# Memory Analysis

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- This process provides informations about
  - Processes
  - Network Connections
  - Loaded modules

- Meantime with basic memory analysis analyst can do
  - Unpacking
  - Detection of rootkits
  - Reverse engineering analysis

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- Memory analysis is consisting of two basic concepts
  - I. Memory Acquisition
  - II. Memory Analysis



 In terms of memory acquisition of physical devices, below tools can be used. For virtual environments copying '.vmem' memory file to an analysis tool is enough.

- Win32dd/Win64dd
- dd
- Memoryze
- Dumply,
- Fastdump

• For process dumps LordPE, Process Hacker and Ollydump can be used.

 After obtaining memory, memory can be implemented. In this case Volatility tool will be examined.



Inspection of a malware with memory analysis has some benefits.
 These are:

- Rootkits can hide theirselves from classical detection approaches. Memory analysis can detect rootkits.
- If a malware deleted, memory analysis process may gather information about it.
- Memory forensics can provide clues for static and dynamic analysis.



- Inspection of a malware with memory analysis has also some disadvantages. These are:
  - Memory maps are different for OS
  - Just for a limited time for analysis
  - Big memory, long time to analyze

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Command - "C:\Documents and Settings\siemens01\My Documents\Visual Studio 2010\Projects\MiniDumn 🛌 🔲 🗆
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\RPCRT4.dl1
        77fe0000 77ff1000
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\Secur32.dll
                             C:\WINDOWS\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\mscoreei
        603b0000 60416000
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\SHLWAPI.dl1
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\GDI32.dll
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\USER32.dl1
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\msvcrt.dll
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\IMM32.DLL
                             C:\WINDOWS\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\clr.dll
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\MSVCR100_CLR0400.dll
(dfc.11a8): Unknown exception - code 04242420 (first chance)
                             C:\WINDOWS\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\culture.
                             mscorlib.dll
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\VERSION.dl1
                             C:\WINDOWS\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\clriit.d
                             C:\WINDOWS\system32\ole32.dl1
ModLoad: 60930000 60940000 C:\WINDOWS\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\nlssorti
(dfc.11a8): Integer divide-by-zero - code c0000094 (first chance)
First chance exceptions are reported before any exception handling
This exception may be expected and handled
eax=075bcd15 ebx=00000000 ecx=00c7c1cc edx=00000000 esi=001b5a98 edi=0012f440
eip=037a269d esp=0012f408 ebp=0012f414 iopl=0
cs=001b ss=0023 ds=0023 es=0023 fs=003b gs=0000
                                                                  ef1=00010246
037a269d f77df8
                                 eax, dword ptr [ebp-8] ss:0023:0012f40c=00000000
       .dump /mf "C:\dump.dmp'
```

- Volatility is Python based memory forensics tool.
- OS Independent
- Open source Project
- Clarifies memory
- Can implement plugins

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Example:
python vol.py -h
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Example:
python vol.py -f mem.dmp imageinfo
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• Pslist : List all processes

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Offset(V)	nux:~\$ volatility Name	PID	drom/la PPID			Time		
0x825c8830		4	0	55	260	1970-01-01	00:00:00	
0x824f8368	smss.exe	540	4	3	21	2010-01-28	16:11:40	
0x8221f020	csrss.exe	604	540	12	363	2010-01-28	16:11:46	
0x82483da0	lsass.exe	684	628	18	341	2010-01-28	16:11:47	
0x82412b58	vmacthlp.exe	836	672	1	24	2010-01-28	16:11:47	
0x823b3020	svchost.exe	848	672	18	201	2010-01-28	16:11:47	

• Psxview: List all processes including hidden ones

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remnux@remnu	x:~\$ volatility -f	/media/cdr	om/lab3.im	g psxview			^
Offset	Name	Pid	pslist	psscan	thrdproc	pspc	
id csr_h	nds csr_list						
0x82202880L	svchost.exe	1024	1	1	1	1	
1	1						
0x821feb88L	msmsgs.exe	1664	0	1	1	1	
1	1						
0x825c8830L	System	4	1	1	1	1	
0	0						
0x82293b08L	wordpad.exe	272	0	1	1	1	
1	1						
0x82494988L	wordpad.exe	2008	1	1	1	1	
1	1						
0x8204c850L	cmd.exe	1172	0	1	1	1	
1	1						

Connection: List network connections

Connscan: List all closed connections that remains in memory

		/media/cdrom/lab3.img connscan Remote Address	Pid
0x01f5e008	172.16.128.155:1310	65.74.181.141:80	1448
0x0200cce0	172.16.128.155:1282	207.46.140.21:80	1448
0x0200d008	172.16.128.155:1249	172.16.128.10:139	1072
0x02258750	172.16.128.155:1281	64.4.31.252:80	1448
0x023c22f8	172.16.128.155:1318	65.74.181.141:443	1448

Sockets and sockscan: List all the sockets and related processes

remnux@remnux:~\$ volatility -f /media/cdrom/lab3.img sockets						
0ffset(∨)	PID	Port	Proto		Address	Create Time
0x8240be98	684	500	17	UDP	0.0.0.0	2010-01-28 16:11:58
0x8239b8d0	1132	1900	17	UDP	172.16.128.155	2010-02-02 02:31:22
0x81f65008	4	139	6	TCP	172.16.128.155	2010-02-02 02:31:22
0x81f65008	4	445	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2010-01-28 16:11:36
0x823be648	932	135	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2010-01-28 16:11:47
0x824112e8	4	1167	6	TCP	172.16.128.155	2010-02-02 03:20:05
0x821fb350	4	137	17	UDP	172.16.128.155	2010-02-02 02:31:22
0x82003aa0	1012	1029	6	TCP	127.0.0.1	2010-01-28 16:12:02
0x82003aa0	1072	1172	17	UDP	0.0.0.0	2010-02-02 03:51:42
0x81f5ab70	684	0	255	Reserved	0.0.0.0	2010-01-28 16:11:58
0x81e876f0	1072	1025	17	UDP	0.0.0.0	2010-01-28 16:12:02
0x8252dda0	4	1249	6	TCP	172.16.128.155	2010-02-02 22:17:50
0x81f8c4b8	4	1164	6	TCP	172.16.128.155	2010-02-02 02:35:04

Procmemdump: Disassembler and debugger provider for memory analysis

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remnux@remnux:~$ volatility -f /media/cdrom/lab3.img -p 1592 procmemdump -D /hom e/remnux

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Dumping explorer.exe, pid: 1592 output: executable 1592.exe remnux@remnux:~$ file /home/remnux/executable 1592.exe /home/remnux/executable for MS Windows (GUI) Intel 803

86 32-bit
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• Malfind: Provides to find malicious code parts in memory

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remnux@remnux: ~
    <u>E</u>dit <u>T</u>abs <u>H</u>elp
remnux@remnux:~$ mkdir /tmp/malfind-out
remnux@remnux:~$ volatility -f /media/cdrom/lab3.img malfind -D /tmp/malfind-out
                    Pid
                            Start
                                       End
                                                          Hits
                                                                 Protect
Name
                                                  Taq
                           0x7ffa0000 0x7ffa4fff VadS
                    540
                                                                 PAGE EXECUTE READWRITE
smss.exe
Dumped to: /tmp/malfind-out/smss.exe.24f8368.7ffa0000-7ffa4fff.dmp
0x7ffa0000
            e8 00 00 00 00 58 2d b6 5d 40 00 c3 5f 2e 2d 3d
                                                                . . . . . X-.]@. . _ . -=
0x7ffa0010
                                                                [Hacker Mike]=-.
            5b 48 61 63 6b 65 72 20 4d 69 6b 65 5d 3d 2d 2e
0x7ffa0020
            0x7ffa0030
            00 6b 65 72 6e 65 6c 33 32 2e 64 6c 6c 00 53 65
                                                                .kernel32.dll.Se
0x7ffa0040
            74 4c 61 73 74 45 72 72 6f 72 00 43 72 65 61 74
                                                               tLastError.Creat
0x7ffa0050
            65 4d 61 69 6c 73 6c 6f 74 41 00 47 65 74 4d 61
                                                               eMailslotA.GetMa
0x7ffa0060
            69 6c 73 6c 6f 74 49 6e 66 6f 00 57 72 69 74 65
                                                               ilslotInfo.Write
0x7ffa0070
                                                               File.ReadFile.Cl
            46 69 6c 65 00 52 65 61 64 46 69 6c 65 00 43 6c
```

• Printkey: Informs registry operations in memory

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remnux@remnux:~$ volatility -f /media/cdrom/lab3.img printkey -K 'Microsoft\Wind
ows\Currentversion\Run'
Legend: (S) = Stable (V) = Volatile
Registry: \Device\HarddiskVolume1\WINDOWS\system32\config\software
Key name: Run (S)
Last updated: 2009-06-16 16:55:20
Subkeys:
Values:
             VMware Tools : (S) C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\VMwareT
REG_SZ
ray.exe
             VMware User Process : (S) C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\VMw
REG SZ
areUser.exe
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Memdump: Provides memory image of a process

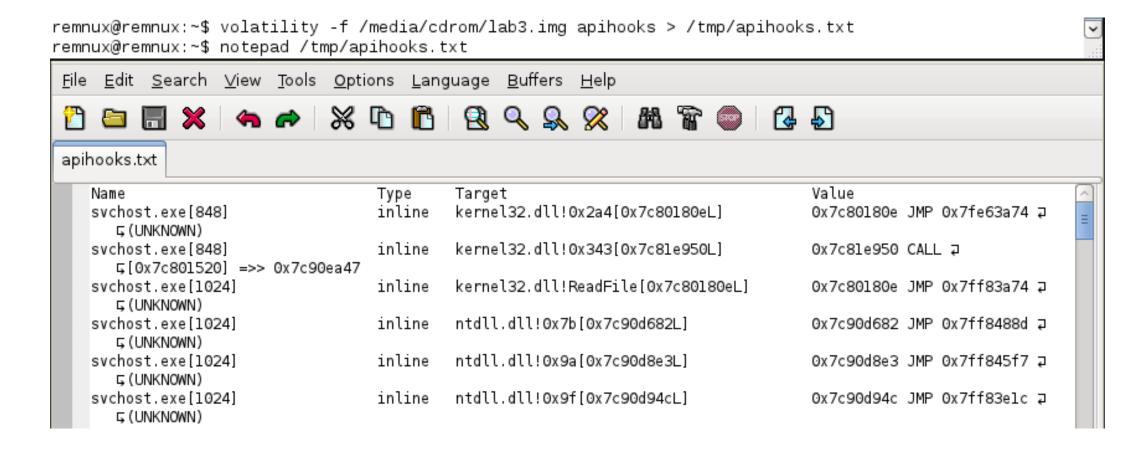
Modules: Shows uploaded library modules in kernel

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remnux@remnux: ~
File Edit Tabs Help
remnux@remnux:~$ volatility -f /media/cdrom/lab3.img modules
                                                               more
Offset(V) File
                                                                            Size
                                                               Base
    Name
0x825fc3a0 \WIND0WS\system32\ntkrnlpa.exe
                                                               0x00804d7000 0x1f6
280 ntoskrnl.exe
0x825fc338 \WIND0WS\system32\hal.dll
                                                               0x00806ce000 0x020
380 hal.dll
0x825fc2d0 \WIND0WS\system32\KDC0M.DLL
                                                               0x00f8b9a000 0x002
000 kdcom.dll
0x825fc260 \WINDOWS\system32\B00TVID.dll
                                                               0x00f8aaa000 0x003
000 BOOTVID.dll
0x825fc1f8 ACPI.svs
                                                               0x00f856b000 0x02e
000 ACPI.sys
0x825fc188 \WINDOWS\System32\DRIVERS\WMILIB.SYS
                                                               0x00f8b9c000 0x002
000 WMILIB.SYS
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• Driverscan: Shows installed drivers for memory

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remnux@remnux:~\$ volatil	ity -f	/media/cdrom	/lab3.:	img driverscan  more		^
Offset Obj Type #P		d Start	Size	Service key	Name	
0x01e80f38 0x825b45b8	3 (	0xf89da000	20992	'VgaSave'	'∨gaSave'	'\\Dr
iver\\VgaSave'						
0x01e81550 0x825b45b8	3 (	0xf8d47000	2944	'Null'	'Null'	'\\Dr
iver\\Null'						
0x01e81648 0x825b45b8	7 (	0xf8bbc000	7936	'Fs_Rec'	'Fs_Rec'	'\\Fi
leSystem\\Fs_Rec'						
0x01e8da18 0x825b45b8	3 (	0xb22bc000	13312	'Mandiant_Tools'	'Mandiant_To	ols' '
\\Driver\\Mandiant_Tools	1					
0x01e91220 0x825b45b8	3 (	0xf8c3e000	7680	'∨MMEMCTL'	'∨MMEMCTL'	'\\Dr
iver\\VMMEMCTL'						
0x01e96458 0x825b45b8	4 (	0xf8144000	12160	'mouhid'	'mouhid'	'\\Dr
iver\\mouhid'						
0x01e9aca8 0x825b45b8	3 (	0xf873a000	63744	'Cdfs'	'Cdfs'	'\\Fi
leSystem\\Cdfs'						
0x01e9b2c0 0x825b45b8	5 (	0xf8a12000	31616	'usbccqp'	'usbccgp'	'\\Dr =
iver\\usbccgp'				51	51	

Apihooks : Shows possible hooked processes



Vaddump: Acquisition of particular memory dump

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remnux@remnux: ~
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<u>File Edit Tabs Help</u>
remnux@remnux:~$ volatility -f /media/cdrom/lab3.img vaddump -p 1592 -D /tmp/vaddump-out
Pid:
remnux@remnux:~$ ls /tmp/vaddump-out/explorer.exe
ls: cannot access /tmp/vaddump-out/explorer.exe: No such file or directory
remnux@remnux:~$ ls /tmp/vaddump-out/explorer.exe.*.*7fe6*
/tmp/vaddump-out/explorer.exe.24ddda0.7fe60000-7fe64fff.dmp
remnux@remnux:~$ strings /tmp/vaddump-out/explorer.exe.24ddda0.7fe60000-7fe64fff.dmp
_.-=[Hacker Mike]=-._
kernel32.dll
SetLastError
CreateMailslotA
GetMailslotInfo
WriteFile
ReadFile
CloseHandle
GetEnvironmentVariableW
GetModuleFileNameA
DuplicateHandle
CreateProcessA
ExitThread
CreateThread
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# Example

• Zeus.vmem