This is my personal write up of the 2019 DefCon Memory forensics challenge. This challenge was introduced at DefCon 2019 as part 4 of their 5 part CFT challenge for some of the best Cybersecurity professionals in the world to solve. Questions are precursed by their point value and the name of the flag challenge, and in bold.

get your volatility on - 5 pts

What is the SHA1 hash of triage.mem?

This was a simple question, but weird answer format. A simple Sha1sum command reveals the Sha sum of the file::

```
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work
$ sha1sum Triage-Memory-001.mem
c95e8cc8c946f95a109ea8e47a6800de10a27abd Triage-Memory-001.mem
```

pr0file - 10 pts

What profile is the most appropriate for this machine? (ex: Win10x86_14393) this was also down to a single command, but this time we get to go into volatility for the first time. As with almost any memory image to analyze, the first command is imageinfo:

hey, write this down - 12 pts

What was the process ID of notepad.exe?

One of the most useful commands in volatility to get started is pslist. You can ammend grep to the end, and find any PID, PPID, or process name, such as notepad. This is what I used, and the answer came very easy: 3032

```
sansrorensicsgsirtworkstation: ~/Desktop/Work/Derconcif
$ vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 pslist | grep notepad.exe
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
0xfffffa80054f9060 notepad.exe 3032 1432 1 60 1 0 2019-03-22 05:32:22 UTC+0000
```

wscript can haz children - 14 pts

Name the child processes of wscript.exe.

Another common command between linux and volatility is the pstree command. Using this with the -A option to show the preceding lines after the searched term, I am able to see the child process: UwkpjFjDzM.exe

```
      sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF

      $ vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 pstree | grep -A 10 wscript.exe

      Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1

      ... 0xffffffa8005a80060:wscript.exe
      5116 3952 8 312 2019-03-22 05:35:32 UTC+0000

      ... 0xffffffa8005a1d9e0:UWkpjFjDzM.exe
      3496 5116 5 109 2019-03-22 05:35:33 UTC+0000

      ... 0xffffffa8005bb0060:cmd.exe
      4660 3496 1 33 2019-03-22 05:35:36 UTC+0000
```

tcpip settings - 18 pts

What was the IP address of the machine at the time the RAM dump was created? For this, I looked to the volatility command netscan, which scans for open connections at the time the image was taken, and saw the local ipv4 address to be 10.0.0.101

		ion: ~/Desktop/work/DefCon					
		001.memprofile=Win7SP1x	64 netscan				
		tility Framework 2.6.1					
Offset(P)	Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State	Pid	Owner .	Created
0x13e057300	UDPv4	10.0.0.101:55736			2888	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
:20 UTC+0000							
0x13e05b4f0	UDPv6	::1:55735			2888	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
:20 UTC+0000							
0x13e05b790	UDPv6	fe80::7475:ef30:be18:7807:55734 *:*			2888	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:
2:20 UTC+0000							
0x13e05d4b0	UDPv6	fe80::7475:ef30:be18:7807:1900 *:*			2888	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
:20 UTC+0000							
0x13e05dec0	UDPv4	127.0.0.1:55737			2888	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
:20 UTC+0000							
0x13e05e3f0	UDPv4	10.0.0.101:1900			2888	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
:20 UTC+0000							
0x13e05eab0	UDPv6	::1:1900			2888	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
:20 UTC+0000							
0x13e064d70	UDPv4	127.0.0.1:1900			2888	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
:20 UTC+0000							
0x13e02bcf0	TCPv4	-:49220	72.51.60.132:443	CLOSED	4048	POWERPNT.EXE	
0x13e035790	TCPv4	-:49223	72.51.60.132:443	CLOSED	4048	POWERPNT.EXE	
0x13e036470	TCPv4	-:49224	72.51.60.132:443	CLOSED	4048	POWERPNT.EXE	
x13e258010	UDPv4	127.0.0.1:55560			5116	wscript.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
32 UTC+0000							
)x13e305a50	UDPv4	0.0.0.0:5355			232	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
09 UTC+0000							
0x13e360be0	UDPv4	0.0.0.0:63790			504		2019-03-22 05:4
47 UTC+0000							
0x13e490ec0	UDPv4	0.0.0.0:5355			232	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
:09 UTC+0000							
x13e490ec0	UDPv6	:::5355			232	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
09 UTC+0000							
x13e5683e0	UDPv4	10.0.0.101:137				System	2019-03-22 05:3
06 UTC+0000							
x13e594250	UDPv4	10.0.0.101:138				System	2019-03-22 05:3
06 UTC+0000							
x13e597ec0	UDPv4	0.0.0.0:0			232	svchost.exe	2019-03-22 05:3
06 UTC+0000							

intel - 18 pts

Based on the answer regarding to the infected PID, can you determine what the IP of the attacker was?

Yes, the netscan tool with volatility also lists the PID of the connection that is established. By running netscan and grepping for the known PID, the foreign IP comes out to 10.0.0.106.

i <3 windows dependencies - 20 pts

What process name is VCRUNTIME140.dll associated with?

This one took me a few extra minutes, as that .dll is associated with multiple processes. The dlllist command through volatility shows dlls associated with each PID running, load time, size, and path, among other things. I had to run through and try each of them since there were multiple processes utilizing this .dll, but using the command (vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem –profile=Win7SP1x64 dlllist | grep -B 7- VCRUNTIME140.dll), I finally found the correct answer to be OfficeClickToR

```
0x9 2019-03-22 05:32:05 UTC+0000
                                                                                                                                    c:\windows\system32\fwpuclnt.dll
C:\Windows\system32\NSI.dll
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C:\Windows\system32\SHLWAPI.dll
C:\Windows\system32\secur32.dll
C:\Windows\system32\credssp.dll
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:\Windows\system32\\dps.dll
:\Windows\system32\\CLBCatQ.DLL
:\Windows\system32\\CLBCatQ.DLL
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:\Windows\system32\rsaenh.dll
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                                                                                                                                       \Windows\system32\WTSAPI32.dll
                                                                                                                                    C:\Windows\system32\wdiasqmmodule.dll
                                            0x22000
                                                                                                                                    C:\Windows\system32\bcrypt.dll
OfficeClickToR pid: 1136
Command line : "C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\ClickToRun\OfficeClickToRun.exe" /service
```

mal-ware-are-you - 20 pts

What is the md5 hash value the potential malware on the system?

This needs to be done by isolating and dumping the process to a directory that it can be usable in. using the procdump command(vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem – profile=Win7SP1x64 procdump -p 3496 –dump-dir=dump), volatility can dump the process 3496 into my dump directory. From there, all that is needed is a md5sum command to see the md5 hash:

```
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
ls dump
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 procdump -p 3496 --dump-dir=dump
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
Process(V)
                   ImageBase
                                                             Result
                                       Name
0xfffffa8005a1d9e0 0x0000000000400000 UWkpjFjDzM.exe
                                                             OK: executable.3496.exe
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
$ md5 dump/executable.3496.exe
Command 'md5' not found, did you mean:
  command 'mdl' from snap mdl (0.11.0)
  command 'mdp' from deb mdp
command 'cd5' from deb cd5
  command 'mdu' from deb mtools
See 'snap info <snapname>' for additional versions.
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
$ md dump/executable.3496.exe
                                                                           mdir
nd5deep
                  md5sum.textutils mdatopbm
                                                        mdeltree
md5sum
                  mdadm
                                                                           mdmon
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
$ md dump/executable.3496.exe
                                                        mdeltree
                                                                          mdir
nd5deep
                  md5sum.textutils mdatopbm
                                                                                             mdu
nd5sum
                                     mdel
                  mdadm
                                                        mdig
                                                                           mdmon
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
 md5sum dump/executable.3496.exe
590ea20bc3bdfb328e23005d9a80c290
                                  dump/executable.3496.exe
```

Im-get bobs hash - 24 pts

What is the LM hash of bobs account?

This one took a few more steps. First, I needed to find the virtual address of the SAM and system hives, which can be found using the hivedump command:

```
$ vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 hivelist
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
/irtual
                    Physical
0xfffff8a003ad2010 0x0000000125598010 \??\C:\System Volume Information\Syscache.hve
0xfffff8a00469c010 0x00000000a779d010 \SystemRoot\System32\Confiq\DEFAULT
0xfffff8a00000e010 0x00000000a9740010 [no name]
0xfffff8a000024010 0x00000000a97cb010 \REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM
0xfffff8a000053320 0x00000000a977a320
                                          \REGISTRY\MACHINE\HARDWARE
0xfffff8a0000fe010 0x00000000a9625010
                                          \SystemRoot\System32\Config\SECURITY
0xfffff8a0004db010 0x00000000a8599010 \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Boot\BCD
0xfffff8a00054b010 0x00000000a7fe3010
                                          \SystemRoot\System32\Config\SOFTWARE
0xfffff8a000e66010 0x000000009ce84010
                                          \SystemRoot\System32\Config\SAM
0xfffff8a000efe410 0x000000009be5c410
                                          \??\C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\NTUSER.DAT
                                          \??\C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\LocalService\NTUSER.DAT
\??\C:\Users\Bob\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\UsrClass.dat
0xfffff8a000f43010 0x000000009ba60010
0xfffff8a00125d010 0x000000009635a010
0xfffff8a0012ea010 0x0000000096937010
                                          \??\C:\Users\Bob\ntuser.dat
```

Once I had these, hashdump, another volitality command, is used to dump the contents of hashes by using these(I could have used JUST the SAM *or* System location).by running this command, the hashes of all three accounts are found:

```
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
$ vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 hashdump -s 0xfffff8a000e66010 -y 0xfffff8a000024010 > hashs.txt
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
$ cat hashs.txt
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Bob:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
```

vad the impaler - 25 pts

What protections does the VAD node at 0xfffffa800577ba10 have?

The VAD system is something I was not completely familiar with, but some quick reading and digging helped me understand it better. Volatility has a vadinfo command that shows multiple info on all the vad entries in the mem dump. Using this and grepping for the requested memory address, I was able to find the protection to be PAGE READONLY.

more vads?! - 25 pts

What protections did the VAD starting at 0x0000000033c0000 and ending at 0x0000000033dffff have?

This was solved the same as the last question, using the vadinfo command and grepping for the requested vad table address. The answer revealed itself of be PAGE_NOACCESS

```
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
$ vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 vadinfo | grep -A 5 0x00000000033c0000
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
VAD node @ 0xfffffa800431cbf0 Start 0x00000000033c0000 End 0x00000000034bffff Tag VadS
Flags: CommitCharge: 4, PrivateMemory: 1, Protection: 4
Protection: PAGE_READWRITE
Vad Type: VadNone

VAD node @ 0xfffffa800548f610 Start 0x0000000003960000 End 0x00000000039dffff Tag VadS
--
VAD node @ 0xfffffa80052652b0 Start 0x00000000033c0000 End 0x00000000033dffff Tag VadS
Flags: CommitCharge: 32, PrivateMemory: 1, Protection: 24
Protection: PAGE_NOACCESS
Vad Type: VadNone
VAD node @ 0xfffffa8003f416d0 Start 0x00000000033a0000 End 0x0000000033bffff Tag VadS
```

vacation bible school - 25 pts

There was a VBS script run on the machine. What is the name of the script? (submit without file extension)

To do this, we needed a volatility command that allows us to see previously run terminal commands. After trying the incorrect command(Bash), a quick google search refreshed my memory that the command was cmdline. Grepping for vbs, the answer was revealed as vhjReUDEuumrX

```
$ vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 Bash
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
ERROR : volatility.debug : You must specify something to do (try -h)
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
$ vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 cmdline | grep vbs
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
Command line : "C:\Windows\System32\wscript.exe" //B //NOLOGO %TEMP%\vhjReUDEuumrX.vbs
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
```

An application was run at 2019-03-07 23:06:58 UTC, what is the name of the program? (Include extension)

I was able to find this by using one of volatilitys registry parsing commands. After failing to find it via userassist, I tried shimcache and grepped for that specific time, and was able to find the application to be skype.exe:

```
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
$ vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 shimcache | grep 23:06:58
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
2019-03-07 23:06:58 UTC+0000 \??\C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Skype for Desktop\Skype.exe
```

lightbulb moment - 35 pts

What was written in notepad.exe in the time of the memory dump?

I was expecting this to be easier than it was, as I know there is a notepad command in volatility to do this exact thing, but that command is not supported with this OS profile. So, what I had to do was dump the process and manually search for strings in it to find what was typed. First, a pslist to find the PID of notepad, which was revealed to be 3032. next up, a procdump of the process(vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem –profile=Win7SP1x64 memdump -p 3032 –dump-dir notepad).

```
$ strings -e l 3032.dmp | grep flag

flag
REDBULL IS LIFE
\Registry\Machine\Software\Microsoft\Windows nt\currentversion\appcompatflags\AIT
```

After this, it was a case of searching the process for a flag. I tried to just search with the command strings -e I 3032.dmp, (-e I is indicating the strings to search from 16 bit and little endisn). That was a wash, as there were MANY lines of strings that it output. I decided to give the word flag a shot as a grep string, and sure enough, the string was the first thing that it found, REDBULL IS LIFE:

8675309 - 35 pts

What is the shortname of the file at file record 59045?

To go about this, I needed to find *how to find* the file record. I knew of a few file system commands, and upon checking some volatility docs, I saw that mftparser displayed file record numbers. After narrowing down my grep command a bit, I was able to use the command vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem –profile=Win7SP1x64 mftparser | grep -A 15 -B 2 59045 to find the filename, which is EMPLOY~1.XLS

whats-a-metasploit? - 50 pts

This box was exploited and is running meterpreter. What PID was infected? I looked at this very straightforward. If metasploit is being used, volatility can probably find what it affected using malfind. I hit it with "vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem –profile=Win7SP1x64 malfind", and the last answer down was a nice looking process called UwkpjFjDzM.exe, with PID 3496. I gave it a shot as the flag, and sure enough it was right.

```
Process: UWkpjFjDzM.exe Pid: 3496 Address: 0x2ad0000
Vad Tag: VadS Protection: PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE
lags: CommitCharge: 55, MemCommit: 1, PrivateMemory: 1, Protection: 6
0x02ad0000
          4d 5a 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 ff ff 00 00
0x02ad0010
          0x02ad0030
          0x02ad0000 4d
                         DEC EBP
0x02ad0001 5a
                         POP EDX
0x02ad0002 90
                         NOP
0x02ad0003 0003
                         ADD [EBX], AL
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad0005 0000
                         ADD [EAX+EAX], AL
0x02ad0007 000400
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad000a 0000
0x02ad000c ff
                         DB 0xff
                         INC DWORD [EAX]
0x02ad000d ff00
0x02ad000f 00b800000000
                         ADD [EAX+0x0], BH
0x02ad0015 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad0017 004000
                         ADD [EAX+0x0], AL
0x02ad001a 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad001c 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad001e 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad0020 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad0022 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad0024 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad0026 0000
0x02ad0028 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad002a 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad002c 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad002e 0000
0x02ad0030 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad0032 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad0034 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad0036 0000
0x02ad0038 0000
                         ADD
                            [EAX], AL
                         ADD [EAX], AL
0x02ad003a 0000
                         ADD [ECX], AL
0x02ad003c 0001
0x02ad003e 0000
                         ADD [EAX], AL
sansforensics@siftworkstation: ~/Desktop/work/DefConCTF
 vol.py -f Triage-Memory-001.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 malfind
```

To conclude this challenge, I found it to be around a 7/10 difficulty for me. I had to do some research on a few concepts and lookup correct commands, but was able to finish it in a decent time of around 5 hours. It allowed me to learn about some new concepts in memory and new commands with volatility, and gave me a nice sense of accomplishment in being able to solve it relatively easily and without help. I really do enjoy memory forensics more than most other things in information security, and can't wait to find another challenge like this to face.