Incident Response: Windows Cheatsheet



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For some people who use their computer systems, their systems might seem normal to them, but they might never realise that there could be something really phishy or even that fact that their systems could have been compromised. Making use of Incident Response a large number of attacks at the primary level could be detected. The investigation can be carried out to obtain any digital evidence.

This article mainly focuses on Incident response for Windows systems. So, let's begin with this cheat sheet to get you going.

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What is Incident Response?

Incident response can be defined as a course of action that is taken whenever a computer or network security incident occurs.

The security events that could have occurred:

- Unauthorized use of system privileges and sensitive data
- Any cause of System crashes or flooding of packets
- Presence of malware or any malicious program

User Accounts

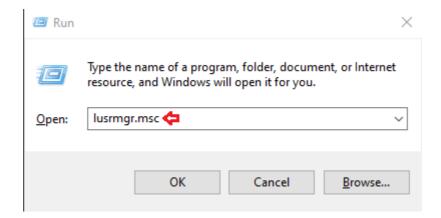
In Incident response it is very necessary to investigate the user activity. It is used to find if there is any suspicious user account is present or any restricted permissions have been assigned to a user. By checking the user account one can be able to get answers to the

questions like which user is currently logged in and what kind of a user account one has.

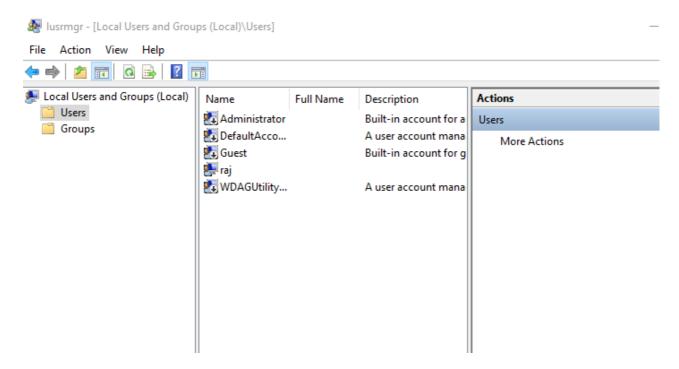
The ways one can view the user accounts are:

To view the local user accounts in GUI, press 'Windows+R', then type

lusrmgr.msc



Now click on '**okay**', and here you will be able to see the user accounts and their descriptions.



To now see the **user accounts** for the system and the type of account it is. Run command prompt as administrator and type command

net user

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18362.1016]
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C:\Users\raj>net user 

User accounts for \\DESKTOP-A0AP00M

Administrator DefaultAccount Guest
raj WDAGUtilityAccount
The command completed successfully.

C:\Users\raj>
```

Net localgroup group name is used in order to manage local user groups on a system. By using this command, an administrator can add local or domain users to a group, delete users from a group, create new groups and delete existing groups.

Open Command prompt and run as an administrator then type

net localgroup administrators

```
C:\Users\raj>net localgroup administrators  
Alias name administrators
Comment Administrators have complete and unrestricted access to the computer/domain
Members

Administrator
raj
The command completed successfully.
```

To see the local user accounts, with their names, if they are enabled and their description. Run PowerShell as an administrator, type

Get-LocalUser

```
Name Enabled Description

Administrator False Built-in account for administering the computer/domain

DefaultAccount False A user account managed by the system.

Guest False Built-in account for guest access to the computer/domain

raj True

WDAGUtilityAccount False A user account managed and used by the system for Windows
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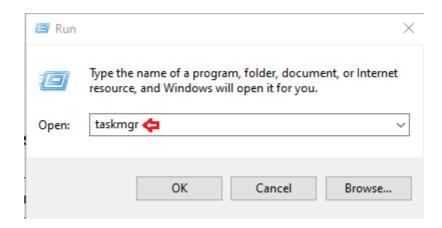
Processes

In order to get the list of all the **processes running on the system**, you can use 'tasklist' command for this purpose. By making use of this command you can get a +-a list of the processes the memory space used, running time, image file name, services running in

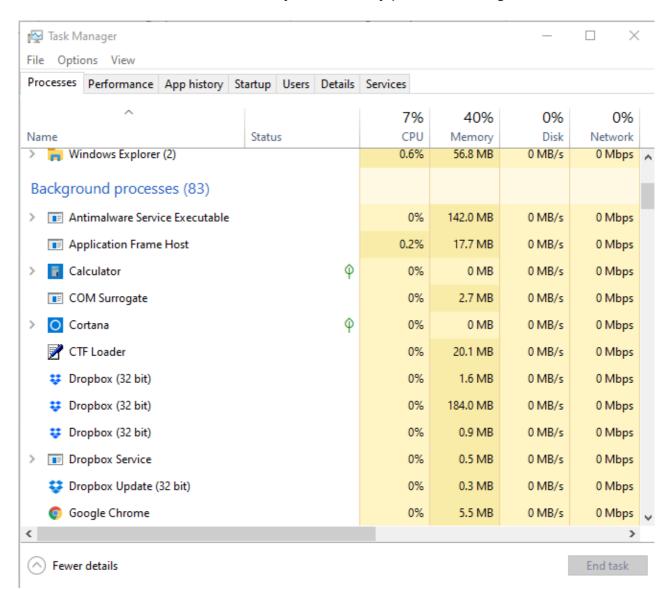
the process etc

To view the processes, you can use the following methods; To view the running processes in a GUI, press 'Windows+R', then type

taskmgr.exe



Now click on '**OK**' and you will be able to see all the running processes in your system and will be able to check if there is any unnecessary process running.



To see all the running processes with their Process ID (PID) and their session name and the amount of memory used. Run command prompt as an administrator and type

tasklist

C:\Users\raj>tasklist 🛑					
Twogo Nome	DID	Cossion Name	Sacrian#	Mam Usaga	
Image Name		Session Name			
System Idle Process		Services	0	8 K	
System		Services	0	10,924 K	
Registry		Services	0	70,260 K	
smss.exe		Services	0	1,004 K	
csrss.exe		Services	0	5,092 K	
wininit.exe		Services	0	6,212 K	
services.exe	928	Services	0	9,424 K	
lsass.exe	936	Services	0	20,464 K	
svchost.exe	628	Services	0	3,268 K	
svchost.exe	632	Services	0	27,772 K	
fontdrvhost.exe	776	Services	0	2,540 K	
svchost.exe	1072	Services	0	17,056 K	
svchost.exe	1124	Services	0	7,648 K	
svchost.exe	1340	Services	0	9,180 K	
svchost.exe	1380	Services	0	9,596 K	
svchost.exe	1388	Services	0	8,700 K	
svchost.exe	1400	Services	0	6,464 K	
svchost.exe	1396	Services	0	8,872 K	
svchost.exe	1548	Services	0	5,184 K	
svchost.exe	1556	Services	0	6,944 K	
svchost.exe	1724	Services	0	11,032 K	
svchost.exe	1772	Services	0	13,708 K	
svchost.exe	1780	Services	0	7,504 K	
svchost.exe		Services	9	9,284 K	
igfxCUIService.exe		Services	0	7,460 K	
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To gets a list of all active processes running on the local computer run PowerShell as an administrator and type

get-process

andles	NPM(K)	PM(K)	WS(K)	CPU(s)	Id	SI	ProcessName
839	43	58120	53140	2.31	6932	 3	ApplicationFrameHost
712	27	49920			9812		audiodg
540	27	19396	9844		1472		Calculator
228	15	13956	25800	0.08	1968		chrome
897	77	831828	852736	633.58	2184		chrome
271	17	6752	16964	1.42	2992		chrome
532	36	31084	48220		4064		chrome
235	16	17460	37160		5720		chrome
322	21	70192	107132		5868		chrome
234	16	26116	38540	0.53	5968		chrome
321	10	2140	8896	0.09	6304		chrome
246	19	104956	131400		6728		chrome
248	18	40428	65888		7104	3	chrome
298	20	50384	92968		7644	3	chrome
246	16	20460	45244	0.56	7828	3	chrome
242	16	17628	39252	0.50	8180	3	chrome
279	19	48420	81316	4.91	10296	3	chrome
237	16	22572	46940	0.56	10372	3	chrome
1621	40	399856	402324	230.92	11328	3	chrome
282	20	58704	103372	7.98	11768	3	chrome
426	27	72380	113796	16.20	13212	3	chrome
220	14	11648	21232	0.05	13328	3	chrome
280	18	52356	90120	1.30	13792	3	chrome
321	20	56616	92840	1.78	14028	3	chrome
2040	338	130924	221032	187.95	14232	3	chrome
289	20	71872	111492	5.30	14252	3	chrome
75	5	3364	4012	0.00	14332	3	cmd
217	12	13244	21124	1.39	9996	3	conhost
276	14	4360	15800	0.06	11460	3	conhost
676	23	1972	5080		696	0	csrss
707	35	2600	6100		6704	3	csrss
554	19	22776	39832	6.14	10780	3	ctfmon
149	10	2552	4824		3688	0	DbxSvc
245	23	5900	14188	0.22	11424	3	dllhost
5745	154	213700	264232	49.70	5580	3	Dropbox
316	15	2928	11336	0.03	10416		Dropbox
197	13	2064	8860	0.05	13244	3	Dropbox
221	14	2164	1072		6100	0	DropboxUpdate
1542	60	139684	168640		13664	3	dwm

Windows system have an extremely powerful tool with the Windows Management Instrumentation Command (WMIC). Wmic is very useful when it comes to incident response. This tool is enough to notice some abnormal signs in the system. This command can be used in the Command-prompt as well as PowerShell when running as an administrator. The syntax is **wmic process list full**

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> wmic process list full
```

After you determine which process is performing a strange network activity. To get more details about the **parent process IDs**, **Name of the process and the process ID**, open PowerShell as an administrator and type

wmic process get name, parentprocessid, processid

PS C:\Windows\system32> wmic process get name,parentpr	rocessid,processid 🛑	
Name	ParentProcessId	ProcessId
System Idle Process	0	0
System		4
Registry		120
smss.exe	4	476
csrss.exe	676	696
wininit.exe	676	784
services.exe	784	928
lsass.exe	784	936
svchost.exe	928	628
svchost.exe	928	632
fontdrvhost.exe	784	776
svchost.exe	928	1072
svchost.exe	928	1124
svchost.exe	928	1340
svchost.exe	928	1380
svchost.exe	928	1388
svchost.exe	928	1400
svchost.exe	928	1396
svchost.exe	928	1548
svchost.exe	928	1556
svchost.exe	928	1724
svchost.exe	928	1772
svchost.exe	928	1780

To get the path of the Wmic process, open PowerShell and type

wmic process where 'ProcessID=PID' get CommandLine

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PS C:\Windows\system32> wmic process where "ProcessID=4420" get CommandLine CommandLine CommandLine CommandLine C:\Program Files (x86)\TeamViewer\TeamViewer_Service.exe"

PS C:\Windows\system32>
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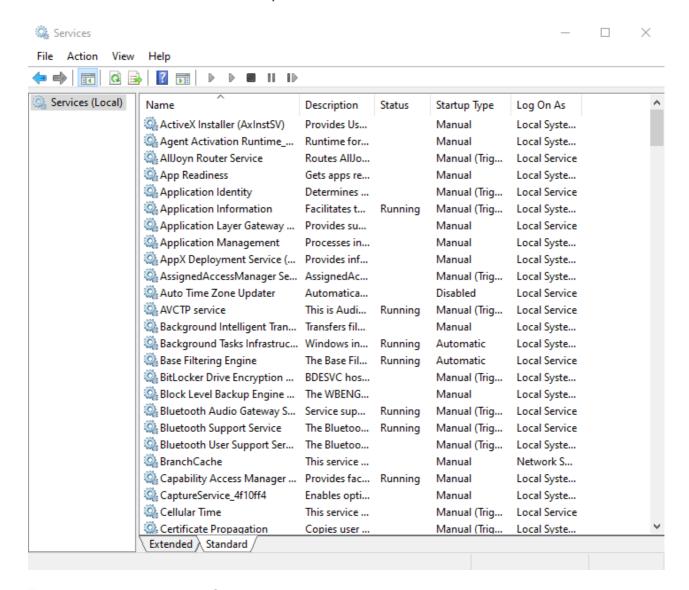
Services

To identify if there is any **abnormal service** running in your system or some service is not functioning properly, you can view your services.

To view all the services in GUI, press 'Windows+R' and type

services.msc

Now click on 'Ok' to see the list of processes.



To start and view the list of services that are currently running in your system, open command prompt as an administrator, type

net start

```
C:\Users\raj>net start 仁
These Windows services are started:
  Application Information
  AVCTP service
  Background Tasks Infrastructure Service
  Base Filtering Engine
  Bluetooth Audio Gateway Service
  Bluetooth Support Service
  Capability Access Manager Service
  Clipboard User Service 4f10ff4
  CNG Key Isolation
  COM+ Event System
  Connected Devices Platform Service
  Connected Devices Platform User Service 4f10ff4
  Connected User Experiences and Telemetry
  CoreMessaging
  Credential Manager
  Cryptographic Services
  Data Sharing Service
  Data Usage
  DbxSvc
  DCOM Server Process Launcher
  Delivery Optimization
  Device Association Service
  DHCP Client
  Diagnostic Policy Service
  Diagnostic Service Host
  Diagnostic System Host
  Display Enhancement Service
  Display Policy Service
  Distributed Link Tracking Client
```

To view whether a service is running and to get its more details like its service name, display name, etc.

```
sc query | more
```

```
C:\Users\raj>sc query | more 🛑
SERVICE_NAME: Appinfo
DISPLAY NAME: Application Information
        TYPE
                          : 30
                               WIN32
       STATE
                          : 4 RUNNING
                               (STOPPABLE, NOT_PAUSABLE, IGNORES_SHUTDOWN)
       WIN32_EXIT_CODE
                          : 0
                               (0x0)
       SERVICE_EXIT_CODE : 0 (0x0)
                          : 0x0
       CHECKPOINT
       WAIT HINT
                          : 0x0
SERVICE NAME: AudioEndpointBuilder
DISPLAY NAME: Windows Audio Endpoint Builder
        TYPE
                          : 30 WIN32
       STATE
                          : 4 RUNNING
                               (STOPPABLE, NOT PAUSABLE, IGNORES SHUTDOWN)
       WIN32_EXIT_CODE : 0 (0x0)
       SERVICE_EXIT_CODE : 0 (0x0)
                         : 0x0
       CHECKPOINT
       WAIT_HINT
                          : 0x0
SERVICE NAME: Audiosrv
DISPLAY NAME: Windows Audio
       TYPE
                          : 10 WIN32 OWN PROCESS
       STATE
                          : 4 RUNNING
                               (STOPPABLE, NOT_PAUSABLE, IGNORES_SHUTDOWN)
       WIN32_EXIT_CODE
                          : 0
                               (0x0)
       SERVICE_EXIT_CODE : 0 (0x0)
       CHECKPOINT
                    : 0x0
                         : 0x0
       WAIT_HINT
SERVICE NAME: BFE
DISPLAY_NAME: Base Filtering Engine
                          : 20 WIN32 SHARE PROCESS
       TYPE
       STATE
                          : 4 RUNNING
                               (STOPPABLE, NOT PAUSABLE, IGNORES SHUTDOWN)
                          : 0
       WIN32 EXIT CODE
                               (0x0)
       SERVICE_EXIT_CODE
                          : 0 (0x0)
       CHECKPOINT
                          : 0x0
                          : 0x0
       WAIT HINT
```

If you want a list of running processes with their associated services in the command prompt, run command prompt as an administrator, then type

tasklist /svc

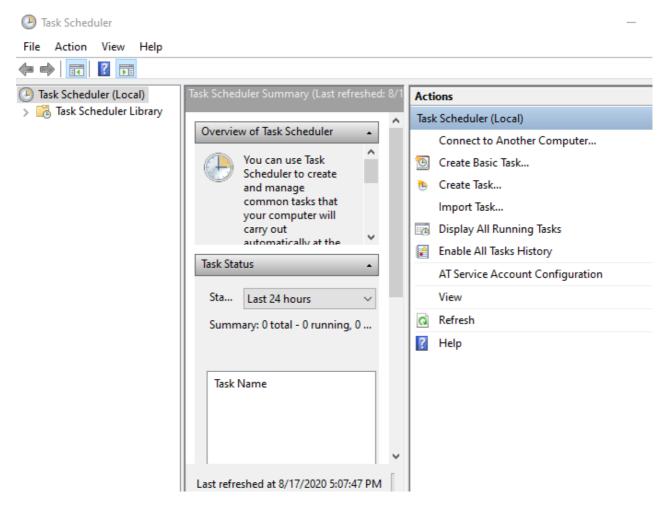
C:\Users\raj>tasklist /svc ¢		
Image Name	PID	Services
System Idle Process	0	N/A
System	4	N/A
Registry	120	N/A
smss.exe	476	N/A
csrss.exe	696	N/A
wininit.exe	784	N/A
services.exe	928	N/A
lsass.exe	936	EFS, KeyIso, SamSs, VaultSvc
svchost.exe		PlugPlay
svchost.exe	632	BrokerInfrastructure, DcomLaunch, Power,
		SystemEventsBroker
fontdrvhost.exe	776	N/A
svchost.exe	1072	RpcEptMapper, RpcSs
svchost.exe	1124	LSM
svchost.exe	1340	NcbService
svchost.exe	1380	TimeBrokerSvc
svchost.exe	1388	bthserv
svchost.exe	1400	BTAGService
svchost.exe	1396	BthAvctpSvc
svchost.exe	1548	hidserv
svchost.exe	1556	EventSystem
svchost.exe	1724	ProfSvc
svchost.exe	1772	Schedule
svchost.exe		SENS
svchost.exe		SEMgrSvc
igfxCUIService.exe	1880	igfxCUIService2.0.0.0
svchost.exe		EventLog
svchost.exe		CoreMessagingRegistrar
svchost.exe		UserManager
svchost.exe		Themes
svchost.exe	1692	SysMain
svchost.exe	2056	
svchost.exe		AudioEndpointBuilder
svchost.exe	2116	FontCache

Task Scheduler

Task Scheduler is a component in the Windows which provides the ability to schedule the launch of programs or any scripts at a pre-defined time or after specified time intervals. You can view these scheduled tasks which are of high privileges and look suspicious.

To view the task Scheduler in GUI, then go the path and press enter.

C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Administrative Tools



To view the schedule tasks in the command prompt, run command prompt as an administrator, type

schtasks

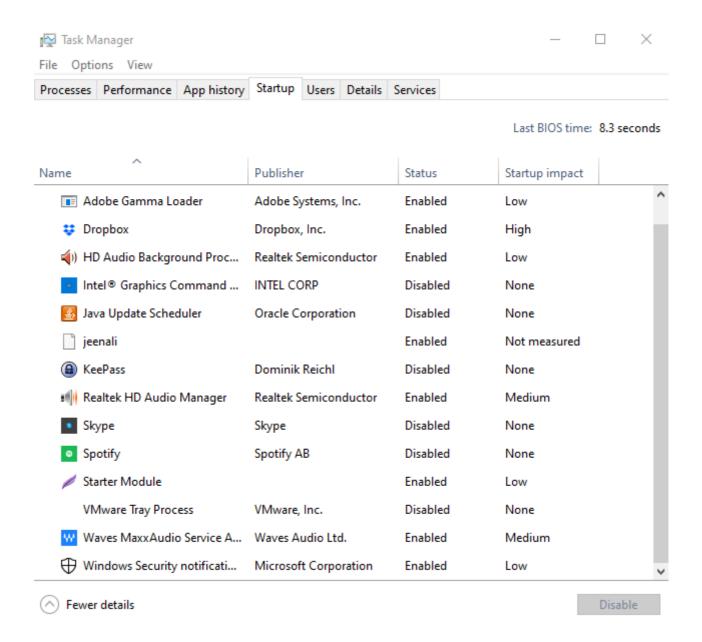
C:\Users\raj>schtasks 🚓		
Folder: \ TaskName	Next Run Time	Status
JavaUpdateSched update-S-1-5-21-1097824736-1555393654-24 User_Feed_Synchronization-{CE537D28-0D95		Running Ready Ready
Folder: \Microsoft TaskName	Next Run Time	Status
INFO: There are no scheduled tasks presen		
Folder: \Microsoft\Office TaskName		Status
Office 15 Subscription Heartbeat OfficeTelemetryAgentFallBack OfficeTelemetryAgentLogOn	8/18/2020 2:26:03 AM N/A N/A	
Folder: \Microsoft\OneCore TaskName	Next Run Time	Status
INFO: There are no scheduled tasks prese		
Folder: \Microsoft\Windows TaskName	Next Run Time	Status
INFO: There are no scheduled tasks presen		
Folder: \Microsoft\Windows\.NET Framework TaskName	Next Run Time	Status
.NET Framework NGEN v4.0.30319 .NET Framework NGEN v4.0.30319 64 .NET Framework NGEN v4.0.30319 64 Critic .NET Framework NGEN v4.0.30319 Critical	N/A N/A N/A	Ready Ready Disabled Disabled

Startup

The *startup* folder in *Windows* automatically runs applications when you log on. So, an incident handler, you should observe the applications that auto-start.

To view the applications in the Startup menu in the GUI, open the task manager and click on the '**Startup**' menu. By doing this, you can see which applications are enabled and disabled on startup. On opening the following path, it will give you the same option

taskmgr



To view, the startup applications in the PowerShell run the PowerShell as an administrator, type

wmic startup get caption, command

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> wmic startup get caption,command 年
Caption
                    Command
OneDriveSetup
                    C:\Windows\SysWOW64\OneDriveSetup.exe /thfirstsetup
OneDriveSetup
                    C:\Windows\SysWOW64\OneDriveSetup.exe /thfirstsetup
jeenali
                    jeenali.txt
                    "C:\Users\raj\AppData\Roaming\uTorrent\uTorrent.exe"
uTorrent
                                                                           /MINIMIZED
Adobe Gamma Loader
                   C:\PROGRA~2\COMMON~1\Adobe\CALIBR~1\ADOBEG~1.EXE
SecurityHealth
                    %windir%\system32\SecurityHealthSystray.exe
RtHDVCp1
                    "C:\Program Files\Realtek\Audio\HDA\RtkNGUI64.exe" /s
RtHDVBg_PushButton
                    "C:\Program Files\Realtek\Audio\HDA\RAVBg64.exe" /IM
                    "C:\Windows\System32\DriverStore\FileRepository\oem49.inf_amd64_5ff3
WavesSvc
PS C:\Windows\system32>
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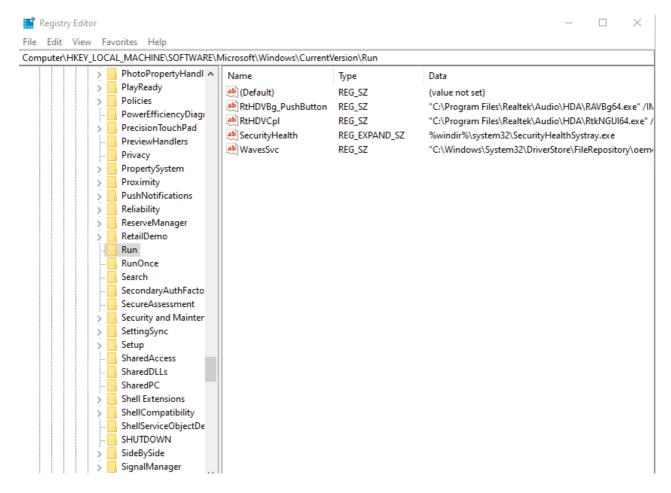
To get a detailed list of the AutoStart applications in PowerShell, you can run it as an administrator and type

Get-CimInstance Win32_StartupCommand | Select-Object Name, command, Location, User
| Format-List

PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-CimInstance Win32_StartupCommand | Select-Object Name, command, Location, User | Format-List Name : OneDriveSetup command : C:\Windows\SysWOW64\OneDriveSetup.exe /thfirstsetup Location : HKU\S-1-5-19\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run : NT AUTHORITY\LOCAL SERVICE Name : OneDriveSetup command : C:\Windows\SysWOW64\OneDriveSetup.exe /thfirstsetup Location : HKU\S-1-5-20\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run : NT AUTHORITY\NETWORK SERVICE Name : jeenali command : jeenali.txt Name Location : Startup : DESKTOP-A0AP00M\raj User : uTorrent Name command : "C:\Users\raj\AppData\Roaming\uTorrent\uTorrent.exe" /MINIMIZED Location : HKU\S-1-5-21-1097824736-1555393654-2427635684-1001\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run : DESKTOP-A0AP00M\raj : Adobe Gamma Loader Name command : C:\PROGRA~2\COMMON~1\Adobe\CALIBR~1\ADOBEG~1.EXE Location : Common Startup : Public User : SecurityHealth command : %windir%\system32\SecurityHealthSystray.exe Location : HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run User : Public : RtHDVCp1 command : "C:\Program Files\Realtek\Audio\HDA\RtkNGUI64.exe" /s .ocation : HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run User : Public : RtHDVBg_PushButton Name command : "C:\Program Files\Realtek\Audio\HDA\RAVBg64.exe" /IM Location : HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run : Public

Registry Entries

Sometimes if there is a presence of unsophisticated malware it can be found by taking a look at the Windows Registry's run key. To view the GUI of the registry key, you can open **REGEDIT** reach the run key manually.



You can also view the registry of the Local Machine of the Run key in the PowerShell, by running it as an administrator and then type

reg query HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> reg query HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

SecurityHealth REG_EXPAND_SZ %windir%\system32\SecurityHealthSystray.exe

RtHDVCpl REG_SZ "C:\Program Files\Realtek\Audio\HDA\RtkNGUI64.exe" /s

RtHDVBg_PushButton REG_SZ "C:\Program Files\Realtek\Audio\HDA\RAVBg64.exe" /IM

WavesSvc REG_SZ "C:\Windows\System32\DriverStore\FileRepository\oem49.inf_amd64_5ff36
```

You can also view the registry of the Current User of the Run key in the PowerShell, by running it as an administrator and then type

reg query HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> reg query HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
uTorrent REG_SZ "C:\Users\raj\AppData\Roaming\uTorrent\uTorrent.exe" /MINIMIZED
PS C:\Windows\system32>
```

Active TCP & UDP ports

As an Incident Responder, you should carefully pay attention to the active TCP and UDP ports of your system.

The network statistics of a system can be using a tool. The criteria tested are incoming and outgoing connections, routing tables, port listening, and usage statistics. Open the command prompt, type

netstat -ano

C:\Users\raj>netstat -ano ⇐						
Active C	onnections					
Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State	PID		
TCP	0.0.0.0:135	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	1072		
TCP	0.0.0.0:443	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	5700		
TCP	0.0.0.0:445	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	4		
TCP	0.0.0.0:808	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	3836		
TCP	0.0.0.0:903	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	3828		
TCP	0.0.0.0:913	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	3828		
TCP	0.0.0.0:1688	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	3820		
TCP	0.0.0.0:5040	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	6216		
TCP	0.0.0.0:7680	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	2792		
TCP	0.0.0.0:9001	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	4		
TCP	0.0.0.0:17500	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	5580		
TCP	0.0.0.0:49664	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	936		
TCP	0.0.0.0:49665	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	784		
TCP	0.0.0.0:49666	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	1892		
TCP	0.0.0.0:49667	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	1772		
TCP	0.0.0.0:49668	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	3228		
TCP	0.0.0.0:49669	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	928		
TCP	127.0.0.1:443	127.0.0.1:58656	ESTABLISHED	5700		
TCP	127.0.0.1:843	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	5580		
TCP	127.0.0.1:5939	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	4420		
TCP	127.0.0.1:5939	127.0.0.1:58534	ESTABLISHED	4420		
TCP	127.0.0.1:5939	127.0.0.1:58543	ESTABLISHED	4420		
TCP	127.0.0.1:8307	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	5700		

Well, this can also be checked in the PowerShell with a different command to see the IP and the local ports. Run PowerShell and type

Get-NetTCPConnection -LocalAddress 192.168.0.110 | Sort-Object LocalPort

PS C:\Windows\system32> (Get-NetTCPConnection	ı -LocalAddress 192.168.0. 1	110 Sort-Object Loc	alPort 🛑
LocalAddress	LocalPor	rt RemoteAddress	RemotePo	rt State
192.168.0.110	139	0.0.0.0	0	Listen
192.168.0.110	57631	23.54.90.8	443	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57632	23.54.90.8	443	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57633	23.54.90.8	443	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57634	23.54.90.8	443	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57635	23.54.90.8	443	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57636	23.215.197.169	80	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57637	23.215.197.169	80	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57638	23.215.197.169	80	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57639	23.215.197.169	80	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57640	23.215.197.169	80	CloseWait
192.168.0.110	57641	23.215.197.169	80	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57642	23.60.172.136	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57643	23.60.172.136	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57646	23.54.90.8	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57917	104.244.42.134	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57921	104.244.42.66	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57923	192.229.237.101	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57934	104.244.43.131	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57939	117.18.232.102	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57940	152.199.43.83	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	57945	151.101.18.164	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	58489	104.18.26.211	443	Establishe
92.168.0.110	58491	52.139.250.253	443	Establishe
92.168.0.110	58495	74.125.68.188	5228	Establishe
92.168.0.110	58496	192.0.78.23	443	Establishe
92.168.0.110	58504	172.67.133.142	443	Establishe
92.168.0.110	58527	23.211.192.142	443	CloseWait
92.168.0.110	58535	37.252.229.173	443	Establishe
92.168.0.110	58542	213.227.184.134	443	Establishe
92.168.0.110	58632	185.199.111.153	443	Establishe
92.168.0.110	58658	13.227.178.85	443	Establishe
92.168.0.110	58662	172.217.167.131	443	Establishe
02.460.0.440	50002	404 40 20 226	445	T. U.S.

File sharing

As an incident responder, you should make sure that every file share is accountable and reasonable and there is no unnecessary file sharing.

In order to check up on the file-sharing options in the command prompt, type

net view \\<localhost>'

```
C:\Users\raj>net view \\127.0.0.1 

Shared resources at \\127.0.0.1

Share name Type Used as Comment

jeenali Disk
Users Disk
The command completed successfully.
```

To see the file-sharing in PowerShell, you can type

Get-SMBShare

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-SMBShare 🛑
                              Description
        ScopeName Path
Name
ADMIN$
                  C:\Windows Remote Admin
C$
                  C:\
                              Default share
D$
                              Default share
IPC$
                              Remote IPC
jeenali
                  D:\jeenali
                   C:\Users
Users
PS C:\Windows\system32>
```

Files

To view the files which could be malicious or end with a particular extension, you can use 'forfiles' command. Forfiles is a command-line utility software. It was shipped with Microsoft Windows Vista. During that time, management of multiples files through the command line was difficult as most of the commands at that time we made to work on single files

To view the .exe files with their path to locate them in the command prompt, type

forfiles /D -10 /S /M *.exe /C "cmd /c echo @path"

```
C:\Users\raj\forfiles /D -10 /5 /M *.exe /C "cmd /c echo @path" 

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\JxBrowser\browsercore-64.0.3282.24.unknown\browsercore32.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\GameBarElevatedFT_Alias.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\MicrosoftEdge.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\python3.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\Microsoft.DesktopAppInstaller_8wekyb3d8bbwe\python3.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\Microsoft.DesktopAppInstaller_8wekyb3d8bbwe\python3.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe\MicrosoftEdge.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\Microsoft.MicrosoftTay_8wekyb3d8bbwe\GameBarElevated

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps\Microsoft.XboxGamingOverlay_8wekyb3d8bbwe\GameBarElevated

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\VMware\vmware-download-2B3C\cdstmp_ws-windows_15.5.6_16341506\VMware-workstatio

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Roaming\uTorrent\helper\helper.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Roaming\uTorrent\updates\3.5.5_45724\utorrentie.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\AppData\Roaming\uTorrent\updates\3.5.5_45724\utorrentie.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\Downloads\AnyDesk.exe"

"C:\Users\raj\Downloads\AnyDesk.exe"
```

To View files without its path and more details of the particular file extension and its modification date, type

forfiles /D -10 /S /M *.exe /C "cmd /c echo @ext @fname @fdate"

```
C:\Users\raj>forfiles /D -10 /S /M *.exe /C "cmd /c echo @ext @fname @fdate" == "exe" "browsercore32" 8/6/2018

"exe" "GameBarElevatedFT_Alias" 6/30/2020

"exe" "MicrosoftEdge" 7/2/2020

"exe" "python" 6/29/2020

"exe" "python3" 6/29/2020

"exe" "python3" 6/29/2020

"exe" "python3" 6/29/2020

"exe" "python3" 6/29/2020

"exe" "MicrosoftEdge" 7/2/2020

"exe" "GameBarElevatedFT_Alias" 6/30/2020

"exe" "VMware-workstation-15.5.6-16341506" 6/29/2020

"exe" "helper" 8/7/2020

"exe" "3.5.5_45724" 7/27/2020

"exe" "utorrentie" 7/27/2020

"exe" "AnyDesk" 7/6/2020

"exe" "ARM Setup 2020.2.1" 6/15/2020
```

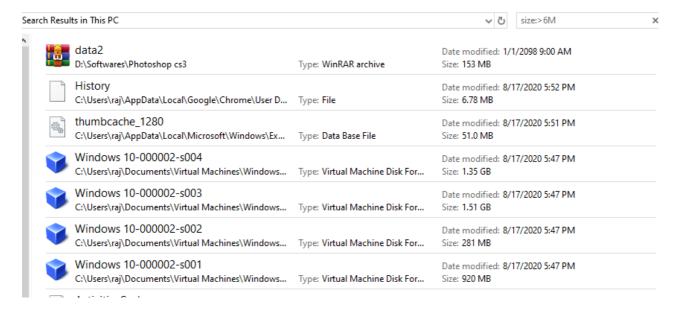
To check for files modified in the last 10 days type

forfiles /p c: /S /D -10

```
C:\>forfiles /p c: /S /D -10 🛑
'$Recycle.Bin"
'Android"
'Documents and Settings"
'MSOCache"
"PerfLogs"
'Project.log"
Recovery"
'Users"
S-1-5-18"
'S-1-5-21-1097824736-1555393654-2427635684-1000"
ERROR: Access is denied for "C:\$Recycle.Bin\S-1-5-18\".
ERROR: Access is denied for "C:\$Recycle.Bin\S-1-5-21-1097824736-1
'$I2IEYQS"
desktop.ini"
 .android"
adb.exe"
'AdbWinApi.dll"
"AdbWinUsbApi.dll"
'fastboot.exe"
'adb usb.ini"
ERROR: Access is denied for "C:\MSOCache\".
ERROR: Access is denied for "C:\PerfLogs\".
'Common Files'
'desktop.ini"
"HeidiSQL"
"Internet Explorer"
'JAM Software"
'KMSpico"
'Microsoft Analysis Services"
'Microsoft Office"
'Microsoft SQL Server"
'Microsoft.NET"
"ModifiableWindowsApps"
'Mozilla Firefox"
'MSBuild"
'Notepad++"
"Npcap"
"PuTTY"
"Realtek"
"Reference Assemblies"
'SumatraPDF"
'Uninstall Information"
'UNP"
```

To check for file size below 6MB, you can use the file explorer's search box and enter

size:>6M



Firewall Settings

The incident responder should pay attention to the firewall configurations and settings and should maintain it regularly.

To view the firewall configurations and the inbound and outbound traffic in the command prompt, type

netsh firewall show config

```
C:\>netsh firewall show config 🛑
Domain profile configuration:
Operational mode = Enable
Exception mode = Enable
Multicast/broadcast response mode = Enable
Notification mode
                                = Enable
Allowed programs configuration for Domain profile:
Mode Traffic direction Name / Program
Enable Inbound μTorrent (TCP-In) / C:\Users\raj\AppData\Roaming\uTo
Port configuration for Domain profile:
Port Protocol Mode Traffic direction Name
Standard profile configuration (current):
Operational mode = Enable
Exception mode = Enable
Multicast/broadcast response mode = Enable
Notification mode
Service configuration for Standard profile:
Mode Customized Name
Enable No Network Discovery
Allowed programs configuration for Standard profile:
Mode Traffic direction Name / Program
Enable Inbound µTorrent (TCP-In) / C:\Users\raj\AppData\Roaming\uTo
Enable Inbound Firefox (C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox) / C:\Prog
Port configuration for Standard profile:
Port Protocol Mode Traffic direction Name
Log configuration:
File location = C:\Windows\system32\LogFiles\Firewall\pfirewall.log
Max file size = 4096 KB
Dropped packets = Disable
Connections = Disable
```

To view the firewall settings of the current profile in the command prompt, type

netsh advfirewall show currentprofile

```
C:\>netsh advfirewall show currentprofile 🛑
Public Profile Settings:
State
Firewall Policy
                                      BlockInbound, AllowOutbound
                                      N/A (GPO-store only)
LocalFirewallRules
                                      N/A (GPO-store only)
LocalConSecRules
InboundUserNotification
                                      Enable
RemoteManagement
                                      Disable
UnicastResponseToMulticast
                                       Enable
Logging:
                                      Disable
LogAllowedConnections
LogDroppedConnections
                                      Disable
FileName
                                       %systemroot%\system32\LogFiles\Firewall\pfirewall.log
MaxFileSize
                                       4096
```

Sessions with other Systems

To check the session details that are created with other systems, you can run command prompt and type

net use

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18362.1016]
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\raj>net use 
New connections will be remembered.

Status Local Remote Network

OK \\192.168.0.106\IPC$ Microsoft Windows Network

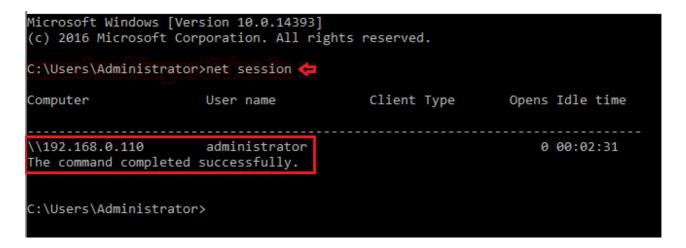
The command completed successfully.

C:\Users\raj>
```

Open Sessions

To see any open sessions of your system, you can get the details about the duration of the session run the command prompt and type

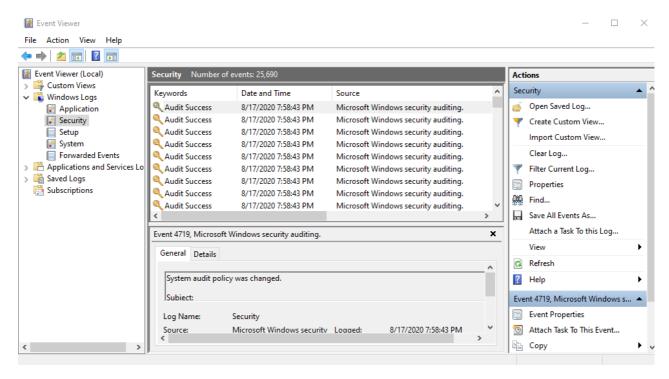
net session



Log Entries

To view the log entries in GUI you can open the event viewer and see the logs. Press 'Windows+ R' and type

eventvwr.msc



To export certain logs of a particular event in command prompt type

wevtutil ge security



To get the event log list in the PowerShell, type

Get-EventLog -List

```
PS C:\Users\raj> Get-EventLog -List 🛑
 Max(K) Retain OverflowAction
                                      Entries Log
 20,480
             0 OverwriteAsNeeded
                                      12,676 Application
 20,480
             0 OverwriteAsNeeded
                                           0 HardwareEvents
             7 OverwriteOlder
     512
                                           0 Internet Explorer
 20,480
             0 OverwriteAsNeeded
                                           0 Key Management Service
    128
             0 OverwriteAsNeeded
                                         128 OAlerts
    512
              7 OverwriteOlder
                                           2 OneApp IGCC
                                             Security
 20,480
             0 OverwriteAsNeeded
                                       7,887 System
 15,360
             0 OverwriteAsNeeded
                                         422 Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\raj> Get-EventLog 🛑
cmdlet Get-EventLog at command pipeline position 1
Supply values for the following parameters:
LogName: OAlerts
  Index Time
                      EntryType
                                                         InstanceID Message
                                  Source
    128 Aug 16 12:55 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    127 Aug 16 02:22 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                 300 Microsoft Word...
    126 Aug 16 01:59 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    125 Aug 15 04:11 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    124 Aug 14 19:33 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    123 Aug 14 18:13 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    122 Aug 14 16:25 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    121 Aug 14 04:33 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    120 Aug 14 00:07 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    119 Aug 13 21:33 Information Microsoft Office ...
    118 Aug 12 21:13 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    117 Aug 12 16:52 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    116 Aug 12 12:30 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    115 Aug 12 12:30 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                 300 Microsoft Word...
    114 Aug 12 12:06 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    113 Aug 12 11:29 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
    112 Aug 11 22:58 Information Microsoft Office ...
                                                                300 Microsoft Word...
```

And type the particular event in the supply value and you will get event details of that particular event.

Conclusion

Hence, one can make use these commands as an incident responder and keep their systems away from the threat.

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