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Network Forensics

Introduction

For this project, we will be looking at memory acquisition and analysis, along with conducting network forensic analysis regarding a malware infection.

Initial Setup

We will be using OSForensics in order to acquire a live memory image and analyze it, as well as utilizing Wireshark in order to conduct a network forensic investigation.

Task 1 - Step 1:

To begin this project, we will need to open our Windows VM, and download a tool called “WinPmem”.

✓ Today (1)

 winpmem_mini_x64_rc2

11/1/2023 3:44 PM

Step 2:

Next we will be opening a command prompt session as administrator, and changing directories to the downloads folder. From there, we can use the command “winpmem_mini_x64_rc2.exe mem.raw” to collect all of the data that we need regarding the memory on our system.

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C:\Windows\system32>cd c:\users\manvir\Downloads

c:\Users\manvir\Downloads>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 6A2C-A1E1

Directory of c:\Users\manvir\Downloads

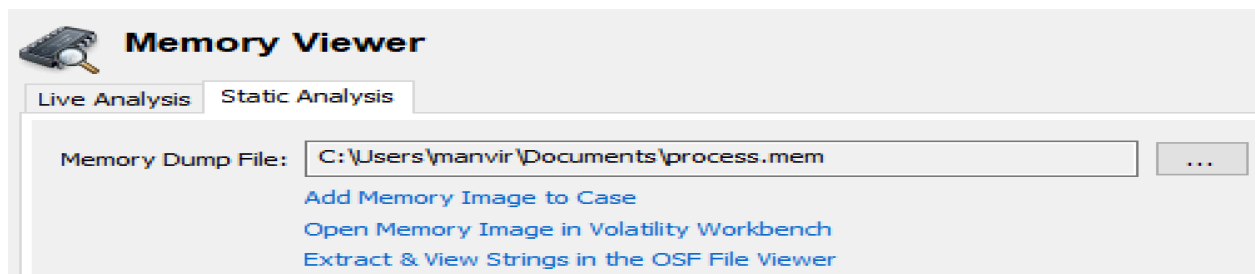
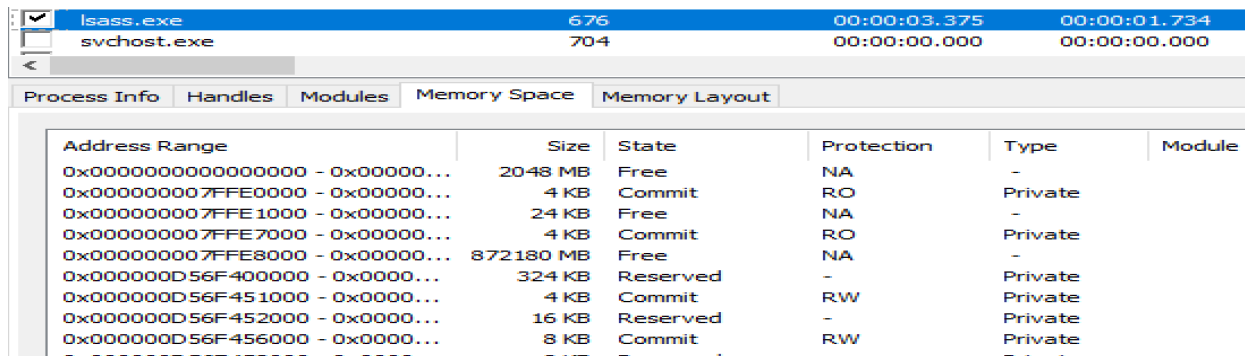
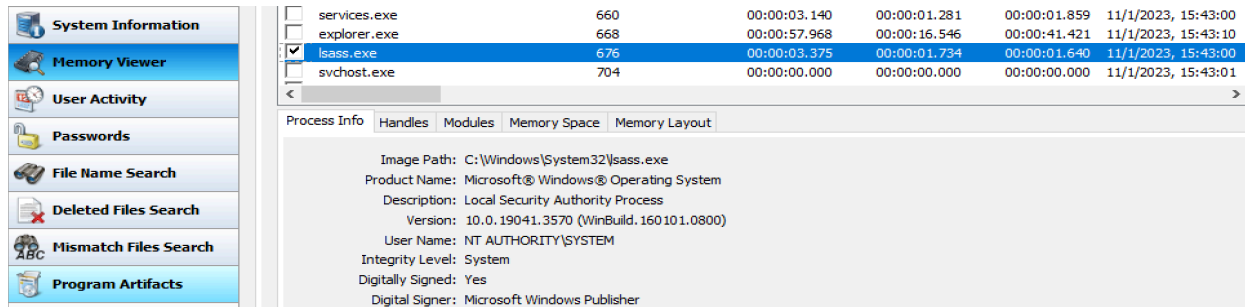
11/01/2023  03:51 PM    <DIR>          .
11/01/2023  03:51 PM    <DIR>          ..
10/13/2023  03:01 PM             53,465,480  AccessData_FTK_Imager_4.7.1.exe
10/13/2023  03:16 PM             18,864,464  hw_v680.exe
10/18/2023  11:09 PM    <DIR>          HxDSetup
11/01/2023  03:50 PM             1,074,802,688  mem.raw
10/25/2023  01:55 PM    <DIR>          NSRL-256m-Autopsy
10/13/2023  03:06 PM             252,667,008  osf.exe
10/13/2023  03:11 PM    <DIR>          winhex
11/01/2023  03:44 PM             527,640  winpmem_mini_x64_rc2.exe
               5 File(s)  1,400,327,280 bytes
               5 Dir(s)  4,915,253,248 bytes free

c:\Users\manvir\Downloads>_
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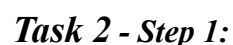
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c:\Users\manvir\Downloads>winpmem_mini_x64_rc2.exe mem.raw
WinPmem64
Extracting driver to C:\Users\manvir\AppData\Local\Temp\pmeFDED.tmp
Driver Unloaded.
Loaded Driver C:\Users\manvir\AppData\Local\Temp\pmeFDED.tmp.
Deleting C:\Users\manvir\AppData\Local\Temp\pmeFDED.tmp
The system time is: 22:56:59
Will generate a RAW image
- buffer_size_: 0x1000
CR3: 0x00001AA002
4 memory ranges:
Start 0x00001000 - Length 0x00009E000
Start 0x00100000 - Length 0x00002000
Start 0x00103000 - Length 0xDFEED000
Start 0x100000000 - Length 0x200000000
max_physical_memory_ 0x120000000
Acquisition mode PTE Remapping
Padding from 0x00000000 to 0x00001000
pad
- length: 0x1000
```

Step 3:

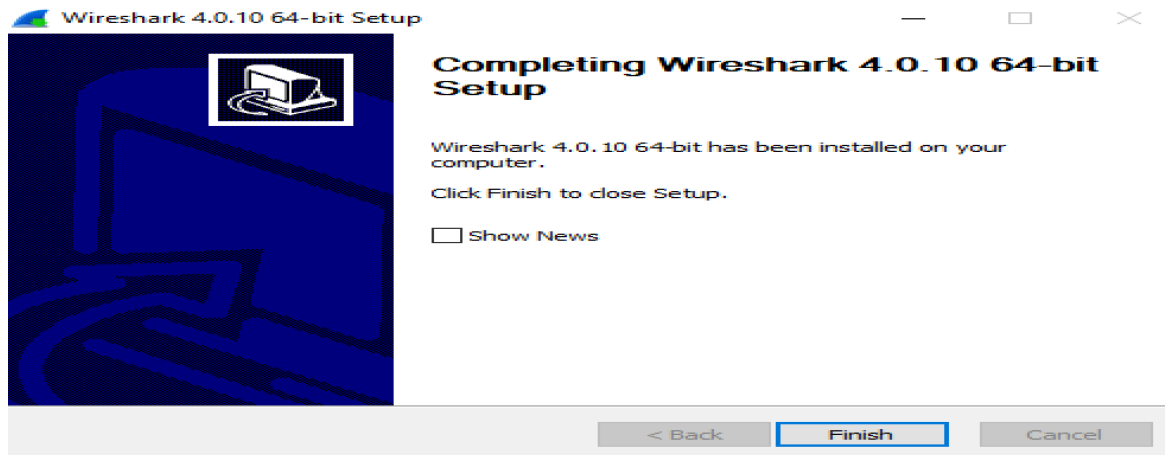
Now that we have our data, we can open up OSForensics and head to the “Memory Viewer” section in the left hand pane. We want to then select the “lsass” process and analyze the information present in the process info and memory space tabs at the bottom of the screen. After viewing the present information, we can dump all the memory we want by right clicking on the process and selecting the appropriate dump button. We will save the file as “process”.



Step 4:

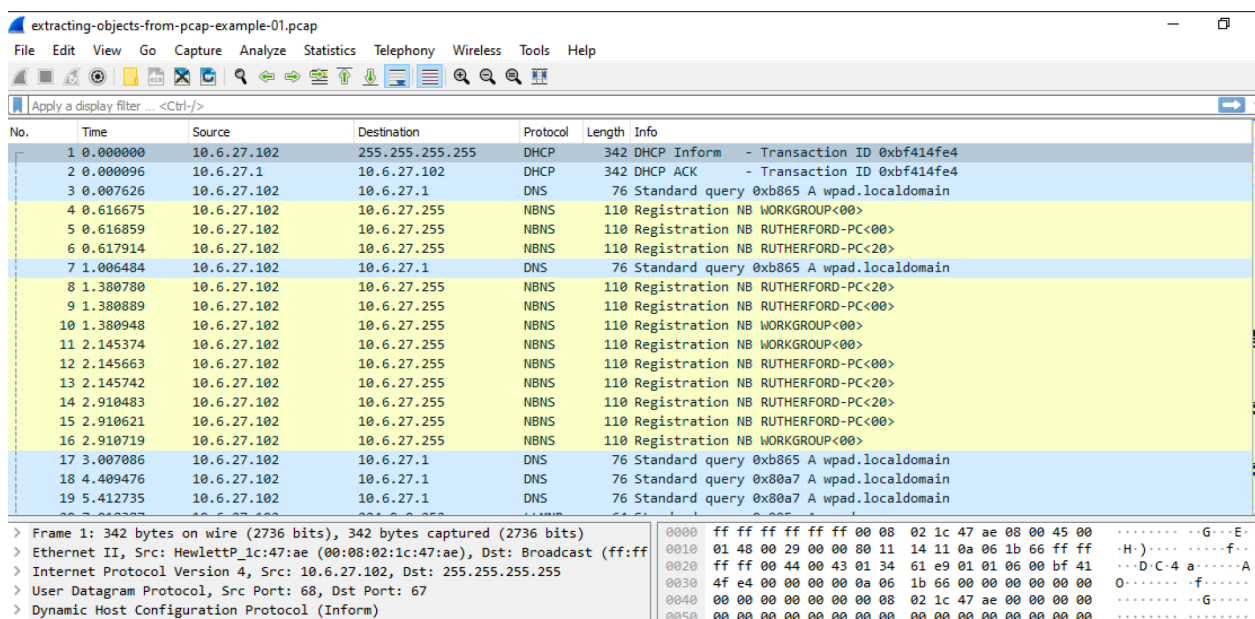


To start this step, we will first need to download Wireshark and make sure to select the Npcap settings.



Step 2:

From there, we will download an example pcap file from a website and extract all the files using the password “infected”. We will then launch the extracted file which will automatically launch inside of Wireshark where we are presented with a bunch of information containing IP addresses, protocols, etc.



Step 3:

We can then start to analyze the pcap file, one example being selecting the “Statistics” tab from the menu and selecting “Conversations”. If we then select the IPv4 - 7 tab, we can see various traffic information and addresses. If we close the tab and navigate to “Protocol Hierarchy” instead of “Conversations”, we can see various dropdowns and packet information, including that of HTTP. In Wireshark, we can further add filters such as “http” which shows that someone downloaded a word document from the IP address “107.180.50.162” to “10.6.27.102”. We can view the source address’ website link by selecting “View” in the menu, “Name Resolution” and finally “Resolve Network Addresses” which shows us that the host of the download came from “smart-fax.com”.

Wireshark · Conversations · extracting-objects-from-pcap-example-01.pcap

Conversation Settings

☐ Name resolution

☐ Absolute start time

☐ Limit to display filter

Ethernet · 3IPv4 · 7IPv6TCP · 4UDP · 28

Address A	Address B	Packets	Bytes	Packets A → B	Bytes A → B	Packets B → A	Bytes B → A	Rel Start	Duration	Bits/s A → B	Bits/s B → A
10.6.27.1	10.6.27.102	76	8 kB	8	2 kB	68	6 kB	0.000096	839.0728	14 bits/s	58 bits/s
10.6.27.102	10.6.27.255	42	5 kB	42	5 kB	0	0 bytes	0.616675	414.3339	87 bits/s	0 bits/s
10.6.27.102	23.63.254.163	9	778 bytes	5	379 bytes	4	399 bytes	14.229257	0.0743	40 kbps	42 kbps
10.6.27.102	23.105.131.229	262	15 kB	89	6 kB	173	10 kB	59.311311	808.0511	55 bits/s	97 bits/s
10.6.27.102	107.180.50.162	1,380	1 MB	424	24 kB	956	1 MB	29.140067	118.5227	1587 bits/s	85 kbps
10.6.27.102	224.0.0.252	18	1 kB	18	1 kB	0	0 bytes	7.018387	137.3861	67 bits/s	0 bits/s
10.6.27.102	255.255.255.255	3	1 kB	3	1 kB	0	0 bytes	0.000000	137.2738	59 bits/s	0 bits/s

Wireshark · Protocol Hierarchy Statistics · extracting-objects-from-pcap-example-01.pcap

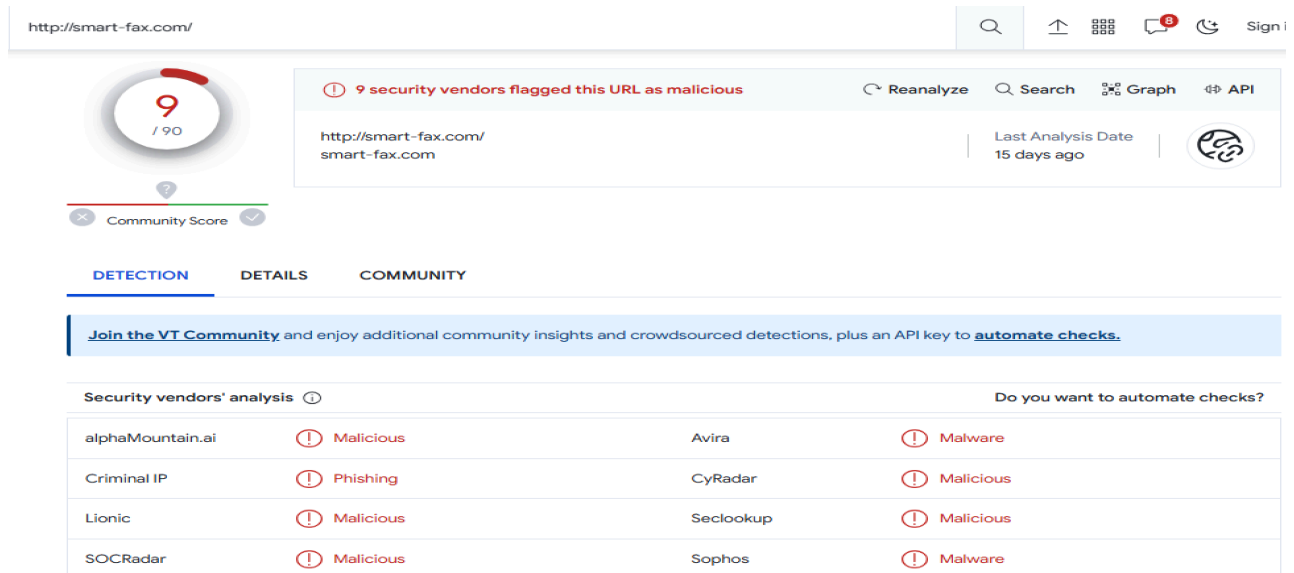
Protocol	Percent Packets	Packets	Percent Bytes	Bytes	Bits/s	End Packets	End Bytes	End
Frame	100.0	1790	100.0	1315996	12 k	0	0	0
Ethernet	100.0	1790	1.9	25060	231	0	0	0
Internet Protocol Version 4	100.0	1790	2.7	35800	330	0	0	0
User Datagram Protocol	7.8	139	0.1	1112	10	0	0	0
NetBIOS Name Service	4.2	75	0.3	4344	40	75	4344	40
NetBIOS Datagram Service	0.2	3	0.0	603	5	0	0	0
SMB (Server Message Block Protocol)	0.2	3	0.0	357	3	0	0	0
SMB MailSlot Protocol	0.2	3	0.0	75	0	0	0	0
Microsoft Windows Browser Protocol	0.2	3	0.0	99	0	3	99	0
Link-local Multicast Name Resolution	1.0	18	0.0	396	3	18	396	3
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol	0.3	6	0.1	1800	16	6	1800	16
Domain Name System	2.1	37	0.1	1416	13	37	1416	13
Transmission Control Protocol	92.2	1651	94.6	1245465	11 k	1474	1239491	11 k
Hypertext Transfer Protocol	0.3	6	92.0	1211102	11 k	3	693	6
Media Type	0.1	2	209.7	2760192	25 k	2	2760192	25 k
Line-based text data	0.1	1	0.0	14	0	1	14	0
Data	9.6	171	0.1	1265	11	171	1265	11

http

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
43	14.272449	10.6.27.102	23.63.254.163	HTTP	151	GET /ncsi.txt HTTP/1.1
45	14.302997	23.63.254.163	10.6.27.102	HTTP	233	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/plain)
71	29.202755	10.6.27.102	107.180.50.162	HTTP	343	GET /Documents/Invoice&MSO-Request.doc HTTP/1.1
337	33.648846	107.180.50.162	10.6.27.102	HTTP	162	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/msword)
356	38.470797	10.6.27.102	107.180.50.162	HTTP	361	GET /knr.exe HTTP/1.1
1456	39.117888	107.180.50.162	10.6.27.102	HTTP	243	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/x-msdownload)

337	33.648846	smart-fax.com	10.6.27.102	HTTP	162	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/msword)
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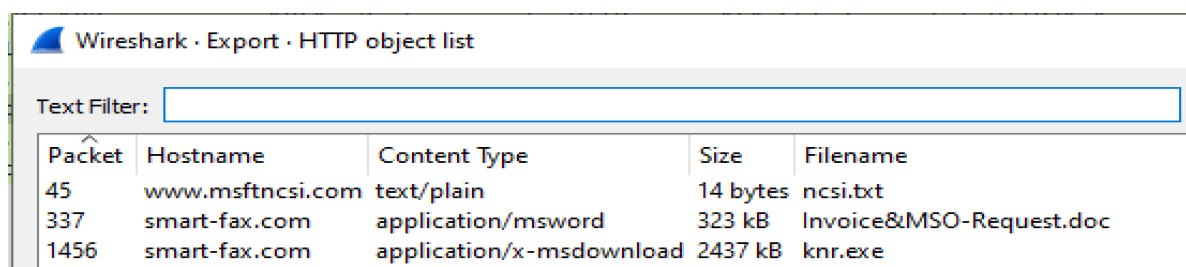
If we open up our browser and navigate to “virustotal.com”, we can enter the smart fax url which shows us the site is full of malware and malicious content.



The screenshot shows the VirusTotal interface for the URL `http://smart-fax.com/`. At the top, a red circle with the number 9 indicates that 9 security vendors flagged the URL as malicious. Below this, a table lists the security vendors and their detection results:

Security vendors' analysis	Do you want to automate checks?
alphaMountain.ai	Malicious
Avira	Malware
Criminal IP	Phishing
CyRadard	Malicious
Lionic	Malicious
Seclookup	Malicious
SOCRadard	Malicious
Sophos	Malware

If we select file, export objects, http, it opens up a popup that shows 2 files in which one is an .exe file, and the other a document. If we save the .exe file, Windows Defender will block it as it contains malware.



The screenshot shows the Wireshark 'Export · HTTP object list' dialog. It displays a table of HTTP objects with the following columns: Packet, Hostname, Content Type, Size, and Filename.

Packet	Hostname	Content Type	Size	Filename
45	www.msftncsi.com	text/plain	14 bytes	ncsi.txt
337	smart-fax.com	application/msword	323 kB	Invoice&MSO-Request.doc
1456	smart-fax.com	application/x-msdownload	2437 kB	knr.exe

