

Sr. No.	Activity
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5	Inspect prefetch folder
6	Analyze passkey
7	Check registry entry for 'run' file
8	Find malware fingerprint using memory analysis
9	Inspect all DNS queries made from the target system
10	Nslookup all the IP address identified to which the malware is trying to connect
11	Inspect all 3-way handshakes using TCP streams
12	Reversing firmware using Binwalk
13	MD5 signature analysis
14	Analyze malware using Hex Editor Neo
15	Configure Snort for analyzing targeted ports for the attack
16	To detect the type of packer or compiler employed to build an application
17	Check for all HTTP/HTTPS port traffic in Wireshark
18	Use VirusTotal to scan the signature of well known malware
19	Check user profile data
20	Inspect open ports
21	Examine running processes
22	Identify malware using Volatility framework
23	Inspect exported DLLs files for running suspicious process
24	Inspect DOS commands with doskey
25	Identify available shares on the system
26	Check web browser download folder
27	Check browser for malicious addons
28	Analyze browser cookie files

29	Run automated tools
40	Check if the suspicious files are self-extracting executables or not
31	Open suspicious files in notepad++ for further analysis
32	Check if any suspicious file makes TCP connection with any foreign address
33	Find ISP and other information of suspicious foreign address
34	Check for the startup programs
35	Upload suspicious file on online malware analysis sandbox
36	Navigate to suspected domain
37	Create encrypted/encoded backdoors
38	Identify malware author's developer e
39	Identify for the details section of the r
40	Check for leak information about the
41	Identify micro and mini activities of Po
42	Identify how and from where malware
43	Identify how many infections are bein
44	Identify which malware delivery mech
45	Identify the naming convention of all t
46	Identify sites that are compromised to
47	Identify for language ID when a versio
48	Identify for leaked assert path and ex
49	Identify the C&C server used, IPs, Se
50	Identify searching patterns and exten
51	Identify malware code samples with p
52	Identify malware compilation time and
53	Check registry entry for 'run' file.
54	Inspect traffic using Wireshark, espec
55	Inspect all DNS queries to identify po
56	Identify the main characteristics of m
57	Identify malware attributes such as fu
58	Perform malware execution in the saf

Tools
Manual
1) Field interview questions – spreadsheet 2) Field notes – spreadsheet
1) Manual 2) Installed products by vendors (IDS/IPS/Firewall/Proxy etc.)
N/A
Wireshark
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WinHex
Wireshark
1) Windows Command Prompt 2) Windows Powershell
Wireshark
Binwalk
md5sum
Hex Editor Neo
snort
PEiD
Wireshark
https://www.virustotal.com/
Manual
1) Nmap 2) Manual
1) Process Explorer 2) Tcpview 3) Autorun 4) Windows shell prompt – 'tasklst'
Volatility framework
DLLExport viewer
Windows shell command – doskey
Windows shell command – net share
Manual
Manual
1) Galleta 2) Mozilla cookies view

1) TDSSkiller from Kaspersky
2) Malwarebytes antimalware
Manual
Manual
Netstat
whois tools (Online tools)robtex
Start > Run > msconfig > Startup
1) malwr.com
2) anubis.iseclab.org
1) Manual
2) Burpsuite
1) Empyre Framework
2) Veil Framework

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How to do
Ask for the incident response interview question sheet and fill the relevant data in it. It looks professional and it also helps to plan your investigation.
Check for the below areas from where we can find the source of alert1) User may complain/alert about suspicious activities going on in his/her system2) Proxy logs & alerts3) Firewall logs4) SIEM logs & alerts (IDS/IPS etc.)5) End point protection alerts (Macfee/Sophos/Symantec etc.)
These are the below areas which are to look for malware analysis1) User profile2) Registry run keys3) Prefetch folders4) Browser history and caches
1) See info field for any malicious activity name2) See info field for any unknown service name3) Analyze port specific traffic using below filter: tcp.port==4434) Analyze TCP stream after that4) Check all HTTP POST request which may click and send system screenshot to some domains in background maliciously - Filename may contain .jpg extension within POST request.5) Navigate to the path of the screenshot which is being
1) Inspect prefetch folder for suspicious file traces.
1) use attrib -s -h -r -a * command in C drive first.2) analyze C:/RECYCLER folder3) Hunt all instances for the malware detection using manual method or 'search' feature of windows OS.4) Remove identified malware
1) Navigate to HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunHKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
1) Open malware in WinHex2) Find any unique signature which can help later on to analyze malware further using internet resources.
1) Find DNS entries for Domain Name System(Query)2) Find DNS entries for Domain Name System(Response)Filter: dns
1) Run following command nslookup X.X.X.X2) If domain is registered then find the relevant information
1) Find SYN-SYN/ACK-ACK and PSH-PSH/ACK-ACK conversation.2) Right click on packet and select the option "Follow TCP Stream".3) Right click on packet and select the option "Follow UDP Stream".4) Analyze the result.
1) use binwalk tool in Kali for signature detection and other information too.
1) Use md5sum chintan.exe command to calculate the hash value.2) Do it same for the original build of that software and compare it.3) Google md5 signature hash value.
1) Open malware in hex editor neo2) Try to find malware traces (signature, company, individual name,
1) Install and configure snort2) Create a rules set for snort3) Run the snort4) Analyze the result by reading log file
1) Open physical build exe file in PEid tool.
1) Run Wireshark with active interface2) Type "http" in the filter and analyze each request carefully.3) Identify suspicious URL requests.4) Send those URL to virustotal.com in two forms a. Give homepage of the URL b. Give the exact location of the URL taken from Wireshark5) Analyze the result.
1) Open suspicious file on www.virustotal.com and analyze the result.
1) Gather user profile's data from below location.
1) Run nmap on localhost to determine open ports and services nmap -sV localhost2) run netstat command with -ano and -anb option in windows command shell and analyze the result.3) Correlate open ports with
1) Run process explorer tool. Go to Tools tab and select image verification/verify images. Detect for unknown suspicious vendor file running process. Also inspect all pink and red marked running process.2) Inspect all red and pink marked running process.3) Send doubtful files to virustotal.com and analyze the result.4) Run tcpview to identify current process state along with port number and service.5) run 'tasklist' command for analyzing
1) Run following commands in order to analyze the operating system's state. a. pslist: Gives comprehensive list of running processes b netstat/connscan: Displays connections in memory and tries to tie with the process. c. psxview: Try to identify hidden processes d. malfind: Look certain malicious characteristics of specified Process
In order to inspect the previously given dos commands on windows systems, give 'doskey/history' command.
In order to inspect drive/folder sharing give dos command as 'net share'
Check all web browser's default download folder or custom download folder location. Analyze files with
Check all browsers in order to inspect any installed malicious unnecessary addons.
Analyze cookie files with virustotal and winhex tools.

Run these tools. Save log file. Take Pocs by visiting particular folder. Scan those suspicious files with www.virustotal.com . Save result as pocs. Quarantine files with scanners. If not removed, then remove manually
Double click on the file and analyze in the same folder for number of new files generated after double clicking the original build.
Sometimes applications such as VBS, BAT may have self replicating and extracting code. Those should be analysed manually.
Many times malicious script runs services.exe service located at C:\Windows\Win\Services.exe -i . It creates TCP connection to the outerworld which needs to be analysed using netstat command.
Find ISP and location of suspicious foreign address via whois tools for further investigation.
Check if any malicious programs placed in startup entries or not.
Analyse below things1) String analysis2) Behavioural analysis3) Network analysis (To which domains this suspicious files interacts with)4) Number of registry entries created5) Number of various files created in sub
Find any juicy information which can help to solve your analysis case. Also try to find other evidences which can strongly emphasize your investigation.
Use both frameworks to create your encrypted payloads in order to bypass the signatures. Never submit those payloads to virustotoal.com and any other websites to scan.

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Try to determine ATP campaign.

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