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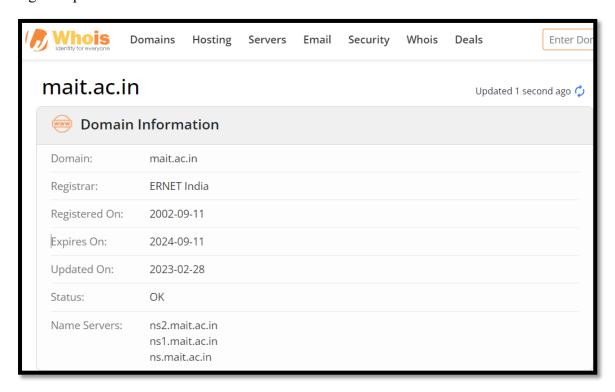
EXPERIMENT -1

AIM:- Implementation to gather information from any PC's connected to the LAN using whois, port scanners, network scanning, Angry IP scanners etc.

THEORY:-

1) IP scanner- whois:

Whois is a widely used Internet record listing that identifies who owns a domain and how to get in contact with them. Here for example we have searched for domain name https://www.mait.ac.in/ It displays domain information like the register date, update date, registrar provider etc.





2) Port scanners

Port scanning is the process of scanning a network or computer system for open ports and identifying the services or applications that are running on those ports. It is often used by network administrators, security analysts, and hackers to assess the security of a network or system.

Here are the steps involved in a typical port scanning process:

Step1: Determine the target: Identify the target system or network that we want to scan.

Step2: Select the scan type: Choose the type of scan we want to perform based on wer objective. The most common types are TCP connect scans, SYN scans, and UDP scans.

Step3: Determine the port range: Decide which ports we want to scan. We can scan all ports, a specific range of ports, or a specific set of ports.

Step4: Launch the scan: Use a port scanning tool or script to launch the scan. The tool will send packets to each port in the specified range and analyze the responses.

Step5: Analyze the results: Review the results of the scan to identify open ports and the services or applications running on those ports.

2. 1) Nmap Online port scanner:

Here we have searched for open ports for amazon-in using it's IP address-

```
Starting Nmap 7.40 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-01-04 04:31 UTC
Nmap scan report for 52.95.116.115
Host is up (0.080s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE
21/tcp closed ftp
22/tcp closed ftp
22/tcp closed telnet
80/tcp open http
110/tcp closed pop3
143/tcp closed imap
443/tcp open https
3389/tcp closed ms-wbt-server
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.32 seconds
```

3) Nikto:

Nikto is an open-source web server scanner that performs a comprehensive test against web servers for vulnerabilities and misconfigurations. It helps identify security risks in web applications and is useful in penetration testing and vulnerability assessments. Nikto can be used by cybersecurity professionals to identify potential vulnerabilities and enhance the security of web servers.

To perform a simple domain scan, use the -h (host) flag:

nikto -h scanme.nmap.org

```
$ nikto -h scanme.nmap.org
- Nikto v2.1.6
+ Target IP:
                      45.33.32.156
 Target Hostname:
                     scanme.nmap.org
+ Target Port:
                      80
+ Start Time:
                      2023-01-04 10:25:46 (GMT5.5)
+ Server: Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu)
+ Retrieved via header: HTTP/1.1 forward.http.proxy:3128
+ The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
+ The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the use
r agent to protect against some forms of XSS
+ The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user age
nt to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type
```

For domains with II'ITPS enabled, we have to specify the -SSI flag to scan p: Here scanned Wikipedia.org

```
-$ mikto -h https://www.wikipedia.org/ -ssl
- Nikto v2.1.6
+ Target IP:
                       103.102.166.224
                       www.wikipedia.org
  Target Hostname:
+ Target Port:
                      443
+ SSL Info:
                     Subject: /C=US/ST=California/L=San Francisco/O=Wikimedia
Foundation, Inc./CN=*.wikipedia.org
                    Ciphers: TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
                    Issuer: /C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/CN=DigiCert TLS Hybrid ECC
SHA384 2020 CA1
                        2023-01-04 10:30:36 (GMT5.5)
+ Start Time:
+ Server: ATS/9.1.3
+ Cookie GeoIP created without the httponly flag
+ IP address found in the 'x-client-ip' header. The IP is "136.233.130.146". 
+ The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
+ The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the use
r agent to protect against some forms of XSS
 Uncommon header 'x-cache' found, with contents: cp5024 hit, cp5024 hit/1800
+ Uncommon header 'accept-ch' found, with contents: Sec-CH-UA-Arch, Sec-CH-UA-
Bitness, Sec-CH-UA-Full-Version-List, Sec-CH-UA-Model, Sec-CH-UA-Platform-Versio
+ Uncommon header 'report-to' found, with contents: { "group": "wm_nel", "max _age": 86400, "endpoints": [{ "url": "https://intake-logging.wikimedia.org/v1
/events?stream=w3c.reportingapi.network_error&schema_uri=/w3c/reportingapi/ne
twork_error/1.0.0" }] }
+ Uncommon header 'permissions-policy' found, with contents: interest-cohort=
(),ch-ua-arch=(self "intake-analytics.wikimedia.org"),ch-ua-bitness=(self
take-analytics.wikimedia.org"),ch-ua-full-version-list=(self "intake-analytic
```

VIVA VOICE QUESTION

Question 1: What is port scanning and why it is essential technique in network security assessments?

Answer: Port scanning is the process of probing a computer system or network to discover open ports and services available on those ports. It involves sending a series of messages to each port on a target system to determine whether the port is open, closed, or filtered by a firewall. Port scanning can also reveal the type of service running on each open port, as well as the version of the service.

Port scanning is crucial in network security assessments because it serves as a foundational technique for understanding the network's structure and vulnerabilities. By probing for open ports and services, port scanning reveals potential entry points for attackers. This information enables security professionals to assess the network's security posture, identify weaknesses, and implement appropriate countermeasures. Additionally, port scanning assists in network mapping, service enumeration, firewall assessment, and intrusion detection, making it an indispensable tool for safeguarding against cyber threats.

Question 2: How does Angry IP Scanner differ from traditional port scanners?

Answer: Angry IP Scanner differs from traditional port scanners in that it provides a comprehensive view of the network topology by identifying active hosts within the LAN. Unlike traditional port scanners, which focus on probing individual hosts for open ports, Angry IP Scanner scans a range of IP addresses and quickly identifies active hosts, making it a valuable tool for network reconnaissance.

Question 3: How does network scanning contribute to enhancing network security?

Answer: Network scanning involves examining a network to identify active hosts, devices, and services. It helps in detecting vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and potential security threats within the network infrastructure. By regularly performing network scans, organizations can proactively address security weaknesses and strengthen their overall security posture.

EXPERIMENT-2

AIM:- Implementation of Symmetric and Asymmetric cryptography.

THEORY:-

Symmetric Cryptography

In this type, the encryption and decryption process uses the same key. It is also called is **secret key cryptography**. The main features of symmetric cryptography are as follows –

- It is simpler and faster.
- The two parties exchange the key in a secure way.

Drawback

The major drawback of symmetric cryptography is that if the key is leaked to the intruder, the message can be easily changed and this is considered as a risk factor.

Data Encryption Standard (DES)

The most popular symmetric key algorithm is Data Encryption Standard (DES) and Python includes a package which includes the logic behind DES algorithm.

CODE: -

```
import pyDes

data = "DES Algorithm Implementation"
k = pyDes.des("DESCRYPT", pyDes.CBC, "\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\0",
pad=None, padmode=pyDes.PAD_PKCS5)
d = k.encrypt(data)

print "Encrypted: %r" % d
print "Decrypted: %r" % k.decrypt(d)
assert k.decrypt(d) == data
```

OUTPUT:

```
GitCMD

E:\Cryptography- Python>python pyDES.py
Encrypted: '\xd6V\xf2\xffW\x16\xda\xa8r\x12\x9bi\xce\xect\x93\xef\t4\xf4!\xc2\x9
1\x8dA\xf3\x0b\x10\xfc\x97\xcf\xb2'
Decrypted: 'DES Algorithm Implementation'

E:\Cryptography- Python>
```

Asymmetric Cryptography

It is also called as **public key cryptography.** It works in the reverse way of symmetric cryptography. This implies that it requires two keys: one for encryption and other for decryption. The public key is used for encrypting and the private key is used for decrypting.

Drawback

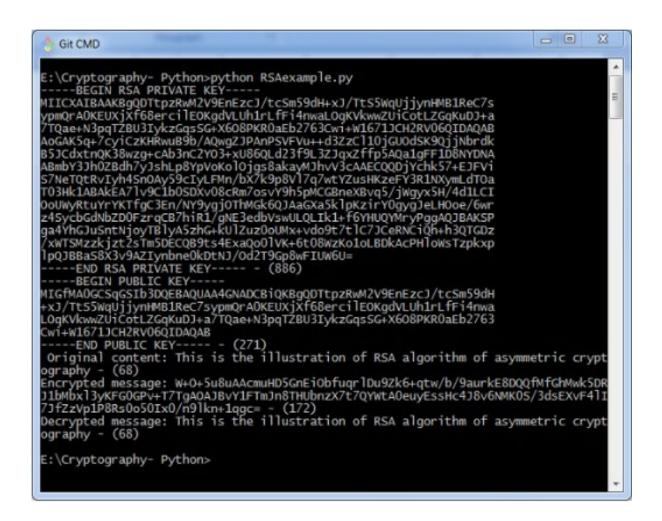
- Due to its key length, it contributes lower encryption speed.
- Key management is crucial.

CODE:-

```
from Crypto import Random
from Crypto. Publickey import RSA
import base64
def generate_keys():
   # key length must be a multiple of 256 and >= 1024
   modulus_length = 256*4
   privatekey = RSA.generate(modulus_length, Random.new().read)
   publickey = privatekey.publickey()
   return privatekey, publickey
def encrypt_message(a_message , publickey):
   encrypted_msg = publickey.encrypt(a_message, 32)[0]
   enCODE:d_encrypted_msg = base64.b64enCODE:(encrypted_msg)
   return enCODE:d_encrypted_msg
def decrypt_message(enCODE:d_encrypted_msg, privatekey):
   deCODE:d_encrypted_msg =
base64.b64deCODE:(enCODE:d_encrypted_msg)
   deCODE:d_decrypted_msg =
privatekey.decrypt(deCODE:d_encrypted_msg)
   return deCODE:d_decrypted_msg
a_message = "This is the illustration of RSA algorithm of
asymmetric cryptography"
privatekey , publickey = generate_keys()
encrypted_msg = encrypt_message(a_message , publickey)
decrypted_msg = decrypt_message(encrypted_msg, privatekey)
print "%s - (%d)" % (privatekey.exportKey() ,
len(privatekey.exportKey()))
print "%s - (%d)" % (publickey.exportKey() ,
len(publickey.exportKey()))
print " Original content: %s - (%d)" % (a_message,
len(a_message))
print "Encrypted message: %s - (%d)" % (encrypted_msg,
len(encrypted_msg))
```

print "Decrypted message: %s - (%d)" % (decrypted_msg, len(decrypted_msg))

OUTPUT:-



VIVA VOICE QUESTION

Question 1: What is symmetric Key Cryptography?

Answer: Symmetric cryptography, also known as secret-key cryptography, uses the same key for both encryption and decryption of data. It's faster and more efficient compared to asymmetric cryptography but requires secure key exchange methods.

Question 2: What are some common symmetric encryption algorithms?

Answer: Common symmetric encryption algorithms include AES (Advanced Encryption Standard), DES (Data Encryption Standard), and 3DES (Triple Data Encryption Standard).

Question 3: What are some advantages of asymmetric cryptography over symmetric cryptography?

Answer: Asymmetric cryptography offers advantages such as secure key exchange without prior communication, support for digital signatures for authenticity and integrity verification, and enhanced security for public channels without requiring a shared secret key.

Question 4: How do hybrid cryptosystems combine symmetric and asymmetric cryptography?

Answer: Hybrid cryptosystems use asymmetric cryptography for secure key exchange, and then symmetric cryptography for efficient encryption of the actual data. This combines the advantages of both approaches, providing secure communication with reduced computational overhead.

Question 5: What are some challenges in the implementation of symmetric cryptography?

Answer: One challenge in the implementation of symmetric cryptography is key management, including secure key distribution and storage. Another challenge is the vulnerability to brute-force attacks due to the reliance on a single key for both encryption and decryption.

EXPERIMENT-3

AIM:- Implementation of Steganography.

THEORY:

Steganography is the method of hiding secret data in any image/audio/video. In a nutshell, the main motive of steganography is to hide the intended information within any image/audio/video that doesn't appear to be secret just by looking at it. The idea behind image-based Steganography is very simple. Images are composed of digital data (pixels), which describes what's inside the picture, usually the colors of all the pixels. Since we know every image is made up of pixels and every pixel contains 3-values (red, green, blue).

CODE:-

```
from PIL import Image
def genData(data):
        newd = \Gamma 1
        for i in data:
            newd.append(format(ord(i), '08b'))
        return newd
def modPix(pix, data):
    datalist = genData(data)
    lendata = len(datalist)
    imdata = iter(pix)
    for i in range(lendata):
        pix = [value for value in imdata.__next__()[:3] +
                                 imdata.__next__()[:3] +
                                 imdata.__next__()[:3]]
        for j in range(0, 8):
            if (datalist[i][j] == '0' and pix[j]% 2 != 0):
                pix[j] -= 1
            elif (datalist[i][j] == '1' and pix[j] % 2 == 0):
                if(pix[j] != 0):
                    pix[j] -= 1
                else:
                    pix[j] += 1
        if (i == lendata - 1):
            if (pix[-1] % 2 == 0):
                if(pix[-1] != 0):
                    pix[-1] -= 1
                else:
                    pix[-1] += 1
        else:
            if (pix[-1] % 2 != 0):
                pix[-1] -= 1
        pix = tuple(pix)
        yield pix[0:3]
        yield pix[3:6]
        yield pix[6:9]
def enCODE:_enc(newimg, data):
```

```
w = newimg.size[0]
    (x, y) = (0, 0)
    for pixel in modPix(newimg.getdata(), data):
        newimg.putpixel((x, y), pixel)
        if (x == w - 1):
            x = 0
            y += 1
        else:
            x += 1
def enCODE:():
    img = input("Enter image name(with extension) : ")
    image = Image.open(img, 'r')
    data = input("Enter data to be enCODE:d : ")
    if (len(data) == 0):
        raise ValueError('Data is empty')
    newimg = image.copy()
    enCODE:_enc(newimg, data)
    new_img_name = input("Enter the name of new image(with
extension) : ")
    newimg.save(new_img_name,
str(new_img_name.split(".")[1].upper()))
def deCODE:():
    img = input("Enter image name(with extension) : ")
    image = Image.open(img, 'r')
    data = ''
    imgdata = iter(image.getdata())
    while (True):
        pixels = [value for value in imgdata.__next__()[:3] +
                                 imgdata.__next__()[:3] +
                                 imgdata.__next__()[:3]]
        binstr = ''
        for i in pixels[:8]:
            if (i % 2 == 0):
                binstr += '0'
            else:
                binstr += '1'
        data += chr(int(binstr, 2))
        if (pixels[-1] % 2 != 0):
            return data
def main():
    a = int(input(":: Welcome to Steganography ::\n"
                        "1. EnCODE:\n2. DeCODE:\n"))
    if (a == 1):
        enCODE:()
    elif (a == 2):
        print("DeCODE:d Word : " + deCODE:())
    else:
        raise Exception("Enter correct input")
if __name__ == '__main__' :
    main()
```

OUTPUT:-

```
Steganography

1. Encode

2. Decode

1

Enter image name(with extension) dragon.jpeg

Enter data to be encodedGeeksforGeeks is a computer science portal for geeks

Enter the name of new image(with extension) dragon_output.jpeg

Process finished with exit code 0
```

VIVA VOICE QUESTION

Question 1: What is steganography?

Answer: Steganography is the method of hiding secret data in any image/audio/video. In a nutshell, the main motive of steganography is to hide the intended information within any image/audio/video that doesn't appear to be secret just by looking at it. The idea behind image-based Steganography is very simple. Images are composed of digital data (pixels), which describes what's inside the picture, usually the colors of all the pixels

Question 2: How does steganography differ from cryptography?

Answer: While cryptography focuses on making a message unintelligible to unauthorized parties by encrypting it, steganography focuses on hiding the existence of the message itself within a carrier medium.

Question 3: What are some common carrier mediums used in steganography?

Answer: Common carrier mediums used in steganography include images (JPEG, PNG, BMP), audio files (MP3, WAV), video files (MP4, AVI), and even text files.

Question 4: What are some real-world applications of steganography?

Answer: Real-world applications of steganography include covert communication in sensitive environments, watermarking to protect intellectual property, and digital forensics for detecting hidden information in multimedia files.

Question 5: What libraries are commonly used for steganography implementation in Python?

Answer: Commonly used libraries for steganography implementation in Python include Pillow (Python Imaging Library) and Stegano.

EXPERIMENT-4

AIM:- Implementation of MITM-attack using wireshark/ network sniffers

THEORY:-

Man – in – the – middle – attack

It is a very common type of cyber attack which involves eavesdropping on a network connection. The attackers usually insert themselves between a conversation, usually occurring among a web server and an application. Hackers can have various end goals for launching this attack, they may either silently observe data packets or impersonate a user and odify the data they send or receive.

For this exercise, we'll be using two tools on Kali which are already built in hence there is no need to download anything. The tools are:

Wireshark or Ettercap

We'll need a client machine as well whose network traffic we will spoof and sniff to get cleartext submission of passwords from certain vulnerable websites.

The IP address of the client machine used over LAN for this demo is: 192.168.1.44

And the Attacker IP is: 192.168.1.1

- Open terminal and ping the target machine to verify the IP address we are using and to add it to wer arp table
- Type arp in the terminal command line to see wer arp table

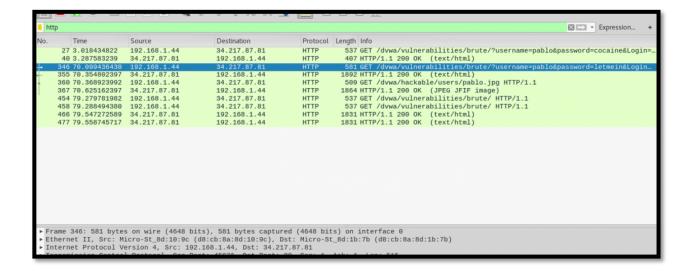
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                                    root@kali: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
       li:~# ping 192.168.1.44
PING 192.168.1.++ (192.100.1.++) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.1.44: icmp seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.219 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.44: icmp seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.246 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.44: icmp seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.181 ms
--- 192.168.1.44 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2036ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.181/0.215/0.246/0.029 ms
      ali:~# arp
Address
                         HWtype HWaddress
                                                      Flags Mask
                                                                            Iface
                                 d8:cb:8a:8d:10:9c
192.168.1.44
                                                                            eth0
                         ether
                                                                            eth0
                         ether e8:b7:48:79:ba:01
gateway
         :~# echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip forward
        i:~# arpspoof -i eth0 -t 192.168.1.44 -r 192.168.1.1
d8:cb:8a:8d:ru:/p uo:cu:oa:ou:ru:9c 0000 42: arp repry 192.10o.1.1 is-at d8:cb:8
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- For security purposes, IP forwarding is by default disabled in modern Linux systems. For temporarily enabling it, type: echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip forward
- For ARP poisoning, the command syntax is: arpspoof -i interface -t target -r host
- Example: arpspoof -i eth0 -t 192.168.1.44 -r 192.168.1.1

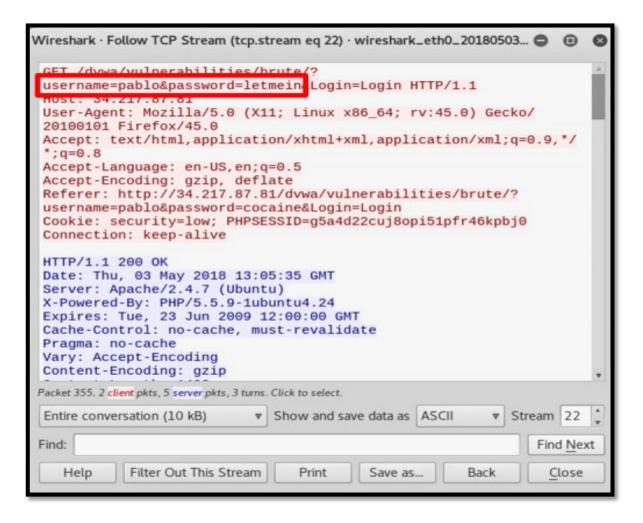
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root@kali: ~
                                                                        0 0 0
    Edit View Search Terminal Help
d8:cb:8a:8d:1b:7b e8:b7:48:79:ba:1 0806 42: arp reply 192.168.1.44 is-at d8:cb:8
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a:8d:1b:7b
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A basic setup is complete and victim network traffic will now pass through the attacker machine. To listen to these packets, we will use Wireshark

- Open up a new terminal and type wireshark. Go to the interface which is capturing all the data flow (here eth0) and start the capture.
- Filter out packets according to what we are looking for. For the purpose of this demo, the user is logging in to a vulnerable website DVWA which uses HTTP instead of the secure version HTTPS. Filter protocol as http and search for required data.



• Right click on the packet and follow TCP stream to open up the data contained within. We can clearly obtain the login credentials of the user, that is the username and password.



VIVA VOICE QUESTION

Question 1: What is a Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) attack?

Answer: A Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) attack is a type of cyber attack where an attacker intercepts communication between two parties without their knowledge. The attacker can eavesdrop on the communication, modify the data exchanged between the parties, or impersonate one or both parties.

Question 2: What are some common methods used to execute a MITM attack?

Answer: Common methods used to execute a MITM attack include ARP spoofing, DNS spoofing, HTTPS spoofing, and session hijacking.

Question 3: What role does Wireshark play in a MITM attack?

Answer: Wireshark is a powerful packet sniffer and network analyzer tool that allows the attacker to capture and inspect network traffic in real-time. In a MITM attack, Wireshark enables the attacker to view sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and other data exchanged between the victim and the legitimate recipient.

Question 4: How can encryption protocols like HTTPS mitigate the risk of MITM attacks?

Answer: Encryption protocols like HTTPS encrypt the data transmitted between a client and a server, making it difficult for an attacker to intercept and decipher the information. However, HTTPS spoofing attacks can still be executed by exploiting vulnerabilities in the SSL/TLS implementation or by tricking users into accepting fraudulent certificates.

Question 5: What are some countermeasures to prevent MITM attacks?

Answer: Countermeasures to prevent MITM attacks include using cryptographic protocols like HTTPS, implementing network segmentation and access controls, deploying intrusion detection systems (IDS) and intrusion prevention systems (IPS), and regularly monitoring network traffic for suspicious activity.

EXPERIMENT-5

AIM: - Implementation of Windows security using firewall and other

THEORY:-

Implementing network security using Windows features as a firewall is a useful way to protect wer system against unauthorized access and malicious traffic.

The steps to configure the built-in Windows Firewall to improve network security:

- Open the Windows Security Center. We can access it by typing "Windows Security"
 in the Start menu or by right-clicking on the Windows Defender Security Center icon
 in the notification area.
- 2. Click on the "Firewall & network protection" option.
- 3. Click on the "Advanced settings" option.
- In the Windows Firewall with Advanced Security window, we will see three profiles:
 Domain, Private, and Public. These profiles correspond to different types of network connections.
- 5. Select the profile we want to configure and click on "Inbound Rules" in the left pane.
- 6. Click on the "New Rule" option in the right pane.
- 7. Select the type of rule we want to create. For example, if we want to block a specific port, select "Port."
- 8. Follow the prompts to complete the rule creation process. We will need to specify the port number, protocol, and action (allow or block).
- 9. Repeat the process for any other inbound rules we want to create.
- 10. Click on "Outbound Rules" in the left pane.
- 11. Click on the "New Rule" option in the right pane.
- 12. Follow the prompts to create outbound rules to allow or block specific types of traffic.
- 13. Repeat the process for any other outbound rules we want to create.

VIVA VOICE QUESTION

Question 1: What is the purpose of a firewall in a Windows security setup?

Answer: The primary purpose of a firewall in a Windows security setup is to monitor and control incoming and outgoing network traffic based on predetermined security rules. It acts as a barrier between your computer and potentially malicious external networks or unauthorized access attempts.

Ouestion 2: How does the Windows Firewall function?

Answer: The Windows Firewall filters network traffic based on rules configured by the user or administrator. It can block or allow traffic based on criteria such as port number, protocol, and source or destination IP addresses. The firewall operates at both the network and application layers to provide comprehensive protection.

Question 3: What are the different types of firewall configurations available in Windows?

Answer: In Windows, there are three main types of firewall configurations: domain, private, and public. Each configuration applies different sets of rules depending on the network location identified by the operating system.

Question 4: Apart from the built-in Windows Firewall, what additional security measures can be implemented for Windows security?

Answer: In addition to the Windows Firewall, additional security measures for Windows security include installing antivirus software, enabling Windows Defender Antivirus, keeping the operating system and software up-to-date with patches and updates, using strong passwords, and enabling BitLocker drive encryption for data protection.

EXPERIMENT-6

AIM:- Implementation of IT Audit, malware analysis and Vulnerability assessment and generate the report.

THEORY:-

1) IT Audit

An IT audit is the process of examining the information technology systems, infrastructure, policies, and procedures in a company. It maintains the effectiveness, security, and compliance of an IT environment while ensuring that all employees are following the established security protocols and standards.

Why is IT audit important?

Since so many organizations are spending large amounts of money on information technology, they need to ensure that these IT systems are reliable, secure, and not vulnerable to **cyber-attacks**.

An IT audit is crucial to any business because it maintains the integrity and reliability of an organization's information technology infrastructure and data. It overlooks functions like risk assessment, data integrity, **compliance**, security assessment, and aid to **business continuity** and disaster recovery.

IT audit is also cost-effective in the sense that it will reveal exactly which services we need and which ones wer company can do without. Plus, since the technology we use is evolving so fast, an IT audit can let we know which of wer systems and tools are outdated.

An IT audit helps organizations to:

Identify and mitigate IT risks: IT audits help organizations identify and manage risks like cyberattacks, data breaches, and system failures. IT auditors recommend ways to mitigate such risks by implementing security controls and developing business continuity plans.

Ensure compliance with laws and regulations: Most industries are subject to laws and regulations that govern their IT systems and data management. With IT audits, organizations stay compliant with such requirements and prevent any legal actions.

Improve the efficiency of IT operations: IT audits help identify areas where IT operations can be improved through **workflow automation**. This results in cost savings and improvement in overall business performance.

Protect corporate assets: Organizations can protect their IT assets from unauthorized access, use, and destruction by using IT audits to identify the vulnerabilities they are exposed to.

Ensure the integrity of data: IT audits also ensure that the organizational <u>database</u> is accurate, updated, and reliable. This helps support business decisions and also with regulation compliance.

Align IT with business goals and objectives: IT audits align IT systems and practices with business objectives. This accelerates the process for organizations to achieve their strategic goals.

Look out for shadow IT: Shadow IT creates gaps in security and presents risks to wer company's sensitive data, especially since it involves the use of apps that are not being monitored by security and IT departments. IT audit can identify these risks and mitigate them effectively.

IT audit objectives

Since operations at modern companies are increasingly computerized, IT audits are used to ensure that information-related controls and processes are working properly. The primary objectives of an IT audit include the following:

- Evaluating the systems and processes currently in place that work to secure company data.
- Determining if there are potential risks to the company's information assets and finding ways to minimize those risks.
- Verify that IT controls are being regularly practiced and maintained.
- Safeguarding all IT assets.
- Ensure information management processes are in compliance with IT-specific laws, policies, and standards.
- Determine inefficiencies in IT systems and associated management.

IT Audit Process

The IT audit process usually consists of four stages: planning, fieldwork, audit report, and follow-up. The process follows the plan-do-check-act (PDCA) approach and may vary depending on the organizational needs and audit functions.

There are four main steps in an IT audit process.

- **Planning:** To kick start the process, the IT auditor will define the scope, objectives, and methodology of the audit. This involves gathering information about the organization's IT environment (existing systems, applications, data, policies, and processes) and identifying any risks and controls related to them. Once identified, they will develop and finalize an audit plan.
- **Fieldwork:** Once the plan is in place, the IT auditor executes it and tests the effectiveness of the organization's IT controls. At this stage, they will also collect and analyze evidence that supports their findings. The auditor will document their work and communicate the discovered issues and recommendations to the stakeholders.

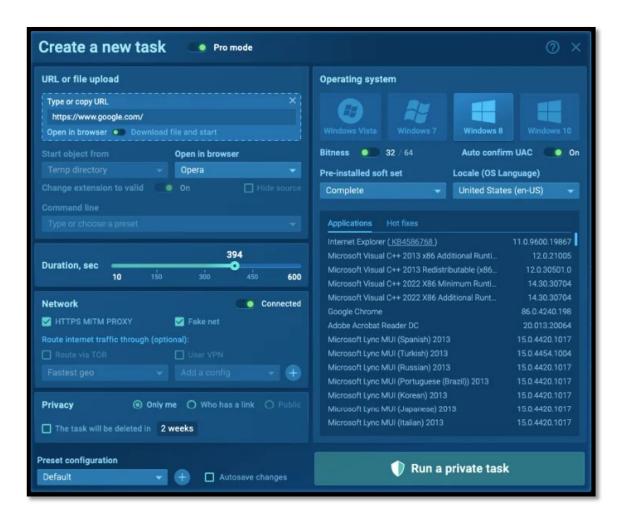
- Audit report: After finishing the fieldwork, the IT auditor prepares a formal report that will summarize the audit findings and recommendations. The report will also comprise ratings and opinions for the identified IT audit area. This report is then presented to the stakeholders.
- **Follow-up:** Post the implementation of the audit recommendations, the IT auditor monitors the changes and verifies whether they have resolved the issues or not. They will also evaluate for improved IT performance and the impact of the audit on the organization's IT objectives and goals.

Malware Analysis

Malware analysis is a process of studying a malicious sample. During the study, a researcher's goal is to understand a malicious program's type, functions, code, and potential dangers. Receive the information organization needs to respond to the intrusion.

Step 1. Set wer virtual machine

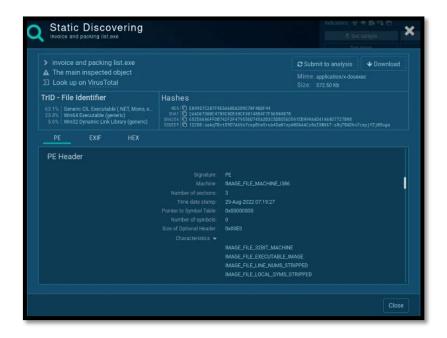
We can customize a VM with specific requirements like a browser, Microsoft Office, choose OS bitness, and locale. Add tools for the analysis and install them in wer VM: FakeNet, MITM proxy, Tor, VPN. But we can do it easily in <u>ANY.RUN sandbox</u>.



Step 2. Review static properties

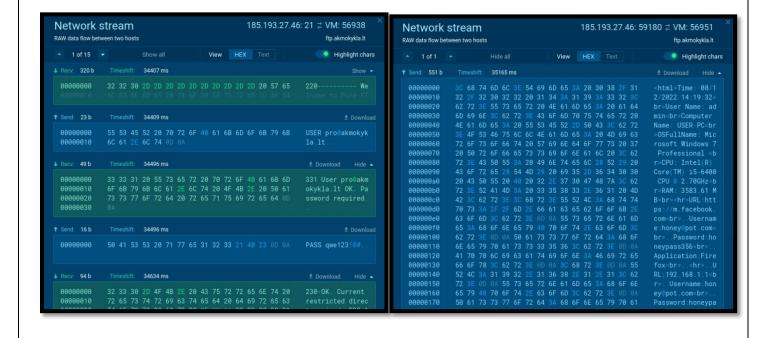
This is a stage for static malware analysis. Examine the executable file without running it: check the strings to understand malware's functionality. Hashes, strings, and headers' content will provide an overview of malware intentions.

For example, in the screenshot below, we can see the hashes, PE Header, mime type, and other information of the Formbook sample. To take a brief idea about functionality, we can take a look at the Import section in <u>a sample for malware analysis</u>, where all imported DLLs are listed.



Step 3. Monitor malware behavior

Here is the dynamic approach to malware analysis. Upload a malware sample in a safe virtual environment. Interact with malware directly to make the program act and observe its execution. Check the network traffic, file modifications, and registry changes. And any other suspicious



events. In our <u>online sandbox sample</u>, we may take a look inside the network stream to receive the crook's credentials info to C2 and information that was stolen from an infected machine.

Step 4. Break down the code

If threat actors obfuscated or packed the code use deobfuscation techniques and reverse engineering to reveal the code Identify capabilities that weren't exposed during previous steps. Even just looking for a function used by malware, we may say a lot about its functionality. For example, function "InternetOpenUrlA" states that this malware will make a connection with some external server.

Additional tools, like debuggers and disassemblers, are required at this stage.

Step 5. Write a malware report.

Include all wer findings and data that we found out. Provide the following information:

- Summary of wer research with the malicious program's name, origin, and key features.
- General information about malware type, file's name, size, hashes, and antivirus detection capacities.
- Description of malicious behavior, the algorithm of infection, spreading techniques, data collection, and ways of C2 communication.
- Necessary OS bitness, software, executables and initialization files, DLLs, IP addresses, and scripts.
- Review of the behavior activities like where it steals credentials from, if it modifies, drops, or installs files, reads values, and checks the language.
- Results of code analysis, headers data.
- Screenshots, logs, string lines, excerpts, etc.

Vulnerability assessment

A vulnerability assessment is an analysis of vulnerabilities in an IT system at a certain point in time, with the aim of identifying the system's weaknesses before hackers can get hold of them. As humans, we all make mistakes, and because software is written by humans, it inevitably contains bugs. While many bugs are harmless in nature, some turn out to be exploitable vulnerabilities placing the usability and security of the system at risk. This is where a vulnerability assessment comes in, to help organizations identify vulnerabilities, such as <u>SQL</u> injection or <u>cross-site scripting (XSS)</u>, before hackers are able to exploit them.

1. Asset discovery

First, we need to decide what we want to scan, which isn't always as simple as it sounds. One of the most common cyber security challenges facing organizations is a lack of visibility into their digital infrastructure and its connected devices. Some reasons for this include:

- **Mobile Devices**: Smartphones, laptops, and similar devices are designed to disconnect and reconnect frequently from the office, as well as employee's homes and often other remote locations.
- **IoT Devices**: IoT devices are part of the corporate infrastructure but may be connected primarily to mobile networks.
- Cloud-Based Infrastructure: Cloud services providers make it easy to spin up new servers as needed without IT involvement.

We'd all love to work in an organization that was perfectly organized, but the reality is often messier. It can be hard simply to keep track of what different teams are putting online, or changing, at any given point. This lack of visibility is problematic because it's difficult to secure what we can't see. Luckily, the discovery aspect of this process can be largely automated. For example, some modern vulnerability assessment tools can perform discovery on public-facing systems and connect directly to cloud providers to identify cloud-based infrastructure. Learn more about asset discovery tools or try our interactive demo below to see it in action.

2. Prioritization

Once we know what we've got, the next question is whether we can afford to run a vulnerability assessment on all of it. In a perfect world, we would be running a vulnerability assessment regularly on all of wer systems. However, vendors often charge per-asset, so prioritization can help where budgets can't cover every asset the company owns.

Some examples of where we may wish to prioritize are:

- Internet-facing servers
- Customer-facing applications
- Databases containing sensitive information

It's worth noting that the two of the most common vectors for untargeted or mass attacks are:

- 1. Internet facing systems
- 2. Employee laptops (via phishing attacks)

So if we can't afford anything else, at least try to get these covered, in the same order.

3. Vulnerability scanning

Vulnerability scanners are designed to identify known security weaknesses and provide guidance on how to fix them. Because these vulnerabilities are commonly publicly reported, there is a lot of information available about vulnerable software. Vulnerability scanners use this information to identify vulnerable devices and software in an organization's infrastructure. The scanner initially sends probes to systems to identify:

- Open ports & running services
- Software versions
- Configuration settings

Based on this information, the scanner can often identify many known vulnerabilities in the system being tested.

In addition, the scanner sends specific probes to identify individual vulnerabilities which can only be tested by sending a safe exploit that proves the weakness is present. These types of probes may identify common vulnerabilities such as 'Command Injection' or 'cross-site scripting (XSS)', or the use of default usernames and passwords for a system.

Depending on the infrastructure that we're scanning (and particularly how expansive any websites are), the vulnerability scan may take anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours.

4. Result analysis & remediation

After the vulnerability scan is complete, the scanner provides an assessment report. When reading and developing remediation plans based on this report, we should consider the following:

- Severity: A vulnerability scanner should label a potential vulnerability based upon its severity. When planning for remediation, focus on the most severe vulnerabilities first, but avoid ignoring the rest forever. It's not uncommon for hackers to chain several mild vulnerabilities to create an exploit. A good vulnerability scanner will suggest timelines for when to fix each issue.
- Vulnerability Exposure: Remembering the prioritization above not all vulnerabilities are on public-facing systems. Internet-facing systems are more likely to be exploited by any random attacker scanning the internet, making them a higher priority for remediation. After that, we'll want to prioritize any employee laptops with vulnerable software installed. Additionally, any systems that host particularly sensitive data, or could adversely affect wer business may need to be prioritized ahead of others.

In most cases, there is a publicly released patch to correct a detected vulnerability, but it can often require a configuration change or other workaround too. After applying a fix, it's also a good idea to rescan the system to ensure the fix was applied correctly. If it isn't, the system may still be vulnerable to exploitation. Also, if the patch introduces any new security issues, such as security misconfigurations (although rare), this scan may uncover them and allow them to be corrected as well.

5. Continuous cyber security

A vulnerability scan provides a point in time snapshot of the vulnerabilities present in an organization's digital infrastructure. However, new deployments, configuration changes, newly discovered vulnerabilities, and other factors can quickly make the organization vulnerable again. For this reason, we must make <u>vulnerability management</u> a continuous process rather than a one-time exercise. Read more about <u>vulnerability scanning frequency best practices</u>.

VIVA VOICE QUESTION

Question 1: What is the purpose of an IT audit?

Answer: The purpose of an IT audit is to evaluate the effectiveness of an organization's IT systems, controls, and processes to ensure they are aligned with business objectives, comply with regulatory requirements, and mitigate risks effectively.

Question 2: What are the key components of an IT audit report?

Answer: Key components of an IT audit report include an executive summary, audit objectives and scope, methodology, findings and recommendations, management responses and action plans, and appendices containing supporting documentation and evidence.

Question 3: What tools and techniques are commonly used for vulnerability assessment?

Answer: Common tools and techniques for vulnerability assessment include vulnerability scanners (e.g., Nessus, OpenVAS), penetration testing frameworks (e.g., Metasploit), network sniffers (e.g., Wireshark), and manual inspection of system configurations and logs.

Question 4: What are the different types of malware and their characteristics?

Answer: Common types of malware include viruses, worms, Trojans, ransomware, spyware, and adware. Each type of malware has unique characteristics and propagation methods, but they all pose threats to the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data and systems.

Question 5: What steps are involved in conducting malware analysis?

Answer: Malware analysis involves several steps, including collecting and analyzing malware samples, reverse engineering to understand the behavior and functionality of the malware, identifying indicators of compromise (IOCs), and developing countermeasures to mitigate the threat.

EXPERIMENT-7

AIM:- Implementation of Cyber Forensics tools for Disk Imaging, Data acquisition, Data extraction and Data Analysis and recovery

THEORY:-

Cyber Forensics involves preserving, identifying, extracting, and documenting computerrelated evidence using secure methods. It entails examining a computer's hard drive to uncover evidence of wrongdoing, with all examinations conducted on a copy of the original drive to preserve evidence for legal use. Deleted files, emails, instant messages, and Internet history can be recovered. Immediate seizure of the suspect's computer is crucial for collecting sufficient evidence. Computer forensics aids in gathering and analyzing evidence for legal proceedings without altering or damaging the original data.

TrueBackWin, a cyber-forensics tool developed by C-DAC, Thiruvananthapuram, enables the creation of Bit Stream duplicates of storage media, ensuring data integrity through hash value comparison. It offers three modes: Seize, Acquire, and Seize & Acquire. Seize mode captures only the hash value of the suspect's hard disk, facilitating quick seizure. Acquire mode creates an image of the source media onto another, with hash computation and report generation. Seize & Acquire mode combines both processes at the crime scene, requiring a computer expert.

TrueBackWin also features Verify Report to authenticate seizure or acquisition reports. Its A+GUI windowing system ensures user-friendly operation via mouse or keypad, with hot-keys for efficiency.

Features of TrueBackWin:

- Standard Windows based application.
- Extraction of system information.
- Three modes of operation:
 - > Seize
 - > Acquire
 - Seize and Acquire
- Block by Block acquisition with data integrity check on each block.
- IDE Hard Disks, SCSI Hard Disk, USB Storage Device, CD and Floppy acquisition.
- Supports True Back image and Raw image Acquisition
- Acquisition of Floppies / CDs in Batch mode.
- Acquisition of multiple hard disks and usb storage devices
- Checking for sterile destination media.
- Progress Bar display on all modes of operation.
- Report generation on all modes of operation.
- Print support for the generated report.
- Authentication for the available report.

Starting TrueBackWin

Before starting the True Back-Win, ensure that the Suspect's disk connected to the system is write blocked by external hardware.

Start TrueBackWin from the start ->programs->True Back

TrueBackWin supports Seizure, Acquisition and Seizure & Acquisition of all storage media installed in the system. The following window will be displayed on the screen.

Seize Mode Selection

In the Seize mode, only a hash value of the storage media of the suspect's computer system is taken. From the main interface given in Following Figure.

Step 1- Select Seize button. We can use wer mouse or Keyboard for selecting the desired mode.



Step-2 Seize Information Collection

A seizure information collection window appears on the screen as shown in the Following Figure.

- All the field entries are mandatory.
- Proper Validation is done on all fields.



In this

window, data can be entered in different ways. One way is to enter the data manually. Type of data to be entered in each field is selfexplanatory. The Time of Seizure and Date of Seizure

values are read from the system. Validation check on the data entered is performed when the Next button is pressed.

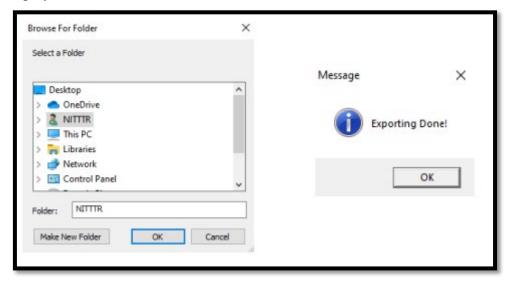
Step 3-

- In the Following Figure Options menu provides two functionalities VIZ Export and Import functions.
- The Export function allows the user to save the validated user entries entered into the data collection window.



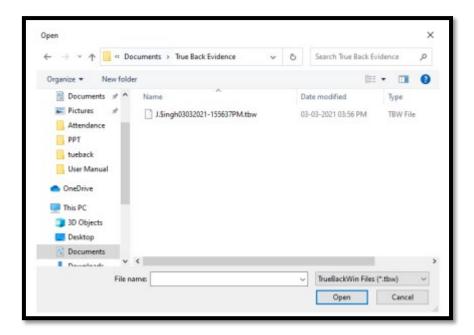
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- Upon clicking the Export function, a dialog box will appear prompting the user to select a folder to save the data.
- Following Figures shows the folder selection window.
- On selecting a folder, the data will be saved in a Text file (.txt) and a message gets displayed as below.



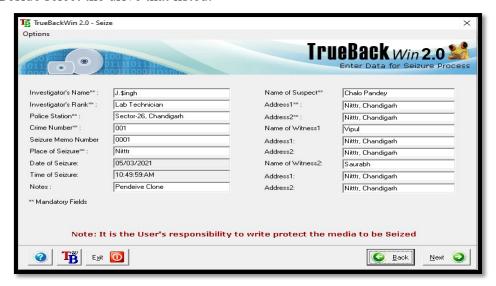
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- Another way to fill the data collection window is using Import function in the Options.
- On clicking the Import function, a Text File selection window appears as in Following Figure.
- Now select an appropriate file and click Open. The data will get filled in the data collection window.



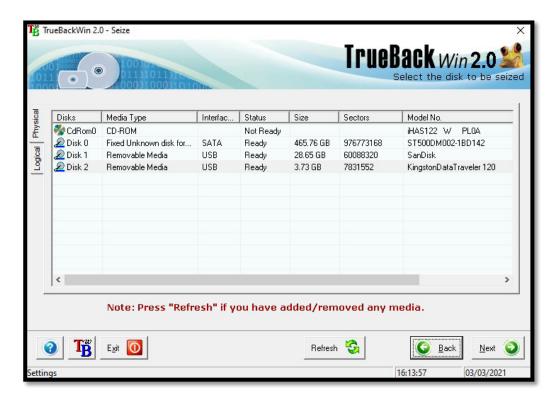
Step 6-

- After all the data has been entered in the data collection window that shown in following Figure □ Press the Next button.
- Now the control will move to the media type selection window.
- If the user wants to make any correction in the data collected in any of the previous windows, he/she can go to that window using Back button, wherever possible.
- Beside select the drive that listed.



Step 7 - Source Media Selection

- Select a drive from the list and press next.
- The subsequent window enables the user to specify the settings with which the seizure process should be continued.



If the user selects the Block Hash option, TrueBackWin divides the entire content of the source media into convenient block sizes before starting seizure process.

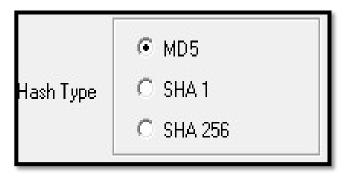
- Hash value of each block of data would be computed during seizure process and it would be logged into a file.
- This information is used while acquiring the hard disk in the Acquire mode of operation. Since each block has its own hash value, a distributed data integrity check

Step -8 Settings for seizure By default, for Floppy and CD, batch mode is selected by default. However this mode is disabled for all other devices.



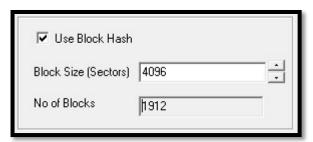
Step 9- Hash Type Selection

- TrueBackWin supports three types of hashing VIZ MD5, SHA1 and SHA256. The user is free to select any type of hashing.
- Following Figure shows the hash type selection part.



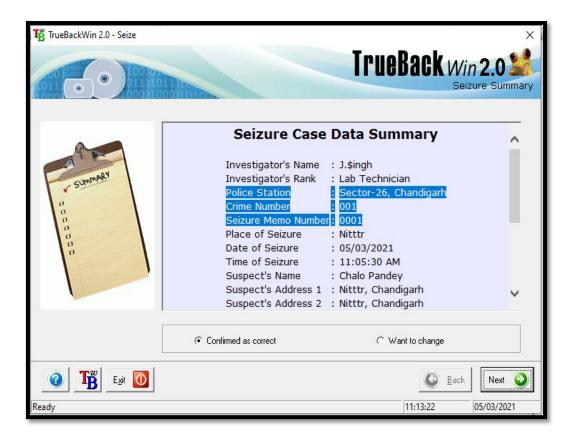
Step 10- Block Size Specification

- In the case of IDE, SCSI and USB storage devices, user can specify the size of a block in sectors for hash computation.
- The settings dialog box for specifying the block size is shown in The Following Figure.
- By default, TrueBackWin displays a block size for a specified storage device depending upon its size. User can change this to a higher value subject to the conditions that the entered value must be less than or equal to the size of the selected hard disk.
- User cannot select a value greater than this. Further, user is limited to select a block size which is a multiple of 128 sectors (in case of IDE/SCSI/USB) or 32 sectors (in case of CD).



Step 11- Confirming Seizure Information

- Following Figure shows the window displaying all the details collected previously for confirmation.
- If we want to edit or change the collected information, press Back button until the required dialog appears.
- Choose Confirm as Correct option and press Next button to continue the seizing process.
- It will take we to the process dialog and the seizure process begins.



Step 12- Disk Seizure Progress-

• Following Figure given below shows the various progress Information of the seizure process.



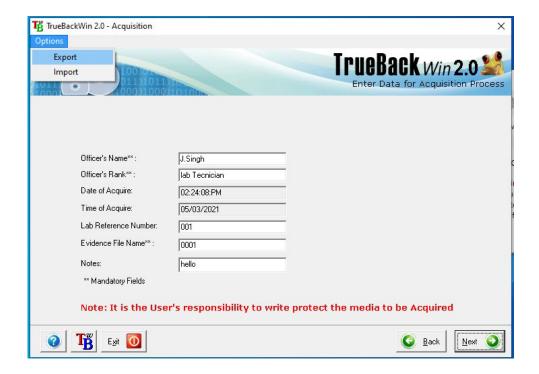
Acquire Mode Operation

In the Acquire mode, user can specify the source media and destination media, creates an image of the source media into the destination media by reading the source contents sector by sector and writing it on to the destination. Meanwhile, a hash computation using any of the available hash algorithms VIZ MD5, SHA1 and SHA256 will be performed on the data read. During acquisition, hash values of each block will be computed and compared with that generated during Seizure process. If there is any mismatch between hash values of any block, it will be reported and logged into a file. Block size for copy will be the same as that is used for seizing the storage media. Acquisition mode of operation can be initiated from the main window by selecting the Acquire button as shown in the Figure below.

Step 1 – Click on Acquire Button



Step 2- Acquire Information Collection

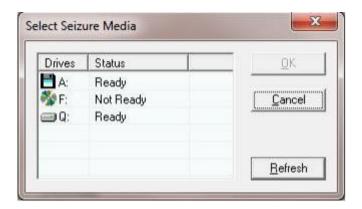


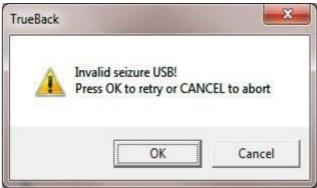
Step 3-Request for Inserting Seizure Floppy

- As soon as we fill in the entire case details information, the Next button gets enabled.
- On pressing the Next button TrueBackWin will ask for the seizure media which was created by TrueBackWin while the same media was seized.



- Acquisition process cannot continue until we insert the correct seizure media.
- The seizure media can be a Floppy, CD-ROM or USB storage. The seizure media selection window is shown in Following Figure.
- On selecting a seizure media which is ready, the OK button gets enabled.
- On clicking the OK button, the selected seizure media is checked for valid seizure information.
- The process can continue only if it is a valid seizure media.
- Otherwise TrueBackWin will report that it is an invalid seizure media selection. Following Figure shows the message of an invalid seizure USB selection.





• If the correct seizure media was inserted then TrueBackWin will prompt we to confirm the information in the seizure media as shown below.



- If the No button is pressed then the process is suspended until the user presses the Next button again.
- On pressing the "Yes" button TrueBackWin will prompt we to insert or connect the required device with an ID number for acquisition. The following figure shows such a dialog box.
- Pressing cancel will let we to remain on the same Data
- Collection page.
- Pressing OK button will take we to the disk selection window

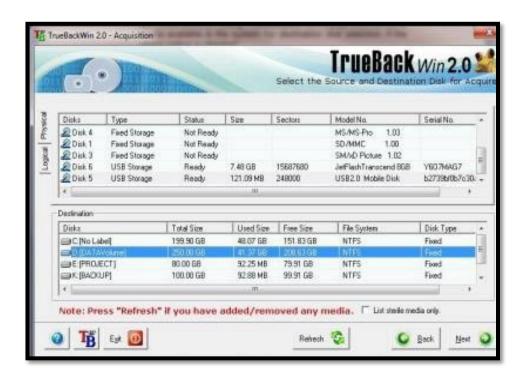


Step 4- Disk Selection

- Following Figure shows the dialog box that follows Just Upper Figure. This is the disk selection window.
- The listed media shows the source media information. It has two tabs showing physical partition listing and logical drives information.



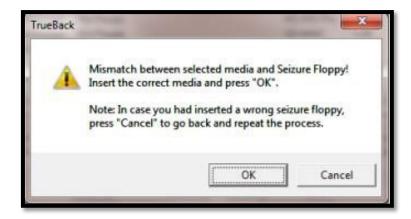
• However, if there are sterile drives or the check box is unchecked, it lists all the available destination media which ful fills the necessary space requirements for acquisition of the selected source disk as show below Figure.



• The destination for a TrueBackWin acquire is normally a sterile media (it's a mass storage media {IDE Hard Disk /SCSI Hard Disk / USB Storage Device} with any formatted windows file systems (FAT16 / FAT32 / NTFS) partition having no data).

List sterile media only.

- If a destination storage media contains evidence file of a previous acquisition process, TrueBackWin will consider the media as a sterile media for another acquisition, if the crime number and police station name of the second acquisition process are same as that of the first acquisition. This means that TrueBackWin allows copying of multiple sources into a destination as long as the multiple sources are related with same crime and investigated under the purview of same police station.
- As the user press the next button TrueBackWin will does a cross check between the selected media and the information contained the seizure floppy. If the selected media differs from the one that was seized, a message window is displayed as shown below:



- If we press OK we can select the correct media from the media selection dialog again. If we press "Cancel" it will return to the Acquisition case data collection dialog.
- The settings dialog shows the split size and file path, where the acquisition is going to be done. Here we can change the split size by selecting from the combo box.



• We can also choose the type of the image file to be generated: TrueBackWin image or Raw Image. A TrueBackWin image can only be loaded in Cyber Check where as a Raw image can be loaded in most of the commercially available cyber forensic tools. That shown in Following Figure.



• If the user choice is for a TrueBackWin image, then he/she can opt for compression also. This feature is void for raw image that shown in Following Figure.



Step 5- Confirming Collected Information for Acquire



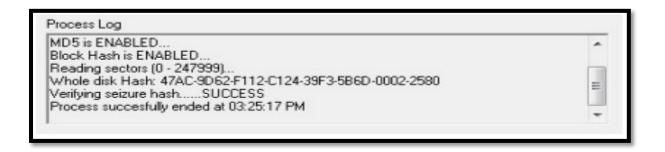
• On choosing "Confirmed as Correct" the Next button gets enabled. Pressing the Next button will take we to the process dialog.

Step 6- Acquire Progress

• After confirmation of seize and acquire information, TrueBackWin starts the Acquire process. The progress of the process is shown below.



• When the process is complete, the process log will show the success and failure of hash computation in acquisition of the seized media. One such dialog is shown below.



Step 7- Acquire Report



- Once the acquisition process is over, an acquisition report will be generated and displayed in a window as shown in upper Figure.
- TrueBackWin saves the acquire report in an html file with evidence file name as its base name and .HTM as its extension. Also, TrueBackWin generates a log file containing details of the errors, if any, occurred in the acquisition of different blocks of data. This file also will have the evidence file name as its base name and .LOG as its extension. These files will be written in the destination media for the use in analysis process.

VIVA VOICE QUESTION

Question 1: What is the purpose of disk imaging in cyber forensics?

Answer: The purpose of disk imaging is to create an exact, bit-by-bit copy of a storage device such as a hard drive or solid-state drive (SSD). This copy, known as a forensic image, preserves the original state of the device and enables forensic investigators to perform analysis without altering the original evidence.

Question 2: What is data acquisition in the context of cyber forensics?

Answer: Data acquisition involves the process of collecting digital evidence from various sources such as computers, mobile devices, storage media, and network traffic. This may include gathering volatile data from live systems, extracting data from disk images, or capturing network packets for analysis.

Question 3: What does cyber forensics involves?

Answer: Cyber Forensics involves preserving, identifying, extracting, and documenting computer-related evidence using secure methods. It entails examining a computer's hard drive to uncover evidence of wrongdoing, with all examinations conducted on a copy of the original drive to preserve evidence for legal use. Deleted files, emails, instant messages, and Internet history can be recovered. Immediate seizure of the suspect's computer is crucial for collecting sufficient evidence. Computer forensics aids in gathering and analyzing evidence for legal proceedings without altering or damaging the original data.

Question 4: What tools are commonly used for data analysis in cyber forensics?

Answer: Common tools for data analysis in cyber forensics include forensic analysis platforms such as Autopsy, Forensic Toolkit (FTK), and X-Ways Forensics, as well as open-source tools like The Sleuth Kit and Volatility for memory forensics.

EXPERIMENT-8

AIM: - Implementation of OS hardening and RAM dump analysis to collect the Artifacts and other information's.

THEORY:-

The significance of RAM dump

- Volatile nature of RAM: RAM is a volatile form of memory that holds data temporarily while a computer is powered on. Once the system is shut down, the contents of RAM are lost. Therefore, capturing a RAM dump becomes essential to preserve valuable evidence that may not be available through traditional disk-based analysis.
- **Dynamic and live information:** RAM contains real-time information about running processes, active network connections, open files, encryption keys, passwords, and other critical artifacts. Analyzing the RAM dump allows forensic investigators to access this dynamic and live information, providing insights into the state of the system at the time of the incident.
- Uncovering hidden or encrypted data: RAM often holds data that may not be easily accessible through traditional file system analysis. It can reveal information about active malware, hidden processes, encrypted data in memory, or remnants of deleted files, offering a wealth of evidence that can be crucial to an investigation

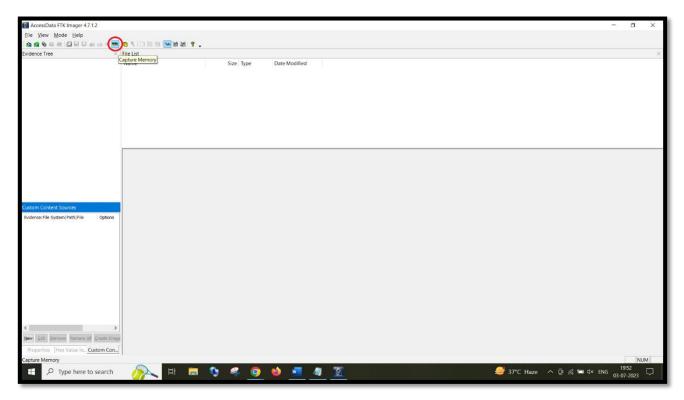
The RAM dump process

- Acquiring a RAM dump: To perform a RAM dump, specialized tools or techniques are used to capture the contents of RAM. Common methods include physical access and utilizing software tools designed for memory acquisition. Physical access allows directly connecting to the computer's memory modules, while software tools can acquire RAM remotely or by creating a memory image from a hibernation file.
- **Preserving data integrity:** It is essential to ensure the integrity of the RAM dump during acquisition to maintain its evidentiary value. This involves utilizing write-blocking mechanisms, verifying the integrity of the acquired image, and documenting the entire process to establish a proper chain of custody.
- Analyzing the RAM dump: Once the RAM dump is acquired, it can be analyzed using specialized software tools designed for memory forensics. These tools enable investigators to extract information, identify running processes, recover artifacts, and search for patterns or indicators of compromise.
- Extracting volatile data: The RAM dump analysis involves extracting volatile data such as active network connections, running processes, loaded drivers, registry information, file handles, and other artifacts. This data can be used to reconstruct the system's state, identify malicious activities, or uncover hidden information.
- **Memory carving and artifacts recovery:** Memory carving techniques are employed to search for specific file types or artifacts within the RAM dump. This process involves identifying file headers or signatures and reconstructing files from the memory image. This can be particularly useful in recovering deleted or encrypted files.

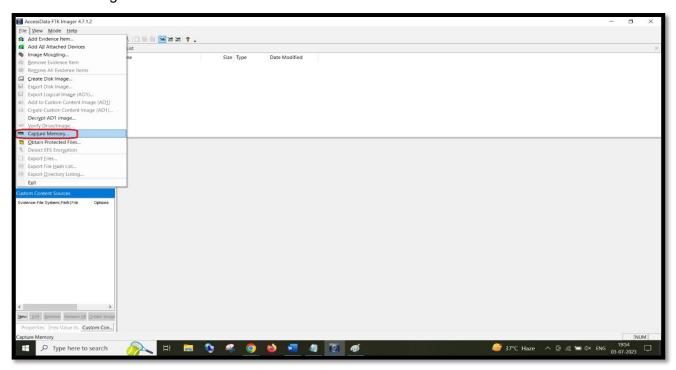
RAM dumps can be acquired using specialised tools like <u>FTK Imager</u> and <u>Magnet Ram Capturer</u> (both of which are available for free) or the analysis can be done using specialised tools or Open source frameworks like <u>Volatility Framework</u>.

To acquire RAM and registry files, please follow these steps:

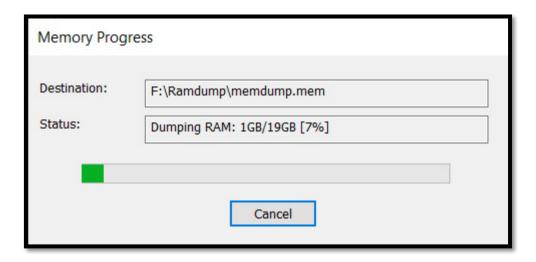
- Download FTK imager from <u>here</u>.
- Follow the installation steps.
- Once installed, Run FTK imager and select Capture memory option from toolbar menu as shown in screenshot:



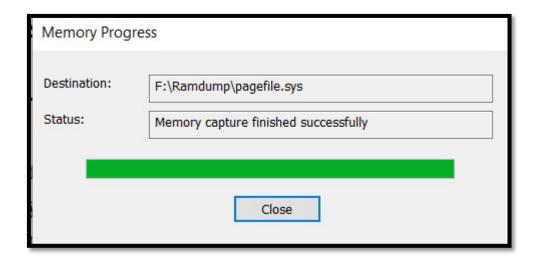
• Alternatively, we can select Capture memory from the File dropdown menu inside FTK Imager as illustrated in screenshot below:



 Once we select Capture memory, provide a destination path where we wish to save the dump file. Alternatively, we can select to include pagefile. After that, the process of capturing memory will begin.



• We will receive a pop up once the process is finished.





• The file with the name "memdump.mem" is the RAM capture file.

VIVA VOICE QUESTION

Question 1: What is OS hardening, and why is it important for cybersecurity?

Answer: OS hardening involves securing an operating system by implementing various security measures to reduce its attack surface and mitigate potential vulnerabilities. It is important for cybersecurity because it helps prevent unauthorized access, exploitation of vulnerabilities, and data breaches.

Question 2: What are some common OS hardening techniques?

Answer: Common OS hardening techniques include disabling unnecessary services and features, applying security patches and updates regularly, configuring strong authentication and access controls, enabling firewalls and intrusion detection/prevention systems, and implementing file system and network security measures.

Question 3: What types of artifacts can be collected from RAM dump analysis?

Answer: Artifacts collected from RAM dump analysis include process listings, network connections, loaded drivers and DLLs, registry keys, open files and handles, and remnants of user activity such as keystrokes and clipboard contents.

Question 4: What is RAM dump analysis, and why is it important in cybersecurity investigations?

Answer: RAM dump analysis involves capturing the contents of a system's random access memory (RAM) and analyzing it for forensic artifacts such as running processes, network connections, registry keys, and volatile data. It is important in cybersecurity investigations for detecting malware, investigating security incidents, and gathering evidence for forensic analysis.

Question 5: What challenges may arise during OS hardening and RAM dump analysis?

Answer: Challenges during OS hardening may include compatibility issues with applications, complexity of configuration settings, and balancing security with usability. Challenges during RAM dump analysis may include capturing a reliable snapshot of memory, interpreting volatile data, and analyzing large datasets efficiently.