

# Mason Competitive Cyber

## MacOS Security



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test on [regexr.com](https://regexr.com)

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        code = m.group(1)
        if code.startswith('4') or code.startswith('5'):
            r = requests.post('https://www.exmple.com/api', data = {code: line})
```

# MacOS Overview



- Apple's Operating System
- Closed-source
- Unix-based
  
- Mac OS X
  - Cheetah-Lion
- OSX
  - Mountain Lion-EL Capitan
- MacOS
  - Sierra-Mojave(current)
  
- HFS+ vs APFS

## System Hardening

# MacOS Install



- Installation
  - Create custom image with AutoDMG
- Full disk encryption
  - FileVault
- MacOS and iOS are becoming more similar
  - Sends data to Apple on first boot and more
- Firmware Password
  - Booting from USB
  - Single-user mode
  - Recovery volume
  - Direct Memory Access (DMA) through thunderbolt
    - Use pcileech to read FileVault passwords and inject kernel modules
    - Fixed as of early 2017



# User Accounts



- First user you create has sudo access
  - Mitigate by have user for normal activity and admin user
- Put apps in ~/Applications instead of /Applications when possible
  - Mac App Store installs in /Applications
  - Issues
    - some system preferences & system utilities require root privileges
    - third party apps that require admin

# Firewall



- Default application layer firewall
  - Only can block incoming connections

```
~ > sudo /usr/libexec/ApplicationFirewall/socketfilterfw --setglobalstate on
```

- Can set it to “stealth mode” which doesn’t respond to:
  - ICMP requests
  - connection attempts from a closed TCP port

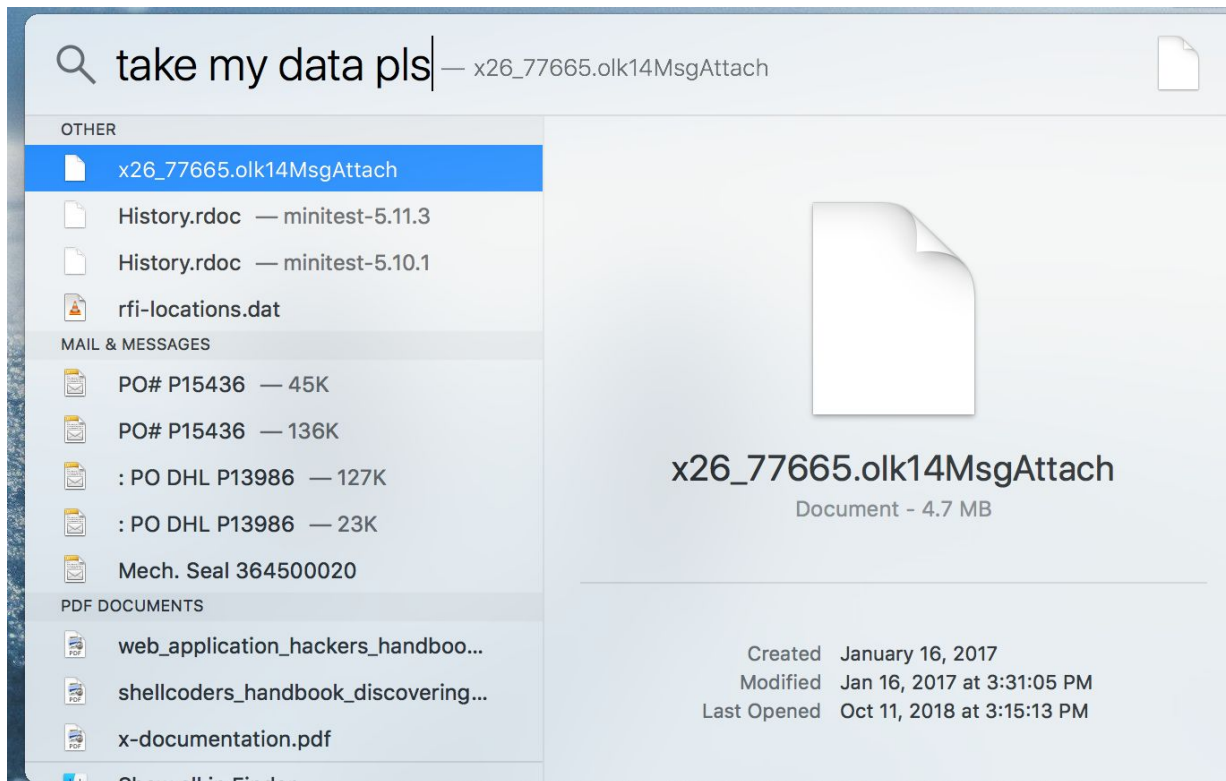
```
~ > sudo /usr/libexec/ApplicationFirewall/socketfilterfw --setstealthmode on
```

- pfctl
  - Packet filtering that runs at kernel level
- Third Party Firewall
  - Little Snitch

# Spotlight



- Spotlight suggestions
  - Queries sent to Apple
- Bing Web Searches
  - Queries sent to Microsoft



# Homebrew



- Package manager
- Make updates and installs of tools much easier



```
~ > /usr/bin/ruby -e "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/master/install)"
```



# Hosts File



- /etc/hosts
- Hacky approach
  - Block domains by associating them with an invalid IP
  - 0.0.0.0 example.com

# Keychain



- MacOS comes with 200+ root authority certificates pre-installed
- In the unlikely event one a root CA was found to be compromised, you can distrust certificates through keychain

# Malicious Binaries



- System Integrity Protection
- Binary whitelisting
  - santa
- Behavioral
  - Performance

## Incident Response



# Basic Info



- Running processes
  - `ps aux`
- Loaded kernel extensions
  - `kextstat -l`
- Logged in users
  - `who`
- Mounted items
  - `mount`
- Memory
  - `pmem`
- Timestamps
  - `ctime`
  - `mtime`
  - `atime`

# User Info



- Bash history
- LaunchAgents and LaunchDaemons
  - persistence
  - Knock Knock
- Crontab
- Recent Items
  - plist
    - property list
    - XML
- Finder
  - plist
- Shared File Lists
- System Quarantine Events
- User Quarantine Events

# Network Info

- Network interface info
  - ifconfig
- Current network connections
  - netstat
- DNS info
  - scutil --dns
- ARP Table
  - arp -an
- Hosts file
- Bluetooth
  - /Library/Preferences/com.apple.bluetooth.plist

# Normal Logs



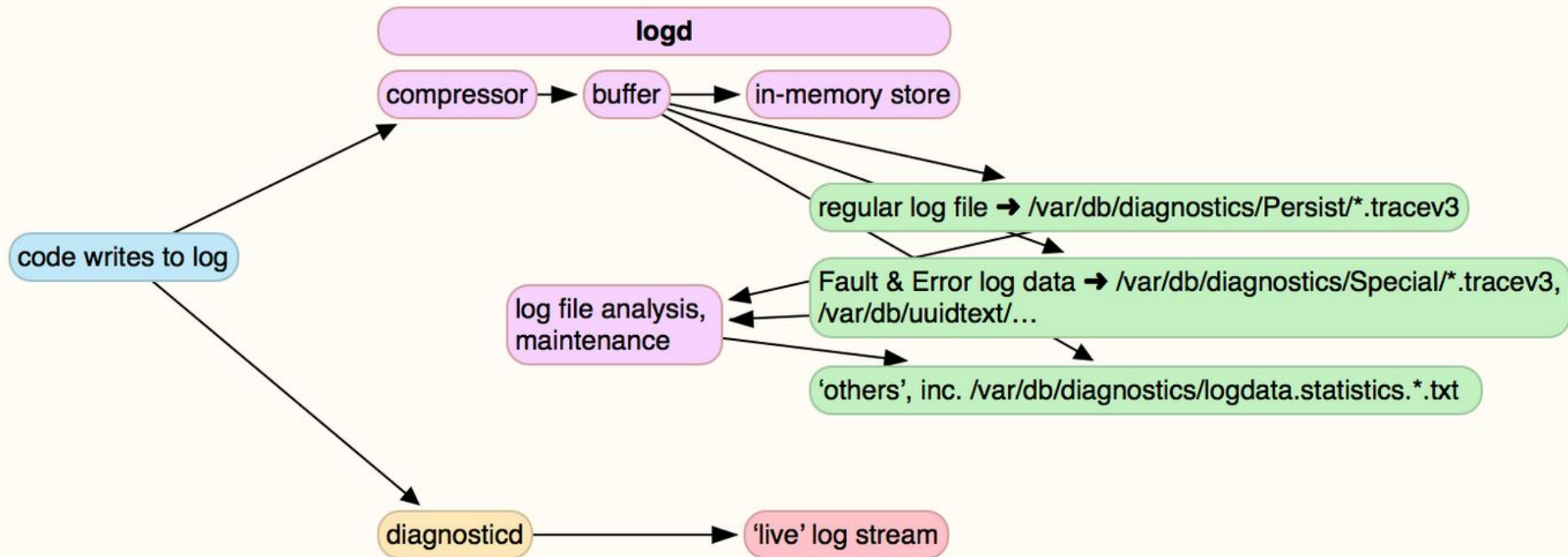
- /Users/<username>/Library/Logs
- /var/log/
- /private/var/log/



# Unified Logging



- Unified Logging
  - log collect
  - Console



- .tracev3 = proprietary format

# Unified Logging



- Log command
  - Log collect
  - Log stream
  - Log show



# Misc. MacOS Stuff

- .command file
- caffeinate
- chat.db
- .app “files” are actually folders with a certain format

```
Contents > pwd
/Applications/iHex.app/Contents
Contents > ls
Frameworks      Info.plist      MacOS           PkgInfo         Resources       _CodeSignature _MASReceipt
```

# OSXcollector



- <https://github.com/Yelp/osxcollector>
- Python script that helps do mac forensics
  - no dependencies
- Takes forever



# Browser Objects



- Safari
  - /Users/<username>/Library/Caches/com.apple.Safari/WebpagePreviews/
- Use osxcollector to get rest of browser data
  - `osxcollector.py -c -l -s chrome`

# Challenge



- Mac App Reverse Engineering
  - [go.gmu.edu/macRE](http://go.gmu.edu/macRE)

# Links



- <https://github.com/google/santa>
- <https://github.com/google/grr>
- <https://github.com/yelp/osxcollector>
- <https://github.com/ufrisk/pcileech>
  
- <https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.800-179>
- <https://www.mac4n6.com>

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