High Security Technologies for Embedded Systems Based Digital Game

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ABSTRACT

With the development of the Internet, digital online games and arcade games have become important entertainments in the recent years, and therefore the development of digital games industry has become increasingly significant. The security issues encountered by the digital games industry include hacker attacks, cheating in online games, and stealing and changing of communication packets. The destructive effects from cheating in online games and stealing packets can be as minor as financial losses for game makers to as severe as digital games generating minimal interest and facing bankruptcy risks. A comprehensive survey of security mechanisms employed by the current digital games industry indicates that the machanisms cannot provide high security while maintaining low costs, leading to the limited prevalence of relevant security mechanisms. The purpose of this thesis is to ensure the benefits of both players and game companies, even when they are without security concepts. This thesis develops a highly hidden rootkit technology to achieve the protection of embedded systems ' communication for online games. Although the current rootkit technology is used to attack computer systems by hackers, which lets users be undetectable, it can also be used to protect systems security. Accordingly, this thesis develops new rootkit technologies to protect the transmissions of data digital game packets based on the hidden characteristics of rootkit. More specifically, this thesis uses the technology of DKOM (Direct Kernel Object Manipulation) to hide game data in users 'Windows embedded operating systems. The above-mentioned technologies can let illegal users be unable to intercept data and make cheating to attack digital online games. Therefore, the proposed technologies can make the benefits of both game players and companies ensured. Furthermore, since the proposed method is implemented by the software manner with the hidden characteristics, instead of the deplogment of hardware, the proposed method is not only low cost but also high security. In short, the proposed technologies are extremely helpful for game industry 's development.

Keywords: Digital game、System Security、Embedded Systems、Rootkit、Windows System

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