

How to Contribute to and Benefit from Open-Source Contributions

EZ Tools/KAPE

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About Andrew Rathbun

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My DFIR Journey

- 2020-Present: Senior Associate at Kroll
 - Digital Forensics & Incident Response
 - KAPE Instructor
- 2019-2020: HHS OIG
 - Forensic Computer Examiner (2210)
- 2012-2019: Michigan State University Police Department
 - 2016-2019: Detective (digital forensics and general investigations)
 - 2012-2015: Police Officer
- 2005-2011: USMC Veteran (0311)
- Bachelor's: Criminal Justice/Sociology
- Master's: HR Administration

Side Projects

- 2018-Present: Administrator of the Digital Forensics Discord Server
 - 2020 DFIR Resource of the Year Nominee
 - 2019 DFIR Resource of the Year Winner
- 2019-Present: AboutDFIR.com Contributor
 - 2020 DFIR Resource of the Year Nominee
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- 2020-Present: GitHub
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 (@bunsofwrath12), GitHub (rathbuna)



Introduction

What to expect from this presentation

- A lot of information in a small amount of time
 - Use the pause/rewind features when the recording goes live
- Animated GIFs
- Forensic Tools and their ancillary files covered
 - RECmd Batch files
 - SQLECmd Maps
 - EvtxECmd Maps
 - KAPE Targets/Modules
- Definition of "ancillary" by Oxford
 - Adjective: Providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation of an organization, institution, industry, or system.
 - Example: "the development of ancillary services to support its products"
- Tools of the Trade
 - I'll list some tools (free and paid) that I use in my daily research travels
- Assumptions this presentation makes
 - You're at least somewhat familiar with EZ Tools and KAPE and are curious what influences the CSV output

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Why Should I Care?

A life without cause is a life without effect

- Why should I care about this topic?
 - You should know what makes your tools tick so you can better speak to the magic that's going on behind the scenes
 - You should know what's going on behind the scenes so you can help make it BETTER for yourself and others
 - You should strongly consider helping to make the tools better because it very well could save someone's life or help solve a case/engagement that doesn't involve life or limb
- But don't I have to know how to code?
 - I currently don't, so you don't either. All you need is inspiration, motivation, and follow-through. At the beginning, you also might need a mentor that can provide some direction.
- This presentation aims to help inspire your DFIR creativity so we can all benefit as well as educate the end users of these tools to better understand how they work
- This presentation also aims to empower those who feel like they don't have the "necessary" skills needed to contribute to the DFIR community in any meaningful fashion. Showing up is half the battle!

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RECmd

Batch Files

RECmd Batch Files

What are they and why do I care?

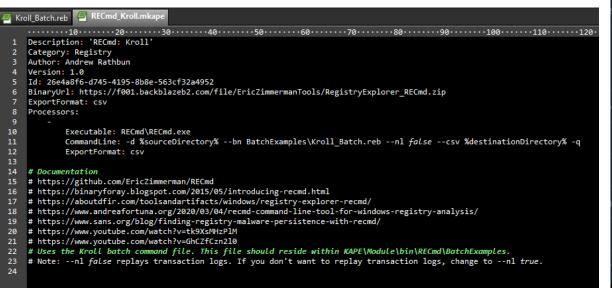
- Batch files give RECmd instructions on which Keys, SubKeys, and Values to parse and include into the tool's CSV output
- Multiple Batch files exists within the .\RegistryExplorer\BatchExamples directory
- RECmd_Kroll.reb is the most actively maintained Batch file
 - Serves as a useful way to learn about important Registry artifacts
 - Documentation included for each artifact, if it exists
 - Comments help provide context to understand the data
 - Optimized for triggering Plugins to generate output
- RECmd boasts extra columns within CSV output for Plugins to display parsed data in:
 - ValueData (native to Windows Registry)
 - ValueData2 and ValueData3 (native to RECmd)

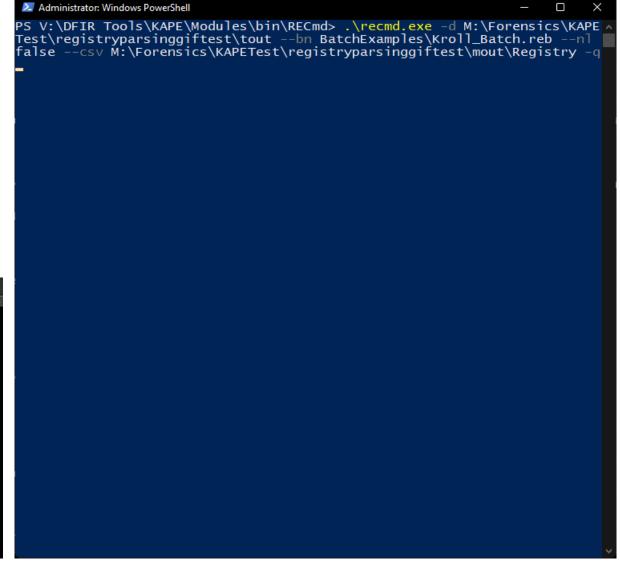
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Description: Kroll RECmd Batch File
    Author: Andrew Rathbun
    Version: 1.9
    Id: ecc582d5-a1b1-4256-ae64-ca2263b8f971
    # TABLE OF CONTENTS
    # System Info
    # Devices
    # User Accounts
    # Program Execution
    # User Activity
    # Autoruns
    # Third Party Applications
    # Cloud Storage
    # Services
    # Event Logs
    # Microsoft Office/Office 365
    # Web Browsers
    # Installed Software
    # Antivirus
    # Volume Shadow Copies
    # Threat Hunting
30
    # Special thanks to Mike Cary and Troy Larson for their work on the other RECmd Batch files that helped inspire development of this Batch file
    # Special thanks to those who have contributed to this Batch file:
    # Andreas Hunkeler (@Karneades)
    # VERSION HISTORY
    # Example entry, please follow this format:
    # | X.X | YYYY-MM-DD | Added Google Chrome [Web Browsers]. Added *insert Threat Hunting artifact here* [Threat Hunting]. Added 1Password [Installed Software]
44
    # | 1.0 | 2021-02-14 | Initial release |
    # | 1.1 | 2021-02-20 | Added Total Commander [Third-Party Applications]. Added CCleaner Browser [Web Browsers]. Created category [Event Logs] |
    # | 1.2 | 2021-04-08 | Changed ProfileList's recursive value to false to prevent duplicate/unnecessary entries, created Threat Hunting category, added ShadowRDP
    # | 1.3 | 2021-04-20 | Fixed an issue with Cloud Storage -> DropBox previously mapping to OneDrive |
    # | 1.4 | 2021-04-22 | Added more artifacts for Cloud Storage -> OneDrive |
    # | 1.5 | 2021-04-23 | Added more Threat Hunting artifacts
    # | 1.6 | 2021-05-04 | Added more Network Share artifacts |
    # | 1.7 | 2021-05-15 | Added Windows Clipboard History and Windows 10 Timeline artifacts [System Info] |
    # | 1.8 | 2021-05-29 | Removed duplicative entry via changing from Recursive:true to Recursive:false for multiple artifacts with plugins and ensured plugins are
    being properly utilized. As a result, greatly reduced CSV output size while increasing amount of useful data parsed. In my testing, 72k lines (33mb) -> 13k
    lines (6.88mb). Added Visual Studio artifacts [Installed Software]. Fixed FirstFolder mislabeling [User Activity]. Cleaned up Internet Explorer artifacts [Web
     Browsers]. Added binary values using BinaryConvert to replace (Binary data) entries, when possible.
54 # | 1.9 | 2021-06-24 | Revised Version History formatting [Version History]. Added running Special Thanks list [Acknowledgement]. Added PortProxy artifacts
     [Threat Hunting] courtesy of Andreas Hunkeler (@Karneades). Added WinLogon and LogonUI artifacts [System Info]. Added QNAP QFinder, 4K Video Downloader, and
    TeamViewer artifacts [Third Party Applications]. Added Hades IOCs [Threat Hunting]. Fixed OneDrive UserSyncRoots artifact [Cloud Storage]
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Kroll Batch File

Constantly updated with new artifacts. Overview on next slide

- Kroll Batch File has been optimized with great care to utilize Plugins (more on that next) to minimize rows in CSV while maximizing useful output
- Running RECmd Module in KAPE will default to Kroll Batch file (below)
- Example of RECmd parsing hives, replaying transaction logs, and pulling contents from hives per direction of Kroll Batch file (right)



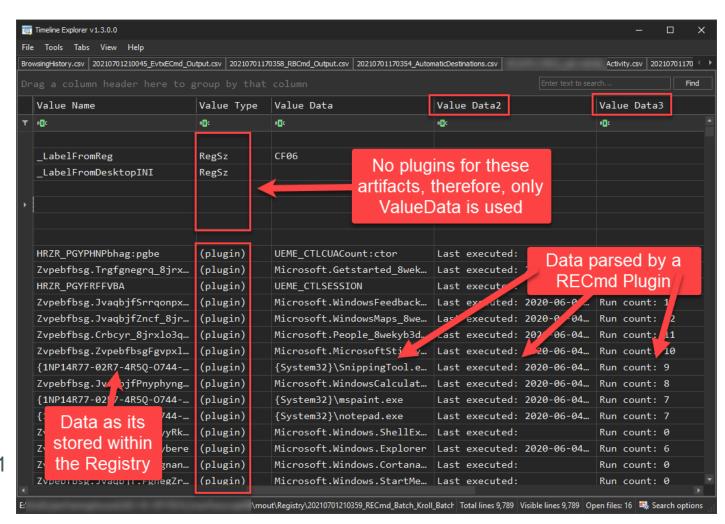


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RECmd Plugins

These require coding knowledge, but they help make CSV output more efficient

- Location:
 - .\RegistryExplorer\Plugins
 - .\KAPE\Modules\bin\RECmd\Plugins
- Requires any .NET language skills to create
- Also used by Registry Explorer (GUI)
- Reduces the number of rows in a CSV by utilizing ValueData2 and ValueData3 columns to store parsed data
- Plugins are helpful because they can solve problems like decoding values stored in ROT13, Windows Filetime, Epoch, etc
 - 132694395618842227 vs 2021-06-29 11:26:01
- Without plugins, we just see (Binary data) or the actual binary data itself (IncludeBinary)
 - IncludeBinary: true = B4-9F-1E-40-FD-4B-D7-01



Registry Explorer Plugins

UserAssist Plugin adds a tab that shows decoded data from NTUser.dat

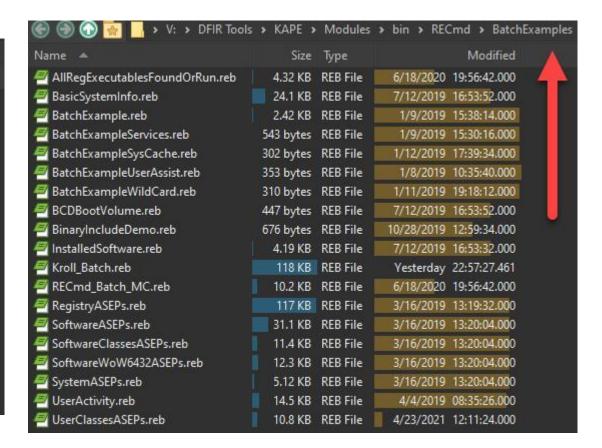
- Values values stored natively within the Windows Registry
- UserAssist values decoded by Registry Explorer/RECmd's UserAssist Plugin

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Locations of RECmd Batch Files and Plugins

Check Github for the source code of RECmd Plugins (.dll files)

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Helpful Tips for Researching the Windows Registry

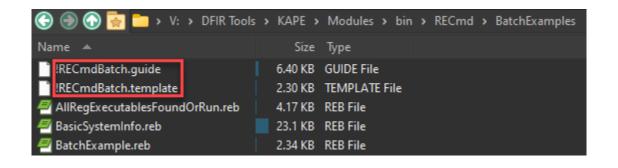
Quick wins for Registry research

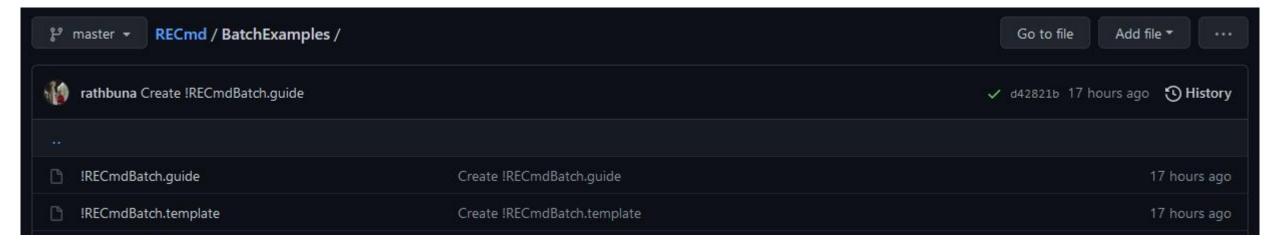
- Tools of the Trade
 - Free: Registry Explorer, RECmd, NirSoft's RegistryChangesView, ProcMon, RegEdit, BleachBit (open-source CCleaner alternative Winapp2.ini and Winapp3.ini)
 - Paid: No reason to pay for a Registry viewer tool, not many exist anyways
- Tips for locating new Keys and Values of interest
 - Investigate yourself on your own computer
 - Open Registry Explorer as Admin and load all live hives. Ctrl+F (Find) for your name, email, apps you use every day, mapped network drives, and anything else you'd want to know about yourself if you were investigating you!
 - Alternatively, dump your hives to JSON using KapeResearch_Registry.mkape
 - Compare Registry snapshots when using or installing software
 - Take Registry snapshots with RegistryChangesView, then install new software or use currently installed software to see what changes are made to the Registry
 - Alternatively, use ProcMon to monitor all Registry actions taken by a program
 - Create VMs and install or execute software/malware used by threat actors
 - Using the tools above, find what is changed where within the Registry without compromising your own personal computer
 - Registry Explorer bookmarks provide useful pointers to forensically interesting locations within the Registry



Other RECmd Resources

.\KAPE\Modules\bin\RECmd\BatchExamples or RECmd Batch Guide/Template on GitHub







SQLECmd

Maps

SQLECmd Maps

What are they and why do I care?

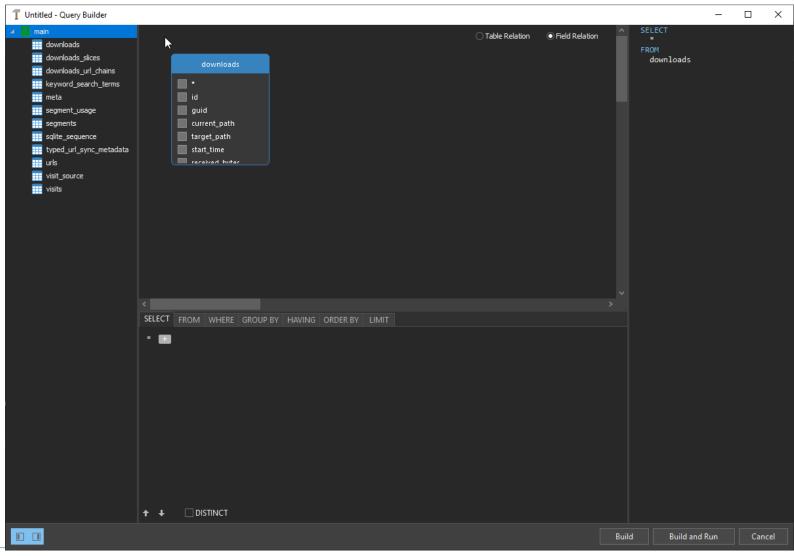
- Maps are used by SQLECmd to extract data from SQLite databases using SQL queries and output the data to CSV
- Text files (.smap) in YAML using SQLite queries
- 67 Maps as of 6/25/2021
- TONS of currently untapped potential as it can be used to parse data from nearly any OS
 - Any .db*, .sqlite*, or even files that don't have file extensions can be SQLite databases
 - Run SQLECmd.exe --hunt over C:\ to see how many there are! Or, run it over a folder with databases from a mobile extraction
- Ideally, one SQLECmd Map per database filename (i.e., Places.sqlite), but multiple SQL queries can exist within a single SQLECmd Map for when multiple datasets can be parsed from a given SQLite database

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               Description: Firefox History
                 Author: Andrew Rathbun
                Email: andrew.rathbun@kroll.com
                Id: 2f34be88-08d0-43c1-a2fd-60fe0b71f32b
                 Version: 1.0
                 CSVPrefix: Firefox
                 FileName: places.sqlite
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Building SQL Queries

No experience necessary, just patience!

- Trust but verify your forensic tools and parse SQLite databases yourself
- When using a tool with a robust SQLite Query builder, it won't take long to pick up on what drives the output from your query
- Build your query, run it, observe, adjust as necessary, rerun, and once perfected, share!
- Tools of the Trade (SQLite):
 - Free: DB Browser for SQLite
 - Paid: Navicat for SQLite, SQLite Expert Professional, Sanderson Forensic Toolkit
- Note: DB Browser for SQLite requires manual SQLite Query building
- Tools of the Trade (Monitoring)
 - Free: Everything, ProcMon
 - Paid: Directory Monitor Pro



Have You Heard the News?

Android Apps on Windows 11 – Announced June 24, 2021 during Windows 11 reveal

Android apps on Windows 11? Yup. How it works, which apps you get, when to download

Microsoft's new app store will bring a new way to run small-screen Android apps on your larger-screen Windows 11 PC.





Windows 11 will be able to sideload Android apps

Many questions about how the feature will work remain, however













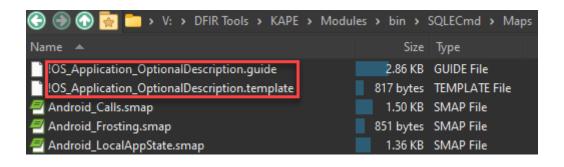


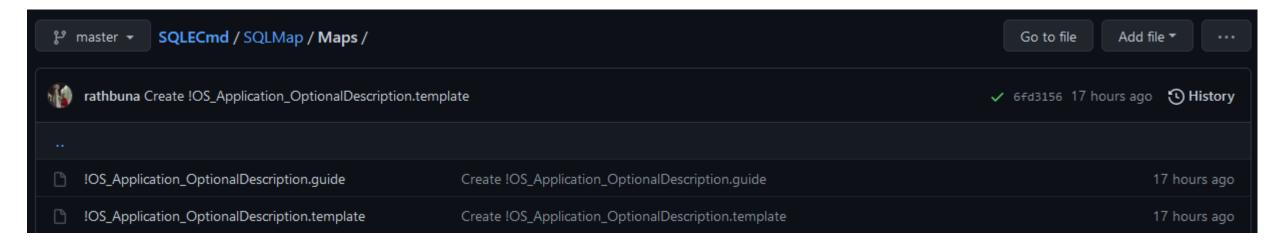




Other SQLECmd Resources

.\KAPE\Modules\bin\SQLECmd\Maps or SQLECmd Maps Guide/Template on GitHub







EvtxECmd

Maps

EvtxECmd Maps

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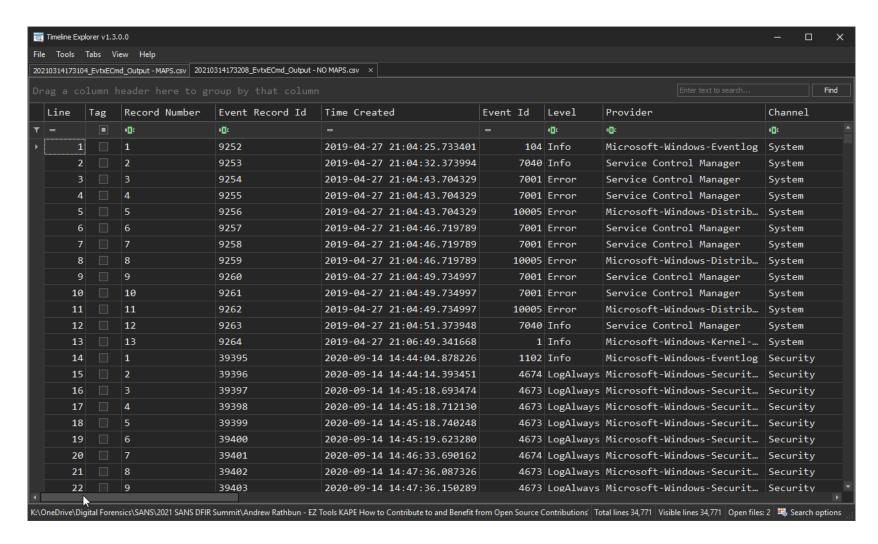
- Maps are used by EvtxECmd to extract data from parsed event logs and display the data into an easily digestible format within various columns unique to EvtxECmd, similar to RECmd
 - Map Description, UserName, RemoteHost PayloadData1-6, and ExecutableInfo
- Text files (.map) in YAML using XPath queries
- 352 Maps as of 6/25/2021
- Ideally, the most useful events would be mapped, not EVERY event in existence
- Really cool features like Lookups and Regex
- All data stored within an event log will reside within the Payload column of the CSV output. Maps simply separate out the most important data points from each Event Log's XML Payload

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Author: Eric Zimmerman saericzimmerman@gmail.com
Description: Failed logon
EventId: 4625
Channel: Security
Provider: Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing
   Property: UserName
   PropertyValue: "%domain%\\%user%"
   Values:
       Name: domain
       Value: "/Event/EventData/Data[@Name=\"SubjectDomainName\"]"
       Value: "/Event/EventData/Data[@Name=\"SubjectUserName\"]"
   Property: RemoteHost
    PropertyValue: "%workstation% (%ipAddress%)"
       Value: "/Event/EventData/Data[@Name=\"IpAddress\"]"
       Name: workstation
       Value: "/Event/EventData/Data[@Name=\"WorkstationName\"]"
   Property: PayloadData1
   PropertyValue: "Target: %TargetDomainName%\\%TargetUserName%"
   Values:
        Name: TargetDomainName
       Value: "/Event/EventData/Data[@Name=\"TargetDomainName\"]"
       Name: TargetUserName
       Value: "/Event/EventData/Data[@Name=\"TargetUserName\"]"
    Property: PayloadData2
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EvtxECmd CSV Output in Timeline Explorer

Windows Event Logs parsed without any Maps (deleted .\EvtxECmd\Maps folder prior to parsing)

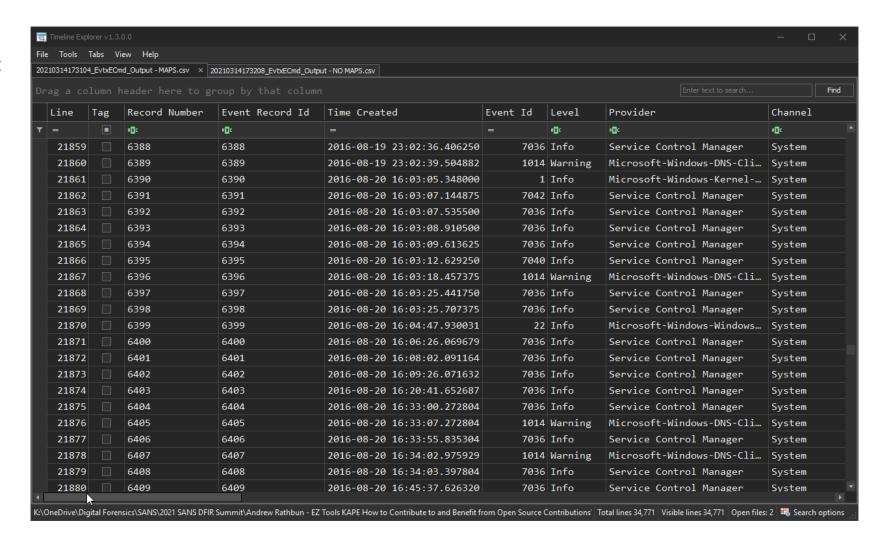
- Notice how there's no data populated within any of the following columns:
 - Map Description,
 UserName, RemoteHost
 PayloadData1-6, and
 ExecutableInfo
- Again, all data still exists
 within Payload column to
 the far right, but it's all a
 massive blob, and frankly,
 not all of it is relevant to the
 everyday DFIR examiner
- 29.9mb CSV ->



EvtxECmd CSV Output in Timeline Explorer

Windows Event Logs parsed with all EvtxECmd Maps as of 6/25/2021

- Notice how there's data populated within the columns not populated in the previous slide
 - Maps make this happen!
- The author of each Map decides which data point(s) reside where within the CSV output
- Ideally, the most interesting data points from each Event Log's XML Payload is displayed within these columns
- Map Description removes the need to memorize which Event IDs mean what, as well as correlating different events with the same description (i.e., account logon, task started, etc)
- 36.5mb CSV ->
 - Only 6mb bigger!



Getting Started Making EvtxECmd Maps

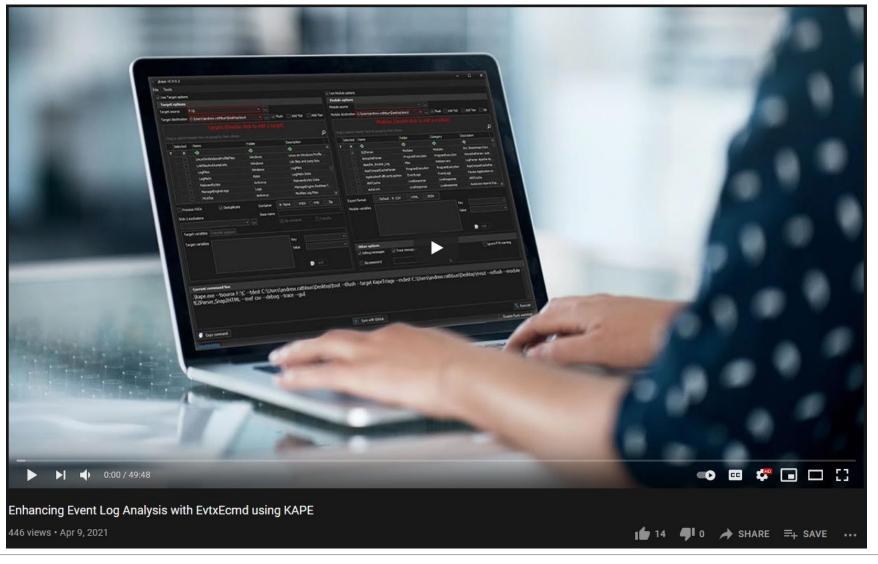
The first one is always the hardest. After that, it's all downhill from there

- 1. Identify a relevant event that needs a Map (happens often during everyday analysis)
 - a) Make sure a Map doesn't already exist for the event!
- Convert .evtx file to XML using EvtxECmd
 - a) evtxecmd.exe --f "path\to\evtx\file.evtx" --xml "C:\output\path" --debug
 - b) KapeResearch_EventLogs.mkape
- Read/follow the EvtxECmd Guide/Template on GitHub
- 4. Make a copy of an existing Map and rename it to give you a running start
- 5. Once the Map is created, put the Map within your .\EvtxECmd\Maps directory and parse your event log!
 - a) evtxecmd.exe --f "path\to\evtx\file.evtx" --csv "C:\output\path" --debug
- 6. Review the output
 - a) If something isn't right, go back to your Map and adjust, as necessary. Trial and error!
 - b) If you get stuck, don't quit. Message me on Discord! Let's walk it through to completion
- 7. Once desired output is achieved, contribute to the public repo
- Tools of the Trade:
 - a) Free: **EvtxECmd**, Windows Event Viewer (Useful for event messages, with OS-specific caveats)
 - b) Paid: Event Log Observer, LogViewPlus, LogFusion Pro, Log Parser Lizard, Event Log Explorer

```
Name 🔺
!!!!README.md
!Channel-Name_Provider-Name_EventID.guide
!Channel-Name_Provider-Name_EventID.template
adPWDManager_adPWDManager_110.map
Application_Application-Error_1000.map
🗐 Application_Application-Hang_1002.map
Application_CarbonBlackDefense_17.map
Application_Citrix-Desktop-Service_1027.map
Application_Citrix-Desktop-Service_1049.map
Application_CylanceSvc_1.map
Application_CylanceSvc_2.map
Application_HitmanPro-Alert_911.map
Application_MetaFrameEvents_1106.map
Application_Microsoft-Windows-Audit-CVE_1.map
  Application_Microsoft-Windows-RestartManager_10002.map
Application_Microsoft-Windows-Winsrv_10002.map
Application_Msilnstaller_1033.map
Application_Msilnstaller_1034.map
Application_Msilnstaller_11707.map
Application_Msilnstaller_11708.map
Application_Msilnstaller_11724.map
Application_Sophos-Anti-Virus_32.map
Application_Sophos-System-Protection_42.map
Application_System-Restore_8194.map
Application_System-Restore_8195.map
Application_System-Restore_8196.map
Application_Windows-Error-Reporting_1001.map
Application_WSH_0.map
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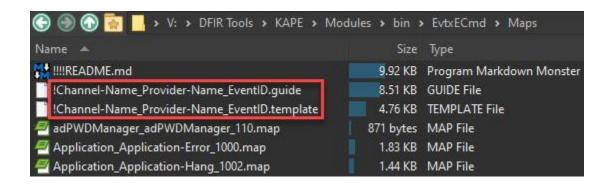
Other EvtxECmd Resources

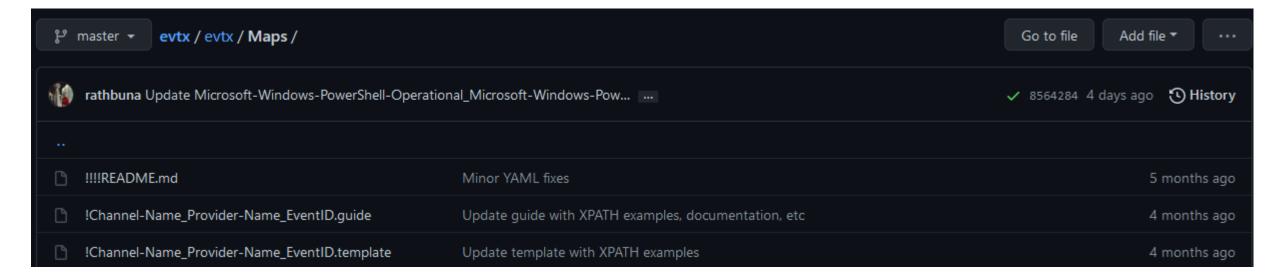
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Other EvtxECmd Resources

.\KAPE\Modules\bin\EvtxECmd\Maps or EvtxECmd Maps Guide/Template on GitHub







KAPE

Targets and Modules

KAPE Targets

What are they and why do I care?

- Targets contain the location(s) of artifact(s) and KAPE uses those locations to grab those files in a forensically sound manner
- Text files (.tkape) in YAML
- 233 Targets as of 7/2/2021
- Windows applications usually write artifacts to disk in the following locations:
 - C:\Users\%User%\AppData\(Local|Roaming)
 - C:\ProgramData
 - Or...somewhere else, go hunt!
- Tools of the trade:
 - Free: **Everything**, **ProcMon**
 - Paid: Directory Monitor Pro
- Documentation at bottom of each Target provides a great way to learn about artifacts

```
EventLogs.tkape
    Description: Event logs
   Author: Eric Zimmerman
   Version: 1.0
   Id: d95784d9-bd1c-472b-aeef-de5d9ecc7aaa
   RecreateDirectories: true
   Targets:
           Name: Event logs XP
           Category: EventLogs
9
           Path: C:\Windows\System32\config\
10
           FileMask: '*.evt'
11
12
           Name: Event logs Win7+
13
           Category: EventLogs
14
           Path: C:\Windows\System32\winevt\logs\
15
           FileMask: '*.evtx'
16
17
           Name: Event logs Win7+
18
           Category: EventLogs
19
           Path: C:\Windows.old\Windows\System32\winevt\logs\
20
21
           FileMask: '*.evtx'
22
23
    # Documentation
   # https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjeA1a5n0LQ
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```

KAPE Modules

What are they and why do I care?

- Modules contain the commands for any given command line tool for KAPE to execute against collected data
- Text files (.mkape) in YAML
- 213 Modules as of 7/2/2021
- The use of any program with a command line interface can be automated using KAPE Modules
- Most of EZ Tools ship with KAPE and have Modules that contain commands that cover the most common use cases
- Modules for edge cases can always be created and shared to the public GitHub repo
- Any non-EZ Tool binary must reside in KAPE\Modules\bin for the associated Module to work
 - Use the link provided in BinaryUrl within each Module to download the tool
- Tools of the Trade:
 - Free: PowerShell/CMD, and the tool itself
 - Paid: the tool itself, if not free

```
EvtxECmd.mkape
      Description: 'EvtxECmd: process event log files'
     Category: EventLogs
     Author: Eric Zimmerman
     Version: 1.0
     Id: 1b66f0e2-2ccf-467d-ae15-a2b3dc59df08
     BinaryUrl: https://f001.backblazeb2.com/file/EricZimmermanTools/EvtxExplorer.zip
     ExportFormat: csv
     Processors:
  9
 10
             Executable: EvtxECmd\EvtxECmd.exe
             CommandLine: -d %sourceDirectory% --csv %destinationDirectory%
 11
 12
             ExportFormat: csv
 13
 14
             Executable: EvtxECmd\EvtxECmd.exe
             CommandLine: -d %sourceDirectory% --xml %destinationDirectory%
 15
 16
             ExportFormat: xml
 17
             Executable: EvtxECmd\EvtxECmd.exe
 18
             CommandLine: -d %sourceDirectory% -- json %destinationDirectory%
 19
 20
             ExportFormat: json
 21
     # Documentation
 22
     # https://github.com/EricZimmerman/evtx
 23
     # https://binaryforay.blogspot.com/2019/04/introducing-evtxecmd.html
 24
     # https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvMg3p706ro
 25
     # https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhCZfCzn2l0
     # Be sure to run evtxecmd.exe --sync within your .\KAPE\Modules\bin\EvtxECmd direct
     # Alternatively, run the !!ToolSync Module to keep all your Maps, Batch Files, and
 29
```

Other KAPE Targets and Modules Resources

.\KAPE\Targets or .\KAPE\Modules or KAPE Targets/Modules Guides/Template on GitHub

Name A	Size Type
iDisabled	7.54 KB File Folder
!Local	356 bytes File Folder
Antivirus	16.1 KB File Folder
Apps	122 KB File Folder
Browsers	28.3 KB File Folder
Compound	72.7 KB File Folder
Logs	2.85 KB File Folder
P2P	12.5 KB File Folder
Windows	53.1 KB File Folder
WSL	18.4 KB File Folder
Compound Target Guide.guide	2.63 KB GUIDE File
CompoundTargetTemplate.template	1 KB TEMPLATE File
TargetGuide.guide	3.32 KB GUIDE File
TargetTemplate.template	827 bytes TEMPLATE File

Name A	Size	Туре
iDisabled	14.9 KB	File Folder
illocal	3.09 KB	File Folder
bin bin	259 MB	File Folder
BrowsingHistory	1.92 KB	File Folder
EventLogs	27.4 KB	File Folder
FileFolderAccess	3.47 KB	File Folder
FileSystem	6.93 KB	File Folder
KapeResearch	12.3 KB	File Folder
LiveResponse	33.6 KB	File Folder
Memory	29 KB	File Folder
Misc Misc	19.9 KB	File Folder
ProgramExecution	3.66 KB	File Folder
Registry	26.6 KB	File Folder
Timelining	16.7 KB	File Folder
!!ToolSync.mkape	865 bytes	MKAPE File
!EZParser.mkape	1.66 KB	MKAPE File
CompoundModuleGuide.guide	1.64 KB	GUIDE File
CompoundModuleTemplate.template	947 bytes	TEMPLATE File
ModuleGuide.guide	2.80 KB	GUIDE File
ModuleTemplate.template	818 bytes	TEMPLATE File



Keeping EZ Tools/KAPE Updated/Synced

Update vs Sync and 3 Methods of Updating/Syncing

Important Considerations

Proper tool maintenance is just as important as knowing what the tool is doing and interpreting its results

*** Important ***

- It's important to remember that EvtxECmd, SQLECmd, RECmd, and other EZ Tools can be used standalone (Get-ZimmermanTools.ps1) as well as called on by KAPE using Modules
- In that instance, any given EZ Tool binary is in two separate locations and therefore requires proper maintenance (i.e., checking for binary updates and syncing with GitHub) if they're being actively used in either location
- It should go without saying that if you downloaded EZ Tools a year ago, use them daily, but haven't yet synced or updated the binaries that you're potentially missing out on a lot of Maps, Batch file updates, and new features/bug fixes

Forensic tools

Need everything at once? Here are ALL the tools as a single ZIP

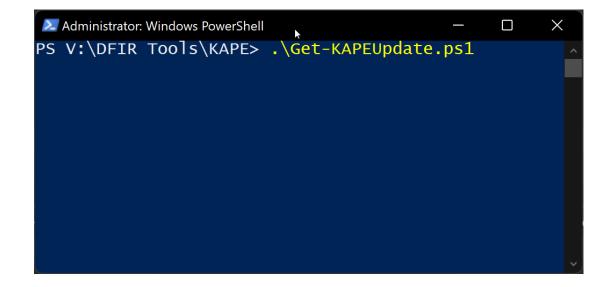
	Name	Version	Purpose
	AmcacheParser	1.4.0.0	Amcache.hve parser with lots of extra features. Handles locked files
	AppCompatCacheParser	1.4.4.0	AppCompatCache aka ShimCache parser. Handles locked files
	bstrings	1.5.1.0	Find them strings yo. Built in regex patterns. Handles locked files

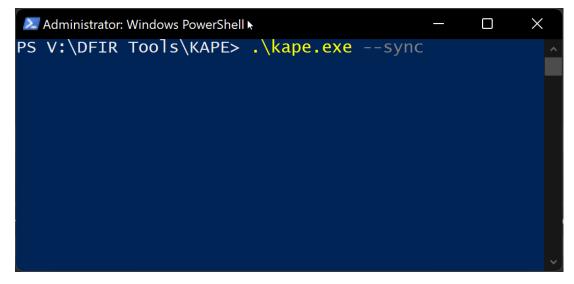


Differentiating Between Sync and Update

While similar in nature, they are talking about two different things

- Top GIF
 - <u>Update</u>: Checking to see if there is a new version of the KAPE binary
 - Get-KAPEUpdate.ps1
- Bottom GIF
 - <u>Sync</u>: Checking to see if Targets and Modules exist on GitHub that don't exist in local .\KAPE\Targets or .\KAPE\Modules directories
 - For this example, I removed the TotalCommander.tkape Target for demonstration, and then ran the sync command
 - kape.exe --sync
 - This process is identical for EvtxECmd, SQLECmd, and RECmd and their ancillary files
 - Let's call all the above Option 1

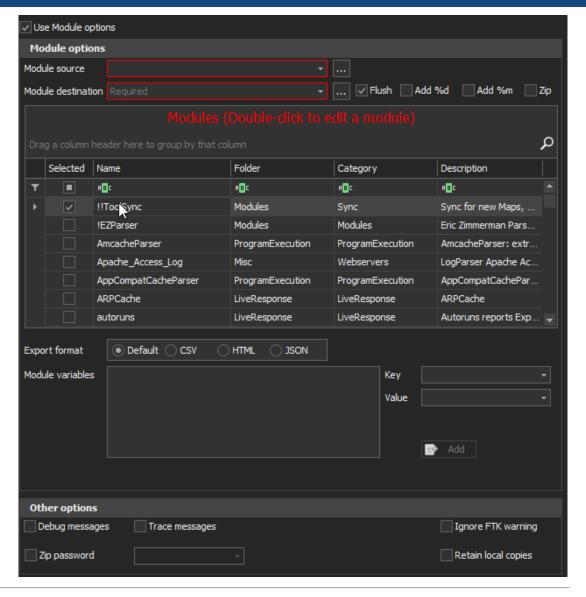




Automating the Syncing of EZ Tools Used by KAPE

Option 2: !!ToolSync Module

- !!ToolSync Module (!!ToolSync.mkape) is a Compound Module that will keep all KAPE Targets/Module, EvtxECmd Maps, RECmd Batch Files, and SQLECmd Maps updated with a single click!
- !!ToolSync consists of the following commands:
 - .\evtxecmd.exe --sync
 - .\kape.exe --sync
 - .\recmd.exe –sync
 - .\sqlecmd.exe -sync
- Let's call this Option 2
- Add this Module to your daily workflow to benefit!
- However, this doesn't keep your KAPE binaries updated
 - .\KAPE\Modules\bin
- If only we had a solution to perform the task of
 !!ToolSync AND updating EZ Tools binaries for KAPE
- On to Option 3!



Option 3: Get-KAPEUpdate2021.ps1

Sibling script to the preexisting Get-KAPEUpdate.ps1 script originally written by Eric Zimmerman

- My first experience with scripting in any language!
- Made specifically for this event, slide, and overall presentation
- PowerShell script that makes life easier when maintaining your instance of KAPE! This script does the following:
 - Updates KAPE by calling Get-KAPEUpdate.ps1
 - Downloads a curated group of EZ Tools to satisfy the requirements for the KAPE !EZParser Module
 - 3. Downloads each tool, unzips them, and deletes unnecessary files (i.e., GUI applications)
 - 4. Performs a sync to update all Maps, Batch Files, Targets, and Modules
 - Copies everything you need to run a fully updated version of KAPE with updated EZ Tools binaries and the latest ancillary files
- Yes, earlier I said I can't code, but I can Google! Again, you don't have to know everything. Being resourceful is way more valuable (and realistic) than knowing everything

```
# Be sure to run this script from your KAPE root folder, where kape.exe, gkape.exe, Targets, Modules, and
Documentation folders exists
Set-ExecutionPolicy Bypass -Scope Process
# If kape.exe is running, comment out the below line
.\Get-KAPEUpdate.ps1
# This provides the script the scope of what's to be downloaded and eventually extracted, copied, etc
  urrentDirectory = Resolve-Path -Path ('.')
   aseUrl = 'https://f001.backblazeb2.com/file/EricZimmermanTools/'
  iles = 'AmcacheParser.zip',
         'AppCompatCacheParser.zip',
         'bstrings.zip',
         'EvtxExplorer.zip',
         'JLECmd.zip',
         'LECmd.zip',
         'MFTECmd.zip',
         'PECmd.zip',
         'RBCmd.zip',
         'RecentFileCacheParser.zip',
         'RegistryExplorer_RECmd.zip',
         'ShellBagsExplorer.zip',
         'SQLECmd.zip',
         'SumECmd.zip',
         'SrumECmd.zip',
# This tells the script that for each of the above, download the binary from the joined URL, send to a Temp
folder, expand the contents of the archive, and delete the archive
foreach ($file in $files)
   $binPath = Join-Path -Path "$currentDirectory" -ChildPath "\Modules\bin" -Resolve
   Write-Host "Downloading $file"
   $TempPath = Join-Path $currentDirectory -ChildPath "$file"
   Invoke-WebRequest $dlUrl -OutFile $TempPath
   Expand-Archive -Path $file -DestinationPath "$currentDirectory\Temp" -Force -ErrorAction:Stop -Verbose
   Remove-Item -Path $file # comment this line out if you want to maintain copies of the archives downloaded
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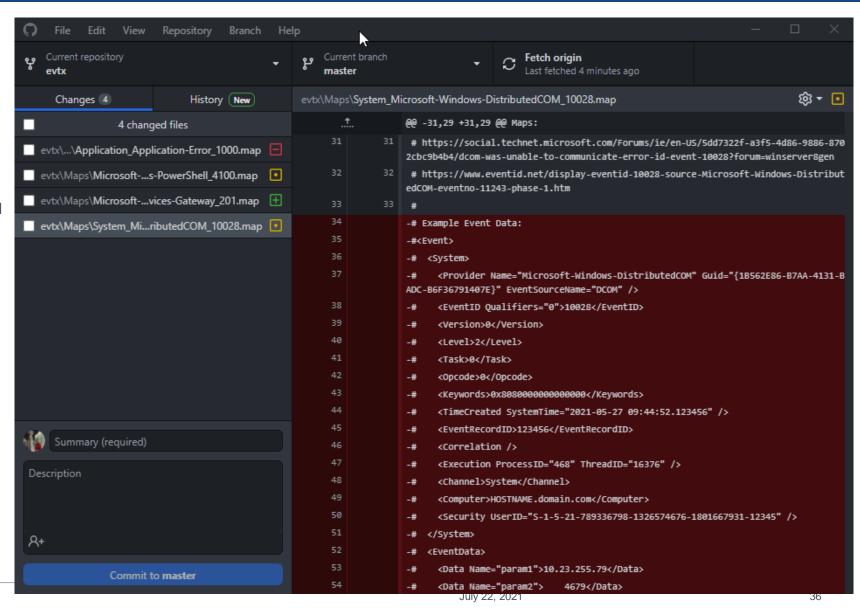
Contributing to GitHub

GitHub Desktop, Tips, and GitHub Repos to Watch

Contributing to GitHub – The Basics

Use a Git client to monitor repositories on your file system and easily share your work on GitHub!

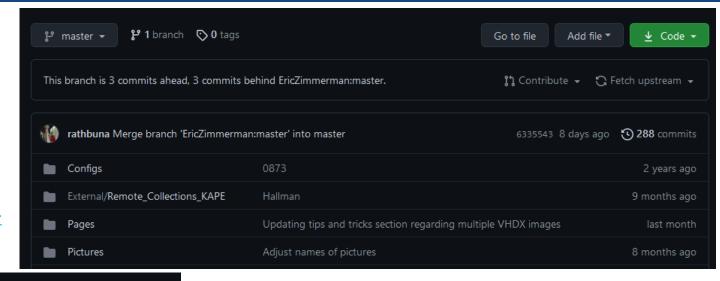
- Clients with Git integration effectively monitor any changes to a specific folder where files cloned from GitHub repos reside
- You can edit these files in any way you want with any applications you want
- Once you're ready to commit to a GitHub repo, just pick and choose which changes you want to commit!
- Tools of the Trade:
 - Free: GitHub Desktop, Git (CLI)
 - Paid: Sublime Merge, Araxis
 Merge, Fork, Atom, UEStudio,
 Tower, GitKraken, and more

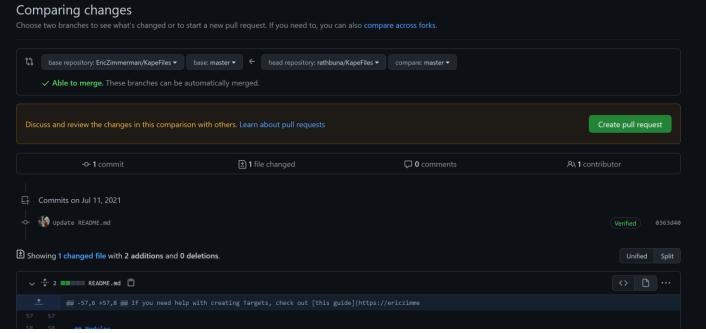


Contributing to GitHub – Things Learned the Hard Way

Learn from my mistakes!

- Update your fork before contributing to your upstream!
 - GitHub recently made this much easier with more plain-English (see image to the right)
- https://github.com/firstcontributions/firstcontributions/blob/master/gui-tool-tutorials/githubdesktop-tutorial.md

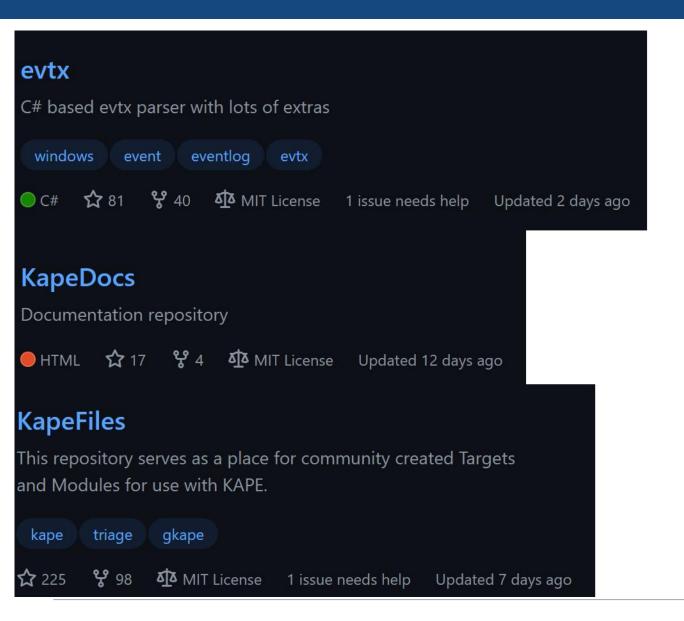


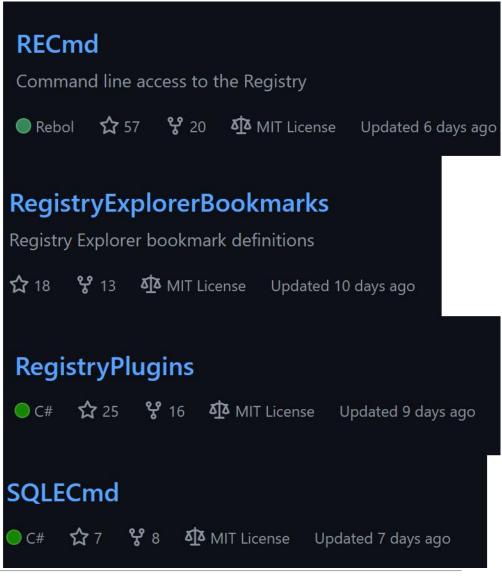


- Follow the Pull Request template that has been established for any given GitHub repo you're contributing to
- The steps are there for a reason to maintain quality control and reduce the amount of corrective action needed to approve and merge new content/code

Important EZ Tools/KAPE GitHub Repositories

EvtxECmd, RECmd, SQLECmd, and KAPE





Key Takeaways

Thank you for your time and attention!

- Keeping EZ Tools binaries updated is very important!
 - Within EZ Tools **AND** KAPE directories, if you actively use both!
 - Use the PS script to automate the boring stuff
- Keeping the ancillary files synced with GitHub is very important as they are constantly evolving, being updated, and added to!
 - EvtxECmd Maps
 - SQLECmd Maps
 - RECmd Batch Files
 - KAPE Targets and Modules
- Check for new binaries on a weekly basis (at least) using the PS script mentioned in this presentation
 - Scheduled task, maybe?
- Add !!ToolSync to every KAPE run so long as the machine KAPE is running on is connected to the internet
 - Ancillary files are typically added and updated more often than binaries
- Watch the repos!
- Contribute when you find something new. Sharing is caring!



Q&A Time

Feel free to connect with me! See you on Slack (hallway-andrew-rathbun)



