

WRITE BLOCKER WITH RASPBERRY PI



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- Background
 - Raspberry Pi 3 model B
 - Kali linux
 - Write Blocker
- Stage 1: automounting
- Stage 2: remote control
- Results







- Raspberry PI 3 model B.
- Source: https://www.raspberrypi.org/documentation/setup/
- Quad Core 1.2GHz Broadcom BCM2837 64bit CPU
- 1GB RAM
- 4 USB 2 ports
- Micro SD port for loading your operating system and storing data





Background



- Kali Linux
- Source: https://www.offensive-security.com/kali-linux-arm-images/
- Kali Linux comes pre-loaded with the most popular open source forensic software, a handy toolkit when you need to do forensic work.





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• Write Blocker are devices that allow acquisition of information on a drive without creating the possibility of accidentally damaging the drive contents. They do this by allowing read commands to pass but by blocking write commands, hence their name [1]. There are both hardware and software write blockers. Some software write blockers are designed for a specific operating system.



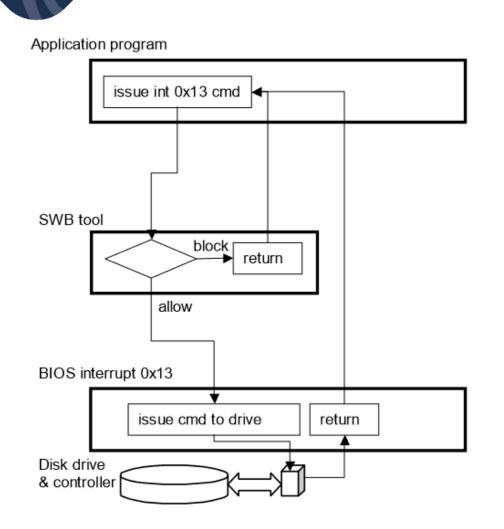


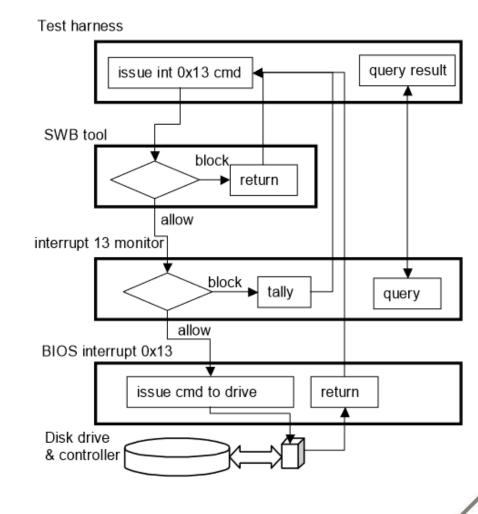


- Their main upsides are with ease of use, since they are on a CD and do not require you to open the case, and speed since they do not become a bottle neck [1].
- A study of forensic imaging in the absence of write-blockers [2]
- Differences between HWB and SWB [3]
- OpenSource: Linux Software Write Blocker [4]
- Software Write Block Tool Specification & Test Plan [5]

SWB Tool operation











- Preparation
- Previous concepts
- Source
- issues







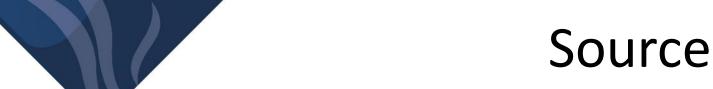
- Install Kali Linux ARM in Raspberry PI
 - Download Kali linux extension img.xz
 - Unzip with 7zip
 - Software: https://www.balena.io/etcher/ in microSD
 - Insert microSD in Raspberry PI





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- Udev: https://www.linux.com/news/udev-introduction-device-
 management-modern-linux-system
- Blockdev: http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man8/blockdev.8.html
- Mount: http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man8/blockdev.8.html





set disk/device attributes

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```
blockdev --setro "/dev/$bdev" | logger "forensics: blockdev --setro /dev/$bdev failed!"
dd if="/dev/$bdev" of="/home/swb/images/$bdev-${TIME}.dd" conv=sync,noerror bs=1M | logger "forensics: error with dd"
# get hash of image
md5sum /home/swb/images/"$bdev-${TIME}.dd" > "/home/swb/hash/hash-md5sum-$bdev-${TIME}.txt" | logger "forensics: error with md5sum"
# copy image for mount
cp "/home/swb/images/$bdev-${TIME}.dd" "/home/swb/images/copy-$bdev-${TIME}.dd" | logger "forensics: no file in copy proccess"
# get hash of copy images
md5sum /home/swb/images/"copy-$bdev-${TIME}.dd" >> "/home/swb/hash/hash-md5sum-$bdev-${TIME}.txt" | logger "forensics: error with hash
# mount image copy for forensic activities
mount -o ro,loop,noexec /home/swb/images/"copy-$bdev-${TIME}.dd" "/mnt/$bdev" || logger "forensics: error mounting /dev/$bdev"
```





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• Script iforense2019: set read-only devices, get image, copy image and hashes and mount copy image in /mnt how ro.

```
# get disk image with dd
TIME=`date +%s`
dd if="/dev/$bdev" of="/home/swb/images/$bdev-${TIME}.dd" conv=sync,noerror bs=1M || logger "forens
# get hash of image
md5sum /home/swb/images/"$bdev-${TIME}.dd" > "/home/swb/hash/hash-md5sum-$bdev-${TIME}.txt" || logg
# copy image for mount
cp "/home/swb/images/$bdev-${TIME}.dd" "/home/swb/images/copy-$bdev-${TIME}.dd" || logger "forensic
# get hash of copy images
md5sum /home/swb/images/"copy-$bdev-${TIME}.dd" >> "/home/swb/hash/hash-md5sum-$bdev-${TIME}.txt"
# mount image copy for forensic activities
mount -o ro,loop,noexec /home/swb/images/"copy-$bdev-${TIME}.dd" "/mnt/$bdev" || logger "forensics:
```





Script iforense2019-3: set read-only devices, nothing more

```
#!/bin/sh
# Part 1. Set disk/device in read mode a
[ $# -eq 1 ] || exit
# get input device
[ ! -z "$1" ] || exit
# assign to bdev
bdev="$1"
# check device how block device
[ -b "/dev/$bdev" ] || exit
# Check variable is not null
[ ! -z ${bdev##loop*} ] || exit
# set disk/device attributes
blockdev --setro "/dev/$bdev" || logger
```







- Script iforense2019:
 - Mount in read-only and view its content.
 - Issue: save image and copy image in microSD.
 - Issue: same process for all devices that connect.
- Script iforense2019-3:
 - Only set device in read-only mode, nothing more.
 - The python server does the rest of the operations.



Issues



- Patch to kernel Linux
- Script in bash
- Bad rules in udev

```
# Mark new block devices as read-only.
#ACTION=="add", SUBSYSTEM=="block", KERNEL!="ram*", RUN+="/usr/sbin/iforense2019 $name"
```

Change rules to:

#ACTION=="add", SUBSYSTEM=="block", KERNEL=="sd*", RUN+="/usr/sbin/iforense2019 \$name"





Stage 2: Remote control



```
from flask import Flask, jsonify
import os
import subprocess
# App of example for remote control
# 2019 forense
# Felipe-Leidy-Daniel
app = Flask(__name__)
@app.route('/devices')
def list_devices():
    cmd = "ls -l /dev/sd* 2>null | wc | awk '{print $1}' > /tmp/server/devices.txt"
    os.system(cmd)
   x = open('/tmp/server/devices.txt','r')
   line = x.readlines()
    x.close()
   if(int(line[0][:-1]) > 0):
        cmd="lsblk | egrep -o sd[^:]* | awk '{print $1}' > /tmp/server/listDevices.txt"
        os.system(cmd)
        x= open('/tmp/server/listDevices.txt','r')
        line = x.readlines()
    else:
        line = [0]
    return jsonify(
        devices=line,
        action="list"
```







Use of REST with a webservices.



Raspberry control with Android device!





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when a device is connected to the Raspberry PI it is marked as alone without mounting it. Two routes are established with the Flask Python server. One way saves the process in the microSD, the second way marks the process on a selected device marked in write mode. The files to be saved are image, image copy, hash and result of PhotoRec.

Status defines method: false-> save in MicroSD, true->save in external device.

Form 1: Save in microSD



- Routes in server: iphost: ip address, porthost: port of server
- 1. http://iphost:porthost/devices -> connected devices
- 2. <a href="http://iphost:porthost/getImage/<device>/false">http://iphost:porthost/getImage/<device>/false -> get image, copy image and hash
- 3. <a href="http://iphost:porthost/detailImage/<device>/false">http://iphost:porthost/detailImage/<device>/false -> get metadata of image
- 4. <a href="http://iphost:porthost/photorec/<device>/false">http://iphost:porthost/photorec/<device>/false -> get deleted files To see the files inside the image:
- * <a href="http://iphost:porthost/mount/<device>/false">http://iphost:porthost/mount/<device>/false -> mount /mnt
- * http://iphost:porthost/umount -> umount /mnt

Form 2: Save in external device



- First, mount external device in /media:
 - http://iphost:porthost/setrw/<device>/
 - Note: not whole device only a partition
- Second, same routes of form1, change false by true
- Third, unmount external device:
 - http://iphost:porthost/umount -> unmount /media







Copy image.

root@kali:/home/swb/images# ls
copy-sda-1564971577.dd

* Hash of image

root@kali:/home/swb/hash# cat hash-md5sum-sda-1564971577.txt
8cf53a32a479d140c842267759b47b18 /home/swb/images/sda-1564971577.dd
root@kali:/home/swb/hash#

* Mount copy in /mnt/sda in ro mode

```
root@kali:~# mount | grep /home/
/home/swb/images/copy-sda-1564971577.dd on /mnt/sda type vfat (ro,noexec,relatime,fmask=0
022,dmask=0022,codepage=437,iocharset=ascii,shortname=mixed,errors=remount-ro)
```

* check mounted dovices convinces is mounted with loop dovices root@kali:~# df

```
1K-blocks
Filesystem
                             Used Available Use% Mounted on
/dev/root
                29650404 13370656
                                   14993136
                                              48% /
devtmpfs
                  464460
                                      464460
                                               0% /dev
                  469964
tmpfs
                                      469964
                                               0% /dev/shm
tmpfs
                  469964
                                      469232
                                               1% /run
tmpfs
                    5120
                                        5120
                                               0% /run/lock
                  469964
                                      469964
tmpfs
                                               0% /sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/mmcblk0p1
                                              44% /boot
                  124738
                            54564
                                       70174
tmpfs
                   93992
                                       93976
                                               1% /run/user/0
                                               1% /run/user/113
tmpfs
                   93992
                                       93988
/dev/loop0
                                              51% /mnt/sda
                  991956
                           502884
                                      489072
```

* block of write commands in loop device

```
root@kali:~# dmesg | tail
[ 1961.873006] FAT-fs (loop0): Directory bread(block 1576787) failed
[ 1961.873023] FAT-fs (loop0): Directory bread(block 1576788) failed
[ 1961.873039] FAT-fs (loop0): Directory bread(block 1576789) failed
[ 1961.873055] FAT-fs (loop0): Directory bread(block 1576790) failed
[ 1961.873071] FAT-fs (loop0): Directory bread(block 1576791) failed
[ 1961.873083] FAT-fs (loop0): error, corrupted directory (invalid entries)
[ 1992.680958] print_req_error: I/O error, dev loop0, sector 1568
[ 1992.680998] Buffer I/O error on dev loop0, logical block 1568, lost async page write
[ 1992.681055] print_req_error: I/O error, dev loop0, sector 3512
[ 1992.681078] Buffer I/O error on dev loop0, logical block 3512, lost async page write
```





Receiver in Python server to /getImage

```
192.168.3.6 - - [05/Aug/2019 18:36:56] "GET /devices HTTP/1.1" 200 - 192.168.3.6 - - [05/Aug/2019 18:37:20] "GET /devices HTTP/1.1" 200 - 97+1 records in 97+1 records out 1017773056 bytes (1.0 GB, 971 MiB) copied, 81.0377 s, 12.6 MB/s
```

Created image and copy image

```
root@kali:/home/swb/images# ls
copy-sdb.dd sdb.dd
```

Created hash of image and copy image

```
root@kali:/home/swb/hash# cat hash-sdb.txt
4f9e8fee6865148e3a396a974ebedbd9 /home/swb/images/sdb.dd
4f9e8fee6865148e3a396a974ebedbd9 /home/swb/images/copy-sdb.dd
```







- Read-only script bash:
 - https://github.com/dancollager/script-linux-swb
- Server for control remote:
 - https://github.com/dancollager/server_rbp
- Script for sanitize:
 - https://github.com/dancollager/SanitizeUSB-script



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