

Conducting Forensic Investigations on System Memory (4e)

Digital Forensics, Investigation, and Response, Fourth Edition - Lab 10

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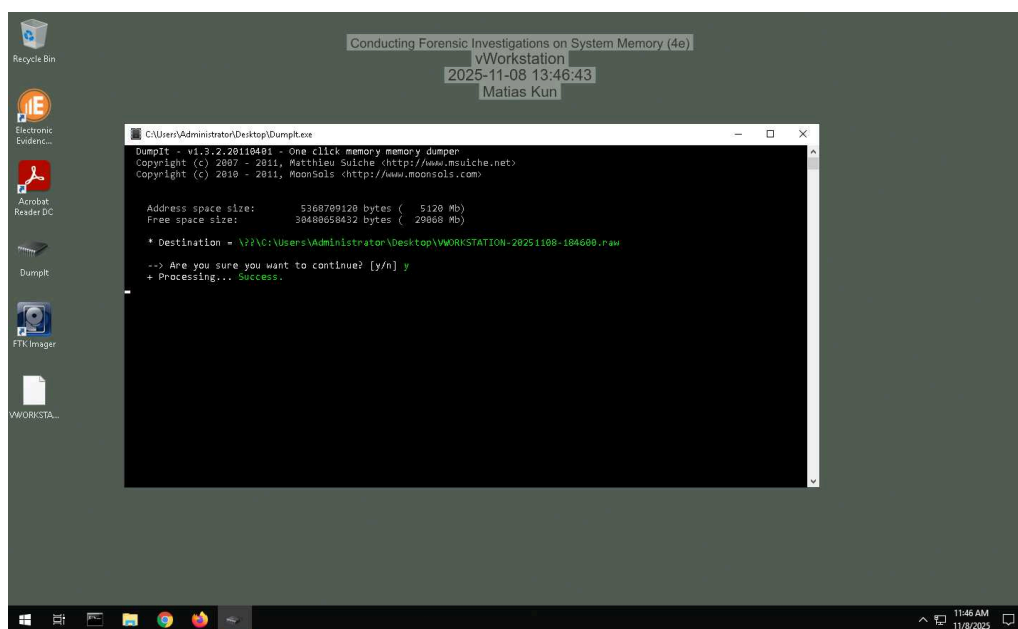
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Section 1: Hands-On Demonstration

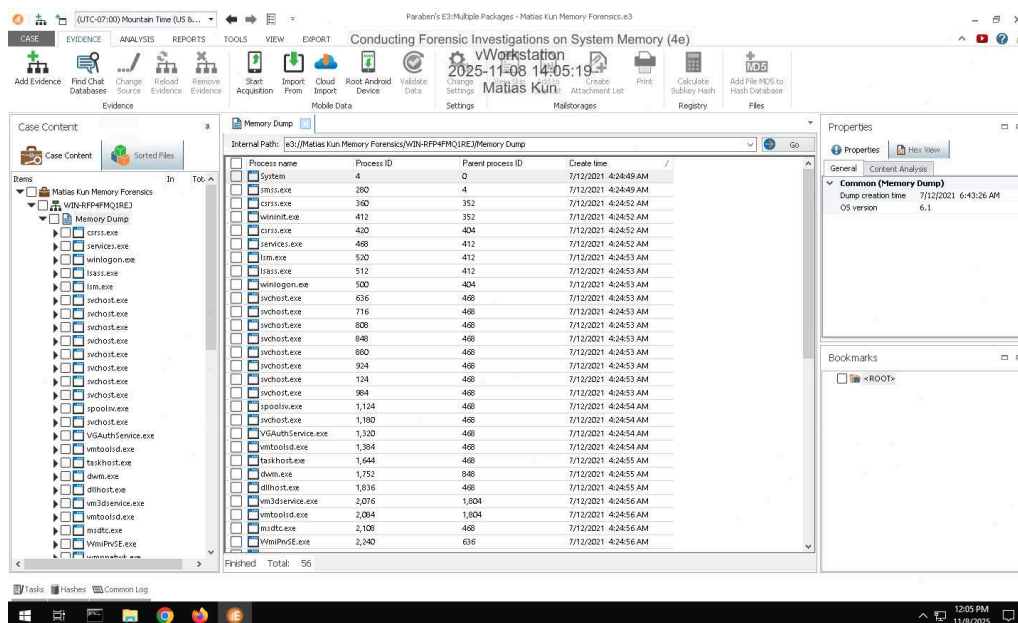
Part 1: Capture Memory using DumpIt

3. Make a screen capture showing the **DumpIt success notification**.



Part 2: Analyze Memory using E3

8. Make a screen capture showing the list of processes in the memory dump.



10. Record the start times for the oldest process and the newest process.

Oldest process start time was July 12, 2021 at 4:24:49 AM. Newest process start time was 6:42:43 AM on July 12, 2021

15. Document your findings for the conhost.exe process. What is it and what is it used for?

The Conhost.exe process is used for core services to the Command Prompt. It is used for features allowing the Command Prompt to function with Windows Explorer to drag and drop files and folders to the terminal window. It stands for "Console Window Host" and it is a legitimate program. However, it can be susceptible to vulnerabilities caused by hackers.

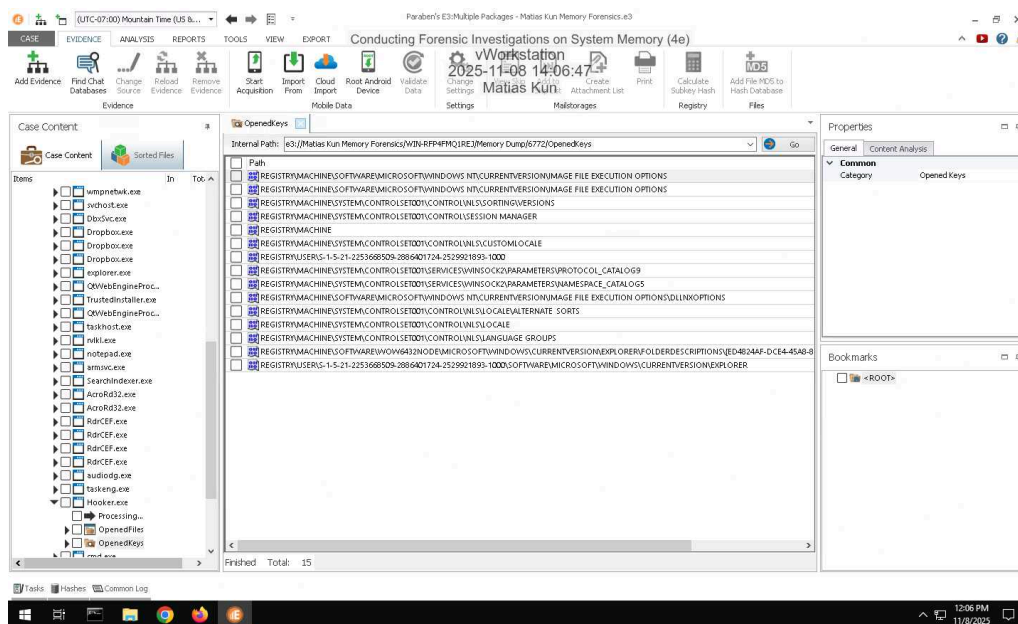
17. Document your findings for the hooker.exe process. What is it and what is it used for?

The Hooker.exe process is not a Windows system file. But rather, a program used to record keyboard shortcuts as well as connect to the internet, record keyboard and mouse inputs, and monitor applications. In other words, it is a keylogger process. It is considered a malicious application and is vulnerable to attacks.

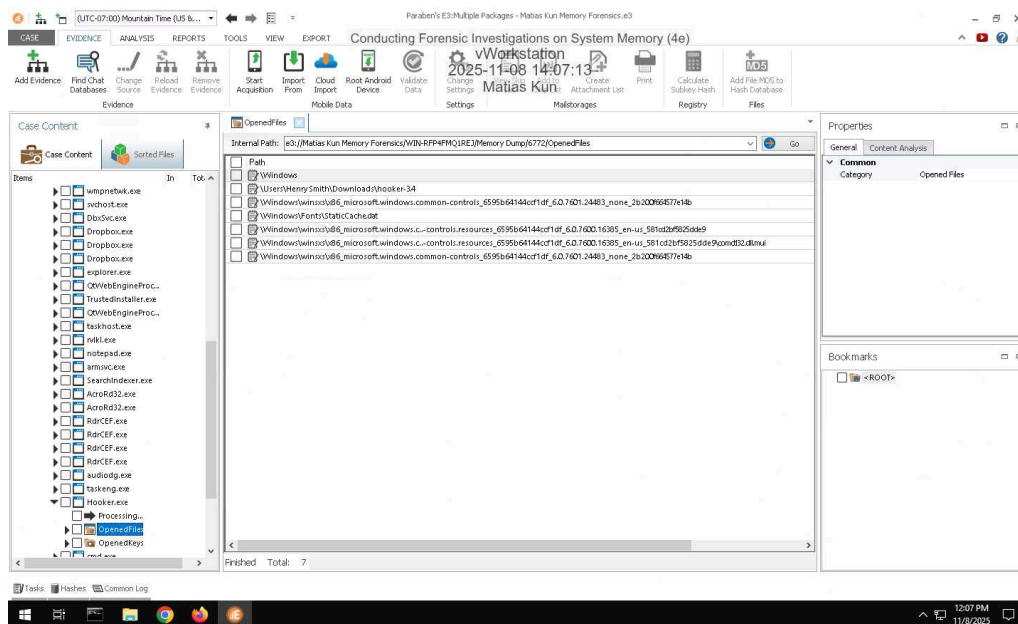
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21. Make a screen capture showing the registry keys opened by the Hooker.exe process.



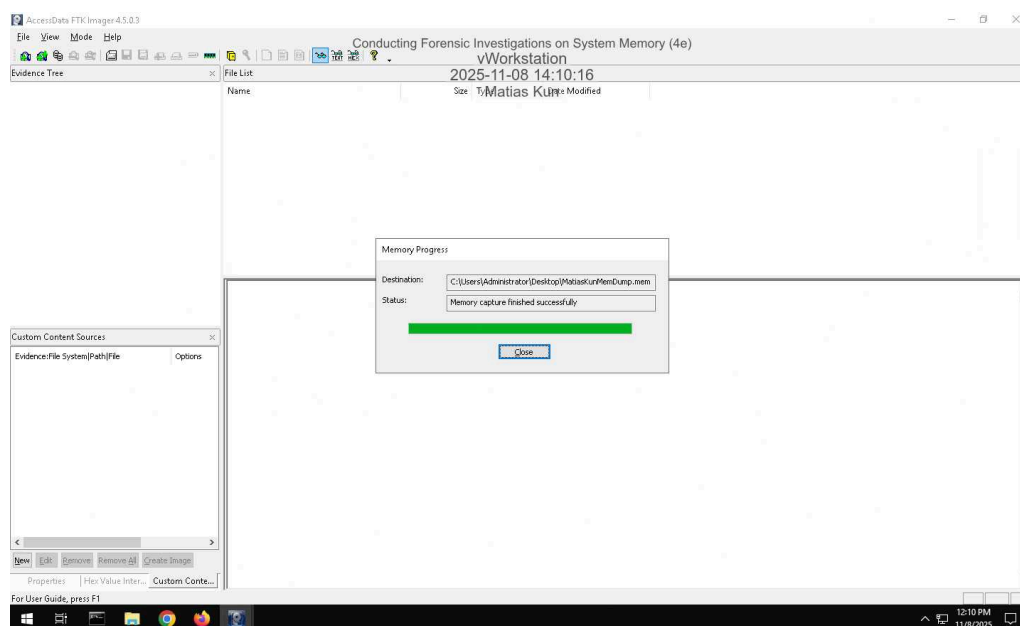
23. Make a screen capture showing the files opened by the hooker.exe process.



Section 2: Applied Learning

Part 1: Capture Memory using FTK Imager

6. Make a screen capture showing the *Memory capture finished successfully* confirmation.



Part 2: Analyze Memory using Volatility

7. **Document** your findings for the rvkl.exe process. What is it and what is it used for?

The rvkl.exe process is a security and monitoring software tool which is named "Logixoft's Revealer Keylogger." The tool creates log files of all usage, including screenshots and logs, that can be remotely sent to the customer. This program is invisible. The program also has a digital signature and is able to record keyboard and mouse inputs, as well as monitor inputs. It is not considered fully safe to use and may not work properly with some layouts.

9. **Document** whether any processes are flagged as hidden.

There are three different processes that are flagged as hidden. One is services.exe. The other two are lsass.exe and lsm.exe.

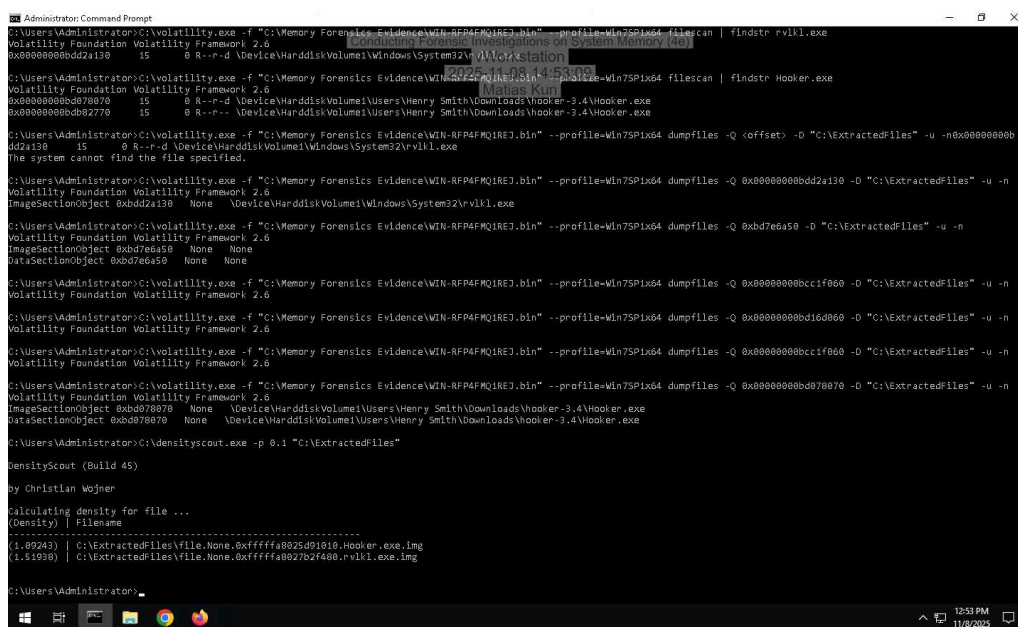
12. **Document** whether the netscan module displays network usage associated with the Hooker.exe or rvkl.exe processes.

The netscan module displays that there are network usages associated with the Hooker.exe and rvkl.exe processes through the Chrome Browser and Dropbox applications.

15. **Document** any information you were able to gather about port 56610.

The information I discovered regarding port 56610 was that it is a dynamic and private port that is used for accessing files on the system. The program name for the filesystem access tools is Xsan, also known as Xsan Filesystem Access.

26. **Make a screen capture showing the DensityScout results.**



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Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Users\Administrator>C:\volatility.exe -f "C:\Memory Forensics Evidence\WIN-RFP4FMQIRE3.bin" --profile=Win7SP1x64 filescan | findstr rvkl.exe
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
0x00000000b0d2a130 15 0 R--r-d \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\Workstation
C:\Users\Administrator>C:\volatility.exe -f "C:\Memory Forensics Evidence\WIN-RFP4FMQIRE3.bin" --profile=Win7SP1x64 filescan | findstr Hooker.exe
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
0x00000000b0d078070 15 0 R--r-d \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Users\Henry Smith\Downloads\Hooker-3.4\Hooker.exe
0x00000000b0d07770 15 0 R--r-- \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Users\Henry Smith\Downloads\Hooker-3.4\Hooker.exe
C:\Users\Administrator>C:\volatility.exe -f "C:\Memory Forensics Evidence\WIN-RFP4FMQIRE3.bin" --profile=Win7SP1x64 dumpfiles -Q <offset> -D "C:\ExtractedFiles" -u -n 0x00000000b0d2a130
15 0 R--r-d \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\rvkl.exe
The system cannot find the file specified.
C:\Users\Administrator>C:\volatility.exe -f "C:\Memory Forensics Evidence\WIN-RFP4FMQIRE3.bin" --profile=Win7SP1x64 dumpfiles -Q 0x00000000b0d2a130 -D "C:\ExtractedFiles" -u -n
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
ImageSectionObject 0xb0d2a130 None \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\rvkl.exe
C:\Users\Administrator>C:\volatility.exe -f "C:\Memory Forensics Evidence\WIN-RFP4FMQIRE3.bin" --profile=Win7SP1x64 dumpfiles -Q 0xb0d76a50 -D "C:\ExtractedFiles" -u -n
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
ImageSectionObject 0xb0d76a50 None None
DataSectionObject 0xb0d76a50 None None
C:\Users\Administrator>C:\volatility.exe -f "C:\Memory Forensics Evidence\WIN-RFP4FMQIRE3.bin" --profile=Win7SP1x64 dumpfiles -Q 0x00000000bcc1f060 -D "C:\ExtractedFiles" -u -n
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
C:\Users\Administrator>C:\volatility.exe -f "C:\Memory Forensics Evidence\WIN-RFP4FMQIRE3.bin" --profile=Win7SP1x64 dumpfiles -Q 0x00000000bd16d060 -D "C:\ExtractedFiles" -u -n
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
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Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
C:\Users\Administrator>C:\volatility.exe -f "C:\Memory Forensics Evidence\WIN-RFP4FMQIRE3.bin" --profile=Win7SP1x64 dumpfiles -Q 0x00000000bd078070 -D "C:\ExtractedFiles" -u -n
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
ImageSectionObject 0xb0d078070 None \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Users\Henry Smith\Downloads\Hooker-3.4\Hooker.exe
DataSectionObject 0xb0d078070 None \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Users\Henry Smith\Downloads\Hooker-3.4\Hooker.exe
C:\Users\Administrator>C:\densityscout.exe -p 0.1 "C:\ExtractedFiles"
DensityScout (Build 45)
by Christian Wojner
Calculating density for file ...
(Density) | filename
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(1.89243) | C:\ExtractedFiles\file.None.0xfffffa8025d91010.Hooker.exe.img
(1.51930) | C:\ExtractedFiles\file.None.0xfffffa802762f480.rvkl.exe.img
C:\Users\Administrator>
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Section 3: Challenge and Analysis

Part 1: Identify Malicious Connections

Document the three processes that connected to 205.134.253.10:4444.

The three processes that connected to 205.134.253.10:4444 are "fixtureCompute," "QaNoQBC.exe," and "dllhost.exe."

Document the name and purpose of the software you discovered.

The software that commonly uses port 4444 is Metasploit by default. It also contains a proxy named 12P HTTP/S. Metasploit is a security software programming tool used to provide data about vulnerabilities and assists in the penetration testing setting.

Part 2: Identify Malicious Processes

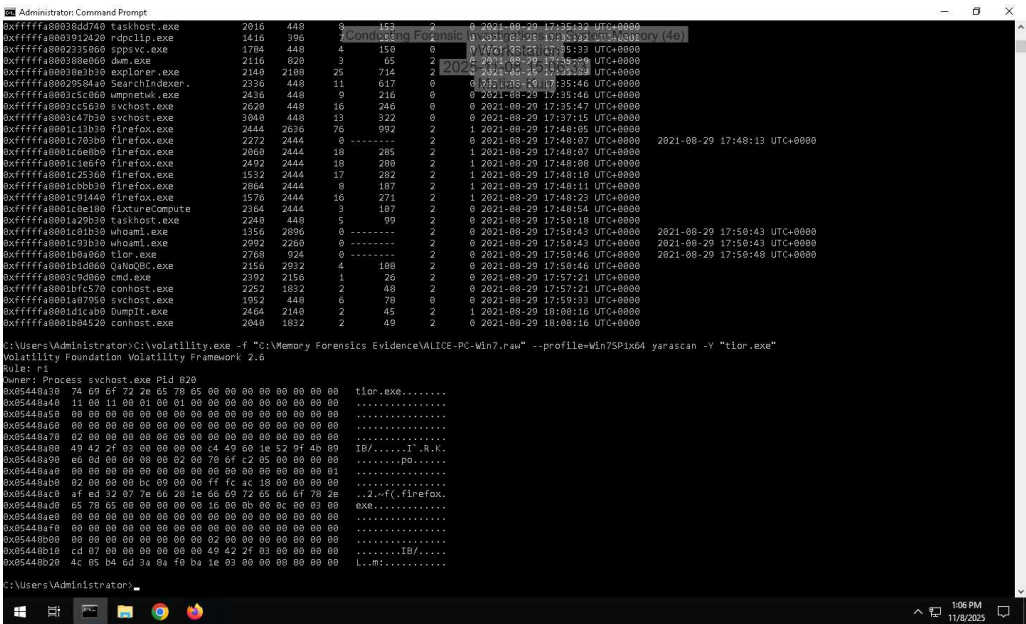
Make a screen capture showing the fixtureComputer.exe process, and all those below it, in the pslist output.

The screenshot shows a Windows Command Prompt window with the following content:

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Administrator: Command Prompt
0x7e31f928 TCPv4 0.0.0.0:49153 LISTENING 728 svchost.exe
0x7e31f928 TCPv6 ::::49153 LISTENING 728 svchost.exe
0x7e3220f0 TCPv4 0.0.0.0:49153 LISTENING 728 svchost.exe
0x7e3fc510 TCPv4 0.0.0.0:49154 LISTENING 728 svchost.exe
0x7e3fc4d0 TCPv4 0.0.0.0:49154 LISTENING 728 svchost.exe
0x7e3fc4d0 TCPv6 ::::49154 LISTENING 728 svchost.exe
0x7d4a9800 TCPv6 -:- 0072:5803:80fa:ffff:0072:5803:80fa:ffff:0 CLOSED 4 System
0x7d4a44f0 TCPv6 -:- 0072:5803:80fa:ffff:0072:5803:80fa:ffff:0 CLOSED 1000 svchost.exe
0x7d4d8420 TCPv4 -:- 152.114.88.310 CLOSED 1000 svchost.exe
0x7d8e1070 TCPv4 172.16.0.25:49537 ESTABLISHED 390 svchost.exe
0x7e298540 TCPv4 -:- 232.211.77.3:0 CLOSED 1 B?MB????
0x7e2ed870 TCPv6 -:- e8d3:4d03:80fa:ffff:e8d3:4d03:80fa:ffff:0 CLOSED 1 B?MB????
0x7fe38420 UDPv4 0.0.0.0:0 *:* 1548 svchost.exe 2021-08-29 17:35:15 UTC+0000
0x7fe38420 UDPv6 ::::0 *:* 1548 svchost.exe 2021-08-29 17:35:15 UTC+0000
0x7fe38420 UDPv4 0.0.0.0:0 *:* 1548 svchost.exe 2021-08-29 17:35:15 UTC+0000
0x7fe38420 TCPv4 0.0.0.0:49157 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING 456 lsass.exe
0x7fe38420 TCPv6 ::::49157 ::::0 LISTENING 456 lsass.exe
0x7fa65590 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49165 127.0.0.1:49164 ESTABLISHED 2060 firefox.exe
0x7fa68a90 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49164 127.0.0.1:49165 ESTABLISHED 2060 firefox.exe
0x7fa6a9d0 TCPv4 172.16.0.25:49178 205.134.253.10:4444 CLOSED 2060 dllhost.exe
0x7fa6a9d0 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49169 127.0.0.1:49169 ESTABLISHED 1532 firefox.exe
0x7fa6a9d0 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49169 127.0.0.1:49168 ESTABLISHED 1532 firefox.exe
0x7fabecf0 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49171 127.0.0.1:49170 ESTABLISHED 1576 firefox.exe
0x7fb02510 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49166 127.0.0.1:49167 ESTABLISHED 2492 firefox.exe
0x7fb02c40 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49167 127.0.0.1:49166 ESTABLISHED 2492 firefox.exe
0x7fb01010 TCPv4 172.16.0.25:49176 205.134.253.10:4444 ESTABLISHED 2150 QaNoQBC.exe
0x7fb01010 TCPv4 172.16.0.25:49175 205.134.253.10:4444 ESTABLISHED 2164 fixturecompute
0x7fb02c40 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49161 127.0.0.1:49169 ESTABLISHED 2444 firefox.exe
0x7fb02c40 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49160 127.0.0.1:49161 ESTABLISHED 2444 firefox.exe
0x7fb02c40 TCPv4 127.0.0.1:49170 127.0.0.1:49171 ESTABLISHED 1576 firefox.exe

C:\Users\Administrator>volatility.exe -f "C:\Memory Forensics Evidence\ALICE-PC-Win7.raw" --profile=Win7SP1x64 pslist
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(V) Name PID PPID Thds Hnds Sess Wow64 Start Exit
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0xfffffa0018038a00 System 4 0 87 568 ----- 0 2021-08-29 17:35:09 UTC+0000
0xfffffa0025e0220 smss.exe 260 4 2 32 ----- 0 2021-08-29 17:35:09 UTC+0000
0xfffffa00221000 csrss.exe 322 324 0 371 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:11 UTC+0000
0xfffffa0003591f0 wininit.exe 380 324 3 74 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:11 UTC+0000
0xfffffa00037a0a0 csrss.exe 392 372 7 74 1 0 2021-08-29 17:35:11 UTC+0000
0xfffffa000360000 services.exe 448 380 0 262 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:12 UTC+0000
0xfffffa0003fab30 lsass.exe 456 380 8 763 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:12 UTC+0000
0xfffffa0003f95c0 lsm.exe 464 380 9 232 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:12 UTC+0000
0xfffffa0020b0b00 winlogon.exe 476 372 4 93 1 0 2021-08-29 17:35:12 UTC+0000
0xfffffa0004b13e0 svchost.exe 680 448 10 389 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:12 UTC+0000
0xfffffa00034d3e0 svchost.exe 668 448 0 272 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:12 UTC+0000
0xfffffa00034f5b30 svchost.exe 720 448 19 471 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:12 UTC+0000
0xfffffa000351610 logonui.exe 888 476 6 175 1 0 2021-08-29 17:35:12 UTC+0000
0xfffffa0003538470 svchost.exe 828 448 18 449 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:12 UTC+0000
0xfffffa0003597290 svchost.exe 892 448 42 1136 0 0 2021-08-29 17:35:13 UTC+0000
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Make a screen capture showing the output of the yarascan.



Part 3: Identify Privilege Escalation

Make a screen capture showing the output of your privilege comparison.

