CERTConf2005 Forensics: Overview



What this class is...

- A dense, relatively fast-paced excursion into the world of cyber forensics.
- 'Technical' means the class will require a certain amount of technical expertise.
- 'Practical' means that the information we cover will provide you with the technical capacity for conducting basic forensic investigations, practically, not legally.
- I'm a firm believer in 'hands on' however this venue doesn't lend itself well, to this – so go straight home afterward and do this stuff! ;-)



What this class is...

- The courses today (1-4) will touch on many areas of Cyber Forensics but will not go to any exceeding depth in any one area
- This is designed to broaden your skill set and introduce you to many areas of Cyber Forensics in a short period of time, not to make you an expert in any one facet



What is Cyberforensics?

- This really depends on the point of view...
- Traditionally Cyber forensics involves the
 - preservation,
 - collection,
 - validation,
 - identification,
 - analysis,
 - interpretation,
 - documentation and
 - presentation
 - ...of computer evidence stored on a computer.
- "Forensics is the application of science to the legal process."
 – Jim Christy, DCCI



Viewpoint

- According to the CFEWG curriculum group there are three perspectives of cyberforensics
 - Law enforcement
 - FBI/IRS/private party
 - Business/Industry
 - Cisco/L3
 - Military/counterintelligence
 - AF OSI/NSA
- Although not mutually exclusive, each can have its own thrust.



Viewpoint





Viewpoint

- Each perspective has difference objectives, even though there is overlap, the approaches of each remain ah-hoc and uncoordinated
- Technology is vendor-driven
- No industry certification
- No standards
- Interesting situations with the court system



Coverage from OS perspective

- Windows
 - 95% of cases FBI sees involve Windows
 - Topics
 - File systems: FAT & NTFS
 - Multiple tools:
 - Commercial
 - Freeware
 - » Windows & Linux!
 - Live response
 - Network forensics



Coverage from OS Perspective

- UNIX/Linux
 - -Topics
 - File systems: EXT2/3
 - Multiple tools:
 - -Freeware
 - Not much industry drive for commercial tools
 - Live response
 - Network forensics



Topics we will cover...

• Topics include:

- the incident response process;
- forensic duplication and data recovery;
- Windows and UNIX file systems;
- binary analysis;
- network attacks and their signatures;
- data hiding techniques;
- malicious code detection;
- network forensics and surveillance; and
- tools and techniques for investigating computer intrusions for both UNIX/Linux and Windows systems.



Cybercrime & Cyberwarfare

 "Information warfare specialists at the Pentagon estimate that a properly prepared and wellcoordinated attack by fewer than 30 computer virtuosos strategically located around the world, with a budget of less than \$10 million, could bring the United States to its knees."

Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) http://www.csis.org/pubs/cyberfor.html



Cybercrime & Cyberwarfare

 "Such a strategic attack, mounted by a cyberterrorist group, either substate or nonstate actors, would shut down everything from electric power grids to air traffic control centers."

Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) http://www.csis.org/pubs/cyberfor.html



Scope of the Problem

- In1990 a computer hard drive seized in a criminal investigation would contain approximately 50,000 pages of text
- The same situation with hard drives now, contain 5 million to 50 million pages of data.
 - But the ability of these agencies to retain computer talent is seriously jeopardized by the compensation packages offered by the private sector.

Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) http://www.csis.org/pubs/cyberfor.html



Computer Crime

Sample of computer crimes from 2001

- Demoted employee installs a logic bomb, which later deactivates hand-held computers used by the sales force.
- eBay
 - User advertises goods, but on receiving payment never ships the goods.
 - Advertised collectibles turn out to be fakes
- Disgruntled student sends threatening emails, leading to school closing down.
- Ring of software pirates use web site to distribute pirated software Stephenson, 2001.



Computer Crimes

- Software company employee is indicted for altering a copyright program to overcome file reading limitations
- Hacker accesses 65 U.S. Court computers and downloads large quantities of private information.
- Hacker accesses bank records, steals banking and personal details.
- 15 year old boy runs scripts that invoke DOS against eBay, Yahoo!, AOL, etc.
- Moral: NO SUCH THING AS TYPICAL COMPUTER CRIME.
- Must be flexible in your response



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CERTConf2005 Threat Vectors



Hacker Types

- Script Kiddy
- Disgruntled employee
- Professional Hacker
- Innovator
- Political
- State Sponsored
- Terrorist Organization



Hacker Motivations

- Disgruntled employee
- Further Terrorist goals
- Financial gain
- Political
- Industrial Espionage



Disgruntled employee

- Number of personal reasons including;
 - Revenge
 - Emotional
 - Financial



Terrorist goals

- Disrupt social stability
- Cause chaos
- Economic destabilization
- Cause great loss of life
- Political gain i.e., change of government.



Cyber Infrastructure Protection

- Hiring professional hackers to disrupt the Critical Cyber Infrastructure.
- 85% 90% of this Critical Infrastructure is operated and owned by the private sector.



Financial gain

- Organized crime groups
- Russian professional hacker organizations, banks and credit card company clearing houses.
- Individuals
- Inside employees
- Competitors



Industrial Espionage

- Competitors
- Ascertain competitor's long range strategic goals
- Obtain customer data base
- Obtain competitor's infrastructure information. IT and physical.



Threat Vector

- Motive
- Means
- Opportunity
- Agent



Motive

- Why makes someone what to gain unauthorized access into a network?
- What is the typical profile?
 - Script kiddy Twinkies and the Dew – 2:00 AM momas' basement.
 - Want-a-be hacker in his own basement



Professional Hacker

- Motives
 - Financial gain
 - Political



Protection mechanisms

- Minimize the target
- Stay current on knowledge base
- Deterrence
- Protection
- Detection
- Reaction
- Protecting IT assets, Alan Hood Scientist for Britain's DERA 1997



Cyberterrorism

 There is a convergence of terrorism and cyberspace. It is generally understood to mean unlawful attacks and threats of attack against computers, networks, and the information stored therein when done to intimidate or coerce a government or its people in furtherance of political or social objectives.

Georgetown University May 23, 2000 Testimony before the Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism Committee on Armed Services U.S. House of Representatives.



Examples of Cyberterrorism

 In 1996, a computer hacker allegedly associated with the White Supremacist movement temporarily disabled a Massachusetts ISP and damaged part of the ISP's record keeping system.



Continued

 In 1998, Spanish protestors bombarded the Institute for Global Communications (IGC) with thousands of bogus e-mail messages. E-mail was tied up and undeliverable to the ISP's users, and support lines were tied up with people who couldn't get their mail.



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In 1998, ethnic Tamil guerrillas swamped Sri Lankan embassies with 800 e-mails a day over a two-week period. The messages read "We are the Internet Black Tigers and we're doing this to disrupt your communications." Intelligence authorities characterized it as the first known attack by terrorists against a country's computer systems.



Continued

During the Kosovo conflict in 1999, NATO computers were blasted with e-mail bombs and hit with denial-of-service attacks by hacktivists protesting the NATO bombings. In addition, businesses, public organizations, and academic institutes received highly politicized virus-laden e-mails from a range of Eastern European countries, according to reports. Web defacements were also common. After the Chinese Embassy was accidentally bombed in Belgrade, Chinese hacktivists posted messages such as "We won't stop attacking until the war stops!" on U.S. government Web sites.



Thwarting cyberterrorism

 National cyber security adviser Richard Clarke has warned that the U.S. is "vulnerable to sophisticated attacks. Not to 14-year-olds, but to a sophisticated group or nation-state... It could lead to catastrophic damage to the economy, and, if done at a time of national security crisis, it could lead to catastrophic damage to our national defense."

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CERTConf2005 Hex



Why HEX?

- While hex is less readable than ascii text, it is more readable than binary...
 - The number 65535 would be written down as 16 ones, or 11111111111111_2
 - Prone to error...was that 16 or 17 1's?
 - To condense the same information we use a base 16 system, called hexadecimal.


What is HEX?

- Hex uses decimals first,followed by alphabetic characters.
- It is fairly straightforward to convert back and forth from binary to hex

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1 0	1 1	1 2	1 3	1 4	1 5
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BIN %	OCT	DEC	HEX 0x
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10	2	2	2
11	3	3	3
100	4	4	4
101	5	5	5
110	6	6	6
111	7	7	7
1000	10	8	8
1001	11	9	9
1010	12	10	А
1011	13	11	В
1100	14	12	С
1101	15	13	D
1110	16	14	E
1111	17	15	F
10000	20	10	10
10001	21	11	11



- If you write down 1234, (base 10) you are talking about the number one thousand, two hundred and thirty four.
- This can be rewritten as:

1	*	1000	=	1000
2	*	100	=	200
3	*	10		30
4	*	1	=	4

1	*	10^3
2	*	10^2
3	*	10^1
4	★	10^0



 It is the same in all other bases, each place represents a power of the base:

% IU IU WOULU DE	
1 * 2^3 0 * 2^2 1 * 2^1 0 * 2^0	

0×1	234	will	be
1	★	16^	3
2	*	16^{-}	2
3	*	16^{-}	1
4	*	16^{-1}	0



- What is 0xCB in Decimal?
- C = 12 and B = 11 so
 12 * 16^1 + 11 * 16^0 = 203

What about binary? C = 12 = 1100 B = 11 = 1011 CB = 1100 . 1011 so 0xCB = %11001011



- What is 0xAF1 in Decimal?
- A = 10, F = 15 so
 10 * 16² + 15 * 16¹ + 1 * 16⁰ = 2801

What about binary? A = 1010 F = 1111 1 = 0001 AF1=1010 . 1111 . 0001 so 0xAF1 = %101011110001



Practical bits

- Netmask:
 - So most people just type in: 255.255.255.0
 - What does this mean?



Practical bits

• Netmask:

IP address are 'dotted quad', basically the dots just break up bits to make them easier to read.How many bits does it take to represent 256 (base 10)?



Practical bits

- Netmask:
- 11111111 = 255, so 8 bits for 256 unique values
- Therefore, 255.255.255.0 is 'decimal dotted quad" for the base 2 number:
- 11111111111111111111111111100000000
- This is also sometimes referred to as as /24 network because there are 24 1's

Netmasks *almost* always start with sequential 1's and end with sequential 0's



...slight diversion now...

- Netmask:
- 11111111.11111.0000000network (subnet)hostSo this particular netmask (/24) allows for 256different hosts...(well actually a bit less butlets just say 256) on one subnet. Every timeyou add a bit to the netmask, you get moresubnets and less hosts per subnet.

Example:

192.168.100.0 - 192.168.100.255



...slight diversion now...

• Netmask:

192.168.100.0 – 192.168.100.127 subnet1 192.168.100.0 – 192.168.100.255 subnet2 So /26 has 4 subnets, /27 has 8 subnets, all the way through /30 which has 64 subnets (4 hosts per)



...slight diversion now...

Netmask:

Looking at Netmasks that 'lower' than /24 get into Class A,B,C type discussions and are definitely out of scope here...

Basically each fourth of the dotted quad controls a class, so using letters to represent the class a bit belongs to:

AAAAAAA.BBBBBBBB.CCCCCCC.xxxxxxx

Class D is used for broadcasting

Class E is "Experimental" is basically a leftover from bureaucratic / political "design by committee" fallout



Practical Bits

- Netmask:
 - What's the mask actually do?
 - Used for Bitwise AND with a host's address
- If my computer is 137.48.112.123
 and my netmask is 255.255.255.0
 10001001.00110000.01110000.0111011
 1111111.11111111.1111111.00000000
 AND 10001001.00110000.01110000.0000000
 so for the very common /24 netmask the result may be familiar then the last number (123) is the host id, and the others 137.48.112 is the network.



Why does all this matter?

- So as a forensic examiner you might not be overly concerned with netmasks, or the class of a particular network
- And you may not be able to decode machine language when you see it
- But you should understand what it is and realize that decoding it correctly could change data into information...



Why does all this matter?

 In the physical world if an investigator found a letter at a crime scene he would not throw it away just because the crime was committed in Nebraska and the letter was written in Chinese.



Why does all this matter?

- A set of 1's and 0's that translates into an peculiar set of Hex characters may appear to be gibberish, but upon proper decoding, it may reveal an MIME encoded message (for example)
- Just because the data isn't in a particularly useful form, doesn't mean that it's not valuable.



Encoding is not Encrypting

- It is also important to note the different between Encoding and Encrypting
- Encoding is done primarily to make information EASY to interpret
- Encrypting is done primarily to make information HARD to interpret



Encoding is not Encrypting

- The very fact that data has been encrypted is sometimes enough to raise 'red flags'
- Depending on circumstances the existence of encrypted files may create, or be a contributing factor for Probable Cause
- This is not the case with encoded files



The Hex Editor

- In windows you may find a tool such as winhex, frHed, or Hackman valuable:
- In Linux maybe something like xxd, Heme, SHED, gHex, KHexEdit or some other abstraction (Autopsy for example has a hex view option).



Hex Editor

You can use these hex tools at varying granularity...by file:

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Hex Editor

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- Many "low level" things can be determined at the Hex level
- Files always have particular header information (this is different then file-extensions like .doc or .jpeg)



When considering "graphics files"

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- ; Graphics Interchange Format bitmap graphics (GIF 89a) GIF89A=0x00:"GIF89a"
- ; JPEG Bitmap graphics
 - JPE=0x00:0xFF,0xD8,0xFF,0xE0,0x00,0x10,"JFIF"
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These are standard types, the information is widely available, these particular lines came from drivespy.ini

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- If files are simply stored in 'hidden' areas, like unallocated, slack, or interpartition space, they will still have header information
- If files are enciphered some way (like stereography) then there is no header information
- If files are encrypted / compressed, there may not be header information about the file, but there will typically be header information about the encryption / compress for decryption / decompression purposes



 In some cases you may find portions or fragments of a file. If you suspect that the fragment may be part of what used to be JPEG for example (because near where the header should be you found "FIF" and you know that jpeg headers contain "JFIF") you can attempt to recover the file by editing the correct header information back to the disk.

Cyberforensics Hard Disk Duplication

Duplication is Science



Why?

- Why even create a copy? Why not perform analysis on the actual hard disk?
 - Evidence
 - Bagged n sealed
 - Chain of custody
 - Basically
 - what if you accidentally made a mistake?
 - To show that no evidence was "planted"
 - Preserving the Integrity of the Evidence



Why?

 No matter what tool you are using, a "write blocking" adapter will prevent costly mistakes





Evidence

- Federal Rules of Evidence (FRE)
- To prove the content of a writing, recording, or photograph, the original writing, recording or photograph is required, except as otherwise provided in these rules or by Act of Congress
- FRE #1002—item or information presented in court must be original
- FRE 1001(3) outlines one of these exceptions:
- Definitions and Duplicates: If data are stored in a computer or similar device, any printout or other output readable by sight, shown to reflect accurately, is an original



Evidence

 Admissibility of Duplicates FRE #1003, A duplicate is admissible to the same extent as an original unless 1) a genuine question is raised as to the authenticity of the original, or 2) in the circumstances it would be unfair to admit the duplicate in lieu of the original



Chain o Custody

- Evidence tag for each hard drive or media
 - Time and date of action
 - Number we assigned to that case
 - Number of this particular tag
 - Consent required? Signature of person owning information
 - Whom evidence belonged? Who provided information
 - Complete description of evidence including quantity
 - Who rec'd evidence and signature of recipient



Chain o Custody

- Back of evidence tag
 - Who the evidence was rec'd from and location it was in
 - Date of receipt
 - Reason the evidence was given to another person
 - Who rec'd evidence and where was evidence was rec'd or located



Initial Response: Live Sys

- Volatile data before forensic image – Volatile data
 - -Registers, cache contents
 - Memory contents
 - State of networks
 - State of running processes
 - Contents of storage media
 - Contents of removable and backup media



Initial Response: Live Sys

Create a step-by-step plan, document it:

- Establish a new shell: cmd.exe (W), bash (U)
- Record the system date and time: date, time (W), w (U)
- Who is logged on: loggedon (W), w (U)
- Record open sockets: netstat (W), netstat -anp (U)
- Processes that open sockets: fport (W), lsof (U)
- Currently running processes: pslist (W), ps (U)
- System that recently connected: nbtstat (W), netstat (U)
- Record system time: date, time (W), w (U)
- Record step taken: doskey (W), script, vi, history (U)
- This stuff can be scripted!



Terminology

- Forensic Duplication: bit for bit copy (dd, dcfldd, odd)
- Qualified Forensic Duplicate: file that contains every bit, but is stored in an altered form (encase)
- Restored Image: a Forensic Dup or Qualified Forensic Dup that has been restored to a drive (dd, encase, etc)
- *Mirror Image:* a duplicate created with hardware (SF-5000, Solo-2)


Offline duplication

- Assuming the computer is 'offline' – There are a couple avenues to take
 - Logical copy
 - Windows drag n drop / cut n paste
 - Here we are talking about things like files and directories
 - Physical copy
 - Bit for bit copy
 - Here we are obviously talking about bits
 - Advantages / Disadvantages to the two methods?



Offline Duplication

- Physical copies of the hard drive contain more information that a logical copy. Things like:
 - Information left in virtual memory / page files, swap space, etc
 - Files and directories marked as deleted then partially written over, slack space, etc
 - "unallocated" space that is actually in use



Integrity

- When writing an image to a new hard disk for analysis it's a good idea to 'clean' the disk first
- This is where the 'writing zeros' or 'zero-filling' comes into play



Proving Integrity

- As a professional, your word is often not enough to establish that the copy is an exact copy of evidence obtained earlier.
- This can be mitigated using a HASH like MD5 or SHA-1 – some forensic packages may even use things like CRC.



- One of the best ways to describe hashing is to describe a hash as a fingerprint [of an image].
- Fingerprints uniquely identify a much larger object (human) from a much smaller object (the fingerprint)



- ...similarly, a digital hash is a unique representation of a larger object – like an image
- This hash is a file that is completely separate for the image that it is fingerprinting and has a set length – like 128 or 160 bits.
- A 1 MB file and a 1 GB files will both produce hashes of the same length



- There are many automated tools that provide hashing components.
- Most *nix distributions provide hashing tools by default, for windows you'll have to download software



\$ md5sum.exe SavedÉmail.txt b13e0863a5ab9f329b59a0d15519f9ea *SavedEmail.txt

\$ sha1sum.exe SavedEmail.txt 017f2def39d04cb5f42cb0562b5bc4b41b2eebc8 *SavedEmail.txt

[root@localhost root]# md5sum SavedEmail.txt ; sha1sum SavedEmail.txt
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7fac072552ac7368eb42e54eae90f35987bcaf08 SavedEmail.txt
[root@localhost root]#

changed SavedEmail.txt: OK

Hashing

 The same software typically provides the means to check to see if the hash of a given file has changed

[root@localhost root]# md5sum SavedEmail.txt > SavedEmail.md5 [root@localhost root]# md5sum -c SavedEmail.md5 SavedEmail.txt: OK [root@localhost root]# sha1sum SavedEmail.txt > SavedEmail.sha1 [root@localhost root]# sha1sum -c SavedEmail.sha1 SavedEmail.txt: OK [root@localhost root]#

Add a space to the email...

[root@localhost root]# md5sum -c SavedEmail.md5 SavedEmail.txt: FAILED md5sum: WARNING: 1 of 1 computed checksum did NOT match [root@localhost root]# sha1sum -c SavedEmail.sha1 SavedEmail.txt: FAILED sha1sum: WARNING: 1 of 1 computed checksum did NOT match [root@localhost root]# <mark>-</mark>

Use something like md5deep or sha1deep for recursion:

C:\tools\md5deep>md5deep -r * > c:\file.dat

C:\tools\md5deep>md5deep -rX c:\file.dat *

C:\tools\md5deep>md5deep -rX c:\file.dat * b31540d38eb675b77c2b417b374bada5 C:\tools\md5deep\README.txt

C:\tools\md5deep>



Side Rant: Hashing DLs

- When downloading software a hash is often provided along with the download.
 - What purpose does this hash serve?



Duplication gotchas

- Some file systems have limits to maximum file size...like the 2.1 GB barrier Hard/Soft or the 8.4 Hardware barriers
 - In such cases, the image would have to segmented into multiple images that can later be restored into one
 - Or you could use a filesystem that supports larger files :-)



dd

- dd has many flags (options)
- You must first understand: dd if=/*source* of=/*destination*

if = infile, or evidence you are copying (a hard disk, tape, etc.) source = source of evidence of = outfile, or copy of evidence destination = where you want to put the copy



dd

- dd if=/dev/hda of=/dev/ImageCopy1
- In addition to hard drives, dd works well restoring block-oriented devices, such as tapes.
- Some useful optoins are:
 - ibs = input block size
 obs = output block size
 bs = block size

count = number of blocks to copy
skip = # of blocks to skip at start of input
seek = # of blocks to skip at start of output



dcfldd

- An enhanced version of dd DOD Computer Forensics Lab dd
- Able to generate hashes as the image is created – otherwise works just like dd

dcfldd if=/dev/hdd of=/mnt/disk.dd bs=2k hashwindow=2M hashlog=/mnt/disk.md5



odd

- Odessa Open Digital Evidence Search and Seizure Architecture
- ODD open data duplicator
 - Client / server
 - Both can be on one machine
 - Plugin based
 - Auto extract images
 - Auto hashing
 - Auto string search



Others...

- Safeback
- Forensic ToolKit Imager
 - Can convert between dd,en,safeback etc
- Encase
 - Supports 'interesting methods'
 - Crossover cable
 - 'live' acquisition



'Hard' to recover

• Deletion and replacement

Deleting the file and replacing it immediately with another file of the same name and exactly the same size may completely overwrite the original file.

• Low level formatting

LLFing of the computer hard disk will destroy all data. LLF is usually only carried out once by the manufacturer - the Format command in DOS/Windows does NOT perform a low level format – in fact an 'actual' LLF can not be performed by a PC on a 'new' hard disk.



'Hard' to recover

"Anti-Forensic Software"

- Specialist software is available which claims to completely remove all trace of deleted files from a hard disk, including residual traces of old deleted files in slack space (unused space left over at the end of a cluster), by overwriting those areas multiple times with random data.
- Encryption

Encryption is an effective way to conceal incriminating evidence. An encrypted file can usually only be opened if the decryption key is obtained.



"Easy" to Recover

• Deletion

One of the easiest situations for an investigator is when a suspect has simply deleted all incriminating files just before the PC is obtained.

 When a file is deleted, the operating system simply marks the cluster(s) the file is occupying as now being available for use again in the File Allocation Table. It does not in any way destroy or damage the data in the cluster(s) itself, apart from (typically) replacing the first letter of the filename with the greek letter sigma. The file has effectively been removed from the index. The forensic investigator is easily able to recover the file by simply extracting it straight from the cluster.



'Easy' to recover

- The situation becomes more difficult as time passes. Since deletion the operating system now sees the cluster(s) as being available for use (un-re-allocated). The next time a new file is saved onto the disk there is a danger that the file, or part of it, will be stored in the cluster containing the old deleted file.
- However, under certain circumstances it is still possible to recover some of the old file, even if a new file has been saved to the same cluster, because of the slack space.
- Consider the simplified situation where a cluster contained an important document, 30k in length. The file is removed from the index in the FAT but the document remains in the cluster. A new document is then saved to the same cluster, however the new document is only 20k in length. The last 10k of the original document will still be present in the slack space at the end of the cluster and can be retrieved.



"Easy" to Recover

• Formatting

The process of formatting using the Format command in Windows or DOS performs a **high level format.** This is nondestructive to data on the disk. The process simply resets the index in the File Allocation Table so that operating system sees the disk as empty. The information is still there, only the operating system does not know how to get to it. Data on a disk which has been high level formatted can usually be recovered.

Defragmentation

When the operating system stores files on the hard disk, it splits them up into clusters. If the file is larger than the cluster size, several clusters will be used. These clusters are not necessarily adjacent to each other, but may be spread across the surface of the hard disk, depending on space available.

 The process of defragging simply identifies clusters that contain parts of the same file, and moves them together so that they make, as far as possible, a contiguous block. In this process the system will use space allocated as free in the File Allocation Table, it is therefore possible that data being moved will overwrite space occupied by a deleted file, however this is by no means guaranteed.

Slack Space

• Assuming a file was stored contiguously (not fragmented)...

Habib,

Our plans are in motion and all is well. Homeland Security suspects nothing, the explosion will be grand. Attached are the coordinates of the attack saved in the usual way.

Loyally,

Samir



Slack Space

 Using tools like xxd or winhex we can see how the <u>file</u> is stored in

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Slack Space

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Resources

- http://www.wiebetech.com/
- http://odessa.sourceforge.net/
- http://sourceforge.net/projects/dcfld
- http://www.sf-soft.de/winhex/index-i
- http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/freadu/rule



CERTConf2005 File Systems



Interface

- IDE / ATA
- SCSI (scuzzy)
- Serial ATA

Various limitations (usually addressing) create limits on hard drive sizes. Commonly 2.1, 8.4, 32 and 137 GB.



The \$#%* cable

- ATA 33 and lower can use a 40 pin ribbon cable
- <u>Anything</u> higher requires an 80 pin to reduce crosstalk between the wires
- The ribbon cables are sometimes color coded.
- Typically the "Master Drive" is on one end, and the "Slave Drive" is in the middle.



Bridging

- Similar to a networking bridge, you can circumvent interface standards using ATA bridges. Something like a Firewire – ATA bridge.
- This has a couple benefits from a forensic point of view:
 - External, swappable
 - -Write blocking in hardware
 - Ability to use the same interface every time



SCSI

- Still mainly found in servers as opposed to desktops
- Physically the hardware is very similar – usually the controller is the difference
- Raid is almost always used



SCSI

- SCSI's main advantage is on the bus:
 - Each ATA device controls the entire bus for actions (write / read / etc)
 - SCSI devices can share, queue, etc
- SCSI devices are IDed 0-7 or 0-14 and can all be chained together on a single controller (but must be terminated on the ends)



SCSI

- While ATA took a sequential approach to versions (1,2,3,4,5) scsi created many variations: LVD, LVD/SE, DIFF, Ultra, Ultrawide, Ultra4 (also Ultra320), etc.
- You must have matching controllers and devices as well as the correct cable for each.



The OSI of File Systems

Application Storage

Classification

Space Management

Allocation Units

Data Classification

Physical



The OSI of File Systems

FAT / NTFS EXT2

Files	Files
Folders	Directories
FAT (MFT)	Inodes
Clusters	Blocks
Partitions	Partitions
Sectors	Sectors



FS Layers : Physical

- No matter what, this layer is always present. The bits have to actually be located somewhere.
- Absolute sectors are numbered 0 and up.
- Most OS's read and write in chunks of 512 bytes.
- Some hardware actually allow access via Cylinder, head and sector values


FS Layers: Physical

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FS Layers: Physical





- Just above the physical layer
- Partitioning scheme set up by the OS
- Basically allows for segmentation of data
 - Security
 - Logical organization
 - Speed
 - Means to an end



- Host Protected Access
- Usually used by vendors as part of a restoration process
- Not accessable by the OS
 - Or by earlier versions of encase/safeback/etc

One byte FS identifier code – used for ulletmounting. Some OSes allow this to be specified.

01 DOS 12-bit FAT 02 XENIX root 03 XENIX /usr . 04 DOS 3.0+ 16-bit FAT (up to 32M) 05 DOS 3.3+ Extended Partition 06 DOS 3.31+ 16-bit FAT (over 32M) 07 OS/2 IFS (e.g., HPFS) 07 Windows NT NTFS 07 Advanced Unix 07 QNX2.x pre-1988 08 OS/2 (v1.0-1.3 only) 08 AIX boot partition 08 SplitDrive 08 Commodore DOS 08 DELL partition spanning multiple drives 34 Reserved 08 QNX 1.x and 2.x ("qny") 09 AIX data partition 09 Coherent filesvstem 09 QNX 1.x and 2.x ("gnz") 0a OS/2 Boot Manager 0a Coherent swap partition 0a OPUS 0b WIN95 OSR2 FAT32 0c WIN95 OSR2 FAT32, LBA-mapped 0e WIN95: DOS 16-bit FAT, LBA-mapped 40 Venix 80286 10 OPUS (?) 11 Hidden DOS 12-bit FAT 11 Leading Edge DOS 3.x 12 Configuration/diagnostics partition 14 Hidden DOS 16-bit FAT <32M 14 AST DOS with 16 Hidden DOS 16-bit FAT >=32M 17 Hidden IFS (e.g., HPFS) 18 AST SmartSleep Partition

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- Most mainstream OS's have partitioning software built in (most even graphical)
- 3rd party vendors sell things like partition magic





FS Layers: Allocation

- Allocations units (blocks) depend on:
 - FS Type
 - Partition Size
 - System Admin
- Particular applications can perform better or worse depending on the size of an allocation unit
- Things like databases, and video have known performance relations with block size.



FS Layers: Allocation

Hard Disk Size	FAT12	FAT16	FAT32	NTFS	Ext2
0 to 16MB	4,096 bytes	2,048 bytes	512 bytes	512 bytes	4,096 bytes
16 to 128MB	n/a	2,048 bytes	512 bytes	512 bytes	4,096 bytes
128 to 256MB	n/a	4,096 bytes	512 bytes	512 bytes	4,096 bytes
256 to 512MB	n/a	8,192 bytes	4,096 bytes	512 bytes	4,096 bytes
512 to 1,024MB	n/a	16,384 bytes	4,096 bytes	1,024 bytes	4,096 bytes
1,024 to 2,048MB	n/a	32,768 bytes	4,096 bytes	4,096 bytes	4,096 bytes
2,048 to 6,128MB	n/a	n/a	4,096 bytes	4,096 bytes	4,096 bytes

• Why are there N/A's?



FS Layers: Management

- Space Management
 - This layer logically keeps track of all the blocks from the Allocation layer below.
- FAT (file allocation table) uses...a table ...to track all the allocation units....in the file system...



FS Layers: Management

- Files that are larger than a single allocation unit span multiple units
- The FAT table has an entry for each block possible values are
 - Address for next block of the file
 - (contiguous or not)
 - EOF
 - Bad Block



The inode

 The Ext2 file system until recently could easily be argued to be the most used FS in linux. Now more an more FS's are being used, (Ext3, XFS, Reiserfs....)



The inode

- Inodes contain meta-data for files
- One piece of data is a link-count
 - Every link to the file ups the count
 - Every deletion of a link to the file decrements
 - If the count is 0 the file is 'deleted'



The inode

• The Inode contians:

- Mode of the file (everything is a file)
- Link-count
- UID
- GID
- Size
- Access time
- Mod time
- Address for the file (data portion)
- Number of blocks
- version



Inode

- Unlike FAT, the inode keeps pointers to the blocks that contain the information for the file.
 - Up to three (or so) levels of pointers:
 - Direct (original 13 pointers)
 - Indirect (first ptr layer 128 more ea)
 - Double indirect (128 more ea)
 - Triple indirect (128 more ea)



FS Layers: Directories / files

- Logically used by users to segment data.
- Some systems have very little to distinguish between a file and a directory
- Most files will have metadata about the file itself – much like a header in network data structures or email



Graphically...





Partition finding

 Look for strings like MSWIN4.1 or NTFS to locate the beginning of FAT/NTFS partitions (existing or deleted)



Logical file systems

- Windows
 - A:
 - C:
 - Docs n set..
 - Windows
 - Sys32
 - » drivers
 - sys
 - D:
 - E:

- Linux ___ – /
 - . • Bin
 - Etc
 - fstab
 - Dev
 - sda1
 - Boot
 - Home
 - Initrd
 - Mnt
 - Floppy
 - usb
 - Usr
 - var



Drives

- Drives are files too
 - -/dev/hda /dev/hdb
- Partitions are part of drives
 /dev/hda1 /dev/hda2
- SCSI (and firewire, and usb ...)
 –/dev/sda



Linux Topics

ls –al mount Sticky bit Set uid Set gid **Permission bits** mke2fs e2fsck badblocks



CERTConf2005 Tracking Email



- Just like anything else we've talked about in this class, email is just a series of bits
- These bits happen to be designed to route from one computer on a network to another
- Just a file exchange



- There are a variety of protocols associated with email...
 - Smtp
 - Pop3
 - Imap
- SMTP, simple mail transfer protocol, handles most of the email exchange today



Email – Postal Example

- Lets consider a 'physical world' example the US Postal System
- Peter Parker writes a letter the Aunt May.
- He folds the letter and packages it in an envelope.
- On the envelope he writes information the postal system needs:
 - To: name, street address, zip code etc
 - From: Name, street, zip
 - And of course postage
 - Once at the post office the postage is inked to prevent re-use – this stamp contains more information about the accepting posting office and possibly unique codes for the letter



Email – Postal Example

- So then depending on the destination the letter takes different paths... for example:
 - Peter's Mailbox, Peter's Mail Carrier, Local Post Office, Truck, Regional Post office, Plane, Regional Post office, truck, Local Post Office, Aunt May's Mail Carrier, Aunt May's Mailbox
 - Local mail may only read the local post office, then be sent out for delivery



- In the digital world, transmission happens very similarly
- "Local mail" will never leave your network and may go directly between two computers
- "Internet mail" (typical mail) will touch at least 4 computers:
 - Senders computer, senders mail server, receivers mail server, receiver's computer



- At each location the email is cached in it's entirety and forwarded on to another server
- ISP's and corporations tend to do 'funny' things with email and typically your email will travel through more than 4 computers

 Spam, virus, proxy



- So, Aunt May sends Peter a response via email...
- She has a internet access at home and uses Outlook, but to thwart spam her ISP does not allow any traffic on port 25 (smtp) so she can't use her email providers smtp server
- Peter is at work and also uses outlook, but his is tied to an exchange server
- So the path of the email will likely be:
 - May's computer, May's ISP's smtp server, Peter's companies antivirus/spam filter,





Email – 1 - creation

• When Aunt May creates the email, some initial header information is added:

From: "May Parker" <mparker@someISP.com> To: <pparker@someCompany.com> Subject: Dinner on Thursday Date: Sat, 20 Nov 2003 18:52:59 -0600 X-Mailer: Microsoft Office Outlook, Build 11.0.5510

- This is interesting to note, but not very trustworthy this information is fairly straightforward for anyone to forge
- For example the "from" is whatever you type in when you create an email account, or install outlook...

Email – 2 – ISP mailserver

 Once the mail reaches the first mailserver, a "received" header is added, notice that generally, most recent headers are at the top

Received: from 68.225.185.16 by Mailserver1.someISP.com (InterMail vM.6.01.04.00) with ESMTP id <20041123025259.ORWK14730. Mailserver1.someISP.com@ 68.225.185.16 > for <pparker@someCompany.com>; Sat, 20 Nov 2003 19:52:59 -0500 From: "May Parker" <mparker@someISP.com> To: <pparker@someCompany.com> Subject: Dinner on Thursday Date: Sat, 20 Nov 2003 18:52:59 -0600 Message-ID: <UEAALKJGJKd33AA@someISP.com> X-Mailer: Microsoft Office Outlook, Build 11.0.5510



Email - 3 - Company mailsvr

Once the mail reaches the last mailserver, a final "received" header is added – after this, the email is read

Received: from Mailserver1.someISP.com (Mailserver1.someISP.com [67.234.241.34]) by mx.somecompany.com with ESMTP id 61si133770rr for pparker@somecompany.com; Sat, 20 Nov 2003 16:53:01 -0800 (PST

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Email - headers

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The second-to-last machine communicating with the final destination. The name the server gives, and the IP (so can verify that the IP matches the DNS name)

The receiving server often includes things like version numbers here also

The ESMTP id – which is just an internal number for the server to keep track of that message – but this can be useful if you need to ask (subpeona) the administrator for help

The address for deliver (this is different that the original "To:")

And the delivery timestamp



Email - headers

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Note the difference in timestamps, this can reflect different timezones that servers are physically located in or just server configurations.

The –0X00 is hours behind Greenwich mean time...

So even though it at first glance appears the email was written at 6:52, then took an hour to reach May's ISP at 7:52, then finally arrived to Peter about 2 hours before she wrote it(4:53) it really just took a few seconds to deliver



Email - headers

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X-Mailer: is added by the application used to create the email.

As mentioned before, all the initial headers should be considered less trustworthy

Additionally any header starting with "X-" are *optional* headers, and may or may not be present in any arbitrary email

The Message-ID is similar to the ESMTP id, except the Message-ID is a unique tag for the email, not a particular file on a server...so this ID exists on all instances of this message on all servers...


OK..so how do I do it?

- How to see the headers of your email varies based on the 'client' you use to view your email – often it's an 'advanced' option or a field under 'properties'
- If your 'client' is a web site, then you can only view headers if the site allows you to...

Examples - Outlook

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Examples - Yahoo

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	Content-Type:	multipart/alternative;	



Examples - other

Most clients are now able to display headers...a web search for your client should prove fruitful...

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Web Images Google

Web

view email headers

Groups News Froogle more » Search

Results 1 - 10 of about 1,690,000 for view email headers . (0.52 seconds)

Advanced Search

Preferences

SpamCop.net - SpamCop FAQ: How do I get my email program to reveal ...

... unmodified email? Just as when you report spam manually, SpamCop requires the full header information from your email software. It also ... spamcop.net/fom-serve/cache/19.html - 8k - Nov 21, 2004 - Cached - Similar pages

How to View Email Headers

How to View Email Headers. Below are the various popular email client software packages and the instructions for viewing headers in each. ... 128.175.24.251/headers.htm - 22k - Cached - Similar pages

Public Protection Division

... The following are brief instructions you can follow to view the email header from various email programs. If you use an email program ... spam.attorneygeneral.gov/header.cfm - 14k - Cached - Similar pages

llisys Web Hosting - How do I view email headers in Outlook?

How do I view email headers in Outlook? ... How do I view email headers in Outlook? The method varies in different versions of Outlook. ...



Other Popular Headers:

- Apparently-To: normally a sign of a mailing list (old style)
 - Bcc: If you see this header on incoming mail, something is wrong. Why? Uhm, it's BLIND carbon copy...your emailer program should send out multiple emails to your bcc recipients..
- Cc: This header is sort of an extension of "To:"; it specifies additional recipients. Not much different between CC and To, mainly the difference is in your email program



Other Popular Headers:

- **Content-Type:** tells MIME-compliant mail programs what type of content to expect in the message.
- **Priority:** assigns a priority to the mail. Most software ignores it. It is often used by spammers
- **Reply-To:** Specifies an address for replies to go to. Though this header has many legitimate uses (perhaps your use multiple addresses), it is also widely used by spammers.
- And many more....



SMTP – Example

- SMTP what actually gets the message from one point to another
- The example on the next slide shows an actual connection made – some SMTP servers do 'additional nonstandard things' like:
 - Verify that the sender's domain exists
 - Or only allow SMTP to certain users/computers
 - Or any number of freaky things...

SMTP Example

 First you need to figure out 'where' the mail server is. You can use something like nslookup or a web based tool to find the DNS "mx" record:

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C:\Documents and Set	ttings\tvidas>	

SMTP Example

🗪 Command Prompt

C:\Documents and Settings\tvidas>telnet

Hostname

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Command Prompt



Close



Significance

- The whole purpose is to attempt to trace an email back to the originator
- Obtaining the originators email address or better yet the IP address of the machine is the goal
- To do this you may need to search around with nslookup, whois, and similar tools.



Significance

- If your search ends with an ISP or you need information from "middle" ISPs you can order a freeze via 18 USC Sec. 2703 (f) – Requirement to Preserve Evidence.
- This works for 90 days
- However as far as the ISP is concerned, their hands are not tied
 - Terminate account b/c of publicity
 - Notify the user that the account is in question



problems

- And of course, none of this matters when you consider remailers / anonymizers :-)
- What about encrypted email?



Resources

- www.arin.net/
- www.samspade.org
- http://www.spamcop.net/
- Nslookup
- Tracert / traceroute
- http://uscode.house.gov/search/crite
- http://www.infobin.org/

Cyberforensics Networking Review





• The TCP/IP reference model.



Network Software

Protocol Hierarchies



Layers, protocols, and interfaces.





 Example information flow supporting virtual communication in layer 5.



• The relationship between a service and a protocol.



Protocol Hierarchies



• The philosopher-translatorsecretary architecture.

Service Primitives

Primitive	Meaning		
LISTEN	Block waiting for an incoming connection		
CONNECT	Establish a connection with a waiting peer		
RECEIVE	Block waiting for an incoming message		
SEND	Send a message to the peer		
DISCONNECT	Terminate a connection		

• Five service primitives for implementing a simple connection-oriented service.





IEEE 802 Standards

Number	Торіс	
802.1	Overview and architecture of LANs	
802.2 ↓	Logical link control	
802.3 *	Ethernet	
802.4 ↓	Token bus (was briefly used in manufacturing plants)	
802.5	Token ring (IBM's entry into the LAN world)	
802.6 ↓	Dual queue dual bus (early metropolitan area network)	
802.7 ↓	Technical advisory group on broadband technologies	
802.8 †	Technical advisory group on fiber optic technologies	
802.9 ↓	Isochronous LANs (for real-time applications)	
802.10 \downarrow Virtual LANs and security		
802.11 * Wireless LANs		
802.12↓	Demand priority (Hewlett-Packard's AnyLAN)	
802.13	Unlucky number. Nobody wanted it	
802.14↓	Cable modems (defunct: an industry consortium got there first)	
802.15 * Personal area networks (Bluetooth)		
802.16 *	Broadband wireless	
802.17	2.17 Resilient packet ring	

The 802 working groups. The important ones are marked with *. The ones marked with \checkmark are hibernating. The one marked with † gave up.



Services Provided to Network Layer



(a) Virtual communication.(b) Actual communication.



MAC - Ethernet

Hardware address 00 0F 1F 14 04 FA

				(
Preamble c F	Destination address	Source address	Length)) Data	Pad	Check- sum
And contraction))		

The IP Protocol

 ◄ 32 Bits — 					
Version IHL Type of service			Total length		
	Identif	fication		D M F F	Fragment offset
Time to live Protocol			Header checksum		
Source address					
Destination address					
C Options (0 or more words)					

The IPv4 (Internet Protocol) header.

IP

IPv4 address 192.168.100.24 255.255.255.255 127.0.0.1

local addy broadcast loopback

Different classes... Subnet masking... ...not going to be covered now







Who is 192.168.100.24? It's 08:00:20:1b:d4:90

RARP is the other way. DHCP is more common.....





Methodologies: Tootsie Pop

- Most networks are created after the tootsie pop model:
 - Hard crunchy outside
 - Soft squishy inside
- Notions such as "untrusted network", firewall, edge router, etc lend themselves to this model
- Historically networks are "supposed to be Open and Accessible"
- Once the perimeter is broken, and intruder is free to peruse the 'soft' inside at will



Methodologies: Jaw Breaker

- Networks should be Jaw Breakers
- Evenly secure throughout
- Unfortunately
 - Higher overhead
 - Harder to obtain / troubleshoot
 - Costs more
 - probably indirectly through time / people
 - May be directly through incompatible software / devices



Research Topics

- TCP ETHERNET
 - UDP ROUTING
- ARP FRAME
- RARP
- PACKET
- MAC PORT
- NAT
- IP

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Cyberforensics Network Forensics



Terminology

Vulnerability

- Weakness of some sort software, hardware, wetware, physical...
- Threat
 - An event (possibly malicious) that may compromise an asset

Exploit

 Basically the combination of a threat and a vulnerability.



Hacking Methodology?

- By definition there is no methodology for hacking
 - Historically it goes something like:
 - Obtain insider info
 - Passively obtain more info
 - Possibly actively obtain more info
 - Attack
 - Optionally cover tracks



Setup is key

- Before the incident occurs
 - What is the "default" logging
 - What is your policy
 - Are the logs volatile
 - Are the logs accessible...
 - ... are you ready to share your logs?


Attack Types

- Passive
 - Eavesdropping / monitoring
 - Traffic analysis / pattern matching
 - Detectable?
- Active
 - Masquerade
 - Replay
 - Modification
 - DOS



Promiscuity

- On a network using a hub, all traffic is broadcast to all hosts
- A host listens to all traffic but only uses/acknowledges traffic where it's address is the destination address...
 - ...unless your NIC is in 'promiscuous' mode

Promiscuity

• The promisc option

IFCONFIG(8)	Linux Programmer's Manual	IFCONFIG(8)
NAME ifconf	ig – configure a network interface	
SYNOPSIS ifconf ifconf	ig [interface] ig interface [aftype] options address	
OPTIONS interf	ace The name of the interface. This is usually a dri lowed by a unit number, for example eth0 for the fi interface.	ver name fol- rst Ethernet
up	This flag causes the interface to be activated. itly specified if an address is assigned to the int	It is implic- erface.
down	This flag causes the driver for this interface to b	e shut down.
[-]arp	Enable or disable the use of the ARP protocol on th	is interface.
[-]pro	misc Enable or disable the promiscuous mode of the in selected, all packets on the network will be re interface.	terface. If eceived by the



Promiscuity

- On a switched network, when a single host is connected to a physical port on the switch, the switch only sends traffic destined for that host through that particular physical port.
- Which host is connected to which port is held in a table on the switch



Passive: Sniffing

- On a non-switched network you can sniff the traffic of all hosts
- On a switched network you can only sniff traffic you sent and traffic the switch deems destined for you

What if the table on the switch is full?What if you spoof (lie) about your MAC address)?What about wireless networks (no physical

port on the switch)

As a Network Admin how do you do this?

Passive: Sniffing

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The Biggest Sniffer of all?

- Carnivore
 - DCS1000
- Altivore
- Echelon

Uhm...just use google.



Active: Scanning

- Typically specific hosts or specific network ranges are scanned
- This is actually a fairly large spectrum
 - Hosts alive
 - Server banners
 - Ports open / close / obfuscated
- Used for network troubleshooting



Trap n Trace

- Basically "sniffing over time"
- Considered Non-intrusive
 - Not inspecting the data portion itself just the 'auxiliary information'
 - Curbs privacy concerns
- Network shaping, DOS, etc

• tcpdump windump

localhost\$> tcpdump > dumpfile.dat



Content Monitoring

- Still "sniffing over time"
- Actually looking at data now, not just the "extra info" – so privacy issues

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[ ]# /usr/sbin/tcpdump --help
tcpdump version 3.8
libpcap version 0.8.3
Usage: tcpdump [-aAdDeflLnNOpqRStuUvxX] [-c count] [ -C file_size ]
        [ -E algo:secret ] [ -F file ] [ -i interface ] [ -M secret ]
        [ -r file ] [ -s snaplen ] [ -T type ] [ -w file ] [ -W filecount ]
        [ -y datalinktype ] [ -Z user ]
        [ expression ]
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Something like:

tcpdump -n -s 1514 -w /home/user/logfile.dat &



Creating Traffic...

- So just for the sake of argument let's move to the offensive.
- In addition to scanning for things like open ports you can search for known vulnerabilities:
 - Nessus
 - Or be tricky / thorough on the scan:
 - nmap



Vulnerability Scanning

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Subnet 🗖	Port Severity	
 ↓ 10.163.155 ↓ 10.163.156 ↓ Host ↓ 10.163.156.1 	 unknown (1035/tcp) unknown (1028/tcp) snmp (161/udp) smtp (25/tcp) qotd (17/udp) qotd (17/tcp) printer (515/tcp) nntps (563/tcp) nntp (119/tcp) netbios-ns (137/udp) nameserver (42/tcp) ms-term-serv (3389/tcp) 	
■ ■ 10.163.156.10 ■ ■ 10.163.156.16 ■ ■ 10.163.156.205	 The host SID could be used to enumerate the names of the local users of this host. (we only enumerated users name whose ID is between 1000 and 1020 for performance reasons) This gives extra knowledge to an attacker, which is not a good thing : Administrator account name : Administrator (id 500) Guest account name : Guest (id 501) TsInternetUser (id 1000) NetShowServices (id 1001) NetShow Administrators (id 1002) IUSR_GABBO (id 1003) IWAM_GABBO (id 1004) DHCP Users (id 1005) DHCP Administrators (id 1006) WINS Users (id 1007) Risk factor : Medium Solution : filter incoming connections this port CVE : CVE-2000-1200 	



IDS: Detecting this stuff

- Open source stuff
 - Snort the actual IDS
 - Acid a good GUI to get started with
- Essentially listens for certain events which may or may not trigger actions
 - Like sending email, pager, beeping
 - Or dropping the connection for a time period, or permanently (reactive passive)
 - Or attacking the attacker back (reactive aggressive)

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Dest. IP addresses: 26	ICMP (7%)						
• Search							
• Snapshot							
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Side note: Getting tricky

• Some scanners have options to make things more clandestine...

MMAP(1)

MMAP(1)

NAME

nmap - Network exploration tool and security scanner

SYNOPSIS

nmap [Scan Type(s)] [Options] <host or net #1 ... [#N]>

DESCRIPTION

<u>Nmap</u> is designed to allow system administrators and curious individuals to scan large networks to determine which hosts are up and what services they are offering. <u>nmap</u> supports a large number of scanning techniques such as: UDP, TCP connect(), TCP SYN (half open), ftp proxy (bounce attack), Reverse-ident, ICMP (ping sweep), FIN, ACK sweep, Xmas Tree, SYN sweep, IP Protocol, and Null scan. See the <u>Scan Types</u> section for more details. nmap also offers a number of advanced features such as remote OS detection via TCP/IP fingerprinting, stealth scanning, dynamic delay and retransmission calculations, parallel scanning, detection of down hosts via parallel pings, decoy scanning, port filtering detection, direct (non-portmapper) RPC scanning, fragmentation scanning, and flexible target and port specification.

-sF -sX -sN

Stealth FIN, Xmas Tree, or Null scan modes: There are times when even SYN scanning isnat clandestine enough. Some firewalls and packet filters watch for SYNs to restricted ports, and programs like Synlogger and Courtney are available to detect these scans. These advanced scans, on the other hand, may be able to pass through unmolested.



Tools

- Ntop
- Tcpdump windump
- Tcptrace
- Snort
- Ethereal
- Nmap
- Nessus

Cyberforensics Information Hiding



IF: Intro

- Greeks used wax covered tablets
- Tattooing the shaved head of a slave
- Invisible ink in WW2
- "reading between the words"
- Microdots



IF: Intro

- So information hiding has existed for a long, long time
- But has received recent attention in past few years in the computer community – there has actually somewhat been a shift from cryptography to information hiding



IF: intro

- Information hiding is not simply hiding messages for clandestine transmission:
 - Watermarking
 - Digital rights management
 - Fingerprinting
- Steganography
 - Hiding data in unused space of other files... typically pictures, but mp3s and others can be used also.
- Compression
 - Compression algorithms to much to hide the actual content of the compressed files.



Information Hiding

- So information hiding by itself general provides little security
- This goes back to the whole 'security through obscurity' argument
- Because of this, it is not uncommon to encrypt the data that is to be hidden before hiding it
- The encryption provides a layer of security and the information hiding provides a layer of obfuscation
- Of course encrypting will create larger files that now needs to be hidden



Bit Shift

- So if a certain set of bits represents readable characters:
 - 48 65 6C 6C 6F -> Hello
- What if you move each bit "one left"?
- 010110000110010101101010110110101101111
- 10110000 11001010 11011010 11011010 11011110
- Now decode it...
- BO CA DA DA DE -> ?
- It is no longer readable it may actually appear to be binary data now!



Stego

Some files, such as a bitmap, technically are more suitable for hiding information
This can be due to file structure, conventions, typical applications or lenience in a standard



- So a bit map is a digital representation of a picture using X bits to represent a single picture.
- For monochrome images X may be 1, but for color images X may be many bits
- These X bits are translated into color information for display on screen or for printing
- This is known as "bit-depth", so 4 bit color can represent 16 colors:
 0000, 0001, 0010 ... 1110, 1111



- In addition to bit-dept, computer graphics depend upon resolution, most monitors operate at 72dpi (resolution also sometimes means total pixels – like 1024x768)
- Printers come in a variety of resolutions...150, 300, 600, 1200, 2000



 The colors your eye actually sees, depends on the bit depth of the picture and monitor in addition to the picture and monitor's resolution.



 The actual file structure of a bitmap has four parts



Info Header

RGBQuadArray

ColorIndexArray



Bitmap – File Header

start	size	function
1	2	'BM' tag
3	4	File size
7	2	Reserved
9	2	Reserved
11	4	Offset to bitmap data



Bitmap – Info Header

start	size	function
15	4	Size of info header
19	4	Width
23	4	Height
27	2	Planes – 0
29	2	Bits per pixel
31	4	Compression – 0
35	4	Size of image – 0
39	4	Horizonal pixels on device -0
43	4	Vertical pixels on device – 0
47	4	Colors used, if 0 calc from bits
51	4	Specifies 'important' colors



Bitmap – RGB Quad

There is an array of these structures...

Start	Size	Function
1	1	Blue
2	1	Green
3	1	Red
4	1	reserved



- So there are many methods of storing additional information in a bitmap....
 - LSB of each color in each 'Quad'
 - Change bitmap data offset
 - Unused 'colors'
 - 'messing' with compression bits



Bitmap - LSB

- One of the simplest ways to hide information is using the Least Significant Bit
- If it's a 24-bit bitmap, then each pixel is represented by 3 bytes, if you use the LSB of each byte, a 1024 x 768 image would have 2359296 b = 294912 B ~= 288 kb of space to hide information



Bitmap – LSB - example

- 3 pixels in an image; 9 bytes 11001100 11111011 11111011 11111101 10100000 10101110 00000100 11111011 10111110 So 9 bits to hide information in... 11001100 11111011 1111101
 - 11111101
 10100000
 10101110

 00000100
 11111011
 10111110
- Enough to hide a byte..



Bitmap – LSB - example

- If we would like to hide the value for an "H"....01001000
 - 110011001111101111111011111111011010000010101110000001001111101110111110
- Becomes :
- 11001100 11111011 11111010 1111100 10100001 10101110 00000100 11111010 10111110 On average, only ½ of the LSBs will actually change.



Bitmap – LSB

- Actual implementation of this is varied and somewhat different
- For 8 bit images, adjacent bytes may be joined together for stego purposes
- Some tools alter the palette order or the actual colors slightly to make the image more amenable to information hiding


Bitmap - LSB

- Simple conversion of the image will likely loose all hidden messages
- Works best with pallets of similar colors (gradients) - likewise works worst with pallets of solid, different colors



Bitmap

- So how do you get the information out?
 - Proprietary
 - Similar to a crypto key, there may be a "stego-key" – for example the process required to extract the hidden information
 - If you don't know which bits are being used for information and which are being used for color representation, this is a fairly arduous task



- Other files, such as jpg, may not be the most suitable, but are the most desirable because they are the most prevalent
- Jpgs are compressed at various levels

 sometimes a simple 'save-as' will alter the contents of a file
- Because they are compressed they don't have as much unutilized space as a bitmap - this is also due to the lossless versus lossy formats



WaterMarks

- Technically not stego
- Stego conceals information
- Watermarks extend information
 A characteristic of the image
- Masking is when 'watermark-like' methods are used to hide information



- MP3's are also fairly prevalent and have a file size much larger than jpgs (typically)
- Because of the file structure there are ample places to store additional information
 - Before/after mp3 id tags for example
 - Actually encoding information into the mp3 when creating the file



- Of course different encoders and algorithms have different results, so the exact file size of an encoded mp3 is largely unpredictable
- Therefore the notion of a "slightly large" mp3 doesn't have merit



- Encoding small amounts of information into the music itself will only marginally increase the file size, manipulating the bitrate (Variable bit rate?!), ceiling /floor, or the number of channels etc can reduce the file size back to near original.
- Of course re-sampling the music will obliterate your hidden information

Cyberforensics Attack Artifacts (footprints)





 Attain a working knowledge cyber incident response
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 Profit!



"Almost all attacks leave detectable remnants that may be uncovered and used in an investigation."

http://ciac.llnl.gov



Crimescene

- Where is the crime scene?
- In traditional cases, a crime scene is taped off to prevent outside alteration
- In the digital world there isn't a place to tape





What are the signs of an inexperienced attacker?



Signs of an inexperienced attacker *can* be:

- Deletes or corrupts data
- Downs the machine
- Gives out the compromised passwords to people
- Can be identified with automated tools
- Shares his account with others



What are the signs of an experienced attacker?



Signs of an experienced attacker *can* be:

- Alters logs rather than deletes them
- Alters all relevant logs
- You cannot easily determine how original access was attained
- New/unseen techniques were used
- Hacker installed trojanized code to avoid detection
- On and off quickly
- No bragging or sharing of account



Signs of an experienced hacker

can be:

Logs may not contribute much added value to an investigation. The omission of helpful logs in itself is a good clue:

The hacker has the access and wants to <u>keep</u> it



Curveball

• What about the experienced attacker trying to appear like an inexperienced attacker?

Step One

- Was there really a breach?
 - Find out who manages the systems in question, s/he will have more intimate knowledge of the system than anyone else



Was there a Computer Intrusion?

- What system(s) was attacked?
- What technique(s) was used to perform the attack?
- When did the attack occur?
- Where was the attack initiated from?
- What damage (if any) was caused by the intrusion?
- How was the incident discovered?
- Is the system(s) now secure?
- Who else knows about the compromise?



The SA is your friend

- It does no good to make the SA an enemy.
- s/he will be able to answer your questions faster and better than others
 - Sometimes (often?) this will be your only avenue for answers
- Ask questions about things that will help answer the previous questions...



The SA is your friend

- New or modified accounts in the /etc/passwd and /etc/shadow file
- New or modified entries in the crontab files / folders
- The sensitivity of the data on the system
- What logs are kept
 - and where
 - and for how long
 - And backup strategies..
- The configuration of the Network
- Did the hacker know exactly where to go to get files?



Step Two

- If possible Obtain / create a forensic duplicate
- Ideally this can be done before any live (hands on) work is done
- What are the implications of "pulling the plug" of a powered on machine?



Live system consequences

- Running processes
- Active network connections, activities
- Logged in users
- Encryption
- Viruses (one-half)



Simple Steps

- Several commands can be used to start understanding the current system's state
 - -The "w" command
 - -The "finger" command
 - -The "who" command
 - -The "netstat" command



The "w" Command

If you are suspicious that an intruder is on the system, perform the "w" command to see a listing of the users currently logged in

"w" shows you who is *currently logged in* and *what they are currently doing*

The "w" Command

Prompt % w



- All users are valid users
- Users have not been logged on for an abnormal length of time
- Users are not currently running 'suspicious' programs
- What constitutes a 'suspicious' program?

The "w" Command

What if....

- The output of "w" is not reliable
- The output of a "w" is modified by the hacker immediately after his initial access
- Modified utmp log affects output

The "finger" Command

"finger" shows you who is currently logged in and where they are currently logged in from



The "finger" Command



- All users are valid users \bullet
- Users have not been logged on for an ightarrowabnormal length of time
- Users are not currently logged in from suspicious places

The "finger" Command

• The output of the "finger" command is not reliable

 Modified utmp log affects output



The "who" Command

"who" shows you who is currently logged in and where they are currently logged in from



The "who" Command



- All users are valid users •
- Users have not been logged on for an \bullet abnormal length of time
- Users are not currently logged in from \bullet suspicious places

The "who" Command

• The output of "who" is not reliable

 The source of the information for the "who" command is the utmp log, which is easily modified

See any patterns here?

The MAN page says:

The **utmp** file allows one to discover information about who is currently using the system. There may be more users currently using the system, because not all programs use utmp logging.

Warning: utmp must not be writable, because many system programs (foolishly) depend on its integrity. You risk faked system logfiles and modifications of system files if you leave utmp writable to any user.



The "netstat" Command

"netstat" shows you who is currently logged in and where they are currently logged in from



The "netstat" Command

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Proto				
unix				
The "netstat" Command

- Much more reliable results than a "w", "who", or "finger"
- Compare the results of "netstat" to "w", "who", and "finger"
- Compromised systems have been found to contain trojanized versions of "netstat" which does not display the intruder's connections (rootkit)
- We'll talk later about rootkit detection methods

lsof

- List open files
- Since "everything in linux is a file"....
- Usefule optoins:
 - --i all internet sockets
 - --- u comma delimited list of users
- Lsof can be a very valuable tool

Lsof output

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	init	1	root	mem	REG	8,17	105708	3597454 /lib/ld-2.3.3.so
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	syslogd	1153	root	2w	REG	8,17	20600	1308358 /var/log/messages
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	sshd	1528	root	mem	REG	8,17	28008	3597515 /lib/libpam.so.0.77
	sshd	1528	root	mem	REG	8,17	13988	3597490 /lib/libutil-2.3.3.so
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	httpd	1644	root	mem	REG	8 , 17	74844	3597484 /lib/libresolv-2.3.3.
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	crond	1654	root	mem	REG	8,17	1451868	3597555 /lib/tls/libc-2.3.3.s
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Lsof cont'd output

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sshd	14838	joeuser mem	n REG	8,17	971652	35975	07 /lib/libcrypto.so.0.9.7a
sshd	14838	joeuser mem	n REG	8,17	1451868	35975	55 /lib/tls/libc-2.3.3.so
su	14876	root cwd	DIR	8,17	4096	1880662	/home/joeuser
su	14876	root rtd	DIR	8,17	4096	2	
su	14876	root txt	REG	8,17	101390	3450324	/bin/su
su	14876	root mem	REG	8,17	8332	3597516	/lib/libpam_misc.so.0.77
su	14876	root mem	REG	8,17	11160	294366	<pre>/lib/security/pam_selinux.so</pre>
su	14876	root mem	REG	8,17	10776	294463	/lib/security/pam_env.so
su	14876	root mem	REG	8,17	48740	294372	/lib/security/pam_unix.so
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bash	14877	root rtd	DIR	8,17	4096	2	
bash	14877	root txt	REG	8,17	587620	3450275	/bin/bash
bash	14877	root mem	REG	8,17	15008	3597472	/lib/libdl-2.3.3.so
cupsd	18084	root txt	REG	8,17	250532	392764	/usr/sbin/cupsd
cupsd	18084	root mem	REG	8,17	50944	3597539	/lib/libnss_files-2.3.3.so
cupsd	18084	root mem	REG	8,17	22172	3597524	/lib/libnss_dns-2.3.3.so
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httpd	18350 a	apache rtd	DIR	8,17	4096	2	
httpd	18350 a	apache txt	REG	8,17	263640	392703	/usr/sbin/httpd
httpd	18350 a	apache mem	REG	8,17	74844	3597484	/lib/libresolv-2.3.3.so
httpd	18350 a	apache mem	REG	8,17	64040	359838	/usr/lib/libz.so.1.2.1.1



Ismod

- List loaded modules in the kernel
- Intimately related to insmod, depmod, modprobe, etc
- Can give you insight into the hardware of the machine



Prompt# /sbin/lsmod Module snd_pcm_oss snd pcm snd page al snd timer snd mixer o snd soundcore ipv6 parport_pc parport autofs4 sunrpc e1000 ipt REJECT ipt state iptable fil ip tables floppy sg microco<u>de</u> dm mod ohci hcd button battery asus_acpi ac ext3 jbd aic7xxx sd mod scsi mod

Ismod

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1	40740	0		
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loc	7940	1 snd pcm		
	17156	1 snd pcm		
SS	13824	 1 snd pcm oss		
	38372	4 snd_pcm_oss,snd_pcm,snd		
	6112	1 snd		
	184288	14		
	19392	0		
	8236	0		
	29640	2 parport_pc,lp		
	10624	0		
	101064	1		
	68492	0		
	4736	1		
	1536	6		
:k	24968	1 ipt_state		
ter	2048	1		
	13440	3 ipt_REJECT, ipt_state, ipt		
	47440	0		
	27552	0		
	4768	0		
	33184	0		
	14748	0		
	4504	0		
	6924	0		
	8472	0		
	3340	0		
	102376	2		
	40216	1 ext3		
	135864	3		
	16384	5		
	91344	3 sg,aic7xxx,sd_mod		



Ten Steps to Take After Intrusions

- 1. Examine Log Files and Backups
- 2. Examine All Files Run by "cron" and "at"
- 3. Examine the "/etc/passwd" (shadow) File for Alterations
- 4. Check Systems for Unauthorized Services
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Examine Log Files

- History Log of Compromised Account(s)
- Messages Log
- Look at logs created by "syslog"
- Look at logs maintained by firewalls or routers
- What do inconsistencies between two logs mean?
- How do you know if the system in question uses syslog or log files or...

Examine the WTMP File(s)

- This is may be among the most important file when tracking an intruder
- Use the "last" command to access information in the WTMP file
- Use "last <userid>" to view the previous logins to a specific account
- Use "last -<number> <userid>" to view a certain number of logins from a specific account
- You'll need the userid obviously



Examine the WTMP File(s)

smith	pts/1	Mon Aug 8 10:01 gone - no logou	it 136.48.111.1
smith	pts/1	Mon Aug 8 08:16 - 08:24 (00:08)	ip68-13-121-33.om.cox.ne
smith	pts/0	Mon Aug 8 05:53 gone - no logou	it ip68-13-121-33.om.cox.r
smith	pts/0	Sun Aug 7 23:49 - 05:52 (06:03)	ip68-13-121-33.om.cox.ne
smith	pts/1	Sun Aug 7 17:50 - 18:46 (00:56)	136.48.111.1
smith	pts/0	Sun Aug 7 15:47 - 19:48 (04:00)	136.48.111.1
root	pts/0	Sun Aug 7 15:08 - 15:08 (00:00)	ispnet-logan-181.ispnet.net
reboot	system	n boot Sun Aug 7 14:46 (22:56)	0.0.0.0
smith	pts/1	Sat Aug 6 11:13 - 12:05 (00:51)	ip68-13-121-33.om.cox.net
smith	pts/0	Sat Aug 6 10:33 - crash (1+04:12)	ip68-13-121-33.om.cox.ne
smith	pts/7	Sat Aug 6 10:21 - 10:26 (00:04)	ip68-13-121-33.om.cox.net
smith	pts/6	Thu Aug 4 23:32 - 01:44 (02:11)	ip68-13-121-33.om.cox.ne
smith	pts/6	Thu Aug 4 19:49 - 19:49 (00:00)	136.48.111.1
smith	pts/6	Thu Aug 4 17:33 - 17:35 (00:01)	136.48.111.33
smith	pts/1	Tue Aug 2 17:05 - 09:58 (1+16:52)	136.48.111.1
root	pts/1	Tue Aug 2 16:02 - 16:04 (00:01)	somecorp.com
don	pts/6	Tue Aug 2 14:29 - 15:27 (00:58)	somecorp.com
don	pts/6	Tue Aug 2 13:44 - 14:06 (00:21)	somecorp.com
don	pts/1	Tue Aug 2 12:04 - 14:33 (02:29)	somecorp.com
root	pts/1	Mon Aug 1 20:15 - 20:35 (00:19)	dns2.ispnet.net
root	pts/1	Mon Aug 1 18:18 - 18:36 (00:18)	dns2.ispnet.net
don	pts/1	Mon Aug 1 16:29 - 16:33 (00:04)	somecorp.com
don	pts/1	Mon Aug 1 14:33 - 14:51 (00:17)	somecorp.com
don	pts/1	Mon Aug 1 14:21 - 14:22 (00:00)	somecorp.com
don	pts/6	Mon Aug 1 13:26 - 13:54 (00:27)	somecorp.com
smith	pts/2	Mon Aug 1 13:16 - 16:21 (1+03:05)	136.48.111.1
smith	pts/2	Mon Aug 1 12:41 - 13:12 (00:30)	136.48.111.1
don	pts/7	Mon Aug 1 12:25 - 13:05 (00:40)	somecorp.com
smith	pts/2	Mon Aug 1 12:16 - 12:27 (00:11)	136.48.111.1
root	pts/6	Mon Aug 1 12:11 - 12:26 (00:15)	somecorp.com
smith	pts/2	Mon Aug 1 12:09 - 12:15 (00:06)	136.48.111.1
smith	pts/1	Mon Aug 1 11:17 - 13:57 (02:40)	136.48.135.50
smith	pts/1	Mon Aug 1 09:07 - 09:40 (00:32)	136.48.111.1



WTMP File(s)

- The files wtmp and btmp are only logged to if they already exist.
 <u>– This is by design.</u>
- If the SA wants to use them they need to be created
 - Something like: touch /var/log/wtmp
 - This is fairly common



What to Look For

- When you do not know the compromised account
 - Log entries around the time of the intrusion
 - Accounts that have become active after being dormant for long periods of time
 - Logins from unexpected locations
 - Logins at unusual times
 - Very short login times
 - Gaps in the WTMP file



Examine the History File Check the suspected account's history file to view the last commands run by that user account

- The history file displays the most recent commands used by that specific account
- The history file is easily disabled
- How many of you disable your history file? Pros? Cons?



Examine the History File

- The history file lives along with other 'nice' logging files
- Buffer overflows will not appear (nor likely the occurrence of one)
- Requires things like 'graceful' exits
- etc

Examine the Messages Log

- Can examine failed login attempts
- Can examine root logins
- Can examine attempts to "su" to root
- Simple greps



Don't Forget Backups

Most system administrators have weekly backups created for their systems

I.E. The crontab file actually has a variable MAILTO=root to actually mail logs to the sysadmin

"networkified logging"



Backups

- Crucial evidence may exist in backups
- At least this gives you a point to compare against
 - Manually
 - diff
 - Custom tools



Backups

PAYNE GPG script



Examine All Files Run by "cron" and "at"

- System Administrators almost always automate the logging process
- "cron" is the utility which handles periodic execution of processes

FYI: Most anything that can be done by hand can be automatically handled by the "cron" utility at specified times

Examine All Files Run by "cron" and "at"

Hackers may use cron to periodically perform processes for them

(I.E. Mail a sniffer file, then deletes its contents)



Examine All Files Run by "cron" and "at"

 "cron" uses tables or "crontab" files to know what to do and when

• Usually there are "crontab"s for root as well as each user



Examine All Files Run by "cron" and "at" The format for cron tables (crontab files) is:

Examine All Files Run by "cron" and "at"

- Each of the time related fields can contain:
 - An "*", which matches anything
 - A single integer, which matches exactly
 - Integers separated by commas, matching all listed values
 - Two integers separated by a hyphen, which matches the specified range of values



Examine All Files Run by "cron" and "at"

minute hour day month weekday username comma

1 10 * * 1-5

"10:45 a.m., Monday Through Friday

0,30 * 13 * 5

"Every Half Hour on Friday, and every half hour on the Thirteenth of the month

- The 'old style' contains the encrypted password of all users
- Is a world readable file
- If someone has attained the "/etc/passwd" file, they can run a password cracking program to inevitably determine the passwords
- Many, more secure systems use "shadowed" password files...in fact, just plain 'most systems' used this now



- The etc passwd file contains seven fields separated by colons:
 - Login Name
 - Encrypted Password
 - UID Number
 - Default GID Number
 - "GECOS" or Personal Information
 - Home Directory
 - Login Shell



- Look for alterations to the "/etc/passwd" file
 - A Blank or Empty password Field
 - New Accounts
 - Inappropriate GID of "0"
 - Proper way to this is....?

mandia::144:12:Mandia Kevin, Bldg 433:/home/staff/mandia:/bin/csh

mandia:gfds5432fdsa:144**:0**:Mandia Kevin:/home/staff/mandia:/bin/csh

Check Systems for Unauthorized Services

- Backdoor versions of finger, rsh, rlogin, ftp, and many other services are available
- One of these backdoor services may be added to the inetd as an additional and unwanted service being offered by the victim machine
- The best way to find unauthorized services is run a trusted "netstat -a" command (what does the 'trusted' mean)



What to Look For

- Inspect the "/etc/inetd.conf" for unauthorized additions and changes
- Look for entries that execute a shell program
- Look at the "init" files or "rc" files (i.e. /etc/rc.d/rc.local)

Run a trusted "netstat –a" command



Check System for Trojanized Programs

- Look for evidence that rootkit was executed
- History File in hacked account shows the compiling and/or executing of the following:
- z2 lastlog

Ps

- Overwrites the utmp, wtmp, and
- Ic Installs trojanized ifconfig utility
 - Installs trojanized ps utility
 - Ns Installs trojanized netstat ability

Check System for Sniffer Programs

First <u>Clue:</u>

You usually can infer that hacker has installed a sniffer somewhere because he/she continually uses accounts with "unguessable" or "uncrackable" passwords •

Check Systems for Sniffer Programs

- Run a trusted version of IFCONFIG on victim system to determine if the network adapter is running in promiscuous mode
- Look for sniffer logs (files with odd names)
- Look at the currently running processes for suspicious programs
 - find / -mtime -4 | more
 - find / -mtime -3 -ls | more



Look for "Setuid" and "Setgid" Files

A hacker who has attained access often will create private setuid shells and utilities that allow root access



What to Look For

- Look for "setuid" and "setgid" files on the system
- Focus on "setuid" copies of "/bin/sh" which allow intruders shell or root access at a later time

• Use the following commands to find "setuid" root files

find / -perm +4000 -ls



Look For "+" Entries and Non Local Entries in Certain Files

- Check the following files (equivalents) for inappropriate host names (computers) and "+" signs
 - -/etc/hosts.equiv
 - -/etc/hosts.lpd
 - And all .rhosts files
- A "+" signifies all incoming connections are from trusted computers


Remote Commands

 There are a number of commands for executing commands on remote hosts

- rlogin
- -rsh
- -rcp
- -rcmd



Remote Commands

- The client needs to have an account on the host where the command will be executed
- Thus rlogin, rsh, rcmd, and rcp perform an authorization procedure unless...

There is an entry in the /etc/hosts.equiv file or a users .rhosts file



People use .rhosts and hosts.equiv files when they frequently have to log into other machines on the LAN, and they want to relax authentication checks for themselves and other specific users hosts.equiv

This file is used to disable authentication and lists machines (and user IDs) trusted by the computer



If a user has a .rhost file in his home directory, it allows him (or others) to run programs on that machine remotely



rhosts

.rhost file on satcom.fbiclass.net

mandiak,cs.lafayette.edu kmandia

foobar.cs.harvard.edu speedy

These lines mean you could run a program on mandiak.cs.lafayette.edu and have the output go to satcom.fbiclass.net without ever logging on



SSH

- Many of these 'remote' commands have been replaced with SSH / SCP sessions and scripts
- ..but the remote tools usually still exist and can be used



Looking for Unusual or Hidden Files

• Intruders may attempt to conceal their presence by hiding files and directories

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"..^G"

".test"

".sh"

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(dot dot dot)(dot dot space)(dot dot cntrl-G)

(" <alt>32 ")



Looking for Unusual or Hidden Files

 Look at files created / modified since the time of the first known intrusion

find / -mtime n -ls

where n = the number of days prior to the present time



Reviewing All Processes Currently Running on the System

- The *ps* command on most Unix systems is the tool used to monitor processes
- The output of the *ps* command allows you to determine:
 - What processes are running on your system
 - How much CPU time and memory these processes are using
 - Who owns each process



Reviewing All Processes Currently Running on the System

(ps -aux					
	USER					
(root					
	mandia					
	root					
	Mandia					
	root					



The ps -aux provides a detailed overview of processes running on the system



What to Look For

- Use the *ps* command to identify:
 Hung Processes
 - User Processes Using Excess CPU Time
 - System Processes Gone Berserk
 - Unidentifiable Processes (Unusual Names)
 - Possible Evidence of Unauthorized Activity
 - Unusual Start Times
 - A process that uses an extremely high % of CPU time - sniffer



Reviewing All Processes Currently Running on the System

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	mandia	144	3.0	0.0		16	p0	S	7:22PM	0:00.00	(xterm)
	root	0	0.0	0.0	0	0		DLs	7:10PM	0:00.06	(swapper)
	mandia		0.0	0.0	160		p0		7:20PM	6.01.45	progx
	root	66	0.0	0.0	228				7:21PM	0:00.23	cron
D	root	1532	0.0	0.0	332	224	ра	R+	7:46PM	0:00.04	ps -aux





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Points to Note

 Compromised systems have been found to contain trojanized versions of "ps" which does not display the intruder's processes

• Trojanized "ps" is commonly installed by running a Rootkit

Points to Note

 Intruders also run sniffer programs under names such as "sendmail" and "inetd", making them hard to find when scanning the output of "ps"

Processes Currently Running on the System

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3	11		0:00.00			
_1	11	UL.	0:01.01	(update)		
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Windows

Ask the admin....

- 2. What happened?
- 3. What actions did you take after you noticed the intrusion?
- 4. Have you enabled audit logging?
 - How much logging?
 - How long are the logs kept?
- 4. Do you have back-ups?



Windows

- 1. Who has Administrator privileges?
- 2. What was the latest Service Pack you installed?
- 3. What Hot-Fixes have you installed?
- 4. What Internet Services do you offer? (internet exposure)

5. Is the attacked system a Primary Domain Controller, member

Windows Logs

There are three standard NT Logs

 APPEVENT.EVT Application log
 SECEVENT.EVT Security log
 SYSEVENT.EVT System log

Logs are usually stored in the directory:
 C:\WINNT\System32\config



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Things to Look For In NT Logs Hacker-type break-in using random passwords

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Things to Look For In NT Logs Break-in using a stolen account

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Things to Look For In NT Logs Misuse of administrative privileges by an authorized user

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Things to Look For In NT Logs

Running system processes





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Restart, Shutdown, and System	ম	N	
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NT Audit Log Settings

The default log size is 512k with Overwrite Events Older than 7 Days







- Remote Access Administrator
- Performance Monitor
- The NET Commands
- ARP



Remote Access Administrator

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Remote Access Administrator

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Also displayed in The SYSTEM log

Remote Access Administrator

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Port Statistics			
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Viewing Active Systems

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Viewing All NT Accounts

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Address Resolution Protocol

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ISO Reference Model vs. TCP/IP

- Application
- Presentation
- Session
- Transport
- Network
- Data Link
- Physical

H to H Transport Internet Network Interface

Application



TCP/IP Protocol Suite

- Application FTP, HTTP, SMTP
- Host to Host Transport TCP, UDP
- Internet IP, ICMP
- Network Interface Ethernet, Token Ring, X.25.



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