Forensic Introduction



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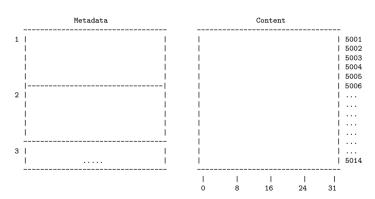
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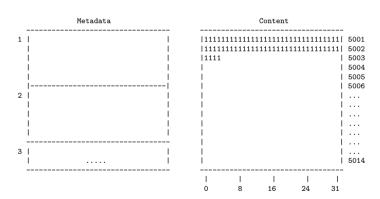
4. File System Analysis

- Organizing data on a volume
- Maintain file related meta data
- Maintain allocation status of clusters



Allocation table:

- Organizing data on a volume
- Maintain file related meta data
- Maintain allocation status of clusters



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- Maintain file related meta data
- Maintain allocation status of clusters

| Metadata | | | | Content | | | |
|---|--------------------------|------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Filename: file01.txt Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 68 Byte Clusters: 5001,5002,5003 | | | | | 11111111 11111111 | | 5001 5002 5003 5004 5005 5006 |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | 8 | 16 | 24 | | 5014 |

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- Maintain file related meta data
- Maintain allocation status of clusters

| | Metadata | | | | Content | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------|---|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Time stamp Rights: Ow Size: 68 E | ner, Group, All | | 11111 1111 22222 | 2222222 | .11111111 .11111111 .22222222 .222222222 | 2222222 | 11111 | 5001 5002 5003 5004 5005 5006 |
| Time stamp Rights: Ow Size: 55 E | ner, Group, All | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | 8 | 16 | 24 | | 5014 |

4.2 Deleting a file

- Organizing data on a volume
- Maintain file related meta data
- Maintain allocation status of clusters

| Metadata | | | | Content | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 Filename: file01.txt Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 68 Byte Clusters: 5001,5002,5003 | | 11111 1111 22222 | 1111111 2222222 | 1111111 11111111 2222222 2222222 | 11111111 2222222 | 1111 | 5001 5002 5003 5004 5005 5006 |
| 2 Filename: file02.txt (deleted) Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 55 Byte Clusters: 5004, 5005 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | 8 | 16 | 24 | 31 | 5014 |

4.3 Slack space - FileSlack

- Metadata: Case 1: Re-Use Metadata

- Content: End of sector: Filled with zeros (RAM slack)

- Content: End of cluter: Don't touch (File slack)

| Metadata | | | C | ontent | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--|------------|-------------|-------------|---|--|
| 1 Filename: file01.txt Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 68 Byte Clusters: 5001,5002,5003 | | 1111111 1111111 1111 3333333 2222222 | 1111111 | 22222 | 2222222 | 11111 | 5001 5002 5003 5004 5005 5006 |
| 2 Filename: file03.txt Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 10 Byte Clusters: 5004 | | i | | | | | |
| 3 | | | 8 | 16 | 24 | | 5014 |

4.3 Slack space - FileSlack

- Metadata: Case 2: New Metadata

- Content: End of sector: Filled with zeros (RAM slack)

- Content: End of cluter: Don't touch (File slack)

| Metadata | Content |
|---|---------|
| Filename: file01.txt | |
| 2 Filename: fileO2.txt (deleted) Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 55 Byte Clusters: 5004, 5005 | |
| 3 Filename: file03.txt Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 10 Byte Clusters: 5004 | |

Allocation table: 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004 10 of 79

4.4 Data Recovery

- # Recover sectors
- # Read from disk and write into a file
- dd if=deleted.raw of=file02.txt bs=32 skip=5003 count=2

| Metadata | Content | |
|---|---------|--|
| 1 Filename: file01.txt Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 68 Byte Clusters: 5001,5002,5003 | | 5001 5002 5003 5004 5005 5006 |
| 2 Filename: file02.txt (deleted) Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 55 Byte Clusters: 5004, 5005 | | |
| 3 Filename: file03.txt Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 10 Byte Clusters: 5004 | | 5014 |

Allocation table: 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004

4.4 Data Recovery

- # Recover exisiting (deleted) file
- # Based on metadata

icat deleted.raw 3 > file03.txt

| Metadata | Content |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 Filename: file01.txt Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 68 Byte Clusters: 5001,5002,5003 | |
| Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 55 Byte Clusters: 5004, 5005 | 5006 |
| 3 Filename: file03.txt (deleted) Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 10 Byte Clusters: 5004 | |

Allocation table: 5001, 5002, 5003

4.4 Data Recovery

- # Recover overwritten file
- # Based on metadata

icat deleted.raw 2 > file02.txt

| Metadata | Content |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 Filename: file01.txt Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 68 Byte Clusters: 5001,5002,5003 | |
| Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 55 Byte Clusters: 5004, 5005 | 5006 |
| 3 Filename: file03.txt (deleted) Time stamps: MACB Rights: Owner, Group, All Size: 10 Byte Clusters: 5004 | |

Allocation table: 5001, 5002, 5003

4.5 The Sleuth Kit

```
mmstat # Volume system information
mmls
           # List partition table
mmcat
           # Cat a partition
fsstat # File system information
fls
       # List files and directories
fcat
           # Cat a file
ffind
           # Find filename of an inode
istat
           # Inode information
       # List inodes
ils
icat
           # Cat an inode
ifind
           # Find inode of a sector
blkstat # Information of a data unit
blkls
           # Output data units
blkcat # Cat a data unit
ils
       # List content of journal
icat
           # Cat a block from journal
mactime # File system time line
srch strings
               # Display printable characters
hfind
           # Hash database lookup
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```

```
# File system information
$
```

```
# List files
```

```
# Recover files based on inode numbers
$
$
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```

```
# File system information
$ fsstat deleted.dd
    FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION
    File System Type: NTFS
    Volume Serial Number: 4978FE7D06B65661
    OEM Name: NTES
    Version: Windows XP
    CONTENT INFORMATION
    Sector Size: 512
    Cluster Size: 4096
# List files
# Recover files based on inode numbers
  16 of 79
```

```
# File system information
$ fsstat deleted dd
    FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION
    File System Type: NTFS
    Volume Serial Number: 4978FE7D06B65661
    OEM Name: NTFS
    Version: Windows XP
    CONTENT INFORMATION
    Sector Size: 512
    Cluster Size: 4096
# List files
$ fls -r deleted.dd
    + -/r * 70-128-2: aware.jpg
    + -/r * 71-128-2: cases.jpg
    + -/r * 72-128-2: circl.png
# Recover files based on inode numbers
  17 of 79
```

```
# File system information
$ fsstat deleted.dd
      FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION
      File System Type: NTFS
      Volume Serial Number: 4978FE7D06B65661
      OEM Name: NTFS
      Version: Windows YP
      CONTENT INFORMATION
      Sector Size: 512
      Cluster Size: 4096
# List files
$ fls -r deleted dd
      + -/r * 70-128-2:
                              aware, ipg
      + -/r * 71-128-2:
                              cases, ipg
      + -/r * 72-128-2:
                              circl.png
# Recover files based on inode numbers
$ icat deleted.dd 70 > aware.jpg
$ icat deleted.dd 71 > cases.jpg
$ icat deleted.dd 72 > circl.png
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```

5. NTFS

5.1 File system structure

- NTFS New Technology File System
- Everything is a file

Partition (Volume)

```
$Boot
                                         $MFT - Master File table
    $MET
                                         Describes all files on the volume
     $LogFile
                                         $METMirr - MET Backup
     $Volume
                                         Backup the first 4 MFT entries
     $AttrDef
     $Bitmap
                                         $LogFile
     $BadClus
                                         Transaction Logs
     $Secure
     $UpCase
                                         $Volume
                                         Information about the volume
u
                                         $Bitmap
S
                                         Allocation status of all clustera\s
     Other Files
     Other Files
                                         $Boot
                                         Volume Boot Record
                                         $BadClus
    $MFTMirr
                                         All clusters marked as having bad sectors
```

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5.2 Volume Boot Record

```
00000000: eb52 904e 5446 5320 2020 2000 0208 0000
                                          .R.NTFS
00000020: 0000 0000 8000 8000 fff7 0300 0000 0000
00000030: 0400 0000 0000 0000 7f3f 0000 0000 0000
                                          . . . . . . . . . ? . . . . . .
00000040: f600 0000 0100 0000 f92d c409 2fce 776f
                                          - / WO
00000050: 0000 0000 0e1f be71 7cac 22c0 740b 56b4
                                          .......al.".t.V.
00000060: 0ebb 0700 cd10 5eeb f032 e4cd 16cd 19eb
                                          . . . . . . ^ . . 2 . . . . . .
00000070: fe54 6869 7320 6973 206e 6f74 2061 2062
                                          This is not a h
00000080: 6f6f 7461 626c 6520 6469 736b 2e20 506c
                                         ootable disk. Pl
00000090: 6561 7365 2069 6e73 6572 7420 6120 626f
                                          ease insert a bo
000000a0: 6f74 6162 6c65 2066 6c6f 7070 7920 616e
                                         otable floppy an
```

| | Offset: | Length: | Content: | Description: |
|-------|---------|---------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | |
| | 0000 | 3 | JMP 52 | Jump to bootcode at 54h |
| | 0003 | 8 | NTFS | OEM ID |
| | 000B | 2 | 00 02 | Bytes per sector |
| BIOS | 000D | 1 | 08 | Sectors per cluster |
| P.M. | 0028 | 8 | fff7 0300 | 262135 sectors in total |
| Block | 0030 | 8 | 04 | MFT start cluster |
| | 0040 | 1 | f6 | Size of MFT records: 10> 2^10 = 1.024 |
| | 0054 | 426 | | Bootstrap code |
| | _01FE | 2 | 55 AA | End of sector signature |
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5.3 Master File Table

- MFT maintain 1 record per file/directory
- Size: 1024 Bytes per record
- In NTFS everything is a file
 - o Incl. meta files like \$MFT
- Structure:

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| Header | Attributes | End | Empty | Erro | r |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|-------|------|------|
| FILE | | FF FF FF FF | | 1 | Ī |
| 0 55 | 5 56 | ~450 | | | 1023 |
| Is this a Size of t Deleted: Attributes: \$ | e: FILE at: File is li a file or a di the file Is the file a STANDARD_INFO :: FF FF FF ent Data) | lready deleted RMATION; \$FILE | | | |

5.3 MFT

```
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 73 | less
$STANDARD INFORMATION Attribute Values:
   Flags: Archive
   Owner ID: 0
   Security ID: 0 ()
   Created:
                   2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
   File Modified: 2019-12-09 16:09:46 183651100 (CET)
   MFT Modified: 2019-12-09 16:09:46.183651100 (CET)
                  2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
   Accessed:
$FILE_NAME Attribute Values:
   Flags: Archive
   Name: small text file.txt
   Parent MFT Entry: 5
                           Sequence: 5
   Allocated Size: 16384
                                  Actual Size: 0
   Created:
                  2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
   File Modified: 2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
   MFT Modified: 2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
   Accessed: 2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
Attributes:
   Type: $STANDARD INFORMATION (16-0)
                                       Name: N/A Resident
                                                              size: 48
   Type: $FILE NAME (48-3) Name: N/A
                                       Resident
                                                   size: 104
   Type: $SECURITY DESCRIPTOR (80-1) Name: N/A
                                                  Resident
                                                             size: 80
   Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Non-Resident
                                                   size: 15000 init size: 15000
  4169 4170 4171 4172
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```

5.4 Deleting a file: What will change?

| offset: | size: | value: | description: |
|----------|-------|--------|----------------------------------|
| | | | |
| 0010 | 2 | 1 | Record sequence number |
| 0012 | 2 | 1 | Link count |
| 0016 | 2 | 1 | Record flag: 0000 = file deleted |
| | | | 0100 = file in use |
| | | 02 | 200 = dir deleted |
| | | | 0300 = dir in use |
| 0030 | 2 | 1100 | FixUp values |
| 03fe | 2 | 1300 | CRC |
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5.4 Deleting a file: What will change?

```
After delete:
-----
MFT record:
00000000:
                        3000
                             0300
                                   0000 0000 0000
                                                          FTI.EO.......
                  4c45
                                                    0000
                                                           . . . . 8 . . . . . . . . . . .
00000010: -0200-
                 -0000-
                       3800
                            -0000-
                                   ъ801 0000 0004
                                                    0000
00000020+
           0000
                  0000
                       0000
                             0000
                                    0400 0000 4900
                                                    0000
                                                           00000030: -1400-
                 0000
                       0000
                             0000
                                    1000 0000 4800
                                                    0000
00000040:
          0000
                 0000
                       0000
                             0000
                                    3000 0000 1800
                                                   0000
                                                           . . . . . . . . . 0 . . . . . . .
000003f0:
           0000
                                   0000 0000 0000 -1400-
```

| offset: | size: | value: | description: |
|----------|-------|--------|----------------------------------|
| | | | |
| 0010 | 2 | 2 | Record sequence number |
| 0012 | 2 | 0 | Link count |
| 0016 | 2 | 0 | Record flag: 0000 = file deleted |
| | | | 0100 = file in use |
| | | 02 | 200 = dir deleted |
| | | | 0300 = dir in use |
| 0030 | 2 | 1400 | FixUp values |
| 03fe | 2 | 1400 | CRC |
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6. File System Time Line

6.1 Time stamps: Nomenclature

- FAT
 - MAC times
 - M time: Content last Modified
 - A time: Content last Accessed
 - C time: File Created
- NTFS
 - MACE times
 - M time: Content last Modified
 - A time: Content last Accessed
 - C time: File Created
 - E time: MFT Entry last mofidied
 - MACB times
 - M time: Content last Modified
 - A time: Content last Accessed
 - C time: MFT record last Changed
 - B time: File created (Born)

6.2 Last Access Time

- ullet Updated in memory, writen to disk after pprox 1h
- As of Win Vista
 - Not updated per default
 - HKEY LOCAL MACHINE/SYSTEM/CurrentControlSet/Control/ /FileSystem/NtfsDisableLastAccessUpdate



- Performance reasons
- Good for file server
- Still updated some times
 - File new created
 - File copied
 - File moved

6.3 Time Line: Exercise

Reproduce file system activities

```
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:23:08
                              113 b
                                               35-128-1 c:/01.txt
                               75 m.cb
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:24:20
                                                37-128-1 c: \sqrt{02} txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:25:24
                               75 m cb
                                                38-128-1 c:/03.txt
                               75 m
                                                41-128-1 c:/03-copv.txt
                               75 m.b
                                                39-128-1 c:/44.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:26:05
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:27:00
                               75 mach
                                                40-128-1 c:/05.txt (deleted)
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:33:50
                              113 m.c.
                                               35-128-1 c: \sqrt{01} txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:07:52
                               75 ach
                                                41-128-1 c:/03-copy.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:10:36
                               75 ..c.
                                                39-128-1 c:/44.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:14:20
                               20 m...
                                               42-128-1 c:/06.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:56:30
                               20 .acb
                                                42-128-1 c:/06.txt
```

6.3 Time Line: Exercise - What could we reproduce Yes/No

```
01 + v+
      1. 12:23:08 01.txt ...b -> new create
                                                                       Yes
      6. 12:29:07 01.txt m.c. -> modified content
      7. 12:33:50 01.txt m.c. -> 2nd modification
                                                                        Yes
02.txt
      2. 12:24:20 02.txt m.cb -> new create
                                                                       Yes
      8. 12:29:50 02.txt .a.. -> open/access file
      9 12:30:01 02 txt a -> close
                                                                           No
03.txt, 03 - Copy.txt
      3 12:25:24 03 txt m ch -> new create
                                                                        Ves
     10. 13:07:52 03.txt .acb -> copy to 03 - Copy.txt
                                                                       Yes/No
44 tyt
      4. 12:26:05 04.txt m..b -> new create
                                                                       Yes
     11. 13:10:36 04.txt ..c. -> rename to 44.txt
                                                                       Yes/No
05 tvt
      5. 12:27:00 05.txt macb -> new create
                                                                       Yes
     14 13:58:07 05 tvt mach -> delete file
                                                                           No
06.txt
     12. 13:14:20 06.txt m... -> new created on other drive
                                                                       Yes/No
     13. 13:56:30 06.txt .acb -> copy to local drive
                                                                        Vac
```

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6.4 Create a Time line

```
$ mkdir time
$ fls -o 2048 -r -m d:/ circl-dfir.dd > time/d.body
               Recursive
         -r
               Time machine format
         D:/ Add D:/ as mountpoint in report
$ cd time
$ mactime -b d.body > d.time
$ less d.time
```

6.4 Create a Time line

```
Limit the timeline to the term Paula
```

- grep -i paula d.body | grep -v FILE_NAME > paula.body
- mactime -b paula.body > paula.time
- З. less paula.time

```
Wed May 03 2023 16:39:48
                       48 ...b 114-144-2 d:/Paula (deleted)
                          1246 macb 115-128-2 d:/Paula/Paula.txt (deleted)
Wed May 03 2023 16:40:25
                            48 mac. 114-144-2 d:/Paula (deleted)
```

```
Can you tell the story?
```

6.4 Create a Time line

```
Can you tell the story?
```

- 1. Wed May 03 2023 16:39:48 Directory 'Paula' created in the root directory
- 2. Wed May 03 2023 16:39:48 File 'Paula.txt' created in directory 'Paula'
- 3. Directory 'Paula' and file 'Paula.txt' got deleted
- 4. Wed May 03 2023 16:40:25 Directory 'Paula' last access, content/meta modified -> Most likely due to file 'Paula.txt deleted

7. Carving and String Search

7.1 Magic Bytes - File signatures

```
$ xxd MECO-SMILE.pdf | less
0000000: 2550 4446 2d31 2e34 0a25 c7ec 8fa2 0a35 %PDF-1 4 % 5
005c4d0: 3431 390a 2525 454f 460a
                                                419.%%EOF.
$ xxd LU-NCSS-2-EN.pdf | less
00000000: 2550 4446 2d31 2e35 0d25 e2e3 cfd3 0d0a %PDF-1.5.%.....
0007a7e0 : 6566 0d31 3136 0d25 2545 4f46 0d
                                          ef.116.%%EOF.
/etc/scalpel/scalpel.conf
  pdf
                  5000000
                              %PDF
                                       %E0F\x0d
                                                   REVERSE
  pdf
                  5000000
                              %PDF
                                       %EOF\x0a
                                                   REVERSE
```

7.2 Carving tools

- Foremost
- Scalpel
 - Based on Foremost
- Bulk Extractor
 - Emails, Email addresses
 - URLs
 - Credit card numbers
 - Social media
 - Telephone numbers
 - o ...
- Testdisk Photorec

7.3 Limitations

- Basically file system independent
- Data sequential
 - Data must be sequential
 - Fragmented data leads to broken files
 - Very large files are more fragmented
 - Depends on file system
 - Depends on media type
 - Data could be overwritten partially
- End of file
 - Does the file format support end marker
 - Do we find a new magic byte
 - Overlapping files
 - Empty space at the end of a sector

7.4 Exercise: Recover data from formated drive

- Work on circl-dfir/carving/formated.dd
- Try fls
- sudo apt install foremost
- https://www.cgsecurity.org/wiki/TestDisk_Download

7.4 Exercise: Recover data from formated drive

```
out1/audit tyt
_____
File: deleted dd
Start: Wed Aug 22 16:20:43 2018
Length: 32 MB (33554432 bytes)
Num
        Name (bs=512)
                              Size
                                        File Offset
                                                        Comment
       00009032.jpg
                              5 KB
                                           4624384
٥.
1:
       00009080.jpg
                             35 KB
                                          4648960
                             30 KB
       00037617.jpg
                                          19260232
3.
       00037678.jpg
                            106 KB
                                          19291633
16:
       00037608.pdf
                              1 MB
                                          19255296
17.
       00041288.pdf
                            489 KB
                                          21139456
                                                         (PDF is Linearized)
Finish: Wed Aug 22 16:20:43 2018
18 FILES EXTRACTED
ipg:= 9
png:= 6
pdf := 3
```

mkdir out1/ && foremost -t all -i formated.dd -o out1/

7.5 String Search

- Not sophisticated
- Search for strings
 - At least 4 characters long
 - From any file: Text, binary, disk image
 - Search for ASCII, Unicode, big/little endian
- Search the disk image for known words
 - Terms used in a secret document.
 - IBAN ot other banking details
 - Email addresses or URLs
- Search through all the blocks
 - Allocated and non allocated blocks.

 - File slack and outside partition boundaries
- Goal
 - Proof that the data was there once
 - Identify interesting data that are close

7.6 Steps to do a String Search

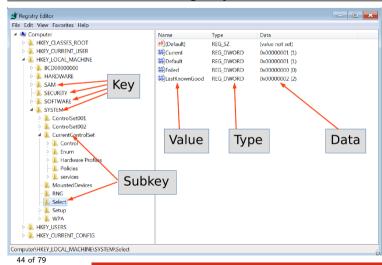
- Identify block/cluster size mmls, fsstat
- 2. Search for the string and the offset blkls | srch strings | grep
- 3. Calculate block/cluster of the string xxxxxxxxx / 4096 = yyyy
- Review block/cluster content blkcat.
- Identify inode of the block/cluster if ind
- Identify associated file ffind
- 7. Recover file icat
 Or mount and copy file

8. Windows Registry

8.1 About Windows Registry

- MS DOS and old Windows
 - On system boot: What programs to load
 - How the system interact with the user
 - \rightarrow autoexec.bat
 - \rightarrow config.sys
 - ightarrow system.ini
 - \rightarrow win.ini
- https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/256986/
 - A central hierarchical database
 - Replace text based config files
 - o Contains information for operating
 - Hardware system wide
 - OS all aspects
 - Applications installed
 - User preferences / behavior
- \rightarrow A gold mine for forensics

8.1 About Windows Registry



8.1 About Windows Registry

- Hive files location:
 - %SystemRoot%\system32\config
 - → SAM, SECURITY, SYSTEM, SOFTWARE
 - o %UserProfile%\NTUSER.DAT
 - %UserProfile%\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\UsrClass.dat

8.2 Hive files

- SAM
 - Security Accounts Manager: Local users
- Security
 - Audit settings
 - o Machine, domain SID
- System
 - Hardware configuration
 - System configuration
- Software
 - Windows settings
 - Application information
- NTUser.dat
 - User behavior and settings
- UsrClass.dat
 - Graphical User Interface information

8.2 Hive files

- Windows XP:
 - C:\Documents and Settings\<username>\NTUSER.DAT
 - C:\Documents and Settings\<username>\Local Settings\Application Data\Microsoft\Windows\UsrClass.dat
- Windows Vista and above:
 - o C:\Users\<user>\NTUSER.DAT
 - C:\Users\<user>\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\ UsrClass.dat
- C:\Windows\inf\setupapi.log (Plug and Play Log)

8.3 RegRipper

- Installation:
 - \circ sudo apt install regripper or
 - o Install wine
 - Clone https://github.com/keydet89/RegRipper3.0
 - Use rip.exe with wine

8.3 RegRipper

```
$ regripper -h
   Rip v.3.0 - CLI RegRipper tool
   Rip [-r Reg hive file] [-f profile] [-p plugin] [options]
   Parse Windows Registry files, using either a single module, or a profile.
$ ls /usr/lib/regripper/plugins | grep pl$ | wc -l
   249
$ ls /usr/lib/regripper/plugins | grep -v pl$
   a11
    amcache
   ntuser
    sam
    security
    software
    syscache
   svstem
   usrclass
```

8.3 RegRipper - Exercise

- circl-dfir/case_02/registry
- Use regripper to find:
 - Computer name
 - o Software that run when a user logs on
 - Informations on Windows
 - Network cards
 - List of uninstaller
 - Ips
 - List of users
 - Shutdown
 - o Timezone

8.3 RegRipper - Solution

• Computer name:

```
regripper -p compname -r system
```

• Software that run when a user logs on:

```
regripper -p run -r NTUSER.DAT regripper -p run -r software
```

• Informations on Windows:

```
regripper -p winver -r software
```

• Network cards:

```
regripper -p networkcards -r software
```

8.3 RegRipper - Solution

• List of uninstaller:

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```
regripper -p uninstall -r software
 • lps:
regripper -p ips -r system

    List of users:

regripper -p profilelist -r software
 Shutdown:
regripper -p shutdown -r system
 • Timezone:
regripper -p timezone -r system
```

8.4 Tracing user activity

- MRU Most Recently Used
 - Open/Save As dialog box regripper -p comdlg32 -r NTUSER.DAT
 - Recent Docs opened via Win. Explorer regripper -p recentdocs -r NTUSER.DAT
- ShellBags (Win7+)
 - Properties of folders regripper -p shellbags -r UsrClass.dat
- Program execution
 - UserAssist: GUI based launched regripper -p userassist -r NTUSER.DAT
 - ShimCache: Track compatibility issues

8.4 Tracing user activity

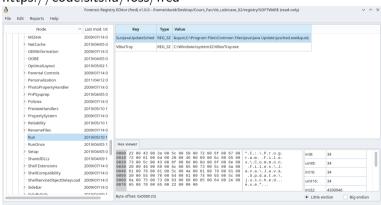
USB attached devices

 USBStor: Attached devices
 less /media/case1/WINDOWS/setupapi.log
 regripper -p usbstor -r system
 USBStor: Vendor & Product ID
 regripper -p usb -r system
 MountedDevices
 regripper -p mountdev -r system
 MountPoints
 regripper -p mp2 -r NTUSER.DAT

https://www.sans.org/posters/windows-forensic-analysis/

8.5 Fred

https://code.sits.lu/foss/fred



9. Windows Event Logs

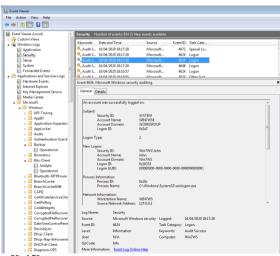
9.1 About Windows Event Logs

- Up to Windows XP
 - Mainly 3 .evt files:
 - Security: secevent.evt
 - System: sysevent.evt
 - Application: appevent.evt
 - Location: /Windows/System32/config/
 - Binary Event Log file format
- Beginning with Vista
 - Many .evtx files:
 - Security.evtx
 - System.evtx
 - Application.evtx
 - 120 files ++
 - Location: /Windows/System32/winevt/Logs/
 - New binary XML format

9.1 About Windows Event Logs

- Advantage
 - Full fledged logging
 - Logging important events: E.g. Logon Success, . . .
 - Detailed information
- Disadvantage
 - Limited period of time
 - Important events not logged by default: E.g. Logon Fail
 - o Many events, hard to find related information
- Always interesting
 - Logon / Logoff
 - o System boot
 - Services started
 - Hardware (dis)connected

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9.1 Windows Event Logs

Review logging policies

```
$ regripper -r SECURITY -p auditpol
. . . . .
System:Other System Events
                                                      S/F
Logon/Logoff:Logon
Logon/Logoff:Logoff
Logon/Logoff:Account Lockout
Logon/Logoff: IPsec Main Mode
Logon/Logoff: IPsec Quick Mode
Logon/Logoff: IPsec Extended Mode
Logon/Logoff:Special Logon
Logon/Logoff:Other Logon/Logoff Events
Logon/Logoff:Network Policy Server
                                                      S/F
Object Access: File System
. . . . .
```

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9.2 Parsing

```
sudo apt install libevt-utils
sudo apt install libevtx-utils
evtinfo evtx/AppEvent.Evt
evtinfo evtx/SecEvent.Evt
evtinfo evtx/SvsEvent.Evt
evtexport AppEvent.Evt | less
evtexport SysEvent.Evt | less
evtxexport Security.evtx | less

    Search for:

     4624
```

- 4625

9.3 Other tools

- Chainsaw
 - https://github.com/WithSecureLabs/chainsaw
- Hayabusa
 - $\circ \ https://github.com/Yamato-Security/hayabusa$

10 Other Windows artifacts

10.1 Recycle Bin

- Files move to Recycle Bin:
 - Moved by mouse
 - o Right click: Delete
- Not move to Recycle Bin:
 - Right click: Delete + SHIFT
 - Command line: del
 - Files on network shares
- NukeOnDelete

```
HKEY_USERS/_UUID_/Software/Microsoft/Windows/CurrentVersion/
Explorer/BitBucket/Volume/{_Volume ID_}/NukeOnDelete
```

10.1 Recycle Bin - Life-Investigate

- Play Script: TextFile.txt
 - $\circ\,$ Moved with mouse into Recycle Bin
 - o 2019-04-30 17:31:57 UTC+2: Born
 - o 2019-04-30 17:34:44 UTC+2: Content Modified
 - o 2019-04-30 17:35:32 UTC+2: Deleted

10.1 Recycle Bin - Forensics

• Play Script: TextFile.txt

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- o 2019-04-30 17:31:57 UTC+2: Born
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- 2019-04-30 17:35:32 UTC+2: Deleted
- Analyze Recycle.Bin directory:

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- File system timeline Recycle.Bin directory:

```
Tue Apr 30 2019 17:31:57
320 ...b 47164-128-1 /$Recycle.Bin/S-1-5-21- .... -1000/$ROMHI9A.txt

Tue Apr 30 2019 17:34:44
320 ma.. 47164-128-1 /$Recycle.Bin/S-1-5-21- .... -1000/$ROMHI9A.txt

Tue Apr 30 2019 17:35:32
544 macb 44155-128-1 /$Recycle.Bin/S-1-5-21- .... -1000/$IDMHI9A.txt
48 mac. 47022-144-1 /Users/John/Documents/recycleTest
320 ...c 47164-128-1 /$Recycle.Bin/S-1-5-21- .... -1000/$ROMHI9A.txt
376 mac. 9632-144-1 /$Recycle.Bin/S-1-5-21- .... -1000
```

10.2 LNK Files

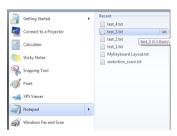
- Link or shortcut to files, applications, resources
- User activity: Files access
 - Local
 - Network shares
 - External devices
- LNK file remain after target file is deleted

10.2 LNK Files

- Information inside LNK files
 - Target file MAC times
 - Target file size
 - o Target file path
 - Volume information

```
exiftool Test.txt.lnk
   Create Date
                       : 2019:05:02 14:54:28+02:00
   Access Date
                       : 2019:05:02 14:54:28+02:00
   Modify Date
                       : 2019:05:02 14:54:28+02:00
   Target File Size
                       : 66
   Icon Index
                       : (none)
   Run Window
                       · Normal
   Hot Kev
                       : (none)
   Drive Type
                       : Fixed Disk
   Volume Label
                       : C:\Users\
   Local Base Path
   Net Name
   Net Provider Type
                       : Unknown (0x20000)
   Relative Path
                       : ..\..\..\Documents\Test\Test.txt
                       : C:\Users\John\Documents\Test
   Working Directory
   Machine ID
                       : iohn-pc
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```

- Introduced with Windows 7
- Similar Recent folder
- Recently opened documents / application
- Makes them accessible at Windows main menu



AppData/Roaming/Microsoft/Windows/Recent/AutomaticDestinations
AppData/Roaming/Microsoft/Windows/Recent/CustomDestinations
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- File names start with 16 hex characters → JumpList ID
- File names end with .xxxDestinations-ms

C:> dir \Users\John\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\AutomaticDestinations

```
04/05/2020 12:50 33 792 1b4dd67f29cb1962.automaticDestinations-ms
14/06/2019 16:43 4 608 28c8b86deab549a1.automaticDestinations-ms
10/04/2019 14:32 29 696 6824f4a902c78fbd.automaticDestinations-ms
10/04/2020 14:12 9 216 7e4dca80246863e3.automaticDestinations-ms
```

- Each Hex value correspond to a fixed application
- 918e0ecb43d17e23 = Notepad.exe

https://github.com/EricZimmerman/JumpList/blob/master/JumpList/Resources/AppIDs.txt

• Exercise: Identify applications

cd JumpLists/AutomaticDestinations/

```
1b4dd67f29cb1962.automaticDestinations-ms -->
28c8b86deab549a1.automaticDestinations-ms -->
6824f4a902c78fbd.automaticDestinations-ms -->
7e4dca80246863e3.automaticDestinations-ms -->
918e0ecb43d17e23.automaticDestinations-ms -->
b74736c2bd8cc8a5.automaticDestinations-ms -->
```

de48a32edcbe79e4_automaticDestinations-ms -->

ls -1

• Exercise: Identify applications

```
cd JumpLists/AutomaticDestinations/
ls -1
```

10.4 Prefetch Files

- Application prefetching since XP
 - Monitor an application when it starts
 - Collect information about resources needed
 - \circ Wait 10sec after application started \to Know where to find the resources \to Better performance: App launch faster \to Better user experience
- Forensics value:
 - Proof an application was started
 - Secondary artifact
 - Created by the OS
 - Not deleted by the attacker
 - Even if the application don't exists anymore
 - 0 ...

10.4 Prefetch Files

• Example: From file system time line

```
Thu May 02 2019 14:52:40
179712 .a.. 10940-128-3 /Windows/notepad.exe
```

```
Thu May 02 2019 14:52:50
56 mac. 42729-144-6 /Windows/Prefetch
16280 macb 43700-128-4 /Windows/Prefetch/NOTEPAD.EXE-D8414F97.pf
```

- Elements of the file name at /Windows/Prefetch
 - Application name
 - One way hash of path to the application
- Information found inside a Prefetch file:
 - Run count: How often application run
 - Last time executed
 - Application name incl. parameter
 - Path to application and resources

10.4 Prefetch Files

Parsing a Prefetch file

```
{\tt prefetch\_parser.py\ -f\ NOTEPAD.EXE-D8414F97.pf}
```

Executable Name: NOTEPAD.EXE

Run count: 1

Last Executed: 2019-05-02 12:52:40.339584

Resources loaded:

- 1: \DEVICE\HARDDISKVOLUME2\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\NTDLL.DLL
- 2: \DEVICE\HARDDISKVOLUME2\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\KERNEL32.DLL
- 3: \DEVICE\HARDDISKVOLUME2\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\APISETSCHEMA.DLL
- 4: \DEVICE\HARDDISKVOLUME2\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\KERNELBASE.DLL

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- Additional benefits like:
 - User folder where the malware got executed
- $_{76 \text{ of } 79}^{\circ}$ Compare Run count of different VSS could

10.5 VSS - Volume Shadow Copy Service

- Backup Service
 - System files
 - User data files
 - Operates on block level
- On live system
 - Run CMD as administrator

```
>vssadmin list shadows /for=c:/
vssadmin 1.1 - Volume Shadow Copy Service administrative command-line tool
(C) Copyright 2001-2005 Microsoft Corp.

Contents of shadow copy set ID: {33eb3a7b-6d03-4045-aa70-37b714d49c72}
    Contained 1 shadow copies at creation time: 10/04/2019 16:06:30
    Shadow Copy ID: {34d9910b-ac1d-4b10-b282-89dde217d0fb}
    Original Volume: (C:)\\?\Volume{a62c8cd4-5786-11e9-a9fd-806e6f6e6963}\
    Shadow Copy Volume: \\?\GLOBALROOT\Device\HarddiskVolumeShadowCopy1
    Originating Machine: Win7WS
    Service Machine: Win7WS
    Provider: 'Microsoft Software Shadow Copy provider 1.0'
    Type: ClientAccessibleWriters
    Attributes: Persistent, Client-accessible, No auto release, Differential,
    Auto recovered
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```

10.5 VSS - Configuration & Analysis

HKEY LOCAL MACHINE/SYSTEM/CurrentControlSet/services/VSS

HKEY LOCAL MACHINE/SYSTEM/CurrentControlSet/Control/BackupRestore

- Analyze disk image: vshadowinfo -o offset disk_image
- Mount VSS: vshadowmount -o offset disk_image mount_point

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