

# **Windows Memory Forensics with Volatility**

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- Memory fundamentals
- Memory acquisition techniques
- Kernel objects
- Memory analysis techniques

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- Built-in functions
- Selected plug-ins
- Hands-on exercises

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- Address spaces
- Objects and Profiles
- Your first plug-in
- Building blocks

# About the Tutorial

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# About the Tutorial

## Course Materials

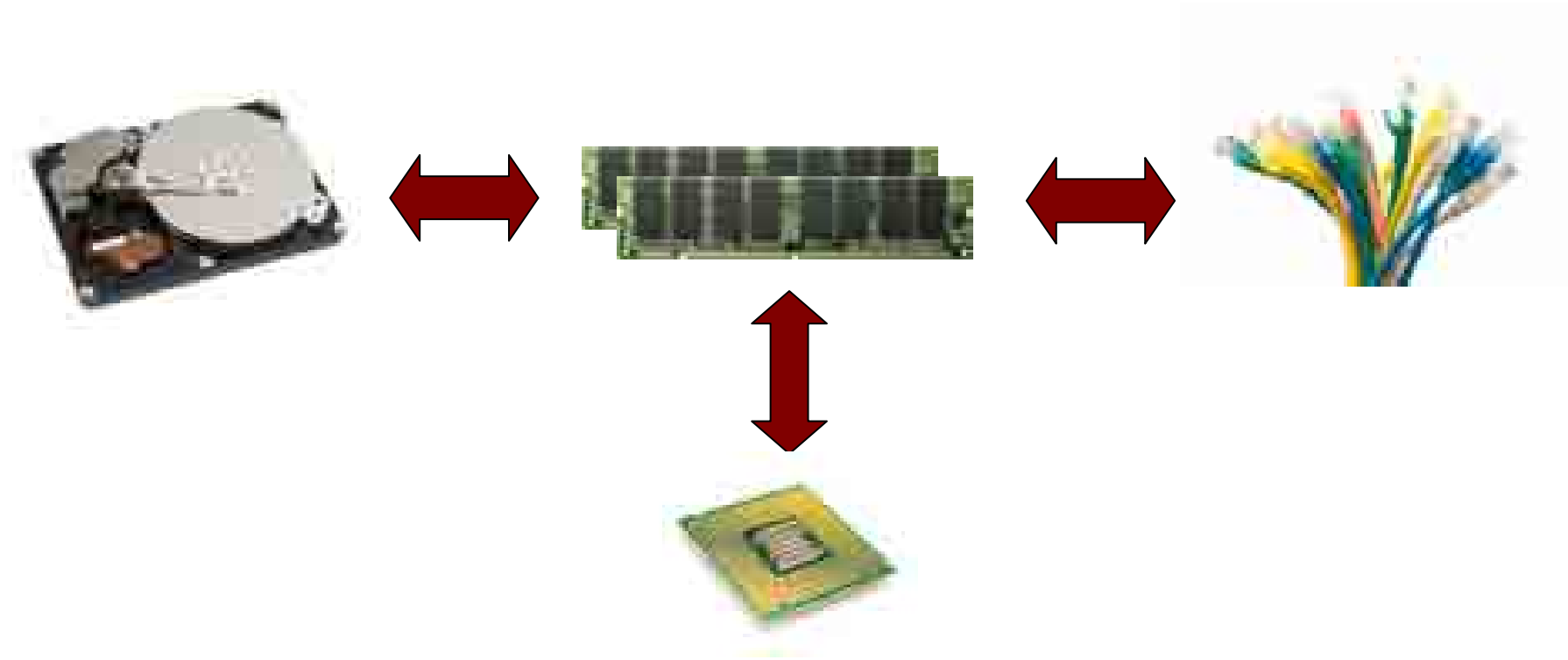
- Virtual machine, requires VMware player/workstation 6.5.2
  - Ubuntu Linux
  - Login as **user**, password is **us3rpw**
  - Volatility and plug-ins installed
  - Several other memory analysis tools (PTFinder, PoolTools)
  - Sample memory images
  
- Tools
  - VMWare Player 2.5.2 for Windows and Linux (.rpm)
  - Symbol viewers
  - Volatility 1.3.1 beta and SVN, with plug-ins
  
- Literature
  
- Slides (will be uploaded to the conference website after the tutorial)

# **Part 1**

# **Memory Analysis Primer**

## Introduction

### Why do we need Memory Analysis?



**Main memory contains evidence!**

# Why do we need Memory Analysis?

- No one would exclude a disk from a forensic examination. Physical memory is a storage media like a hard disk drive. So why act arbitrarily?
- Physical memory contains unique data, not just a duplicate of data that can be found elsewhere.
- When examining a network-based attack, physical memory provides the missing link between network data (capture/IDS alert) and possible artifacts on a disk.
- Only (physical) memory documents the current status of a computer/device.
- Some attacks don't leave traces on disk, but only in memory.



## Live Response vs. Memory Analysis

### Live Response

- Focus on “time”
- Acquisition and analysis in one step
  - Untrusted environment
  - Not repeatable
- Tools tend to be obtrusive

## Order of Volatility

### Live Response vs. Memory Analysis

| Action                | % RAM unchanged |            |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|
|                       | 256 MB RAM      | 512 MB RAM |
| Start                 | 100.0           | 100.0      |
| Idle for 1 hour       | 90.4            | 96.7       |
| Idle for 2 hours      | 79.7            | 96.1       |
| DD (live acquisition) | 76.9            | 89.8       |
| Idle for 15 hours     | 74.8            | 85.6       |
| WFT (live response)   | 67.2            | 69.4       |

Effects on main memory, according to Walters and Petroni (2006)

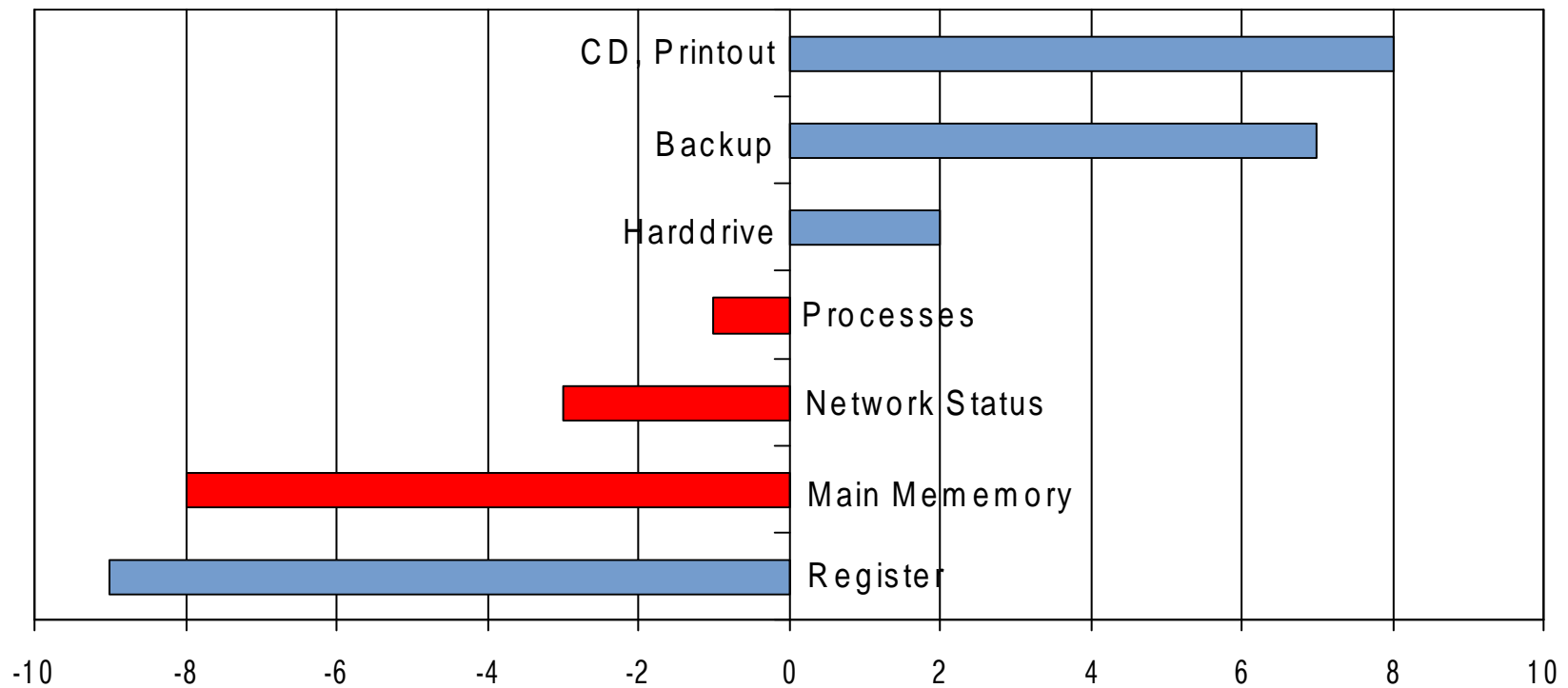
## Live Response vs. Memory Analysis

### Memory Analysis

- Focus on “best evidence”
- Acquisition and analysis in separate steps
  - Acquisition in an untrusted environment
  - Analysis in a trusted environment
  - Analysis tools not limited by target OS
  - Analysis is repeatable (acquisition is not)

# Introduction

## Preserve Data in Order of Volatility



Data Lifespan in Seconds ( $\log_{10}$ )  
according to Venema and Farmer (2004)

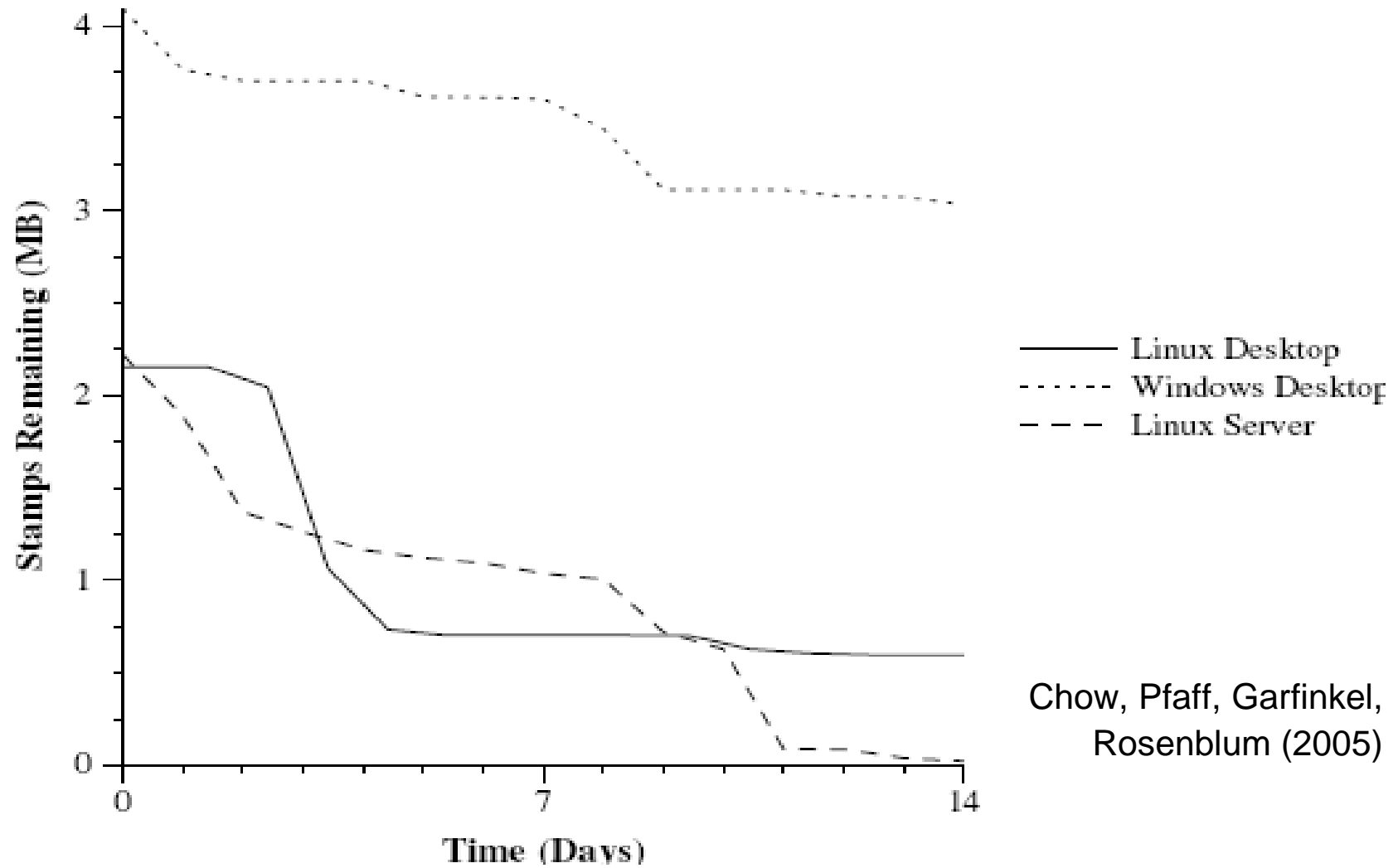
# Introduction

## Persistence in Userland

- Solomon, Huebner, Bem and Szeżynska (2007)
  - Age of deallocated pages does NOT affect the order of reallocation
  - Majority of pages persisted for less than 5 minutes

# Introduction

## Persistence in Kernel Space



# Introduction

## Persistence in Kernel Space

- Schuster (2008)
  - 90% of freed process objects after 24 hours of idle activity
  - Re-allocation of memory by size, LIFO principle
  - Kernel tries to free memory pages
  - Important objects (processes, threads, files, ...) are of fixed size.
  
- Live response can be devastating!
  
- Install agents prior to the incident!

# Memory Acquisition



# Memory Acquisition Considerations

- Time of installation  
prior to incident vs. post incident
- Access to system  
local vs. remote
- Access to main memory  
pure hardware vs. software
- Required privileges  
user vs. administrator
- Impact on system  
in vivo vs. post mortem
- Atomicity of image
- Image file format
  - raw
  - crash dump
  - hiberfil.sys
  - EWF, AFF

# Image File Formats

## Raw

- “dd format”
- 1:1 copy of physical memory. Some regions may not be accessible, though.
- offset == physical address
- Several proof-of-concept tools only operate on this format.

# Image File Formats

## Crash Dump

- Required by Microsoft Tools
- Extension .DMP
- CPU state information
- Segmented format:
  - One or many blocks of physical memory
  - Holes, e.g. BIOS, DMA, AGP video
  - Extra data from devices that employ  
`nt!KeRegisterBugCheckReasonCallback`

# Image File Formats

## Hibernate File

### **Hibernate file**

- hiberfil.sys
- Compressed
- Contains only physical memory that is “in use”

# Image File Formats

## Expert Witness Format

- Popular, thanks to Guidance Software's EnCase and WinEn (.E01)
- libewf  
by Joachim Metz  
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/libewf/>
- Different levels of compression
- Meta-Information (case number, examiner, MD5 hash, etc.)
- Similar, but open source: Advanced Forensic Format (AFF)  
<http://www.afplib.org/>

- There's a plenty of memory acquisition tools available...
- ... but none has been validated yet.
- FAIL:
  - Image of expected size, but first 256 MBytes all zero
  - Image of expected size, but repeatedly filled with first 256 MBytes
  - Page 0 missing from image

# Tools

## Recommendations

- VMware
  - Suspend VM, then copy “physical memory” file (.vmem)
  - Malware can (and does!) detect the hypervisor
  
- win32dd
  - by Mathieu Suiche  
<http://win32dd.msuiche.net/>
  - Free, open source
  - Produces images in either raw or crash dump formats
  
- kntdd
  - by George Garner Jr.  
<http://www.gmgsystemsinc.com/knttools/>
  - Commercial
  - Produces raw and crash dump at the same time
  - Enterprise version available (agent, X.509 certificates, etc.)

# Tools

## Recommendations

- F-Response
  - <http://www.f-response.com/>
  - Enables access to physical memory over iSCSI
  - Use with acquisition tool of your choice
  
- Hibernation
  - Built-in, commonly activated on laptop computers
  - `powercfg /hibernate on`
  - Cause system to hibernate, then acquire hard disk and extract `hiberfil.sys`
  
- Crash Dump
  - Built-in
  - Needs to be configured in advance, reboot required
  - Kernel dumps are small
  - Minidumps are essentially useless for forensic memory analysis



# Tools

## Recommendations

- FireWire
  - Read (and write!) access to lower 4 GB of physical memory
  - Python tools available at <http://storm.net.nz/projects/16>
  - Rutkowska (2007) redirects access to physical memory!
- Cold Boot Attack
  - Exploits remanence of DRAM
  - Cooling slows down the degradation of memory contents
  - <http://citp.princeton.edu/memory/>

# Concepts

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## Physical Memory

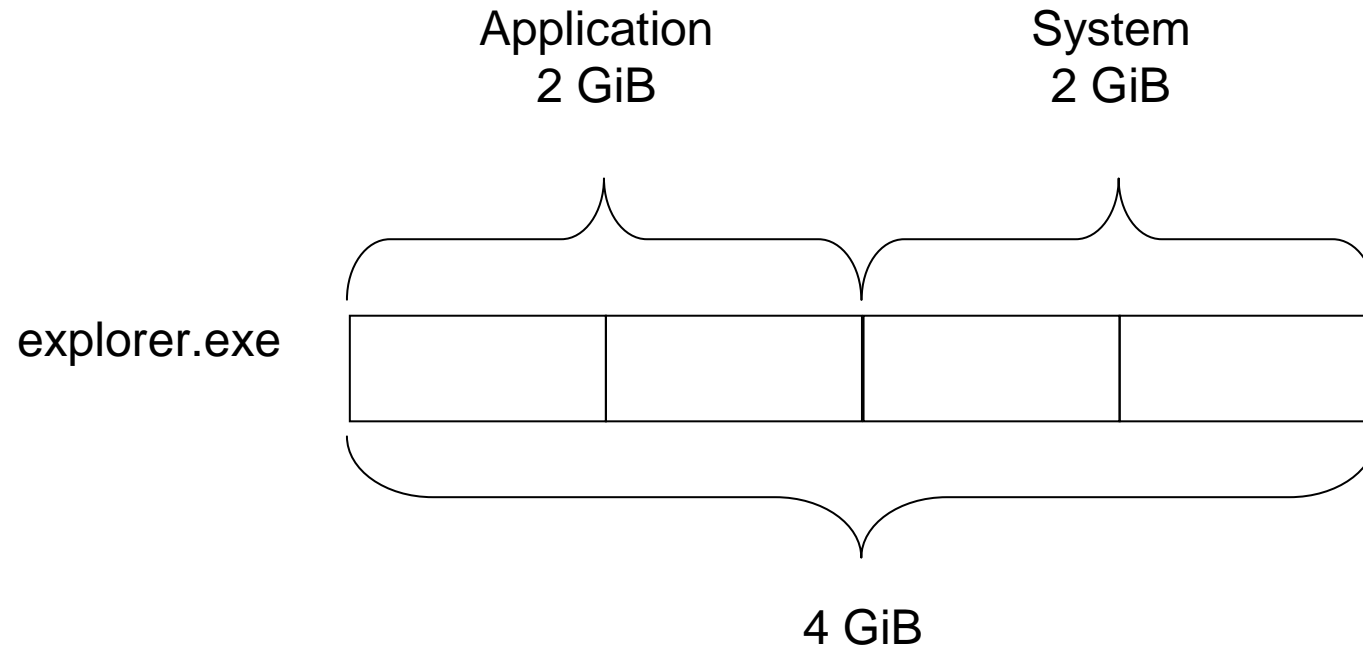
- Physical memory is the short-term memory of a computer.
- Rapid decay of information as soon as memory module is disconnected from power and clock sources.



# Concepts

## Address Space

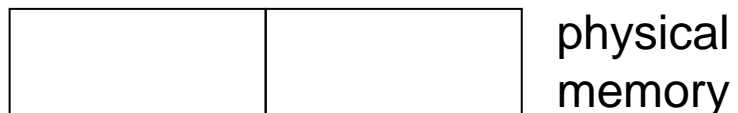
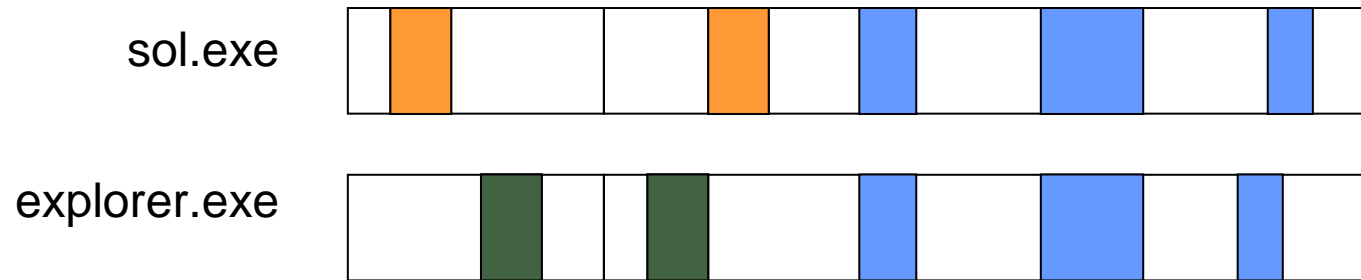
- 4 GiB of (virtual) address space per process
- Split into halves



# Concepts

## Virtual Memory

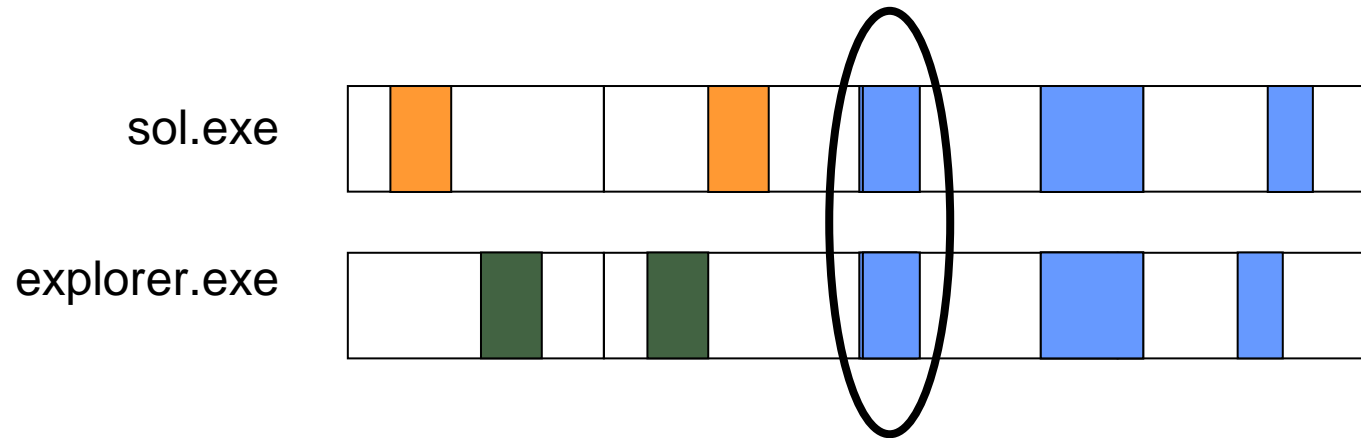
- Physical memory is divided into so called “pages”.
- Allocated virtual memory is mapped onto physical memory page by page.



# Concepts

## Virtual Memory

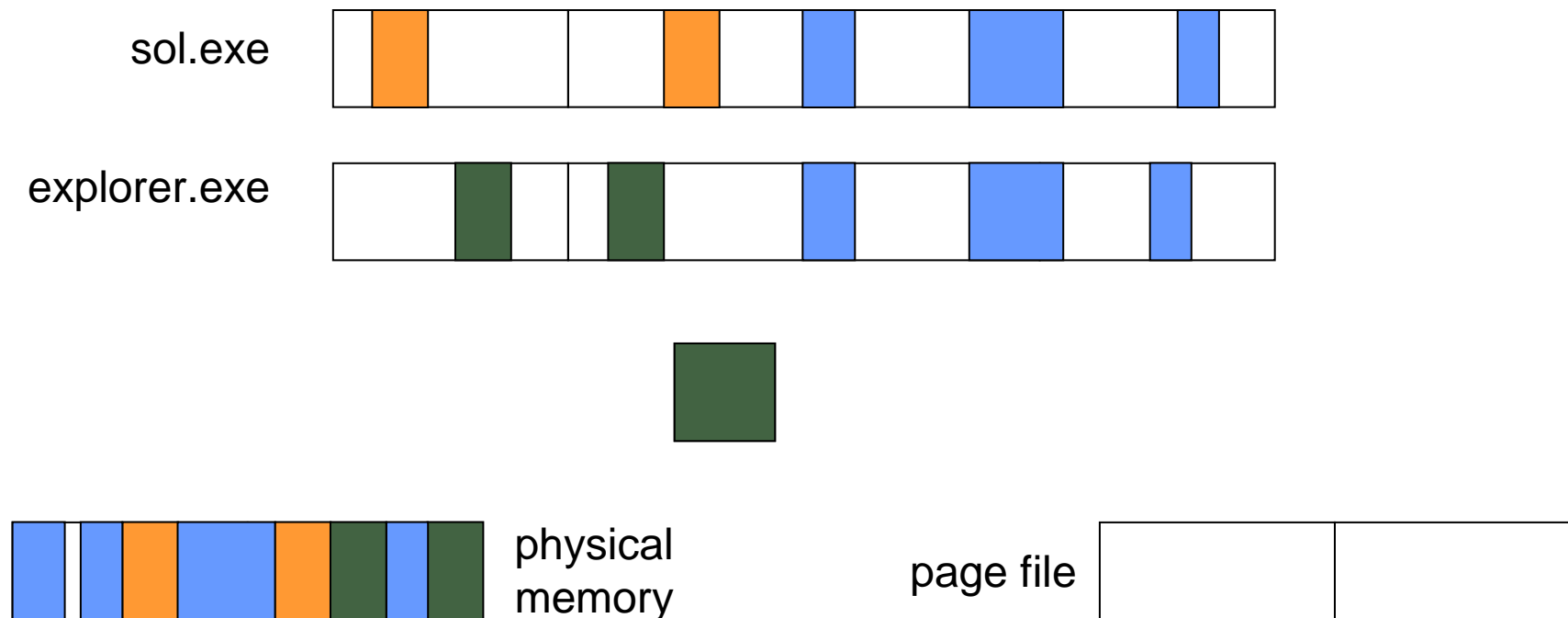
The same page of physical memory can appear at different locations within the same address space or in different address spaces.



# Concepts

## Virtual Memory

Data can be moved from physical memory into a page file to clear some space.



# Memory Pools



# Memory Pools

## Concept

- Memory is managed through the CPU's Memory Management Unit (MMU).
- Allocation granularity at the hardware level is a whole page (usually 4 kiB).
- Concept of “pools”: several pages are pre-allocated to form a pool of memory.
- Small requests are served from the pool, granularity 8 Bytes (Windows 2000: 32 Bytes).
- There are mostly two pools:
  - non-paged pool (frequently used information like processes, threads)
  - paged-pool (allocations also can be found in page file)

# Memory Pools

## POOL\_HEADER

```
struct _POOL_HEADER, 9 elements, 0x8 bytes
  +0x000 PreviousSize      : Bitfield Pos 0, 9 Bits
  +0x000 PoolIndex        : Bitfield Pos 9, 7 Bits
  +0x002 BlockSize       : Bitfield Pos 0, 9 Bits
  +0x002 PoolType        : Bitfield Pos 9, 7 Bits
  +0x000 Ulong1          : Uint4B
  +0x004 ProcessBilled   : Ptr32 to struct _EPROCESS
  +0x004 PoolTag         : Uint4B
  +0x004 AllocatorBackTraceIndex : Uint2B
  +0x006 PoolTagHash     : Uint2B
```

Note: There are multiple interpretations for the DWORD at offset 4.

# Memory Pools

## POOL\_HEADER

- BlockSize:
  - size of this allocation
  - pointer to next allocation
  
- PreviousSize:
  - size of the previous allocation
  - pointer to previous allocation
  - must be 0 for the first allocation in a memory page
  
- Both:
  - measured in units of 8 bytes (Windows 2000: 32 bytes).
  - includes the `_POOL_HEADER` (8 bytes), so must be 1 at least.

# Memory Pools

## POOL\_HEADER

- Pool type:
  - Declared in Windows Development Kit, file wdm.h
  - values found in memory are increased by 1
  - 0 now indicated a “free” block
  - odd value = non-paged pool
  - even value = paged pool

# Memory Pools

## POOL\_HEADER

- PoolTag:
  - According to documentation of `ExAllocatePoolWithTag` in MSDN:
    - up to 4 character literals
    - ASCII values between 0 and 127
    - stored in little-endian (reverse) byte-order
      - '1234' stored as '4321'
    - every allocation code path should use a unique pool tag
    - "protection" bit for kernel objects
  - There is no registry for pool tags.
  - Every application is free to use any pool tag!

# Kernel Objects

- NT and Vista kernels are object oriented
- Uniform way to access different kinds of system resources
- Charge processes for their object (= resource) usage
- Objects can be found at different levels
  - These objects do not interoperate!
  - e.g. GDI Object (brush) and Executive Object (process)

# Objects

## Objects of the Executive

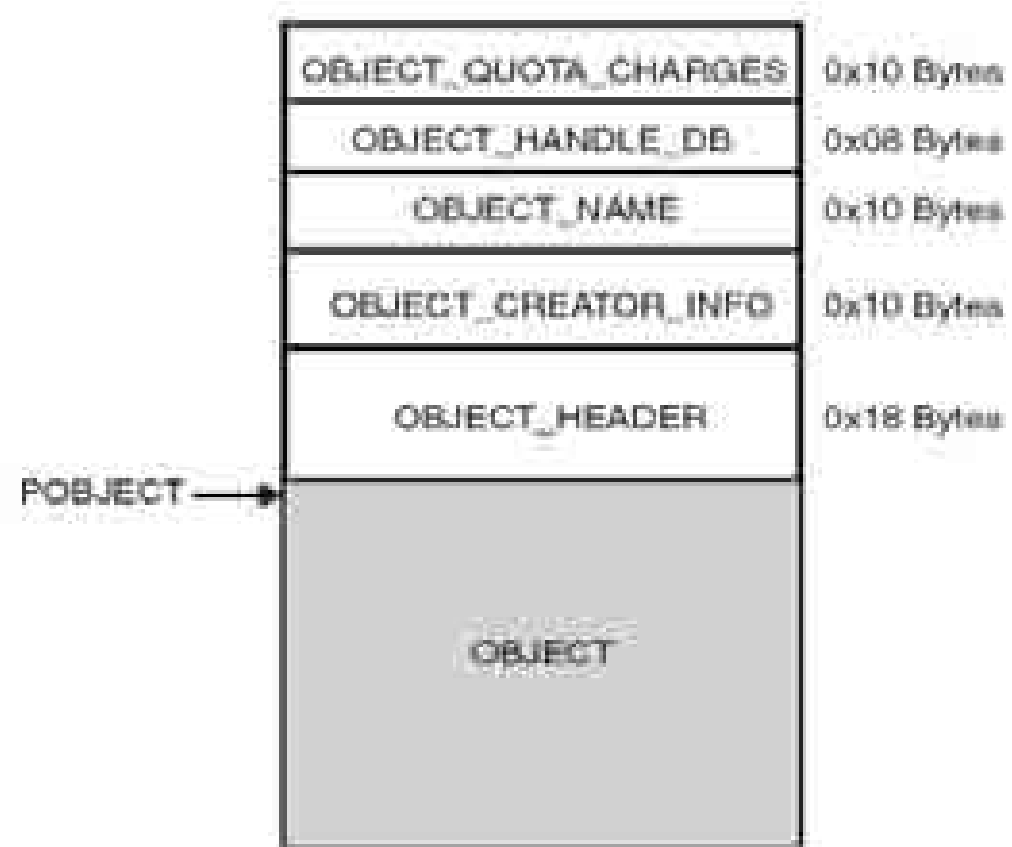
- The Executive implements
  - 27 object types on Windows 2000
  - 29 object types on XP and Server 2003
- Important object classes
  - Thread: executable entity within a process
  - Process: execution environment, collection of resources
  - Driver: loadable kernel module
  - File: instance of an open file or I/O device
  - Token: SID and privileges
  - Key: registry



# Objects

## Objects of the Executive

- All objects of the Executive share a common structure, the `_OBJECT_HEADER`
- Caveats
  - A pointer will always point right behind the header
  - The header grows in the direction of lower addresses



Source: Schreiber, 2001

# **Analysis Techniques**

# Analysis Techniques

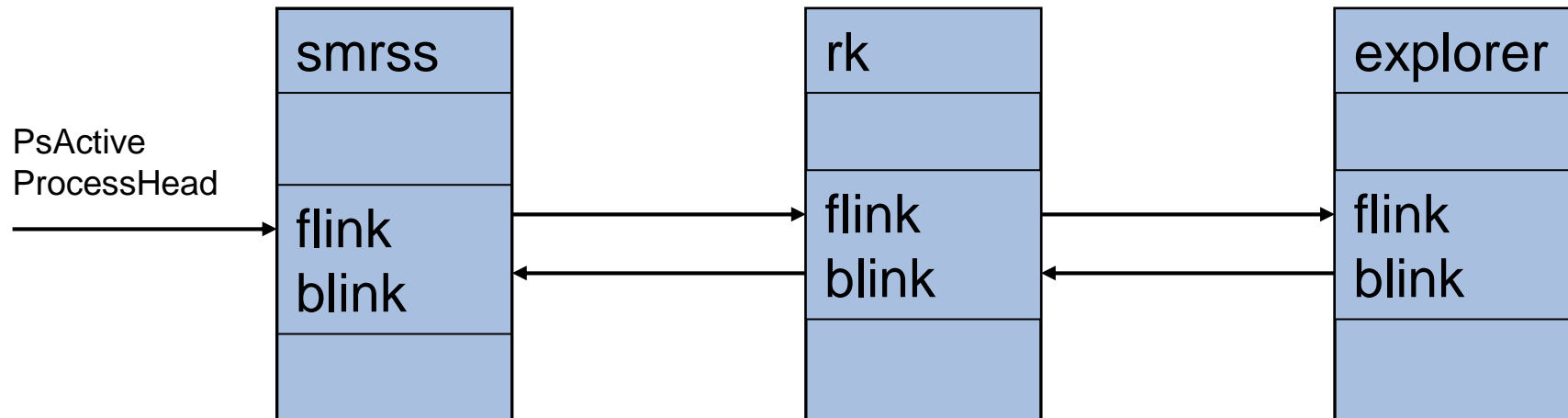
## Strings

- Could provide some leads:
  - Passwords
  - URLs
  - IP addresses (if not in binary)
  - File names and contents
- Remember to look for ASCII/ANSI and UNICODE strings!
- Expect large quantities of data and a lot of noise.
- Memory is heavily fragmented.
- Don't jump to conclusions!

# Analysis Techniques

## List Walking

### Enumerating the list of processes



# Analysis Techniques

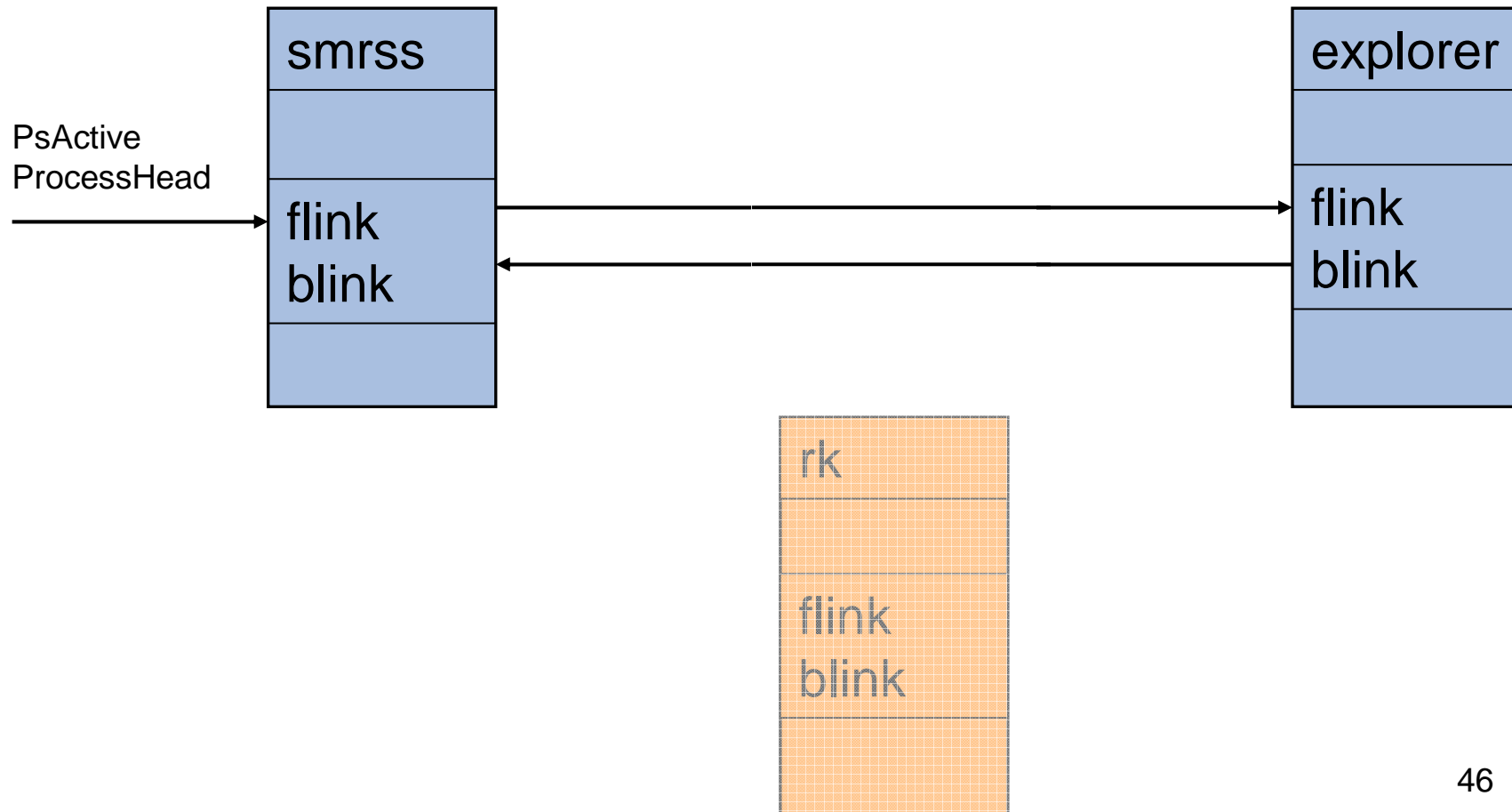
## List Walking

- Technique also applies to
  - Single lists (e.g. buckets in hash tables)
  - Trees (e.g. VAD, handles)
- Simple, fast, efficient (false positives are rare)
- Usually works well across OS version/SP/hotfix
- Possible failures:
  - OS housekeeping (e.g. terminated process, closed file)
  - non-atomic acquisition methods, broken chain
  - purposefully unlinked objects (DKOM, rootkits)

# Analysis Techniques

## List Walking

### Anti-forensic attack: Direct Kernel Object Manipulation (DKOM)



# Analysis Techniques

## Scanning

- Define signature on
  - Constant parts of structure
  - Ranges of values
  - Complex conditions
- Scan whole memory image
- Slow (depending on complexity)
- Specific to OS version/SP/hotfix
- Possible failures:
  - Un-specific signature causes high rate of false positives
  - Weak signature causes false negatives (adversary modifies non-essential data to thwart detection)

# Analysis Techniques

## Finding Suspicious Activity

- Cross-view detection
  - Different APIs
  - Compare results of list-walking and scanning
  - Examine any differences!
- Conformance checks
  - Null pointers
  - Invalid object types
  - Missing strings
  - ...



# Part 2

## Using Volatility

# Overview

### ■ FATkit

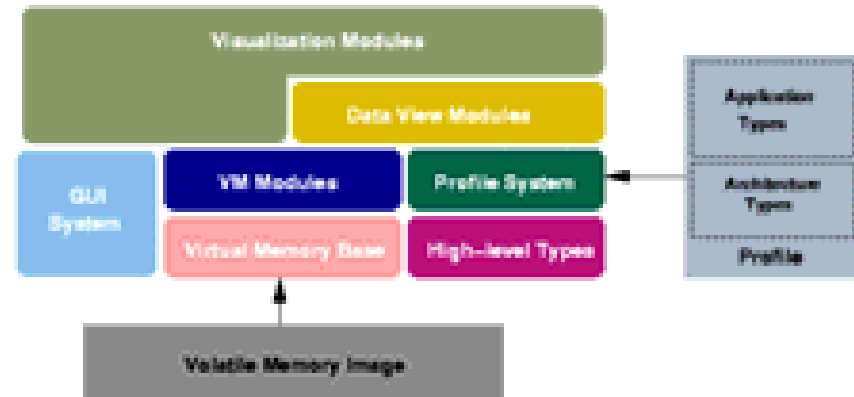
- Petroni and Walters, 2006
- Layered, modular architecture
- <http://www.4tphi.net/fatkit/>

### ■ VolaTools

- Walters and Petroni, 2007
- Intellectual property of Komoku, sold to Microsoft in March 2008
- Mostly open source, but closed-source address translation

### ■ Volatility

- Walters et al., 2007
- Completely open source, community project
- <https://www.volatilesystems.com/>



# Overview

## Ressources

- Mailing list
  - use of the tools and general questions  
[vol-users@volatilesystems.com](mailto:vol-users@volatilesystems.com)
  - New features and design decisions  
[vol-dev@volatilesystems.com](mailto:vol-dev@volatilesystems.com)
- Chat (IRC): #volatility@freenode.net
- Blogs
  - <http://volatilesystems.blogspot.com/>
  - <http://volatility.tumblr.com/>

# Overview

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# Overview

## Prerequisites

- Python 2.5
  - Windows users: Active State Python  
<http://www.activestate.com/activepython>
- Volatility
  - stable <https://www.volatilesystems.com/default/volatility>
  - SVN on <http://code.google.com/p/volatility/>, see instructions
- Plug-ins may require additional software, e.g.
  - pefile <http://code.google.com/p/pefile/>
  - pydasm <http://dkbza.org/pydasm.html>

# Overview

## Plug-ins

- Comprehensive, but unofficial list of Volatility plug-ins  
[http://www.forensicswiki.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Volatility\\_Plugins](http://www.forensicswiki.org/wiki/List_of_Volatility_Plugins)
- Standard procedure: install into `memory_plugins` subdirectory
- Some plug-ins may depend on additional python modules or require different installation procedures!
- Run `python volatility` – the new command(s) should now appear.
- Run `python volatility command --help` to learn about the syntax.

# Commands



# Commands

## Getting Help

- For a list of internal- and plug-in commands:  
`python volatility`
- For help on any command:  
`python volatility command --help`

# Commands

## Standard Options

■ `-f FILENAME`

`--file=FILENAME`

Path and name of memory image

■ `-b BASE_ADDRESS`

`--base=BASE_ADDRESS`

Physical offset (in hex!) of Directory Table Base (CR3)

■ `-t TYPE`

`--type=TYPE`

Type of memory image. Valid parameters are:

■ `auto` (default)

■ `paе`

■ `nopaе`

# Commands

## Information about the Memory Image

### ■ ident

```
Image Name: /samples/hxdef.dd  
Image Type: Service Pack 2  
VM Type: nopae  
DTB: 0x39000  
Datetime: Fri Apr 10 10:58:53 2009
```

### ■ datetime

```
Image local date and time: Fri Apr 10 10:58:53 2009
```

- Both commands report the system's local time!
- datetime on DVD has been modified to report time in UTC, too.

## Hands-on: Information about the Memory Image

- Analyze memory image “/samples/exemplar13.vmem” by hogfly.
- Authenticate the memory image  
MD5 5ec0c6dfffa29b1bd5a6cbec1829df25d
- Determine the OS version and the system’s time. This becomes the endpoint of our timeline.

## Hands-on: Information about the Memory Image

- Authenticate the memory image

```
MD5 5ec0c6dfffa29b1bd5a6cbec1829df25d
```

```
md5sum /samples/exemplar13.vmem  
5ec0c6dfffa29b1bd5a6cbec1829df25d
```

Match!

## Hands-on: Information about the Memory Image

- Determine the OS version and the system's time. This will become the latest point in our timeline.

```
> python volatility ident -f /samples/exemplar13.vmem
```

```
Image Name: /samples/exemplar13.vmem
```

```
Image Type: Service Pack 2
```

```
VM Type: pae
```

```
DTB: 0x7d0000
```

```
Datetime: Wed Jan 07 20:54:57 2009
```

```
> python volatility datetime -f /samples/exemplar13.vmem
```

```
Image local date and time: Wed Jan 07 20:54:57 2009
```

```
Image date and time (UTC): Thu Jan 08 01:54:57 2009
```

# Commands

## Hands-on: Timeline

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Thu Jan 08 01:54:57 2009 | memory image obtained |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|

# Commands

## Threads

- thrdsan
  - Searches for DISPATCHER\_HEADER
  - Applies several constraints
  - Based on PTFinder, though less strict constraints
  - Slow
- thrdsan2
  - Searches for POOL\_HEADER
  - Applies only a few constraints
  - Fast
  - Does not detect the idle thread



### Options

- `thrdscan`

- `-s HEXADDRESS`  
`--start=HEXADDRESS`  
Start address

- `-e HEXADDRESS`  
`--end=HEXADDRESS`  
End address

- `-s`  
`--slow`  
Perform scan on original address space instead of flat file

### Output format

- Number
- Unique Process ID (PID)
- Thread ID (TID)
- Physical offset into memory image

| No. | PID  | TID  | Offset     |
|-----|------|------|------------|
| 1   | 888  | 1716 | 0x0008a020 |
| 2   | 888  | 1712 | 0x0008ada8 |
| 3   | 1296 | 1384 | 0x001a5230 |

- Version on DVD also reports thread creation and exit times.

# Commands

## Modules

- modules
  - Starts off from PsLoadedModuleList
  - Traverses list of loaded modules (in load order)
- modscan / modscan2
  - searches for POOL\_HEADER
  - modscan2 is much faster!

### Options

#### ■ modscan

- `-s HEXADDRESS`  
`--start=HEXADDRESS`  
Start address

- `-e HEXADDRESS`  
`--end=HEXADDRESS`  
End address

- `-s`  
`--slow`  
Perform scan on original address space instead of flat file

# Commands

## Modules

- Output format
  - File name
  - Base address
  - Size in bytes
  - Module name
  
- All three functions share a common output format!

### **moddump plug-in**

- Written by Brendan Dolan-Gavitt

<http://moyix.blogspot.com/2008/10/plugin-post-moddump.html>

- Dumps loaded kernel module(s) to disk

- Command line options

- `-m MODE`  
`--mode=MODE`
- `-u`  
`--unsafe`
- `-o OFFSET`  
`--offset=OFFSET`
- `-p REGEX`  
`--pattern=REGEX`
- `-i`  
`--ignore-case`

# Commands

## Processes

- pslist
  - Starts off from PsActiveProcessHead
  - Traverses EPROCESS. ActiveProcessLinks
  
- psscan
  - Searches for DISPATCHER\_HEADER (finds Idle process)
  - Applies several constraints
  - Based on PTFinder, though less strict
  - Slow
  
- psscan2
  - Searches for POOL\_HEADER
  - Applies only a few constraints
  - Fast

### Options

#### ■ psscan

- `-s HEXADDRESS`  
`--start=HEXADDRESS`

Start address

- `-e HEXADDRESS`  
`--end=HEXADDRESS`

End address

- `-s`  
`--slow`

Perform scan on original address space instead of flat file

#### ■ psscan and psscan2

- `-d FILE`  
`--dot=FILE`

Draw process tree in DOT format for GraphViz



# Commands

## Processes

- Output format (common data)
  - Name (shortened to 16 characters)
  - Unique Process ID (PID)
  - Parent Process ID (PPID)
  - Creation time
- Additional information:
  - Number
  - Thread count
  - Handle count
  - Exit time
  - Physical offset into memory image
  - CR3 (DTB, PDB, ...)
- Three functions, three different output formats!

### **pstree plug-in**

- Written by Dr. Michael Cohen

<http://scudette.blogspot.com/2008/10/pstree-volatility-plugin.html>

- Visualizes parent-child relationship through indentation

- Isolated parts of the process tree may be missing.

- `-v`

`--verbose`

Displays full path name (from process audit), command line and path (from process environment block PEB)

# Commands

## Processes

```
Name          Pid    PPid   Thds   Hnds   Time
Ox81292780:System          4     -1    49    222   Thu Jan 01 00:00:00 1970
. Ox811A5978:smss.exe      432     4     3     21   Thu Jun 11 14:31:40 2009
.. Ox811175A8:winlogon.exe  512    432    18    515   Thu Jun 11 14:31:47 2009
... OxFFBA0228:services.exe  556    512    15    259   Thu Jun 11 14:31:50 2009
.... Ox811C6A10:svchost.exe  1000   556     5     57   Thu Jun 11 14:32:02 2009
.... Ox8110C1A8:vmacthlp.exe  744    556     1     24   Thu Jun 11 14:31:54 2009
.... OxFFAAA3B0:netdde.exe   1236   556    10     68   Thu Jun 11 14:32:07 2009
.... OxFFB937E8:VMwareService.e 1332   556     3    162   Thu Jun 11 14:32:10 2009
.... Ox8110F900:spoolsv.exe  1100   556    14    124   Thu Jun 11 14:32:03 2009
.... Ox810E17E8:svchost.exe   864    556    10    213   Thu Jun 11 14:32:00 2009
.... OxFFBB9D30:svchost.exe   928    556    56   1334   Thu Jun 11 14:32:00 2009
.... OxFFA96DA0:alg.exe      1524   556     6    103   Thu Jun 11 14:32:14 2009
.... OxFFBA47E8:svchost.exe   792    556    18    164   Thu Jun 11 14:31:59 2009
.... OxFFBCFA20:svchost.exe  1036   556     7    122   Thu Jun 11 14:32:02 2009
... OxFFBA9558:lsass.exe     568    512    15    295   Thu Jun 11 14:31:51 2009
.. Ox810E1C08:csrss.exe     488    432    12    329   Thu Jun 11 14:31:45 2009|
```

# Commands

## Processes

| Name  | Pid | PPid | Thds | Hnds | Time |                          |
|---|-----|------|------|------|------|--------------------------|
| 0x81292780: System  |     | 4    | -1   | 49   | 222  | Thu Jan 01 00:00:00 1970 |
| . 0x811A5978: smss.exe  |     | 432  | 4    | 3    | 21   | Thu Jun 11 14:31:40 2009 |
| cmd: \SystemRoot\System32\smss.exe  |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| path: \SystemRoot\System32\smss.exe   |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| audit: \Device\HarddiskVolumel\WINDOWS\system32\smss.exe                      |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| .. 0x811175A8: winlogon.exe   |     | 512  | 432  | 18   | 515  | Thu Jun 11 14:31:47 2009 |
| cmd: None   |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| path: None  |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| audit: \Device\HarddiskVolumel\WINDOWS\system32\winlogon.exe                  |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| ... 0xFFBA0228: services.exe  |     | 556  | 512  | 15   | 259  | Thu Jun 11 14:31:50 2009 |
| cmd: C:\WINDOWS\system32\services.exe   |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| path: C:\WINDOWS\system32\services.exe  |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| audit: \Device\HarddiskVolumel\WINDOWS\system32\services.exe                  |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| .... 0x811C6A10: svchost.exe  |     | 1000 | 556  | 5    | 57   | Thu Jun 11 14:32:02 2009 |
| cmd: C:\WINDOWS\system32\svchost.exe -k NetworkService                        |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| path: C:\WINDOWS\system32\svchost.exe   |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| audit: \Device\HarddiskVolumel\WINDOWS\system32\svchost.exe                   |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| .... 0x8110C1A8: vmacthlp.exe   |     | 744  | 556  | 1    | 24   | Thu Jun 11 14:31:54 2009 |
| cmd: "C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\vmacthlp.exe"                      |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| path: C:\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\vmacthlp.exe                       |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| audit: \Device\HarddiskVolumel\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\vmacthlp.exe |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| .... 0xFFAAA3B0: netdde.exe   |     | 1236 | 556  | 10   | 68   | Thu Jun 11 14:32:07 2009 |
| cmd: C:\WINDOWS\system32\netdde.exe   |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| path: C:\WINDOWS\system32\netdde.exe  |     |      |      |      |      |                          |
| audit: \Device\HarddiskVolumel\WINDOWS\system32\netdde.exe                    |     |      |      |      |      |                          |

# Commands

## Hands-on: Processes

- Analyze memory image “/samples/exemplar13.vmem” by hogfly.
- Find the PID, start/end times and exit code for processes
  - explorer.exe
  - ud32.exe

# Commands

## Hands-on: Timeline

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Thu Jan 08 01:53:09 2009</b> | <b>processes 464 and 1040 (ud32.exe) started by process 1928 (explorer.exe)</b> |
| <b>Thu Jan 08 01:53:10 2009</b> | <b>process 1040 terminated, exit code 0</b>                                     |
| Thu Jan 08 01:54:57 2009        | memory image obtained   |

# Commands

## Per-Process Information

### dlllist

- Enumerates DLLs (and EXEs) loaded by a process
- Does not work for terminated or hidden processes
- `-p PID`  
`--pid=PID`

```
explorer.exe pid: 2032  
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\Explorer.EXE  
Service Pack 2
```

| Base       | Size    | Path                             |
|------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| 0x1000000  | 0xff000 | C:\WINDOWS\Explorer.EXE          |
| 0x7c900000 | 0xb0000 | C:\WINDOWS\system32\ntdll.dll    |
| 0x7c800000 | 0xf4000 | C:\WINDOWS\system32\kernel32.dll |

# Commands

## Per-Process Information

### files

- Enumerates file handles that were opened by a process
- `-p PID`  
`--pid=PID`

```
Pid: 2032
File    \Documents and Settings\All Users\Desktop
File    \Documents and Settings\TestUser\Desktop
File    \Documents and Settings\TestUser\Start Menu
File    \Documents and Settings\TestUsers\Start Menu
File    \wkssvc
```



# Commands

## Per-Process Information

### getsids plug-in

- Written by Grendan Dolan-Gavitt

<http://moyix.blogspot.com/2008/08/linking-processes-to-users.html>

- Does not examine terminated and hidden processes

```
VMwareService.e (1332): S-1-5-18 (Local System)
VMwareService.e (1332): S-1-5-32-544 (Administrators)
VMwareService.e (1332): S-1-1-0 (Everyone)
VMwareService.e (1332): S-1-5-11 (Authenticated Users)
alg.exe (1524): S-1-5-19 (NT Authority)
alg.exe (1524): S-1-1-0 (Everyone)
alg.exe (1524): S-1-5-32-545 (Users)
alg.exe (1524): S-1-5-6 (Service)
```

# Commands

## Per-Process Information

### **memmap**

- Displays mapping between virtual and physical addresses

### **memdump**

- Dumps process memory
- Command line options
  - `-o HEXOFFSET`  
`--offset=HEXOFFSET`
  - `-p PID`  
`--pid=PID`

# Commands

## Per-Process Information

### procdump

- Dumps the executable into a file
- The executable is likely to crash (state!)
- Great command for static analysis, though
- Command line options
  - `-o HEXOFFSET`  
`--offset=HEXOFFSET`
  - `-p PID`  
`--pid=PID`

# Commands

## Network Sockets

- sockets
  - Locates tcpip module
  - Looks for list head at known offsets into module
  - Traverses list of socket objects
- sockscan / sockscan2
  - Searches for POOL\_HEADER
  - sockscan2 is much faster!

### Options

#### ■ sockscan

- `-s HEXADDRESS`

  - `--start=HEXADDRESS`

  - Start address

- `-e HEXADDRESS`

  - `--end=HEXADDRESS`

  - End address

- `-s`

  - `--slow`

  - Perform scan on original address space instead of flat file

# Commands

## Network Sockets

- Output format
  - Unique Process ID (PID)
  - Port (if applicable)
  - Protocol
  - Create time
  
- Output formats differ slightly.

# Commands

## Network Sockets

### ■ sockets

| Pid | Port | Proto | Create Time              |
|-----|------|-------|--------------------------|
| 4   | 1026 | 6     | Thu Jun 11 14:32:15 2009 |
| 4   | 0    | 47    | Thu Jun 11 14:32:15 2009 |
| 928 | 0    | 2     | Thu Jun 11 14:32:13 2009 |
| 4   | 445  | 6     | Thu Jun 11 14:31:28 2009 |

### ■ sockscan / sockscan2

| PID   | Port  | Proto | Create Time              | Offset     |
|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- | -----                    | -----      |
| 1524  | 1025  | 6     | Thu Jun 11 14:32:15 2009 | 0x0083c838 |
| 4     | 1026  | 6     | Thu Jun 11 14:32:15 2009 | 0x01031620 |
| 1640  | 31337 | 6     | Thu Jun 11 14:35:15 2009 | 0x0104eb78 |
| 4     | 138   | 17    | Thu Jun 11 14:32:06 2009 | 0x01057e98 |

# Commands

## Network Connections

- connections
  - Locates tcpip module
  - Looks for TCBtable at known offsets into module
  - Locates and dumps connection objects
- connscan / connscan2
  - Searches for POOL\_HEADER
  - connscan2 is much faster!



# Commands

## Network Connections

### Options

- conncan

- `-s HEXADDRESS`  
`--start=HEXADDRESS`  
Start address

- `-e HEXADDRESS`  
`--end=HEXADDRESS`  
End address

- `-s`  
`--slow`  
Performs scan on original address space instead of flat file

# Commands

## Network Connections

- Output format
  - Local IP address and port
  - Remote IP address and port
  - Unique Process ID (PID)
- Output formats differ slightly.

# Commands

## Network Connections

### ■ connections

| Local Address       | Remote Address     | Pid |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 192.168.242.128:135 | 192.168.242.1:1777 | 848 |

### ■ connscan / connscan2

| Local Address       | Remote Address     | Pid   |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| -----               | -----              | ----- |
| 192.168.242.128:135 | 192.168.242.1:1777 | 848   |

# Commands

## Hands-on: Processes

- Analyze memory image “/samples/exemplar13.vmem” by hogfly.
- Find network sockets and connections opened by the following processes
  - explorer.exe (PID 1928)
  - ud32.exe (PID 464 and 1040)

# Commands

## Hands-on: Timeline

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Thu Jan 08 01:53:07 2009 | <b>process 1928 (explorer.exe) creates socket for port 1048/tcp, connects to 67.215.11.138:7000</b>   |
| Thu Jan 08 01:53:09 2009 | <b>process 1928 (explorer.exe) creates sockets for ports 1049/tcp and 1050/tcp, and connects both to 72.10.166.195:80</b><br>processes 464 and 1040 (ud32.exe) started by process 1928 (explorer.exe) |
| Thu Jan 08 01:53:10 2009 | <b>process 464 creates sockets for ports 27714/tcp and 1052/udp</b><br>process 1040 terminated, exit code 0   |
| Thu Jan 08 01:54:57 2009 | memory image obtained   |

### regobjkeys

- Lists opened registry keys
- Command line options
  - `-o HEXOFFSET`  
`--offset=HEXOFFSET`
  - `-p PID`  
`--pid=PID`

Pid: 464

\REGISTRY\MACHINE

\REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\SERVICES\TCPIP\PARAMETERS

\REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\SERVICES\NETBT\PARAMETERS

\REGISTRY\USER\S-1-5-21-1614895754-1604221776-839522115-

1003\SOFTWARE\MICROSOFT\WINDOWS\CURRENTVERSION\INTERNET SETTINGS

\REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\SERVICES\WINSOCK2\PARAMETERS\PROTOCOL\_CATALOG9

### **VolReg plug-in package**

- Written by Brendan Dolan-Gavitt

<http://moyix.blogspot.com/2009/06/volreg-06-now-with-bigdata.html>

- Installation

- Some modules depend on PyCrypto

<http://www.amk.ca/python/code/crypto.html>

- Windows binary distribution at

<http://www.voidspace.org.uk/python/modules.shtml>

### VolReg plug-in package

#### ■ Preparation

- call hivescan to scan for \_CMHIVE structures
- call hivelist on any of the found structures to map them to hive files

#### ■ Data access

##### ■ hivedump

- dumps whole hives (optional: with values)
- timestamps in local time zone of the analysis workstation

##### ■ printkey

- queries a single key
- timestamps in local time zone of the analysis workstation
- do not escape backslash on Windows!



# Commands

## Hands-on: Registry

- Analyze the memory image “exemplar13.vmem” by hogfly.
- Examine some well-known autostart entries:
  - HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
  - HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Windows
  - HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon
- A comprehensive list of launch and hijack points can be found at [http://www.silentrunners.org/sr\\_launchpoints.html](http://www.silentrunners.org/sr_launchpoints.html)
- Create a timeline of events for the whole registry.

# Commands

## Hands-on: Registry

```
python volatility hivescan -f /samples/exemplar13.vmem
```

| Offset    | (hex)     |
|-----------|-----------|
| 34786144  | 0x212cb60 |
| 35029896  | 0x2168388 |
| 36798472  | 0x2318008 |
| 52190048  | 0x31c5b60 |
| 61227776  | 0x3a64300 |
| 62263304  | 0x3b61008 |
| 62692192  | 0x3bc9b60 |
| 78032904  | 0x4a6b008 |
| 117499936 | 0x700e820 |
| 117721952 | 0x7044b60 |
| 118016032 | 0x708c820 |
| 181174280 | 0xacc8008 |
| 182220832 | 0xadc7820 |

# Commands

## Hands-on: Registry

```
python volatility hivelist -f /samples/exemplar13.vmem
```

```
-o 0x212cb60
```

| Address    | Name  |
|------------|---|
| 0xe179e008 | [no name]   |
| 0xe1a58b60 | \Documents and Settings\foo\NTUSER.DAT            |
| 0xe1548008 | [no name]   |
| 0xe1535820 | \Documents and Settings\LocalService\NTUSER.DAT   |
| 0xe1095820 | [no name]   |
| 0xe107e820 | \Documents and Settings\NetworkService\NTUSER.DAT |
| 0xe13a3008 | \WINDOWS\system32\config\software                 |
| 0xe1397300 | \WINDOWS\system32\config\default                  |
| 0xe13a0b60 | \WINDOWS\system32\config\SECURITY                 |
| 0xe1362b60 | \WINDOWS\system32\config\SAM                      |
| 0xe11c2008 | [no name]   |
| 0xe1018388 | \WINDOWS\system32\config\system                   |
| 0xe1008b60 | [no name]   |

# Commands

## Hands-on: Registry

### ■ HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

| Address    | Name                                   |
|------------|--|
| 0xe1a58b60 | \Documents and Settings\foo\NTUSER.DAT |

```
> python volatility printkey -f /samples/exemplar13.vmem  
-o 0xe1a58b60 'Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run'
```

```
'Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run'
```

```
Key name: Run (Stable)
```

```
Last updated: Thu Jan 08 01:53:10 2009
```

```
Subkeys:
```

```
Values:
```

```
REG_SZ    Windows Network Data Management System Service :  
"ud32.exe" * (Stable)
```

# Commands

## Hands-on: Registry

### ■ HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Windows

| Address    | Name                              |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0xe13a3008 | \WINDOWS\system32\config\software |

```
> python volatility printkey -f /samples/exemplar13.vmem  
-o 0xe13a3008 'Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Windows'
```

```
'Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Windows'
```

```
Key name: Windows (Stable)
```

```
Last updated: Thu Jan 08 01:53:10 2009
```

```
Subkeys:
```

```
Values:
```

```
REG_SZ    AppInit_DLLs : (Stable)  
REG_SZ    Spooler      : yes  (Stable)  
REG_SZ    load         : ud32.exe (Stable)
```

### ■ HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon

```
"Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon"
```

```
Key name: Winlogon (Stable)
```

```
Last updated: Thu Jan 08 01:53:10 2009
```

```
Subkeys:
```

```
  GPExtensions (Stable)
```

```
  Notify (Stable)
```

```
  SpecialAccounts (Stable)
```

```
  Credentials (Volatile)
```

```
Values:
```

```
REG_SZ    DefaultDomainName : EXEMPLARXP (Stable)
```

```
REG_SZ    DefaultUserName : foo (Stable)
```

```
REG_SZ    Shell           : Explorer.exe (Stable)
```

```
REG_SZ    Userinit       :
```

```
  C:\WINDOWS\system32\userinit.exe,ud32.exe (Stable)
```

# Commands

## Hands-on: Registry

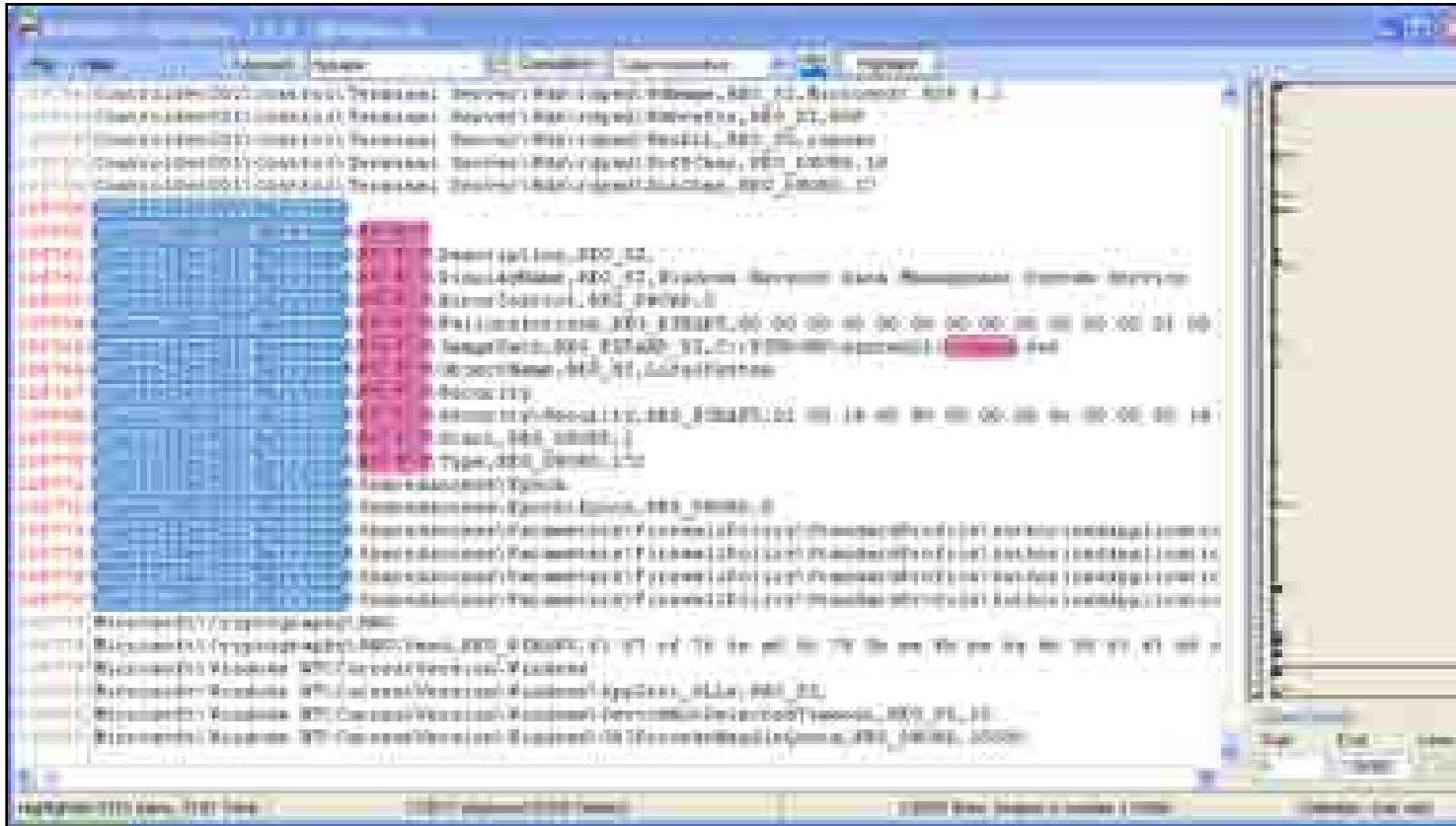
### ■ Create a timeline of events for the whole registry.

```
> python volatility hivedump -f /samples/exemplar13.vmem -o 0x212cb60 -v
Dumping => e179e008.csv
Dumping \Documents and Settings\foo\NTUSER.DAT => e1a58b60.csv
Dumping => e1548008.csv
Dumping \Documents and Settings\LocalService\NTUSER.DAT => e1535820.csv
Dumping => e1095820.csv
Dumping \Documents and Settings\NetworkService\NTUSER.DAT => e107e820.csv
Dumping \WINDOWS\system32\config\software => e13a3008.csv
Dumping \WINDOWS\system32\config\default => e1397300.csv
Dumping \WINDOWS\system32\config\SECURITY => e13a0b60.csv
Dumping \WINDOWS\system32\config\SAM => e1362b60.csv
Dumping => e11c2008.csv
Dumping \WINDOWS\system32\config\system => e1018388.csv
Dumping => e1008b60.csv

> sort -n *.csv > timeline.csv
```

# Commands

## Hands-on: Registry



MANDIANT Highlighter

<http://www.mandiant.com/software/highlighter.htm>



# Commands

## Hands-on: Timeline

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Thu Jan 08 01:52:50 2009 | <b>http://192.168.30.129/malware/sys32.exe executed sys32.exe and flypaper.exe saved to foo's desktop</b>  |
| Thu Jan 08 01:53:07 2009 | process 1928 (explorer.exe) creates socket for port 1048/tcp, connects to 67.215.11.138:7000<br><b>sys32.exe entry for Active Setup</b>  |
| Thu Jan 08 01:53:09 2009 | process 1928 (explorer.exe) creates sockets for ports 1049/tcp and 1050/tcp, and connects both to 72.10.166.195:80<br>processes 464 and 1040 (both are instances of ud32.exe) started by process 1928 (explorer.exe) |
| Thu Jan 08 01:53:10 2009 | process 464 creates sockets for ports 27714/tcp and 1052/udp<br>process 1040 terminated, exit code 0<br><b>service "BNDMSS" created/modified</b><br><b>firewall opened for BNDMSS and ud32.exe</b>                   |
| Thu Jan 08 01:54:57 2009 | memory image obtained  |

# Commands

## More Kernel Objects

- Plug-ins by Andreas Schuster

[http://computer.forensikblog.de/files/volatility\\_plugins/](http://computer.forensikblog.de/files/volatility_plugins/)

- objtypescan - Scans for object type objects
- driverscan - Scans for driver objects
- fileobjscan - Scans for file objects and displays the owner
- jobscan - Scans for job objects and their processes
- mutantscan - Scans for mutants (mutexes)
- symlinkobjscan - Scans for symbolic links

- cryptoscan
  - by Jesse Kornblum
    - <http://jessekornblum.com/tools/volatility/cryptoscan.py>
  - finds TrueCrypt passphrases
- suspicious
  - by Jesse Kernblum
    - <http://jessekornblum.com/tools/volatility/suspicious.py>
  - searches for suspicious command line parameters



- Part of VolReg package  
by Brendan Dolan-Gavitt
  - cachedump - Dumps cached domain credentials
  - hashdump - outputs LM/NTLM hashes in pwdump format
  - lsadump - decrypts and dumps SECURITY\Policy\Secrets

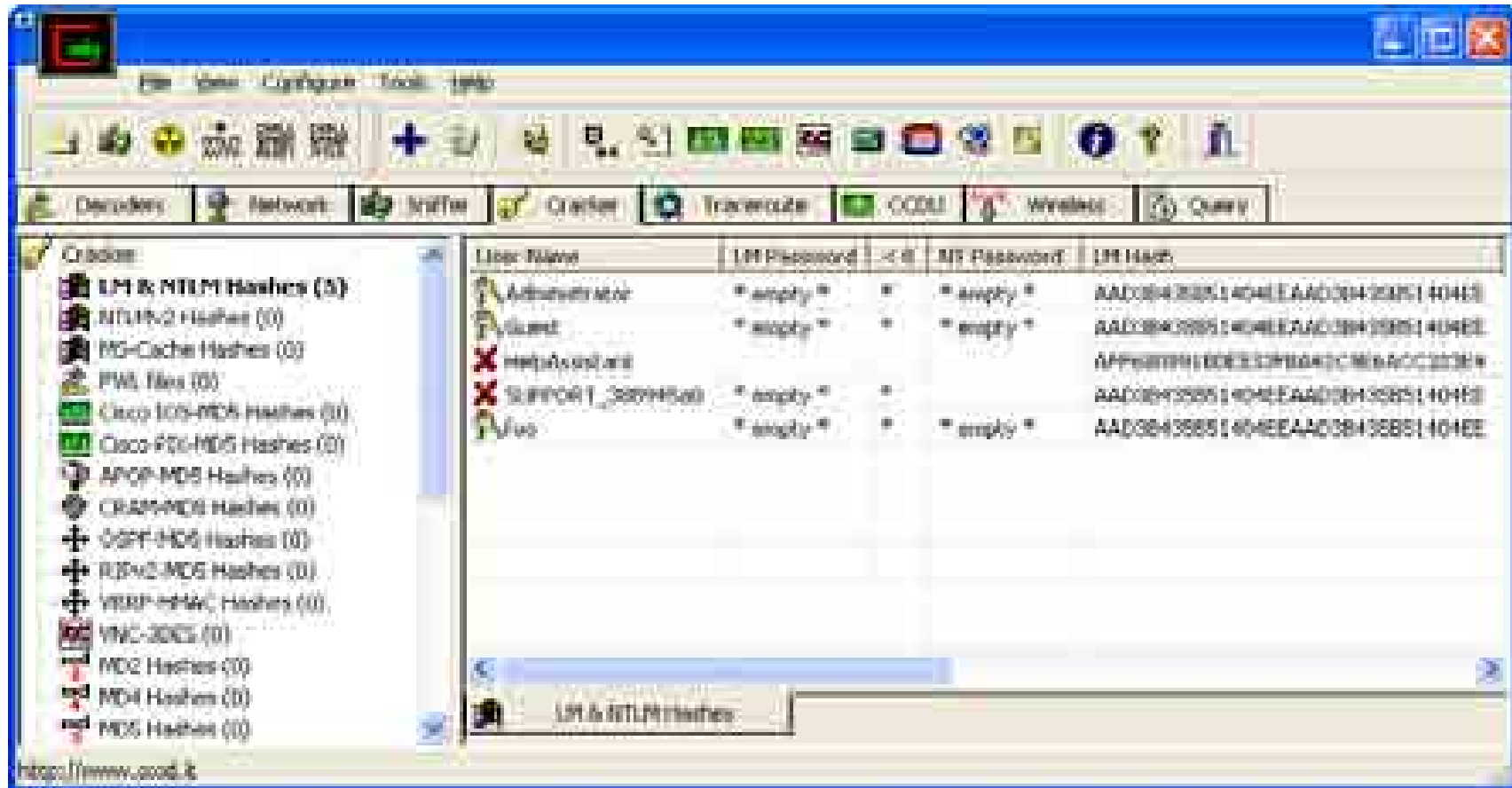
# Commands

## Hands-on: Registry

- Analyze the memory image “exemplar13.vmem” by hogfly.
- Dump the LM/NTLM hashes and examine their quality

# Commands

## Hands-on: Secrets



# Commands

## Malware

- malfind
  - by Michael Hale Ligh  
<http://mhl-malware-scripts.googlecode.com/files/malfind.py>
  - Looks for (possibly) injected code
  - Invoke from Volatility base directory only!
- usermode\_hooks
  - by Michael Hale Ligh  
[http://mhl-malware-scripts.googlecode.com/files/usermode\\_hooks.py](http://mhl-malware-scripts.googlecode.com/files/usermode_hooks.py)
  - Detects IAT and EAT hooks, detours
  - Depends on pydasm and pefile



### ■ ssdt

- by Brendan Dolan-Gavitt

<http://moyix.blogspot.com/2008/08/auditing-system-call-table.html>

- Examines System Service Descriptor Table per thread
- You may want to filter out ntoskrnl.exe and win32k.sys

```
> python volatility ssdt -f /samples/exemplar15.vmem" |  
  grep -v ntoskrnl.exe | grep -v win32k.sys
```

```
Gathering all referenced SSDTs from KTHREADs...
```

```
Finding appropriate address space for tables...
```

```
SSDT[0] at 80501030 with 284 entries
```

```
  Entry 0x00ad: 0xf8dfe23e (NtQuerySystemInformation) owned  
  by PCIDump.SYS
```

```
SSDT[1] at bf997600 with 667 entries
```

# Commands

## Virtual/Physical Conversions

- memmap
  - Maps virtual to physical addresses
- strings
  - Maps a string (physical address) to process and virtual address
  - Generate table of strings using `strings -o` or a similar command
  - Edit to reduce clutter and speed up things (lookup is slow!)

# Commands

## Dump Format Conversions

- dmp2raw
  - Converts a crash dump into a raw memory image
- raw2dmp
  - Converts raw dump into crash dump
  - Needs to reconstruct parts of the dump header
- hibinfo
  - converts hiberfil.sys into raw dump

# Part 3

## Programming Volatility

# Architecture

# Architecture

## Main Components

### 1. Address spaces

- access to different memory dump formats
- Virtual to physical address conversion

### 2. Profiles and objects

- collection of data structures for different operating systems and versions
- simplified access to structure members

### 3. Data view modules

- locate, interpret and present data

### Purpose

- simulate random access to linear data, like in a raw/dd memory dump
  - non-contiguous files: crash dump (DMP)
  - compressed files: hibernation file
  - structured files: AFF, EWF
- translate between physical and virtual address spaces
- filter data
  - privacy preserving address space proposed by A. Walters
- provide layered abstraction of data

# Address Spaces

## Layers (v1.3.1)

### File layer

- FileAddressSpace
- WindowsCrashDumpSpace32
- WindowsHiberFileSpace32

### Virtual address layer

- IA32PagedMemory
- IA32PagedMemoryPae



# Address Spaces

## Class Hierarchy (SVN)

BaseAddressSpace

FileAddressSpace

BufferAddressSpace

EWFAddressSpace

WindowsCrashDumpSpace32

WindowsHiberFileSpace32

IA32PagedMemory

IA32PagedMemoryPae

# Address Spaces Interface (SVN)

## Common functions

- `__init__(self, base, opts)`
- `read(self, addr, len)`
- `get_available_addresses(self)`
- `is_valid_address(self, addr)`

## Improved data access

- `read_long(self, addr)`
- `zread(self, vaddr, length)`

## Address conversion

- `vtop(self, vaddr)`

# Address Spaces

## Overview

How do you access data

- in the virtual address space indicated by CR3
- in non-PAE mode
- that has been stored in hiberfil.sys?

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| IA32PagedMemory         | provides virtual address space,<br>no PAE, CR3        |
| WindowsHiberFileSpace32 | decompresses file,<br>provides physical address space |
| FileAddressSpace        | hiberfil.sys  |

# Profiles and Objects

## Overview

### Purpose

- Profiles provide knowledge about
  - native types (endianess, size)
  - data structures
  - symbols (i.e. named addresses)
- Objects
  - dynamic getters for simplified data access
  - encapsulation of standard functionality,  
e.g. a process automatically providing its virtual address space

### Dump debug symbols (PDB)

- Microsoft Debugger

<http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/devtools/debugging/default.mspx>

- Symbol Type Viewer by Lionel d'Hauenens

[http://www.labo-asso.com/download/SymbolTypeViewer\\_v1.0\\_beta.zip](http://www.labo-asso.com/download/SymbolTypeViewer_v1.0_beta.zip)

- TypeInfoDump by Oleg Starodumov:

<http://www.debuginfo.com/tools/typeinfodump.html>

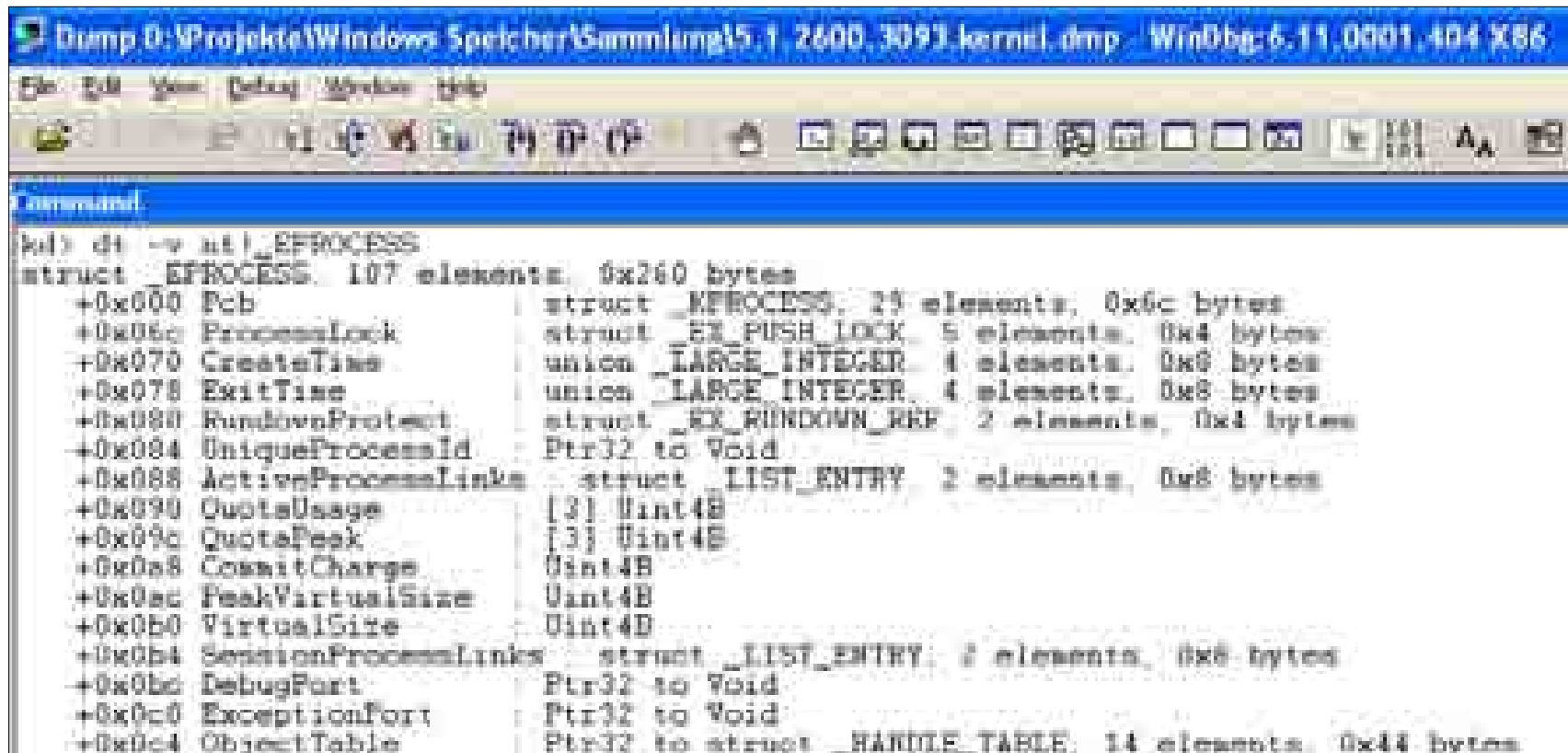
### Reverse-engineer kernel and drivers

- IDA Pro Disassembler by Hex-Rays

<http://www.hex-rays.com/idapro/>

# Extending Profiles

## Research Structure Information



```
Dump D:\Projekte\Windows Speicher\Sammlung\5.1.2600.3093\kernel.dmp WinObj:6.11.0001.404 x86

Command

kd> dt -v nt!_EPROCESS
struct _EPROCESS, 107 elements, 0x260 bytes
+0x000 Pcb struct _KPROCESS, 19 elements, 0x6c bytes
+0x06c ProcessLock struct _EX_PUSH_LOCK, 5 elements, 0x4 bytes
+0x070 CreateTime union _LARGE_INTEGER, 4 elements, 0x8 bytes
+0x078 ExitTime union _LARGE_INTEGER, 4 elements, 0x8 bytes
+0x080 RundownProtect struct _EX_RUNDOWN_REF, 2 elements, 0x4 bytes
+0x084 UniqueProcessId Ptr32 to Void
+0x088 ActiveProcessLinks struct _LIST_ENTRY, 2 elements, 0x8 bytes
+0x090 QuotaUsage [3] Uint4B
+0x09c QuotaPeak [3] Uint4B
+0x0a8 CommitCharge Uint4B
+0x0ac PeakVirtualSize Uint4B
+0x0b0 VirtualSize Uint4B
+0x0b4 SessionProcessLinks struct _LIST_ENTRY, 2 elements, 0x8 bytes
+0x0bc DebugPort Ptr32 to Void
+0x0c0 ExceptionPort Ptr32 to Void
+0x0c4 ObjectTable Ptr32 to struct _HANDLE_TABLE, 14 elements, 0x44 bytes
```

# Extending Profiles

## Research Structure Information

```
C:\ Shell
TypeInfoDump - Type information viewer
Copyright (C) 2004 Oleg Starodumov

File: ntkrnlmp-6.0.5231.2.pdb

Load address: 10000000
Loaded symbols: PDB
Image name: ntkrnlmp-6.0.5231.2.pdb
Loaded image name: ntkrnlmp-6.0.5231.2.pdb
PDB file name: ntkrnlmp-6.0.5231.2.pdb
Warning: Unmatched symbols.
Line numbers: Available
Global symbols: Available
Type information: Available
Source indexing: No
Public symbols: Available

GLOBAL_VAR LpcpLock
  Address:      101b41a0  Size:      32 bytes  Index:      1  TypeIndex:  2
  Type: _LPC_MUTEX
  Flags: 0

STATIC_VAR UiStringZwFlushInstructionCache
  Address:      1042ec30  Size:      24 bytes  Index:      4  TypeIndex:  5
  Type: char UiStringZwFlushInstructionCache[24]
  Flags: 0

GLOBAL_VAR __newclmap
  Address:      100018f0  Size:     384 bytes  Index:      8  TypeIndex:  9
  Type: unsigned char __newclmap[384]
  Flags: 0
```





## Extending Profiles

### Research Structure Information

```
lea    eax, [ebp+SymLinkObject]
push   eax           ; pObject
push   esi           ; nonpaged pool charge
push   esi           ; paged pool charge
push   20h           ; size
push   esi           ; reserved
push   [ebp+AccessMode] ; AccessMode
push   [ebp+pObjectAttributes] ; pObjectAttributes
push   _ObjSymbolicLinkObjectType ; pObjectType
push   [ebp+AccessMode] ; AttributesAccessMode
call   _ObCreateObject@36 ; ObCreateObject(x,x,x,x,x,x,x,x,x)
cmp    eax, esi
jl     done
mov    ebx, [ebp+SymLinkObject]
push   ebx           ; CurrentTime
call   _KeQuerySystemTime@4 ; KeQuerySystemTime(x)
mov    [ebx+OBJECT_SYMBOLIC_LINK.DosDeviceDriveIndex], esi
mov    [ebx+OBJECT_SYMBOLIC_LINK.LinkTargetObject], esi
```

## Extending Profiles

### Define the structure

```
1. symlink_types = {
2.     '_SYMLINK_OBJECT' : [ 0x20, {
3.         'CreatedTime' : [ 0x0, ['_KSYSTEM_TIME']],
4.         'Target' : [ 0x8, ['_UNICODE_STRING']],
5.         'LinkTargetRemaining' : [ 0x10, ['_UNICODE_STRING']],
6.         'LinkTargetObject': [ 0x18, ['pointer', ['void']],
7.         'DosDeviceDriveIndex' : [ 0x1c, ['unsigned long']],
8.     } ],
9. }
10.
11.# ...
12.# merge type information
13.types.update(symlink_types)
```

# Extending Profiles

## Define the structure

- native types: see also `builtin_types` in `forensics/object.py`
  - `char`
  - `unsigned char`
  - `unsigned short`
  - `short`
  - `int`
  - `unsigned int`
  - `long`
  - `unsigned long`
  - `long long`
  - `unsigned long long`
  - `address`
- pointer:
  - `['pointer', ['_HANDLE_TABLE']]`
  - `['pointer', ['void']]`
- array: `['array', 16, ['unsigned char']]`

# Files and Functions

### **./ (base directory)**

- administrative stuff (readme, license, setup.py)
- main script (volatility)
- supporting core files (vmodules, vsyms, vtypes, vutils)

### **./forensics/**

- x86 address translation
- Volatility registry
- base classes (address spaces, plugins)

# Files and Functions

## Directories

### **./forensics/win32/**

- more address spaces (crash dump, hibernate file)
- constrained-based scanners
- fast pool scanner

### **./memory\_objects/**

- drop data structures and objects here, recursively searched

### **./memory\_plugins/**

- drop your plug-ins here, recursively searched

### **./thirdparty/**

- utility functions taken from other projects

# Building Blocks

Plug-ins

# Writing Plugins

## Create a new class

- Subclass from `forensics.commands.command`
- The name of the class becomes your new command verb
- There can be multiple classes (and commands) in a single plugin file.

```
1. class mycmd(forensics.commands.command):
```



# Writing Plugins

## Provide meta-information and help

```
1.     # Declare meta information associated with this plugin
2.
3.     meta_info = forensics.commands.command.meta_info
4.     meta_info['author'] = 'Your Name'
5.     meta_info['copyright'] = 'Copyright (c) 2009 Your Name'
6.     meta_info['contact'] = 'your_name@example.com'
7.     meta_info['license'] = 'GNU General Public License 2.0 or later'
8.     meta_info['url'] = 'http://www.example.com/'
9.     meta_info['os'] = 'WIN_32_XP_SP2'
10.    meta_info['version'] = '1.0'
11.
12.    def help(self):
13.        return "list foobar objects"
```

# Writing Plugins

## Optional: add command line options

```
1. def parser(self):
2.     # call method in superclass
3.     forensics.commands.command.parser(self)
4.
5.     # add your own options, first a string
6.     self.op.add_option('-o', '--offset', help='Offset (in hex)',
7.                       action='store', type='string', dest='offset')
8.
9.     # and now a boolean value
10.    self.op.add_option('-v', '--verbose', help='print more information',
11.                      action='store_true', dest='verbosity')
```

- Volatility command line parser builds on the `optparse` module.
- For further documentation and examples see the Python library docs at <http://docs.python.org/library/optparse.html>

# Writing Plugins

## Do all the work

```
1.  def execute(self):
2.      op = self.op           # command line parser instance
3.      opts = self.opts      # parsed options
4.
5.      # work hard
6.      # ...
7.
8.      # display results
9.      print "%20s %6s %6s" % ('Name', 'Pid' , 'PPid')
```

# Writing Plugins

## A peek into the future

### Meta info

- `meta_info` is likely to go away

### Rendering

- separation of calculations and rendering steps
- single `calculate()` routine
- specialized renderers, named `render_format()`
- `execute()` calls `calculate()`, then the appropriate renderer
- standard option will select the format, defaults to “text”

# Writing Plugins

## Hands-on: Write your first plug-in

Create a plug-in named “myplugin.py” that writes “Hello world!” to the console.

# Writing Plugins

## Hands-on: Write your first plug-in

```
1. class mycmd(forensics.commands.command):
2.     meta_info = forensics.commands.command.meta_info
3.     meta_info['author'] = 'Your Name'
4.     meta_info['copyright'] = 'Copyright (c) 2009 Your Name'
5.     meta_info['contact'] = 'your_name@example.com'
6.     meta_info['license'] = 'GNU General Public License 2.0 or later'
7.     meta_info['url'] = 'http://www.example.com/'
8.     meta_info['os'] = 'WIN_32_XP_SP2'
9.     meta_info['version'] = '1.0'
10.
11. def help(self):
12.     return "Prints a famous greeting."
13.
14. def execute(self):
15.     print "Hello world!"
```

# Writing Plugins

## Hands-on: Write your first plug-in

- Modify your plug-in to
  - accept a numeric parameter “-a”,
  - store it in a variable “myaddr” and
  - echo it to the console.
- Test it!

# Writing Plugins

## Hands-on: Write your first plug-in

```
1. class mycmd(forensics.commands.command):
2.     meta_info = forensics.commands.command.meta_info
3.     meta_info['author'] = 'Your Name'
4.     meta_info['copyright'] = 'Copyright (c) 2009 Your Name'
5.     meta_info['contact'] = 'your_name@example.com'
6.     meta_info['license'] = 'GNU General Public License 2.0 or later'
7.     meta_info['url'] = 'http://www.example.com/'
8.     meta_info['os'] = 'WIN_32_XP_SP2'
9.     meta_info['version'] = '1.0'
10.
11. def help(self):
12.     return "Prints a famous greeting."
13.
14. def parser(self):
15.     forensics.commands.command.parser(self)
16.     self.op.add_option('-a', action='store', type='int', dest='myaddr')
17.
18. def execute(self):
19.     op = self.op          # command line parser instance
20.     opts = self.opts     # parsed options
21.     print "The value is %x" % self.opts.myaddr
```



# Writing Plugins

## Hands-on: Write your first plug-in

- Modify your plug-in to
  - load an image file (-f)
  - convert the virtual address (-a) into a physical address and
  - echo it to the console.

# Writing Plugins

## Hands-on: Write your first plug-in

```
11. def help(self):
12.     return "Convert virtual into physical address"
13.
14. def parser(self):
15.     forensics.commands.command.parser(self)
16.     self.op.add_option('-a', action='store', type='int', dest='myaddr')
17.
18. def execute(self):
19.     op = self.op          # command line parser instance
20.     opts = self.opts     # parsed options
21.
22.     (addr_space, , ) = load_and_identify_image(self.op, self.opts)
23.     print "%x -> %x" % (self.opts.myaddr,
24.                        addr_space.vtop(self.opts.myaddr))
```

**Thank You for Your Attention!**

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