

Hansken

The open digital forensic platform
investigate - innovate - share








Hansken extraction plugins

Walkthrough

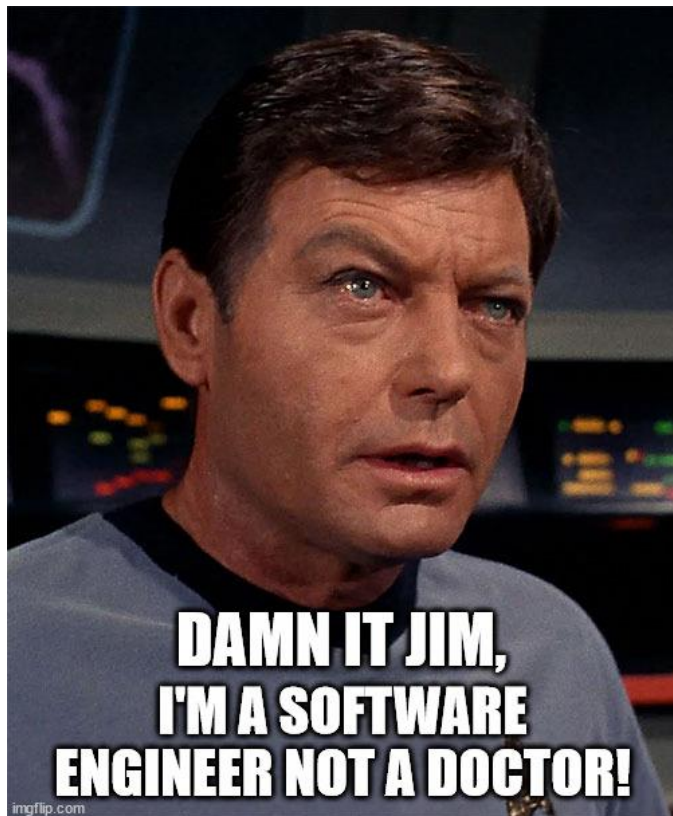


Introduction

-  My name: remco
-  I am part of the Hansken development team
-  One of the main code contributors to the Extraction Plugin SDK
-  I am a software engineer
-  not a
 - case investigator
 - authority on digital forensics
 - ...









Introduction





Our fictional case

-  We are investigating a case
-  Our suspect mentions that he/she was not at home and was not using his/her phone at a given time.
Is that True?
-  Evidence item: iPhone 15
- Imaginary & creative solution:
 -  Find out when the phone is charging, and at what rate?
 -  Find out when is the phone discharging, how fast is the phone discharging?
 -  Can we use the charging/discharging rate to prove our hypothesis?
- So...
 - How can we know this?
 - And if we know this, how can we add this knowledge to Hansken?



Our fictional case: background research



- Iphone file: [knowledgeC.db](#)

KnowledgeC.db is a **SQLite** file on recent **iOS** versions that tracks lots of different activity on the **device** ranging from **Battery Level** and **Bluetooth connections** to which **speaker** is in use and **what it is playing at any given time** (...)

The database is located at **/private/var/mobile/Library/CoreDuet/Knowledge/knowledgeC.db** and is made up of 12 tables.

- For this walkthrough: **we will only focus on battery events!**
- **Background reading:**
 - <https://www.doubleblak.com/knowledgec2>
 - <http://www.mac4n6.com/blog/2018/8/5/knowledge-is-power-using-the-knowledgecdb-database-on-macos-and-ios-to-determine-precise-user-and-application-usage>



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Extraction plugin concepts

Hansken.py

Standalone scripts

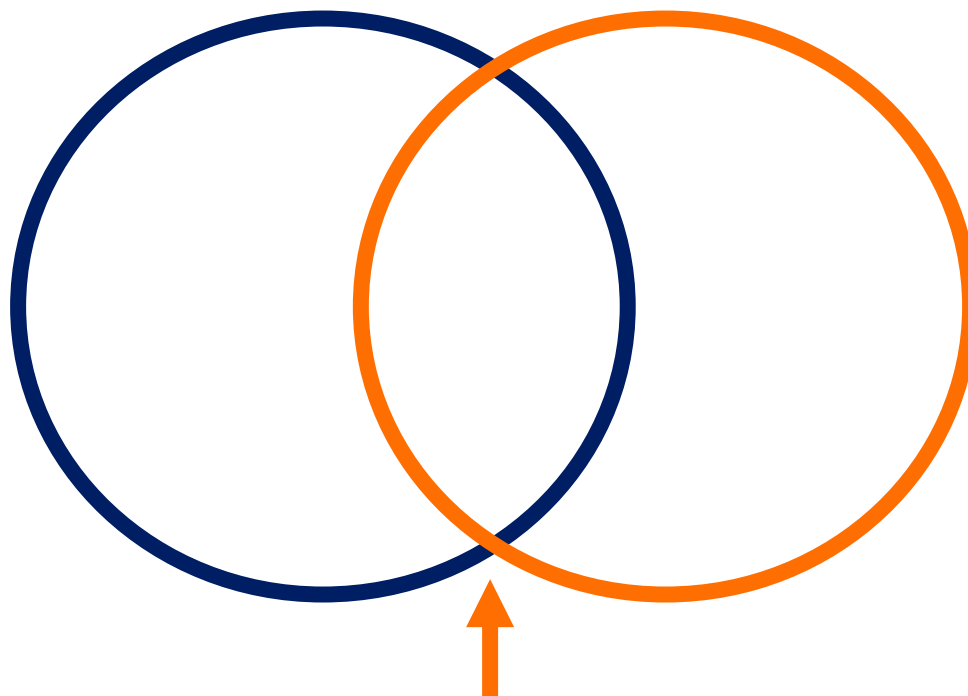
Interfaces over REST

Relatively slow ←

Easy to run

Manual invocation

Great for visualisations
and analysis



Extraction Plugins
can run as Hansken.py scripts

Extraction Plugins

Installed scripts

Runs distributed inside Hansken

→ Relatively fast

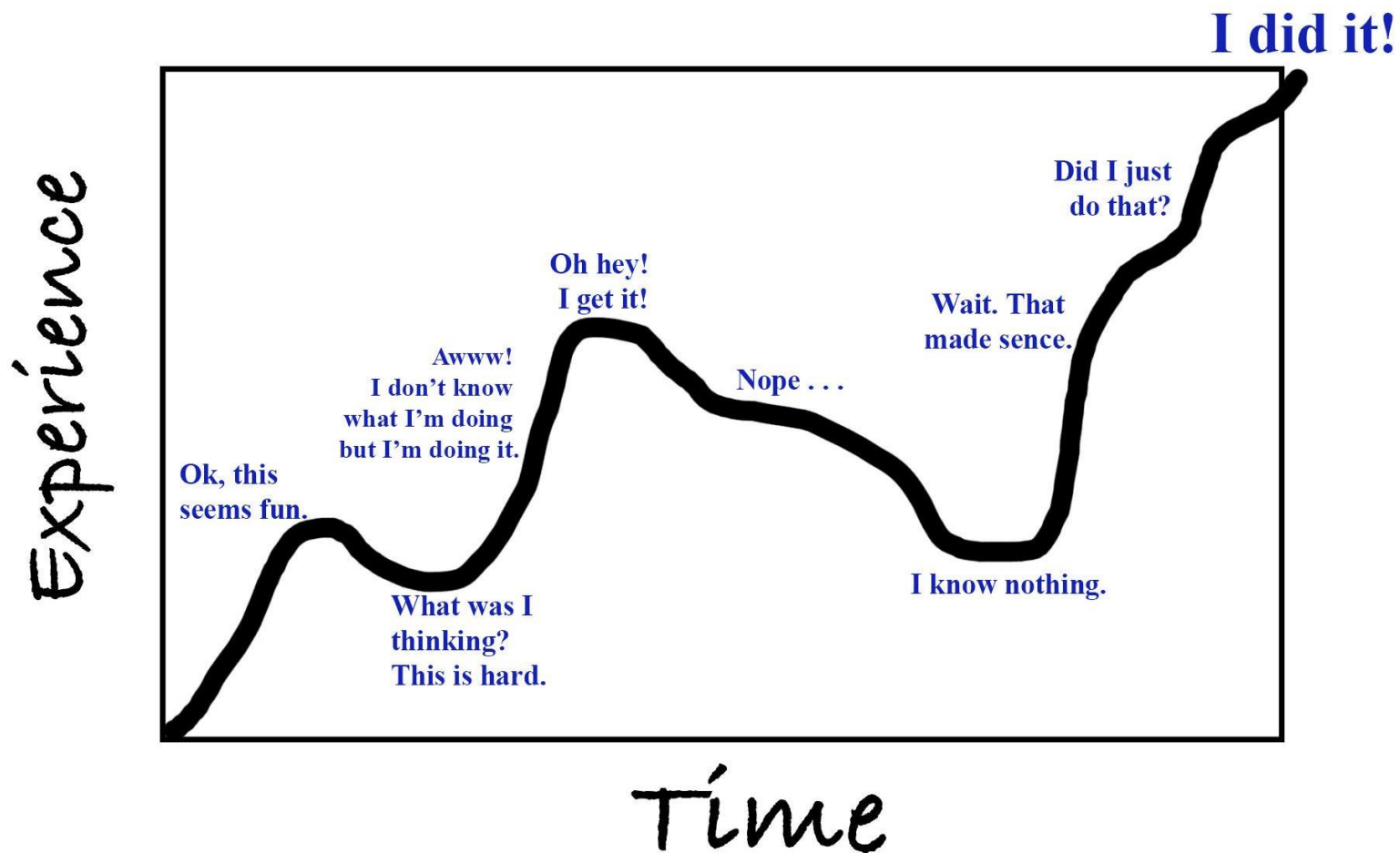
Small learning curve

Automatic invocation on all cases

Great for 'forensic formats' processing
and individual trace enrichment



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Extraction plugin concepts

- **Extraction plugin Software Development Kit (SDK):**
 - [Java API and tooling](#), to be able to write an extraction plugin with the [Java](#) programming language
 - [Python API and tooling](#), to be able to write an extraction plugin with [Python](#) programming language
 - [Test framework](#), to be able to test extraction plugins before they are used production
 - [Documentation](#)
 - [Examples](#) (Github)
- Community: [Extraction plugins made by the community on Gitlab](#)



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Steps

1. Determine how to store battery events in Hansken (trace model)
2. Write scripts:
 - read battery events from database(SQLite query)
 - and convert them to the Hansken model



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Extraction plugin template

Steps

1. Clone an [template plugin from Github](#)
2. Build the template plugin
3. (Upload the plugin to Hansken)
4. Refresh the plugin list in Hansken



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Add logic to plugin

Steps

1. Update plugin info
 1. Naming convention
 2. Matcher (common PITA)
 3. Plugin resources (common PITA2)
2. Implement process method



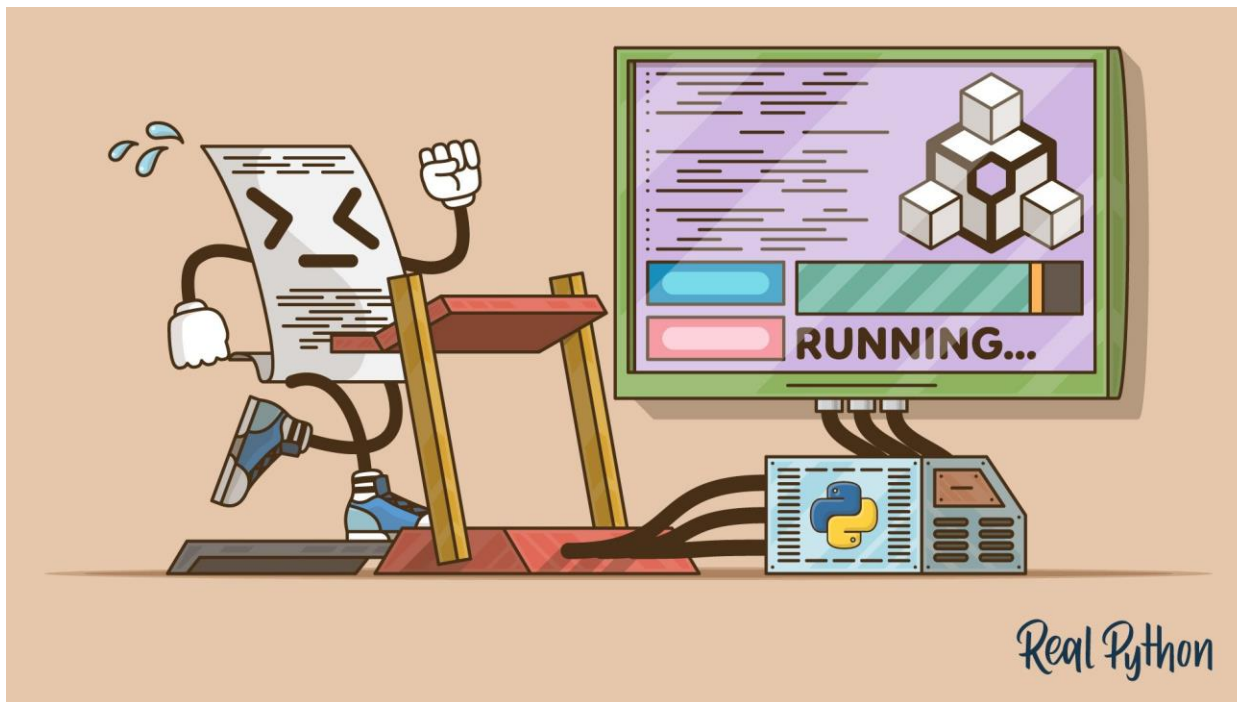
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Run plugin with Hansken.py



Steps

1. Run plugin from the IDE:
 1. Determine program arguments (projectId, URLs)
 2. Define run profile
 3. Run!
2. Verify results



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Run the plugin during an extraction

Steps

1. Package the plugin (`tox -e package`)
2. Refresh plugin list in Hansken
3. Run an extraction
4. Inspect results
5. Inspect chain of evidence



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Add tests to our code

Steps

1. Why?
2. Have a look at [the documentation on GitHub](#)
3. Add test data to plugin
4. Generate & verify baseline results



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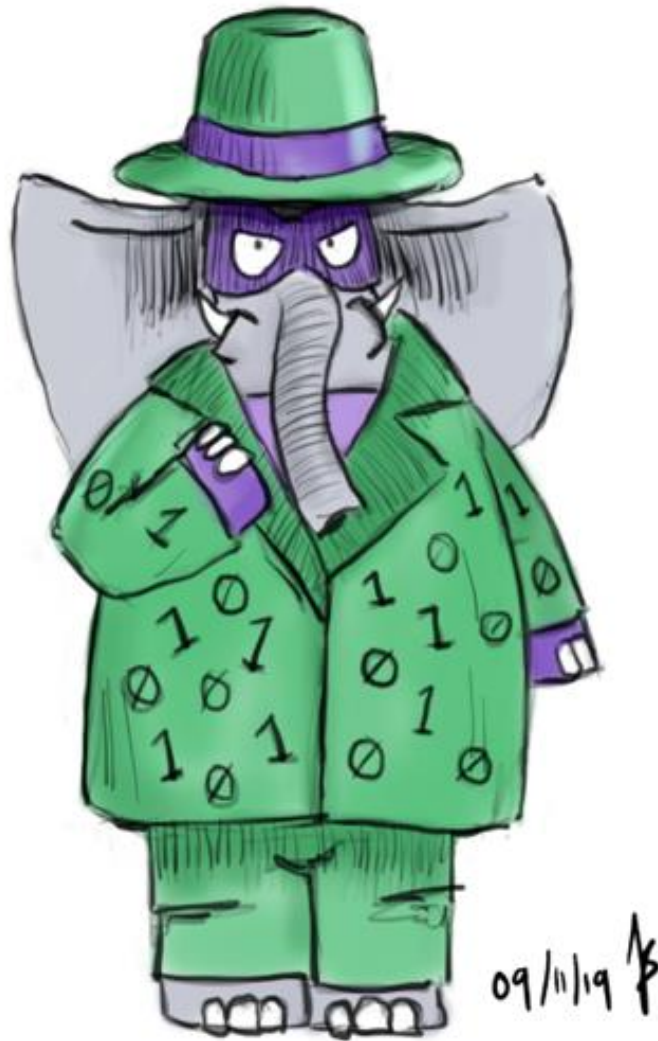
Wrap up

1. We learned:

1. What extractions plugins are, how they relate to Hansken.py use cases
2. Where to find plugins created by other community members
3. How to create, test, and run a new plugin by downloading a plugin template and add an actual implementation

2. A note on extraction plugins in practice:

1. Starting to prove itself in action
2. Technology preview
please report bugs, and share your experience!
3. Debugging can be difficult -> “why does my plugin not work”?
4. Needs to grow!





Thank you for your attention

