AIM: Performing RAM Forensics

OBJECTIVE:

- Capture an image of RAM of victim machine
- Use volatility tool to analyze memory images to find traces of an attack.

THEORY:

- ➤ RAM capture is the process of capturing live memory from a running computer system. RAM analysis consists of performing forensic analysis on the data gathered from the live computer.
- ➤ After conducting a memory dump on any live machine to capture RAM, the memory image can be used to determine information about running programs, the operating system, and the overall state of a computer, as well as to locate deleted or temporary information that might otherwise not be found on a normal image.
- ➤ Until recently, RAM analysis and capture was not a mandatory step in investigations, or even in triage situations where analysts were attempting to gather forensic data on site.
- ➤ However, with new tools that allow entry into locked systems and with the growing importance of temporary files, RAM analysis is quickly becoming a pivotal and mandatory part of the digital forensics process.
- Volatile memory access is useful in law enforcement situations where data would be lost by powering off a suspect machine.
- The longer a machine is off, the more data becomes lost.

 The following can be found using RAM capture: Processes, Network connections,

 Open files /Configurations/Encryption keys, Open/Active Registry keys, Exploitrelated information, Zero-day attacks and root-kits, and kernel-level structures.

Tools:

1. Volatility:

- Volatility is a powerful open-source memory forensics framework used to analyze volatile memory dumps. It is a powerful memory forensics tool used for analyzing volatile memory dumps. RAM analysis involves extracting and analyzing data from volatile memory dumps to investigate security incidents and identify malicious activities. It allows forensic investigators and incident responders to extract valuable information from memory images, including running processes, open network connections, loaded kernel modules, registry artifacts, and more.
- Supports analysis of memory dumps from various operating systems, including Windows, Linux, macOS, and Android.

- Provides a wide range of plugins for analyzing different aspects of memory, such as processes, network connections, registry, and file system artifacts.
- Offers scripting and automation capabilities through its Python API, allowing users to create custom analysis workflows and automate repetitive tasks.

2. VolatilityBot:

- VolatilityBot is an automation framework built on top of Volatility. It is designed to simplify the process of analyzing memory dumps by automating the execution of multiple Volatility plugins and aggregating the results into a unified report.
- Automates the execution of Volatility plugins against memory dumps, saving time and effort for analysts.
- Supports the creation of custom analysis workflows by chaining together multiple Volatility plugins.
- Provides a unified HTML report summarizing the findings from all executed plugins, making it easier for analysts to interpret the results.

3. Dumplt:

- Dumplt is a lightweight and easy-to-use tool for creating memory dumps on Windows systems. It is commonly used by forensic investigators and incident responders to acquire the physical memory of a suspect system for subsequent analysis.
- Creates a memory dump of the entire physical memory (RAM) of a Windows system, including kernel space and user space.
- Runs directly from a USB drive without requiring installation, making it portable and convenient to use in the field.
 - Supports both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows...

4. LiME (Linux Memory Extractor):

- LiME is a loadable kernel module for Linux that allows for the acquisition of volatile memory from a Linux system. It enables forensic investigators and incident responders to capture memory dumps for analysis without disrupting the running system.
- Acquires physical memory (RAM) from a Linux system by loading as a kernel module, ensuring minimal impact on system operations.
- Generates memory dumps in raw or Lime format, which can be analyzed using memory forensics tools like Volatility or Rekall.
 - Supports both 32-bit and 64-bit Linux kernels.

Here are some options available in Volatility for the cmd: python3 vol.py -f <filename.raw> windows.option-name:

windows.pstree: This command displays the process tree, showing parent-child relationships between processes on a Windows system.

windows.pslist: This command lists running processes on a Windows system.

windows.psscan: This command scans for processes that might have been terminated or hidden from the pslist plugin.

windows.psxview: This command reveals hidden and terminated processes by analyzing various process lists and kernel objects.

windows.callbacks: Lists registered callback functions in the kernel, which can provide insights into the activities of certain malware or rootkits.

windows.lsadump: Extracts security account information from the Security Account Manager (SAM) hive.

windows.netstat: Displays network connections, similar to the netstat command in Windows.

windows.filescan: Scans for file handles within the memory dump.

windows.dlllist: Lists loaded DLLs within processes.

windows.driverirp: Examines Windows kernel drivers and their associated IRP (I/O Request Packet) structures.

windows.consoles: Lists information about console windows.

windows.modules: Lists loaded kernel modules and drivers, helping to identify potentially malicious or suspicious drivers.

windows.sessions: Lists active user sessions on the system, including interactive logon sessions and remote desktop sessions.

STEPS:

Refer to:

https://www.varonis.com/blog/how-to-use-volatility

cmd: git clone https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/volatility3.git

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(student123@ kali)-[~]

$ git clone https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/volatility3.git
Cloning into 'volatility3'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 32258, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3692/3692), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (745/745), done.
remote: Total 32258 (delta 3391), reused 2992 (delta 2947), pack-reused 28566
Receiving objects: 100% (32258/32258), 6.31 MiB | 39.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (24599/24599), done.
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Repo has been cloned:

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___(student123@ kali)-[~]

$ ls

Desktop Downloads Pictures Templates volatility3

Documents Music Public Videos
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Go to that directory:

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_(student123⊛ kali)-[~]
└$ cd volatility3
___(student123⊛ kali)-[~/volatility3]

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Cmd: pip3 install -r requirements.txt

Run the vol.py file:

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-(student123® kali)-[~/volatility3]
└$ python3 vol.py -h
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usage: volatility [-h] [-c CONFIG] [--parallelism [{processes,threads,off}]]
                  [-e EXTEND] [-p PLUGIN_DIRS] [-s SYMBOL_DIRS] [-v] [-l LOG]
                  [-o OUTPUT_DIR] [-q] [-r RENDERER] [-f FILE]
                  [--write-config] [--save-config SAVE_CONFIG] [--clear-cache]
                  [--cache-path CACHE_PATH] [--offline]
                  [--single-location SINGLE_LOCATION]
                  [--stackers [STACKERS ...]]
                  [--single-swap-locations [SINGLE_SWAP_LOCATIONS ...]]
An open-source memory forensics framework
options:
                        Show this help message and exit, for specific plugin
  -h, --help
                        options use 'volatility <pluginname> --help'
  -c CONFIG, --config CONFIG
                        Load the configuration from a json file
  --parallelism [{processes,threads,off}]
                        Enables parallelism (defaults to off if no argument
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Download the Raw file from https://drive.usercontent.google.com/download?id=1bER4wmHP_LAMgdB52LGkb8x2Mf8hG3V 6&export=download

Python3 vol.py -f filename.raw imageinfo

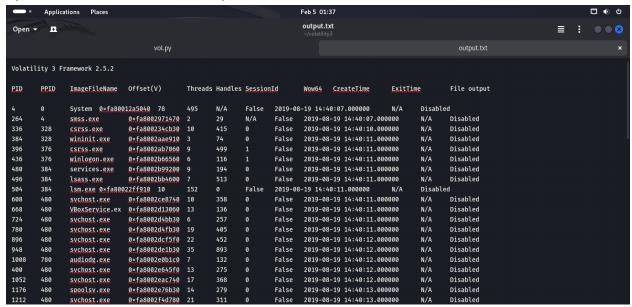
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 —(student123⊛kali)-[~/volatility3]
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This cmd stores the output of the cmd in a file: python3 vol.py -f <filename.raw> windows.pslist > output.txt

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  -(student123® kali)-[~/volatility3]
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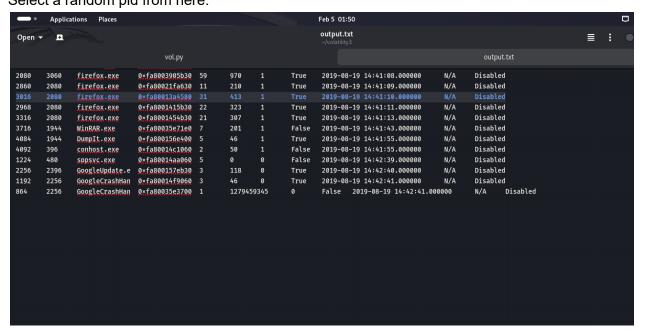
Open the file which stores the output:



Identifying Malicious Network Connections

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Create a folder dump in home Select a random pid from here:



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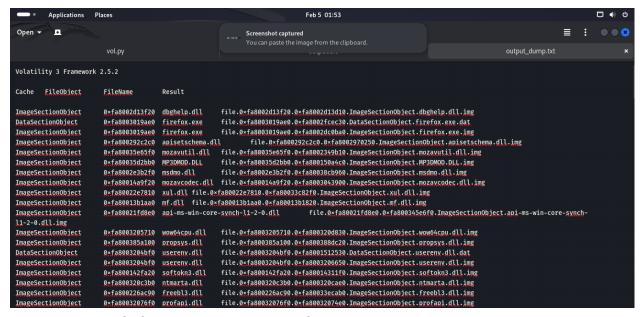
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(student123@kali)-[~/volatility3]
-$ python3 vol.py -f /home/student123/Downloads/Challenge_NotchItUp/Challenge.raw -o /home/student123/dump windows.dumpfiles --pid 3016 > output_dump.txt

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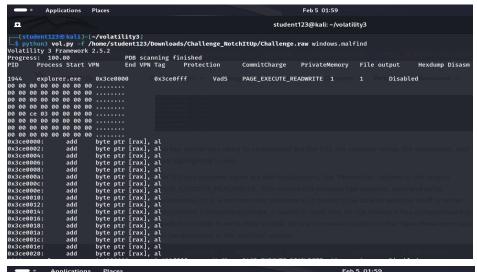
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-$ python3 vol.py -f /home/student123/Downloads/Challenge_NotchItUp/Challenge.raw -o /home/student123/dump windows.dumpfiles --pid 3016 > output_dump.txt

(student123@kali)-[~/volatility3]
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Output in the dump file:



python3 vol.py -f <filename> windows.malfind



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Inside that dump folder:



CONCLUSION:											