

Old Dog, New Tricks: Digital Forensics with PowerShell



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PowerForensics

- PowerShell Module for Live Forensic Investigation
 - www.github.com/Invoke-IR/PowerForensics
- Binary Module (Compiled C# DLL)
- Minimizes Use of Windows APIs
- Currently Parses:
 - NTFS Data Structures
 - Windows Specific Data Structures
 - Windows Registry
 - Windows Event Log
 - Scheduled Jobs
 - Prefetch Files

Design Requirements

- **Forensically sound**
 - Parse raw disk structures
 - Don't alter NTFS timestamps
- Can execute on a live (running) host
- Operationally fast
 - Collect forensic data in seconds or minutes
- Modular capabilities
 - Cmdlets perform discrete tasks and can be tied together for more complicated tasks
- Capable of working remotely
 - At the proof of concept stage

Reading a Disk/Volume's Contents

- CreateFile API
 - Used to create a read handle to Physical Disk or Logical Volume
- FileStream Read Method
 - Used to read from the handle

```
[DllImport("kernel32.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, SetLastError = true)]
1 reference | Jared Atkinson, 53 days ago | 1 author, 1 change
internal static extern SafeFileHandle CreateFile
(
    string fileName,
    [MarshalAs(UnmanagedType.U4)] FileAccess fileAccess,
    [MarshalAs(UnmanagedType.U4)] FileShare fileShare,
    IntPtr securityAttributes,
    [MarshalAs(UnmanagedType.U4)] FileMode creationDisposition,
    int flags,
    IntPtr template
);
```



MASTER Boot RECORD

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```
000: 33 C0 8E D0 BC 00 7C 8E C0 8E D8 BE 00 7C BF 00
010: 06 B9 00 02 FC F3 A4 50 68 1C 06 CB FB B9 04 00
020: BD BE 07 80 7E 00 00 7C 0B 0F 85 0E 01 83 C5 10
030: E2 F1 CD 18 88 56 00 55 C6 46 11 05 C6 46 10 00
040: B4 41 BB AA 55 CD 13 5D 72 0F 81 FB 55 AA 75 09
050: F7 C1 01 00 74 03 FE 46 10 66 60 80 7E 10 00 74
060: 26 66 68 00 00 00 66 FF 76 08 68 00 00 68 00
070: 7C 68 01 00 68 10 00 B4 42 8A 56 00 88 F4 CD 13
080: 9F 83 C4 10 9E EB 14 B8 01 02 BB 00 7C 8A 56 00
090: 8A 76 01 8A 4E 02 8A 6E 03 CD 13 66 61 73 1C FE
0A0: 4E 11 75 0C 80 7E 00 80 0F 84 8A 00 B2 80 EB 84
0B0: 55 32 E4 8A 56 00 CD 13 5D EB 9E 81 3E FE 7D 55
0C0: AA 75 6E FF 76 00 E8 8D 00 75 17 FA B0 D1 E6 64
0D0: E8 83 00 B0 DF E6 60 E8 7C 00 B0 FF E6 64 E8 75
0E0: 00 FB B8 00 BB CD 1A 66 23 C0 75 3B 66 81 FB 54
0F0: 43 50 41 75 32 81 F9 02 01 72 2C 66 68 07 BB 00
100: 00 66 68 00 02 00 00 66 68 08 00 00 66 53 66
110: 53 66 55 66 68 00 00 00 66 68 00 7C 00 00 66
120: 61 68 00 00 07 CD 1A 5A 32 F6 EA 00 7C 00 00 CD
130: 18 A0 B7 07 EB 08 A0 B6 07 EB 03 A0 B5 07 32 E4
140: 05 00 07 08 B0 AC 3C 00 74 09 BB 07 00 B4 0E CD
150: 10 EB F2 F4 EB FD 2B C9 E4 64 EB 00 24 02 E0 F8
160: 24 02 C3 49 6E 76 61 6C 69 64 20 70 61 72 74 69
170: 74 69 6F 6E 20 74 61 62 6C 65 00 45 72 72 6F 72
180: 20 6C 6F 61 64 69 6E 67 20 6F 70 65 72 61 74 69
190: 6E 67 20 73 79 73 74 65 6D 00 4D 69 73 73 69 6E
1A0: 67 20 6F 70 65 72 61 74 69 6E 67 20 73 79 73 74
1B0: 65 6D 00 00 00 63 7B 9A 82 D4 BA 7D 00 00 00 20
1C0: 21 00 07 FE FF FF 00 08 00 00 00 90 36 06 80 FE
1D0: FF FF 07 FE FF FF 00 A0 36 06 00 60 09 00 00 00
1E0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
1F0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 55 AA
```

PARTITION TYPES

0x00 - EMPTY	0x83 - LINUX
0x01 - FAT12	0x84 - HIBERNATION
0x04 - FAT16	0x85 - LINUX_EXTENDED
0x05 - MS_EXTENDED	0x86 - NTFS_VOLUME_SET
0x06 - FAT16	0x87 - NTFS_VOLUME_SET_1
0x07 - NTFS	0xa0 - HIBERNATION_1
0x0b - FAT32	0xa1 - HIBERNATION_2
0x0c - FAT32	0xa5 - FREEBSD
0x0e - FAT16	0xa6 - OPENBSD
0x0f - MS_EXTENDED	0xa8 - MACOSX
0x11 - HIDDEN_FAT12	0xa9 - NETBSD
0x14 - HIDDEN_FAT16	0xab - MAC OSX_BOOT
0x16 - HIDDEN_FAT16	0xb7 - BSDI
0x1b - HIDDEN_FAT32	0xb8 - BSDI_SWAP
0x1c - HIDDEN_FAT32	0xee - EFI_GPT_DISK
0x1e - HIDDEN_FAT16	0xef - EFI_SYSTEM_PARTITION
0x42 - MS_MBR_DYNAMIC	0xfb - VMWARE_FILE_SYSTEM
0x82 - SOLARIS_X86	0xfc - VMWARE_SWAP
0x82 - LINUX_SWAP	

BOOT CODE

CHS ADDRESSING
 00100000 00100001 00000000
 00100000 100001 0000000000
 Head - 1st byte
 Sector - 2nd byte (0-5 bits)
 Cylinder - 2nd byte (6-7 bits)
 3rd byte

PARTITION TABLE

END OF MBR

FIELDS

jump to boot program
 disk parameters
 boot program code
 disk signature

82D4BA7D

status	0x00 - Non-Bootable
starting head	0x20
starting sector	0x21
starting cylinder	0x00
partition type	0x07 - NTFS
ending head	0xFE
ending sector	0x3F
ending cylinder	0x3FF
relative start sector	0x800
total sectors	0x6369000
status	0x80 - Bootable
starting head	0xFE
starting sector	0x3F
starting cylinder	0x3FF
partition type	0x07 - NTFS
ending head	0xFE
ending sector	0x3F
ending cylinder	0x3FF
relative start sector	0x636A000
total sectors	0x96000
partition type	0x00 - EMPTY
partition type	0x00 - EMPTY
marker	0x55AA



NTFS

VOLUME BOOT RECORD

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000	EB	52	90	4E	54	46	53	20	20	20	20	00	02	08	00	00
010						F8			3F	00	FF	00	00	08	00	00
020							FF	EF	7F	07	00	00	00	00	00	00
030	00	00	0C	00	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
040	F6	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	E3	13	3C	D4	23	3C	D4	CA
050	00	00	00	00	FA	33	C0	8E	D0	BC	00	7C	FB	68	00	07
060	1F	1E	68	66	CB	88	16	0E	00	66	81	3E	03	00	4E	
070	54	46	53	75	15	B4	41	BB	AA	55	CD	13	72	0C	81	FB
080	55	AA	75	06	F7	C1	01	00	75	03	E9	DD	00	1E	83	EC
090	18	68	1A	00	B4	48	8A	16	0E	00	8B	F4	16	1F	CD	13
0A0	9F	83	C4	18	9E	58	1F	72	E1	3B	06	0B	00	75	DB	A3
0B0	0F	00	C1	2E	0F	00	04	1E	5A	33	DB	B9	00	20	2B	C8
0C0	66	FF	06	11	00	03	16	0F	00	8E	C2	FF	06	16	00	E8
0D0	4B	00	2B	C8	77	EF	B8	00	BB	CD	1A	66	23	C0	75	2D
0E0	66	81	FB	54	43	50	41	75	24	81	F9	02	01	72	1E	16
0F0	68	07	BB	16	68	52	11	16	68	09	00	66	53	66	53	66
100	55	16	16	16	68	B8	01	66	61	0E	07	CD	1A	33	C0	BF
110	0A	13	B9	F6	0C	FC	F3	AA	E9	FE	01	90	90	66	60	1E
120	06	66	A1	11	00	66	03	06	1C	00	1E	66	68	00	00	00
130	00	66	50	06	53	68	01	00	68	10	00	B4	42	8A	16	0E
140	00	16	1F	8B	F4	CD	13	66	59	5B	5A	66	59	66	59	1F
150	0F	82	16	00	66	FF	06	11	00	03	16	0F	00	8E	C2	FF
160	0E	16	00	75	BC	07	1F	66	61	C3	A1	F6	01	E8	09	00
170	A1	FA	01	E8	03	00	F4	EB	FD	8B	F0	AC	3C	00	74	09
180	B4	0E	BB	07	00	CD	10	EB	F2	C3	0D	0A	41	20	64	69
190	73	6B	20	72	65	61	64	20	65	72	72	6F	72	20	6F	63
1A0	63	75	72	72	65	64	00	0D	0A	42	4F	4F	54	4D	47	52
1B0	20	69	73	20	63	6F	6D	70	72	65	73	73	65	64	00	0D
1C0	0A	50	72	65	73	73	20	43	74	72	6C	2B	41	6C	74	2B
1D0	44	65	6C	20	74	6F	20	72	65	73	74	61	72	74	0D	0A
1E0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1F0	00	00	00	00	00	00	8A	01	A7	01	BF	01	00	00	55	AA

FILE HEADER

BIOS PARTITION BLOCK

BOOTSTRAP CODE

END OF SECTOR

FIELDS
jump instruction
OEM ID

jmp 0x000000054
NTFS

bytes per sector
sectors per cluster
reserved sectors
media descriptor
sectors per track
number of heads
hidden sectors
total sectors
MFT first cluster #
MFT mirr first cluster #
clusters per MFT record
clusters per index block
volume serial #
checksum

0x200
0x08
0x00
0xF8
0x3F
0xFF
0x800
0x6368FFF
0xC0000
0x02
0xF6
0x01
E3133CD4233CD4CA
0X00000000

Error Message

A disk read error occurred
BOOTMGR is compressed
Press Ctrl+Alt+Del to restart

marker

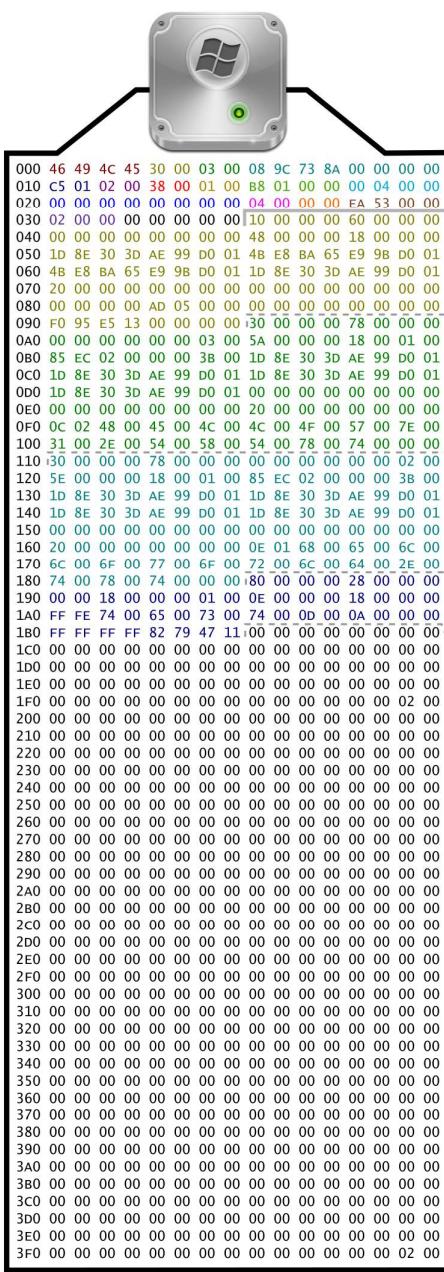
0x55AA



MASTER FILE TABLE RECORD

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FILE RECORD HEADER

ATTRIBUTES

FIELDS

magic
offset to us
size of us
logical sequence number
sequence number
hardlinks
offset to attributes
flags
real size
allocated size
reference to base
next attribute id
alignment bytes
record numbers
update sequence

FILE
0x30
0x03
8A739C08
0x1C5
0x02
0x38
0x01
0x1B8
0x400
0x0000000000000000
0x04
0x00
0x53EA
0x02

\$STANDARD_INFORMATION ATTRIBUTE

\$FILE_NAME ATTRIBUTE

\$FILE_NAME ATTRIBUTE

\$DATA ATTRIBUTE

FLAGS

0X01 - IN USE
0X02 - DIRECTORY

REAL VS ALLOCATED SIZE

Allocated size - Size of allocated disk space. This size will be divisible by the size of a disk cluster.

Real size - Actual size of file contents. This size is the one referenced by the "dir" command.

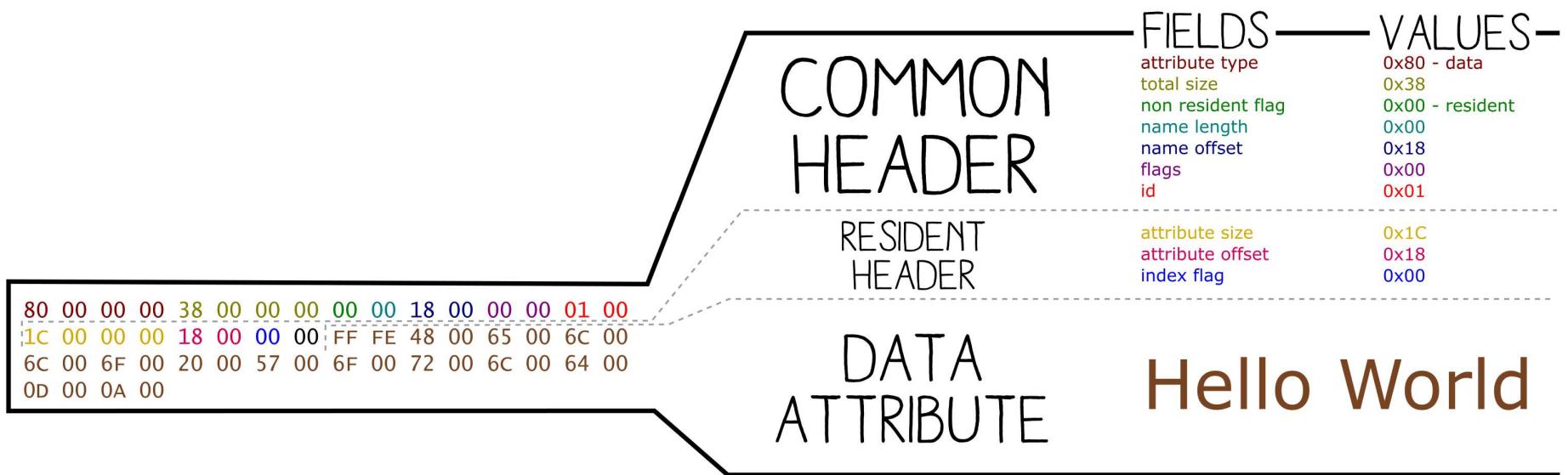
If real and allocated size are 0, then the file's contents are contained within a resident data attribute in the file's MFT record.



\$DATA ATTRIBUTE

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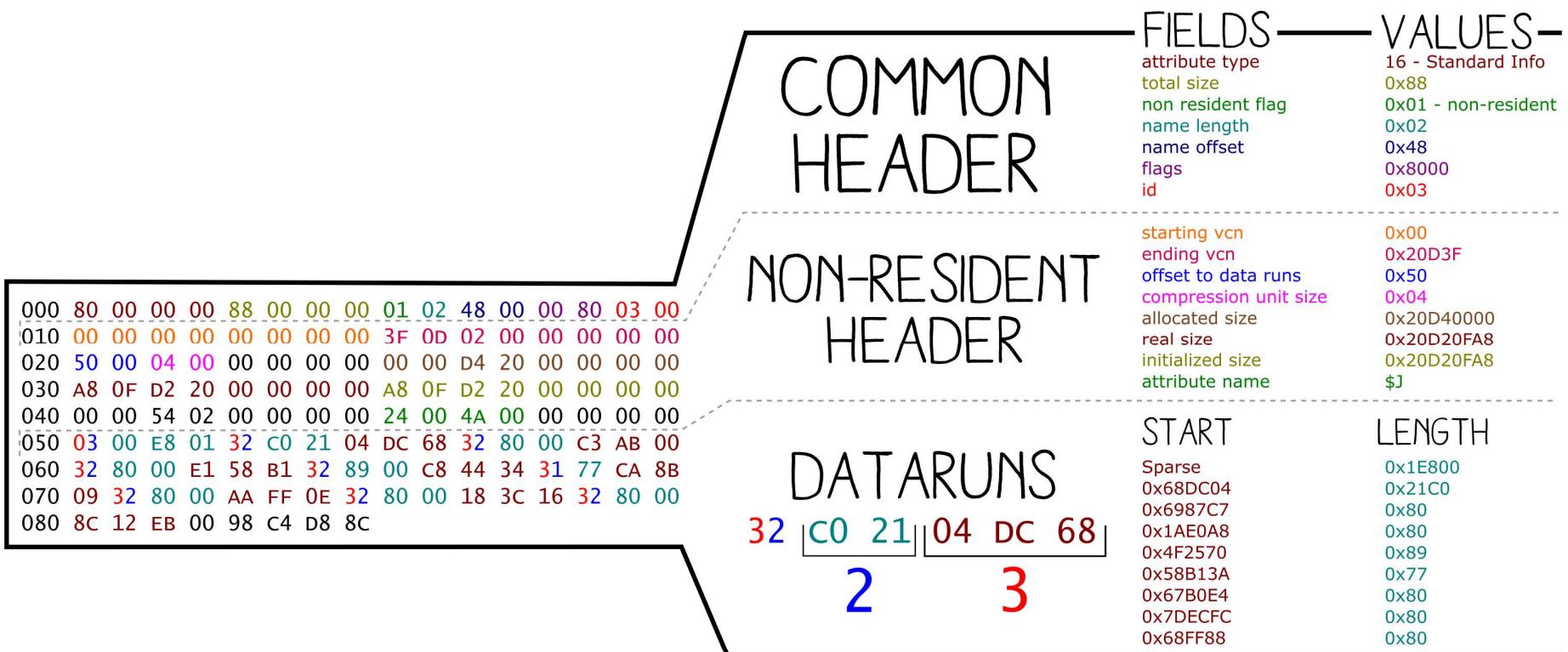




NON-RESIDENT ATTRIBUTE

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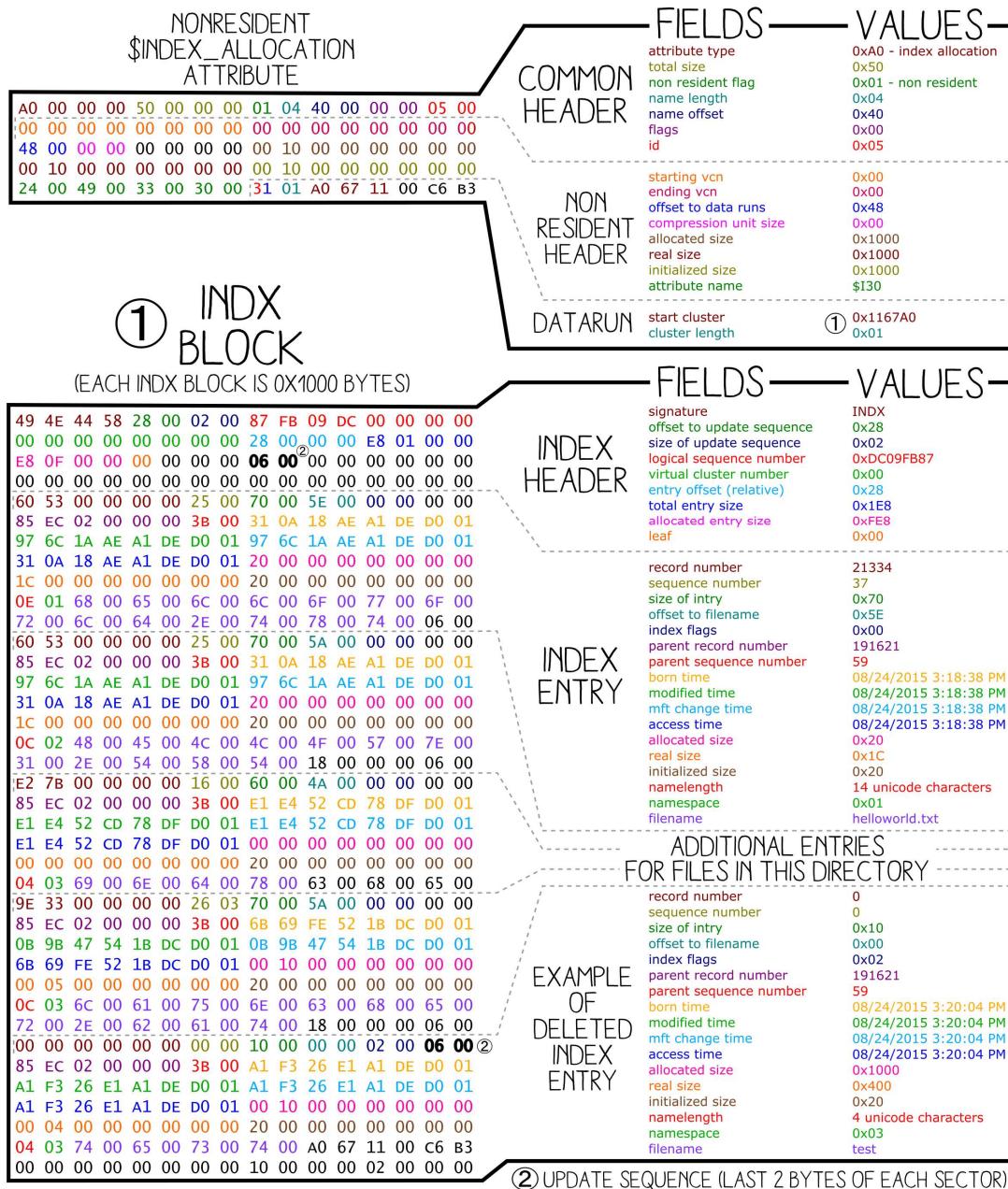


\$INDEX_ALLOCATION ATTRIBUTE

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Demo: Web Server Investigation

This demo is based on the @security4arabs Digital Forensics challenge by @binaryz0ne. To download a copy of the challenge please visit
<http://goo.gl/CVoEpo>.

Situation

- Client does not provide much information:
 - Believes their Web Server has been compromised
 - Provides a forensic image to investigate
- Investigator must:
 - Find a temporal starting point
 - Determine if the web server has in fact been compromised
 - If compromised, provide leads for Incident Responders

Initial Findings

- Time: 9/3/2015 6:49:23 AM
- Some sort of brute forcing (sqlmap?)
- Possible Attacker IP Address
 - 192.168.56.102
- Webshell Created
 - webshells.zip
 - c99.php
 - webshell.php
 - phpshell2.php

Demo: Timeline Visualization

This demo is based on Ryan Benson's (@_RyanBenson) blog post (<http://www.obsidianforensics.com/blog/finding-the-first-thread-with-visualization>) where he describes leveraging Gource (<http://gource.io/>) to visualize a forensic timeline.

The Future of PowerForensics

- Multiple File System Support
 - Extended File System (Ext2/3/4)
 - Hierarchical File System (HFS/HFS+)
 - File Allocation Table (FAT12/16/32)
- Additional Artifacts
 - SQLite
 - ESE Database
- WinPE + PowerForensics
- Remote Capabilities
 - PowerForensics Portable
- Community Involvement!