing of request from ('192.168.92.66', 52014)
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 138, in run
   self.finish_response()
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 180, in finish_response
   self.write(data)
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 279, in write
   self._write(data)
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 453, in _write
   self.stdout.write(data)
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/socket.py", line 394, in write
   return self._sock.send(b)
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/ssl.py", line 702, in send
    v = self._sslobj.write(data)
ssl.SSLEOFError: EOF occurred in violation of protocol (_ssl.c:1638)
During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 141, in run
   self.handle_error()
 File "/home/robbie/work/viper/venv/lib/python3.4/site-packages/django/core/servers/
⇒basehttp.py", line 86, in handle_error
    super().handle_error()
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 368, in handle_error
    self.finish_response()
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 180, in finish_response
   self.write(data)
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 274, in write
   self.send_headers()
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 331, in send_headers
   if not self.origin_server or self.client_is_modern():
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 344, in client_is_modern
   return self.environ['SERVER_PROTOCOL'].upper() != 'HTTP/0.9'
TypeError: 'NoneType' object is not subscriptable
During handling of the above exception, another exception occurred:
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/socketserver.py", line 305, in _handle_request_noblock
    self.process_request(request, client_address)
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/socketserver.py", line 331, in process_request
    self.finish_request(request, client_address)
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/socketserver.py", line 344, in finish_request
    self.RequestHandlerClass(request, client_address, self)
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/socketserver.py", line 673, in __init__
    self.handle()
 File "/home/robbie/work/viper/venv/lib/python3.4/site-packages/django/core/servers/
⇒basehttp.py", line 154, in handle
   handler.run(self.server.get_app())
 File "/usr/lib/python3.4/wsgiref/handlers.py", line 144, in run
    self.close()
```

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2.5 Final Remarks

2.5.1 Developers

Viper is an open and collaborative development effort. It is built by volunteers from all over the world. Following are the ones who contributed up to the latest stable release:

```
$ git shortlog -s -n
  717 Nex
  517 Raphaël Vinot
  169 Robert Habermann
  154 kevthehermit
   70 Alexander J
   68 dusby
   33 frennkie
   27 Christophe Vandeplas
   22 emdel
   19 seamus tuohy
   17 xorhex
   15 Chris Taylor
   14 Neriberto C.Prado
    9 kovacsbalu
    8 Luke Snyder
    6 Joakim Kennedy
    6 Sascha Rommelfangen
    6 ptcNOP
    5 2sec4u
    5 Antonio S
    5 Beercow
    5 SnakeByte Lab
    5 magrazia
       xor_hex
    4 Brian Maloney
    4 Chris Gardner
    4 Georg Schölly
    4 Jerome Marty
    4 S2R2
    4 Seth Hardy
    4 ltroot
    3 18z
    3 =
    3 Colin Cowie
    3 Csaba Fitzl
    3 Dionysis Grigoropoulos
    3 TcM1911
    3 Yu Ogawa
```

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```
3 nidsche
3 razu
2 2*yo
2 Deventual
2 Enchantertim
2 Lost4Now
2 Maxou56800
2 Sam Brown
2 aaroncoffey
2 dewiestr
2 haellowyyn
2 keram79
2 ph0sec
2 wesinator
1 Akeem Spencer
1 Alex Harvey
1 Ali Ikinci
1 Allen Swackhamer
1 Boris Ryutin
  Chris Higgins
1 David André
1 Gabor Vaspori
1 Javier Rascón Mesa
1 KevTheHermit
1 Nasicus
1 Nick Price
1 Peter
1 Rocky
1 Rocky De Wiest
1 S. Egbert
1 S0urceC0der
1 Steffen Sauler
  Steve Clement
1
  Tango43
1 Thao Vo
1 Tobias Jarmuzek
1 Tom King
1 William Robinet
1 binjo
1 deralexxx
1 dukebarman
1 dukebarman@gmail.com
1 jekil
1 nheijmans
1 tykkz
```

2.5.2 Join Us

The best way to start contributing to the project is by start digging through the open tickets on our GitHub. Before submitting code make sure you read our Contribution Guidelines and that you thoroughly tested it.

You can also join our conversions by getting on IRC on FreeNode on channel ###viper.