# Digital Forensics An introduction into Post-mortem Digital Forensics



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1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Admin default behaviour

- Get operational asap:
  - Re-install
  - Re-image
  - o Restore from backup
    - $\rightarrow$  Destroy of evidences
- Analyse the system on his own:
  - Do some investigations
  - o Run AV
  - o Apply updates
    - $\rightarrow$  Overwrite evidences
    - $\rightarrow$  Create big noise
  - → Negative impact on forensics

#### 1.2 Preservation of evidences

- Finding answers:
  - $\rightarrow$  System compromised
  - $\rightarrow$  How, when, why
  - → Malware/RAT involved
  - $\rightarrow$  Persistence mechanisms
  - → Lateral movement inside LAN
  - → Detect the root cause of the incident
  - → Access sensitive data
  - $\rightarrow$  Data exfiltration
  - → Illegal content
  - $\rightarrow$  System involved at all
- Legal case:
  - → Collect & safe evidences
  - $\rightarrow$  Witness testimony for court

#### 1.2 Preservation of evidences

- CRC not sufficient:
  - o Example: Checksum

$$4711 \rightarrow 13$$

o Example: Collision

$$12343 \rightarrow 13$$

- Cryptographic hash function:
  - Output always same size
  - Deterministic: if  $m = m \rightarrow h(m) = h(m)$
  - $\circ$  1 Bit change in m  $\rightarrow$  max. change in h(m)
  - One way function: For h(m) impossible to find m
  - Simple collision resistance: For given h(m1) hard to find h(m2)
  - Strong collision resistance: For any h(m1) hard to find h(m2)

#### 1.3 Forensics Science

• Classical forensic

```
Locard's exchange principle https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Locard%27s_exchange_principle
```

- Write down everything you see, hear, smell and do
- Chain of custody
  - $\rightarrow$  https://www.nist.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017/04/28/ Sample-Chain-of-Custody-Form.docx
- Scope of the analysis

#### 1.4 Forensic disciplines

- Reverse Engineering
- Code-Deobfuscation
- Memory Forensics

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→ https://www.circl.lu/pub/tr-22/
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- → https://www.circl.lu/pub/tr-30/
- Network Forensics
- Mobile Forensics
- Cloud Forensics
- Post-mortem Analysis

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```

→ https://www.circl.lu/pub/tr-30/

# 1.5 First Responder: Order of volatility

CPU registers  $\rightarrow$  nanoseconds CPU cache  $\rightarrow$  nanoseconds RAM memory  $\rightarrow$  tens of nanoseconds Network state  $\rightarrow$  milliseconds Processes running  $\rightarrow$  seconds Disk, system settings, data  $\rightarrow$  minutes External disks, backup  $\rightarrow$  years Optical storage, printouts  $\rightarrow$  tens of ears

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# 1.5 First Responder: Be prepared

- Prepare your toolbox
  - Photo camera
  - Flash light, magnifying glasses
  - Labelling device, labels, tags, stickers
  - Toolkit, screwdriver kits
  - o Packing boxes, bags, faraday bag
  - Cable kits, write blocker, storage devices
  - Anti-static band, network cables
  - Pens, markers, notepads
    - $\rightarrow$  Chain of custody
- USB stick
  - o 256 GB USB3
  - File system: exFAT
  - Memory dump: Dumpit
  - FTK Imager Lite
  - o Encrypted Disk Detector Edd

# 1.5 First Responder: First steps

- Did an incident occure
  - o Talk with people
  - Take notes
- Mouse jiggler
- Identify potential evidences
  - o Tower, desktop, laptop, tablets
  - o Screen, printer, storage media
  - Router, switches, access point
  - o Paper, notes, .....
- Powered-on versus powered-off
  - Shutdown: Lost of live data
  - Shutdown: Data on disk modified
  - o Pull power: Corrupt file system
  - · Live analysis: Modify memory and disk
  - Live analysis: Known good binaries?

# 1.5 First Responder: Live response

- Memory dump
- Live analysis:
  - $\rightarrow$  System time
  - $\rightarrow$  Logged-on users
  - $\rightarrow$  Open files
  - → Network -connections -status
  - $\rightarrow$  Process information -memory
  - $\rightarrow$  Process / port mapping
  - → Clipboard content
  - $\rightarrow$  Services
  - $\rightarrow$  Command history
  - → Mapped drives / shares
  - ightarrow !!! Do not store information on the subject system !!!
- Image of live system (Possible issues)
- Shutdown and image if possible

#### 1.6 Post-mortem Analysis

Hardware layer & acquisition
 Best copy (in the safe)
 Working copy (on a NAS)
 Disk volumes and partitions
 Simple tools: dd, dmesg, mount

File system layer
 FAT, NTFS
 File system timeline

Restore deleted files

Data layer

Carving: foremost, scalpel, testdisk/photorec String search

# 1.7 Post-mortem Analysis

OS layer

Registry
Event logs
Volume shadow copies
Prefetch files

Application layer

**AV** logs

Browser history: IE, firefox, chrome

Email

Office files & PDFs

• Identify malware

TEMP folders

Startup folders

Windows tasks

#### 1.8 Forensic Distributions

#### Commercial

EnCase Forensic F-Response Forensic Toolkit Helix Enterprise X-Ways Forensics Magnet Axiom

• Open source tools

Kali Linux SANS SIFT Digital Evidence and Forensics Toolkit - DEFT PlainSight Computer Aided INvestigative Environment - CAINE



2. From data to knowledge

# 2.1 Data in a binary system

- Binary digit  $\rightarrow$  BIT
- Data represented as binary patterns

```
Ordered sequence x Bits --> 01010000011010010110111001100111 --> y Bits Bit x+2=1 Bit x+3=0
```

• Structurise the data: Apply addressing

• Apply interpretative rules on addresses

#### 2.1 Data in a binary system

- Byte 01010000 01101001 01101110 01100111
- Word 0101000001101001 0110111001100111
- Double Word
- Big / Little Endian
- Integer / Signed Integer
- Floating Point
- Binary Coded Decimal
- ASCII. Unicode
- GIF / JPEG / PNG / EXE / ...
- ...

## 2.2 Example: Integer Bytes

```
0101 0000 0110 1001 0110 1110
                                  0110 0111
0101 0000
|| || || || || ||_{-} 0 * 2^0 =
|| || || || ||_{--} 0 * 2^1 =
|| || || ||_{---} 0 * 2^2 =
| | | | | | | | | 0 * 2^3 =
| | | | | 1 * 2^4 =
                      16
0 * 2^5 =
1 * 2^6 =
                      64
0 * 2^7 =
```

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# 2.3 Example: Signed Integer Bytes

```
1011 1111
011 1111
100 0000
100 0001
                  3. Add 1
| | | | | | | 0 * 2^2 =
||| | 0 * 2^3 =
0 * 2^5 =
1 * 2^6 =
            -65
```

Two's complement:

- 1. Remove the sign
- 2. Invert

# 2.3 Exercise: Signed Integer Bytes

! ? \* 2^6 =

1101 1100

Two's complement:

- 1. Remove the sign
- 2. Invert
- 3. Add 1

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# 2.3 Exercise: Signed Integer Bytes

```
1101 1100
101 1100
010 0011
010 0100
|| | | | | | | |_{--} 0 * 2^0 =
| | | | | 1 * 2^2 =
||| |____ 0 * 2^3 =
1 * 2^5 = 32
 0 * 2^6 =
               -36
```

Two's complement:

- 1. Remove the sign
- 2. Invert
- 3. Add 1

# 2.4 From Bin to Hex

# Example:

0001 1000	0101 0101	0000 1111	1010 0110
0x18	0x55	OxOF	0xA6

#### Exercise:

1001 0110	1010 0101	0000 1111	1100 0011
0x	0x	0x	0x

# 2.4 From Bin to Hex

#### Exercise:

1001 0110	1010 0101	0000 1111	1100 0011
0x	0x	0x	0x

#### Results:

1001 0110	1010 0101	0000 1111	1100 0011
0x96	0xA5	OxOF	0xC3

## 2.5 Big Endian and Little Endian

Big Endian representation:

Address: 10.000 10.001

Little Endian representation:

Address: 10.000 10.001

# 2.5 Big Endian and Little Endian

	Convert 2 l	•	Little Endi	an represent	ation:
0x9	6 OxA5				
 0x	 0x				
	Read 4 byte 2A 01 00 	e value in Li	ttle Endian	representatio	on:
0x 					
=	====				

## 2.5 Big Endian and Little Endian

```
Exercise: Convert 2 byte value to Little Endian representation:
   10010110 10100101
     0x96
            Ox A.5
   10100101 10010110
     0xA5
               0x96
Exercise: Read 4 byte value in Little Endian representation:
   0x 1B 2A 01 00
   0x 00 01 2A 1B
                    11 + 1*16 + 10*16^2 + 2*16^3 + 1*16^4
      76.315
```

# 2.6 Example: Others

# Packed BCD 0110 1110 0110 0111 ---- 6 na 6 7

ASCII							
0101	000	0110	1001	0110	1110	0110	0111
01010	0000	0110	01001	0110	)1110	0110	00111
	80		105		110		103
	P		i		n		g

#### 2.7 Data, files, context

- $\bullet \ \, \mathsf{Sequence} \ \, \mathsf{of} \ \, \mathsf{Bits} \, + \, \mathsf{Addressing} \, + \, \mathsf{Interpretation} \, \to \, \mathsf{Information}$
- Information → Stored in files
- Where did you find the string "ping"?
  - o Binary inside TEMP folder
  - Autorun folder
  - Registry
  - o Browser history
  - Command line history
  - $\rightarrow$  Data  $\rightarrow$  Information  $\rightarrow$  Knowledge
- Files contains data
- Files → Meta data describe files
- ullet Files o File systems organize files and meta data



3. Disk Acquisition

# 3.1 Storage devices / media

- IBM 305 RAMAC
  - Random Access Method of Accounting and Control
  - o 1956
- IBM 350 Disk Storage
  - 152 x 172 x 63 cm
  - $\circ$  50.000 blocks of 100 Characters  $\rightarrow$  5MB

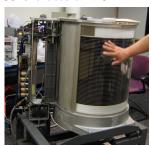
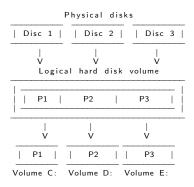


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# 3.1 Storage devices / media

- Magnetic storage
  - Tapes
  - Floppy disks
    - 8" 1971 80KB
    - 5.25" 1976 360 KB
    - 3.5" 1984 1.2 MB / 1986 1.44 MB
  - Hard disks
    - IDE / EIDE, Firewire, PATA, SCSI
    - SATA, SAS Serial attached SCSI, USB, Thunderbolt
- Optical storage
  - Compact disks CD
  - o Digital versatile disk DVD
  - o Blu-ray disk
- Non-volatile memory
  - USB flash drive
  - Solid state drive
  - Flash memory cards

# 3.2 Physical- / Logical layers



#### 3.3 ATA Disks

- ATA-3: Hard disk password
- ATA-4: HPA Host Protected Area
  - Vendor area benefit system vendors
  - o Recovery data. persistent data
  - Controlled by firmware not OS
    - READ\_NATIVE\_MAX\_ADDRESS
- ATA-6: DCO Device Configuration Overlay
  - o Benefit system vendors
  - Control reported capacity and disk features
  - Use disk from different manufacturers
  - Use disk with different number of sectors
    - → Makes disks looking uniq
  - o DEVICE\_CONFIGURATION\_IDENTIFY
- ATA-7: Serial ATA

#### 3.4 Demo: Hidden Sectors

#### New disk

```
dmesg sd 1:0:0:0: [sdb] 3904981168 512-byte logical blocks: (2.00 TB/1.82 TiB) hdparm -N /dev/sdb max sectors = 3907029168/3907029168, ACCESSIBLE MAX ADDRESS disabled
```

#### • Create hidden message

#### Create HPA

Power cycle your device after every ACCESSIBLE MAX ADDRESS

#### 3.4 Demo: Hidden Sectors

#### Create partition and format

```
dmesg
    sd 1:0:0:0: [sdb] 3000000000 512-byte logical blocks: (1.54 TB/1.40 TiB)

fdisk /dev/sdb
    primary
    2048
    2999999999

mkfs.ntfs -L CIRCL.DFIR -f /dev/sdb1
    Creating NTFS volume structures.
    mkntfs completed successfully. Have a nice day.
```

#### Investigate disk layout

```
fdisk -| /dev/sdb
Device Boot Start End Sectors Size Id Type
/dev/sdb1 2048 2999999999 2999997952 1,4T 7 HPFS/NTFS/exFAT
```

#### Investigate last accessible sector

### 3.4 Demo: Hidden Sectors

## Try to access hidden message

```
dd if=/dev/sdb skip=3500000000 count=1 | xxd
    dd: /dev/sdb: cannot skip: Invalid argument
    0+0 records in
```

#### Resize HPA

```
hdparm —N /dev/sdb max sectors = 3000000000/3907029168, ACCESSIBLE MAX ADDRESS enabled hdparm —yes-i-know-what-i-am-doing —N p3900000000 /dev/sdb max sectors = 3900000000/3907029168, ACCESSIBLE MAX ADDRESS enabled Power cycle your device after every ACCESSIBLE MAX ADDRESS
```

#### Investigate disk layout and last sector

### 3.4 Demo: Hidden Sectors

## Recover hidden message

dd if=/dev/sdb skip=3500000000 count=1 status=none 00000000: 4d79 5365 6372 6574 2031 3233 3435 3600 MySecret 123456.

#### Recover hidden dd command

```
dd if=/dev/sdb skip=$(( 350000001*512 )) count=76000 bs=1 of=dd.exe
md5sum dd.exe
    36a70f825b8b71a3d9ba3ac9c5800683
md5sum /bin/dd
    36a70f825b8b71a3d9ba3ac9c5800683
```

### Feeback: kaplan(at)cert.at

https://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2014/02/swap\_nsa\_exploi.html https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Host\_protected\_area

#### How it works

```
IDENTIFY DEVICE
SET MAX ADDRESS
READ NATIVE MAX ADDRESS
—> HPA aware software (like the BIOS)
```

## 3.5 Other Hidden Sectors

- Service area, negative sectors
  - Firmware
  - Bad sectors
  - ATA passwords hdparm --security-unlock "myPassWD" /dev/sdb
  - SMART data
- Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology SMART apt install smartmontools smartctl -x /dev/sdb | less

```
SMART Attributes Data Structure revision number: 16
Vendor Specific SMART Attributes with Thresholds:
ID# ATTRIBUTE_NAME
                          FLAGS
                                  VALUE WORST THRESH FAIL RAW VALUE
  1 Raw Read Error Rate
                         POSR-K
                                  200
                                        200
                                             051
  3 Spin_Up_Time
                         POS-K
                                  234
                                        233
                                             021
                                                        3258
                     -O--CK 100
 4 Start_Stop_Count
                                        100
                                             000
                                                        679
  5 Reallocated Sector Ct PO-CK
                                  200
                                        200
                                             140
  7 Seek Error Rate
                        -OSR-K
                                  200
                                        200
                                             000
  9 Power_On_Hours
                        -0--CK
                                  095
                                        095
                                             000
                                                        3802
```

# 3.6 Collecting information from devices

### hdparm -I /dev/sdb

```
ATA device, with non-removable media
       Model Number:
                         WDC_WD20NPVT=0072TT0
        Serial Number: WD-WX11A9269540
       Firmware Revision: 01.01A01
                 Serial, SATA 1.0a, SATA Rev 2.6, SATA Rev 3.0
       Transport:
Standards .
       Supported: 8 7 6 5
        Likely used: 8
Security:
       Master password revision code = 65534 supported
       not
               enabled
             locked
        not
            frozen
        not
       not expired: security count
       374min for SECURITY FRASE UNIT
```

### hdparm -I /dev/sda

## 3.7 How is the device connected

### • Most relevant data with: dmesg

#### Enumerate host hardware

```
Ishw | less
Ishw -businfo -class storage
    Rus info
                        Device
                                           Class
                                                            Description
    pci@0000:04:00.0
                                                           Samsung Electronics Co Ltd
                                           storage
    ush@2 · 3
                        scsin
                                           storage
    ush@1 · 1
                        scsi1
                                           storage
Ishw - businfo - class disk
    Rus info
                        Device
                                           Class
                                                            Description
    scsi@0:0.0.0
                        /dev/sda
                                           disk
                                                           SD/MMC CRW
                                           disk
                        /dev/sda
    scsi@1:0.0.0
                        /dev/sdb
                                           disk
                                                           2TB 2000FYYZ-01UL1B2
```

### 3.7 How is the device connected

#### Enumerate PCI bus

```
Ispci —d ::0106 # List SATA controller

Ispci —d ::0108 # List NVME controller
04:00.0 Non-Volatile memory controller: Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Device a808

Ispci —d ::0C03 # List USB, FW, ... controller
00:14.0 USB controller: Intel Corporation Sunrise Point-LP USB 3.0 xHCl Controller
3b:00.0 USB controller: Intel Corporation JHL6540 Thunderbolt 3 USB Controller (C
3e:00.0 USB controller: Fresco Logic FL1100 USB 3.0 Host Controller (rev 10)
40:00.0 USB controller: Fresco Logic FL1100 USB 3.0 Host Controller (rev 10)
```

#### Enumerate block devices

```
Isscsi -v
Isblk /dev/sdb
   NAME MAI: MIN RM SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINT
   sdb
           8:16 0 1.8T 0 disk
    sdb1
                  0 1.8T 0 part /media/mich/031F0F30642CBB8B
Isblk -pd -o TRAN, NAME, SERIAL, VENDOR, MODEL, REV, WWN, SIZE, HCTL, SUBSYSTEMS / dev / sdb
   TRAN NAME
                 SERIAL
                                 VENDOR
                                         MODEL
   usb /dev/sdb WD-WMC1P0H10ZEX WT055 WD 2000FYYZ-01UL1B2
            REV WWN
                                   SIZE HCTL SUBSYSTEMS
           01.0 0x50014ee05979e023 1,8T 1:0:0:0 block:scsi:usb:pci
```

## 3.8 USB enumeration

- List attached USB device
  - USB bus
  - Device address
  - Vendor ID
  - Product ID
  - Product details

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#### lsusb

```
Bus 004 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub Bus 003 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub Bus 002 Device 002: ID 0bda:0328 Realtek Semiconductor Corp. Bus 002 Device 003: ID 1b1c:1a0e Corsair Bus 002 Device 004: ID 0951:162b Kingston Technology Bus 002 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub Bus 001 Device 004: ID 06cb:009a Synaptics, Inc. Bus 001 Device 003: ID 04f2:b61e Chicony Electronics Co., Ltd Bus 001 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub Bus 001 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
```

## 3.8 USB enumeration

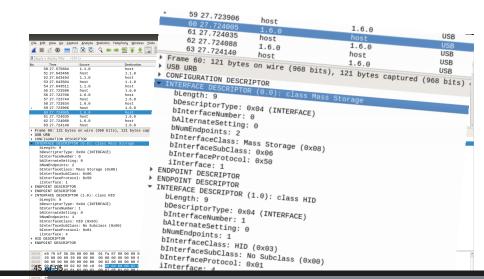
#### lsusb -t

```
/: Bus 04.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/2p, 10000M
/: Bus 03.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/2p, 480M
/: Bus 02.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/6p, 5000M
|-- Port 1: Dev 4, If 0, Class=Mass Storage, Driver=usb-storage, 5000M
|-- Port 2: Dev 3, If 0, Class=Mass Storage, Driver=uas, 5000M
|-- Port 3: Dev 2, If 0, Class=Mass Storage, Driver=uasb-storage, 5000M
/: Bus 01.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/12p, 480M
|-- Port 8: Dev 3, If 1, Class=Video, Driver=uvcvideo, 480M
|-- Port 9: Dev 4, If 0, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=, 12M
```

#### lsusb -v -d 0951:162b'

```
Interface Descriptor:
bLength 9
bDescriptorType 4
bInterfaceNumber 0
bAlternateSetting 0
bNumEndpoints 2
bInterfaceClass 8 Mass Storage
bInterfaceCubClass 6 SCSI
bInterfaceProtocol 80 Bulk—Only
```

# 3.9 USB Interface monitoring





4. Disk Cloning / Disk Imaging

# 4.1 Disk cloning - imaging

- Clone disk-2-disk
  - Different sizes
  - Wipe target disk!
- Clone disk-2-image
  - Clear boundaries
  - One big file
  - Break file into chunks
- Image file format
  - RAW
  - AFF (Advanced Forensic Format)
  - EWF (Expert Witness Format)
  - Please no 3rd party formats
- Write-Blockers
  - Hardware

# 4.2 Connecting devices

• udev

```
udevadm info /dev/sda # userspace /dev
udevadm monitor
```

/dev/

- Block Devices
  - Attaching
  - Mounting

# 4.2 Read partition table

#### dmesg

#### • fdisk -1 circl-dfir.dd

```
Disk circl—dfir.dd: 1536 MB, 1536000000 bytes
4 heads, 7 sectors/track, 107142 cylinders, total 3000000 sectors
Units = sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disk identifier: 0x8f7e6594
```

```
Device Boot Start End Blocks Id System circl-dfir.dd1 2048 300000 1498976+ 7 HPFS/NTFS/exFAT
```

• Exercise: Analyze output. Why 1498976?  $\rightarrow$  Conclusions?

```
End: echo ((3000000 * 512)) —> 1536 MB, 1536000000 bytes echo ((3000000 * 512 / 1024 / 1024)) —> 2997952
```

# 4.2 Mounting

#### mount

```
mkdir /mnt/ntfs
                                             # Create mount point
mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/ntfs
                                             # Mounting
mount —o ro remount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/ntfs
                                             # Re-mounting
umount /mnt/ntfs
                                             # Un-mounting
umount /dev/sdb1
                                             # Also un-mounting
# Mounting readonly, no journaling, no executable
mount -o ro.noload.noexec /dev/sdb1 /mnt/ntfs
mount -o ro, noload, noexec, remount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/ntfs
# Mounting with offset. mounting from image files
mount -o ro, noload, noexec, offset=$((512*2048)) circl-dfir.dd /mnt/ntfs
# Mounting NTFS file systems
mount -o ro.noload.noexec.offset=$((512*2048)).
      show_sys_files .streams_interface=windows circl-dfir.dd /mnt/ntfs
```

# 4.3 dd - disk imaging rudimentary

# Copy files from: /mnt/ntfs/dd/

```
$ dd if=img_1.txt of=out_1.txt bs=512
    <input file> <output file> <block size>
                                      (default)
3+0 records in
3+0 records out
1536 bytes (1.5 kB) copied, 0.000126 s. 12.2 MB/s
$ 11
-rw-rw-r- 1 hamm hamm 1536 May 16 11:20 img_1.txt
-rw-rw-r- 1 hamm hamm 1536 May 16 11:16 out_1.txt
$ dd if=img_2.txt of=out_2.txt bs=512
3+1 records in
3+1 records out
1591 bytes (1.6 kB) copied, 0.00016048 s, 9.9 MB/s
$ 11
-rw-rw-r- 1 hamm hamm 1591 May 16 11:20 img_2.txt
-rw-rw-r- 1 hamm hamm 1591 May 16 11:26 out_2.txt
```

# 4.3 dd - disk imaging rudimentary

# Demo: skip and count options

```
dd if=img.3.txt bs=512 skip=0 count=1 status=none | less dd if=img.3.txt bs=512 skip=1 count=1 status=none | less dd if=img.3.txt bs=512 skip=2 count=1 status=none | less
```

Exercise: Find the secret password behind sector 3

Exercise: Play with bs, skip and count options

```
dd if=img_3.txt bs=1 skip=\{(512*3)\} count=16 status=none dd if=img_3.txt bs=16 skip=\{(32*3)\} count=1 status=none
```

#### Exercise: dd | xxd | less

```
dd if=img_3.txt bs=512 skip=3 count=1 status=none | xxd | less 0+1 records in 0+1 records out 55 bytes (55 B) copied, 5.04e-05 s, 1.1 MB/s
```

```
0000000: 4f76 6572 6865 6164 2031 3233 3435 3637 Overhead 1234567 0000010: 3839 3020 204d 6573 7361 6765 2d31 2020 890 Message -1 0000020: 3039 3837 3635 3433 3231 2020 2020 2020 0987654321 0000030: 2020 2020 2020 2020
```

# 4.3 dd - disk imaging rudimentary

## Demo: Continue an interrupted imaging process

### Error handling: Bad blocks

\$ dd if=img\_3.txt of=out\_3.txt bs=512 conv=noerror,sync

## Demo: Progress

Option: status=progress
Signaling: '&' and 'kill -10'

# 4.4 Disk acquisition

- Forensic features
  - Progress monitoring
  - o Error handling & logging
  - Meta data
  - Splitting output files & support of forensic formats
  - Cryptographic hashing & verification checking
- Example: hashing

```
md5sum circl-dfir.dd \rightarrow bd80672b9d1bef2f35b6e902f389e83 sha1sum circl-dfir.dd \rightarrow e5ffc7233a.....7e53b9f783
```

- Tools
  - o dd
  - o ddrescue, gddrescue, dd\_rescue
  - o dc3dd Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center
  - o dcfldd Defense Computer Forensic Labs
  - o rdd-copy, netcat, socat, ssh
  - Guymager

## 4.5 Exercise: dc3dd

```
dc3dd if=/mnt/ntfs/carving/deleted.dd
                                                        # Input file
      log=usb.log -/
                                                        # Logging
      hash=md5 hash=sha1 -/
                                                        # Hashing
      ofsz=$((8*1024*1024)) ofs=usb.raw.000
                                                        # Chunk files of 8MB
ls - l
cat usb.log
cat usb raw 00* | md5sum
                                                        # Verify hashes
cat usb.raw.00*
                sha1sum
dc3dd wipe=/dev/sdx
                                                        # Wipe a drive
```

## 4.6 SuashFS as forensic container

- Embedded systems
- Read only file system
- Supports very large files
- Adding files possible
- Deleting, modifying files not possible
- Compressed
  - → Real case: 3\*1TB disks stored in 293GB container
- Bruce Nikkel: http://digitalforensics.ch/sfsimage/

```
mksquashfs circl-dfir.dd case_123.sfs mksquashfs analysis.txt case_123.sfs unsquashfs -II case_123.sfs ..... mksquashfs analysis.txt case_123.sfs ..... sudo mount case_123.sfs /mnt/
```

# 4.7 Exercise: Modify data on RO mounted device

```
mount
mount -o ro, remount / media / michael /7515-6AA5/
mount
Demo: Modify Document
strings -td /dev/sdb1
    299106 Hello World!
echo $((299106/512))
    584
dd if=/dev/sdb1 bs=512 skip=584 count=1 of=584.raw
hexer 584 raw
dd of=/\text{dev}/\text{sdb1} bs=512 seek=584 count=1 if=584.raw
mount
```

Demo: Review Document

## 4.7 Exercise: RO Countermeasures

- Try on board methods:
  - hdparm -r1 /dev/sdb
  - blockdev --setro /dev/sdb
  - udev rules
    - → Attack on block device still possible
- Try Forensics Linux Distributions:
  - Live Kali 2018 4 in forensic mode
    - SANS SIFT Workstation 3.0
    - DEFT X 8.2 DFIR Toolkit
      - · Some distributions do not auto mount
        - → Attack on block device still possible
- Kernel Patch: Linux write blocker (not tested)
  - → https://github.com/msuhanov/Linux-write-blocker
- Hardware Write Blocker
  - $\rightarrow$  Effectively block attack



5. Disk Analysis

# 5.1 CHS - Cylinder Head Sector

Track, Head, Cylinder, Sector, Block, Cluster

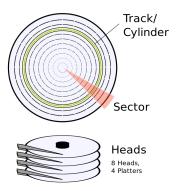
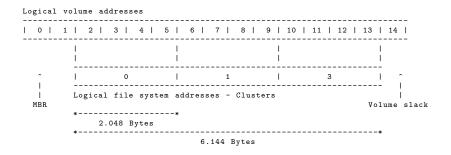


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# 5.2 LBA - Logical Block Addressing



## 5.3 Low-Level: Sector Structur

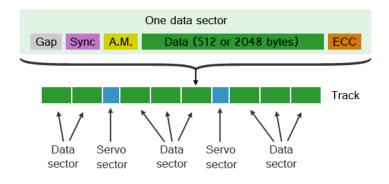
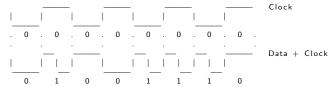


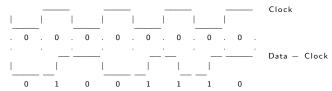
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# 5.3 Low-Level: Encoding digital data

## 1. FM - Frequency Modulation



2. MFM - Modified Frequency Modulation (Double Density)



- 3. RLL Run Length Limited
- 4. PRML, EPRML Extended Partial Response Maximun Likehood

## 5.4 MBR - Master Boot Record

```
# dd if=/dev/sdc bs=512 count=1 skip=0 |xxd
0000000 fah8 0010 8ed0 bc00 b0b8 0000 8ed8 8ec0
0000016: fbhe 007c bf00 06b9 0002 f3a4 ea21 0600
                                                     . . . | . . . . . . . . . ! . .
0000032: 00be be07 3804 750b 83c6 1081 fefe 0775
                                                     . . . . 8 . и . . . . . . . . и
0000048 f3eb 16b4 02b0 01bb 007c b280 8a74 018b
                                                     ....t..
0000064: 4c02 cd13 ea00 7c00 00eb fe00 0000 0000
0000432: 0000 0000 0000 0000 9af0 0200 0000 0020
0000448 2100 0b1b 0299 0008 0000 0080 2500 00a8
                                                     ! . . . . . . . . . % . . .
                                                     ...... '.X )...l...
0000464: 01a8 071a b327 0058 2900 00c0 5d00 001a
0000480: b427 076c dad2 0018 8700 00c0 6800 0000
                                                     . '. I . . . . . . . h . . .
0000496 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 55aa
000 - 439
                0 \times 000 - 0 \times 1B7
                                   Boot code
440 - 443
                0 \times 1B8 - 0 \times 1BB
                                   Disc signature
444 - 445
                0 \times 1BC - 0 \times 1BD
                                   Reserved
446 - 509
                0 \times 1BF - 0 \times 1FD
                                   Partitiontable
510 - 511
                0 \times 1 FF - 0 \times 1 FF
                                   0 \times 55 0 \times AA
```

## 5.5 MBR - DOS Partition Table

```
# dd if=/dev/sdc bs=512 count=1 skip=0 |xxd
0000000: fab8 0010 8ed0 bc00 b0b8 0000 8ed8 8ec0
0000016: fbbe 007c bf00 06b9 0002 f3a4 ea21 0600
                                                    . . . | . . . . . . . . . ! . .
0000032: 00be be07 3804 750b 83c6 1081 fefe 0775
                                                    . . . . 8 . u . . . . . . . . u
0000048: f3eb 16b4 02b0 01bb 007c b280 8a74 018b
                                                    . . . . . . . . . | . . . t . .
0000064: 4c02 cd13 ea00 7c00 00eb fe00 0000 0000
                                                    L . . . . . | . . . . . . . . .
0000432: 0000 0000 0000 0000 9af0 0200 0000 0020
0000448: 2100 0b1b 0299 0008 0000 0080 2500 00a8
                                                    1 . . . . . . . . . % . . . .
0000464: 01a8 071a b327 0058 2900 00c0 5d00 001a
                                                    ......'.X)...1...
0000480: b427 076c dad2 0018 8700 00c0 6800 0000
                                                    . ' . I . . . . . . . h . . .
0000496: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 55aa
                                                    . . . . . . . . . . . . . . U.
Partitiontable:
  Offset · O
                                         ---> Bootable
                 Size: 1 Value: 0x80
                 Size: 3 Value:
                                         -> Starting CHS address
  Offset: 1
  Offset: 4
                 Size: 1 Value: 0x0b
                                         ---> FAT32
                                0 \times 07
                                         —> NTFS
  Offset: 5
                 Size: 3 Value:
                                         -> Ending CHS address
  Offset: 8
                 Size: 4 Value:
                                         -> Starting LBA address
  Offset 12
                                         -> LBA size in sectors
                 Size · 4 Value ·
```

# 5.5 MBR - DOS Partition Table

```
0000432: 0000 0000 0000 9af0 0200 0000 0020 ......
 0000448: 2100 0b1b 0299 0008 0000 0080 2500 00a8
                                               1 %
 0000464: 01a8 071a b327 0058 2900 00c0 5d00 001a .....'.X)...]...
 0000480: b427 076c dad2 0018 8700 00c0 6800 0000 .'.I....h...
                                               . . . . . . . . . . . . . . U.
 0000496: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 55aa
Partitiontable:
 Offset: 0
               Size: 1 Value: 0x80
                                      ---> Bootable
 Offset: 1 Size: 3 Value:
                                      -> Starting CHS address
 Offset: 4 Size: 1 Value: 0x0b
                                      —> FAT32
                              0 \times 07
                                    —> NTFS
 Offset 5
          Size · 3 Value ·
                                      -> Ending CHS address
 Offset: 8
              Size: 4 Value:
                                      -> Starting LBA address
 Offset 12
               Size: 4 Value:
                                      -> LBA size in sectors
Addressable space:
 CHS: echo ((2**8 * 2**6 * 2**10 * 512 / 1024**2)) = 8192 MByte
 LBA: echo ((2**32 * 512 / 1024**3))
                                                        2048 GBvte
```

- Exercise: Calculate the size if the partitions
  - 1. Take LBA size
  - 2. Apply Little Endian
  - 3. Apply sector size

# 5.5 MBR - DOS Partition Table

```
    0000432:
    0000
    0000
    0000
    9af0
    0200
    0000
    0020

    0000448:
    2100
    0b1b
    0299
    0008
    0000
    0082
    0088
    !...
    %...

    0000464:
    01a8
    071a
    b327
    0058
    2900
    00c0
    5800
    001a
    ...
    '.X)
    ]...

    0000480:
    b427
    076c
    dad2
    0018
    8700
    00c0
    6800
    0000
    ...
    h...

    0000496:
    0000
    0000
    0000
    0000
    0000
    055aa
    ...
    U.
```

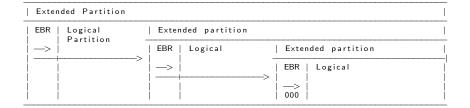
• Exercise: Calculate the size if the partitions

	LBA size	Little Endian		Sector size		
Part1:	0×00802500	0×00258000	2457600	* 512	1258291200	1.2 GB
Part2:	0×00c05d00	0×005dc000	6144000	* 512	3145728000	3.0 GB
Part3:	0x00c06800	0×0068c000	6864896	* 512	3514826752	3.4 GB

- Demo: Change partition type with hexeditor
   fdisk -l /dev/sdb; hexedit /dev/sdb; F2, CTRL+x
- Exercise: Find password in unused space before first partition

## 5.6 Extended Partition - EBR

```
! . . . . . . . . . % . . .
0000448: 2100 0b1b 0299 0008 0000 0080 2500 00a8
                                                       . . . . . ' . X ) . . . 1 . . .
0000464 01a8 071a b327 0058 2900 00c0 5d00 0000
0000496: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 55aa
                                                       . . . . . . . . . . . . . . U.
Partition table:
446 - 461
                 0 \times 1BF - 0 \times 1CD
                                    1th entry - This logical partition
462 - 477
                 0x1CE - 0x1DD
                                    2nd entry - Empty OR Next EBR - Extended Boot Record
478 - 493
                 0 \times 1DE - 0 \times 1ED
                                    Unused
494 - 509
                 0 \times 1EE - 0 \times 1ED
                                    Unused
```

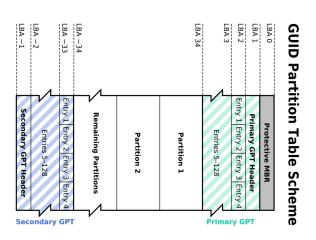


## 5.7 GPT - GUID Partition Table

- ullet BIOS ightarrow UEFI Unified Extensible Firmware Interface
- GUID Globally Unique Identifier for each partition
  - $\rightarrow$  GUID Partition Table
- Protective MBR at LBA0
  - o One single entry covering the entire disk
  - $\circ$  Partition type 0xEE if 0xEE unknown  $\to$  Not empty  $\to$  Not formatted
- GPT header at LBA1
- GPT entries at LBA2 → LBA34
- GPT entries: 128 Bytes
- GPT backup at end of disk

## 5.7 GPT - GUID Partition Table

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# 5.8 Exercise: Investigate disk with strange PT

• Fix the first partition table entry! mmls mbr\_ex.raw

	Slot	Start	End	Length	Description
000:	Meta	000000000	000000000	0000000001	Primary Table (#0)
001:		000000000	0000002049	0000002050	Unallocated
002:	000:000	0000002050	0000067585	0000065536	Win95 FAT32 (0x0c)
003:	000:001	0000067586	0000133119	0000065534	Win95 FAT32 (0×0c)
004:	000:002	0000133120	0000262142	0000129023	Win95 FAT32 (0×0c)
005:		0000262143	0000262143	0000000001	Unallocated

• Search for partition 1 signature

sigfind -o 510 -I AA55 mbr\_ex.raw

# 5.8 Exercise: Investigate disk with strange PT

### The fixed partition table:

	Slot	Start	End	Length	Description
000:	Meta	000000000	000000000	0000000001	Primary Table (#0)
001:		000000000	0000002047	0000002048	Unallocated
002:	000:000	0000002048	0000067583	0000065536	Win95 FAT32 (0x0c)
003:		0000067584	0000067585	0000000002	Unallocated
004:	000:001	0000067586	0000133119	0000065534	Win95 FAT32 (0x0c)
005:	000:002	0000133120	0000262142	0000129023	Win95 FAT32 (0x0c)
006:		0000262143	0000262143	000000001	Unallocated

#### Investigate partition 3 boundaries

```
dd if=mbr_ex.raw count=2049 | xxd | less
dd if=mbr_ex.raw skip=67583 count=4 | xxd | less
dd if=mbr_ex.raw skip=262142 | xxd | less
```

## 5.9 VBR - Volume Boot Record - Boot Sector

```
# dd if=/dev/sdc1 bs=512 count=1 skip=0 |xxd
0000000: eb58 906d 6b64 6f73 6673 0000 0208 2000
                                                 .X. mkdosfs . . . .
                                                                     # 0xeb 0x58 0x90
0000010: 0200 0000 00f8 0000 3e00 f800 0000 0000
                                                 . . . . . . . . > . . . . . . .
                                                                     # JMP 2+88 NOP
0000030: 0100 0600 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
                                                 ..). ..FAT
0000040: 0000 29a2 20e9 9c46 4154 2020 2020 2020
0000050: 2020 4641 5433 3220 2020 0elf be77 7cac
                                                 FAT32 ...w|.
0000060: 22c0 740b 56b4 0ebb 0700 cd10 5eeb f032
                                                 " + V ^ 2
0 - 2
            Size: 3
                           Jump to bootstrap code
3 - 10
              Size 8
                           OFM-ID: mkdosfs
11 - 12
              Size: 2
                           Bytes per sector: 0 \times 0002 \rightarrow 0 \times 0200 (little endian)\rightarrow 512
13 (0×D)
              Size: 1
                           Sectors per cluster: 0x08 -> 4096 bytes per cluster
50 (0x32) - 51 Size: 2
                           Boot sector backup: 0 \times 0600 \rightarrow 0 \times 0006 \rightarrow at sector 6
67 (0×43) - 70 Size: 4
                           Volume serial number: 0xa220e99c -> 0x9ce920a2
71 (0×47)
               Size: 11
                           Volume label: FAT
82 (0×52)
               Size: 8
                           Partition type: FAT32
90 (0×5A)- 509 (0×1FD)
                           Bootstrap code
510 (0x1FE) Size: 2
                           Signature: 0x55AA
```

• Demo: Sleuthkit tools: mmstat, mmls, fsstat



9. String Search

## 9.1 What is 'String Search'?

- Search the disk image for known words
  - Terms used in a secret document
  - IBAN ot other banking details
  - Email addresses or URLs
  - File names or shell commands
- Search thrue all the blocks
  - Allocated blocks
  - File slack
  - Non allocated blocks
  - Outside the partition borders

#### Goal

- Proof that the data was there once
- May even recover deleted files
- Identify intresting data that are close

# 9.2 Steps to do a String Search

- Identify block/cluster size mmls. fsstat
- 2. Search for the string and the offset blkls | srch\_strings | grep
- Calculate block/cluster of the string xxxxxxxxx / 4096 = yyyy
- 4. Review block/cluster content blkcat
- Identify inode of the block/cluster ifind
- Identify associated file ffind
- 7. Recover file

  icat

  Or mount and copy file

## 9.3 Exercise: What about Paulas cat?

Length

Description

Primary Table (#0)

NTFS / exFAT (0x07)

Unallocated

### 1. Identify cluster size

```
mmls circl-dfir.dd
           Slot
   1
                     Start
                                  End
000: Meta
                             0000000000
                                           0000000001
                0000000000
001:
                0000000000
                             0000002047
                                           0000002048
002. 000.000
                0000002048
                             0004917247
                                           0004915200
fsstat -o 2048 circl-dfir dd
     File System Type: NTFS
    Volume Serial Number: 7B6F5F9427919882
    OEM Name: NTFS
    Volume Name: CIRCL-DFIR
     Version: Windows XP
     Sector Size: 512
     Cluster Size: 4096
     Total Cluster Range: 0 - 614398
```

Total Sector Range: 0 - 4915198

### 9.3 Exercise: What about Paulas cat?

### 2. Search for the string 'Paula'

```
blkls -e -o 2048 circl-dfir.dd | strings -a -td | grep -i paula

157342 Paula's cat is fat......

157370 Paula's cat is fat.....

157510 Paula's cat is fat......

157538 Paula's cat is fat......
```

### 3. Calculate cluster of the string

```
echo $((157342/4096))
38
echo $((157538/4096))
38
```

#### 4. Review cluster content

```
blkcat —o 2048 circl—dfir2dd 38 | strings
.....
Paula's cat is fat.......
Paula's cat is fat......
Paula's cat is fat.....
```

## 9.3 Exercise: What about Paulas cat?

### 5. Identify inode of the cluster

```
ifind -o 2048 -d 38 circl-dfir.dd 0-128-1
```

### 6. Identify associated file

```
ffind -o 2048 circl-dfir.dd 0-128-1 //$MFT
```

#### 7. Recover file

```
icat -o 2048 circl-dfir.dd 0-128-1 > MFT
```

## Exercise: Manual approach - Learn from errors

```
dd if=circl-dfir.dd bs=4096 skip=38 count=1 | xxd | less dd if=circl-dfir.dd bs=4096 skip=\$((2048+38)) count=1 | xxd | less dd if=circl-dfir.dd bs=4096 skip=\$((2048/8+38)) count=1 | xxd | less
```



12. Memory Forensics

# 12.1 About Memory Forensics

- Information expected
  - Network connections
  - o Processes (hidden)
  - Services (listening)
  - Malware
  - Registry content
  - DLL analysis
  - o Passwords in clear text
- History
  - o 2005: String search
  - $\circ \to \mathsf{EProcess}$  structures
- Finding EProcess structures
  - Find the doubly linked list (ntoskrnl.exe)
  - Brute Force searching

## 12.2 Get your memory dump

- Page file, swap area: pagefile.sys
- Memory dump

http://www.msuiche.net

DumpIt.exe

```
E:\dumpit\Dumpit.exes
Dumpit\Dumpit.exes
Dumpit v1.3.2.28118481 - One click menory menory dumper
Gopyright (e) 2887 - 2811, Matthieu Suiche (http://www.msuiche.net)
Gopyright (e) 2818 - 2811, MoonSols (http://www.moonsols.com)

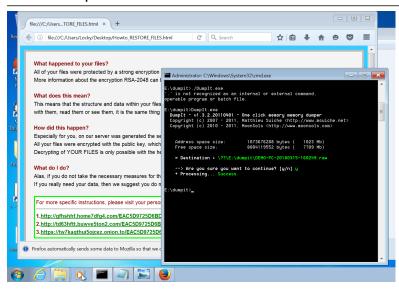
Address space size: 1873676288 bytes ( 1823 Mb)
Free space size: 2481239840 bytes ( 2298 Mb)

* Destination = \??\E:\dumpit\MINTWS-28198411-151517.raw
--> Are you sure you want to continue? [y/n] y
+ Processing... Success.

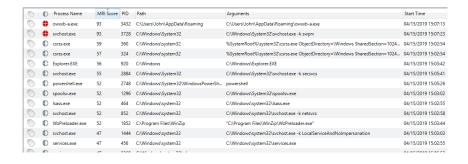
E:\dumpit>
```

Hibernation file: hiberfil.sys
 powercfg /h[ibernate] [on|off]
 psshutdown -h

## 12.2 Dumplt



### 12.3 Mandiant Redline - Malware Risk Index

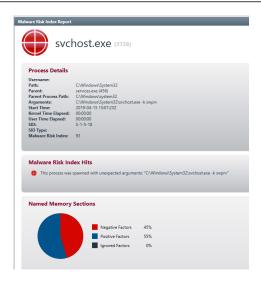


## 12.3 Mandiant Redline - Malware Risk Index



0	Process Name	PID	Path	State	Created	Local IP Address	Local	Remote IP Add	Re	Protocol
	owxxb-a.exe	3432	C:\Users\John\AppData\Roaming	ESTABLISHED		10.0.2.15	49161	216.239.32.21	443	TCP
0	owxxb-a.exe	3432	C:\Users\John\AppData\Roaming	CLOSED		10.0.2.15	49164	139.99.68.76	80	TCP
	owxxb-a.exe	3432	C:\Users\John\AppData\Roaming	ESTABLISHED		10.0.2.15	49160	216.239.32.21	80	TCP
0	owxxb-a.exe	3432	C:\Users\John\AppData\Roaming	ESTABLISHED		10.0.2.15	49162	2.17.201.8	80	TCP

### 12.3 Mandiant Redline - Malware Risk Index



## 12.3 Mandiant Redline - Hierarchical

▶ System	0	4		04/15/2019 15:02:52	2	0
smss.exe	47	248 \9	SystemRoot\System32\smss.exe	04/15/2019 15:02:52	2 System	4
csrss.exe	57	324 %	SystemRoot%\system32\csrss.exe ObjectDirectory=\Windows SharedSection	04/15/2019 15:02:54	1	308
▶ wininit.exe	47	368 w	vininit.exe	04/15/2019 15:02:54	1	308
▶ services.exe	47	456 C	:\Windows\system32\services.exe	04/15/2019 15:02:55	wininit.exe	368
▶ taskhost.exe	47	352 "t	taskhost.exe"	04/15/2019 15:03:42	services.exe	456
csrss.exe	59	360 %	${\tt SystemRoot\% \ lem32 \ lem$	04/15/2019 15:02:54	taskhost.exe	352
conhost.exe	47	2552 \?	??\C:\Windows\system32\conhost.exe	04/15/2019 15:04:43	csrss.exe	360
winlogon.exe	47	396 w	inlogon.exe	04/15/2019 15:02:54	taskhost.exe	352
<ul> <li>svchost.exe</li> </ul>	47	564 C	:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k DcomLaunch	04/15/2019 15:02:57	7 services.exe	456
wmiprvse.exe	47	3268		04/15/2019 15:06:52	2 svchost.exe	564
VBoxService.exe	47	624 C	:\Windows\System32\VBoxService.exe	04/15/2019 15:02:57	7 services.exe	456
powershell.exe	52	2748	powershell	04/15/	2019 15:05:26	
♦ owxxb-a.exe	93	3432	C:\Users\John\AppData\Roaming\owxxb-a.exe	04/15/	/2019 15:07:13	
NOTEPAD.EXE	52	3820	$"C:\Windows\system 32\NOTEPAD.EXE"\ C:\Users\Uohn\Desktop\Howto\_RESTORE\_ISSUE AND STORE AND ST$	FILES.txt 04/15/	2019 15:08:05	owxxb-a.exe
iexplore.exe	52	3832	"C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\iexplore.exe" -nohome	04/15/	2019 15:08:06	owxxb-a.exe
iexplore.exe	47	3908	"C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\iexplore.exe" SCODEF:3832 CREDAT:14337	04/15/	2019 15:08:07	iexplore.exe

# 12.3 Mandiant Redline - Timeline

04/15/2019 15:05:26	Process/StartTime	ess/StartTime Name: powershell.exe PID: 2748			wsPowerShelf\v1.0	Args: powershell	Args: powershell		
04/15/2019 15:05:41	Process/StartTime	Names sychost.exe	PID: 2884	Paths C:\Windows\System32		Args: C:\Windows\	System32\svchost.exe -k secsvcs		
04/15/2019 15:05:41	Process/StartTime	Name: sppsvc.exe	PID: 2844	Path: C:\Windows\system32		Args: C:\Windows\	system32\sppsvc.exe		
04/15/2019 15:06:50	Port/CreationTime	Remote: *:*:0	Local: 0.0.0.0:0	Protocol: UDP	State: LISTENING	PID: 2748	Process: powershell.exe		
04/15/2019 15:06:50	Port/CreationTime	Remote: *:*:0	Local: 00:00:00:00:00:00	00:00:00:0 Protocol: UDP	States LISTENING	PID: 2748	Process: powershell.exe		
04/15/2019 15:06:50	Port/CreationTime	Remote: *:*:0	Local: 0.0.0.0:0	Protocol: UDP	State: LISTENING	PID: 2748	Process: powershell.exe		
04/15/2019 15:06:50	Port/CreationTime	Remote: *:*:0	Local: 00:00:00:00:00:00:	00:00:00:0 Protocol: UDP	State: LISTENING	PID: 2748	Process: powershell.exe		
04/15/2019 15:06:52	Process/StartTime	Names wmiprvse.exe	PID: 3268	Path: C:\Windows\system32\wbem		Args			
04/15/2019 15:07:13	Process/StartTime	Name: owxxb-a.exe	PID: 3432	Paths C:\Users\John\AppData\Roam	ing	Args: C:\Users\Joh	n\AppData\Roaming\owxxb-a.exe		
04/15/2019 15:07:22	Process/StartTime Name: vssvc.exe		PID: 3676	Path: C:\Windows\system32		Args: C:\Windows\system3Z\vssvc.exe			
04/15/2019 15:07:23	Process/StartTime	Names sychost.exe	PID: 3728	Path: C:\Windows\System32		Args: C:\Windows\	System32\svchost.exe -k swprv		
04/15/2019 15:07:13	Name: owxxb-a.exe	PID: 3432	Path: C:\Users\John\J	AppData\Roaming	Args: C	\Users\John\AppData\Roa	ming\owxxb-a.exe		
04/15/2019 15:07:22	Name: vssvc.exe	PID: 3676	Path: C:\Windows\syr	stem32	Args: C	\Windows\system32\vssv	.exe		
04/15/2019 15:07:23	Names sychost.exe	PID: 3728	Path: C:\Windows\Sy	stem32	Args: C	\Windows\System32\svch	ost.exe -k swprv		
04/15/2019 15:08:05	Name: NOTEPAD.EXE	PID: 3820	Path: C:\Windows\sy:	stem32	Args: "C	:\Windows\system32\NO	TEPAD.EXE" C:\Users\John\Deskto		
04/15/2019 15:08:06	Names iexplore.exe	PID: 3832	Path: C:\Program File	s\Internet Explorer	Args: "C	:\Program Files\Internet E	xplorer\iexplore.exe" -nohome		
04/15/2019 15:08:07	Names iexplore.exe	PID: 3908	Path: C:\Program File	es\Internet Explorer	Args: "C	:\Program Files\Internet E	xplorer\iexplore.exe" SCODEF:38		
04/15/2019 15:08:07	Name: DIIHost.exe	PID: 3928	Path: C:\Windows\sy:	stem32	Args: C	\Windows\system32\DIIH	ost.exe /Processid:(AB8902B4-09		

## 12.4 Volatility: Overview

```
volatility -h
```

```
Copies a physical address space out as a raw DD image
imagecopy
imageinfo
              Identify information for the image
pslist
              Print all running processes by following the EPROCESS lists
              Scan Physical memory for _EPROCESS pool allocations
psscan
pstree
              Print process list as a tree
              Find hidden processes with various process listings
psxview
sockets
              Print list of open sockets
sockscan
              Scan Physical memory for ADDRESS_OBJECT objects (tcp sockets)
volatility -f [filename] [plugin] [options]
volatility -f DEMO-PC-20180315.raw imageinfo
```

## 12.4 Volatility: Overview

```
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
INFO : volatility.debug : Determining profile based on KDBG search ...

Suggested Profile(s): Win7SP1x86.23418, Win7SP0x86, Win7SP1x86

AS Layer1: IA32PagedMemory (Kernel AS)

AS Layer2: FileAddressSpace

PAE type: No PAE

DTB: 0x185000L

KDBG: 0x82968c28L

Number of Processors: 1
Image Type (Service Pack): 1

KPCR for CPU 0: 0x82969c00L

KUSER SHARED DATA : 0xffdf00001
```

volatility -f Win-Enc-20190415.raw imageinfo

volatility --profile=Win7SP1x86 -f [filename] [plugin]
[options]

Image date and time : 2019-04-15 15:08:11 UTC+0000 Image local date and time : 2019-04-15 17:08:11 +0200

# 12.5 Volatility: Process Analysis

#### pslist

- Running processes
- o Process IP PID
- o Parent PIP PPID
- Start time

#### pstree

- Like pslist
- Visual child-parent relation

### psscan

- o Brute Force
- Find inactive and/or hidden processes

#### psxview

- Run and compare some tests
- Correlate psscan and pslist

# 12.5 Volatility: Process Analysis

#### volatility --profile=Win7SP1x86 -f Win-Enc-20190415.raw pslist

Offset (V)	Name	PID	PPID	Thds	Hnds	Ses	Wow64	Start		_
0×84233af0	System	4	0	70	505		0	2019-04-15	15:02:52	UTC+0000
0×848d8288	smss.exe	248	4	2	29		0	2019-04-15	15:02:52	UTC+0000
0×8487a700	csrss.exe	324	308	9	384	0	0	2019-04-15	15:02:54	UTC+0000
0x84fbb530	csrss.exe	360	352	7	274	1	0	2019-04-15	15:02:54	UTC+0000
0x84fc3530	wininit.exe	368	308	3	77	0	0	2019 - 04 - 15	15:02:54	UTC+0000
	winlogon.exe	396	352	4	112	1		2019 - 04 - 15		
	services.exe	456	368	8	203	0		2019 - 04 - 15		
0×8505ac00		464	368	7	580	0		2019 - 04 - 15		
0×8505caa0	lsm . exe	472	368	10	145	0	0	2019 - 04 - 15	15:02:55	UTC+0000
0×85050b60	WmiPrvSE . exe	3268	564	9	175	0	0	2019-04-15	15:06:52	UTC+0000
	owxxb—a . exe	3432	3368	15	471	1		2019-04-15		
0×84394030		3676	456	6	123	0		2019-04-15		
0×84394488	svchost.exe	3728	456	6	70	0	0	2019-04-15	15:07:23	UTC+0000
0x84a243c8	notepad.exe	3820	3432	1	64	1	0	2019-04-15	15:08:05	UTC+0000
0×846d8030	iexplore . exe	3832	3432	19	427	1	0	2019-04-15	15:08:06	UTC+0000
0×846d2d40	iexplore . exe	3908	3832	11	293	1	0	2019-04-15	15:08:07	UTC+0000
0×846e5a58	dllhost.exe	3928	564	6	94	1	0	2019-04-15	15:08:07	UTC+0000
0×84684d40	dllhost.exe	4012	564	10	212	1	0	2019-04-15	15:08:08	UTC+0000

# 12.5 Volatility: Process Analysis

#### volatility --profile=Win7SP1x86 -f Win-Enc-20190415.raw pslist

Offset (P)	Name	PID ps	list	psscan	thrdproc	pspcid	csrss	session	deskthrd
	taskhost.exe	352	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0×3fa84d40	dllhost.exe	4012	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0x3ec23148	spoolsv.exe	1296	True	True	True	True	e Tru	ie True	True
0×3f63f470	explorer.exe	920	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0x3ff0bd40	owxxb—a . exe	3432	True	True	True	True	e Tru	ie True	True
0x3f3d0530	winlogon.exe	396	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0x3f3c3530	wininit.exe	368	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0x3ec9f030	svchost.exe	688	True	True	True	True	e Tru	ie True	True
0×3ef3d758	VBoxTray . exe	1832	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0×3fae5a58	dllhost.exe	3928	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0x3ec50b60	WmiPrvSE.exe	3268	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0x3ec88b90	svchost.exe	564	True	True	True	True	e Tru	ie True	True
0x3ecd3768	svchost.exe	820	True	True	True	True	e Tru	ie True	True
0x3ef4f030	SearchIndexer	. 2008	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0x3ec08d40	svchost.exe	1444	True	True	True	True	e Tru	ie True	True
0×3ed10d40	svchost.exe	1008	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0x3f6243c8	notepad . exe	3820	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True
0x3ecd95f8	svchost.exe	852	True	True	True	True	e Tru	ie True	True
0x3fad2d40	iexplore.exe	3908	True	True	True	True	e Tru	e True	True

## 12.6 Volatility: Network Analysis

- Windows XP and 2003 Server
  - o connections
  - o connscan
  - o sockets
- Windwos 7
  - o netscan

#### volatility --profile=Win7SP1x86 -f Win-Enc-20190415.raw netscan

Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State	Pid	Owner
UDPv4 UDPv6 TCPv4 TCPv4 TCPv4 TCPv4 TCPv4 TCPv4 TCPv4 TCPv4 TCPv4	0.0.0.0:0 :::0 0.0.0.0:49155 0.0.0.0:49156 :::49156 10.0.2.15:49167 10.0.2.15:49165 10.0.2.15:49160 10.0.2.15:49160 10.0.2.15:49160	*:* *:* 0.0.0.0:0 0.0.0.0:0 :::0 2.17.201.11:80 93.184.220.29:80 50.62.124.1:80 216.239.32.21:80 2.17.201.8:80 13.107.21.200:80	LISTENING LISTENING LISTENING ESTABLISHED ESTABLISHED ESTABLISHED ESTABLISHED ESTABLISHED ESTABLISHED	2748 2748 456 464 464 1128 1128 3432 3432 3432 3432 3832	powershell . exe powershell . exe services . exe Isass . exe Isass . exe svchost . exe svchost . exe owxxb—a . exe owxxb—a . exe iexplore . exe
TCPv4	10.0.2.15:49159	94.23.7.52:80	CLOSE_WAIT	2748	powershell.exe

## 12.7 Volatility: Exercise

#### volatility --profile=Win7SP1x86 -f Win-Enc-20190415.raw malfind

```
Process: owxxb-a exe Pid: 3432 Address: 0x400000
Vad Tag: VadS Protection: PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE
Flags: CommitCharge: 134, MemCommit: 1, PrivateMemory: 1, Protection: 6
                                                   M7
0x00400000 4d 5a 90 00 03 00 00 04 00 00 00 ff ff 00 00
0×00400010
         . . . . . . . . . . @ . . . . . . .
0×00400030
         00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 08 01 00 00
                       DEC. EBP.
0 \times 0.04000000 4d
                       POP FDX
0 \times 0.0400001 5a
0×00400002 90
                       NOP
```

#### volatility --profile=Win7SP1x86 -f Win-Enc-20190415.raw getsids

Create memdump of malicious process and search for suspicious URLs!