

# FATE Documentation

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## Retrieve Interesting Files Tool (RIFT)

Retrieve Interesting Files Tool (RIFT) was written to obtain a set of files/directories in an automated forensically sound manner. RIFT retrieves files/directories based upon a regex list of filenames/directories. The tool starts off by parsing the output from the Sleuthkit's FLS command of the \$MFT. Each line of output is compared to the regex list to check for a match. If there is a match, Sleuthkit's ICAT is used to forensically retrieve the file and save it to the location specified.

### Gathering system files to a USB drive using the command line

#### Tools Needed

**rift.exe** – Perl script that uses fls.exe and icat.exe to retrieve a predefined list of files on target file system. Perl is not required as the script has been compiled into a binary.

**icat.exe** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**fls.exe** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**libewf.dll** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**zlib.dll** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**getfiles.txt** – Contains a regex list of files and directories that will be retrieved

**USB Drive** – The drive needs to be big enough to hold the files. If the machine has 8 gigs of ram then, the USB drive needs to be 25 gigs or bigger. The pagefile.sys and hiberfil.sys will be requested, due to the size of both these files, it is best to plan on three times the amount of memory being required to complete this task.

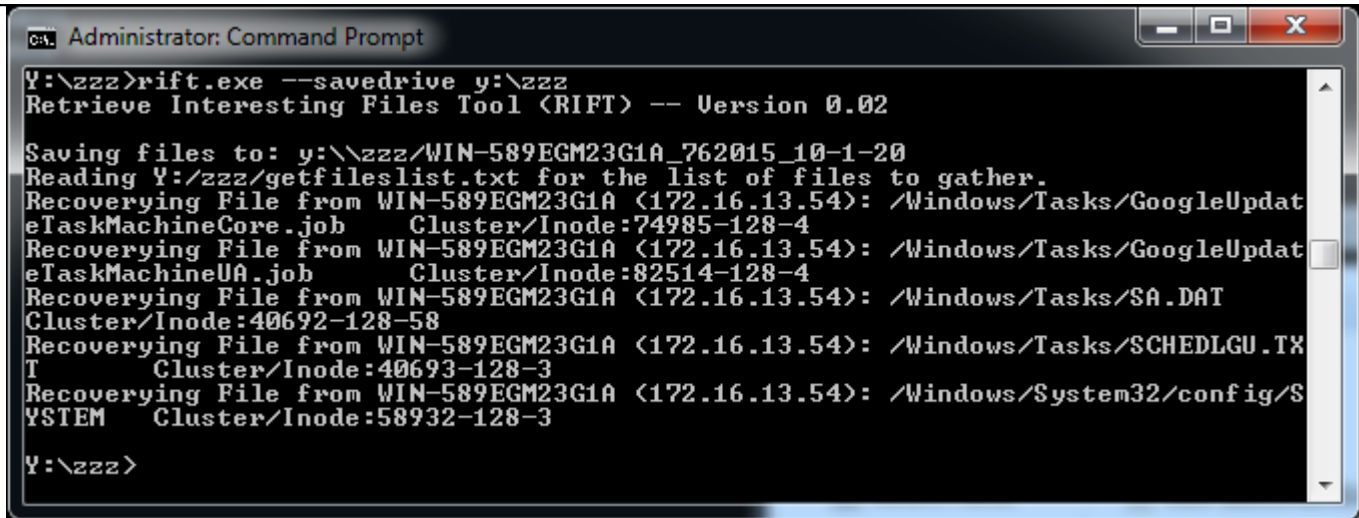
**IMPORTANT:** Everything you do on the machine will change memory. DO NOT perform any other tasks (other than using getfiles.exe) on the machine you are going to gather the files from. Please do not run other applications or execute any other commands as it may erase evidence in memory that is needed.

#### Getting Started

- 1) Make sure your USB drive is empty and big enough to store the files
- 2) Copy the tools onto the USB drive

#### Gathering System Files:

- 1) Insert the USB drive into the machine you want to obtain the live memory image from
- 2) Bring up a command prompt. **NOTE:** The command prompt will need Administrator privileges.
- 3) Change directory to where you copied the tools on the USB drive
- 4) Execute getfiles.exe --savedrive=<USB drive path>



```

Administrator: Command Prompt
Y:\zzz>rift.exe --savedrive y:\zzz
Retrieve Interesting Files Tool (RIFT) -- Version 0.02

Saving files to: y:\zzz\WIN-589EGM23G1A_762015_10-1-20
Reading Y:\zzz\getfileslist.txt for the list of files to gather.
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A (172.16.13.54): /Windows/Tasks/GoogleUpdat
eTaskMachineCore.job Cluster/Inode:74985-128-4
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A (172.16.13.54): /Windows/Tasks/GoogleUpdat
eTaskMachineUA.job Cluster/Inode:82514-128-4
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A (172.16.13.54): /Windows/Tasks/SA.DAT
Cluster/Inode:40692-128-58
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A (172.16.13.54): /Windows/Tasks/SCHEDLGU.TXT
Cluster/Inode:40693-128-3
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A (172.16.13.54): /Windows/System32/config/S
YSTEM Cluster/Inode:58932-128-3

Y:\zzz>

```

Figure 1: Gathering system files step 4

## Gathering system files to a network share using the command line

### Tools Needed

**rift.exe** – Perl script that uses fls.exe and icat.exe to retrieve a predefined list of files on target file system. Perl is not required as the script has been compiled into a binary.

**icat.exe** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**fls.exe** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**libewf.dll** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**zlib.dll** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**getfiles.txt** – Contains a regex list of files and directories that will be retrieved

**Network Share Drive** – The drive needs to be big enough to hold the files. If the machine has 8 gigs of ram then, the USB drive needs to 25 gigs or bigger. The pagefile.sys and hiberfil.sys will be requested, due to the size of both these files, it is best to plan on three times the amount of memory being required to complete this task.

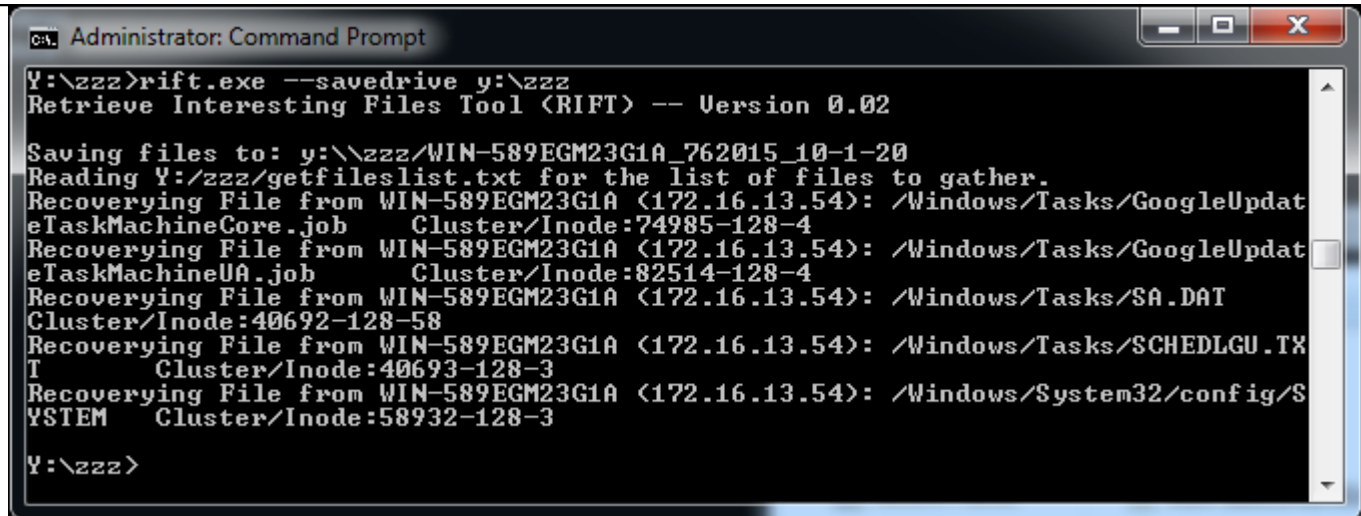
**IMPORTANT:** Everything you do on the machine will change memory. DO NOT perform any other tasks (other than using getfiles.exe) on the machine you are going to gather the files from. Please do not run other applications or execute any other commands as it may erase evidence in memory that is needed.

### Getting Started

- 1) Make sure your network share drive is empty and big enough to store the files
- 2) Copy the tools onto the network share drive
- 3) Try mounting the network shared drive from a different computer than the one you are going to take the image of. You need to ensure that the machine has the same permissions as the machine you are going to image. This test is to ensure that the machine will be able to see the network share and reduce changes to memory (see **IMPORTANT NOTE** above).

### Gathering System Files

- 1) Map the network share on the machine you will be taking the files from.
- 2) Bring up a command prompt. **NOTE:** The command prompt will need Administrator privileges.
- 3) Change directory to the network share.
- 4) Execute getfiles.exe --savedir=savedrive<mapped network drive letter>



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Administrator: Command Prompt
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Saving files to: y:\zzz\WIN-589EGM23G1A_762015_10-1-20
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Cluster/Inode:40692-128-58
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T Cluster/Inode:40693-128-3
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A (172.16.13.54): /Windows/System32/config/S
YSTEM Cluster/Inode:58932-128-3

Y:\zzz>
```

Figure 2: Gathering system files step 4

## Forensic Response ACquisition (FRAC)

Forensic Response ACquisition (FRAC) is a network tool that uses RIFT to retrieve forensically interesting files. Its primary goal is to pull back files for review during incident response. The tool will take an IP range and connect to each machine to run a command. If it cannot connect to an IP address it will log the IP as unresponsive so that it can be re-ran at a later time. FRAC uses either PAExec or Winexe to connect to the remote Windows boxes. Once connected, it will run the command given to it on the machine and then disconnect. Primarily, FRAC is used to retrieve files like Atjobs or system hives, however, it is possible to retrieve the system memory using Winpmem. The section entitled "Running Other Commands with FRAC" has details on how to run other commands with FRAC.

As with any tool, the author recommends you test FRAC on a small subset of machines to ensure that the tool performs to your specifications.

### Windows: Tools Needed

**rft.exe** – Perl script that uses fls.exe and icat.exe to retrieve a predefined list of files on target file system.

**icat.exe** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**fls.exe** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**libewf.dll** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**zlib.dll** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**cmd.txt** – This file contains the command that is used to do the work on each machine.

**getfiles.txt** – Contains a regex list of files and directories that will be retrieved

**config.ini** – Used to configure how the program runs.

**iplist.txt** – This file contains the network ranges used to scan for interesting files.

**frac.exe** – This is the program that will read in the IP ranges and conduct the scans.

**Network Share (SMB)** – The network share should be fairly large. It is hard to recommend a size. It all depends on what is being downloaded to the share. Also, the share needs to be mountable by the machines that will be scanned. The author recommends that an admin mount the share by hand to ensure that it will mount correctly.

**Paexec** – Used to run processes on the remote machines. (Download at <http://www.poweradmin.com/paexec/>; Source code available at: <https://github.com/poweradminllc/PAExec>)

**Winexec** – Used to run processes on the remote machines. Try to find a pre-compiled version as winexe can be a bear to compile. (Source code: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/winexe>)

**PYExec.exe** – Used to run processes on remote machines. The new versions of Windows 10 work with this and is what is recommended to be used over Paexec.

### \*NIX: Tools Needed

**rft** – Perl script that uses fls.exe and icat.exe to retrieve a predefined list of files on target file system.

**icat** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**fls** – Part of Sleuthkit for Windows (Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sleuthkit/files/sleuthkit/4.0.1/sleuthkit-win32-4.0.1.zip/download>)

**cmd.txt** – This file contains the command that is used to do the work on each machine.

**getfiles.txt** – Contains a regex list of files and directories that will be retrieved

**config.ini** – Used to configure how the program runs.

**iplist.txt** – This file contains the network ranges used to scan for interesting files.

**frac** – This is the program that will read in the IP ranges and conduct the scans.

**Network Share (NFS)** – The network share should be fairly large. It is hard to recommend a size. It all depends on what is being downloaded to the share. Also, the share needs to be mountable by the machines that will be scanned. The author recommends that an admin mount the share by hand to ensure that it will mount correctly.

**IMPORTANT:** Please insure any processes that reboot the machines happens after the network scan is done. Otherwise critical machines may be skipped during the process of collecting the files.

**IMPACT:** As with any network scan there is some impact. When a machine is scanned, there will be some disk IO and network impact to the performance of the machine. The disk IO is not high, but some users may notice the hard drive lights staying on longer than normal. Network impact depends on how many and how large the files are that are requested to be pulled back. For example, if pagefile.sys is requested to be pulled back by FRAC, it will effect network performance in that pagefile.sys is a large file. While one to 5 machines may not be too bad in regards to network performance, 20+ machines may adversely affect network performance in the amount of available bandwidth. The author recommends making smart decisions on what is really required to be pulled back for review.

### Methodology

The solution uses two possible methods to remotely connect the machines. The methods with pros and cons are listed below:

- PYExec – Recommended method as the user will not have any visual windows popping up during the scan.
  - o Works best for Windows 10 and new Windows OSes.
  - o Pros: Same basic functionality and pros that PAExec has. In addition, PYExec has an encryption option.
  - o Cons: Some AV vendors may detect PAExec as malicious as it has been used by actors.
- Paexec – Recommended method as the user will not have any visual windows popping up during the scan.
  - o Pros: Paexec is freeware and does not require any additional software to be purchased. Also, it can conduct the scan silently. The user will not see any windows pop up during the scan. In addition PAExec will scramble the parameters to protect them from casual wire sniffers, but they are NOT encrypted.
  - o Cons: Some AV vendors may detect PAExec as malicious as it has been used by actors.
- Winexe – Recommended method as the user will not have any visual windows popping up during the scan.
  - o Pros: Winexe is open source and GNU licensed. It runs on Linux or \*NIX. Also, it can conduct the scan silently. The user will not see any windows pop up during the scan.
  - o Cons: Some type of Linux/\*NIX/OSX would be needed to run the scan from. In some environments this may be a problem.
- PSEXec – PSEXec was tested. While it does work, it was decided that PSEXec would not work due to the way PSEXec works in regards to the system account. In order for FRAC to gather up the files, it requires system level privileges. Using PSEXec with the system flag, creates a window the users can disable the triage. By closing down the window or denying access, the user will effective cancel the scan on the box and there is no feedback to FRAC that the scan was cancelled.

### Getting Started: Network share

- 1) Create and share out the network share. Please make sure all of the machine that are part of the scan can mount the share. The author recommends that after the share is setup, an administrator mounts the share by hand to ensure it is working correctly.

**Note:** If your organization wishes to use Samba for the network share that is OK. All of the tools have been tested with Samba.

- 2) The following files must be on the network share:
  - rift.exe
  - icat.exe
  - fls.exe
  - libewf.dll
  - zlib.dll
  - getfiles.txt
  - config.ini

### Getting Started: Text File Configuration (cmd.txt)

- 1) Chose a method (PYExec/PAExec/Winexe) to use that meets the requirements of the environment.
- 2) Put the appropriate command into cmd.txt:
  - PYExec – Used if using a Windows box to control the file gathering  
pyexec --dest [IP] --user [ADMINID] --pass [ADMINPASS] --cmd cmd --cmdarg "net use [SHAREDRV] /delete /yes & net use [SHAREDRV] [SHARE] /user:[SHAREUSERID] [SHAREPASSWD] && cd /d [SAVEDRIVE] && rift.exe --verbose --savedrive [SAVEDRIVE] && net use [SHAREDRV] /delete /yes"
  - Paexec – Used if using a Windows box to control the file gathering  
paexec.exe \\[IP] -n 4 /SYSTEM -u [ADMINID] -p [ADMINPASS] -s cmd /C "net use [SHAREDRV] [SHARE] /user:[SHAREUSERID] [SHAREPASSWD] && cd /d [SAVEDRIVE] && rift.exe --savedrive [SAVEDRIVE] && net use [SHAREDRV] /delete /yes"

- Winexe – Used if using a Linux/\*Nix/OSX box to control the file gathering:

#Winexe version 1.0fe

```
[FULL PATH to binary]/winexe --user [ADMINID] --password=[ADMINPASS] --uninstall --system //[IP] "cmd /C net use [SHAREDRV] \\[SHARE] /user:[SHAREUSERID] [SHAREPASSWD] && cd /d [SAVEDRIVE] && rift.exe --savedrive [SAVEDRIVE] && net use [SHAREDRV] /delete /yes"
```

#Winexe version 1.1

```
[FULL PATH to binary]/winexe --user=[ADMINID]%[ADMINPASS] --uninstall --system //[IP] "cmd /C net use [SHAREDRV] \\[SHARE] /user:[SHAREUSERID] [SHAREPASSWD] && cd /d [SAVEDRIVE] && rift.exe --savedrive [SAVEDRIVE] && net use [SHAREDRV] /delete /yes"
```

FRAC is able to run multiple commands on the same machine. For example, in addition to the system files, a memory dump of the machine was required. By adding a second command into the cmd.txt file, this can be done. The example below will gather up the requested files and then execute go.bat which creates a copy of the system's memory.

```
paexec.exe \\[IP] -n 4 -u [ADMINID] -p [ADMINPASS] -s cmd /C "net use [SHAREDRV] /delete /yes & net use [SHAREDRV] [SHARE] /user:[SHAREUSERID] [SHAREPASSWD] && cd /d [SAVEDRIVE] && rift.exe --verbose --savedrive [SAVEDRIVE] && net use [SHAREDRV] /delete /yes"
paexec.exe \\[IP] -n 4 -u [ADMINID] -p [ADMINPASS] -s cmd /C "net use [SHAREDRV] /delete /yes & net use [SHAREDRV] [SHARE] /user:[SHAREUSERID] [SHAREPASSWD] && cd /d [SAVEDRIVE] && go.bat && net use [SHAREDRV] /delete /yes"
```

- 3) The method that was picked in step 2 will need some adjustments done to command listed in cmd.txt file. Adjust the appropriate line as follows:

*Machine/domain* – put in the domain used for the network. If a single machine is being scanned and it is not part of the domain, put the machine name in.

*Administrator* – Put the administrator account that the program should use to connect to the remote box.

*Password* – Enter in the admin account password for the account entered above.

*Drive* – Pick a drive letter that is not current used in the environment.

*Share* – Enter in the name of the share.

*Userid* – Enter in the account used to mount the share.

*Sharepassword* – Enter in the account password used to mount the share.

Double check to ensure all of the fields are correct.

**NOTE:** Do not change the following in the command line. The program will replace the place holders with the correct information.

- [IP]
- [ADMINID]
- [ADMINPASS]
- [SHAREDRV]
- [SHARE]
- [SHAREUSERID]
- [SHAREPASSWD]
- [SAVEDRIVE]

For example Paexec was selected at the method because a Windows box was selected:

```
paexec.exe \\[IP] -n 4 /SYSTEM -u admin -p Password123 -s cmd /C "net use z: \\172.16.1.32 /user:admin Password123 && cd /d z: && rift.exe --savedrive z: && net use z: /delete /yes"
```

- 4) Save the cmd.txt file.

### Getting Started: Text File Configuration (iplist.txt)

- 1) The iplist.txt file contains the list of network ranges or single IP addresses of which machines to scan. Below are some examples of valid lines for the file:

```
#Example of valid IP/ranges
192.168.1.10
192.168.5.5-192.168.5.25 admin Go1234DW=
172.16.13.0/24
10.0.0.0/16
```

**Note:** The program is setup to ignore any lines starting with #, blank spaces, or empty lines. DO NOT a # for comments after the IP address or network range.

**Note:** The program will ignore the broadcast address for any CIDR notation entered. It calculates the broadcast address automatically. IT WILL NOT be able to figure out the broadcast address for IP ranges like 192.168.5.5-192.168.5.25. For example, if 192.168.5.25 is a broadcast address for the network, do not put it in the range.

- 2) After entering the IP address/range put in the admin account to be used and password. Please use TABs between each field.  
For example:  
10.0.0.0/16      admin    password123
- 3) After all of the IP address and ranges are entered save the file.

### Running the Scan

- 1) Ensure all of the altered text files and files are saved to the share.

**Note:** All of the retrieved data will be saved to the share.

- 2) Run the scan:  
frac.exe --iplist iplist.txt --cmd cmd.txt

Figure 3 shows an example sessions for PAExec.

```
M:\zzz>frac --iplist iplist.txt --cmd cmd.txt
FRAC (Forensic Response ACquisition) -- Version 0.04

Using config.ini located at: M:\zzz\config.ini
Reading iplist.txt for the list of IPs/Networks.
Saving unreachable IPs to: unreachableips_7202015_11-27-51.txt
Reading cmd.txt for the CMD(s) to run.
Will execute the following on each IP:
paexec.exe \\[IP] -n 4 -u [ADMINID] -p [ADMINPASS] -s cmd /C "net use [SHAREDROU] /delete /yes & net use [SHAREDROU] [SHARE
ER] /user:[SHAREUSERID] [SHAREPASSWD] && cd /d [SAVEDRIVE] && rift.exe --verbose --savedrive [SAVEDRIVE] && net use [SHAR
EDROU] /delete /yes"

Thread:
Working on:
There are open files and/or incomplete directory searches pending on the connection to m:.
m: was deleted successfully.
The command completed successfully.
Retrieve Interesting Files Tool (RIFT) -- Version 0.04
Saving files to: m:\zzz\WIN-07202015_11-27-53
Reading m:\zzz\getfileslist.txt for the list of files to gather.
Searching for:
system32\config\SYSTEM$
\Windows\Tasks\

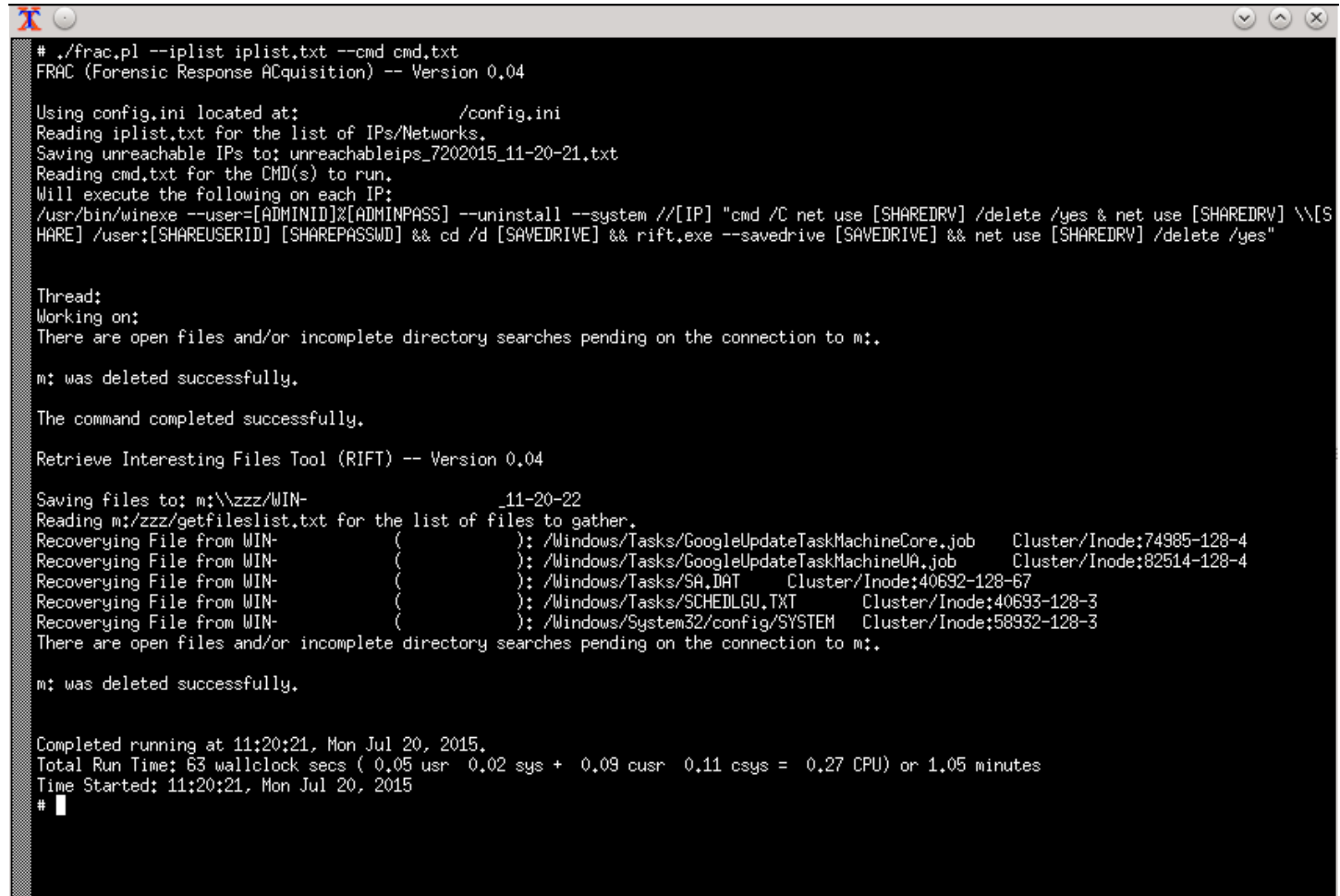
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A < 985-128-4 >: /Windows/Tasks/GoogleUpdateTaskMachineCore.job Cluster/Inode:74
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A < 128-4 >: /Windows/Tasks/GoogleUpdateTaskMachineUA.job Cluster/Inode:82514-
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A < >: /Windows/Tasks/SA.DAT Cluster/Inode:40692-128-67
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A < >: /Windows/Tasks/SCHEDLGU.TXT Cluster/Inode:40693-128-3
Recovering File from WIN-589EGM23G1A < >: /Windows/System32/config/SYSTEM Cluster/Inode:58932-128-3

Completed running at 11:27:51, Mon Jul 20, 2015.
Total Run Time: 79 wallclock secs ( 0.05 usr 0.01 sys + 0.00 cusr 0.00 csys = 0.06 CPU) or 1.31666666666667 minutes
Time Started: 11:27:51, Mon Jul 20, 2015
M:\zzz>
```

Figure 3: PAExec Output example

Figure 4 shows an example session using winexe.





```
# ./frac.pl --iplist iplist.txt --cmd cmd.txt
FRAC (Forensic Response Acquisition) -- Version 0.04

Using config.ini located at: /config.ini
Reading iplist.txt for the list of IPs/Networks.
Saving unreachable IPs to: unreachableips_7202015_11-20-21.txt
Reading cmd.txt for the CMD(s) to run.
Will execute the following on each IP:
/usr/bin/winexe --user=[ADMINID]%[ADMINPASS] --uninstall --system //[IP] "cmd /C net use [SHAREDVR] /delete /yes & net use [SHAREDVR] \\[S
HARE] /user:[SHAREUSERID] [SHAREPASSWD] && cd /d [SAVEDRIVE] && rift.exe --savedrive [SAVEDRIVE] && net use [SHAREDVR] /delete /yes"

Thread:
Working on:
There are open files and/or incomplete directory searches pending on the connection to m:.

m: was deleted successfully.

The command completed successfully.

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Recovering File from WIN- ( ): /Windows/Tasks/SCHEDLGU.TXT Cluster/Inode:40693-128-3
Recovering File from WIN- ( ): /Windows/System32/config/SYSTEM Cluster/Inode:58932-128-3
There are open files and/or incomplete directory searches pending on the connection to m:.

m: was deleted successfully.

Completed running at 11:20:21, Mon Jul 20, 2015.
Total Run Time: 63 wallclock secs ( 0.05 usr 0.02 sys + 0.09 cusr 0.11 csys = 0.27 CPU) or 1.05 minutes
Time Started: 11:20:21, Mon Jul 20, 2015
# █
```

Figure 4: winexe Output Example

#### After the scan

After running the scan, any IP addresses that were not reachable are listed in a file that starts with “unreachableips\_” and ends with the date & time of the scan. To hit those IP addresses that were missed, just use the unreachips text file for the --iplist option.

## Running Other Commands with FRAC

### Tools Needed

**{TOOLS}** – You will need to gather any tools that need to be ran into a location where RIFT would have been installed. For the rest of this section the winpmem from Volatility will be used as an example. Also, it may help to create a batch file to run multiple commands.

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**PYExec.exe** – Used to run processes on remote machines. The new versions of Windows 10 work with this and is what is recommended to be used over Paexec.

**IMPORTANT:** Please insure any processes that reboot the machines happens after the network scan is done. Otherwise critical machines may be skipped during the process of collecting the files.

**IMPACT:** As with any network scan there is some impact. When a machine is scanned, there will be some disk IO and network impact to the performance of the machine. The disk IO is not high, but some users may notice the hard drive lights staying on longer than normal. Network impact depends on how many and how large the files are that are requested to be pulled back. For example, if pagefile.sys is requested to be pulled back by FRAC, it will effect network performance in that pagefile.sys is a large file. While one to 5 machines may not be too bad in regards to network performance, 20+ machines may adversely affect network performance in the amount of available bandwidth. The author recommends making smart decisions on what is really required to be pulled back for review.

### Methodology

The solution uses two possible methods to remotely connect the machines. The methods with pros and cons are listed below:

- PYExec – Recommended method as the user will not have any visual windows popping up during the scan.
  - Works best for Windows 10 and new Windows OSes.
  - Pros: Same basic functionality and pros that PAExec has. In addition, PYExec has an encryption option.
  - Cons: Some AV vendors may detect PAExec as malicious as it has been used by actors.
- Paexec – Recommended method as the user will not have any visual windows popping up during the scan.
  - Pros: Paexec is freeware and does not require any additional software to be purchased. Also, it can conduct the scan silently. The user will not see any windows pop up during the scan. In addition PAExec will scramble the parameters to protect them from casual wire sniffers, but they are NOT encrypted.
  - Cons: Some AV vendors may detect PAExec as malicious as it has been used by actors.
- Winexe – Recommended method as the user will not have any visual windows popping up during the scan.
  - Pros: Winexe is open source and GNU licensed. It runs on Linux or \*NIX. Also, it can conduct the scan silently. The user will not see any windows pop up during the scan.
  - Cons: Some type of Linux/\*NIX/OSX would be needed to run the scan from. In some environments this may be a problem.
- PSEXec – PSEXec was tested. While it does work, it was decided that PSEXec would not work due to the way PSEXec works in regards to the system account. In order for FRAC to gather up the files, it requires system level privileges. Using PSEXec with the system flag, creates a window the users can disable the triage. By closing down the window or denying access, the user will effective cancel the scan on the box and there is no feedback to FRAC that the scan was canceled.

### Creating the Batch File

It is recommended that whatever that needs to be ran is run through a batch file. It makes it easier to run multiple commands at once, and there is a “record” of what was ran. To further the example of using winpmem to capture memory on remote machines,

the batch file shown in Figure 5 was created and called go.bat. It is strongly recommended that the batch file is ran, with all of the tools it requires in place, to ensure it runs correct and the desired output is there.

```
mkdir %computername%_%date:~-4,4%%date:~-10,2%%date:~-7,2%
winpmem_1.4.exe %computername%_%date:~-4,4%%date:~-10,2%%date:~-7,2%\%computername%_%date:~-4,4%%date:~-10,2%
%date:~-7,2%_%time:=-%.mem
```

**Figure 5: Contents Of The go.bat File to Capture Memory**

### Alter the cmd.txt file

After the batch file has been created and tested, the cmd.txt file has to be altered to run the new command. Figure 6 shows the altered paexec.exe line. Highlighted in yellow is the part that was changed.

```
paexec.exe \\[IP] -n 4 -u [ADMINID] -p [ADMINPASS] -s cmd /C "net use [SHAREDREV] [SHARE] /user:[SHAREUSERID]
[SHAREPASSWD] && cd /d [SAVEDRIVE] && go.bat && net use [SHAREDREV] /delete /yes"
```

**Figure 6: Altered line of the cmd.txt file to run the go.bat batch file**

### Getting Started: Network share

- 1) Create and share out the network share. Please make sure all of the machine that are part of the scan can mount the share. The author recommends that after the share is setup, an administrator mounts the share by hand to ensure it is working correctly.

**Note:** If your organization wishes to use Samba for the network share that is OK. All of the tools have been tested with Samba.

- 2) Copy all of the files listed in the *Tools Needed* section to the network share.

### Getting Started: Text File Configuration (iplist.txt)

- 1) The iplist.txt file contains the list of network ranges or single IP addresses of which machines to scan. Below are some examples of valid lines for the file:

#Example of valid IP/ranges

192.168.1.10

192.168.5.5-192.168.5.25

172.16.13.0/24

10.0.0.0/16

**Note:** The program is setup to ignore any lines starting with #, blank spaces, or empty lines. DO NOT a # for comments after the IP address or network range.

**Note:** The program will ignore the broadcast address for any CIDR notation entered. It calculates the broadcast address automatically. IT WILL NOT be able to figure out the broadcast address for IP ranges like 192.168.5.5-192.168.5.25. For example, if 192.168.5.25 is a broadcast address for the network, do not put it in the range.

- 2) After entering the IP address/range put in the admin account to be used and password. Please use TABs between each field.  
For example:  
10.0.0.0/16      admin      password123
- 3) After all of the IP address and ranges are entered save the file.

### Running the Scan

- 1) Ensure all of the altered text files and files are saved to the share.

**Note:** All of the retrieved data will be saved to the share.

- 2) Run the scan:  
frac.exe --iplist iplist.txt --cmd cmd.txt

## FRAC Impact

The author does not guarantee that the impact on your environment will be the same as outlined in this section. The author recommends that a small subset of machines are tested before using FRAC in the entire environment to determine impact.

For testing impact, the author used Windows 7 64-bit running in VMware Workstation 11 on Fedora 21. Figure 8 shows the computer information captured by the Windows Performance Monitor tool.

Computer Information	
Computer:	WIN-589EGM23G1A
Windows Build:	7601
Processors:	1
Processor Speed:	3500 MHz
Memory:	10807 MB
Platform:	64 Bit

Collection Information	
Start Time:	Friday, July 10, 2015 10:08:30 AM
End Time:	Friday, July 10, 2015 10:14:48 AM
Duration:	378 Seconds
Buffers:	430
Processed Events:	360687
Lost Events:	0
Skipped Events:	18
Use Timing Window:	Yes

**Figure 7: Virtual Machine Information**

Figure 8 shows the impact on a quiet virtual system. The system was running Windows 7 64-bit and was a virtual machine. The physical machine was running Fedora 21 with VMware Workstation 11.X. Per the statistics it shows that fls.exe and rift.exe has very little impact to the system overall with 81.5% of CPU idle.

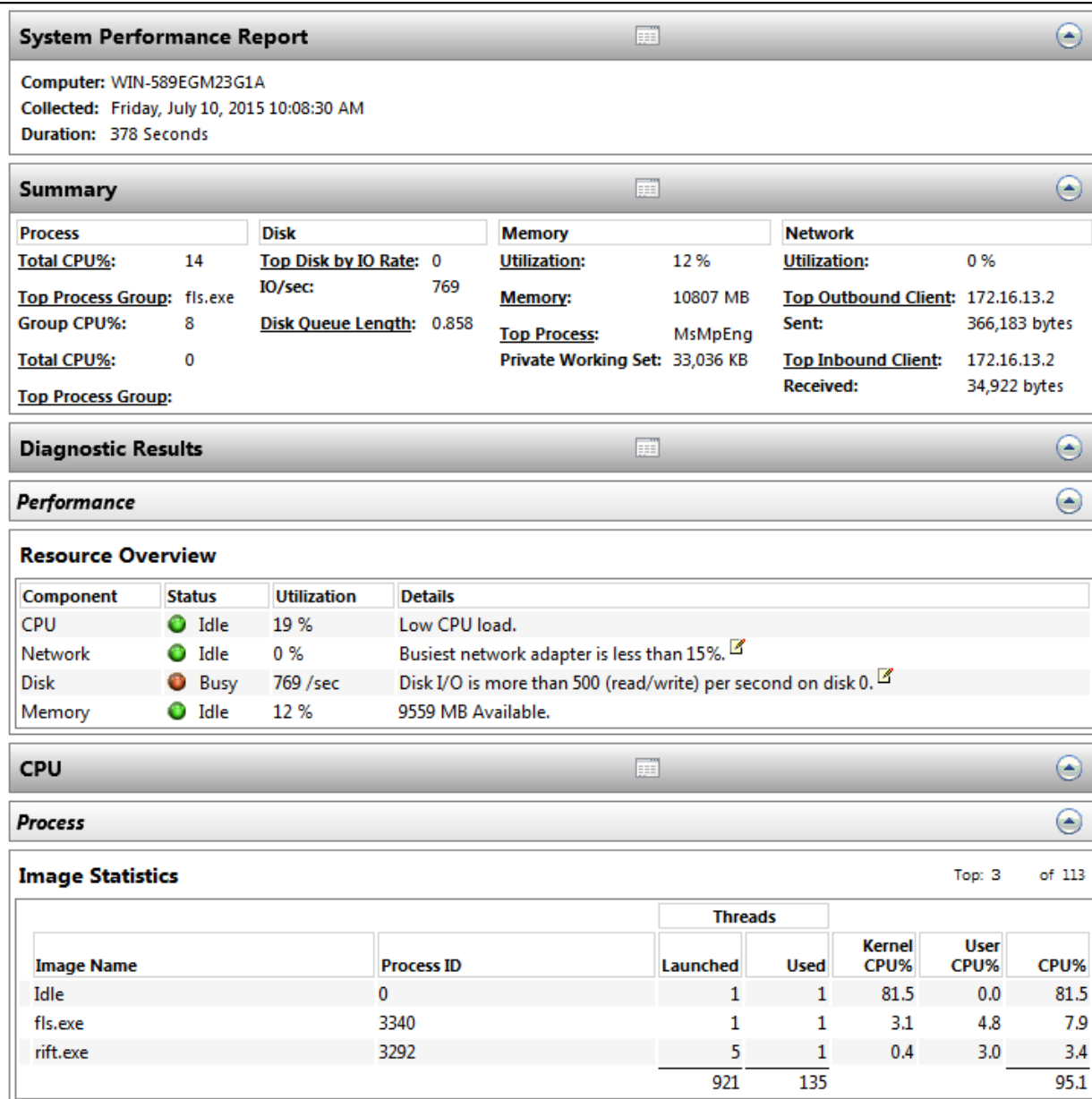


Figure 8: Performance Monitor Stats

## Winexe Install on OSX

The easiest way to install Winexe is through brew ([HTTP://brew.sh](http://brew.sh)).

To install bring up a terminal and enter:

```
$ brew install winexe
```

Brew will download and compile Winexe. Currently the version installed is 1.0.

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