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Basic Usage

Typical command components:
 # vol.py -f [image] --profile=[profile] [plugin]

Display profiles, address spaces, plugins:
 # vol.py --info

Display global command-line options:
 # vol.py --help

Display plugin-specific arguments:
 # vol.py [plugin] --help

Load plugins from an external directory:
 # vol.py --plugins=[path] [plugin]

Specify a DTB or KDBG address:
 # vol.py --dtb=[addr] --kdbg=[addr]

Specify an output file:
 # vol.py --output-file=[file]

Image Identification

Get profile suggestions (OS and architecture):
 imageinfo

Find and parse the debugger data block:
 kdbgscan

Processes Listings

Basic active process listing:
 pslist

Scan for hidden or terminated processes:
 psscan

Cross reference processes with various lists:
 psxview

Show processes in parent/child tree:
 pstree

Process Information

Specify -o/--offset=OFFSET or -p/--pid=1,2,3

Display DLLs:
 dlllist

Show command line arguments:
 cmdline

Display details on VAD allocations:
 vadinfo [--addr]

Dump allocations to individual files:
 vaddump --dump-dir=PATH [--base]

Dump all valid pages to a single file:
 memdump --dump-dir=PATH

Display open handles:
 handles
 -t/--object-type=TYPE Mutant, File, Key, etc...
 -s/--silent Hide unnamed handles

Display privileges:
 privs
 -r/--regex=REGEX Regex privilege name
 -s/--silent Explicitly enabled only

Display SIDs:
 getsids

Display environment variables:
 envvars

PE File Extraction

Specify -D/--dump-dir to any of these plugins to identify your desired output directory.

Dump a kernel module:
 moddump
 -r/--regex=REGEX Regex module name
 -b/--base=BASE Module base address

Dump a process:
 procdump
 -m/--memory Include memory slack

Dump DLLs in process memory:
 dlldump
 -r/--regex=REGEX Regex module name
 -b/--base=BASE Module base address

Injected Code

Specify -o/--offset=OFFSET or -p/--pid=1,2,3

Find and extract injected code blocks:
 malfind
 -D/--dump-dir=PATH Dump findings here

Cross-reference DLLs with memory mapped files:
 ldrmodules

Scan a block of code in process or kernel memory for imported APIs:

impscan
 -p/--pid=PID Process ID
 -b/--base=BASE Base address to scan
 -s/--size=SIZE Size to scan from start of base

Logs / Histories

Recover event logs (XP/2003):

evtlogs
 -S/--save-evt Save raw event logs
 -D/--dump-dir=PATH Write to this directory

Recover command history:
 cmdscan and consoles

Recover IE cache/Internet history:
 iehistory

Show running services:
 svcsan
 -v/--verbose Show ServiceDll from registry

Networking Information

Active info (XP/2003):
 connections and sockets

Scan for residual info (XP/2003):
 connscan and sockscan

Network info for Vista, 2008, and 7:
 netscan

Kernel Memory

Display loaded kernel modules:
 modules

Scan for hidden or residual modules:
 modscan

Display recently unloaded modules:
 unloadedmodules

Display timers and associated DPCs:
 timers

Display kernel callbacks, notification routines:
 callbacks

Audit the SSDT
 ssdt
 -v/--verbose Check for inline API hooks

Audit the IDT and GDT:
 idt (x86 only)
 gdt (x86 only)

Audit driver dispatch (IRP) tables:
 driverirp
 -r/--regex=REGEX Regex driver name

Display device tree (find stacked drivers):
 devicetree

Print kernel pool tag usage stats:
 pooltracker
 -t/--tags=TAGS List of tags to analyze
 -T/--tagfile=FILE pooltag.txt for labels

Kernel Objects

Scan for driver objects:

driverscan

Scan for mutexes:

mutantscan

-s/--silent Hide unnamed mutants

Scan for used/historical file objects:

filescan

Scan for symbolic link objects (shows drive mappings):

symlinkscan

Registry

Display cached hives:

hivelist

Print a key's values and data:

printkey

-o/--hive_offset=OFFSET Hive address (virtual)
-K/--key=KEY Key path

Dump userassist data:

userassist

Dump shellbags information:

shellbags

Dump the shimcache:

shimcache

Timelines

To create a timeline, create output in body file format. Combine the data and run sleuthkit's mactime to create a CSV file.

timeliner --output=body > time.txt

shellbags --output=body >> time.txt

mftparser --output=body >> time.txt

mactime -b [time.txt] [-d] > csv.txt

Volshell

List processes:

>>> ps()

Switch contexts by pid, offset, or name:

>>> cc(pid = 3028)

>>> cc(offset = 0x3eb31340, physical=True)

>>> cc(name = "explorer.exe")

Acquire a process address space after using cc:

>>> process_space =

proc().get_process_address_space()

Disassemble data in an address space

>>> dis(address, length, space)

Dump bytes, dwords or qwords:

>>> db(address, length, space)

>>> dd(address, length, space)

>>> dq(address, length, space)

Display a type/structure:

>>> dt("_EPROCESS", recursive = True)

Display a type/structure instance:

>>> dt("_EPROCESS", 0x820c92a0)

Create an object in kernel space:

>>> thread = obj.Object("_ETHREAD", offset = 0x820c92a0, vm = addrspace())

Dump Conversion

Create a raw memory dump from a hibernation, crash dump, firewire acquisition, virtualbox, vmware snapshot, hpak, or EWF file:
imagecopy -O/--output-image=FILE

Convert any of the aforementioned file types to a Windows crash dump compatible with Windbg:

raw2dmp -O/--output-image=FILE

API Hooks

Scan for API hooks:

apihooks

-R/--skip-kernel Don't check kernel modules

-P/--skip-process Don't check processes

-Q/--quick Scan faster

Yara Scanning

Scan for Yara signatures:

yarascan

-p/--pid=PID Process IDs to scan

-K/--kernel Scan kernel memory

-Y/--yara-rules=RULES String, regex, bytes, etc.

-y/--yara-file=FILE Yara rules file

-W/--wide Match Unicode strings

-s/--size Size of preview bytes

File System Resources

Scan for MFT records:

mftparser

--output=body Output body format

-D/--dump-dir Dump MFT-resident data

Extract cached files (registry hives, executables):

dumpfiles

-D/--dump-dir=PATH Output directory

-r/--regex=REGEX Regex filename

Parse USN journal records:

usnparser (github.com/tomspencer)

GUI Memory

Sessions (shows RDP logins):

sessions

Window stations (shows clipboard owners):

wndscan

Desktops (find ransomware):

Deskscan

Display global and session atom tables:

atoms and atomscan

Dump the contents of the clipboard:

clipboard

Detect message hooks (keyloggers):

messagehooks

Take a screen shot from the memory dump:

screenshot --dump-dir=PATH

Display visible and hidden windows:

windows and wintree

Strings

Use GNU strings or Sysinternals strings.exe:

strings -a -td FILE > strings.txt

strings -a -td -el FILE >> strings.txt (Unicode)

strings.exe -q -o > strings.txt (Windows)

Translate the string addresses:

strings

-s/--string-file=FILE Input strings.txt file

-S/--scan

Password Recovery

Dump LSA secrets:

lsadump

Dump cached domain hashes:

cachedump

Dump LM and NTLM hashes:

hashdump (x86 only)

Extract OpenVPN credentials:

openvpn (github.com/Phaeilo)

Extract RSA private keys and certificates:

dumpcerts

-s/--ssl Parse certificates with openssl

Disk Encryption

Recover cached TrueCrypt passphrases:

truecryptpassphrase

Triage TrueCrypt artifacts:

truecryptsummary

Extract TrueCrypt master keys

truecryptmaster

Malware Specific

Dump Zeus/Citadel RC4 keys:

zeusscan and citadelscan

Find and decode Poison Ivy configs:

poisonivyconfig

Decode Java RAT config:

javaratscan (github.com/Rurik)

General Investigations	
Dump the system's raw registry hive files	dumpfiles -p 4 --regex='(config ntuser)' --ignore-case --name -D ./
Create a Graphviz diagram of processes	psscan --output=dot --output-file=graph.dot
Create a color coded diagram of processes memory	vadtree -p PID --output=dot --output-file=graph.dot
Translate an account SID to user name	printkey -K "Microsoft\\Windows NT\\CurrentVersion\\ProfileList\\[SID]" grep ProfileImagePath
List run keys for HKLM and all users	printkey -K "Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run" printkey -K "Software\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run"
Find Unicode hostnames or URLs	yarascan -Y "/(www http).+\\.com net org)/" --wide [--kernel]
Find null-terminated ASCII dot quad IP addresses	yarascan -Y "/([0-9]{1,3}\\.){3}[0-9]{1,3}\\x00/" --wide [--kernel]
Locate and extract the HOSTS file to local directory	filescan egrep hosts\$ awk '{print \$1}' 0x0000000005e3c6d8 dumpfiles -Q 0x0000000005e3c6d8 --name -D ./
Extract the admin password hash	hashdump grep Administrator > admin.txt
Malicious Code	
Check if a process has domain or enterprise admin	getsids egrep '(Domain Enterprise)'
Identify processes with raw sockets	handles -t File grep "\\Device\\RawIp\\0"
Look for explicit enabled debug privilege	privs --silent --regex=debug
Identify alternate data streams	mftparser grep "DATA ADS"
Dump MFT-resident batch scripts	mftparser -D output/ file output/* grep "DOS batch file"
Determine what is spying on the clipboard	wndscan grep ClipViewer
Dump injected code and focus on executables	malfind -D output/ file output/* grep PE
Trace API hooks through memory	apihooks -p PID --quick grep 'Hook address' 0x1da654f echo "dis(0x1da654f, length = 512)" volshell -p PID
Scan for a specific mutex on the system	mutantscan grep [-i] [MUTANT NAME]
Dump injected DLL, fix image base + IDA import labels	dlldump --base=ADDR -p PID -D./ --fix --memory impscan --base=ADDR -p PID --output=idc > labels.idc
Find binaries loaded from temporary directories	envvars -p PID grep TEMP awk '{print \$5}' C:\DOCUME~1\ADMINI~1\LOCALS~1\Temp Filter dlllist and modules output for the specified path
User Activity	
Detect remote mapped shares	handles -t File egrep "\\Device\\(LanmanRedirector Mup)"
Files on Truecrypt volumes	filescan grep TrueCryptVolume
Extract ASCII and Unicode clipboard content	clipboard grep TEXT
Brute force search for command history	yarascan -Y "/C:\\\\\\.+>/" --wide [--kernel]
Recently clicked applications and shortcuts	userassist grep REG_BINARY
Find prefetch files (recently executed programs)	mftparser grep \.pf\$ awk '{print \$NF}'
Kernel Memory	
Identify hooked driver dispatch tables	driverirp --regex=tcpip grep IRP egrep -vi '(tcpip ntos)'
Look for hooked SSDT functions	ssdt egrep -vi '(ntos win32k)'
Malicious kernel callbacks and timers	callbacks grep UNKNOWN (same with timers)
Locate hidden thread-based kernel rootkits	threads -F OrphanThread grep StartAddress
Speed Enhancements	
Find and set the kernel DTB	psscan grep System awk '{print \$5}' 0x00319000 (Now use --dtb=0x00319000)
Find and set the KDBG on XP-7 and 32-bit 8	kdbgscan grep Offset grep V uniq Offset (V) : 0xf80002803070 (add to --kdbg)
Find and set the KDBG on 64-bit 8 and 2012	kdbgscan --profile=[PROFILE] grep KdCopyDataBlock KdCopyDataBlock (V) : 0xf80281ff5ea0 (add to --kdbg)
Volshell Scripting	
Create a process ID lookup table	by_pid = dict((p.UniqueProcessId, p) for p in getprocs()) parent_name = by_pid[PID].ImageFileName
Scan process memory and print a hex dump	needles = ["abc123", "def456"] for hit in proc().search_process_memory(needles): db(hit)
Extract a chunk of kernel memory to disk	data = addrspace().zread(ADDR, SIZE) with open("output.bin", "wb") as handle: handle.write(data)
Translate a kernel address and seek to it (raw dumps only)	echo "addrspace().vtop(0x98dfd9c8)" volshell -f [MEMDUMP] 597989832 xxd -s 597989832 [MEMDUMP]
Kernel modules with embedded PE signatures	signed = [mod for mod in getmods() if mod.sec_dir()]

Linux Commands

Processes Listings

Basic active process listing:

linux_pslist

List processes and threads:

linux_pidhashtable

Cross reference processes with various lists:

linux_psxview

Show processes in parent/child tree:

linux_pstree

Process Information

Specify -o/--offset=OFFSET or -p/--pid=1,2,3

Display shared libraries:

linux_library_list

List threads:

linux_threads

Show command line arguments:

linux_psaux

Display details on memory ranges:

linux_proc_maps

Dump allocations to individual files:

linux_dump_map

-D/--dump-dir=PATH

--vma=ADDR Range to dump

Display open handles:

linux_lsof

Display environment variables:

linux_psenv and linux_bash_env

ELF File Extraction

Specify -D/--dump-dir to any of these plugins to identify your desired output directory.

Dump a kernel module:

linux_moddump

-r/--regex=REGEX Regex module name

-b/--base=BASE Module base address

Dump a process:

linux_procdump

Dump shared libraries in process memory:

linux_librarydump

-r/--regex=REGEX Regex module name

-b/--base=BASE Module base address

Injected Code

Specify -o/--offset=OFFSET or -p/--pid=1,2,3

Find and extract injected code blocks:

linux_malfind

Cross-reference shared libraries with memory-mapped files:

linux_ldrmodules

Check for process hollowing:

linux_process_hollow

-b/--base Base address of ELF file in memory

-P/--path Path of known good file on disk

Command History

Recover command history:

linux_bash

Recover executed binaries:

linux_bash_hash

Networking Information

Active info:

linux_netstat

Interface information:

linux_ifconfig

Raw sockets:

linux_list_raw

Routing cache:

linux_route_cache

-R/--resolve DNS resolve destination IPs

Netfilter entries:

linux_netfilter

ARP cache:

linux_arp

Kernel Memory

Display loaded kernel modules:

linux_lsmod

Check for system call hooks:

linux_check_syscall

Check for network stack hooks:

linux_check_afinfo

Check for credential copying:

linux_check_creds

Check for file operations hooking:

linux_check_fop

Check for inline kernel hooks:

linux_check_inline_kernel

Check for hidden modules:

linux_check_modules

linux_hidden_modules

Check for TTY hooks:

linux_check_tty

Check for malicious keyboard callbacks:

linux_keyboard_notifiers

Print the kernel debug buffer:

linux_dmesg

Audit the IDT:

linux_idt (x86 only)

Userland API Hooks

Scan for API hooks:

linux_apihooks

-a/--all Check hooked PLT entries

Scan for GOT/PLT hooks:

linux_plthook

-a/--all List all PLT entries

-i/--ignore Libraries to ignore in processing

Yara Scanning

Scan for Yara signatures:

linux_yarascan

-p/--pid=PID

Process IDs to scan

-K/--kernel

Scan kernel memory

-Y/--yara-rules=RULES

String, regex, bytes, etc.

-y/--yara-file=FILE

Yara rules file

-W/--wide

Match Unicode strings

-s/--size

Size of preview bytes

File System Resources

List mount points:

linux_mount

Enumerate files:

linux_enumerate_files

Extract cached files:

linux_find_file

-F/--find=FILE

Path of file to find

-i/--inode=INODE

Address of inode to dump

-L/--listfiles

Lists files in cache

-O/--outputfile

File path to write

Disk Encryption

Recover cached Truecrypt passphrases:

linux_truecryptpassphrase

Strings

Translate extracted strings:

linux_strings

-s/--string-file=FILE Input strings.txt file

Mac OS X Commands

Processes Listings

Basic active process listing:
mac_pslist

List PID hash table:
mac_pid_hash_table

List tasks:
mac_tasks

Cross reference processes with various lists:
mac_psxview

Show processes in parent/child tree:
mac_pstree

Process Information

Specify -o/--offset=OFFSET or -p/--pid=1,2,3

Display shared libraries:
mac_dyld_maps

Show command line arguments:
mac_psaux

Display details on memory ranges:
mac_proc_maps

Dump allocations to individual files:
mac_dump_map
-D/--dump-dir=PATH
--map_address=ADDR

Display open handles:
mac_lsof

Display environment variables:
mac_psenv and mac_bash_env

Display login sessions:
mac_list_sessions

Mach-O File Extraction

Specify -D/--dump-dir to any of these plugins to identify your desired output directory.

Dump a kernel module:
mac_moddump
-r/--regex=REGEX Regex module name
-b/--base=BASE Module base address

Dump a process:
mac_procdump

Dump shared libraries in process memory:
mac_librarydump
-b/--base=BASE Module base address

Injected Code

Specify -o/--offset=OFFSET or -p/--pid=1,2,3

Find and extract injected code blocks:
mac_malfind

Cross-reference shared libraries with memory-mapped files:
mac_ldrmodules

Command History

Recover command history:
mac_bash

Recover executed binaries:
mac_bash_hash

Networking Information

Active info:
mac_netstat

Active info from network stack:
mac_network_conns

Interface Information:
mac_ifconfig

ARP cache:
mac_arp

Route table:
mac_route

Socket filters:
mac_socket_filters

IP filters:
mac_ip_filters

Kernel Memory

Display loaded kernel modules:
mac_lsmod

Check for kernel API hooks:
mac_apihooks_kernel

Check for system call hooks:
mac_check_syscalls

Check for shadow system call table:
mac_check_syscall_shadow

Check sysctl handlers:
mac_check_sysctl

Check the trap table:
mac_check_trap_table

Check the mig table:
mac_check_mig_table

Check for file operations hooking:
mac_check_fop

Check for inline kernel hooks:
mac_check_inline_kernel

Check for hidden modules:
mac_lsmod_iokit
mac_lsmod_kext_map

Check for TrustedBSD hooks:
mac_trustedbsd

Print the kernel debug buffer:
mac_dmesg

API Hooks

Scan for API hooks:

mac_apihooks
-R/--skip-kernel Don't check kernel modules
-P/--skip-process Don't check processes
-Q/--quick Scan faster

Check for process hollowing:

mac_process_hollow
-b/--base Base address of ELF file in memory
-P/--path Path of known good file on disk

Scan for GOT/PLT hooks:

mac_plthook
-a/--all List all PLT entries
-i/--ignore Libraries to ignore in processing

Yara Scanning

Scan for Yara signatures:

mac_yarascan
-p/--pid=PID Process IDs to scan
-K/--kernel Scan kernel memory
-Y/--yara-rules=RULES String, regex, bytes, etc.
-y/--yara-file=FILE Yara rules file
-W/--wide Match Unicode strings
-s/--size Size of preview bytes

Disk Encryption

Recover possible Keychain keys:
mac_keychaindump

File System Resources

List mount points:
mac_mount

List cached files and their vnode addresses:
mac_list_files

Extract cached files:

mac_dump_file
-q/--file_offset Offset of vnode to dump
-O/--outputfile File path to write

Strings

Translate extracted string:

mac_strings
-s/--string-file=FILE Input strings.txt file

User Activity

Recover Adium messages, including OTR chat:
mac_adium

Recover Calendar entries:
mac_calendar

Recover contacts:
mac_contacts