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Event Tracing for Windows Internals

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We are looking for more **effective solutions**.

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Is there any log more detailed than Event Log on Windows OS?

Event Tracing for Windows

Goal of This Presentation

Understand the internals of the Event Tracing for Windows (ETW) to take your incident response to the next level.

Presentation Topics

1. What is ETW?
2. ETW Internals
3. ETW using Incident Response
4. Attack Surface
5. Mitigation and Detection

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2 ETW Internals

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What is Event Tracing for Windows

Event Tracing for Windows is an efficient kernel-level tracing facility that lets you log kernel or application-defined events to a log file. You can consume the events in real time or from a log file and use them to debug an application or to determine where performance issues are occurring in the application.

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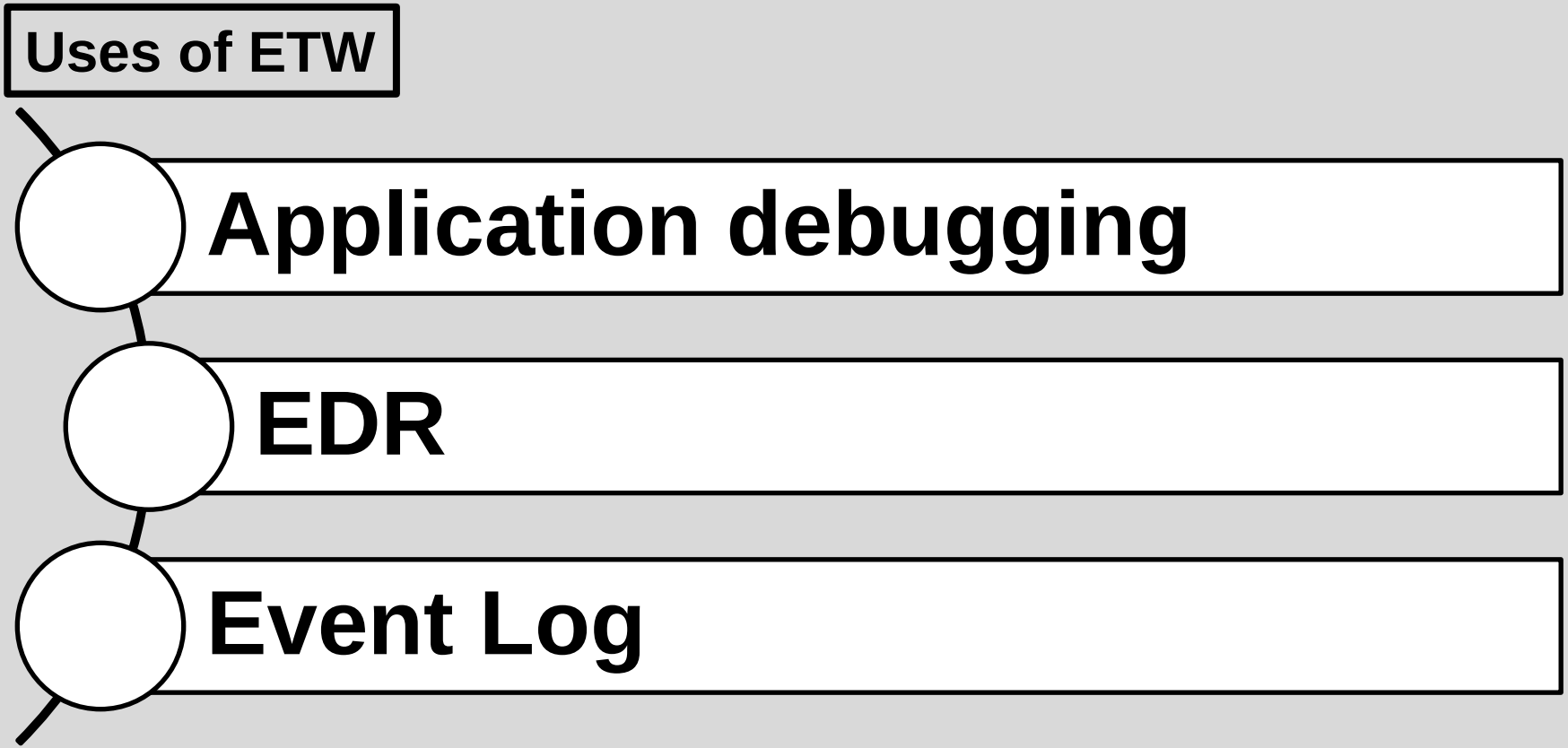

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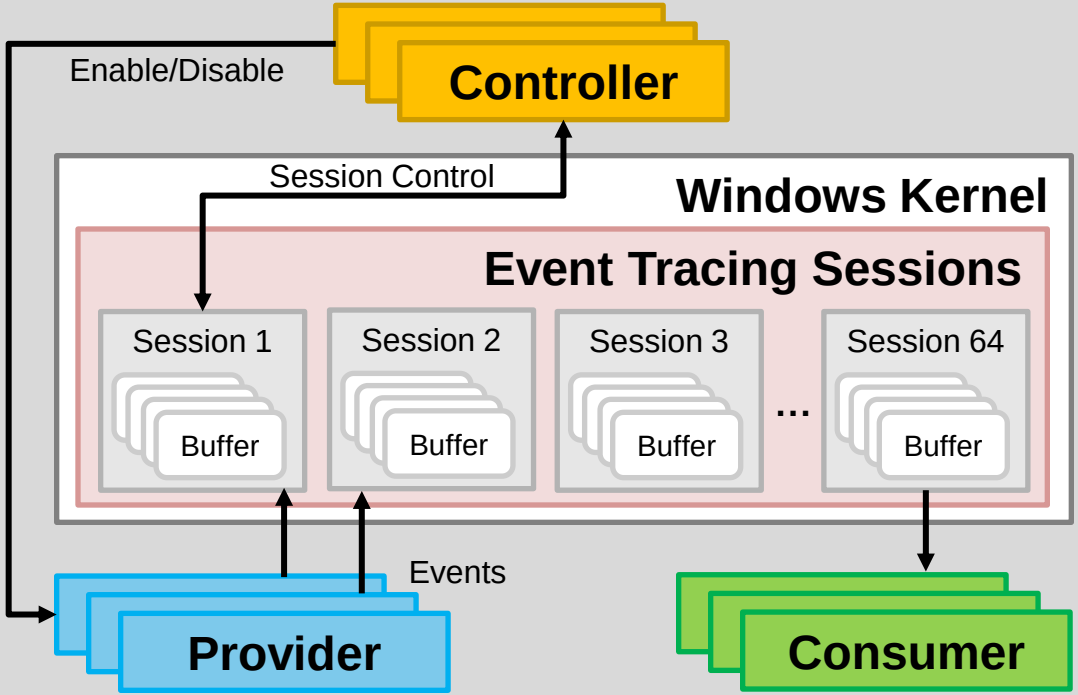

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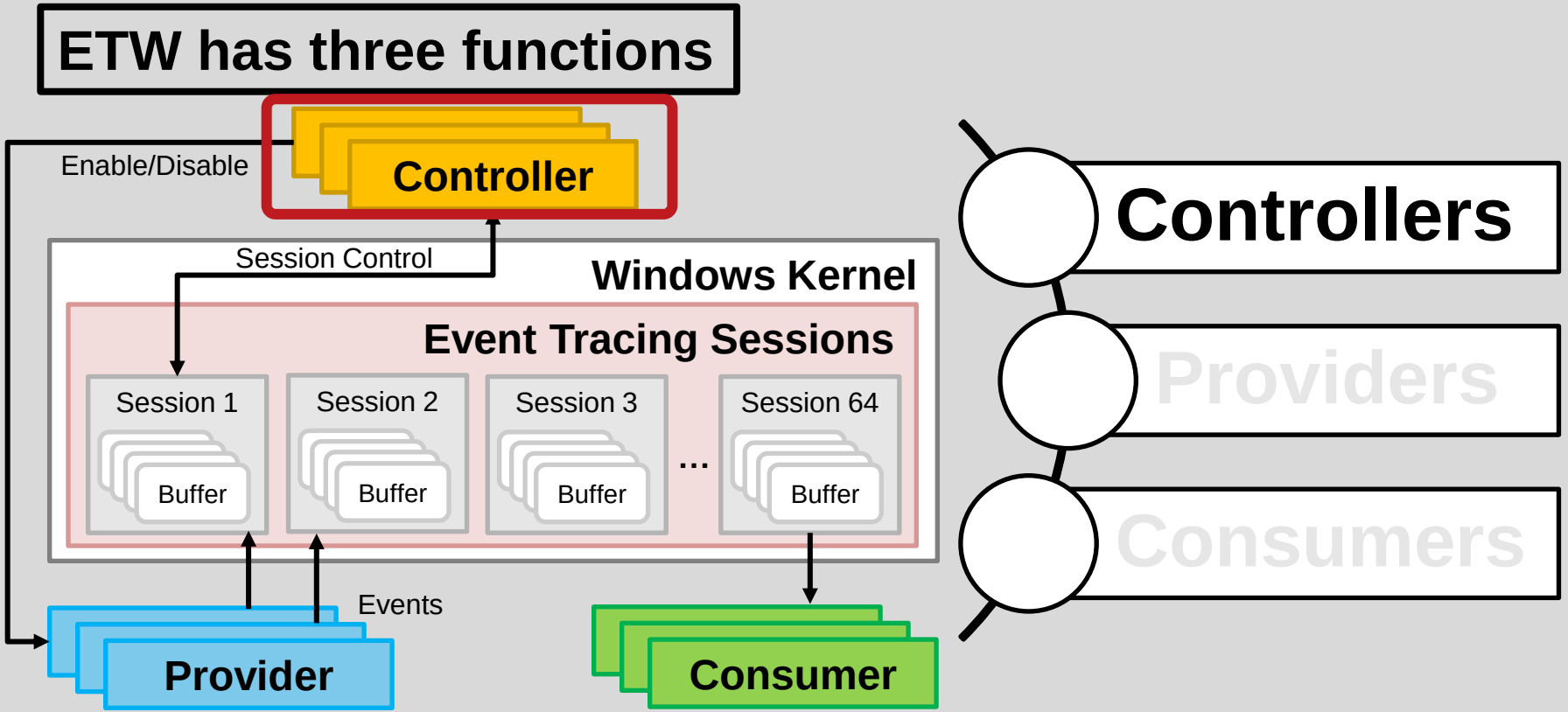

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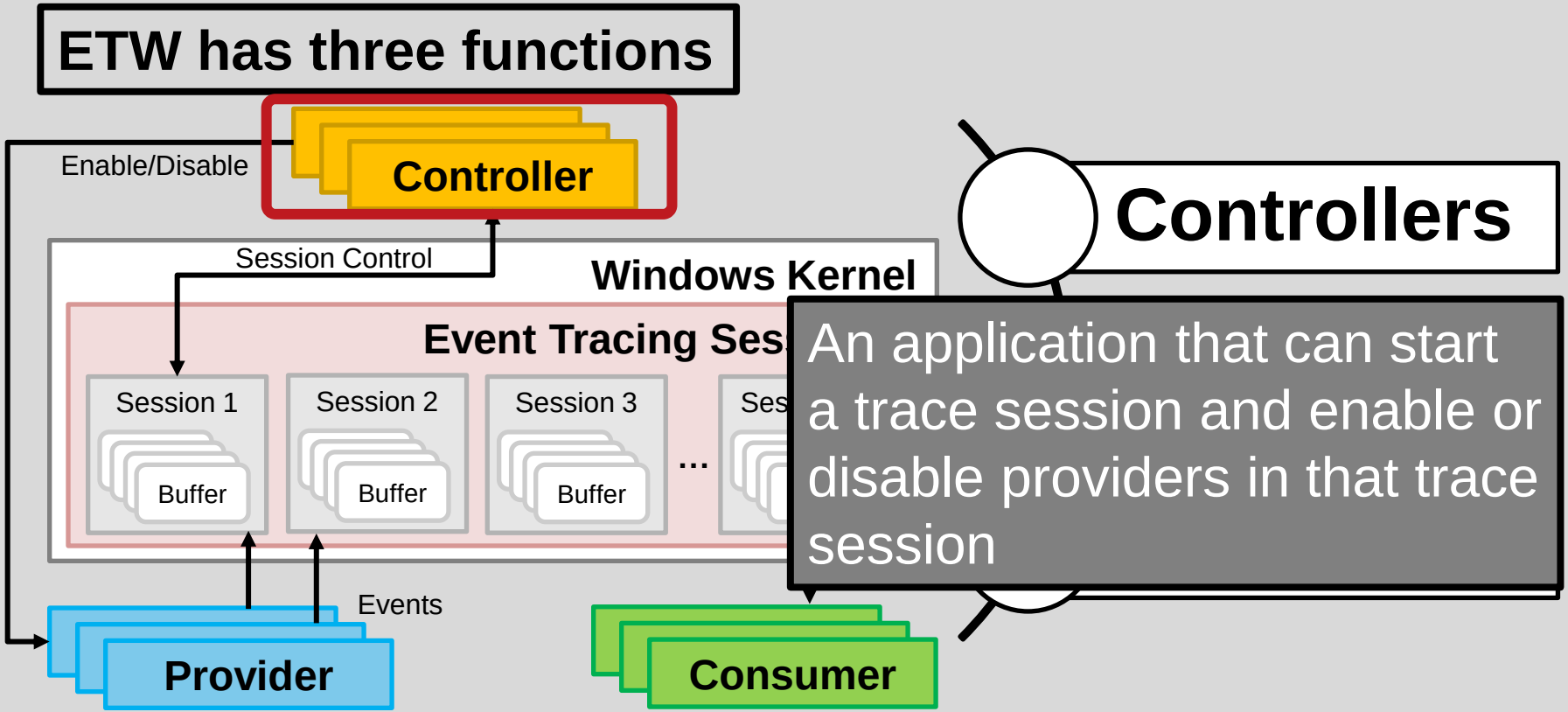

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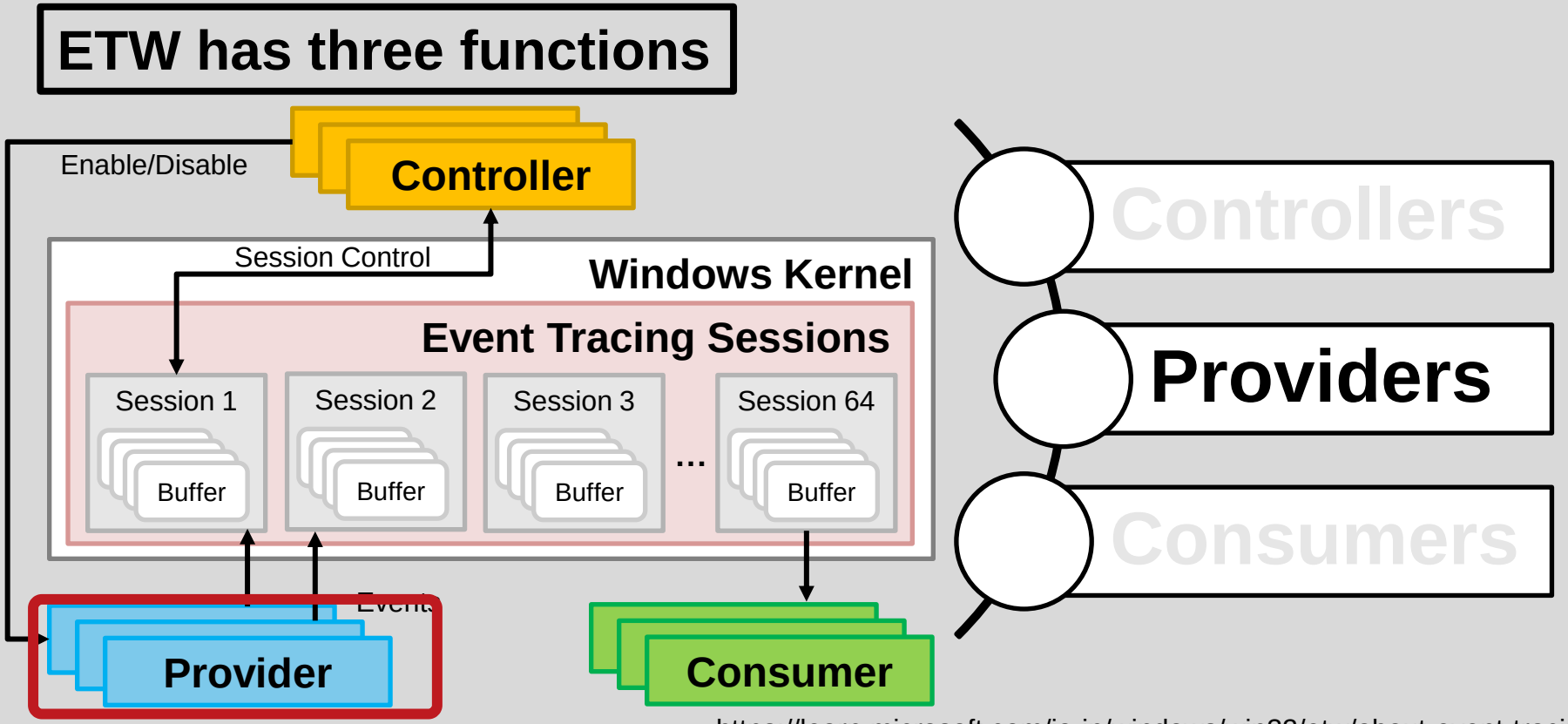

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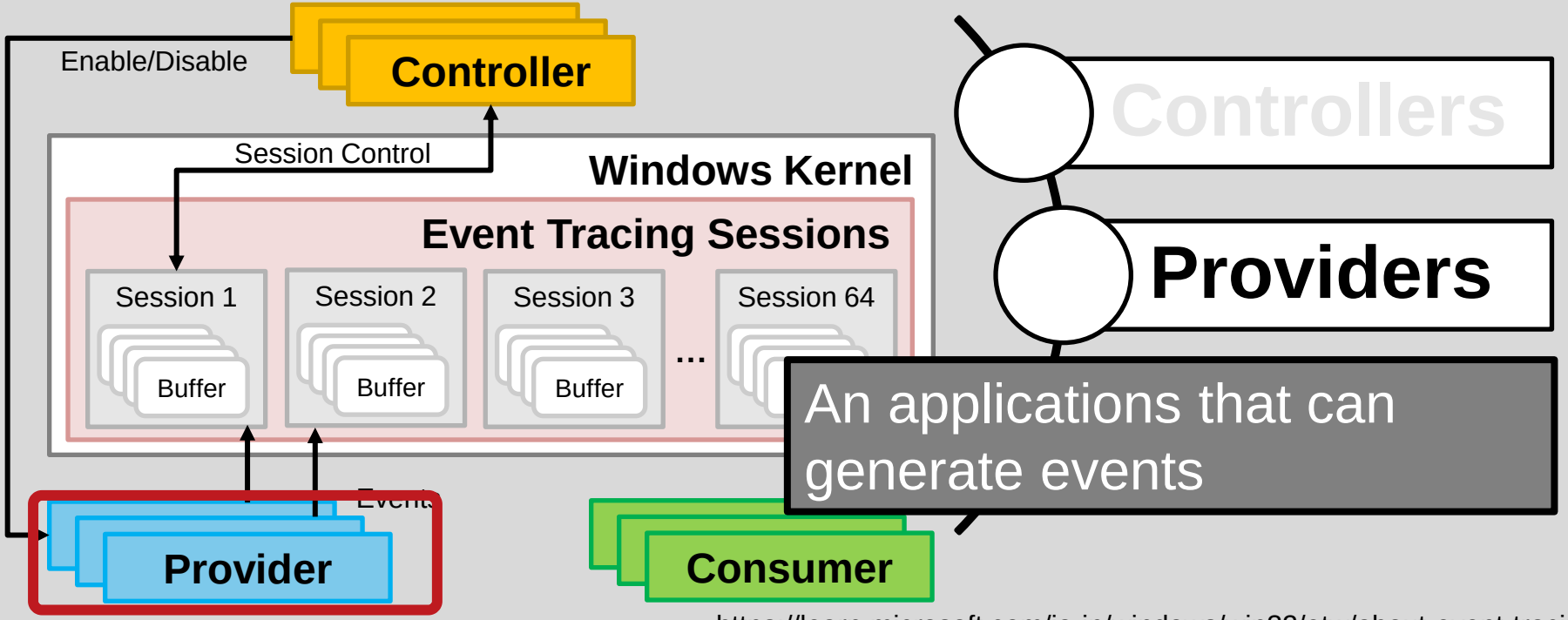

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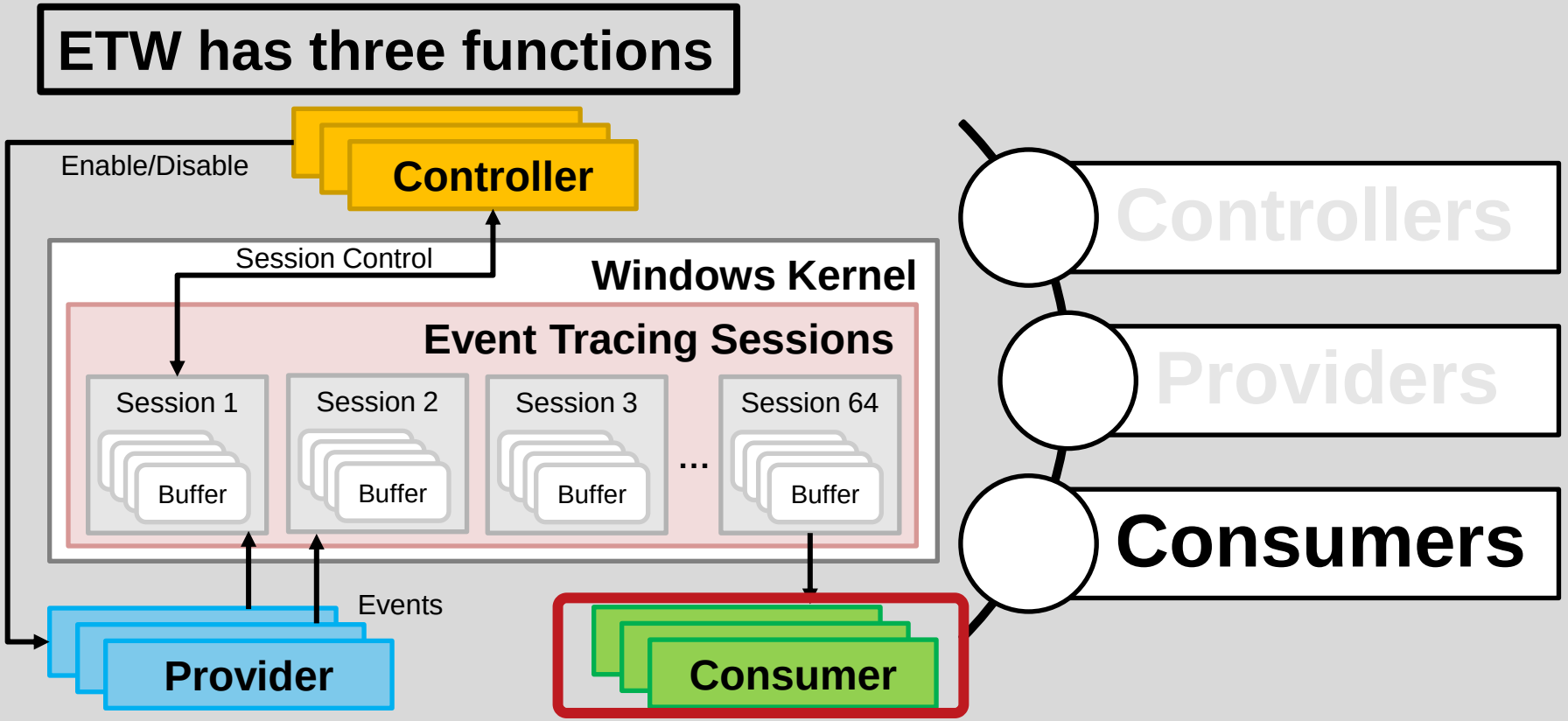

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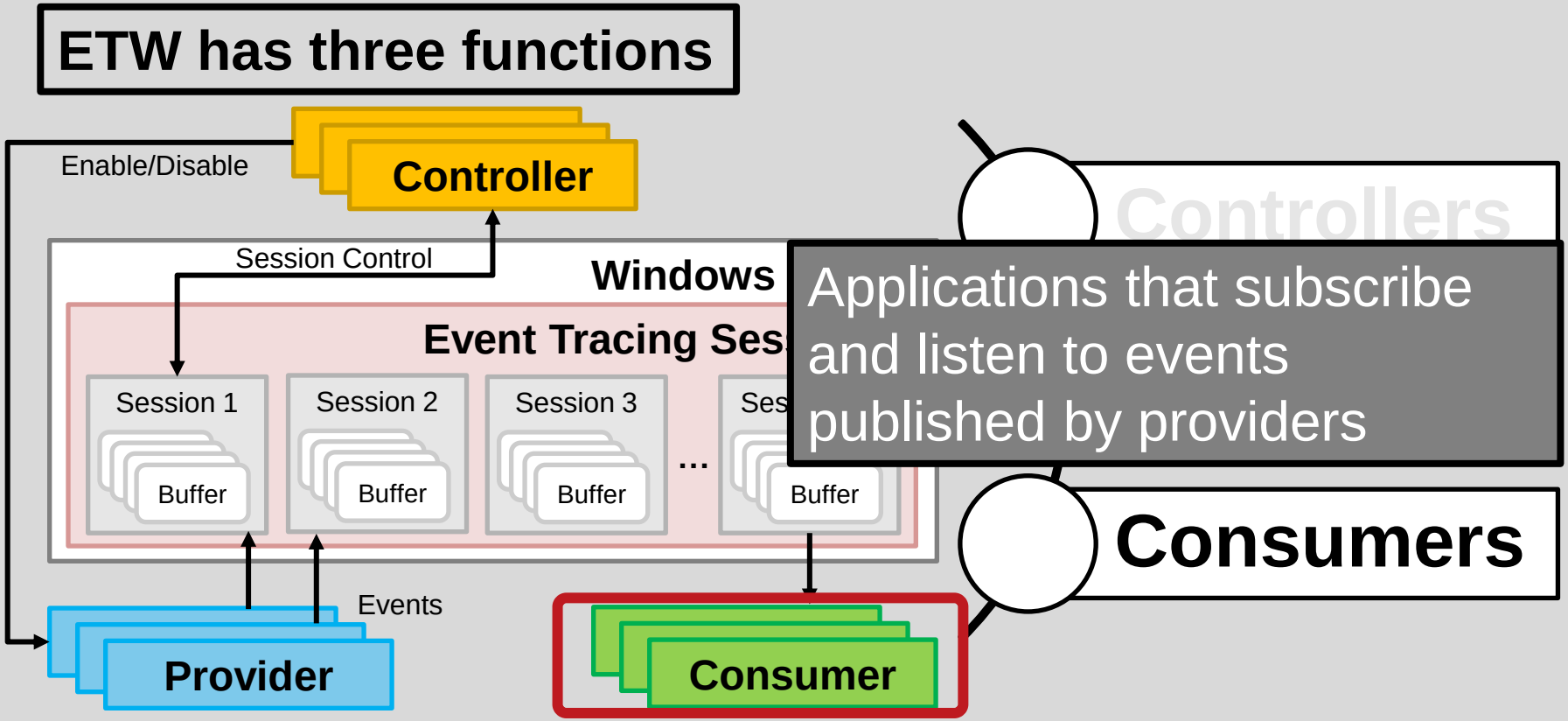

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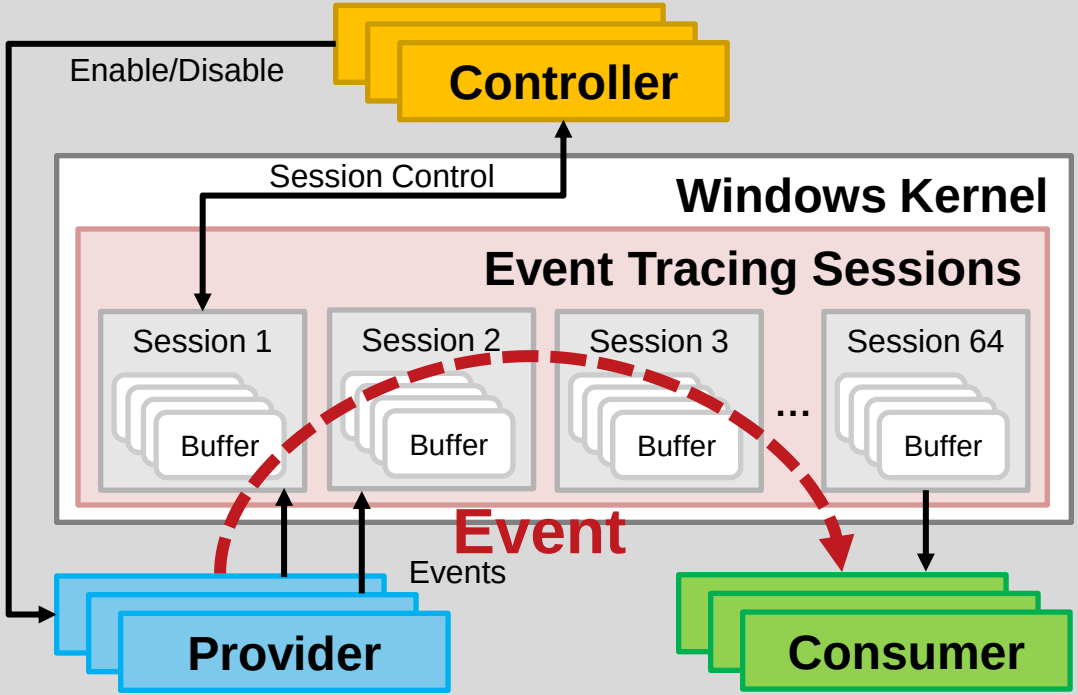

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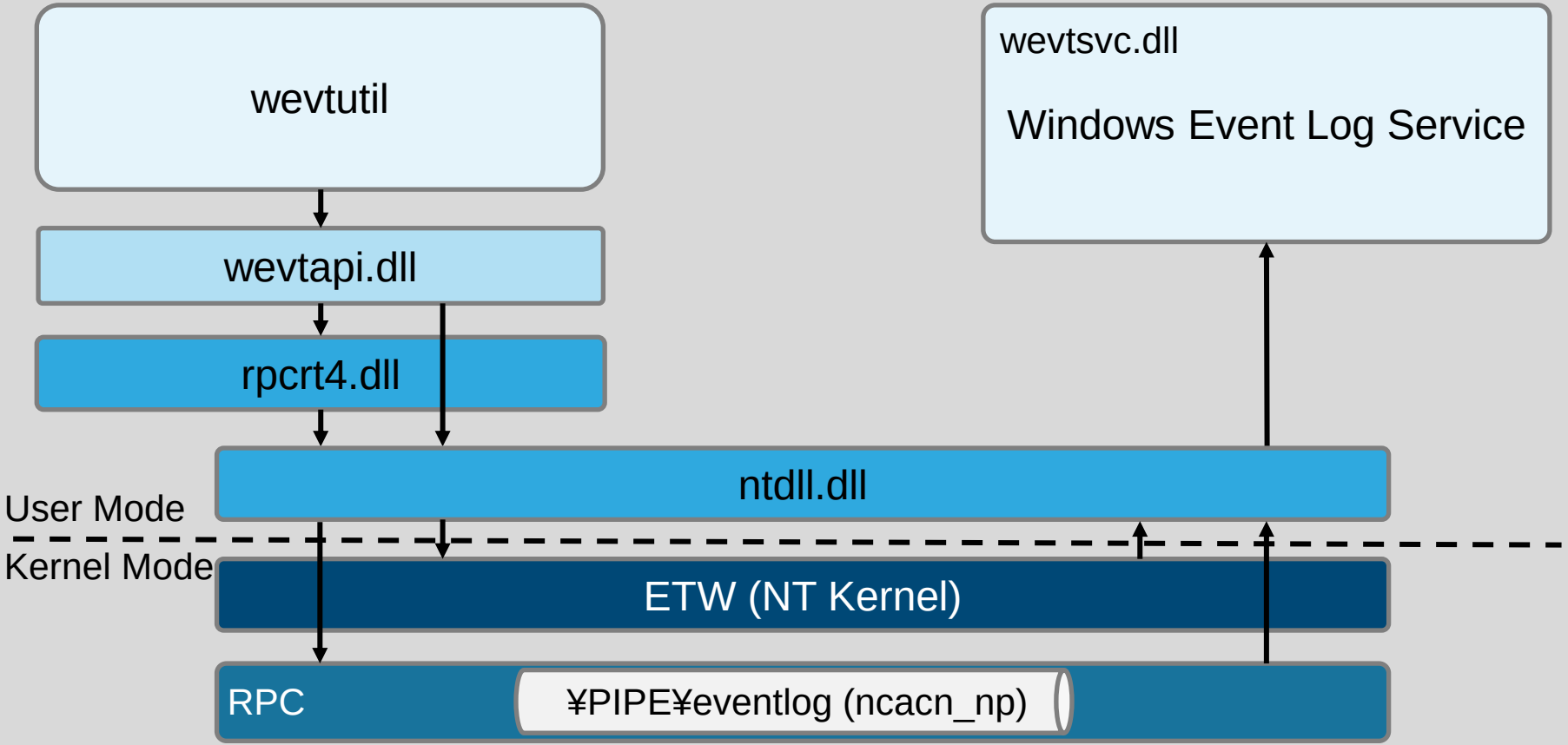

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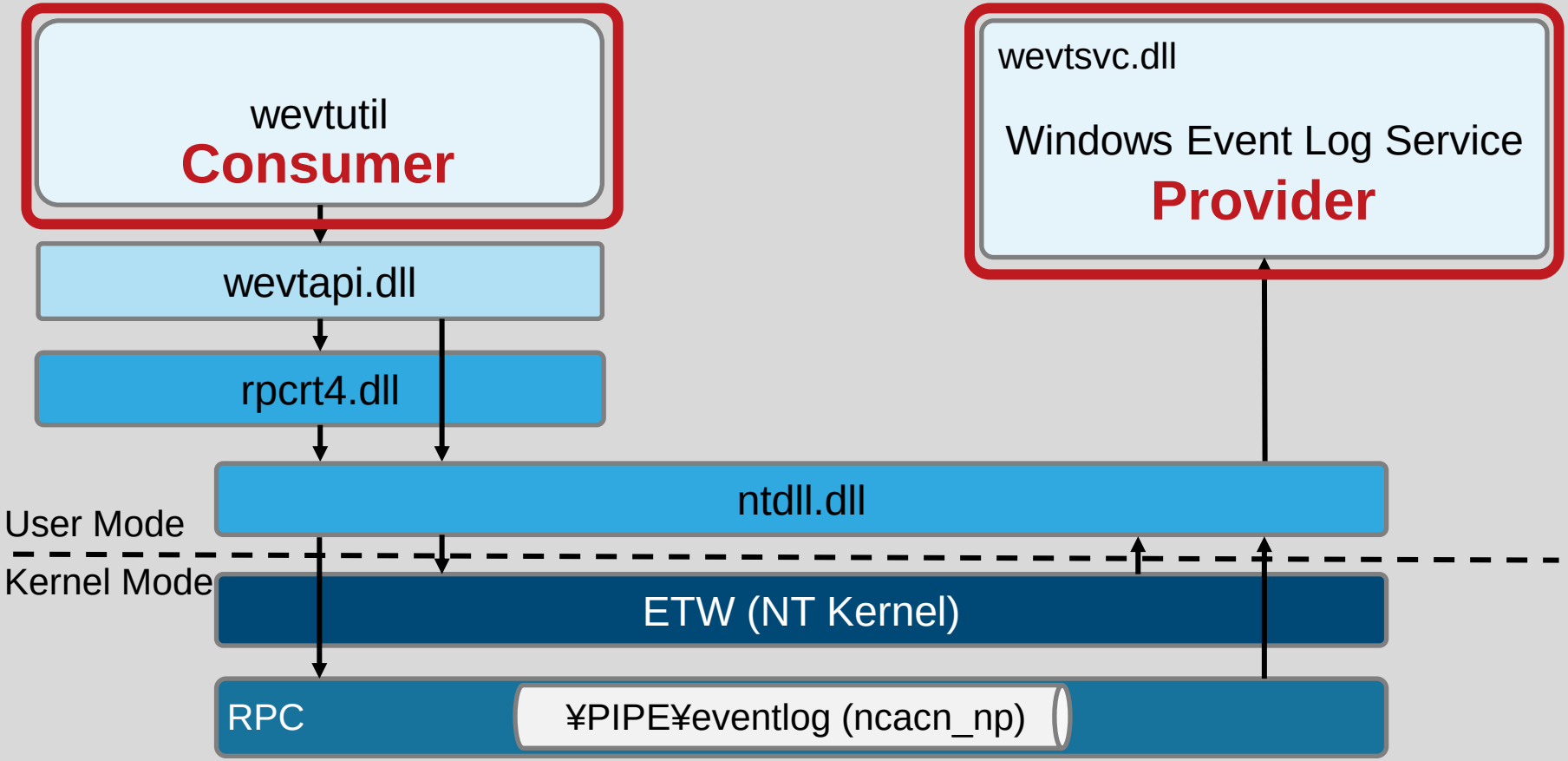

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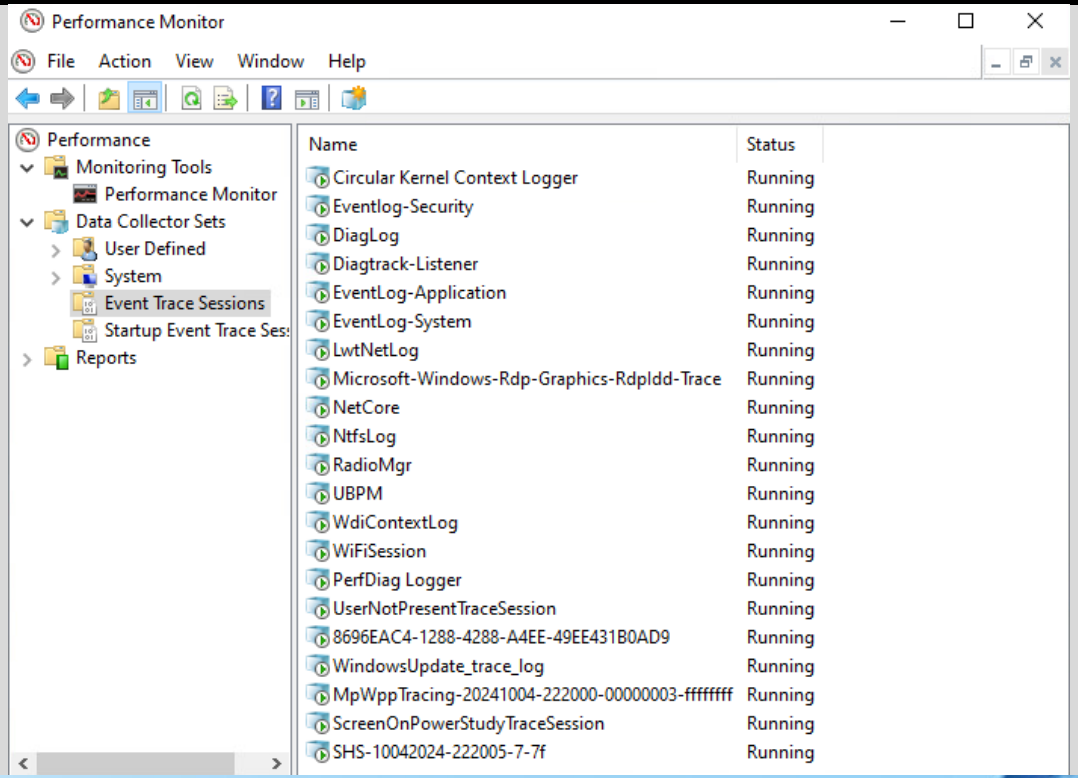

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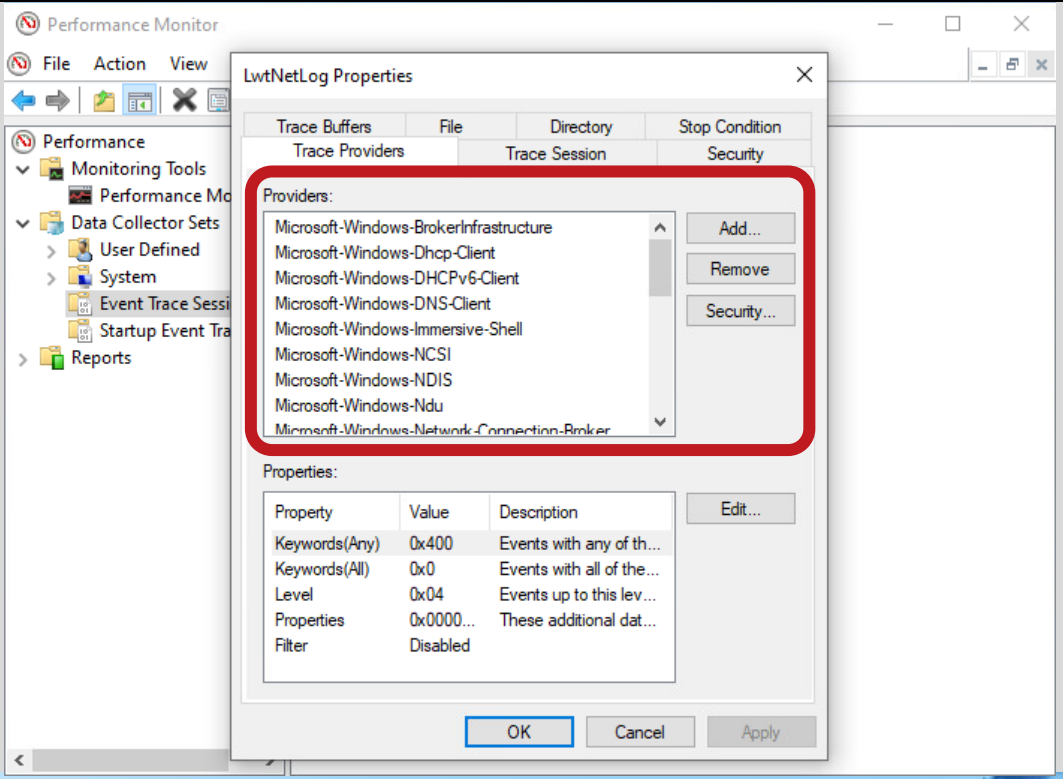

How to Find ETW Sessions Using Command-line

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Administrator: Command Prompt

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Data Collector Set                      Type                          Status
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Circular Kernel Context Logger          Trace                         Running
Eventlog-Security                       Trace                         Running
DiagLog                                 Trace                         Running
Diagtrack-Listener                      Trace                         Running
EventLog-Application                    Trace                         Running
EventLog-System                         Trace                         Running
LwtNetLog                               Trace                         Running
Microsoft-Windows-Rdp-Graphics-RdpIdd-Trace Trace                         Running
NetCore                                 Trace                         Running
NtfsLog                                 Trace                         Running
RadioMgr                                Trace                         Running
UBPM                                    Trace                         Running
WdiContextLog                           Trace                         Running
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Provider                                  GUID
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
ACPI Driver Trace Provider                {DAB01D4D-2D48-477D-B1C3-DAAD0CE6F06B}
Active Directory Domain Services: SAM     {8E598056-8993-11D2-819E-0000F875A064}
Active Directory: Kerberos Client         {BBA3ADD2-C229-4CDB-AE2B-57EB6966B0C4}
Active Directory: NetLogon                {F33959B4-DBEC-11D2-895B-00C04F79AB69}
ADODB.1                                   {04C8A86F-3369-12F8-4769-24E484A9E725}
ADOMD.1                                   {7EA56435-3F2F-3F63-A829-F0B35B5CAD41}
Application Popup                         {47BFA2B7-BD54-4FAC-B70B-29021084CA8F}
Application-Addon-Event-Provider          {A83FA99F-C356-4DED-9FD6-5A5EB8546D68}
ATA Port Driver Tracing Provider          {D08BD885-501E-489A-BAC6-B7D24BFE6BBF}
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```
C:¥>logman query providers "Microsoft-Windows-Threat-Intelligence"

Provider                                GUID
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Microsoft-Windows-Threat-Intelligence    {F4E1897C-BB5D-5668-F1D8-040F4D8DD344}

Value               Keyword                  Description
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
0x0000000000000001  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_ALLOCVM_LOCAL
0x0000000000000002  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_ALLOCVM_LOCAL_KERNEL_CALLER
0x0000000000000004  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_ALLOCVM_REMOTE
0x0000000000000008  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_ALLOCVM_REMOTE_KERNEL_CALLER
…
0x0000000000001000  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_QUEUEUSERAPC_REMOTE
0x0000000000002000  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_QUEUEUSERAPC_REMOTE_KERNEL_CALLER
0x0000000000004000  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_SETTHREADCONTEXT_REMOTE
…
0x0000000000100000  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_SUSPEND_THREAD
0x0000000000200000  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_RESUME_THREAD
0x0000000000400000  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_SUSPEND_PROCESS
0x0000000000800000  KERNEL_THREATINT_KEYWORD_RESUME_PROCESS
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ETW Providers used by AV/EDR

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Microsoft-Windows-AppModel-Runtime
Microsoft-Windows-AppxPackagingOM
Microsoft-Windows-CAPI2
Microsoft-Windows-Crypto-NCrypt
Microsoft-Windows-Deplorch
Microsoft-Windows-DNS-Client
Microsoft-Windows-Eventlog
Microsoft-Windows-KnownFolders
Microsoft-Windows-LDAP-Client
Microsoft-Windows-NetworkProfile
Microsoft-Windows-Perflib
Microsoft-Windows-PrintService
Microsoft-Windows-RestartManager
Microsoft-Windows-RPC-Events
Microsoft-Windows-Shell-Core
Microsoft-Windows-User Profiles General
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Network Location Awareness Trace
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Microsoft-Windows-LDAP-Client
Microsoft-Windows-Networking-Correlation
Microsoft-Windows-RPC
Microsoft-Windows-RPC-Events
Microsoft-Windows-Shell-Core
Microsoft-Windows-User Profiles General
Microsoft-Windows-UserPnp
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```

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Important ETW Provider List

Microsoft-Windows-AppModel-Runtime	Microsoft-Windows-PrintService
Microsoft-Windows-CAPI2	Microsoft-Windows-RPC
Microsoft-Windows-COMRuntime	Microsoft-Windows-RPC-Events
Microsoft-Windows-Crypto-NCrypt	Microsoft-Windows-Shell-Core
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Microsoft-Windows-DNS-Client	Microsoft-Windows-UserPnp
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Microsoft-Windows-Kernel-AppCompat	Microsoft-Windows-WinHttp
Microsoft-Windows-KnownFolders	Microsoft-Windows-WinINet-Pca
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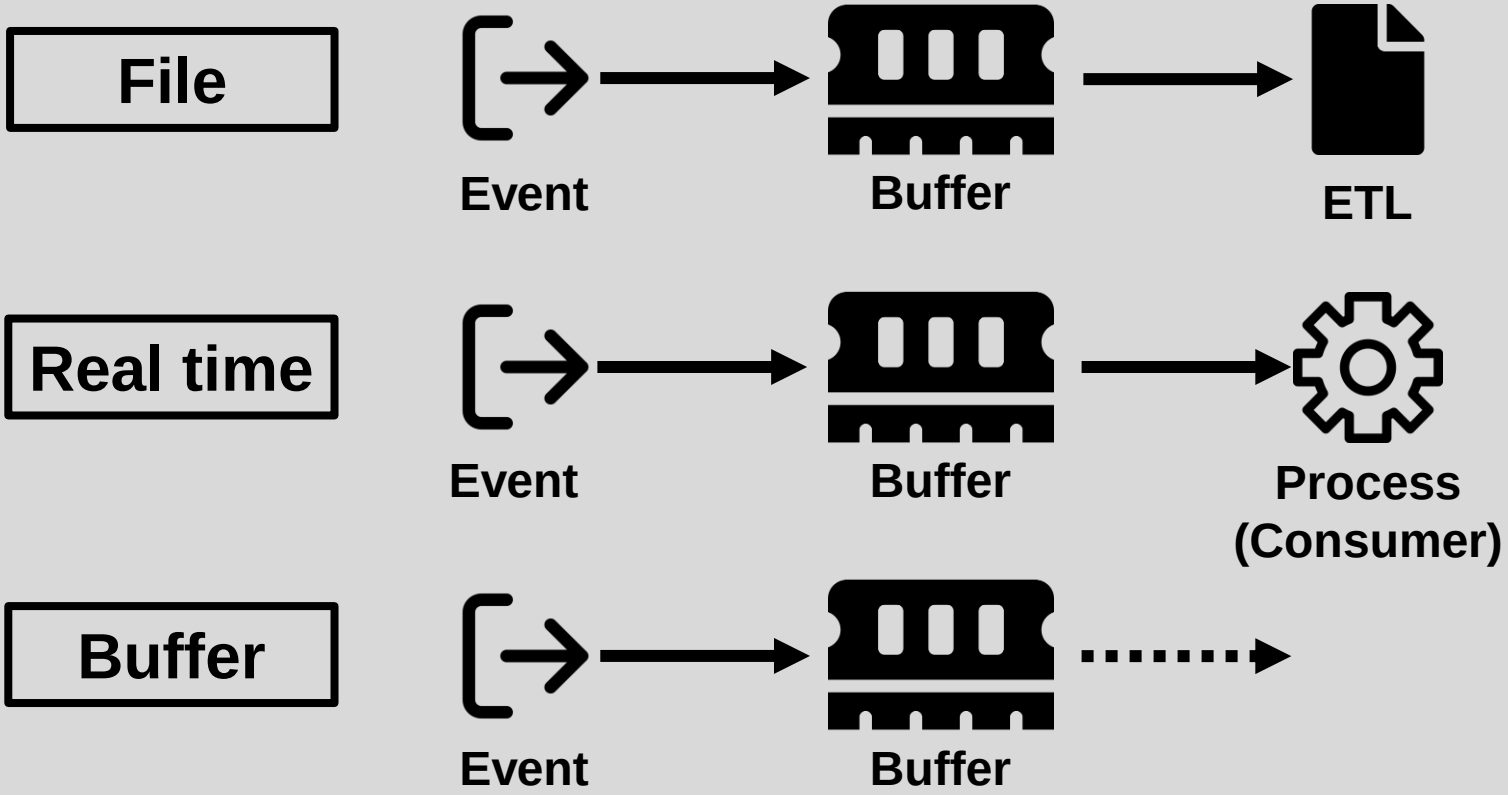
Microsoft-Windows-Networking-Correlation	WLAN Diagnostics Trace
Microsoft-Windows-NetworkProfile	

ETW Stream Mode



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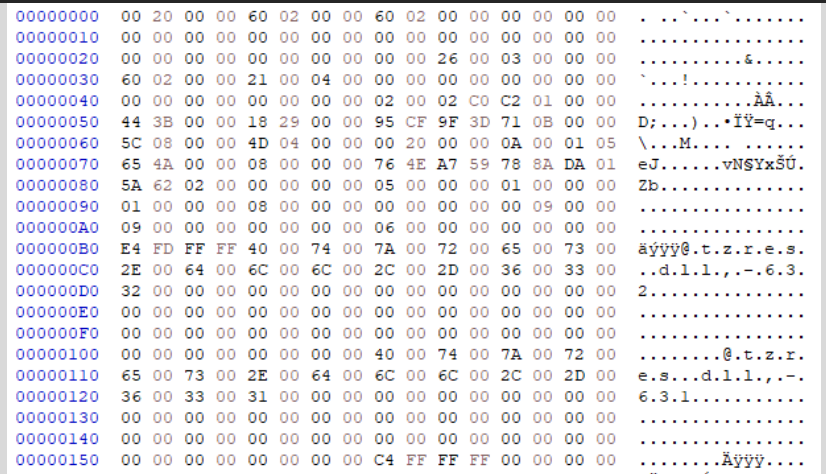
What is ETL?

ETW events are saved in a ETL (Event Trace Log) file.



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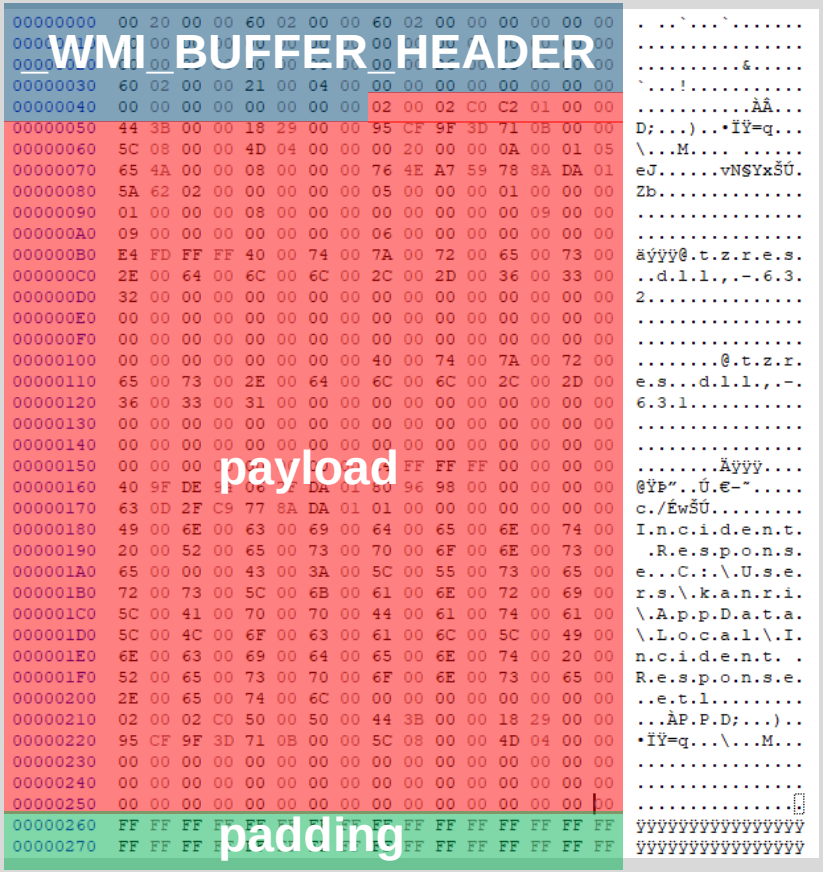
ETL files are in binary format and cannot be viewed without converting their contents.

ETL File Format



ETL File Header

_WMI_BUFFER_HEADER

- ETL file format is **undocumented**.
- ETL header is defined in the **WMI_BUFFER_HEADER structure** in the Windows symbol.
- No signature.

```
//0x48 bytes (sizeof)
struct _WMI_BUFFER_HEADER
{
    ULONG BufferSize;
    ULONG SavedOffset;
    volatile ULONG CurrentOffset;
    volatile LONG ReferenceCount;
    union _LARGE_INTEGER TimeStamp;
    LONGLONG SequenceNumber;
    union
    {
        struct
        {
            ULONGLONG ClockType:3;
            ULONGLONG Frequency:61;
        };
        struct _SINGLE_LIST_ENTRY SlistEntry;
        struct _WMI_BUFFER_HEADER* NextBuffer;
    };
    struct _ETW_BUFFER_CONTEXT ClientContext;
    enum _ETW_BUFFER_STATE State;
    ULONG Offset;
    USHORT BufferFlag;
    USHORT BufferType;
    union
    {
        ULONG Padding1[4];
        struct _ETW_REF_CLOCK ReferenceTime;
        struct _LIST_ENTRY GlobalEntry;
        struct
        {
            VOID* Pointer0;
            VOID* Pointer1;
        };
    };
};
```

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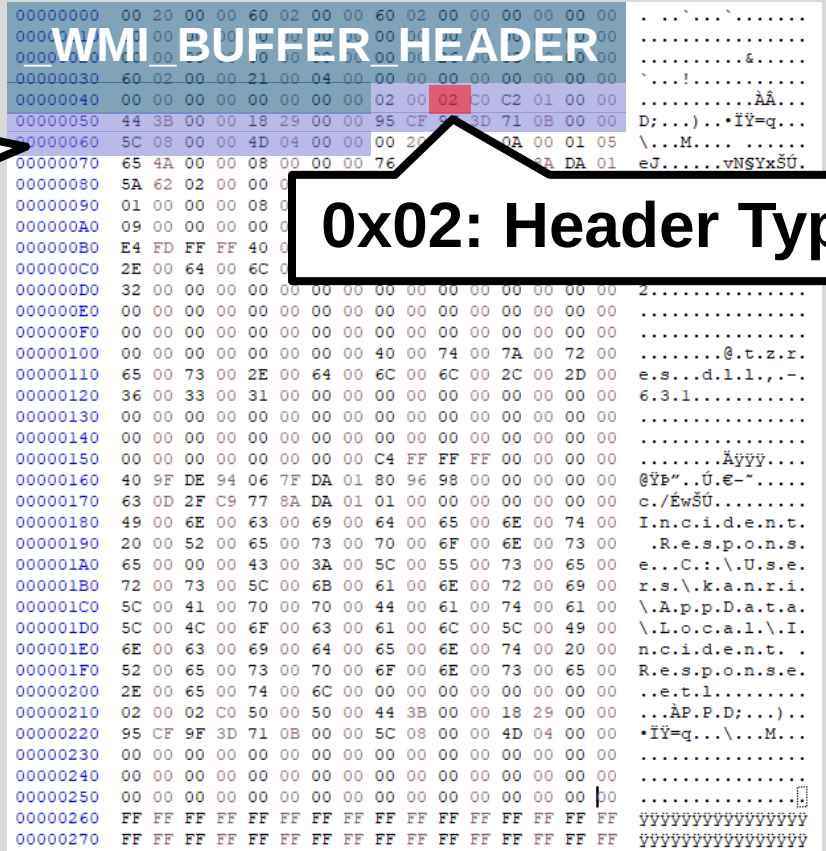
Trace Header



Trace Header

```
HeaderType {
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_SYSTEM32        = 1,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_SYSTEM64        = 2,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_COMPACT32       = 3,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_COMPACT64       = 4,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_FULL_HEADER32   = 10,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_INSTANCE32      = 11,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_TIMED           = 12,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_ERROR           = 13,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_WNODE_HEADER    = 14,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_MESSAGE         = 15,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_PERFINFO32      = 16,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_PERFINFO64      = 17,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_EVENT_HEADER32  = 18,
    TRACE_HEADER_TYPE_EVENT_HEADER64  = 19,
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};
```

```
//0x20 bytes (sizeof)
struct _SYSTEM_TRACE_HEADER
{
    union
    {
        ULONG Marker;
        struct
        {
            USHORT Version;
            UCHAR HeaderType;
            UCHAR Flags;
        };
    };
    union
    {
        ULONG Header;
        struct _WMI_TRACE_PACKET Packet;
    };
    ULONG ThreadId;
    ULONG ProcessId;
    union _LARGE_INTEGER SystemTime;
    ULONG KernelTime;
    ULONG UserTime;
};
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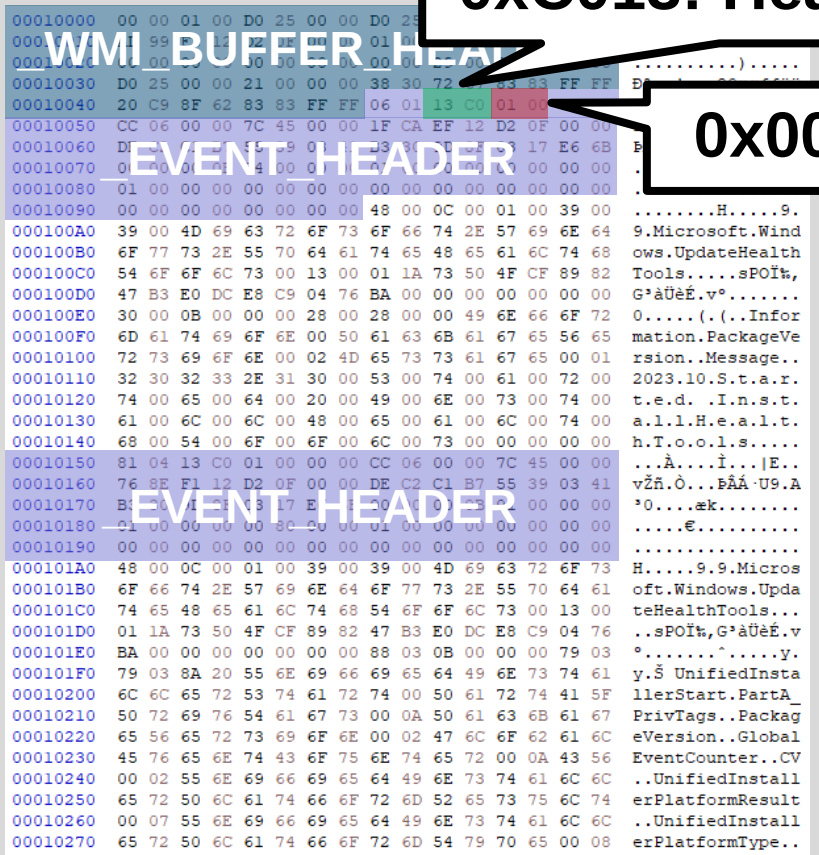
```
//0x50 bytes (sizeof)
struct _EVENT_HEADER
{
    USHORT Size;
    USHORT HeaderType;
    USHORT Flags;
    USHORT EventProperty;
    ULONG ThreadId;
    ULONG ProcessId;
    union _LARGE_INTEGER TimeStamp;
    struct _GUID ProviderId;
    struct _EVENT_DESCRIPTOR EventDescriptor;
    union
    {
        struct
        {
            ULONG KernelTime;
            ULONG UserTime;
        };
        ULONGLONG ProcessorTime;
    };
    struct _GUID ActivityId;
};
```

_EVENT_HEADER

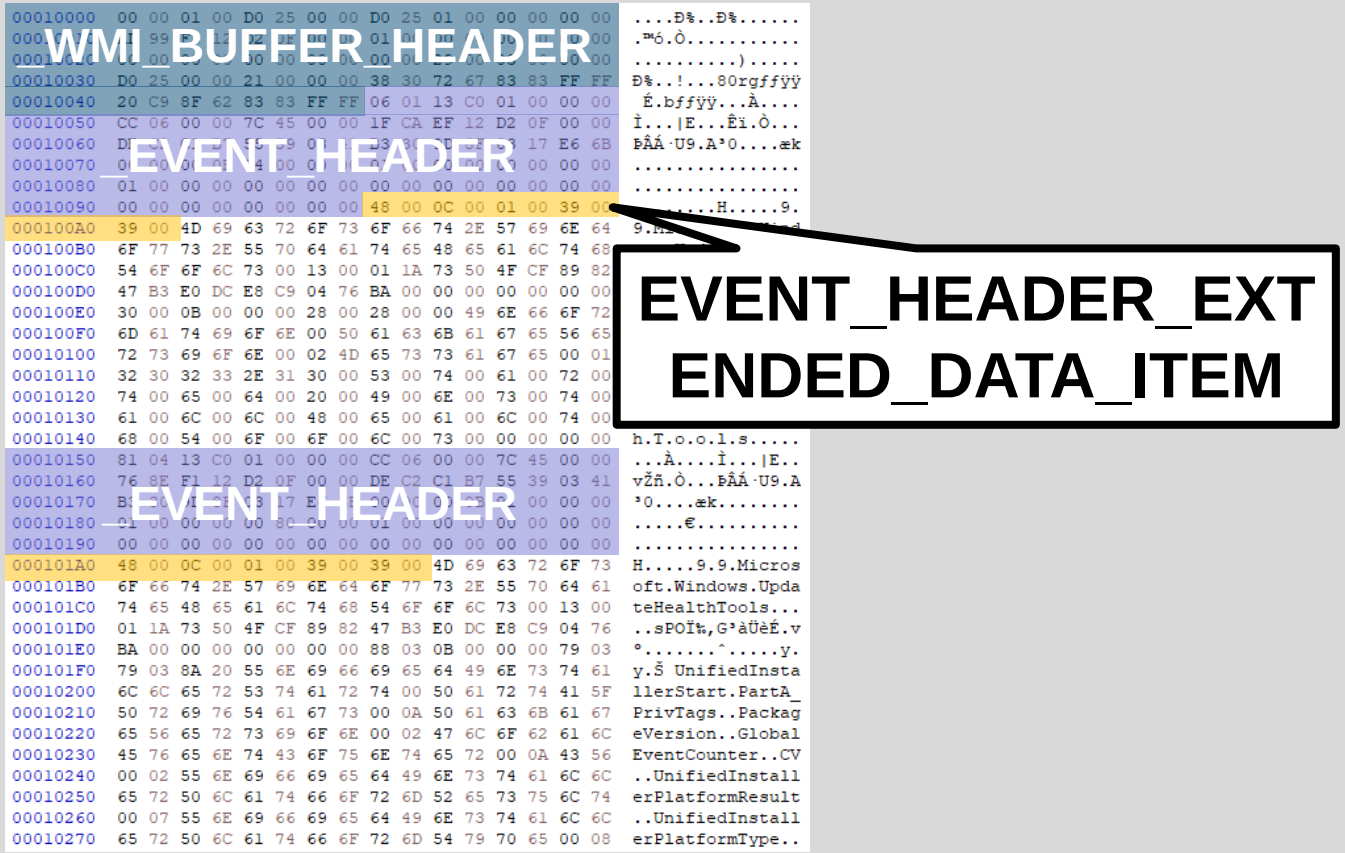


_EVENT_HEADER

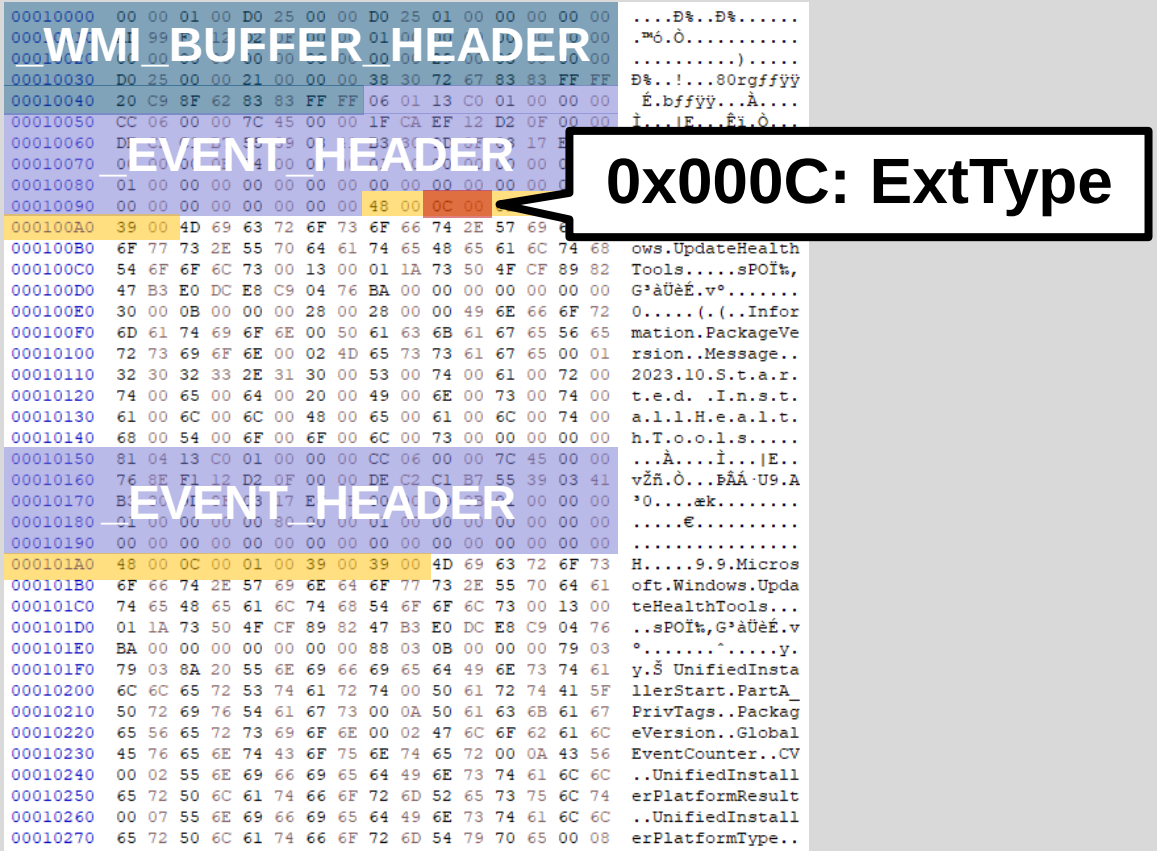
```
Flags {
    EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_EXTENDED_INFO   = 0x01,
    EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_PRIVATE_SESSION = 0x02,
    EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_STRING_ONLY     = 0x04,
    EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_TRACE_MESSAGE   = 0x08,
    EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_NO_CPUTIME      = 0x10,
    EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_32_BIT_HEADER   = 0x20,
    EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_64_BIT_HEADER   = 0x40,
    EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_CLASSIC_HEADER  = 0x100,
    EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_PROCESSOR_INDEX = 0x200,
};
```

EVENT_HEADER_FLAG_EXTENDED_INFO adds 8 bytes of header after _EVENT_HEADER.

_EVENT_HEADER



_EVENT_HEADER



_EVENT_HEADER_EXTENDED_DATA_ITEM

```
//0x10 bytes (sizeof)
struct _EVENT_HEADER_EXTENDED_DATA_ITEM
{
    USHORT Reserved1;
    USHORT ExtType;
    USHORT Linkage:1;
    USHORT Reserved2:15;
    USHORT DataSize;
    ULONGLONG DataPtr;
};
```

```
ExtType {
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_RELATED_ACTIVITYID = 0x0001,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_SID                = 0x0002,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_TS_ID              = 0x0003,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_INSTANCE_INFO      = 0x0004,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_STACK_TRACE32      = 0x0005,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_STACK_TRACE64      = 0x0006,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PEBS_INDEX         = 0x0007,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PMC_COUNTERS       = 0x0008,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PSM_KEY            = 0x0009,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_EVENT_KEY          = 0x000A,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_EVENT_SCHEMA_TL    = 0x000B,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PROV_TRAITS        = 0x000C,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PROCESS_START_KEY  = 0x000D,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_MAX                = 0x000E,
};
```

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  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_STACK_TRACE32      = 0x0005,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_STACK_TRACE64      = 0x0006,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PEBS_INDEX         = 0x0007,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PMC_COUNTERS       = 0x0008,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PSM_KEY            = 0x0009,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_EVENT_KEY          = 0x000A,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_EVENT_SCHEMA_TL    = 0x000B,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PROV_TRAITS        = 0x000C,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_PROCESS_START_KEY  = 0x000D,
  EVENT_HEADER_EXT_TYPE_M                  = 0x000E,
};
```
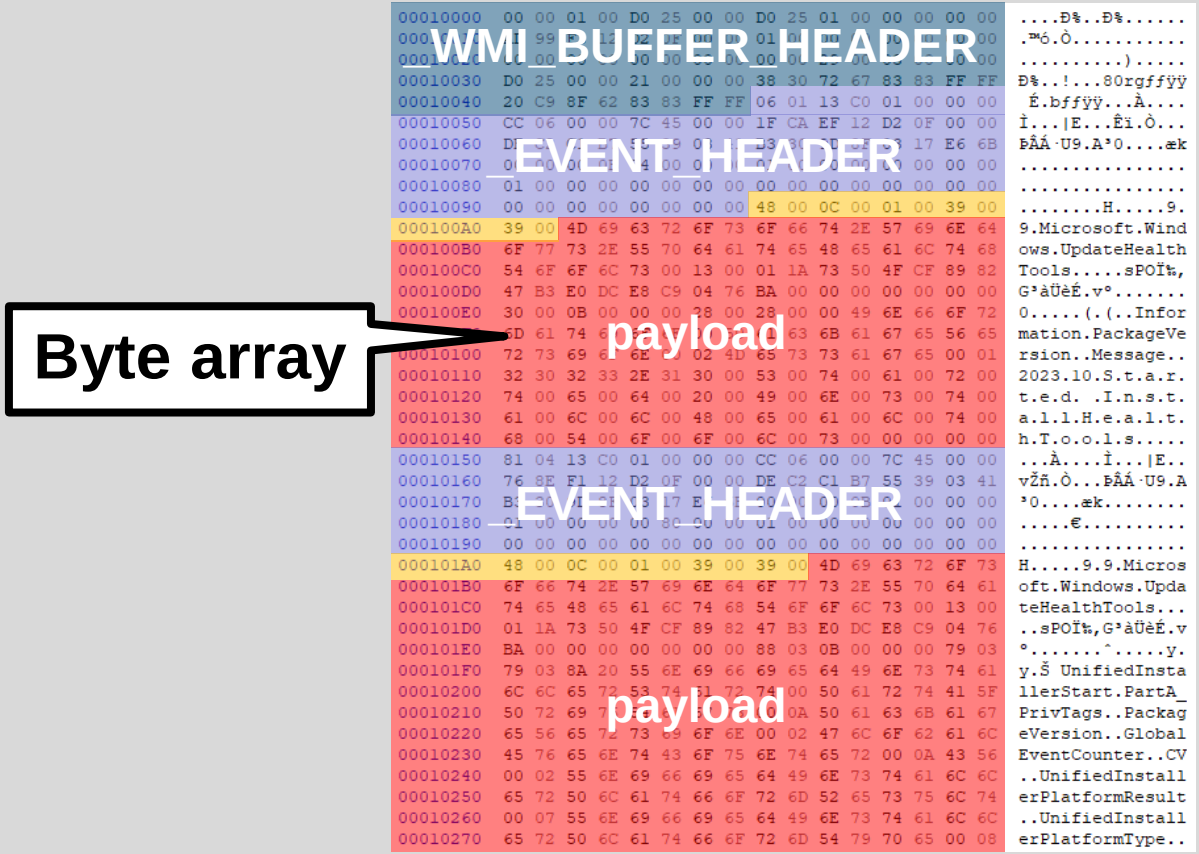

byte array

_EVENT_HEADER

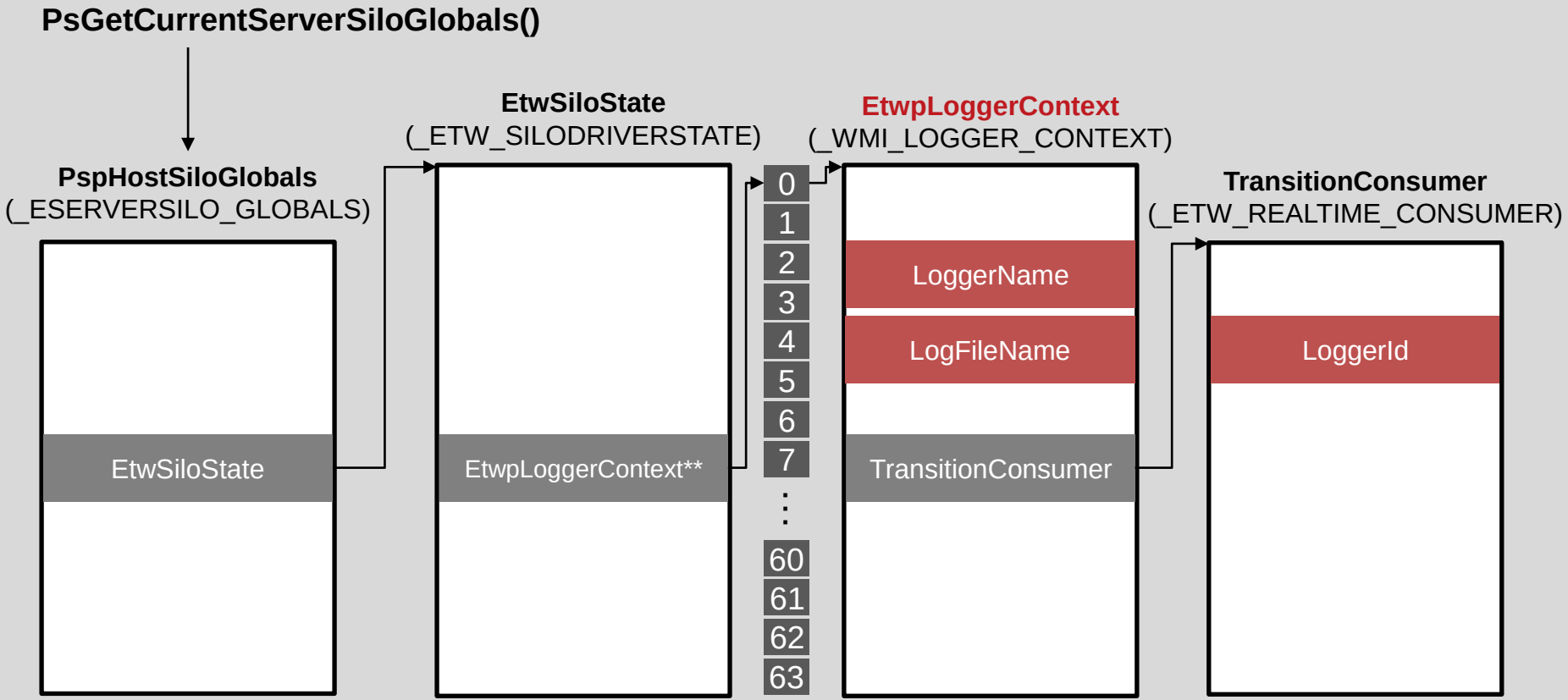


Tracing ETW from Structures

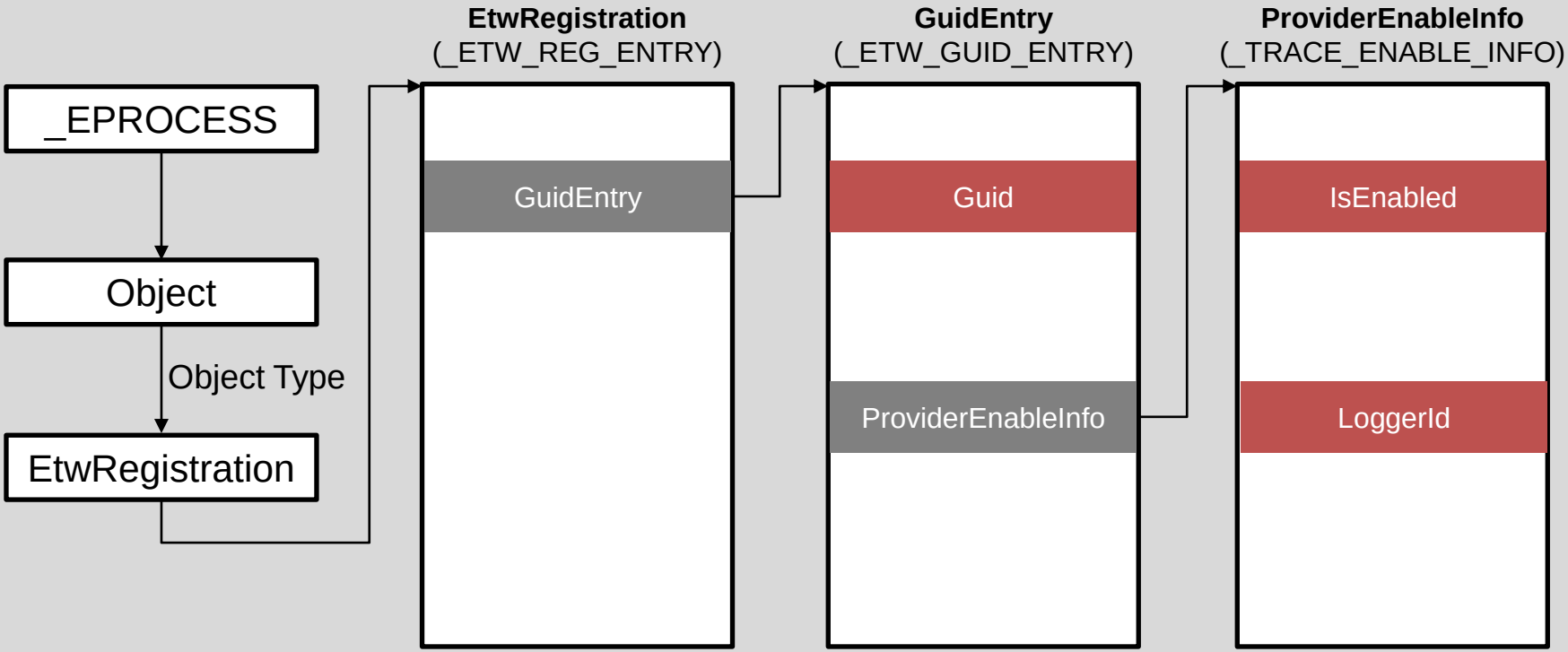
ETW data can be traced from **PspHostSiloGlobals** structure.

PspHostSiloGlobals structure can be retrieved from the **PsGetCurrentServerSiloGlobals()** Windows API.

How to Get ETW Consumers from Structures



How to Get ETW Providers from Structures



ETW Data Structure

It is not possible to list all ETW Providers or get detailed ETW settings from the **Performance Monitor**.

For detailed information on ETW, it is necessary to trace the structure in **kernel mode**.

Access kernel mode from memory image to trace ETW.

Tracing ETW from Memory

Tracing ETW Providers using Volatility

```
ir-mbp:volatility3 tomonaga$ python3 vol.py -f test.mem -p plugin etwscan.etwProvider
Volatility 3 Framework 2.7.0
Progress:  100.00               PDB scanning finished
PID     ImageFileName   type_map        address guid    LoggerId        Level   EnableMask

316     smss.exe        EtwRegistration 0xe5861227f160  43e63da5-41d1-4fbf-aded-1bbed98fdd1d    0       No      00000001
408     csrss.exe       EtwRegistration 0xe58612ffbf60  e8316a2d-0d94-4f52-85dd-1e15b66c5891    0       TRACE_LEVEL_INFORMA
TION    00000001
408     csrss.exe       EtwRegistration 0xe58612ffbcc0  f1ef270a-0d32-4352-ba52-dbab41e1d859    0       No      00000001
408     csrss.exe       EtwRegistration 0xe586147f2400  9d55b53d-449b-4824-a637-24f9d69aa02f    0       No      00000001
408     csrss.exe       EtwRegistration 0xe586171a0a30  f4aed7c7-a898-4627-b053-44a7caa12fcd    0       No      00000001
480     wininit.exe     EtwRegistration 0xe586147f2e80  f1ef270a-0d32-4352-ba52-dbab41e1d859    0       No      00000001
480     wininit.exe     EtwRegistration 0xe58614708860  206f6dea-d3c5-4d10-bc72-989f03c8b84b    0       No      00000111
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480     wininit.exe     EtwRegistration 0xe5861470d6e0  16a1adc1-9b7f-4cd9-94b3-d8296ab1b130    0       No      00000001
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480     wininit.exe     EtwRegistration 0xe58615025240  1c95126e-7eea-49a9-a3fe-a378b03ddb4d    0       No      00000011
576     services.exe    EtwRegistration 0xe5861456eb40  f1ef270a-0d32-4352-ba52-dbab41e1d859    0       No      00000001
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576     services.exe    EtwRegistration 0xe58614efbde0  f4aed7c7-a898-4627-b053-44a7caa12fcd    0       No      00000001
576     services.exe    EtwRegistration 0xe58614efc400  2e35aaeb-857f-4beb-a418-2e6c0e54d988    0       No      00000001
```

What is Volatility Framework?

The Volatility Framework was developed as an **open-source memory forensics tool** written in Python.
This tool is the **de facto standard** for memory forensics.

How to Use

```
$ git clone https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/volatility3.git
$ cd volatility3
$ pip3 install -r requirements.txt
$ python3 vol.py -f test.mem windows.info
```

https://volatilityfoundation.org/

Tracing ETW from Memory

Tracing ETW Providers using Volatility

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576     services.exe    EtwRegistration 0xe5861456eb40  f1ef270a-0d32-4352-ba52-dbab41e1d859    0       No      00000001
576     services.exe    EtwRegistration 0xe5861456fcc0  555908d1-a6d7-4695-8e1e-26931d2012f4    0       No      00000001
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576     services.exe    EtwRegistration 0xe58614efc400  2e35aaeb-857f-4beb-a418-2e6c0e54d988    0       No      00000001
```

By default, about 200 ETW providers are used.
A single process uses a large number of ETW providers.

Tracing ETW from Memory

Tracing ETW Consumer using Volatility

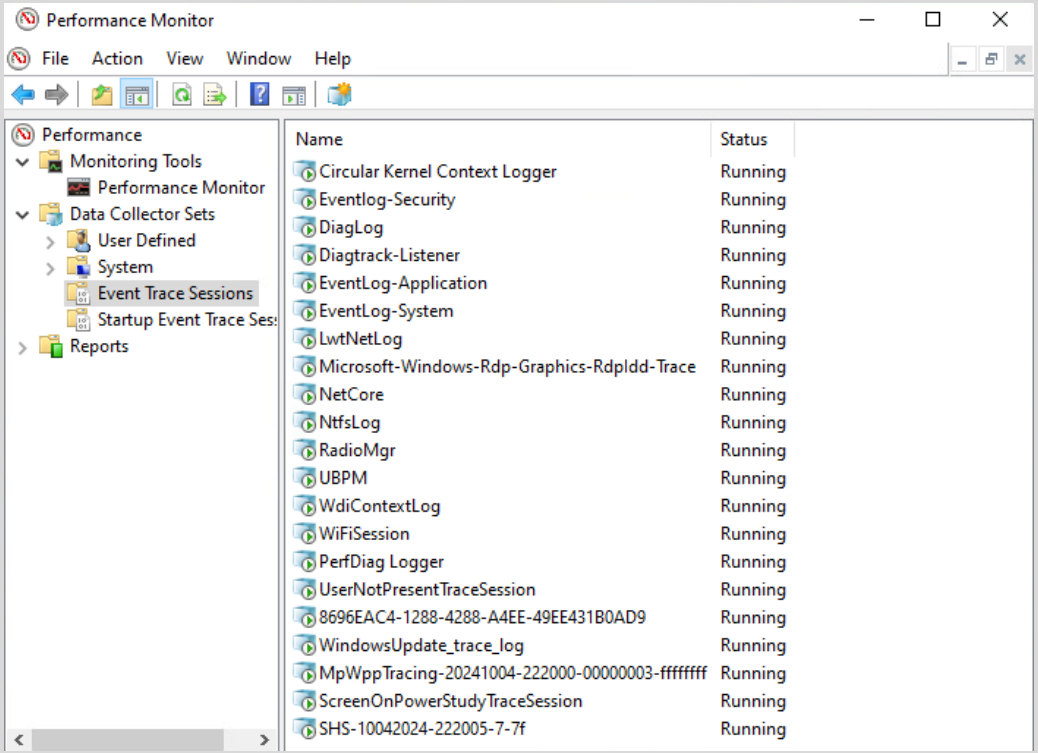
```
ir-mbp:volatility3 tomonaga$
ir-mbp:volatility3 tomonaga$ python3 vol.py -f test.mem -p plugin etwscan.etwConsumer
Volatility 3 Framework 2.7.0
Progress:  100.00               PDB scanning finished
PID     ImageFileName   type_map        LoggerId        LoggerName      LogFileName     Guid

700     svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     17      UBPM            c09355a3-96af-4e8f-8d32-a2658dc2d5be
992     svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     10      EventLog-System         d2112be4-cd15-5a9c-e38f-080a207e08d5
992     svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     9       EventLog-Application            c4a0a2bc-c743-5810-8ad4-2655a8ca2744
992     svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     3       Eventlog-Security               0e66e20b-b802-ba6a-9272-31199d0ed295
1332    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     7       DiagLog         08b524eb-a2bf-47eb-aef1-dbd871741d7a
1964    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     22      WFP-IPsec Diagnostics   C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\wfp\wfpdiag.etl
        b40325fe-7106-42ac-849e-8aa81df5cb01
1568    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     8       Diagtrack-Listener              11d8a17b-f2d8-4733-b41b-6f4959acd701
3764    SgrmBroker.exe  EtwConsumer     27      SgrmEtwSession          92ac94a4-8b4f-4055-af12-c30c784da8f0
ir-mbp:volatility3 tomonaga$
```

All ETW settings(including undocument) can be traced from the memory image.

EDR/AV using ETW

Where is the ETW session for EDR/AV?



EDR/AV using ETW

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```
Volatility 3 Framework 2.7.1
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PID     ImageFileName   TypeMap LoggerId        LoggerName      LogFileName     Guid    Mode

900     svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     17      UBPM            c09355a3-96af-4e8f-8d32-a2658dc2d5be    0x10800190
640     svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     10      EventLog-System         d2112be4-cd15-5a9c-e38f-080a207e08d5    0x98800180
640     svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     3       Eventlog-Security               0e66e20b-b802-ba6a-9272-31199d0ed295    0x1880
01c0
640     svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     9       EventLog-Application            c4a0a2bc-c743-5810-8ad4-2655a8ca2744    0x1980
0180
1900    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     22      WFP-IPsec Diagnostics   C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\wfp\wfpdiag.etl     b
40325fe-7106-42ac-849e-8aa81df5cb01     0x10802102
1936    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     7       DiagLog         08b524eb-a2bf-47eb-aef1-dbd871741d7a    0x10800180
1312    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     8       Diagtrack-Listener              11d8a17b-f2d8-4733-b41b-6f4959acd701    0x8800
110
2360    ModuleCoreServ  EtwConsumer     30      McAfee-PCBoost-Monitor          5857d450-9b46-4c17-a2ec-1bf780f73f95    0x8001
00
8724    SgrmBroker.exe  EtwConsumer     34      SgrmEtwSession          92ac94a4-8b4f-4055-af12-c30c784da8f0    0x800180
14812   MfeAVSvc.exe    EtwConsumer     28      McAfeeRealProtect               420997a8-c91b-4d38-b5cc-37b3da2de1b0    0x2800
```

EDR/AV ETW sessions can only be checked from **memory forensics** or kernel mode.

AV ETW Session List

Microsoft Defender

- DefenderAuditLogger
- DefenderApiLogger

Kaspersky

- 28E38D72-F060-45EB-B3AE-CAD4834C3A1C
- Eventlog-Security
- {6A7019B4-156F-4092-BC31-828DFA159B56}

ESET

- Eset-Windows-Audit-CVE
- Eset-Threat-Intelligence-Session

McAfee

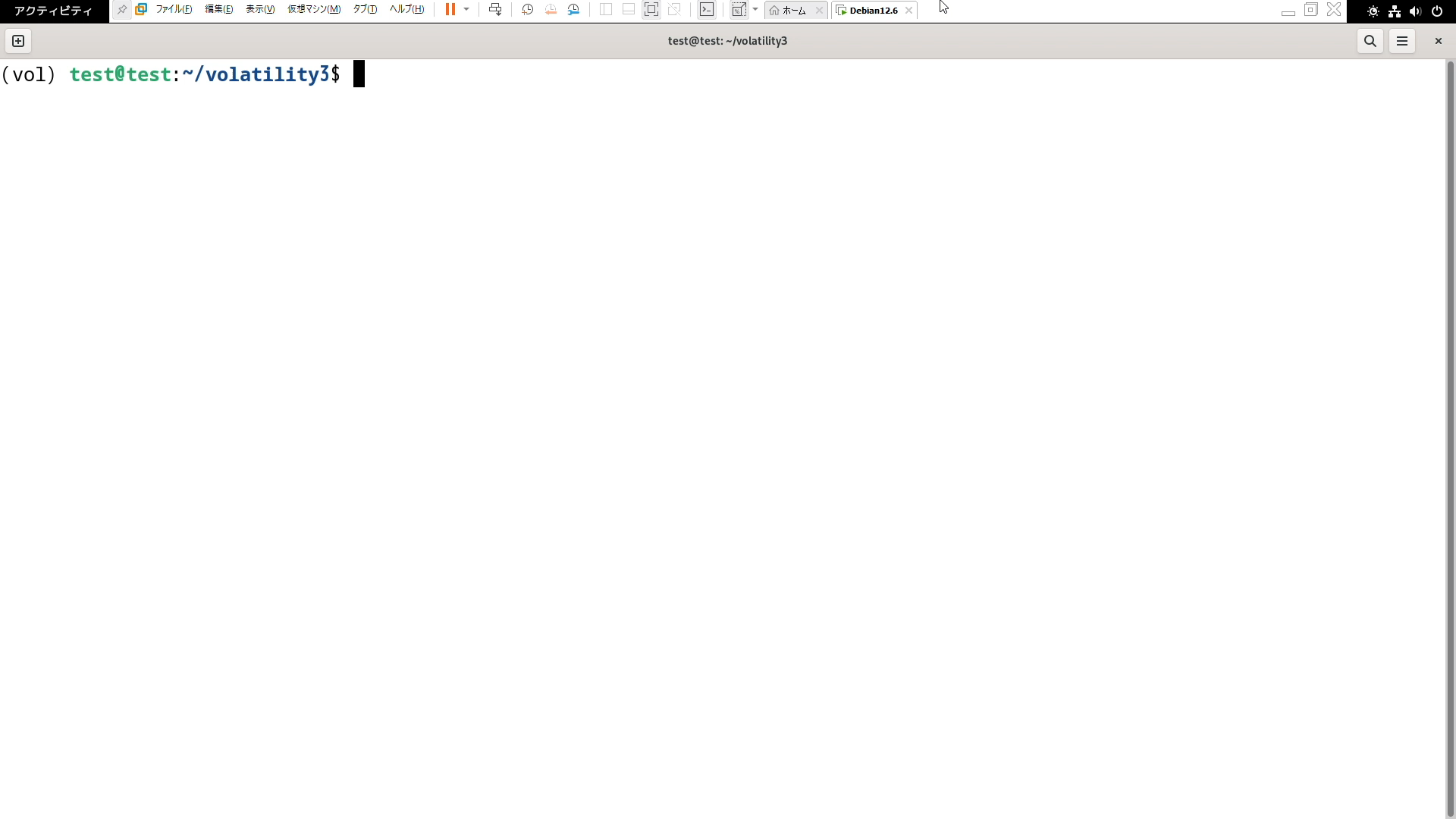
- McAfee-PCBoost-Monitor
- McAfeeRealProtect
- McAfee-Mmss
- McAfee.{E4367DA7-2B80-47f3-86D2-7626A18FC6F4}
- CSP.{02063ec6-2498-4fff-a32f-d3d693784a18}

EDR ETW Session List

Cylance

- CR_AP_TRACE_SESSION_EX3
- CR_AP_TRACE_SESSION_EX2
- CR_AP_TRACE_SESSION_EX
- CR_AP_TRACE_SESSION
- [Random Logger Name]

Demo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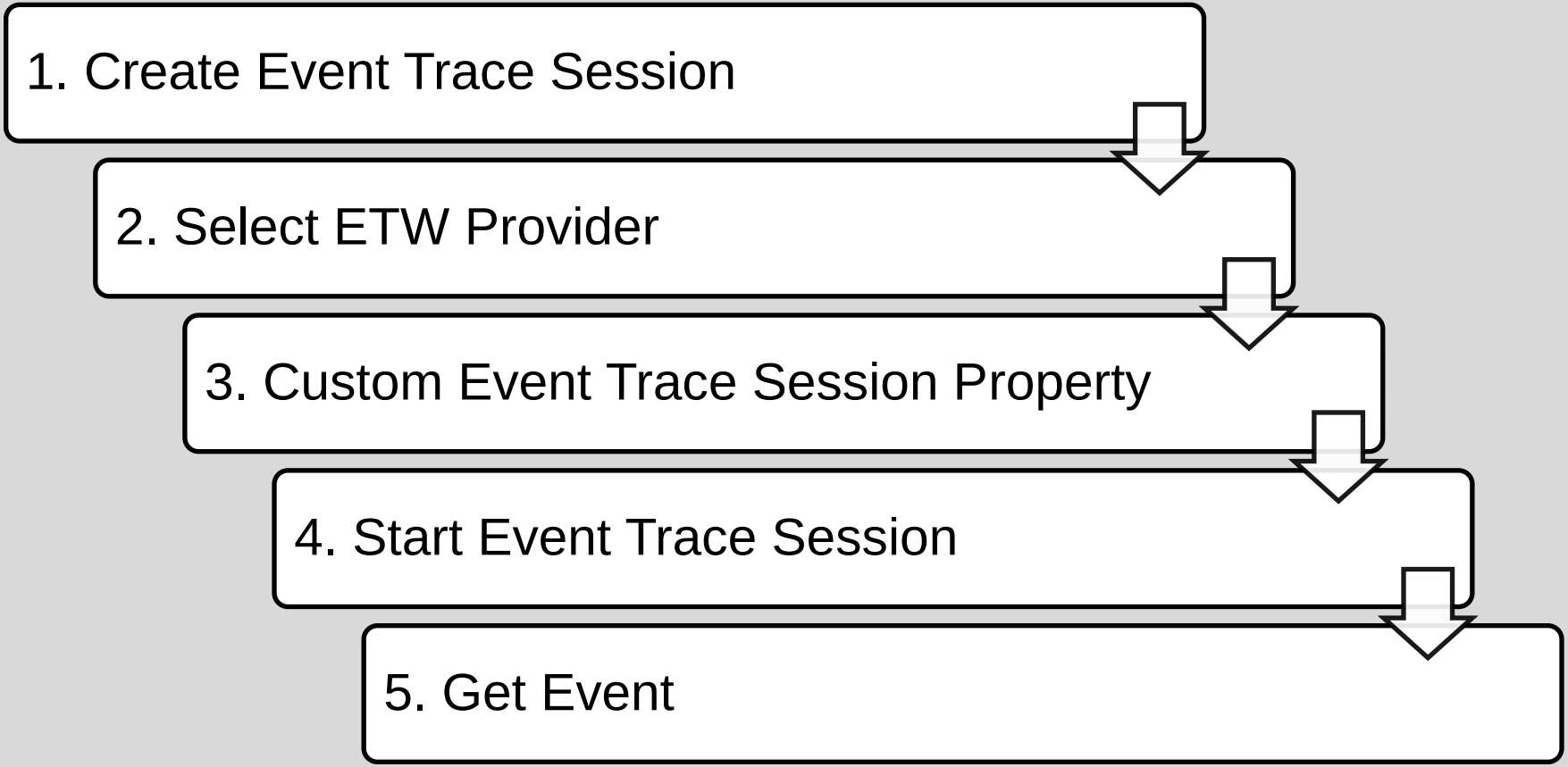
ファイル(F)
編集(E)
表示(V)
仮想マシン(M)
タブ(T)
ヘルプ(H)
ホーム
Debian12.6
test@test: ~/volatility3
(vol) test@test:~/volatility3$

Presentation Topics

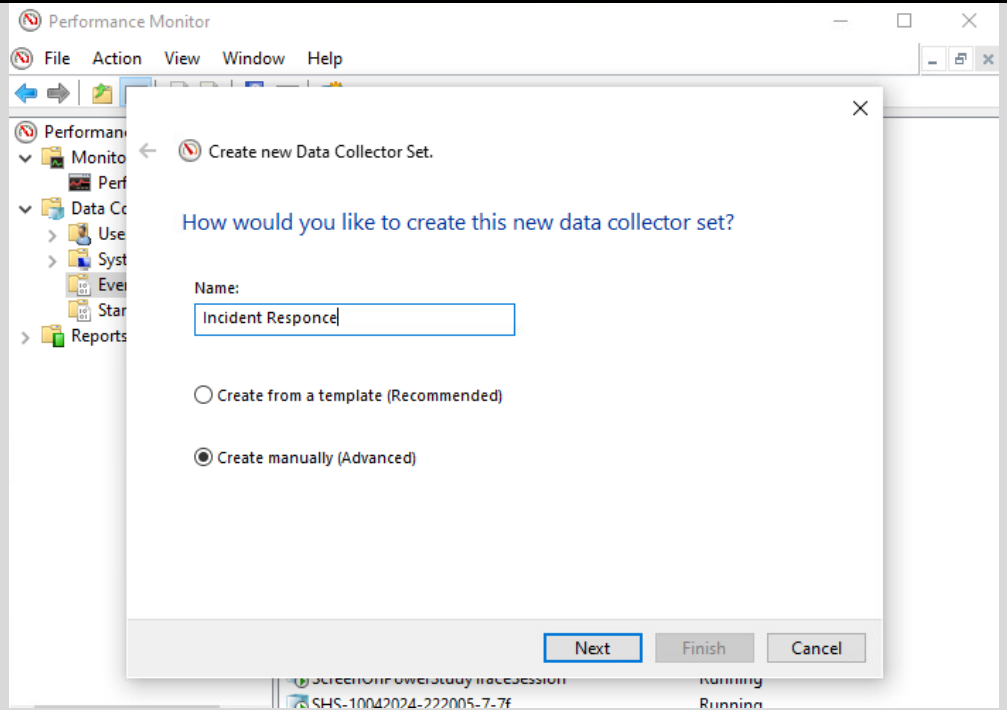
1. What is ETW?
2. ETW Internals
3. ETW using Incident Response
4. Attack Surface
5. Mitigation and Detection

How to Get New ETW Event



1. Create Event Trace Session

Performance Monitor (perfmon) > Data Collector Set > Event Trace Sessions > New(Data Collector Set)



2. Select ETW Provider

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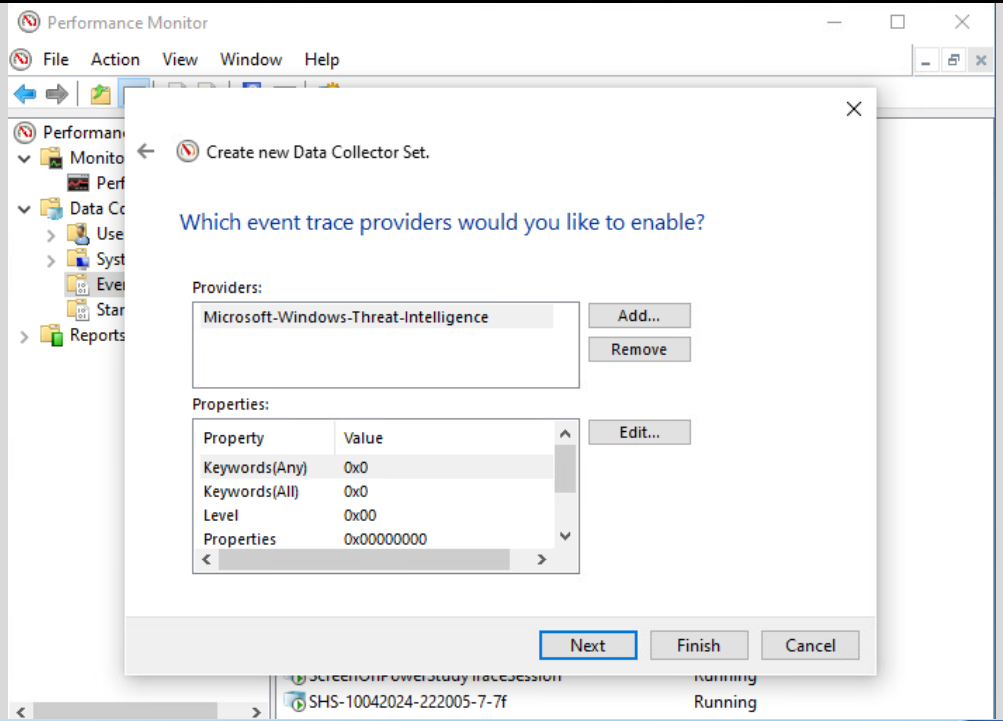
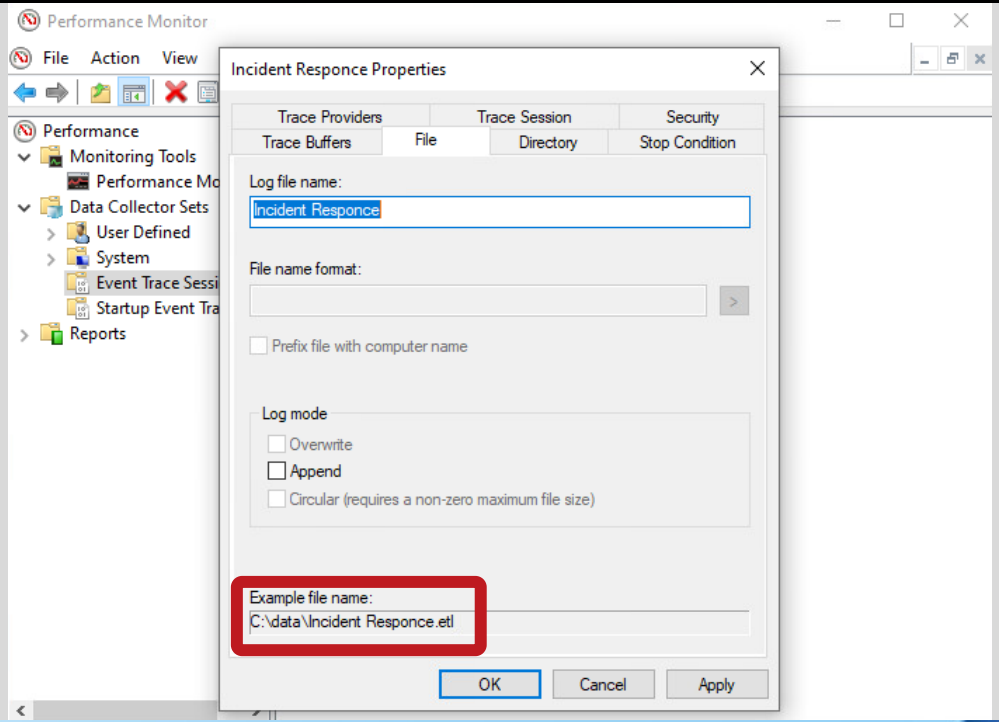


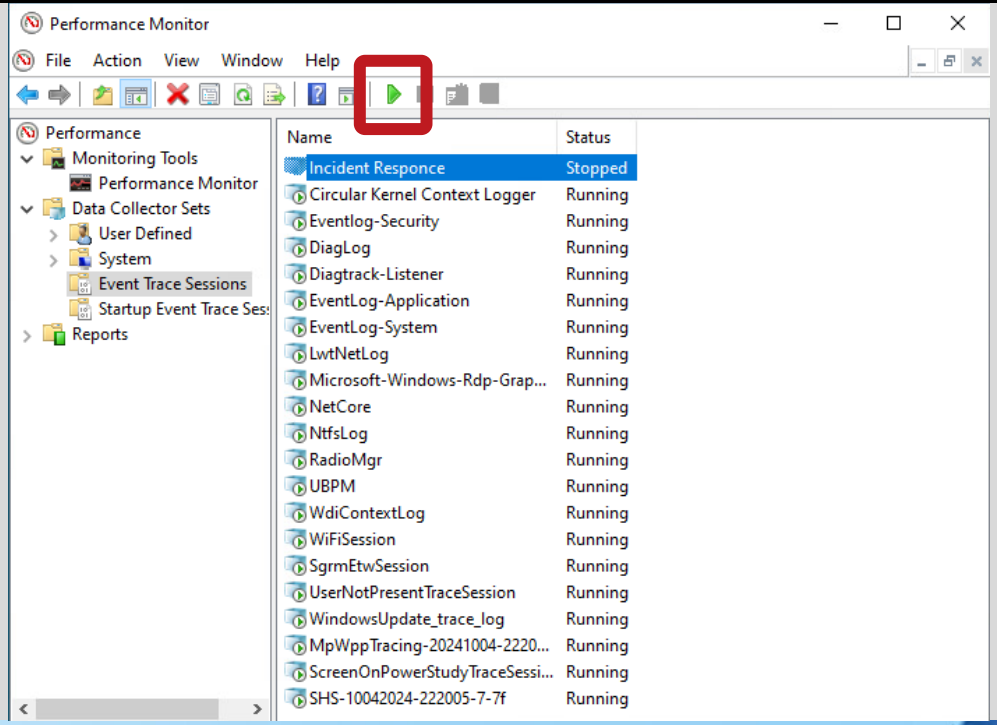
3. Custom Event Trace Session Property

Property > File > Log File Name

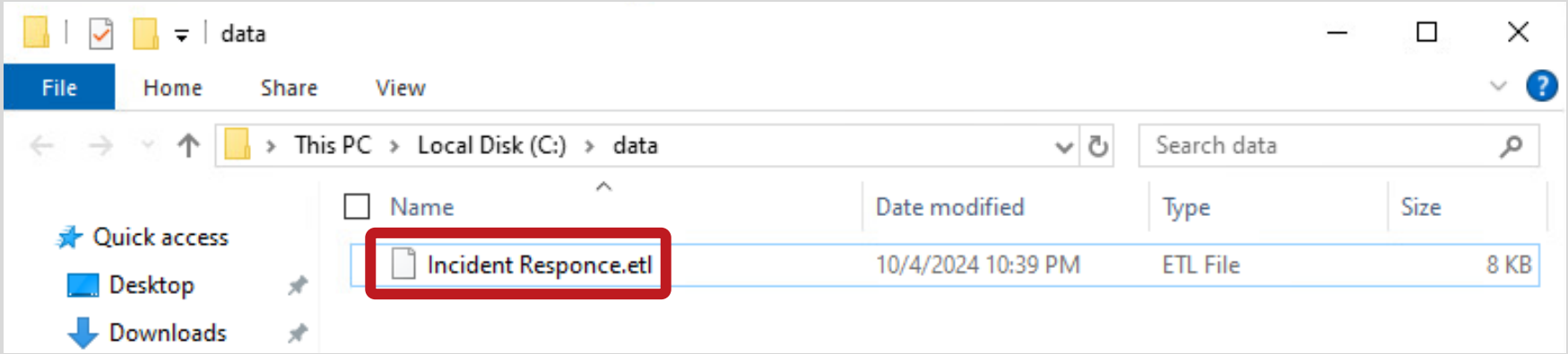


4. Start Event Trace Session

Menu bar > Start



5. Get Event



ETW to EVTX

```
tracerpt MyFile.etl -o MyFile.etl.evtx -of EVTX -lr
```

ETW to JSON

```
ETW2JSON MyFile.etl MyFile.Kernel.etl --output=MyFile.json
```

https://github.com/microsoft/ETW2JSON

How to Analysis ETW using PowerShell

Get-WinEvent can parse ETL files as well as EVTX.

```
# Check Messages (if the message includes.)
> Get-WinEvent -Path .¥test.etl -Oldest | Select-Object Id,Message

Id Message
-- -------
 0
 7 Base CPU priority of thread 14308 in process 4148 was changed from 8 t...
 7 Base CPU priority of thread 14308 in process 4148 was changed from 9 t...
 3 Thread 8892 (in Process 4148) started.
 3 Thread 15972 (in Process 4148) started.
 3 Thread 9956 (in Process 4148) started.
 3 Thread 9152 (in Process 4148) started.
 3 Thread 12444 (in Process 4148) started.
```

How to Analysis ETW using PowerShell

Get-WinEvent can parse ETL files as well as EVTX.

```
# Check Messages (if the message includes.)
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Id Message
-- -------
 0
21
21
15
15
15
15
15
```

How to Analysis ETW using PowerShell

Get-WinEvent can parse ETL files as well as EVTX.

```
# Check Messages (if the message includes.)
> Get-WinEvent -Path .¥test.etl -Oldest | Select-Object Id,Message

Id Message
-- -------
 0
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```

Where is the messages?

How to Analysis ETW using PowerShell

Get-WinEvent can parse ETL files as well as EVTX.

```
> Get-WinEvent -Path .¥test.etl -Oldest | Format-List *
Message               :
Id                    : 12
Version               : 1
Qualifiers            :
Level                 : 4
Task                  : 12
Opcode                : 0
Keywords              : -9223372036854775648
RecordId              : 5
ProviderName          : Microsoft-Windows-Kernel-File
ProviderId            : edd08927-9cc4-4e65-b970-c2560fb5c289
LogName               :
ProcessId             : 3264
ThreadId              : 12728
MachineName           : host
UserId                :
TimeCreated           : 2024/05/03 22:20:35
ContainerLog          : c:¥test.etl
MatchedQueryIds       : {}
Bookmark              : System.Diagnostics.Eventing.Reader.EventBookmark
LevelDisplayName      : 情報
OpcodeDisplayName     : 情報
KeywordsDisplayNames  : {}
Properties            : {System.Diagnostics.Eventing.Reader.EventProperty, System.Diagnostics.Eventing.Reader.EventProperty...}
```

How to Analysis ETW using PowerShell

Get-WinEvent can parse ETL files as well as EVTX.

```
# Search id
> Get-WinEvent -Path .¥test.etl -Oldest | Where-Object {$_.ID -eq 12} |
Select-Object -ExpandProperty Properties

                                                                  Value
                                                                  -----
                                                  18446623733053668088
                                                  18446623733356940496
                                                                 12728
                                                              16908384
                                                                     0
 ...-assets¥hashed-assets¥otSearchFeedbackButton-6f435272f9ef2425.js.gz
```

How to Create Your EDR

EDR uses ETW to detect malicious activity
on the Windows OS.

If you understand and use ETW, you can create your own EDR tools (ETW Consumers).

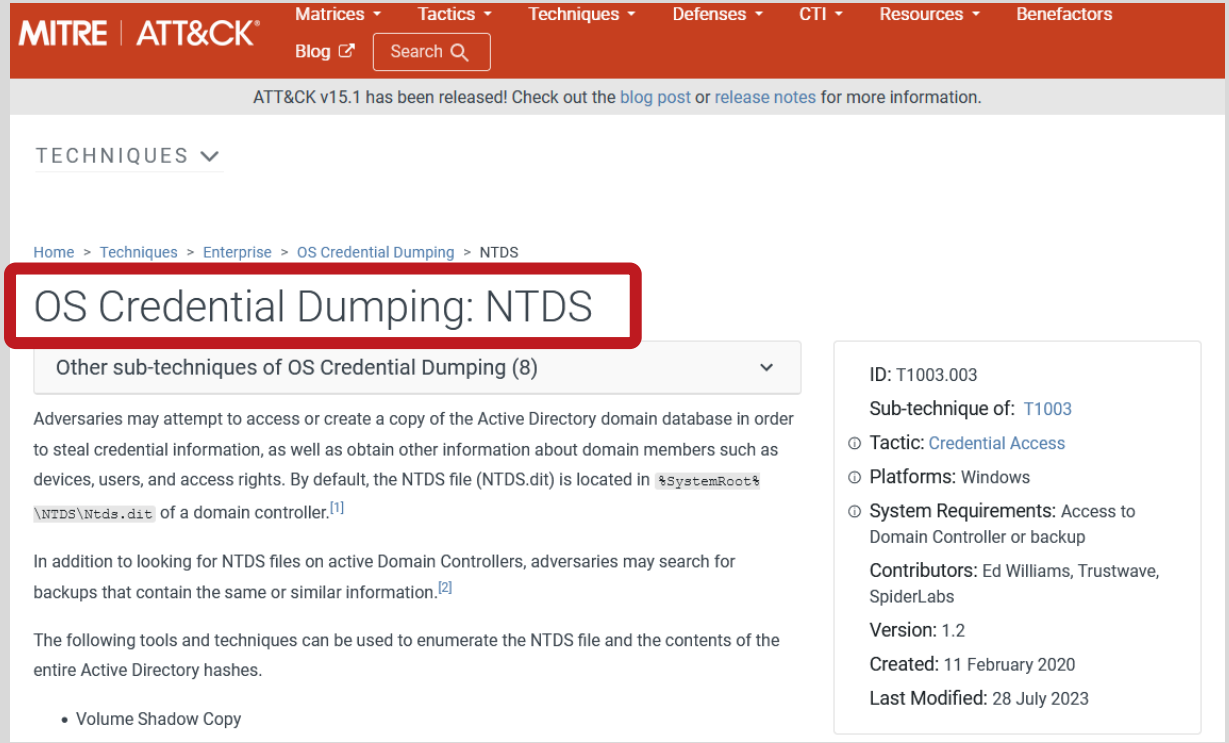
How to Create Your EDR

Steps

1. Find malicious activity to detect
2. Discover ETW Providers
3. Enable ETW Providers
4. Create detection logic using ETW

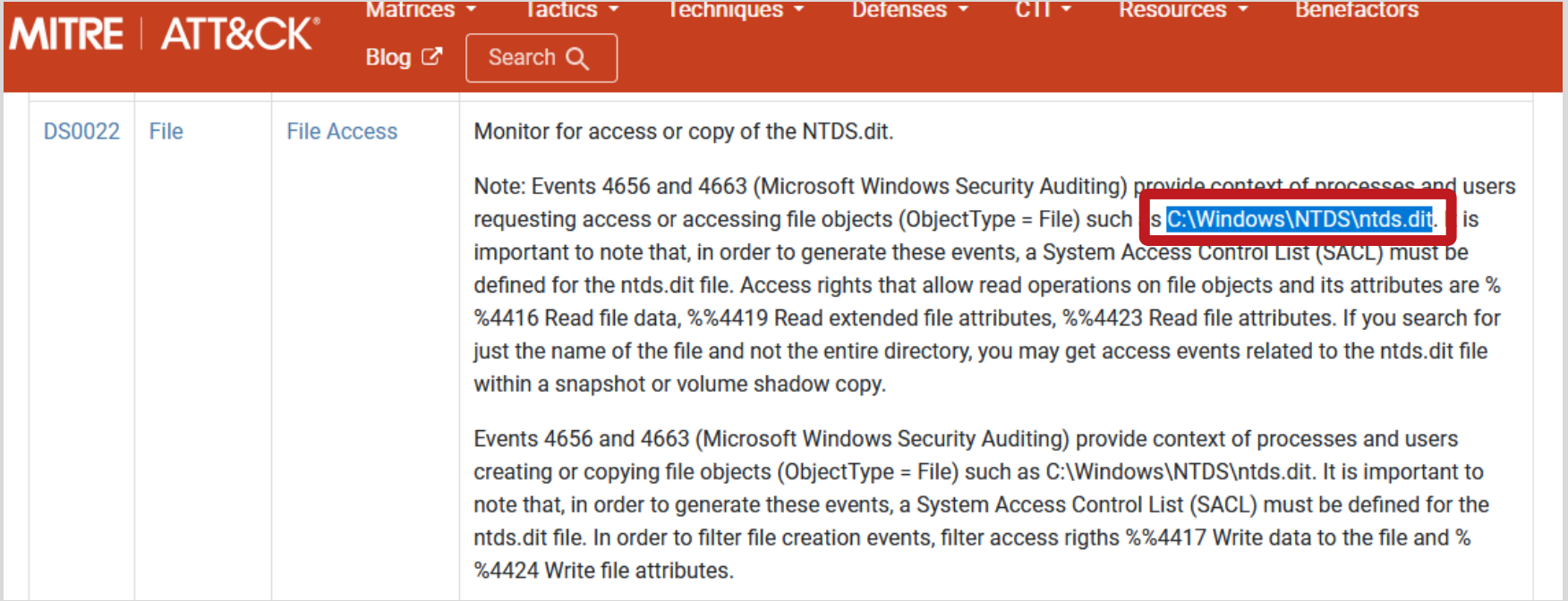
1. Find malicious activity to detect

Detect activity in NTDS dumps



1. Find malicious activity to detect

Detect activity in NTDS dumps



2. Discover ETW Providers

Find a provider to trace CreateFile

```
> logman query providers| Select-String "file"

…
Microsoft-Windows-FileHistory-Core       {B447B4DB-7780-11E0-ADA3-18A90531A85A}
Microsoft-Windows-FileHistory-Engine     {B447B4DE-7780-11E0-ADA3-18A90531A85A}
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Microsoft-Windows-FileHistory-UI         {B447B4E1-7780-11E0-ADA3-18A90531A85A}
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Microsoft-Windows-Kernel-File            {EDD08927-9CC4-4E65-B970-C2560FB5C289}
Microsoft-Windows-NetworkProfile         {FBCFAC3F-8459-419F-8E48-1F0B49CDB85E}
…
```

3. Enable ETW Providers

Enable ETW Providers using PowerShell

```
> New-NetEventSession -Name “FileActivity" -LocalFilePath “%TEMP%¥FileActivity.etl"

> Add-NetEventProvider -Name " Microsoft-Windows-Kernel-File" -SessionName
"FileActivity"

> Start-NetEventSession -Name "FileActivity"

> Stop-NetEventSession -Name "FileActivity"
```

4. Create detection logic using ETW

Detect suspicious file activity with PowerShell

```
$SearchFileName = "*%SystemRoot%¥NTDS¥Ntds.dit"
$LogName = ".¥FileTrace.etl"
$Interval = 60

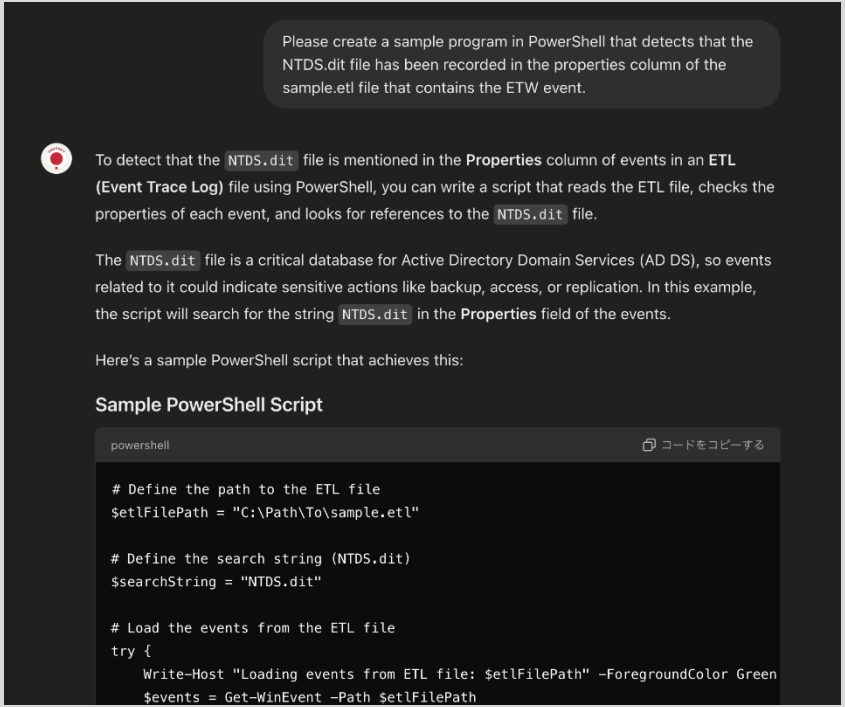
while ($true) {
    $events = Get-WinEvent -Path $LogName -Oldest | Where-Object {$_.ID -eq 12} |
              Select-Object  -ExpandProperty Properties | Where-Object {$_.Value -like $SearchFileName} |
              Select-Object -ExpandProperty Value

    if ($events) {
        foreach ($event in $events) {
            $message = “Access to $event"
            Write-Host $message -ForegroundColor Red
        }
    } else {
        Write-Host "No events" -ForegroundColor Green
    }

    Start-Sleep -Seconds $Interval
}
```

Tips: How to programming the detection logic?

Answer **Please ask ChatGPT!**



Please create a sample program in PowerShell that detects that the NTDS.dit file has been recorded in the properties column of the sample.etl file that contains the ETW event.

To detect that the `NTDS.dit` file is mentioned in the **Properties** column of events in an **ETL (Event Trace Log)** file using PowerShell, you can write a script that reads the ETL file, checks the properties of each event, and looks for references to the `NTDS.dit` file.

The `NTDS.dit` file is a critical database for Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS), so events related to it could indicate sensitive actions like backup, access, or replication. In this example, the script will search for the string `NTDS.dit` in the **Properties** field of the events.

Here's a sample PowerShell script that achieves this:

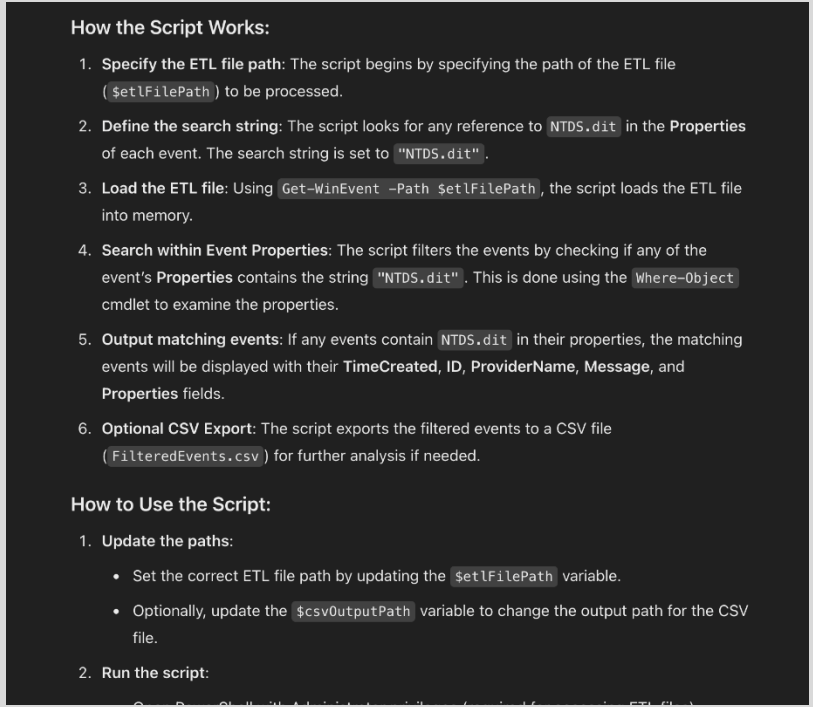
Sample PowerShell Script

powershell — コードをコピーする

```
# Define the path to the ETL file
$etlFilePath = "C:\Path\To\sample.etl"

# Define the search string (NTDS.dit)
$searchString = "NTDS.dit"

# Load the events from the ETL file
try {
    Write-Host "Loading events from ETL file: $etlFilePath" -ForegroundColor Green
    $events = Get-WinEvent -Path $etlFilePath
```



How the Script Works:

1. **Specify the ETL file path**: The script begins by specifying the path of the ETL file (`$etlFilePath`) to be processed.
2. **Define the search string**: The script looks for any reference to `NTDS.dit` in the **Properties** of each event. The search string is set to `"NTDS.dit"`.
3. **Load the ETL file**: Using `Get-WinEvent -Path $etlFilePath`, the script loads the ETL file into memory.
4. **Search within Event Properties**: The script filters the events by checking if any of the event's **Properties** contains the string `"NTDS.dit"`. This is done using the `Where-Object` cmdlet to examine the properties.
5. **Output matching events**: If any events contain `NTDS.dit` in their properties, the matching events will be displayed with their **TimeCreated**, **ID**, **ProviderName**, **Message**, and **Properties** fields.
6. **Optional CSV Export**: The script exports the filtered events to a CSV file (`FilteredEvents.csv`) for further analysis if needed.

How to Use the Script:

1. **Update the paths**:
   - Set the correct ETL file path by updating the `$etlFilePath` variable.
   - Optionally, update the `$csvOutputPath` variable to change the output path for the CSV file.
2. **Run the script**:

Sysmon vs ETW

	Sysmon	ETW
Advantage	✓ Easy to setup	✓ Installed by default ✓ More data than Sysmon
Disadvantage	✓ Not installed by default	✓ limited information on how to use
Use case	✓ Log archive and analysis	✓ Real-time detection

If you want to create a real-time detection system like EDR, **ETW** is recommended.
If you want an incident response tool, **Sysmon** is recommended.

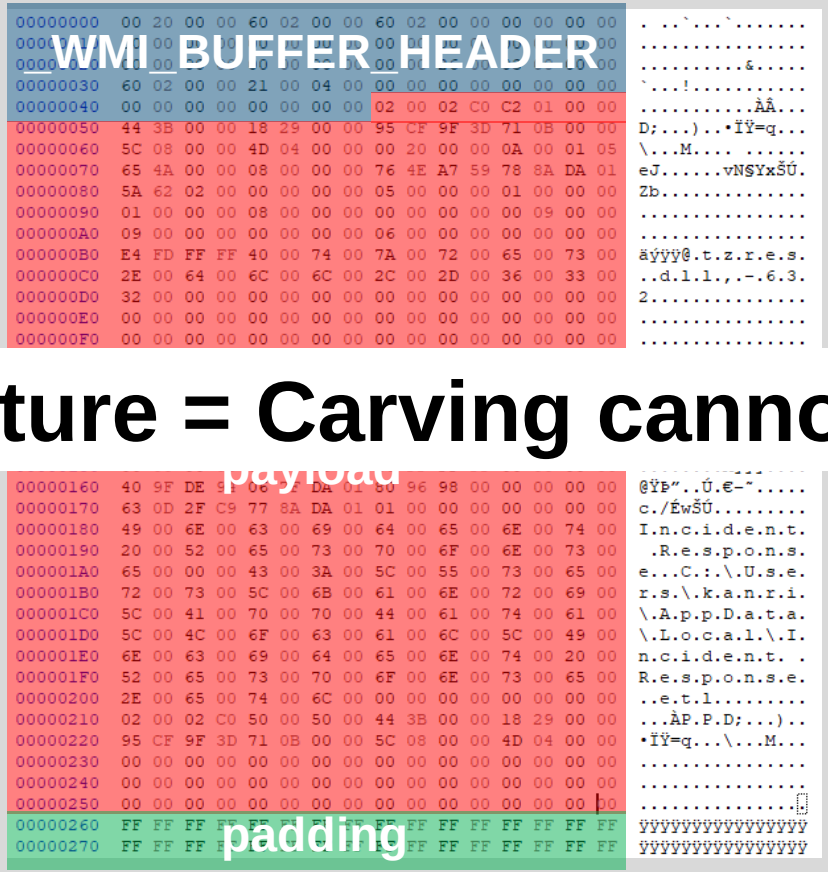
ETW in Forensics

Question

(If the etl file has been deleted) Can ETW events be **recovered**?

ETW Carving from Memory

ETL file format



No signature = Carving cannot be used

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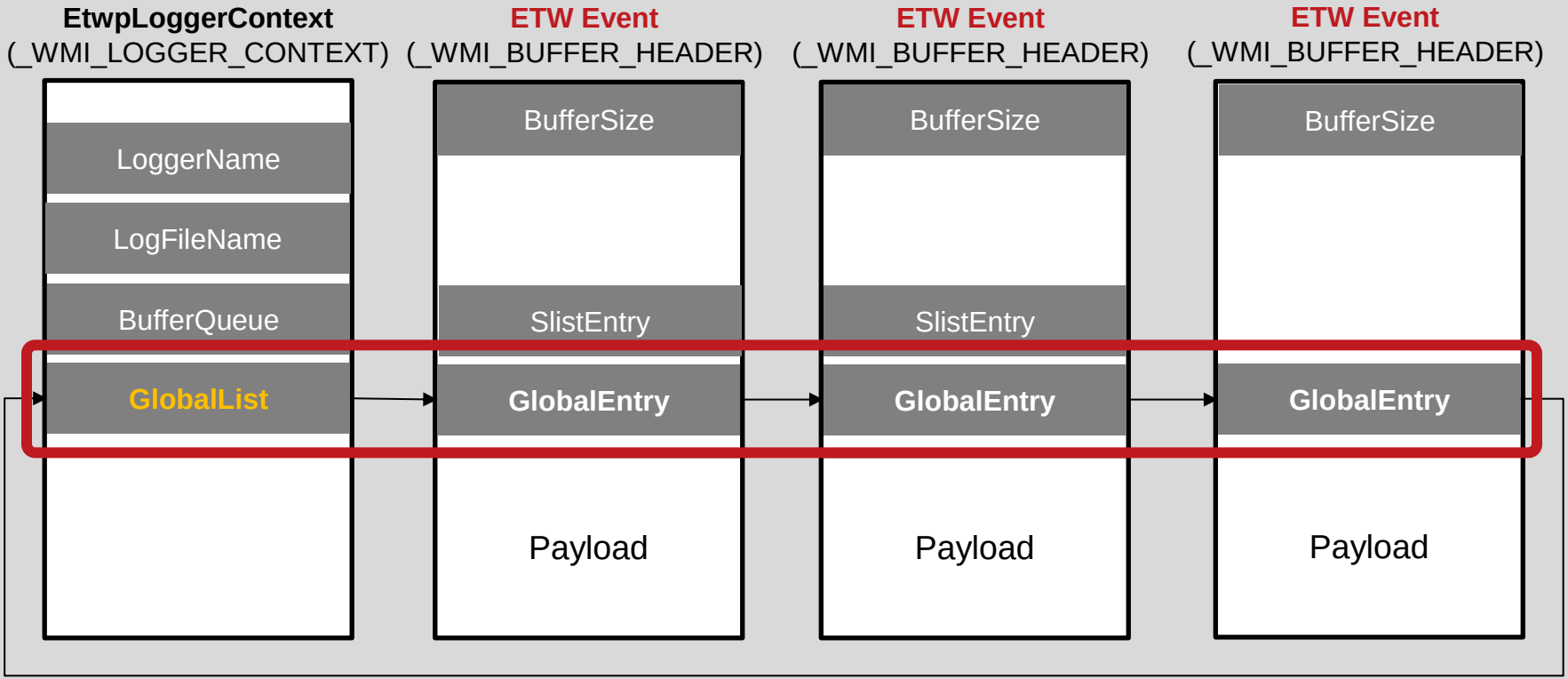

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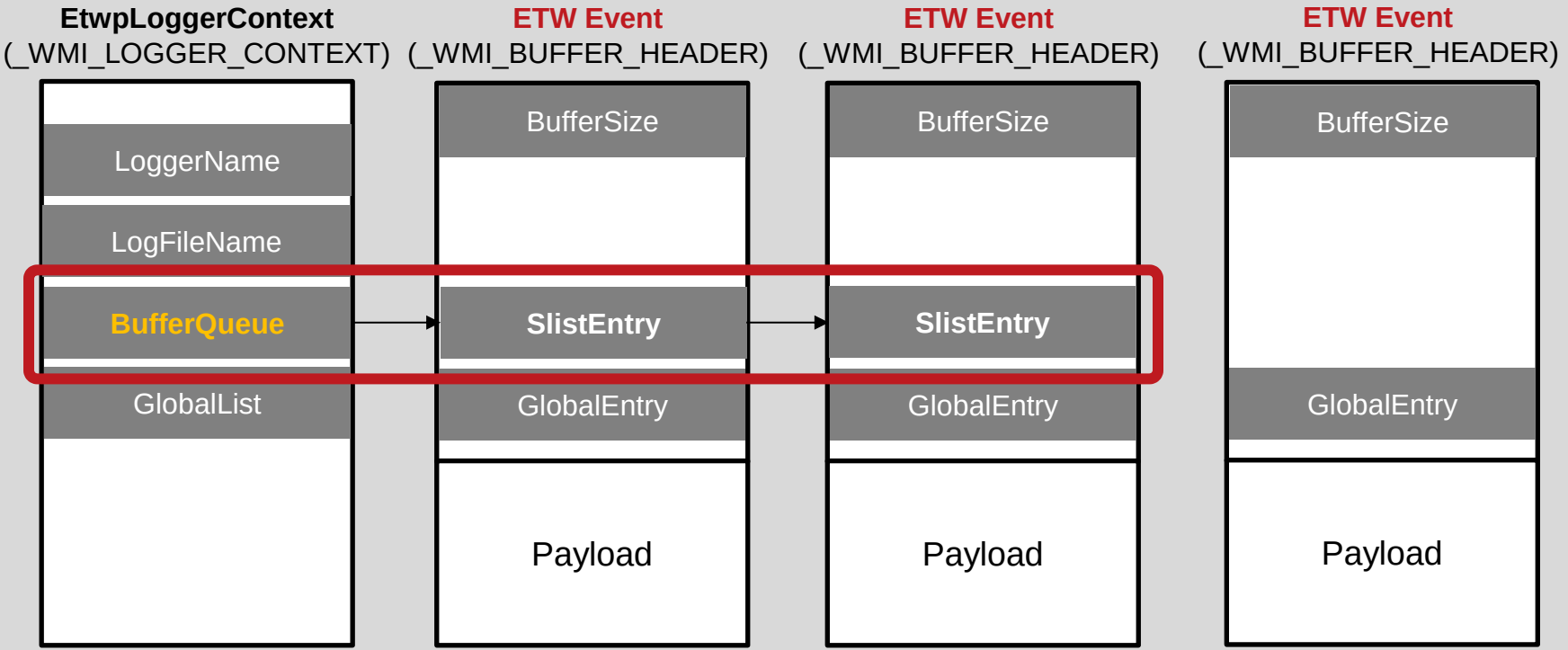

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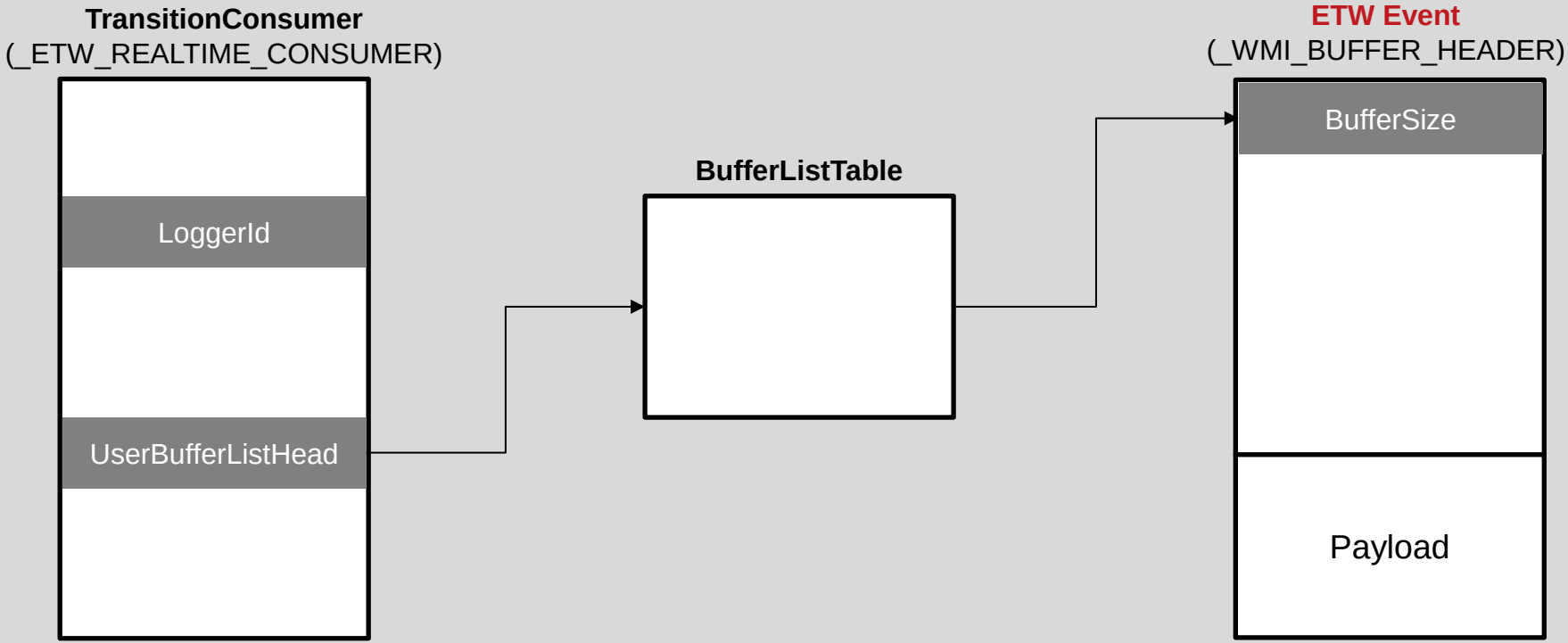

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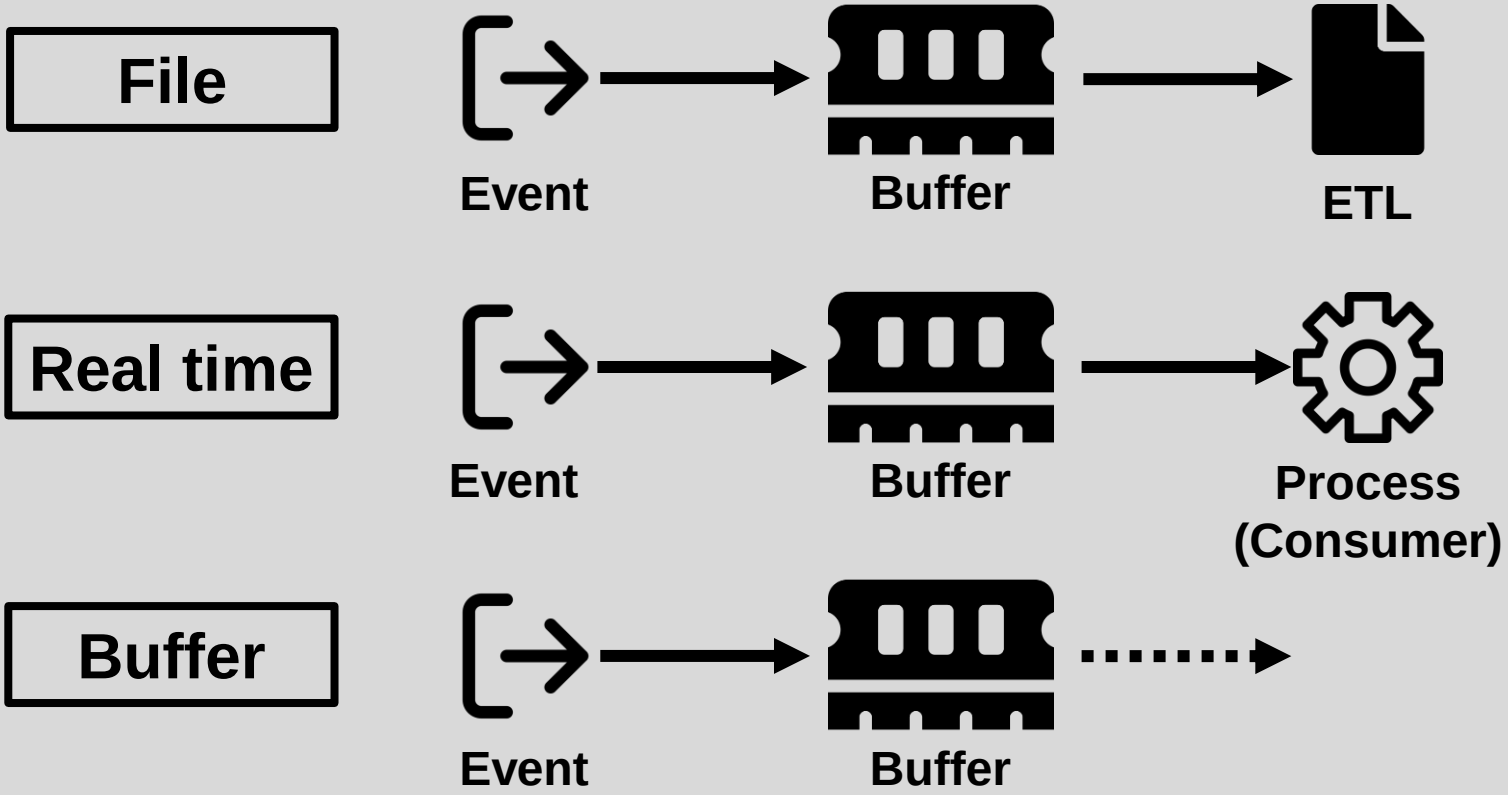

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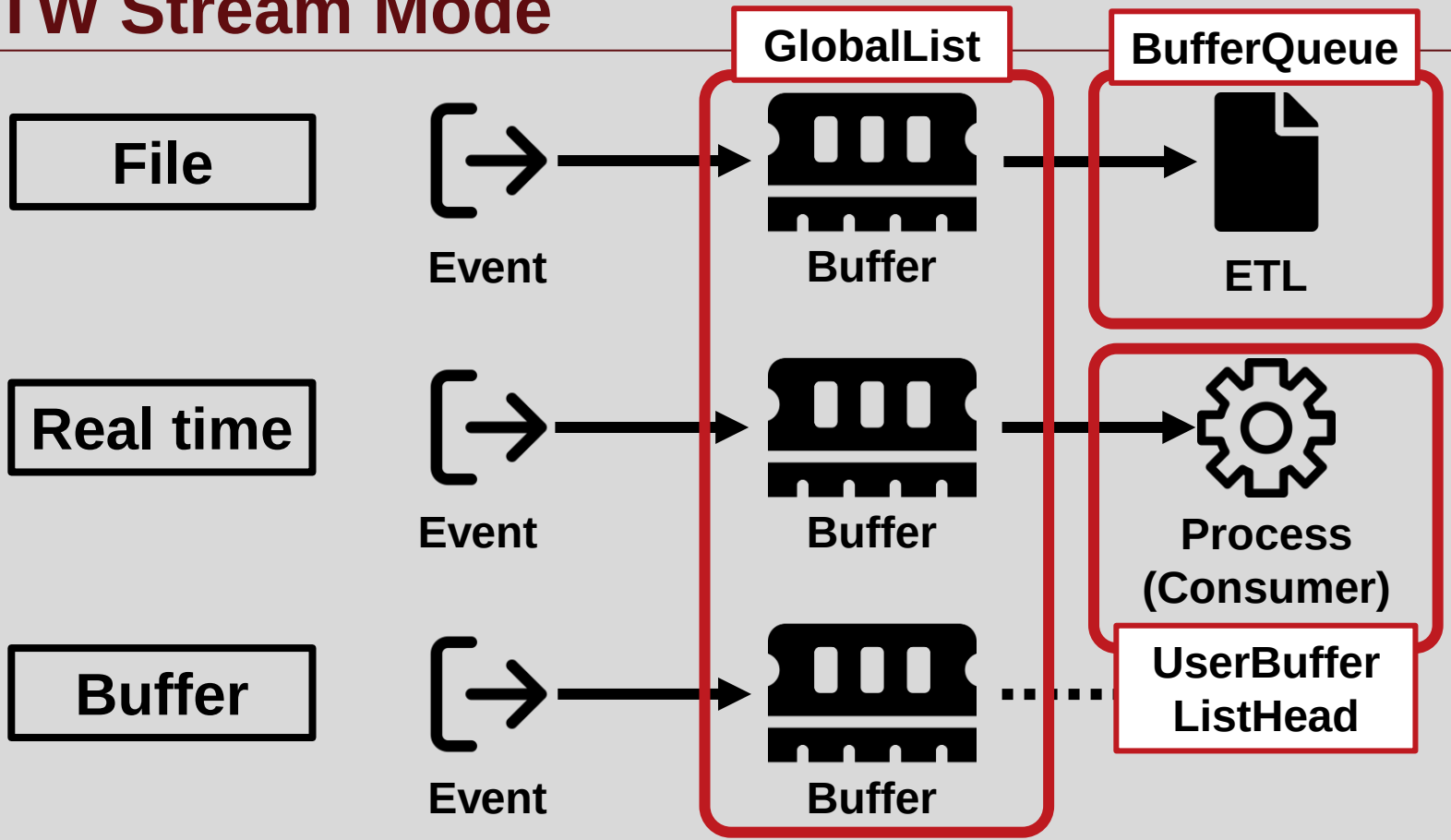

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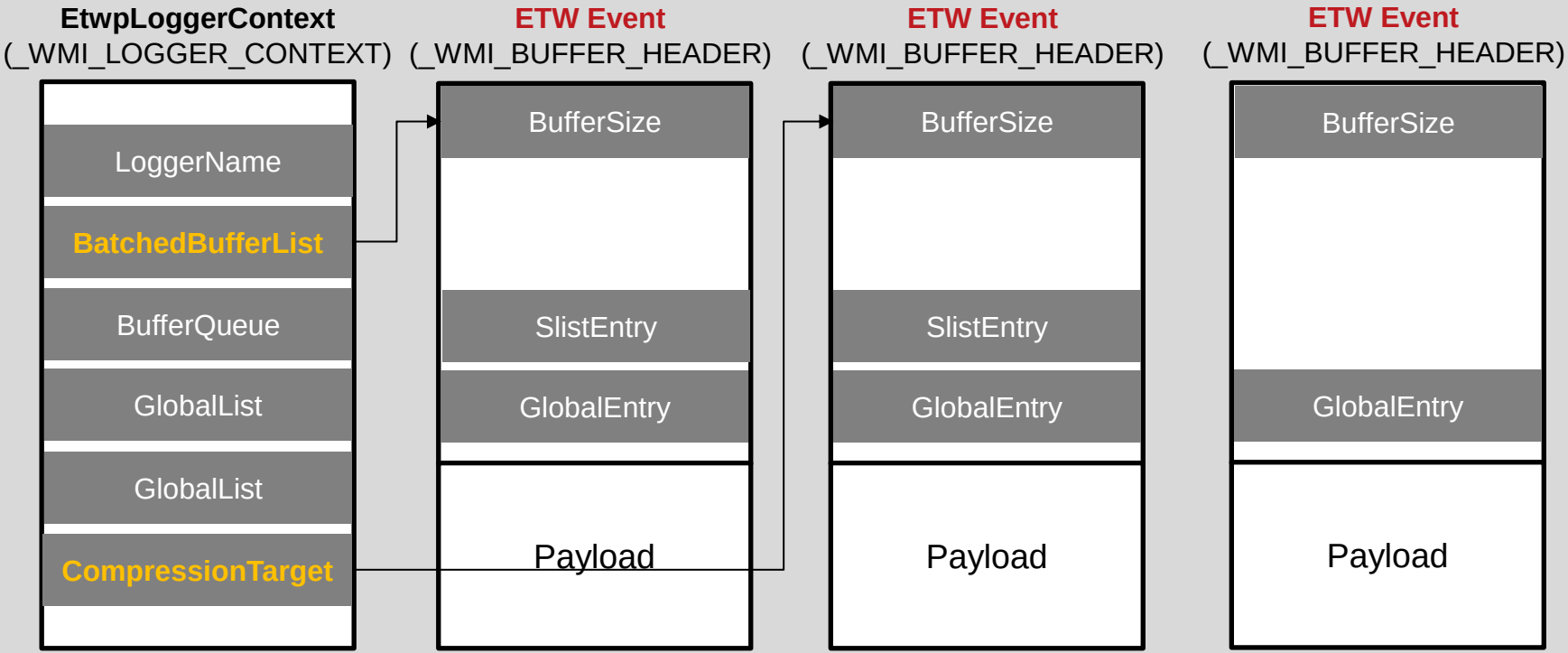

Dump ETW from Memory

Volatility3 plugin

```
Volatility 3 Framework 2.7.0
Progress:  100.00               PDB scanning finished
PID     ImageFileName   type_map        LoggerId        LoggerName      LogFileName     Guid    Mode

848     svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     17      UBPM            c09355a3-96af-4e8f-8d32-a2658dc2d5be    0x10800190
1036    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     13      EventLog-System         d2112be4-cd15-5a9c-e38f-080a207e08d5    0x10800180
1036    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     10      EventLog-Application            c4a0a2bc-c743-5810-8ad4-2655a8ca2744    0x11800180
1036    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     3       Eventlog-Security               0e66e20b-b802-ba6a-9272-31199d0ed295    0x108001c0
1044    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     9       DiagLog         08b524eb-a2bf-47eb-aef1-dbd871741d7a    0x10800180
1044    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     21      WFP-IPsec Diagnostics   C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\wfp\wfpdiag.etl        b40325fe-7106-42ac-849e-8aa81df5cb01    0x10802102
1880    svchost.exe     EtwConsumer     24      Diagtrack-Listener              bd6a694f-11ae-11ee-8e91-000c2962ae37    0x8800110
4       System  -       2       Circular Kernel Context Logger          54dea73a-ed1f-42a4-af71-3e63d056f174    0x2800480
4       System  -       4       AppModel                a922a8be-2450-438e-9520-fbcdfb46b0bd    0x10808400
4       System  -       5       Audio           15bc788a-6a38-4d79-8773-b53fdfb84d79    0x10808400
4       System  -       6       FileActivity_realtime           75f3a0a4-ced8-4e82-9718-3f4b7b249fa1    0x400100
4       System  -       7       DefenderApiLogger               6b4012d0-22b6-464d-a553-20e9618403a2    0x18800180
4       System  -       8       DefenderAuditLogger             6b4012d0-22b6-464d-a553-20e9618403a1    0x188001c0
4       System  -       11      EventLog-DebugChannel   %SystemRoot%\System32\Winevt\Logs\DebugChannel.etl      2533f63b-45f3-5b31-e7c5-82fcf6979473    0x800081
4       System  -       12      EventLog-Microsoft-RMS-MSIPC-Debug      %SystemRoot%\System32\Winevt\Logs\Microsoft-RMS-MSIPC%4Debug.etl        199b952f-e81e-5242-23d4-ae228d121d95    0x8000
82
4       System  -       14      LwtNetLog       C:\WINDOWS\System32\LogFiles\WMI\LwtNetLog.etl  603ba31e-ec5a-4cde-be87-ed0a16c3b170    0x800002
4       System  -       15      NtfsLog         8184e181-19c8-45ab-89d1-d8eaf117208f    0x10808400
4       System  -       16      FileActivity_save       C:\Users\kanri\AppData\Local\FileActivity_save.etl      93da76d9-d449-40f4-87ca-25963e9bf530    0x400000
4       System  -       18      WdiContextLog   C:\WINDOWS\System32\WDI\LogFiles\WdiContextLog.etl.001  f52ac1cc-b92d-4d8e-8cf5-699ca40a73d2    0x800082
4       System  -       19      WiFiSession     C:\WINDOWS\System32\LogFiles\WMI\Wifi.etl       76e684e4-194c-43b0-b890-8269646de989    0x800002
4       System  -       20      UserNotPresentTraceSession      C:\WINDOWS\system32\SleepStudy\UserNotPresentSession.etl        bd6a6933-11ae-11ee-8e91-806e6f6e6963    0x10800002
4       System  -       22      WindowsUpdate_trace_log C:\WINDOWS\Logs\WindowsUpdate\WindowsUpdate.20230623.191504.669.25.etl  e11f5e99-f330-4d41-8d1f-150fd6bb22f3    0x11802009

ir-mbp:volatility3 tomonaga$ ls *.etl
FileActivity_save.0.etl                 FileActivity_save.16.etl                FileActivity_save.4.etl                 LwtNetLog.2.etl                         WdiContextLog.2.etl
FileActivity_save.1.etl                 FileActivity_save.17.etl                FileActivity_save.5.etl                 UserNotPresentTraceSession.0.etl        WiFiSession.0.etl
FileActivity_save.10.etl                FileActivity_save.18.etl                FileActivity_save.6.etl                 UserNotPresentTraceSession.1.etl        WiFiSession.1.etl
FileActivity_save.11.etl                FileActivity_save.19.etl                FileActivity_save.7.etl                 UserNotPresentTraceSession.2.etl        WiFiSession.2.etl
FileActivity_save.12.etl                FileActivity_save.2.etl                 FileActivity_save.8.etl                 WFP-IPsec_Diagnostics.0.etl             WindowsUpdate_trace_log.0.etl
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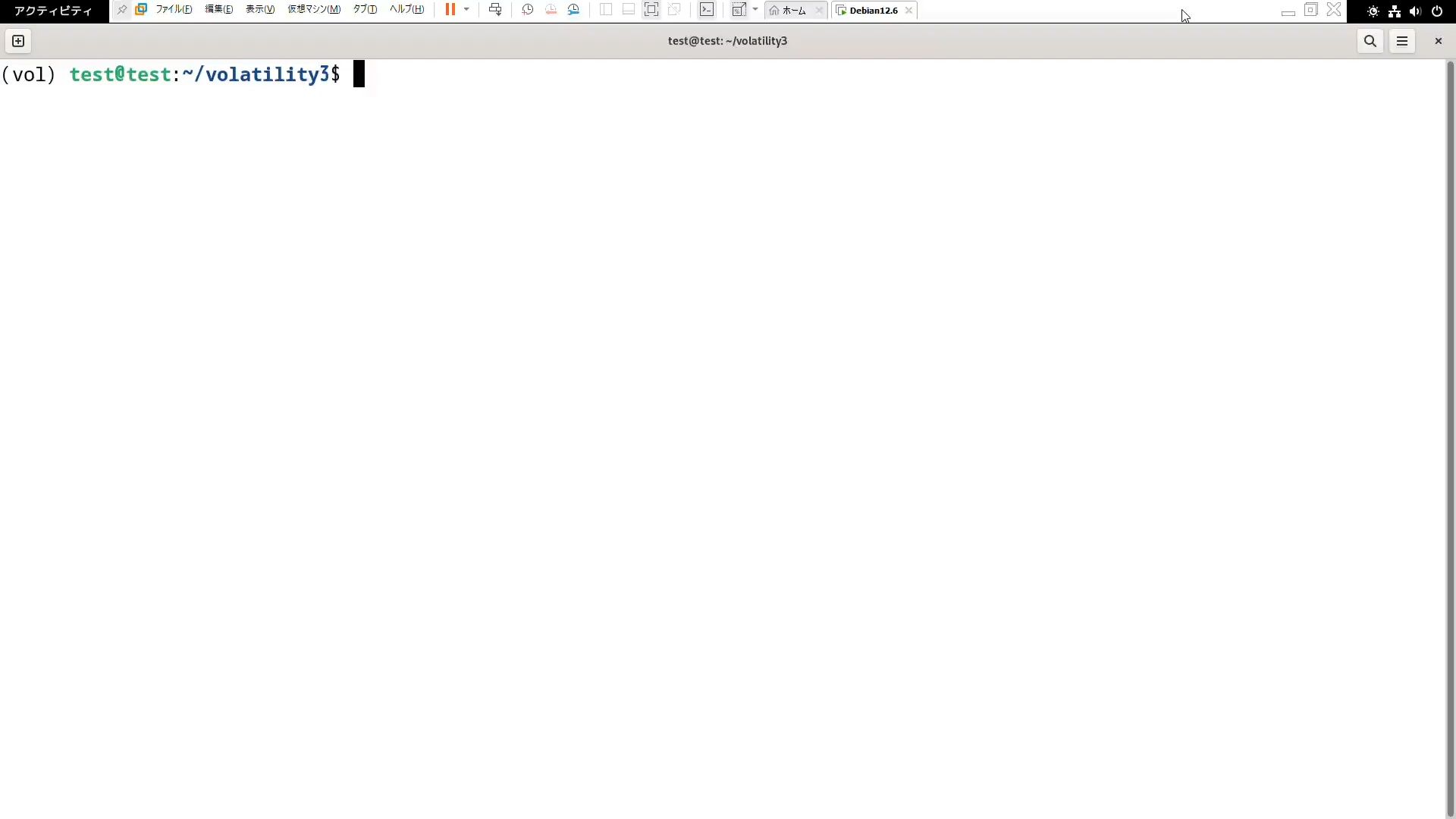
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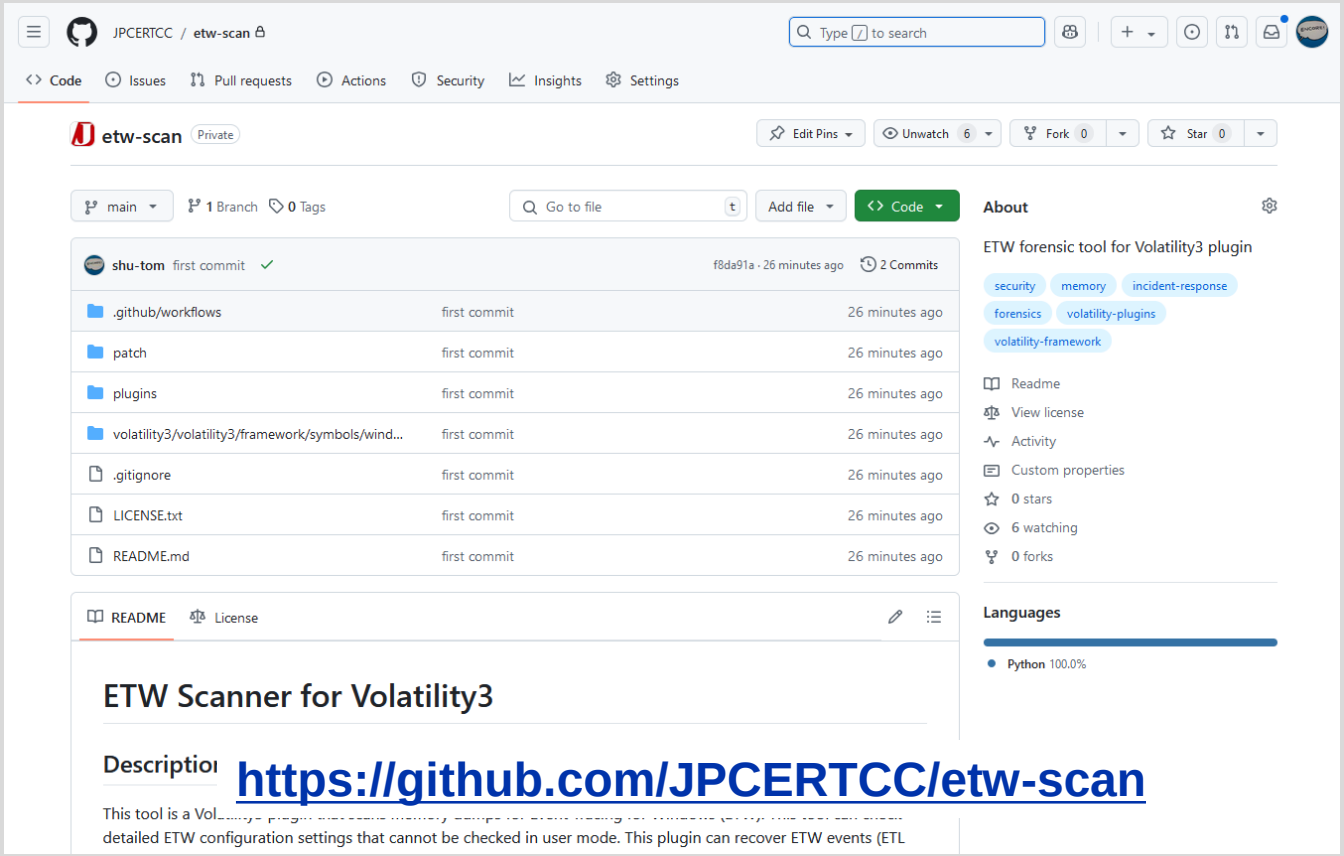
ETW Scanner for Volatility3



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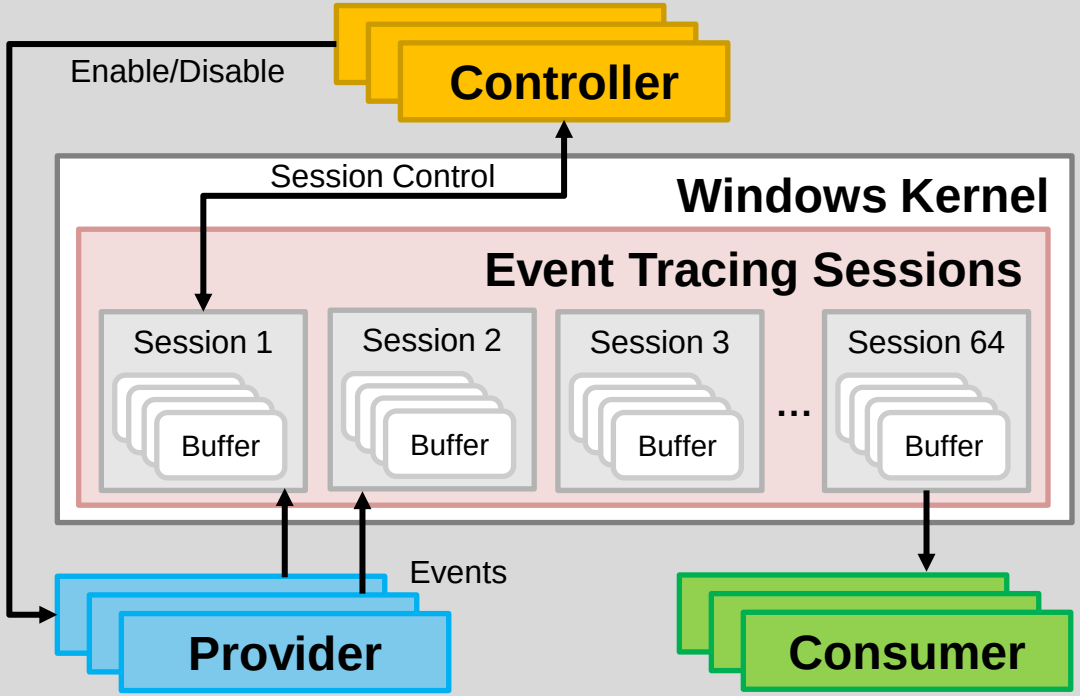

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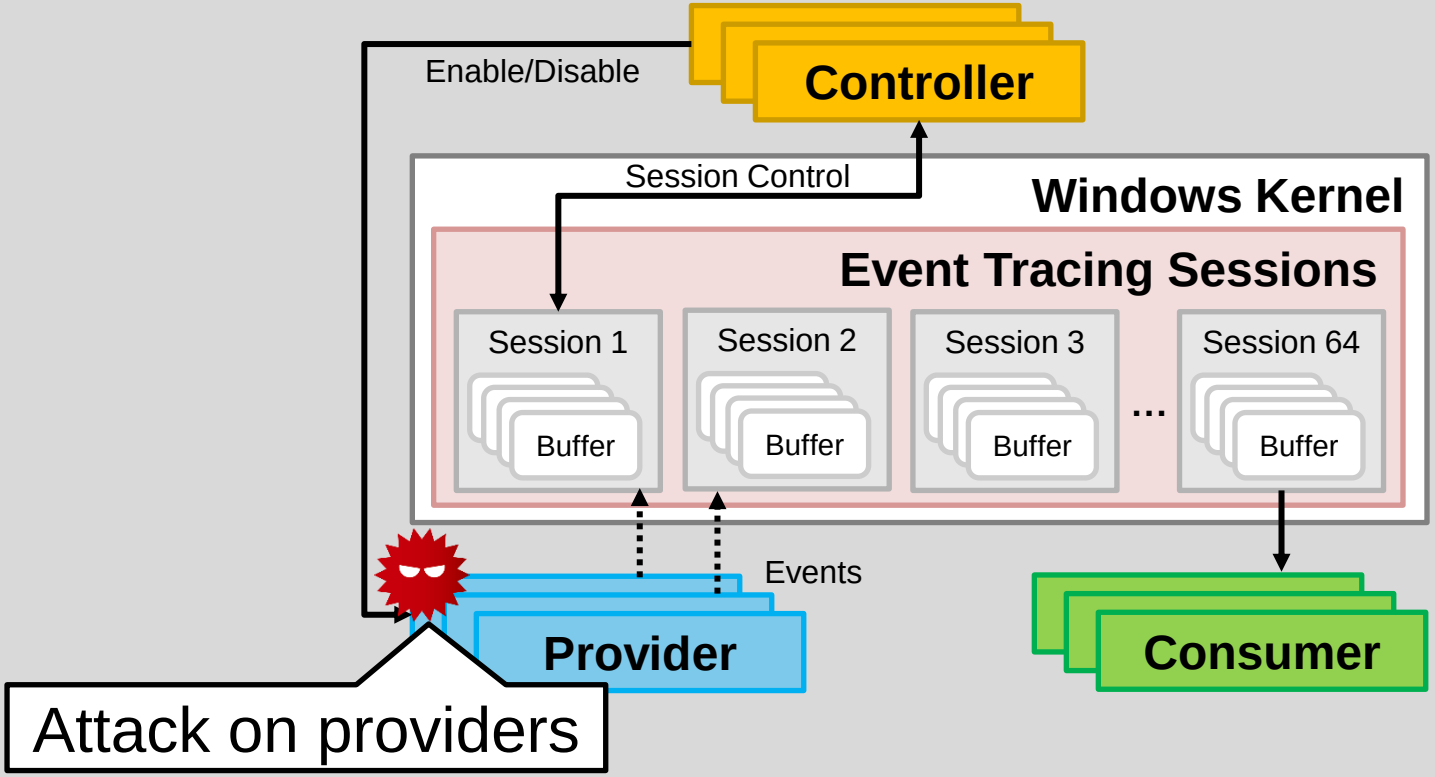

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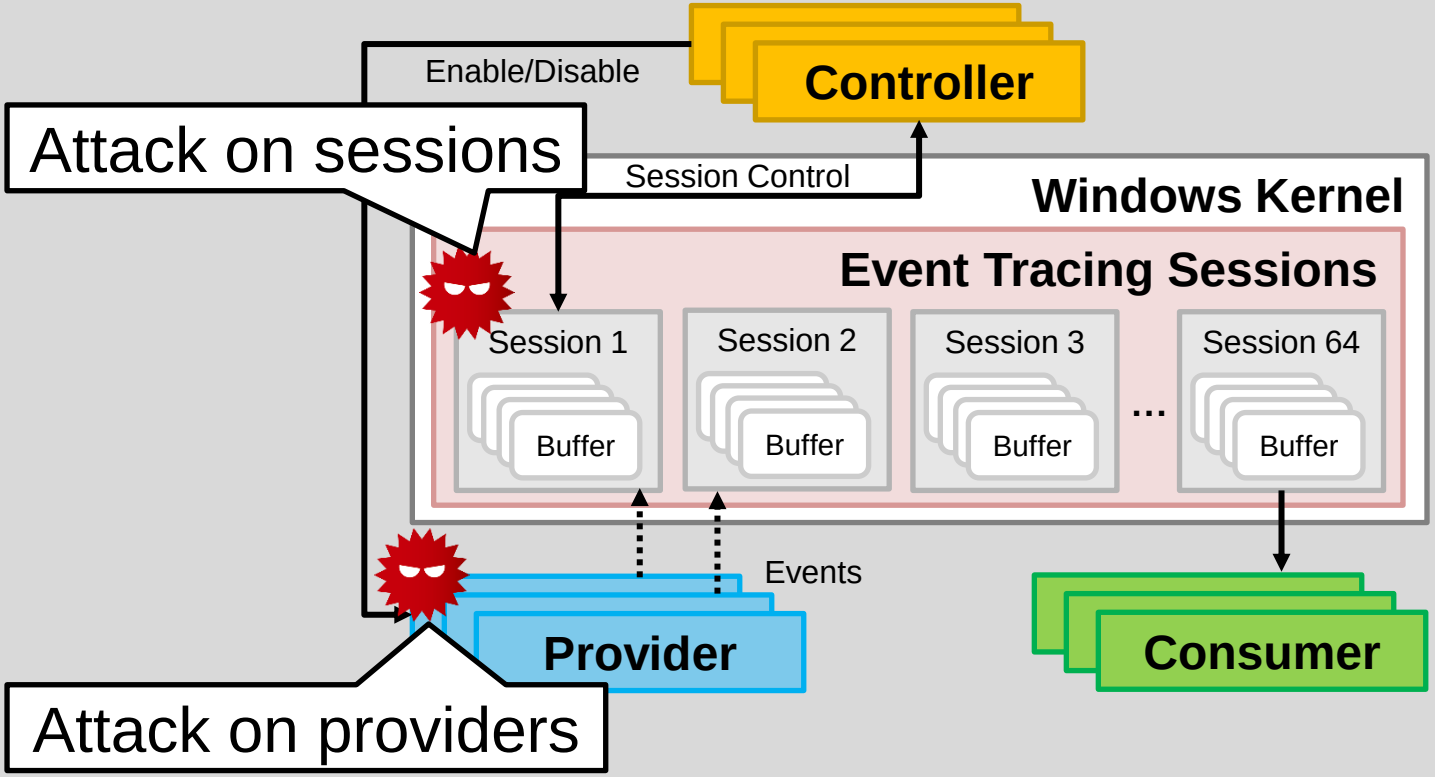

ETW Bypass Technique

Attack on providers

- Block or delete the writing of events by ETW providers.

Attack on sessions

- Stop or delete sessions.

Block Event Writing of Providers using API Hook

Intercept the ETW API and disallow the API to execute.

EventWrite

EtwEventWrite

NtTraceEvent

EtwEventWriteFull

ETW Bypass using Malware

HUI Loader using attack providers

```
int mal_ETW_bypass()
{
  HMODULE ModuleHandleA; // rax
  FARPROC EtwEventWrite; // rbx
  HANDLE CurrentProcess; // rax
  HANDLE v3; // rax
  HANDLE v4; // rax
  char Buffer[4]; // [rsp+30h] [rbp-28h] BYREF
  DWORD flOldProtect; // [rsp+34h] [rbp-24h] BYREF
  CHAR ModuleName[16]; // [rsp+38h] [rbp-20h] BYREF

  Buffer[0] = 0xC3;
  strcpy(ModuleName, "ntd
  ModuleHandleA = GetModuleHandleA(ModuleName);
  if ( ModuleHandleA )
  {
    EtwEventWrite = GetProcAddress(ModuleHandleA, "EtwEventWrite");
    CurrentProcess = GetCurrentProcess();
    VirtualProtectEx(CurrentProcess, EtwEventWrite, 1ui64, 0x40u, &flOldProtect);
    v3 = GetCurrentProcess();
    WriteProcessMemory(v3, EtwEventWrite, Buffer, 1ui64, 0i64);
    v4 = GetCurrentProcess();
    LODWORD(ModuleHandleA) = VirtualProtectEx(v4, EtwEventWrite, 1ui64, flOldProtect, 0i64);
  }
  return (int)ModuleHandleA;
}
```

RET

Delete Providers

Using Windows API

- EtwEventUnregister

Overwriting ETW structures

- WMI_LOGGER_CONTEXT
- ETW_GUID_ENTRY
- ETW_REG_ENTRY

Stop or Delete Sessions

Execute ETW API to stop the session.

StopTrace

ControlTrace

NtTraceControl

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Mitigation and Detection

API hook detection

- Check whether ETW API page protections on memory blocks is not **PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE**.
- Check whether the top area of the ETW API has not been modified.

- Target ETW API:
  - ✓ EventWrite
  - ✓ EtwEventWrite
  - ✓ NtTraceEvent
  - ✓ EtwEventWriteFull

Mitigation and Detection

Disable ETW detection

- Block escalation of administrator privileges (like vulnerability exploits).

- Monitor ETW registry and structure changes.
  - ✓ HKLM¥Software¥Microsoft¥.NETFramework¥ETWEnabled
  - ✓ _WMI_LOGGER_CONTEXT

Takeaways

The internal structure of ETW is difficult to parse, and so it is better to analyze it with PowerShell or convert it to EVTX.

ETW can be used to create custom EDR.

To recover ETW from memory, structure analysis is necessary, and the Volatility3 Plugin that we have created can be helpful.

ETW bypass will be used in many attacks in future, and so mitigation and detection is needed.

Thank you!

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