

COMP 5970: Firmware Homework

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1 Define Each of the following extensions:

- * ****.img****: This is a disc image file, which contains image data for a system. This includes
- * ****.bin****: This is a firmware file for some models of routers.
- * ****.trx****: This is a firmware image file for some embedded systems and routers.

What is the difference between firmware extensions?:

At their core, firmware files hold basically the same information. The different file extensions just distinguish different organizational structures or header information.

What is the model number that correlates with each of the files?

- **.img**: R6950

```
root@kali:~/Firmware# binwalk R6950.bin
DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL      DESCRIPTION
-----
0             0x0              uImage header, header size: 64 bytes, header CRC: 0xADA6C902, created: 2018-11-29 19:46
801, image size: 207800 bytes, Data Address: 0xA0200000, Entry Point: 0xA0200000, data CRC: 0xD58A6B6F, OS: Linux, CP
U: MIPS, image type: Standalone Program, compression type: none, image name: "NAND Flash I"
170624       0x29A80          U-Boot version string, "U-Boot 1.1.3 (Nov 29 2018 - 14:45:51)"
982970       0xEFFBA         Sercomm firmware signature, version control: 256, download control: 0, hardware ID: "B2
V", hardware version: 0x4100, firmware version: 0x42, starting code segment: 0x0, code size: 0x7300
2097152      0x200000         uImage header, header size: 64 bytes, header CRC: 0xA6A4421, created: 2019-01-21 08:12
438, image size: 3351268 bytes, Data Address: 0x81001000, Entry Point: 0x81001000, data CRC: 0x8743A7B0, OS: Linux, C
PU: MIPS, image type: OS Kernel Image, compression type: lzma, image name: "Linux Kernel Image"
2097216      0x200040         LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x5D, dictionary size: 33554432 bytes, uncompressed s
ize: 8456576 bytes
5291456      0x600000         Squashfs filesystem, little endian, version 4.0, compression:xz, size: 28037611 bytes,
2406 inodes, blocksize: 131072 bytes, created: 2019-01-21 08:12:29
```

- **.bin**: dir300

```

root@kali:~/Firmware# binwalk dit300-firmware.bin
DECIMAL      HEXADECEMIAL    DESCRIPTION
-----
0            0x0             TRX firmware header, little endian, image size: 3801116 bytes, CRC32: 0xF4D6C223, flags
8            0x1             0x1, version: 1, header size: 28 bytes, loader offset: 0x1C, linux kernel offset: 0x0, rootfs offset: 0x0
8            0x1C            LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x6D, dictionary size: 8388608 bytes, uncompressed si
e: 2480040 bytes
51996        0x00001C        Squashfs filesystem, little endian, version 4.0, compression:xz, size: 2945894 bytes, 6
8 inodes, blocksize: 131072 bytes, created: 2019-08-06 03:16:06

```

- **.trx:** RT-N56U found in etc_ro/xml folder

```

root@kali:~/Firmware/trx_squashfs/etc_ro/xml# cat WFADeviceDesc.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<root xmlns="urn:schemas-upnp-org:device-1-0">
  <specVersion>
    <major>1</major>
    <minor>0</minor>
  </specVersion>
  <device>
    <deviceType>urn:schemas-wifialliance-org:device:WFADevice:1</deviceType>
    <friendlyName>ASUS Wireless Router</friendlyName>
    <manufacturer>ASUSTeK Computer Inc.</manufacturer>
    <manufacturerURL>http://www.asus.com</manufacturerURL>
    <modelDescription>ASUS Wireless WPS Router</modelDescription>
    <modelName>RT-N56U</modelName>
    <modelName>RT-N56U</modelName>
    <modelURL>http://www.asus.com</modelURL>
    <serialNumber>00000000</serialNumber>
    <UDN>uuid:Upnp-WSC-1_0-1234567890001</UDN>
    <serviceList>
      <service>
        <serviceType>urn:schemas-wifialliance-org:service:WFAWLANConfig:1</serviceType>
        <serviceId>urn:wifialliance-org:serviceId:WFAWLANConfig1</serviceId>
        <SCPURL>WFAWLANConfigSCPD.xml</SCPURL>
        <controlURL>control</controlURL>
        <eventSubURL>event</eventSubURL>
      </service>
    </serviceList>
  </device>
</root>

```

What file system is being used by the file system?

- **.img:** This uses a squash file system, found by using dd to pull out a zip file, then using binwalk after unzipping the file:

```

root@kali:~/Firmware# binwalk AC2100-V1.2.0.42_1.0.1.img
DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL    DESCRIPTION
-----
0            0x0            Sercomm firmware signature, version control: 256, download control: 0, hardware ID: "BZ
V", hardware version: 0x4100, firmware version: 0x42, starting code segment: 0x0, code size: 0x7300
512          0x200         Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, compressed size: 32712621, uncompressed siz
a: 83886080, name: R6950.bin
82713261     0x1F32A2D     End of Zip archive, footer length: 22

```

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138, image size: 3351268 bytes, Data Address: 0x81001000, Entry Point: 0x810001D0, data CRC: 0xB743A7B0, OS: Linux, C
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```

- **.bin:** This uses a squash file system, found using binwalk:

```

root@kali:~/Firmware# binwalk 01f390-firmware.bin
DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL    DESCRIPTION
-----
0            0x0            TRX firmware header, little endian, image size: 3801116 bytes, CRC32: 0xF4D6C223, flags
0x1, version: 1, header size: 28 bytes, loader offset: 0x1C, linux kernel offset: 0x0, rootfs offset: 0x0
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88 inodes, blocksize: 131072 bytes, created: 2019-08-06 03:16:06

```

- **.trx:** This uses a squash file system, found using binwalk:

```
root@kali:~/Firmware# binwalk RT-AC51U_3.0.0.4_380_8497-g179ec32.trx
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
64	0x40	LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x6E, dictionary size: 8388608 bytes, uncompressed size: 3551984 bytes
1174784	0x11ED00	Squashfs filesystem, little endian, version 4.0, compression:xz, size: 13390458 bytes, 1501 inodes, blocksize: 131072 bytes, created: 2019-11-01 02:54:11

What compression scheme is being used by the firmware?

- **.img:** This uses a zip for compression:

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```

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512	0x200	Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract, compressed size: 32712621, uncompressed size: 83886080, name: R6950.bin
32713261	0x1F32A20	End of Zip archive, footer length: 22

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```

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- **.trx:** This uses LZMA for compression:

```

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```

What information in a file system can be used during a penetration test?

From the file system, attackers can gather a litany of information including firewall information, hashed passwords, private keys, and network configurations.

When looking through the bin's squash file system, I came across the etc configurations directory that contains some useful information:

```

root@kali:~/Firmware/bin_squash/etc/config# ls
lsputnik.webhotspot      http-redirect.webhotspot      pptpd_client.options          schedulerb.webalive
3hotss.webhotspot        language.nvramconfig          pptpd_client.sh              smtp-redirect.firewall
3wifidog.webhotspot      language.startup              pptpd_client.startup          smtp-redirect.nvramconfig
base.nvramconfig          language.webconfig            pptpd_client.vpn              smtp-redirect.webhotspot
base.webconfig            networksettings.brccm.nvramconfig proxywatchdog.nvramconfig    sputnik.nvramconfig
chillisspot.nvramconfig   networksettings.brccm.webconfig proxywatchdog.sh              sshd.webservices
chillisspot.webhotspot   nocat.nvramconfig             proxywatchdog.startup          syslog.webservices
dhcpcd.startup            nocat.startup                  proxywatchdog.webalive         telnet.webservices
dhcpcd.webservices        nocat.webhotspot              radiooff.nvramconfig           ttraff.nvramconfig
eop-tunnel.firewall       notifier.nvramconfig           radiooff.webservices           ttraff.webservices
eop-tunnel.prewall        notifier.websecurity           routerstyle.nvramconfig        wds watchdog.sh
fon.nvramconfig            olsrd.nvramconfig              routerstyle.webconfig          wds watchdog.startup
fon.webhotspot             overclocking.webconfig          routerstyle.webconfig.orig     wds watchdog.webalive
hotss.nvramconfig          pptpd_client.ip-down           schedulerb.nvramconfig         wifidog.nvramconfig
http-redirect.firewall    pptpd_client.ip-up             schedulerb.sh
http-redirect.nvramconfig  pptpd_client.nvramconfig        schedulerb.startup

```

I also found a private key:

```

root@kali:~/Firmware/bin_squash/etc# cat key.pem
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEpAIBAAKCAQEA2G52fNetkLRFXhaYJD5inLmTuJiqrqFnW5Fjlj6XgGzIDIV
42J2VgmVQfL16nBRqX0t8b5IwEsFE9+If7KoKu1D73N7ek90F5V78z2wznrV1GD
ksziXDbjB/IuOLh5Ic+g/ws/P15eHevWE0jb8n5Mq0h5SsazzX7ALsJAfbTE9v
RkR8J590oUsiDgflF5pgiBncbhUCmj50Lat6PlkWzEBIqLHi2Z5qhrCgYb+DgdI0
gVnI3bU15dTQYUin01MNeaXABkGndZwiSceloyEcRCIL2w9HcDTUgFur8AE2Nfa
h16YpsYf2E40TZURiufkd/6YzIpN/XmHuZ9QIDAQABAoIBADisTDiI6b6Mp5/Q
oRHSRJW9WpNjcm50bNj5kptjuEOvFHBfIR4mpUgIR01fYKA5wLOGjWfQIWLKJsm2
uxeZyWNjMwLJMUhQH+jFNXHSOPckDnz04X4qQ5QmM0wNwKfBH8NDPnU4gVYN1u04
UU0Ty6r1WEbv0XADPvbjWsMBT0Zt8Pcxh1cqGxE6S5Ztacc+mB0q5TwsKq4RE8ur
bJnB7XSHvJAyoi0n5AeffCz04zjk1gWb8AEb9T/SbwXordsXpzLCX1W17g7FvqUS
CHmqeJJ381rg4Pmvxi2W5Kc9g9+0MLo11snTlqKoah9X0n80IPv6rLGV7IU/S/1d
85XAVU0CgYEA7Gsm3VFtqRAPHJHwIU0Pu8k/B+Nsg+9YVmi3jAnqumrclW00cXvEf
lKFF70hhV0cc0TByRynbP23GEmb3St8IEH1JqNZFYDC7706/ZUTs7ICD206h3PA7
0egGW0dP1VYrxLSL2NRVKSjxgfhzdllmEJRfU/K0lm5Cwni+h3o+38CgYEA6LuF
C2uvcqZ3FbnsT/MAsX25xpbJIOXJvoisdam7Ke4sSLK0MsRedjefTvdCmiRwReL
jUKxRnr/0uHLXUE3K8AMUBHnXw1dky9b6sKGki01GcwrRnV9ZBnU4zE7THTKtiY0
CttrG0o0H5ioy4623F60cPdeNy4g/VPC+69I5CgYEAoYHV75nbc0pg0HE8sUsy
WmC4L2xrTP+EH65jZgH3f06Tcl132cz3+65eU2K6hfPKo2RfCJ4/s/gt00WHPtc
qrKEsE2pIEiCq5q0n9cFUbucR9G3mtS4ARFCjHyVM/WJMy+20tWvV0W+qz5YiMA
qRR0DWBltJmsgNkiUTvLpLsCgYA381Mfp9RmfGhuSGLsF864X2YZyT/+nsG81Fst
1HRnvrRjLPfL1WpVmS75neNDZG65cEftt8VATXjB1s/ZtAmpEKyaZPNsSBM6vf
CBA1r06zyt6L0LrduiDth4qVZ0gdZLE4hp0JD+umk84ywrn6FHLd6PmP2K49a2q
Hs+VowKBQDowNXAPT0p1Y40RDluHCFbWPS2LXg05SKna+kqnARave4rRwAj20P
9FRNLJhpnWZXIn8Z8ZsxJ09nxwh0dKwSkuYpkov4uGy2TiUkuZ4uZyuI1wEYwaa5
N5MqjqzZMj/eAKX2uqT10IzS88S8GhLrFrdTg+7EajHoRyomsv/f4A==
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----

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