

# **Forensic Analysis and Incident Response with Volatility**

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You've been  
compromised...

**Your logs are inconclusive**

**Your dashboards are inconsistent**

**There are too many alerts to digest**

# **What should you do?**

**Call your Incident Response  
team! (or contract one)**

**And harness the power of  
*memory forensics***



# Hi, I'm Jared

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# Memory Forensics

**The art of examining a host's  
memory (RAM) for anomalous  
data, often revealing indicators of  
compromise**

# Why not X instead?

- Capturing system logs and parsing out relevant info can miss key insights
- Endpoint security agents typically don't capture all system state and can also be resource-intensive
- Manual inspection by actual humans is often needed for complex incidents
- AI doesn't solve everything

# State of the art tools (and free!)

- Autopsy and Sleuth Kit - <https://www.sleuthkit.org/autopsy/>
- **Volatility** - <http://www.volatilityfoundation.org/>
- Rekall - <http://www.rekall-forensic.com/>
- GRR - <https://github.com/google/grr>

# **Volatility**

## **"Volatile memory extraction utility framework"**

# Dig into the heart of your machines

- Takes a memory (RAM) dump from every major modern OS as input
- Extracts system state
  - Includes process info, registry info (W), DLLs (W), networking info, handles (W), logs, files, syscalls, process trees, open ttys, etc.

# Architecture

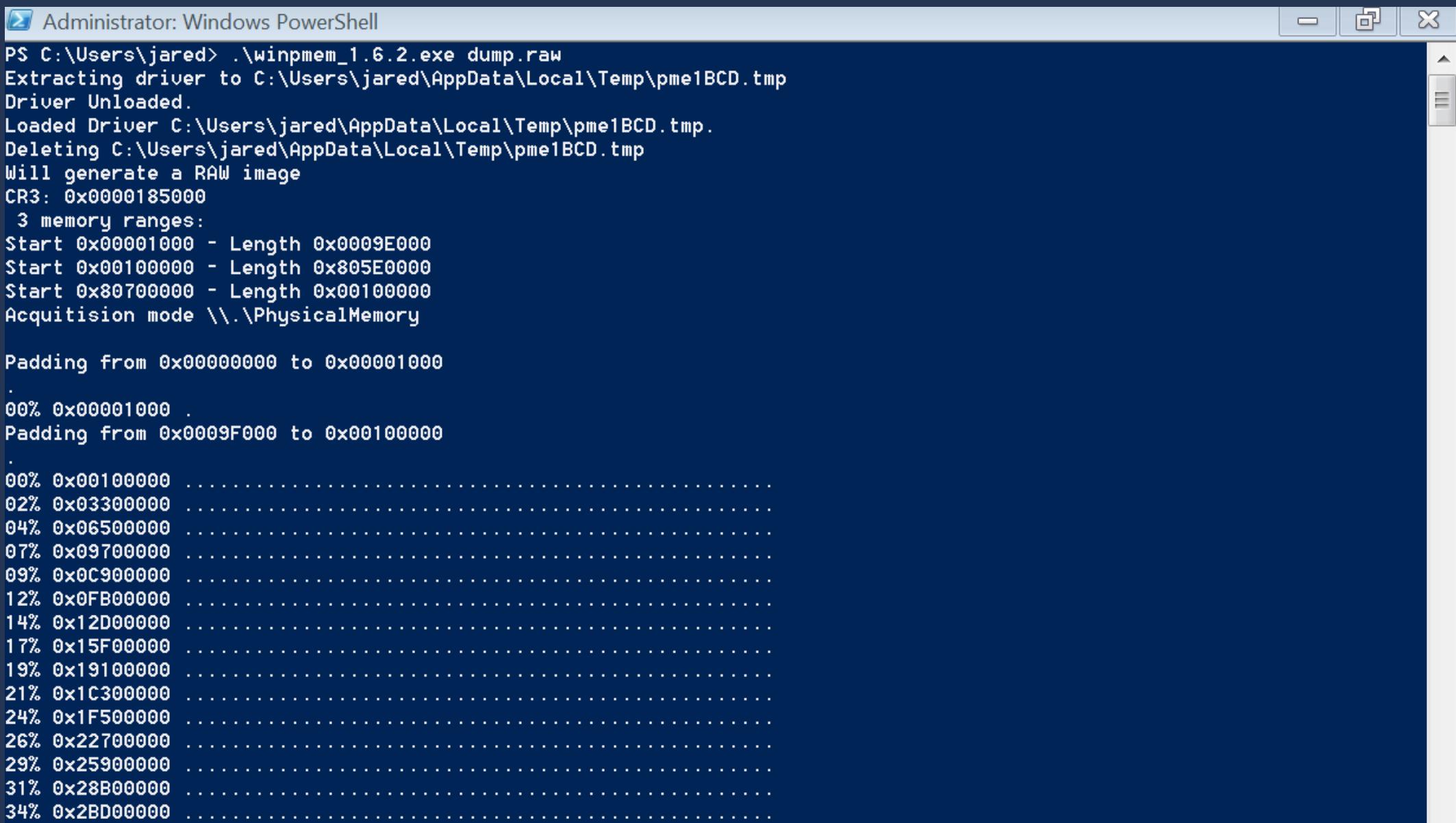
- Written in Python, cross-platform
- Represents memory images as layers of objects
  - Allows us to analyze VM images just like a regular host image
- Plugin-based architecture for core host analysis

# Dependencies

- Python 2.7.x
- Imaging software
  - Pmem Acquisition Suite (<http://www.rekall-forensic.com/docs/Tools/index.html>)
- Download: **<http://www.volatilityfoundation.org/releases>**
- Source Code: **<https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/volatility>**

# So, how do I use this?

# First, get a memory image from a target machine



The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window titled "Administrator: Windows PowerShell". The command entered is ".\winpmem\_1.6.2.exe dump.raw". The output indicates the driver is being extracted to C:\Users\jared\AppData\Local\Temp\pme1BCD.tmp, the driver is unloaded, and the driver is loaded again from the same location. It mentions it will generate a RAW image and provides the CR3 value (0x0000185000). It lists three memory ranges: Start 0x00001000 - Length 0x0009E000, Start 0x00100000 - Length 0x805E0000, and Start 0x80700000 - Length 0x00100000. The acquisition mode is set to \\.\PhysicalMemory. The process then begins padding memory from 0x00000000 to 0x00001000, with progress shown in increments of 00% up to 34%.

```
PS C:\Users\jared> .\winpmem_1.6.2.exe dump.raw
Extracting driver to C:\Users\jared\AppData\Local\Temp\pme1BCD.tmp
Driver Unloaded.
Loaded Driver C:\Users\jared\AppData\Local\Temp\pme1BCD.tmp.
Deleting C:\Users\jared\AppData\Local\Temp\pme1BCD.tmp
Will generate a RAW image
CR3: 0x0000185000
 3 memory ranges:
Start 0x00001000 - Length 0x0009E000
Start 0x00100000 - Length 0x805E0000
Start 0x80700000 - Length 0x00100000
Acquisition mode \\.\PhysicalMemory

Padding from 0x00000000 to 0x00001000
.
00% 0x00001000 .
Padding from 0x0009F000 to 0x00100000
.
00% 0x00100000 .
02% 0x03300000 .
04% 0x06500000 .
07% 0x09700000 .
09% 0x0C900000 .
12% 0x0FB00000 .
14% 0x12D00000 .
17% 0x15F00000 .
19% 0x19100000 .
21% 0x1C300000 .
24% 0x1F500000 .
26% 0x22700000 .
29% 0x25900000 .
31% 0x28B00000 .
34% 0x2BD00000 .
```

# You now have a memory image named *dump.raw*

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility imageinfo -f dump.raw
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
INFO    : volatility.debug      : Determining profile based on KDBG search...
          Suggested Profile(s) : Win7SP1x86_23418, Win7SP0x86, Win7SP1x86
                                AS Layer1 : IA32PagedMemoryPae (Kernel AS)
                                AS Layer2 : FileAddressSpace (/Users/jared/demo/dump.raw)
                                PAE type : PAE
                                DTB   : 0x185000L
                                KDBG  : 0x8296ec28L
Number of Processors : 1
Image Type (Service Pack) : 1
          KPCR for CPU 0 : 0x8296fc00L
          KUSER_SHARED_DATA : 0xffffdf0000L
Image date and time  : 2017-01-01 23:01:21 UTC+0000
Image local date and time : 2017-01-01 18:01:21 -0500
```

# Scanning the kernel debug tables reveals the OS

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility kdbgscan -f dump.raw
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
Instantiating KDBG using: /Users/jared/demo/dump.raw WinXPSP2x86 (5.1.0 32bit)
Offset (P) : 0x296ec28
KDBG owner tag check : True
Profile suggestion (KDBGHeader): Win7SP1x86_23418
Version64 : 0x296ec00 (Major: 15, Minor: 7601)
PsActiveProcessHead : 0x82986f18
PsLoadedModuleList : 0x8298e850
KernelBase : 0x82844000

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Instantiating KDBG using: /Users/jared/demo/dump.raw WinXPSP2x86 (5.1.0 32bit)
Offset (P) : 0x296ec28
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PsLoadedModuleList : 0x8298e850
KernelBase : 0x82844000
```

# List process info

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility pslist --profile Win7SP1x86 -f dump.raw
```

```
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
```

| Offset(V)  | Name         | PID        | PPID | Thds | Hnds | Sess  | Wow64 | Start                        | Exit |
|------------|--------------|------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------------------------------|------|
| 0x848548a8 | System       | 4          | 0    | 86   | 494  | ----- | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:43 UTC+0000 |      |
| 0x85eaad40 | smss.exe     | 276        | 4    | 2    | 29   | ----- | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:43 UTC+0000 |      |
| 0x85cf3cd8 | csrss.exe    | 360        | 344  | 9    | 550  | 0     | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:44 UTC+0000 |      |
| 0x848e2b30 | wininit.exe  | 412        | 344  | 3    | 74   | 0     | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:44 UTC+0000 |      |
| 0x86a85378 | services.exe | <u>512</u> | 412  | 9    | 202  | 0     | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:44 UTC+0000 |      |
| 0x86a9e5a0 | lsass.exe    | 520        | 412  | 8    | 550  | 0     | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:44 UTC+0000 |      |
| 0x86aa06f8 | lsm.exe      | 528        | 412  | 10   | 144  | 0     | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:44 UTC+0000 |      |
| 0x86b0cd40 | svchost.exe  | 636        | 512  | 13   | 361  | 0     | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:45 UTC+0000 |      |
| 0x85ba6d40 | vmacthlp.exe | 700        | 512  | 4    | 63   | 0     | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:45 UTC+0000 |      |
| 0x85bc61c0 | svchost.exe  | 732        | 512  | 8    | 266  | 0     | 0     | 2016-11-05 17:08:45 UTC+0000 |      |

|            |                |      |      |   |     |   |   |            |          |          |
|------------|----------------|------|------|---|-----|---|---|------------|----------|----------|
| 0x84da2030 | conhost.exe    | 3588 | 3548 | 1 | 33  | 2 | 0 | 2017-01-01 | 22:59:42 | UTC+0000 |
| 0x84fdca30 | vmtoolsd.exe   | 1192 | 3048 | 7 | 198 | 2 | 0 | 2017-01-01 | 22:59:43 | UTC+0000 |
| 0x84e2f9c8 | WMIADAP.exe    | 1480 | 948  | 5 | 87  | 0 | 0 | 2017-01-01 | 23:00:00 | UTC+0000 |
| 0x84f21d18 | WmiPrvSE.exe   | 2672 | 636  | 7 | 121 | 0 | 0 | 2017-01-01 | 23:00:00 | UTC+0000 |
| 0x86e1c338 | powershell.exe | 3664 | 3048 | 8 | 375 | 2 | 0 | 2017-01-01 | 23:01:05 | UTC+0000 |
| 0x84db35d0 | conhost.exe    | 1532 | 3548 | 2 | 53  | 2 | 0 | 2017-01-01 | 23:01:05 | UTC+0000 |
| 0x84e06030 | winpmem_1.6.2. | 2972 | 3664 | 1 | 26  | 2 | 0 | 2017-01-01 | 23:01:21 | UTC+0000 |

# Explore process hierarchies

| Name                          | Pid  | PPid | Thds | Hnds | Time                         |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------------------------------|
| 0x848e2b30:wininit.exe        | 412  | 344  | 3    | 74   | 2016-11-05 17:08:44 UTC+0000 |
| . 0x86a85378:services.exe     | 512  | 412  | 9    | 202  | 2016-11-05 17:08:44 UTC+0000 |
| .. 0x86ded2f8:TPAutoConnSvc.  | 1664 | 512  | 11   | 142  | 2016-11-05 17:08:46 UTC+0000 |
| ... 0x874178c8:TPAutoConnect. | 2352 | 1664 | 4    | 128  | 2017-01-01 22:59:42 UTC+0000 |
| .. 0x860d5030:svchost.exe     | 2192 | 512  | 10   | 138  | 2016-11-05 17:10:47 UTC+0000 |
| .. 0x86ca5a58:svchost.exe     | 1172 | 512  | 21   | 430  | 2016-11-05 17:08:45 UTC+0000 |
| .. 0x86b23820:svchost.exe     | 800  | 512  | 21   | 456  | 2016-11-05 17:08:45 UTC+0000 |
| ... 0x84e7d3e8:audiodg.exe    | 3892 | 800  | 7    | 135  | 2016-11-05 19:52:59 UTC+0000 |
| .. 0x86c852d0:svchost.exe     | 1064 | 512  | 16   | 340  | 2016-11-05 17:08:45 UTC+0000 |
| .. 0x86d1e440:svchost.exe     | 1332 | 512  | 21   | 313  | 2016-11-05 17:08:46 UTC+0000 |
| .. 0x85dc24d0:svchost.exe     | 948  | 512  | 45   | 1172 | 2016-11-05 17:08:45 UTC+0000 |

|                              |      |      |    |     |            |          |          |
|------------------------------|------|------|----|-----|------------|----------|----------|
| 0x84b6d240:explorer.exe      | 3048 | 1624 | 29 | 734 | 2017-01-01 | 22:59:42 | UTC+0000 |
| . 0x86e1c338:powershell.exe  | 3664 | 3048 | 8  | 375 | 2017-01-01 | 23:01:05 | UTC+0000 |
| .. 0x84e06030:winpmem_1.6.2. | 2972 | 3664 | 1  | 26  | 2017-01-01 | 23:01:21 | UTC+0000 |
| . 0x84fdca30:vmtoolsd.exe    | 1192 | 3048 | 7  | 198 | 2017-01-01 | 22:59:43 | UTC+0000 |

# Parse the Windows registry

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility hivelist --profile Win7SP1x86 -f dump.raw
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Virtual Physical Name
-----
0x8e1483e8 0x2a0523e8 \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Boot\BCD
0x8e1bf490 0x1ff10490 \SystemRoot\System32\Config\SOFTWARE
0x912126d0 0x2a4ab6d0 \SystemRoot\System32\Config\SECURITY
0x9664b008 0x1ddf9008 \??\C:\System Volume Information\Syscache.hve
0xa2536008 0x0cfcf008 \??\C:\Users\jared\ntuser.dat
0x898104c8 0x2d94e4c8 [no name]
0x8981a248 0x2db9a248 \REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM
0x89844008 0x2e5c6008 \REGISTRY\MACHINE\HARDWARE
0x898bd4f0 0x2706a4f0 \SystemRoot\System32\Config\DEFAULT
0x8a6235d8 0x253ab5d8 \SystemRoot\System32\Config\SAM
0x8d78b620 0x28523620 \??\C:\Users\jared\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\UsrClass.dat
0x8de3a598 0x0008b598 \??\C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\NTUSER.DAT
0x8debc008 0x242d8008 \??\C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\LocalService\NTUSER.DAT
```

# Dump out user hashes

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility hashdump -y 0x8981a248 -s 0x8a6235d8 --profile Win7SP1x86 -f dump.raw
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
jared:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:f39934a2710a469b3c63ce1487794514:::
```

# Print out specific registry keys

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility printkey -K "Microsoft\Security Center\Svc" --profile Win7SP1x86 -f dump.raw
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Legend: (S) = Stable   (V) = Volatile

-----
Registry: \SystemRoot\System32\Config\SOFTWARE
Key name: Svc (S)
Last updated: 2016-11-05 17:10:48 UTC+0000

Subkeys:
(V) Vol

Values:
REG_QWORD    VistaSp1      : (S) 128920209537502489
REG_DWORD     AntiVirusOverride : (S) 0
REG_DWORD     AntiSpywareOverride : (S) 0
REG_DWORD     FirewallOverride : (S) 0
```

# Find recently executed commands

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility cmdscan --profile Win7SP1x86 -f dump.raw
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
CommandProcess: conhost.exe Pid: 3588
CommandHistory: 0x3e0e28 Application: TPAutoConnect.exe Flags: Allocated
CommandCount: 0 LastAdded: -1 LastDisplayed: -1
FirstCommand: 0 CommandCountMax: 50
ProcessHandle: 0x5c
*****
CommandProcess: conhost.exe Pid: 1532
CommandHistory: 0x3d4c20 Application: powershell.exe Flags: Allocated, Reset
CommandCount: 3 LastAdded: 2 LastDisplayed: 2
FirstCommand: 0 CommandCountMax: 50
ProcessHandle: 0x5c
Cmd #0 @ 0x3ccc20: cd ~
Cmd #1 @ 0x3ccc38: clear
Cmd #2 @ 0x3cbb18: .\winpmem\_1.6.2.exe dump.raw
```

# Find open ttys and consoles

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility consoles --profile Win7SP1x86 -f dump.raw
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
ConsoleProcess: conhost.exe Pid: 3588
Console: 0x2481c0 CommandHistorySize: 50
HistoryBufferCount: 1 HistoryBufferMax: 4
OriginalTitle: C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\TPAutoConnSvc.exe
Title: C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\TPAutoConnSvc.exe
AttachedProcess: TPAutoConnect. Pid: 2352 Handle: 0x5c
-----
CommandHistory: 0x3e0e28 Application: TPAutoConnect.exe Flags: Allocated
CommandCount: 0 LastAdded: -1 LastDisplayed: -1
FirstCommand: 0 CommandCountMax: 50
ProcessHandle: 0x5c
-----
```

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----  
Screen 0x3d2918 X:80 Y:300  
Dump:  
ThinPrint AutoConnect component, Copyright (c) 1999-2013 Cortado AG, 8.8.776.1  
*****  
ConsoleProcess: conhost.exe Pid: 1532  
Console: 0x2481c0 CommandHistorySize: 50  
HistoryBufferCount: 2 HistoryBufferMax: 4  
OriginalTitle: Windows PowerShell  
Title: Administrator: Windows PowerShell  
AttachedProcess: winpmem_1.6.2. Pid: 2972 Handle: 0x54  
AttachedProcess: powershell.exe Pid: 3664 Handle: 0x5c  
----  
CommandHistory: 0x3d5d50 Application: winpmem_1.6.2.exe Flags: Allocated  
CommandCount: 0 LastAdded: -1 LastDisplayed: -1  
FirstCommand: 0 CommandCountMax: 50  
ProcessHandle: 0x54  
----  
CommandHistory: 0x3d4c20 Application: powershell.exe Flags: Allocated, Reset  
CommandCount: 3 LastAdded: 2 LastDisplayed: 2  
FirstCommand: 0 CommandCountMax: 50  
ProcessHandle: 0x5c  
Cmd #0 at 0x3ccc20: cd ~  
Cmd #1 at 0x3ccc38: clear  
Cmd #2 at 0x3cbb18: .\winpmem_1.6.2.exe dump.raw  
----
```

# Find open and closed threads, keys, ports, processes, files, and more

| Offset(V)  | Pid | Handle | Access Type        | Details  |
|------------|-----|--------|--------------------|--|
| 0x848548a8 | 4   | 0x4    | 0xfffff Process    | System(4)  |
| 0x89819250 | 4   | 0x8    | 0x2001f Key        | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\HIVELIST                  |
| 0x89808e80 | 4   | 0xc    | 0xf000f Directory  | GLOBAL??   |
| 0x8980fc58 | 4   | 0x10   | 0x0 Key            |  |
| 0x8985b478 | 4   | 0x14   | 0x2001f Key        | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\PRODUCTOPTIONS            |
| 0x898100e0 | 4   | 0x18   | 0xf003f Key        | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\SESSION MANAGER\MEMORY MA |
| 0x848fc4f8 | 4   | 0x1c   | 0x1f0001 ALPC Port | PowerMonitorPort   |
| 0x89860178 | 4   | 0x20   | 0x2001f Key        | MACHINE\SYSTEM\SETUP   |
| 0x848fc908 | 4   | 0x24   | 0x1f0001 ALPC Port | PowerPort  |
| 0x8984c1e0 | 4   | 0x28   | 0x20019 Key        | MACHINE\HARDWARE\DESCRIPTION\SYSTEM\MULTIFUNCTIONADAPTER       |
| 0x851902c8 | 4   | 0x2c   | 0x1fffff Thread    | TID 160 PID 4  |
| 0x8985b818 | 4   | 0x30   | 0xf003f Key        | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001                                   |
| 0x8985b7c8 | 4   | 0x34   | 0xf003f Key        | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\ENUM                              |
| 0x8985ccb0 | 4   | 0x38   | 0xf003f Key        | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\CLASS                     |
| 0x8984e110 | 4   | 0x3c   | 0xf003f Key        | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\SERVICES                          |
| 0x898f99a8 | 4   | 0x40   | 0x20019 Key        | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\WMI\SECURITY              |
| 0x899a98d8 | 4   | 0x44   | 0xe Token          |  |
| 0x898f29c0 | 4   | 0x48   | 0x11 Key           | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\LSA                       |
| 0x85db9478 | 4   | 0x4c   | 0x3 File           | \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\config\SYSTEM.LOG2    |
| 0x85d8f028 | 4   | 0x50   | 0x2020003 File     | \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\config\SOFTWARE       |
| 0x85d8fc78 | 4   | 0x54   | 0x2000003 File     | \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\config\SOFTWARE.LOG1  |
| 0x84b6d240 | 4   | 0x58   | 0x2a Process       | explorer.exe(3048)   |

|            |     |       |                       |   |
|------------|-----|-------|-----------------------|---|
| 0x84991ed0 | 520 | 0x944 | 0x100003 Semaphore    |   |
| 0x84b6d240 | 520 | 0x948 | 0x1478 Process        | explorer.exe(3048)  |
| 0x84c747e8 | 520 | 0x94c | 0x100003 Semaphore    |   |
| 0x86df74d8 | 520 | 0x954 | 0x100003 Semaphore    |   |
| 0x84dcd928 | 520 | 0x958 | 0xfffff Thread        | TID 628 PID 520   |
| 0x8502d310 | 520 | 0x95c | 0x1f0001 ALPC Port    |   |
| 0x84e24c20 | 520 | 0x960 | 0x100003 Semaphore    |   |
| 0x84ab5030 | 520 | 0x964 | 0x1478 Process        | taskhost.exe(3348)  |
| 0x86df7490 | 520 | 0x968 | 0x100003 Semaphore    |   |
| 0x84fdca30 | 520 | 0x96c | 0x1478 Process        | vmtoolsd.exe(1192)  |
| 0x8e146a68 | 528 | 0x4   | 0x3 Directory         | KnownDlls   |
| 0x86ab0c18 | 528 | 0x8   | 0x100020 File         | \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32                  |
| 0x8a9d8170 | 528 | 0xc   | 0x20019 Key           | MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL-NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS |
| 0x86ab3a00 | 528 | 0x10  | 0x804 EtwRegistration |   |
| 0x86ab0a20 | 528 | 0x14  | 0x1f0001 ALPC Port    |   |
| 0x86ab38e8 | 528 | 0x18  | 0x100003 Semaphore    |   |
| 0x86ab38a0 | 528 | 0x1c  | 0x100003 Semaphore    |   |
| 0x86ab3640 | 528 | 0x20  | 0x804 EtwRegistration |   |
| 0x86ab35d8 | 528 | 0x24  | 0x804 EtwRegistration |   |
| 0x907091c8 | 528 | 0x28  | 0xf003f Key           | MACHINE   |
| 0x91272ec8 | 528 | 0x2c  | 0xf Directory         | BaseNamedObjects  |

# Find loaded and unloaded kernel modules (rootkits!)

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility modules --profile Win7SP1x86 -f dump.raw
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(V)  Name          Base        Size File
-----  -----
0x8484bc98 ntoskrnl.exe    0x82844000 0x412000 \SystemRoot\system32\ntkrnlpa.exe
0x8484bc20 hal.dll        0x8280d000 0x37000 \SystemRoot\system32\halmacpi.dll
0x8484bba0 kdcom.dll      0x80bb2000 0x8000 \SystemRoot\system32\kdcom.dll
0x8484bb20 mcupdate.dll   0x82e14000 0x85000 \SystemRoot\system32\mcupdate_GenuineIntel.dll
0x8484baa0 PSHED.dll      0x82e99000 0x11000 \SystemRoot\system32\PSHED.dll
0x8484ba20 BOOTVID.dll    0x82eaa000 0x8000 \SystemRoot\system32\BOOTVID.dll
0x8484b9a8 CLFS.SYS       0x82eb2000 0x42000 \SystemRoot\system32\CLFS.SYS
0x8484b930 CI.dll         0x82ef4000 0xab000 \SystemRoot\system32\CI.dll
0x8484b8b0 Wdf01000.sys   0x8861e000 0x71000 \SystemRoot\system32\drivers\Wdf01000.sys
0x8484b830 WDFLDR.SYS     0x8868f000 0xe000 \SystemRoot\system32\drivers\WDFLDR.SYS
0x8484b7b8 ACPI.sys       0x8869d000 0x48000 \SystemRoot\system32\drivers\ACPI.sys
0x8484b738 WMILIB.SYS     0x886e5000 0x9000 \SystemRoot\system32\drivers\WMILIB.SYS
0x8484b6b8 msisadrv.sys   0x886ee000 0x8000 \SystemRoot\system32\drivers\msisadrv.sys
0x84845d38 pci.sys         0x886f6000 0x2a000 \SystemRoot\system32\drivers\pci.sys
0x84845cb8 vdrvroot.sys   0x88720000 0xb000 \SystemRoot\system32\drivers\vdrvroot.sys
0x84845c38 partmgr.sys    0x8872b000 0x11000 \SystemRoot\System32\drivers\partmgr.sys
```

# Inspect loaded system libraries

```
~/demo >>> ./volatility dlllist --profile Win7SP1x86 -f dump.raw
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
System pid:      4
Unable to read PEB for task.

*****
smss.exe pid:   276
Command line : \SystemRoot\System32\smss.exe


```

| Base       | Size     | LoadCount | Path                          |
|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| -----      | -----    | -----     | -----                         |
| 0x477b0000 | 0x13000  | 0xffff    | \SystemRoot\System32\smss.exe |
| 0x77220000 | 0x13c000 | 0xffff    | C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll |

```
*****
```

powershell.exe pid: 3664

Command line : "C:\WINDOWS\system32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe"

Service Pack 1

| Base       | Size     | LoadCount | Path  |
|------------|----------|-----------|---|
| 0x21c60000 | 0x72000  | 0xfffff   | C:\WINDOWS\system32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe |
| 0x77220000 | 0x13c000 | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll                             |
| 0x75710000 | 0xd4000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\kernel32.dll                          |
| 0x755d0000 | 0x4a000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\KERNELBASE.dll                        |
| 0x75a30000 | 0xa0000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\ADVAPI32.dll                          |
| 0x75ad0000 | 0xac000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\msvcrt.dll                            |
| 0x75810000 | 0x19000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\sechost.dll                           |
| 0x76b70000 | 0xa1000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\RPCRT4.dll                            |
| 0x73720000 | 0x14000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\ATL.DLL                               |
| 0x76ef0000 | 0xc9000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll                            |
| 0x76aa0000 | 0x4e000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\GDI32.dll                             |
| 0x75800000 | 0xa000   | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\LPK.dll                               |
| 0x75670000 | 0x9d000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\USP10.dll                             |
| 0x770c0000 | 0x15c000 | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\ole32.dll                             |
| 0x76a10000 | 0x8f000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\OLEAUT32.dll                          |
| 0x6ec00000 | 0x4a000  | 0xfffff   | C:\Windows\system32\mscoree.dll                           |

# Discover open and closed network connections

| ~/demo >>> ./volatility netscan --profile Win7SP1x86 -f dump.raw |       |                                |                 |           |      |             |                              |
|--|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6                   |       |                                |                 |           |      |             |                              |
| Offset(P)  | Proto | Local Address                  | Foreign Address | State     | Pid  | Owner       | Created                      |
| 0x7da14360   | UDPV4 | 172.16.12.150:138              | *:*             |           | 4    | System      | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7da18448   | UDPV4 | 127.0.0.1:1900                 | *:*             |           | 2192 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7dda92c0   | UDPV6 | fe80::b5d6:514a:1609:b8b7:1900 | *:*             |           | 2192 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7dddb748   | UDPV4 | 172.16.12.150:137              | *:*             |           | 4    | System      | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7dde7928   | UDPV4 | 0.0.0.0:5355                   | *:*             |           | 1172 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:06 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7dde7928   | UDPV6 | :::5355                        | *:*             |           | 1172 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:06 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7dde9418   | UDPV6 | ::1:60524                      | *:*             |           | 2192 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7ddef7a0   | UDPV4 | 0.0.0.0:0                      | *:*             |           | 1172 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7ddef7a0   | UDPV6 | :::0                           | *:*             |           | 1172 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7ddf0ab0   | UDPV6 | ::1:1900                       | *:*             |           | 2192 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7e3baa28   | UDPV4 | 172.16.12.150:1900             | *:*             |           | 2192 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0x7e3e7ba8   | UDPV4 | 127.0.0.1:60525                | *:*             |           | 2192 | svchost.exe | 2017-01-01 22:59:03 UTC+0000 |
| 0xdda1008  | TCPv4 | 0.0.0.0:49156                  | 0.0.0.0:0       | LISTENING | 520  | lsass.exe   |                              |
| 0x7e299358   | TCPv4 | 0.0.0.0:49156                  | 0.0.0.0:0       | LISTENING | 520  | lsass.exe   |                              |
| 0x7e299358   | TCPv6 | :::49156                       | :::0            | LISTENING | 520  | lsass.exe   |                              |

**Most plugins can search by regular expressions, filter results, and dump extracted objects (like files/processes/kernel modules/etc.) to your analysis machine.**

# Drawbacks

- Volatility can be slow
  - Use Rekall if you want better performance
- Images aren't automatically detected
  - Again, use Rekall if you want automatic (sometimes) detection

# Benefits

- If you can use a command line interface (CLI), you can use Volatility
- You can get almost all system state data for machines under your control
- With Volatility, you get an amazing developer community

**But this isn't a framework? It's  
not automated?!**

# The **possible** future

- Memory dumps taken *prior to* and *after* infections give us the ability to do a *diff* to see all known changes and semi-autonomously act on it
- This is my current work at ORNL. Talk to me later if you want more details.

# Takeaways

- Volatility is a popular, effective tool for in-depth forensic analysis of hosts
- It is highly versatile, and can help you analyze everything from end user devices to AWS servers
- The future is unknown, but focusing more on incident response tooling will help when breaches do happen

# Thank you for coming!

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