Memory Forensics

Traditional Forensics

- Consists of
 - Install a write blocker
 - Take an image of the media
 - Make a copy of the image
 - Verify the copy
 - Analyze the image
 - Collect evidence
 - Maintain chain of custody

"Live" Forensics

- Traditional does not provide the complete picture
- Malware
- Processes
- Connections
- Memory

Limitations of "Traditional" Forensics

- All data is not preserved
- Presence of malware invalidates and weakens evidence admissibility
- How do you proceed when a "box" has a BSOD?
 - Key information can be lost if traditional forensics is used

"Live" Forensics

- Analyzing information before carrying out the traditional approach.
 - Capturing volatile memory
 - RAM
 - Process antecedence
 - Identify running context
 - Current connections
 - Remote hack?
 - Spawned processes
 - Handles
 - Registry
 - Files
 - etc

Examples of the Trojan Defense

- First appeared in the UK 2003
 - Case 1:
 - Suspect claimed a Trojan had conducted an attack and then after the attack erased itself
 - Jury agreed and he was acquitted
 - Set a precedence and set UK investigations back a large amount
 - Case 2:
 - Child pornography suspect
 - Cleared after 11 Trojan Programs were found on suspects computer

Examples of the Trojan Defense (cont)

- Case 3: July 2009
 - Child pornography suspect
 - Cleared after claiming Trojan downloaded images
 - Investigators did not collect "live" memory
- Expect to see more of this in the future
- Once word gets out, more defence teams will use it



Importance of collecting "live" memory

- Systems have large amounts of RAM today
- Defense team can argue that failing to collect the memory could
 - Have missed key exculpatory evidence
 - Could have cleared the suspect
- Expert witness cannot refute this
 - If the memory was not taken then it is gone Forever!
- Can cast that shadow of a doubt in the judges or jury's mind

Volatile Data

- System date and time
- Current network connections
- Open ports
- Processes that opened ports
- Cached NetBIOS names
- Users currently logged on
- Internal routing
- Running processes and services
- Open files
- Process memory dumps

Current network connections and Open ports

To display these we use the netstat command

```
C:\>netstat
Active Connections
         Local Address
  Proto
                                  Foreign Address
                                                            State
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:25
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:80
                                   0.0.0.0:0
         0.0.0.0:135
  TCP
                                   0.0.0.0:0
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:443
                                   0.0.0.0:0
                                                            LISTENING
         0.0.0.0:445
                                                            LISTENING
         0.0.0.0:1025
         0.0.0.0:5900
                                                            LISTENING
         127.0.0.1:1028
                                    -0-0-0:0
                                                            LISTENING
  TCP
         192.168.25.50:139
                                    _0_0_0=0
                                                            LISTENING
         0.0.0.0:4500
         127.0.0.1:123
         127.0.0.1:1026
         192.168.25.50:138
         192-168-25-50:1900
```

Processes that opened ports

- After Windows XP SP2
 - netstat -ab

JDF INCERNATIONS: 1620 *-*	1120
::\windows\system32\WS2_32.d11	
C:\WINDOWS\system32\WLDAP32.dll	
C:\WINDOWS\System32\winrnr.dll	
::\windows\sustem32\WS2_32.dll	
::\windows\system32\w32time.dl1	
[sychost.exe]	
JDP InternalHost:1900 *:*	1292
:\windows\system32\W\$2_32.d11	
::\windows\system32\ssdpsrv.dl1	
C:\WINDOWS\system32\ADUAPI32.dll	
C:\WINDOWS\system32\kernel32.dll	
[sychost.exe]	
13401103010703	
JDP InternalHost:ntp *:*	1120
:\windows\system32\WS2_32.dll	1120
Windows system32 was_32.ull	

Cached NetBIOS Names

We list with the *nbtstat* command

```
C:\>nbtstat
Displays protocol statistics and current TCP/IP connections using NBT (NetBIOS over TCP/IP).
         [ [-a RemoteName] [-A IP address] [-c] [-n] [-r] [-R] [-RR] [-s] [-S] [interval] ]
         (adapter status) Lists the remote machine's name table given its name
  —a.
         (Adapter status) Lists the remote machine's name table given
  -\mathbf{a}
                               IP address.
         (cache)
                               Lists NBT's cache of remote [machine] names and their
  -6
 addresses
         (names)
                               Lists local NetBIOS names.
         (resolved)
                               Lists names resolved by broadcast and via WINS
                               Purges and reloads the remote cache name table Lists sessions table with the destination IP addresses Lists sessions table converting destination IP
         (Reload)
         (Sessions)
         (sessions)
                               addresses to computer NETBIOS names.
```

Users Currently Logged On

- Several choices
 - net user
 - Psloggedon
 - net session
 - net file

```
C:\>net users

User accounts for \\UULCAN_TWO

_____vmware_user__ Administrator Guest

Kevin
The command completed successfully.
```

Internal routing

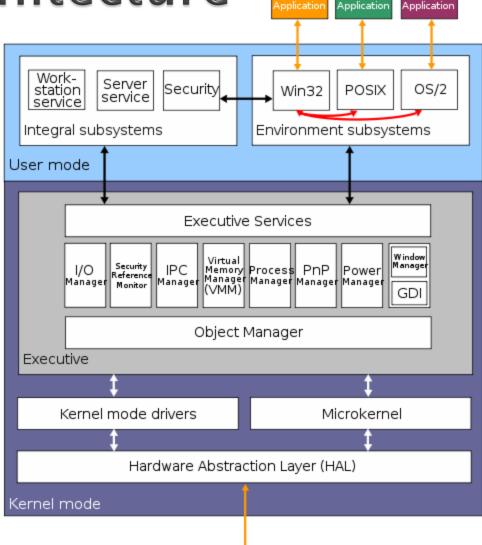
- We return to the versatile netstat command
 - neststat -rn

```
MS TCP Loopback interface
      ..00 50 56 00 01 19
                              ..... AMD PCNET Family PCI Ethernet Adapter - Packe
cheduler Miniport
                                    .... AMD PCNET Family PCI Ethernet Adapter #2
0×10004 ...00<sup>-</sup>50 56 01 01
acket Scheduler Miniport
Network Destination
                                Netmask
                                                    Gateway
                                                                     Interface
                                                                                  Metric
           0.0.0.0
                                0.0.0.0
                                              192.168.25.1
                                                                192.168.25.50
                                                                                        10
                                             192.168.220.2
                                                               192.168.220.130
                                                                                         30
           0.0.0.0
                                0.0.0.0
         127.0.0.0
                             255.0.0.0
                                                  127.0.0.1
                                                                     127.0.0.1
                                                                                        1
    192.168.25.0
192.168.25.50
                         255.255.255.0
                                             192.168.25.50
                                                                192.168.25.50
                                                                                        10
                      255.255.255.255
255.255.255.255
                                                  127.0.0.1
                                                                     127.0.0.1
   192.168.25.255
                                                                192.168.25.50
                                             192.168.25.50
                      255.255.255.0
255.255.255.255
255.255.255.255
    192.168.220.0
                                           192.168.220.130
                                                               192.168.220.130
                                                                                         30
  192.168.220.130
192.168.220.255
                                                                     127.0.0.1
                                                                                         30
                                           192.168.220.130
                                                               192.168.220.130
                                                                                         30
         224.0.0.0
                                             192.168.25.50
                                                                192.168.25.50
                             240.0.0.0
                                                                                         10
                             240.0.0.0
         224.0.0.0
                                           192.168.220.130
                                                               192.168.220.130
  255.255.255.255
255.255.255.255
                      255.255.255.255
255.255.255.255
                                                                192.168.25.50
                                             192.168.25.50
                                           192.168.220.130
                                                               192.168.220.130
Default Gateway:
                         192.168.220.2
Persistent Routes:
  None
```

Running Processes

- We have to run several tools to extract needed information
 - Executable image
 - Command used to invoke
 - Runtime
 - Security context
 - DLLs and modules
 - Memory

Windows Architecture



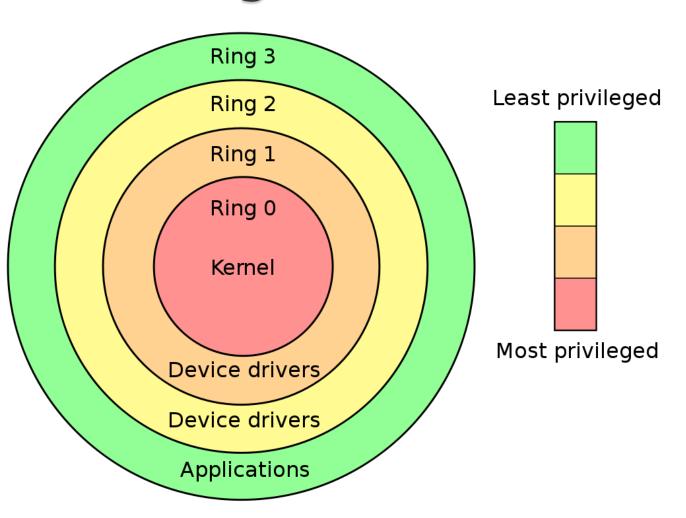
Hardware

POSIX

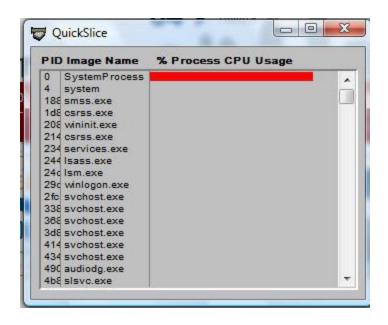
OS/2

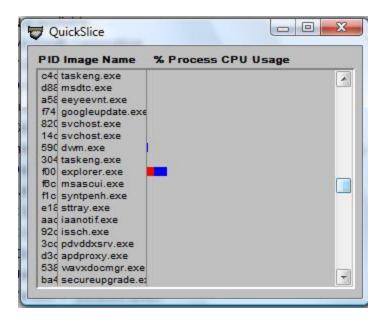
Windows and Rings

- Ring 3
 - User
- Ring 2
 - Not used
- Ring 1
 - Not used
- Ring 0
 - kernel



User and Kernel Mode





Running Processes (cont)

- Tools
 - Pulist
 - User context
 - Pslist
 - Local and remote
 - -t displays process tree
 - listDLLs
 - Handle
 - Tlist
 - Tasklist

Pslist

information	for	INTI	ERNAI	LHOST =			
			Thd	Hnd	Priv	CPU Time	Elapsed Time
	Ø	Ø	1	Ø	Ø		0:00:00.000
							0:00:00.000
							0:52:42.320
							0:52:41.133
							0:52:40.820
:							0:52:40.258
							0:52:40.070
		8					0:52:38.758
							0:52:38.367
							0:52:38.258
							0:52:38.164
							0:52:37.383
							0:52:36.336
							0:52:29.992
							Ø:52:29.461
		13	3				0:52:26.274
=							0:52:26.024
		8					0:52:21.671
		8	18				0:35:27.890
		8	1				0:35:26.875
		8	1				0:35:26.781
er		8					0:35:26.703
							0:17:51.984
			1				0:01:54.406
		8	1.				0:00:14.437
							0:00:04.734
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Trivia

On the previous slide what is the PID of the Trojan?



Pslist -t

Process information for INTERNALHOST:

Name	Pid	Pri	Thd	Hnd	UM	WS	Priv
Idle	Ø	Ø	1	Ø	Ø	28	Ø
System	4	8	52	434	1876	236	Ø
smss	604	11	3	21	3800	388	168
csrss	676	13	12	396	25844	3988	1728
winlogon	700	13	22	516	52532	3008	7568
services	744	9	15	272	36320	3980	1956
alg	588	8	6	102	32536	3372	1124
svchost	916	8	16	191	60412	4592	2996
svchost	1004	8 8	9	241	34412	3992	1700
svchost	1120	8	67	1449	133656	22868	13264
svchost	1172	8 8	6	80	29604	3100	1216
svchost	1292	8	14	204	36776	4280	1680
spoolsv	1476	8 8	10	129	42416	558 4	3596
inetinfo	1656	8	25	456	59008	9276	5576
wdfmgr	1744	8	4	65	14648	1636	1488
UMwareService	1872	13	3	57	28752	2624	976
winvnc	1936	8	4	80	31876	3456	1148
lsass	756	9	20	343	41080	2712	3712
nc	468	8 8	1	31	18548	1820	576
explorer	944	8	17	634	95852	27824	20340
ŪMwareUser	244	8	5	60	35780	3584	1276
firefox	680	8	10	228	99192	34536	26696
cmd	900	8	1	31	29924	2368	1944
pslist	1844	13	2	102	28448	2296	1000
UMwareTray	1272	8	1	24	27904	2632	716
QkRes2k	1460	8 8	1	19	24192	1772	500
svchost	2044	8	1	31	18548	1820	576

Tasklist

C:\>tasklist /suc

wmiprvse.exe

```
Image Name
                                          PID Services
System Idle Process
                                             Ø N/A
System
                                             4 N/A
smss.exe
                                          604 N/A
csrss.exe
                                          676
                                                N/A
                                          700 N/A
winlogon.exe
                                          744 Eventlog, PlugPlay
services.exe
                                               PolicyAgent, ProtectedStorage, SamSs
DcomLaunch, TermService
lsass.exe
svchost.exe
                                          916
                                        1004 RpcSs
svchost.exe
                                        1120 AudioSrv, Browser, CryptSvc, Dhcp, dmserver, ERSvc, EventSystem, helpsvc, lanmanserver, lanmanworkstation, Netman, Nla, RasMan, Schedule, seclogon, SENS, SharedAccess, ShellHWDetection, TapiSrv, Themes, TrkWks, W32Time, winmgmt, wscsvc, wuauserv, WZCSUC
svchost.exe
                                        1172
svchost.exe
                                                Dnscache
                                        1292
                                                LmHosts, RemoteRegistry, SSDPSRU, WebClient
svchost.exe
                                        1476
spoolsv.exe
inetinfo.exe
                                                Spooler
IISADMIN, SMTPSUC, W3SUC
                                        1656
                                        1744
                                                UMWdf
wdfmgr.exe
UMwareService.exe
                                        1872
                                                VMTools
                                        1936
winvnc.exe
                                                winvnc
alg.exe
                                          588
                                                ALG
                                          944 N/A
explorer.exe
QkŘes2k.exe
                                        1460 N/A
ŪMwareTray.exe
                                                N/A
UMwareUser.exe
                                          244 N/A
firefox.exe
                                          680 N/A
                                          468 N/A
nc.exe
                                        2044 N/A
svchost.exe
                                          900 N/A
cmd.exe
                                        1164 N/A
tasklist.exe
                                        1724 N/A
```

Tlist

- Debugging
- tools

```
700 winlogon.exe
     Command Line: winlogon.exe
 744 services.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\system32\services.exe
 756 Isass.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\system32\lsass.exe
 916 suchost.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\system32\svchost -k DcomLaunch
1004 sychost.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\system32\svchost -k rpcss
1120 sychost.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\System32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs
1172 suchost.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\System32\suchost.exe -k NetworkService
1292 suchost.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\System32\suchost.exe -k LocalService
1476 spoolsv.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\system32\spoolsv.exe
1656 inetinfo.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\system32\inetsrv\inetinfo.exe
1744 wdfmgr.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\system32\wdfmgr.exe
1872 UMwareService.exe
     Command Line: "C:\Program Files\UMware\UMware Tools\UMwareService.exe"
1936 winvnc.exe
                       WinUNC Tray Icon
     Command Line: "C:\WINDOWS\system32\unc\winvnc.exe" -service
 588 alg.exe
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\System32\alg.exe
 944 explorer.exe
                       Program Manager
     Command Line: C:\WINDOWS\Explorer.EXE
                       QkRes2k
1460 QkRes2k.exe
     Command Line: "C:\WINDOWS\system32\QkRes2k.exe"
1272 UMwareTray.exe
     Command Line: "C:\Program Files\UMware\UMware Tools\UMwareTray.exe"
 244 UMwareUser.exe
     Command Line: "C:\Program Files\UMware\UMware Tools\UMwareUser.exe"
 680 firefox.exe
                       Down loads
     Command Line: "C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe"
     Command Line: nc -1 -d -p 30000
2044 suchost.exe
     Command Line: sychost -d -l -p 44000
 900 cmd.exe
                       Command Prompt - TLIST -c
     Command Line: "C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe"
                       relnotes - Notepad
1088 notepad.exe
     Command Line: "C:\WINDOWS\system32\NOTEPAD.EXE" C:\Program Files\Debugging
Tools for Windows (x86)\relnotes.txt
1072 tlist.exe
     Command Line: TLIST -c
```

Running Services

psservice

Syšinternals — www.sysinternals.com

C:\>psservice /?

```
PsService lists or controls services on a local or remote system.
Usage: psservice [//Computer [-u Username [-p Password]]] <cmd> <optns>
Cmd is one of the following:
                   Queries the status of a service Queries the configuration
   query
config
    setconfig
                   Sets the configuration
    start
                   Starts a service
   stop
                   Stops a service
                   Stops and then restarts a service
   restart
                   Pauses a service
   pause
                   Continues a paused service
Enumerates the services that depend on the one specified
   cont
    depend
find Searches for an instance of a service on the network security Reports the security permissions assigned to a service Use the username and password to log into the remote computer in cases where your account does not have permissions to perform the action you specify.
Omitting a command queries the active services on the specified computer. Enter -? for help on a particular command.
SERUICE_NAME: W3SUC
DISPLAY_NAME: World Wide Web Publishing
Provides Web connectivity and administration through the Internet Information
rvices snap—in
TYPE
                                      20 WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS
4 RUNNING
           STATE
                                           (STOPPABLE, PAUSABLE, ACCEPTS_SHUTDOWN)
           WIN32_EXIT_CODE
                                           (0\times0)
           SERVICE_EXIT_CODE
                                   = 0
                                           (0\times0)
           CHECKPOINT
                                    = Ø×Ø
           WAIT_HINT
                                    = 0×0
```

PsService v2.22 — Service information and configuration utility Copyright (C) 2001-2008 Mark Russinovich

Open Files

psfile

C:\>psfile /?

```
psfile v1.02 — psfile
Copyright - 2001 Mark Russinovich
Sysinternals

PsFile lists or closes files opened remotely.

Usage: psfile [\\RemoteComputer [-u Username [-p Password]]] [[Id | path]
-u Specifies optional user name for login to
-p specifies optional user name.
-p Specifies password for user name.
Id Id of file to print information for or close.
Path Full or partial path of files to match.
-c Closes file identified by file Id.

Omitting a file identifier has PsFile list all files opened remotely.
```

Process Memory Dumps

- pmdump
 - www.ntsecurity.nu
- userdmp

C:\>omdumo 2044 mem.dd_

Microsoft debugging tools

```
(c) 2002, Arne Vidstrom (arne.vidstrom@ntsecurity.nu) http://ntsecurity.nu/toolbox/pmdump/
թոժսոթ 1.2
         System idle process
         System
         smss.exe
         csrss.exe
         winlogon.exe
         services.exe
         lsass.exe
         svchost.exe
      svchost.exe

    svchost.exe

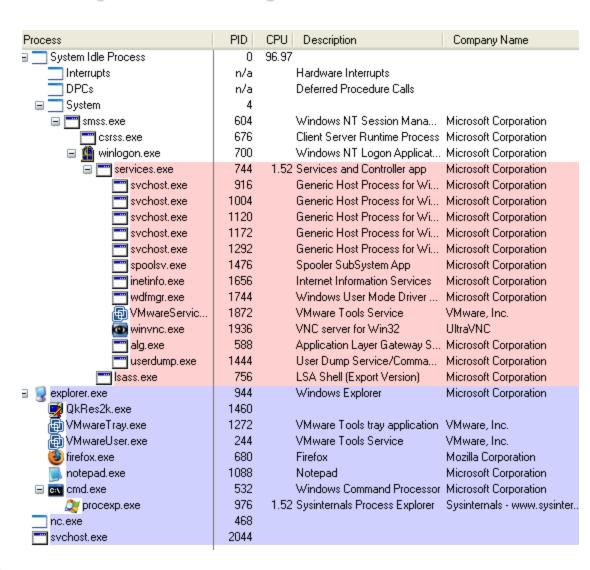
         svchost.exe

    svchost.exe

         spoolsv.exe
      inetinfo.exe
         wdfmgr.exe
         UMwareService.exe
         winvnc.exe
         alg.exe
         explorer.exe
         QkŘes2k.exe
         UMwareTray.exe
         VMwareUser.exe
         firefox.exe
         svchost.exe
         notepad.exe
         cmd.exe
         userdump.exe
         cmd.exe
         pmdump.exe
```

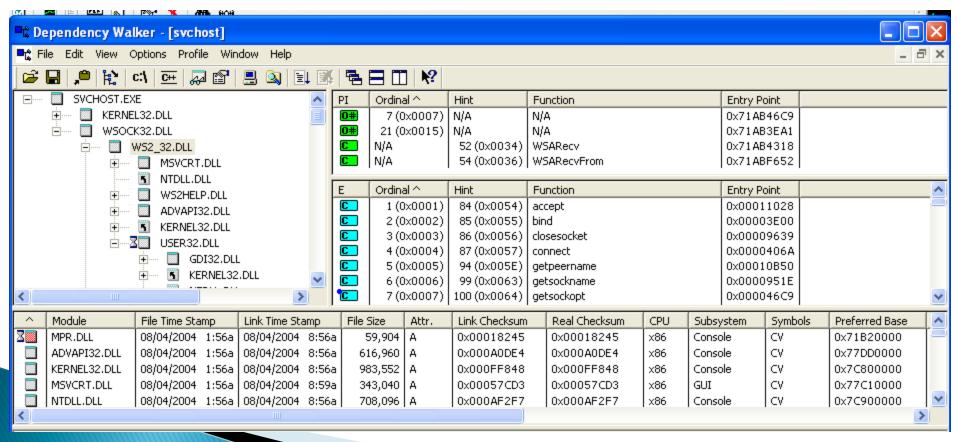
Process Memory Dumps (cont)

- Process dissection
 - Process explorer



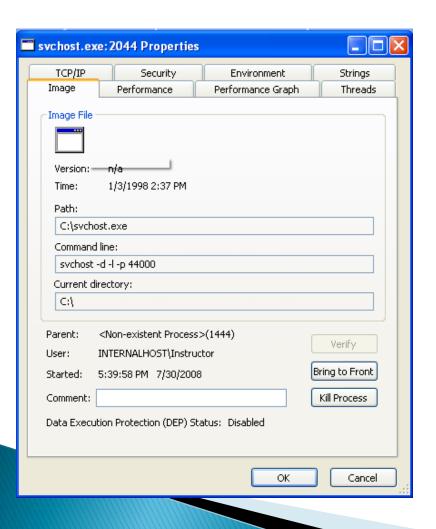
Process Memory Dumps (cont)

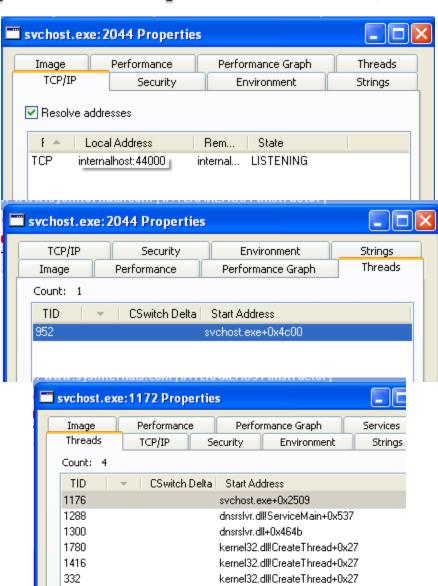
- More dissection
 - Dependency walker



Process Memory Dumps (cont)

Game Over!

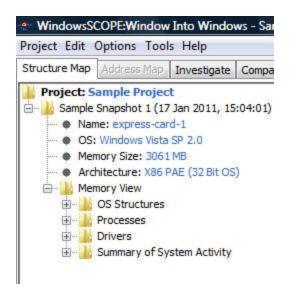




Sophisticated Malware

- None of the previous tools will work in most cases
- Perpetrators write their tools to avoid these
- Have to analyze the raw image
- Can do manually
- Tools work the best

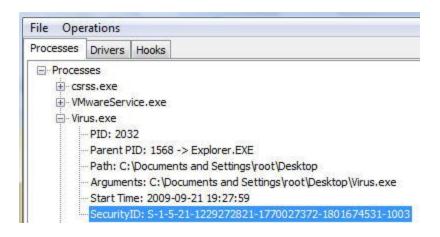
Sophisticated Malware (cont)



\Windows	smss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\ProtectedPrefix\Administrators	smss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\ProtectedPrefix\Administrators	smss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\ProtectedPrefix\LocalService	smss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\ProtectedPrefix\LocalService	smss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
ProtectedPrefix\NetWorkService	smss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\ProtectedPrefix\NetWorkService	smss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\Windows\System32	csrss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\Windows\System32\en-US\csrss.exe.mui	csrss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\Windows\System32\en-US\user32.dll.mui	csrss.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\Windows\System32	wininit.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\Windows\System32\en-US\user32.dll.mui	wininit.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\Windows\System32	wininit.exe	FILE_WRITE_EA
\Windows\System32\en-US\user32.dll.mui	wininit.exe	FILE WRITE EA

Source	Destination	Type	Process	State
169.254.225.74:139	0.0.0.0:0	TCP	System	TCP_STATE_LISTEN
192. 168. 2. 122: 139	0.0.0.0:0	TCP	System	TCP_STATE_LISTEN
0.0.0.0:445	0.0.0.0:0	TCP	System	TCP_STATE_LISTEN
0.0.0.0:2869	0.0.0.0:0	TCP	System	TCP_STATE_LISTEN
0.0.0.0:5357	0.0.0.0:0	TCP	System	TCP_STATE_LISTEN
169.254.225.74:137	0.0.0.0:0	UDP	System	20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2
192.168.2.122:137	0.0.0.0:0	UDP	System	
169.254.225.74:138	0.0.0.0:0	UDP	System	
192.168.2.122:138	0.0.0.0:0	UDP	System	
0.0.0.0:49152	0.0.0.0:0	TCP	wininit.exe	TCP_STATE_LISTEN
0.0.0.0:49152	0.0.0.0:0	TCP	wininit.exe	TCP_STATE_LISTEN

Sophisticated Malware (cont)



Processes	Drivers	Hooks		46			
System Ser	vice Des	criptor Tab	le Hooks	Interrupt Descriptor Tabl	e Hooks	Driver IRP Hooks	
HookedFun	Но	ookedM	Hooking	Module	HookingAddress		
NtEnumera	t nt	oskrnl.exe	\??\C:\\	\??\C:\WINDOWS\hide_evr2.sys		0xf8c46608	
NtFreeVirtu	nt	oskrnl.exe	\??\C:\F	\??\C:\FLYPAPER.sys		0xf6bc0bf0	
NtQueryDir	e nt	oskrnl.exe	\??\C:\\	\??\C:\WINDOWS\hide_evr2.sys		0xf8c46734	
NtQuerySy	s nt	oskrnl.exe	\??\C:\\	\??\C:\WINDOWS\hide_evr2.sys		0xf8c468da	
0x101	nt	oskrnl.exe	\??\C:\F	\??\C:\FLYPAPER.sys		0xf6bc0db0	
0x102	nt	oskrnl.exe	\??\C:\F	\??\C:\FLYPAPER.sys		ocb0	
0x115 ntoskrnl.exe		\??\C:\F	LYPAPER.sys	0xf6bc0b30			

Demonstrations



Residual Risk

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Thank You

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