

Laboratory Report

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Examination:

On 10/13/19, the corporate delivered a copy of the forensic image of a **.zip** file containing the registry files from Mark's computer and the imaged USB in EnCase (**.e01**)

The corporate received an anonymous call. The caller informed the corporate security department that a trusted employee, Rodger Marks, has been selling the company's secrets to a corporate spy. The caller alleges that Marks has sent company proprietary and/or Trade Secret information to Turkey in return for a paid fishing trip.

Initially, the corporate security officers tried to find out the truth by examining the access logs and even by searching Mark's office but could not find any evidentiary value in document form that could connection mark with the corporate espionage. Even the corporate security department's digital forensic examiner conducted an examination on Mark's hard drive but did not find anything that indicated any connection between Mark's and Turkey.

Therefore, they requested me to conduct an examination and provide the company with relevant information concerning any participation by Mark in the unauthorized dissemination of proprietary or Trade Secret information.

Forensic Question(s): [Use Inman & Rudin Paradigm]

1. Identify relevant information concerning Rodger Mark, the corporate, and Turkey
2. Identify information regarding the paid fishing trip
3. Locate all document file
4. Recover and examine the files
5. Classify the information as unauthorized dissemination of Trade Secret
6. Locate any references to concerning Rodger Mark, the corporate, and Turkey
7. Associate files, media, computer, IP address with concerning Rodger Mark, the corporate, and Turkey
8. Re-construct the events/activities

Steps Taken:

1. The provided image file of the USB (forensic image #SU10132019), was loaded on the Forensic Toolkit version 1.81 and the image was indexed.
2. A search for the relevant files was conducted to find out any document related to Rodger Mark, the corporate, and Turkey

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3. 3 e-mail threads with 4 messages were recovered from the “Overview” tab of the Forensic Toolkit
4. Sorted the emails by date
5. Then a “.html” file was recovered from the “Explore” tab
6. The recovered files were examined
7. The registry files were also examined using the Registry Viewer.

Results: After inspecting the image file of the USB using the Forensic toolkit, I found the following objects in the “Overview” tab. (Line number 3 of the Steps Taken)

- 3 email threads
- 4 email messages
- 1 .html file

After recovering these files, we found the following information/metadata (Line no 4 of the Steps Taken)

Name	File Type	Date
Message0001	Email	03/16/2007
Message0002	Email	03/17/2007
Message0003	Email	03/18/2007
Industrial Espionage File	.html	03/16/2007
Top Secret	PDF	03/17/2007

A review of the recovered emails reveals that the messages were exchanged between Rodger Mark and Tomas Turcano (**See appendix A, B and D**). It can also be seen that Mark provided Thomas some “Top Secret” file after which Thomas said that he would arrange a fishing trip for him. These files have been marked SUDF101382019” and provided to the corporate. A .html file named “Industrial Espionage” was also recovered from the provided image (**See appendix E**)

Conclusions:

The recovered files show that the messages were exchanged between Rodger Mark and Tomas Turcano. Tomas Turcano can be seen asking Rodger Mark about “Anything interesting happening at work”. A PDF type file, named “Top Secret”, which was sent to Tomas by Mark, was also recovered (**See appendix B and D**). Finally, a .html file named Industrial espionage was found in the image drive.

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Opinions:

In my opinion, Rodger Mark did provide Thomas with some “Top Secret” information for a paid fishing trip, as informed by the anonymous caller.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the work presented above was personally performed by me and the opinions and conclusions stated are my own and based upon the work that I performed.

Akshay Chaurasia

Signature

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Appendix A

The recovered email, "Message0001" was sent by Tomas Turcano on Fri, 16 March 2007. It was addressed to Rodger Mark. It can be seen in the mail that Tomas was asking mark if "Anything Interesting was happening at work". Below is the screenshot of the content of Message0001.



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Appendix B

The recovered email, "Message0001" was sent by Rodger Mark on Sat, 17 March 2007. It was addressed to Tomas in response to his initial email. It can be seen in the mail that Mark had sent a "Top secret" file of the type .pdf to tomas. Below is the screenshot of the content of Message0001.

Message0001	
Subject:	Re: Any thing Interesting?
From:	Rodger Marks <Rodgermarks@gmail.com>
Date:	Sat, 17 Mar 2007 17:30:58 -0400
To:	Tomas Turcano <tomturc@yahoo.com>
Message Body	
Tomas Turcano wrote: > Rod, > > Anything interesting happening at work? Maybe I could arrange a > fishing trip down here to discuss business opportunities? > > Let me know, > > Tom Turkey > > ----- > Don't be flakey. Get Yahoo! Mail for Mobile > < http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=43909/*http://mobile.yahoo.com/mail > and > always stay connected > < http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=43909/*http://mobile.yahoo.com/mail > to > friends. Do you think this would be enough for a week of bonefishing? Rod	
Attachment	
-----Attachment1----- File name = "Top Secret.pdf"	

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Appendix C

The recovered email, "Message0002" was sent by Sally Smith on Sat, 17 March 2007. It was addressed to Mark. Below is the screenshot of the content of Message0002.

Message0002	
Subject:	Thinking of you....
From:	"Sally Smith" <sallysmith645@hotmail.com>
Date:	Sat, 17 Mar 2007 21:43:55 +0000
To:	rodgermarks@gmail.com
Message Body	
<p>When I saw this I thought of you. Hope your new venture give us lots of money to enjoy life!</p> <p>http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/fortune_archive/2007/03/19/8402362/index.htm</p> <p>Sally</p> <hr/> <p>i'm making a difference. Make every IM count for the cause of your choice. Join Now. http://clk.atdmt.com/MSN/go/msnkwme0080000001msn/direct/01/?href=http://im.live.com/messenger/im/home/?source=hmtagline</p>	

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Appendix D

The recovered email, "Message0003" was sent by Tomas on Sun, 18 March 2007. It was addressed to Mark in response to his initial email. It can be seen in the mail that Tomas is talking about a fishing trip that he has earned. Below is the screenshot of the content of Message0003.

Message0003	
Subject:	Get Packing
From:	Tomas Turcano <tomture@yahoo.com>
Date:	Sun, 18 Mar 2007 07:17:14 -0700 (PDT)
To:	Rodger Marks <rodgermarks@gmail.com>
Message Body	
I think you earned your fishing trip!	
I'll call you at home to arrange.	
Turkey	
8:00? 8:25? 8:40? Find a flick in no time with the Yahoo! Search movie showtime shortcut.	

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Appendix E

The recovered .html file, "Industrial Espionage" found in the image of the USB drive provided by the corporate. Below is the screenshot of the content of .html file.

Overview Explore Graphics E-Mail Search Bookmark

Case

- Lab0607V2
 - Part_1
 - RODGER-FAT32
 - FirefoxPortable
 - App
 - Data
 - Other
 - Industrial Espionage_files
 - ThunderbirdPortable
 - App
 - Data
 - gpg
 - plugins
 - profile
 - extensions
 - Mail
 - registry
 - settings
 - Other
 - ThunderbirdPortableSource

List all descendants

Unfiltered All Columns d12

File Name	Full Path	Recycle Bi...	Ext	File Type	Category	Subject	Cr Date	Mod Date	Acc Date	L-Size	P-Size	Chi ^
Industrial Espionage.htm	Lab0607V2\Part_1\RODGER-FAT32\Industrial ...		htm	Hypertext Do...	Document		3/16/2007 10:49:48 ...	3/16/2007 10:49:52 ...	3/18/2007 12:00:00 ...	20,406	20,480	
Industrial Espionage_files	Lab0607V2\Part_1\RODGER-FAT32\Industrial ...			Folder	Folder		3/16/2007 10:49:48 ...	3/16/2007 10:49:50 ...	3/16/2007 12:00:00 ...	2,048	2,048	

If you were thinking about industrial or economic espionage, spying, or sleuthing for intel, recon, or intelligence; 'elint' (electronic intelligence), 'humint' (human intelligence), war rooms, or counter intelligence; monitoring, statistics, planning, direction, goals or objectives...

Great! You have come to the right place.

Our knowledge forms a little island in a great ocean of data.

Romantic view

Every nerd feels the need to gain added respect and admiration by having others think of his job description as being more romantic or exciting. James Bond and his counterparts notwithstanding, even most military intelligence needs are not met with disguises, rumpled trench coats, and secret decoder rings.

While some do practice the black art of economic or industrial espionage, theft and bribery, usually it is because the practitioners are both lazy and unimaginative. Business, or competitive intelligence (CI) can normally get the same results without doing anything immoral