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# Hansken extraction plugins

Walkthrough

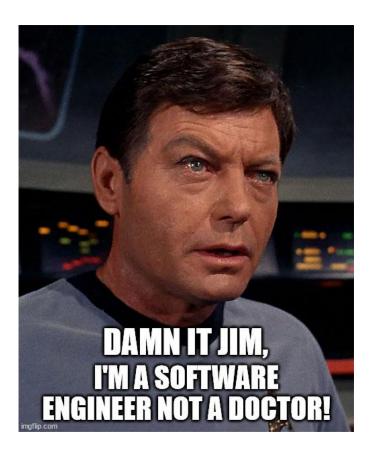


#### Introduction

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  - authority on digital forensics
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#### Introduction







#### Our fictional case

- ① Our suspect mentions that he/she was not at home and was not using his/her phone at a given time. Is that True?
- B Evidence item: iPhone 15
- Imaginary & creative solution:
  - Signal Find out when the phone is charging, and at what rate?
  - Find out when is the phone discharging, how fast is the phone discharging?
  - Zan 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:
  - <a href="https://www.doubleblak.com/knowledgec2">https://www.doubleblak.com/knowledgec2</a>
  - <a href="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">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</a>



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## Extraction plugin concepts

Hansken.py

Standalone scripts

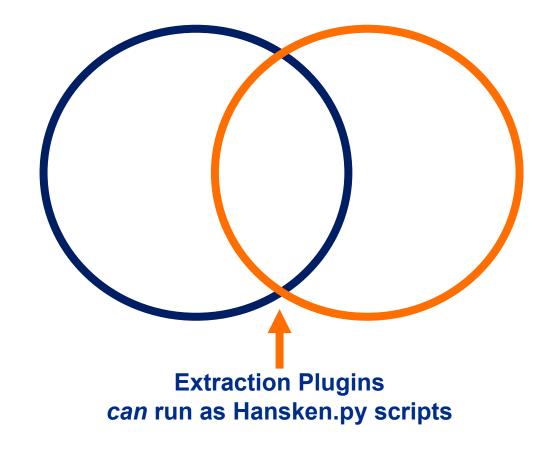
Interfaces over REST

Relatively slow ←

Easy to run

Manual invocation

Great for visualisations and analysis



#### **Extraction Plugins**

Installed scripts

Runs distributed inside Hansken

→ Relatively fast

Small learning curve

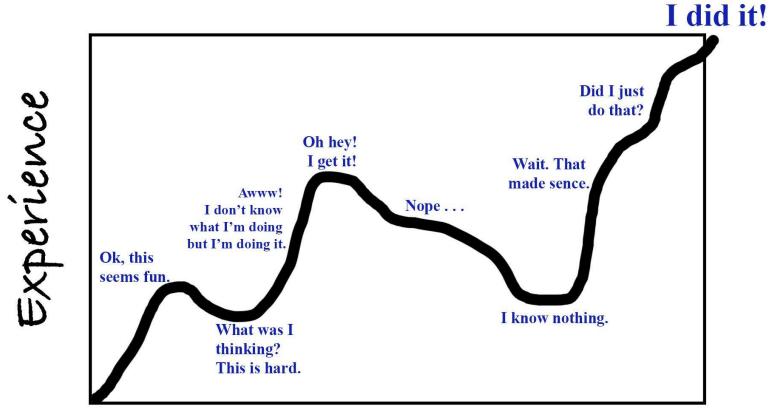
Automatic invocation on all cases

Great for 'forensic formats' processing

and individual trace enrichment



## The Learning Curve



Time www.theexcitedwriter.com

Hansken.io, 20 & 21 september



#### Extraction plugin concepts

- Extraction plugin Software Development Kit (SDK):
  - <u>Java API and tooling</u>, to be able to write an extraction plugin with the <u>Java</u> programming language
  - Python API and tooling, to be able to write an extraction plugin with Python programming language
  - <u>Test framework</u>, to be able to test extraction plugins before they are used production
  - Documentation
  - Examples (Github)

Community: <u>Extraction plugins made by the community on Gitlab</u>

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## Write logic: parse knowledgeC.db and transform to Hansken types

#### **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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knowledgeC.db

Python script

traces of type "event"



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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**

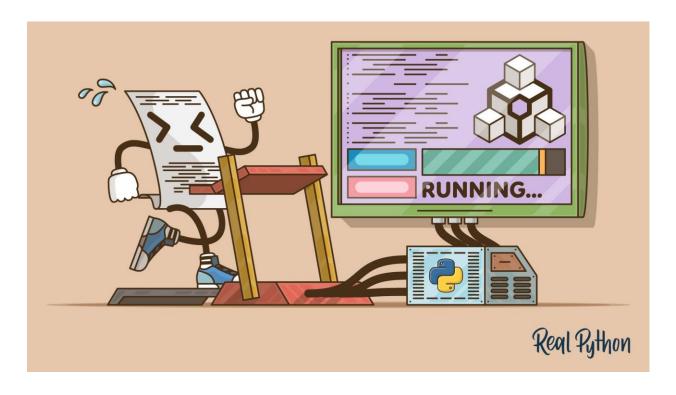
- 1. Update plugin info
  - 1. Naming convention
  - 2. Matcher (common PITA)
  - 3. Plugin resources (common PITA2)
- 2. Implement process method



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## Run plugin with Hansken.py



#### **Steps**

- . Run plugin from the IDE:
  - Determine program arguments (projectId, URLs)

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- 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 resuts



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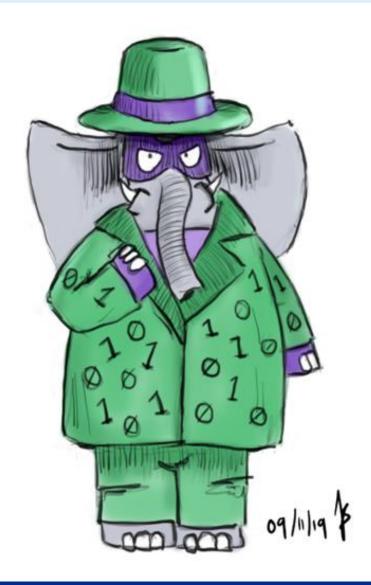
#### 1. We learned:

- What extractions plugins are, how they relate to Hansken.py use cases
- 2. Where to find plugins created by other community members
- 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!





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## Thank you for your attention



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