Volatility: Plugins

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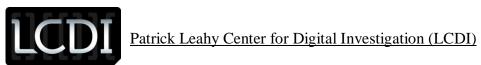


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1 Introduction

Volatility is a forensic framework that utilizes multiple tools in order to analyze memory images. This Python-based tool aids investigators in finding out more about volatile memory on a system by extracting running processes, computer profiles, open network connections, hidden injections, possible malware, and more.

RAM can hold traces of malicious code, data that may have been taken from the system, usernames and passwords, contents of an open window, registry keys, and other pieces of data that can be used in an investigation. Since RAM is volatile, the data is gone as soon as the system powers off. To save the contents of RAM, certain forensic tools can be used to acquire the memory, and from there, Volatility can be used to analyze what was captured, presenting the investigator with all sorts of evidence. Running processes, passwords, network connections and numerous lists will be displayed to help an examiner piece together what could have happened within a system. The evidence provided by Volatility can make all the difference to a case and, if used to its fullest potential, can present enough information to develop a solid understanding of how a system was being used during the time of acquisition.

1.1 Background

Because Volatility is an open source tool, developments are continuing over time. There are numerous blogs dedicated to Volatility's functions regarding different types of situations, such as examining hiberfil.sys files or analyzing rootkits. September was the Month of Volatility, as a lot of new plugins were added to the framework. These new plugins are currently be researched by ourselves and others in the industry.

1.2 Terminology

This report will outline the plugins that are most frequently used in an investigation, as well as the plugins that were added to the framework in September. Dan has created a list of these plugins, tested them, and given a brief description of how to use them and why they are important to a forensic investigation.

Below are some important keywords that may be unfamiliar:

Volatile: Data that is not permanent; it will be lost once power is cut from a system.

Plugins: Software that makes a larger piece of software more capable.

Framework: A structure or set of forensic tools that support an investigation.

1.3 Research Questions

What Volatility plugins are used most often?

What are their commands and functions?

How is Volatility installed and used?

How can Volatility's findings aid an investigation?

2 Basic Commands

Before getting started with Volatility, the framework must be downloaded and installed. A list of Volatility downloads can be found here: http://code.google.com/p/volatility/downloads/list. For a Windows user, it is easiest to use the Standalone version, which is what we used for the basis of this research. There is also a download for the source code to aide in developing plugins for Volatility or to look into how the program actually works. Volatility is a part of the SIFT Workstation, which can be found here: http://computer-forensics.sans.org/community/downloads#locations.

Once Volatility is downloaded, it is recommended that you put it in an easily accessible area on your system, such as the C drive or a folder on your desktop. To get the Standalone version of Volatility to work, you can run the command prompt as an administrator and change directories to the location of Volatility. If you moved Volatility to your C drive, then to get it running you would change directories to the C drive using the cd.. command. Next, type in "volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –h" (omitting the quotes). This will list the help options, along with the commands for different plugins. From there, you can input whatever it is you would like Volatility to do. Typically, the next step would be to have Volatility gather information on the memory image. To do this, input "volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to memory image> imageinfo"(again omitting quotes). This will display what operating system the memory image game from, when the image was taken, how many processors the system has, and other information that can be used in the investigation

3 Frequently Used Plugins

Part one of this Volatility project was spent researching the plugins that law enforcement and examiners would most likely use in a case. It is vital to know how to run these commands and understand when to use them during an investigation, as Volatility can be a tricky program to use.

Images

Plugins relating to this section identify the memory image being analyzed and provide a basic understanding of what the image contains.

- a. **Imageinfo**: Imageinfo identifies the memory image and suggests a profile to use. Volatility requires that you specify what operating system the memory image came from. This command identifies the operating system so that you can run other commands.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> imageinfo

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- b. Crashinfo: This plugin displays information stored in a crashdump header.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> crashinfo
 - ii. Displays:
 - MajorVersion
 - MinorVersion
 - KdSecondaryVersion
 - DirectoryTableBase
 - PfnDataBase
 - PsLoadedModuleList
 - PsActiveProcessHead
 - MachineImageType
 - NumberProcessors
 - BugCheckCode
 - KdDebuggerDataBlock
 - ProductType
 - SuiteMask
 - WriterStatus
 - Comment
 - Physical Memory Description
- c. **Hibinfo**: This plugin dumps hibernation file information if the system was ever in that mode.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=<profile> hibinfo
 - ii. Displays:
 - Signature
 - System Time
 - Control registers flags
 - Windows Version

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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\mem>volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f hiberfil.sys --profile=\winXPSP1x64 hibinfo \text{Volatile Systems Volatility Framework 2.2} \text{PO_MEMORY_IMAGE:} \text{Signature:} - \text{SystemTime:} - \text{Control registers flags} \text{CR0: 80050031} \text{CR0: 80050031} \text{CR0: R0FPAGING:} 1 \text{CR3: 786f4000} \text{CR4: 000006f8} \text{CR4: PSEI: 1} \text{CR4[PSEI: 1} \text{CR4[PSEI: 1]} \text{CR4[PSEI: 1]}
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- d. Imagecopy: Imagecopy copies a physical address space out as a raw drive image (dd)
- e. Raw2dmp: This plugin converts a physical memory sample to a windbg crash dump.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=cprofile> raw2dmp -O <output file>

Processes and DLLs

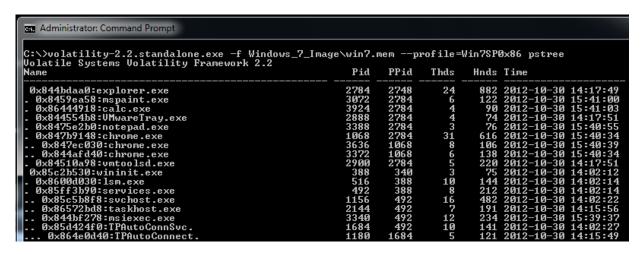
Plugins relating to this section determine running processes at the time of memory capture and can find hidden DLLs.

- a. Pslist: Pslist prints all running processes by following the EPROCESS lists. This command will display every running process on a system and could be used to prove that a specific process was open, or to look for a suspicious process in an investigation.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> pslist
 - ii. Displays:
 - Offset (By default Virtual Offset, -P for Physical)
 - Name
 - PID
 - PPID
 - Threads
 - Number of Handles
 - Session ID (System and smss.exe will not have a Session ID)
 - If it is a Wow64 process
 - Start/Exit time

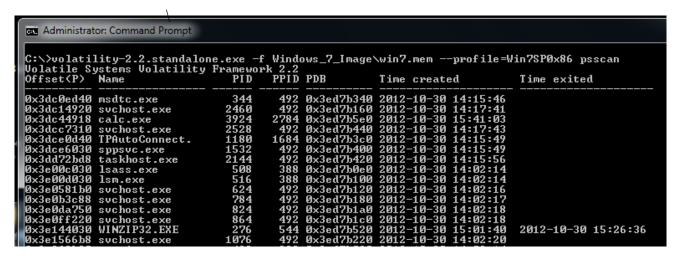
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0x84338b78 System	4	0	90	513 -		0	2012-10-30 14:02:08	}
0x85579d40 smss.exe	260	4	2	47			2012-10-30 14:02:08	
0x85dc7d40 csrss.exe	348	340	9	459	0		2012-10-30 14:02:12	
0x85c2b530 wininit.exe	388	340	3	75	0		2012-10-30 14:02:12	
0x85c32530 csrss.exe	400	380	11	369	1		2012-10-30 14:02:12	
0x85d53530 winlogon.exe	436	380	3	114	1		2012-10-30 14:02:13	
0x85ff3b90 services.exe	492	388	8	212	0		2012-10-30 14:02:14	
0x8600c030 lsass.exe	508	388	7	590	0		2012-10-30 14:02:14	
0x8600d030 lsm.exe	516	388	10	144	0		2012-10-30 14:02:14	
0x860581b0 svchost.exe	624	492	10	359	0		2012-10-30 14:02:16	
0x85ff9cb0 svchost.exe	688	492	. 8	284	0		2012-10-30 14:02:16	
0x860b3c88 svchost.exe	784	492	19	487	0		2012-10-30 14:02:17	
0x860da750 svchost.exe	824	492	18	424	0		2012-10-30 14:02:18	
0x860ff220 svchost.exe	864	492	33	1005	0		2012-10-30 14:02:18	
0x861566b8 svchost.exe	1076	492	13	323	0		2012-10-30 14:02:20	
0x85c5b8f8 svchost.exe	1156	492	16	482	Ø		2012-10-30 14:02:22	
0x85d51030 spoolsv.exe	1248	492	13	343	Ø	0	2012-10-30 14:02:22	



- b. Pstree: Pstree prints the process list as a tree. This command displays the same information as pslist, only in tree form. This allows you to see which parent process everything belongs to. This could be used to see if a process is attempting to hide as something else.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f<path to image> --profile=<profile> pstree

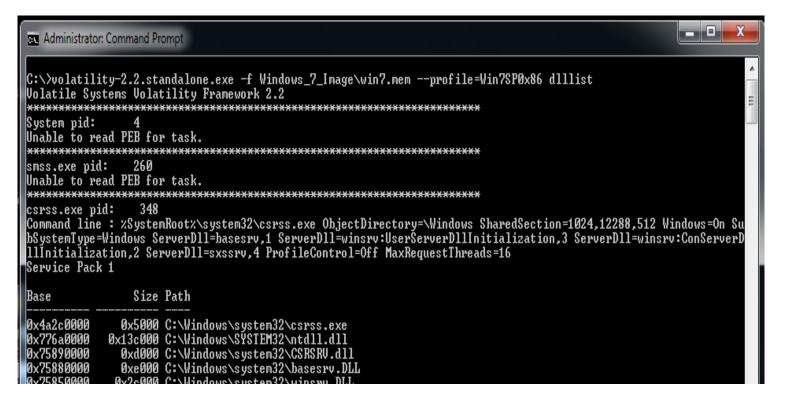


- c. Psscan: This plugin can find processes that were previously terminated or unlinked by a rootkit. This command lists processes running on a system, but it also has the ability to list hidden/unlinked processes. This command can be used in an investigation to discover hidden malicious software such as keyloggers or rootkits.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=profile> psscan
 - ii. Displays:
 - Offset
 - Name
 - PID
 - PPID
 - PDB
 - Time Created
 - Time exited





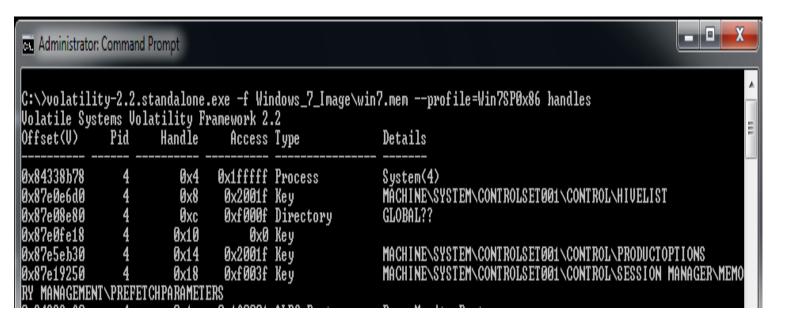
- d. Dllist: Dllist displays a process's loaded DLLs. You can use the -p or -pid switch to filter. This command will display every DLL that a process calls and can be useful in an investigation by discovering if a process is calling DLLs that it should not be calling. For example, malware that is hiding as a system process and calling non-system DLLs.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=<profile> dllist
 - 1. Filter using –p or –pid
 - ii. Displays:
 - Base
 - Size
 - Path



- e. **Dlldump**: Dlldump dumps the DLL to disk. This command will extract a specified DLL from the memory image, and the DLL can then be investigated further using other programs.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> dlldump
 - 1. No Arguments: dumps all DLLs from all processes
 - 2. -pid=<PID>: Dumps all DLLs from a specific process
 - 3. --offset=<OFFSET>: all DLLs from a hidden/unlinked process
 - 4. --base=<BASEADDR>: Dump a PE from anywhere in process memory
 - 5. --regex=<REGEX>: Dump DLLs that match a regular expression--dump-dir=<DIR> or -d <DIR>: specify output directory



- f. Handles: This plugin displays the open handles in a process.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=<profile> handles
 - 1. --pid=<PID>: filter by PID
 - 2. --physical-offset=<OFFSET>: filter by physical offset
 - 3. -t <OBJECTTYPE>: filter by object type
 - 4. --object-type=<OBJECTTYPE>: filter by object type
 - ii. Displays:
 - Offset
 - PID
 - Handle
 - Access
 - Object Type



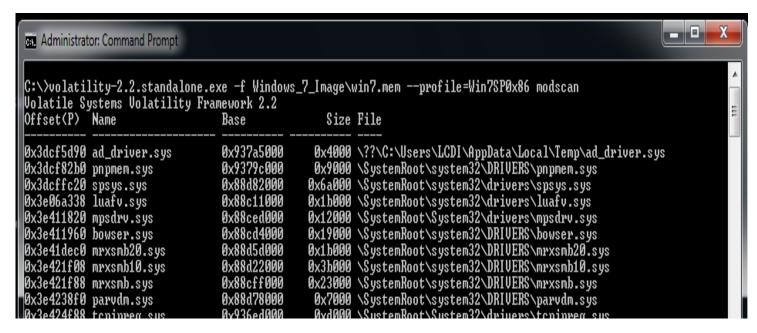
- g. Cmdscan: This plugin shows every command entered through a console shell. This can be useful to an investigation in that it will show commands that a user entered into command prompt or those that an intruder executed remotely.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f<path to image> --profile=cmdscan
 - ii. Displays:
 - The name of the console host process
 - Application using the console
 - Location of command history buffs, current buffer count, last added command and last displayed command
 - Process Handle

Memory and Kernel Objects

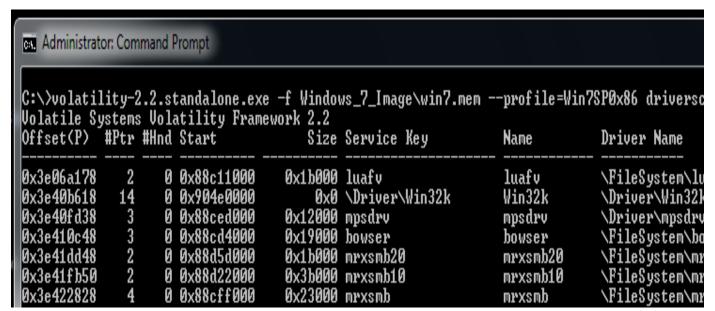
Plugins relating to this section extract slack space, display kernel drivers, and provide a list of open files on the system.

- a. **Proceedump**: This plugin dumps a process to an executable memory sample. This command will extract a process, including slack space, from a memory image. This would allow you to then investigate the suspect process further using other tools.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> procmemdump –D <output location> -p <PID>
 - 1. --unsafe or -u to by bypass sanity checks
- b. **Procexedump**: This plugin dumps a process to an executable file sample. This command will extract a process from a memory image and would allow you to then investigate the suspect process further using other tools.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> procmemdump –D <output location> -p <PID>
 - 1. --unsafe or -u to by bypass sanity checks
- c. Modscan: Modscan scans physical memory for _LDR_DATA_TABLE_ENTRY objects. This command will display kernel drivers, including ones that have been hidden/unlinked.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> modscan
 - ii. Display:
 - Offset (By default Virtual Offset, -P for Physical)
 - Name
 - Base
 - Size
 - File



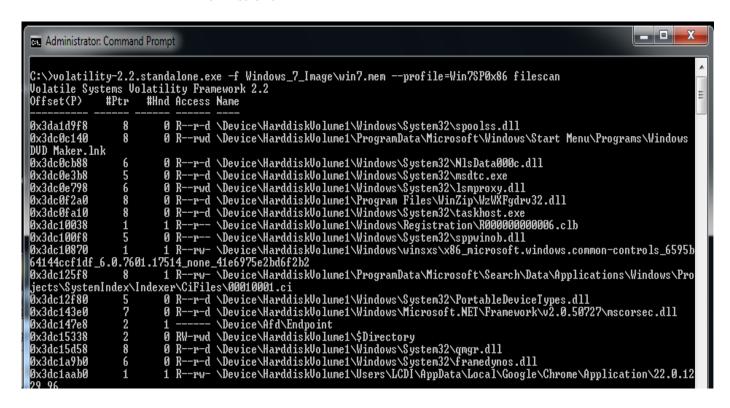


- d. **Driverscan**: Driverscan scans for driver objects in _DRIVER_OBJECT. This command will list kernel module driver objects.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=<profile> driverscan
 - ii. Displays:
 - Offset
 - Pointers
 - Handles
 - Start
 - Size
 - Service Key
 - Name
 - Driver Name





- e. File scan: File scan locates files from FILE_OBJECT in the physical memory. This command will display open files on the system, including files that have been hidden by malicious software.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> filescan
 - ii. Displays:
 - Physical offset
 - File name
 - Points
 - Handles
 - Permissions



Networking

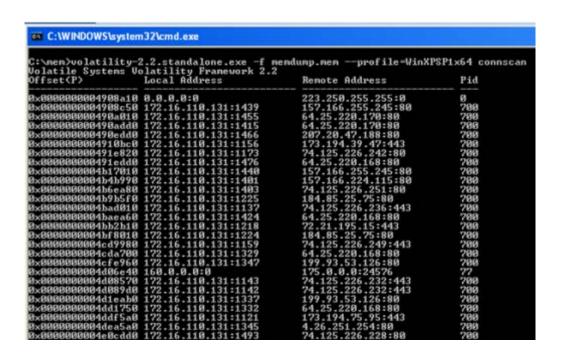
Plugins relating to this section identify open connections and sockets.

- a. **Connections**: (x86 and x64 XP and 2003 Server) This plugin prints a list of open connections and will list active network connections. It would be useful in investigations to determine where traffic was coming from or going to and which application was generating it.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> connections
 - ii. Displays:
 - Offset (Virtual by default, -P for physical)
 - local address
 - · remote address
 - PID



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C:\mem>volatility-2. Volatile Sustems Vol	2.standalone.exe -f mem atility Framework 2.2	dump.memprofile=VinXPSP1x64	connections				
Offset(U) L	ocal Address	Remote Address	Pid				
0x0000fadfce5a5010 1	72.16.110.131:1133	74.125.226.251:443	700				
0x0000fadfcd325dd0 1	72.16.110.131:1449	72.246.215.139:80	700				
0x0000fadfcd4ef660 1		74.125.226.250:443	700				
0x0000fadfcc3df5a0 1		173.194.75.95:443	700				
0x0000fadfcd735010 1		74.125.226.251:443	700				
0x0000fadfcd3fcb00 1		173.194.75.95:443	700				
0x0000fadfcc2d9980 1		74.125.226.249:443	700				
0×0000fadfcd733950 1		74.125.226.239:443	700				
0x0000fadfcc16ea80 1		74.125.226.251:80	700				
8×0000fadfce5ad010 1		74.125.226.230:80	700				
0x0000fadfce4d0dd0 1		74.125.226.251:80	700				
3x0000fadfccdd01d0 1		74.125.226.227:80	700				
8×0000fadfcd732410 1		74.125.226.239:80	700				
8x0000fadfcbf1e820 1		74.125.226.242:80	700				
8x0000fadfcd316880 1		74.125.226.242:80	700				
0×0000fadfce397490 1		74.125.226.247:80	700				
8x0000fadfcc1b2b10 1		72.21.195.15:443	700				
0x0000fadfccd87150 1		72.21.195.15:443	700				
0x0000fadfcd31b7f0 1	72.16.110.131:1220	72.21.195.15:443	700				

- b. Connscan: (x86 and x64 XP and 2003 Server) Connscan is similar to connections, but this plugin can find artifacts from previous connections. This command will list active network connections, including connections that have been terminated. It would be useful in investigations to determine where traffic was coming from or going to and which application was generating it.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> connscan
 - ii. Displays:
 - Offset
 - Local address
 - Remote Address
 - PID





- c. Sockscan: (x86 and x64 XP and 2003 Server) Sockscan scans physical memory for _ADDRESS_OBJECT objects (TCP sockets). This command will display a list of sockets on the system and can find previous sockets. This command would be useful in an investigation by allowing you to see which processes are listening for network connections on which protocol.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> sockscan
 - ii. Displays:
 - Offset
 - PID
 - Port
 - Proto
 - Protocol
 - Address
 - Create Time

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					profile=WinXPSP1x	64 sockscan
Volatile Systems Vo			work 2	.2		
Offset(P)	PID	Port	Proto	Protocol .	Address	Create Time
0×00000000004904640	700	1493	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:13
0×000000000004908010	700	1469	ě.	TČP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:13
0×000000000004909610	700	1429	ĕ	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:02
0x00000000000490a610	700	1444	ĕ	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:02
0×0000000000490b580	700	1437	Ğ.	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:02
0×00000000000490bda0	700	1403	Ğ.	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:01
0×0000000000049107d0	700	1342	ĕ	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:01
0×000000000004913570	700	1343	ĕ	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:01
0x00000000004917010	700	1137	ĕ	ŤČP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:22:11
0x0000000000491eb30	700	1204	Ğ.	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:22:18
0×000000000004920970	700	1335	ĕ	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:01
0×00000000004addda0	700	1130	ĕ	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:22:11
0x00000000004ae7da0	700	1344	Ğ.	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:01
0x00000000004aef940	700	1216	Ğ.	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:22:34
0x000000000004af0010	700	1449	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:02
0×00000000004af5a40	700	1476	ĕ	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:13
0×000000000004	700	1121	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:22:09
$0 \times 000000000004 \text{ b0f 4c 0}$	4	445	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:19:54
$0 \times 000000000004 \text{ b}2 \text{ b}7 \text{ b}0$	700	1458	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:02
$0 \times 000000000004 \text{b2d7c0}$	700	1500	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:14
0x000000000004b3a3c0	2204	1032	17	UDP	127.0.0.1	2012-11-12 16:20:13
$0 \times 000000000004 \text{b} 52 \text{da}0$	780	ē	255	Reserved	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:20:04
0×000000000004b95450	700	1489	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:13
0x000000000004b9aac0	700	1347	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:01
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0x00000000004bbac70	700	1333	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:01
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0×000000000004 bf 99b0	700	1117	- 6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:22:09
0×000000000004 c $017f0$	700	1332	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:01
0×000000000004 c 02810	456	123	17		127.0.0.1	2012-11-12 16:20:43
0×000000000004 c22400	1208	1028	6	TCP	127.0.0.1	2012-11-12 16:20:05
0×000000000004 cc 0010	700	1133	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:22:11
0×000000000004 cc 0 da 0	380	1182		UDP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:22:16
0×000000000004 cd2ca0	700	1494	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:13
0×00000000004cd5650	700	1467	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-11-12 16:24:13
000000000004	200	1122	č	TCP	0 0 0 0	2012-11-12 16:22:00

- d. Netscan: (x86 and x64 Vista 2008 Server, Win7) Netscan finds TCP/UDP endpoints and listeners. This command will display a list of active network connections. This would be useful in investigations to determine where traffic was coming from or going to, over which protocol, and which application was generating it.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> netscan
 - ii. Displays:
 - Offset
 - Protocol
 - Local Address



- Foreign Address
- State
- PID
- Owner
- Created

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C:\>volatility-2.2.s	standalone.exe —f Windows	:_7_Image\win7.memprofi	le=Win7SP0x86 net	tscan	
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	Local Address	Foreign Address	State	Pid	Owner
	0.0.0.0:135	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	688	svchos
0x3e0879c0 TCPv4	0.0.0.0:135	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	688	svchos
0x3e0879c0 TCPv6	:::135	:::0	LISTENING	688	svchos
	0.0.0.0:49152	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	388	winini
0x3e090f60 TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49152	0.0_0.0:0	LISTENING	388	winini
0x3e090f60 TCPv6	:::49152	:::0_	LISTENING	388	winini
0x3e0d6bb0 TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49153	0.0_0.0:0	LISTENING	784	svchos
0x3e0d6bb0 TCPv6	:::49153	:::0	LISTENING	784	svchos
0x3e0d7f60 TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49153	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	784	svchos
0x3e18d0e8 TCPv4	172.16.192.129:139	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	4	Syster
0x3e423168 TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49154	0.0.0:0	LISTENING	864	svchos
0x3e423168 TCPv6	:::49154	:::0	LISTENING	864	svchos
0x3e424178 TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49154	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	864	svchos
0x3e4dc008 TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49155	0.0_0.0:0	LISTENING	508	1sass.
0x3e4dc008 TCPv6	:::49155	:::0_	LISTENING	508	1sass.
	0.0.0.0:49155	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	508	lsass.
0x3e5033f8 TCPv4	0.0.0.0:49156	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING	492	servic

Registry

Plugins relating to this section print a list of registry hives and can dump password hashes from the memory image.

- a. **Hivescan and Hivelist**: Both of these plugins find the physical addresses of registry hives and print the list of them. Hivelist gives the virtual offset and file system path, but these plugins essentially do the same thing. These commands would be useful in an investigation as the offset can be used to extract registry hives or for further analysis using other commands.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=profile> hivescan or hivelist
 - ii. Displays:
 - Virtual/Physical Offset
 - Name



- b. **Hivedump**: This plugin prints out a hive. This command displays all of the subkeys contained in a registry hive, as well as the last written time. This is useful as the presence of certain subkeys could be of evidentiary value, and the last written key can also show that a key was recently updated.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> hivedump –o <virtual address>
 - ii. Displays:
 - Last Written time
 - Key

- c. Hashdump: Hashdump dumps passwords hashes (LM/NTLM) from memory. This command can be used to display the hashed credentials for user accounts, and these hashes can then be used in other tools to determine their account passwords.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> hashdump –y <virtual address of SYSTEM hive> -s <virtual address of SAM hive>
 - ii. Displays:
 - Username
 - Domain Name
 - · Hashed password

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Administrator: Command Prompt

C:\>volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f Windows_7_Image\win7.mem --profile=Win7SI
Volatile Systems Volatility Framework 2.2
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0cGuest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0::
LCDI:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:af9e937641392e4f7f073c7971dbea96::
C:\>_
```

Malware Analysis

Plugins relating to this section aid in finding hidden malicious codes, as well as figuring out what malware is operating on the system.

- a. **Malfind**: Malfind finds hidden or injected code. This command will find hidden or injected code/DLLs and would be useful in an investigation to discover/analyze malware.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=cprofile> malfind -p <PID>
 - 1. -D <DIR>: Extracts copy of identified memory segment to disk
 - 2. --dump-dir=DIR: Extracts copy of identified memory segment to disk
 - ii. Displays:
 - Process
 - Vad Tag



- Flags
- Memory segment

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Administrator: Command Prompt
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- b. Svescan: This plugin scans for Windows Services.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=cprofile> svcscan
 - ii. Displays:
 - Offset
 - Order
 - Process ID
 - Service Name
 - Display Name
 - Service Type
 - Service State
 - Binary Path



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C:\>volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f Windows_7_Image\win7
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Offset: 0x73dfb8
Order: 388
Process ID: 784
Service Name: wscsvc
Display Name: Security Center
Service State: SERVICE_RUNNING
Binary Path: C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe -k LocalServ
Offset: 0x73df10
Order: 387
Process ID: -
Service Name: ws2ifs1
Display Name: Windows Socket 2.0 Non-IFS Service Provider
Service State: SERVICE_RUNNING
Binary Path: \Driver\ws2ifs1
Display Name: Windows Socket 2.0 Non-IFS Service Provider
Service State: SERVICE_RUNNING
Binary Path: \Driver\ws2ifs1
Offset: 0x738798
Order: 386
Process ID: -
Service Name: WPDBusEnum
Display Name: Portable Device Enumerator Service
Service State: SERVICE_WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS
Service State: SERVICE_STOPPED
Binary Path: -

Offset: 0x73de68
Order: 385
Process ID: -
Service Name: WPCSvc
Display Name: Parental Controls
Service State: SERVICE_WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS
Service State: SERVICE_STOPPED
Binary Path: -

Offset: 0x7386e8
Order: 384
Process ID: -
Service Name: WMPNetworkSuc
```

- c. Apihooks: This plugin detectsf API hooks in process and kernel memory. This command discovers instances of code hooking into other APIs. It would be useful in a malware investigation to determine how malicious software is operating.
 - i. volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> apihooks -p <PID>
 - ii. Displays:
 - Hook mode
 - Hook type
 - Process
 - Victim module
 - Function
 - Hook Address
 - Hooking Module
 - Disassembly



- d. Callbacks: This plugin prints system-wide notification routines. This command will display instances of software listening for callbacks. This can be useful to a malware investigation and help the investigator determine what activities malicious software is monitoring.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=callbacks
 - ii. Displays:
 - Type
 - a. PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine
 - b. PsSetCreateThreadNotifyRoutine
 - c. PsSetImageLoadNotifyRoutine
 - d. IoRegisterFsRegistrationChange
 - e. KeRegisterBugCheck
 - f. KeRegisterBugCheckReasonCallback.
 - g. CmRegisterCallback
 - h. CmRegisterCallbackEx
 - i. IoRegisterShutdownNotification
 - j. DbgSetDebugPrintCallback
 - k. DbgkLkmdRegisterCallback
 - Owner
 - Callback



Administrator: Command Prompt		
C:\>volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f Volatile Systems Volatility Framewor Type	rk 2.2	Image∖win7 Module
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- e. **Devicetree**: Devicetree shows the relationship of a driver object to its devices and any attached devices. This command lists devices and driver objects in tree format. This is useful in malware investigations as malicious software were insert driver objects in order to intercept data.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=cprofile> devicetree
 - 1. DRV represents drivers
 - 2. DEV represents devices
 - 3. ATT represents attached devices



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Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\>volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f Windows_7_Image\win7..
Volatile Systems Volatility Framework 2.2
DRV 0x3e06a178 \FileSystem\2014
                            \Driver\Win32k
         dx3e40fd38 \Driver\mpsdrv
DEV 0x85c0f940 MPS UNKNOWN
dx3e410c48 \FileSystem\bowser
         DEV 0x85c11ec8 LanmanDatagramReceiver FILE_DEVICE_NETV
0x3e41dd48 \FileSystem\mrxsmb20
0x3e41fb50 \FileSystem\mrxsmb10
                          \FileSystem\mrxsmb
1ea68 FILE_DEVICE_NETWORK_FILE_SYSTEM
20a68 FILE_DEVICE_NETWORK_FILE_SYSTEM
DRU
                0x85c1ea68
0x85c20a68
                            \Driver\HTTP
                0x85c36030 ReqQueue FILE_DEVICE_NETWORK
0x85c37190 Communication FILE_DEVICE_NETWORK
0x85c37190 Communication FILE_DEVICE_NETWORK
DRU
                42f9c0 \Driver\secdru
                 0x85c2fe68 Secdry UNKNOWN
                 0x85c2f898 AscKmd
                                                  UNKNOWN
                            \Driver\PEAUTH
         DEU 0x85c2eac8 PEAuth FILE_DEVICE_UNKNOWN
       0x3e4349f8 \Driver\UMMEMCTL
DEV 0x85c33d28 vmmemct1 FILE_DEVICE_UNKNOWN
                            \Driver\Parvdm
       DEU 0x85c34c40 ParallelUdm0 FILE_DEUICE_PARALLEL_PORT
0x3e43ce08 \FileSystem\srv2
DEU 0x85c449a0 Srv2 FILE_DEUICE_NETWORK_FILE_SYSTEM
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- f. **Psxview**: This plugin finds hidden processes with various process listings. This command will list every process and whether or not the process is listed in different sources of process listings. The command can be useful in an investigation by aiding in discovering hidden processes.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> psxview
 - ii. Displays
 - Offset (By default Virtual Offset, -P for Physical)
 - Name
 - PID
 - Pslist
 - Psscan
 - Thrdproc
 - Pspcdid
 - Csrss



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C:∖>volati]	lity-2.2.standalo	ne.exe −f Wi	indows_'	7_Image'	\w:
Volatile Sy	ystēms Volatility	Framework 2	2.2		
Offset(P)	Name	PID	pslist	psscan	t]
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	chrome.exe		True	True	\mathbf{F}_{i}
0x3e5c7d40			True	True	Тı
	svchost.exe		True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	svchost.exe		True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	notepad.exe	3388		True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	services.exe		True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
@x3fd9ea58	mspaint.exe	3072	True	True	Ti Ti Ti Ti
	vmtoolsd.exe	2900	True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	explorer.exe	2784	True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	svchost.exe	3536	True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
0×3dc44918	calc.exe	3924		True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	svchost.exe		True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
0×3e00c030			True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
0×3fdf6400	audiodg.exe	3544		True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	svchost.exe	1284	True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
0x3fab3c28			True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
0×3fcbf278		3340		True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
0x3e551030	spoolsv.exe	1248	True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	suchost.exe		True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	TPAutoConnect.	1180		True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	svchost.exe	1076		True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	wininit.exe		True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	UMwareTray.exe	2888		True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	svchost.exe	1144		True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	smss.exe		True	True	\mathbf{T}_{1}
	sychost.exe	2460	True	True	Ti
	chrome.exe	3636	True	True	Ti
	chrome.exe	3372		True	Ţυ
	chrome.exe		True	True	
	TPAutoConnSvc.	1684		True	Tı
	winlogon.exe		True	True	ŢΞ
	svchost.exe		True	True	Tı
	sychost.exe	1156	True	True	Ţı
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GUI Analysis

All the plugins mentioned below are new and were implemented during the Month of Volatility. They assist in recreating the graphical interface at the time a system's memory is dumped.

- a. Sessions: Sessions lists details on _MM_SESSION_SPACE (user logon sessions). This command lists running processes, separated by which session they were launched in. This information is of evidentiary value because you can determine which session a process was started in. For example, you can see which commands were started from a remote session.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> sessions
 - ii. Displays:
 - Session Number
 - Number of Processes
 - List of Processes
 - Image list



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Administrator: Command Prompt
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- b. Wndscan: Wndscan is a pool scanner for tagWINDOWSTATION (window stations). This command details information on window stations and which processes are interacting with the clipboard. This command could be used in an investigation to show that a specific process was using the clipboard.
 - i. Volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=<profile> wndscan
 - ii. Displays
 - Window Station Name
 - Session ID
 - Atom Table
 - Desktops
 - The process viewing the clipboard
 - Number of items in the clipboard
- c. Atoms: This plugin prints session and window station atom tables. This plugin will display atom table information and link each entry to the session and window station which own it. This information can be beneficial in malware investigations by discoveringq artifacts that many people would not think of in an attempt to cover their tracks.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=<profile> atom



- ii. Displays
 - Offset
 - Session
 - WindowStation
 - Atom
 - RefCount
 - HIndex
 - Pinned
 - Name

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Administrator: Command Prompt
WindowStation: 0x3e00f6e8, Name: Service-0x0-3e7$,
SessionId: 0, AtomTable: 0x96dc9228, Interactive:
Desktops: Default
ptiDrawingClipboard: pid — tid —
spwndClipOpen: 0x0, spwndClipViewer: 0x0
cNumClipFormats:_0, iClipSerialNumber: 0
pClipBase: 0x0, Formats:
WindowStation: 0x3e086808, Name: Service-0x0-3e4$,
SessionId: 0, AtomTable: 0x8218b1b0, Interactive:
Desktops: Default
ptiDrawingClipboard: pid - tid
spwndClipOpen: 0x0, spwndClipViewer: 0
cNumClipFormats: 0, iClipSerialNumber:
pClipBase: 0x0, Formats:
                                       WindowStation: 0x3e0b4e18, Name: Service-0x0-3e5$,
SessionId: 0, AtomTable: 0x82066c40, Interactive:
Desktops: Default
ptiDrawingClipboard: pid - tid ·
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WindowStation: 0x3ef93268, Name: msswindowstation,
SessionId: 0, AtomTable: 0x95135420, Interactive:
 Desktops: mssrestricteddesk
   ptiDrawingClipboard: pid
   pwndClipOpen: 0x0, spwndClipViewer: 0x0
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- d. Clipboard: This command can extract the information stored in the clipboard.
 - i. volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=<profile> clipboard
 - 1. -v: Displays the clipboard data in hex
 - ii. Displays
 - Session
 - Window Station
 - Format
 - Handle
 - Object
 - Data

- e. **Screenshot**: Screenshot saves a pseudo-screenshot based on GDI windows. This command will create a wireframe outline of the window positioning for each window station. Starting in Volatility 2.3, this will include the titles of each window. These screenshots will be beneficial to a case because they will display the desktop as the user saw it.
 - i. Volatility-2.2.standalone.exe –f <path to image> --profile=cprofile> screenshot --dump-dir=<path to directory</pre>
 - ii. Displays
 - Path to each screenshot of each session and desktop

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C:\volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f Windows_7_Image\win7.mem --profile=Win7SP8x86 screenshot --dump-dir=C:\screenshots Volatile Systems Volatility Franework 2.2
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_8.Service-8x8-3e7$. Default.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_8.Service-8x8-3e4$. Default.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_8.Service-8x8-3e5$. Default.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_8.service-8x8-3e5$. Default.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_8.service-8x8-3e5$. Default.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_8.WinSta8.Default.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_8.WinSta8.Disconnect.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_9.VinSta8.Uinlogon.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_1.VinSta8.Default.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_1.VinSta8.Disconnect.png
C:\screenshots\session_1.VinSta8.Disconnect.png
Wrote C:\screenshots\session_1.VinSta8.Disconnect.png
C:\screenshots\session_1.Vin
```



4 Other Plugins

The following plugins also came from the Month of Volatility and are not categorized in any of the previous subheadings, as they individually perform differently.

- a. **Iehistory**: This plugin will reconstruct Internet Explorer cache/history. This can be useful in an investigation to examine a user's internet activity.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=cprofile> iehistory
 - 1. --pid: Filter by process
 - 2. --offset: Filter by offset
 - 3. --leak
 - 4. --redr
 - ii. Displays
 - Process
 - Cache type
 - Record length
 - Location
 - Last modified
 - Last accessed
 - File Offset
 - File name

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- b. **Evtlogs**: This plugin extracts Windows Event Logs (XP/2003 only). This plugin can be useful in an investigation, as event logs can help understand when things happened on a system.
 - i. Usage: volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f <path to image> --profile=<profile> evtlogs -D <output>
 - 1. --save-evt: Saves the event logs (.evt)
 - 2. --verbose: SIDs are also evaluated

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C:\>volatility-2.2.standalone.exe -f stuxnet.vmem --profile=WinXPSP2x86 evtlogs --dum Volatile Systems Volatility Framework 2.2 Parsed data sent to odiag.txt Parsed data sent to appevent.txt Parsed data sent to secevent.txt Parsed data sent to osession.txt Parsed data sent to sysevent.txt Parsed data sent to sysevent.txt
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c. Deskscan: Deskscan enumerates desktops, desktop heap allocations, and associated threads. It aids in finding rogue desktops used to hide applications from logged on users. It detects desktops created by ransomware and links threads to their desktops. It analyzes the desktop heap from memory corruptions and searches profile desktop heap allocations to locate USER objects.

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