

[illegible]

Name	Bulk File Extraction
URL	https://www.attackdefense.com/challengedetails?cid=1793
Type	Forensics: Disk Forensics

Important Note: This document illustrates all the important steps required to complete this lab. This is by no means a comprehensive step-by-step solution for this exercise. This is only provided as a reference to various commands needed to complete this exercise and for your further research on this topic. Also, note that the IP addresses and domain names might be different in your lab.

In this lab, a disk image file “evidence.img” is provided in the home directory of the root user (/root/). There is a file on this image which contains the email and phone number of “evil” user. The email of the user is “evil@attacker.co.uk” and the phone number is the flag for this lab.

Objective: Extract the files from the disk image using the bulk extractor tool and retrieve the flag!

Solution:

Step 1: Use the bulk extractor to extract the files from the given disk image.

Command: bulk_extractor evidence.img -o output

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root@attackdefense:~# bulk_extractor evidence.img -o output
bulk_extractor version: 1.6.0
Hostname: attackdefense.com
Input file: evidence.img
Output directory: output
Disk Size: 1072693248
Threads: 16
Attempt to open evidence.img
11:51:06 Offset 67MB (6.26%) Done in 0:00:12 at 11:51:18
11:51:08 Offset 150MB (14.08%) Done in 0:00:19 at 11:51:27
11:51:11 Offset 234MB (21.90%) Done in 0:00:20 at 11:51:31
11:51:13 Offset 318MB (29.72%) Done in 0:00:18 at 11:51:31
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11:51:16 Offset 402MB (37.54%) Done in 0:00:18 at 11:51:34
11:51:19 Offset 486MB (45.36%) Done in 0:00:17 at 11:51:36
11:51:22 Offset 570MB (53.18%) Done in 0:00:15 at 11:51:37
11:51:25 Offset 654MB (61.00%) Done in 0:00:13 at 11:51:38
11:51:28 Offset 738MB (68.82%) Done in 0:00:10 at 11:51:38
11:51:32 Offset 822MB (76.64%) Done in 0:00:08 at 11:51:40
11:51:36 Offset 905MB (84.46%) Done in 0:00:05 at 11:51:41
11:51:39 Offset 989MB (92.28%) Done in 0:00:02 at 11:51:41
All data are read; waiting for threads to finish...

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Note: The process will take some time.

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All Threads Finished!
Producer time spent waiting: 0 sec.
Average consumer time spent waiting: 22.8731 sec.
*****
** bulk_extractor is probably I/O bound. **
**      Run with a faster drive      **
**      to get better performance.    **
*****
MD5 of Disk Image: afd06ad98f9f8a08c113a2edb9c1360f
Phase 2. Shutting down scanners
Phase 3. Creating Histograms
Elapsed time: 57.8216 sec.
Total MB processed: 1072
Overall performance: 18.5518 MBytes/sec (1.15948 MBytes/sec/thread)
Total email features found: 92
root@attackdefense:~#

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Step 2: Navigate to the output folder.

Command: cd output

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root@attackdefense:~/output# ls
aes_keys.txt          email_domain_histogram.txt  httplogs.txt          rar.txt
alerts.txt            email_histogram.txt         ip_histogram.txt       report.xml
ccn_histogram.txt     email.txt                   ip.txt                rfc822.txt
ccn_track2_histogram.txt ether_histogram.txt         jpeg_carved.txt       sin.txt
ccn_track2.txt        ether.txt                   json.txt              sqlite_carved.txt
ccn.txt               exif.txt                   kml.txt               telephone_histogram.txt
domain_histogram.txt  find_histogram.txt          ntfsusn_carved.txt    telephone.txt
domain.txt            find.txt                    pii_teamviewer.txt    unrar_carved.txt
elf.txt               gps.txt                     pii.txt                unzip_carved.txt
root@attackdefense:~/output#

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Step 3: Utilise the grep utility to find the information.

Command: `grep -rnw "evil@attacker.co.uk" . --color`

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root@attackdefense:~/output#  
root@attackdefense:~/output# grep -rnw "evil@attacker.co.uk" . --color  
./email_histogram.txt:33:n=1      evil@attacker.co.uk  
./email.txt:52:134750238      evil@attacker.co.uk      Et Av.\x0D\x0AMr evil,evil@attacker.co.uk,+912999949811,"  
./domain.txt:52:134750243      attacker.co.uk      .\x0D\x0AMr evil,evil@attacker.co.uk,+912999949811,"  
root@attackdefense:~/output#
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This reveals the flag to us.

Flag: +912999949811

References:

1. Bulk Extractor (https://github.com/simsong/bulk_extractor)