Lab 11: Investigating browser history

What You Need for this lab

- Install Virtualbox : https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads
- Install Kali 2021.4.: https://old.kali.org/kali-images/kali-2021.4/
 - Notes: Suggest You configure the disk size of Kali VM 80G because the size of each leakage cases image is 30G+
- Image "cfreds 2015 data leakage pc.dd" from Lab 5

Goals

- Understand the application layer of a computer system that generates evidence
- Understand the behavioral model of an application
- The approach to investigating browser history (evidence generated by an application)
- Familiar with important tools for browser investigations

Step 1

- Set up loop device (a pseudo-device that makes a file accessible as a block device)

```
losetup --partscan --find --show --read-only cfreds_2015_data_leakage_pc.dd mkdir/mnt/loopdev
```

mount -o ro,loop,offset=206848 cfreds_2015_data_leakage_pc.dd /mnt/loopdev

```
(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ sudo losetup -partscan -find -show -read-only cfreds 2015 data leakage pc.dd

[sudo] password for duanhn:
/dev/loop0

(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]
```

Check all versions of IE via .log

Exam IE logs

– Can you find the version number?

Use Windows Registry hive shell (hivexsh)

Install hivexsh

```
(duanhn⊕ duanhn)-[~/lab]

$ sudo apt-get install libhivex-bin

Reading package lists ... Done

Building dependency tree ... Done

Reading state information ... Done

The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:

attr blt bluez-obexd cython3 dcraw ettercap-common ettercap-graphical evolution-data-server-common fastjar

figlet finger firebird3.0-common firebird3.0-common-doc flac fonts-font-awesome fonts-lyx fonts-roboto-slab

freetds-common g++-11 gdal-data geoclue-2.0 gir1.2-atk-1.0 gir1.2-atspi-2.0 gir1.2-ayatanaappindicator3-0.1

gir1.2-freedesktop gir1.2-gdkpixbuf-2.0 gir1.2-gstreamer-1.0 gir1.2-gtk-3.0 gir1.2-gtksource-3.0

gir1.2-harfbuzz-0.0 gir1.2-javascriptcoregtk-4.0 gir1.2-nm-1.0 gir1.2-pango-1.0 gir1.2-soup-2.4 gir1.2-vte-2.91

gir1.2-webkit2-4.0 gir1.2-wnck-3.0 gir1.2-xfconf-0 gnome-keyring gnome-keyring-pkcs11 graphviz hwloc
```

Exam the version of IE using hivexsh

```
-(duanhn⊛duanhn)-[~/lab]
Welcome to hivexsh, the hivex interactive shell for examining
Windows Registry binary hive files.
Type: 'help' for help summary 
'quit' to quit the shell
> load SOFTWARE
hivexsh: failed to open hive file: SOFTWARE: No such file or directory
If you think this file is a valid Windows binary hive file (_not_
a regedit *.reg file) then please run this command again using the hivexsh option '-d' and attach the complete output _and_ the hive file
which fails into a bug report at https://bugzilla.redhat.com/
> /mnt/loopdev/Windows/System32/config/SOFTWARE
hivexsh: you must load a hive file first using 'load hivefile'
> load /mnt/loopdev/Windows/System32/config/SOFTWARE
SOFTWARE\> cd Microsoft\Internet Explorer
SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Internet Explorer> lsval svcVersion
11.0.9600.17691
SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Internet Explorer>
```

Step 2.

Identify directory/file paths related to the web browser history

 $/mnt/loop dev/Users/informant/App Data/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Web Cache/Web Cache V01. \\ dat$

C:\Users\<username>\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\History\

/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Google/Chrome/User Data/Default/History

Internet Explorer 11 History

```
(duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ find /mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/WebCache
/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/WebCache/V01.chk
/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/WebCache/V01.log
/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/WebCache/V0100024.log
/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/WebCache/V0100025.log
/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/WebCache/V01res00001.jrs
/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/WebCache/V01res00002.jrs
/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/WebCache/V01res00002.jrs
/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/WebCache/WebCacheV01.dat
```

Find Google Chrome Cache, Cookies, and History

```
-(<mark>duanhn®duanhn</mark>)-[~/lab]
| ls -l <u>/mnt/loopdev/Users/informant/AppData/Local/Google/Chrome/User\ Data/Default | grep -Ei "Cache|Cookies|His</u>
                 root root 0 Mar 22
root root 98304 Mar 24
root root 14212730 Mar 22
drwxrwxrwx 1 root root
                                                        2015 Application
drwxrwxrwx 1 root root
-rwxrwxrwx 2 root root
                                                        2015
                                                        2015 ChromeDWriteFont
                                   137216 Mar 24
16384 Mar 24
-rwxrwxrwx 2 root root
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-rwxrwxrwx
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 rwxrwxrwx
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-rwxrwxrwx 1
-rwxrwxrwx 2
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                                                                          -journal
-rwxrwxrwx 2 root root
drwxrwxrwx 1 root root
                                    47175 Mar 24
                                                                          Provider
                                     4096 Mar 24
                                                        2015 Media
   —(duanhn⊛ duanhn)-[~/lab]
```

What websites were the suspect accessing? (Timestamp, URL...)

- Get browser history files
- View these files

Step 1.

Copy Three Browser History Files

Copy IE 11 History

Copy IE 8 History

```
(duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ ls -l webhistory
total 33072
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 245760 Jun 29 16:18 index.dat
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 33619968 Jun 29 16:16 WebCacheV01.dat

(duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ ls -l webhistory/index.dat
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 245760 Jun 29 16:18 webhistory/index.dat
```

Copy Chrome History

```
(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]

$\frac{1}{5} \text{ ls } -1 \text{ webhistory/History} \\
-rwxr-xr-x 1 \text{ root root } 135168 \text{ Jun } 29 \text{ 16:22 webhistory/History} \\
\text{(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]}

$\frac{1}{5} \text{ ls } -1 \text{ webhistory/History} \\
\text{(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]}
```

Step 2.

View IE 11 History Using libesedb

Find the file type of WebCacheV01.dat

Install libesedb

```
(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]
$\frac{\sudo}{\sudo} \text{ apt-get install libesedb-utils -y}
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
```

Export WebCacheV01.dat to the folder webhistory/IE11

```
(duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ sudo esedbexport webhistory/WebCacheV01.dat -t webhistory/IE11
esedbexport 20240627

Opening file.
Database type: MSIE WebCache.
Exporting table 1 (MSysObjects) out of 37.
Exporting table 2 (MSysObjectsShadow) out of 37.
Exporting table 3 (MSysUnicodeFixupVer2) out of 37.
Exporting table 4 (Containers) out of 37.
Exporting table 5 (Container_1) out of 37.
Exporting table 6 (Container_2) out of 37.
Exporting table 7 (Container_3) out of 37.
Exporting table 8 (Container_4) out of 37.
Exporting table 9 (Container_5) out of 37.
Exporting table 10 (Container_6) out of 37.
```

Find the type of the file

```
(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]

$ file webhistory/IE11.export/AppCache 1.21
webhistory/IE11.export/AppCache_1.21: ASCII text

(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]
```

Create three lines with three attributes

```
(duanhn duanhn) - [~/lab]
$ echo -e "Frank manager 50000 \nAlex clerk 45000 \nEirc clerk 25000"

Frank manager 50000

Alex clerk 45000

Eirc clerk 25000
```

- Select lines with the key word "manager"
- Select attributes 1 and 3

```
(duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ echo -e "Frank manager 50000 \nAlex clerk 45000 \nEirc clerk 25000" | awk '/manager/ {print}'
Frank manager 50000

(duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ echo -e "Frank manager 50000 \nAlex clerk 45000 \nEirc clerk 25000" | awk '/manager/ {print $1, $3}'
Frank 50000

(duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ echo -e "Frank manager 50000 \nAlex clerk 45000 \nEirc clerk 25000" | awk ' {print $1, $3}'
Frank 50000
Alex 45000
Eirc 25000

(duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ (duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
```

Show Row Number

echo -e "Frank manager 50000 \nAlex clerk 45000 \nEirc clerk 25000" | awk '{print NR, \$1}'

```
(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ echo -e "Frank manager 50000 \nAlex clerk 45000 \nEirc clerk 25000" | awk ' {print NR, $1}'

1 Frank
2 Alex
3 Eirc

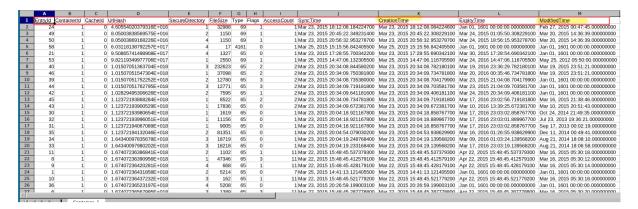
(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]
```

Calculate sum

echo -e "Frank manager 50000 \nAlex clerk 45000 \nEirc clerk 25000" | awk '{sum +=\$3}; END {print sum}'

```
(duanhn® duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ echo -e "Frank manager 50000 \nAlex clerk 45000 \nEirc clerk 25000" | awk '{sum +=$3}; END {print sum}'
120000
```

Show field names



Separate fields with tab '\t' and show ModifiedTime and URL

awk '{print NR, \$13, \$18}' FS=\t' webhistory/IE11.export/Container_1.4 | head -n 5

Count the number records in the file

awk '{print NR, \$13, \$18}' FS=\t' webhistory/IE11.export/Container_1.4 | wc -l

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(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]

s awk '{print NR, $13, $18}' FS='\t' webhistory/IE11.export/Container 1.4 | wc -l

(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]

(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]
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- Count the number records in all files start with the string "Container"

awk '{print NR, \$13, \$18}' FS='\t' webhistory/IE11.export/Container* | wc -l

```
(duanhn@duanhn)-[~/lab]
$ awk '{print NR, $13, $18}' FS='\t' webhistory/IE11.export/Container* | wc -l
10248
```

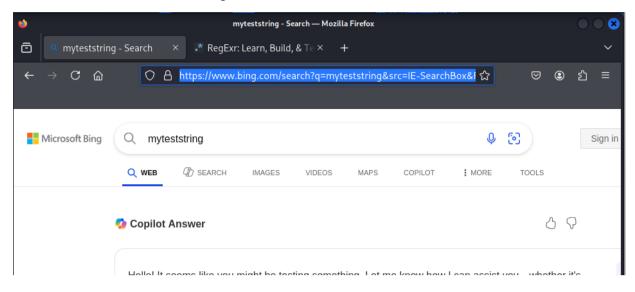
Step 3.

List all search keywords using web browsers. (Timestamp, URL, keyword...)

IE browser

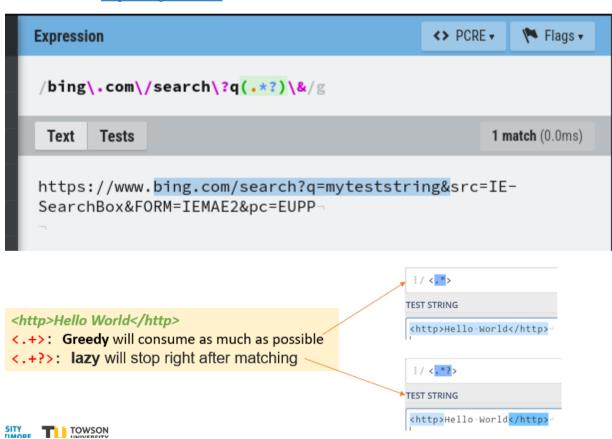
Web Query String

https://www.bing.com/search?q=myteststring&src=IE-SearchBox&FORM=IEMAE2&pc=EUPP



- Regular expression for bing.com search

https://regexr.com/



List IE 11 search keywords

```
qs=n&form=QBRE&pq=external%20device%20an
                                                            seqs=n&form=QBLH&pq=anti-forensic+tools&sc=8-13&sp=-1&sk=&
cvid=e799e715fa2244a5a7967675bdcca9d3
                                                                     qs=n&form=QBLH&pq=file+sharing+and+tethering&sc=0
informant@http://www
-18&sp=-1&sk=&cvid=171b77e4ffd54b2a92c4e97abf995fe1
informantähttp://www.bing.com/search?q=ULPx20DRMmqs=nöform=QBREöpq=dlp%20drmösc=8-7ösp=-1ösk=öcvid=6e206ee8751e4ad8
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ws%20system%20artifacts8sc=0-278sp=-16sk=8cvid=1ef4ace146854d97acf263b53bf97b8c8sid=BE5E388F8757406CAA32E58334719A2
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d%20forensics5sc=8-96sp=-16sk=6cvid=c30c4b1f36114b1c9bc683838c69823a6sid=BE5E388F8757406CAA32E58334719A206format=js
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informant@http://www.bing.com/search?q=cd%20burning%20method@qs=n&form=QBRE&pq=cd%20burning%20method&sc=8-2&sp=-1&s
k=&cvid=b7dbe6fb67424c578172ba57330a0894&sid=BE5E388F8757406CAA32E58334719A20&format=jsonv2&jsoncbid=7
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