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Experiment : 05

Title: Operating System utilities like
Net Stat, FC, open files, etc.

1) * Netstat :

Netstat can be used to identify -
suspicious network activity in a number
of ways.

- Connections to unusual IP address / port
eg. If you see a connection to an IP
address that is known to be associated
with malware, this could be sign of
infection.
- Connections using a lot of bandwidth
eg. If you see a connection using a lot
of bandwidth, this could be sign that
malware extracting data.
- Connection is Established but not responding
eg. This could be a sign that malware
is using the connection to stay in the
contact with command & server.



- Dropped packets.

eg. This could be a sign of a networking problem, such as faulty cable or switch.

* Features:

- Can help to identify malware that is communicating with command & server.
- Can help to troubleshoot network - problems, such as dropped packets and connections errors.
- Can be used to monitor network - performance & identify bottlenecks.
- Displays list of all active connections
- Displays routing table information.
- Displays statistics for network - traffic, such as the number of packets send and received & the amount of bandwidth used.



* Pro's

- Powerful tool for monitoring network activity & identifying suspicious connections.
- Free & open-source
- Easy to use
- Available on most operating systems.

2] FC

FC can be used to compare files for signs of infection or to verify that files have been copied correctly.

- You can compare a system file to a known - good version to identify if the file has been modified by malware.
- You can compare two versions of a file to identify differences. This can be - useful for debugging software problems or for tracking changes to a file.
- You can compare two files to verify that they have been copied correctly.



* Features:

- Can help to identify malware that has modified system files.
- Used to verify that files have been copied correctly.
- Can be used to compare two versions of file to identify differences.
- Displays a list of all differences between the two files or sets of files.
- Can be configured to ignore certain types of differences, such as the differences in file size or timestamps.

* Pros:

- Powerful tool for comparing files.
- Free and open-source.
- Easy to use.
- Available on most operating systems.



3) open files:

The open files utility can be used to identify suspicious files that may have been opened by malware or troubleshoot problems with open files.

- You can look for files that opened by the unusual processes.
eg. If you see this happened, this could be a sign of malware injection.
- You can look for files that are located in unusual directories.
eg. If you see a file is not associated with any known app, this could be malware.
- You can identify files that are locked by other process.
eg. In this you can't do anything with that file even you can't delete it, this can be malware.

* Features:

- Can help to identify malware that has open system files.



- Can be used to troubleshoot problems, locked by another process.
- Can be used to monitor system activity & identify suspicious processes that have open files.
- Displays list of all open files.
- Displays information of each open files like path, process id, dates, etc.
- Can be configured to filter list of open files by process, path, etc.

* Pros

- Powerful tool for identifying all open files on system.
- Free & open source
- Easy to use.
- Available on most o.s.



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* Some More Commands :

• PID :

Stands for Process Identifier.
It is unique number that is assigned to each running process on a system.

• TT :

Stands for Terminal Time. It is amount of time that a process has spent running mode.

• STAT :

Stands for status. It shows the current status of process.

R : Running

S : sleeping

D : uninterruptible

Z : stopped

• RF :

Stands for Resident Memory.
It is amount of physical memory that currently being used by process.

• LIM :

Stands for Process Limit. It is maximum amount of CPU time that a process allowed to use.



• % CPU :

Stands for CPU Usage. It is the percentage of CPU time that process has used in last period of time.

• % MEM :

Stands for Memory Usage. It is the percentage of physical memory that process is using.

* Conclusion :

All are powerful OS utilities that can be used for a variety of cybersecurity purposes. By using these utilities, you can help to protect your systems & networks from cyberattacks.

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