

# Trojans – The Forgotten Enemy

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## The Tao of Hackers

“It has the same basic rules, rules like gravity. What you must learn is that these rules are no different from the computer system. Some of them can be bent and others can be broken.” – Morpheus, The Matrix



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# Trojans:

## *The Forgotten Enemy*

- History, Features, and Workings
- Demo - Creation and In Action
- Evasion and Spreading Methods
- Case Study



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**Trojans:**

*The Forgotten Enemy*

History, Features, and Workings



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# Trojans:

## What are They?

- A Client Server application which will bypass all security mechanisms
- Give a Malicious Attacker access to ALL aspects of the victim system
- The ultimate Spy-Ware
- R.A.T. – Remote Administration Tool



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# Trojans: What can they do?

- Key logging
- File Explorer
- Web Cam Viewer
- Desktop Control
- Program Manager
- Geo Location
- “Freak”-ware
- Audio Recording
- “Bot” Features
- Much, Much More





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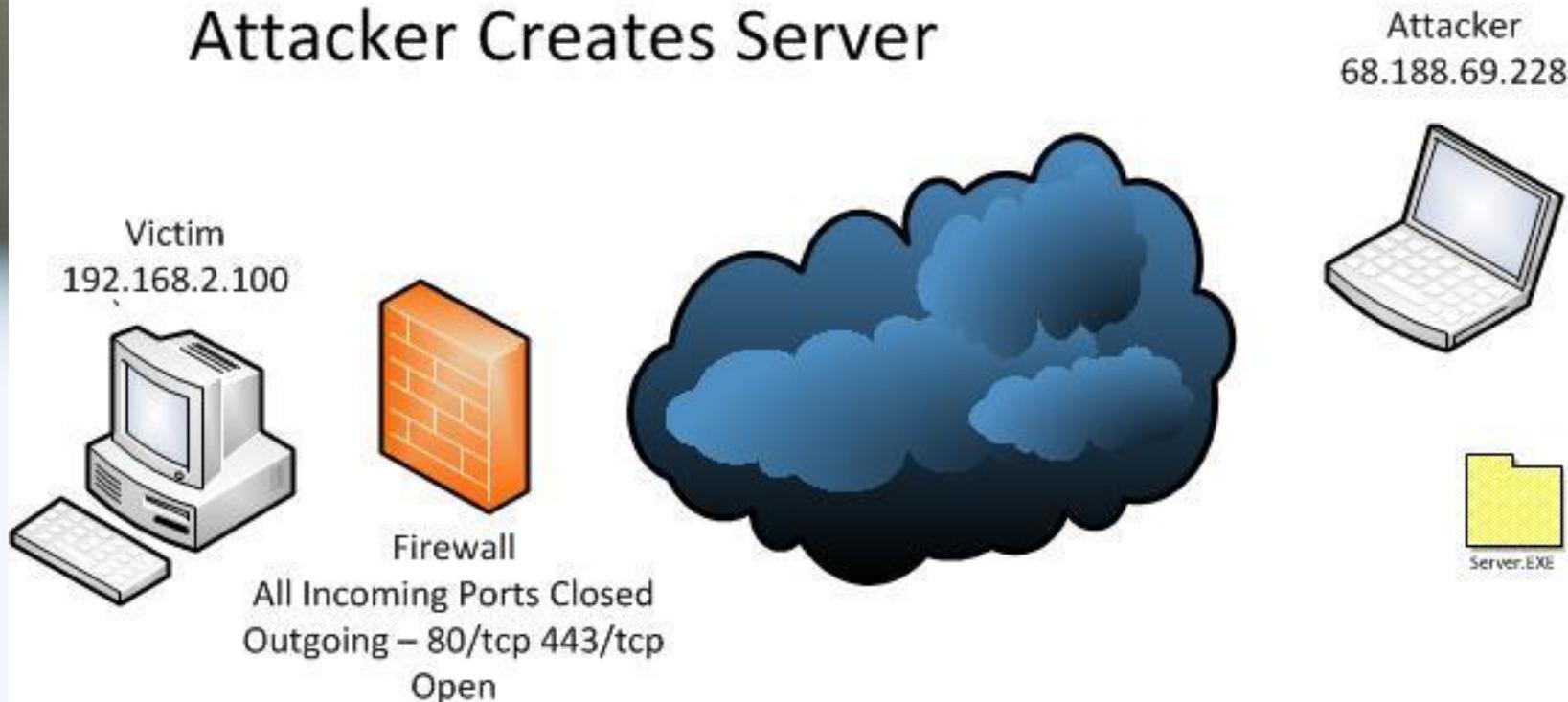
# Trojans:

## What they are not....

- Able to infect other files ... Trojans are complete applications
- Spread via Self Propagation – Must be manually installed, spread via SE
- Noticeable when installed – Well programmed Trojans are small and undetectable

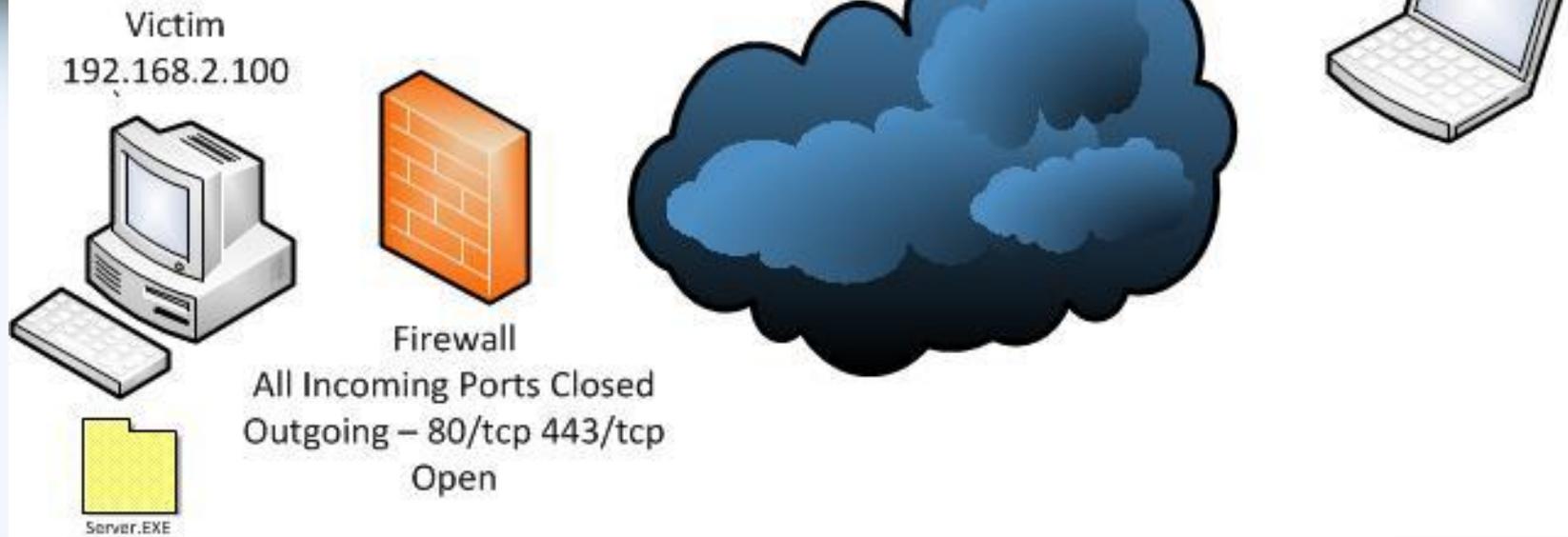
# How they Function

## Step 1. Attacker Creates Server



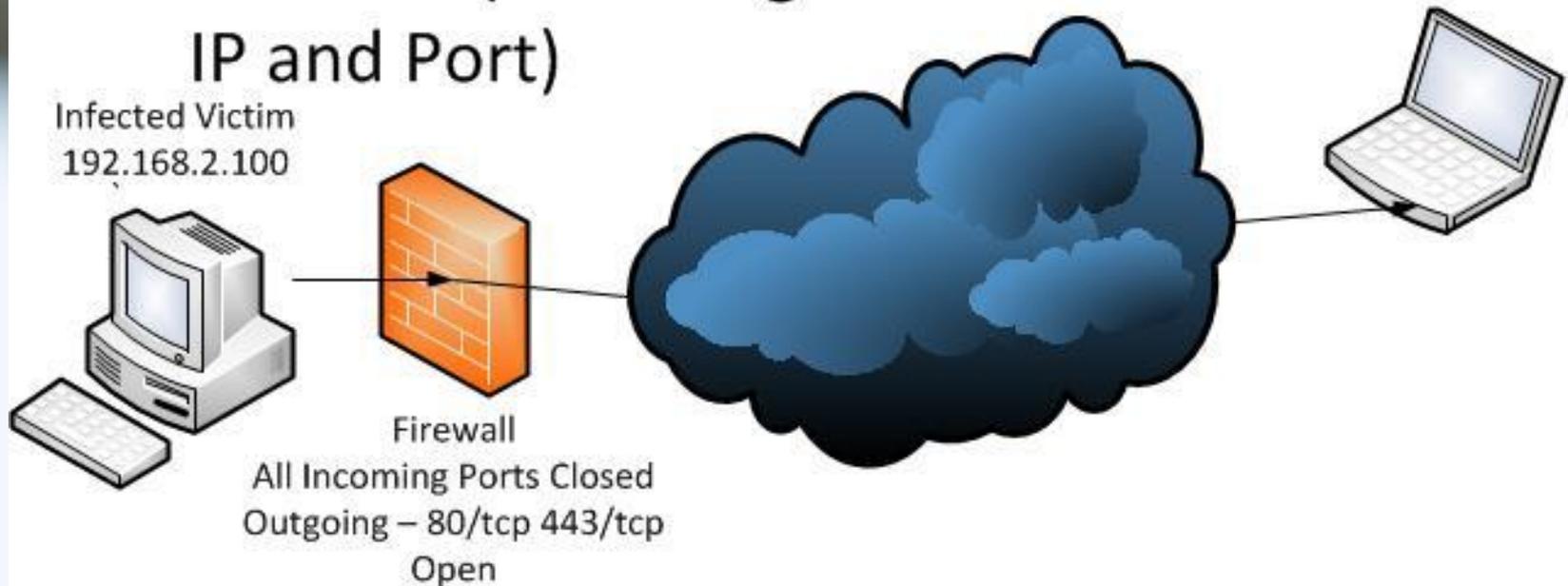
# How they Function

Step 2.  
Server is Install on  
Victim System



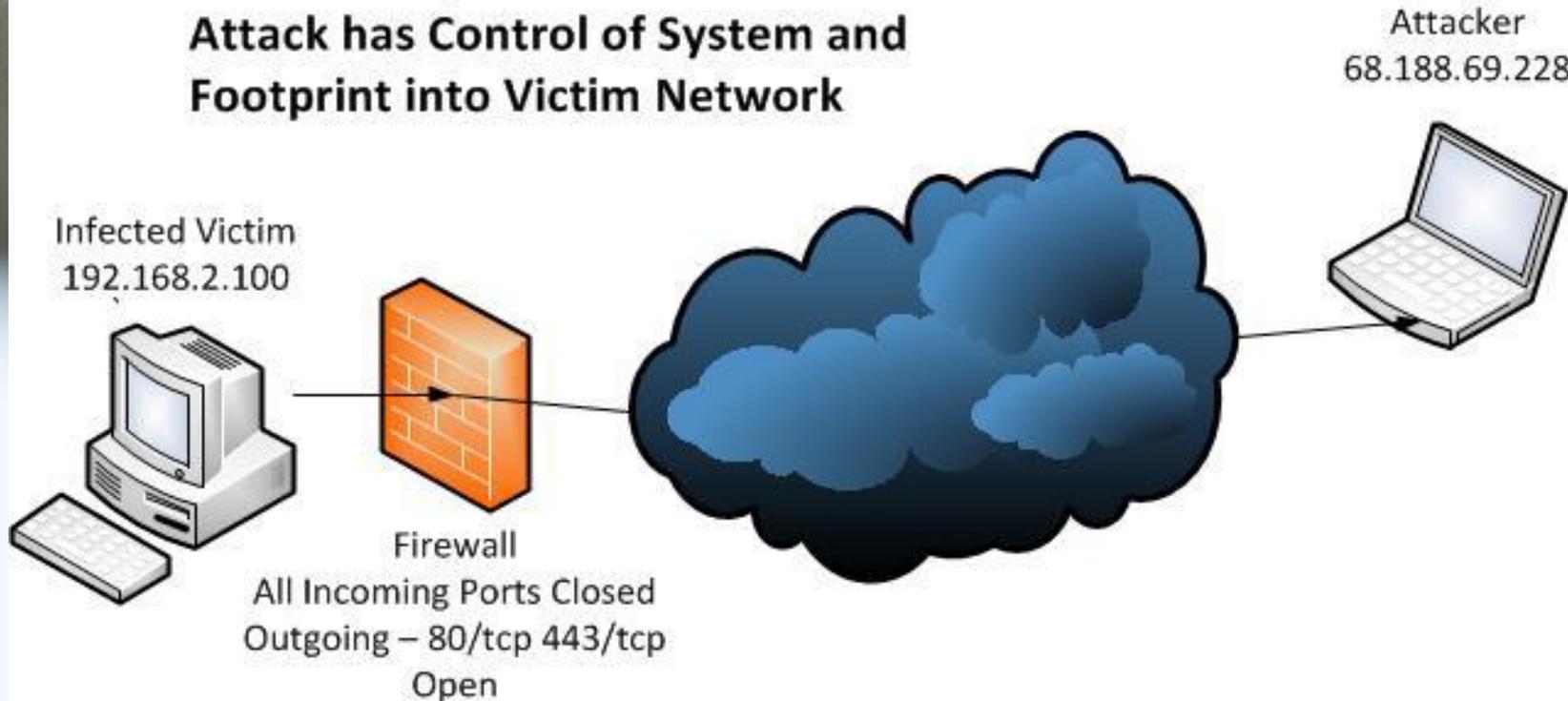
# How they Function

Step 3.  
Server calls back to  
Attacker (Preconfigured  
IP and Port)



# How they Function

**Goal Accomplished!!**  
**Attack has Control of System and**  
**Footprint into Victim Network**



# Code Injection



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## Installing is so 2000s

- Trojan is injected into Executables, DLLs, and even Kernels
- Methods include: API Hooking, Kernel Hooking, PE Loader Injection
- Helps bypass outbound firewalls



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# Demo: Trojan Creation / Function



# A/V Evasion Techniques



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- Compile Modified Source Code
- Edit Server with HEX Editor
- Crypters – Commercially Available
- Packers – Executable Archive
- Purchase Undetectable Copy

# Anti-Detection Techniques



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- Virtual Machine Detection
- Sandbox Detection
- Anti-Sniffing
- Anti-Traffic Analysis

# Trojans in the Wild



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- P2P Networks
- 1px I-Frame in Advertisements
- Facebook Applications
- Smartphone App Stores

# Trojan Case Study



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- Company Infected – Hacker successfully logged in to bank accounts
- Company wiped systems and changed passwords for accounts
- Hacker logged in with new passwords less than a week later

# Trojan Case Study



- Attacker Spread Trojan due to bad permissions for Domain User
- Detected Trojan “Signature” using Wire Shark and a Hub
- Filter Traffic at firewall and Wiped all machines infected
- Followed up for any possible covert channels.



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# Best to Prevent Infection



- Defense in Depth
- Wipe machines when suspected of being infected
- A/V installed and up to date (will stop Script Kiddies)
- END USER TRAINING!!!!!!!!!!



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