Memory Analysis- Ransomware

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Scenario

The Account Executive called the SOC earlier and sounds very frustrated and angry. He stated he can't access any files on his computer and keeps receiving a pop-up stating that his files have been encrypted. You disconnected the computer from the network and extracted the memory dump of his machine and started analyzing it with Volatility. Continue your investigation to uncover how the ransomware works and how to stop it!

Pre-requisites

- Load kali
- Run sudo apt update && sudo apt -y upgrade > reboot
- Clone the git repo to install/have Volatility to use for analysis:
 - o https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/volatility/wiki/Installation
- Locate vol.py to be able to use Volatility for analysis as it requires the absolute path if you're not within the directory:
 - Path is /home/kali/volatility/vol.py:

```
-(kali®kali)-[~/volatility]
/home/kali/volatility
  -(kali@kali)-[~/volatility]
-$ ls -hl
total 132K
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali
                        778 Oct 2 11:25 AUTHORS.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali
                        24K Oct
                                 2 11:25 CHANGELOG.txt
drwxr-xr-x 4 kali kali 4.0K Oct 2 11:25 contrib
                                2 11:25 CREDITS.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 3.9K Oct
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 698 Oct
                                 2 11:25 LEGAL.txt
                                 2 11:25 LICENSE.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 15K Oct
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali
                                 2 11:25 Makefile
                        178 Oct
           1 kali kali
                        348 Oct
                                 2 11:25 MANIFEST.in
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali
                        254 Oct
                                 2 11:25 PKG-INFO
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4.0K Oct
                                 2 11:25 pyinstaller
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 1007 Oct 2 11:25 pyinstaller.spec
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 32K Oct 2 11:25 README.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4.0K Oct
                                2 11:25 resources
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 3.6K Oct
                                 2 11:25 setup.pv
drwxr-xr-x 6 kali kali 4.0K Oct
                                 2 11:25 tools
drwxr-xr-x 5 kali kali 4.0K Oct
                                 2 11:25 volatility
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 6.4K Oct 2 11:25 <u>v</u>ol.py
   ·(kali® kali)-[~/volatility]
```

• Change network to host only instead of NAT – to restrict network so any ransomware inside the challenge zip is contained within the VM.

Initial thoughts from scenario

 Encrypted files on account exec's computer, most likely malware of some sort. Could be Ransomware (ignoring the name of the challenge), but at this time there is no mention of their being a ransom demand to be paid so cannot say with certainty.

Prerequisites

- After cloning the Volatility Github repo, I had issues running the script. Investigating revealed
 it to be an issue with Python version numbers potentially. So, I cloned my Kali VM to have a
 standalone Python2 instance, and downgraded to Python 2.X.
- Install all of the plugins listed here on the Volatility Github repo:
 - https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/volatility/wiki/Installation#recommendedpackages

Challenge Questions

What is the name of the suspicious process?

Answer: @WanaDecryptor

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- First thing we need to do (despite being given it in the challenge question on BTLO) is identify
 the memory profile for the provided image. As this will be required in all Volatility commands
 used for further investigation
 - o To do this we can run "sudo python2 vol.py imageinfo -f [pathToMemoryDump]"
 - Memory profile of the dump is identified to be Win7SP1x86 (Windows 7 Service Pack 1 x86 architecture) – this is consistent with the challenge question.

- Ran psscan to investigate all processes in the memory dump, reviewing the output shows two standout processes both called @WanaDecryptor. This is suspicious as it sounds very much like/related to WanaCry which was a ransomware that devastated the NHS in 2017.
- As there's two of the same process name, I noted the following for the future:
 - 0 #1
- Offset(P) 0x000000001ef9ed40
- Process Name @WanaDecryptor
- PID 2688
- PPID 2732
- PDB 0x1e6d9460
- Time created 2021-01-31 18:24:49 UTC+0000
- Time exited 2021-01-31 18:24:49 UTC+0000
- 0 #2
- Offset(P) 0x000000001fcc6800
- Process Name @WanaDecryptor
- PID 3968
- PPID 2732
- PDB 0x1e6d95c0
- Time created 2021-01-31 18:02:48 UTC+0000
- Time exited N/A

What is the parent process ID for the suspicious process?

Answer: 2732

- We can grep the output of the previous command to make it easier to read, now that we have identified the name of the suspicious process.
- The Parent Process ID (PPID) is the fourth column of the Volatility output, which in this case is 2732.

What is the initial malicious executable that created this process?

Answer: or4qtckT.exe

```
| Ckali⊕ kali)-[~/volatility]
| Sudo python2 vol.py -f ~/Documents/BTLO/Memory_Analysis-Ransomware/BTLO_Memory_Analysis_Ransomware/infected.vmem --profile=Win7SP1×86 pss
| Sudo python2 vol.py -f ~/Documents/BTLO/Memory_Analysis-Ransomware/Infected.vmem --profile=Win7SP1×86 pss
| Sudo python2 vol.py -f ~/Documents/BTLO/Memory_Analysis_Ransomware/infected.vmem --profile=Win7SP1×86 pss
| Sudo python2 vol.py -f ~/Documents/BT
```

- Re-run the psscan command from earlier, but pipe it into a grep that matches output based on the identified PPID of 2732.
- This reveals 1 process with a PID (Process ID) that matches the Parent Process ID (PPID) of the @WanaDecryptor process. As this is a parent-child relationship, we can confirm that @WanaDecryptor created the malicious executable or4qtckT.exe.

Drill down on the suspicious PID and find the process used to delete files

Answer: taskdl.exe

```
(kali@ kali) - [~/volatility]
$ sudo python2 vol.py - f ~/Documents/BTLO/Memory_Analysis-Ransomware/BTLO_Memory_Analysis_Ransomware/infected.vmem --profile=Win7SP1×86 pss
can | grep - f ~2732'
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0 ×000000001e992a88 taskdl.exe 4060 2732 0×1e6d9540 2021-01-31 18:24:54 UTC+0000
0 ×000000001e99ed40 @WanaDecryptor 2688 2733 0×1e6d9460 2021-01-31 18:24:54 UTC+0000
0 ×000000001fcc6800 @WanaDecryptor 3968 2732 0×1e6d95c0 2021-01-31 18:02:48 UTC+0000
0 ×000000001fcd4350 or4qtckT.exe 2732 1456 0×1e6d94c0 2021-01-31 18:02:16 UTC+0000
```

- The psscan command from the previous challenge question not only revealed the malicious executable which is a child process, but also revealed another process with the same PPID – taskdl.exe.
 - Again, because of the parent-child relationship, we can assume that taskdl.exe interacts with or4qtckT.exe. This combined with only these 4 results being returned confirms that taskdl.exe is used to delete files.

Find the path where the malicious file was first executed:

Answer: C:\Users\hacker\Desktop\or4qtckT.exe

```
File Actions Edit View Help

** Failed to import volatility.plugins.envars (ImportError: No module named Crypto.Hash)

System pid: 4

Smss.exe pid: 4

Smss.exe pid: 268

Command line: \SystemRoot\System32\ssrs.exe ObjectDirectory~\Windows SharedSection=1024,12288,512 Windows-On SubSystemType-Windows ServerD llabaserv,1 ServerDllawinsrv:UserServerDllInitialization,3 ServerDllawinsrv:ConServerDllInitialization,2 ServerDllasxssrv,4 PrefileControl=0

ff MarRequesthreads=16

wininit.exe pid: 396

Command line: \SystemBoot\System32\csrss.exe ObjectDirectory~\Windows SharedSection=1024,12288,512 Windows-On SubSystemType-Windows ServerD llabaserv,1 ServerDllawinsrv:UserServerDllInitialization,3 ServerDllawinsrv:ConServerDllInitialization,2 ServerDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDllawinsrv:OserverDl
```

- Volatility has a command line argument/option that can look for command line usage within
 a memory dump. Running it reveals a long list of commands executed by each process,
 however as we know the PID in question, we can grep the output.
 - However, in this case my grep made life harder as it only revealed the matching line and not the command itself (see below).

• However, manually reviewing for the PID shows that the malicious executable was created in "C:\Users\hacker\Desktop\or4qtckT.exe".

```
(kali@ kali)-[~/volatility]
$ sudo python2 vol.py -f ~/Documents/BTLO/Memory_Analysis-Ransomware/BTLO_Memory_Analysis_Ransomware/infected.vmem --profile=Win7SP1×86 cmd line | grep -E "or4qtckT.exe"
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or4qtckT.exe pid: 2732
Command line: "C:\Users\hacker\Desktop\or4qtckT.exe"

[kali@ kali)-[~/volatility]
```

- After finding the path with manual review, I realised I had already identified the name of the malicious executable and could grep via that instead of PID.
 - This worked much better, but the outcome was the same learning for the future though...

Can you identify what ransomware it is?

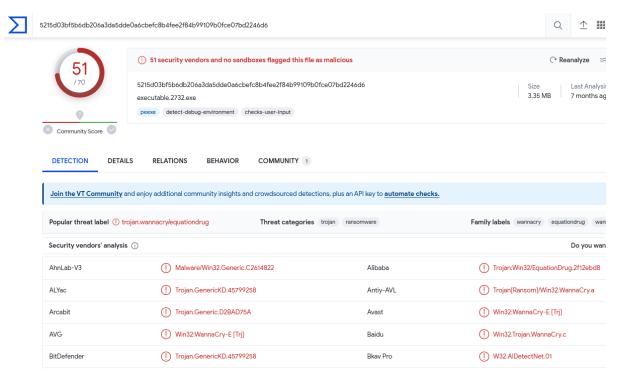
Answer: WannaCry (see next page)

```
0×84db5418 0×482c0000 smss.exe
                                                    Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×482c0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×85b78968 0×49e80000 csrss.exe
0×85b801f8 0×003b0000 wininit.exe
                                                   Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×49e80000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×3b0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×85d45030 0×49e80000 csrss.exe
                                                   OK: executable.404.exe
0×85d63030 0×005c0000 winlogon.exe
                                                   Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×5c0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×85d5f030 0×00b80000 services.exe
                                                    OK: executable.496.exe
0×85d72958 0×00ec0000 lsass.exe
                                                    Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×ec0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×85d74030 0×00250000 lsm.exe
                                                   OK: executable.512.exe
0×85de2b08 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
                                                    OK: executable.620.exe
0×85e0fd40 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
                                                   Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0\times6e0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging) OK: executable.736.exe
0×85e22520 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
0×85e58030 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
                                                    OK: executable.856.exe
0×85e6d548 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
                                                   OK: executable.896.exe
0×85e92a88 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
                                                    Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×6e0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×85ea9030 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
                                                   OK: executable.1068.exe
0×85ed6030 0×00a90000 spoolsv.exe
                                                   Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×a90000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×85f07290 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
                                                   OK: executable.1252.exe
0×85f32cb0 0×005e0000 taskhost.exe
                                                   OK: executable.1348.exe
0×98ff9b88 0×00940000 dwm.exe
                                                   OK: executable.1424.exe
0×84c6a030 0×00b00000 explorer.exe
                                                    OK: executable.1456.exe
                                                   Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×70000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×190000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×84c80a48 0×00070000 VGAuthService.
0×84cf9d40 0×00190000 vm3dservice.ex
0×84d04498 0×00280000 vmtoolsd.exe
                                                   OK: executable.1700.exe
0×84d11030 0×00280000 vmtoolsd.exe
                                                   OK: executable.1720.exe
0×84e424a0 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
                                                   Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×6e0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×84e3ea58 0×00460000 WmiPrvSE.exe
                                                   OK: executable.1296.exe
                                                   Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×8e0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging) Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0×eb0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×84e81d40 0×008e0000 dllhost.exe
0×84d28a78 0×00eb0000 msdtc.exe
0×84dc1d40 0×00a60000 SearchIndexer.
0×84f5ead8 0×00020000 SearchProtocol
                                                   OK: executable.2232.exe
                                                   OK: executable.2304.exe
0×83ed4350 0×00400000 or4qtckT.exe
                                                    OK: executable.2732.exe
0×85e33030 0×009c0000 taskhsvc.exe
                                                   OK: executable.2968.exe
0×85dc25f8 0×008e0000 conhost.exe
                                                   OK: executable.2976.exe
0×83ec6800 0×00400000 @WanaDecryptor
                                                   OK: executable.3968.exe
                                                   Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0\times60000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging) Error: ImageBaseAddress at 0\times2d0000 is unavailable (possibly due to paging)
0×85ed91c8 0×006e0000 sychost.exe
0×83ebc0f0 0×002d0000 sppsvc.exe
0×85d5a450 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
                                                   OK: executable.2380.exe
0×85d975b0 0×006e0000 svchost.exe
0×84f0a030 0×00e60000 SearchFilterHo
                                                   OK: executable.2508.exe
                                                    OK: executable.3008.exe
0×84f3d940 0×00460000 WmiPrvSE.exe
                                                   OK: executable.208.exe
```

```
-(kali®kali)-[~/volatility]
AUTHORS.txt
                    executable.1296.exe executable.2304.exe executable.404.exe
                                                                                  LICENSE.txt
                                                                                                    setup.py
                                                                                  Makefile
                    executable.1348.exe
                                         executable.2380.exe
                                                             executable.496.exe
                                         executable.2508.exe executable.512.exe
CHANGELOG.txt
                    executable.1424.exe
                                                                                  MANIFEST.in
                    executable.1456.exe executable.2732.exe
                                                                                  PKG-INFO
                                                             executable.620.exe
CREDITS.txt
                                                              executable.736.exe
                    executable.1700.exe
                                         executable.2968.exe
                                                                                                    vol.py
                    executable.1720.exe
                                         executable.2976.exe
                                                              executable.856.exe
executable.1068.exe
                                                                                  README.txt
                    executable.208.exe
                                         executable.3008.exe
                                                              executable.896.exe
executable.1252.exe executable.2232.exe
                                                              LEGAL.txt
                                         executable.3968.exe
```

- Volatility has a command line argument/option called procdump which can "dump a process to an executable file sample".
 - Dump the malicious process (PID = 2732) to a file > generate a hash of the file > search hash on VirusTotal.
- Once dumped, the file names of all the executables include the related PID number from the psscan output meaning we can delete all except "executable.2732.exe".

• Generate a SHA265 hash of the file as MD5 and SHA1 have hash collisions so cannot be used.



- Paste into VirusTotal and review the output of previously identified entries.
 - My initial suspicions of the process name in Challenge Q1 above were correct it is WannaCry ransomware.

What is the filename for the file with the ransomware public key that was used to encrypt the private key? (.eky extension)

Answer: 00000000.eky

```
(kali® kali)-[~/volatility]
$ sudo python2 vol.py -f ~/Documents/BTLO/Memory_Analysis-Ransomware/BTLO_Memory_Analysis_Ransomware/infected.vmem --profile=Win7SP1×86 fil escan | grep -E ".eky"
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0.0000000001fca6268 11 1 -W-r-- \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Users\hacker\Desktop\000000000 eky

(kali® kali)-[~/volatility]
```

- I have never had to find filenames of private keys before using Volatility, so I started by running "sudo python2 vol.py -help" to review modules that seem relevant to the task I wanted to complete.
 - This revealed the filescan module which is a "Pool scanner for file objects". From the
 description it seemed like the only relevant module, so I decided to run it and review
 the output.
 - o I also piped the expected output into "| grep −E ".eky"" as I anticipated Volatility would extract a lot of unnecessary files and wanted to limit results.
- This revealed only one file ending in the ".eky" extension which was 00000000.eky.