

MEMORY FORENSICS VOLATILITY

FRAMEWORK & WORKBENCH

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Abstract

Cyber Criminals and **attackers** have become so creative in their crime type that they have started finding methods to hide data in the **volatile memory** of the systems. Today, in this article we are going to have a greater understanding of live **memory acquisition** and its **forensic analysis**. Live Memory acquisition is a method that is used to collect data when the system is found in an active state at the scene of the crime.

Memory forensics is a division of digital forensics that generally emphasizes extracting **artefacts** from the volatile memory of a system that was compromised. This domain is speedily spreading in cybercrime investigations. The main reason for this is that certain artefacts are extracted from system memory only and cannot be found anywhere else.

Analysing memory after **capturing the ram** is extremely important when it comes to collecting information on ports that were in use, the number of processes running, and the path of certain executables on the system while carrying out the investigation. The **Volatility Framework** is one such memory analysis tool that works on **command-line** on **Windows** and **Linux** systems.

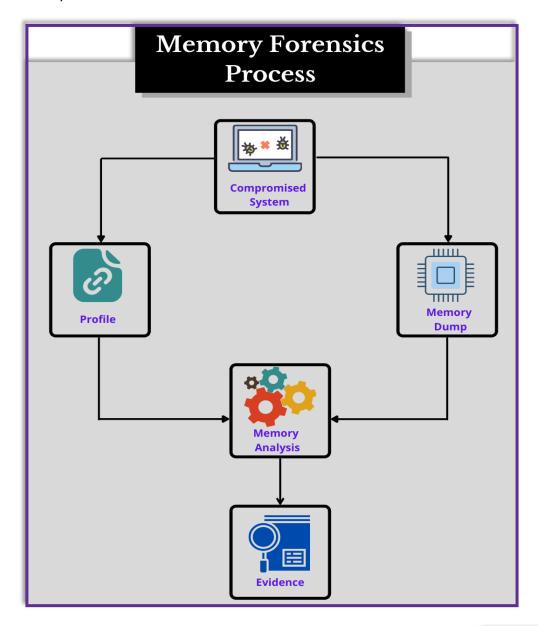
Volatility Workbench is a **GUI version** of one of the same tool Volatility for analysing the artefacts from a memory dump. It is available free of cost, open-source, and runs on the Windows Operating system.



Introduction

Memory Forensics

Memory Forensics is a budding field in Digital Forensics Investigation which involves recovering, extracting and analysing evidence such as images, documents, or chat histories etc from the structured volatile memory into non-volatile devices like Hard-drives or USB drives.



<u>NOTE:</u> We have taken a memory dump of a Windows7 system using the Belkasoft RAM Capturer, which can be downloaded from <u>here</u>.





Memory Acquisition

- It is the method of capturing and dumping the contents of a volatile content into a non-volatile storage device to preserve it for further investigation.
- A ram analysis can only be successfully conducted when the acquisition has been performed accurately without corrupting the image of the volatile memory.
- In this phase, the investigator has to be careful about his decisions to collect the volatile data as it won't exist after the system undergoes a reboot.
- The volatile memory can also be prone to alteration of any sort due to the continuous processes running in the background.
- Any external move made on the suspect system may impact the device's ram adversely.

Importance of Memory Acquisition

When a volatile memory is captured, the following artefacts can be discovered which can be useful to the investigation:

- On-going processes and recently terminated processes
- Files mapped in the memory (.exe, .txt, shared files, etc.)
- Any open TCP/UDP ports or any active connections
- Caches (clipboard data, SAM databases, edited files, passwords, web addresses, commands)
- Presence of hidden data, malware, etc.

Memory Analysis

Once the dump is available, we will begin with the forensic analysis of the memory using the Volatility Memory Forensics Framework which can be downloaded from here. The volatility framework support analysis of memory dump from all the versions and services of Windows from XP to Windows 10. It also supports Server 2003 to Server 2016. In this article, we will be analysing the memory dump in Kali Linux where Volatility comes pre-installed.



NOTE: Dump Format Supported- Raw format, Hibernation File, VM snapshot, Microsoft crash dump



Volatility Framework

Volatility Framework processes RAM dumps in various formats which can be used to process crash dumps, hibernation files and, page files that may be found on dumps of storage drives. RAM dumps from virtual machines or hypervisors can also be processed.

Data found using Volatility Framework

A huge amount of data can be availed on analysing volatile memory. It includes data like processes, information on open files, registry handles, information on the network and open ports, passwords and cryptographic keys, hidden data, worms and rootkits etc.

Switch on your Kali Linux Machines, and to get a basic list of all the available options, plugins, and flags to use in the analysis, you can type:

```
volatility -h
```

1. Imageinfo

When a Memory dump is taken, it is extremely important to know the information about the operating system that was in use. Volatility will try to read the image and suggest the related profiles for the given memory dump. The image info plugin displays the date and time of the sample that was collected, the number of CPUs present, etc. To obtain the details of the ram, you can type;

```
volatility -f ram.mem imageinfo
```

```
:~# volatility -f ram.mem imageinfo
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
        : volatility.debug
                              : Determining profile based on KDBG search...
          Suggested Profile(s): Win7SP1×64, Win7SP0×64, Win2008R2SP0×64, Win2008R2SP1×64_24000,
                    AS Layer1 : WindowsAMD64PagedMemory (Kernel AS)
                     AS Layer2 : FileAddressSpace (/root/ram.mem)
                      PAE type : No PAE
                           DTB: 0×187000L
                          KDBG: 0×f80002bfc0a0L
         Number of Processors :
     Image Type (Service Pack)
                KPCR for CPU 0 : 0×ffffff80002bfdd00L
                KPCR for CPU 1: 0×ffffff880009f1000L
                KPCR for CPU 2: 0×ffffff8800316a000L
                KPCR for CPU 3 : 0×fffff880031e1000L
             KUSER_SHARED_DATA : 0×ffffff78000000000L
                                 2020-10-01 16:27:05 UTC+0000
           Image date and time :
     Image local date and time :
                                 2020-10-01 21:57:05 +0530
```

A profile is a categorization of specific operating systems, versions and their hardware architecture, A profile generally includes metadata information, system call information, etc. You may notice multiple profiles would be suggested to you.



2. Kdbgscan

This plugin finds and analyses the profiles based on the Kernel debugger data block. The Kdbgscan thus provides the correct profile related to the raw image. It is extremely important to get the right profile for memory analysis. To supply the correct profile for the memory analysis, type

volatility -f ram.mem kdbgscan

```
:~# volatility -f ram.mem kdbgscan
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
***************
Instantiating KDBG using: /root/ram.mem WinXPSP2×86 (5.1.0 32bit)
Offset (P)
KDBG owner tag check
                         : 0×2bfc0a0
Profile suggestion (KDBGHeader): Win7SP1×64
PsActiveProcessHead : 0×2c32b90
                         : 0×2c50e90
PsLoadedModuleList
KernelBase
                         : 0×ffffff80002a0b000
*****************
Instantiating KDBG using: /root/ram.mem WinXPSP2×86 (5.1.0 32bit)
KDBG owner tag check : True
Profile suggestion (KDBGHeader): Win7SP0×64
PsActiveProcessHead : 0×2c32b90
PsLoadedModuleList
                         : 0×2c50e90
KernelBase
                         : 0×ffffff80002a0b000
****************
Instantiating KDBG using: /root/ram.mem WinXPSP2×86 (5.1.0 32bit)
Offset (P)
Offset (P)
KDBG owner tag check
                         : 0×2bfc0a0
Profile suggestion (KDBGHeader): Win2008R2SP1×64
PsActiveProcessHead
                         : 0×2c32b90
PsLoadedModuleList
                          : 0×2c50e90
KernelBase
                          : 0×fffff80002a0b000
```

3. Processes

When a system is in an active state it is normal for it to have multiple processes running in the background and can be found in the volatile memory. It consists of executable program code, imported libraries, allocated memory, execution threads. The presence of any hidden process can also be parsed out of a memory dump. The recently terminated processes before the reboot can also be recorded and analysed in the memory dump. There are a few plugins that can be used to list the processes to carry out forensic Investigation.



PSlist

To identify the presence of any rogue processes and to view any high-level running processes.

On executing this command, the list of processes running is displayed, their respective process ID assigned to them and the parent process ID is also displayed along. The details about the threads, sessions, handles are also mentioned. The timestamp according to the start of the process is also displayed. This helps to identify whether an unknown process is running or was running at an unusual time. It will not give information about processes that were hidden by removing themselves from the process list or the ones that were terminated before

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 pslist -P

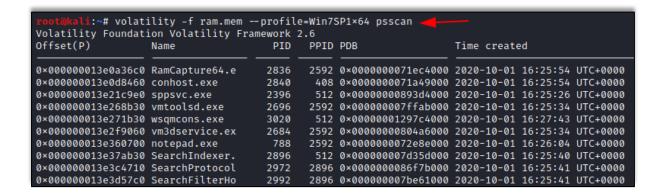
root@kali:~# volatility -f ram.memprofile=Win7SP1×64 pslist -P 🔫									
Volatility Foundat: Offset(P)	ion Volatility Fra Name	mework 2.6 PID	PPID	Thds	Hnds	Sess	Wow64	Start	
0×000000013fece890	Systom			103	542			2020-10-01 16:24:31 UTC+0	2000
0×000000013f4a02f0		268	4	2	32		0	2020-10-01 16:24:31 UTC+0	
0×0000000131440210		352	344	9	504	0		2020-10-01 16:24:31 UTC+0	
0×000000013ed04000		408	400	10	279	1		2020-10-01 16:24:35 UTC+0	
0×000000013ead2a90		416	344	3	78	0		2020-10-01 16:24:36 UTC+0	
0×000000013edd2a90		464	400	4	115	1		2020-10-01 16:24:36 UTC+0	
0×000000013eb32780	3	512	416	11	229	0		2020-10-01 16:24:30 UTC+0	
0×000000013eb68450		520	416	8	595	0		2020-10-01 16:24:37 0TC+0	
0×000000013eb69600		528	416	12	203	0		2020-10-01 16:24:38 UTC+0	
0×000000013eba9b30		620	512	12	376	0		2020-10-01 16:24:38 UTC+0	
0×000000013ebe7b30		704	512	7	289	0		2020-10-01 16:24:39 UTC+0	
0×000000013e830b30		800	512	23	448	0		2020-10-01 16:24:39 0TC+0	
0×000000013e848890		840	512	20	433	0		2020-10-01 16:24:40 UTC+0	
0×000000013e853b30		868	512	49	1114	0		2020-10-01 16:24:40 UTC+0	
0×000000013e87bb30		944	800	6	130	0		2020-10-01 16:24:40 UTC+0	
0×000000013e8a9b30	3	128	512	12	550	0		2020-10-01 16:24:41 UTC+0	
0×000000013e8ce060		400	512	25	634	0		2020-10-01 16:24:41 UTC+0	
0×000000013e9331b0		1040	512	14	289	0		2020-10-01 16:24:41 UTC+0	
0×000000013e94a060		1084	512	20	340	0		2020-10-01 16:24:43 UTC+0	
0×000000013e94a000		1308	512	5	100	0		2020-10-01 16:24:44 UTC+0	
0×000000013e698b30		1368	512	13	274	0		2020-10-01 16:24:46 UTC+0	
0×000000013ff2f4f0		1600	512	8	97	0		2020-10-01 16:24:48 UTC+0	
0×0000000131721410		1748	512	22	213	0		2020-10-01 16:24:48 UTC+0	
0×000000013e7717c0		1920	512	17	213	0		2020-10-01 16:24:50 UTC+0	
0×000000013e42db30		2000	512	16	158	0		2020-10-01 16:24:50 UTC+0	
0×000000013E42db30		1840	620	12	202	0		2020-10-01 16:24:54 UTC+0	
0×0000000131E79b30		2060	512	6	121	0		2020-10-01 16:24:54 UTC+0	
0×000000013faba920		2124	620	13	310	0		2020-10-01 16:25:08 UTC+0	
0×000000013rdbd920		2268	512	9	167	1		2020-10-01 16:25:25 UTC+0	
0×000000013c3dc550		2396	512	4	157	0		2020-10-01 16:25:26 UTC+0	
0×000000013e4aa200		2568	840	6	137	1		2020-10-01 16:25:32 UTC+0	
0×000000013c4dd200		2592	2560	44	990	1		2020-10-01 16:25:32 UTC+0	
0×000000013c3c5c550		2684	2592	3	45	1		2020-10-01 16:25:34 UTC+0	
0×000000013e268b30		2696	2592	9	222	1		2020-10-01 16:25:34 UTC+0	
0×000000013e37ab30		2896	512	15	629	0		2020-10-01 16:25:40 UTC+0	
0×000000013e3c4710		2972	2896	8	233	1		2020-10-01 16:25:41 UTC+0	
0×000000013e3d57c0		2992	2896	4	86	0		2020-10-01 16:25:41 UTC+0	
0×000000013e0a36c0		2836	2592	4	74	1		2020-10-01 16:25:54 UTC+0	
0×000000013e0d8460		2840	408	3	51	1		2020-10-01 16:25:54 UTC+0	
0×000000013c360700		788	2592	3	82	1		2020-10-01 16:26:04 UTC+0	
0×000000013ff75060	The second second second	2764	512	6	73	0		2020-10-01 16:26:48 UTC+0	
0×0000000131173030		2752	512	14	342	0		2020-10-01 16:26:48 UTC+0	
0×000000013cc28630		1116	2592	18	421	1		2020-10-01 16:26:51 UTC+0	
0×000000013ed13900		2412	1116	18	366	1		2020-10-01 16:26:55 UTC+0	
0×000000013e83b060		1936	2592	2	88	1		2020-10-01 16:27:00 UTC+0	
0×000000013ffde060		2164	512	7	121	0		2020-10-01 16:27:11 UTC+0	
0×000000013e5f9b30		2176	512	1	18			2020-10-01 16:27:43 UTC+0	
0×000000013e271b30		3020	512	1	257			2020-10-01 16:27:43 UTC+0	
0×000000013ebcc240		1776	512	5	6684773			2020-10-01 16:27:43 UTC+0	
0.000000136000240	caskilose.exe	1//0	312	,	0004773		V	2020 10 01 10.27.43 010+0	7000



PSscan

This plugin can be used to give a detailed list of processes found in the memory dump. On executing this command, the list of processes running is displayed, their respective process ID assigned to them and the parent process ID is also displayed along. The details about the threads, sessions, handles are also mentioned. The timestamp according to the start of the process is also displayed. This helps to identify whether an unknown process is running or was running at an unusual time

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 psscan



PStree

In this plugin, the process list is represented with a child-parent relationship and shows any unknown or abnormal processes. The child process is represented by indention and periods.

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 pstree

```
:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 pstree
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Name
                                                        Pid
                                                              PPid
                                                                      Thds
                                                                             Hnds Time
0×fffffa80322d2a90:wininit.exe
                                                        416
                                                                               78 2020-10
                                                               344
. 0×fffffa8032332780:services.exe
                                                        512
                                                               416
                                                                        11
                                                                              229 2020-10
.. 0×fffffa80324a9b30:svchost.exe
                                                        128
                                                               512
                                                                       12
                                                                              550 2020-10
.. 0×ffffffa80325331b0:spoolsv.exe
                                                               512
                                                                              289 2020-10
                                                                        14
                                                       1040
.. 0×ffffffa80323e7b30:svchost.exe
                                                        704
                                                               512
                                                                              289 2020-10
                                                       2000
                                                               512
                                                                        16
   0×fffffa803282db30:msdtc.exe
                                                                              158 2020-10
   0×fffffa8032661b30:VGAuthService.
                                                       1308
                                                               512
                                                                              100 2020-10
   0×fffffa803254a060:svchost.exe
                                                                              340 2020-10
                                                               512
                                                       1084
                                                                        20
   0×fffffa8030f2f4f0:svchost.exe
                                                       1600
                                                               512
                                                                        8
                                                                               97 2020-10
```



4. DLL

It is extremely important to know which DLLs (Dynamic Linked Libraries) are imported into the process while analysing the memory dump. A DLL can contain malicious executable code that may have a benign process to introduce malicious activity. Therefore, examining the various processes for the presence of malicious DLLs or similar code injections is crucial for analysis. Volatility has various types of plugins for this analysis.

DLLList

Various tools only have the potential to detect the DLLs which are used by a process by consulting the first of the three DLL lists stored in the PEB, which tracks the order in which each DLL is loaded. As a result, malware will sometimes modify that list to hide the presence of a DLL. Volatility has a plugin that also parses this same list, which can be run with the following command:

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 dlllist -p 116,788

root@kali:~# volatility -f ram.memprofile=Win7SP1×64 dlllist -p 1116,788									
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6									

	notepad.exe pid:								
	Windows\system32\N0	TEPAD.EXE" C:\Users	s\raj\Desktop\New To	ext Document	.txt				
Service Pack 1									
Base	Size	LoadCount	LoadTime		Path				
0×00000000ffa60000	0×35000	0×ffff	1970-01-01 00:00:0	0 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×0000000077490000	0×1a9000		1970-01-01 00:00:00		C:\Windows				
0×0000000077370000	0×11f000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefd4d0000	0×6b000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefea40000	0×db000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefeec0000	0×9f000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007feff580000	0×1f000		2020-10-01 16:26:04		C:\Windows				
0×000007fefeb20000	0×12d000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefe7b0000	0×67000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×0000000077270000	0×fa000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007feff570000	0×e000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007feff6d0000	0×c9000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefe820000	0×97000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007feff4d0000	0×71000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefbbf0000	0×1f4000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefd850000	0×d88000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fef8050000	0×71000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefecb0000	0×203000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007feff190000	0×d7000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefc540000	0×c000	0×ffff	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefe5e0000	0×2e000	0×4	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefe690000	0×109000	0×2	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefd2d0000	0×f000	0×1	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefb970000	0×56000	0×3	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
0×000007fefb080000	0×18000	0×1	2020-10-01 16:26:04	4 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				
******	**************	*******	*****						
iexplore.exe pid:	1116								
Command line : "C:\	Program Files\Inter	rnet Explorer\iexplo	ore.exe"						
Service Pack 1									
Base	Size	LoadCount	LoadTime		Path ——				
0×0000000000210000	0×ac000		1970-01-01 00:00:00		C:\Program				
0×0000000077490000	0×1a9000	0×ffff	1970-01-01 00:00:00	0 UTC+0000	C:\Windows				



DLLDump

This plugin is used to dump the DLLs from the memory space of the processes into another location to analyze it. To take a dump of the DLLs you can type,

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 dlldump -dump-dir

```
:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 dlldump --dump-dir /root/ramdump/
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process(V)
                                        Module Base
                                                           Module Name
                                                                                Result
0×fffffa80318a02f0 smss.exe
                                        0×0000000047850000 smss.exe
                                                                                OK: module.268.13f4a
0×fffffa80318a02f0 smss.exe
                                        0×0000000077490000 ntdll.dll
                                                                                OK: module.268.13f4a
                                        0×000000004a520000 csrss.exe
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×0000000077490000 ntdll.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefd440000 basesrv.DLL
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007feff6d0000 USP10.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×0000000077270000 USER32.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefd460000 CSRSRV.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
                                        0×0000000077370000 kernel32.dll
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefeb20000 RPCRT4.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefd2d0000 CRYPTBASE.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefe7b0000 GDI32.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefeec0000 msvcrt.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007feff570000 LPK.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefd4d0000 KERNELBASE.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefd2e0000 sxs.dll
                                                                               OK: module.352.13ed0
                                                                                OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefd3f0000 sxssrv.DLL
0×fffffa8032104060 csrss.exe
                                        0×000007fefd400000 winsrv.DLL
                                                                                OK: module.352.13ed0
0×fffffa80322d82f0 csrss.exe
                                        0×000000004a520000 csrss.exe
                                                                               OK: module.408.13ead
```

5. Handles

This plugin is used to display the open handles that are present in a process. This plugin applies to files, registry keys, events, desktops, threads, and all other types of objects. To see the handles, present in the dump, you can type,

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 handles

root@kali:~# volatility -f ram.memprofile=Win7SP1×64 handles								
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6								
Offset(V)	Pid	Handle	Access	Type	Details			
0×fffffa8030ece890	4	0×4	0×1fffff	Process	System(4)			
0×fffff8a0000711f0	4	0×8	0×2001f	Key	MACHINE\CONTROLSE1			
0×fffff8a000008060	4	0×c	0×f000f	Directory	GLOBAL ??			
0×fffff8a00001aca0	4	0×10	0×0	Key				
0×fffff8a00008ed30	4	0×14	0×2001f	Key	MACHINE\CONTROLSE1			
0×fffff8a000072fa0	4	0×18	0×f003f	Key	MACHINE\CONTROLSE1			
0×fffff8a00008ee20	4	0×1c	0×2001f	Key	MACHINE\SETUP			
0×fffffa8030efea40	4	0×20	0×1f0001	ALPC Port	PowerMonitorPort			
0×fffffa8030f0a070	4	0×24	0×1f0001	ALPC Port	PowerPort			
0×fffff8a000072ba0	4	0×28	0×20019	Key	MACHINE\DESCRIPTI(
0×fffffa8030ff57e0	4	0×2c	0×1fffff	Thread	TID 172 PID 4			
0×fffff8a00008fa90	4	0×30	0×f003f	Key	MACHINE\CONTROLSE1			
0×fffff8a00008be80	4	0×34	0×f003f	Key	MACHINE\CONTROLSE1			
0×fffff8a000057fa0	4	0×38	0×f003f	Key	MACHINE\CONTROLSE1			
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6. Getsids

This plugin is used to view the SIDs stands for Security Identifiers that are associated with a process. This plugin can help in identifying processes that have maliciously escalated privileges and which processes belong to specific users. To get detail on a particular process id, you can type:

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 getsids -p 464
```

```
root@kali:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 getsids -p 464 Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
winlogon.exe (464): S-1-5-18 (Local System)
winlogon.exe (464): S-1-5-32-544 (Administrators)
winlogon.exe (464): S-1-1-0 (Everyone)
winlogon.exe (464): S-1-5-11 (Authenticated Users)
winlogon.exe (464): S-1-16-16384 (System Mandatory Level)
root@kali:~#
```

7. Netscan

This plugin helps in finding network-related artifacts present in the memory dump. It makes use of pool tag scanning. This plugin finds all the TCP endpoints, TCP listeners, UDP endpoints, and UDP listeners. It provides details about the local and remote IP and also about the local and remote port. To get details on the network artifacts, you can type:

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 netscan
```

```
i:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 netscan
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
                            Local Address
Offset(P)
                   Proto
                                                             Foreign Address
                                                                                   State
0×13e0de9e0
                   UDPv4
                             127.0.0.1:65024
0×13e8dcce0
                   UDPv4
                             0.0.0.0:0
0×13e8dcce0
                   UDPv6
                             :::0
                             0.0.0.0:5355
0×13e8e4ad0
                   UDPv4
                                                             *:*
0×13e9c2d60
                   UDPv4
                             0.0.0.0:4500
0×13e9c2d60
                   UDPv6
                             ::: 4500
                                                             *:*
0×13e9d9270
                   UDPv4
                             0.0.0.0:4500
0×13e9d9930
                   UDPv4
                             0.0.0.0:500
                                                             *:*
0×13e9de010
                   UDPv4
                             0.0.0.0:500
                             ::: 500
0×13e9de010
                   UDPv6
0×13e9de500
                   UDPv4
                             0.0.0.0:0
                                                             *:*
0×13e9de500
                   UDPv6
                                                             *:*
                             :::0
                   UDPv4
                             0.0.0.0:0
0×13e9deb10
                   UDPv4
0×13eaed860
                             192.168.2.11:138
0×13eb35920
                   UDPv4
                             192.168.2.11:137
0×13e6fb790
                    TCPv4
                             0.0.0.0:49155
                                                             0.0.0.0:0
                                                                                   LISTENING
0×13e6fbef0
                    TCPv4
                             0.0.0.0:445
                                                             0.0.0.0:0
                                                                                   LISTENING
```



8. Hivelist

This plugin can be used to locate the virtual addresses present in the registry hives in memory, and their entire paths to hive on the disk. To obtain the details on the hivelist from the memory dump, you can type:

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 hivelist

```
i:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 hivelist
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Virtual
                   Physical
                                      Name
0×fffff8a00000f010 0×00000000a97f2010 [no name]
0×fffff8a000024010 0×00000000a987d010 \REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM
0×fffff8a000057010 0×00000000a95b0010 \REGISTRY\MACHINE\HARDWARE
0×fffff8a00058a010 0×00000000a8270010 \SystemRoot\System32\Config\SECURITY
0×ffffff8a00058c010 0×00000000a83f2010 \SystemRoot\System32\Config\S0FTWARE
0×ffffff8a00058f010 0×00000009d700010 \SystemRoot\System32\Config\DEFAULT
0×fffff8a0005ff010 0×00000000a8182010 \SystemRoot\System32\Config\SAM
0×ffffff8a000e4d010 0×000000009d4e5010 \??\C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\N
0×ffffff8a000eef010 0×000000009d536010 \??\C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\LocalService\NTU
0×fffff8a0015d7010 0×000000008a545010 \??\C:\Users\raj\ntuser.dat
0×fffff8a0015e5010 0×000000008aa5c010 \??\C:\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Window
0×fffff8a0021c8010 0×000000000610c4010 \??\C:\System Volume Information\Syscache.hve
0×fffff8a00307c010 0×00000000a58f7010 \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Boot\BCD
```

9. Timeliner

This plugin usually creates a timeline from the various artifacts found in the memory dump. To locate the artifacts according to the timeline, you can use the following command:

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 timeliner

```
i:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 timeliner
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
2020-10-01 16:27:05 UTC+0000|[LIVE RESPONSE]| (System time)|
                                            explorer.exe→Visited: raj@file:///C:/Users/raj/De
2020-10-01 16:26:04 UTC+0000 [IEHISTORY]
2020-09-26 11:42:11 UTC+0000 [IEHISTORY]
                                            explorer.exe→Visited: raj@file:///C:/Users/raj/Deexplorer.exe→Visited: raj@file:///E:/raj.txt| PID
2020-09-17 17:43:58 UTC+0000
                              [IEHISTORY]
                                            explorer.exe→Visited: raj@file:///C:/Users/raj/De
2020-09-26 11:48:11 UTC+0000 [IEHISTORY]
2020-10-01 21:56:04 UTC+0000 [IEHISTORY]
                                            explorer.exe->:2020100120201002: raj@file:///C:/Use
2020-10-01 21:56:04 UTC+0000 [IEHISTORY]
                                            explorer.exe->:2020100120201002: raj@:Host: Compute
2020-10-01 16:26:04 UTC+0000
                                            iexplore.exe→Visited: raj@file:///C:/Users/raj/De
                               [IEHISTORY]
2020-09-26 11:42:11 UTC+0000 [[IEHISTORY]
                                            iexplore.exe→Visited: raj@file:///C:/Users/raj/De
2020-09-17 17:43:58 UTC+0000 [IEHISTORY]
                                            iexplore.exe→Visited: raj@file:///E:/raj.txt| PID
2020-09-26 11:48:11 UTC+0000
                              [IEHISTORY]
                                            iexplore.exe→Visited: raj@file:///C:/Users/raj/De
```



10. HashDump

This plugin can be used to extract and decrypt cached domain credentials stored in the registry which can be availed from the memory dump. The hashes that are availed from the memory dump can be cracked using John the Ripper, Hashcat, etc. To gather the hashdump, you can use the command:

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 hashdump
```

```
rootmkal:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 hashdump
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0::
raj:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:3dbde697d71690a769204beb12283678::
ignite:1001:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0::
```

11. Lsadump

This plugin is used to dump LSA secrets from the registry in the memory dump. This plugin gives out information like the default password, the RDP public key, etc. To perform a Isadump, you can type the following command:

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 lsadump
```

12. Modscan

This plugin is used to locate kernel memory and its related objects. It can pick up all the previously unloaded drivers and also those drivers that have been hidden or have been unlinked by rootkits in the system.

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 modscan
```

```
i:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 modscan-
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(P)
                  Name
                                        Base
                                                                         Size File
0×0000000002fa45e1
                                                                   0×8435e800
                                        0×894c304b8b48ffad
0×000000005bdeb5e1
                                        0×894c304b8b48ffad
                                                                   0×8435e800
0×000000013e230c00 spsys.sys
                                                                      0×71000 \SystemRoot
                                       0×fffff88005a00000
0×000000013e2be010 RamCaptur...er64.SYS 0×fffff88005a71000
                                                                       0×7000 \??\C:\User
                                                                       0×b000 \SystemRoot
0×000000013e611350 secdrv.SYS
                                        0×fffff88005927000
                                                                      0×31000 \SystemRoot
0×000000013e6171b0 srvnet.sys
                                        0×fffff88005932000
0×000000013e629520 rdpdr.sys
                                                                      0×2e000 \SystemRoot
                                        0×fffff88005b7d000
                                       0×fffff88005975000
                                                                      0×6b000 \SystemRoot
0×000000013e634480 srv2.sys
```



13. FileScan

This plugin is used to find FILE_OBJECTs present in the physical memory by using pool tag scanning. It can find open files even if there is a hidden rootkit present in the files. To make use of this plugin, you can type the following command:

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 filescan

```
:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 filescan
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(P)
                     #Ptr
                           #Hnd Access Name
0×000000013e000910
                              1 RW-rw- \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Users\raj\AppData\Local\Microsof
0×000000013e00c4a0
                                       \Device\NamedPipe\MsFteWds
                              0 R--r-d \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\rasdlg.dll
0×000000013e00c740
                              0 RW-rwd \Device\HarddiskVolume1\$PrepareToShrinkFileSize
0×000000013e00c9f0
                              0 R--r-d \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\wlanutil.dll
0×000000013e01baf0
0×000000013e01d6e0
                               1 R--rw- \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\winsxs\amd64_microsoft.
                              0 R--r-- \Device\HarddiskVolume1\wkssvc
0×000000013e020560
                      14
                              0 R--r-d \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\WWanAPI.dll
0×000000013e020920
                       4
0×000000013e021a70
                       18
                               1 RW-r-- \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs\Mic
                              0 R--r-d \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\wwapi.dll
0×000000013e021dd0
                       12
                              0 R--r-d \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\bthprops.cpl
0×000000013e021f20
```

14. Svcscan

This plugin is used to see the services are registered on your memory image, use the svcscan command. The output shows the process ID of each service the service name, service name, display name, service type, service state, and also shows the binary path for the registered service – which will be a .exe for user mode services and a driver name for services that run from kernel mode. To find the details on the services

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 svcscan
```

```
Offset: 0xcc8500
Order: 70
Start: SERVICE_AUTO_START
Process ID: 800
Service Name: Dhcp
Display Name: DHCP Client
Service Type: SERVICE_WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS
Service State: SERVICE_RUNNING
Binary Path: C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe -k LocalServiceNetworkRestri
```



15. Cmdscan

This plugin searches the memory dump of XP/2003/Vista/2008 and Windows 7 for commands that the attacker might have entered through a command prompt (cmd.exe). It is one of the most powerful commands that one can use to gain visibility into an attacker's actions on a victim system. To conduct a cmdscan, you can make use of the following command:

volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 cmdscan

```
root@kali:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 cmdscan
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
***************************
CommandProcess: conhost.exe Pid: 2840
CommandHistory: 0×1e8ce0 Application: RamCapture64.exe Flags: Allocated
CommandCount: 0 LastAdded: -1 LastDisplayed: -1
FirstCommand: 0 CommandCountMax: 50
ProcessHandle: 0×64
Cmd #15 @ 0×180158:
Cmd #16 @ 0×1e7e50:
root@kali:~#
```

16. Iehistory

This plugin recovers the fragments of Internet Explorer history by finding index.dat cache file. To find iehistory files, you can type the following command:

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 iehistory
```

```
:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 iehistory
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****************
Process: 2592 explorer.exe
Cache type "URL " at 0×2955100
Record length: 0×100
Location: Visited: raj@file:///C:/Users/raj/Desktop/New%20Text%20Document.txt
Last modified: 2020-10-01 16:26:04 UTC+0000
Last accessed: 2020-10-01 16:26:04 UTC+0000
File Offset: 0×100, Data Offset: 0×0, Data Length: 0×ac
**************
Process: 2592 explorer.exe
Cache type "URL " at 0×2955200
Record length: 0×100
Location: Visited: raj@file:///C:/Users/raj/Desktop/Confidential.txt
Last modified: 2020-09-26 11:42:11 UTC+0000
Last accessed: 2020-09-26 11:42:11 UTC+0000
File Offset: 0×100, Data Offset: 0×0, Data Length: 0×a4
```



17. <u>Dumpregistry</u>

This plugin allows one to dump a registry hive into a disk location. To dump the registry hive, you use the following command.

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 dumpregistry --dump-dir
/root/ramdump/
```

```
:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1×64 dumpregistry --dump-dir /root/ramdump/
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
***************
Writing out registry: registry.0×fffff8a000024010.SYSTEM.reg
********************
*****************************
Writing out registry: registry.0×fffff8a0015d7010.ntuserdat.reg
*************
****************
Writing out registry: registry.0×fffff8a000eef010.NTUSERDAT.reg
****************
****************
Writing out registry: registry.0×fffff8a00058f010.DEFAULT.reg
Physical layer returned None for index 23000, filling with NULL
*****************
***************
Writing out registry: registry.0×fffff8a00058a010.SECURITY.reg
***************
Writing out registry: registry.0×fffff8a0005ff010.SAM.reg
```

18. Moddump

This plugin is used to extract a kernel driver to a file, you can do this by using the following command:

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 moddump --dump-dir
/root/ramdump/
```



19. Procdump

This plugin is used to dump the executable processes in a single location, If there is malware present it will intentionally forge size fields in the PE header for the memory dumping tool to fail. To collect the dump on processes, you can type:

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 procdump --dump-dir
/root/ramdump/
```

```
-t ram.mem --protile=Win/SP1×64 procdump --dump-dir /root/ramdump/
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process(V)
                  ImageBase
                                                           Result
                                      Name
0×fffffa8030ece890
                                      System
                                                           Error: PEB at 0×0 is unavailable (possib
0×fffffa80318a02f0 0×0000000047850000 smss.exe
                                                           OK: executable.268.exe
0×fffffa8032104060 0×000000004a520000 csrss.exe
                                                           OK: executable.352.exe
0×fffffa80322d82f0 0×000000004a520000 csrss.exe
                                                           OK: executable.408.exe
0×fffffa80322d2a90 0×0000000ffbc0000 wininit.exe
                                                           OK: executable.416.exe
0×fffffa8032312060 0×0000000ffbe0000 winlogon.exe
                                                           OK: executable.464.exe
0×fffffa8032332780 0×00000000ff4e0000 services.exe
                                                           OK: executable.512.exe
0×fffffa8032368450 0×00000000ff310000 lsass.exe
                                                           OK: executable.520.exe
```

20. Memdump

The memdump plugin is used to dump the memory-resident pages of a process into a separate file. You can also lookup a particular process using -p and provide it with a directory path -D to generate the output. To take a dump on memory-resident pages, you can use the following command:

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 memdump --dump-dir
/root/ramdump/
```

21. Notepad

Notepad files are usually highly looked up files in the ram dump. To find the contents present in the notepad file, you can use the following command:

```
volatility -f ram.mem --profile=Win7SP1x64 notepad
```

```
root@kali:~# volatility -f ram.mem --profile=WinXPSP2×86 notepad Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process: 628
Text:
Thcgpune
Process: 1804
```



PassMark Volatility Workbench

Volatility Workbench is a GUI version of one of the most popular tool Volatility for analyzing the artifacts from a memory dump. It is available free of cost, open-source, and runs on the Windows Operating system. You can download it from **Here**.

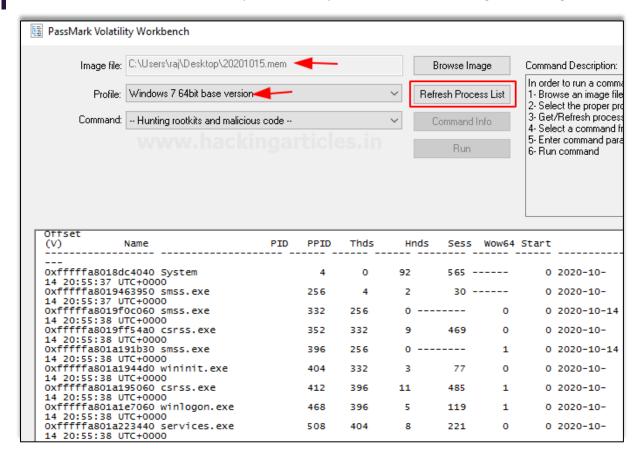
Features of Volatility Workbench

- 1. A forensic investigator does not have to worry about remembering the parameters of the command line.
- 2. It has made it easier to store dump information to a file on disk.
- 3. There is a drop-down list that contains the commands and its brief description.
- 4. It records the time stamp of the commands that were previously executed.

Download the tool and run it. Now choose the dump file that you have previously created and select the profile of the image that was created which could be used in place of imageinfo command. Now click on Refresh Process List and you can run all the commands.

1. Hunting rootkits and malicious code

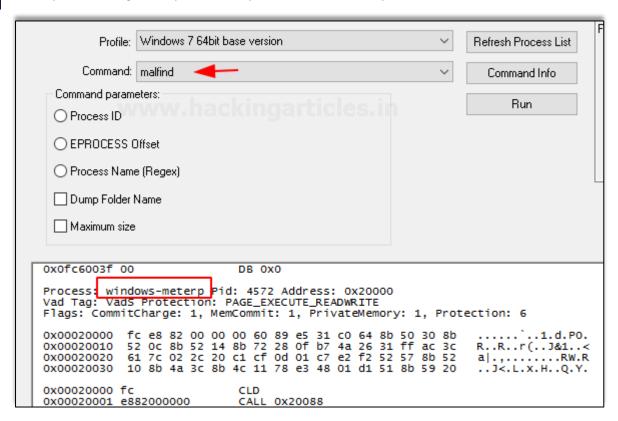
It tends to run a scan on the memory dump and looks around for the presence of a rootkit or a malicious code that would not be easily seen in the system but could be running in the background.





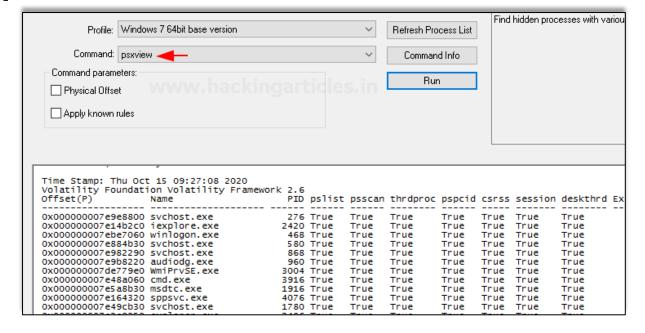
2. Malfind

It is a command which helps in finding a hidden code or a code that has been injected into the user's memory. It doesn't generally detect the presence of a DLL in a process but instead locates them.



psxview

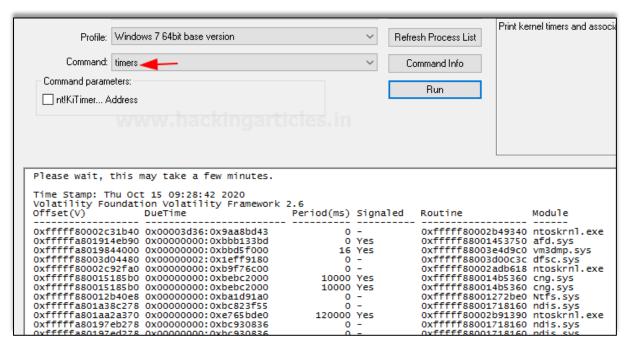
This command usually helps in discovering any hidden processes in the plugin present in the memory dump.





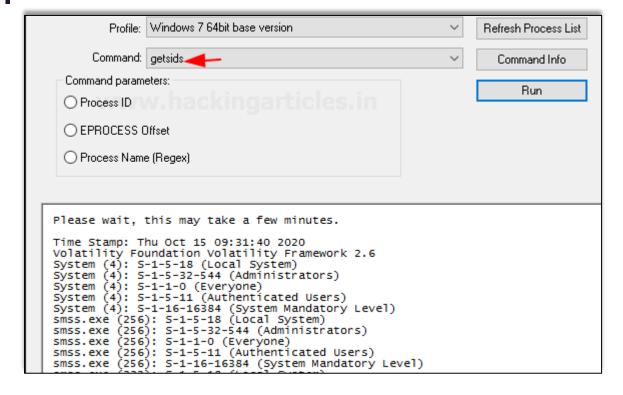
4. Timers

It displays the timer of the kernel and all the associated timers present in the memory dump of the system.



5. Getsids

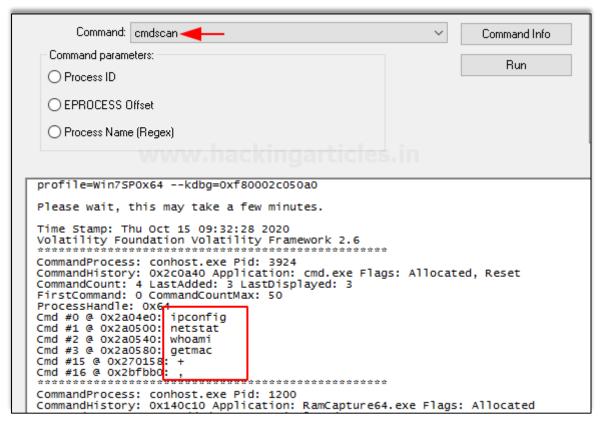
This command can be used to view the Security Identifiers that are associated with a particular process. With the help of this command, you can identify if any malicious process has taken any privilege escalation.





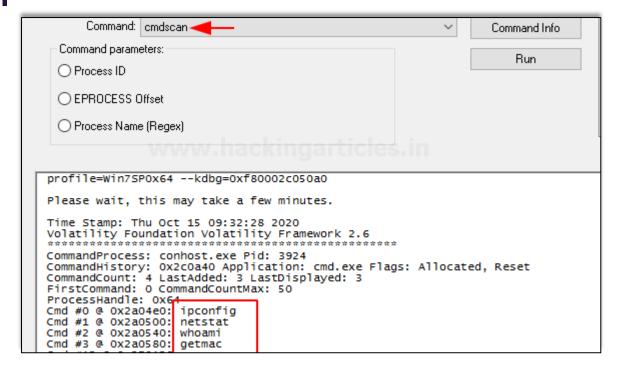
6. Cmdscan

This plugin helps in searching the memory dump for the command the user must have used the cmd.exe application. This command is highly used if the attacker's command activity is to be traced.



7. Consoles

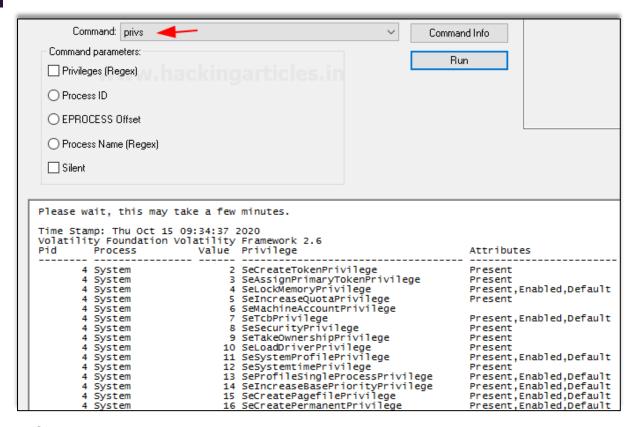
This command is similar to cmdscan and helps to find if the attacker had typed anything in cmd or had executed anything via the backdoor.





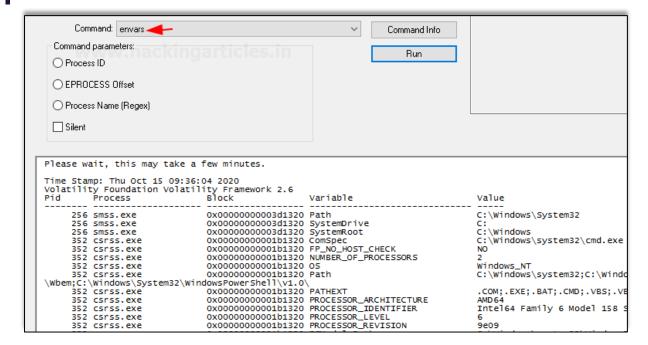
8. Privs

This command displays the privileges assigned to the processes that are enabled or not enabled by default.



9. Envars

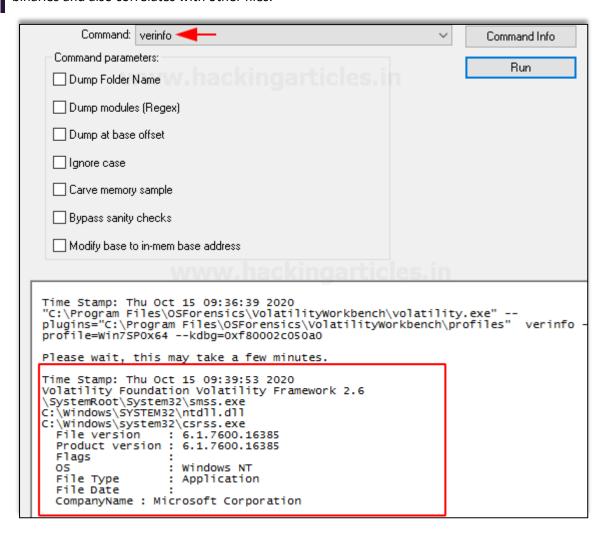
This command displays all the variables in the process, its environment along with its current directory.





10. Verinfo

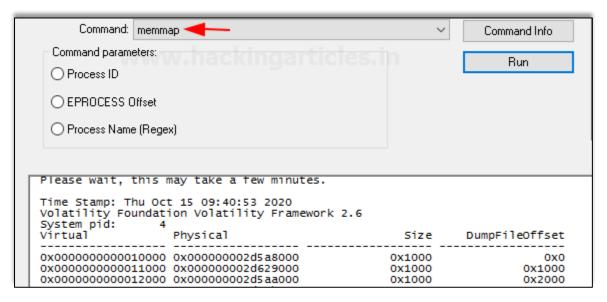
This command displays the version information that is present in the PE files. It helps identify any binaries and also correlates with other files.





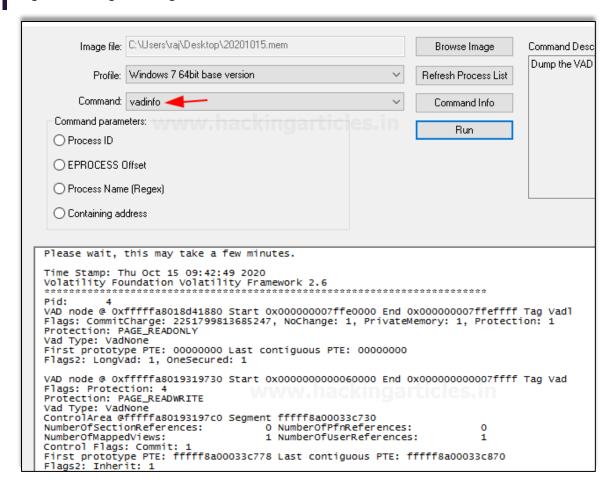
11. Memmap

This command shows the exact pages that are present on the page of a specific process. It also shows the virtual address of the page and the size of its page.



12. Vadinfo

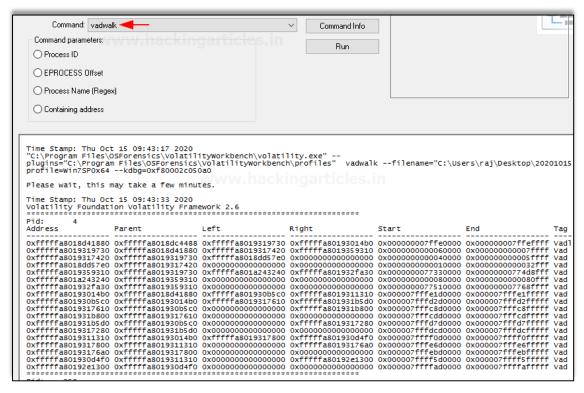
This command usually displays information about a particular process's VAD nodes. It displays the VAD Flags control flags, VAD tags.





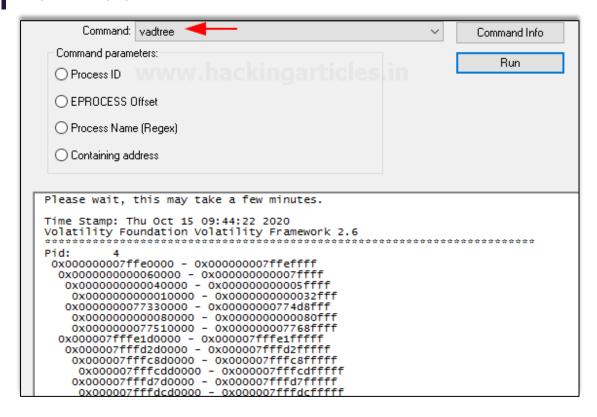
13. Vadwalk

It is a command that is used to display all the VAD nodes in a tabular form.



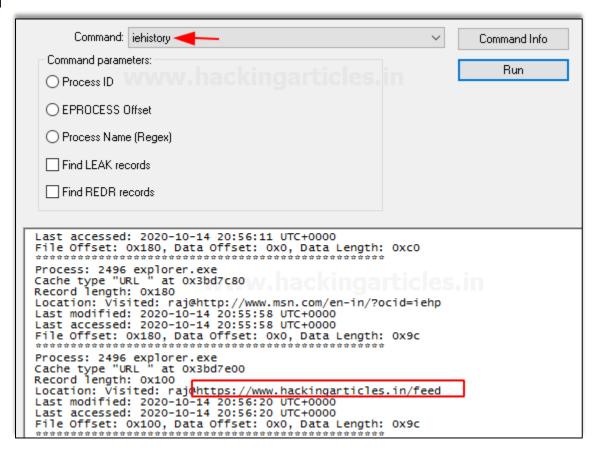
14. Vadtree

This process displays the VAD nodes in a tree form.



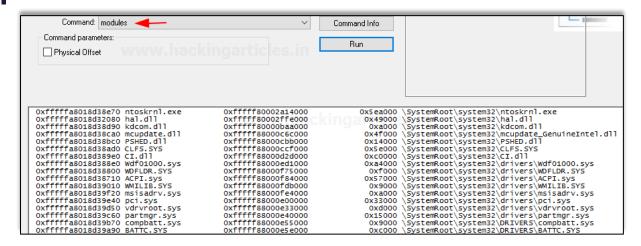
15. iehistory

This Plugin helps in recovering the fragments of the Internet explore history index.dat named cache files. It displays FTP and HTTP links that were accessed, links that were redirected, any deleted entries.



16. Modules

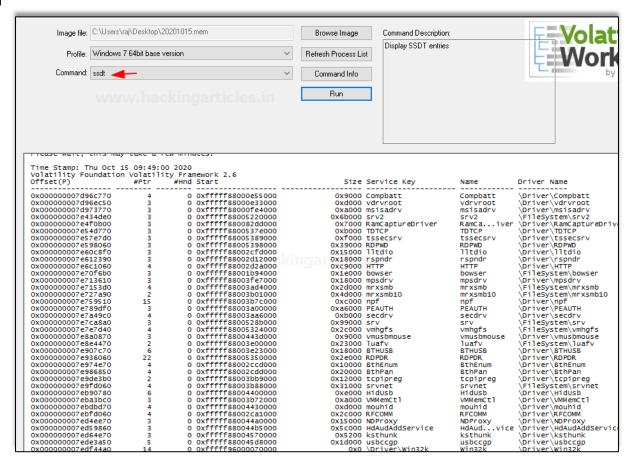
This command is used to list the kernel drivers that are present in the system.





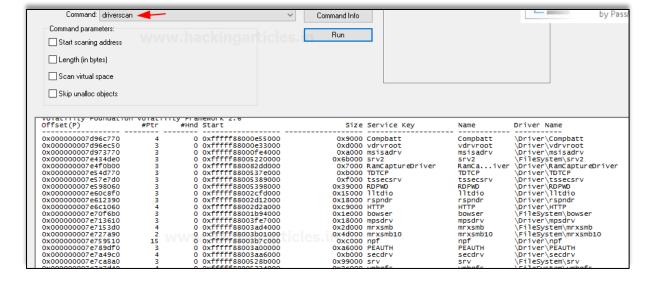
17. SSDT

This command is used to list the functions present in the original and GUI SSDTs. It displays the index, the name of the function, and the owner of the driver of each entry in the SSDT.



18. Driverscan

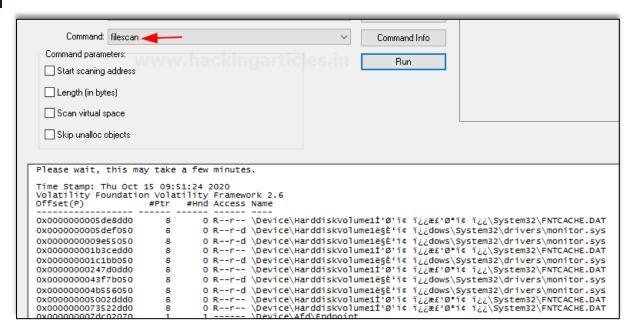
This command can be used to find the DRIVER_OBJECT present in the physical memory by making use of a pool tag scan.





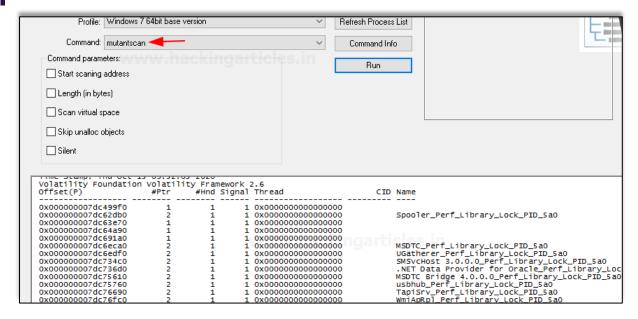
19. File Scan

This command can be used to find File_object that is present in the physical memory by making use of a pool tag scan. This command will help in finding open files in the system dump even if they are hidden with the help of rootkit.



20. Mutant scan

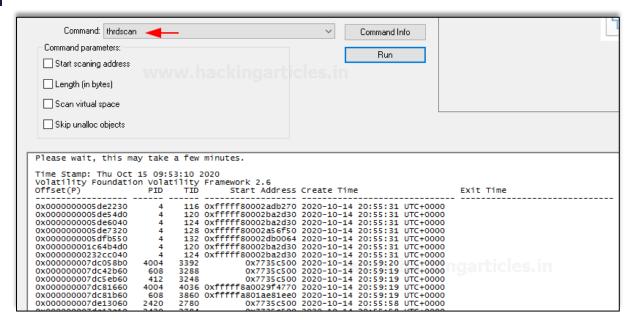
This command is used to scan the physical memory of mutant objects by making use of pool tag scanning.





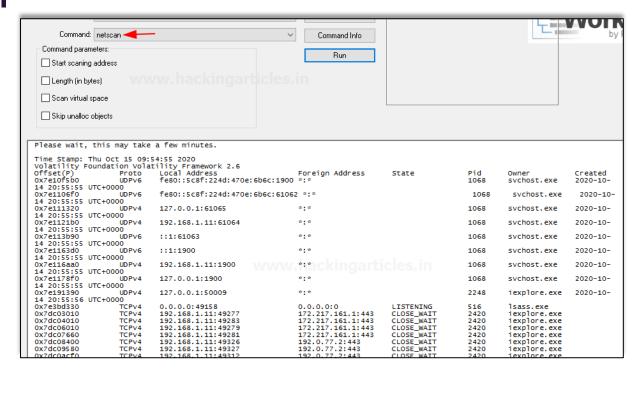
21. Thrdscan

This command is used to find the thread objects that are present in the physical memory with the help of a pool tag scan. It contains certain fields that can identify its parent processes which can help in finding hidden processes.



22. Netscan

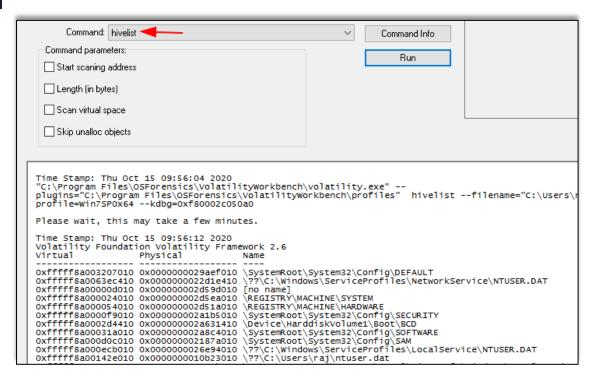
This plugin helps in finding network-related artefacts present in the memory dump. It makes use of pool tag scanning. This plugin finds all the TCP endpoints, TCP listeners, UDP endpoints, and UDP listeners. It provides details about the local and remote IP and also about the local and remote port





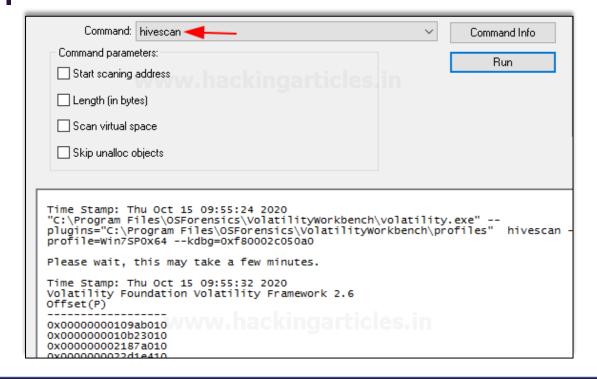
23. Hivelist

This command can be used to locate the virtual addresses present in the registry hives in memory, and their entire paths to hive on the disk.



24. Hivescan

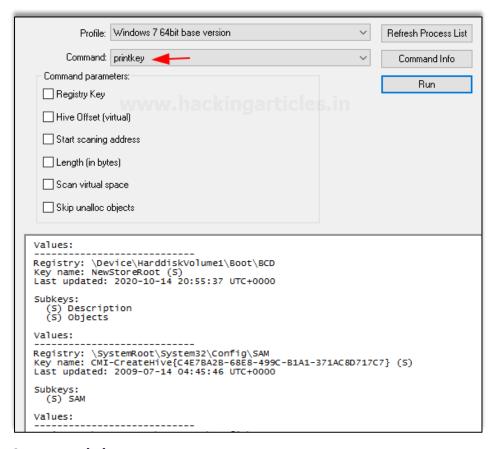
This command is used to find the physical address of the registry hives that are present in the memory. It is there to support the hivelist.





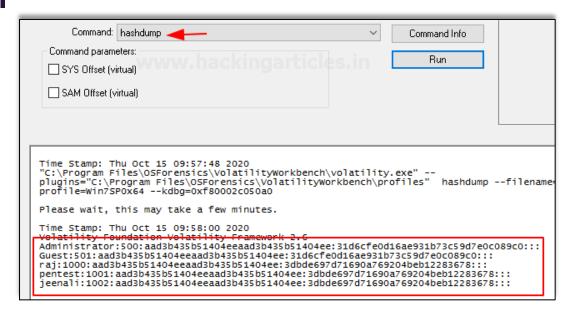
25. Printkey

This command is used to display the values, data, subkeys, and data types that are present in a specified registry.



26. Hashdump

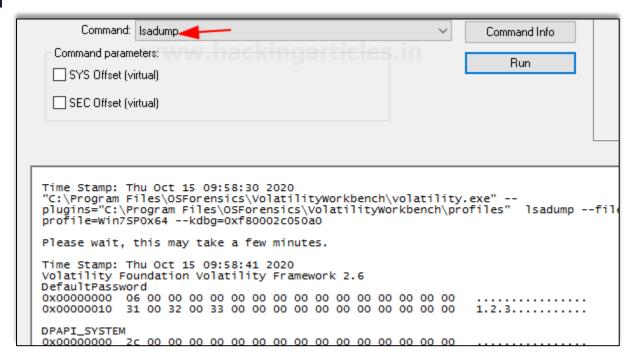
This command can be used to extract and decrypt cached domain credentials stored in the registry which can be availed from the memory dump. The hashes that are availed from the memory dump can be cracked using John the Ripper, Hashcat, etc





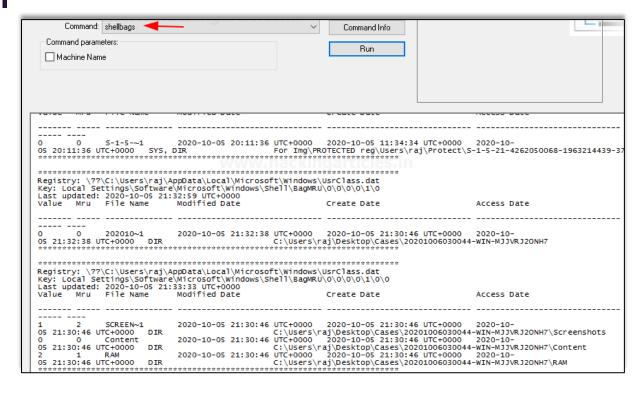
27. Lsadump

This command is used to dump LSA secrets from the registry in the memory dump. This plugin gives out information like the default password, the RDP public key, etc.



28. Shellbags

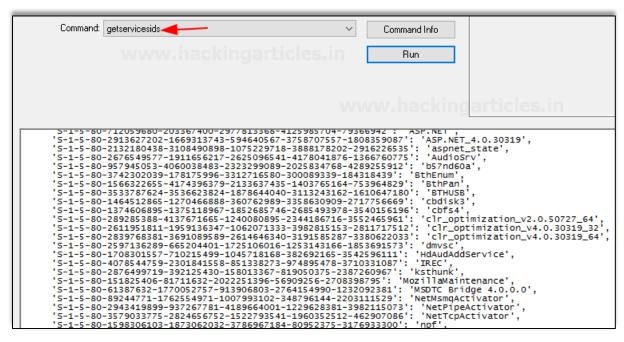
This command usually parses and prints the shellbag information that is obtained from the registry.





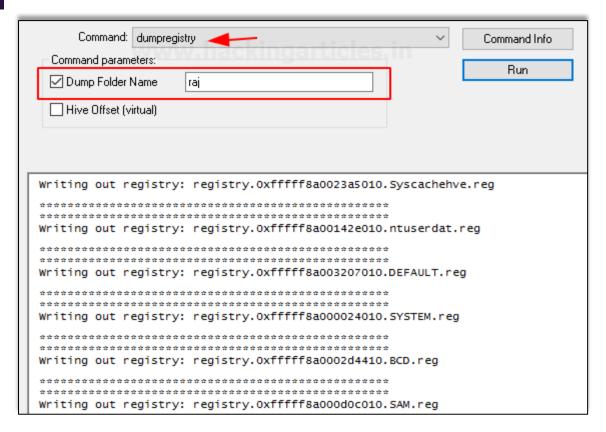
29. Getservicesids

This command does the work of calculating the SIDz for the services that are present on the machine. The name of the services has been taken from the registry.



30. Dumpregistry

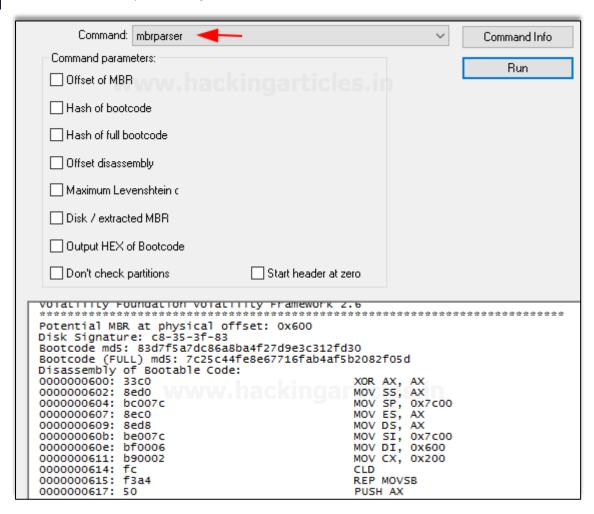
This plugin allows one to dump a registry hive into a disk location.





31. Mbrparser

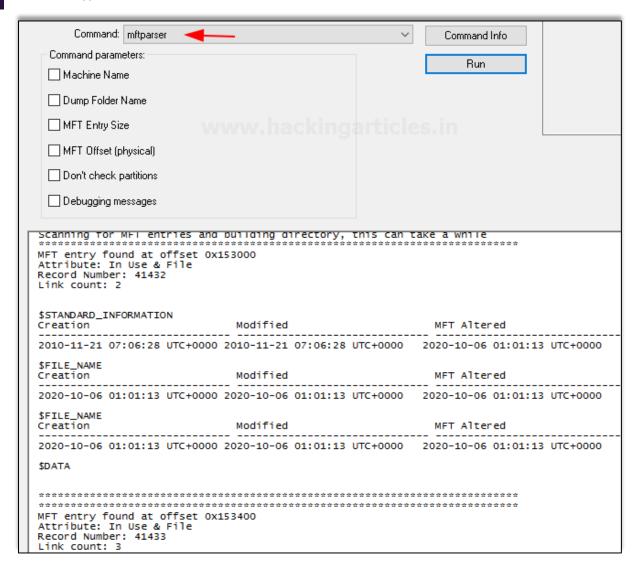
This command scans and parses potential MBR from the memory dump. There are various ways to find MBR and the way of filtering it.





32. Mftparser

This command is used to scan the MFT entries in the memory dump and prints out the information for certain types of file attributes.



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