

## Memory Acquisition

Remember to open command prompt as Administrator

**Win32dd / Win64dd** (x86 / x64 systems respectively)

/f Image destination and filename

```
C:\> win32dd.exe /f E:\mem.img
```

### Redline Collector Script

```
C:\> RunRedlineAudit.bat
```

### Volatility™ WinPmem

- (single dash) Output to standard out  
-l Load driver for live memory analysis

```
C:\> winpmem_<version>.exe E:\mem.img
```

## Converting Hibernation Files and Crash Dumps

### Volatility™ imagecopy

-f Name of source file (crash dump, hibernation file)  
-o Output file name  
--profile Source OS from imageinfo

```
# vol.py imagecopy -f hiberfil.sys -o hiber.img
```

```
--profile=Win7SP1x64
```

```
# vol.py imagecopy -f Memory.dmp -o memdmp.img
```

```
--profile=Win7SP1x64
```

## Memory Analysis Tools

Volatility™ (Windows/Linux/Mac)

<http://code.google.com/p/volatility/>

Mandiant Redline (Windows)

<http://www.mandiant.com/resources/download/redline>

Volafox (Mac OS X and BSD)

<http://code.google.com/p/volafox/>

## Memory Artifact Timelining

The Volatility™ Timeliner plugin parses time-stamped objects found in memory images. Output is sorted by:

- Process creation time
- Thread creation time
- Driver compile time
- DLL / EXE compile time
- Network socket creation time
- Memory resident registry key last write time
- Memory resident event log entry creation time

### timeliner

--output-file Optional file to write output  
--output=body Mactime bodyfile format (also text | xslx)  
--registry Include timestamps from registry hives  
-y <file> Perform YARA search using signature file

```
# vol.py -f mem.img timeliner --output-file out.csv --profile=Win7SP1x86
```

## Registry Analysis Volatility™ Plugins

hivelist - Find and list available registry hives

```
# vol.py hivelist
```

hivedump - Print all keys and subkeys in a hive

-o Offset of registry hive to dump (virtual offset)  
# vol.py hivedump -o 0xe1a14b60

printkey - Output a registry key, subkeys, and values

-K "Registry key path"  
# vol.py printkey -K "Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run"

userassist - Find and parse userassist key values

```
# vol.py userassist
```

hashdump - Dump user NTLM and Lanman hashes

-y Virtual offset of SYSTEM registry hive (from hivelist)  
-s Virtual offset of SAM registry hive (from hivelist)  
# vol.py hashdump -y 0x8781c008 -s 0x87f6b9c8



DIGITAL FORENSICS & INCIDENT RESPONSE

Volatility Memory Forensic Framework  
Cheat Sheet

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## Purpose

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## How To Use This Document

Memory analysis is one of the most powerful tools available to forensic examiners. This guide hopes to simplify the overwhelming number of available options.

Analysis can be generally broken up into six steps:

1. Identify Rogue Processes
2. Analyze Process DLLs and Handles
3. Review Network Artifacts
4. Look for Evidence of Code Injection
5. Check for Signs of a Rootkit
6. Dump Suspicious Processes and Drivers

We outline the most useful Volatility™ plugins supporting these six steps here. Further information is provided for:

- Memory Acquisition
- Converting Hibernation Files and Crash Dumps
- Memory Artifact Timelining
- Registry Analysis Volatility™ Plugins
- Memory Analysis Tool List

## Getting Started with Volatility™

### Getting Help

```
# vol.py -h (show options and supported plugins)
# vol.py plugin -h (show plugin usage)
# vol.py plugin --info (show available OS profiles)
```

### Sample Command Line

```
# vol.py -f image --profile=profile plugin
```

### Identify System Profile

```
imageinfo - Display memory image metadata
# vol.py -f mem.img imageinfo
```

### Using Environment Variables

```
Set name of memory image (takes place of -f )
# export VOLATILITY_LOCATION=file:///images/mem.img
Set profile type (takes place of --profile=)
# export VOLATILITY_PROFILE=WinXPSP3x86
```

## Identify Rogue Processes

```
pslist - High level view of running processes
# vol.py pslist
```

```
psscan - Scan memory for EPROCESS blocks
# vol.py psscan
```

```
pstree - Display parent-process relationships
# vol.py pstree
```

```
pstotal - Graphical view of parent-process relationships
--output=dot Produces vector process DOT graph
# vol.py pstotal -output=dot
```

## Look for Evidence of Code Injection

```
malfind - Find injected code and dump sections
-p Show information only for specific PIDs
-o Provide physical offset of single process to scan
--dump-dir Directory to save memory sections
# vol.py malfind --dump-dir ./output_dir
```

```
ldrmodules - Detect unlinked DLLs
-p Show information only for specific PIDs
-v Verbose: show full paths from three DLL lists
# vol.py ldrmodules -p 868 -v
```

## Check for Signs of a Rootkit

```
psxview - Find hidden processes using cross-view
# vol.py psxview
```

```
modscan - Scan memory for loaded, unloaded, and
unlinked drivers
# vol.py modscan
```

```
apihooks - Find API/DLL function hooks
-p Operate only on specific PIDs
-Q Only scan critical processes and DLLs
# vol.py apihooks
```

```
ssdt - Hooks in System Service Descriptor Table
# vol.py ssdt | egrep -v '(ntoskrnl|win32k)'
```

```
driverirp - Identify I/O Request Packet (IRP) hooks
-r Analyze drivers matching REGEX name pattern
# vol.py driverirp -r tcpip
```

```
idt - Display Interrupt Descriptor Table
# vol.py idt
```

## Analyze Process DLLs and Handles

```
dlllist - List of loaded dlls by process
-p Show information only for specific process identifiers
(PIDs)
# vol.py dlllist -p 4,868
```

```
getsids - Print process security identifiers
-p Show information only for specific PIDs
# vol.py getsids -p 868
```

```
handles - List of open handles for each process
-p Show information only for specific PIDs
-t Display only handles of a certain type
{Process, Thread, Key, Event, File, Mutant, Token, Port}
# vol.py handles -p 868 -t Process,Mutant
```

```
filescan - Scan memory for FILE_OBJECT handles
# vol.py filescan
```

```
svcsan - Scan for Windows Service information
-v Show service DLL
# vol.py svcsan
```

## Review Network Artifacts

```
connections - [XP] List of open TCP connections
# vol.py connections
```

```
connscan - [XP] ID TCP connections, including closed
# vol.py connscan
```

```
sockets - [XP] Print listening sockets (any protocol)
# vol.py sockets
```

```
sockscan - [XP] ID sockets, including closed/unlinked
# vol.py sockscan
```

```
netscan - [Win7] Scan for connections and sockets
# vol.py netscan
```

## Dump Suspicious Processes and Drivers

```
dlldump - Extract DLLs from specific processes
-p Dump DLLs only for specific PIDs
-b Dump DLLs from process at base offset
-r Dump DLLs matching REGEX name
--dump-dir Directory to save extracted files
# vol.py dlldump --dump-dir=./output -r metsrv
```

```
moddump - Extract kernel drivers
-b Dump driver using base address (from modscan)
-r Dump drivers matching REGEX name
--dump-dir Directory to save extracted files
# vol.py moddump --dump-dir=./output -r gaopdx
```

```
procdump - Dump process to executable sample
-p Dump only specific PIDs
-o Specify process by physical memory offset
-n Use REGEX to specify process
--dump-dir Directory to save extracted files
# vol.py procdump --dump-dir=./output -p 868
```

```
memdump - Dump every memory section into a single file
-p Dump memory sections from these PIDs
-n Use REGEX to specify process
--dump-dir Directory to save extracted files
# vol.py memdump -dump-dir=./output -p 868
```

```
dumpfiles - Dump File_Objects from file cache
-Q Extract using physical offset
-r Extract using REGEX (-i for case insensitive)
--dump-dir Directory to save extracted files
# vol.py dumpfiles -dump-dir=./output -r \\.\exe
```