

Installation / Resources



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svn co

<http://volatility.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/>

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<https://code.google.com/p/volatility/downloads/list>

Read full documentation:

<https://code.google.com/p/volatility/wiki/VolatilityIntroduction?tm=6>

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Basic Usage

Typical command components:

./vol.py -f [image] --profile=[profile] [plugin]

Display profiles, address spaces, plugins:

./vol.py --info

Display global command-line options:

./vol.py --help

Display plugin-specific arguments:

./vol.py [plugin] --help

Load plugins from an external directory:

./vol.py --plugins=[path] [plugin]

Specify a DTB or KDBG address:

./vol.py --dtb=[addr] --kdbg=[addr]

Specify an output file:

./vol.py --output-file=[file]

Image Identification

Get profile suggestions (OS and architecture):

imageinfo

Find and parse the debugger data block:

kdbgscan

Processes Listings

Basic active process listing:

pslist

Scan for hidden or terminated processes:

psscan

Cross reference processes with various lists:

psxview

Show processes in parent/child tree:

pstree

Process Information

Specify -O/--offset=OFFSET or -p/--pid 1 or -p/--pid 1,2,3 to any of these.

Display DLLs:

dlllist

Display details on VAD allocations:

vadinfo

Dump allocations to individual files:

vaddump --dump-dir=PATH

Dump all valid pages to a single file:

memdump --dump-dir=PATH

Display open handles:

handles

-t/--object-type=TYPE Mutant, File, Key, etc...

-s/--silent Hide unnamed handles

Display privileges:

privs

-r/--regex=REGEX Regex privilege name

-s/--silent Hide unnamed handles

Display SIDs:

getsids

Display environment variables:

envvars

Display threads:

threads

-F/--filter=FILTER OrphanThread, HookedSSDT

-L/--listtags List filters

PE File Extraction

Specify -D/--dump-dir to any of these plugins to identify your desired output directory.

Dump a kernel module:

moddump

-r/--regex=REGEX Regex module name

-b/--base=BASE Module base address

Dump a process (without slack space):

procxedump

Dump a process (with slack space):

procmemdump

Dump DLLs in process memory:

dlldump

-r/--regex=REGEX Regex module name

-b/--base=BASE Module base address

Injected Code

Specify -O/--offset=OFFSET or -p/--pid 1 or -p/--pid 1,2,3 to any of these.

Find and extract injected code blocks:

malfind

-D/--dump-dir=PATH Dump findings here

Cross-reference DLLs with memory mapped files:

ldrmodules

Scan a block of code in process or kernel memory for imported APIs:

impscan

-p/--pid=PID Process ID

-b/--base=BASE Base address to scan

-s/--size=SIZE Size to scan from start of base

Logs / Histories

Recover event logs (XP/2003):

evtlogs

-S/--save-evt Save raw event logs

-D/--dump-dir=PATH Write to this directory

Recover command history:

cmdscan and consoles

Recover IE cache/Internet history:

iehistory

-L/--leak Find LEAK (deleted)

-R/--redr Find REDR (redirected)

Show running services:

svcsan

-v/--verbose Show ServiceDll from registry

Networking Information

Active info (XP/2003):

connections and sockets

Scan for residual info (XP/2003):

connscan and sockscan

Network info for Vista, 2008, and 7:

netscan

Kernel Memory

Display loaded kernel modules:

modules

Scan for hidden or residual modules:

modscan

Display recently unloaded modules:

unloadedmodules

Display timers and associated DPCs:

timers (x86 only)

Display kernel callbacks, notification routines:

callbacks (x86 only)

Audit the SSDT

ssdt

-v/--verbose Check for inline API hooks

Audit the IDT:

idt (x86 only)

Audit the GDT:

gdt (x86 only)

Audit driver dispatch (IRP) tables:

```
driverirp
-r/--regex=REGEX  Regex driver name
```

Display device tree (find stacked drivers):

```
devicetreec
```

Kernel Objects

Addresses shown as Offset(P) are physical locations in the memory dump file.

Scan for driver objects:

```
driverscan
```

Scan for mutexes:

```
mutantscan
-s/--silent  Hide unnamed mutants
```

Scan for used/historical file objects:

```
filesan
```

Scan for symbolic link objects (shows drive mappings):

```
symlinkscan
```

Registry

Display cached hives:

```
hivelist
```

Print a key's values and data:

```
printkey
-o/--hive_offset=OFFSET  Hive address (virtual)
-K/--key=KEY              Key name
```

Dump userassist data:

```
userassist
```

Dump shellbags information:

```
shellbags
```

Dump the shimcache:

```
shimcache
```

Timelines

To create a timeline, tell volatility to create output in body file format. Combine the data and run sleuthkit's mactime to create a comma-separated values file.

```
timeliner --output=body > time.txt
shellbags --output=body >> time.txt
mftparser --output=body >> time.txt
```

```
mactime -b [time.txt] [-d] > csv.txt
```

Volshell

Interactive memory exploration:

```
volshell
```

List processes:

```
>>> ps()
```

Switch contexts by pid, offset, or name:

```
>>> cc(pid = 3028)
```

Acquire a process address space after using cc:

```
>>> process_space =
self.proc.get_process_address_space()
```

Disassemble data in an address space

```
>>> dis(address, length, space)
```

Dump bytes, dwords or qwords:

```
>>> db(address, length, space)
>>> dd(address, length, space)
>>> dq(address, length, space)
```

Display a type/structure:

```
>>> dt("_EPROCESS")
```

Display a type/structure instance:

```
>>> dt("_EPROCESS", 0x820c92a0)
```

Create an object in kernel space:

```
>>> thread = obj.Object("_ETHREAD", offset =
0x820c92a0, vm = self.addr_space)
```

Dump Conversion

Create a raw memory dump from a hibernation, crash dump, firewire acquisition, virtualbox, vmware snapshot, hpak, or EWF file:
imagecopy -O/--output-image=FILE

Convert any of the aforementioned file types to a Windows crash dump compatible with Windbg:

```
raw2dmp -O/--output-image=FILE
```

API Hooks

Scan for API hooks:

```
apihooks (x86 only)
-R/--skip-kernel  Don't check kernel modules
-P/--skip-process Don't check processes
-N/--no-whitelist Show all hooks (verbose)
-Q/--quick        Scan faster
```

Yara Scanning

Scan for Yara signatures:

```
yarascan
-p/--pid=PID      Process IDs to scan
-K/--kernel       Scan kernel memory
-Y/--yara-rules=RULES  String, regex, bytes, etc.
-y/--yara-file=FILE  Yara rules file
-W/--wide         Match Unicode strings
```

File System Resources

Find and parse MBR records in memory:

```
mbrparser
--hash=HASH      Bootcode hash (up to RET)
--fullhash=HASH  Bootcode hash (full)
--offset=OFFSET  Offset (physical) to MBR
--check          Check valid partition table
--disk=MBR       MBR extracted from disk
--maxdistance=NUM  Max Levenshtein distance
```

Scan for MFT records:

```
mftparser
-C/--check        Hide entries w/ null timestamps
--output=body     Output body format
```

Extract cached files (registry hives, executables):

```
dumpfiles
-S/--summary-file=FILE  Summary file
-F/--filter=FILTER      HandleTable, Vad, ...
-D/--dump-dir=PATH      Output directory
-r/--regex=REGEX        Regex filename to dump
```

GUI Memory

Sessions (shows RDP logins):

```
Sessions
```

Window stations (shows clipboard owners):

```
wndscan
```

Desktops (find ransomware):

```
deskscan
```

Display global and session atom tables:

```
atoms and atomscan
```

Dump the contents of the clipboard:

```
clipboard
```

Detect event hooks:

```
Eventhooks
```

Detect message hooks (keyloggers):

```
messagehooks
```

Dump the win32k.sys gahti:

```
gahti
```

Take a screen shot from the memory dump:

```
screenshot --dump-dir=PATH
```

Display visible and hidden windows:

```
windows and wintree
```

Display USER objects:

```
userhandles
-t/--type=TYPE  TYPE_TIMER, TYPE_HWND, ...
-F/--free       Show freed handles
```

Strings

Use GNU strings or Sysinternals strings.exe:

```
strings -a -td FILE > strings.txt
strings -a -td -el FILE >> strings.txt (Unicode)
```

```
strings.exe -q -o > strings.txt (Windows)
```

Translate the string addresses:

```
strings
-s/--string-file=FILE  Input strings.txt file
-S/--scan
```

Password Recovery

Dump LSA secrets:

```
lsadump (x86 only)
-y/--sys-offset=OFFSET  Offset to system hive
-s/--sec-offset=OFFSET  Offset to security hive
```

Dump LM and NTLM hashes:

```
hashdump (x86 only)
-y/--sys-offset=OFFSET  Offset to system hive
-s/--sam-offset=OFFSET
```

Extract RSA private keys and certificates:

```
dumpcerts
-s/--ssl  Parse certificates with openssl (must be installed)
```