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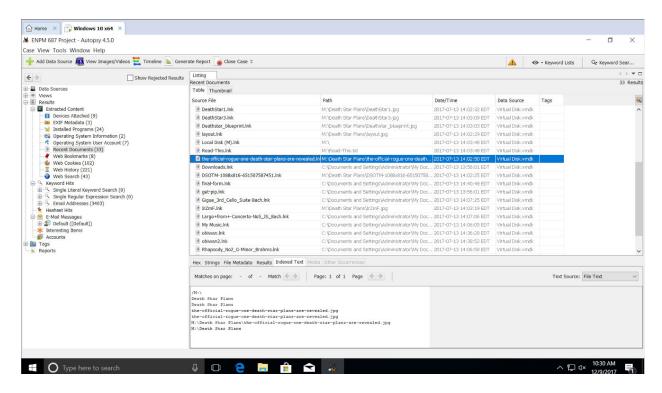
Final Project Report

You are the Imperial Forces best forensic analyst. At a great cost the Imperial Army has come into possession of an image of a hard drive for a rebel scum malware writer. Their codes have plagued our computers for the last time, infecting them but also using it to send messages across the galaxy.

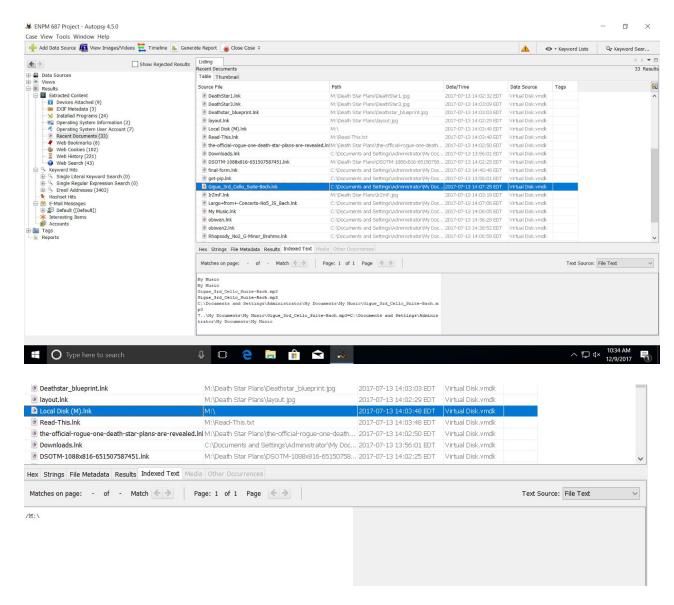
Your mission is to analyze the image of the Rebel malware writer hard drive. Find out what their newest "malware" does, any messages it may sent out, and review the image for other useful intelligence.

PART 1

First thing that stuck suspicious to me on investigating the image of Rebel malware writer hard drive was the file I found in recent documents. In all, there were 33 files in recent documents folder but, most of them seems to be like .jpg , .mp3 , .py , .ink . Below are the few screenshots of recent documents folder.



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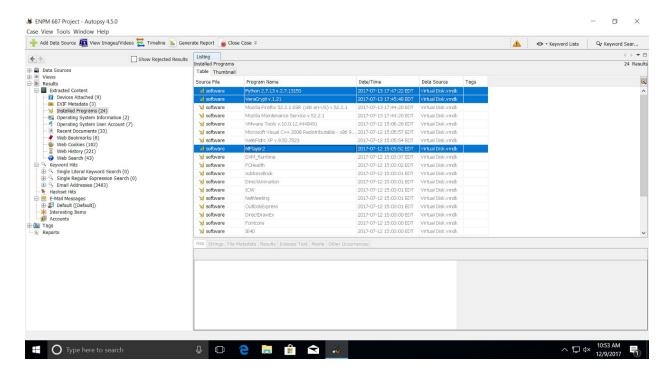


Work done on Local Disk (M) drive shows no path, no information of data/files. Three conclusion, it might be empty, deleted or hidden.

PART 2

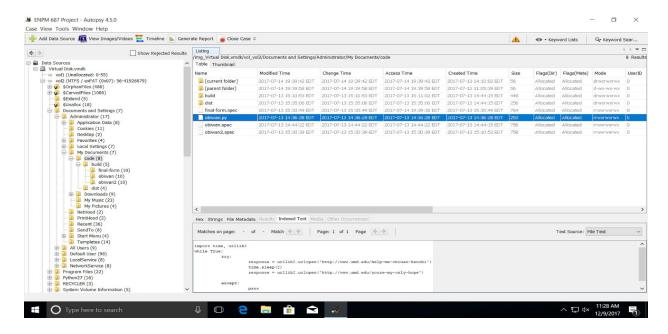
Now, looking inside installed programs folder some knowledge of software's installed in the hard drive can be gained. For instance, veracrypt, python, Mplayer2. This reflects that malware writer would have used veracrypt to hide some part of the data on hard drive. But, what and why is still unanswered. Or it might be just to side track.

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PART 3

On further analysis I came across, a file named "**code**" in My Documents under Administrator folder. The content of file obiwan.py looks familiar to HW#6. I feel there might be some clue in this folder.

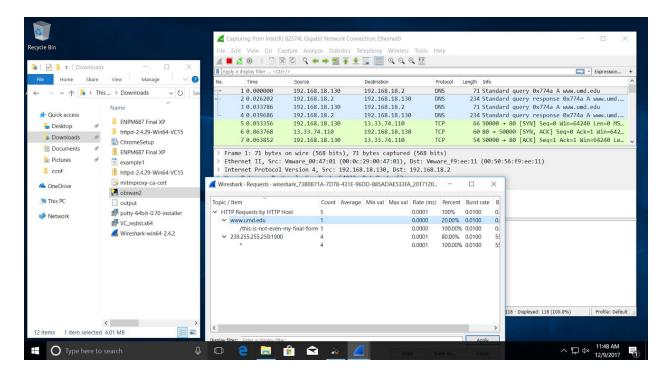


It is somewhat impossible to judge what the contents of obiwan.spec, obiwan2.exe.manifest, obiwan2exe, warnobiwan2.txt. So, I think I need to know what's

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all this files trying to execute. For that I tried to capture packets in Wireshark let's see if I could find any information from there.

PART 4

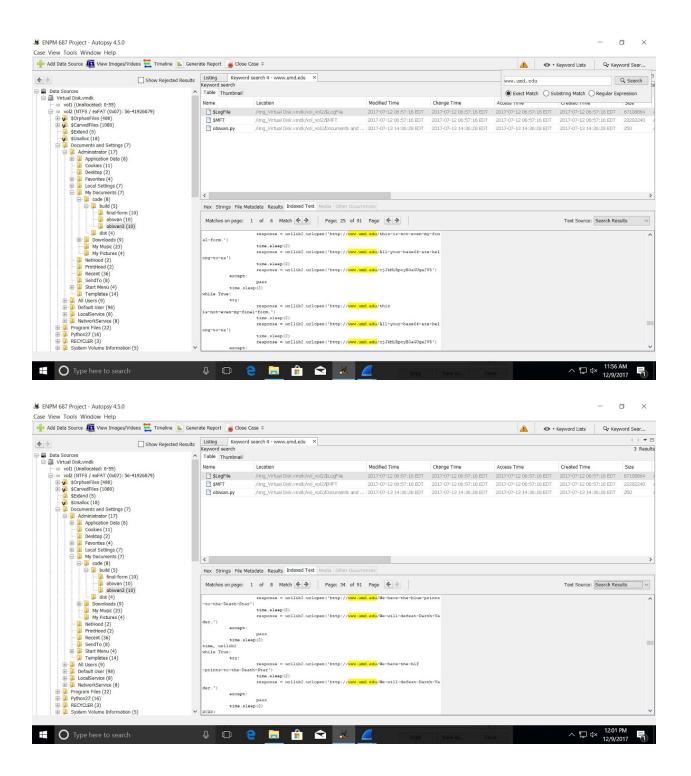


With the help of obiwan2.exe I tried to capture packets in Wireshark. The very first packet describes www.umd.edu. Looking at the HTTP requests we can see in the above screenshot "/this-is-not-even-my-final-form". The easiest way that struck my mind was to do keyword search in Autopsy for "www.umd.edu". This was just trial and error methodology. Came across a LogFile. Most important folder in the whole Operating System. All the logs generated would be residing in this folder. Finally found something interesting. Python script tries to throw hint of url's redirecting from www.umd.edu:

- 1. This-is-not-even-my-final-form
- 2. All-your-base64-are-belong-to-us
- 3. cjJkMiBpcyB0aGUga2V5
- 4. We-have-the-blue-prints-to-the-Death-Star
- 5. We-will-defeat-Darth-Vader.

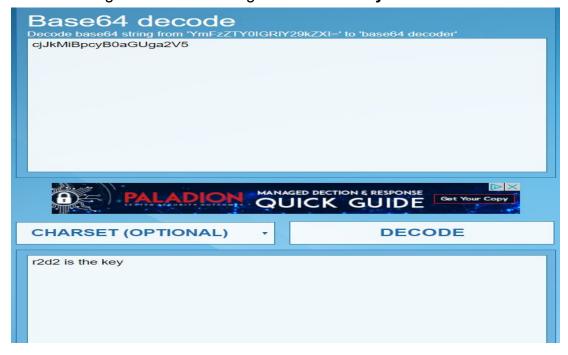
The third url looks creepy.

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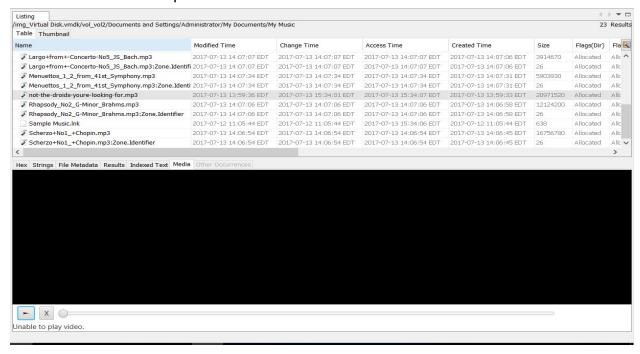
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After some serious google search I concluded if I decode the scrambled letters and numbers using base64 decoder I get **r2d2** is the key



PART 5

Earlier in part 2, I mentioned that Veracrypt was one of the installed program in the hard drive. On top of that the first discovery was that the rebel malware writer was listening to music as there were .mp3 file in the recent documents folder.

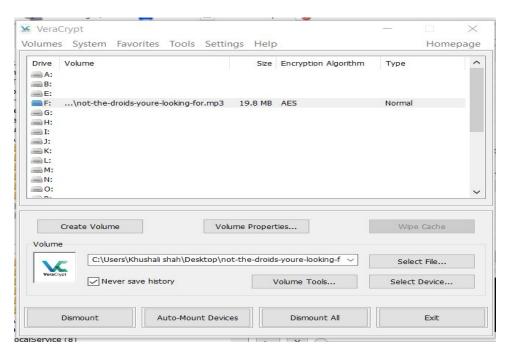


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So, I went into the My Music folder and observed what kind of music was he/she listening. I came across a music file named "not-the-droids-you-are-looking-for.mp3". The weird part of this music file was it was unable to play. All other music files were executable. That's where I felt that some pieces are falling in place. I have a file which is not executable. I have a key and lastly I know the malware writer installed Veracrypt.

PART 6

VeraCrypt helped to decrypt the file "**not-the-droids-youre-looking-for.mp3**" using the key r2d2.



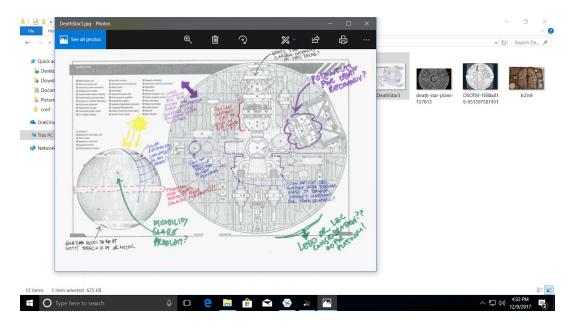
The hidden files inside not-the-droids-youre-looking-for.mp3 are

- 1. Death Star Plans
- 2. ENPM687-Read-This
- 3. Final-form

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PART 7

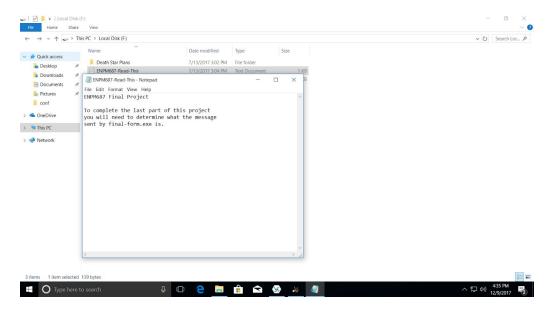
The Death Star Plans folder shows images of some intense planning plotting sketches.



The Notepad file "ENPM687-Read-This" displays clear cut message.

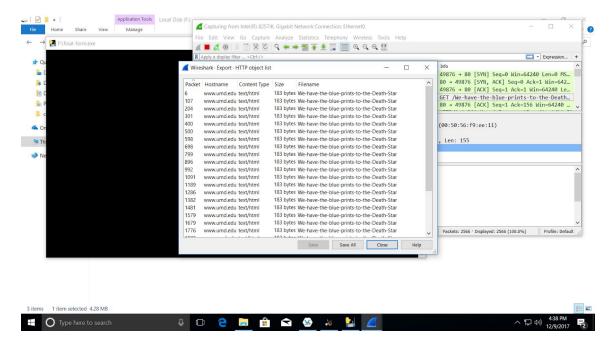
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To complete the last part of this project you will need to determine what the message sent by final-form.exe is.

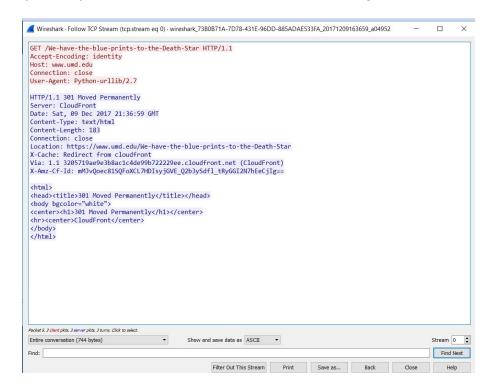


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Lastly, the final-form looks like an exe file which can send packets and wireshark can help to capture those packets and make the last part of the project clear.



The one suspicious packet visible is the "We-have-the-blue-prints-to-the-Death-Star"

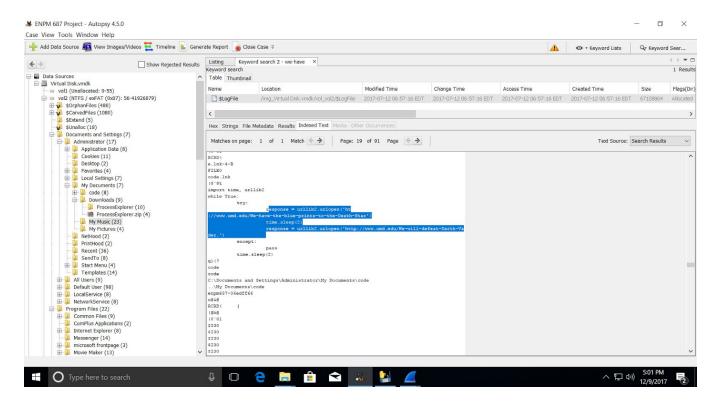


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PART 8

I thought this was the end of the project but, there is one more message. That message I discovered when I again explored log file and combining the results got in PART 4. The python scripts displays two messages:

- 1. We-have-the-blue-prints-to-the-death-star
- 2. We-will-defeat-Darth-Vader



I assume these are the two messages send by final-form.exe file.