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Objective

This report aims to portray the technical digital forensics analysis of a raw memory image, highlighting any hidden artifacts found and the tools used. In addition to, it reports the whole analysis, summarizes the investigator's analysis flow, and identifies the hidden data: password and the secret text.

Deliverables

As mentioned previously, this report aims to perform a deep analysis of the given memory image. Therefore, the deliverables of this part (milestone 4) consist of a technical report and two python scripts for specific cryptography usages mentioned thoroughly in the report.

Abstract

This project is a technical based project, where a memory image is taken from a user. The image goes under a strict digital forensics analysis to investigate the hidden data and behavior done on the user's pc. After investigating, a technical, detailed, documentation highlighting cryptographical and stenographical procedures is provided along with the tools, flow, evidence, and methodology used.

Introduction

As studied, digital forensics is the process of digitally investigating a specific case to reach an outcome: either for incident response processes or court processes (Badman & Forrest, 2025). Therefore, any suspicious activity leads to a case; where the investigator follows some standard procedures to transform found artifacts into well trusted evidence. Consequently, this project previously tackled the process of a suspicious case, highlighted through the user's suspicious behavior on the pc. In this section, a new forensics aspect is used which is memory analysis. A raw memory image is taken from a user who is assumed to be using cryptography and

steganography procedures to hide or make data unreadable. By following the digital forensics procedures, python scripts and the help of forensics tools: volatility and steghide, this report investigates the memory image thoroughly, analyzing multiple areas such as operating system, architecture, processes, network and finally files and decoding.

Part 1: Memory Analysis Tasks and Required Data

- [Hash Verification](#)

In this section, the first step taken was to download the memory image folder and verify it. The verification process was done to ensure that no errors or tampering occurred to the image during the downloading process. The MD5 Hash verification process was implemented through power shell using the Get-FileHash command and the algorithm given. The output of the given hash and the PowerShell generated hash was the same, ensuring accuracy; therefore, after verification, the image got extracted highlighting that the given memory image is called MemoryDump with a raw extension and size of 1,023,936KB.

Hash: D2D6369341982E59B2BF0C77E4A0D820

```
PS C:\Users\HALA AHMED> Get-FileHash "C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\MemoryDump.7z" -Algorithm MD5
Algorithm      Hash                               Path
----          ----
MD5           D2D6369341982E59B2BF0C77E4A0D820   C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads...
PS C:\Users\HALA AHMED> |
```

Illustration 1: showcases the matched, verified hashes

- [Operating System and Architecture](#)

In this section, volatility was used. Volatility is a memory analysis forensics tool used through the cmd. The volatility folder was downloaded and extracted. The memory image was also downloaded and extracted. The memory dump file was then copied to the volatility folder to ensure a smooth-running process between the memory image and the tool. To know the operating system and architecture, the image info command inside volatility was used. The command extracted the

operating system, which is windows 7, the architecture, which is x86, the number of processors which is one and finally the image data and time.

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.img imageinfo
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
ERROR : volatility.debug : The requested file doesn't exist

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw imageinfo
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
INFO : volatility.debug : Determining profile based on KDBG search...
      Suggested Profile(s) : Win7SP1x86_23418, Win7SP0x86, Win7SP1x86
          AS Layer1 : IA32PagedMemoryPae (Kernel AS)
          AS Layer2 : FileAddressSpace (C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\MemoryDump.raw)
              PAE type : PAE
                  DTB : 0x185000L
                  KDBG : 0x82742c68L
      Number of Processors : 1
      Image Type (Service Pack) : 1
          KPCR for CPU 0 : 0x82743d00L
          KUSER_SHARED_DATA : 0xfffff0000L
      Image date and time : 2018-09-30 09:47:54 UTC+0000
      Image local date and time : 2018-09-30 15:17:54 +0530
```

Illustration 2: showcases the imageinfo command output: system information

- [Memory Time and User logon info](#)

As mentioned earlier the memory time was already done through the imageinfo. The image date and time was 2018-09-30 09:47:54 and locally 2018-09-30 15:17:54.

- Running Processes

The Running Processes were done through the pslist command also through volatility. This command lists all the running processes on the memory image. The output contains two main elements which are the PID and PPID which stands for process ID and Parent process ID.

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe --profile=Win7SP1x86 -f MemoryDump.raw pslist Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6								
Offset(V)	Name	PID	PPID	Thds	Hnds	Sess	Start	Exit
0x83d09c60	System	4	0	88	541	-----	0 2018-09-30 08:09:59 UTC+0000	
0x84551b98	smss.exe	260	4	2	29	-----	0 2018-09-30 08:09:59 UTC+0000	
0x84d58030	csrss.exe	340	332	9	352	0	0 2018-09-30 08:10:04 UTC+0000	
0x84d76030	cssrs.exe	380	372	10	189	1	0 2018-09-30 08:10:05 UTC+0000	
0x84d77d28	wininit.exe	388	332	3	83	0	0 2018-09-30 08:10:05 UTC+0000	
0x84da6d28	winlogon.exe	424	372	3	115	1	0 2018-09-30 08:10:05 UTC+0000	
0x84dcdbd0	services.exe	484	388	6	195	0	0 2018-09-30 08:10:07 UTC+0000	
0x84dd0658	lsass.exe	492	388	6	561	0	0 2018-09-30 08:10:08 UTC+0000	
0x84dd4b28	lsm.exe	500	388	10	151	0	0 2018-09-30 08:10:08 UTC+0000	
0x8454e348	svchost.exe	588	484	10	351	0	0 2018-09-30 08:10:12 UTC+0000	
0x84e15d28	VBoxService.ex	648	484	12	115	0	0 2018-09-30 08:10:13 UTC+0000	
0x84e1d030	svchost.exe	712	484	8	268	0	0 2018-09-30 08:10:14 UTC+0000	
0x84e5ad28	svchost.exe	800	484	18	438	0	0 2018-09-30 08:10:14 UTC+0000	

 text	12/14/2025 7:48 PM	Text Document	140 KB
 running_processes	12/14/2025 7:06 PM	Text Document	6 KB

extracted_files								12/14/2025 7:40 PM	File folder
0x8315cae0	sppsvc.exe	292	484	6	153	0	0	2018-09-30 08:12:31 UTC+0000	
0x8514bbf0	svchost.exe	440	484	13	342	0	0	2018-09-30 08:12:32 UTC+0000	
0x84d69d00	SearchIndexer.	1184	484	15	724	0	0	2018-09-30 08:12:33 UTC+0000	
0x8441d7e0	taskhost.exe	4816	484	8	196	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:32 UTC+0000	
0xa0b21170	dwm.exe	3028	852	3	186	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:36 UTC+0000	
0x8449d890	explorer.exe	5300	5128	30	871	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:36 UTC+0000	
0x851cdd28	VBoxTray.exe	3064	5300	14	154	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:44 UTC+0000	
0x84d77868	wuauctl.exe	5644	904	3	86	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:49 UTC+0000	
0x9c627d28	msiexec.exe	1016	484	7	345	0	0	2018-09-30 09:39:03 UTC+0000	
0xbc2d08a8	msiexec.exe	5652	1016	0	-----	1	0	2018-09-30 09:39:13 UTC+0000	2018-09-30 09:41:17 UTC+0000
0xbc21b9f0	TrustedInstall	4724	484	4	139	0	0	2018-09-30 09:40:24 UTC+0000	
0x84489800	audiogd.exe	5996	800	4	120	0	0	2018-09-30 09:45:22 UTC+0000	
0x83fbba00	SearchProtocol	5748	1184	7	281	0	0	2018-09-30 09:45:32 UTC+0000	
0x84ead628	DumpIt.exe	4116	5300	2	37	1	0	2018-09-30 09:45:43 UTC+0000	
0x84e37498	conhost.exe	3176	380	2	51	1	0	2018-09-30 09:45:43 UTC+0000	
0x84700ab8	dllhost.exe	1008	588	8	225	1	0	2018-09-30 09:45:48 UTC+0000	
0x84ef6768	SearchFilterHo	4036	1184	5	97	0	0	2018-09-30 09:47:36 UTC+0000	
0x9c6b0970	notepad.exe	3736	5300	1	60	1	0	2018-09-30 09:47:49 UTC+0000	
0x8443d3c0	notepad.exe	3432	5300	1	60	1	0	2018-09-30 09:47:50 UTC+0000	

Illustration 4: showcases the running processes on the image

- Running Processes File Extraction

As the running processes are a main component of memory analysis, the running processes were extracted on the investigator's disk for future analysis or usages. This was done through the same volatility pslist command however a file with a .txt extension was added to serve as the storage of the processes.

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 pslist > running_processes.txt
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
```

Offset(v)	Name	PID	PPID	Thds	Hnds	Sess	Wow64	Start	Exit
0x83d09c60	System	4	0	88	541	-----	0	2018-09-30 08:09:59 UTC+0000	
0x84551b98	smss.exe	260	4	2	29	-----	0	2018-09-30 08:09:59 UTC+0000	
0x84d58030	csrss.exe	340	332	9	352	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:04 UTC+0000	
0x84d76030	cssrss.exe	380	372	10	189	1	0	2018-09-30 08:10:05 UTC+0000	
0x84d77d28	wininit.exe	388	332	3	83	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:05 UTC+0000	
0x84daed28	winlogon.exe	424	372	3	115	1	0	2018-09-30 08:10:05 UTC+0000	
0x84dcdbd0	services.exe	484	388	6	195	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:07 UTC+0000	
0x84dd0658	lsass.exe	492	388	6	561	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:08 UTC+0000	
0x84dd4b28	lsm.exe	500	388	10	151	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:08 UTC+0000	
0x8454e348	svchost.exe	588	484	10	351	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:12 UTC+0000	
0x84e15d28	<u>VBoxService.exe</u>	648	484	12	115	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:13 UTC+0000	
0x84e1d030	svchost.exe	712	484	8	268	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:14 UTC+0000	
0x84e5ad28	svchost.exe	800	484	18	438	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:14 UTC+0000	
0x84e67d28	svchost.exe	852	484	16	371	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:15 UTC+0000	
0x84e6b030	svchost.exe	880	484	18	452	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:15 UTC+0000	
0x84e6fa18	svchost.exe	904	484	31	1116	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:15 UTC+0000	
0x8481bcb0	svchost.exe	1236	484	15	478	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:22 UTC+0000	
0x8484a800	spoolsv.exe	1340	484	12	285	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:24 UTC+0000	
0x8485b030	svchost.exe	1368	484	18	302	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:24 UTC+0000	
0x8488e860	svchost.exe	1488	484	11	267	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:26 UTC+0000	
0x84893030	svchost.exe	1516	484	12	215	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:26 UTC+0000	
0x85192030	LogonUI.exe	876	388	5	152	0	0	2018-09-30 08:10:40 UTC+0000	
0x8515cae0	sppsvc.exe	292	484	6	153	0	0	2018-09-30 08:12:31 UTC+0000	
0x8514bbf0	svchost.exe	440	484	13	342	0	0	2018-09-30 08:12:32 UTC+0000	
0x84d69d00	<u>SearchIndexer.</u>	1184	484	15	724	0	0	2018-09-30 08:12:33 UTC+0000	
0x8441d7e0	taskhost.exe	4816	484	8	196	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:32 UTC+0000	
0xa0b21170	dwm.exe	3028	852	3	186	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:36 UTC+0000	
0x8449d890	explorer.exe	5300	5128	30	871	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:36 UTC+0000	
0x851cd28	VBoxTray.exe	3064	5300	14	154	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:44 UTC+0000	
0x84d77868	wuauctl.exe	5644	904	3	86	1	0	2018-09-30 09:28:49 UTC+0000	
0x9c627d28	msiexec.exe	1016	484	7	345	0	0	2018-09-30 09:39:03 UTC+0000	
0xbc2d08a8	msiexec.exe	5652	1016	0	-----	1	0	2018-09-30 09:39:13 UTC+0000	2018-09-30 09:41:17 UTC+0000
0xbc21b9f0	<u>TrustedInstall</u>	4724	484	4	139	0	0	2018-09-30 09:40:24 UTC+0000	
0x84489800	audiogd.exe	5996	800	4	120	0	0	2018-09-30 09:45:22 UTC+0000	
0x83fbbad0	<u>SearchProtocol</u>	5748	1184	7	281	0	0	2018-09-30 09:45:32 UTC+0000	
0x84ead628	DumpIt.exe	4116	5300	2	37	1	0	2018-09-30 09:45:43 UTC+0000	
0x84e37498	conhost.exe	3176	380	2	51	1	0	2018-09-30 09:45:43 UTC+0000	
0x84700ab8	dllhost.exe	1008	588	8	225	1	0	2018-09-30 09:45:48 UTC+0000	

Illustration 5,6: showcases the running processes extraction process

- Memory Acquisition tool

As highlighted through the running processes, Dump.it with a process id of 4116 and ppid of 5300 was used for the memory acquisition method.

- Processes 3432, 3736 and 5300

3432: notepad

3736: notepad

5300: explorer.exe

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 plist | findstr "3432 3736 5300"
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
0x8449d890 explorer.exe      5300    5128   30    871    1    0 2018-09-30 09:28:36 UTC+0000
0x851cd28 VBoxTray.exe       3064    5300   14    154    1    0 2018-09-30 09:28:44 UTC+0000
0x84ead628 DumpIt.exe        4116    5300   2     37    1    0 2018-09-30 09:45:43 UTC+0000
0x9c6b0970 notepad.exe       3736    5300   1     60    1    0 2018-09-30 09:47:49 UTC+0000
0x8443d3c0 notepad.exe       3432    5300   1     60    1    0 2018-09-30 09:47:58 UTC+0000
```

Illustration 7: showcases the processes with their PID, PPID and date and time

The 3xxx processes are notepad processes, indicating .txt files. The 5300 file is an explorer.exe file which is a browser. Regardless of the app's differences, the notepad processes have the parent processes id of the browser which means the browser opened it. Moreover, the dumpit.exe is also launched from the browser but before the opening of the notepad files. Therefore, it is almost

concluded that the browser was opened, dumpit got downloaded and the notepad files contains the taken data.

In addition to, processes 3432 and 3736 were used to open certain files. Therefore, the volatility tool was used to identify the opened files through the processes ID. In each process ID, it was found that notepad , static cache and other multiple files were all opened through these process.

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 handles -p 3432 -t File
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(V) Pid Handle Access Type Details
-----
0x846c3c8 3432 0x8 0x100020 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\users\hello\Desktop
0x9c746e0 3432 0xc 0x100020 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\winsxs\x86_microsoft.windows.common-controls_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.7601.18837_none_41e855142bd5705d
0x84600d0 3432 0x8 0x100001 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\System32\en-US\notepad.exe.mui
0x9c60670 3432 0x8 0x100001 File \Device\KsecDD
0x48d7e8 3432 0xd4 0x120009 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\Fonts\StaticCache.dat
0x85257150 3432 0xe0 0x100020 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\winsxs\x86_microsoft.windows.common-controls_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.7601.18837_none_41e855142bd5705d
0xd042610 3432 0xe8 0x100020 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\winsxs\x86_microsoft.windows.common-controls_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.7601.18837_none_41e855142bd5705d

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 handles -p 3736 -t File
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(V) Pid Handle Access Type Details
-----
0x843e9360 3736 0x8 0x100020 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\users\hello\Desktop
0x84432d48 3736 0xc 0x100020 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\winsxs\x86_microsoft.windows.common-controls_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.7601.18837_none_41e855142bd5705d
0x848ab38 3736 0x3c 0x120009 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\System32\en-US\notepad.exe.mui
0x84dbe4c0 3736 0x8 0x100001 File \Device\KsecDD
0x843d1e78 3736 0xd4 0x120009 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\Fonts\StaticCache.dat
0x844694b0 3736 0xe0 0x100020 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\winsxs\x86_microsoft.windows.common-controls_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.7601.18837_none_41e855142bd5705d
0x851f1660 3736 0xe8 0x100020 File \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\winsxs\x86_microsoft.windows.common-controls_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.7601.18837_none_41e855142bd5705d

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>
```

Illustration 8: showcases the processes open files

Files Extraction:

In this step, volatility was also used to extract the files found opened by the processes. These files were not opening on my disk even when exported. This is because their extension and the concept of having a huge part of a memory.

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 memdump -p 3432 -D extracted_files
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
Writing notepad.exe [ 3432] to 3432.dmp

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 memdump -p 3736 -D extracted_files
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
Writing notepad.exe [ 3736] to 3736.dmp

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>
```

✓ Today

 3736.dmp	12/14/2025 7:40 PM	DMP File	366,020 KB
 3432.dmp	12/14/2025 7:39 PM	DMP File	365,864 KB

Illustration 9,10: showcases the files extraction processes

- Network Connections and Machine's IP

As mentioned previously, explorer.exe was used which indicates that network connections occurred. Therefore, a small network analysis was done. As expected, there were internet and networks connections as highlighted below through the netscan command done through volatility, highlighting the Ip machine of the memory acquired: 10.0.2.15.

Offset(P)	Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State	Pid	Owner	Created
0x8276750	UDPV6	fe80::147b:c8fd:e2c6:69de:546	*:*	800	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 09:28:39 UTC+0000	
0x2956e880	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:0	*:*	648	VBoxService.ex	2018-09-30 09:42:11 UTC+0000	
0x3d141f50	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:0	*:*	648	VBoxService.ex	2018-09-30 09:48:17 UTC+0000	
0x3d35d840	UDPV4	10.0.2.15:138	*:*	4	System	2018-09-30 08:10:35 UTC+0000	
0x3d39e498	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:3702	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:51 UTC+0000	
0x3d39e498	UDPV6	:::3702	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:51 UTC+0000	
0x3d39f4e0	UDPV4	10.0.2.15:1900	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:12:31 UTC+0000	
0x3d39f650	UDPV6	::1:1900	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:12:31 UTC+0000	
0x3d3a16d0	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:3702	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:51 UTC+0000	
0x3d3a16d0	UDPV6	:::3702	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:51 UTC+0000	
0x3d3ab210	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:0	*:*	1236	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:35 UTC+0000	
0x3d3ab210	UDPV6	:::0	*:*	1236	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:35 UTC+0000	
0x3d43abb8	UDPV4	10.0.2.15:137	*:*	4	System	2018-09-30 08:10:35 UTC+0000	
0x3d462748	UDPV6	::1:65200	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:12:31 UTC+0000	
0x3d4671d0	UDPV4	127.0.0.1:1900	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:12:31 UTC+0000	
0x3d468548	UDPV4	127.0.0.1:65201	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:12:31 UTC+0000	
0x3d4dde08	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:53401	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:30 UTC+0000	
0x3d4dde08	UDPV6	:::53401	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:30 UTC+0000	
0x3d4de4df0	UDPV6	fe80::147b:c8fd:e2c6:69de:1900	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:12:31 UTC+0000	
0x3d4e75e8	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:53400	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:35 UTC+0000	
0x3d4f7528	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:3702	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:51 UTC+0000	
0x3da37f50	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:5355	*:*	1236	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:38 UTC+0000	
0x3da397c8	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:5355	*:*	1236	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:38 UTC+0000	
0x3da397c8	UDPV6	:::5355	*:*	1236	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:38 UTC+0000	
0x3da73f30	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:3702	*:*	1516	svchost.exe	2018-09-30 08:10:51 UTC+0000	
0x3dacc7f0	UDPV4	0.0.0.0:0	*:*	648	VBoxService.ex	2018-09-30 09:42:21 UTC+0000	
0x3d425008	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:135	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	712	svchost.exe	
0x3d428cf0	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:135	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	712	svchost.exe	
0x3d428cf0	TCPv6	:::135	:::0	LISTENING	712	svchost.exe	
0x3d42f008	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49152	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	388	wininit.exe	
0x3d42f008	TCPv6	:::49152	:::0	LISTENING	388	wininit.exe	
0x3d430358	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49152	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	388	wininit.exe	
0x3d472c88	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49153	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	800	svchost.exe	
0x3d473f58	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49153	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	800	svchost.exe	
0x3d473f58	TCPv6	:::49153	:::0	LISTENING	800	svchost.exe	
0x3d4de588	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49154	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	492	lsass.exe	
0x3d4de588	TCPv6	:::49154	:::0	LISTENING	492	lsass.exe	
0x3d4ded38	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49154	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	492	lsass.exe	
0x3d4e9d90	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49156	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	484	services.exe	
0x3d4e9d90	TCPv6	:::49156	:::0	LISTENING	484	services.exe	
0x3da3b1d0	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49155	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	904	svchost.exe	
0x3da3b1d0	TCPv6	:::49155	:::0	LISTENING	904	svchost.exe	
0x3da46888	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49155	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	904	svchost.exe	
0x3dabb938	TCPv4	10.0.2.15:139	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	4	System	
0x3daf4a98	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:5357	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	4	System	
0x3daf4a98	TCPv6	:::5357	:::0	LISTENING	4	System	
0x3db00f58	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:445	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	4	System	
0x3db00f58	TCPv6	:::445	:::0	LISTENING	4	System	
0x3db0c9c8	TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49156	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	484	services.exe	

Illustration 11: showcases the netscan output and the machine's IP

Part 2: File Extraction and decoding

- Brief and Steghide introduction

In this section, steganography and cryptography procedures are implemented. Therefore, volatility and steghide which is a steganography forensics tool will both be used to extract any hidden or encrypted data. The steghide folder was downloaded, extracted and used through the cmd within

its path and through its commands. In this section, there's a picture where investigation is done on it and done on 2 more files; the aim is to know if the photo contains any message and if it does, then the message should be found. In addition to, the sections aim to retrieve the password, so the photo could be retrieved.

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>cd C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide>steghide
steghide version 0.5.1

the first argument must be one of the following:
embed, --embed      embed data
extract, --extract extract data
info, --info        display information about a cover- or stego-file
info <filename>    display information about <filename>
encinfo, --encinfo  display a list of supported encryption algorithms
version, --version  display version information
license, --license  display steghide's license
help, --help         display this usage information

embedding options:
-eF, --embedfile   select file to be embedded
-eF <filename>     embed the file <filename>
-cf, --coverfile   select cover-file
-cf <filename>     embed the file <filename>
-p, --passphrase   specify passphrase
-p <passphrase>    use <passphrase> to embed data
-sf, --stegofile   select stego file
-sf <filename>     write result to <filename> instead of cover-file
-e, --encryption   select encryption parameters
-e <a>[<m>][<m>][<a>] specify an encryption algorithm and/or mode
-e none            do not encrypt data before embedding
-z, --compress     compress data before embedding (default)
-z <l>             using level <l> (1 best speed...9 best compression)
-Z, --dontcompress do not compress data before embedding
-K, --nochecksum   do not embed crc32 checksum of embedded data
-N, --dontembedname do not embed the name of the original file
-f, --force         overwrite existing files
-q, --quiet         suppress information messages
-v, --verbose       display detailed information

extracting options:
-sf, --stegofile   select stego file
-sf <filename>     extract data from <filename>
-p, --passphrase   specify passphrase
-p <passphrase>    use <passphrase> to extract data
-xF, --extractfile select file name for extracted data
-xF <filename>     write the extracted data to <filename>
-f, --force         overwrite existing files
-q, --quiet         suppress information messages
-v, --verbose       display detailed information

options for the info command:
-p, --passphrase   specify passphrase
-p <passphrase>    use <passphrase> to get info about embedded data

To embed emb.txt in cvr.jpg: steghide embed -cf cvr.jpg -ef emb.txt
To extract embedded data from stg.jpg: steghide extract -sf stg.jpg

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide>
```

Illustration 12: showcases the steghide verification and information

- Password Extraction

The investigation began with Volatility analysis of the memory dump to find running processes in the system. Two suspicious notepad.exe processes have been identified and their command line

arguments indicated that the processes were used to open the files vip.txt and evilscript.py. As these files were actively utilized by the executing processes, it was searched in memory with the help of the filescan plugin and with the dumpfiles command, it was extracted. Then, the contents of evilscript.py were extracted and exposed after where an encryption algorithm was found. The script did a basic XOR operation on the input data with a key of 3 which was fixed and then coded the output using Base64 and then wrote it to vip.txt. This was done in reverse with the purpose of retrieving the original password consuming the following steps: First the Base64 string was decoded followed by the same XOR operation which then made the hidden password that was required in the next step of the analysis.

- **Secret Text Extraction**

In the memory analysis, it was also found that one suspicious JPEG image was present in the memory and extracted in memory under name of suspicion1.jpeg. This file was examined with Steghide which proved that this file had hidden information with the help of passphrase. Because Steghide needs the right password to unlock a hidden content, the former password that was stolen in vip.txt was entered. Steghide was able to extract the hidden file of the image when the proper passphrase was given. The content extracted showed a hidden text message, which finished the hidden message hidden in the JPEG file and proved the existence of steganography as a data-hiding method used in the present case.

- **Results and Steps**

The password extracted is "inctf{0n3_h4lf"and the secret test extracted is 1s_n0t_3n0ugh}". Combining both together would be “ inctf{0n3_h4lf is 1s_n0t_3n0ugh}”.

- **Jpeg extraction**

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 filescan | findstr /i ".jpeg"
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
0x000000004f34148      2      0 RW--- \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\Desktop\suspision1.jpeg
```

- Image



- Extracted the jpg from the memory and exported it to my disk

file.None.0x843fcf38.suspision1.jpeg.dat	12/14/2025 8:20 PM	DAT File	12 KB
3736.dmp	12/14/2025 7:40 PM	DMP File	366,020 KB
3432.dmp	12/14/2025 7:39 PM	DMP File	365,864 KB

suspision1.jpeg.dat	12/14/2025 8:20 PM	DAT File	12 KB
3736.dmp	12/14/2025 7:40 PM	DMP File	366,020 KB
3432.dmp	12/14/2025 7:39 PM	DMP File	365,864 KB

- Files done for extraction

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files>cd ..

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 cmdline -p 3432,3736
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
notepad.exe pid: 3736
Command line : "C:\Windows\system32\NOTEPAD.EXE" C:\Users\hello\Desktop\evilscript.py
*****
notepad.exe pid: 3432
Command line : "C:\Windows\system32\NOTEPAD.EXE" C:\Users\hello\Desktop\vip.txt

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>
```

- Extracted files

File	Last Modified	Type	Size
3432_strings	12/14/2025 8:39 PM	Text Document	0 KB
3736_strings	12/14/2025 8:39 PM	Text Document	0 KB
text	12/14/2025 7:48 PM	Text Document	140 KB
running_processes	12/14/2025 7:06 PM	Text Document	6 KB
extracted_files	12/14/2025 9:08 PM	File folder	

✓ A long time ago

 MemoryDump 9/30/2018 11:48 AM RAW File 1023.926

- errors faced

Founded Paths

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>cd C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide>findstr /i steghide extracted_files\3432.dmp
FINDSTR: Cannot open extracted_files\3432.dmp

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide>findstr /i pass extracted_files\3432.dmp
FINDSTR: Cannot open extracted_files\3432.dmp

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide>findstr /i steghide extracted_files\3736.dmp
FINDSTR: Cannot open extracted_files\3736.dmp

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide>findstr /i pass extracted_files\3736.dmp
FINDSTR: Cannot open extracted_files\3736.dmp

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide>
```

Founded Paths

```
:Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>cd "C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide"
:Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide>steghide info "C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\extracted_files\suspision1.jpeg"
suspision1.jpeg:
format: jpeg
capacity: 581.0 Byte
try to get information about embedded data ? (y/n) y
enter passphrase:
steghide: could not extract any data with that passphrase!
```

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files>cd ..
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 cmdline -p 3432,3736
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
notepad.exe pid: 3736
Command line : "C:\Windows\system32\NOTEPAD.EXE" C:\Users\hello\Desktop\evilscript.py
*****
notepad.exe pid: 3432
Command line : "C:\Windows\system32\NOTEPAD.EXE" C:\Users\hello\Desktop\vip.txt
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>
```

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
Enter passphrase:
steghide: could not extract any data with that passphrase!
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide-20251214\steghide>steghide info "C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\extracted_files\suspision1.jpeg"
suspision1.jpeg:
format: jpeg
capacity: 581.0 Byte
try to get information about embedded data ? (y/n) y
Enter passphrase:
steghide: could not extract any data with that passphrase!
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\steghide>cd "C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files"
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files>dir
Volume in Drive C is Windows
Volume Serial Number is IAGF-0807

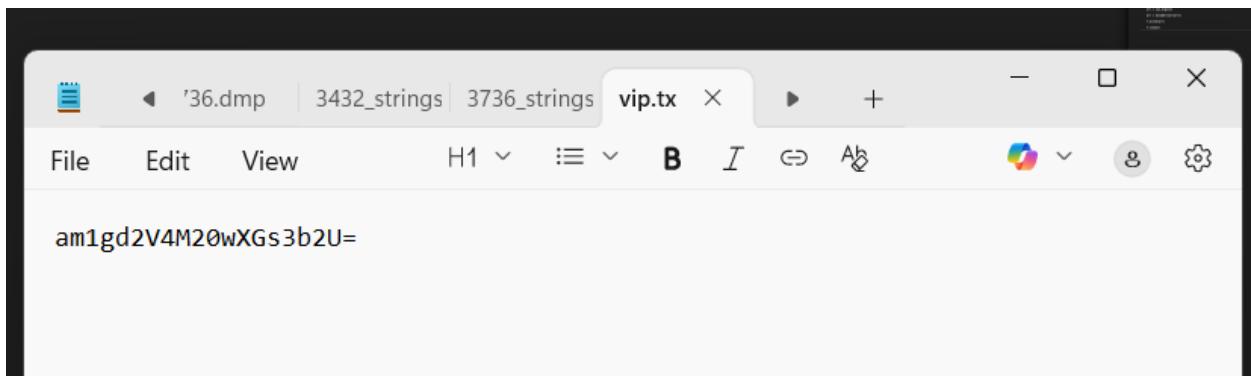
Directory of C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files

12/14/2025 08:48 PM <DIR> .
12/14/2025 08:37 PM <DIR> ..
12/14/2025 08:48 PM 374,644,736 3432.dmp
12/14/2025 07:48 PM 374,804,488 3736.dmp
12/14/2025 08:28 PM 12,288 suspision1.jpeg
 3 File(s) 749,401,504 bytes
 2 Dir(s) 9,023,213,568 bytes free
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 cmdline -p 3432,3736
'volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files>cd ..
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 cmdline -p 3432,3736
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
notepad.exe pid: 3736
Command line : "C:\Windows\system32\NOTEPAD.EXE" C:\Users\hello\Desktop\evilscript.py
*****
notepad.exe pid: 3432
Command line : "C:\Windows\system32\NOTEPAD.EXE" C:\Users\hello\Desktop\vip.txt
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 filescan | findstr /i "vip.txt"
volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
filescan | findstr /i "vip.txt"
0x000000003e27e50 8 0 -rwx Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\Desktop\vip.txt
0x000000003e27e50 8 0 R-rw Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\Desktop\evilscript.py
0x000000003e27e50 2 0 R-rw Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\evilscript.py.lnk
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 dumpfiles -Q 0x000000003e27e50 -D extracted_files -u -n
volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
dumpfiles -Q 0x000000003e27e50 -D extracted_files -u -n
0x000000003e27e50 None 0Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\Desktop\vip.txt
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>
```

Today				
	file.None.0xbc2b6af0.evilscript.py.py.dat	12/14/2025 9:08 PM	DAT File	4 KB
	file.None.0x83e52420.vip.txt.dat	12/14/2025 9:08 PM	DAT File	4 KB
	suspision1	12/14/2025 8:20 PM	JPEG File	12 KB
	3736.dmp	12/14/2025 7:40 PM	DMP File	366,020 KB
	3432.dmp	12/14/2025 7:39 PM	DMP File	365,864 KB

A screenshot of a code editor window titled "evil.py". The file path is "C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files\evil.py". The code contains Python functions for XOR and base64 encoding, and a main block that reads a file "vip.txt", encodes its contents using the XOR function, and writes the result to "vip.tx". A warning message at the top of the editor states: "This document contains many non-basic ASCII unicode characters" and "Disable Non ASCII Highlight".

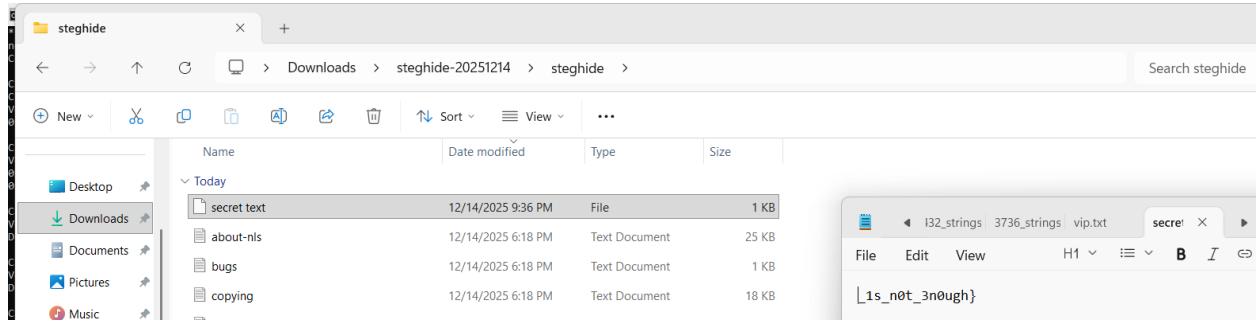
```
1 import sys
2 import string
3
4 def xor(s):
5
6     a = ''.join(chr(ord(i)^3) for i in s)
7     return a
8
9
10 def encoder(x):
11
12     return x.encode("base64")
13
14
15 if __name__ == "__main__":
16
17     f = open("C:\\Users\\Hello\\Desktop\\vip.txt", "w")
18
19     arr = sys.argv[1]
20
21     arr = encoder(xor(arr))
22
23     f.write(arr)
24
25     f.close()
```



A screenshot of a code editor window titled "haladecryption.py". The file path is "C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files\haladecryption.py". The code uses the base64 module to decode the string "am1gd2V4M20wXGs3b2U=" and then performs an XOR decryption with a key of 3 to recover the password. The recovered password is printed as "inctf{0n3_h4lf".

```
1 #Needed Library
2 import base64
3
4 #The encoded string found in vip.txt
5 encoded_string = "am1gd2V4M20wXGs3b2U="
6
7 #Base64 decode
8 decoded_bytes = base64.b64decode(encoded_string)
9
10 #XOR decrypt with key = 3
11 password = ""
12 for byte in decoded_bytes:
13     password += chr(byte ^ 3)
14
15 #Print the final password
16 print("Recovered steghide password:", password)
```

The terminal below shows the command "python -u "c:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility\extracted_files\haladecryption.py"" being run, and the output "Recovered steghide password: inctf{0n3_h4lf".



Part 3: Additional Memory Analysis Features

- Cmd scan

- Console Buffer:

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 consoles
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
ConsoleProcess: conhost.exe Pid: 3176
Console: 0xb81c0 CommandHistorySize: 50
HistoryBufferCount: 1 HistoryBufferMax: 4
OriginalTitle: C:\Users\hello\Desktop\DumpIt\DumpIt.exe
Title: C:\Users\hello\Desktop\DumpIt\DumpIt.exe
AttachedProcess: DumpIt.exe Pid: 4116 Handle: 0x5c
----
CommandHistory: 0xe0488 Application: Dumpit.exe Flags: Allocated
CommandCount: 0 LastAdded: -1 LastDisplayed: -1
FirstCommand: 0 CommandCountMax: 50
ProcessHandle: 0x5c
----
Screen 0x2c6370 X:80 Y:300
Dump:
Dumpit - v1.3.2.20110401 - One click memory memory dumper
Copyright (c) 2007 - 2011, Matthieu Suiche <http://www.msuiche.net>
Copyright (c) 2010 - 2011, MoonSols <http://www.moonsols.com>

Address space size: 1048510464 bytes ( 999 Mb)
Free space size: 20254162944 bytes ( 19315 Mb)

* Destination = \??\C:\Users\hello\Desktop\DumpIt\HELLO-PC-20180930-094543.r
aw

--> Are you sure you want to continue? [y/n] y
+ Processing...
```

- DLLs

```
C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility>volatility_2.6_win64_standalone.exe -f MemoryDump.raw --profile=Win7SP1x86 dlllist > text.txt
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6

C:\Users\HALA AHMED\Downloads\Volatility\Volatility>
```

- JPG extraction

Select Administrator: Command Prompt										
0x0000000003d048270	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\588RAMBY\AAmaIKF[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d0595d0	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\588RAMBY\BBNCCKXY[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d0599f8	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\QMRBR07P\BBNIOSW[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d06be60	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\OSX2ZOX\AAAExK[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d078648	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\OSX2ZOX\BBNWh[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d095460	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\OSX2ZOX\BBNEUH[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d0adeb8	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\588RAMBY\Aab8lb[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d0c1788	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\OSX2ZOX\BBNfTp[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d0edc8	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\T98W2EYD\BBNerJa[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d105f88	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\QMRBR07P\BBNgsGz[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d10ae50	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\QMRBR07P\BBxNTF6[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d10c9c0	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\588RAMBY\BBNGYTa[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d118c98	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\588RAMBY\BBNhGh[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d122dc9	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\588RAMBY\BBNmLpx[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d129dc9	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\T98W2EYD\BBMwvPZ[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d16c248	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\588RAMBY\BBNhKc5[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d16d000	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\T98W2EYD\BBHk57H[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d1b0370	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\T98W2EYD\BBNcrOB[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d1b2038	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\588RAMBY\BBNj3XV[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d1c27b0	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\QMRBR07P\BBNfVDo[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d1d4f90	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\QMRBR07P\AAAEEFGE[1].jpg						
0x0000000003d35a860	8	0	-W-rwd	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\hello\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\QMRBR07P\AAxJFZZ[1].jpg						
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Tools Used

1. Volatility
2. Steghide
3. PowerShell
4. Word Document

Conclusion

In this section, the memory analysis was done through 2 main apps: volatility and steghide. It also used python scripts for encoding and decoding the password. The analysis process went through multiple steps; however, the last step of cryptography and steganography highlighted everything that was needed. The password extracted is "inctf{0n3_h4lf"and the secret test extracted is 1s_n0t_3n0ugh}". Combining both together would be “ inctf{0n3_h4lf is 1s_n0t_3n0ugh}”.

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