Seena Davoodi Scott Maclean

Questions to Answer and Goals from the Case

Answer the following questions and use the submission guidelines below to ensure you are providing an explanation of your process, screen captures of where you found each answer and the tools and artifacts you used.

1. What's the Operating System of the Server? Scott Maclean
    - Windows Server 2012 R2 Standard Evaluation
    - Path Using FTKImager, we have mounted the disk image of the DC01 drive into the system and navigate to -> C:\Windows\System32\License

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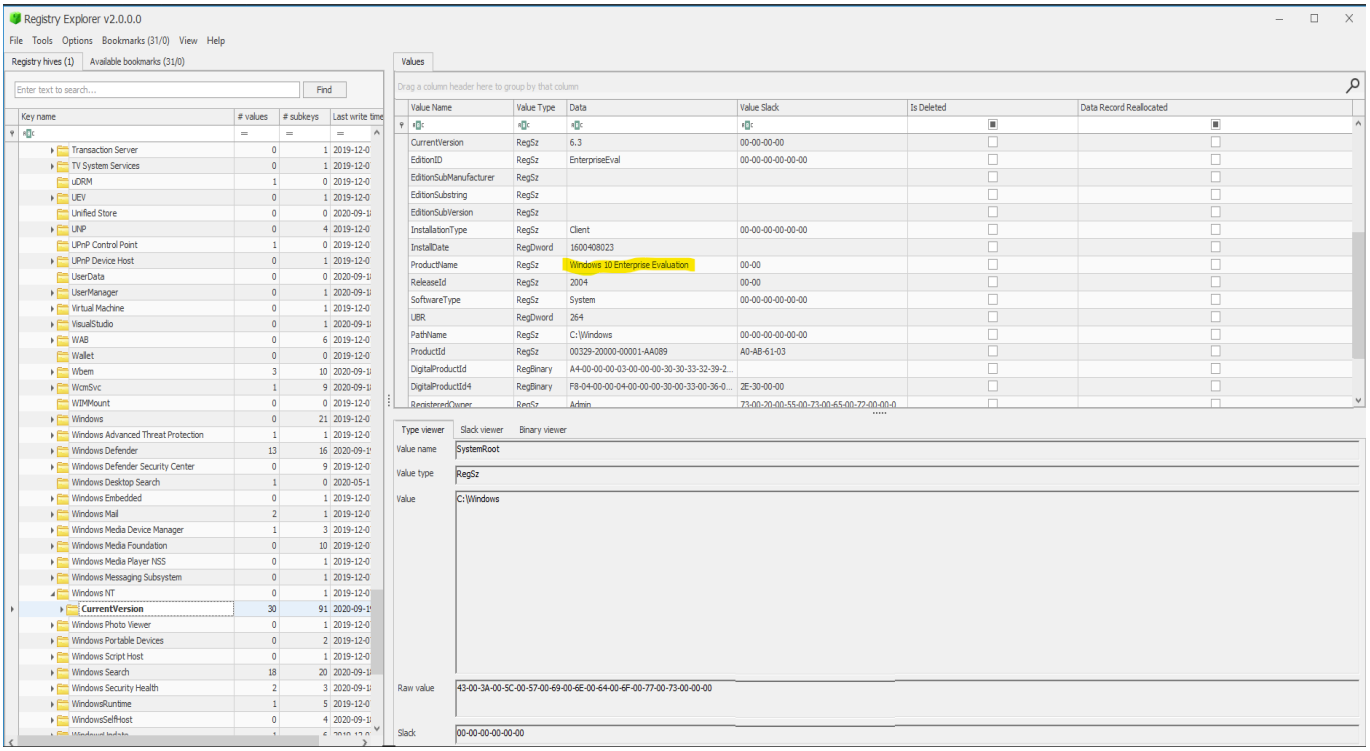
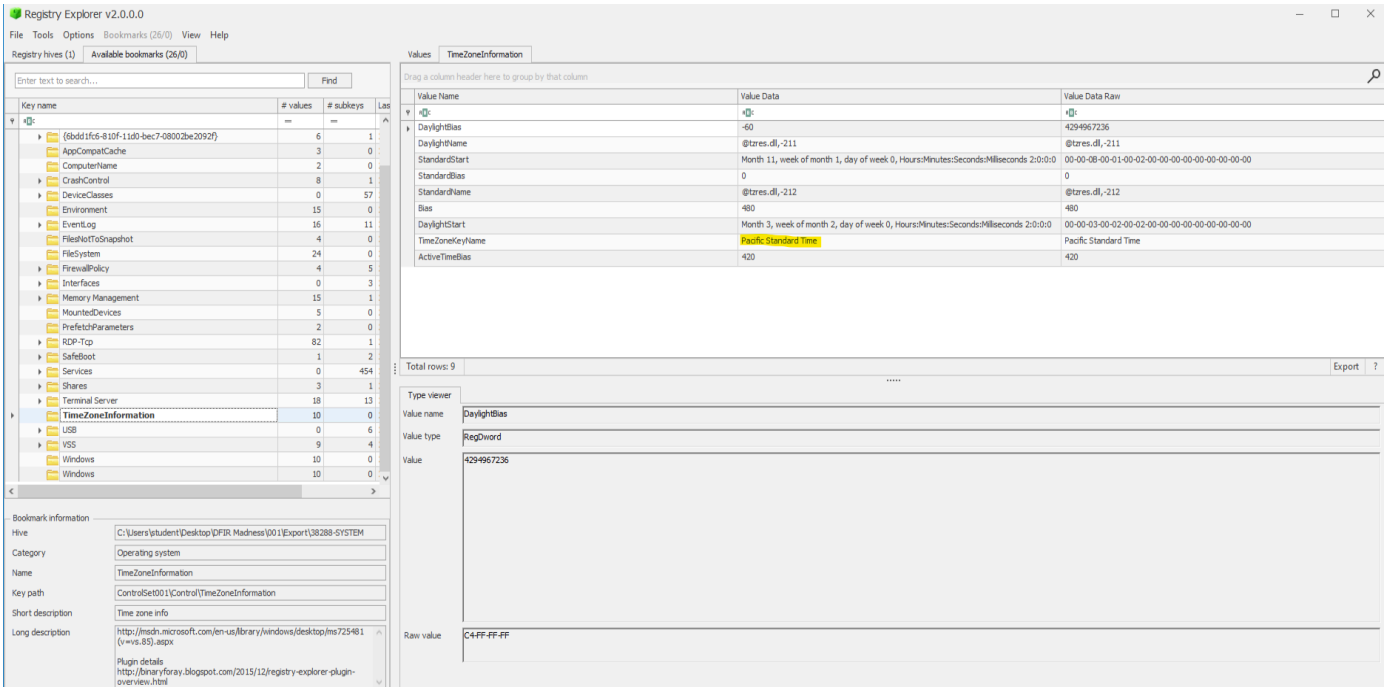
2. What's the Operating System of the Desktop? Seena Davoodi
    - Windows 10 Enterprise Evaluation
    - Exported SOFTWARE hive from desktop registry, uploaded to registry explorer. Path -> KHLM-SOFTWARE-Microsoft-Windows NT-Current Version

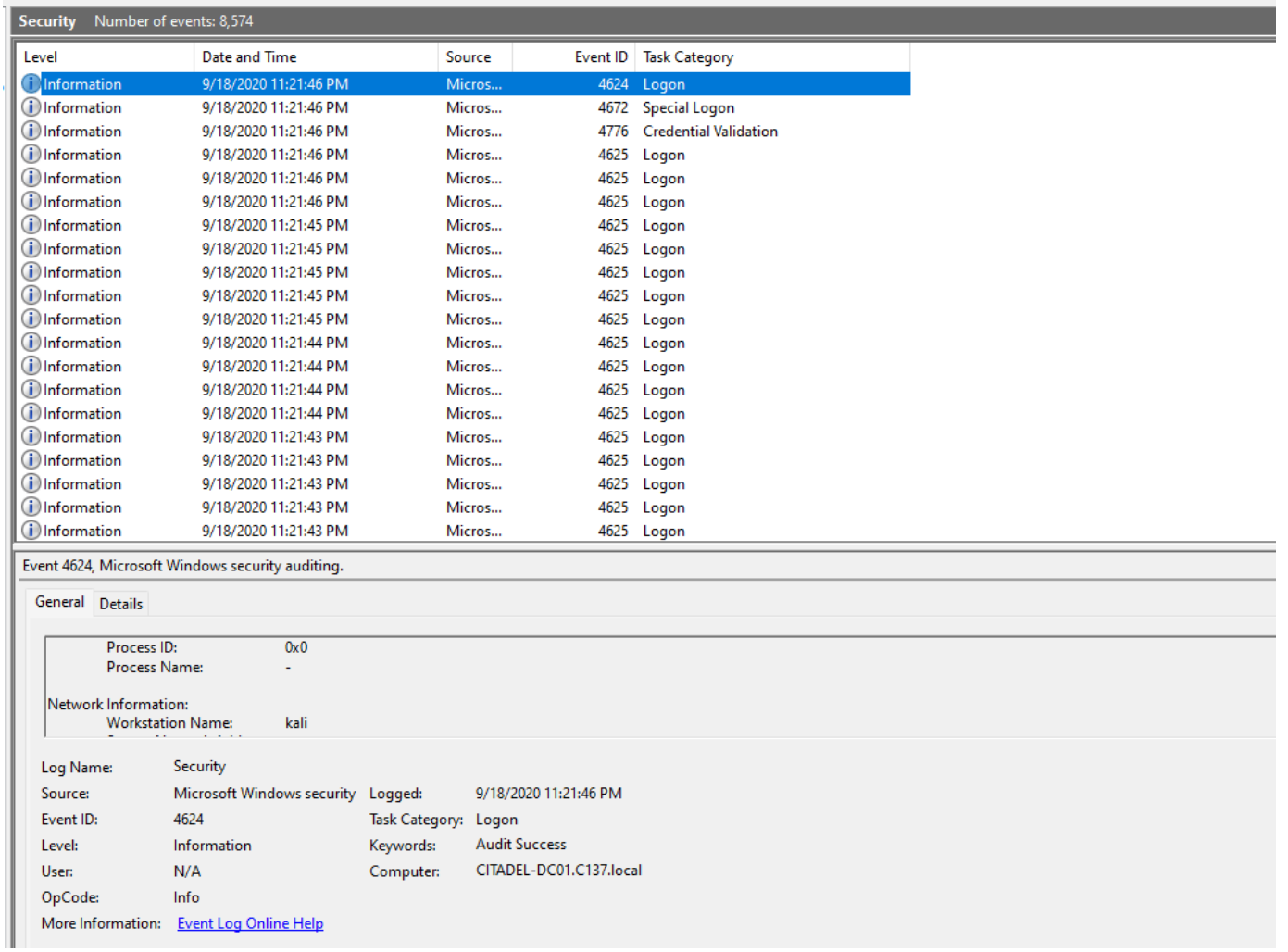


3. What was the local time of the Server? Scott Maclean

- Pacific Standard Time
- We extracted the SYSTEM hive from the Server Registry using FTKImager by going into CDriveE01-Partition 2-Root-Windows-System32-Config. From there we saw the SYSTEM hive, exported it to our desktop and uploaded that file into Eric Zimmermans Registry Explorer. From there we took the Path->HKLM-ControlSet001-TimeZoneInformation



4. Was there a breach?
    - Yes, FBI was involved in confirming the breach.
5. What was the initial entry vector (how did they get in)? **Scott Maclean**
    - RDP Brute Force Attack. We extracted the HKLM (Local Machine) Security Hive security event logs into the Windows event viewer tool. Filtered for failed login attempts using event ID 4625. Noted first failed login attempt was at 9/18/2020 11:21:25PM from a kali machine. Numerous failed login attempts were recorded in less than a minute. At 11:21:46PM the attacker assigned themselves new privileges and successfully logged into the server.



6. Was malware used? If so, what was it? If there was malware answer the following: Seena Davoodi
    - What process was malicious?
        - Coreupdater.exe
        - Using the volatility 3 tool, we were able to analyze the memory dump for the DC using various plugins. Once we loaded the file into volatility and used the plugin windows.netstat, we were able to see that an executable “coreupdater” was offloaded onto IP 10.42.85.10 by IP address 203.78.103.109:
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C:\Users\student>cd C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2

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0xe00063266d10  TCPv6   fe80::2dcf:e660:be73:d220       62777   fe80::2dcf:e660:be73:d220       49155   CLOSED  460     lsass.exe       -
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No further results will be produced

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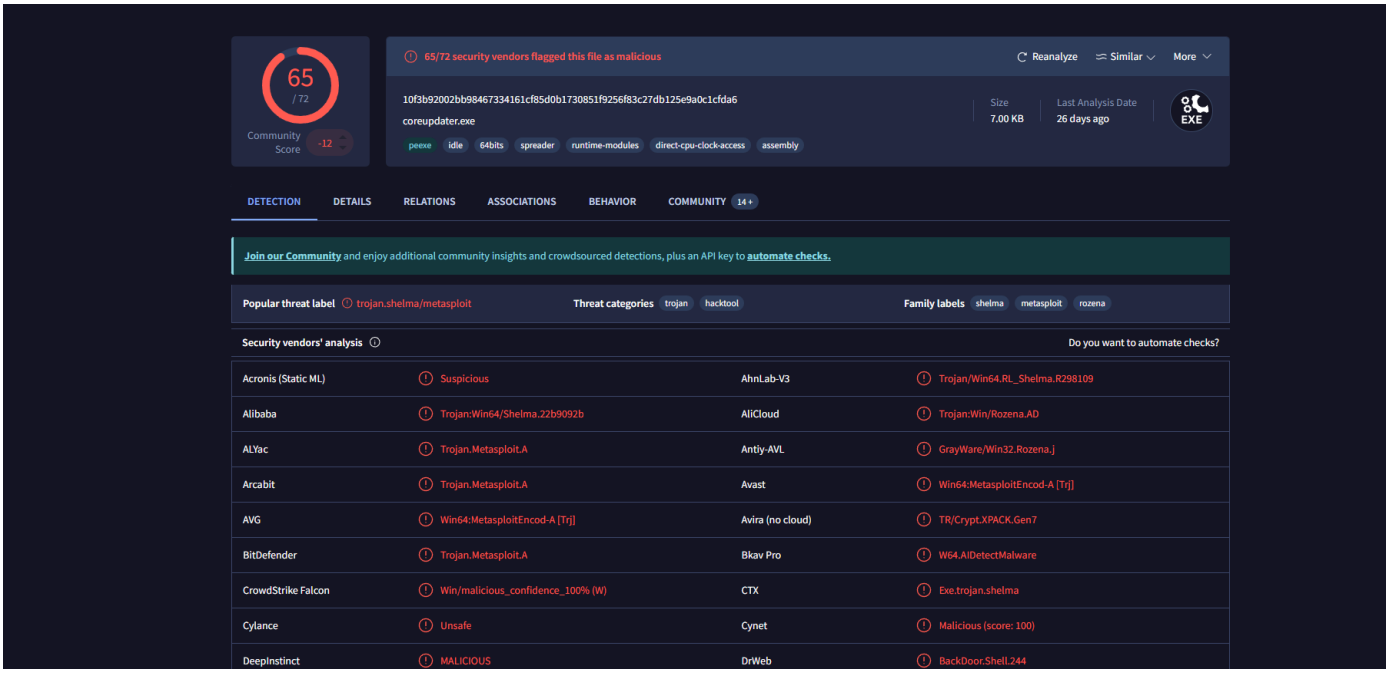

We can see after adding the hash to virus total that the malware has been identified as Metasploit.

- Identify the IP Address that delivered the payload. Seena Davoodi
  - 194.61.24.102

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C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>strings pid.848.dmp | findstr /i "coreupdater"
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- What IP Address is the malware calling to? Scott Maclean
  - 203.78.103.109

We can see that by running the windows.netstat plugin in Volatility 3 that coreupdater.exe is calling to IP 203.78.103.109

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- Where is this malware on disk? Seena Davoodi
  - C:windows\system32\coreupdater.exe
    1. Found in Desktop Amcache using RegRipper. Checked the hash on VirusTotal.

```
c:\windows\system32\coreupdater.exe  LastWrite: 2020-09-19 03:40:45Z
Hash: fd153c66386ca93ec9993d66a84d6f0d129a3a5c
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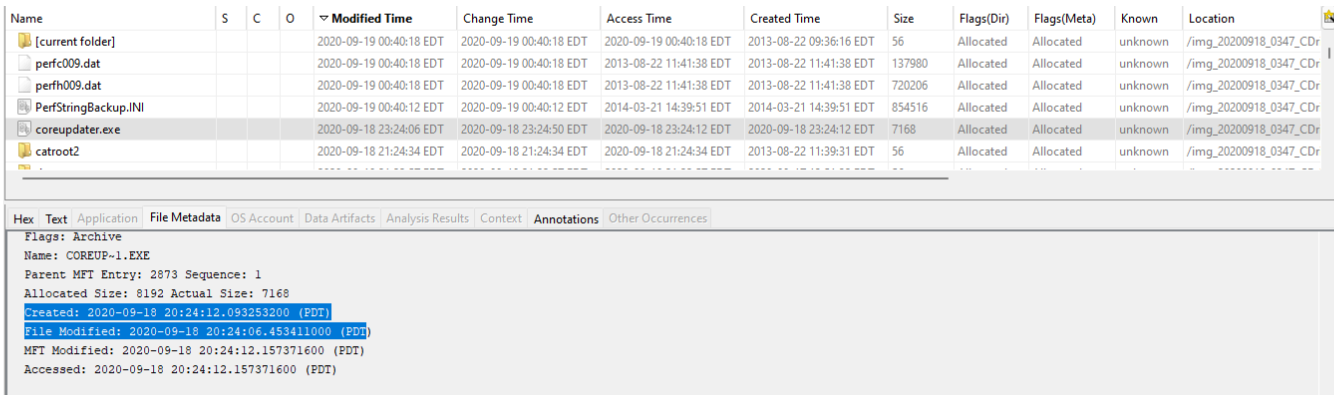
- When did it first appear? Seena Davoodi/Scott Maclean
  - 20:24 PDT 2020-09-18
  - Found the core updater.exe in DC's system32 and looked at the file's metadata



Name	S	C	O	Modified Time	Change Time	Access Time	Created Time	Size	Flags(Dir)	Flags(Meta)	Known	Location
[current folder]				2020-09-19 00:40:18 EDT	2020-09-19 00:40:18 EDT	2020-09-19 00:40:18 EDT	2013-08-22 09:36:16 EDT	56	Allocated	Allocated	unknown	/img_20200918_0347_CDr
perfc009.dat				2020-09-19 00:40:18 EDT	2020-09-19 00:40:18 EDT	2013-08-22 11:41:38 EDT	2013-08-22 11:41:38 EDT	137980	Allocated	Allocated	unknown	/img_20200918_0347_CDr
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PerfStringBackup.INI				2020-09-19 00:40:12 EDT	2020-09-19 00:40:12 EDT	2014-03-21 14:39:51 EDT	2014-03-21 14:39:51 EDT	854516	Allocated	Allocated	unknown	/img_20200918_0347_CDr
coreupdater.exe				2020-09-18 23:24:06 EDT	2020-09-18 23:24:50 EDT	2020-09-18 23:24:12 EDT	2020-09-18 23:24:12 EDT	7168	Allocated	Allocated	unknown	/img_20200918_0347_CDr
catroot2				2020-09-18 21:24:34 EDT	2020-09-18 21:24:34 EDT	2020-09-18 21:24:34 EDT	2013-08-22 11:39:31 EDT	56	Allocated	Allocated	unknown	/img_20200918_0347_CDr

Hex | Text | Application | File Metadata | OS Account | Data Artifacts | Analysis Results | Context | Annotations | Other Occurrences

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Flags: Archive
Name: COREUP~1.EXE
Parent MFT Entry: 2873 Sequence: 1
Allocated Size: 8192 Actual Size: 7168
Created: 2020-09-18 20:24:12.093253200 (PDT)
File Modified: 2020-09-18 20:24:06.453411000 (PDT)
MFT Modified: 2020-09-18 20:24:12.157371600 (PDT)
Accessed: 2020-09-18 20:24:12.157371600 (PDT)
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- Did someone move it? Seena Davoodi
  - Yes - It was initially downloaded to C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial

    It was cached in IE's cache:

    C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CLE9U4I5\coreupdater[1].exe

    Finally moved to: C:\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exe

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http://194.61.24.102/coreupdater.exe
coreupdater[1].exe
C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CLE9U4I5\coreupdater[1].exe
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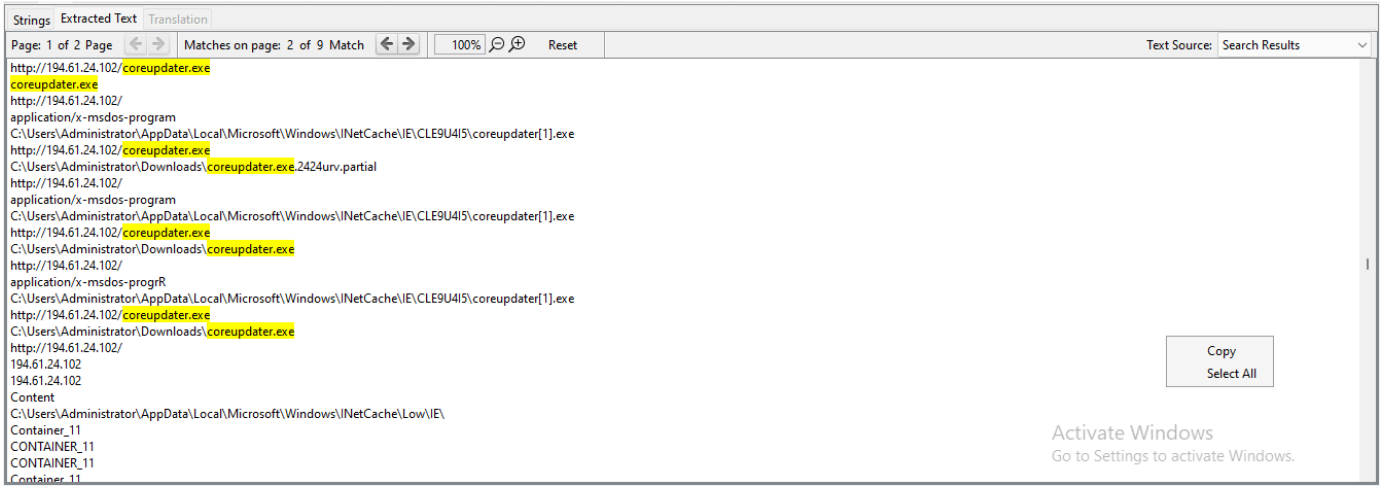

- What were the capabilities of this malware? Seena Davoodi
  - Lateral movement within the victim's network, privilege escalation/creating Administrator account, it enabled autostart on system boot by modifying the registry, exfiltration, remote desktop access
- Is this malware easily obtained? **Scott Maclean**
  - Yes, Metasploit is generally easily obtainable. Here's why:

    1. Open-Source Framework: The Metasploit Framework is open-source, meaning its source code is freely available to the public. You can download it from the official Metasploit website or its GitHub repository.

    2. Included in Kali Linux: Kali Linux, a popular penetration testing distribution, comes with Metasploit pre-installed. This makes it readily accessible to anyone using Kali.

- Was this malware installed with persistence on any machine? Seena Davoodi
  - When?
  - Where?

Ran this command to see a list of processes in memory dump and found the previously identified malicious exe named "coreupdater":

```
C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>python vol.py -f C:\Users\student\Desktop\ForensicsProject\DC01\DC01-memory\citadeldc01.mem windows.pslist
```

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Volatility 3 Framework 2.5.2
Progress:  100.00               PDB scanning finished
PID     PPID    ImageFileName   Offset(V)       Threads Handles SessionId       Wow64   CreateTime      ExitTime        File output

4       0       System  0xe0005f273040  98      -       N/A     False   2020-09-19 01:22:38.000000      N/A     Disabled
204     4       smss.exe        0xe00060354900  2       -       N/A     False   2020-09-19 01:22:38.000000      N/A     Disabled
324     316     csrss.exe       0xe000602c2080  8       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:39.000000      N/A     Disabled
404     316     wininit.exe     0xe000602cc900  1       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
412     396     csrss.exe       0xe000602c1900  10      -       1       False   2020-09-19 01:22:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
452     404     services.exe    0xe00060c11080  5       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
460     404     lsass.exe       0xe00060c0e080  31      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
492     396     winlogon.exe    0xe00060c2a080  4       -       1       False   2020-09-19 01:22:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
640     452     svchost.exe     0xe00060c84900  8       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
684     452     svchost.exe     0xe00060c9a700  6       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
800     452     svchost.exe     0xe00060ca3900  12      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
808     492     dwm.exe 0xe00060d09680  7       -       1       False   2020-09-19 01:22:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
848     452     svchost.exe     0xe00060d1e080  39      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:41.000000      N/A     Disabled
928     452     svchost.exe     0xe00060d5d500  16      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:41.000000      N/A     Disabled
1000    452     svchost.exe     0xe00060da2080  18      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:41.000000      N/A     Disabled
668     452     svchost.exe     0xe00060e09900  16      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:41.000000      N/A     Disabled
1292    452     Microsoft.Acti  0xe00060f73900  9       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:57.000000      N/A     Disabled
1332    452     dfsrs.exe       0xe00060fe1900  16      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:57.000000      N/A     Disabled
1368    452     dns.exe 0xe00060ff3080  16      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:57.000000      N/A     Disabled
1392    452     ismserv.exe     0xe00060ff7900  6       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:57.000000      N/A     Disabled
1556    452     VGAuthService.  0xe000614aa200  2       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:57.000000      N/A     Disabled
1600    452     vmtoolsd.exe    0xe00061a30900  9       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:57.000000      N/A     Disabled
1644    452     wlms.exe        0xe00061a9a800  2       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:57.000000      N/A     Disabled
1660    452     dfssvc.exe      0xe00061a9b2c0  11      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:22:57.000000      N/A     Disabled
1956    452     svchost.exe     0xe00062291b7c0  30      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:23:20.000000      N/A     Disabled
796     452     vds.exe 0xe000629b3080  11      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:23:20.000000      N/A     Disabled
1236    452     svchost.exe     0xe000629926c0  8       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:23:21.000000      N/A     Disabled
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2216    452     dllhost.exe     0xe00062a26900  10      -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:23:21.000000      N/A     Disabled
2460    452     msdtc.exe       0xe00062a2a900  9       -       0       False   2020-09-19 01:23:21.000000      N/A     Disabled
3724    452     spoolsv.exe     0xe000631cb900  13      -       0       False   2020-09-19 03:29:40.000000      N/A     Disabled
3644    2244    coreupdater.ex  0xe00062fe7700  0       -       2       False   2020-09-19 03:56:37.000000      2020-09-19 03:56:52.000000      Disabled
3796    848     taskhostex.exe  0xe00062f04900  7       -       1       False   2020-09-19 04:36:03.000000      N/A     Disabled
3472    3960    explorer.exe    0xe00063171900  39      -       1       False   2020-09-19 04:36:03.000000      N/A     Disabled
400     1904    ServerManager.  0xe00060ce2080  10      -       1       False   2020-09-19 04:36:03.000000      N/A     Disabled
3260    3472    vm3dservice.ex  0xe00063299280  1       -       1       False   2020-09-19 04:36:14.000000      N/A     Disabled
2608    3472    vmtoolsd.exe    0xe00062ede1c0  8       -       1       False   2020-09-19 04:36:14.000000      N/A     Disabled
2840    3472    FTK Imager.exe  0xe00063021900  9       -       1       False   2020-09-19 04:37:04.000000      N/A     Disabled
3056    848     WMIADAP.exe     0xe0006313f900  5       -       0       False   2020-09-19 04:37:42.000000      N/A     Disabled
2764    640     WmiPrvSE.exe    0xe00062c0a900  6       -       0       False   2020-09-19 04:37:42.000000      N/A     Disabled
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Using windows.malfind to see if we can detect suspicious memory regions:

```
C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>python vol.py -f C:\Users\student\Desktop\ForensicsProject\DC01\DC01-memory\citadeldc01.mem windows.malfind
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3724    spoolsv.exe     0x4afbf20000    0x4afbf51fff    VadS    PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE  50      1       Disabled
fc 48 89 ce 48 81 ec 00 .H..H...
20 00 00 48 83 e4 f0 e8 ...H....
cc 00 00 00 41 51 41 50 ....AQAP
52 51 56 48 31 d2 65 48 RQVH1.eH
8b 52 60 48 8b 52 18 48 .R`H.R.H
8b 52 20 48 8b 72 50 48 .R.H.rPH
0f b7 4a 4a 4d 31 c9 48 ..JJM1.H
31 c0 ac 3c 61 7c 02 2c 1..<a|.,
0x4afbf20000:   cld
0x4afbf20001:   mov     rsi, rcx
0x4afbf20004:   sub     rsp, 0x2000
0x4afbf2000b:   and     rsp, 0xfffffffffffffff0
0x4afbf2000f:   call    0x4afbf200e0
0x4afbf20014:   push    r9
0x4afbf20016:   push    r8
0x4afbf20018:   push    rdx
0x4afbf20019:   push    rcx
0x4afbf2001a:   push    rsi
0x4afbf2001b:   xor     rdx, rdx
0x4afbf2001e:   mov     rdx, qword ptr gs:[rdx + 0x60]
0x4afbf20023:   mov     rdx, qword ptr [rdx + 0x18]
0x4afbf20027:   mov     rdx, qword ptr [rdx + 0x20]
0x4afbf2002b:   mov     rsi, qword ptr [rdx + 0x50]
0x4afbf2002f:   movzx   rcx, word ptr [rdx + 0x4a]
0x4afbf20034:   xor     r9, r9
0x4afbf20037:   xor     rax, rax
0x4afbf2003a:   lodsb   al, byte ptr [rsi]
0x4afbf2003b:   cmp     al, 0x61
0x4afbf2003d:   jl      0x4afbf20041
3724    spoolsv.exe     0x4afc1f0000    0x4afc25afff    VadS    PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE  107     1       Disabled
4d 5a 90 00 03 00 00 00 MZ......
04 00 00 00 ff ff 00 00 ........
b8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 @.......
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 ........
0x4afc1f0000:   pop     r10
0x4afc1f0002:   nop
0x4afc1f0003:   add     byte ptr [rbx], al
0x4afc1f0005:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
0x4afc1f0007:   add     byte ptr [rax + rax], al
0x4afc1f000a:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
```

```
3724    spoolsv.exe     0x4afc070000    0x4afc0a8fff    VadS    PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE  57      1       Disabled
4d 5a 41 52 55 48 89 e5 MZARUH..
48 83 ec 20 48 83 e4 f0 H...H...
e8 00 00 00 00 5b 48 81 .....[H.
c3 b7 57 00 00 ff d3 48 ..W....H
81 c3 34 b6 02 00 48 89 ..4...H.
3b 49 89 d8 6a 04 5a ff ;I..j.Z.
d0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
00 00 00 00 f0 00 00 00 ........
0x4afc070000:   pop     r10
0x4afc070002:   push    r10
0x4afc070004:   push    rbp
0x4afc070005:   mov     rbp, rsp
0x4afc070008:   sub     rsp, 0x20
0x4afc07000c:   and     rsp, 0xfffffffffffffff0
0x4afc070010:   call    0x4afc070015
0x4afc070015:   pop     rbx
0x4afc070016:   add     rbx, 0x57b7
0x4afc07001d:   call    rbx
0x4afc07001f:   add     rbx, 0x2b634
0x4afc070026:   mov     qword ptr [rbx], rdi
0x4afc070029:   mov     r8, rbx
0x4afc07002c:   push    4
0x4afc07002e:   pop     rdx
0x4afc07002f:   call    rax
0x4afc070031:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
0x4afc070033:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
0x4afc070035:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
0x4afc070037:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
0x4afc070039:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
0x4afc07003b:   add     al, dh
0x4afc07003d:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
3724    spoolsv.exe     0x4afc260000    0x4afc283fff    VadS    PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE  36      1       Disabled
4d 5a 90 00 03 00 00 00 MZ......
04 00 00 00 ff ff 00 00 ........
b8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 @.......
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ........
00 00 00 00 e0 00 00 00 ........
0x4afc260000:   pop     r10
0x4afc260002:   nop
0x4afc260003:   add     byte ptr [rbx], al
0x4afc260005:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
0x4afc260007:   add     byte ptr [rax + rax], al
0x4afc26000a:   add     byte ptr [rax], al
```

Use yarascan to search for any references to this name:

```
C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>python vol.py -f C:\Users\student\Desktop
\ForensicsProject\DC01\DC01-memory\citadeldc01.mem windows.vadyarascan --yara-rules
"coreupdater"
```

```
C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>python vol.py -f C:\Users\student\Desktop\ForensicsProject\DC01\DC01-memory\citadeldc01.mem windows.vadyarascan --yara-rules "coreupdater"
Volatility 3 Framework 2.5.2
Progress:  100.00               PDB scanning finished
Offset  PID     Rule    Component       Value

0xb55e9237f2    848     r1      $a      63 6f 72 65 75 70 64 61 74 65 72
0xb55e9237ff    848     r1      $a      63 6f 72 65 75 70 64 61 74 65 72
```

Dumping the entire process memory to examine:

```
C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>python vol.py -f C:\Users\student\Desktop\ForensicsProject\DC01\DC01-memory\citadeldc01.mem windows.memmap --pid 848 --dump
```

Use strings at the content around the offset in the dumped memory file:

```
C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>strings pid.848.dmp | findstr /i "coreupdater"
coreupdater
coreupdater
coreupdater.exe
$<coreupdater[1].exe`
$<coreupdater[1].exe`
$<coreupdater[1].exeX
<coreupdater.exe
<coreupdater.exe
<coreupdater.exe
><coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
><coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
><coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
><coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
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><coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
><coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
><coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
$<coreupdater[1].exe
><coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
<coreupdater.exe
<coreupdater.exe
<coreupdater.exe
<coreupdater.exe
<coreupdater.exe
<coreupdater.exe
<coreupdater.exe
coreupdaterC:\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exeuser mode serviceauto startLocalSystem
coreupdaterC:\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exeuser mode serviceauto startLocalSystem
coreupdater.exe
http://194.61.24.102/coreupdater.exe
coreupdater[1].exe
C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CLE9U4I5\coreupdater[1].exe
http://194.61.24.102/coreupdater.exe
coreupdater.exe
C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CLE9U4I5\coreupdater[1].exe
http://194.61.24.102/coreupdater.exe
C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CLE9U4I5\coreupdater[1].exe
http://194.61.24.102/coreupdater.exe
C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\coreupdater.exe
C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CLE9U4I5\coreupdater[1].exe
http://194.61.24.102/coreupdater.exe
C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\coreupdater.exe
coreupdater.exe
coreupdater.exe
coreupdater.exe
coreupdater.exe
```

```
\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exereupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exe
rs\Administrator\Downloads\coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial
dows\System32\coreupdater.exe
<coreupdater.exe
coreupdater.exe
coreupdater
C:\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exe
dows\System32\COREUPDATER.EXE.MANIFEST
SYSVOL\Users\Administrator\Downloads\coreupdater.exe
\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exereupdater.exe
\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exe
coreupdater.exe
coreupdater.exeCOREUP~1.EXELL
coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partialCOREUPDATER.EXE.2424URV.PARTIALe
SYSVOL\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exe
\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exe
COREUPDATER
\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exe
coreupdater.ex
\device\harddiskvolume2\windows\system32\coreupdater.exe
```

The file was downloaded from a malicious URL:
http:// 194 . 61 . 24 . 102 /coreupdater.exe
It was initially downloaded to:
C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\coreupdater.exe.2424urv.partial

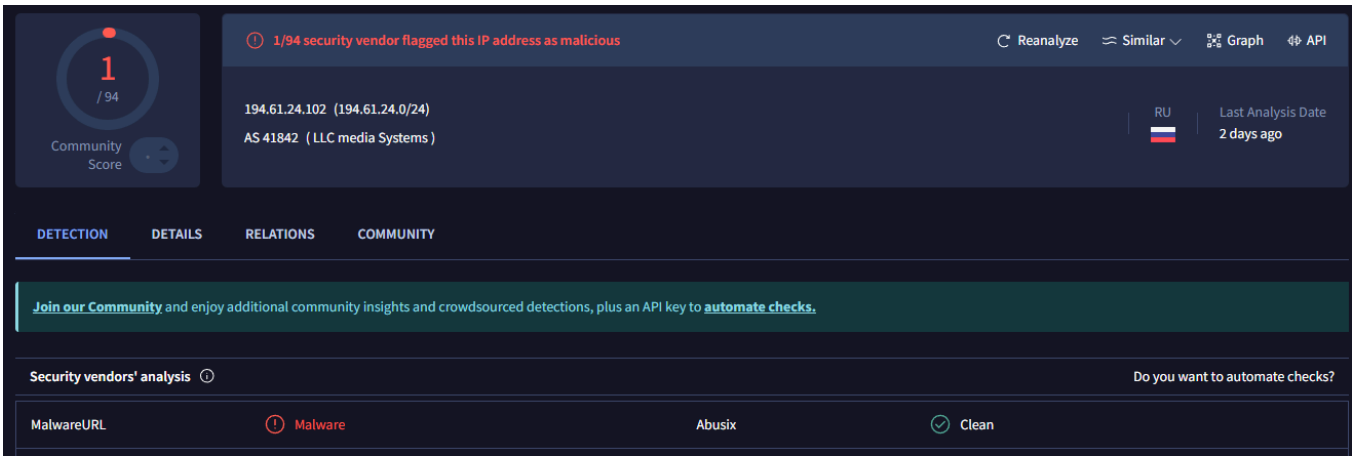
It was cached in IE's cache:
C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CLE9U4I5\coreupdater[1].exe
Finally moved to:
C:\Windows\System32\coreupdater.exe
It appears to have been set up as a service with these parameters:
"user mode service auto start LocalSystem"
Lastly we analyzed the service configuration:

```
C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>python vol.py -f C:\Users\student\Desktop\ForensicsProject\DC01\
DC01-memory\citadeldc01.mem windows.svcscan | findstr /i "coreupdater"
0x895057b528    410     N/A     SERVICE_AUTO_START      SERVICE_STOPPED SERVICE_WIN32_OWN_PROCESS       cor
eupdater     coreupdater     N/A
```

The service configuration is suspicious because:

Legitimate Windows services rarely use the same name for both service name and display name
The name tries to appear legitimate by suggesting it's a core update service
It was set to auto-start with SYSTEM privileges
The associated executable was downloaded from a suspicious IP (194.61.24.102)

7. What malicious IP Addresses were involved? **Scott Maclean**
    - Were any IP Addresses from known adversary infrastructure?
        - 194.61.24.102 - Found in IE Web History (autopsy data artifacts/web history)



203.78.103.109 - Memory Image: Volatility 3 - py vol.py -f "C:\Users\student\Desktop\ForensicsProject\DC01\DC01-memory\citadeldc01.mem" windows.netstat

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.4602]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\student>cd C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2

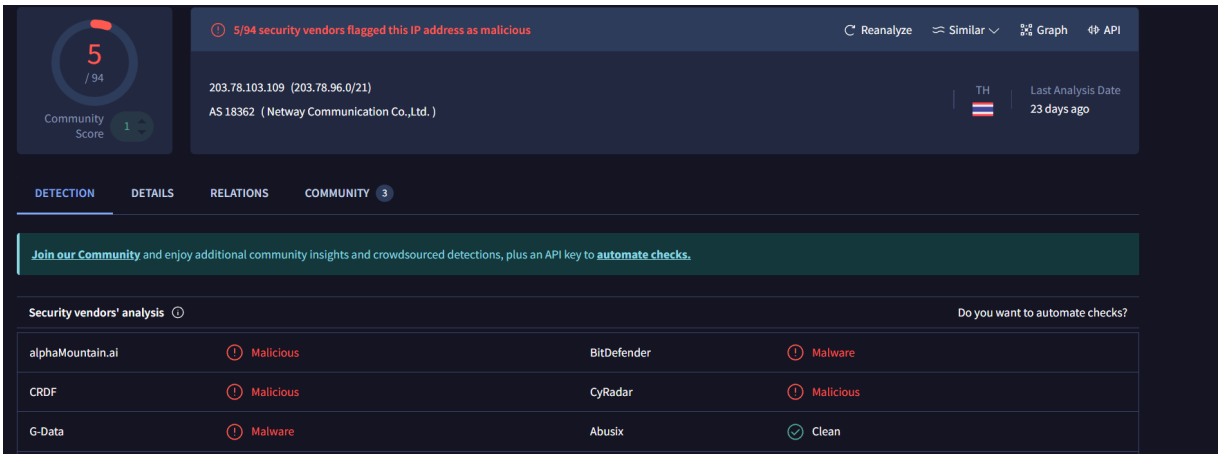
C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>py vol.py -f "C:\Users\student\Desktop\ForensicsProject\DC01\DC01-memory\citadeldc01.mem" windows.netstat
Volatility 3 Framework 2.5.2
Progress:  100.00               PDB scanning finished
Offset  Proto   LocalAddr       LocalPort       ForeignAddr     ForeignPort     State   PID     Owner   Created

0xe00063266d10  TCPv6   fe80::2dcf:e660:be73:d220        62777   fe80::2dcf:e660:be73:d220       49155   CLOSED  460     lsass.exe       -
0xe00062a31270  TCPv6   fe80::2dcf:e660:be73:d220        49182   fe80::2dcf:e660:be73:d220       389     ESTABLISHED     1332    dfsrs.exe       N/A
0xe0006103c4f0  TCPv6   fe80::2dcf:e660:be73:d220        49174   fe80::2dcf:e660:be73:d220       49155   ESTABLISHED     1660    dfssvc.exe      N/A
0xe000610d0640  TCPv6   ::1     49161   ::1     389     ESTABLISHED     1392    ismserv.exe     N/A
0xe000631c7590  TCPv4   10.42.85.10     62613   203.78.103.109  443     ESTABLISHED     3644    coreupdater.ex  N/A
0xe0006102d010  TCPv6   ::1     49160   ::1     389     ESTABLISHED     1392    ismserv.exe     N/A

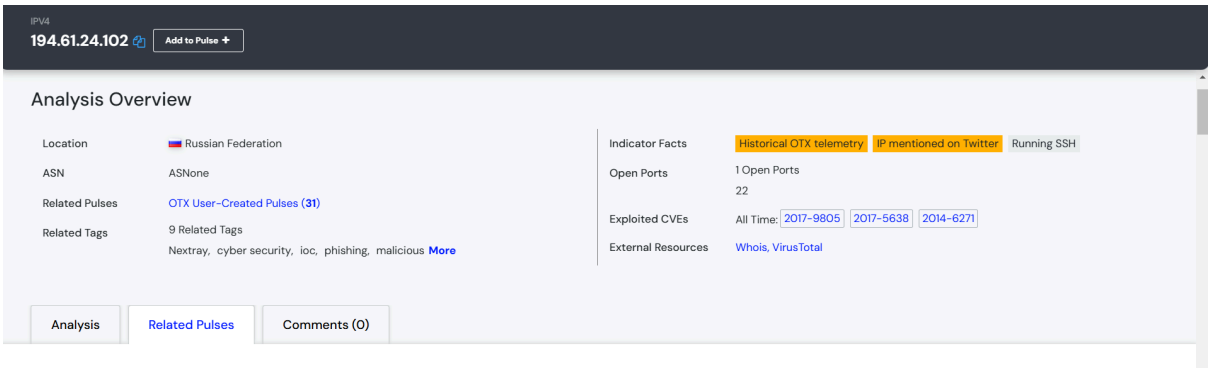
Volatility was unable to read a requested page:
Page error 0x0 in layer layer_name (Page Fault at entry 0x0 in table page directory)

        * Memory smear during acquisition (try re-acquiring if possible)
        * An intentionally invalid page lookup (operating system protection)
        * A bug in the plugin/volatility3 (re-run with -vvv and file a bug)

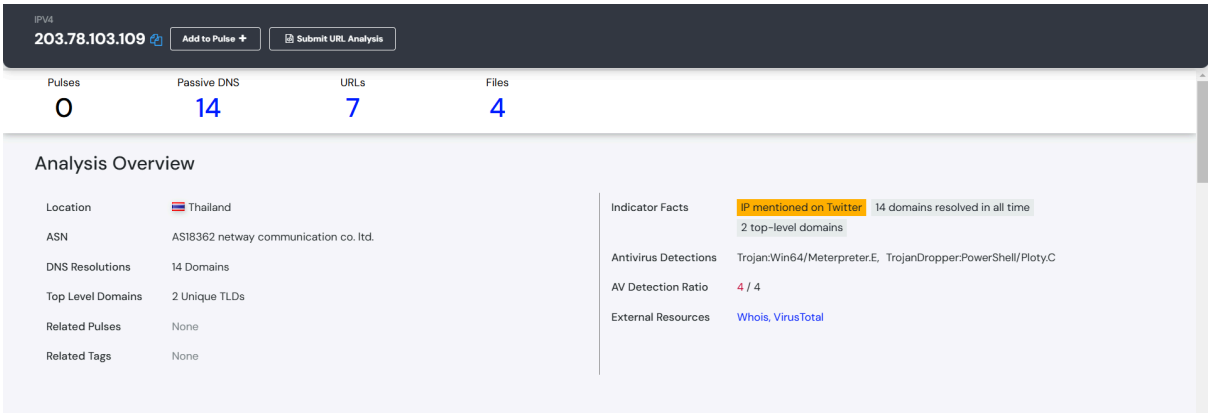
No further results will be produced
```



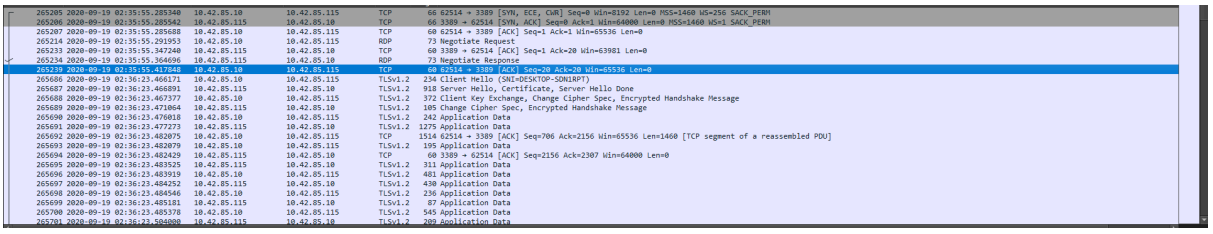
- Are these pieces of adversary infrastructure involved in other attacks around the time of the attack? **Scott Maclean**
  - It appears that IP 194.61.24.102 was involved in other exploitations around 2017 as indicated by alienvault.



It also appears that IP 203.78.103.109 was involved in a trojan delivery named meterpreter associated with AV detections.



- Did the attacker access any other systems? When?How? **Scott Maclean**
  - Using wireshark to filter for port 3389, which is used for RDP, we were able to see that the attacker started the 3 way TCP handshake from the DC to the desktop around 2:35 UDT on 2020/09/19. Once the ACK was received, the attacker initiated the request for Remote Desktop Protocol. At 2:36 UDT, a key was generated after the Server and Desktop said hello to each other to provide remote encryption. Once the link was established, application data was moved between the DC and the desktop.

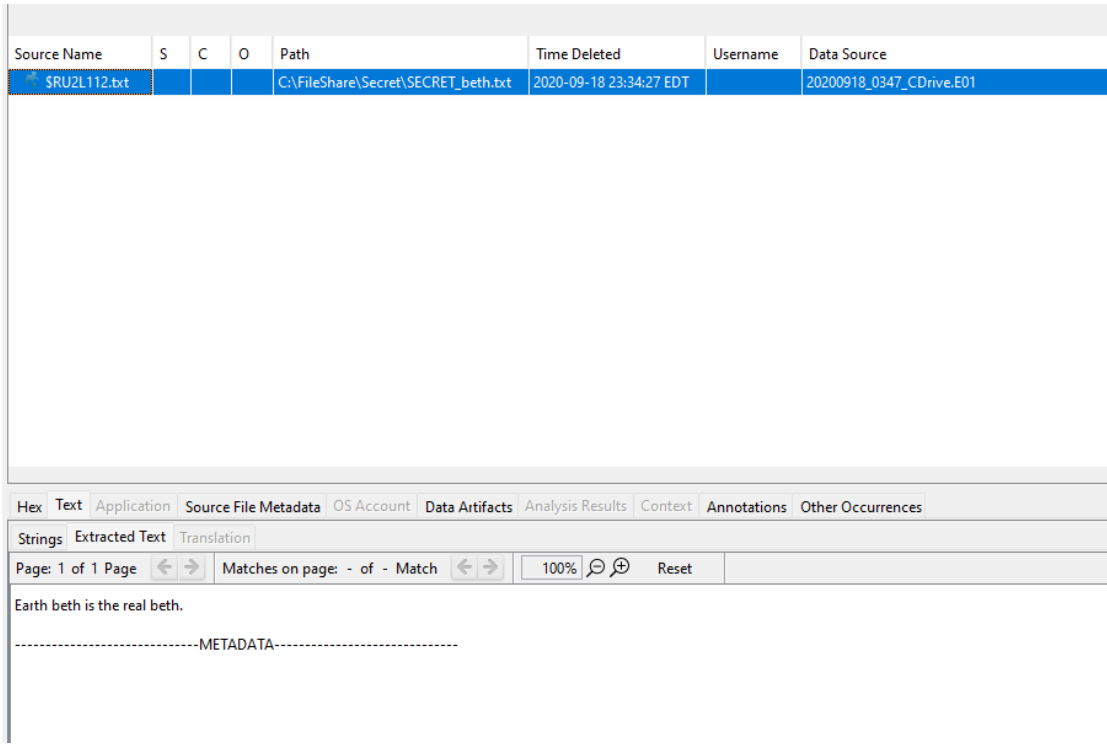


- Did the attacker steal or access any data? **Scott Maclean**
  - When? Going back into Autopsy, we looked into the recent documents folder and noticed that there were a number of files that had been modified after the DC connected to the Desktop.

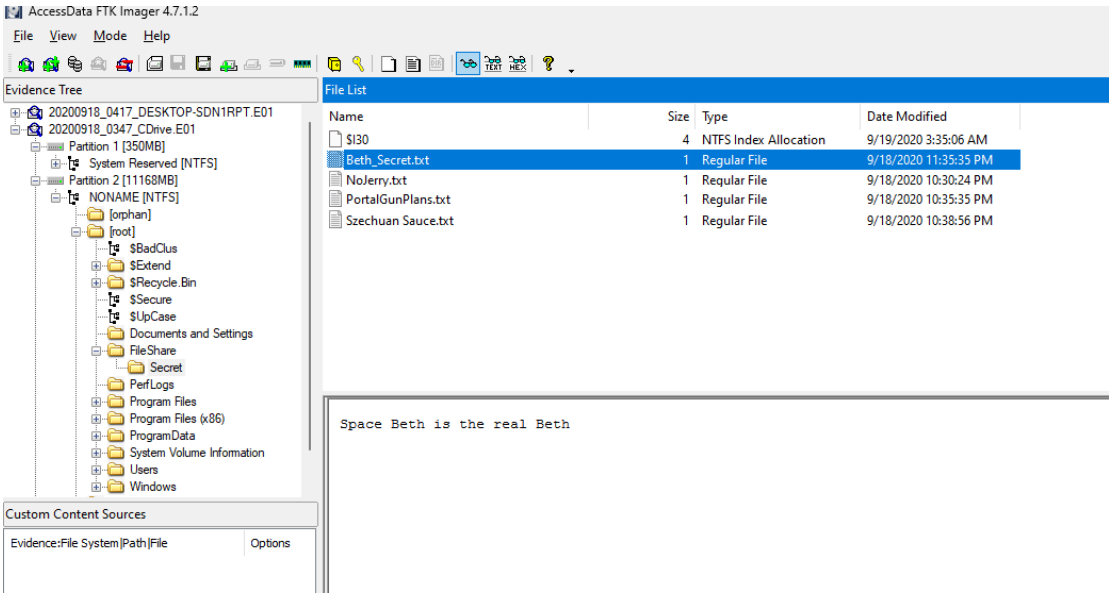
Source Name	S	C	O	Path	Date Accessed	Data Source	Comment
Protected Files.lnk				E:\DESKTOP-SDN1RPT\Protected Files	2020-09-19 01:13:21 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.lnk				E:\DESKTOP-SDN1RPT	2020-09-19 01:09:46 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
Incident_drive (E) (2).lnk				E:\	2020-09-19 01:09:46 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
Incident_drive (E).lnk				E:\	2020-09-19 01:09:46 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
Desktop.lnk				C:\Users\mortysmith\Desktop	2020-09-18 23:47:39 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
Thoughts.lnk				C:\Users\mortysmith\Desktop\Thoughts.txt	2020-09-18 23:47:39 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
loot.lnk				C:\Users\mortysmith\Documents\loot.zip	2020-09-18 23:46:18 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
Portal_gun.lnk				C:\Users\mortysmith\Documents\Portal_gun.png	2020-09-18 23:45:54 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
Plans.lnk				C:\Users\mortysmith\Documents\Plans.txt	2020-09-18 23:45:39 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
Documents.lnk				C:\Users\mortysmith\Documents	2020-09-18 23:45:34 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
My Social Security Number.lnk				C:\Users\mortysmith\Documents\My Social Security ...	2020-09-18 23:45:34 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
Beth_Secret.lnk				C:\FileShare\Secret\Beth_Secret.txt	2020-09-18 23:35:07 EDT	20200918_0347_CDrive.E01	
Jessica.lnk				C:\Users\mortysmith\Pictures\Jessica.jpg	2020-09-18 19:01:11 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
Pictures.lnk				C:\Users\mortysmith\Pictures	2020-09-18 19:01:11 EDT	20200918_0417_DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.E01	
SECRET beth.lnk				C:\FileShare\Secret\SECRET beth.txt	2020-09-18 18:39:22 EDT	20200918 0347 CDrive.E01	

All of the highlighted portion was accessed after the connection was made and looking closer we can also see a file was added

to the recycling bin after the RDP connection was made. The original file was a txt document that read “Earth beth is the real beth”.



Going back to FTKImager, we can see now that the file has a new value with it being modified after the attacker connected to the desktop. That value is:



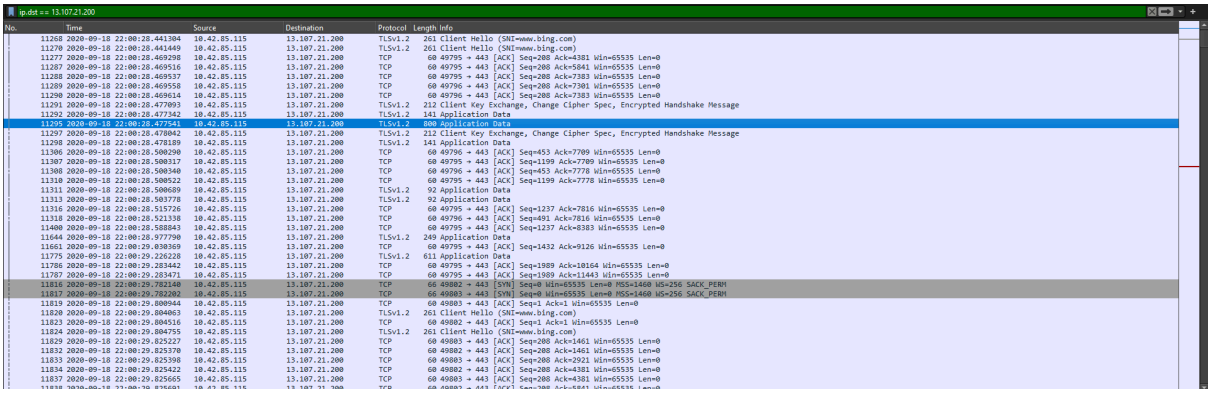
It appears that the attacker accessed and modified these files from 23:45 EDT 2020/09/18 until 01:13 EDT 2020/09/19.

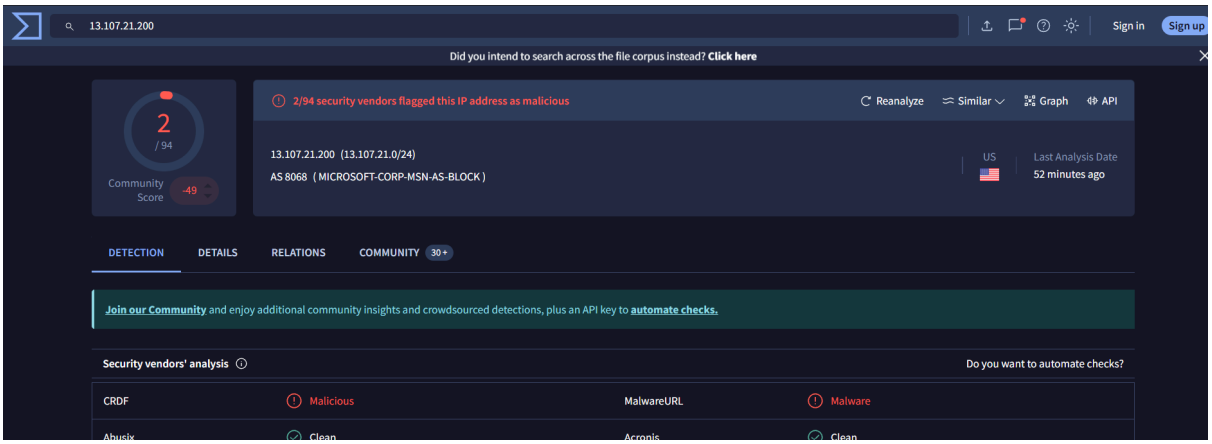
Also looking at the memory dump using volatility 3 for the desktop, we can see that a number of IP addresses were captured for transferring information over the network:

```
C:\Users\student\Desktop\volatility3-2.5.2>py vol.py -f "C:\Users\student\Desktop\ForensicsProject\Desktop\DESKTOP-SDN1R
PT-memory\DESKTOP-SDN1RPT.mem" windows.netstat
Volatility 3 Framework 2.5.2
Progress:  100.00               PDB scanning finished
Offset  Proto   LocalAddr       LocalPort       ForeignAddr     ForeignPort     State   PID     Owner   Created

0xbe8e78d5c460  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50966   13.107.21.200   443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e77981ba0  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50957   10.42.85.10     445     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e742d8010  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50645   52.242.211.89   443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e78f18a20  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50980   13.107.49.254   443     CLOSED  -       -       N/A
0xbe8e78b30af0  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50979   13.78.149.173   443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e76010960  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50965   23.57.32.143    443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e791c7460  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50989   104.92.247.90   80      ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e78ee6ac0  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50982   13.107.246.254  443     CLOSED  -       -       N/A
0xbe8e790c1010  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50990   204.79.197.200  443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e79f83a20  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50976   204.79.197.222  443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e77651010  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50978   131.253.33.254  443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e79337b20  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50875   203.78.103.109  443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e77650390  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50988   13.107.42.254   443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e78f50a20  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50977   72.21.91.29     80      ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e79f80010  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50972   203.78.103.109  443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e79e8e9c0  TCPv4   10.42.85.115    50981   13.107.42.14    443     ESTABLISHED     -       -       N/A
0xbe8e71cf66a0  TCPv4   0.0.0.0 135     0.0.0.0 0       LISTENING       884     svchost.exe     2020-09-19 01:24:08.0000
00
0xbe8e71cf66a0  TCPv6   ::      135     ::      0       LISTENING       884     svchost.exe     2020-09-19 01:24:08.0000
00
0xbe8e71cf6550  TCPv4   0.0.0.0 135     0.0.0.0 0       LISTENING       884     svchost.exe     2020-09-19 01:24:08.0000
00
```

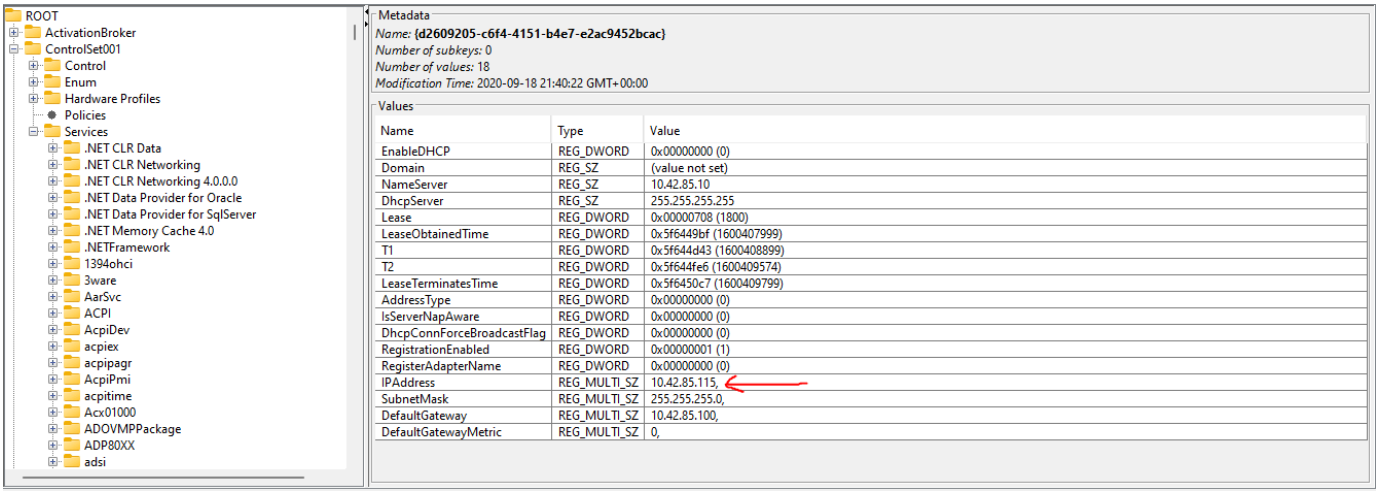
Going back to wireshark, we can see that lots of application data was transferred from this IP address from our desktop.

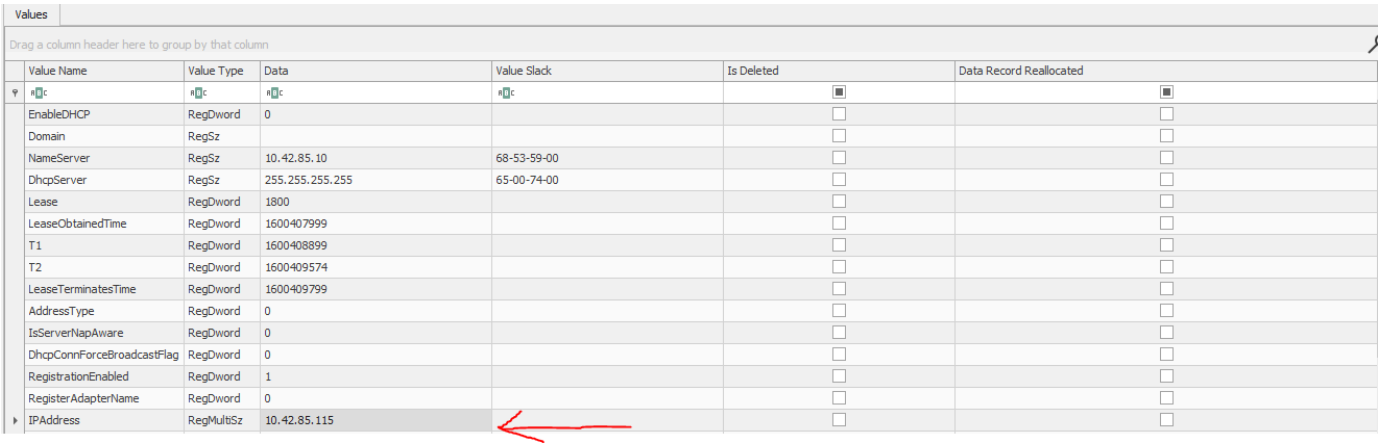




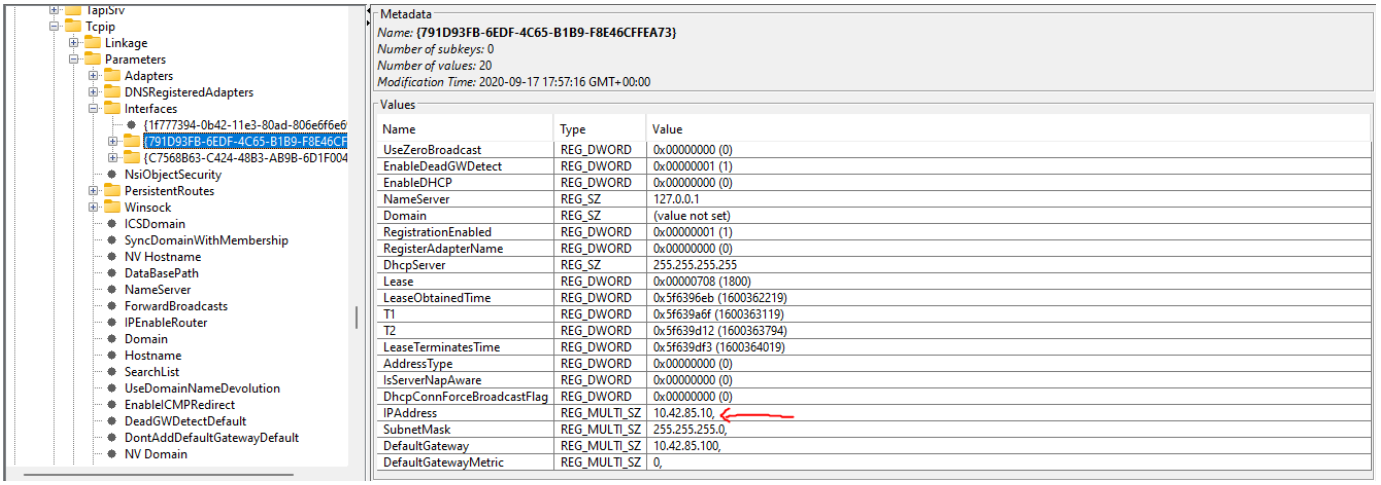
8. What was the network layout of the victim network? 10.42.85.0/24 Seena Davoodi

- 10.42.85.115 - Desktop
  - On Desktop Image: C:\Windows\System32\config
    1. SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\Tcpip\Parameters\Interfaces\





- 10.42.85.10 - DC Seena Davoodi
  - On server Image: C:\Windows\System32\config
    1. SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\Tcpip\Parameters\Interfaces\


TapiSrv
Tcpip
Linkage
Parameters
Adapters
DNSRegisteredAdapters
Interfaces
{1f777394-0b42-11e3-80ad-806e6f6e6
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{C7568B63-C424-48B3-AB9B-6D1F004
NsiObjectSecurity
PersistentRoutes
Winsock
ICSDomain
SyncDomainWithMembership
NV Hostname
DataBasePath
NameServer
ForwardBroadcasts
IPEnableRouter
Domain
Hostname
SearchList
UseDomainNameDevolution
EnableICMPRedirect
DeadGWDetectDefault
DontAddDefaultGatewayDefault
NV Domain
Metadata
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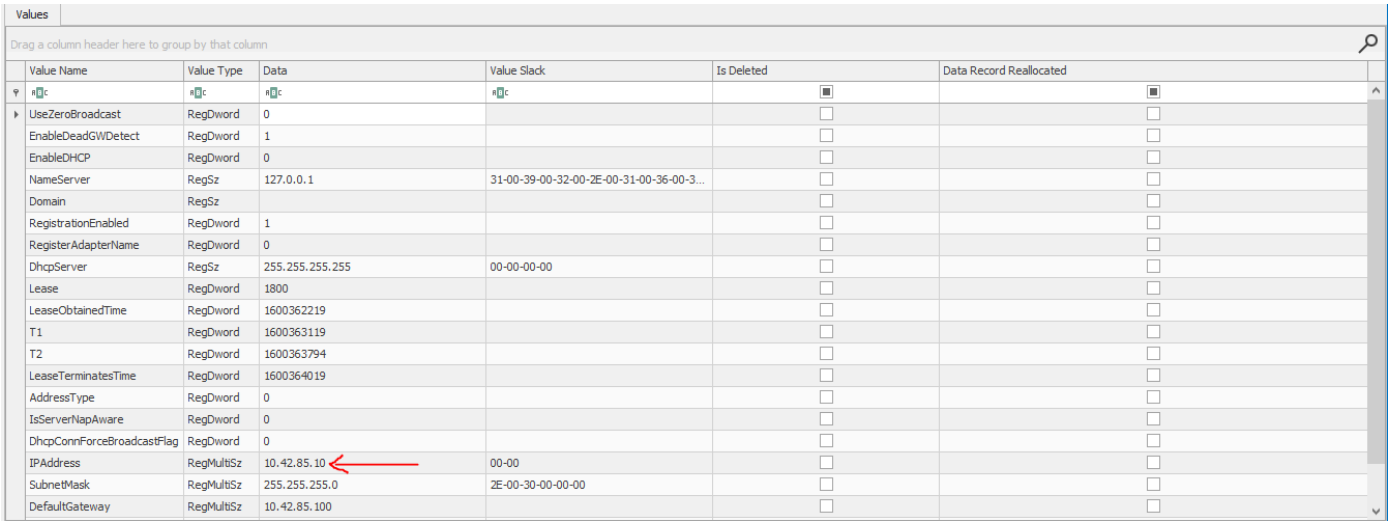
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