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Topic: Password Secrets Revealed! All You Want to Know but Are Afraid to Ask



There is pretty much always something you can find...

Searching for a Trace: Disk



Disk

Profile, NTUSER

Run dialog

Most Recently Used (MRU), Management Console (MMC)

Remote Desktop connections

Prefetch files

Recent documents

Automatic Destinations (LNK)

Security Log

RDP Operational Log

Application Logs

Temporary Internet Files

Deleted files – recoverable from the disk

NTFS Structures

Hiberfil.sys

Memory dumps



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DEMO: DATA ON DISK ANALYSIS

Techniques for Hiding vs. Recovering Data

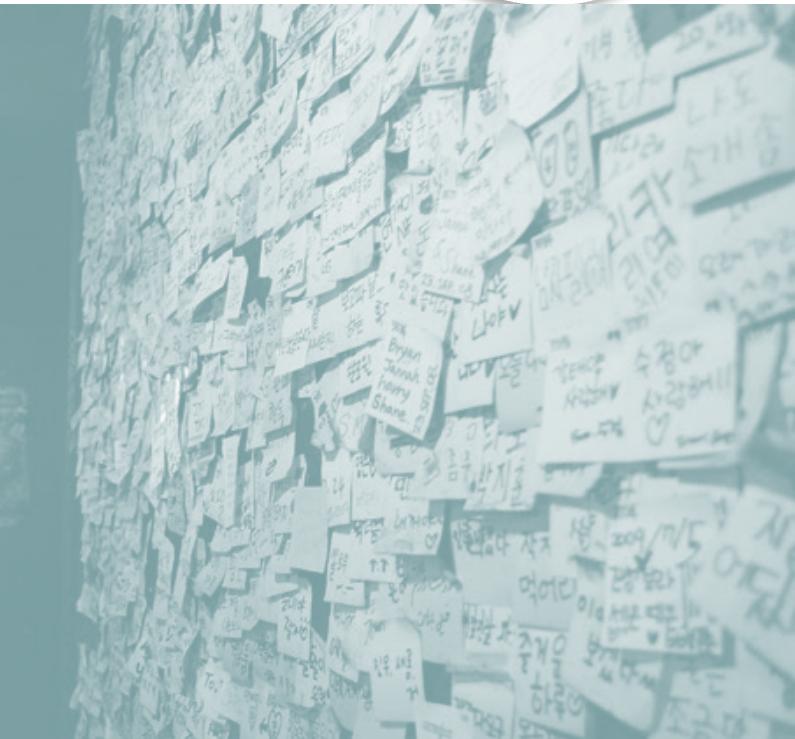


File Level Games

- Extension change
- Joining files
- Alternative data streams
- Embedding
- Playing with the content
- Steganography
- Deletion

Disk Level Games

- Hiding data
- Encryption



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DEMO: DATA RECOVERY

Searching for a Trace: Memory



Memory

Handles

Processes

Hidden Processes (ActiveProcessLinks)

Files that can be extracted

Threads

Modules

Registry

API Hooks

Services

UserAssist

Shellbags

ShimCache

Event Logs

Timeline



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DEMO: EXTRACTING LOGS FROM MEMORY

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DEMO: MEMORY ANALYSIS FROM THE SNAPSHOT

Agenda



Intro

Proactive Monitoring

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Passive Data Collection

Summary

Sysmon



Entry Information

Allows to build an attack timeline

Allows to define an entry point and anomalies

Collects and records system events to the Windows event log

It is free and easy to set up

Good practices

Filter out uninteresting events (image loads etc.)

Make sure event log is big enough

Centralize the events in a separate server

You can download Sysmon from [Sysinternals.com](https://www.sysinternals.com)



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DEMO: SYSMON IN ACTION

Sysmon: Events and Filtering Examples



Filtering Rules

Include thread injections into lsass:

```
<CreateRemoteThread onmatch="include">
    <TargetImage condition="image">lsass.exe</TargetImage>
</CreateRemoteThread >
```

Exclude all Microsoft-signed image loads:

```
<ImageLoad onmatch="exclude">
    <Signature condition="contains">Microsoft</Signature>
    <Signature condition="contains">Windows</Signature>
</ImageLoad>
```

Recorded Events

Event ID 1: Process creation

Event ID 2: A process changed a file creation time

Event ID 3: Network connection

Event ID 4: Sysmon service state changed

Event ID 5: Process terminated

Event ID 6: Driver loaded

Event ID 7: Image loaded

Event ID 8: CreateRemoteThread

Event ID 9: RawAccessRead

Event ID 10: ProcessAccess

And more



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DEMO: SYSMON CUSTOMIZED

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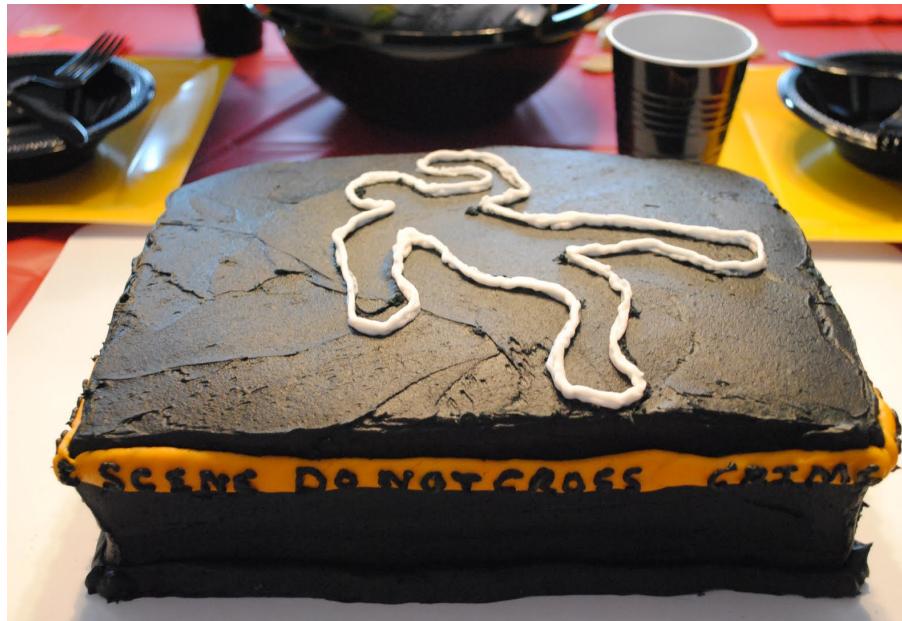
DEMO: SYSMON AND NETWORK

+ getting info about the IP addresses

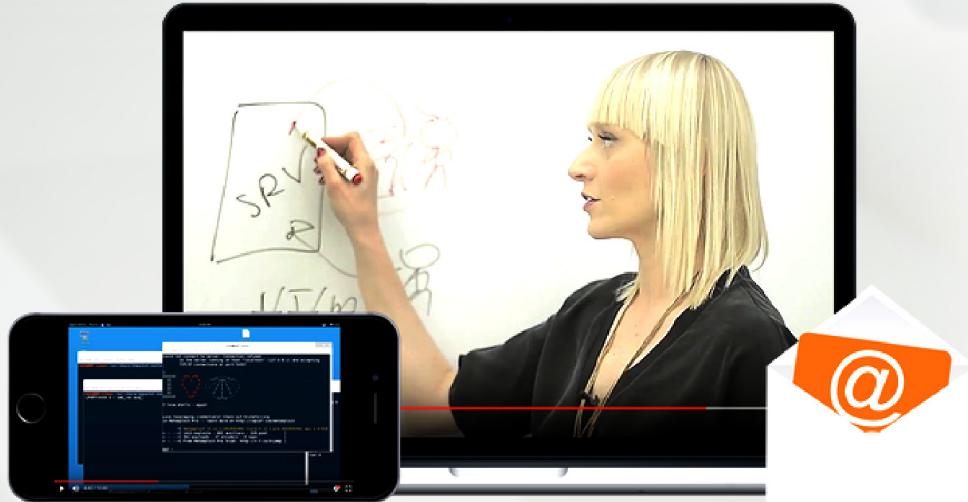
Apply: Adventures Summary

→ Make sure all tracing features on the drive and in the system are enabled: USN, Prefetch etc.

→ Image first then play
→ Create Incident Response Procedure (most of the Customers we start the adventure with do not have it)



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