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# Who am I

GRR Developer, Google IR team

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Former lives: pentesting, IR, security audits etc.

# Skillz++

Understand how GRR works

Setup test server/client

Collect from single machine

Memory analysis

Hunt multiple machines

Fleetcheck using artifacts



# **Live forensics**

GET /beacon HTTP/1.1

Host: evil.com

from Joe's machine



Joe 

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there are dark, silhouetted mountains or hills. In the background, a coastline is visible with a body of water and a small boat. The overall tone is dark and moody, with the text overlaid in white.

GET /beacon HTTP/1.1  
Host: evil.com

Joe is on vacation with 3G internet

# New APT Report





**New malware report  
BEAR EAGLE SHARK  
LASER is out: check all  
the things**



# **New malware report BEAR EAGLE SHARK LASER is out: check all the things**

50+ IOCs for Win/Mac and “all the things” is  
the machines of a highly mobile global  
organisation with 50k+ employees

# GRR: GRR Rapid Response



Open source live forensics

Agent -> Internet -> Server

Disk Forensics = Sleuthkit

Memory Forensics = Rekall

Scalable

Stable, low-impact client

Full-time devs

# Why build?

Customize for our threats/detection/defense

50 people analyzing 50 machines

Move as fast or faster than the attacker

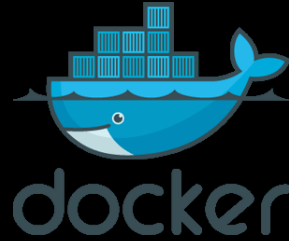
Support Mac/Win/Linux

**incident response**

**without remote live forensics**

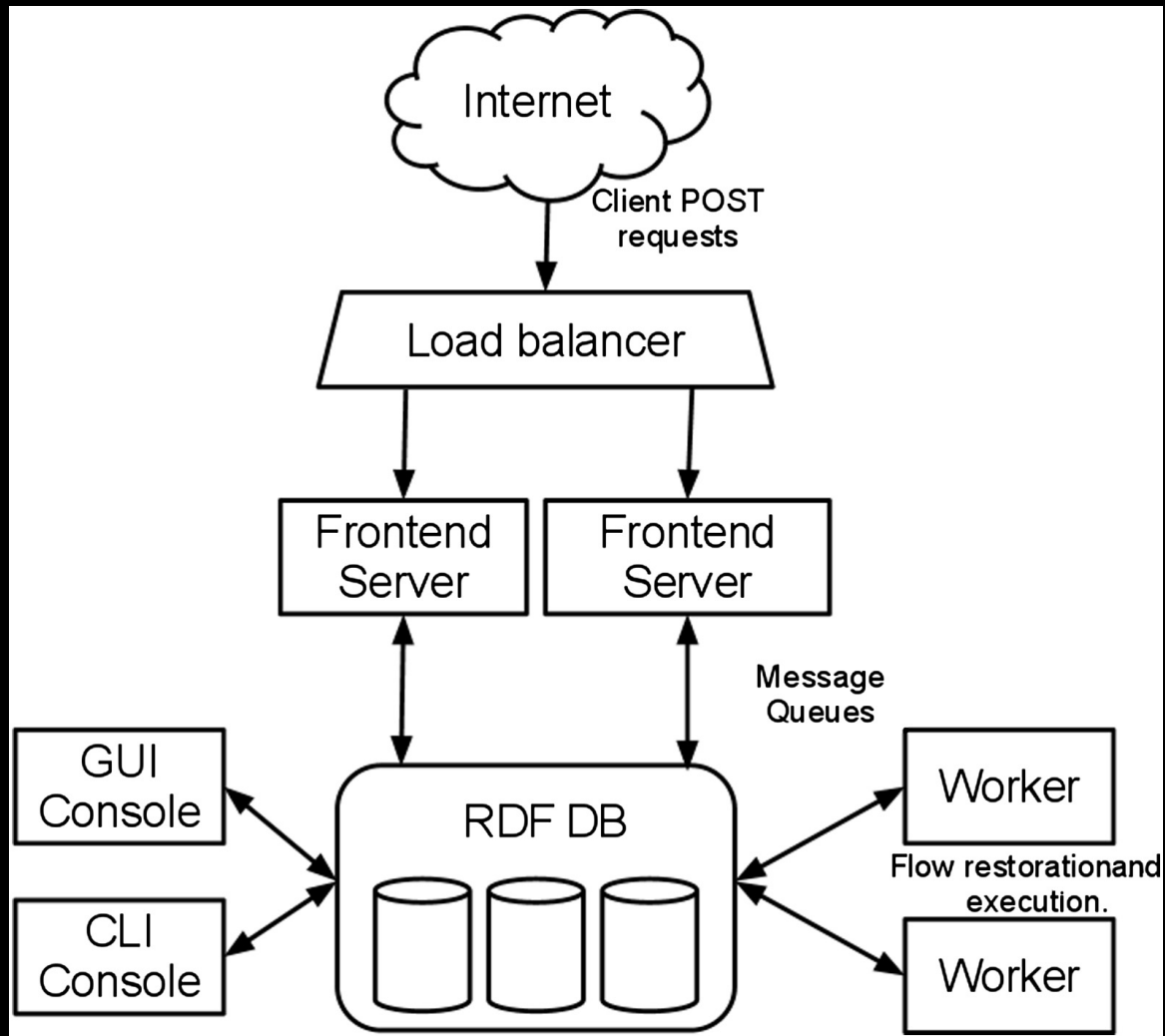


# Demo - Server Installation



[Install instructions](#)

(pls don't pull this image down now it will kill the WiFi...)





# Clients

Stable, robust, low impact

Monitored

Limited

10min poll

# Demo: Client searching

Search Box

Server Statistics

# Exercise: Finding clients

Find all the windows clients

Find the client that has a user “gladstone”

- When was it installed?

Find client OS release breakdown stats

# Solution: Finding clients

Top left search box:

- “windows”
- “gladstone” or “user:gladstone” (faster)

Install date: “First Seen” in client summary line  
(note all times are UTC)

Show statistics -> Clients -> All -> OS Release  
Breakdown

# Smart Server, basic client

Time travel backwards

Faster build/fix/deploy

Less updating

Simpler backwards compatibility

Leak less intent

# Server

Frontends pass messages

Workers do the real work

Everything is asynchronous

Queue work on the server

GRR 'Cronjobs' perform regular tasks

# Datastore

Abstracted: easy to switch

MySQL Advanced | SQLite (sharded)

Versioned Data -> axis of time

# Demo: Settings

Datastore.implementation

Client.control\_urls

Note: lines highlighted in blue are modified from defaults.



# Demo: VFS browse and download

Refresh, recursive refresh

Multiple versions of /etc/lsb-release

Download new version

Text/Hex views

# Exercise: VFS time travel

On client-ubuntu-trusty-m a malicious modification has been made to /home/gcastle/.bashrc

What was it?

# Solution: VFS time travel

Browse Virtual Filesystem -> fs -> os -> home -  
> gcastle -> .bashrc

Click Age window and download latest and oldest. Diff.

Find LD\_PRELOAD line.

**GRR...**

**It's a botnet essentially**



# Authorization, Auditing

2-party authorization for machine access

DB logging

Audit events

Approval emails with justifications

# **Demo: Flows/hunts run recently**

Show Statistics -> Server -> Flows|Hunts

**Fast, reliable, remote.**

**Advanced live forensics  
at scale.**



# **Be really really good at collecting**

Filesystem/Registry artifacts (Sleuthkit)

Memory artifacts (Rekall)

From difficult-to-specify locations

# Demo: Running FileFinder

Search by:

path, name, contents (literal / regex), time

For matches:

download, hash, send to socket, just report  
existence

# Exercise: FileFinder

Pick a windows machine and:

- Get a list of all DLLs (\*.dll) in C:\Windows\System32
- Get the partition boot sector C:\\$BOOT  
Windows API will hide this! Requires TSK
- There is a file containing the string "malware" in C:\Temp. Try to find it.

# Solution: FileFinder

Filesystem->File Finder:

- path: C:\Windows\System32\\*.dll
- pathtype: OS
- action: STAT

Filesystem->File Finder:

- path: C:\\$BOOT
- pathtype: TSK
- action: DOWNLOAD

# Solution: FileFinder cont.

Filesystem->File Finder:

- path: C:\Temp\\*
- pathtype: OS
- condition: contents literal match = malware, FIRST\_HIT
- action: DOWNLOAD

# Windows Registry

Keys = Directories, Values = Files

Same operations supported!

Globbering

Content match on values



# Exercise: RegistryFinder

Get the values for these run keys:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

(copy from <http://pastebin.com/eijGRcFu>)

Browse the registry VFS

# Solution: RegistryFinder

Registry->Registry Finder:

keys path:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\  
Windows\CurrentVersion\Run



# Memory Acquisition

Drivers for Win and OS X

Linux is trickier:

- /proc/kcore
- or driver per kernel

# Demo: Memory Collector

Download a small chunk of memory

# Exercise: Grep raw memory

On a windows client, use the Memory Collector to find a short string (eg. “svchost”) in memory and inspect the context.

Use action NONE

Also, just get the FIRST\_HIT, not all of them

# **Solution: Grep memory**

Memory->Memory Collector

Condition: Literal match, FIRST\_HIT

Action: NONE (reports the literal match and some context)

# Memory Forensics

Memory analysis framework

Built into GRR client

Live memory analysis



# Demo: lsmod on ubuntu

# Exercise: Rekall Isof

Get a list of file handles from raw memory on a ubuntu machine

Use Isof plugin

# **Solution: Rekall Isof**

Memory -> AnalyzeClientMemory

Plugins: Isof



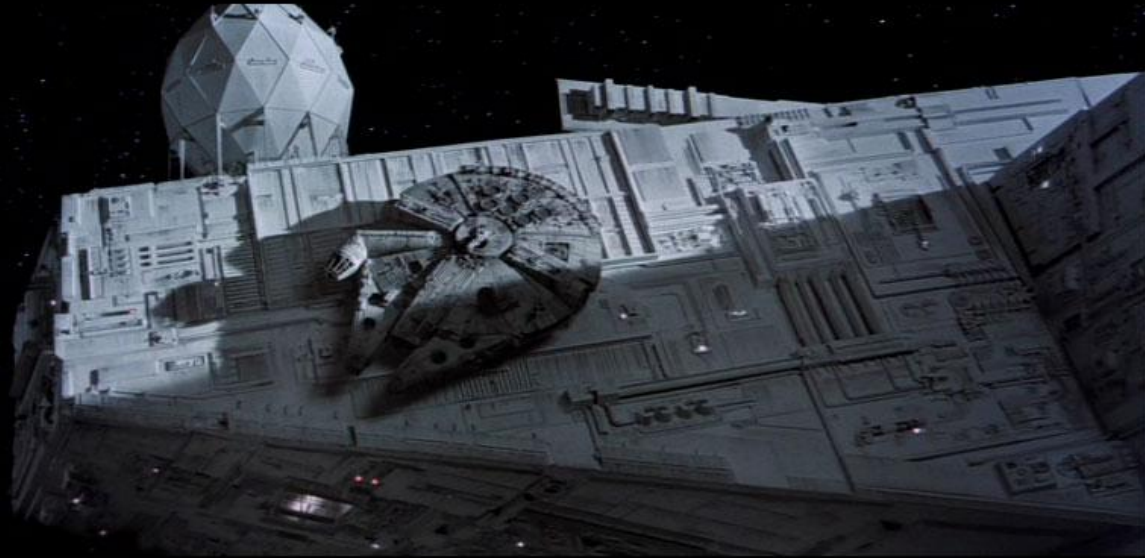
# Hunting: flows on many machines



# Hunting: Outlier analysis



# Hunting: fleetcheck and pivot



# Demo: Hunt to collect notepad.exe

Download with FileFinder

Export results as .zip

Smart download: only unique files

# Exporting data for analysis

Heavy data analysis outside GRR

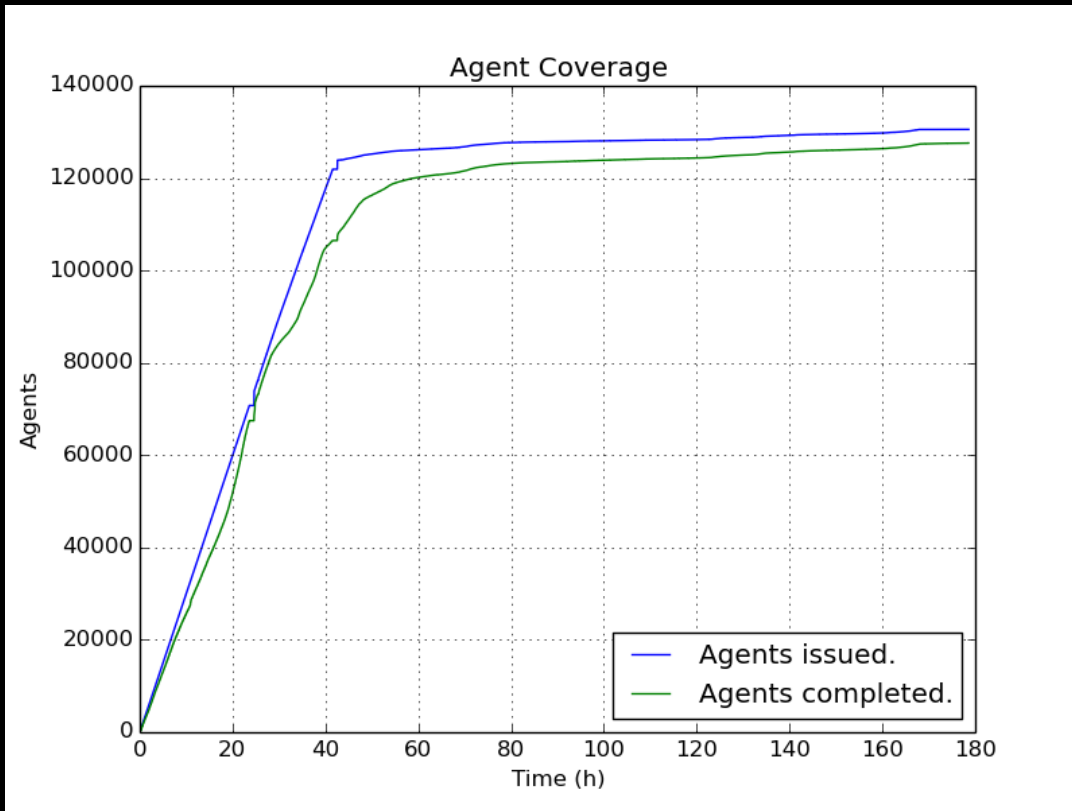
HTTP RPC APIs

Export plugin system:

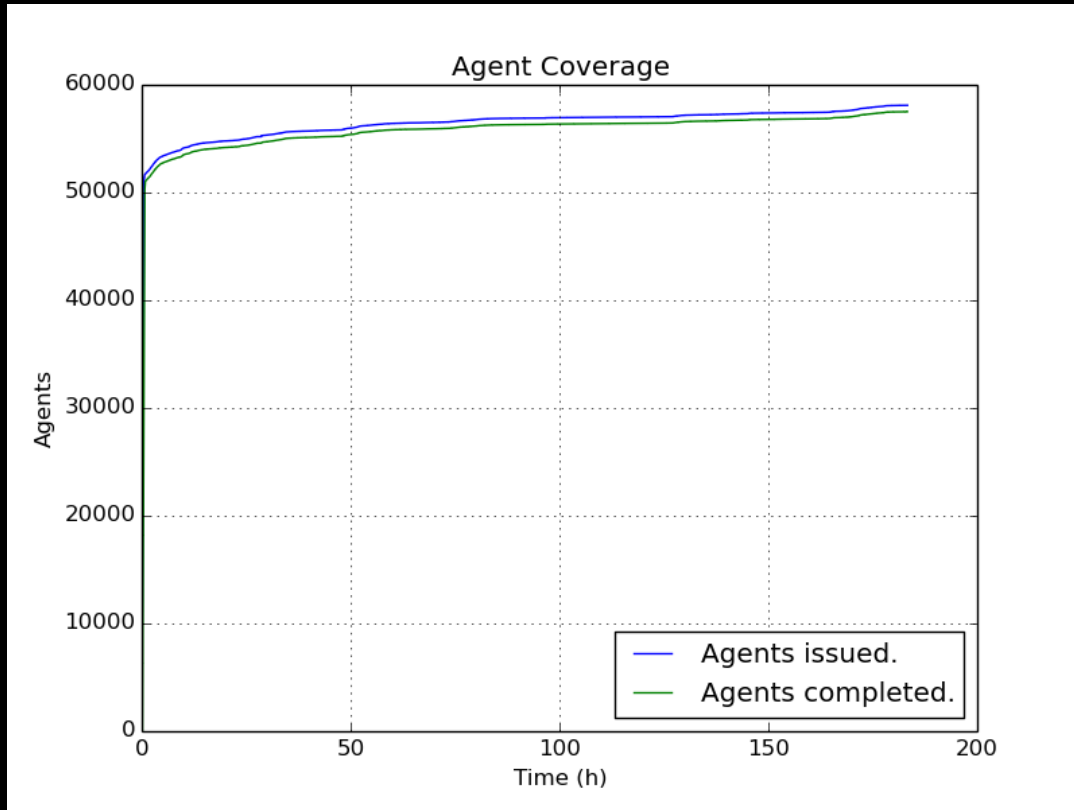
CSV

<elasticsearch or your plugin of choice here>

# Hunts: Optional rate limiting



# Hunts: No limit, go fast



# Exercise: ListProcesses hunt

Get a list of Processes from all machines using ListProcesses flow

Look at hunt stats:

- Cpu used
- Network used
- Worst performers



# Solution: ListProcesses hunt

Hunt Manager -> + -> Processes ->  
ListProcesses

Remove windows rule to run on all OSes

Press play on the paused hunt

# Hunting: Malware inside .doc

Flash exploits embedded in office docs

How could we find these?



# Exercise: Hunt for flash inside docs

Find doc with embedded flash in ~\Downloads\

Use %%users.homedir%% for user's homedir

Contains "ShockwaveFlash.ShockwaveFlash"

# **Solution: Hunt for flash inside docs**

Hunt Manager -> + -> Filesystem -> FileFinder

Paths: %%users.homedir%%\Downloads\\*.doc

Condition: literal match "ShockwaveFlash.  
ShockwaveFlash" FIRST\_HIT

Action: Download

# Collection Problems

We mostly want to collect the same things, but:

- Too many details to remember
- No good way to share
- Too much duplicate code

# As seen in the wild

HardDrive\Documents and Settings\USERNAME\Local Settings\Application Data\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\History

HKU\S-1-5-21-xxxxxxxx-xxxxxxxx-xxxxxxxx-  
xxxx\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\Dropbox\InstallLocation

/Users/<user>/Library/Mail Downloads/

/home/user/.local/share/Trash/

# What do I do with these?

HardDrive\Documents and Settings\USERNAME\Local  
Settings\Application Data\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\History

HKU\S-1-5-21-xxxxxxxxxx-xxxxxxxxxx-xxxxxxxxxx-  
xxxx\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\Dropbox\InstallLoc  
ation

/Users/<user>/Library/Mail Downloads/

/home/user/.local/share/Trash/

# Common language for interpolation

**%%users.localappdata%%** \Google\Chrome\User Data\\*\History

HKEY\_USERS\**%%users.sid%%**  
\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\Dropbox\InstallLocation

**%%users.homedir%%**/Library/Mail Downloads/

**%%users.homedir%%**/.local/share/Trash/



# Artifact

**name:** ApplicationEventLog

**doc:** Windows Application Event log.

**collectors:**

- **collector\_type:** FILE

**args:** {**path\_list:** ['%%environ\_systemroot%%\System32\winevt\Logs\AppEvent.evt']}

**conditions:** [os\_major\_version >= 6]

**labels:** [Logs]

**supported\_os:** [Windows]

**urls:** ['http://www.forensicswiki.org/wiki/Windows\_Event\_Log\_(EVT)']

# Artifact repository: get it here

~200 artifacts:

[github.com/ForensicArtifacts/artifacts](https://github.com/ForensicArtifacts/artifacts)

Independent and reusable by any tool

Used and maintained by us

Review, bug reports, patches very welcome

# Demo: Collect Run Keys

# Exercise: Artifact Collector

Linux machines are beaconing to sysupdate81.  
appspot.com

Suspect malicious cronjob

Use AllLinuxScheduleFiles artifact to download  
cron files

Download results, find malicious one

Which machines was it on?

# Solution: Artifact Collector

Hunt Manager -> + -> Collectors ->

ArtifactCollectorFlow

AllLinuxScheduleFiles

GenerateZip

Download, unzip:

```
grep -r "sysupdate" *
```

```
find -type l -ls | grep [hash match from grep]
```

# What's coming

Event triggered collection, powerful API

Usability improvements

Simple cloud server deployment

More data export options

# Great, how do I try it?

Run the server docker image

Open a browser

Download and install the client on a machine

# GRR (and friends) links

[github.com/google/grr](https://github.com/google/grr)

[github.com/ForensicArtifacts/artifacts](https://github.com/ForensicArtifacts/artifacts)

[rekall-forensic.com](https://rekall-forensic.com)

[plaso.kiddaland.net/](https://plaso.kiddaland.net/)

[github.com/google/timesketch](https://github.com/google/timesketch)

[github.com/libyal/libyal/wiki/Overview](https://github.com/libyal/libyal/wiki/Overview)



# These slides

These slides and everything you need to run your own workshop will be published here:

<https://github.com/google/grr-doc/blob/master/publications.adoc>

Short link: <https://goo.gl/GzsleU>