

## Purpose

DFIR Forensic Analysts are on the front lines of computer investigations and this guide aims to support them in their quest to uncover the truth.

## How To Use This Document

When performing an investigation it is helpful to be reminded of the powerful options available to the investigator. This document is aimed to be a reference to the tools that could be used. Each of these commands runs locally on a system.

## TIME TO GO HUNTING

### Mounting DD Images

**mount -t fstype [options] image mountpoint**

The *image* can be a disk partition or a dd image file

#### Useful options:

ro.....mount as read only  
 loop.....mount on a loop device  
 noexec.....do not execute files  
 offset=<BYTES>.....logical drive mount  
 show\_sys\_files.....show ntfs metafiles  
 streams\_interface=windows....use ADS

Example: Mount an image file at mount\_location

```
# mount -o
loop,ro,show_sys_files,streams_interface=windows
imagefile.dd /mnt/windows_mount
```

### Mounting E01 Images

```
# ewfmount image.E01 mountpoint

# mount -o
loop,ro,show_sys_files,streams_interface=windows
/mnt/ewf/ewf1 /mnt/windows_mount
```

### Mounting Volume Shadow Copies

**Stage 1** – Attach local or remote system drive:

```
# ewfmount system-name.E01 /mnt/ewf
```

**Stage 2** – Mount raw image VSS:

```
# vshadowmount ewf1 /mnt/vss/
```

**Stage 3** – Mount all logical filesystem of snapshot:

```
# cd /mnt/vss
# for i in vss*; do mount -o
ro,loop,show_sys_files,streams_interface= windows $i
/mnt/shadow_mount/$i; done
```

## Creating Super Timelines

```
# log2timeline -r -p -z <system-timezone> -f
<type-input> /mnt/windows_mount -w timeline.csv
```

```
file|dir ..... artifact target
-f <TYPE-INPUT>.....input format
-o <TYPE-OUTPUT> .....output format: default csv file
-w <FILE>.....append to log file
-z <SYSTEM TIMEZONE>
-Z <OUTPUT TIMEZONE>
-r .....recursive mode
-p .....preprocessors
```

```
# mount -o
loop,ro,show_sys_files,streams_interface=windows
imagefile.dd /mnt/windows_mount
```

```
# log2timeline -z EST5EDT -p -r -f win7
/mnt/windows_mount -w /cases/bodyfile.txt
```

```
# l2t_process -b /cases/bodyfile.txt -w whitelist.txt
04-02-2012 > timeline.csv
```

## Stream Extraction

```
# bulk_extractor <options> -o output_dir image
```

#### Useful options:

```
-o outdir
-f <regex>..... regular expression term
-F <rfile> ..... file of regex terms
-Wn1:n2..... extract words between n1 and n2 in length
-q nn ..... quiet mode
-e scanner..... enables a scanner
-e wordlist.... enable scanner wordlist
-e aes..... enable scanner aes
-e net..... enable scanner net
```

```
# bulk_extractor -F keywords.txt -e net -e aes -e
wordlist -o /cases/bulk-extractor-memory-output /
cases/memory-raw.001
```

## Registry Parsing – Regripper

```
# rip.pl -r <HIVEFILE> -f <HIVETYPE>
```

#### Useful options:

```
-r..... Registry hive file to parse <HIVEFILE>
-f..... Use <HIVEFILE> (e.g, sam, security,
software, system, ntuser)
-l..... List all plugins
```

```
# rip.pl -r
/mnt/windows_mount/Windows/System32/config/SAM -f sam
/cases/windowsforensics/SAM.txt
```

## Recover Deleted Registry Keys

```
# deleted.pl <HIVEFILE>

# deleted.pl
/mnt/windows_mount/Windows/System32/config/SAM >
/cases/windowsforensics/SAM_DELETED.txt
```

## Recovering Data

**Create Unallocated Image** Using dls (for FAT and NTFS)

```
# blkls imagefile.dd >
unallocated_imagefile.blkls
```

**Create Slack Image** (deleted data) using **blkls**

```
# blkls -s imagefile.dd >
imagefile.slack
```

**foremost** Carves out files based on headers and footers  
**data\_file.img** = raw data, slack space, memory, unallocated space  

```
# foremost -o outputdir -c
/path/to/foremost.conf data_file.img
```

**sigfind** Search for a binary value at a given offset (-o)  

```
-o <offset> Start search at byte <offset>
# sigfind <hexvalue> -o <offset>
```

## Shadow Timeline Creation

**Step 1** – Attach Local or Remote System Drive

```
# ewfmount system-name.E01 /mnt/ewf
```

**Step 2** – Mount VSS Volume

```
# cd /mnt/ewf
# vshadowmount ewf1 /mnt/vss
```

**Step 3** – Run fls across ewf1 mounted image

```
# cd /mnt/ewf
# fls -r -m C: ewf1 >> /cases/vss-bodyfile
```

**Step 4** – Run fls Across All Snapshot Images

```
# cd /mnt/vss
# for i in vss*; do fls -r -m C: $i >>
/cases/vss-bodyfile; done
```

**Step 5** – De-Duplicate Bodyfile using sort and uniq

```
# sort /cases/vss-bodyfile | uniq >
/cases/vss-dedupe-bodyfile
```

**Step 6** – Run mactime Against De-Duplicated Bodyfile

```
# mactime -d -b /cases/vss-dedupe-bodyfile -z EST5EDT
MM-DD-YYYY..MM-DD-YYYY > /cases/vss-timeline.csv
```

## Memory Analysis

```
vol.py command -f
/path/to/windows_xp_memory.img
--profile=WinXPSP3x86
```

**Supported commands:**

```
connscan..... Scan for connection objects
files..... List of open files process
imagecopy ..... Convert hibernation file
procdump..... Dump process
pslist..... List of running processes
sockscan..... Scan for socket objects
```

## Sleuthkit Tools

**File System Layer Tools (Partition Information)**

```
fsstat ..... Displays details about the file system
# fsstat imagefile.dd
```

**Data Layer Tools (Block or Cluster)**

```
blkcat ..... Displays the contents of a disk block
# blkcat imagefile.dd block_num
blkls ..... Lists contents of deleted disk blocks
# blkls imagefile.dd > imagefile.blkls
blkcalc ..... Maps between dd images and blkls results
# blkcalc imagefile.dd -u blkls_num
blkstat ..... Displays allocation status of block
# blkstat imagefile.dd cluster_number
```

**MetaData Layer Tools (Inode, MFT, or Directry Entry)**

```
ils ..... Displays inode details
# ils imagefile.dd
istat ..... Displays information about a specific inode
# istat imagefile.dd inode_num
icat ..... Displays contents of blocks allocated to an inode
# icat imagefile.dd inode_num
ifind ..... Determines which inode contains a specific block
# ifind imagefile.dd -d block_num
```

**Filename Layer Tools**

```
fls ..... Displays deleted file entries in a directory inode
# fls -rpd imagefile.dd
ffind ..... Finds the filename that's using the inode
# ffind imagefile.dd inode_num
```