

WinObj plugin

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Introduction

WinObj is a volatility plugin that helps us map the *Object Manager* (similarly to Sysinternals' WinObj [tool](#)). Moreover, it can help us parse all kind of *Object Directories* content.

For every object inside a directory, *WinObj* plugin will supply some useful information about the object.

The main problem with converting Sysinternals' *WinObj* tool or any other available tools for enumeration of *Object Directories* into a volatility plugin is the fact that each of the tools uses APIs such as **NtQueryDirectoryObject**, and while performing offline memory analysis, without the ability to execute such APIs, I had to understand how these objects are enumerated in memory.

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Object Manager

Object Directory in General

The *Object Manager*'s main role is to manage NT objects.

There are some useful native NT API which allows programs from user mode to browse the namespace and query the status of objects located there, but the interfaces are undocumented. These objects are called *Object Directories*.

An *Object Directory* is a named object that is mostly used to contain other named objects (You can find some examples [here](#)).

In Depth Look Inside the Object Manager

The *Object Manager* was designed to provide the following (taken from [Windows Internals Part 1](#)):

- ❖ A common, uniform mechanism for using system resources.
- ❖ Isolate object protection to one location in the operating system to ensure uniform and consistent object access policy.
- ❖ Provide a mechanism to charge processes for their use of objects so that limits can be placed on the usage of system resources.
- ❖ Establish an object-naming scheme that can readily incorporate existing objects, such as the devices, files, and directories of a file system, or other independent collections of objects.
- ❖ Support the requirements of various operating system environments, such as the ability of a process to inherit resources from a parent process (needed by Windows and Subsystem for UNIX Applications) and the ability to create case-sensitive file names (needed by Subsystem for UNIX Applications).
- ❖ Establish uniform rules for object retention (that is, for keeping an object available until all processes have finished using it).
- ❖ Provide the ability to isolate objects for a specific session to allow for both local and global objects in the namespace.

As mentioned earlier, we can query these objects with several native APIs but in order to parse them in memory we must understand the method used to save and enumerate these objects.

Object Manager for Security Researchers

Every researcher can find use in parsing object directories. Other than general research purposes and helping us with understanding causes for errors, as Digital Forensics investigators we can find attacks under *KnownDlls*, find suspicious objects under specific session's namespace and map the *Object Manager* completely as seen later in this document.

About the Research

The main motivation was the lack of independency when it comes to the enumeration of kernel objects in memory without scanning the entire memory dump for these objects.

A great example of that can be found in [Art of Memory Forensics](#):

NOTE

To get the address of 0xFFFFF80002870300 for the previous example, we typed `x nt!ObTypeIndexTable` into Windbg. Your value will be different. If you don't have access to Windbg, you can generate similar results to the script by using the `objtypescan` Volatility plugin, as shown in the following command:

```
$ python vol.py -f win7x64cmd.dd --profile=Win7SP0x64 objtypescan
```

Figure 1 - `objtypescan` example from *Art of Memory Forensics*

In the above figure, we can see that it was difficult to find kernel objects without using *Windbg*, and *WinObj* plugin can help us find many of these objects.

A bit earlier in the book, I saw a *volshell* script:

```
$ python vol.py -f memory.dmp --profile=Win7SP1x64 volshell
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Current context: process System, pid=4, ppid=0 DTB=0x187000
To get help, type 'hh()'
>>> kernel_space = addrspace()
>>> ObTypeIndexTable = 0xFFFFF80002870300
>>> ptrs = obj.Object("Array",
...                   targetType = "Pointer",
...                   offset = ObTypeIndexTable,
...                   count = 100,
...                   vm = kernel_space)
>>> ptrs[0]
<NoneObject pointer to [0x00000000]>
>>> ptrs[1]
<NoneObject pointer to [0xBAD0B0B0]>
>>> for i, ptr in enumerate(ptrs):
...     objtype = ptr.dereference_as("_OBJECT_TYPE")
...     if objtype.is_valid():
...         print i, str(objtype.Name), "in",
...               str(objtype.TypeInfo.PoolType),
...               "with key",
...               str(objtype.Key)
... 
```

Figure 2 - *Art of Memory Forensics* enumeration snippet

Unfortunately, when I tried it on my memory images it did not work 😞

Moreover, the size of the array will have to be different between Windows platforms because the number of objects will be different, so other than understanding how to enumerate we need to understand when to stop as well.

My first objective was understanding where to begin enumerating objects until I've found what I'm looking for - the root directory. The root directory addresses can be retrieved from the *KDBG* structure. After I retrieved the address, I tried some list entries enumeration and failed, so I needed to find something else.

After some reversing and debugging the mystery was solved.

Let's start from the easy part – when to stop:

```
def get_array(self, addr, addr_space):
    """
    :param addr      : long, pointer the the driectory
    :param addr_space: kernel address space

    :return          : Array object

    the function will return a the directory, after a size calculation
    """

    # min value for the array
    count = 2

    # searches the directory size
    while True:
        test_directory_array = Obj.Object("Array", targetType="Pointer", offset=addr, count=count, vm=addr_space)

        # parse until signal
        if (test_directory_array[-1].v() == 0xffffffff):
            return test_directory_array
        else:
            count +=1
```

Figure 3 - WinObj *get_array* function

As you can see in the *get_array* function, the search will be executed until it will find the stop signal that is the same in both platforms x86 and x64.

Now let's view the enumeration itself.

```
def parse_directory(self, addr, addr_space, l):
    """
    :param addr      : long, pointer the the driectory
    :param addr_space: kernel address space
    :param l         : list

    :return          : None

    the function will parse the directory and add every valid object to the received list
    """
    directory_array = self.get_array(addr, addr_space)

    for pointer_addr in directory_array:
        myObj = Obj.Object("Pointer", pointer_addr+self.POINTER_SIZE, vm=addr_space)

        # obj is not a null pointer
        if myObj:
            self.AddToList(myObj, addr_space, l)

            extra = Obj.Object("Pointer", pointer_addr, vm=addr_space)
            extra1 = Obj.Object("Pointer", extra+self.POINTER_SIZE, vm=addr_space)
            extra = Obj.Object("Pointer", extra, vm=addr_space)
            extra2 = Obj.Object("Pointer", extra+self.POINTER_SIZE, vm=addr_space)

            # extra1 is not a null pointer
            if extra1:
                self.AddToList(extra1, addr_space, l)

            # extra2 is not a null pointer
            if extra2:
                self.AddToList(extra2, addr_space, l)
```

Figure 4 - WinObj Parse-Directory

In this function there are a lot of pointers to pointers, but after jumping through a road of pointers we can finally get an object, parse it by its header and receive useful information about it.

As mentioned earlier, I wanted the plugin to be as generic as possible and due to that it supports all Windows platforms and was tested on Windows XP to Window 10.

Optional Flags

- P (--FULL-PATH) Parse a directory found by full path location.
- a (--SUPPLY-ADDR) Parse directories under specific addresses.
- A (--PARSE-ALL) Parse every directory under the root directory.

Usage Examples

In some examples, we will find the same results as other plugins (i.e. *objtypescan*), and the main difference will be that *WinObj* plugin parses the results without scanning for the requested objects and therefore the output will be significantly faster in large images.

Example 1- Regular output:

```
C:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>vol.py -f TokensImg.vmem --profile=Win7SP1x64 winobj
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WinObj Parser:
-----

Parsing Now -> / at 0xffffffff8a000004720

Object Address(V) Name Type Additional Info
-----
0xffffffff8a0002fc2630 DSYSDBG.Debug.Trace.Memory.1f4 Event Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xffffffff8a000006920 ObjectTypes Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 44
0xffffffff8a000010610 SystemRoot SymbolicLink Target: \Device\Harddisk0\Partition1\Windows
0xffffffff8a000300eb0 Sessions Directory Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 6
0xffffffff8a00030fcb20 MmcSsApiPort ALPC Port Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 3
0xffffffff8a00000b820 ArcName Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 6
0xffffffff8a000082400 NLS Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 7
0xffffffff8a0002fea50 Windows Directory Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 6
0xffffffff8a000006190 GLOBAL?? Directory Hnadle Count - 2, Pointer Count 226
0xffffffff8a000315fa60 ThemeApiPort ALPC Port Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 29
0xffffffff8a000303850 RPC Control Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 83
0xffffffff8a0002c03880 EFSInitEvent Event Hnadle Count - 2, Pointer Count 3
0xffffffff8a0001cf9480 clfs Device Driver: \Driver\CLFS
0xffffffff8a0003426f0 Dfs SymbolicLink Target: \Device\DfsClient
0xffffffff8a0001ea3bb0 CsrSbSyncEvent Event Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 1
0xffffffff8a0001e899b0 SeRmCommandPort ALPC Port Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 4
0xffffffff8a000006730 DosDevices SymbolicLink Target: \??
0xffffffff8a000383d080 KnownDlls32 Directory Hnadle Count - 4, Pointer Count 44
0xffffffff8a000020220 REGISTRY Key Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 3
0xffffffff8a0005f41eb0 BaseNamedObjects Directory Hnadle Count - 36, Pointer Count 265
0xffffffff8a00018e26c0 PowerPort ALPC Port Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 4
0xffffffff8a0003078a90 SmSsWinStationApiPort ALPC Port Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 9
0xffffffff8a0002eb8900 UniqueInteractiveSessionIdEvent Event Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xffffffff8a000070290 UMDFCommunicationPorts Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 1
0xffffffff8a000750c90 KnownDlls Directory Hnadle Count - 67, Pointer Count 105
0xffffffff8a00018e9760 PowerMonitorPort ALPC Port Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xffffffff8a000006eb0 KernelObjects Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 21
0xffffffff8a000070060 FileSystem Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 28
0xffffffff8a0001cf3520 Ntfs Device Driver: \FileSystem\Ntfs
0xffffffff8a000006d00 Callback Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 18
0xffffffff8a0002f6fe60 SeLsaCommandPort ALPC Port Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 4
0xffffffff8a00000a950 Security Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 4
0xffffffff8a000318b8b0 UxSmsApiPort ALPC Port Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 5
0xffffffff8a000010060 Device Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 427
0xffffffff8a0000e97e0 LsaPerformance Section FileObj: -
0xffffffff8a0001e93490 SmApiPort ALPC Port Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 6
0xffffffff8a0002bf0080 UniqueSessionIdEvent Event Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xffffffff8a000082250 Driver Directory Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 101
0xffffffff8a0002feb6b0 SAM_SERVICE_STARTED Event Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
*****
```

Figure 5 - WinObj output, Windows 7

C:\ Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>vol.py -f "Windows XP Professional-Snapshot1.vmem" --profile=WinXPSP3x86 winobj
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```

WinObj Parser:

Parsing Now -> / at 0xe1001128

Object Address(V)	Name	Type	Additional Info
0x0000000e100d5e0	ArcName	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 6
0x0000000e8991f030	Ntfs	Device	Driver: \FileSystem\Ntfs
0x0000000e1659698	SeLsaCommandPort	Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 5
0x0000000e100f448	REGISTRY	Key	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 3
0x0000000e20d71f0	ThemeApiPort	Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 22
0x0000000e24c8468	XactSrvLpcPort	Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 5
0x0000000e18f0948	NLS	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 10
0x0000000e10087d0	DosDevices	SymbolicLink	Target: \??
0x0000000e18daca8	SeRmCommandPort	Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 5
0x0000000e8991f630	Dfs	Device	Driver: \FileSystem\Mup
0x0000000e15be178	LsaAuthenticationPort	Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 64
0x0000000e89867450	LanmanServerAnnounceEvent	Event	Hnadle Count - 2, Pointer Count 5
0x0000000e101f838	Driver	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 88
0x0000000e100d508	Device	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 287
0x0000000e18dd6c8	Windows	Directory	Hnadle Count - 27, Pointer Count 31
0x0000000e1905d50	Sessions	Directory	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 4
0x0000000e89b87658	SAM_SERVICE_STARTED	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0x0000000e1905208	RPC Control	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 39
0x0000000e18e6c38	SmApiPort	Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 12
0x0000000e1718390	BaseNamedObjects	Directory	Hnadle Count - 28, Pointer Count 220
0x0000000e1004748	KernelObjects	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 4
0x0000000e10055f0	GLOBAL??	Directory	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 139
0x0000000e1013880	FileSystem	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 23
0x0000000e898b51d0	NLAPublicPort	WaitablePort	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 7
0x0000000e1004670	ObjectTypes	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 25
0x0000000e24a0c48	SmSsWinStationApiPort	Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 13
0x0000000e100d748	Security	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 5
0x0000000e1bb6570	ErrorLogPort	Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 6
0x0000000e24d9f10	FusApiPort	Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 4
0x0000000e100d4a8	SystemRoot	SymbolicLink	Target: \Device\Harddisk0\Partition1\WINDOWS
0x0000000e899bf278	Cdfs	Device	Driver: \FileSystem\Cdfs
0x0000000e89909250	NLAPrivatePort	WaitablePort	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 5
0x0000000e10086c8	Callback	Directory	Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 7
0x0000000e89b0bdd0	SeLsaInitEvent	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0x0000000e8990bef0	UniqueSessionIdEvent	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0x0000000e1768f58	KnownDlls	Directory	Hnadle Count - 28, Pointer Count 61

Figure 6 - WinObj output snippet Windows XP

Example 2: Using Path flag.

```
C:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>vol.py -f img.raw --profile=Win2012R2x64 winobj -P /Windows
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WinObj Parser:
-----

Parsing Now -> /Windows at 0xffffc001a11fad00

Object Address(V)  Name                                     Type          Additional Info
-----
0xfffffc001a639b620 WindowStations                        Directory     Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 6
0xfffffc001a278a7d0 Theme852050294                       Section      FileObj: -
0xfffffc001a63754e0 SharedSection                         Section      FileObj: -
0xfffffe000d38e9090 ApiPort                             ALPC Port    Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 17832
0xfffffe000d38ed090 SbApiPort                         ALPC Port    Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 32769
*****

C:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>vol.py -f img.raw --profile=Win2012R2x64 winobj -P /Windows/WindowStations
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WinObj Parser:
-----

Parsing Now -> /Windows/WindowStations at 0xffffc001a639b620

Object Address(V)  Name                                     Type          Additional Info
-----
0xfffffe000d5556360 Service-0x0-3e4$                      WindowStation Desktop Names:Default,Session Id:0,Atoms:0xfffffc001a2919020
0xfffffe000d54efa10 Service-0x0-3e5$                      WindowStation Desktop Names:Default,Session Id:0,Atoms:0xfffffc001a2893020
0xfffffe000d53db250 Service-0x0-3e7$                      WindowStation Desktop Names:Default,Session Id:0,Atoms:0xfffffc001a639c910
0xfffffe000d38d6620 WinSta0                             WindowStation Desktop Names:Default Disconnect Winlogon,Session Id:0,Atoms:0xfffffc001a63cf020
*****
```

Figure 7 - Example for "traveling" inside the object manager's namespace

```
C:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>vol.py -f TokensImg.vmem --profile=Win7SP1x64 winobj -P /Callback
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WinObj Parser:
-----

Parsing Now -> /Callback at 0xfffffa0000006d00

Object Address(V)  Name                                     Type          Additional Info
-----
0xfffffa80018e31e0 EnlightenmentState                  Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa800190d400 SetSystemState                      Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa80018f8730 LicensingData                      Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa8002c49c80 TcpConnectionCallbackTemp                Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa800191b1e0 SetSystemTime                      Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa8001922490 PowerState                      Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 30
0xfffffa8001930c60 ProcessorAdd                      Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 11
0xfffffa80055f6e50 NdisBindUnbind                      Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa80031a3d30 LLTDCallbackMapper0006000006000000    Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa80023c1630 TcpTimerStarvationCallbackTemp        Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa8001881930 VMCIDetachCB                      Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 6
0xfffffa8001e2b2c0 AfdTdxCallback                      Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa8002fce3d0 LLTDCallbackMapper0006000009000000    Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa80031b68e0 LLTDCallbackRspndr0006000006000000    Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa80018b1110 Phase1InitComplete                  Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa80018d14c0 IoSessionNotifications                Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa8002fce340 LLTDCallbackRspndr0006000009000000    Callback      Hnadle Count - 0, Pointer Count 3
*****
```

Figure 8 - /Callback enumeration using path flag

Example 3: Address flag.

```
C:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>vol.py -f TokensImg.vmem --profile=Win7SP1x64 winobj -a 0xfffff8a000082250
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WinObj Parser:
-----

Parsing Now -> Driver at 0xfffff8a000082250
```

Object	Address(V)	Name	Type	Additional Info
	0xfffffa80023c1af0	vdrvroot	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\vdrvroot
	0xfffffa8001d85660	fvevol	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\fvevol
	0xfffffa80018504b0	Wdf01000	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\Wdf01000
	0xfffffa8001e4fe70	NetBT	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\NetBT
	0xfffffa8001fb0260	usbuhci	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\usbuhci
	0xfffffa800316d060	mpsdrv	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\mpsdrv
	0xfffffa8002fab920	BthEnum	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\BthEnum
	0xfffffa8001cf7350	amdxtata	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\amdxtata
	0xfffffa8001d754e0	Disk	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\Disk
	0xfffffa8003034180	HTTP	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\HTTP
	0xfffffa8001d155f0	pcw	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\pcw
	0xfffffa8001e29880	vmrawdsk	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\vmrawdsk
	0xfffffa8001e7f770	blbdrive	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\blbdrive
	0xfffffa8001c08540	partmgr	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\partmgr
	0xfffffa800320a3a0	KProcessHacker3	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\KProcessHacker3
	0xfffffa800301e690	PEAUTH	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\PEAUTH
	0xfffffa80018eb290	ACPI_HAL	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\ACPI_HAL
	0xfffffa8001d913b0	spldr	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\spldr
	0xfffffa8001e35550	RDPEncDD	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\RDPEncDD
	0xfffffa800235ee70	EIG60	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\EIG60
	0xfffffa800234f840	Rasl2tp	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\Rasl2tp
	0xfffffa8002c99500	HidUsb	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\HidUsb
	0xfffffa8001930e70	PnpManager	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\PnpManager
	0xfffffa80021ba370	DXGKrn1	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\DXGKrn1
	0xfffffa8001c207c0	vsock	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\vsock
	0xfffffa8001e23870	Null	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\Null
	0xfffffa800213a2e0	Compbatt	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\Compbatt
	0xfffffa8001f42b60	RasAgileVpn	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\RasAgileVpn
	0xfffffa8002bf5e70	RFCOMM	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\RFCOMM
	0xfffffa8001d13490	CLFS	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\CLFS
	0xfffffa8001c0f7c0	volmgr	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\volmgr
	0xfffffa8001cf5360	KSecDD	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\KSecDD
	0xfffffa8001e317e0	RDPCDD	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\RDPCDD
	0xfffffa80023a9830	umbus	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\umbus
	0xfffffa80031ec680	VMWMemCtl	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\VMWMemCtl
	0xfffffa8001c247c0	msahci	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\msahci
	0xfffffa8001d252c0	KSecPkg	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\KSecPkg
	0xfffffa8001e37740	RDPRFMP	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\RDPRFMP
	0xfffffa8001e95b90	i8042prt	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\i8042prt
	0xfffffa8001e9b7f0	mouclass	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\mouclass
	0xfffffa8001bfb4b0	msisadrv	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\msisadrv
	0xfffffa8001e97b90	kbdclass	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\kbdclass
	0xfffffa8001d8d650	volsnap	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\volsnap
	0xfffffa80019068d0	mouhid	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\mouhid
	0xfffffa80018f3290	WMIxWDM	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\WMIxWDM
	0xfffffa8001e6f5f0	nsiproxy	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\nsiproxy
	0xfffffa8001e31d40	VgaSave	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\VgaSave
	0xfffffa8002fb5e70	BthPan	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\BthPan
	0xfffffa8001c1e7c0	vmci	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\vmci
	0xfffffa8001e3b6e0	tdx	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\tdx
	0xfffffa8002f8ae70	BTHUSB	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\BTHUSB
	0xfffffa8002358930	HDAudBus	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\HDAudBus
	0xfffffa8002398930	RasPppoe	Driver	Full Name: \Driver\RasPppoe

/Driver enumeration using the address flag

KnownDlls Case Study

An interesting directory to enumerate is the *KnownDlls/KnownDlls32* directory and parsing it can be extremely useful ([KnownDlls](#)).

There are some known attacks in that surface. You can find great examples in the below links:

- <https://www.codeproject.com/Articles/325603/Injection-into-a-Process-Using-KnownDlls>
- <https://modexp.wordpress.com/2019/08/12/windows-process-injection-knowndlls/>

With the ability of parsing the *KnownDlls* directory from memory, we can identify the attacks above in two major methods:

- The first, parsing the *KnownDlls* and look for hooks
- The second, if we suspect that there was an injection using *KnownDlls* pointer replacing, we can follow these steps:
 1. Take the address of the directory using the *handles* plugin.
 2. Validate the address via comparing with the address shown in *Winobj* plugin.
 3. If there is indeed an injection, we can detect the infected DLLs using *Winobj* plugin with the *-A* flag to the address we already found in step 1.

```
C:\> Select C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>vol.py -f "C:\users\atun8\Documents\Virtual Machines\Windows 7 x64\Windows 7 x64-6cdeb475.vmem" --profile=Win7SP1x64 winobj -
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WinObj Parser:
-----

Parsing Now -> /KnownDlls at 0xfffff8a000750c90

Object Address(V) Name Type Additional Info
-----
0xfffff8a005a0d080 kernel32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\kernel32.dll
0xfffff8a003e8e930 WININET.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\wininet.dll
0xfffff8a003f46620 MSCFT.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\msctf.dll
0xfffff8a00035d700 SHLWAPI.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\shlwapi.dll
0xfffff8a0013e7110 WS2_32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\ws2_32.dll
0xfffff8a003837080 KERNELBASE.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\KernelBase.dll
0xfffff8a00035d950 KnownDllPath SymbolicLink Target: C:\Windows\system32
0xfffff8a0013ef3c0 USP10.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\usp10.dll
0xfffff8a005e9e1d0 user32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\user32.dll
0xfffff8a003839c60 MSASN1.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\msasn1.dll
0xfffff8a003830fc0 COMCTL32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\comctl32.dll
0xfffff8a00381e900 CFGMGR32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\cfgmgr32.dll
0xfffff8a0013702c0 IMM32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\imm32.dll
0xfffff8a0013e7400 rpcrt4.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\rpcrt4.dll
0xfffff8a003830b10 ntdll.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\ntdll.dll
0xfffff8a0013d1630 COMDLG32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\comdlg32.dll
0xfffff8a00515a770 IMAGEHLP.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\imagehlp.dll
0xfffff8a0021aea90 Shell32.dll Section FileObj: \Users\user\Desktop\x86\fsms.dll
0xfffff8a003801940 SHELL32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\shell32.dll
0xfffff8a0013786c0 IERTUTIL.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\iertutil.dll
0xfffff8a000768ec0 URLMON.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\urlmon.dll
0xfffff8a003801b60 sechost.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\sechost.dll
0xfffff8a003833ab0 WINTRUST.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\wintrust.dll
0xfffff8a0052ee650 LPK.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\lpk.dll
0xfffff8a003d3b6d0 NORMALIZ.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\normaliz.dll
0xfffff8a005f14ca0 difxapi.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\difxapi.dll
0xfffff8a00381e9f0 Setupapi.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\setupapi.dll
0xfffff8a00383fec0 CRYPT32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\crypt32.dll
0xfffff8a0038375e0 DEVOBJ.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\devobj.dll
0xfffff8a0003fa480 gdi32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\gdi32.dll
0xfffff8a000762a10 MSVCRT.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\msvcrt.dll
0xfffff8a0013777f0 advapi32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\advapi32.dll
0xfffff8a003aba710 PSAPI.DLL Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\psapi.dll
0xfffff8a003e8eb70 NSI.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\nsi.dll
0xfffff8a005ea4360 OLEAUT32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\oleaut32.dll
0xfffff8a001378a40 WLDAP32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\Wldap32.dll
0xfffff8a000764fc0 ole32.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\ole32.dll
0xfffff8a000762fc0 c1bcattq.dll Section FileObj: \Windows\System32\c1bcattq.dll
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KnownDlls hook example

More Useful Examples

ca. Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>vol.py -f TokensImg.vmem --profile=Win7SP1x64 winobj -P /ObjectTypes
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
```

WinObj Parser:

Parsing Now -> /ObjectTypes at 0xfffff8a000006920

Object	Address(V)	Name	Type	Additional Info
0xfffffa80018c8660		TmTm	Type	Key: TmTm
0xfffffa80018ff900		Desktop	Type	Key: Desk
0xfffffa800184da00		Process	Type	Key: Proc
0xfffffa80018af450		DebugObject	Type	Key: Debu
0xfffffa8001929080		TplWorkerFactory	Type	Key: TplWo
0xfffffa80019293f0		Adapter	Type	Key: Adap
0xfffffa800184dd70		Token	Type	Key: Toke
0xfffffa80018c5570		EventPair	Type	Key: Even
0xfffffa8001eeb970		PcwObject	Type	Key: PcwO
0xfffffa80018f4350		WmiGuid	Type	Key: WmiG
0xfffffa80018f5350		EtwRegistration	Type	Key: EtwR
0xfffffa80018ca900		Session	Type	Key: Sess
0xfffffa800191b900		Timer	Type	Key: Time
0xfffffa80019305c0		Mutant	Type	Key: Muta
0xfffffa80018c8de0		IoCompletion	Type	Key: IoCo
0xfffffa80018ffa50		WindowStation	Type	Key: Wind
0xfffffa8001914a50		Profile	Type	Key: Prof
0xfffffa80018c8c90		File	Type	Key: File
0xfffffa800191ba50		Semaphore	Type	Key: Sema
0xfffffa80018f6350		EtwConsumer	Type	Key: EtwC
0xfffffa80018c8510		TmTx	Type	Key: TmTx
0xfffffa80018488e0		SymbolicLink	Type	Key: Symb
0xfffffa8001901260		FilterConnectionPort	Type	Key: Filt
0xfffffa80018cc270		Key	Type	Key: Key
0xfffffa8001914900		KeyedEvent	Type	Key: Keye
0xfffffa800184d760		UserApcReserve	Type	Key: User
0xfffffa800184db50		Job	Type	Key: Job
0xfffffa80019292a0		Controller	Type	Key: Cont
0xfffffa80018af080		IoCompletionReserve	Type	Key: IoCo
0xfffffa80018c8080		Device	Type	Key: Devi
0xfffffa8001848a30		Directory	Type	Key: Dire
0xfffffa80018caf30		Section	Type	Key: Sect
0xfffffa80018c8270		TmEn	Type	Key: TmEn
0xfffffa800184d8b0		Thread	Type	Key: Thre
0xfffffa8001848b80		Type	Type	Key: ObjT
0xfffffa800213b420		FilterCommunicationPort	Type	Key: Filt
0xfffffa80018e9620		PowerRequest	Type	Key: Powe
0xfffffa80018c83c0		TmRm	Type	Key: TmRm
0xfffffa80018bf570		Event	Type	Key: Even
0xfffffa80018d1d60		ALPC Port	Type	Key: ALPC
0xfffffa80018c8f30		Driver	Type	Key: Driv

```
C:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>
```

Get object type list

Command Prompt

```
c:\Users\atun8\Desktop\Tools\volatility-master>vol.py -f TokensImg.vmem --profile=Win7SP1x64 winobj -P /Sessions/2/BaseNamedObjects
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
```

WinObj Parser:

Parsing Now -> /Sessions/2/BaseNamedObjects at 0xfffffa0023729b0

Object Address(V)	Name	Type	Additional Info
0xfffffa002de4fc0	C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\History\History.IE5\index.dat	Section	FileObj: \Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\History\History.IE5\index.dat
0xfffffa0034deae0	c:\users\user\appdata\local\history\history.ie5\index.dat	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa00235d1d0	_SHuassist.mtx	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 3, Pointer Count 4
0xfffffa0036b7760	HGFS\Mutex	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 3, Pointer Count 4
0xfffffa00362ffc0	MSCTF.CtfMonitorInstMutexDefault2	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa002379fc0	C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\9A39C3FDA2\2.ver0x0000000000000002.db	Section	FileObj: \ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\9A39C3FDA2\2.ver0x0000000000000002.db
0xfffffa002789eb0	CTF.AsmListCache.FMPDefault2	Section	FileObj: -
0xfffffa0022f7280	Local	SymbolicLink	Target: \Sessions\2\BaseNamedObjects
0xfffffa003488080	MSCTF.Asm.MutexDefault2	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0034e1a00	!MSFTHISTORY!	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa002dd1fc0	C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Internet Files\Content.IE5\index.dat	Section	FileObj: \Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Internet Files\Content.IE5\index.dat
0xfffffa003eaa650	ShellDesktopSwitchEvent	Event	Hnadle Count - 2, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa003770a20	MidlMapper_modLongMessage_RefCnt	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 2, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa0034dfac0	c:\users\user\appdata\local\history\history.ie5\index.dat	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0036e2970	ShellReadyEvent	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa002272440	Session	SymbolicLink	Target: \Sessions\B00L0000
0xfffffa00364bd40	CicLoadWinStaWinSta0	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0034e1940	c:\users\user\appdata\local\history\history.ie5\index.dat	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa00363fbd0	EventShutDownCSRSS	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa00224abe0	C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\100659EF5C\2.ver0x0000000000000001.db	Section	FileObj: \ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\100659EF5C\2.ver0x0000000000000001.db
0xfffffa00342250	ZonesCounterMutex	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0036d65f0	AccessibilitySoundAgentRunning	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa001febae0	Global	SymbolicLink	Target: \BaseNamedObjects
0xfffffa001bbe7a0	windows_ie_global_counters	Section	FileObj: -
0xfffffa003260940	DBWinMutex	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0034c0a90	ZonesLockedCacheCounterMutex	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa00364b710	MSCTF.Asm.CacheReady.Default2	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa002de4bd0	C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\History\History.IE5\index.dat	Section	FileObj: \Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\History\History.IE5\index.dat
0xfffffa0034e12f0	c:\users\user\appdata\local\history\history.ie5\index.dat	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa002efc910	PRS_EXTERNAL_CHECK_CHANGED_NOTIFY	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa003650aa0	{43a2b8d7-6fed-4c18-bd36-b4630d61afb5}	Event	Hnadle Count - 2, Pointer Count 6
0xfffffa0036b6d30	Dwm-7BD2-ApiPort-71E8	ALPC Port	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 6
0xfffffa002df7780	C:\Users\user\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Cookies\index.dat	Section	FileObj: \Users\user\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Cookies\index.dat
0xfffffa00365d080	ZoneAttributeCacheCounterMutex	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 2, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa003711610	VmwareToolsQuitEvent_vmusr	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa00364b3a0	MSCTF.CtfMonitorInitialized.Default2	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa00238ccd0	C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Caches\cversions.2.db	Section	FileObj: \ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Caches\cversions.2.db
0xfffffa002345fc0	C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\16689AF493\2.ver0x000000000000000a.db	Section	FileObj: \ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\16689AF493\2.ver0x000000000000000a.db
0xfffffa0034df120	!SHMSFTHISTORY!	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0031fe5f0	!IETIdl\Mutex	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa001dd58f0	Restricted	Directory	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0036e1a40	ALTTAB_RUNNING_MUTEX	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa003724be0	ZonesCacheCounterMutex	Mutant	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0027de870	UrlZonesSM_user	Section	FileObj: -
0xfffffa0035317f0	ThemeLoadedEvent	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0036bb7e0	DwmComposedEvent_1	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa00376d950	DINPUT\WINMM	Event	Hnadle Count - 2, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa003344580	ScNetDrvMsg	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa003710080	VmwareToolsDumpStateEvent_vmusr	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 3
0xfffffa00364b7b0	MSCTF.CtfDeactivated.Default2	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 2
0xfffffa0036bf080	ThemesStartEvent	Event	Hnadle Count - 1, Pointer Count 3

Get specific session's namespace

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Parsing Now -> /ArcName at 0xfffff8a00000b820
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Object	Address(V)	Name	Type	Additional Info

0xfffff8a00034a060		multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)	SymbolicLink	Target: \Device\Harddisk0\Partition0
0xfffff8a00034dd70		multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1)	SymbolicLink	Target: \Device\Harddisk0\Partition1
0xfffff8a000345400		multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(2)	SymbolicLink	Target: \Device\Harddisk0\Partition2
0xfffff8a00034a2a0		multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(3)	SymbolicLink	Target: \Device\Harddisk0\Partition3
0xfffff8a00034dba0		multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(4)	SymbolicLink	Target: \Device\Harddisk0\Partition4

Partition information

Summary

The *Object Manager* can help us figure out many things whether in live or offline memory analysis. *WinObj* plugin helps us map the *Object Manager* and parse arbitrary directory objects in memory as well. It can help us in forensics investigations or for research purpose.

Until now it was difficult to parse objects like *KnownDlls* in memory although attackers often take advantage of them. Some of the directories can also save us a significant amount of time when investigating large memory images with using enumeration to find objects as discussed earlier, instead of scanning the entire image.