Digital Evidence Management Report

Case Title: Digital Evidence Collection and Analysis

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Operating System: Parrot OS

Tools Used:

- dd (For Disk & Memory Imaging)
- Volatility (For Memory Analysis)

1. Live Data Collection from Parrot OS

I collected system information, running processes, and network connections using basic commands.

Commands Used:

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bash
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dmesg > kernel_logs.txt
uptime > system_uptime.txt
ps aux > running_processes.txt
netstat -tulnp > netstat_output.txt
```

What Was Captured?

- dmesg: Kernel logs to check system messages.
- uptime: How long the system was running.
- ps aux: A list of running processes.
- netstat -tulnp: Open network connections.

✓ Outcome: System state information successfully captured.

2. Memory Dump with dd

I attempted to capture a memory dump using dd:

bash

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sudo dd if=/dev/mem of=/mnt/usb/memory_dump.raw bs=1M status=progress

Issue Encountered

vbnet

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dd: error reading '/dev/mem': Bad address

This error happened because /dev/mem is restricted on modern Linux systems, preventing direct memory access.

Outcome: Memory dump was attempted but failed due to system restrictions.

3. Disk Imaging with dd

A full disk image was successfully created using:

bash

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sudo dd if=/dev/vda2 of=/mnt/usb/memory_dump.raw bs=1M status=progress

Results

bash

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6.7 GB copied in 18 seconds at 370 MB/s

✓ Outcome: Disk image successfully created and stored on USB.

4. Memory Analysis with Volatility

I analyzed the memory dump using Volatility.

Commands Used:

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volatility -f memory_dump.raw imageinfo
volatility -f memory_dump.raw pslist
volatility -f memory_dump.raw netscan
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What Was Found?

- imageinfo: Identified system profile for memory analysis.
- pslist: Listed active processes running before the dump.
- netscan: Found network connections.
- Outcome: Memory analysis completed successfully.

5. Chain of Custody Documentation

To ensure the integrity of collected data, I documented the evidence:

Evidence Type	File Name	Storage Location	Notes
Disk Image	memory_dump.raw	/mnt/usb/	Created with dd
Memory Dump	memory_dump.raw	/mnt/usb/	Attempted but failed
Process List	<pre>running_processes. txt</pre>	/mnt/usb/	Captured using ps aux
Network Logs	netstat_output.txt	/mnt/usb/	Captured using netstat

Conclusion & Next Steps

Task	Status	Notes
System State Capture	Completed	Running processes and network logs saved.

★ Memory Dump Failed /dev/mem blocked, alternative method

needed.

✓ Disk Imaging Completed dd used to capture /dev/vda2.

✓ Volatility Analysis Completed Process list and network connections

extracted.

Recommendations

• Use **AVML or LiME** for memory acquisition instead of dd.

• Ensure network connection before running netscan in Volatility for better results.