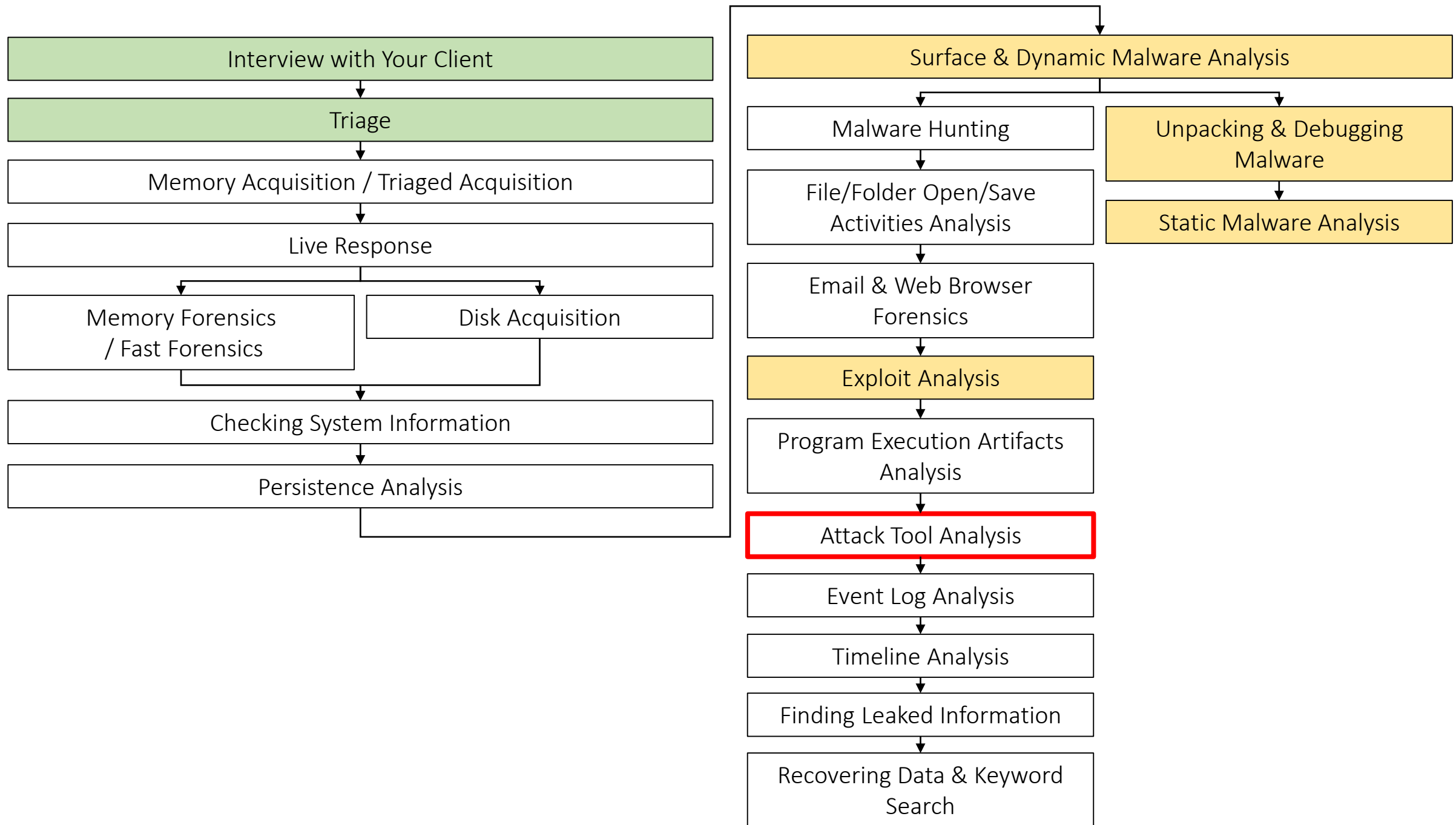


# Attack Tool Analysis



# What is Attack Tool Analysis?

- It is to find and analyze tools that were used by attackers. It is similar to performing malware analysis and exploit analysis.
- By performing attack tool analysis, we could understand what attackers were planning to do. Moreover, it helps us to determine what they actually did.

# How We Perform Attack Tool Analysis

- We use both dynamic and static analysis during attack tool analysis.
- If a tool is an executable file, we typically try the dynamic analysis. Then, we perform the static analysis if necessary.
- If a tool is a bat or a script file, we just view it. Then, we execute it if necessary.

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Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2

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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (1)

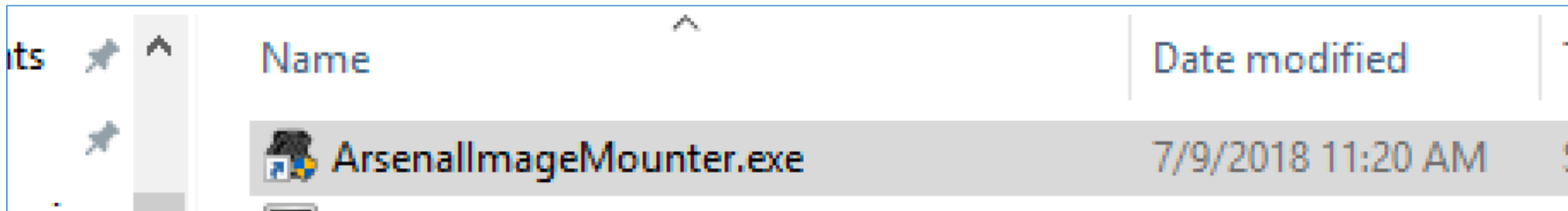
- Conditions:
  - This is an investigation for scenario 1.
  - In Program Execution section, we found that the attacker executed some executable files such as "w10.exe" on client-win10-2.
  - These files are located under the folder "\\ProgramData\s". It might be an attacker's working folder.
- Goal:
  - To find out tools placed under the folder.
  - To reveal the functions of those tools.
- Hint:
  - VSS snapshots might contain deleted files.

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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (2)

- First of all, mount the following disk image with "Arsenal Image Mounter" in order to find the folder.
  - E:\Artifacts\scenario1\_E01\Client-Win10-2\_honda.E01
- Start "Arsenal Image Mounter" by double-clicking the icon in the shortcut folder.

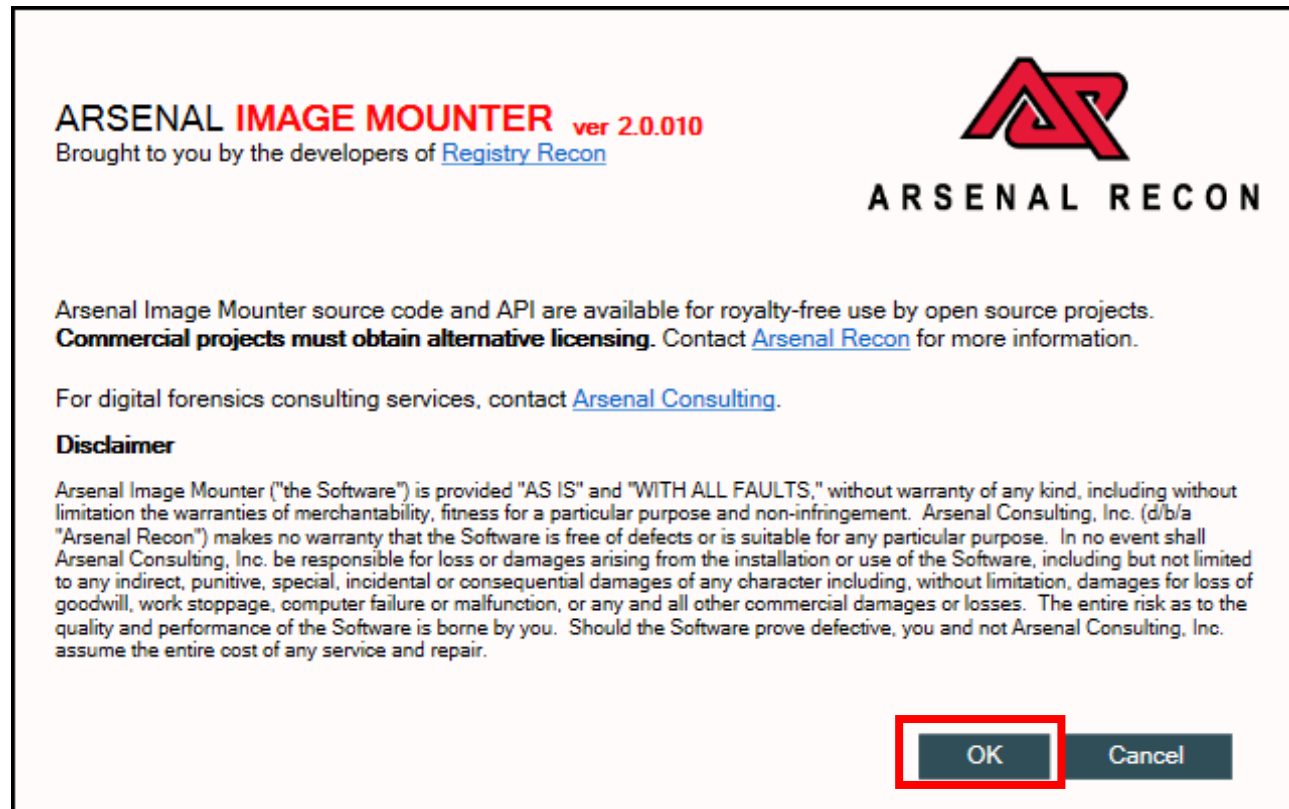
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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (3)

- On the license agreement window, press "OK" to continue.

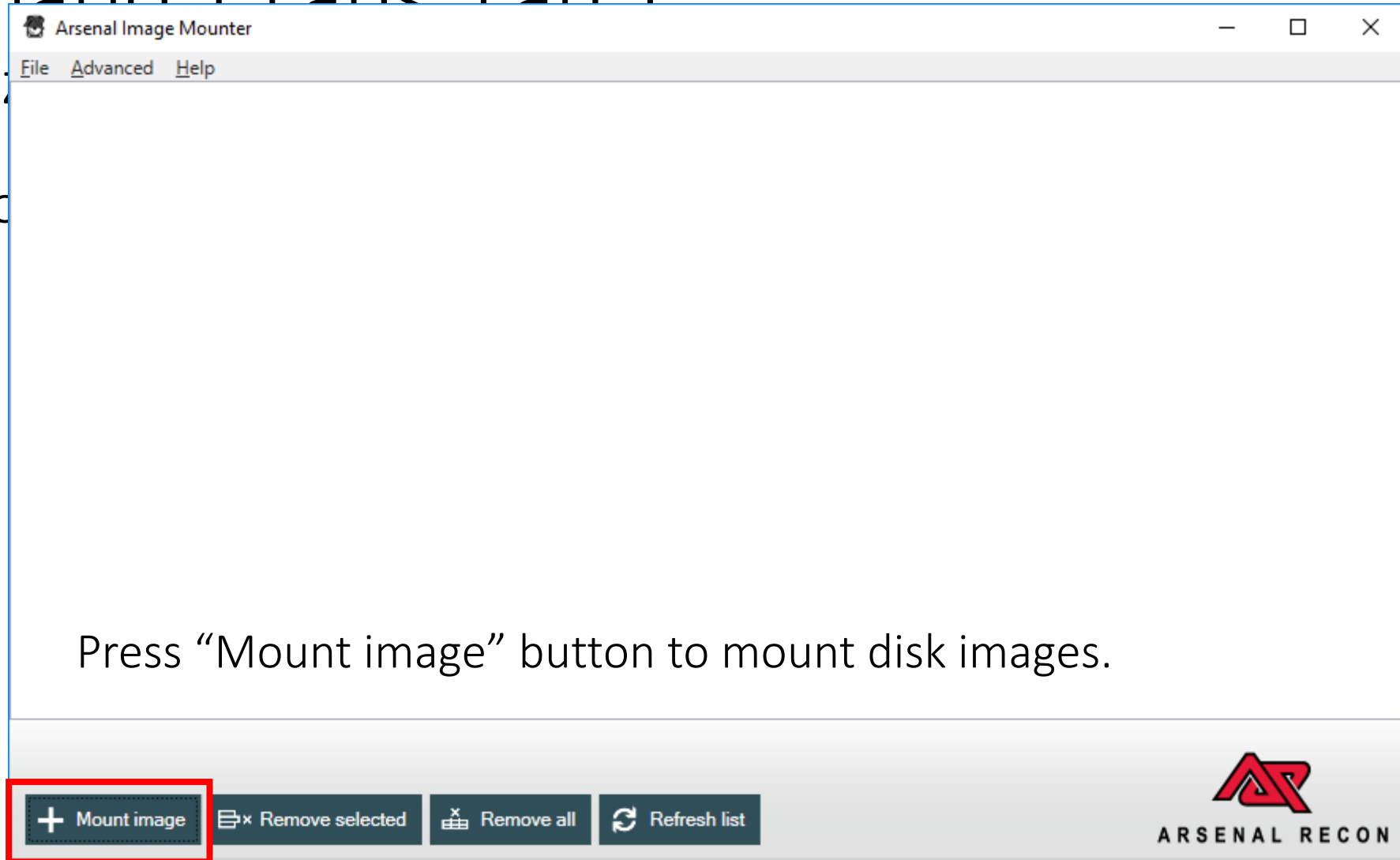


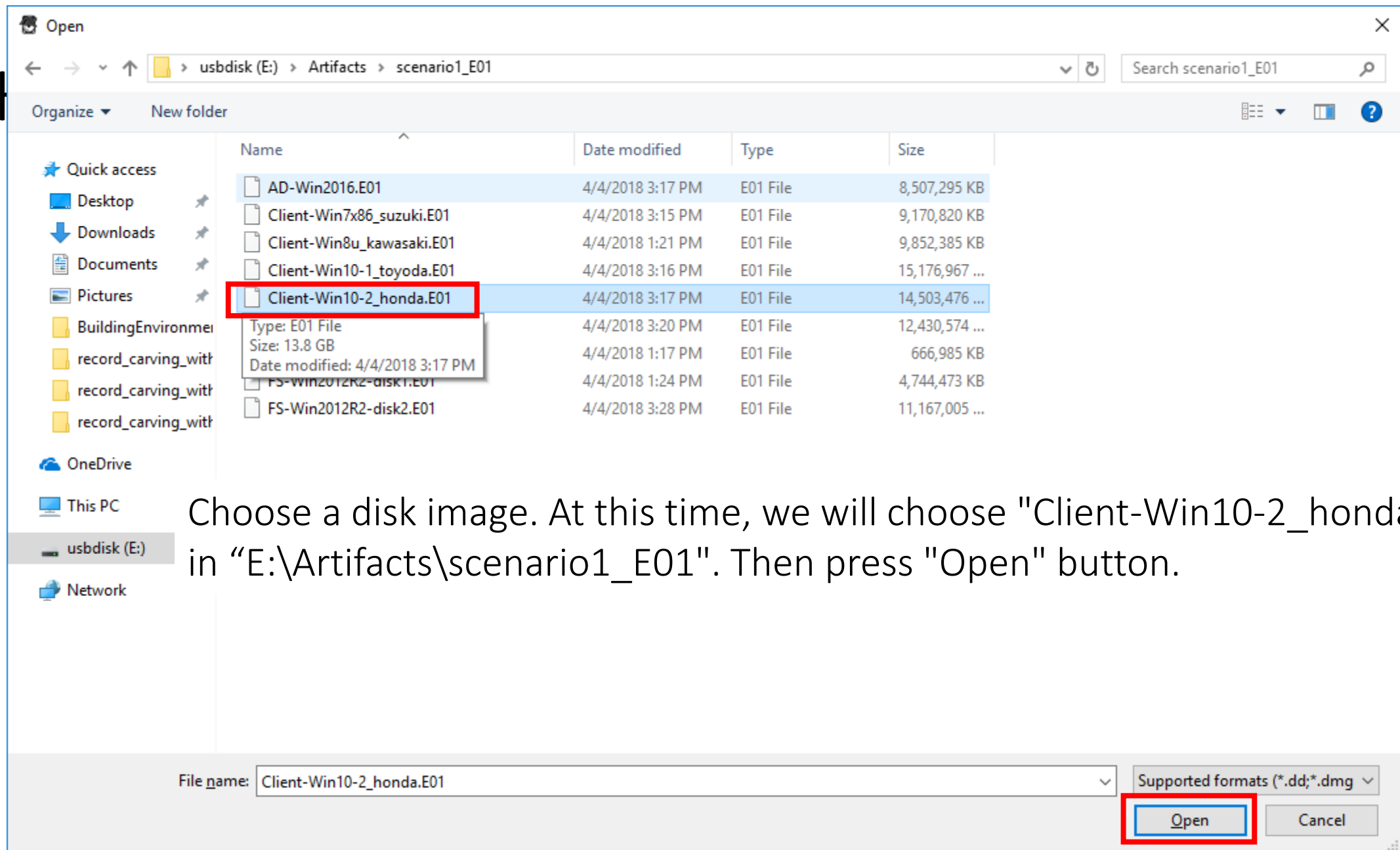


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- Restore

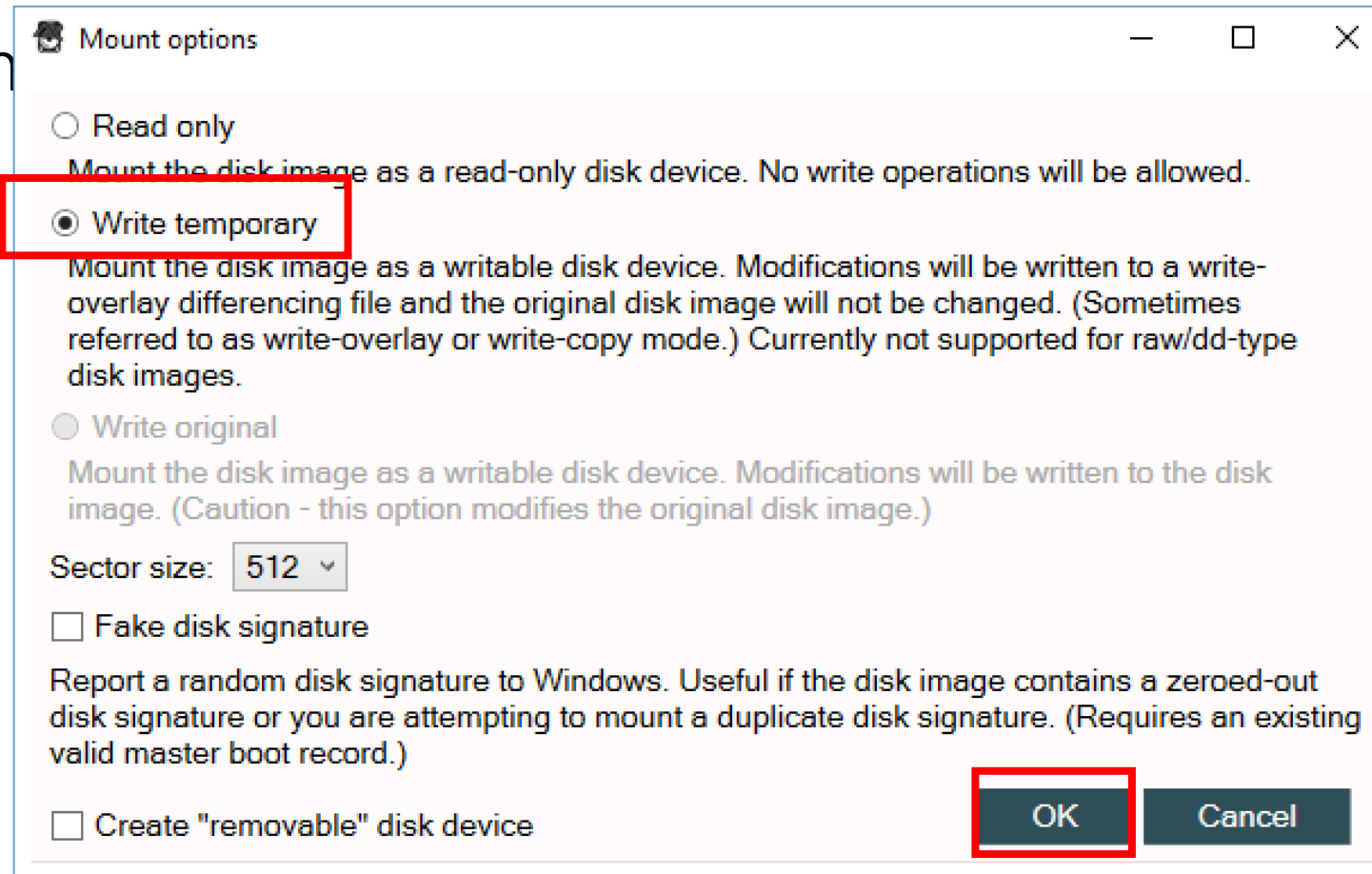




Choose a disk image. At this time, we will choose "Client-Win10-2\_honda.E01" in "E:\Artifacts\scenario1\_E01". Then press "Open" button.

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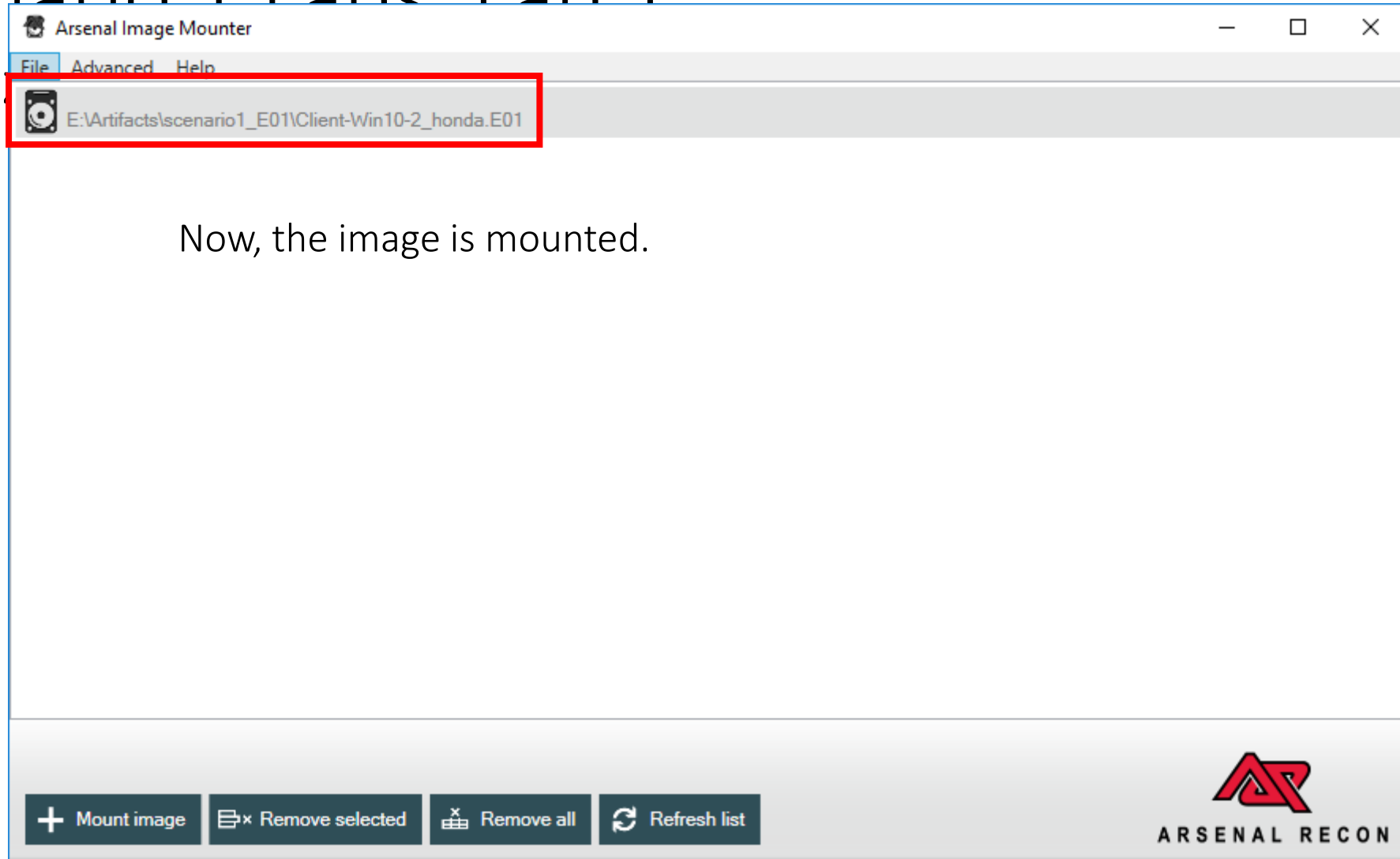
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Select "Write temporary" option and press "OK" button.

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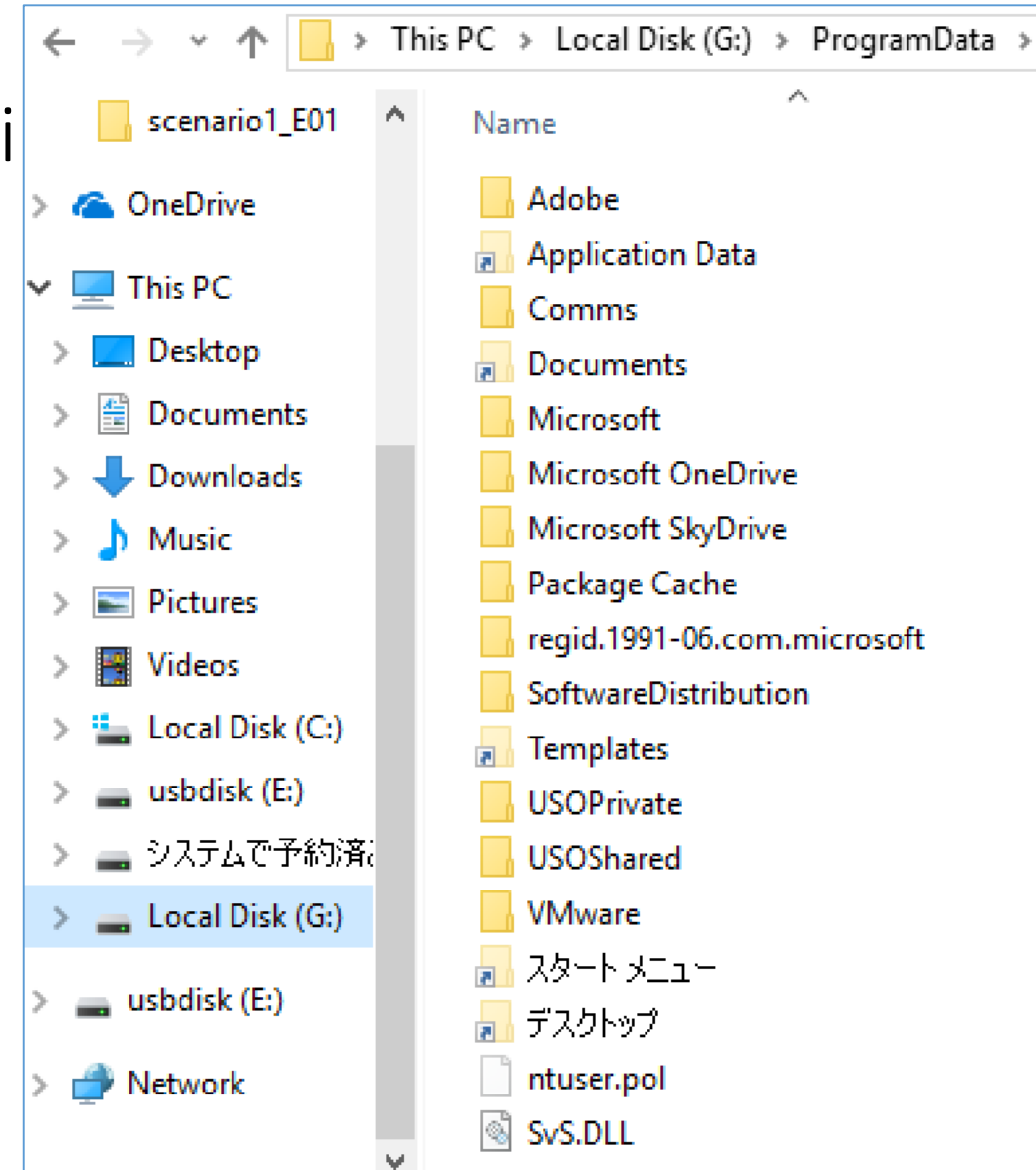
Analysis



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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-wi

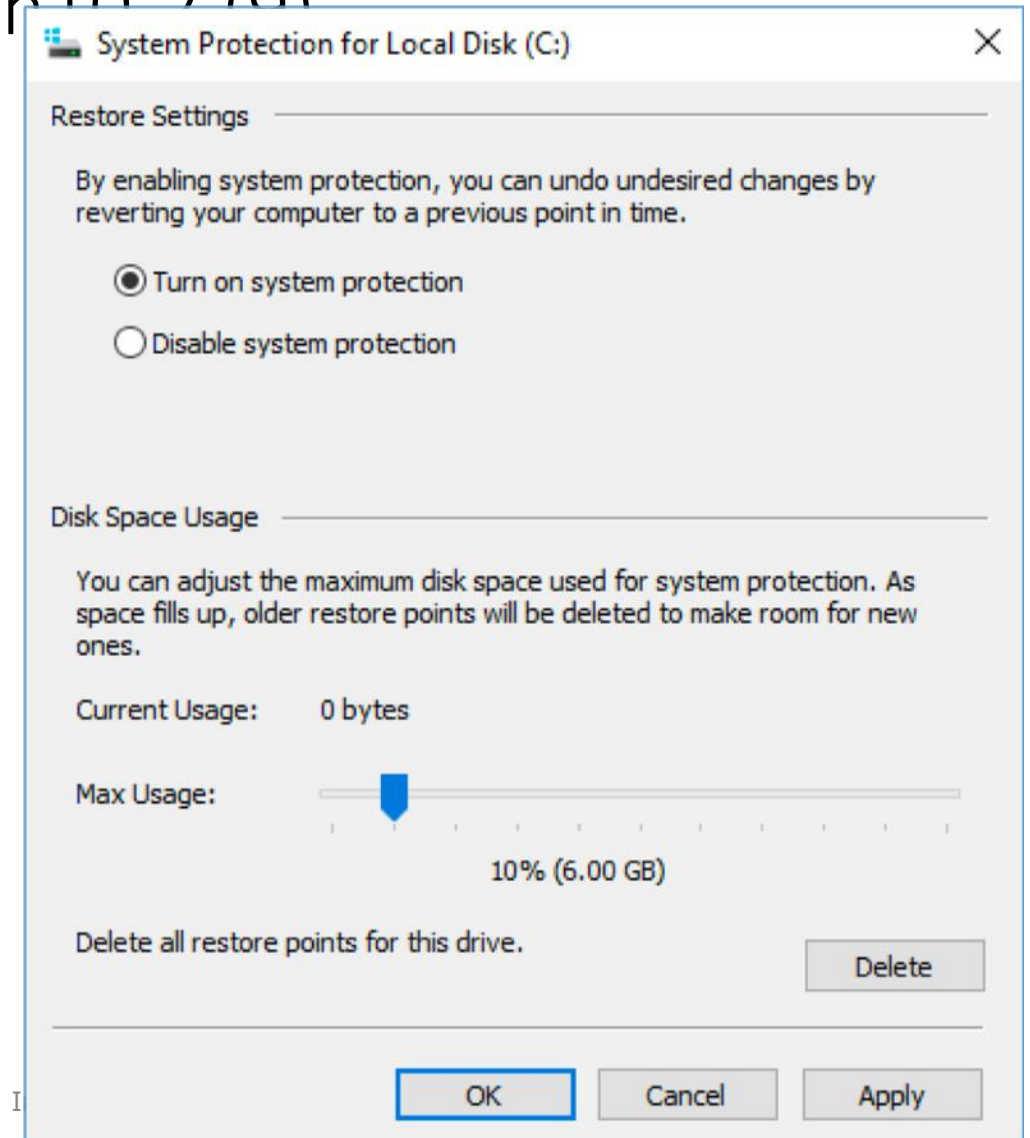
- Unfortunately, we cannot confirm the folder, even though the malware SvS.DLL exists.
  - \ProgramData\s
- The attacker could have deleted the folder. Let's try to recover it.



# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 1

## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (0)

- Windows OS takes backups automatically with **Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS)**. It is for the "System Protection for Local Disk" function.
- We can restore system with VSS snapshots that were taken by this function.
- We can also extract files from VSS snapshots that are contained in disk images.
- We will learn VSS later, so you can use VSS with a rough understanding at this time.

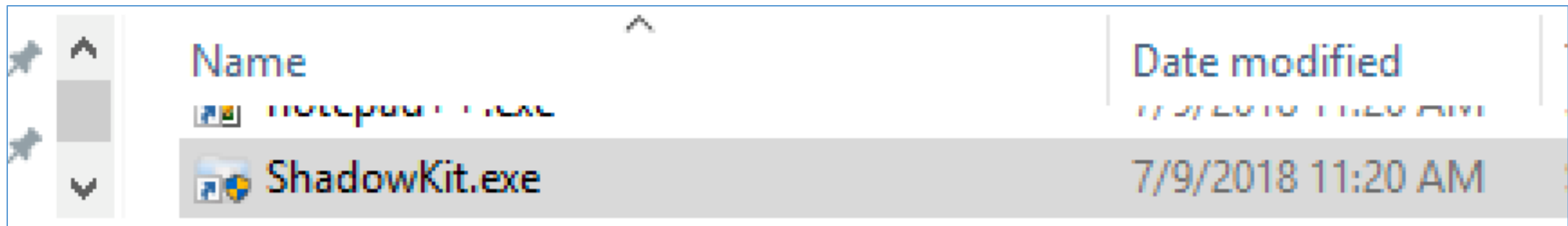


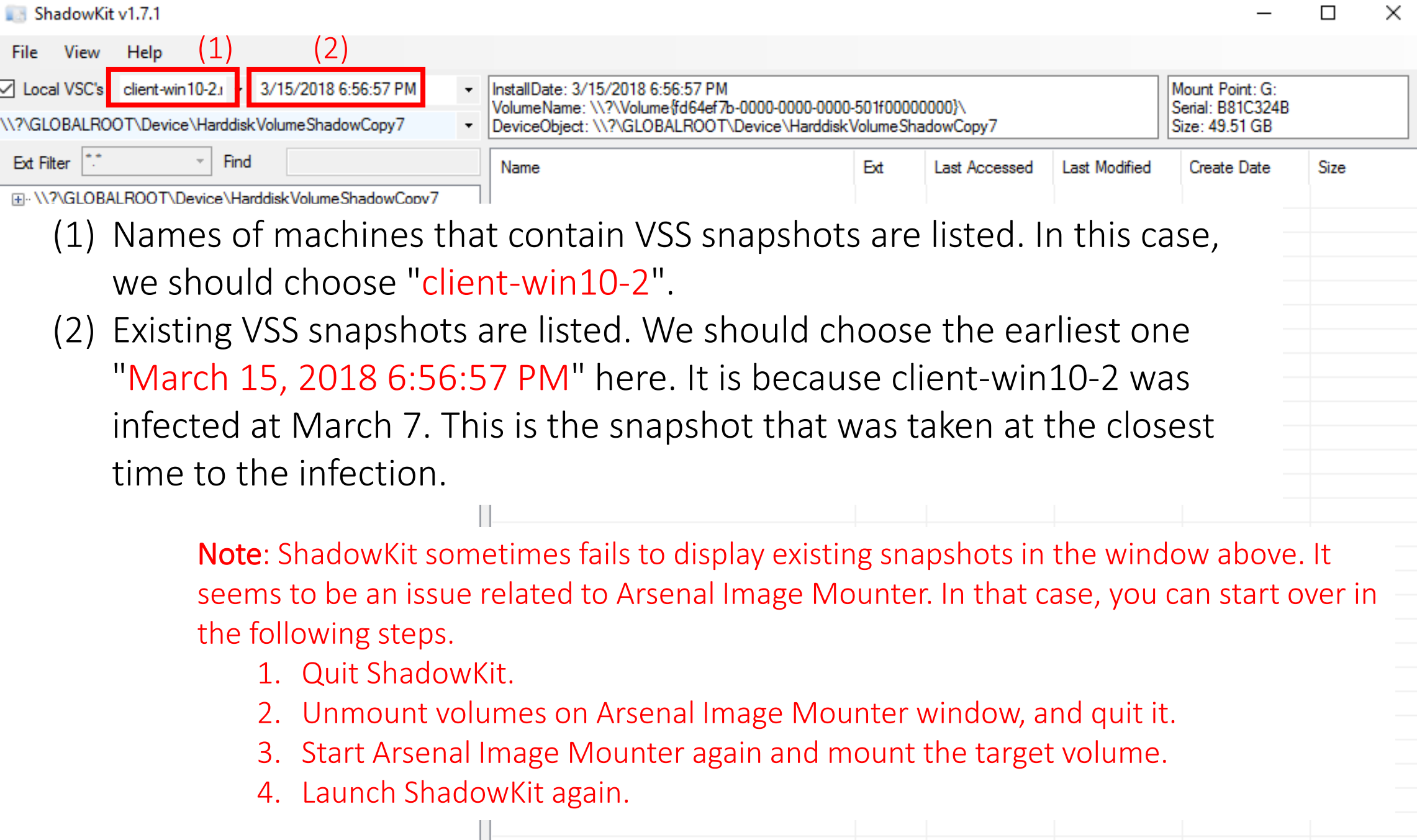
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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (10)

- In order to explore VSS snapshots, we will use ShadowKit.
- Launch ShadowKit by double-clicking its icon in the shortcut folder.

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The screenshot shows the ShadowKit v1.7.1 application window. The 'Local VSC's' section lists a snapshot named 'client-win10-2' with a date of '3/15/2018 6:56:57 PM'. The 'DeviceObject' is '\\?\\GLOBALROOT\\Device\\HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy7'. The 'Mount Point' is G: with a size of 49.51 GB. The 'Ext Filter' is set to '\*.\*'. The 'Find' button is visible. The main table shows columns for Name, Ext, Last Accessed, Last Modified, Create Date, and Size. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Shadows for 3/15/2018 6:56:57 PM - Count: 1'.

(1) Names of machines that contain VSS snapshots are listed. In this case, we should choose "client-win10-2".

(2) Existing VSS snapshots are listed. We should choose the earliest one "March 15, 2018 6:56:57 PM" here. It is because client-win10-2 was infected at March 7. This is the snapshot that was taken at the closest time to the infection.

**Note:** ShadowKit sometimes fails to display existing snapshots in the window above. It seems to be an issue related to Arsenal Image Mounter. In that case, you can start over in the following steps.

1. Quit ShadowKit.
2. Unmount volumes on Arsenal Image Mounter window, and quit it.
3. Start Arsenal Image Mounter again and mount the target volume.
4. Launch ShadowKit again.



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The screenshot shows the ShadowKit v1.7.1 application window. The left pane displays a tree view of the file system under the path `\\?\GLOBALROOT\Device\HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy20`. A context menu is open over the `ProgramData` folder, with the `Export` option highlighted. The right pane shows a list of files with columns for Name, Ext, and Last Access.

Name	Ext	Last Access
7.exe	.exe	10/5/2016
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA		3/12/2018
dq.exe	.exe	1/11/2018
g.bat	.bat	2/5/2018
g.log	.log	3/7/2018
l.exe	.exe	6/30/2017
m2.bat	.bat	2/28/2018
ms2.bat	.bat	2/28/2018
ms2s.bat	.bat	3/12/2018
o.bat	.bat	6/23/2017
output.tlb	.tlb	3/12/2018
p.bat	.bat	6/29/2017
run.sct	.sct	3/12/2018
w.vbs	.vbs	6/23/2017
...	...	...

Move to the target folder you are trying to extract files from. Then, you can recover files by right-clicking on the folder and choosing "Export".

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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (13)

(1) Choose the folder to save the extracted data. Create the folder first if necessary.

(2) Export with the default option.

(3) Just press the OK button.

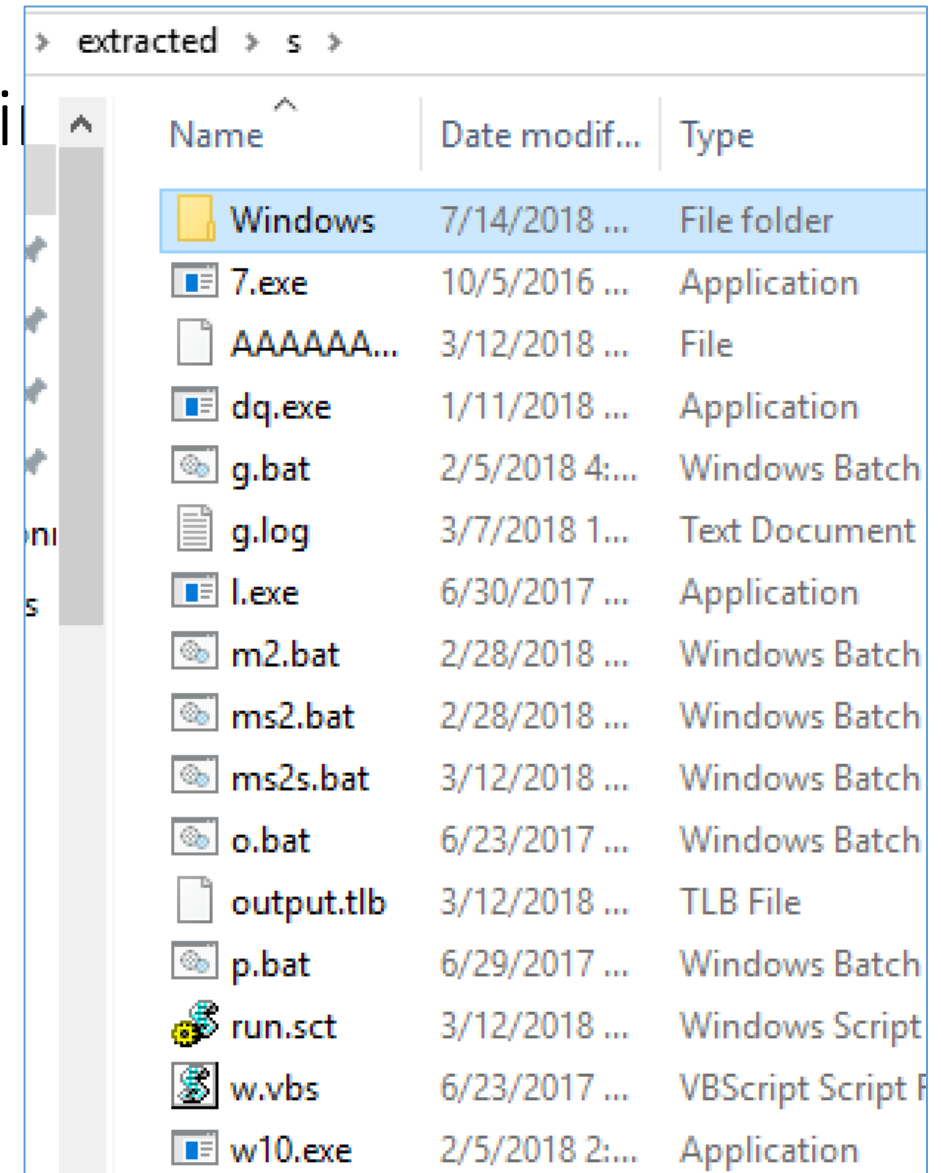
(4) Finally, you can confirm the extracted folder.

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# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 1

## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-wi

- We have got some files under the folder. Let's check them one by one.
- The strategy:
  - We can presume the format of files by their extensions.
  - For executable files, execute them first. Then, perform static analysis if necessary.
  - For text files including batch and script files, view them first. Then, perform dynamic analysis if necessary.
  - In real cases, we must use a dedicated environment to perform the dynamic analysis.

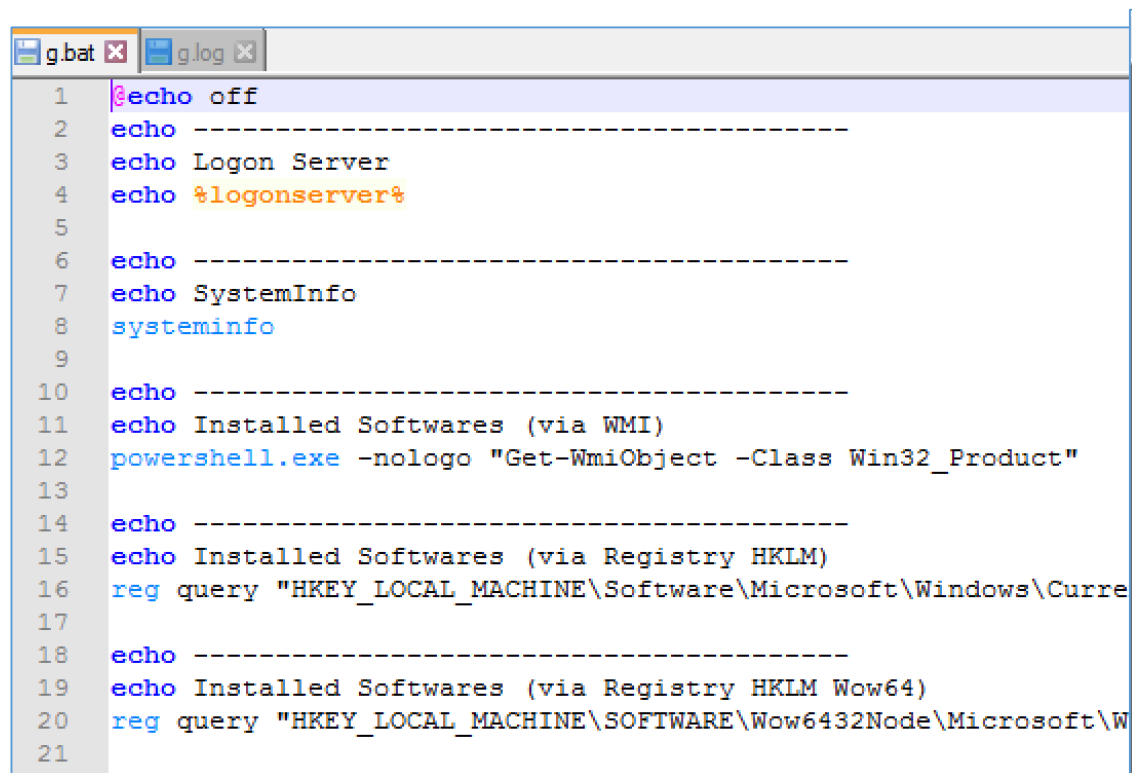


Name	Date modified	Type
Windows	7/14/2018 ...	File folder
7.exe	10/5/2016 ...	Application
AAAAAA...	3/12/2018 ...	File
dq.exe	1/11/2018 ...	Application
g.bat	2/5/2018 4:...	Windows Batch
g.log	3/7/2018 1...	Text Document
l.exe	6/30/2017 ...	Application
m2.bat	2/28/2018 ...	Windows Batch
ms2.bat	2/28/2018 ...	Windows Batch
ms2s.bat	3/12/2018 ...	Windows Batch
o.bat	6/23/2017 ...	Windows Batch
output.tlb	3/12/2018 ...	TLB File
p.bat	6/29/2017 ...	Windows Batch
run.sct	3/12/2018 ...	Windows Script
w.vbs	6/23/2017 ...	VBScript Script F
w10.exe	2/5/2018 2:...	Application

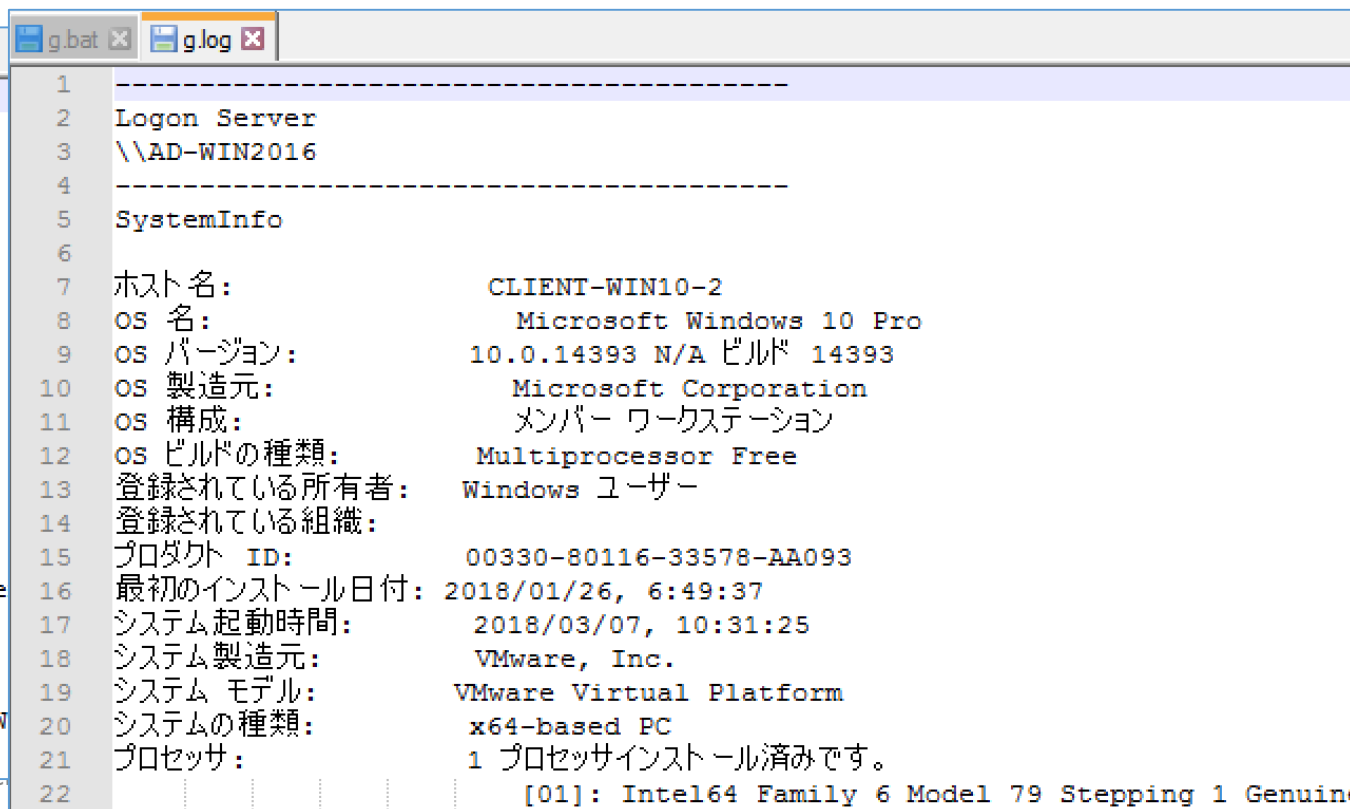
# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 1

## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (15)

- First, let's check text files.
- Open files named "g.bat" and "g.log" with Notepad++. Then, you can find that g.bat is a bat file to gather environment information and g.log is the result of "g.bat".



```
1 @echo off
2 echo -----
3 echo Logon Server
4 echo %logonserver%
5
6 echo -----
7 echo SystemInfo
8 systeminfo
9
10 echo -----
11 echo Installed Softwares (via WMI)
12 powershell.exe -nologo "Get-WmiObject -Class Win32_Product"
13
14 echo -----
15 echo Installed Softwares (via Registry HKLM)
16 reg query "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Curre
17
18 echo -----
19 echo Installed Softwares (via Registry HKLM Wow64)
20 reg query "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\W
21
```



```
1 -----
2 Logon Server
3 \\AD-WIN2016
4 -----
5 SystemInfo
6
7 ホスト名: CLIENT-WIN10-2
8 OS 名: Microsoft Windows 10 Pro
9 OS バージョン: 10.0.14393 N/A ビルド 14393
10 OS 製造元: Microsoft Corporation
11 OS 構成: メンバー ワークステーション
12 OS ビルドの種類: Multiprocessor Free
13 登録されている所有者: Windows ユーザー
14 登録されている組織:
15 プロダクト ID: 00330-80116-33578-AA093
16 最初のインストール日付: 2018/01/26, 6:49:37
17 システム起動時間: 2018/03/07, 10:31:25
18 システム製造元: VMware, Inc.
19 システム モデル: VMware Virtual Platform
20 システムの種類: x64-based PC
21 プロセッサ: 1 プロセッサインストール済みです。
22 [01]: Intel64 Family 6 Model 79 Stepping 1 Genuine
```

# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 1

## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (16)

- You can confirm other BAT files such as ms2.bat, ms2s.bat, o.bat and p.bat in the same way. Also you can find summary for their function in the later slide.
- A file named "w.vbs" provides other interesting information. Let's open it with a text editor.

```
15 Set objArgs = WScript.Arguments
16 intArgCount = objArgs.Count
17 If intArgCount < 2 Or intArgCount > 5 Then
18     WScript.Echo "WMI Remote Command Executor   Bv. Twilight@T00ls.Net"
19     WScript.Echo " Usage:" &
20         vbTab & "wmiexec.vbs /sh
21         vbNewLine & vbTab & "wmiexec.vbs /shell host user pass" & _
22         vbNewLine & vbTab & "wmiexec.vbs /cmd host command" & _
23         vbNewLine & vbTab & "wmiexec.vbs /cmd host user pass command" & vbNewLine & _
24         vbNewLine & vbTab & " /shell" & vbTab & "half-interactive shell mode" & _
25         vbNewLine & vbTab & " /cmd" & vbTab & "half-interactive shell mode" & _
```

What is wmiexec.vbs?

- By googling with the string "wmiexec.vbs", you could figure out that this script is a famous script file "wmiexec" itself. It is a kind of administration tools like psexec. In addition, attackers used it to move laterally in some real case.
  - <https://github.com/Twi1ight/AD-Pentest-Script/blob/master/wmiexec.vbs>

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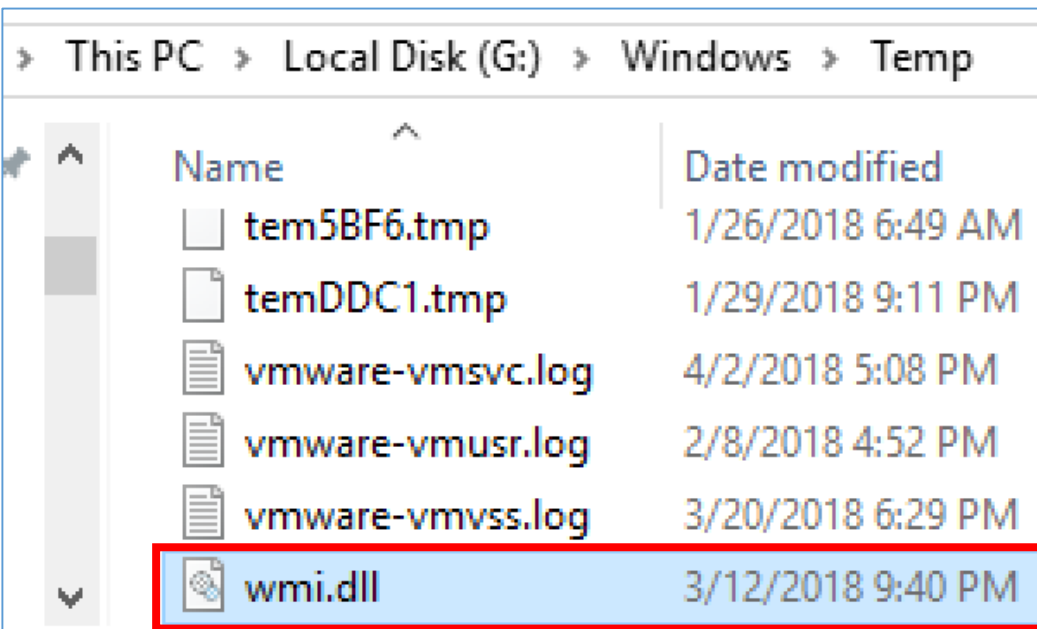
## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (17)

```
w.vbs
1 On Error Resume Next
2 '#####
3 Const Path = "C:\windows\temp\"
4 Const FileName = "wmi.dll"
5 Const timeout = 1200
6 '#####
7 file = Path & "\" & FileName
8 file = Replace(file, "\\ ", "\ ")
9 Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
```

You can find a file path at the beginning of the file. And you can confirm that some commands in this script file redirect their output to the file. Therefore, it could be a path of the temporary output file. The temporary output file might be a text file, even though its extension is "dll".

```
69 WScript.Echo "WMIEXEC : Result File -> " & file
```

```
239 strExec = "cmd.exe /c " & cmd & " > " & file & " 2>&1" '2>&1 err
```



1. You can confirm that the temporary file exists in the current file system (drive G in this case). In addition, its timestamp could be the last execution time of WMIExec.

```
h1
.dll x
#####. mimikatz 2.1.1 (x64) built on Feb 5 2018 2
.## ^ ##. "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)
## / \ ## /** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin
## \ / ## > http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
'## v ##' Vincent LE TOUX ( vincent.
'#####' > http://pingcastle.com / http://mysma

9 mimikatz(commandline) # log C:\ProgramData\A8Lmsa3o.log
10 Using 'C:\ProgramData\A8Lmsa3o.log' for logfile : OK
11
12 mimikatz 2. The temporary file contains logs for executing
13 Privile logonpasswords command of Mimikatz.
14
15 mimikatz(commandline) # sekurlsa::logonpasswords
16
17 Authentication Id : 0 ; 28151027 (00000000:01ad8cf3)
18 Session : RemoteInteractive from 2
```

3. Mimikatz is a very famous tool to steal and forge credentials on Windows systems, and logonpasswords command is to dump credentials from the memory of the working system.

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```
15 mimikatz(commandline) # sekurlsa::logonpasswords
16
17 Authentication Id : 0 ; 28151027 (00000000:01ad8cf3)
18 Session          : RemoteInteractive from 2
19 User Name        : ninja-rdp
20 Domain           : NINJA-MOTORS
21 Logon Server     : AD-WIN2016
22 Logon Time       : 2018/03/09 16:08:08
23 SID              : S-1-5-21-3671970501-3975728774-4289435121-3102
24
25     msv :
26     [00000003] Primary
27     * Username : ninja-rdp
28     * Domain   : NINJA-MOTORS
29     * NTLM     : 0fab10218d1904124795128ca7cd8202
30     * SHA1     : 4a6adcc2d93d95c6439474b5ff9d9485364f2c2b
31     * DPAPI    : 81968b084ddeaadf24d55706694d6ff9
32
33     tspkg :
34     wdigest :
35     * Username : ninja-rdp
36     * Domain   : NINJA-MOTORS
```

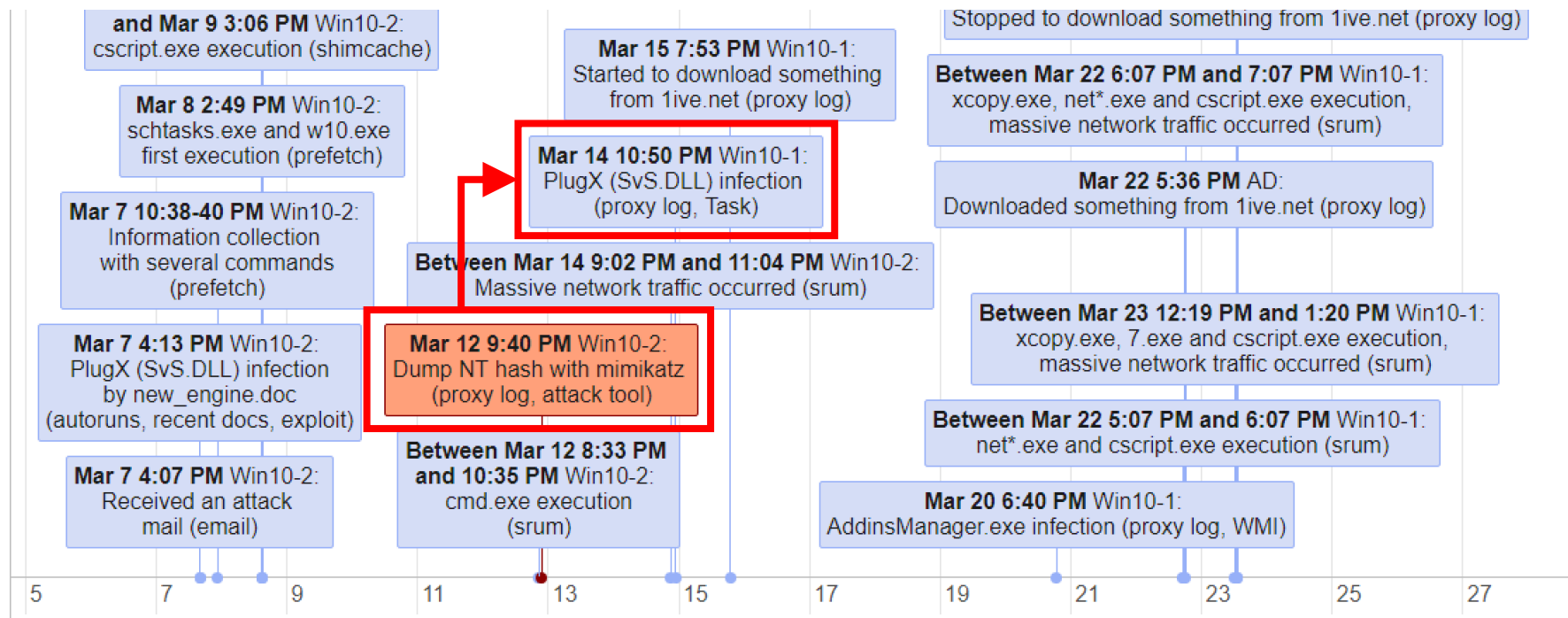
- The log shows that the NTLM hash of "ninja-rdp" account was dumped.



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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (20)

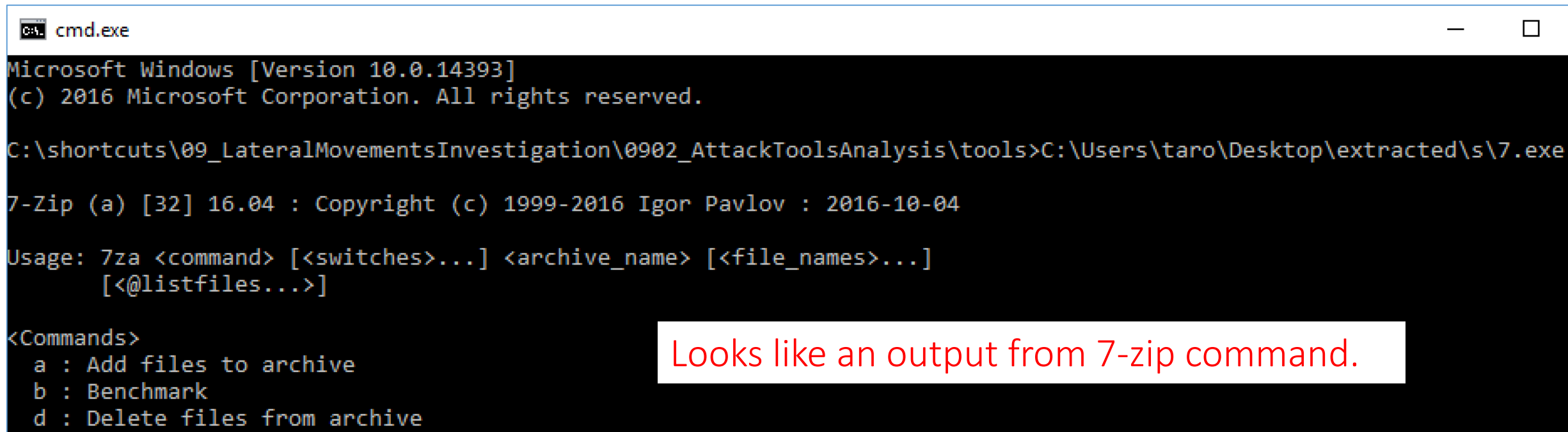
- In the victim environment, ninja-rdp is the dedicated account that is managed by administrator Toyoda to support and maintain computers via RDP. It is the only account that is allowed to access computers via RDP. Other employees did not have the credentials for the account.
- Thus, we can guess that the attacker penetrated from client-win10-2 to client-win10-1 with ninja-rdp's credentials.



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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (21)

- Next, let's check the executable files.
- Start a file named "7.exe".
- Nothing happens when the file is double-clicked.
- Then, run the file from the Command Prompt.



```
cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
(c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\shortcuts\09_LateralMovementsInvestigation\0902_AttackToolsAnalysis\tools>C:\Users\taro\Desktop\extracted\s\7.exe

7-Zip (a) [32] 16.04 : Copyright (c) 1999-2016 Igor Pavlov : 2016-10-04

Usage: 7za <command> [<switches>...] <archive_name> [<file_names>...]
        [<@listfiles...>]

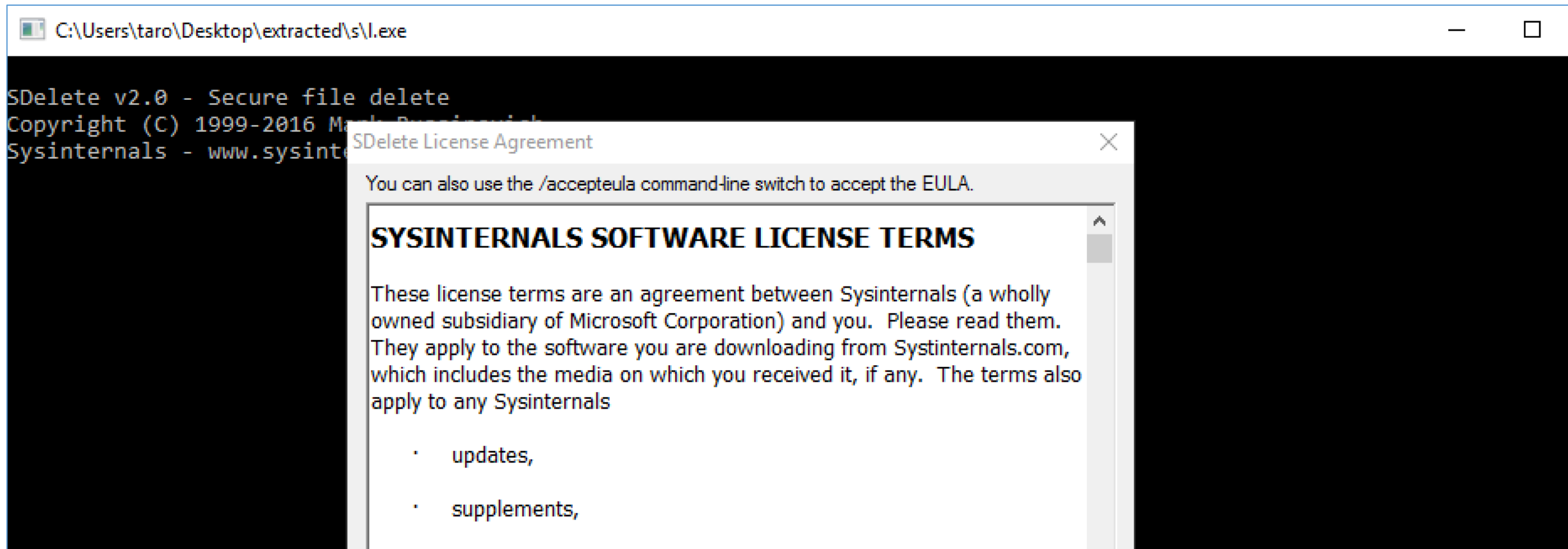
<Commands>
  a : Add files to archive
  b : Benchmark
  d : Delete files from archive
```

Looks like an output from 7-zip command.

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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (22)

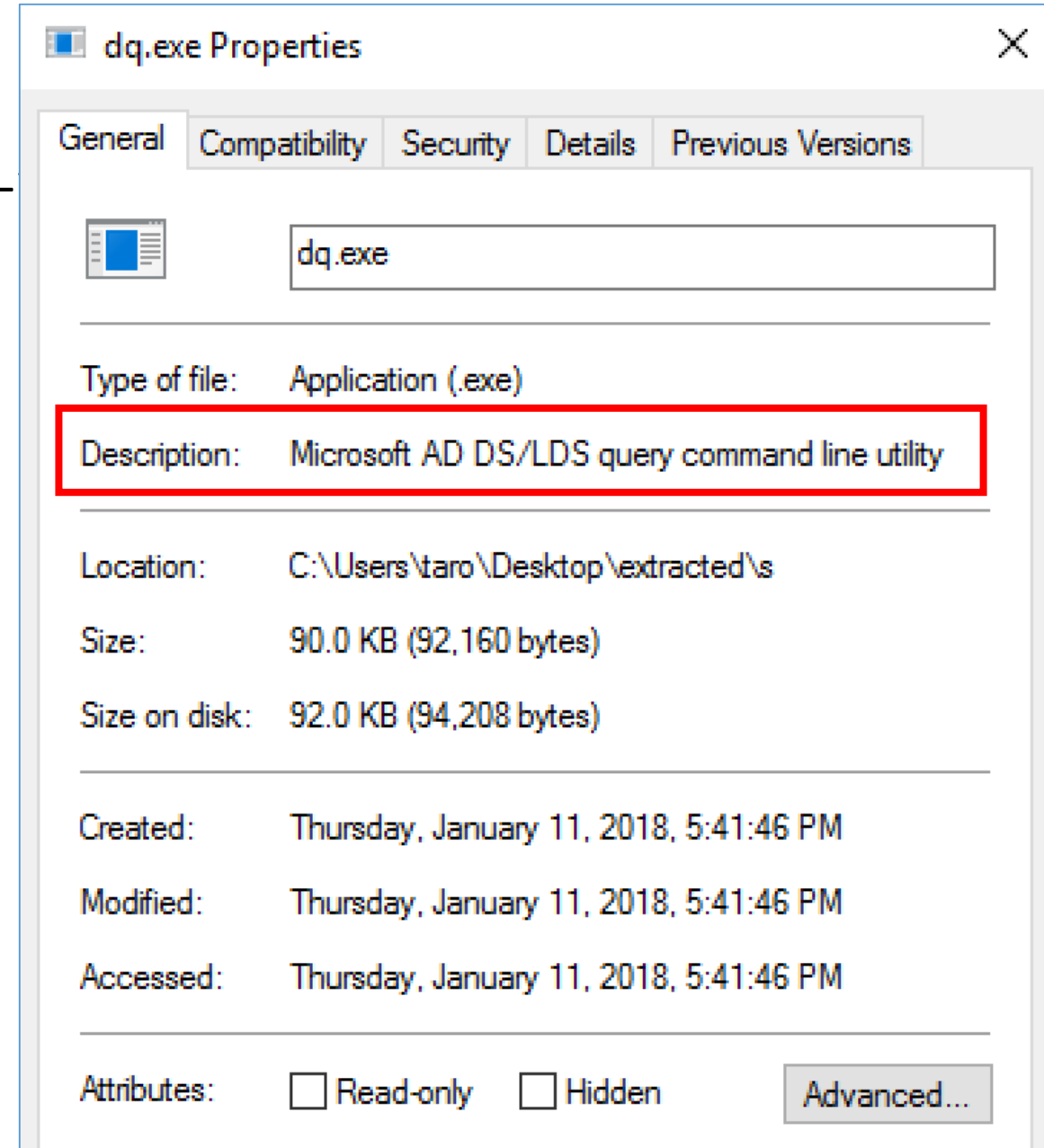
- You can use the same method for a file named "l.exe".
- It seems to be SDelete, a famous file deletion tool included in Sysinternals Suite.



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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-

- A file "dq.exe" does not have any output.
- We can figure out what this file is from its properties.
- We can confirm that by comparing hash value with the legitimate binary of the same version of the program.



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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (24)

- An executable file named "w10.exe" is a little difficult to understand.
- By double-clicking it, you can confirm that it would drop the following files.
  - run.sct
    - It's a JScript to launch w10.exe with an argument.
  - AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA....
  - Output.tlb
  - .\Windows\System32\tapi3.dll
    - These two files looks like a kind of libraries by checking its magic.
- However, what is the purpose of the file?

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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (25)

- Let's perform surface analysis for w10.exe with cmd.exe.
- First, move to the "s" folder.

```
> cd C:\Users\taro\Desktop\extracted\s
```

- Then, run the following command in order to get strings in the executable file.

```
> strings -n 10 w10.exe > w10_strings.txt
```

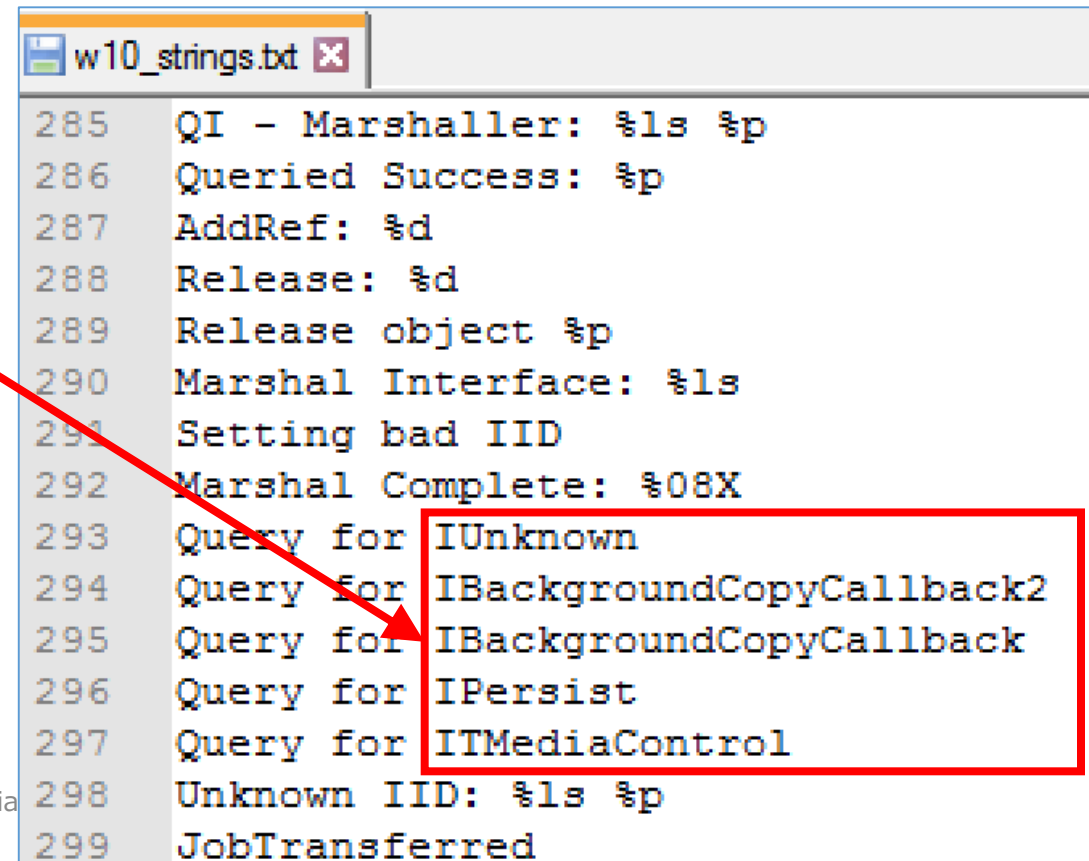
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## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (26)

- We extracted the strings that are contained in the executable file. Let's open the saved file with text editor.
- Are there any noticing strings?

These look like particular names of APIs or something . Actually, these are the names of COM object interfaces.

- Let's google with these names.



```
w10_strings.txt
285  QI - Marshaller: %ls %p
286  Queried Success: %p
287  AddRef: %d
288  Release: %d
289  Release object %p
290  Marshal Interface: %ls
291  Setting bad IID
292  Marshal Complete: %08X
293  Query for IUnknown
294  Query for IBackgroundCopyCallback2
295  Query for IBackgroundCopyCallback
296  Query for IPersist
297  Query for ITMediaControl
298  Unknown IID: %ls %p
299  JobTransferred
```

About 6 results (0.42 seconds)

Did you mean: **Unknown** IBackgroundCopyCallback2 **IBackgroundCopyCallback** IPersist **IMediaControl**

**IUnknown interface (COM) - MSDN - Microsoft**

[https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms680509\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms680509(v=vs.85).aspx) ▼

**IPersist** · **IPersistFile** ... All other COM interfaces are inherited, directly or indirectly, from **IUnknown**. ... You must implement **IUnknown** as part of every interface.

Missing: `ibackgroundcopycallback2` `ibackgroundcopycallback` `itmediacontrol`

**IPersist interface (COM) - MSDN - Microsoft**

[https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms688695\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms688695(v=vs.85).aspx) ▼

**IPersist** is the base interface for three other interfaces: **IPersistStorage**, **IPersistStream**, and ... The **IPersist** interface inherits from the **IUnknown** interface. **IPersist** ...

Missing: `ibackgroundcopycallback2` `ibackgroundcopycallback` `itmediacontrol`

**IUnknown - Wikipedia**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IUnknown> ▼

In computer programming, the **IUnknown** (custom) interface is the fundamental interface in the Component Object Model (COM). The published COM ...

Missing: `ibackgroundcopycallback2` `ibackgroundcopycallback` `ipersist` `itmediacontrol`

**windows-kernel-exploits/CVE-2017-0213.cpp at master · SecWiki ...**

<https://github.com/SecWiki/windows-kernel-exploits/blob/.../CVE-2017-0213.cpp> ▼

```
~CMarshaller() {}. public: CMarshaller(IUnknown* unk) : _ref_count(1) .... class FakeObject : public
IBackgroundCopyCallback2, public IPersist ... else if (riid == __uuidof(IBackgroundCopyCallback))
... printf("Query for ITMediaControl\n");;
```

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<https://www.reverse.it/.../0a4a0f0df5eea57f16a76bff6489dd95a7089afba8e9e5c8bca...> ▼

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- You can find that the names are contained in the exploit code for CVE-2017-0213. In addition, you can also confirm that the other strings, such as "Marshal Interface: %ls" and so on, included in w10.exe are also contained in the exploit code.
- Thus, we can presume that w10.exe is the exploit code for CVE-2017-0213. It may have been built from the public code on GitHub.



# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 1

## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (28)

- NIST NVD said:

*Windows COM Aggregate Marshaler in Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2 and R2 SP1, Windows 7 SP1, Windows 8.1, Windows Server 2012 Gold and R2, Windows RT 8.1, Windows 10 Gold, 1511, 1607, and 1703, and Windows Server 2016 allows an elevation privilege vulnerability when an attacker runs a specially crafted application, aka "Windows COM Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability". This CVE ID is unique from CVE-2017-0214.*

<https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2017-0213#vulnCurrentDescriptionTitle>

- client-win10-1 and client-win10-2 were running Windows 10 1703.
- The attacker could gain privileges by executing w10.exe. In other words, the attacker could have gained SYSTEM privilege after execution of this file.

# About CVE-2017-0213 and its exploit.

- CVE-2017-0213 is a type confusion vulnerability that occurs by using the IRemUnknown2 COM interface to access object-oriented programming (OOP) component object model (COM) object.
- To sum up, the exploit we found before use the vulnerability for a BITS callback interface and call LoadTypeLib with the same rights as BITS to execute arbitrary script. LoadTypeLib could be used for arbitrary execution with the condition that force to load forged type library by replacing the library path.
- For further information, you can get the full description, source code and executable binaries from its website.
  - <https://github.com/WindowsExploits/Exploits/tree/master/CVE-2017-0213>

# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 1

## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (29)

- Summary of the files located in \ProgramData\s on client-win10-2:

Name	Content
7.exe	7-zip archiver
AAAAAAAAA....	TLB file dropped by w10.exe
dq.exe	Microsoft AD DS/LDS query command line utility
g.bat	a bat to gather information about the environment
g.log	output of g.bat
l.exe	SDelete, a famous deletion tool
m2.bat	a bat to load "http://live.net/m1.ps1" via proxy server and execute it, avoiding script block logging.
ms2.bat	a bat to register m2.bat as a scheduled task named SyS
ms2s.bat	a bat to launch the task SyS
o.bat	a bat to get OS information from remote hosts

# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 1

## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-2 (30)

- Summary of the files located in \ProgramData\s on client-win10-2 (Cont.) :

Name	Feature
output.tlb	TLB file dropped by w10.exe
p.bat	a bat to install the malware SvS.DLL and register it as a scheduled task for persistence
run.sct	a JScript file dropped by w10.exe
w.vbs	a remote/local administration tool, WMIExec
w10.exe	a local privilege escalation tool
.\Windows\System32\tapi3.dll	TLB file dropped by w10.exe

# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 2

Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-1

# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 2

## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-1 (1)

- Condition:
  - This is an investigation for scenario 1.
  - We performed the attack tool analysis on client-win10-2 in the previous lab.
  - How about on client-win10-1?
- Goals:
  - To find out the attacker's working folder on client-win10-1.
  - To reveal the function of tools placed under the folder.
- Hint:
  - Attackers often use the same tools, locations and methods in the same campaign.

# Scenario 1 Labs: Lab 2

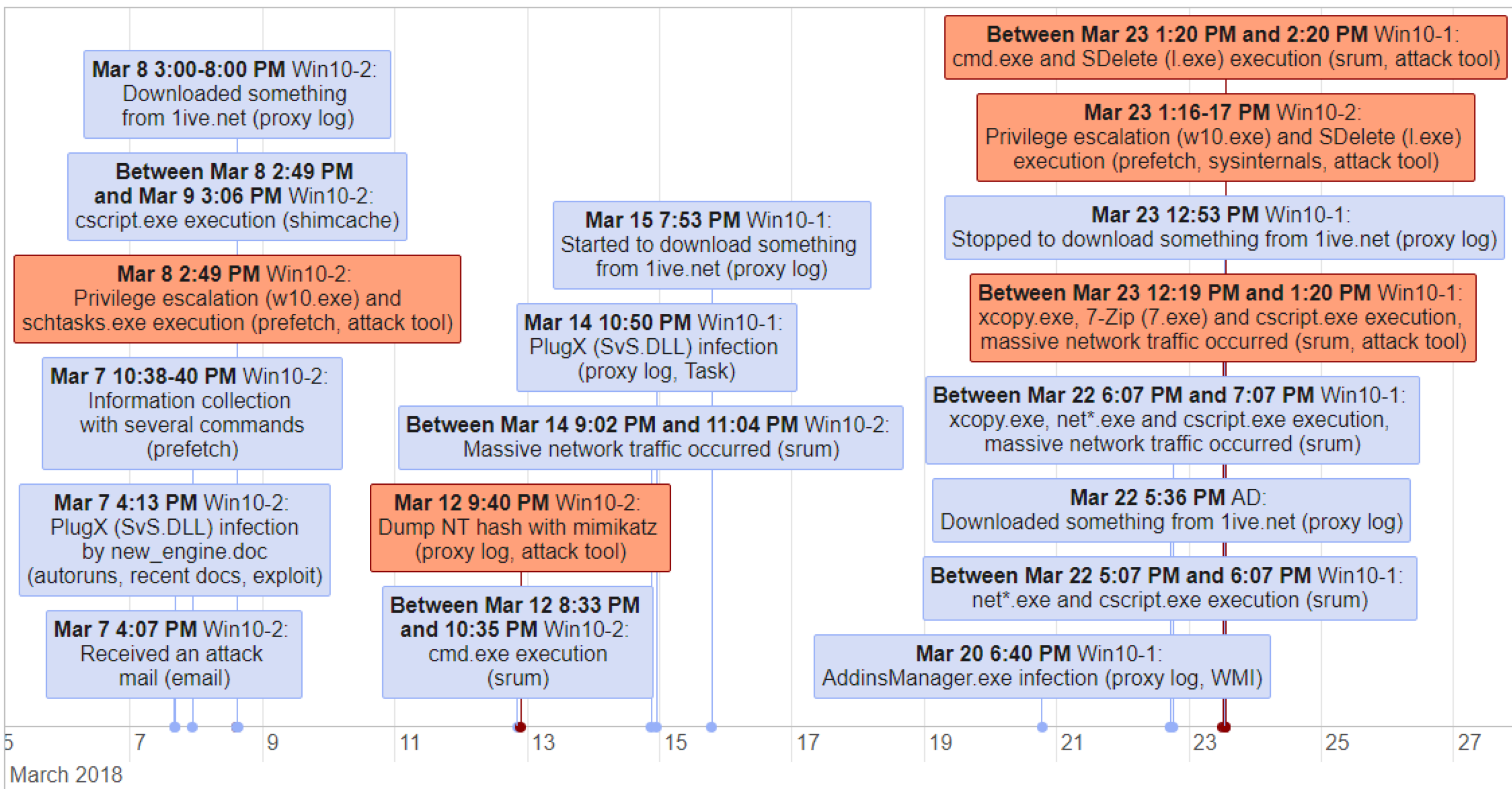
## Analyzing Attacking Tools on client-win10-1 (2)

- Summary of the files located in \ProgramData\s on client-win10-1:

Name	Content
7.exe	7-zip archiver
g.bat	a bat to gather information about the environment
l.exe	SDelete, a famous deletion tool
m1.bat	a bat to load "http://live.net/m1.ps1" via proxy server and execute it, avoiding script block logging.
o.bat	a bat to get OS information from remote hosts
p.bat	a bat to install the malware SvS.DLL and register it as a scheduled task for persistence
w.vbs	a remote/local administration tool, WMIExec
w10.exe	an local privilege escalation tool

Wrap Up





# Conclusion

- Finding and analyzing tools that were used by attackers are useful to understand what attackers planned to do. Moreover, it helps us to determine what they actually did.
- We employ both static and dynamic analysis methods for it.
  - We must use a dedicated environment when we perform dynamic analysis.
- We should also be familiar with methods to recover deleted files.