Final Project - Forensic Investigation

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1. Brief Summary of information

This Forensic analysis involves identifying, collecting, analyzing, and interpreting digital evidence to investigate malware, and support legal or investigative processes. Key artifacts include system recent files, file metadata, network analysis for given application, and browser history, analyzed using tools like Autopsy, VeraCrypt, and Wireshark. It supports further investigation of the system to find final messages resides inside.

The analysis of the provided disk image ENPM687FinalXP.vmwarevm uncovered crucial evidence through a detailed forensic investigation. Key findings included the decryption of an mp3 file obtained by analyzing the executables obiwan.exe and obiwan2.exe. This led to discovering an encrypted drive containing the final form executable, which provided the final clues. Images and messages collected during the investigation revealed that the rebels possess the blueprints of the Death Star and are planning a mission to destroy it and defeat Darth Vader. The investigation successfully achieved its objectives by uncovering critical evidence supporting these conclusions.

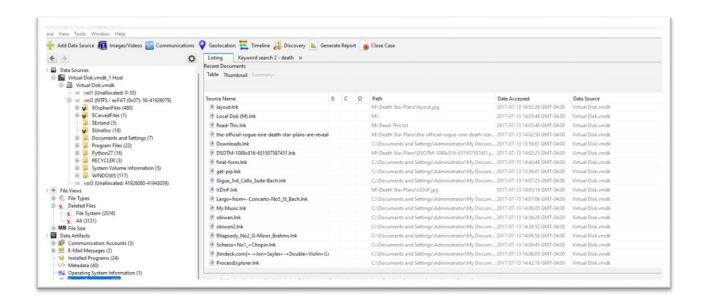
2. Tools used in investigation process

- (i) VeraCrypt: A disk encryption tool used to decrypt sensitive data by creating volumes, ensuring data extraction during forensic investigations for preserving integrity of file.
- (ii) Wireshark: A network protocol analyzer used to capture and analyze network traffic, helping identify suspicious application activity for the investigation.
- (iii) Autopsy: A digital forensics tool that helps in examining file systems, analyzing application files and disk images for evidence in investigations.

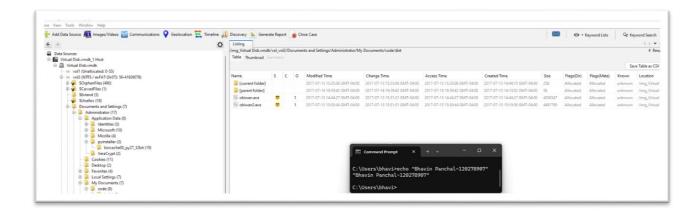
3. Repository #1 - ENPM687FinalXP.Vmwarevm

a. Summary of Evidence:

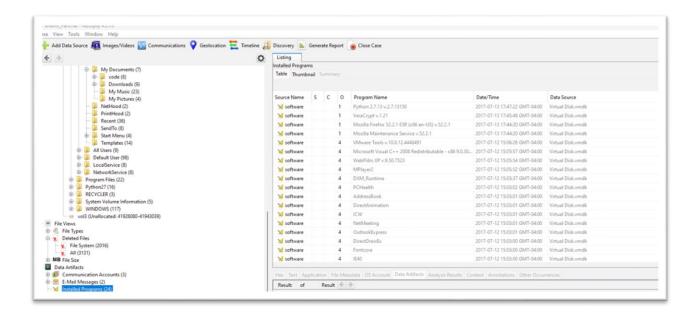
The given disk image needs to be analyzed with autopsy to find overall investigation clues and anomalies present in the disk image. To start investigating checked important folders and directories. Also check the recent documents folder in which I have found **obiwan** named unusual file type. With that keep in mind, explore downloaded and installed programs on the system to find clues.

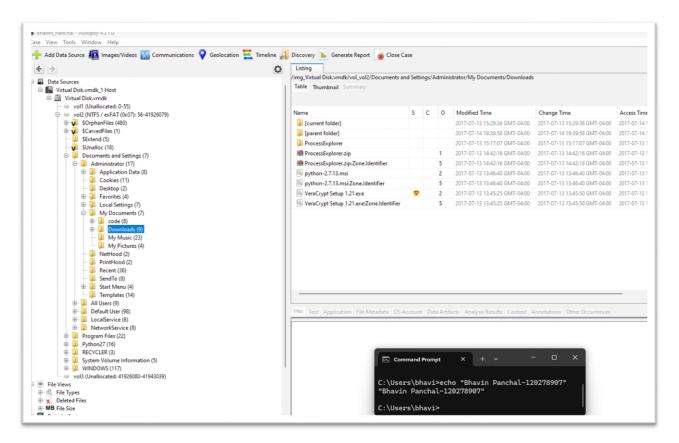


By exploring these things, I have moved towards the original location of obiwan file which is present in Path C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\My Documents\code. It looks like an application, must analyze further it.



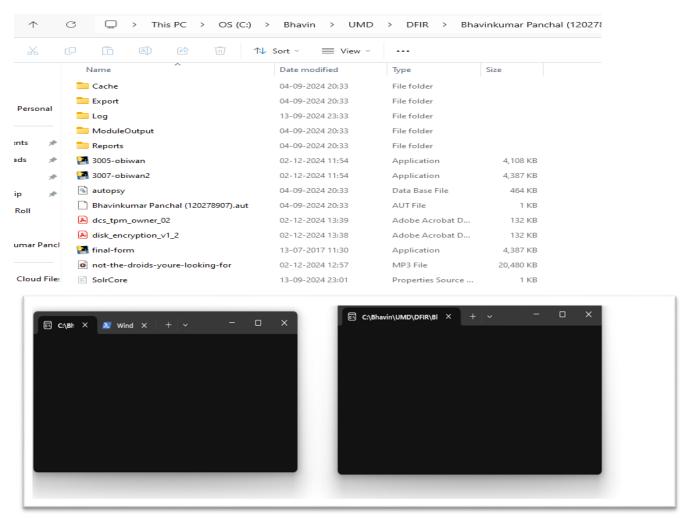
One more thing noticed is that the system has VeraCrypt installed, which means there could be some files encrypted using it



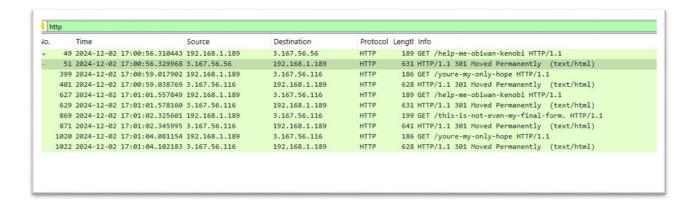


b. Analysis of Applications:

For the above two obiwan named files, I extracted it and ran it in my local machine. There was a command line opened but there was not anything noticeable inside it.



Now I have analyzed two applications using Wireshark network tool. I have started network listing on my local machine with corresponding interface and again run both programs. There is some suspicious http traffic by using different filtering protocols.

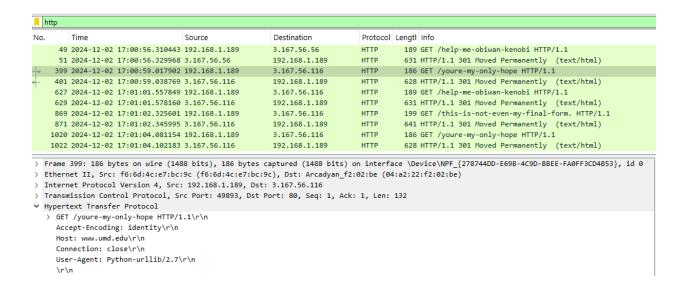


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IRequest in frame: 49]
[Time since request: 0.019525000 seconds]
[Request URI: /help-me-obiwan-kenobi]
[Full request URI: http://www.umd.edu/help-me-obiwan-kenobi]
File Data: 167 bytes
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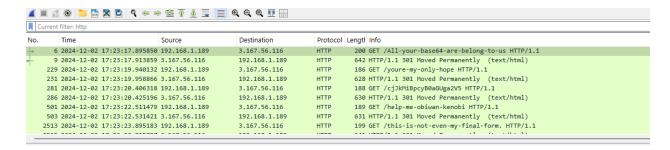
There are some moved permanently website URL under the protocol hierarchy. I have tried to open that redirected URL but taken me to UMD official website. Also notice in info section there are get endpoints with some cryptic messages.



However, all the redirected URL link pointed to UMD official site.



Here, I got nothing but tried to capture again with only http traffic for both programs. And I have seen something with some more endpoints. One of them was All-your base64 belong to us. So decided to investigate it and with one base64 code cjJkMiBpcyB0aGUga2V5 was below there.

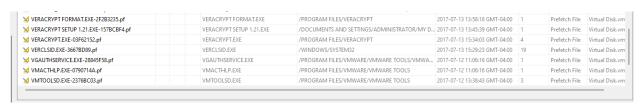


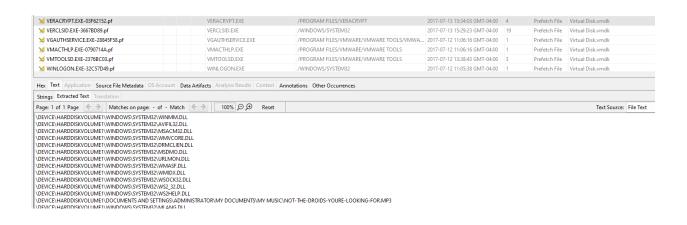
By decoding that code got a message r2d2 is the key. By this message, it enlighten me towards VeraCrypt password because it is installed and used for encrypt files.

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$ echo cjJkMiBpcyB0aGUga2V5 | base64 -d
r2d2 is the key

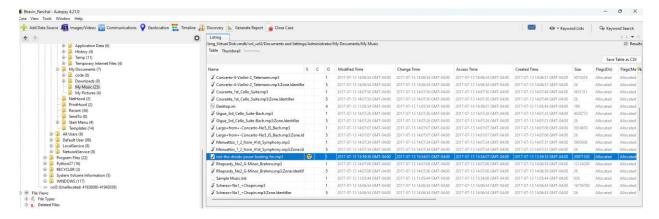
(anagha® kali)-[~]
$
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Again, I investigated an autopsy for VeraCrypt for further clues. While that process, I have come around VeraCrypt details with some of file's location which are encrypted on the system. There were some documents and windows configs files encrypted though there was one prominent file was in MY Music folder with name not-the-droids-youre-looking-for.mp3.

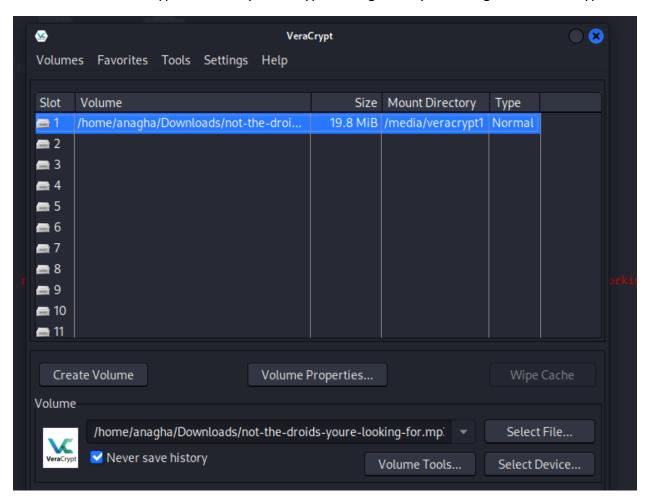




Then I moved towards the original file location and extracted files from the autopsy to my local machine. It was not opening for some reason. I suspected it and put it into my kali machine.



This file has been encrypted. Let's try to decrypt it using the key that we got with VeraCrypt tool.



After mounting and decrypting the file, I got some files and read the text file which was under the same folder. It is also suggested to investigate the final form.exe file.

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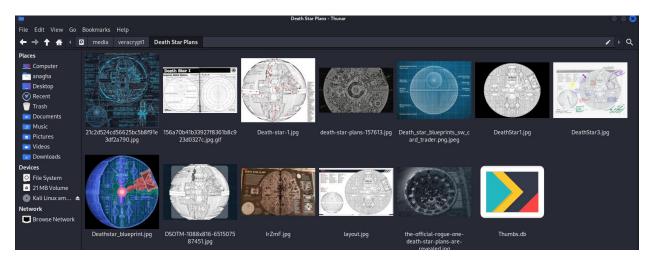
'Death Star Plans' ENPM687-Read-This.txt 'System Volume Information' final-form.exe

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$ cat ENPM687-Read-This.txt
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To complete the last part of this project
you will need to determine what the message
sent by final-form.exe is.
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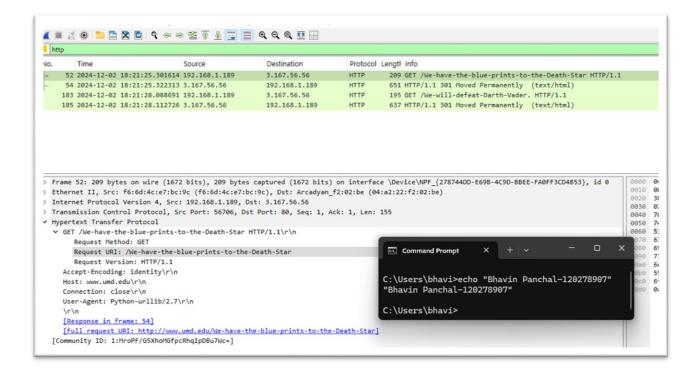
Another folder was death star plans which consists of a images and blue prints of the spheres with different data.



After extracting that mp3 file and putting finalform.exe into my local machine again I ran it and used wire shark for capturing traffic. I used http traffic for simplicity. I have seen some info of get endpoints with messages.

There are two messages that have caught my attention.

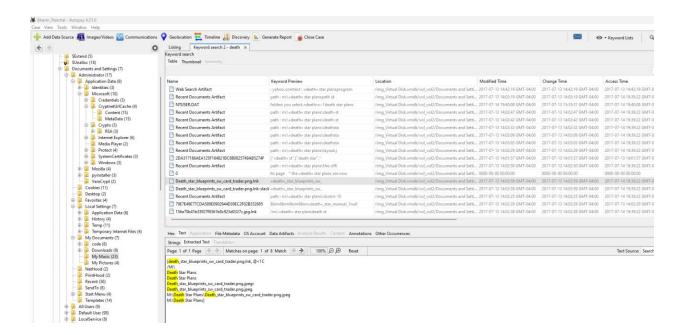
- We-have-the-blue-prints-to-the-Death-Star
- We-will-defeat-Darth-Vader.

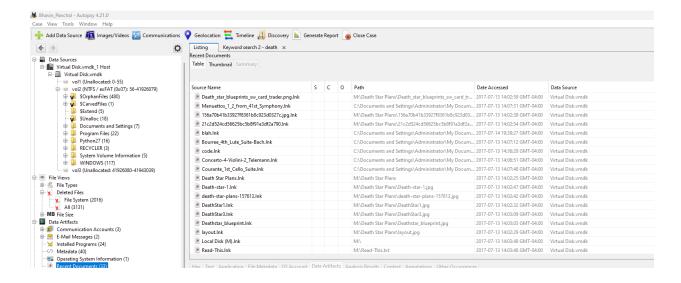


c. Other evidence to support findings:

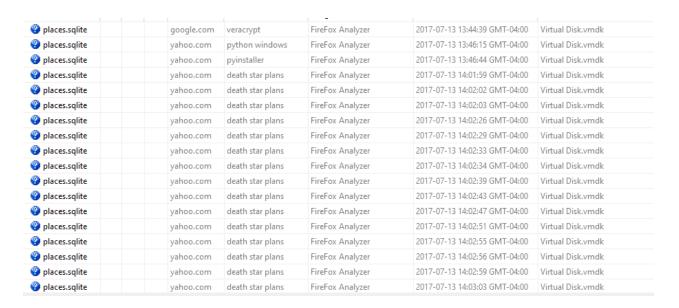
I have a search that keyword inside autopsy and it gave me several evidence that leads to believe me that attacker trying to attack on some kind of name Death star related.

Also, there are some images with blueprints are preparations to gathering target information corroborate attack on Death -star.





Furthermore, there are some web searches regarding to death star plans and images downloaded in the system by user which are those that we have seen blueprints inside mp3 file, are concrete evidence suggesting the attacker goal and mindset.



places.sqlite	1	http://a.dilcdn.com/bl/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2	M:/Death Star Plans/DSOTM-1088x816-651507587451.j	2017-07-13 14:02:25 GMT-04:00	FireFox Analyzer	dilcdn.com
places.sqlite	1	http://en.space.mzyachts.ru/ships/2/layout.jpg	M:/Death Star Plans/layout.jpg	2017-07-13 14:02:29 GMT-04:00	FireFox Analyzer	mzyachts.ru
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places.sqlite	2	https://i.stack.imgur.com/lrZmF.jpg	M:/Death Star Plans/IrZmF.jpg	2017-07-13 14:03:19 GMT-04:00	FireFox Analyzer	imgur.com

4. Recommendation and Next Steps

Based on the findings and analysis of the provided image ENPM687 Final XP.vmwarevm, the investigation has successfully uncovered critical evidence, including the decrypted mp3 file, the encrypted drive containing the final form executable, and associated images and messages. These findings conclusively point to the rebels possessing the blueprints of the Death Star and planning a mission to destroy it and defeat Darth Vader.

Recommendation:

Given the insights into the investigation and the significance of the evidence obtained, it is recommended to cease the investigation as the primary objectives have been met. The findings are robust and provide a clear narrative supported by technical evidence.

Next Steps:

Evidence Documentation: Compile all evidence, including decrypted files, messages, and the analysis report, into a formal documentation package for further reference or legal proceedings. Stakeholder Communication: Share the findings with relevant stakeholders to enable decision-making based on the intelligence gathered.

Post-Incident Actions:

Assess vulnerabilities in the Death Star's security based on the findings to prevent exploitation. Enhance monitoring systems to detect and mitigate further threats from the attackers. Also need to implement encryption and access controls to protect critical assets in future missions