

Utilize Basic Digital Forensics Techniques

Chapter 18

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Digital Forensics

Objective: 4.4 Given a scenario, utilize basic digital forensics techniques.

- Procedures
- Data acquisition
- Legal hold

Digital Forensics

- Collecting & analyzing digital clues to figure out the 5 W's:
 - Who
 - What
 - Where
 - When
 - Why
- Network forensics
- Mobile forensics
- Computer forensics
- Code analysis

Principles of Forensics

- Do no harm
 - Don't affect data integrity
- Train, train, train
 - Forensic examiners & professionals
 - Requirements & regulations
 - Provide evidence
- Keep good notes
 - Collection, inspection, storage of evidence
 - Audit trail for 3rd party inspection

Phases of a Forensic Investigation

- Seizure
 - Ensure data isn't tampered with
- Acquisitions
 - Extracting data from the scene
 - Work from forensic image
- Analysis
 - Make sense of the data
- Reporting
 - Know your audience

Your Forensic Tool Kit

- Jump bag
 - Laptop with pre-installed forensic software
 - Hard drives for storage
 - USB hub
 - Cables & adapters
 - Hard drive enclosure
 - Toolkit
 - Camera
 - Wireless spectrum analyzer
- Crime scene tape & seals
- Documentation
 - IR plan & log
 - Chain of custody forms
 - Contact list

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Seizure & Acquisitions

Objective: 4.4 Given a scenario, utilize basic digital forensics techniques.

- Endpoint
- Disk
- Memory

Control the Crime Scene

- Control access
 - Create access list
 - Who, where, when
- Trained & certified personnel
- Document
 - Visitors
 - Access to systems
 - Contamination
- Maintain chain-of-custody
- Leave the power on
 - Unless malware is destroying evidence
 - Running memory can give clues
 - Advanced malware might not write to disk

Acquisition Process

- Prepare destination media
 - Securely store data
 - Removable hard drive or network-based option
 - Make sure destination media is clean



Acquisition Process

- Prepare destination media
- Prevent changes
 - Forensic station
 - Special set-ups
 - Securely copy from source to destination
 - Write blocker
 - Prevents changes when copying
 - Mouse jiggers
 - Prevents computer from falling asleep

Forensics Station



https://www.cru-inc.com/product_image_galleries/Forensic_Field_Kit_D/5-Ditto_Field_Kit.jpg

Write Blocker



https://www.cru-inc.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/DittoDX_angle1-3.png

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Forensics Acquisition Tools

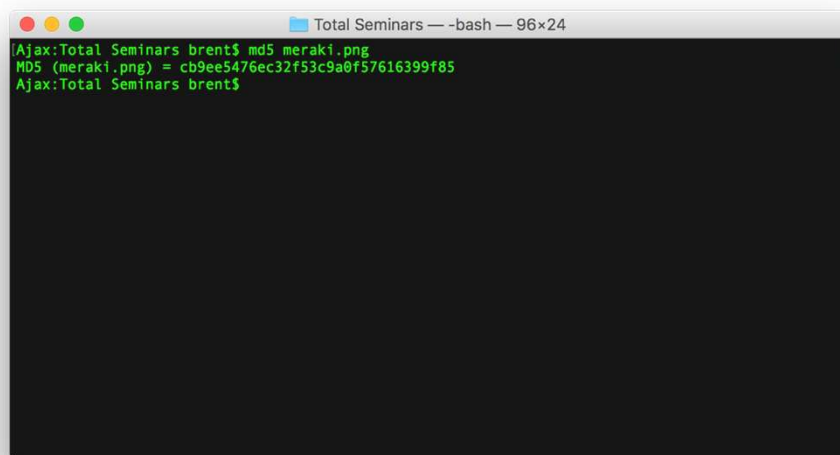
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- Hashing
- Changes to binaries

Acquisition Process

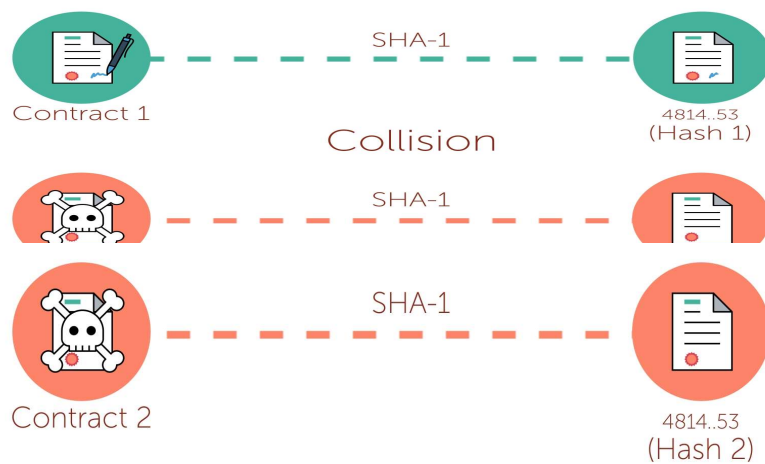
- Prepare destination media
- Prevent changes
- Hash the source
 - Fixed snapshot of evidence
- Image the source
 - Commercial
 - FTK Imager
 - Open source
 - dd
- Verify the acquisition
 - MD5 or SHA hash
- Protect the acquisition

Hash Demo

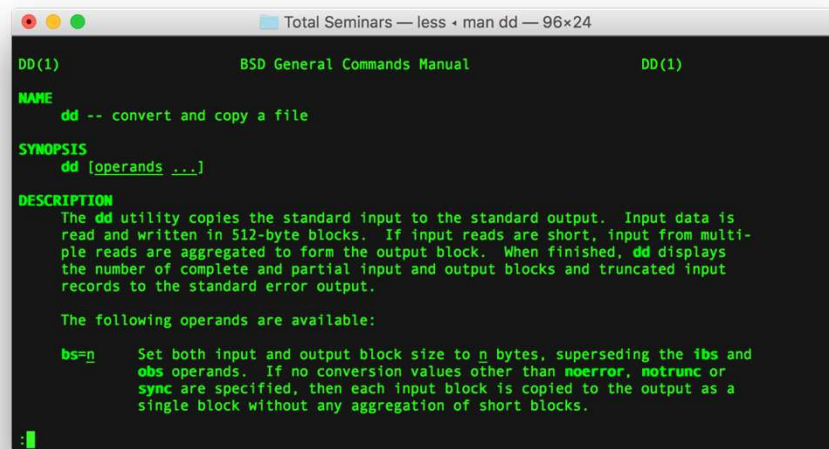
A terminal window titled "Total Seminars — -bash — 96x24" with a dark background and green text. It shows the command "md5 meraki.png" being executed, followed by the output "MD5 (meraki.png) = cb9ee5476ec32f53c9a0f57616399f85".

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Ajax:Total Seminars brent$ md5 meraki.png
MD5 (meraki.png) = cb9ee5476ec32f53c9a0f57616399f85
Ajax:Total Seminars brent$
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Hash Collisions



dd Demo



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DD(1) BSD General Commands Manual DD(1)
NAME
  dd -- convert and copy a file
SYNOPSIS
  dd [operands ...]
DESCRIPTION
  The dd utility copies the standard input to the standard output. Input data is
  read and written in 512-byte blocks. If input reads are short, input from multi-
  ple reads are aggregated to form the output block. When finished, dd displays
  the number of complete and partial input and output blocks and truncated input
  records to the standard error output.
  The following operands are available:
  bs=n    Set both input and output block size to n bytes, superseding the ibs and
  obs operands. If no conversion values other than noerror, notrunc or
  sync are specified, then each input block is copied to the output as a
  single block without any aggregation of short blocks.
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Special Topic: Password Cracking

- Open source
 - hashcat
 - Over 200 hash types
 - oclhashcat - GPU acceleration
- Commercial
 - ElcomSoft
 - Passware
 - Passware Kit Forensic
 - Individually or with EnCase suite
 - Over 200 hash types
 - GPU acceleration

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Mobile, Virtualization, and Cloud

Objective: 4.4 Given a scenario, utilize basic digital forensics techniques.

- Mobile
- Cloud
- Virtualization

Mobile Device Forensics

- Can be difficult
 - OS is closed
 - Communicate with outside world
- Remote access can alter evidence
- Faraday device
 - Blocks RF signaling
- Difficult to directly access a device's data
 - Need special mobile forensics software and hardware

Virtualization and the Cloud

- SLAs may limit forensic activities
- Snapshots
 - Forensically-sound evidence preservation

Legal Hold

- In a court of law, admissible evidence must be in original state
- Legal hold is required by the court to retain evidence
 - Evidence can't be returned to owner until after the trial
- Verified images can suffice as forensically-sound

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Forensics Analysis: Part 1

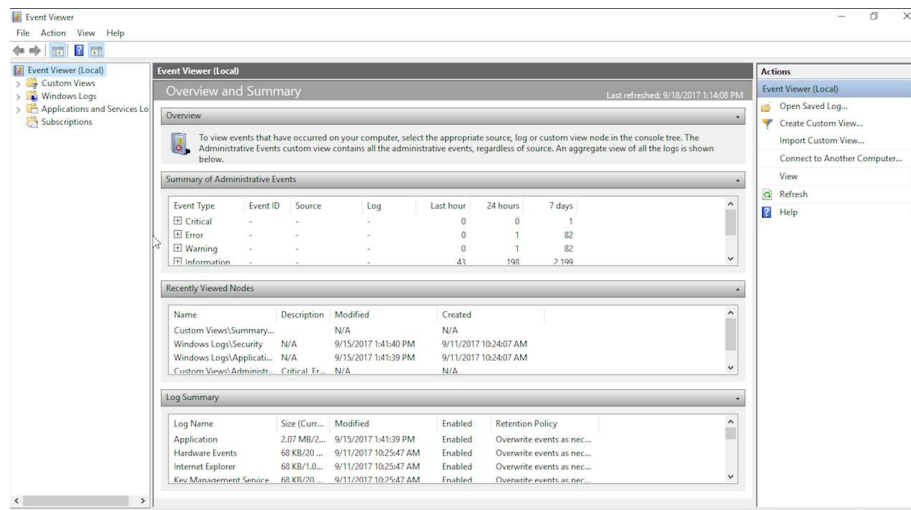
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Forensics Analysis

- Manually
 - Operating system and processes
 - Log viewers
 - Windows
 - Event Viewer
 - Registry
 - Linux directories
 - /etc/
 - /var/log/
 - /home/

Windows Utilities Demo



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Forensics Analysis: Part 2

Objective: 4.4 Given a scenario, utilize basic digital forensics techniques.

- Procedures

Linux Forensics Demo



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root@kali:~# ls /var/log/
local/ lock/ log/
root@kali:~# ls /var/log/
alternatives.log      debug                kern.log.2.gz        syslog
alternatives.log.1    debug.1             kern.log.3.gz        syslog.1
alternatives.log.2.gz debug.2.gz           kern.log.4.gz        syslog.2.gz
alternatives.log.3.gz debug.3.gz           lastlog              syslog.3.gz
alternatives.log.4.gz debug.4.gz           macchanger.log        syslog.4.gz
alternatives.log.5.gz dmesg               macchanger.log.1.gz  syslog.5.gz
apache2               dpkg.log            macchanger.log.2.gz  syslog.6.gz
apt                  dpkg.log.1          macchanger.log.3.gz  syslog.7.gz
auth.log             dpkg.log.2.gz       macchanger.log.4.gz  sysstat
auth.log.1           dpkg.log.3.gz       messages              unattended-upgrades
auth.log.2.gz        dpkg.log.4.gz       messages.1            user.log
auth.log.3.gz        dpkg.log.5.gz       messages.2.gz         user.log.1
auth.log.4.gz        dradis              messages.3.gz         user.log.2.gz
bootstrap.log        faillog             messages.4.gz         user.log.3.gz
btmip                fontconfig.log      mysql                 user.log.4.gz
btmip.1              fsck                nginx                 wtmp
chkrootkit           fstrm               ntpstats              wtmp.1
couchdb              gdm3                openvas               wvdialconf.log
daemon.log            glusterfs           postgresql            Xorg.0.log
daemon.log.1          inetd               redis                 Xorg.0.log.old
daemon.log.2.gz       installer          samba                 Xorg.1.log
daemon.log.3.gz       kern.log            speech-dispatcher     Xorg.1.log.old
daemon.log.4.gz       kern.log.1          stunnel4
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Forensics Analysis

- Commercial solutions
 - FTK
 - EnCase
 - The Sleuth Kit
 - Timeline analysis

Timeline Analysis

- Searches log files, artifacts to create single correlated timeline
- Easily analyzed by investigators
- Plaso
 - One popular utility used to create a “super timeline”
 - Exact time of incident unknown
- Targeted timeline
 - Time of incident is known
 - Take snips pre- & post-incident to see how the incident effected system

Forensic Analysis

- Timeline analysis
 - Search through log files to create single timeline
- Timeline analysis utilities
 - Plaso
 - “Super” timeline – not sure when the event occurred
 - Targeted timeline – might know when event occurred

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Packet Capture

- Network
- Wireshark

Packet Capture Tools

- tshark (onion)
- Wireshark (onion)
- Network general
- Aircrack-ng
- Airmon-ng
- Airodump-ng