



Finding the leaked documents

The challenge - A multinational industrial client suspected that one of its vendors, who had access to the client's financial systems, gained access to sensitive financial documents related to an upcoming merger deal. If these documents would leak to the client's competitors, it might stop the merger and cause severe financial damages. The client approached PwC to understand if it is possible to determine if the vendor indeed accessed these documents, and were they copied to his personal devices - and most importantly - were these documents leaked to the competitors?

Our solution - PwC's Computer Forensics team gained access to the client's systems. Using state-of-the-art forensic software, we quickly identified which files were accessed and copied to the vendor's personal devices. On top of that, by analyzing the network communications of the vendor, we identified that certain spreadsheets were indeed sent to third parties.

By quickly identifying the breach and the people involved, the client's legal team successfully managed to prevent the data leakage, and to hold the vendor accountable.

