

# BLACKPHENIX

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**OPEN-SOURCE MALWARE ANALYSIS + AUTOMATION FRAMEWORK**

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## Getting Started

BLACKPHENIX is an open-source malware analysis automation framework composed of services, scripts, plug-ins, and tools and is based on a Command-and-Control (C&C) architecture.

This framework was released and presented at [BlackHat Arsenal 2019](#).

## Features

- Easy Installation & Deployment
- Tool automation modules
- Virtual Machine management
- Scripting support (Python)
- Internet emulation
- Traffic redirection
- TOR support

## How this framework can be used?

A malware analyst can leverage the framework to automate common malware analysis tasks by developing tool automation scripts (**BPH Scripts**) and data analysis modules (**BPH Analysis Modules**) that operate in the context of malware execution.

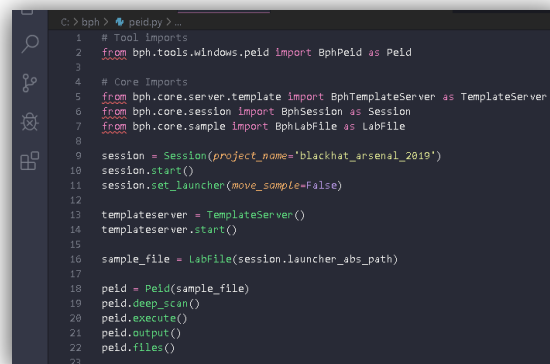
BPH Scripts control execution and reporting of well-known analysis tools, custom programs, and scripts that run on a virtual machine, whilst “BPH Analysis Modules” focus on data parsing, extraction, and analysis.

## What is a BPH Script?

**BPH Scripts** are python scripts that import Windows tools python modules (**BPH Plug-ins**) and contain execution instructions for one or more of imported tools (bundled execution). For instance, a BPH script can call the UPX tool to unpack a compressed UPX executable and the next instruction can call another tool, such as ExeInfoPe or any other tool selected by the user.

The following picture shows the structure of the **PEiD BPH Script**. This script performs the following actions:

- Import required libraries
- Generate a session
- Set the malware sample
- Initialize Template server
- Initialize PEiD's object
- Set scan type (deep\_scan) and execute the tool inside the target virtual machine
- Show the tool's output in the console
- List the tool's log file in the console

A screenshot of a terminal window showing a Python script for the PEiD tool within the BPH framework. The script is named 'peid.py' and is located in the 'C:\> bph' directory. The script content is as follows:

```
1 # Tool Imports
2 from bph.tools.Windows.peid import BphPeid as Peid
3
4 # Core Imports
5 from bph.core.server.template import BphTemplateServer as TemplateServer
6 from bph.core.session import BphSession as Session
7 from bph.core.sample import BphLabFile as LabFile
8
9 session = Session(project_name='blackhat_arsenal_2019')
10 session.start()
11 session.set_launcher(move_sample=False)
12
13 templateserver = TemplateServer()
14 templateserver.start()
15
16 sample_file = LabFile(session.launcher_abs_path)
17
18 peid = Peid(sample_file)
19 peid.deep_scan()
20 peid.execute()
21 peid.output()
22 peid.files()
23
```

## What is a BPH Analysis Module?

**BPH Analysis Modules** are python scripts that can be imported and used to perform further analysis on the data collected by **BPH Scripts**. Users can also create code snippets “on-the-fly” within the BPH Script.

### Malware Analysis Scenarios

#### *Network Analysis Scenario*

An analyst is interested in identifying which domains, IP addresses, ports and programs generate network traffic while executing a malware sample. A BPH Script can be developed to run the “**NetworkTrafficView**” tool and a BPH Analysis module to parse the tool’s output (CSV) and extract the required information.

#### *Behavioral Analysis Scenario*

An analyst is interested in collecting behavioral data while executing a malware sample. A BPH Script can be developed to run “**Process Monitor**” tool and a BPH Analysis module to parse the tool’s output (PML, XML).

#### *Memory Analysis Scenario*

An analyst is interested in collecting memory dump data while executing a malware sample. A BPH Script can be developed to run “**Pd32**” tool to generate memory dump data and a BPH Analysis module to work with the tool’s output (EXE, DLL).

#### *Packer Detection and Unpacking Scenario (Bundled Execution)*

An analyst is interested in detecting if a malware sample is UPX packed and if the case, then unpacks and continues working on the unpacked version of the given sample. A BPH Script can be developed to run “**PEiD**” and “**UPX**” tools, and then perform further analysis activities on the received unpacked malware sample.

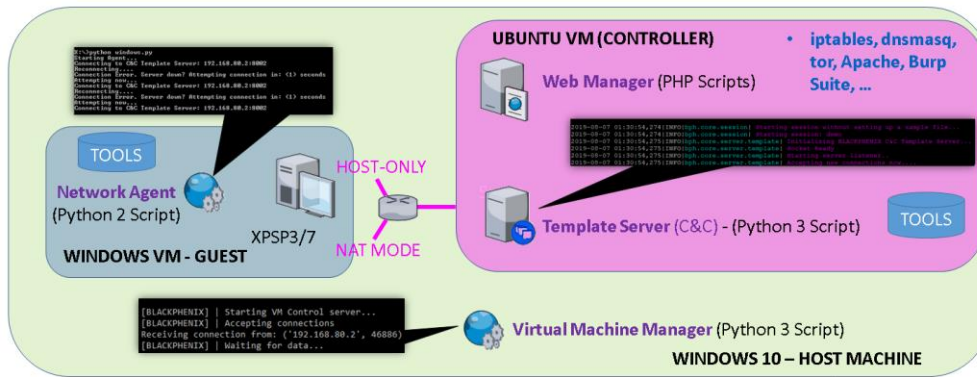
## How does the tool execution work?

A BPH Script loads a tool module (BPH Module), which loads a tool profile (BPH Plug-ins) and generates a JSON serialized object and transmits to the guest virtual machine for execution. All data collected by the tools in the virtual machine is later reported back for further process by a BPH Analysis module.

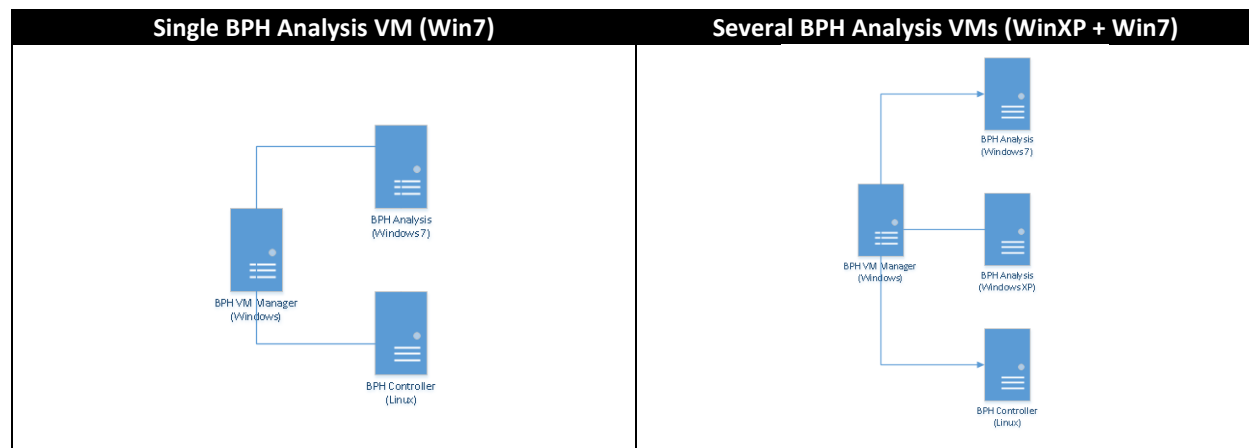
Each analysis tool (e.g. PEiD, DUMPPE, ExeInfoPe, etc.) has its own BPH Module and Plug-in.

## Virtual Machine Architecture

BLACKPHENIX relies on virtual machines to perform its operational activities and is composed by one host machine (**BPH VM Manager – Host**), one guest virtual machines (**BPH Controller – Guest VM**), and one - or more – guest virtual machine(s) (**BPH Analysis – Guest VM**), depending on whether the user will support analysis in several Windows OS’es AND/OR windows programs.



## Virtual Machine Deployment Scenarios



## BPH Controller (Linux Guest)

**Description:** A virtual machine generates execution (JSON) templates from the instructions contained in a BPH Script, which are consumed by the BPH Analysis virtual machine network agent and receives the generated tool's data

Component	Language/Format	Description
Web Manager Server	PHP	Collects data and files generated by the Network agent
Template Server	Python	Generates and sends JSON execution data to the Network Agent
BPH Script	Python	Python scripts containing the instructions executed by the network agent remotely
BPH Analysis Module	Python	Python scripts that parse tool's content
BPH Plug-in	JSON	JSON files containing execution data for commands and tools used by the BPH scripts

### BPH Analysis (Windows Guest)

**Description:** A virtual machine runs a Python script which is in charge of receiving tool execution instructions from the BPH Controller machine through the network

Component	Language/Format	Description
Network Agent	Python	Receives executes JSON execution data and reports results back to the C&C template server

### BPH VM Manager (Windows Host)

**Description:** A host machine that runs a Python script which controls virtual machine operations, such as start, stop, and restore snapshot actions received through the network.

Component	Language/Format	Description
Virtual Machine Server	Python	A network server that manages the Virtual Machines used by the framework

### Deployment Scenario

- **BPH Controller VM**
  - Operating System:
    - Ubuntu 18.04.2 Desktop (amd64)
    - Username (BPH USER): bph
  - Software:
    - Iptables, dnsmasq, tor, Apache2 + PHP (with ZipArchive support)
    - BurpSuite Free version
  - Network Configuration:
    - VirtualBox Interface 1: (enp0s3)
      - IP address: 192.168.56.90/24 - Static
      - Mode: Host-Only
    - VirtualBox Interface 2: (enp0s8)
      - IP Address: DHCP - Dynamic
      - Mode: NAT
  - BLACKPHENIX:
    - BPH Controller IP: 192.168.56.90
    - BPH Controller Web Port: 8194
    - BPH Web folder: bph
    - BPH Virtual Manager IP: 192.168.56.1
    - BPH Virtual Manager Port: 8003
- **BPH Analysis VM**
  - Operating System:
    - Windows 7 x64
  - Software:
    - Python 2.7.13



- Network Configuration:
  - VirtualBox Interface 1:
    - IP address: 192.168.56.91/24 - Static
    - Mode: Host-Only
  - VirtualBox Interface 2:
    - IP Address: DHCP - Dynamic
    - Mode: NAT
  - Drive (BPH Tools):
    - H:\
- BLACKPHENIX:
  - BPH Controller IP: 192.168.56.90
  - BPH Controller Web Port: 8194
  - BPH Template Server Port: 8002
- **BPH Virtual Machine Manager (Host)**
  - Operating System:
    - Windows 7 x64
  - Software:
    - Virtual Box 6.0.8 r130520 (Qt5.6.2)
    - Python 3.7.3
  - Network Configuration:
    - VirtualBox Host-Only Ethernet Adapter:
      - IP address: 192.168.56.1/24 - Static
      - DHCP Server: Disabled
  - BLACKPHENIX:
    - BPH Virtual Machine Manager Port: 8002

## Installing & Configuring (Steps)

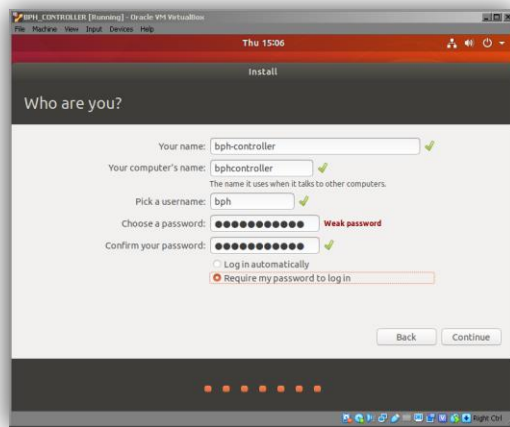
### BPH Controller – Ubuntu Guest VM

#### Software Requirements

- Python 3.6.8

#### OS Installation & User Creation

1. Create a new Virtual Machine (Ubuntu x64)
  - 15 GB HDD
  - 8GB RAM
2. Install Ubuntu (18.04.2) Guest Operating System
3. Create a system user named “**bph**”

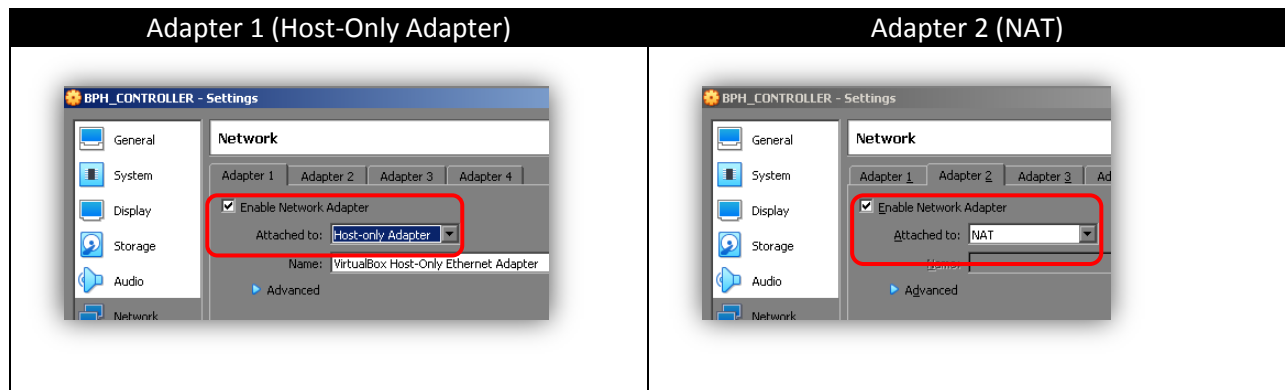


4. Conclude with the installation and turn off the machine

### VirtualBox Network Interface Configuration

BLACKPHENIX uses two network interfaces to allow guest VM to communicate to the “real” Internet (NAT) and “emulated” Internet (Host-Only). See “**Emulated Internet**” section for more information.

The following pictures show the adapter configuration for each network interface:



Once the Network adapters are properly configured as indicated, and then assigns a static IP address to the Host-only interface. For the test deployment scenario used throughout the document, the IP address **192.168.56.90** will be used.

The following picture shows how the two network interfaces (enp0s3, enp0s8) must be configured as well as the default gateway that was automatically configured by the VirtualBox DHCP server.

Interface enp0s3 (Host-Only / Static IP address)	Interface enp0s8 (NAT / Dynamic IP address)
<pre> enp0s3: flags=4163&lt;UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST&gt; mtu 1500     inet 192.168.56.90 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.56.255     inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe21:66cd prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20&lt;link&gt;     ether 08:00:27:21:66:cd txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)     RX packets 180 bytes 28138 (28.1 KB)     RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0     TX packets 464 bytes 65738 (65.7 KB)     TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0 </pre>	<pre> enp0s8: flags=4163&lt;UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST&gt; mtu 1500     inet 10.0.3.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.3.255     inet6 fe80::596:9665:afdd:334c prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20&lt;link&gt;     ether 08:00:27:b1:d1:3e txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)     RX packets 763 bytes 514322 (514.3 KB)     RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0     TX packets 641 bytes 126253 (126.2 KB)     TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0 </pre>
<pre> bph@bphcontroller:~\$ route -n Kernel IP routing table Destination Gateway Genmask Flags Metric Ref Use Iface 0.0.0.0 10.0.3.2 0.0.0.0 UG 101 0 0 enp0s8 10.0.3.0 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.0 U 101 0 0 enp0s8 169.254.0.0 0.0.0.0 255.255.0.0 U 1000 0 0 enp0s8 192.168.56.0 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.0 U 102 0 0 enp0s3 bph@bphcontroller:~\$ </pre>	

**NOTE:** After setting up network configuration, make sure BPH Controller machine is able to reach the Internet since will be required to download additional packages.

## Installation Steps

The following steps were tested assuming the configuration (recommended) used in the deployment scenario section. Choose the installation type of your election.

### Automatic Installation

```

$ cd ~ && git clone <bph_github_url> && cd ~/bph-framework/

# bph_user = bph (Current Linux user)
# bph_controller_ip = 192.168.56.90
# bph_controller_web_port = 8194
# bph_controller_web_folder = bph

$ sudo python3 ./bph_install.py bph 192.168.56.90 8194 bph

```

### Manual Installation

```

$ sudo apt-get install net-tools vim git python3 python3-pip default-jre -y
$ sudo systemctl disable systemd-resolved && sudo systemctl stop systemd-resolved
$ sudo rm -rf /etc/resolv.conf
$ sudo service network-manager restart
$ sudo sed -i -e 's/nameserver .*/nameserver 4.2.2.2/' /etc/resolv.conf
$ sudo sed -i "3i dns=none" /etc/NetworkManager/NetworkManager.conf
$ sudo service network-manager restart
$ sudo apt-get install dnsmasq apache2 libapache2-mod-php php-zip tor -y
$ sudo sed -i 's/APACHE_RUN_USER=www-data/APACHE_RUN_USER=bph/' /etc/apache2/envvars
$ sudo sed -i 's/APACHE_RUN_GROUP=www-data/APACHE_RUN_GROUP=bph/' /etc/apache2/envvars
$ sudo sed -i 's/Listen 80/Listen 8194/' /etc/apache2/ports.conf

$ cd /var/www/html && sudo mkdir bph && sudo chown -R bph:bph bph/ && cd bph && echo "<?php
phpinfo(); ?>" > test.php

$ cd ~ && git clone <bph_github_url> && cd ~/bph-framework/

```

```

bph@bphcontroller:~/bph-framework$ pwd
/home/bph/bph-framework
bph@bphcontroller:~/bph-framework$ ls
agent auxiliary bph conf LICENSE.txt misc plugins README.md requirements.txt scripts session
bph@bphcontroller:~/bph-framework$

```

```

$ cd /var/www/html/bph && ln -s ~/bph-framework/session/ session && ln -s ~/bph-
framework/plugins/ plugins && ln -s ~/bph-framework/agent/ agent

```

```
bph@bphcontroller:/var/www/html/bph$ ls -lskh
total 8.0K
 0 lrwxrwxrwx 1 bph bph 30 Sep 13 12:02 agent -> /home/bph/bph-framework/agent/
 0 lrwxrwxrwx 1 bph bph 32 Sep 13 11:56 plugins -> /home/bph/bph-framework/plugins/
4.0K -rwxr-xr-x 1 bph bph 3.2K Sep 13 11:59 report.php
 0 lrwxrwxrwx 1 bph bph 32 Sep 13 11:56 session -> /home/bph/bph-framework/session/
4.0K -rw-r--r-- 1 bph bph 20 Sep 12 18:26 test.php
bph@bphcontroller:/var/www/html/bph$
```

```
$ sed -i "4i export PYTHONPATH=\"/home/bph/bph-framework\"/" ~/.bashrc
$ cd ~/bph-framework/ && sudo pip3 install -r ~/bph-framework/requirements.txt
$ cp ~/bph-framework/auxiliary/web/report.php /var/www/html/bph/
$ sudo sed -i 's/#SOCKSPort 192.168.0.1:9100/SOCKSPort 192.168.56.90:9050/' /etc/tor/torrc
$ cd ~/bph-framework/auxiliary/proxy/burp && sh download_burp.sh
```

```
bph@bphcontroller:/bph-framework/auxiliary/proxy/burp$ chmod +x download_burp.sh
bph@bphcontroller:/bph-framework/auxiliary/proxy/burp$ ./download_burp.sh
2019-09-13 16:43:12 - https://portswigger.net/burp/releases/download/product-communityversion=1.7.36&type=jar
Resolving portswigger.net (portswigger.net)... 54.246.133.196
Connecting to portswigger.net (portswigger.net)[54.246.133.196]:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 26466374 (25M) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'burp.jar'

burp.jar 100%[=====] 25.24M 100KB/s in 28s

2019-09-13 16:43:21 (922 KB/s) - 'burp.jar' saved [26466374/26466374]
bph@bphcontroller:/bph-framework/auxiliary/proxy/burp$ ls -lskh
total 26M
26M -rwxr-xr-x 1 bph bph 26M Sep 13 16:43 burp.jar
4.0K -rwxr-xr-x 1 bph bph 13 Sep 13 16:38 download_burp.sh
bph@bphcontroller:/bph-framework/auxiliary/proxy/burp$ cd ..
```

## Traffic Redirection & Emulation Activation

```
$ cd ~/bph-framework/auxiliary/network && sh activate.sh enp0s8 enp0s3
```

```
bph@bph-VirtualBox:~/bph-framework/auxiliary/network$ cd ~/bph-framework/auxiliary/network && sh activate.sh enp0s8 enp0s3
NAT ONLY NIC: enp0s8
HOST-ONLY NIC: enp0s3
bph@bph-VirtualBox:~/bph-framework/auxiliary/network$
```

## HTTP(S) + TOR Proxy Service Execution

```
$ cd ~/bph-framework/auxiliary/proxy/ && sed -i 's/123.123.123.123/192.168.56.90/'
tor_template.json && mv tor_template.json tor.json
$ cd ~/bph-framework/auxiliary/proxy/ && sudo ./proxy.sh
```

NOTE: The first time that Burp is executed, will require the user to accept the license agreement. The second time won't be required.

```
Do you accept the license agreement? (y/n)
y
Suite: Using SOCKS proxy at 192.168.56.90:9050 for all outgoing requests
Proxy: Proxy service started on 192.168.56.90:8080
```

All connections received by the HTTP(S) proxy server, will be automatically redirected to the TOR service running on port 9050 (default TOR service port).

## Testing Network Services Operation

After installation, all network services must be operating without any issue. To test its correct operation, all the network services are restarted.

```
$ sudo service dnsmasq restart
$ sudo service tor restart
$ sudo service apache2 restart

$ sudo netstat -apnt | grep -E '(apache2|dnsmasq|tor|java)'
```

```
bph@bph-VirtualBox: ~/bph-framework/auxiliary/proxy
bph@bph-VirtualBox:~/bph-framework/auxiliary/network$ sudo netstat -apnt | grep -E '(apache2|dnsmasq|tor|java)'
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:53          0.0.0.0:*          LISTEN     17948/dnsmasq
tcp        0      0 192.168.56.90:9050 0.0.0.0:*          LISTEN     18396/tor
tcp6       0      0 :::8194            :::*               LISTEN     18020/apache2
tcp6       0      0 192.168.56.90:8080 :::*               LISTEN     18527/java
tcp6       0      0 :::53              :::*               LISTEN     17948/dnsmasq
bph@bph-VirtualBox:~/bph-framework/auxiliary/network$
```

Finally, a quick DNS test is executed to ensure correct resolving operation

```
$ dig +short google.com @192.168.56.90
```

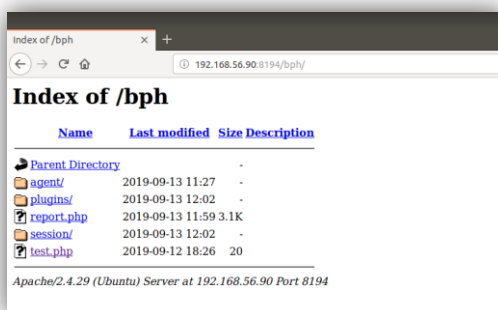
```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
bph@bphcontroller:~$ dig +short google.com @192.168.56.90
216.58.194.174
bph@bphcontroller:~$
```

## Testing BPH Web Access

<http://192.168.56.90:8194/bph/test.php>



<http://192.168.56.90:8194/bph/>



**NOTE:** The tests must be completed as shown above; otherwise the BPH Controller will present anomalous behavior or won't run at all

## Framework Configuration – Part 1

The first step before running a **BPH Script** is to configure the framework is renaming the configuration file located in the *conf* folder from "*blackphenix\_template.conf*" to "*blackphenix.conf*". The configuration used is based on the test deployment scenario.

### Web Controller Section

```
# BLACKPHENIX TEMPLATE CONFIGURATION FILE

[WEB_CONTROLLER]
#
# WebControllerIp = 192.168.80.2
# WebControllerPort = 8194
# WebControllerPath = bph
#
WebControllerIp = 192.168.56.90
WebControllerPort = 8194
WebControllerPath = bph
```

### Windows Agent Section

The "RemoteToolsDrive" value is the drive where all the Windows tools and scripts will be located in the BPH Analysis machine. See "BPH Analysis Tools Update" section for more information.

```
[WINDOWS_AGENT]
#
# RemoteToolsDrive = E:\
#
RemoteToolsDrive = H:\
```

### Template Server Section

Template server is the network component that allows interaction between the BPH Analysis guest network agent and the BPH controller. The test deployment scenario will run the Template Server on the same machine, then "TemplateServerIP" value will be set to the BPH Controller IP address. The "TemplateServerPort" value is set to 8002. It is up to the user to select any port. This port must match with the port when running the network agent (agent.py) on the BPH Analysis machine.

The "TemplateServerOutput" value is set to "False". When set to "True", the JSON execution data will be shown in the console when a BPH Script is executed. This option can be used mostly for troubleshooting purposes.

```
[TEMPLATE_SERVER]
#
# TemplateServerIp = 192.168.80.2
# TemplateServerPort = 8002
# TemplateServerBufferSize = 8192
# TemplateServerOutput = True
#
TemplateServerIp = 192.168.56.90
TemplateServerPort = 8002
TemplateServerBufferSize = 8192
TemplateServerOutput = False
```

### Virtual Manager Server Section

BLACKPHENIX can control the VirtualBox actions executed by the Host, such as starting and restoring virtual machines. This can be done by the Virtual Machine Manager server (vm\_manager.py) which will be running on the host machine. In this configuration section, the IP address of the host machine and the port is where the manager will be listening.

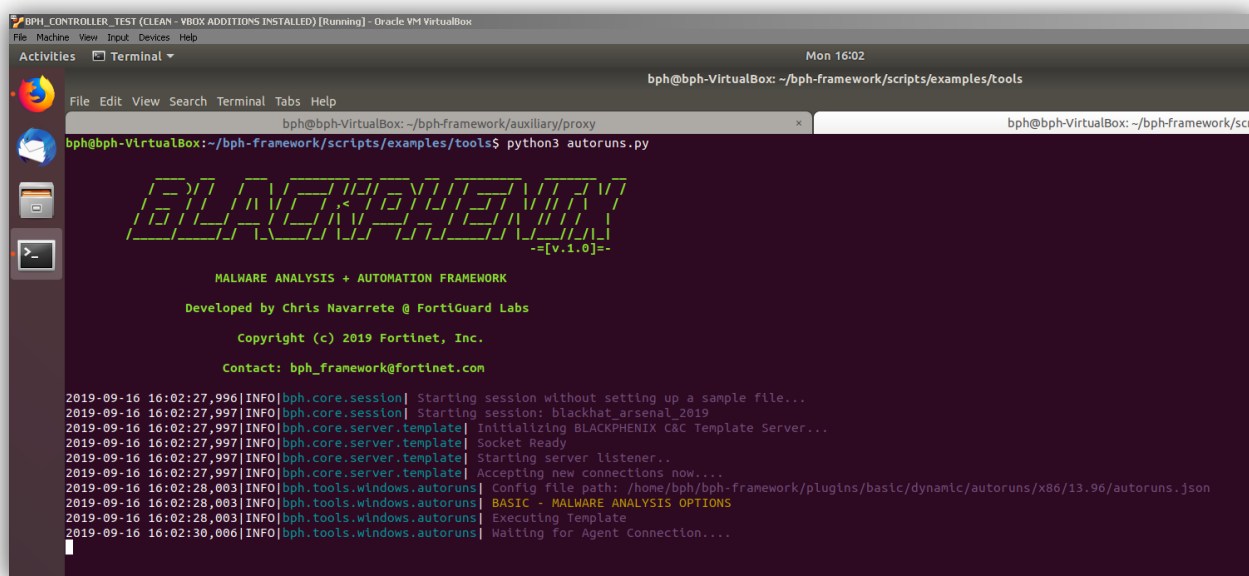
**Note:** The IP address should be the one used by the “Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network” adapter.

```
[VIRTUALBOX_SERVER]
#
# VirtualBoxServerIp = 192.168.80.1
# VirtualBoxServerPort = 8990
#
VirtualBoxServerIp = 192.168.56.1
VirtualBoxServerPort = 8003
```

In “Framework Configuration – Part 2” will configure the VM Snapshot that will be used for executing malware analysis.

### BPH Controller – Script Execution Test

```
$ cd ~/bph-framework/scripts/examples/tools/ && python3 autoruns.py
```



```
BPH_CONTROLLER_TEST (CLEAN - VBOX ADDITIONS INSTALLED) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
Activities Terminal
bph@bph-VirtualBox: ~/bph-framework/scripts/examples/tools
bph@bph-VirtualBox: ~/bph-framework/auxiliary/proxy
bph@bph-VirtualBox: ~/bph-framework/scripts/examples/tools$ python3 autoruns.py

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2019-09-16 16:02:27,996|INFO|bph.core.session| Starting session without setting up a sample file...
2019-09-16 16:02:27,997|INFO|bph.core.session| Starting session: blackhat_arsenal_2019
2019-09-16 16:02:27,997|INFO|bph.core.server.template| Initializing BLACKPHENIX C&C Template Server...
2019-09-16 16:02:27,997|INFO|bph.core.server.template| Socket Ready
2019-09-16 16:02:27,997|INFO|bph.core.server.template| Starting server listener..
2019-09-16 16:02:27,997|INFO|bph.core.server.template| Accepting new connections now....
2019-09-16 16:02:28,003|INFO|bph.tools.windows.autoruns| Config file path: /home/bph/bph-framework/plugins/basic/dynamic/autoruns/x86/13.96/autoruns.json
2019-09-16 16:02:28,003|INFO|bph.tools.windows.autoruns| BASIC - MALWARE ANALYSIS OPTIONS
2019-09-16 16:02:28,003|INFO|bph.tools.windows.autoruns| Executing Template
2019-09-16 16:02:30,006|INFO|bph.tools.windows.autoruns| Waiting for Agent Connection....
```

If “Waiting for Agent Connection” is displayed, that means that BPH Controller is waiting for a connection coming from BPH Analysis machine. The script can be safely interrupted.

### Windows Tool Repository

BLACKPHENIX has bundled the majority of the tools and the ones required by the analyst should be downloaded and copied into its BPH folder location for proper functioning.

Each tool has its own location. For instance, “PEiD v0.95” tool should be downloaded and moved to its corresponding folder, which in this case the location would be *“/home/<user>/bph-framework/tools/basic/static/peid/x86/0.95/”* respectively.

A BPH Analysis VM can use a script called “update.bat” to fetch tools from BPH Controller through the Web (Apache’s “bph” web folder) automatically.

## BPH Analysis – Guest VM

### Operating System Requirements

- UAC disabled
- VC redistributable .NET Framework

### Software Requirements

- Python 2.7.13

### VirtualBox Interface Configuration

BPH Analysis machine (Windows guest) requires two network interfaces to work. Adapter 1 (Host-Only) will act as a gateway between the BPH Analysis VM and an “emulated” internet, and Adapter 2 (NAT) in case any direct-Internet access is required by the user.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**Due to the nature of the risks involved while analyzing malware, an analyst must ensure that production machines are NOT located on the same network segment as the BPH Virtual Machine Manager.**

### Network Configuration

The network interfaces configuration should look as follows:

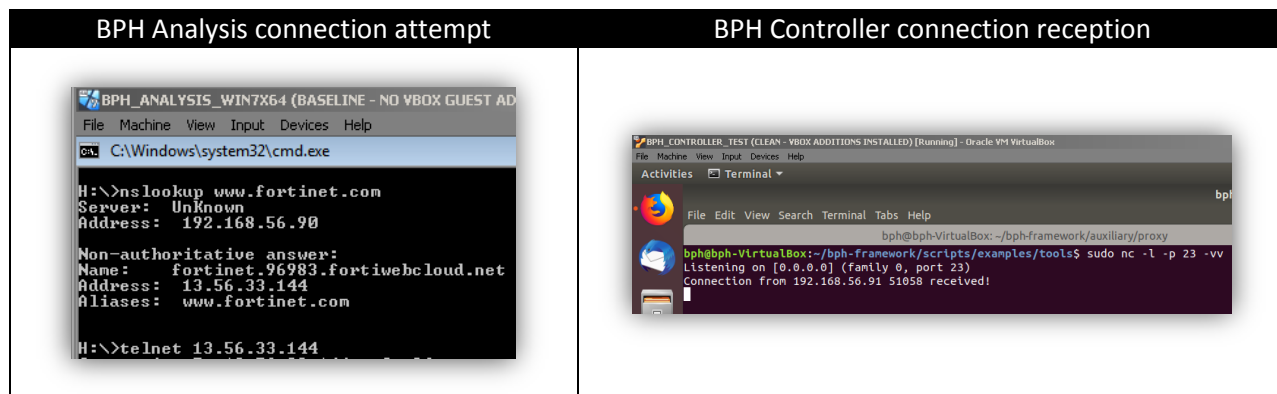
1. **Adapter 1 => Host-Only**
  - a. IP Address: 192.168.56.91 - Static
  - b. Netmask: 255.255.255.0
  - c. Gateway: 192.168.56.90
  - d. DNS: 192.168.56.90
2. **Adapter 2 => NAT**
  - a. DHCP Enabled

### Emulated Internet

Emulated internet means that the “Host-Only” special configuration, allows guest VM (BPH Analysis) resolve internet hosts (IP addresses and domain names) but direct connections to the host’s IP addresses will be redirected transparently to the BPH Controller machine.

The following screen shows how from BPH Analysis machine attempts a telnet connection to a public IP address, and BPH Controller (Fake Telnet server) receives such connection.





### HTTP(S)/TOR Traffic Redirection

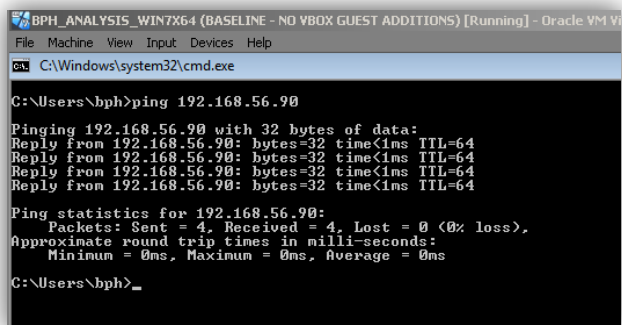
The current support for traffic redirection is for HTTP/HTTPS that redirects traffic through a TOR channel. This happens when a malware attempt to connect to an HTTP(S) server, the request is handled by the BPH Controller (iptables) and forwarded to a user's selected port (Burp Suite) server, which forward it to the TOR.

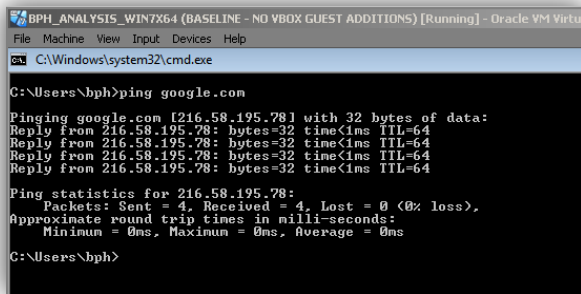
Any manual redirection should be modifying the "PORT REDIRECTION" section located on the "**~/bph-framework/auxiliary/network/activate.sh**" script in the BPH Controller VM.

### Testing Network Connectivity

Make sure the BPH Analysis machine can reach BPH Controller and emulated Internet by executing a "ping" to the controller's IP address and to a domain (google.com).

**NOTE:** The reply will be valid, but even that the domain resolves to its original IP address, all connection attempts will be automatically redirected to the BPH Controller machine.





```
C:\Users\bph>ping google.com

Pinging google.com [216.58.195.78] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 216.58.195.78: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 216.58.195.78: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 216.58.195.78: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 216.58.195.78: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64

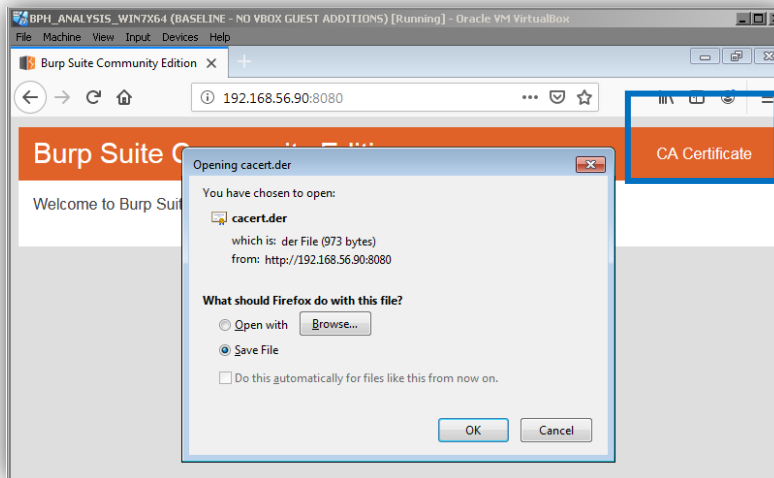
Ping statistics for 216.58.195.78:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

C:\Users\bph>
```

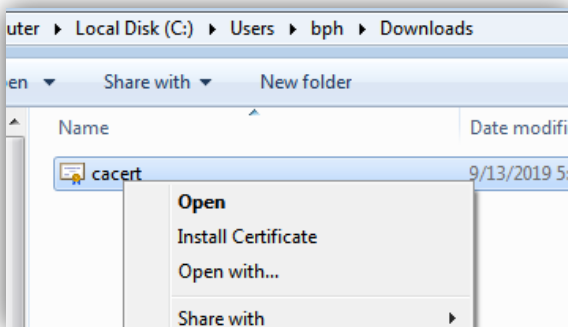
## Security Certificate Installation

BLACKPHENIX uses Burp Suite to establish HTTP(S) connections. In order to support transparent internet access to HTTP(S) servers, the BPH Analysis machine must install Burp's security certificate first. The installation steps are shown as follows:

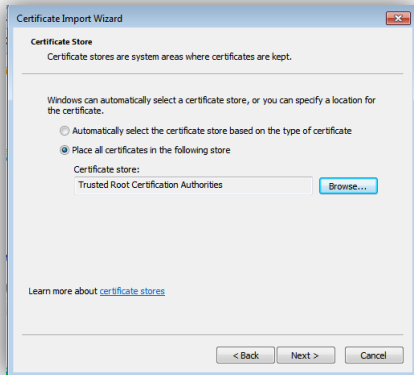
1. Open the URL: <http://192.168.56.90:8080>
2. Click on the "CA Certificate" orange link and save the "cacert.der" file



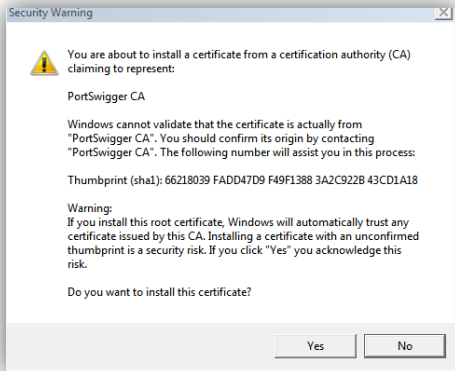
3. Right-click on the "cacert.der" file, and select "Install Certificate":



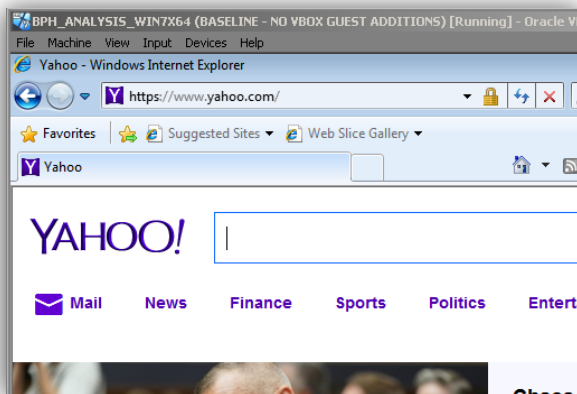
4. Select “Place all certificates in the following store” => “Trusted Root Certification Authorities”



5. Click on “Yes” in the Security Warning window



6. Restart the Virtual Machine
7. After reboot, browse any website with SSL enabled and a security certificate warning should not be displayed on the screen

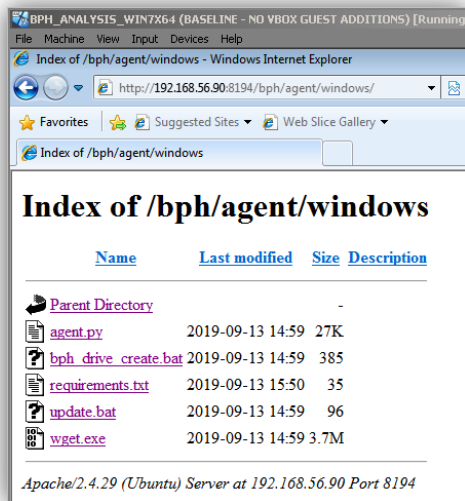


## BPH Agent Download

In order to receive commands and submit data from/to the BPH Controller, a network agent (agent.py) must be running on the BPH Analysis machine.

The download and execution instructions are as follows:

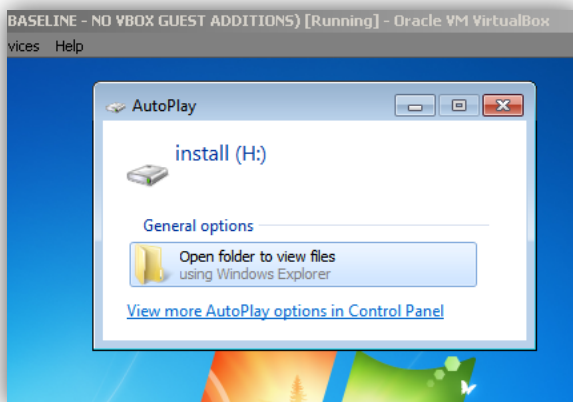
1. Open the following URL: <http://192.168.56.90:8194/bph/agent/windows/>



2. Download all files and put them in a temporary folder

## BPH Analysis Tools Drive Creation

3. Following the previous steps, double-click on "bph\_drive\_create.bat" and will create a new drive with the letter "H:\\" assigned to it



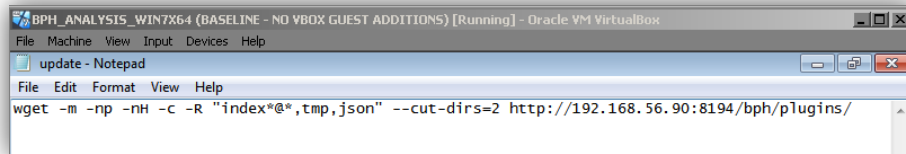
4. Move all the files saved to the temporary location to the new H:\ drive

### Python Module Requirement Installation

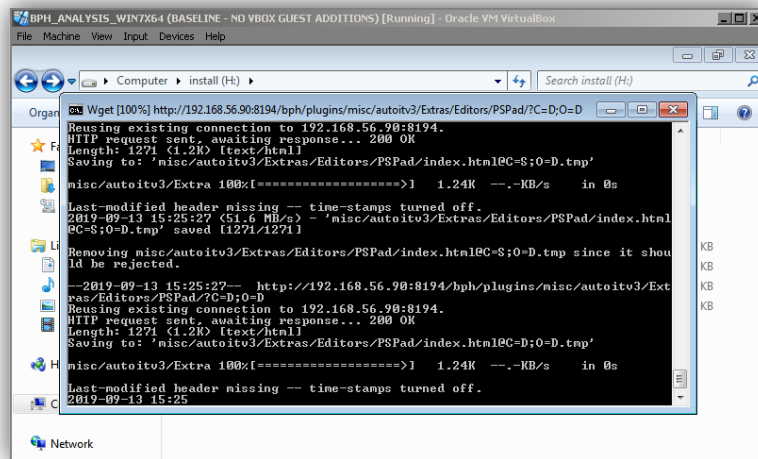
5. Install Python 2.7.13 and install the script dependencies by running pip (pip install -r H:\requirements.txt)

### BPH Analysis Tools Update

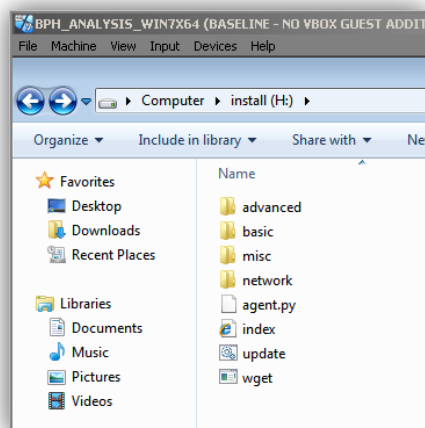
6. Edit “update.bat” URL to point to the IP address (192.168.56.90), Web Port (8194) and Web path (bph) of BPH Controller.



7. Execute “update.bat” batch script to download all the tools from the BPH Controller machine



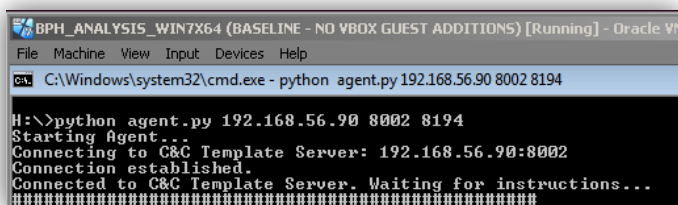
8. Finally, all the tools will be downloaded on H:\



## BPH Agent – Agent Execution Test

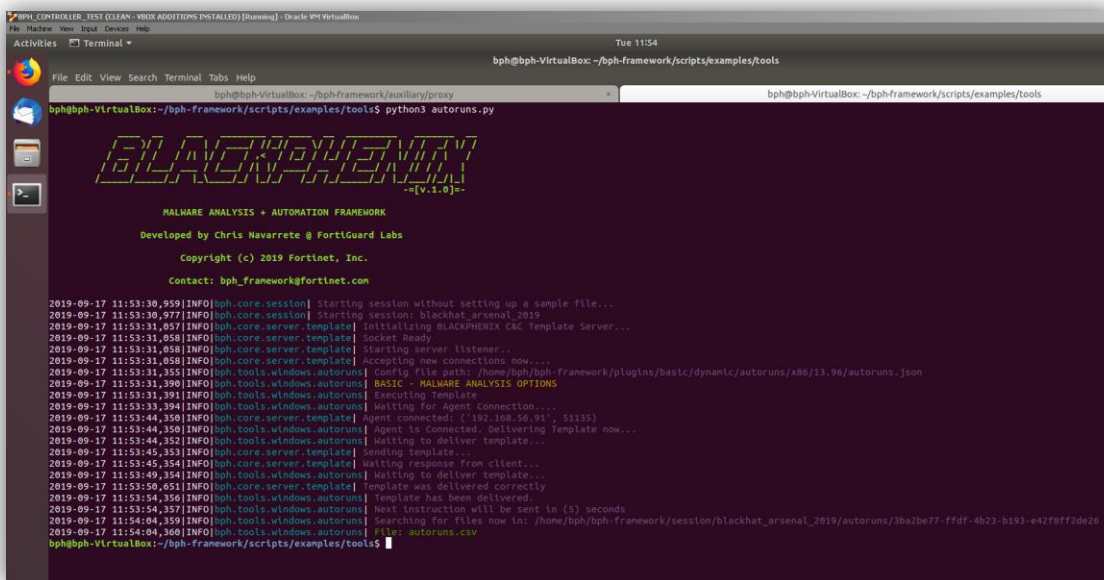
Before starting the network agent, make sure the “autoruns” BPH Script (/home/bph/bph-framework/scripts/examples/tools/autoruns.py) is executed and is waiting for agent connection.

Now, run the network agent script as follows: **python agent.py 192.168.56.90 8002 8194**



After execution, in BPH Controller will show the interaction between the BPH Analysis machine and the controller and as result of the execution, the file “autoruns.csv” was received successfully.

**NOTE:** The first time autoruns tool executes, an accept warning will be displayed.



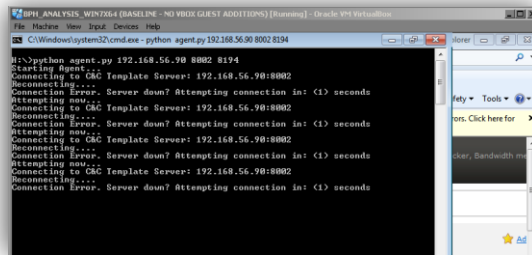
At this point in time, communication between BPH Analysis and BPH Controller machines is working as expected. Now, the next step is to generate a virtual machine snapshot of the BPH Analysis machine that will be used for automated malware analysis.

## BPH Analysis VM - Snapshot

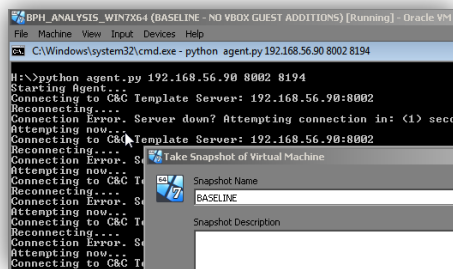
If the “BPH Agent – Agent Execution Test” passed successfully, then a snapshot must be taken. This snapshot will be restored every time a new malware sample will be analyzed.

The steps to take the snapshot are described as follows:

1. Execute the agent.py script along with its required arguments (BPH Controller IP address, Template Server port, BPH Web port) once again. The agent will attempt to connect back to the BPH Controller (port 8002) several times until a BPH Script gets executed on the controller side.



2. While the agent is running, in VirtualBox, go to “Machine”=>”Take Snapshot”, and provide a name for it. In this case, the name was “BASELINE”.



3. In Windows console, type: “**cd C:\Program Files\Oracle\VirtualBox && VBoxManage.exe showvminfo BPH\_ANALYSIS\_WIN7X64 | findstr "BASELINE"**”. The line ending in “\*” is the latest snapshot taken.

```
C:\Program Files\Oracle\VirtualBox>cd C:\Program Files\Oracle\VirtualBox && VBoxManage.exe showvminfo BPH_ANALYSIS_WIN7X64 | findstr "BASELINE"
Name: BASELINE (UUID: 543adf49-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c) *
C:\Program Files\Oracle\VirtualBox>
```

4. Take note of the Snapshot’s UUID that will be used in the second part of the Framework’s configuration shortly.

## Framework Configuration – Part 2

The last step for BPH configuration is to set the snapshot(s) that will be used to execute malware samples on it.

### Virtual Machines Section

In “VIRTUALMACHINES” section four virtual machines can be configured and used. Each virtual machine profile is supposed to be used for the specific analysis profile, which can be used for Basic Static, Basic Dynamic, Advanced Dynamic or Advanced Static malware analysis and each virtual machine configuration has three values to be updated.

The “alias”, which is how BLACKPHENIX will identify a virtual machine, the “MachineId” which is the name assigned to the virtual machine in VirtualBox, “SnapshotId” which is the UUID captured in the previous step, and finally “NetworkConnection”, which is the network interface that will be used by the virtual machine for outgoing connections. For this particular case, the “Basic Static Analysis” profile was selected with interface number one (1), which is the “TOR network”. If the value is set to two (2), then the outgoing connections will go through the NAT interface (open Internet access).

```
[VIRTUALMACHINES]
#
# BasicStaticAnalysisBphVmAlias = basic_static
# BasicStaticAnalysisMachineId = BPH_ANALYSIS_WINXPSP3
# BasicStaticAnalysisSnapshotId = c8d81fc1-9866-41eb-8f0d-14c8b3516ffd
# BasicStaticAnalysisNetworkConnection = 1
#
BasicStaticAnalysisBphVmAlias = basic_static
BasicStaticAnalysisMachineId = BPH_ANALYSIS_WIN7X64
BasicStaticAnalysisSnapshotId = 543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c
BasicStaticAnalysisNetworkConnection = 1
```

This snapshot will be restored by the VM Manager per user (BPH Script instruction) request.

## BPH VM Manager – Host

### Software Requirements

- Python 3.7.3
1. Copy the VM manager script (`/home/bph/bph-framework/auxiliary/server/vm_manager.py`) to the BPH VM Manager host, open a command-line window and run the script:  

```
C:\bph>python vm_manager.py 192.168.56.1 8003
```
  2. As a result, the script will indicate that the server has started and is awaiting connections.

```
C:\bph>python vm_manager.py 192.168.56.1 8003
--[B L A C K P H E N I X]--
by Chris Navarrete @ FortiGuard Labs

[VirtualMachine Server Manager]

[BLACKPHENIX] : Starting VM Control server...
[BLACKPHENIX] : Accepting connections
```

## BLACKPHENIX BPH VM CONTROL TEST

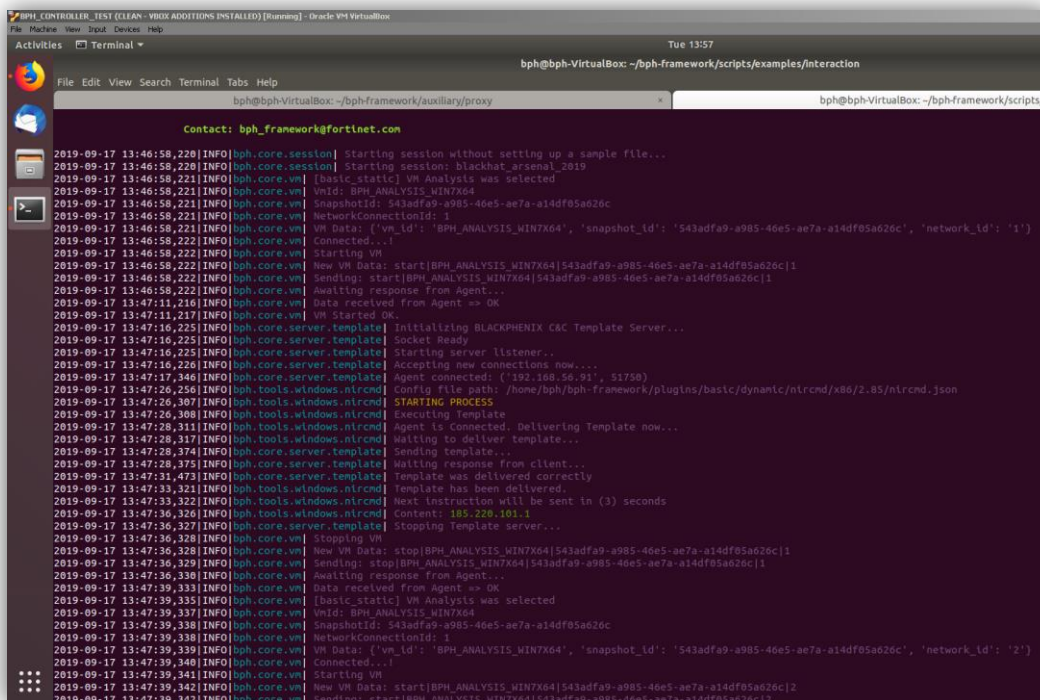
### BPH Script – Python + TOR Execution Testing

To make sure that virtual machine management and networking is operating as expected, and then the Python/TOR BPH Script can help with that. The script is located on “`~/bph-framework/scripts/examples/interaction/python_and_tor.py`” and the purpose of it is to test how Python can be executed inside the virtual machine and also how within the same script, the virtual machine network configuration can be modified to provide different network access, through TOR network (Host-Only) and open-access Internet (NAT).



The script instructions indicate BPH Analysis machine to execute a Python on-liner to fetch an Internet resource that gets back a public IP address going through the network interface 1 (Host-Only/TOR), showing as result “185.220.101.1” which is a TOR IP address.

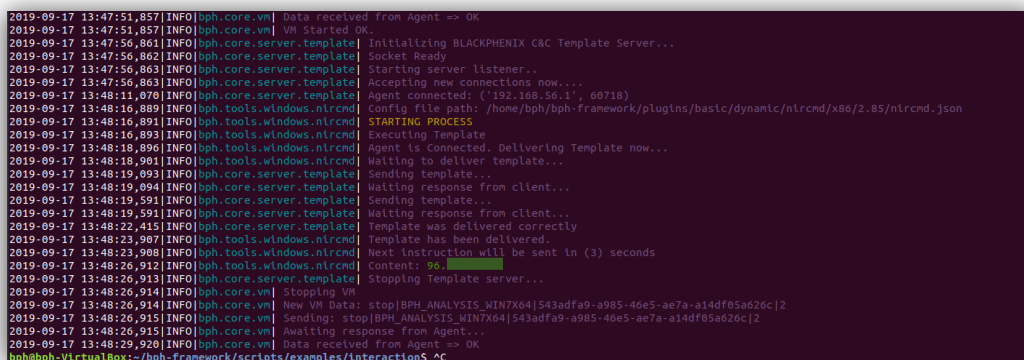
**NOTE:** If the TOR IP is not shown, increase the time delay (nircmd.execute(delay=3)) from 3 to 5 or a higher number. A delay set to 3 works in most cases.



```
bph@bph-VirtualBox: ~/bph-framework/scripts/examples/Interaction
Contact: bph_framework@fortnet.com

2019-09-17 13:46:58,220 [INFO] bph.core.session Starting session without setting up a sample file...
2019-09-17 13:46:58,220 [INFO] bph.core.session Starting session: blackhat arsenal 2019
2019-09-17 13:46:58,221 [INFO] bph.core.vml [basic_static] VM Analysis was selected
2019-09-17 13:46:58,221 [INFO] bph.core.vml VmId: BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64
2019-09-17 13:46:58,221 [INFO] bph.core.vml SnapshotId: 543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c
2019-09-17 13:46:58,221 [INFO] bph.core.vml NetworkConnectionId: 1
2019-09-17 13:46:58,221 [INFO] bph.core.vml VM Data: ('vm_id': 'BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64', 'snapshot_id': '543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c', 'network_id': '1')
2019-09-17 13:46:58,222 [INFO] bph.core.vml Connected...
2019-09-17 13:46:58,222 [INFO] bph.core.vml Starting VM
2019-09-17 13:46:58,222 [INFO] bph.core.vml New VM Data: start[BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64]543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c[1]
2019-09-17 13:46:58,222 [INFO] bph.core.vml Sending: start[BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64]543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c[1]
2019-09-17 13:47:11,210 [INFO] bph.core.vml Awaiting response from Agent...
2019-09-17 13:47:11,217 [INFO] bph.core.vml Data received from Agent => OK
2019-09-17 13:47:16,225 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Initializing BLACKPHENIX CBC Template Server...
2019-09-17 13:47:16,225 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Socket Ready
2019-09-17 13:47:16,225 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Starting server listener...
2019-09-17 13:47:16,225 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Accepting new connections now...
2019-09-17 13:47:17,346 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Agent connected: ('192.168.56.91', 51750)
2019-09-17 13:47:17,346 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Config file path: /home/bph/bph-framework/plugins/basic/dynamic/nircmd/x86/2.85/nircmd.json
2019-09-17 13:47:26,307 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd STARTING PROCESS
2019-09-17 13:47:26,308 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Executing Template
2019-09-17 13:47:29,311 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Agent is Connected. Delivering Template now...
2019-09-17 13:47:28,317 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Waiting to deliver template...
2019-09-17 13:47:28,374 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Sending template...
2019-09-17 13:47:28,375 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Waiting response from client...
2019-09-17 13:47:26,308 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Awaiting response from Agent...
2019-09-17 13:47:33,321 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Template has been delivered.
2019-09-17 13:47:33,322 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Next instruction will be sent in (3) seconds
2019-09-17 13:47:36,326 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Content: 185.220.101.1
2019-09-17 13:47:36,327 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Stopping Template server...
2019-09-17 13:47:36,328 [INFO] bph.core.vml Stopping VM
2019-09-17 13:47:36,329 [INFO] bph.core.vml New VM Data: stop[BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64]543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c[1]
2019-09-17 13:47:36,329 [INFO] bph.core.vml Sending: stop[BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64]543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c[1]
2019-09-17 13:47:36,330 [INFO] bph.core.vml Awaiting response from Agent...
2019-09-17 13:47:39,333 [INFO] bph.core.vml Data received from Agent => OK
2019-09-17 13:47:39,335 [INFO] bph.core.vml [basic_static] VM Analysis was selected
2019-09-17 13:47:39,337 [INFO] bph.core.vml VmId: BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64
2019-09-17 13:47:39,337 [INFO] bph.core.vml SnapshotId: 543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c
2019-09-17 13:47:39,339 [INFO] bph.core.vml NetworkConnectionId: 2
2019-09-17 13:47:39,340 [INFO] bph.core.vml VM Data: ('vm_id': 'BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64', 'snapshot_id': '543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c', 'network_id': '2')
2019-09-17 13:47:39,340 [INFO] bph.core.vml Connected...
2019-09-17 13:47:39,341 [INFO] bph.core.vml Starting VM
2019-09-17 13:47:39,342 [INFO] bph.core.vml New VM Data: start[BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64]543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c[2]
2019-09-17 13:47:39,342 [INFO] bph.core.vml Sending: start[BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64]543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c[2]
```

The script also instructs BPH Analysis machine to repeat the same process but switching the network interface to 2 (NAT network), showing as result the router’s public IP address.



```
2019-09-17 13:47:51,857 [INFO] bph.core.vml Data received from Agent => OK
2019-09-17 13:47:51,857 [INFO] bph.core.vml VM Started OK.
2019-09-17 13:47:56,861 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Initializing BLACKPHENIX CBC Template Server...
2019-09-17 13:47:56,862 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Socket Ready
2019-09-17 13:47:56,863 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Starting server listener...
2019-09-17 13:47:56,863 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Accepting new connections now...
2019-09-17 13:48:11,678 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Agent connected: ('192.168.56.1', 60718)
2019-09-17 13:48:16,889 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Config file path: /home/bph/bph-framework/plugins/basic/dynamic/nircmd/x86/2.85/nircmd.json
2019-09-17 13:48:16,891 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd STARTING PROCESS
2019-09-17 13:48:16,893 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Executing Template
2019-09-17 13:48:18,896 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Agent is Connected. Delivering Template now...
2019-09-17 13:48:19,893 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Waiting to deliver template...
2019-09-17 13:48:19,893 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Sending template...
2019-09-17 13:48:19,894 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Waiting response from client...
2019-09-17 13:48:19,891 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Sending template...
2019-09-17 13:48:19,891 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Waiting response from client...
2019-09-17 13:48:22,415 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Template was delivered correctly
2019-09-17 13:48:23,907 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Template has been delivered.
2019-09-17 13:48:23,908 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Next instruction will be sent in (3) seconds
2019-09-17 13:48:26,912 [INFO] bph.tools.windows.nircmd Content: 96.100.100.100
2019-09-17 13:48:26,913 [INFO] bph.core.server.template Stopping Template server...
2019-09-17 13:48:26,914 [INFO] bph.core.vml Stopping VM
2019-09-17 13:48:26,914 [INFO] bph.core.vml New VM Data: stop[BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64]543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c[2]
2019-09-17 13:48:26,915 [INFO] bph.core.vml Sending: stop[BPH_ANALYSIS_WINTX64]543adfa9-a985-46e5-ae7a-a14df05a626c[2]
2019-09-17 13:48:26,915 [INFO] bph.core.vml Awaiting response from Agent...
2019-09-17 13:48:29,920 [INFO] bph.core.vml Data received from Agent => OK
bph@bph-VirtualBox:~/bph-framework/scripts/examples/Interaction$ ^C
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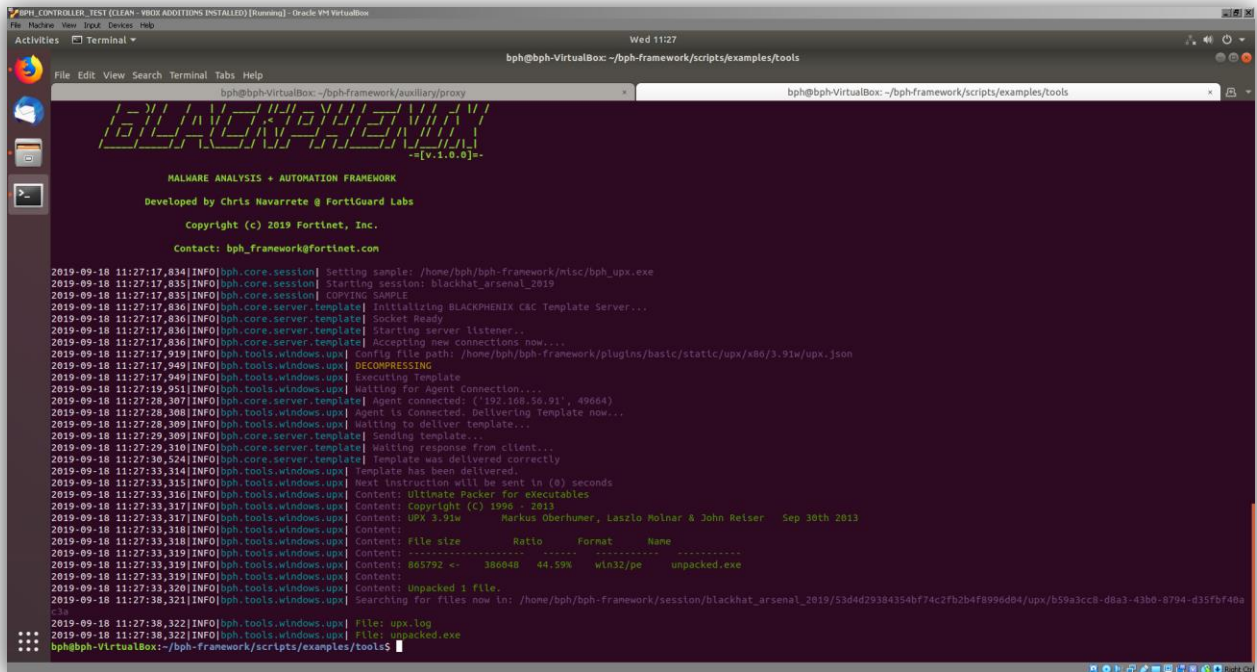
## BPH Script – UPX Sample Execution Test

The following test consists in executing the **UPX BPH Script** that:

1. Sets a UPX'd target sample (/home/bph/bph-framework/misc/bph\_upx.exe)
2. Submits the sample to the BPH Analysis virtual machine:

```
$ cd ~/bph-framework/scripts/examples/tools/ && python3 upx.py ~/bph-framework/misc/bph_upx.exe
```

### 3. Receive the tool's (output) log file as well as its unpacked executable file



```
2019-09-18 11:27:17,034[INFO][bph.core.session] Setting sample: /home/bph/bph-framework/misc/bph_upx.exe
2019-09-18 11:27:17,035[INFO][bph.core.session] Starting session: blackhat_arsenal_2019
2019-09-18 11:27:17,035[INFO][bph.core.session] Copying sample
2019-09-18 11:27:17,036[INFO][bph.core.server.template] Initializing BLACKPHENIX C&C Template Server...
2019-09-18 11:27:17,036[INFO][bph.core.server.template] Socket Ready
2019-09-18 11:27:17,036[INFO][bph.core.server.template] Starting server listener...
2019-09-18 11:27:17,036[INFO][bph.core.server.template] Accepting new connections now....
2019-09-18 11:27:17,949[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Config file path: /home/bph/bph-framework/plugins/basic/static/upx/x86/3.91u/upx.json
2019-09-18 11:27:17,949[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] DECOMPRESSING
2019-09-18 11:27:17,949[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Extracting template
2019-09-18 11:27:19,951[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Waiting for Agent Connection...
2019-09-18 11:27:20,307[INFO][bph.core.server.template] Agent connected: ("192.168.56.91", 49664)
2019-09-18 11:27:20,308[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Agent is connected. Delivering Template now...
2019-09-18 11:27:20,309[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Waiting to deliver template...
2019-09-18 11:27:20,309[INFO][bph.core.server.template] Sending template...
2019-09-18 11:27:29,310[INFO][bph.core.server.template] Waiting response from client...
2019-09-18 11:27:30,524[INFO][bph.core.server.template] Template was delivered correctly
2019-09-18 11:27:30,524[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Template has been delivered.
2019-09-18 11:27:33,315[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Next instruction will be sent in (0) seconds
2019-09-18 11:27:33,316[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Content: Ultimate Packer for executables
2019-09-18 11:27:33,317[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Content: Copyright (C) 1996 - 2013
2019-09-18 11:27:33,317[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Content: UPX 3.91u Markus Oberhumer, Laszlo Molnar & John Reiser Sep 30th 2013
2019-09-18 11:27:33,318[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Content:
2019-09-18 11:27:33,318[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Content: File size      Ratio      Format      Name
2019-09-18 11:27:33,319[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Content: -----
2019-09-18 11:27:33,319[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Content: 865792 <- 386048 44.59% win32/pe unpacked.exe
2019-09-18 11:27:33,319[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Content:
2019-09-18 11:27:33,320[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Content: Unpacked 1 file.
2019-09-18 11:27:33,321[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] Searching for files now in: /home/bph/bph-framework/session/blackhat_arsenal_2019/53d4d293b4354bf74c2fb2b4f8b96d04/upx/b59a3cc8-d8a3-43b0-8794-d35fbf40a
2019-09-18 11:27:38,322[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] File: upx.log
2019-09-18 11:27:38,322[INFO][bph.tools.windows.upx] File: unpacked.exe
bph@bph-VirtualBox: ~/bph-framework/scripts/examples/tools$
```

The successful execution of the previous final tests fulfills the requirements to fully operate and is ready to go.

Enjoy!!

## Running Example BPH Scripts

BPH Framework includes several working examples that show how each supported tool works. These samples are the ones showcased at BlackHat Arsenal 2019 as part of the tool's release.

All files can be found under “~/bph-framework/scripts/examples/” folder.

## BPH Script Development & Tool Customization

Please, refer to the PDF files located in the “docs” folder.

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