FORENSICS ANALYSIS

Steps for Analysing aquired data

Case preparation

Prepare evidence data from aquisition

- What is this case about short description
- Whos is responsible for the analysis?
- Time, date and prerequisites for the analysis
- How many pieces of evidence was analysed in this case?
- What software was used and version number (fx autopsy, EnCase, Magnet Axiom etc.)
- Is there any additional information that needs to be provided?
- IMPORTANT NTP Timezone
- What hypothesis is there in regards to the case? and a quick overview of the hypothesises are sorrunding the case?

Constraints - limitations

If there are any boundaries to the case, this needs precise and short description

- Time limitation
- Specific search for a hypotheses or files/artefacts
- Use of a specific search towards the secured data (IOC, YARA, HASH, method of seach from vendor (File identification)
- SSD limitations TRIM process can delete files under collection

Analysis on evidence

This is not an exaustive list as this can get long. I have tried to put as much here as possible

- Have malware been used?
 - Any known identified files from Antimalware vendors
 - Have any IOC's been used to test evidence?
 - Have there been checked for common actions, that malware perform?
 - New files spawned
 - Contact to malicious domaine /IP´s
 - Unusial activity to the user folder (exe file etc), Timeline activity that shows this
 - Download of files from the Internet
 - Schedueled tasks
- Have crafted scripts been in use?
 - Any signs of scripts been activated (Powershell scripts, DLL, python ect)
 - Any Priviledge escalation performed
 - Software installations performed with priviledged users?

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- USB devices
 - How many external devices have been connected to the computer/evidence?
 - Model, make and serial number
- Memory analysis
 - Specify the actions you performed (Loaded DLL, DNS cache, Loaded devices, Command history, network connections, etc)
 - What software was used to perfom the analysis (fx Volatilty version 2 or 3?)
 - List the analysis queries performed and link to output
 - o Short describe if the analysis gave the output / result that you expected
 - (Consider leave the above out, if the result did not deliver what was expected, and then write that in the report)
 - SANS six-part methodology Identify rogue processes, analyze processes and DLL, Network artefacts,
 Look for evidence of codeinjection, Signs of root kit and dump suspicious drivers and processes
- Master File Table (MFT)
- Prefech file analysis
- Network cache
 - o DNS cache
 - connections
- Browser data
 - Search history
 - cache analysis
 - known bad web domains / IP's
 - download history
- E-mail
 - Phishing /Spearphishing attempts
 - o attemts of extraction of information, money transactions based on above
 - Files attached
 - Search of keywords (provide / describe the list used for searching for keywords, see keywords)
- Webshells
 - Why the seach of webshells. Are the system exposed to the Internet? and how

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- Pictures, videoes and media files
 - EXIF data
 - Size
 - Codecs
 - Known hash values for illegal cases (Make sure that the police are involved in these cases. If in doubt, BDO NOT CARRY OUT THE INVESTEGATION!!!)
 - Analysis for Steganography if suspicion is in place
 - o calculate HASH values based on the files
 - Search constraints. Have the investegation only looked for file sizes, to narrow the search carried out
- Keyword search
 - What word list was used
 - How many words was searched for?
 - Why the sarch for these words? the meaning for the case?
- Timeline anslysis
 - What is the timeline for activity
 - Copy, move, creation, deletion, changes
- Filter searches
 - Does the tool support search for specific searches. Fx Autopsy use ingest modules, what modules was used?
 - Can we dualtool verify these searches / results? IMPORTANT
- Registry analysis
 - Analyse SAM, SECURITY, SOFTWARE, SYSTEM (from C:\Windows\System32\config)
 - HKEY_CURRENT_USERS
 - HKEY_USERS
 - HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT
 - HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
 - HKEY CURRENT CONFIG
- History (bash), commands fx curl, cp, chmod, sudo, ls, mv, grep, ps, tar, ftp, tftp, wget
- Event logs

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Report of output (Defined from the Governance / IT-security team in the company and Senion Mangement)

- Document overview
 - Reference to ticket/incident /event
 - Quick info about the case
- Executive summary
 - Summary of events
 - graphic timeline
 - Root cause to incident
 - Highlevel reccomendations
- Abbreviations and list of definitions
- Incident Investegation report
 - What was the driver for the forensics investegation (Crime carried out, internal vilations to AUP)
 - Why was it a Crime? what is the illegal intent?
 - Network overview
 - Forensics analysis overview
 - Containemtn actions
 - Findings, root cause and artefacts
 - Remediation
 - Reccomendations
- Forensic report
 - Examiner and background
 - Tools used (versions and maybe known issues)
 - Tool Output
 - maybe utelization of dual tool verification
 - Collection method / Chain Of Custody
- Preparing the incident and forensic report
- Addendums

This needs to be defined before the incident and this needs to be acknowledged and accepted from C-level from the company