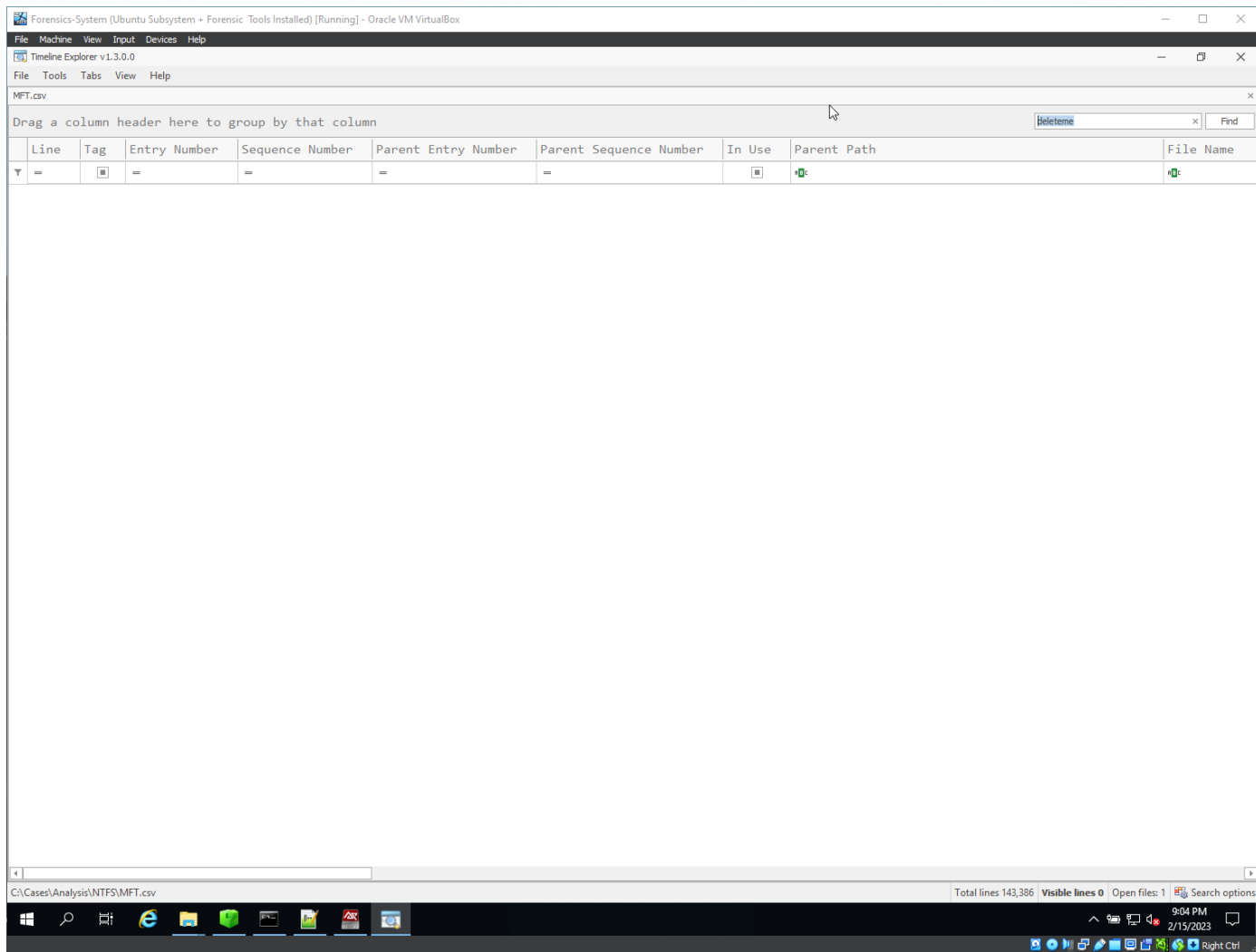


Recovering Deleted Files:

- Evidence of deleted files
 - USN Journal
-
- Find :
 - Creation and deletion of “deleteme_T1551.004”
 - Entry number of the above file and the existence of it in the MFT

Evidence of deleted files

- Search in the MFT.csv, evidence of deleteme file.



- Let's try with ART-attack:
- Based on In Use checked box, the partition area where is located is protected.

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MFT.csv

Drag a column header here to group by that column

ART-attack x Find

Sequence Number	Parent Entry Number	Parent Sequence Number	In Use	Parent Path	File Name
2	87338	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.\Users\IEUser\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows...	ART-attack.ps1.lnk
2	87338	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.\Users\IEUser\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows...	ART-attack-cleanup.ps1.lnk
2	28668	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.\Users\IEUser\Desktop\PWF-main\PWF-main\AtomicR...	ART-attack-cleanup.ps1
2	28668	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.\Users\IEUser\Desktop\PWF-main\PWF-main\AtomicR...	ART-attack.ps1

☒ In Use = ☒ Checked

C:\Cases\Analysis\NTFS\MFT.csv

Total lines 143,386 | Visible lines 4 | Open files: 1 | Search options

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- Let's see a file that is no longer in use, take Entry Number and let's query it in the MFT cmd tool.

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File Tools Tabs View Help

MFT.csv

Drag a column header here to group by that column

Enter text to search... Find

Line	Tag	Entry Number	Sequence Number	Parent Entry Number	Parent Sequence Number	In Use	Parent Path	File Name
143306		49	11	5214		1	.\Windows\System32\LogFiles\WMI\RtBackup	EtwRTUBPM...
143307		54	11	5214		1	.\Windows\System32\LogFiles\WMI\RtBackup	EtwRTEvent...
143308		29140	3	87048		1	.\Windows\Logs\WindowsUpdate	WindowsUpd...
143309		84070	8	5214		1	.\Windows\System32\LogFiles\WMI\RtBackup	EtwRTWFP-IF...
143310		84527	3	5214		1	.\Windows\System32\LogFiles\WMI\RtBackup	EtwRTEvent...
143311		84529	4	5214		1	.\Windows\System32\LogFiles\WMI\RtBackup	EtwRTSYSMO...
143312		84530	4	5214		1	.\Windows\System32\LogFiles\WMI\RtBackup	EtwRTSystmo...
143313		88148	5	5214		1	.\Windows\System32\LogFiles\WMI\RtBackup	EtwRTDiagn...
143314		88157	6	1468		1	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Scans	mpenginedb...
143315		88158	4	1468		1	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Scans	mpenginedb...
143316		88159	4	1455		1	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender	IMpService...
143317		88162	5	83374		2	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Search\Data\Temp	usgthrsvc...
143318		89334	5	87053		1	.\Windows\SoftwareDistribution\DataStore\Logs	tmp.edb
143319		91035	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	8yOt-qMg13...
143320		91036	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	sn7ued3b9...
143321		91037	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	QNBbNqWD9F...
143322		91038	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	01qAHncKVs...
143323		91039	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	1n3ElzAhs...
143324		91040	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	4BpQ1bD8vX...
143325		91041	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	584482RVjB...
143326		91042	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	9NAKqY_t1D...
143327		91043	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	9RLIrLi3G1...
143328		91044	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	9wko70-6h4...
143329		91045	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	BRvVt6WvGq...
143330		91047	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	C7Wu51XiGK...
143331		91048	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	Cj4mQnDN_el...
143332		91049	3	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	DccpWCpoNz...
143333		91050	4	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	EYNLM9RfKE...
143334		91054	6	91026		3	.\PathUnknown\Directory with ID 0x00016392-00000...	LisgCZCwGQ...

☒ In Use = ☐ Unchecked

C:\Cases\Analysis\NTFS\MFT.csv Total lines 143,386 Visible lines 81 Open files: 1 Search options

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- IsFree flag says that this file can be overwritten, the entry of MFT can be overwritten aswell as the data

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Forensics-System (Ubuntu Subsystem + Forensic Tools Installed) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
MFTECmd version 1.2.2.1
Author: Eric Zimmerman (saericzimmerman@gmail.com)
https://github.com/EricZimmerman/MFTECmd
Command line: -f C:\Cases\E\MFT --de 84527
File type: Mft
Processed C:\Cases\E\MFT in 3.2868 seconds
C:\Cases\E\MFT: FILE records found: 109,268 (Free records: 81) File size: 107MB

Dumping details for file record with key 00014A2F-00000002
Entry-seq #: 0x14A2F-0x3, Offset: 0x5280C00, Flags: IsFree, Log seq #: 0x16E45D86, Base Record entry-seq: 0x0-0x0
Reference count: 0x2, FixUp Data Expected: 09-00, FixUp Data Actual: 00-00 | 00-00 (FixUp OK: True)

**** STANDARD INFO ****
Attribute #: 0x0, Size: 0x60, Content size: 0x48, Name size: 0x0, ContentOffset 0x18, Resident: True
Flags: Archive, Max Version: 0x0, Flags 2: None, Class Id: 0x0, Owner Id: 0x0, Security Id: 0x2DE, Quota changed: 0x0, Update sequence #: 0x0
Created On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078
Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078
Record Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078
Last Accessed On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078

**** FILE NAME ****
Attribute #: 0x3, Size: 0x78, Content size: 0x5A, Name size: 0x0, ContentOffset 0x18, Resident: True
File name: EtwRTE~4.ETL
Flags: Archive, Name Type: Dos, Reparse Value: 0x0, Physical Size: 0x0, Logical Size: 0x0
Parent Entry-seq #: 0x145E-0x1
Created On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078
Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078
Record Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078
Last Accessed On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078

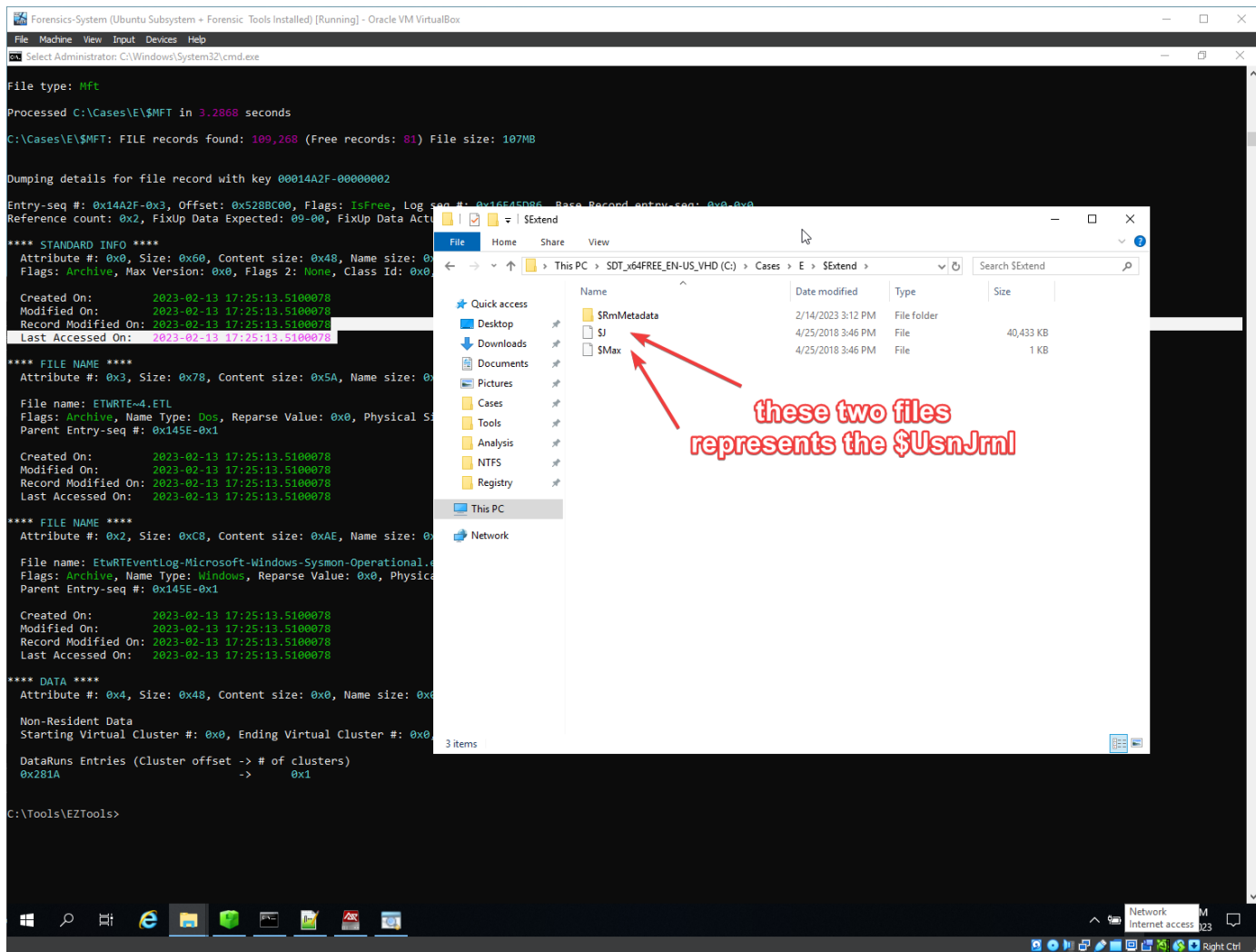
**** FILE NAME ****
Attribute #: 0x2, Size: 0xC8, Content size: 0xAE, Name size: 0x0, ContentOffset 0x18, Resident: True
File name: EtwRTEEventLog-Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon-Operational.etl
Flags: Archive, Name Type: Windows, Reparse Value: 0x0, Physical Size: 0x0, Logical Size: 0x0
Parent Entry-seq #: 0x145E-0x1
Created On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078
Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078
Record Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078
Last Accessed On: 2023-02-13 17:25:13.5100078

**** DATA ****
Attribute #: 0x4, Size: 0x48, Content size: 0x0, Name size: 0x0, ContentOffset 0x0, Resident: False
Non-Resident Data
Starting Virtual Cluster #: 0x0, Ending Virtual Cluster #: 0x0, Allocated Size: 0x1000, Actual Size: 0x0, Initialized Size: 0x0
DataRuns Entries (Cluster offset -> # of clusters)
0x281A -> 0x1
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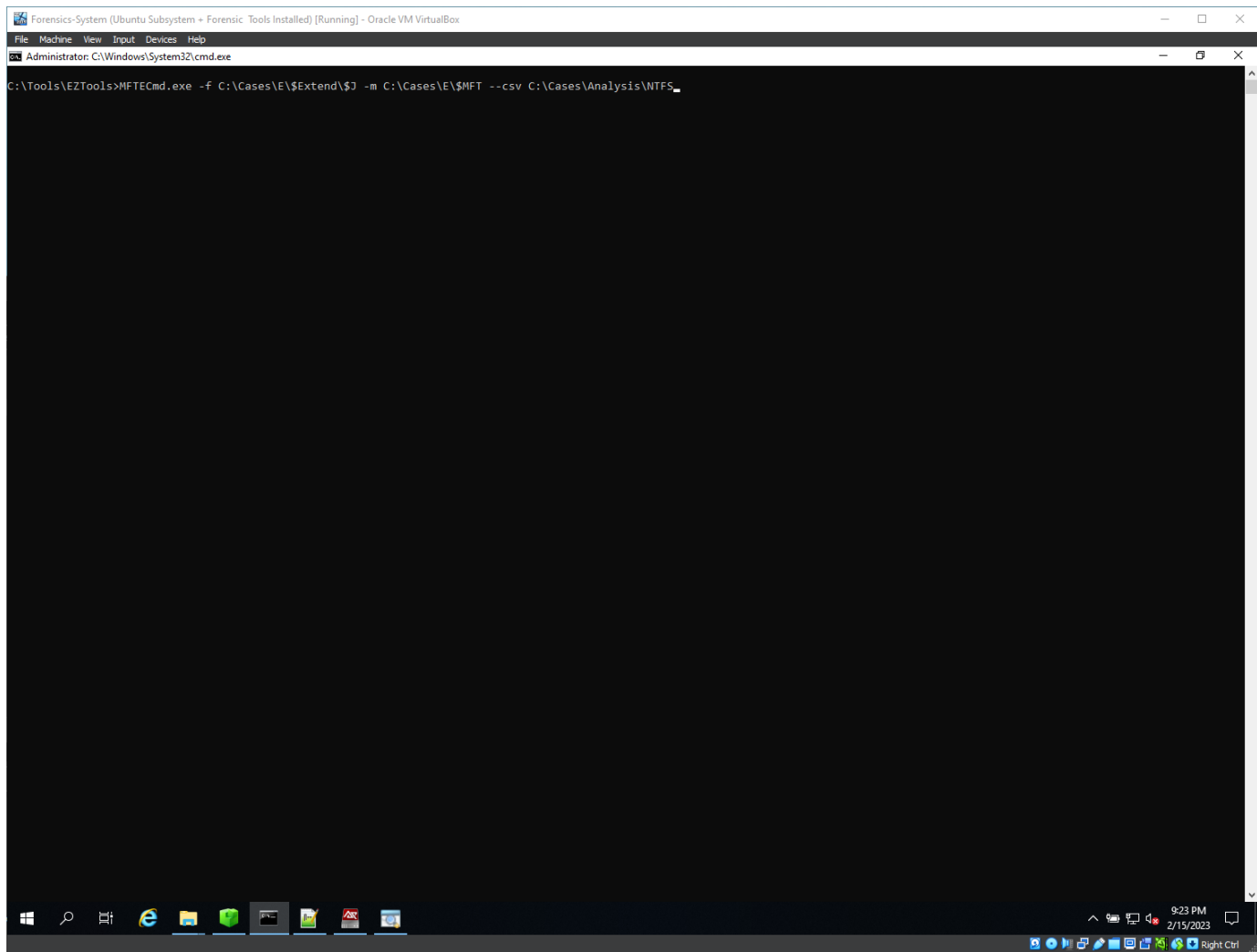
- In the DATA attribute, it is called Unallocated space but it is not empty

USN Journal

- Journaling is an NTFS specific feature and ensures file system integrity in event of a crash. There are lgo files that are storing operations executed on particular files or on MFT specific entries. In the case of system crashing, the NTFS will use that in order to restore some operations such as: if a file was created, modified, read, renamed, deleted.



- Kape ensured that \$UsnJrnl becomes \$J and \$Max.
- We will use \$J for our forensic analysis on deleted files.



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Forensics-System (Ubuntu Subsystem + Forensic Tools Installed) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

C:\Tools\EZTools>MFTECmd.exe -f C:\Cases\E\Extend\$J -m C:\Cases\E\MFT --csv C:\Cases\Analysis\NTFS
MFTECmd version 1.2.2.1

Author: Eric Zimmerman (saericzimmerman@gmail.com)
https://github.com/EricZimmerman/MFTECmd

Command line: -f C:\Cases\E\Extend\$J -m C:\Cases\E\MFT --csv C:\Cases\Analysis\NTFS
File type: UsnJournal

Processed C:\Cases\E\MFT in 3.4967 seconds

C:\Cases\E\MFT: FILE records found: 109,268 (Free records: 81) File size: 107MB
CSV output will be saved to C:\Cases\Analysis\NTFS\20230215212403_MFTECmd_MFT_Output.csv

Processed C:\Cases\E\Extend\$J in 9.7033 seconds

Usn entries found in C:\Cases\E\Extend\$J: 277,572
CSV output will be saved to C:\Cases\Analysis\NTFS\20230215212419_MFTECmd_$J_Output.csv

C:\Tools\EZTools>^F
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- \$J file in csv format:

Forensics-System (Ubuntu Subsystem + Forensic Tools Installed) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox

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20230215212419_MFTECmd_51_Output.csv

Drag a column header here to group by that column

Enter text to search... Find

Line	Tag	Update Timestamp	Parent Path	Name	Extension	Entry Number
1		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-Kernel-WHEA%4Operational.evtx	.evtx	
2		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-Kernel-ShimEngine%4Operation...	.evtx	
3		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-Kernel-Boot%4Operational.evtx	.evtx	
4		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-International%4Operational.e...	.evtx	
5		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-HelloForBusiness%4Operationa...	.evtx	
6		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-GroupPolicy%4Operational.evtx	.evtx	
7		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-Diagnostics-Performance%40pe...	.evtx	
8		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-Diagnosis-DPS%4Operational.e...	.evtx	
9		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-Containers-Wcifs%4Operationa...	.evtx	
10		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-CodeIntegrity%4Operational.e...	.evtx	
11		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-AppXDeploymentServer%40perat...	.evtx	
12		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-AppXDeployment%4Operational....	.evtx	
13		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-AppReadiness%4Operational.ev...	.evtx	
14		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-AppReadiness%4Admin.evtx	.evtx	
15		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Windows-AppModel-Runtime%4Admin.evtx	.evtx	
16		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Microsoft-Client-Licensing-Platform%4Admin.evtx	.evtx	
17		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	System.evtx	.evtx	
18		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs	Application.evtx	.evtx	
19		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Search\Data\Applicatio...	CiST0000.000	.000	
20		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\System32\sru	SRU0000B.log	.log	
21		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Scans	mpcache-2EAC22C2277EBAF4AE79EE94B422BCA8B9F13A...	.79	
22		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\Prefetch	AgGlfaultHistory.db	.db	
23		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\Prefetch	AgGlfaultHistory.db	.db	
24		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\Prefetch	AgGlfaultHistory.db	.db	
25		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\Prefetch	AgGlfAppHistory.db	.db	
26		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\Prefetch	AgGlfAppHistory.db	.db	
27		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\Windows\Prefetch	AgGlfAppHistory.db	.db	
28		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Scans	mpcache-2EAC22C2277EBAF4AE79EE94B422BCA8B9F13A...	.79	
29		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\WER\Temp	WER8EF.tmp	.tmp	
30		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\WER\Temp	WER8EF.tmp	.tmp	
31		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\WER\Temp	WER8EF.tmp	.tmp	
32		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\WER\Temp	WER8EF.tmp.WERInternalMetadata.xml	.xml	
33		2018-04-25 15:58:50	.\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\WER\Temp	WER8EF.tmp.WERInternalMetadata.xml	.xml	

C:\Cases\Analysis\NTFS\20230215212419_MFTECmd_51_Output.csv

Total lines 277,572 | Visible lines 277,572 | Open files: 1 | Search options

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- Search for the deleteme_T1551.004:

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FileMachineViewInputDevicesHelp

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FileToolsTabsViewHelp

20230215212419_MFTECmd_\$I_Output.csv

Drag a column header here to group by that column

deleteme_T1551.004

Find

Line	Tag	Update Timestamp	Parent Path	Name	Extension	Entry Number
276688		2023-02-13 17:29:06	.\Users\IEUser\AppData\Local\Temp	deleteme_T1551.004	.004	107
276689		2023-02-13 17:29:06	.\Users\IEUser\AppData\Local\Temp	deleteme_T1551.004	.004	107
276718		2023-02-13 17:29:07	.\Users\IEUser\AppData\Local\Temp	deleteme_T1551.004	.004	107

C:\Cases\Analysis\NTFS\20230215212419_MFTECmd_\$I_Output.csv

Total lines 277,572 | Visible lines 3 | Open files: 1 | Search options

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20230215212419_MFTECmd_51_Output.csv

Drag a column header here to group by that column

deleteme_T1551.004 x Find

Entry Number	Sequence Number	Parent Entry Number	Parent Sequence Number	Update Sequence Number	Update Reasons	File Attr
=	=	=	=	=	FileCreate	Archive
107817	8	87345	1	49689392	FileCreate	Archive
107817	8	87345	1	49689488	FileCreate Close	Archive
107817	8	87345	1	49693216	FileDelete Close	Archive

C:\Cases\Analysis\NTFS\20230215212419_MFTECmd_51_Output.csv

Total lines 277,572 Visible lines 3 Open files: 1 Search options

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Creation and deletion of “deleteme_T1551.004”

- 2023-02-13 17:29:06 - created
- 2023-02-13 17:29:07 - deleted

Entry number of the above file and the existence of it in the MFT

- **Entry Number**
107817
- **It has been overwritten**
- **Search for the entry number with MFTEcmd:**

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Forensics-System (Ubuntu Subsystem + Forensic Tools Installed) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Command line: -f C:\Cases\E\SMFT --de 107817
File type: MFT
Processed C:\Cases\E\SMFT in 3.4214 seconds
C:\Cases\E\SMFT: FILE records found: 109,268 (Free records: 81) File size: 107MB
Dumping details for file record with key 0001A529-00000009
Entry-seq #: 0x1A529-0x9, Offset: 0x694A400, Flags: InUse, Log seq #: 0x16E09ED8, Base Record entry-seq: 0x0-0x0
Reference count: 0x2, FixUp Data Expected: 04-00, FixUp Data Actual: FF-31 | 00-00 (FixUp OK: True)
**** STANDARD INFO ****
Attribute #: 0x0, Size: 0x60, Content size: 0x40, Name size: 0x0, ContentOffset 0x18. Resident: True
Flags: Archive, Max Version: 0x0, Flags 2: None, Class Id: 0x0, Owner Id: 0x0, Security Id: 0x958, Quota charged: 0x0, Update sequence #: 0x2F65098
Created On: 2018-04-25 15:40:38.8144103
Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:30:47.8577475
Record Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:30:47.8577475
Last Accessed On: 2023-02-13 17:30:47.8577475
**** FILE NAME ****
Attribute #: 0x6, Size: 0x78, Content size: 0x5A, Name size: 0x0, ContentOffset 0x18. Resident: True
File name: CORTAN~1.DAT
Flags: Archive, Name Type: Dos, Reparse Value: 0x0, Physical Size: 0x14000, Logical Size: 0x1333F
Parent Entry-seq #: 0x15716-0x1
Created On: 2018-04-25 15:40:38.8144103
Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:30:47.8577475
Record Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:30:47.8577475
Last Accessed On: 2023-02-13 17:30:47.8577475
**** FILE NAME ****
Attribute #: 0x5, Size: 0xA0, Content size: 0x82, Name size: 0x0, ContentOffset 0x18. Resident: True
File name: CortanaUnifiedTileModelCache.dat
Flags: Archive, Name Type: Windows, Reparse Value: 0x0, Physical Size: 0x14000, Logical Size: 0x1333F
Parent Entry-seq #: 0x15716-0x1
Created On: 2018-04-25 15:40:38.8144103
Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:30:47.8577475
Record Modified On: 2023-02-13 17:30:47.8577475
Last Accessed On: 2023-02-13 17:30:47.8577475
**** DATA ****
Attribute #: 0x4, Size: 0x60, Content size: 0x0, Name size: 0x0, ContentOffset 0x0. Resident: False
Non-Resident Data
Starting Virtual Cluster #: 0x0, Ending Virtual Cluster #: 0x13, Allocated Size: 0x14000, Actual Size: 0x1333F, Initialized Size: 0x1333F
DataRuns Entries (Cluster offset -> # of clusters)
0x2BF60 -> 0x1
0xD228 -> 0x1
0xFFFFFFFFFFFF4A44 -> 0x2
0x2BAA0C -> 0x4
0x5870C4 -> 0x8
0xFFFFFFFFFAB18CD -> 0x4
C:\Tools\EZTools>
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- The particular entry is in use, and it contains a file that has different timestamps.
- Another File name
- Another Long File name version.