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A memory image was taken from a seized Windows machine. As a security blue team analyst, analyze the image and answer the provided questions.

- I used Volatility3's windows.info plugin to determine that the memory image was captured on 2021-04-30 at 17:52:19.

- I used 'sha256sum' command to find the sha256 of the image.

- I used 'Pstree' plugin to find the PID of 'Brave.exe'

- I used 'nmap' plugin and filtered by 'Grep' utility 'Established'.

- I used the IP connected via Chrome and looked it up on AbuseIPDB, which led me to the registered domain 'protonmail.ch'.

- To address this question, I used 'HxD', I loaded the memory dump to the HxD and used the 'Go To' operation and put the offset (45BE876) and found the 6 bytes word is hacker

- You are able to use 'Pstree' plugin to see when the 'Explorer.exe' created (2021-04-30 17:39:48)

Q9: What is the full path and name of the last file opened in notepad?

- You are able to see the file path and the filename via 'Pstree' plugin

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C:\Windows\system32\security\ssmss.exe
2520 2152 notepad.exe 0xbff0f6d845000 1 - 1 False 2021-04-30 17:44:28.000000 UTC N/A \Device\Harddis
C:\Users\JOHNDO-1\AppData\Local\Temp\7204F831F24\accountNum C:\Windows\system32\notepad.exe
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Q10: How long did the suspect use Brave browser? (hh:mm:ss)

- To address this question, I used 'windows.registry.userassist.UserAssist' plugin to find how much time the user used Brave browser.

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---(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/volatility3]
+ python3 vol.py -f ../20210430-Win10Home-20H2-64bit-memdump.mem windows.registry.userassist.UserAssist | grep 'Brave'
0*a80333cda000 \??\C:\Users\John Doe\ntuser.dat ntuser.dat\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist\{CEBFF5CD-ACE2-4F4F-9178-9926F41749EA}\Count 2021-04-30 17:52:18.00
000 UTC Value %ProgramFiles%\BraveSoftware\Temp\GUM20E0.tmp\BraveUpdate.exe N/A 0 0 0:00:03.531000 N/A
0*a80333cda000 \??\C:\Users\John Doe\ntuser.dat ntuser.dat\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist\{CEBFF5CD-ACE2-4F4F-9178-9926F41749EA}\Count 2021-04-30 17:52:18.00
000 UTC Value %ProgramFiles%\BraveSoftware\Update\BraveUpdate.exe N/A 0 1 0:00:24.797000 N/A
0*a80333cda000 \??\C:\Users\John Doe\ntuser.dat ntuser.dat\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist\{CEBFF5CD-ACE2-4F4F-9178-9926F41749EA}\Count 2021-04-30 17:52:18.00
000 UTC Value Brave N/A 9 22 4:01:50.328000 2021-04-30 17:48:45.000000 UTC
0*a80333cda000 \??\C:\Users\John Doe\ntuser.dat ntuser.dat\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist\{F4E57C4B-2036-45F0-A9AB-443BCFE33D9F}\Count 2021-04-30 17:51:18.00
000 UTC Value C:\Users\Public\Desktop\Brave.lnk N/A 8 0 0:00:00.508000 2021-04-30 17:48:45.000000 UTC
---(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop/volatility3]
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