

CorporateSecrets Lab (Cyber Defenders) - Walkthrough

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Story:
A windows forensics challenge prepared by Champlain College Digital Forensics Association for their yearly CTF.
Your objective as a SOC analyst is to analyze the image and answer the question.

Q1: What is the current build number on the system?

- I loaded all the registry hives into 'Registry Explorer'.
In the 'Software' hive, I searched for the 'CurrentVersion' key and found that the current build of the machine is **16299**.

Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649918]...	1601-01-01 00:00:00
CurrentVersion	11	144	2020-04-10 03:55:24
CurrentVersion	27	89	2020-04-16 05:08:11
Internet Explorer	9	31	2020-04-15 04:09:42

Value Name	Value Type	Data	Value Stack	Is Deleted	Data Record Reallocated
SystemRoot	RegSz	C:\Windows	00-00-00-00-00-00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BuildBranch	RegSz	rs3_release	00-00-00-00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BuildGUID	RegSz	#####-###-###-#####	00-00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BuildLab	RegSz	16299.rs3_release_svc.180808...		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BuildLabEx	RegSz	16299.rs3_release_svc.180808...	65-00-43-00-6F-00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CompositionEditionID	RegSz	Enterprise	00-00-00-00-00-00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CurrentBuild	RegSz	16299		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CurrentBuildNumber	RegSz	16299		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CurrentMajorVersionNumber	RegDword	10		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q2: How many users are there?

- I accessed to the 'Users' directory and counted the number of the users.
The answer is **6**

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
admin	4/4/2020 8:53 PM	File folder	
hansel.apricot	4/11/2020 4:47 PM	File folder	
jim.tomato	4/11/2020 7:05 PM	File folder	
miriam.grapes	4/11/2020 4:33 PM	File folder	
suzy.strawberry	4/11/2020 4:52 PM	File folder	
tim.apple	4/4/2020 4:03 PM	File folder	

Q3: What is the CRC64 hash of the file "fruit_apricot.jpg"?

- I searched for the file using the search box and uploaded it to this site, where I calculated the hash using the CRC-64-ECMA algorithm.

click or drag file to here
open file: fruit_apricot.jpg, file size: 109.96 KB

AlgorithmCRC-64-ECMA

CalculateClear

Polynomial Formula

x54+x52+x57+x56+x54+x53+x52+x47+x46+x45+x40+x39+x37+x35+x33+x32+x31+x29+x27+x24+x23+x22+x21+x19+x17+x13+x12+x10+x9+x7+x6+x1

Bit Width

64

Polynomial Formula(HEX)

42F0E1EBA9EA3693

Initial Value(HEX)

FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF

XOROUT(HEX)

FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF

Reverse

☒REFIN☒REFOUT

Check Result(HEX)

ED865AA60FD756BF








Q4: What is the logical size of the file "strawberry.jpg" in bytes?

- I searched the file by the same method like before, I accessed the 'Properties' of the file and found the byte size of the file.

Location:	E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649918]...
Size:	70.7 KB (72,443 bytes)
Size on disk:	71.0 KB (72,704 bytes)
Created:	Saturday, April 11, 2020, 5:45:08 PM
Modified:	Saturday, April 11, 2020, 5:45:08 PM
Accessed:	Saturday, April 11, 2020
Attributes:	<input type="checkbox"/> Read-only <input type="checkbox"/> Hidden <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archive

Q5: What is the processor architecture of the system? (one word)

- To address this question, I used Registry Explorer again and search in the 'System' Hive the key ControlSet001\Control\Session Manager\Environment which retrieved OS information including the processor architecture.

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Value Name	Value Type	Data	Value Slack	Is Deleted	Data Record Reallocated	
						
ComSpec	RegExpand32	%SystemRoot%\system32\cmd...		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
OS	RegSz	Windows_NT	00-00-00-00-00-05	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Path	RegExpand32	%SystemRoot%\system32;%Sys...		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PATHEXT	RegSz	.COM;.EXE;.BAT;.CMD;.VBS;.VB...	00-00-00-00	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PROCESSOR_ARCHITECTURE	RegSz	AMD64		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PoModulePath	RegExpand32	%ProgramFiles%\WindowsPower...		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
TEMP	RegExpand32	%SystemRoot%\TEMP		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
TMP	RegExpand32	%SystemRoot%\TEMP		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
USERNAME	RegSz	SYSTEM	52-00-08-C3-52-90	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
windir	RegExpand32	%SystemRoot%	00-00	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS	RegSz	2		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PROCESSOR_LEVEL	RegSz	6		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PROCESSOR_IDENTIFIER	RegSz	Intel64 Family 6 Model 44 Steppin...	00-00-00-00-00-00	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PROCESSOR_REVISION	RegSz	2c02	7A-00	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

I navigated through the Recycle Bin of all users until I found some JPGs in the Recycle Bin of the user associated with the SID 5-1-5-21-2446097003-76624807-2828106174-1005. I then loaded the SAM hive, navigated to SAM\Domains\Account\Users, and found that SID 1005 was related to 'hansel.apricot'.

Note: You are able to find via SID with the associated username via Microsoft\Windows NT \CurrentVersion\ProfileList

- I searched via the search box the file and used 'Detect It Easy' to find the file extension

- I investigated the browsing history of the user and found Miriam searched via Firefox 'What is VCSO girl? Shop the latest teen trend'
The answer is '**VSCO**'

- I searched in the 'SYSTEM' hive the 'ComputerName' key which located at 'ControlSet001\Control\ComputerName\' to find the hostname

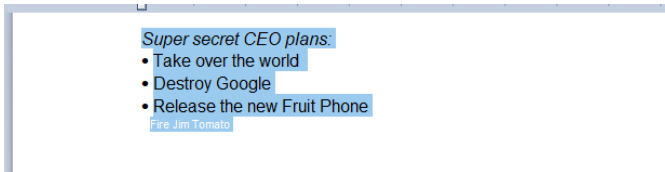
- We already found it the question 6 (S-1-5-21-2446097003-76624807-2828106174)

- I accessed the SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths key to identify the installed web browsers and found only three: Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Google Chrome. However, the expected total is five. I couldn't find any information online to explain this discrepancy.

Time	Process Name	Parent Process	Parent Process
2020-04-05 04:35:13	7zFM.exe	C:\Program Files\7-Zip\7zFM.exe	C:\Program Files\7-Zip\
2020-04-05 03:53:49	chrome.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Google\Chrome\Application\chrome.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Google\Chrome\Application
2020-04-03 03:00:53	cmimg32.exe		
2017-09-29 13:48:39	dfshim.dll		
2020-04-05 03:55:35	firefox.exe	C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe	C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox
2017-09-29 13:48:39	foqut.exe		
2020-04-03 03:00:53	IEDIAG.EXE	C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\IEDIAGCHD.EXE	C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer;
2020-04-03 03:00:53	IEDIAGCHD.EXE	C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\IEDIAGCHD.EXE	C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer;
2020-04-03 03:00:53	IEEXPLORE.EXE	C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\IEEXPLORE.EXE	C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer;
2017-09-29 13:48:39	install.exe		
2017-09-29 13:47:10	licensemanagershell.exe	%SystemRoot%\System32\licensemanagershell.exe	
2017-09-29 14:43:23	nip.exe	%CommonProgramFiles%\Microsoft Shared\sslserv.exe	

Q12: How many super-secret CEO plans does Tim have? (Dr. Doofenshmirtz Type Beat)

- I navigated in Tim directory and accessed to 'Documents' folder, I identified a file named 'Secret' I opened it and found the answer (4).
We are able to see only 3, but if you are copying the secrets there is an hidden one.



Q13: Which employee does Tim plan to fire? (He's Dead, Tim. Enter the full name- two words - space separated)

- The answer is the hidden secret - **Jim Tomato**

Q14: What was the last used username? (I didn't start this conversation, but I'm ending it!)

- I just found a registry key I didn't know about, the 'Winlogon' key, which is located in the 'Software' hive at Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon. This key provides the last used username, in our case, it's **'Jim.Tomato'**.

Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.F01_Partition 2 [5064991B]...	19	7	2017-09-29 13:47:44
EventLog	0	634	2020-04-17 18:57:45
Services	0	1,326	2017-09-29 14:43:26
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.F01_Partition 2 [5064991B]...	11	144	2020-04-16 03:55:24
Channels	25	13	2020-04-16 03:17:14
CurrentVersion	4	3	2020-04-15 04:09:42
Component Based Servicing	0	20,775	2020-04-15 04:09:42
SafetySd	0	3	2017-09-29 13:48:40
Winlogon	27	89	2020-04-16 05:08:11
SecEdit	6	2	2020-04-03 02:02:07
Winlogon	36	2	2020-04-16 05:08:11
HeapsAndDetection	0	3	2017-09-29 13:47:11
Winlogon	36	2	2020-04-16 05:08:11

Value Name	Value Type	Data	Value Stack	Is Deleted	Data Record Reallocated
VMApiSet	RegSz	SystemPropertiesPerformance.exe /pagefile			
WinStatemDisabled	RegSz	0			
screenexption	RegSz	0			
DisableCAD	RegDword	1			
LastLogOffEndTimePerfCounter	RegQword	230142895207	00-00-00-00		
ShutdownPage	RegDword	2347484331			
DisableLockWorkstation	RegDword	0			
EnableFirstLogonScreen	RegDword	1			
AutoLogonCount	RegSz	5-1-5-21-2446097003-76624807-2828106174-1003	00-00		
LastUsedUsername	RegSz	jin.tomato	63-00-6F-00-74-d...		
DefaultUserName	RegSz	miriam.grapes			
DefaultDomainName	RegSz	DESKTOP-3A-9&LWQ	66-00-3D-00		
AutoLogonCount	RegDword	1			
ForceAutoLogon	RegDword	1			
AutoAdminLogon	RegSz	1			

Q15: What was the role of the employee Tim was flirting with?

- I used "Browsing History" by Nirsoft and found that Tim searched for: **The answer is 'Secretary.'**

.. is it ok to flirt with my secretary - Google Search

... Bossy Britches: So Your Secretary Is Cute, Now What? | ToughNickel

... 6 Ways To Create Sexual Tension At Work

.. How to Flirt With a Woman at Work | The Modern Man

Q16: What is the SID of the user "suzy.strawberry"?

- As before, I accessed to Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\ProfileList and found the SID of the mentioned user.

2020-04-03 02:01:49	S-1-5-20	C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService
2020-04-05 03:53:18	S-1-5-21-2446097003-76624807-2828106174-1001	C:\Users\admin
2020-04-09 20:13:12	S-1-5-21-2446097003-76624807-2828106174-1002	C:\Users\tim.apple
2020-04-09 19:53:39	S-1-5-21-2446097003-76624807-2828106174-1003	C:\Users\jim.tomato
2020-04-12 03:09:25	S-1-5-21-2446097003-76624807-2828106174-1004	C:\Users\suzy.strawberry
2020-04-12 02:06:08	S-1-5-21-2446097003-76624807-2828106174-1005	C:\Users\hansel.apricot
2020-04-16 04:55:57	S-1-5-21-2446097003-76624807-2828106174-1006	C:\Users\miriam.grapes

Q17: List the file path for the install location of the Tor Browser.

- To address this question, I parsed the Prefetch directory via 'PECmd' by Eric Zimmerman. I searched the keyword 'Tor' and found the directory is **'C:\Program1'**

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\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\PROGRAM1,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\PROGRAM1\\BROWSER,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\PROGRAM1\\BROWSER\\TORBROWSER,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\PROGRAM1\\BROWSER\\TORBROWSER\\DATA,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\PROGRAM1\\BROWSER\\TORBROWSER\\DATA\\TOR,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\PROGRAM1\\BROWSER\\TORBROWSER\\TOR,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\WINDOWS,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\WINDOWS\\GLOBALIZATION,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\WINDOWS\\GLOBALIZATION\\SORTING,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\WINDOWS\\SYSTEM32,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\WINDOWS\\SYSTEM32\\EN-US

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Q18: What was the URL for the Youtube video watched by Jim?

- I loaded the 'History' file of Google Chrome via SQLite DB and found the YouTube URL Jim watched
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id	url	title	visit
1	https://www.google.com/search?...	slack download - Google Search	
2	https://slack.com/beta/windows	Windows Downloads Beta Slack	
3	https://app.slack.com/sb/signin	Sign in Slack	
4	https://app.slack.com/signin	Slack	
5	https://fruticworkspace.slack.com/?...	Slack	
6	https://slack.com/get-started	Get Started Slack	
7	https://slack.com/get-started#	Get Started Slack	
8	https://fruticworkspace.slack.com/	Redirecting... Fruit Inc Slack	
9	https://slack.com/checkcookie?...	Redirecting... Fruit Inc Slack	
10	https://fruticworkspace.slack.com/sb/...	Redirecting... Fruit Inc Slack	
11	https://www.google.com/search?...	how to hack into a computer after you are gone ...	
12	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-CdgTTF8Y	How To Hack Into a Computer - YouTube	
13	https://www.google.com/search?...	is it illegal to leak company secrets - Google ...	
14	https://law.stackexchange.com/questions/6011/...	intellectual property - When is reposting compan...	
15	https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/trade-...	Trade Secret Basics FAQ Hello	
16	https://chrome.google.com/webstore?hl=en	Chrome Web Store - Extensions	
17	https://chrome.google.com/webstore/category/...	Chrome Web Store - Extensions	

Q19: Which user installed LibreCAD on the system?

- I used the parsed Prefetch CSV to search for 'LibreCAD' and found the installation file.
I accessed the 'Directories' and discovered that the file was located in the 'Downloads' directory of MIRIAM.GRAPES.

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\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\USERS\\ADMIN\\DOCUMENTS,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\USERS\\ADMIN\\DOWNLOADS,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\USERS\\ADMIN\\MUSIC,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\USERS\\ADMIN\\ONEDRIVE,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\USERS\\ADMIN\\PICTURES,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\USERS\\ADMIN\\VIDEOS,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\USERS\\MIRIAM.GRAPES,
\\VOLUME{01d60963b1096880-ecb16432}\\USERS\\MIRIAM.GRAPES\\DOWNLOADS,

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Q20: How many times "admin" logged into the system?

- To address this question, I accessed the SAM hive to 'Users' key.
By Registry Explorer you are able to see the number of the loggings that performed by the user.

Key name	# values	# subkeys	
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649H8B]_NONAME [NTFS][root]\Windows\...			
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649H8B]_NONAME [NTFS][root]\Windows\...			
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649H8B]_NONAME [NTFS][root]\Windows\...			
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649H8B]_NONAME [NTFS][root]\Windows\...			
ROOT	0		
SAM	2		
Domains	1		
Account	2		
Aliases	1		
Groups	1		
Users	1		

User Id	Inval	Total Login	Creat	User	Password Hint	Groups
1001	1	10	2020-...	admin	setup user	Administrators
1002	0	4	2020-...	tim.appl e	tim	Users
1003	0	7	2020-...	jm.tom ato	jm	Users
1004	0	2	2020-...	suzy.st rawberr y	suzy	Users
1005	0	4	2020-...	hansel, apricot	hansel	Users
1006	0	4	2020-...	miriam, grapes	miriam	Users

Q21: What is the name of the DHCP domain the device was connected to?

- In the 'Software' hive, within the 'NetworkList' key located at Microsoft\Windows NT \CurrentVersion\NetworkList, you can find the DHCP domain in the 'DNS Suffix' section.

Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp
Network	9	0	2020-04-03 03:00:53
Appx	0	3	2017-09-29 13:48:39
CapabilityAccessManager	25	13	2020-04-16 03:17:14
Component Based Servicing	0	9	2020-04-03 02:01:46
Control Panel	19	78	2020-04-11 19:08:50
Explorer	0	2	2017-09-29 13:48:39
hcdAutoSetup	0	1	2017-09-29 13:48:39
NetworkServiceTriggers	3	3	2020-04-23 05:14
PushNotifications	4	3	2020-04-15 04:09:42
SidelySide	0	20,775	2020-04-15 04:09:42
Winners	0	3	2017-09-29 13:48:40
WINEVT	27	89	2020-04-16 05:08:11
CurrentVersion	0	1	2017-09-29 14:43:23
Audit	0	5	2017-09-29 13:48:39
inFileMapping	0	1	2020-04-03 02:02:03
NetworkCards	3	6	2020-04-04 23:05:09
NetworkList			

Q22: What time did Tim download his background image? (Oh Boy 3AM . Answer in MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM format (UTC).)

- I loaded NTUSER.dat into Registry Explorer and accessed the \Control Panel\Desktop key. Within this key, we can see the wallpaper image, which in our case is named 'hqdefault.jpg'.

I then parsed the \$MFT to determine when the image was downloaded by the user. I searched for the image name and found an entry with the 'Zone Identifier', which indicates that the file was downloaded from the web. The file was created on the system at: 2020-04-05 03:49:53.

File Name	E:
hqdefault.jpg:Zone.Identifier	

Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649918]_NORAH [NTFS]\root\Windows\...			
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649918]_NORAH [NTFS]\root\Windows\...			
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649918]_NORAH [NTFS]\root\Windows\...			
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649918]_NORAH [NTFS]\root\Users\Tim...			
ROOT	0	10	
AppEvents	0	2	
Console	44	2	
Control Panel	1	15	
Accessibility	2	12	
Appearance	0	2	
Bluetooth	0	2	
Colors	31	0	
Cursors	19	0	
Desktop	45	2	
Colors	28	0	
LanguageConfiguration	0	0	
WindowMetrics	22	0	
Infrared	0	2	
Input Method	1	2	
International	41	2	

Q23: How many times did Jim launch the Tor Browser?

- This was a tricky one, I used the hint to find the answer. Initially, I accessed the 'UserAssist' key, which indicates how many times the user interacted with the shell or applications. I found the launch of Tor, but it was not the answer. After using the hint, I searched the 'RecentApps' key and found 'Firefox.exe', which is located in the directory of the Tor Browser. It was executed two times.

Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp
E:\DFA_SP2020_Windows.E01_Partition 2 [50649918]_...			
CurrentVersion	0	81	2020-04-09 20:14:05
RecentApps	0	7	2020-04-12 01:00:28
CurrentVersion	0	59	2020-04-09 20:22:53
RecentApps	0	10	2020-04-16 04:53:45

Q24: There is a png photo of an iPhone in Grapes's files. Find it and provide the SHA-1 hash.

- I extracted all the photos found in the user's folder and used 'Binwalk' to check for any hidden data. During the analysis, I discovered that the image 'thisismyDesign' contained an embedded PNG file.

Using 'HxD', I opened the file and searched for the PNG signature (89 50 4E 47 0D 0A 1A 0A), which I referenced from Gary Kasler's site. I found the signature and identified that the PNG file extended to the end of the image, indicated by the text 'END*B'.

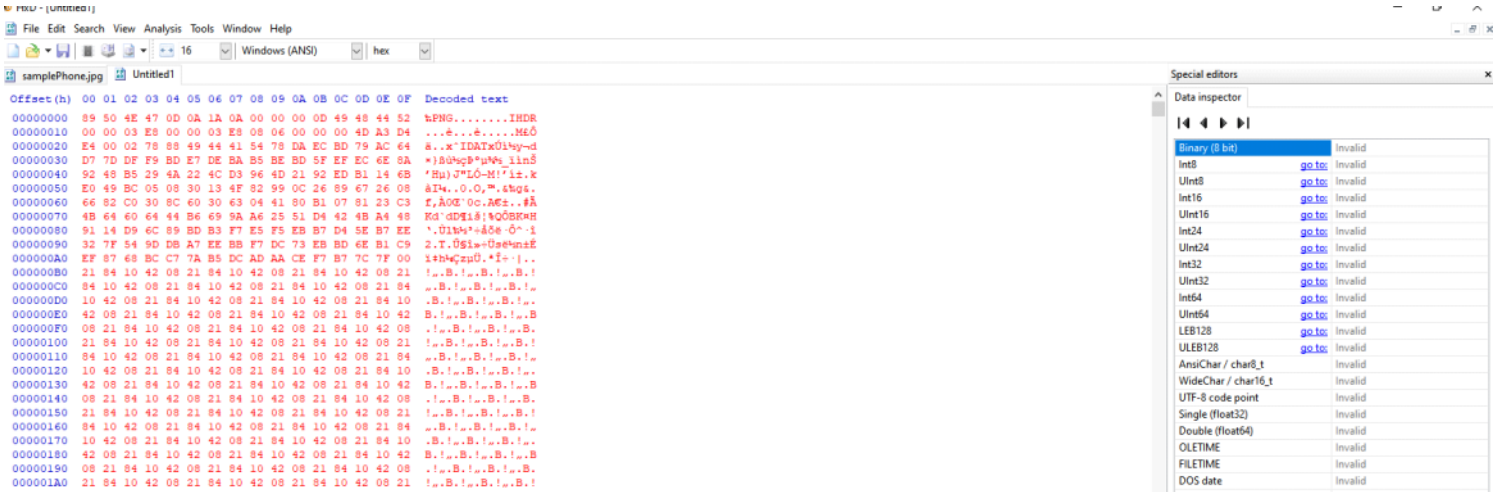
I then copied this section into a new file using 'HxD' and saved it as a PNG. Success! The extracted image turned out to be an iPhone photo. Finally, I used the 'Certutil' utility to extract its SHA1 hash.

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DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL    DESCRIPTION
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5962         0x174A      PNG image, 1000 x 1000, 8-bit/color RGBA, non-interlaced
6003         0x1773      Zlib compressed data, best compression

Scan Time:    2024-09-26 07:46:35
Target File:  /home/kali/Desktop/Photos/thisIsMyDesign.jpg
MD5 Checksum: 749fab3f93a11fba6156aaf1eb54ac48
Signatures:   411

DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL    DESCRIPTION
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0            0x0           JPEG image data, JFIF standard 1.01

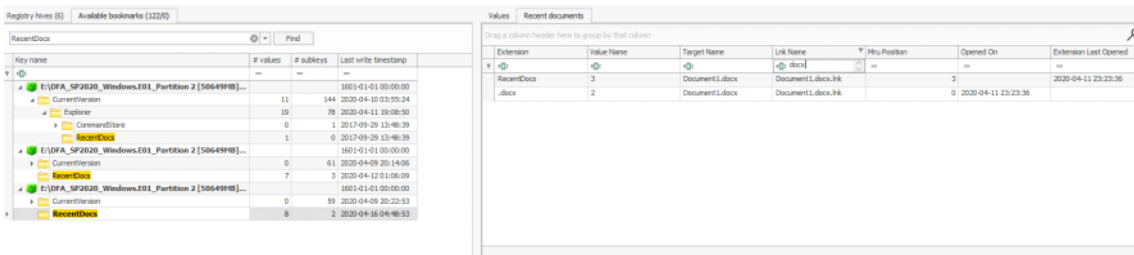
(kali@kali)~[~/Desktop/Photos]
$ binwalk
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FLARE-VM Thu 09/26/2024 4:58:36.35
C:\Users\Flare\VM\Desktop>certutil -hashfile iPhone.png sha1
SHA1 hash of iPhone.png:
537fe19a560ba3578d2f9095dc2f591489ff2cde
CertUtil: -hashfile command completed successfully.
```

Q25: When was the last time a docx file was opened on the device? (An apple a day keeps the docx away. Answer in UTC, YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS)

- I used Registry Explorer again and searched the 'RecentDocs' key which indicate recently used Applications and files by a user. I found Jim last opened a docx file named 'Document1' at 2020-04-11 23:23:36



Q26: How many entries does the MFT of the filesystem have?

I usually use 'MFTCmd' to parse the MFT, which counts the number of entries. However, the count was incorrect, so I used 'MFTDump.py' and counted the number of entries manually. I saved the output to a TXT file, then used the command `grep -c '^0x' ParsedMFT.txt` to count the entries. This command searches for lines that start with 0x, which corresponds to the record offsets in the MFT.

```
(kali@kali)~[~/Desktop]
$ grep -c '^0x' ParsedMFT.txt

219904
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Q27: Tim wanted to fire an employee because they were?(Be careful what you wish for)

- We already have an indication that Tim wanted to fire Jim so at first I tried to find any evidence of something Jim did in his personal directory and don't found anything.
Next, I loaded Tim Chrome history and found he wanted to fire Jim because he is **stinky**

#	URL	Page Title	Page Count	Page Size	Page Type	Page Count
1	https://www.google.com/search?...	hhoww ddo i niicceely firre mmy stinky ...	4	0	13230938191673882	0
2	https://www.inc.com/alison-green/how-to-talk-t...		1	0	13230938185261520	0
3	https://www.google.com/search?...	hhoww ddo i niicceely firre mmy stinky ...	2	0	13230938189881044	0
4	https://www.google.com/search?...	how do i nicely fire my stinky employee - Google ...	2	0	13230938212704203	0
5	https://www.neogaf.com/threads/can-you-fire-...	can you fire someone for always smelling very b...	1	0	13230938222928187	0
6	https://www.hcamag.com/nz/specialisation/...	Can you fire someone over poor personal hygien...	1	0	13230938228723433	0
7	https://www.shrm.org/resourcesandtools/hr...	How to Talk with a Worker About Body Odor	1	0	13230938230982828	0
8	https://app.slack.com/ssb/signin	Sign in Slack	1	0	13231121944268301	0
9	https://app.slack.com/signin	Slack	1	0	13231121956838188	0
10	https://fruitincworkspace.slack.com/7...	Slack	1	0	13231121956838188	0
11	https://fruitincworkspace.slack.com/	Redirecting... Fruit Inc Slack	3	0	13231122098853280	0
12	https://slack.com/checkcookie?...	Redirecting... Fruit Inc Slack	1	0	13231122098853280	0
13	https://fruitincworkspace.slack.com/ssb/...	Redirecting... Fruit Inc Slack	1	0	13231122098853280	0

Q28: What cloud service was a Startup item for the user admin?

- I accessed to 'C:\Users\admin\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs' and found 'OneDrive' on admin user startup folder.

Q29: Which Firefox prefetch file has the most runtimes? (Flag format is)

- I accessed to the parsed Prefetch CSV and search 'firefox' found 'FIREFOX.EXE-A606B53C.pf' executed 21 times.
The answer is 'FIREFOX.EXE-A606B53C.pf/21'

Q30: What was the last IP address the machine was connected to?

- We are able to identified the last DHCP IP address at 'System' HIVE by ControlSet001\Services\Tcpip\Parameters\Interfaces key.

IP Address	Subnet Mask	DHCP Subnet Mask	DHCP Server	DHCP Name Server	DHCP IP Address	DHCP Default Gateway	Enabled DHCP
							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
		255.255.255.0	192.168.2.1	192.168.2.5 192.168.2.1	192.168.2.242	192.168.2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Q31: Which user had the most items pinned to their taskbar?

- We can see pinned applications in the taskbar at C:\Users\<USER>\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Quick Launch\User Pinned\TaskBar.
I examined all users and identified that the 'Admin' user has the most pinned applications.

Q32: What was the last run date of the executable with an MFT record number of 164885? (Format: MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM:SS (UTC).)

- I searched in the parsed MFT file the entry number, I found the entry number related to '7zG.exe' I searched the executable in the parsed Prefetch and found the last run was at '12/04/2020 02:32:09'

Executable Name	Run Count	Hash	Size	Version	Last Run	Previous Run0
7Z1900-X64.EXE	1	5ABD485B	28468	Windows ...	2020-04-05 04:35:10	
7ZFM.EXE	3	69B8961D	67182	Windows ...	2020-04-16 05:00:19	2020-04-11 23:24:05
7ZG.EXE	5	F8C4081	39564	Windows ...	2020-04-12 02:32:09	2020-04-12 01:29:05

Q33: What is the log file sequence number for the file "fruit_Assortment.jpg"?

- It had an issue with MFTcmd where I didn't see all the available fields. So, I used this walkthrough: [Corporate Secret Challenge - CyberDefenders.org by Azad](#) and found that the answer is 1276820064.

Q34: Jim has some dirt on the company stored in a docx file. Find it, the flag is the fourth secret, in the format of <"The flag is a sentence you put in quotes">. (Secrets, secrets are no fun)

- I accessed Jim's directory and found a DOCX file named 'Document1'. Inside, the content simply read, "There is nothing to see!" I used 'binwalk' to extract all files from the ZIP archive but found nothing.
Next, I checked the Recycle Bin for Jim (SID:1003) and extracted all its contents. Despite several operations, no significant results appeared.

Drawing from previous experience and [1], I renamed the DOCX file to a ZIP file and decompressed it.

Among the extracted files, only one—'file.xml'—stood out.
Running 'binwalk' on it revealed that it was actually a DOC file.
After renaming it, I uncovered the hidden secrets!

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(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ binwalk file.xml

DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL    DESCRIPTION
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0             0x0            Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: _rels/.rels
274           0x112          Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: docProps/core.xml
695           0x2B7          Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: docProps/app.xml
1073          0x431          Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: word/_rels/document.xml.rels
1361          0x551          Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: word/document.xml
2127          0x84F          Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: word/styles.xml
2897          0xB51          Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: word/numbering.xml
3574          0xDF6          Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: word/fontTable.xml
3962          0xF7A          Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: word/settings.xml
4244          0x1094         Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, name: [Content_Types].xml
5297          0x14B1         End of Zip archive, footer length: 22
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- Fruit inc. company secrets
- Tim is sleeping with his secretary
 - Miriam is copying designs from the iPhone
 - Suzy was only hired for her looks
 - Customer data is not stored securely

Q35: In the company Slack, what is threatened to be deactivated if the user gets their email deactivated?

- I found 'Slack' directory in 'Hansel' Appdata directory.
I never investigated 'Slack' application before I read here <https://medium.com/@jeroenverhaeghe/forensics-finding-slack-chat-artifacts-d5eeffd31b9c> how to investigate Slack files.
Slack underlyingly uses Chromium (google chrome based browser). Slack stores the recent chats and the recently viewed user data in these files.
So we are can open these files via 'GoogleChromeCache' view.

In C:\Users\hansel.apricot\AppData\Roaming\Slack\IndexedDB\https_app.slack.com_0.indexeddb.leveldb\00003.log file you are able to see all the chats decrypted.
I used strings to find the answer.

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hosting a daily standup to monitoring marketing analytics, Slack Tips has productivity-boosting how-to
000E402D s for just about everyone. Discover how to make your work day a little simpler, no matter what work you do. </p>
000E425F <p>You may notice things starting to look a little different around here
000E42F3 a little fresher, a little simpler, and (we think) a little better.</p>
000E438D <p>As of today, you
000E43B5 ll see a new app icon wherever you use Slack. In the coming months, you
000E4445 ll see new looks, new images, and things that feel more put together. Everything else remains, reassuringly, the same.</p>
000E45D3 <p>Some small-but-nifty improvements to control and convenience have recently made their way into Slack. From choosing how long you want your stat
OneDrive files without leaving Slack, here
000E477D s a roundup of some of the most notable updates you can start using today.</p>
000E612 You deactivate my email I
000E646 ll deactivate your kneecaps
000E675A You deactivate my email I
000E678E ll deactivate your kneecaps
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000E6F6E You don
000E6F7E t need more money
000E6E0EC I actually don
000EE10A t know what clout is but I know it sells
000EE239 I actually don
000EE256 t know what clout is but I know it sells
000EE6A8 Yes that
000EE6BA s exactly what I am saying
000EE7CC Yes that
000EE7DE s exactly what I am saying
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