

# Mason Competitive Cyber

## Host Based Forensics



# News since last meeting



- Fedex exposed user information from AWS S3 Bucket
  - Left public
  - Scanned documents (passports, DLs, etc.)
- US Department of Energy creates Cybersecurity Office
- AMSI null character vuln patched
  - ASMI = Anti-Malware Secure Interface
  - Truncates files after null character

# Upcoming Competitions & Events



- CyberFusion
  - Friday/Saturday
  - In-person @ VMI
  - Registration locked
- BSides NoVA CTF
  - Saturday
  - Herndon
  - Conference
- CryptoParty
  - March 3rd 10:30am-6pm
  - HUB

# LE Side



- Data Integrity & Chain of Custody
- Write Blockers, Air Gapped computers
- Encase/FTK/X-Ways

# Private Incident Response Side



- Less concern with data integrity & chain of custody
- Cyber Insurance
- PPI compliance
- Timelining
  
- Ransomware
- O365 compromise

# Windows



- \$MFT
  - Created, Modified, Last Accessed
  - \$STDINFO vs \$FILENAME
- Shellbags
  - NTUSER.dat and USRCLASS.dat
  - Explorer viewing preferences

# Windows: File Download



- Browser History
  - Direct
  - Edge WebcacheV01.dat
  - FF downloads.sqlite
- Skype history
  - Chat sessions
  - Files transferred
- Shellbags
  - Open/Save MRU → files opened or saved in explorer

# Windows: Program Execution



- Shellbags
  - UserAssist → GUI programs launched from desktop
  - RunMRU → Start, Run
  - LastVisitedMRU → Executable used to open Open/Save MRU
- AppCompat
  - Check for potential application compatibility issues
  - Amcache.hve or Shimcache
  - ONLY written to when system is rebooted
- Prefetch
  - Preloads pages of commonly used applications



# Windows: File Use & Knowledge



- Shellbags
  - Open/Save MRU → files opened or saved in explorer
  - LastVisitedMRU → Executable used to open ^
  - RecentDocs → Last 150 opened
  - Folder → Recent folders opened
  - BagMRU → Folder and folder settings
- Jump Lists
- LNK Files
  - Shortcut files
  - Many Timestamps
- Prefetch

# Windows: Event Logs



- EVT vs EVTX
- Event IDs may differ based on windows version
- Useful logs
  - Security
  - Terminal Services
- Event messages not stored in raw event logs

# Windows: Autoruns



- Make CSV
- Filter by test on signature column to find unverified
- Search hashes of suspicious ones on VT

# Forensics tools



- Encase/FTK/X-way
- Log2timeline
- Volatility
- Regripper
  
- Parsers

- /var/log
- .bash\_history for each user
- Application logs
  - Logmein
- Process tree
- List of open files and network connections
  - lsof -i -n -P

- Changes Based on Version
  - Apple: “Upgrade or be left to die”
- Linux Crossover
  - /var/log/
  - .bash\_history
- Knock Knock
  - Detects persistence mechanisms
  - Lists things set to autostart, looks up on VT
- Non app store downloads
  - ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.LaunchServices.QuarantineEvents

- iMessage chat logs
  - Users/<username>/Library/Messages/chat.db
  - Think your partner is cheating? Use this one weird trick to find out! (don't actually)



```
sqlite> .tables
_SqliteDatabaseProperties  deleted_messages
attachment                handle
chat                      message
chat_handle_join          message_attachment_join
chat_message_join
sqlite> |
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# Scenario



- [tctf.competitivecyber.club](http://tctf.competitivecyber.club)

## The Office

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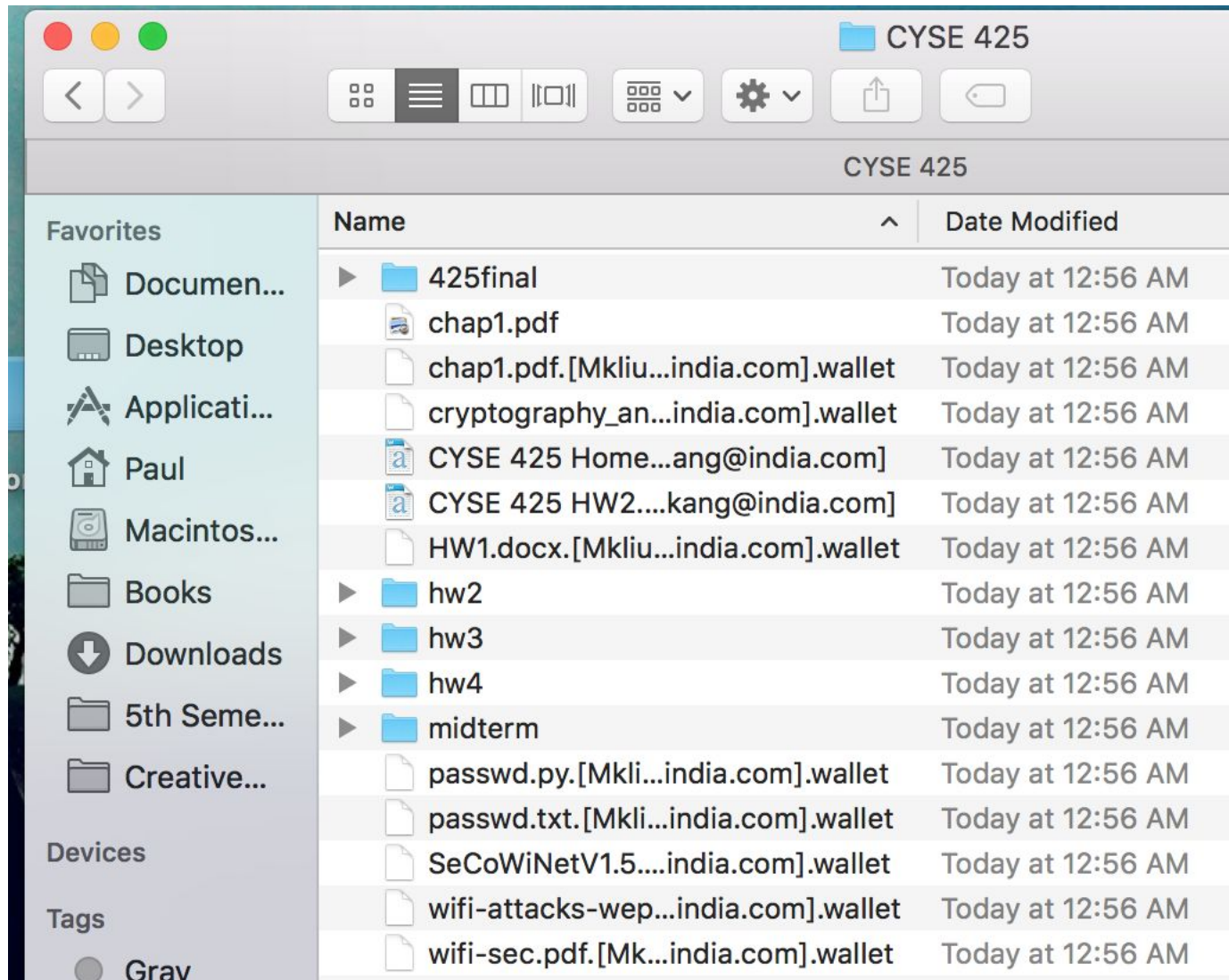
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