



MAIN STEPS

- Check iOS and configurations (VPN, Certificates, ...)
- Verify applications
- Verify iCloud settings
- Check Data
- Check Logs

RESOURCES

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Backup: Steps

Once the device connected through USB:

1. Activate backup encryption (optional, allows more data to be retrieved)
`idevicebackup2 encryption on <PASSWORD>`
2. Perform a full backup
`idevicebackup2 backup --full <OUTPUT_DIR>`
3. Decrypt backup
`mvt-ios decrypt-backup -p <PASSWORD> -d <OUTPUT_DIR> <BACKUP_DIR>`

Backup: Structure

The iOS backup folder consists of four files: **Info.plist**, **Manifest.db**, **Manifest.plist** and **Status.plist**, with folder names ranging from 00 to ff (0 to 255 in hexadecimal).

00..ff folders

These are the backed-up files location. Their content will be encrypted if the backup encryption was turned on.

Info.plist

A property list file containing metadata on the backed-up iOS device, such as the device name, iOS version, device type, and other information.

Manifest.db

An SQLite database that provides a table of all the files in the backup, as well as their metadata. The "Files" table includes information on every file and directory in the backup. Entries in the database include domain, relativePath, flags, fileID, and fileSize, which are used to identify and validate the backup files.

Manifest.plist

A property list file containing information on the current backup's properties. It also keeps a set of keys used to encrypt the backup.

Info.plist

A property list file containing information about the backup and restore processes. It includes information such as the backup date and time, the backup status, and any errors that occurred during the backup process.

Artifacts: Data

CallHistory.storedat at `/private/var/mobile/Library/CallHistoryDB/`, keeps records of incoming and outgoing calls, including from messaging applications

AddressBook.sqlitedb, **AddressBookImages.sqlitedb** at `/private/var/mobile/Library/AddressBook/` phone's address book records and pictures

sms.db at `/private/var/mobile/Library/SMS/`, sms sqlite database

ChatStorage.sqlite at `/private/var/mobile/Containers/Shared/AppGroup/*/`, whatsapp chat db

voicemail.db at `/private/var/mobile/Library/Voicemail/`, voicemail db

Accounts3.sqlite at `/private/var/mobile/Library/Accounts/`, Accounts information

healthdb.sqlite, **healthdb_secure.sqlite** at `/private/var/mobile/Library/Health/` health records, trainings, personal data, medical information, etc.

Artifacts: Internet

History, **BrowserState.db** at `*/Library/Safari/`, visited URLs history and open tabs (Safari)

Favicons.db at `*/Library/Image Cache/Favicons/`, favicons mapping database (Safari)

History, **Favicons** at `/private/var/mobile/Containers/Data/Application/*/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/`, visited URLs history and favicons (Chrome)

browser.db at `/private/var/mobile/profile.profile/`, visited URLs history and favicons (Firefox)

Artifacts: Networking

com.apple.wifi.plist WiFi settings information

preferences.plist networking preferences (vpn, dns, proxies, interfaces, etc.)

com.apple.wifi-private-mac-networks.plist List of scanned networks with private mac

com.apple.wifi-known-networks.plist list of known networks information

com.apple.networkextension.plist network extension information

com.apple.MobileBluetooth.ledevices.other.db seen bluetooth devices

com.apple.MobileBluetooth.ledevices.paired.db paired bluetooth devices

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Artifacts: Configuration

MCPProfileEvents.plist configuration profile events: process, operation (install, update, remove) and timestamp

ProfileTruth.plist configuration profile settings, restrictions and configuration

PayloadManifest.plist keeps track of ordered configuration profiles and hidden profiles

PayloadDependency.plist dependencies needed for configuration profiles payloads

profile-* configuration profile

com.apple.Preferences.plist system preferences

Artifacts: Applications

Shortcuts.sqlite at `/private/var/mobile/Library/Shortcuts/`, apps shortcuts

interactionC.db at `/private/var/mobile/Library/CoreDuet/People/`, user-app interactions

clients.plist at `/private/var/mobile/Library/Caches/locationd/`, apps location access requests

TCC.db at `/private/var/mobile/Library/TCC/`, applications permissions and access

mobile_installation.log.* apps installation logs

Artifacts: Processes – Files – Paths - Logs

DataUsage.sqlite at `/private/var/wireless/Library/Databases/`, keeps records about processes data usage

com.apple.osanalytics.addaily.plist at `/private/var/mobile/Library/Preferences/`, keeps records about processes data usage



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Sysdiagnose: Steps

Sysdiagnose should be triggered by the user and then shared to be analyzed.

1. Hold volume UP and volume DOWN and Power Button for about 1 second.
2. Wait for the sysdiagnose to finish. The process can take several minutes.
3. Verify the sysdiagnose is ready at Settings > Privacy > Analytics > Analytics Data > **sysdiagnose_YYYY.MM.DD_hh-mm-ss-TZD_DEVICEYPE_OSBUILD**
4. Extract sysdiagnose archive from device
`idevicecrashreport -e -k <OUTPUT_DIR>`

Sysdiagnose: Structure

The sysdiagnose result will be generated at `/var/mobile/Library/Logs/CrashReporter/DiagnosticLogs/sysdiagnose/` as a TAR.GZ archive. It is a big collection of logs and the most important are the following:

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The root folder has many .txt files which are basically commands output performed when the sysdiagnose was triggered. It also has log file extracted from the device and microstackshots of the device state.

logs

The logs folder is one of the juiciest folders. It has logs and configuration files about most of the services running on iOS.

WiFi

WiFi logs, configuration files and command results. A subfolder **CoreCapture** provides capture data.

summaries

All log summaries for every sysdiagnose process.

crashes_and_spins

Crash reports and spins. These files try to explain what happened in a crash/panic by providing stacktrace, memory usage and relevant system logs, or justifies system events like JetsamEvent.

system_logs.archive

Device's log archive collection

errors

Errors occurred in the sysdiagnose process

Artifacts: Applications

TCC.db applications permissions and access

mobile_installation.log.* apps installation logs

containermanagerd.log.* app container manager logs

powerlog_YYYY-MM-DD_*.PLSQL power usage logs (per app, process, etc.)

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com.apple.networkextension.plist network extension information

com.apple.wifi.recent-networks.json recent wifi networks

wifi_status.txt WiFi information (interface, mac address, ip, etc.)

network_status.txt Network information (ipv4, ipv6, interface, dns, internet)

bluetooth_status.txt Bluetooth information (paired devices, mac address, etc.)

CoreCapture WiFi/BT data captures

ifconfig.txt All interfaces information

arp.txt ARP cache

3bars.txt Cellular signal information

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PublicEffectiveUserSettings.plist user settings

EffectiveUserSettings.plist user settings

UserSettings.plist user settings

Artifacts: Processes

ps.txt Info about current processes

ps_thread.txt Info about current processes threads

taskinfo.txt Info about threads and thread priorities

launchctl-print-system.txt system domain description

launchctl-list-*.txt information about launched services

spindump-nosymbols.txt processes stack

Microstackshots user and kernel stacks

powerlog_YYYY-MM-DD_*.PLSQL power usage logs (per app, process, etc.)