

Rootkit is a stealth type of malicious software designed to hide the existence of certain process from normal methods of detection and enables continued privileged access to a computer.

INTRODUCTION:

Breaking the term rootkit into the two component words, root and kit, is a useful way to define it. Root is a UNIX/Linux term that's the equivalent of Administrator in Windows.

The word kit denotes programs that allow someone to obtain root/admin-level access to the computer by executing the programs in the kit — all of which is done without end-user consent or knowledge.

A rootkit is a type of malicious software that is activated each time your system boots up. Rootkits are difficult to detect because they are activated before your system's Operating System has completely booted up. A rootkit often allows the installation of hidden files, processes, hidden user accounts, and more in the systems OS. Rootkits are able to intercept data from terminals, network connections, and the keyboard.

Rootkits have two primary functions: remote command/control (back door) and software eavesdropping. Rootkits allow someone, legitimate or otherwise, to administratively control a computer. This means executing files, accessing logs, monitoring user activity, and even changing the computer's configuration.

Therefore, in the strictest sense, even versions of VNC are rootkits. This surprises most people, as they consider rootkits to be solely malware, but in of themselves they aren't malicious at all.

The presence of a rootkit on a network was first documented in the early 1990s. At that time, Sun and Linux operating systems were the primary targets for a hacker looking to install a rootkit. Today, rootkits are available for a number of operating systems, including Windows, and are increasingly difficult to detect on any network.

PROCEDURE:

STEP-1: Download Rootkit Tool from GMER website www.gmer.net.

STEP-2: This displays the Processes, Modules, Services, Files, Registry, RootKit Malwares, Autostart, CMD of local host.

STEP-3: Select Processes menu and kill any unwanted process if any.

STEP-4: Modules menu displays the various system files like .sys, .dll

STEP-5: Services menu displays the complete services running with Autostart, Enable, Disable, System, Boot.

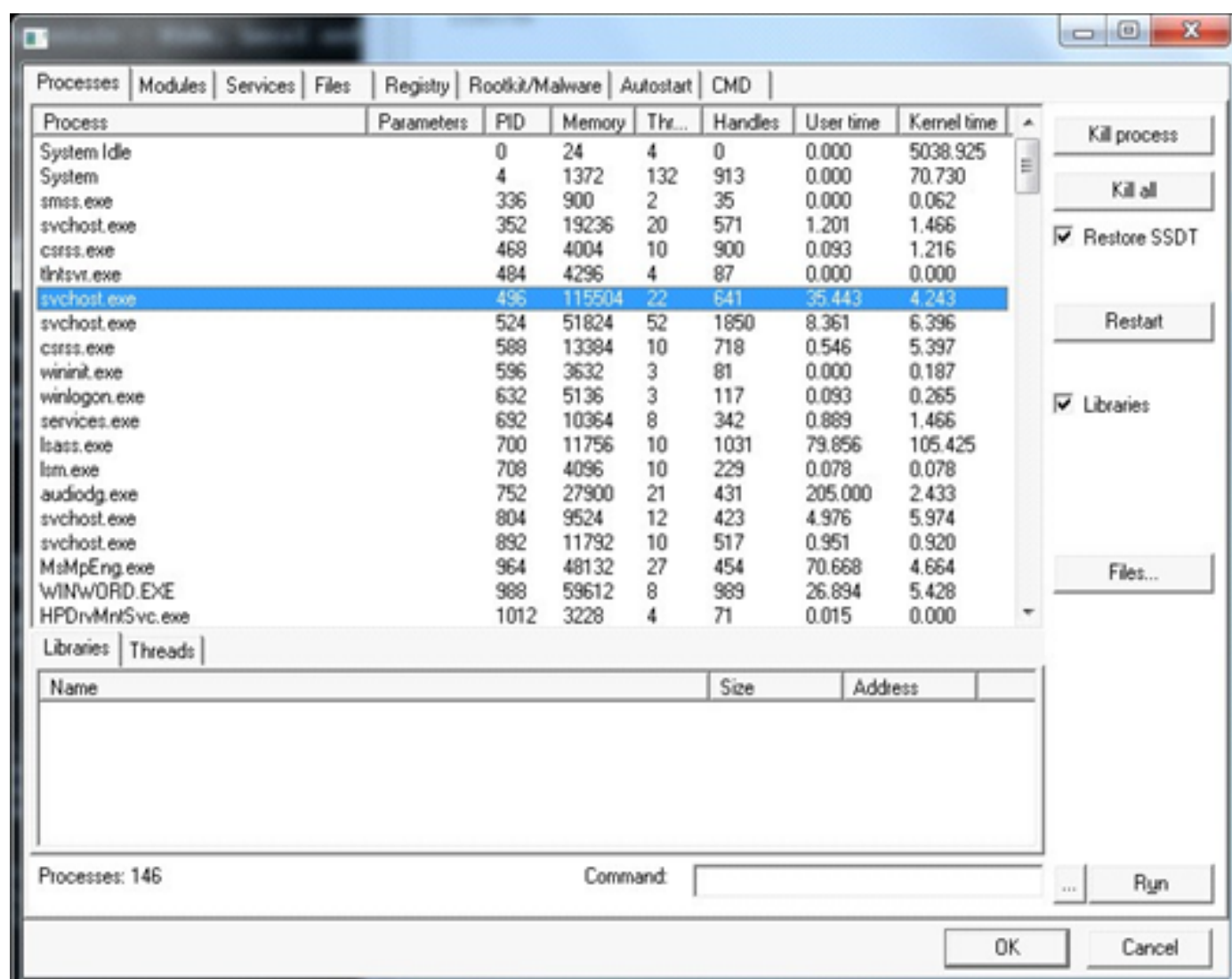
STEP-6: Files menu displays full files on Hard-Disk volumes.

STEP-7: Registry displays Hkey_Current_user and Hkey_Local_Machine.

STEP-8: Rootkits / Malwares scans the local drives selected.

STEP-9: Autostart displays the registry base Autostart applications.

STEP-10: CMD allows the user to interact with command line utilities or Registry



Processes Modules Services Files Registry Rootkit/Malware Autostart CMD				
Name	File	Address	Size	
ntoskrnl.exe	\SystemRoot\system32\ntoskrnl.exe	0305C000	6193152	
hal.dll	\SystemRoot\system32\hal.dll	03013000	299008	
kdcom.dll	\SystemRoot\system32\kdcom.dll	00BCC000	40960	
mcupdate_Genui...	\SystemRoot\system32\mcupdate_GenuineIntel.dll	00C00000	323584	
PSHED.dll	\SystemRoot\system32\PSHED.dll	00C4F000	81920	
CLFS.SYS	\SystemRoot\system32\CLFS.SYS	00C63000	385024	
CI.dll	\SystemRoot\system32\CI.dll	00CC1000	786432	
Wd01000.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\Wd01000.sys	00E43000	671744	
WDFLDR.SYS	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\WDFLDR.SYS	00F47000	61440	
ACPI.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\ACPI.sys	00F58000	356352	
WMILIB.SYS	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\WMILIB.SYS	00FAD000	36864	
msisadrv.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\msisadrv.sys	00FB6000	40960	
pci.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\pci.sys	00FC0000	208896	
vdnroot.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\vdnroot.sys	00FF3000	53248	
partmgr.sys	\SystemRoot\System32\drivers\partmgr.sys	00E00000	86016	
compbatt.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\DRIVERS\compbatt.sys	00E15000	36864	
BATT.C.SYS	\SystemRoot\system32\DRIVERS\BATT.C.SYS	00E1E000	49152	
volmgr.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\volmgr.sys	00E2A000	86016	
volmgrx.sys	\SystemRoot\System32\drivers\volmgrx.sys	00E3F000	376832	
mountmgr.sys	\SystemRoot\System32\drivers\mountmgr.sys	00D81000	106496	
lsstor.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\DRIVERS\lsstor.sys	0103A000	2139112	
atap.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\atap.sys	01244000	36864	
ataport.SYS	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\ataport.SYS	0124D000	172032	
msahci.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\msahci.sys	01277000	45056	
PCIIDEX.SYS	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\PCIIDEX.SYS	01282000	65536	
amdata.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\amdata.sys	01292000	45056	
libmgr.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\libmgr.sys	0129D000	311296	
fileinfo.sys	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\fileinfo.sys	012E9000	81920	
Nifs.sys	\SystemRoot\System32\Drivers\Nifs.sys	0142D000	1716224	
mrspc.sys	\SystemRoot\System32\Drivers\mrspc.sys	012FD000	385024	
ksacdd.sys	\SystemRoot\System32\Drivers\ksacdd.sys	015D0000	110592	
smss.exe	\SystemRoot\System32\bin\smss.exe	015D0000	40960	

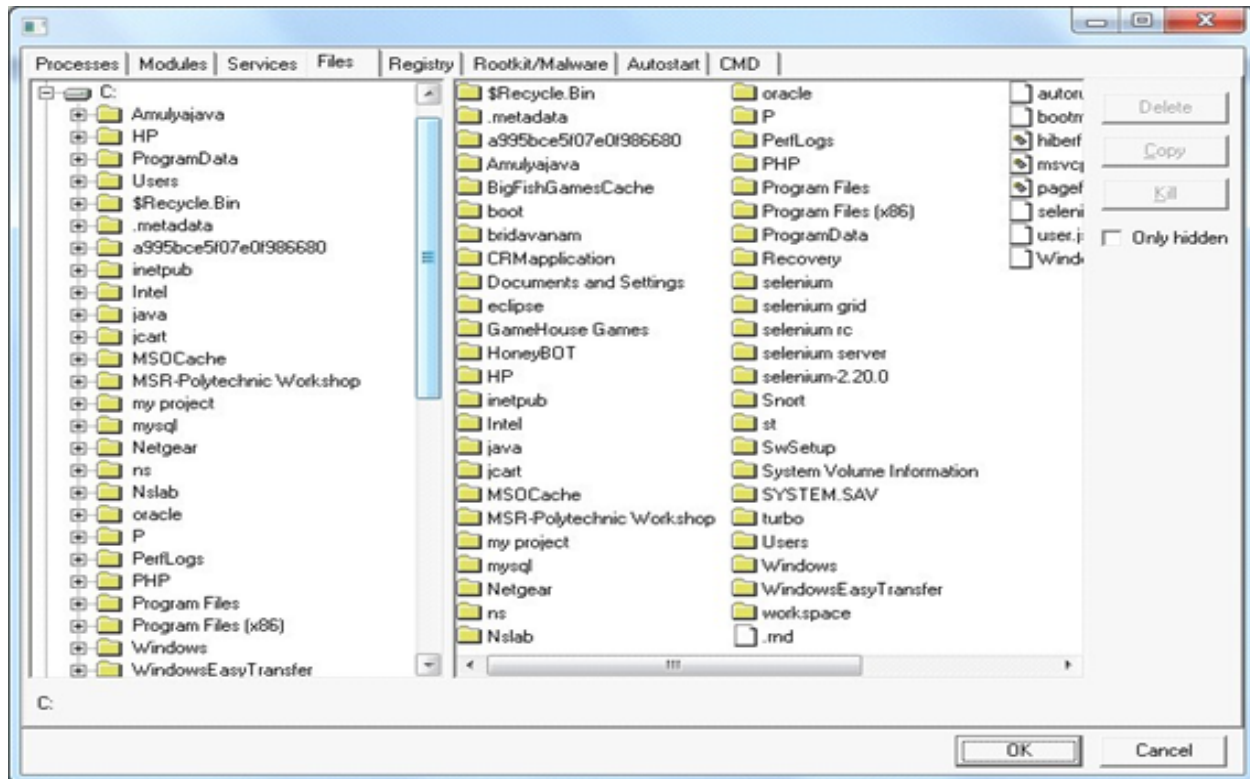
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Processes Modules Services Files Registry Rootkit/Malware Autostart CMD			
Name	Start	File name	Description
.NET CLR Data			
.NET CLR Netwo...			
.NET CLR Netwo...			
.NET Data Provid...			
.NET Data Provid...			
.NETFramework			
1394ohci	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\1394ohci.sys	1394 OHCI Compliant Host Controller
ACPI	BOOT	system32\drivers\ACPI.sys	Microsoft ACPI Driver
AcpiPmi	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\acpipmi.sys	ACPI Power Meter Driver
adp94xx	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\DRIVERS\adp94xx.sys	
adpahci	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\DRIVERS\adpahci.sys	
adpu320	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\DRIVERS\adpu320.sys	
adsi			
AeLookupSvc	MANUAL	%systemroot%\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs	@%SystemRoot%\system32\aelupsvc.dll,-2
AERTFilters	AUTO	C:\Program Files\Realtek\Audio\HDA\AERTSr...	Andrea RT Filters Service
AFD	SYSTEM	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\afd.sys	@%systemroot%\system32\drivers\afd.sys,-1000
AgereSoftModem	MANUAL	system32\DRIVERS\agrsm64.sys	Agere Systems Soft Modem
agp440	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\agp440.sys	Intel AGP Bus Filter
ALG	MANUAL	%SystemRoot%\system32\alg.exe	@%SystemRoot%\system32\alg.exe,-113
alide	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\alide.sys	
amdide	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\amdide.sys	
AmdK8	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\DRIVERS\amdk8.sys	AMD K8 Processor Driver
AmdPPM	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\DRIVERS\amdppm.sys	AMD Processor Driver
amdsata	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\amdsata.sys	
amdsbs	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\DRIVERS\amdsbs.sys	
amdxtata	BOOT	system32\drivers\amdxtata.sys	
AppHostSvc	AUTO	%windir%\system32\svchost.exe -k apphost	@%windir%\system32\inetsrv\isres.dll,-30012
AppID	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\appid.sys	@%systemroot%\system32\appidsvc.dll,-103
AppIDSvc	MANUAL	%SystemRoot%\system32\svchost.exe -k Local...	@%systemroot%\system32\appidsvc.dll,-101
Appinfo	MANUAL	%SystemRoot%\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs	@%systemroot%\system32\appinfo.dll,-101
AppMgmt	MANUAL	%SystemRoot%\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs	@appmgmts.dll,-3251
...	MANUAL	\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\...	

OK

Cancel



GMER is an application that detects and removes rootkits .

It scans for:

1. hidden processes
2. hidden threads
3. hidden modules
4. hidden services
5. hidden files
6. hidden disk sectors (MBR)
7. hidden Alternate Data Streams
8. hidden registry keys
9. drivers hooking SSDT
10. drivers hooking IDT
11. drivers hooking IRP calls
12. inline hooks

Frequently Asked Questions

Question Do I have a rootkit?

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Answer: You can scan the system for rootkits using GMER. Run **gmer.exe**, select **Rootkit** tab and click the "Scan" button.

If you don't know how to interpret the output, please **Save** the log and send it to my email address.

Warning ! Please, do not select the "Show all" checkbox during the scan.

Question How to create "3rd party" log ?

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Answer: Tick **"3rd party"** option and then click the "Scan" button. After the scan you can use "Remove signed" and "Remove duplicates" options to filter the scan results.

Question How to install the GMER software ?

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Answer: Just run **gmer.exe**. All required files will be copied to the system during the first lanuch.

Question How to uninstall/remove the GMER software from my machine ?

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Answer: Just delete the **exe** file.

Question My computer is infected and GMER won't start:

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Answer: Try to rename gmer.exe to iexplore.exe and then run it.

Question How do I remove the Rustock rootkit ?

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Answer: When GMER detects hidden service click "**Delete the service**" and answer **YES** to all questions.

Question: How do I show all NTFS Streams ?

Answer: On the "Rootkit Tab" select only: Files + ADS + Show all options and then click the Scan button.

Question: Can I launch GMER in Safe Mode ?

Answer: Yes, you can launch GMER in Safe Mode, however rootkits which don't work in Safe Mode won't be detected.

Question: I am confused as to use delete or disable the hidden "service".

Answer: Sometimes "delete the service" option wont work because the rootkit protects its service. So, in such case use: 1) "disable the service", 2) reboot your machine, and 3) "delete the service".

link

<http://www.gmer.net/#files>