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Module 2: File Cache Analysis

Objectives

- Retrieve the file cached by Discord on a local disk.
- Provide the proper extensions to restore the files to view files manually using hex editor or automatically using CacheMonkey.

Software Preparation

- Download and install Discord: https://discord.com/download
 After downloading Discord, you also need to register an account, if you already have one, you can use that one.
- Download and install the CacheMonkey: https://www.cachemonkey.app/

Part1. Retrieve the file cached by Discord on a local disk

1. After downloading and installing CacheMonkey, the app should open automatically.

CacheMonkey

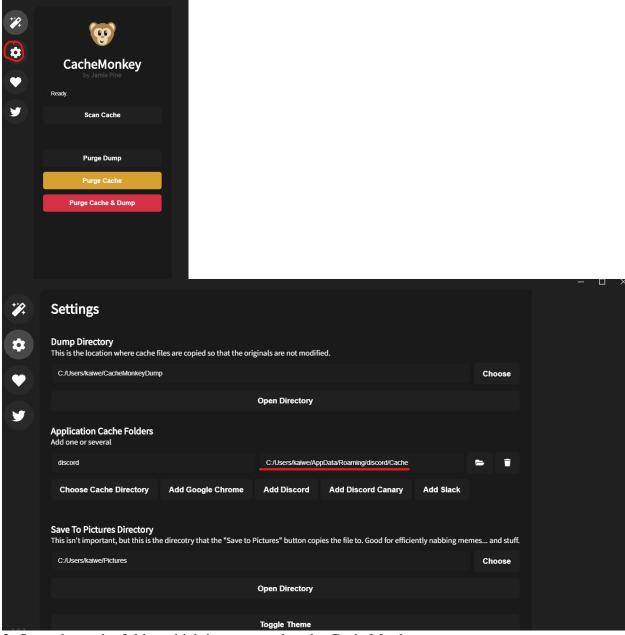
Scan Cache

Purge Dump

Purge Cache

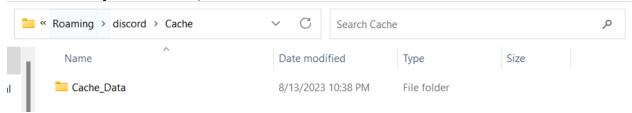
Purge Cache & Dump

2. Then click this setting icon, then check if the cache folder is linked to CacheMonkey. If not linked, you can click "Add Discord" to add this folder address.



3. Open the cache folder which is connected to the CacheMonkey:

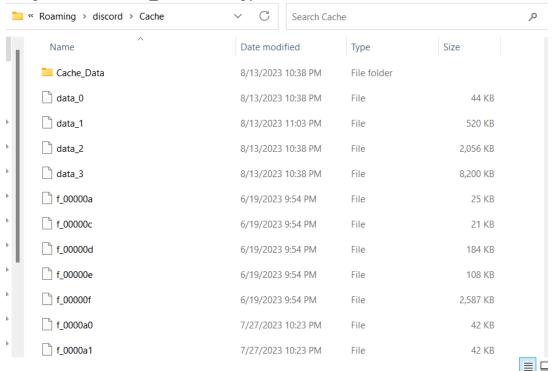
C:\Users\username\AppData\Roaming\discord\Cache (Please note: you need to change the "username" to your username).



After opening the folder, if you find there are many files inside of it, then you can skip step 4 and go to Part 2 step 5 directly. If you cannot find any files except the folder "Cache Data", then you

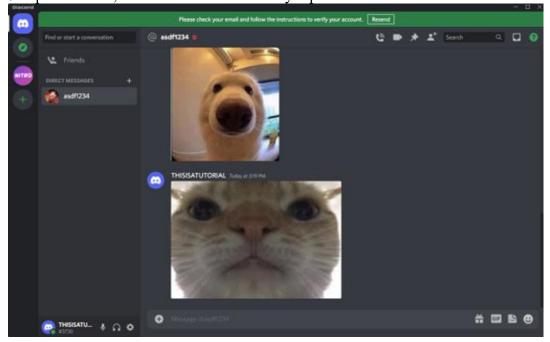
need to continue with step 4. Also, if the CacheMonkey is connected to the "Cache_Data" folder, then you can also skip step 4.

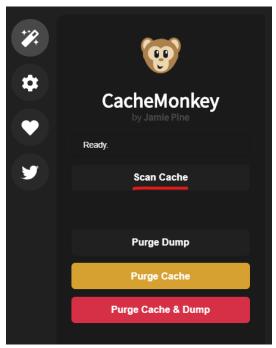
4. Open folder "Cache Data" and copy all the files to the folder "Cache".



Part2. View the files in the folder using CacheMonkey.

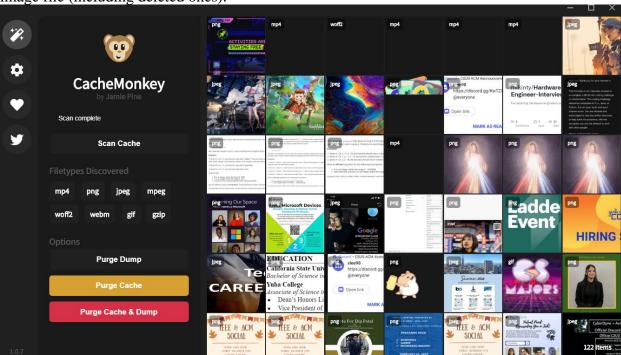
5. Open Discord, and then on CacheMonkeym press "Scan Cache".





6. Now, as shown in the screenshot, all images saved in discord cache folder should appear as an

image file (including deleted ones).



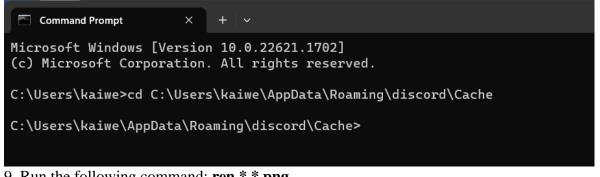
Part3. View the files in the folder manually.

7. Copy the cache folder address:

C:\Users\username\AppData\Roaming\discord\Cache\Cache_Data (Please note: if all your cached files are inside the "Cache" folder, just type the address:

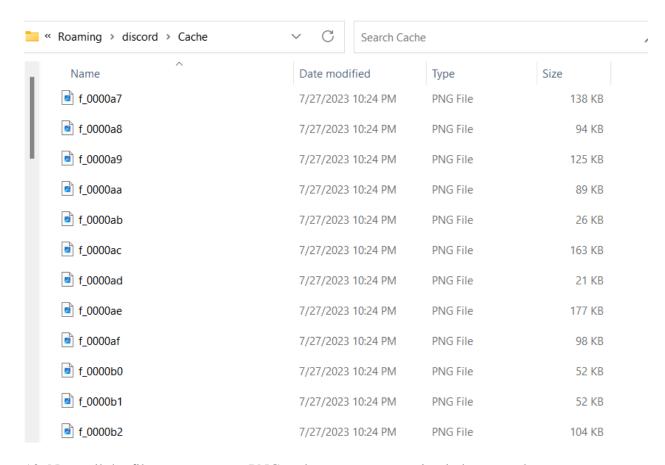
C:\Users\username\AppData\Roaming\discord\Cache).

8. Then open the Command Prompt and change the directory to that address with the following command: cd [Paste the address in] (You need to change "username" to your username).



9. Run the following command: ren * *.png

C:\Users\kaiwe\AppData\Roaming\discord\Cache>ren * *.png



10. Now, all the file types are now PNG and can more conveniently be opened.