

Windows Registry Forensics

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Agenda

- Introduction to Windows Registry
- Registry Structure
- Tools for Registry Acquisition & Analysis
- Security Registry File
- System Info & User Accounts
- Usage of Files/Folders
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- External Device/USB Forensics

Introduction to Windows Registry

What is Windows Registry?



- The registry is a hierarchical database that contains data that is critical for the operation of Windows and the applications and services that run on Windows. The data is structured in a tree format. Each node in the tree is called a key. Each key can contain both subkeys and data entries called values. A key can have any number of values, and the values can be in any form.
- Sources:
 - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/sysinfo/structure-of-the-registry>
 - <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/256986>

What is Windows Registry?

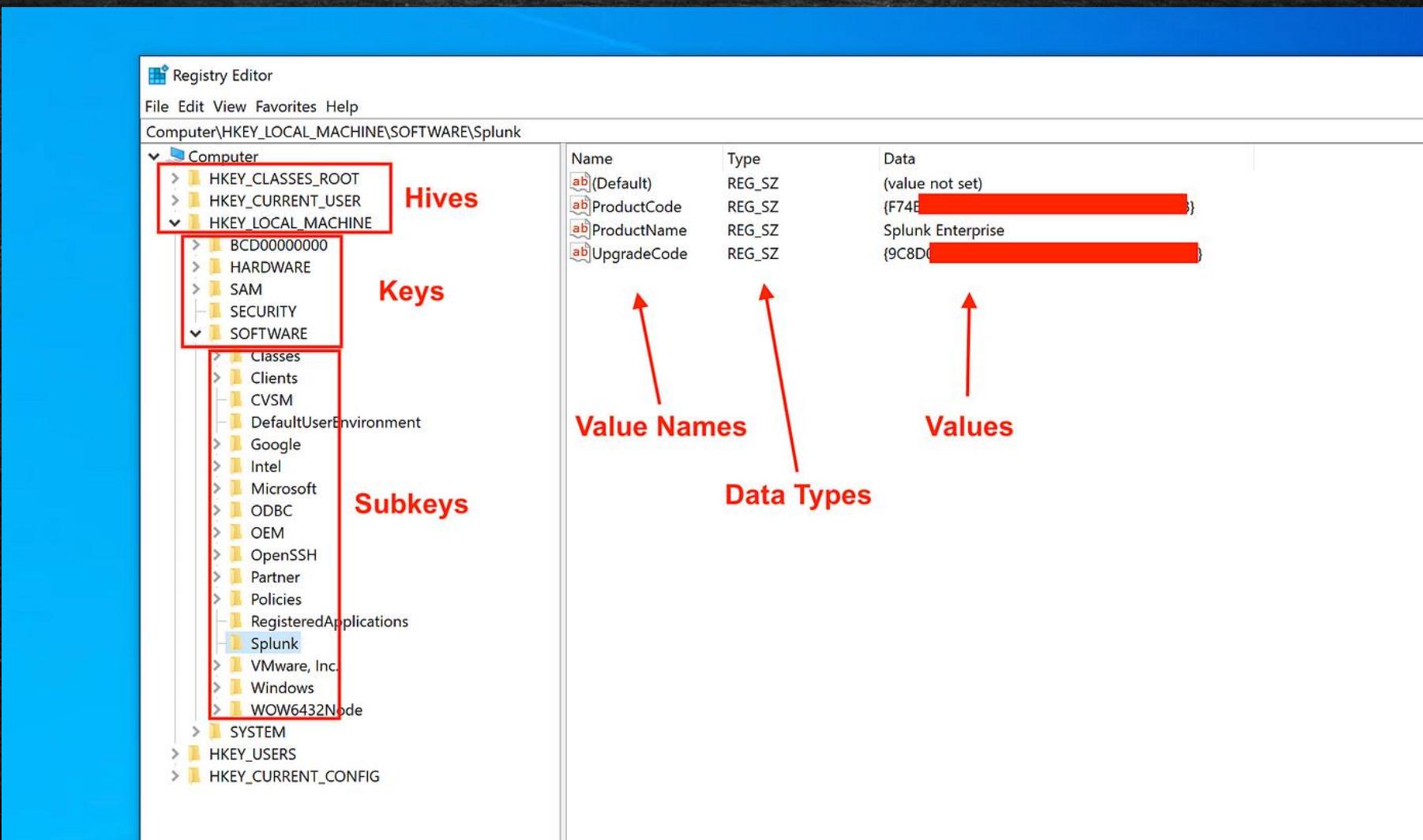
- Core Component: Centralized, Hierarchical, configuration Database
- Configuration Information
 - ✓ User Activity
 - ✓ Applications Installed, configurations and opened files
 - ✓ User Names
 - ✓ Computer Names
 - ✓ Last shutdown
 - ✓ Startup application
 - ✓ Browser data, Start Page
 - ✓ USB and Appliances
 - ✓ Wireless or not Networks
 - ✓ Passwords
 - ✓ Application specific information
 - ✓ e.t.c

Windows Registry Attack Impact

- ✓ Alter or disable File System Metadata
- ✓ Modify System Crash Dump, Prefetcher, and System Restore
- ✓ Clear the page file when the system is shut down
- ✓ Enable or disable Event log auditing
- ✓ Enable or disable the Windows firewall

Registry Structure

Registry Hierarchical Structure



Registry Hives / Root Keys

- **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT (HKCR)** → SymLink to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ SOFTWARE \Classes.
 - Class registration and file name extension information
- **HKEY_CURRENT_USER (HKCU)** → SymLink to a key under HKEY_USERS
 - Volatile - Current User Configuration.
- **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE (HKLM)** → Placeholder
 - System Configuration.
 - HKLM/Hardware -> Volatile
- **HKEY_CURRENT_CONFIG (HKCC)** → SymLink to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ SYSTEM CurrentControlSet\ Control\IDConfigDB\Hardware
 - Hardware Configuration on Boot.
- **HKEY_USERS (HKU)** → Placeholder
 - All Users Profile Configurations.

Registry Files

- The Windows registry is stored in a series of files. Registry files store the Registry data persistently. They are loaded into memory when the operating system starts, and changes are periodically written back to these files.
- General system information (C:\Windows\System32\config)
 - DEFAULT (mounted on HKEY_USERS\DEFAULT)
 - SAM (mounted on HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SAM)
 - SECURITY (mounted on HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Security)
 - SOFTWARE (mounted on HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software)
 - SYSTEM (mounted on HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System)
- User information
 - NTUSER.DAT (mounted on HKEY_CURRENT_USER when a user logs in)
 - C:\Users<username>\
 - USRCLASS.DAT (mounted on HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\CLASSES)
 - C:\Users<username>\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows

Registry Files

File name	Path	Details
Ntuser.dat (for every user)	C:\Users\{USER_NAME}\NTUSER.DAT	Protected area for the user. User's most recently used files (MRU). Personal settings
Default	C:\Windows\system32\config\DEFAULT	System settings
SAM	C:\Windows\system32\config\SAM	User account management and security settings (passwords)
Security	C:\Windows\system32\config\SECURITY	System settings
Software	C:\Windows\system32\config\SOFTWARE	Installed software and configuration
System	C:\Windows\system32\config\SYSTEM	System settings
USRCLASS.dat	C:\Users\{USER_NAME}\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\USRCLASS.DAT	Information about the user's actions
BCD (C:\Boot)	C:\Boot\BCD	Boot configuration data
Amcache	C:\Windows\AppCompat\Programs	Internal Application Compatibility

Registry Files

- Registry Files consist of:
 - Primary files
 - Transaction log files
 - Every hive has a number of transaction log files: .LOG, which holds the changes and then passes them to the primary file.
 - e.g SECURITY.LOG, SECURITY.LOG₁, SECURITY.LOG₂
 - If changes are not passed to main hive -> hive is **dirty**
 - Backup copies of primary files (every 10 days)

Registry Files

- **Windows 10: System hive Primary file:**
 - C:\Windows\System32\config\SYSTEM
- **Transaction log files:**
 - C:\Windows\System32\config\SYSTEM.LOG
 - C:\Windows\System32\config\SYSTEM.LOG1
 - C:\Windows\System32\config\SYSTEM.LOG2
- **Backup copy of a primary file:**
 - C:\Windows\System32\config\RegBack\SYSTEM

Registry Value Data Types

Data Type	Explanation
REG_BINARY	Binary data in any form.
REG_DWORD	A 32 bit number.
REG_DWORD_LITTLE_ENDIAN	A 32 bit number in little endian format.
REG_DWORD_BIG_ENDIAN	A 32 bit number in big endian format.
REG_EXPAND_SZ	A null-terminated string that contains unexpanded references to environment variables.
REG_LINK	A null-terminated Unicode string that contains the target path of a symbolic link that was created by calling the RegCreateKeyEx function with REG_OPTION_CREATE_LINK
REG_MULTI_SZ	A sequence of null-terminated strings, terminated by an empty string.
REG_NONE	No defined value type.
REG_QWORD	A 64-bit number.
REG_QWORD_LITTLE_ENDIAN	A 64-bit number in little endian format.
REG_SZ	A null-terminated string (Unicode or ANSI).

Tools for Registry Acquisition & Analysis

Tools for Registry

- reg.exe
 - *Reg query HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run*
- regedit
- Autoruns (SysInternals)
- Procmon.exe (SysInternals)
- FTK Imager
- Velociraptor
- DCode
- AccessData Registry Viewer
- **RegRipper**
- **Registry Explorer (Zimmerman Tools)**
- **Autopsy**

Tools - Autoruns

The screenshot shows the Autoruns application window. The title bar reads "Autoruns - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com". The menu bar includes File, Entry, Options, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for KnownDLLs, Winlogon, Winsock Providers, Print Monitors, LSA Providers, Network Providers, WMI, Sidebar Gadgets, and Office. A "Filter:" input field is present. The main area is a grid table with columns: Autorun Entry, Description, Publisher, Image Path, Timestamp, and VirusTotal. The VirusTotal column contains a link "0/51". The table lists numerous startup entries, including "cmd.exe", "Classic Start M...", "openvpn-gui", "VMware User ...", "SunJavaUpdat...", "NimiPlaces", "CodeMeter Co...", "Google Chrome", "SolDisk Mount ...", "CBDisk Mount Notifier", "Explorer\SharedTaskScheduler", "ShellServiceObjects", and "ShellServiceObjectDelayLoad". Most entries have a timestamp from 2013 or 2014.

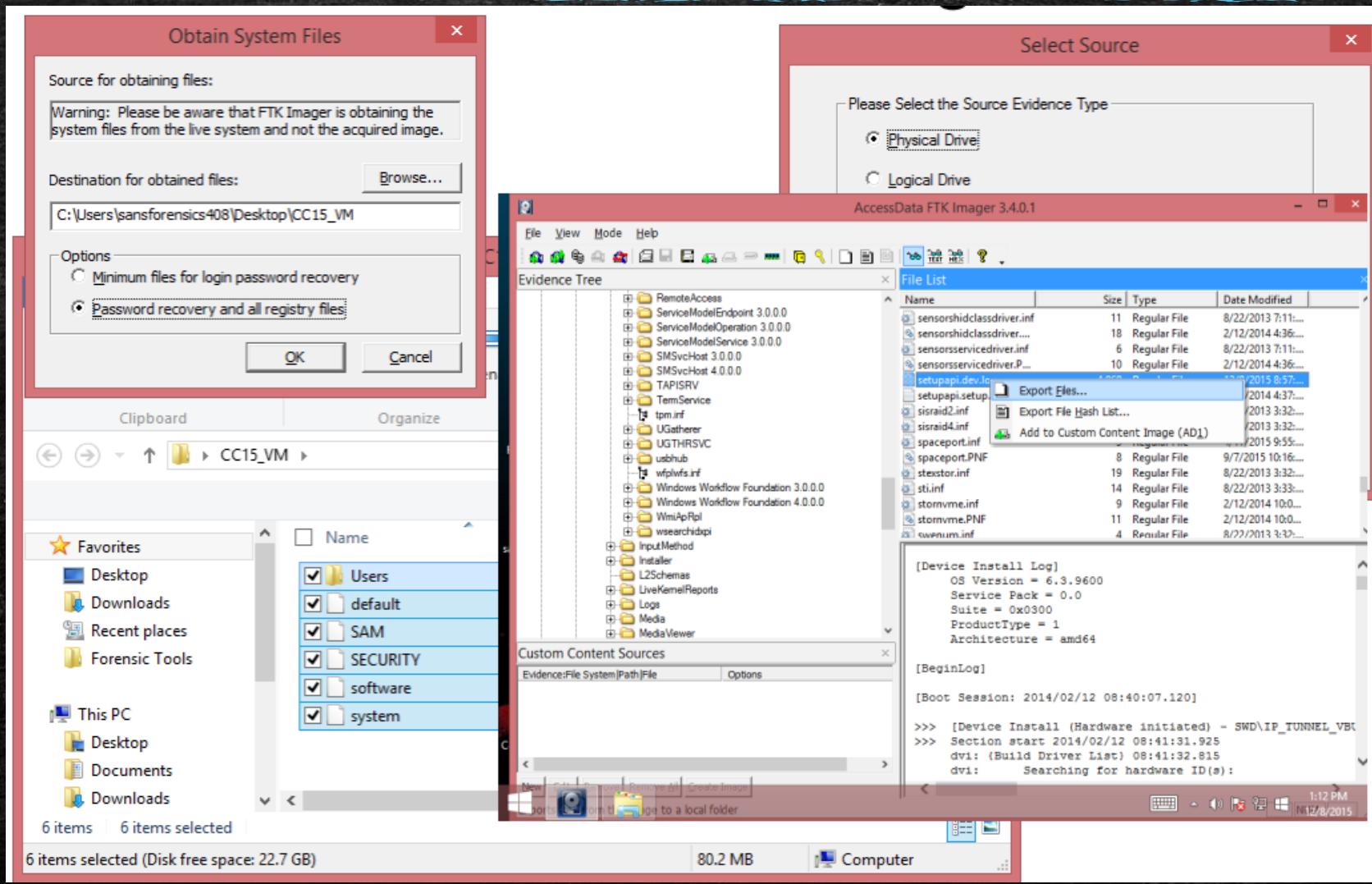
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HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run				4/7/2015 2:07 PM	
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HKLM\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run				10/16/2015 6:51 AM	
SunJavaUpdat...	Java Update Scheduler	(Verified) Oracle America	c:\program files (x86)\comm...	6/9/2015 4:08 AM	
HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run				2/14/2014 3:08 AM	
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C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup				2/12/2014 11:47 PM	
CodeMeter Co...	CodeMeter Control Center	(Verified) WIBU-SYSTEMS ...	c:\program files (x86)\code...	9/6/2012 7:39 PM	
HKLM\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Active Setup\Installed Components				2/13/2014 12:53 AM	
Google Chrome	Google Chrome Installer	(Verified) Google Inc	c:\program files (x86)\googl...	11/7/2015 3:09 AM	
HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\SharedTaskScheduler				4/1/2014 11:53 AM	
SolDisk Mount ...	CBDisk Mount Notifier	(Verified) EldoS Corporation	c:\windows\system32\cbd...	10/18/2013 1:22 PM	
HKLM\Software\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\SharedTaskScheduler				4/1/2014 11:53 AM	
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HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\ShellServiceObjectDelayLoad				4/1/2014 11:53 AM	

Tools - Procmon

The screenshot shows two instances of the Process Monitor application. The left instance has a red border and displays a message: "No events (capture disabled)". The right instance is active and shows a list of registry operations. A context menu is open over a specific event for process "nessusd.exe" with PID 1548. The menu path "Include 'RegOpenKey'" is highlighted. Other options visible in the menu include "Properties...", "Ctrl+P"; "Stack...", "Ctrl+K"; "Toggle Bookmark", "Ctrl+B"; "Jump To...", "Ctrl+J"; "Search Online..."; "Edit Filter 'RegOpenKey'", "Ctrl+F"; "Exclude Events Before"; "Exclude Events After"; "Include"; "Exclude"; and "Highlight". The main table in the right window lists approximately 10,000 events from 77,000 total, showing details like time, process name, PID, operation, path, result, and detail.

Time	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path	Result	Detail
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegCloseKey	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Serv...	SUCCESS	Type: REG_BINA...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegCloseKey	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Serv...	SUCCESS	Type: REG_BINA...
1:49:0...	Explorer EXE	124	RegQueryValue	HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\C...	SUCCESS	Type: REG_BINA...
1:49:0...	Explorer EXE	124	RegSetValue	HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\C...	SUCCESS	Type: REG_BINA...
1:49:0...	Explorer EXE	124	RegSetValue	HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\C...	SUCCESS	Type: REG_BINA...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQueryKey	HKLM	SUCCESS	Query: HandleTag...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegOpenKey	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Serv...	REPARSE	Desired Access: R...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegOpen	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Desired Access: R...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQuery	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Query: HandleTag...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegOpen	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Q...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegClose	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Type: REG_DWO...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegClose	\Serv...	SUCCESS	
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQuery	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Query: HandleTag...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegOpen	\Serv...	REPARSE	Desired Access: R...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQuery	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Desired Access: R...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegOpen	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Query: HandleTag...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQuery	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Q...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegClose	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Type: REG_DWO...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQuery	\Serv...	SUCCESS	
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegOpen	\Serv...	REPARSE	Desired Access: R...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQuery	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Desired Access: R...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegOpen	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Query: HandleTag...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQuery	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Desired Access: Q...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegClose	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Type: REG_DWO...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegClose	\Serv...	SUCCESS	
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQuery	\Serv...	SUCCESS	Query: HandleTag...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegOpenKey	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Serv...	SUCCESS	Desired Access: R...
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQueryValue	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Serv...	BUFFER OVERFLOW	Length: 144
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQueryValue	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Serv...	BUFFER OVERFLOW	Length: 144
1:49:0...	nessusd.exe	1548	RegQueryValue	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Serv...	SUCCESS	Type: REG_MULT...

Tools – FTK Imager



Tools – DCode

Registry Editor

File Edit View Favorites Help

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\NetworkList\Profiles\{60870F96-8FAF-4149-8DDD-95E6487BB420}

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
Category	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
DateCreated	REG_BINARY	e2 07 08 00 05 00 03 00 15 00 09 00 10 00 bf 01
DateLastConnec...	REG_BINARY	e2 07 08 00 05 00 03 00 15 00 0e 00 09 00 65 01
Description	REG_SZ	Network
Managed	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
NameType	REG_DWORD	0x00000006 (6)
ProfileName	REG_SZ	Network 2

DCode v4.02a (Build: 9306)

DCODE

Convert Data to Date / Time Values

Add Bias: UTC 00:00 Window on top

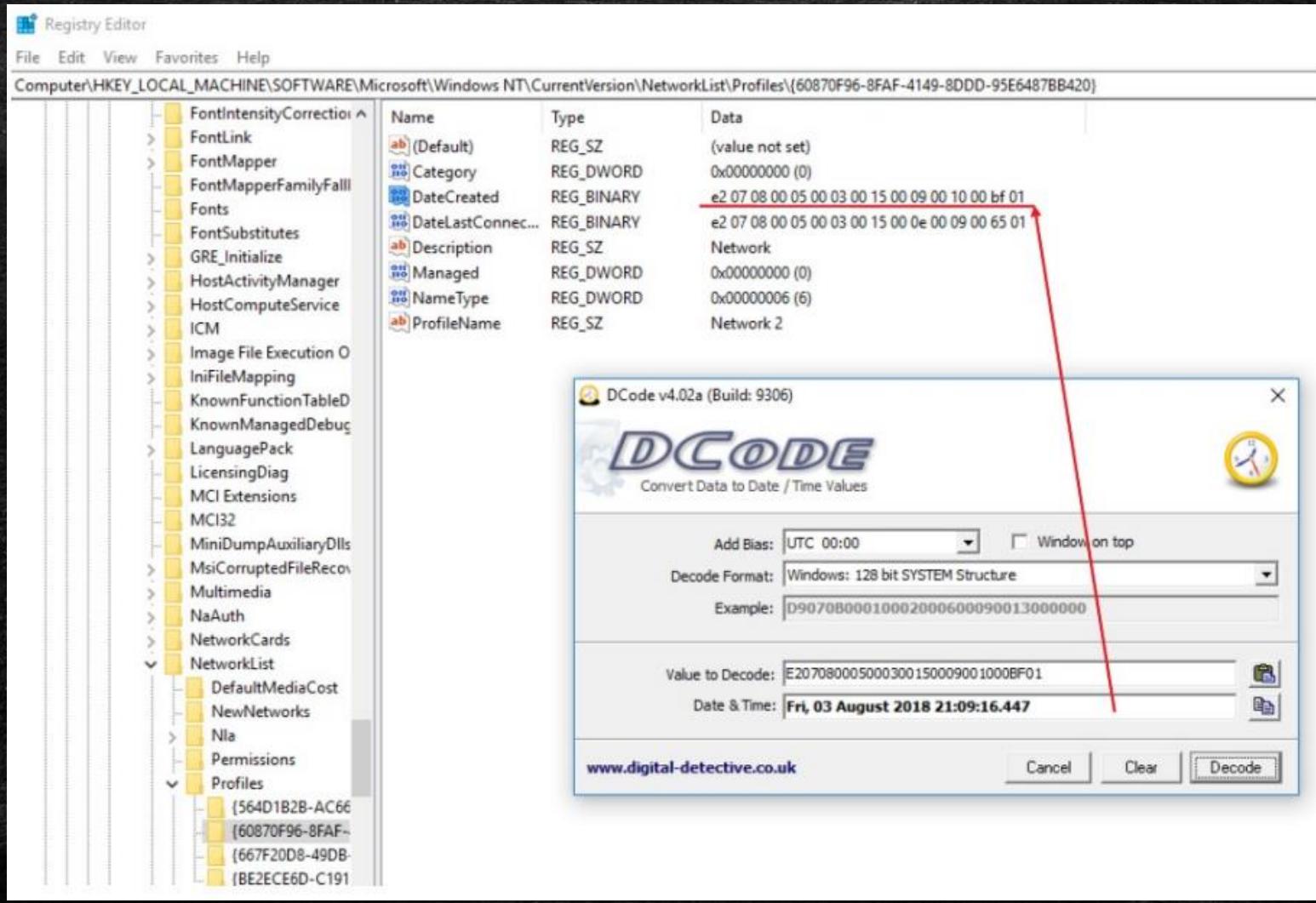
Decode Format: Windows: 128 bit SYSTEM Structure

Example: D9070B00010002000600090013000000

Value to Decode: E207080005000300150009001000BF01

Date & Time: Fri, 03 August 2018 21:09:16.447

www.digital-detective.co.uk Cancel Clear Decode



Tools – RegRipper

Administrator: Command Prompt

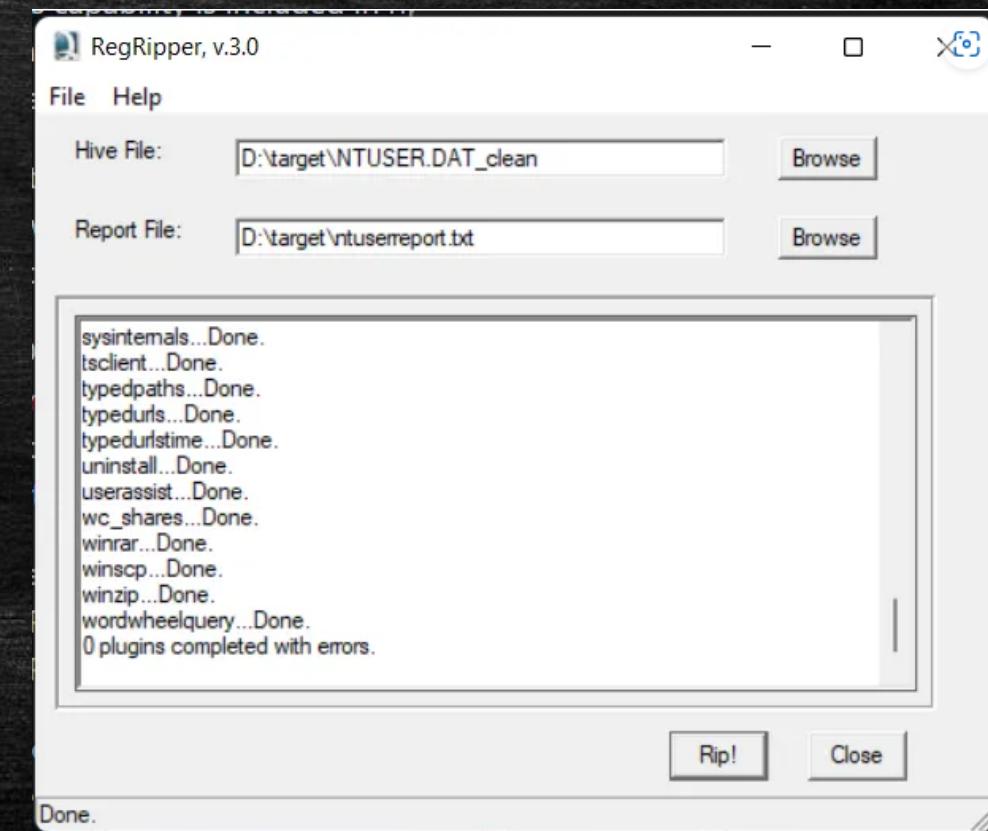
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C:\Users\sansforensics408\Desktop\Forensic Tools\Registry Tools\regripper\tools>rip.exe
Rip v.2.8_20130801 - CLI RegRipper tool
Rip [-r Reg hive file] [-f plugin module] [-l] [-h]
Parse Windows Registry files, using either a single module, or a plugins file.

-r Reg hive file... Registry hive file to parse
-g ..... Guess the hive file (experimental)
-f [profile]..... use the plugin file (default: plugins\plugins)
-p plugin module...use only this module
-l ..... list all plugins
-c ..... Output list in CSV format (use with -l)
-s system name..... Server name (TLN support)
-u username..... User name (TLN support)
-h..... Help (print this information)

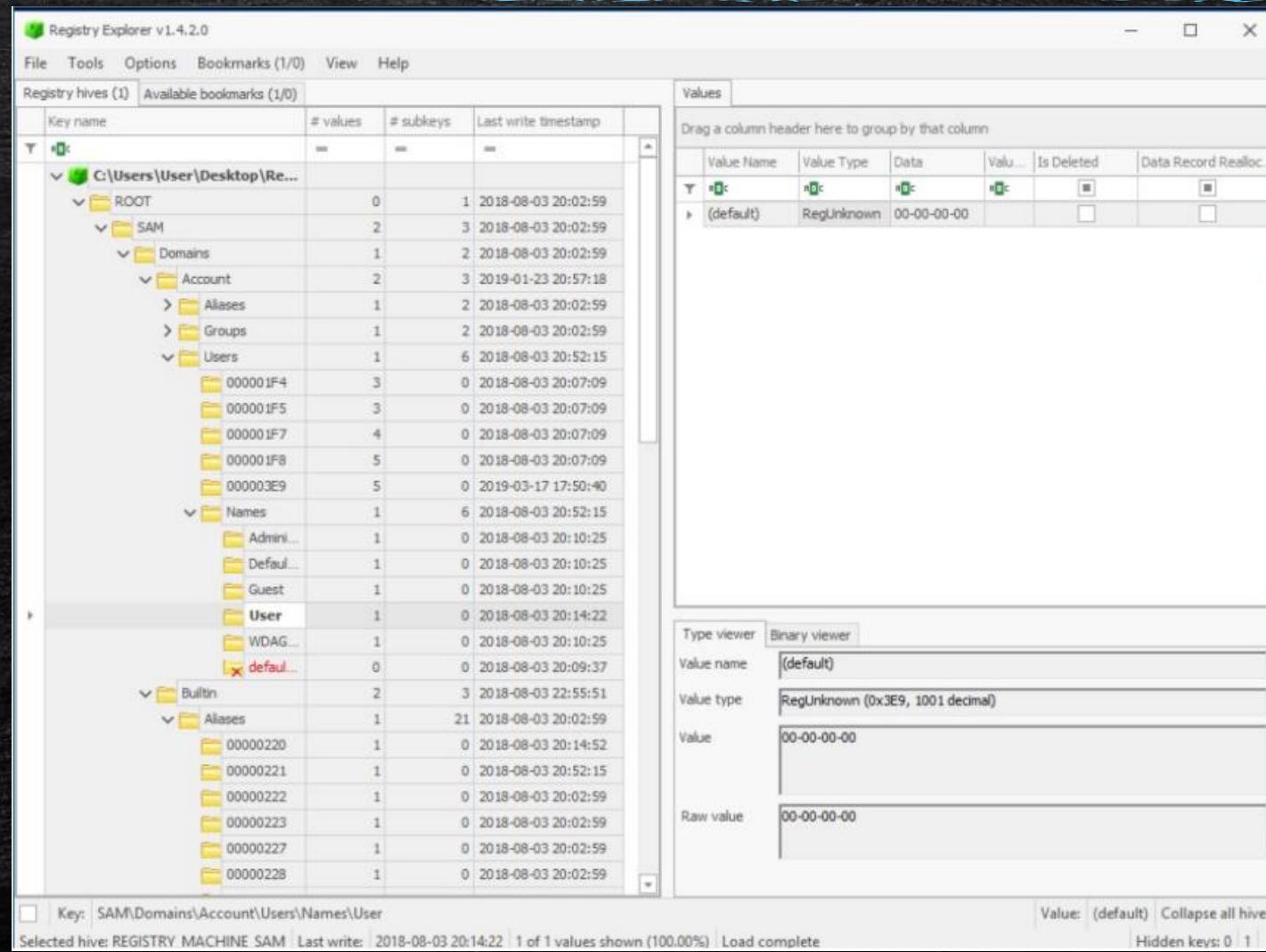
Ex: C:\>rip -r c:\case\system -f system
C:\>rip -r c:\case\ntuser.dat -p userassist
C:\>rip -l -c

All output goes to STDOUT; use redirection (ie, > or >>) to output to a file.
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C:\Users\sansforensics408\Desktop\Forensic Tools\Registry Tools\regripper\tools>
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Tools – Registry Explorer



Security Hive File

Security – System and Domain SIDs

- SECURITY/Policy/Accounts
- S-R-X-Y₁-Y₂-Y_{n-1}-Y_n-RID
 - S: indicates that the string is SID
 - R: indicates the version level
 - X: indicates the identifier authority value
 - Y: represents a series of subauthority values
 - First value (Y₁):
 - 21: Domain SID
 - 32: Builtin accounts and groups
 - RID: indicates the relative identifier

Security – System and Domain SIDs

- S-**1-5-21-1004336348-1177238915-682003330-512**
 - 1 – Revision level
 - 5 – Identifier Authority (SECURITY_NT_AUTHORITY)
 - 21-1004336348-1177238915-682003330 – domain identifier
 - 512 – Relative Identifier (Domain Admins).
- Well known identifier authorities:
 - S-1-0: SECURITY_NULL_SID_AUTHORITY
 - S-1-1: SECURITY_WORLD_SID_AUTHORITY
 - S-1-2: SECURITY_LOCAL_SID_AUTHORITY
 - S-1-3: SECURITY_CREATOR_SID_AUTHORITY
 - S-1-5: SECURITY_NT_AUTHORITY

Security - Well Known SIDs

SID	Name	Description
S-1-0-0	Nobody	No security principal.
S-1-1-0	Everyone	A group that includes all users, even anonymous users and guests. Membership is controlled by the operating system.
S-1-2-0	Local	A group that includes all users who have logged on locally.
S-1-5-2	Network	A group that includes all users that have logged on through a network connection. Membership is controlled by the operating system.
S-1-5-4	Interactive	A group that includes all users that have logged on interactively. Membership is controlled by the operating system.
S-1-5-6	Service	A group that includes all security principals that have logged on as a service. Membership is controlled by the operating system.
S-1-5-9	Enterprise Domain Controllers	A group that includes all domain controllers in a forest that uses an Active Directory directory service. Membership is controlled by the operating system.
S-1-5-19	NT Authority	Local Service
S-1-5-20	NT Authority	Network Service
S-1-5-21-(any)		Domain Account
S-1-5-32-(any)		Builtin Users/Groups
S-1-5-80-0	All Services	A group that includes all service processes configured on the system. Membership is controlled by the operating system.

Security – RIDs

- **Domain Users (21-....)**
 - DOMAINNAME\Administrator – **500**
 - DOMAINNAME\Guest – **501**
 - DOMAINNAME\Domain Admins – **512**
 - DOMAINNAME\Domain Users – **513**
 - DOMAINNAME\Domain Guests – **514**
- **Builtin Users and Groups (32-....)**
 - BUILTIN\Administrators - **544**
 - BUILTIN\Users - **545**
 - BUILTIN\Groups - **546**
 - BUILTIN\Account Operators - **548**
 - BUILTIN\Server Operators - **549**
 - BUILTIN\Print Operators - **550**
 - BUILTIN\Backup Operators - **551**

Security - System and Domain SIDs

C:\Windows\system32\config\SECURITY				
ROOT	0	3	2023-11-22 06:07:46	
Cache	11	0	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
Policy	1	19	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
Accounts	1	16	2023-04-18 07:01:52	
S-1-1-0	1	4	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-19	1	3	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-20	1	3	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-21-2678071334-2802362763-302739771-1005	1	3	2022-09-29 08:04:13	
S-1-5-21-2678071334-2802362763-302739771-501	1	3	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-32-544	1	4	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-32-545	1	4	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-32-551	1	4	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-32-555	1	3	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-32-559	1	3	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-32-583	1	4	2022-08-24 07:30:32	
S-1-5-6	1	3	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-80-0	1	3	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-80-3139157870-2983391045-3678747466-658725712-1809340420	1	3	2022-08-24 07:30:28	
S-1-5-83-0	1	4	2023-04-18 07:01:52	
S-1-5-90-0	1	4	2022-08-24 07:30:32	

Security - Audit Policy

- SECURITY/Policy/PolAdtEv
 - auditpol /get /category:*

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>auditpol /get /category:*
System audit policy
Category/Subcategory                               Setting
System
    Security System Extension                      No Auditing
    System Integrity                            Success and Failure
    IPsec Driver                                No Auditing
    Other System Events                         Success and Failure
    Security State Change                       Success
Logon/Logoff
    Logon                                      Success and Failure
    Logoff                                     Success
    Account Lockout                            Success
    IPsec Main Mode                            No Auditing
    IPsec Quick Mode                           No Auditing
    IPsec Extended Mode                        No Auditing
    Special Logon                             Success
    Other Logon/Logoff Events                  No Auditing
    Network Policy Server                     Success and Failure
    User / Device Claims                      No Auditing
    Group Membership                          No Auditing
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System Info & User Accounts

System

- Computer name
- Dynamic Disks
- Install Dates
- Last User Logged In
- Mounted Devices
- Startup Programs - Autoruns
- System's USB Devices
- ...e.t.c.

System – OS Version

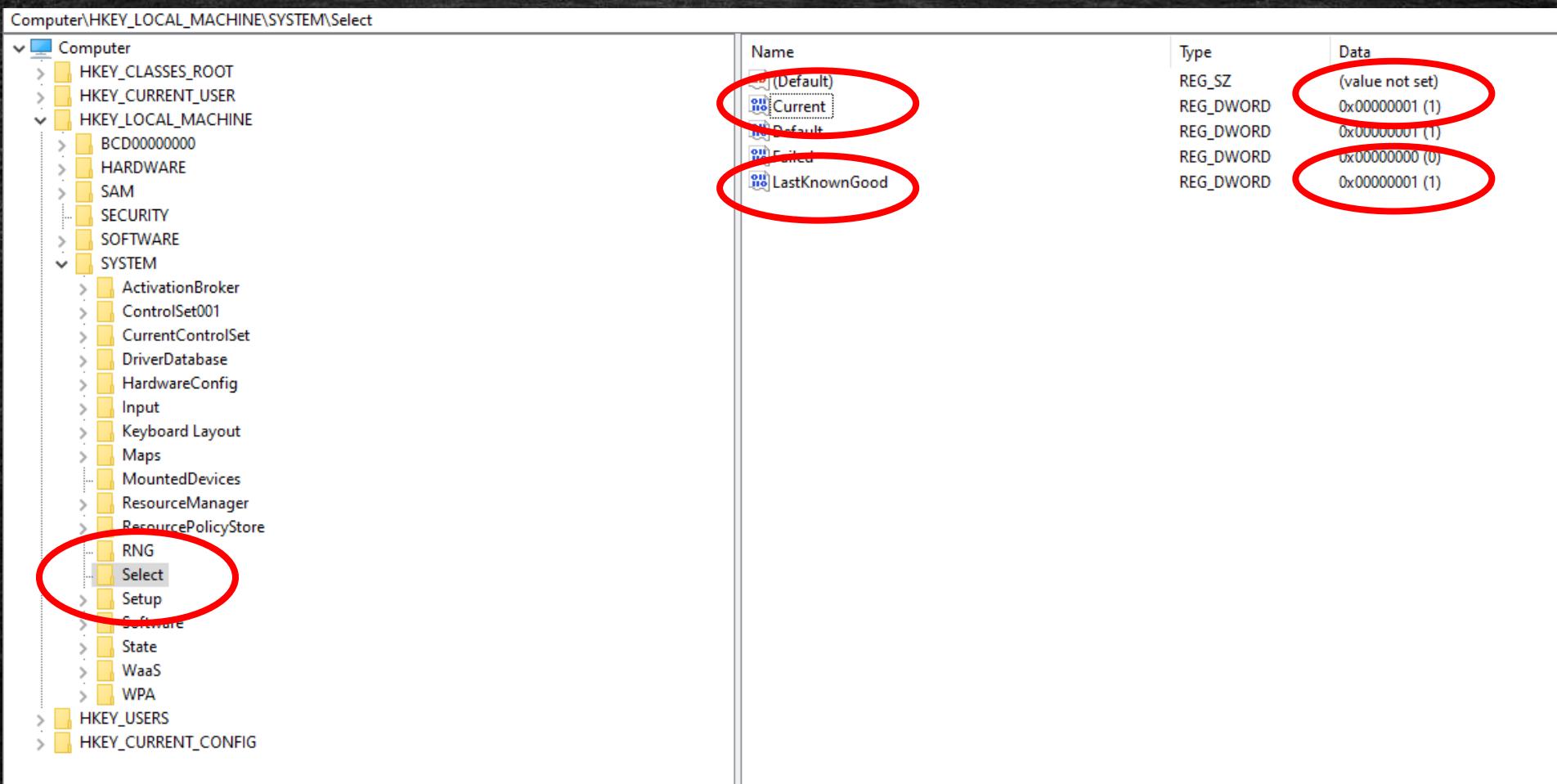
The screenshot shows the Windows Registry Editor interface. On the left, a tree view of registry keys is displayed, with a red circle highlighting the 'CurrentVersion' key under the 'Windows NT\CurrentVersion' path. On the right, a table lists various system registry values with their types and data.

Value Name	Value Type	Data	Value Slack
SystemRoot	RegSz	C:\WINDOWS	00-00-00-00-00-00
BaseBuildRevisionNumber	RegDword	1	
BuildBranch	RegSz	vb_release	00-00-00-00-00-00
BuildGUID	RegSz	ffffffff-ffff-ffff-ffff-ffffffffffff	00-00
BuildLab	RegSz	19041.vb_release.191206-1406	00-00
BuildLabEx	RegSz	19041.1.amd64fre.vb_release.191206-1...	00-00-00-00
CompositionEditionID	RegSz	Enterprise	00-00-00-00-00-05
CurrentBuild	RegSz	19044	
CurrentBuildNumber	RegSz	19044	
CurrentMajorVersionNumber	RegDword	10	
CurrentMinorVersionNumber	RegDword	0	
CurrentType	RegSz	Multiprocessor Free	65-00-64-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
CurrentVersion	RegSz	6.3	00-00-00-00
EditionID	RegSz	Professional	00-00
EditionSubManufacturer	RegSz		
EditionSubstring	RegSz		
EditionSubVersion	RegSz		
InstallationType	RegSz	Client	00-00-00-00-00-00
InstallDate	RegDword	1637778211	
ProductName	RegSz	Windows 10 Pro	72-00-70-00-72-00-69-00-73-00-65-00-0...
ReleaseId	RegSz	2009	00-00
SoftwareType	RegSz	System	00-00-00-00-00-00-00

System – Control Sets

- **Control Sets**
 - SYSTEM\ControlSet001
 - SYSTEM\ControlSet002
- **CurrentControlSet**
 - Contains Configuration information, drivers and services information
 - Volatile Key
 - SYSTEM\Select\Current
 - SYSTEM\Select>LastKnownGood
 - \SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control
 - \ComputerName\ComputerName
 - \TimeZonelInformation
 - \Windows
 - Shutdown time

System - CurrentControlSet



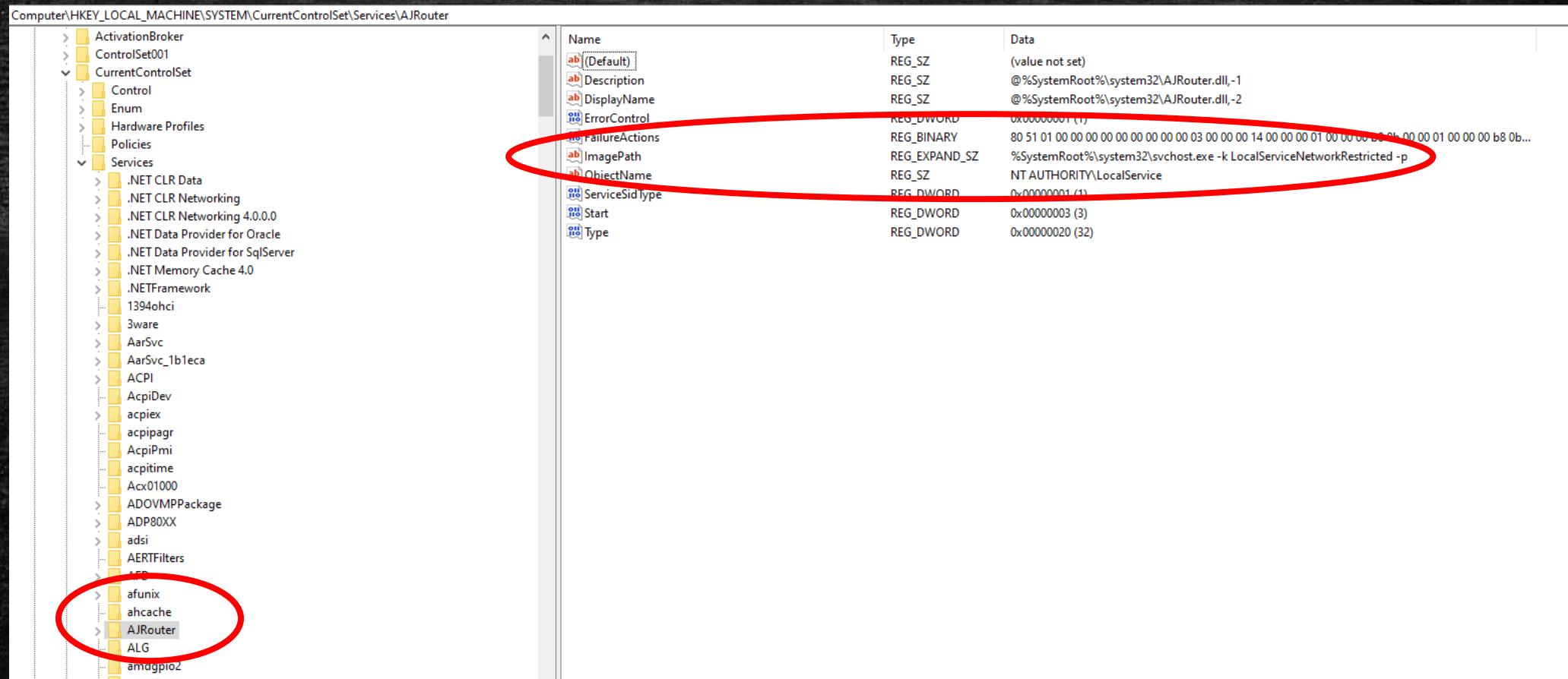
System – ComputerName and TimeZoneInformation

ComputerName	RegSz	DESKTOP-E4NUK4Q
(default)	RegSz	mnmsrvc

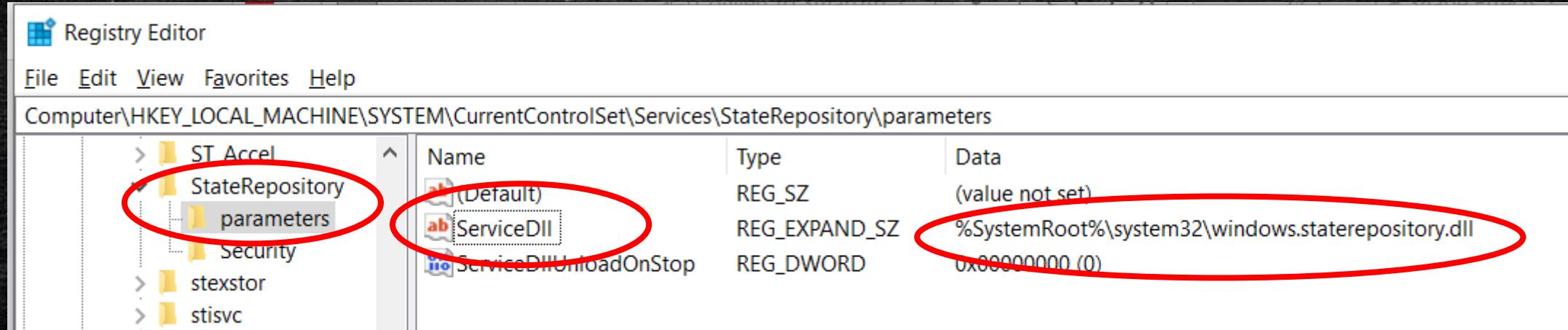
System – CurrentControlSet\Services

- \Services\LanmanServer\shares
- Services:\Start = ox02 (Auto), ox03 (Manual),
ox04 (Disabled)
 - SVCHost (Windows Services)
 - \ImagePath = %SystemRoot%\system32\svchost.exe -k
netsvcs
 - SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows
NT\CurrentVersion\svchost
 - \Services\{service_name}\Parameters -> ServiceDll

System – CurrentControlSet\Services



System – CurrentControlSet\Services



System – Network Elements

- ControlSet(number)\Services\Tcpip\Parameters\Interfaces
(Network Interface)
 - GUIDs, IPs, Gateways,...

System – Interfaces

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\Tcpip\Parameters\Interfaces\{115c13db-8e2b-477c-806e-1f029a08b61e}

Name	Type	Data
ab (Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
AddressType	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
DhcpConnForceBroadcastFlag	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
ab DhcpDefaultGateway	REG_MULTI_SZ	192.168.24.1
ab DhcpDomain	REG_SZ	agora.cdd
DhcpGatewayHardware	REG_BINARY	c0 a8 18 01 06 00 00 00 40 62 31 0b 8b 10
DhcpGatewayHardwareCount	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
DhcpInterfaceOptions	REG_BINARY	fc 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
ab DhcpIPAddress	REG_SZ	192.168.24.51
ab DhcpNameServer	REG_SZ	192.168.24.3 192.168.24.1
ab DhcpServer	REG_SZ	192.168.24.1
ab DhcpSubnetMask	REG_SZ	255.255.255.0
ab DhcpSubnetMaskOpt	REG_MULTI_SZ	255.255.255.0
ab Domain	REG_SZ	
EnableDHCP	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
IsServerNapAware	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
Lease	REG_DWORD	0x00001c20 (7200)
LeaseObtainedTime	REG_DWORD	0x654a26db (1699358427)
LeaseTerminatesTime	REG_DWORD	0x654a42fb (1699365627)
ab NameServer	REG_SZ	
T1	REG_DWORD	0x654a34eb (1699362027)
T2	REG_DWORD	0x654a3f77 (1699364727)

SAM (Security Account Manager)

- SAM\Domains\Account\Users
 - Username
 - SID (Security Identifier)
 - User Login Information
 - Last Login
 - Last failed login
 - Logon Count
 - Password policy
 - Group Information
 - Administrators
 - Users
 - Remote Desktop Users
 - ...e.t.c.

SAM

- SAM\Domains\Account\Users\Names
- SAM\Domains\Account\ Users\|(RID) (User Information)
 - regripper (plugin: samparse)
 - pwdump
- Empty pass: – 31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7eooco89co

SAM

📁	ROOT			0	1	2022-05-16 05:24:10
📁	SAM			2	3	2022-05-16 05:26:25
📁	Domains			1	2	2022-05-16 05:24:10
📁	Account			2	3	2022-06-02 07:07:55
▶	Aliases			1	4	2022-05-19 09:38:56
▶	Groups			1	2	2022-05-16 05:24:10
▶	Users			1	9	2022-05-19 09:49:40
📁	000001F4			3	0	2022-05-16 05:25:39
📁	000001F5			3	0	2022-05-16 05:25:39
📁	000001F7			4	0	2022-05-16 05:25:39
📁	000001F8			5	0	2022-05-16 05:25:39
📁	000003E9			5	0	2023-11-06 08:48:05
📁	000003EF			4	0	2023-11-06 07:12:36
📁	000003F0			5	0	2023-07-11 03:38:52
📁	000003F1			5	0	2023-11-06 09:04:29
📁	Names			1	8	2022-05-19 09:49:40
📁	Administrator			1	0	2022-05-16 05:26:45
📁	DefaultAccount			1	0	2022-05-16 05:26:45
📁	Guest			1	0	2022-05-16 05:26:45
📁	installer			1	0	2022-05-19 09:49:40
📁	KlNagSvc			1	0	2022-05-19 09:38:57
📁	support			1	0	2022-05-19 09:49:05
📁	user			1	0	2022-05-16 05:34:43
📁	WDAGUtilityAccount			1	0	2022-05-16 05:26:45
▶	Builtin			3	3	2022-06-02 10:29:23
📁	LastSkuUpgrade			1	0	2022-05-16 05:26:25
📁	RXACT			1	0	2022-05-16 05:24:10

Key name	# values
\\vmware-host\Shared Folders...	—
ROOT	0
SAM	2
Domains	1
Account	2
Aliases	1
Members	1
Names	1
Groups	1
Users	1
000001F4	3
000001F5	2
000001F7	2
000003E8	3
000003E9	2
000003EA	3
Names	1
Administrator	1
DefaultAccount	1
Guest	1
IEUser	1
sshd	1
sshd_server	1
Builtin	2
Aliases	1
Groups	1
Users	1
Names	1
LastSkuUpgrade	1
RXACT	1

Values User accounts

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User Id	Invalid Lo...	Total L...	Created On	Last Login Time	Last Password Ch...	Last Incorrect Pas...	Expires On	User...	Full ...	Pas...	Groups	C...	U...	Home ...
1002	—	0	17 2015-09-25 15:10:19	2017-10-29 10:...	2015-09-25 15:10...	—	—	sshd_...	sshd...	ssh...	Administrators,	—	—	C:\Program Files\OpenSSH\var\empt...
1000	0	22 2015-09-25 14:44:14	2017-10-29 10:...	2015-09-25 14:44...	2017-10-27 17:32...	IEUser	IEUser	Administrators,	IEUser	IEUser	Administrators,	IEUser	IEUser	

Created on Last Login Time Last Password Change Last Incorrect Password Groups

Total rows: 6 Export ?

Type viewer

Value name: (default)

Value type: RegDwordBigEndian

Value: 0

Raw value: 00-00-00-00

Key: SAM\Domains\Account\Users

Selected hive: SAM | Last write: 2015-09-25 15:10:19 | 1 of 1 values shown (100.00 %)

Hidden keys: 0 | 9 |

SAM

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samparse v.20220921
(SAM) Parse SAM file for user & group mbrshp info

User Information
-----
Username      : Administrator [500]
SID           : S-1-5-21-2725696290-2759209594-2886217957-500
Full Name     :
User Comment   : Built-in account for administering the computer/domain
Account Type   :
Account Created : Mon May 16 05:26:45 2022 Z
Name          :
Last Login Date : Never
Pwd Reset Date : Never
Pwd Fail Date  : Never
Login Count    : 0
--> Password does not expire
--> Account Disabled
--> Normal user account
```

SAM.dat

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pwdump7 -s <sam_hive> <system_hive>
```

```
C:\Users\sansforensics408\Downloads>pwdump7 -s C:\Users\sansforensics408  
|Desktop\CC15_VM\SAM C:\Users\sansforensics408\Desktop\CC15_VM\SYSTEM
```

Pwdump v7.1 - raw password extractor

Author: Andres Tarasco Acuna

url: <http://www.514.es>

```
Administrator:500:NO PASSWORD*****:31D6CFE0D16AE931B73C59D7E0C089C0:::
```

```
Guest:501:NO PASSWORD*****:NO PASSWORD*****:::
```

```
Mike:1000:NO PASSWORD*****:31D6CFE0D16AE931B73C59D7E0C089C0:::
```

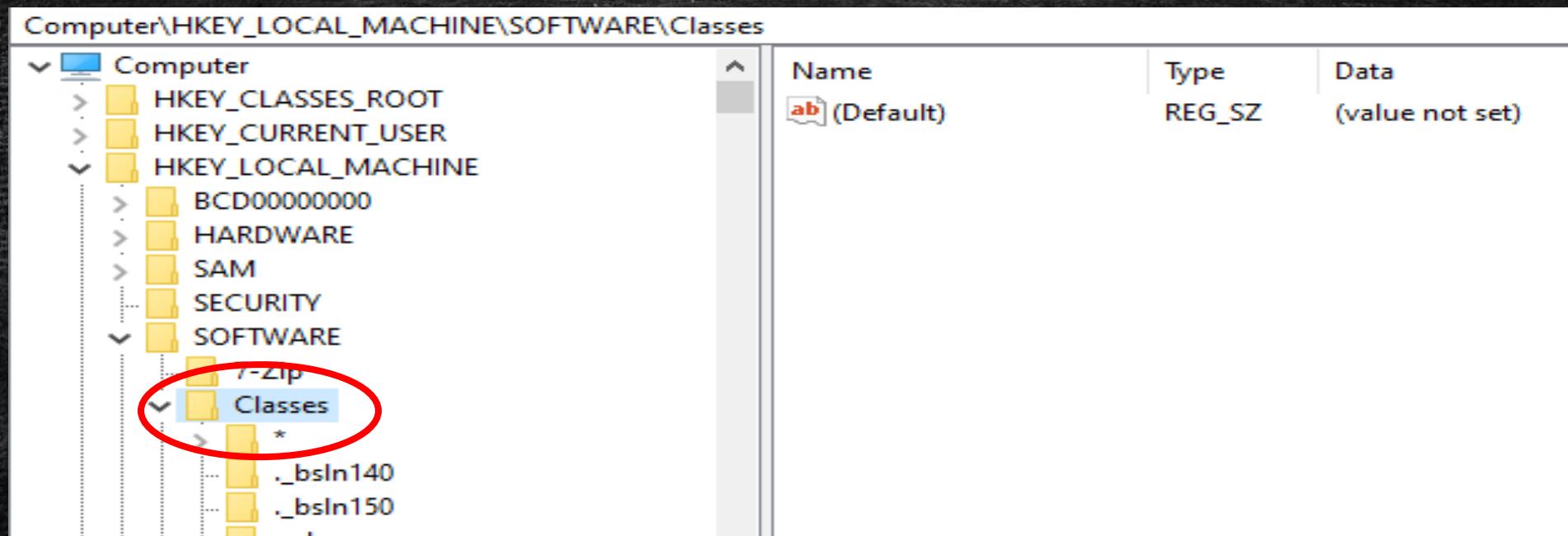
Software

- A lot of system configurations
- Application configuration
- A lot of the software keys, also exist in NTUSER.dat, where they are user specific

Software – CurrentVersion \ Classes

- \Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion
 - ProductName
 - \App Paths : installed applications
 - \Uninstall : installed applications
- \Classes (File Association)
 - The program that will open a file
- \Clients\StartMenuInternet &
 \Classes\HTTP\shell\open\command (Default Browser)

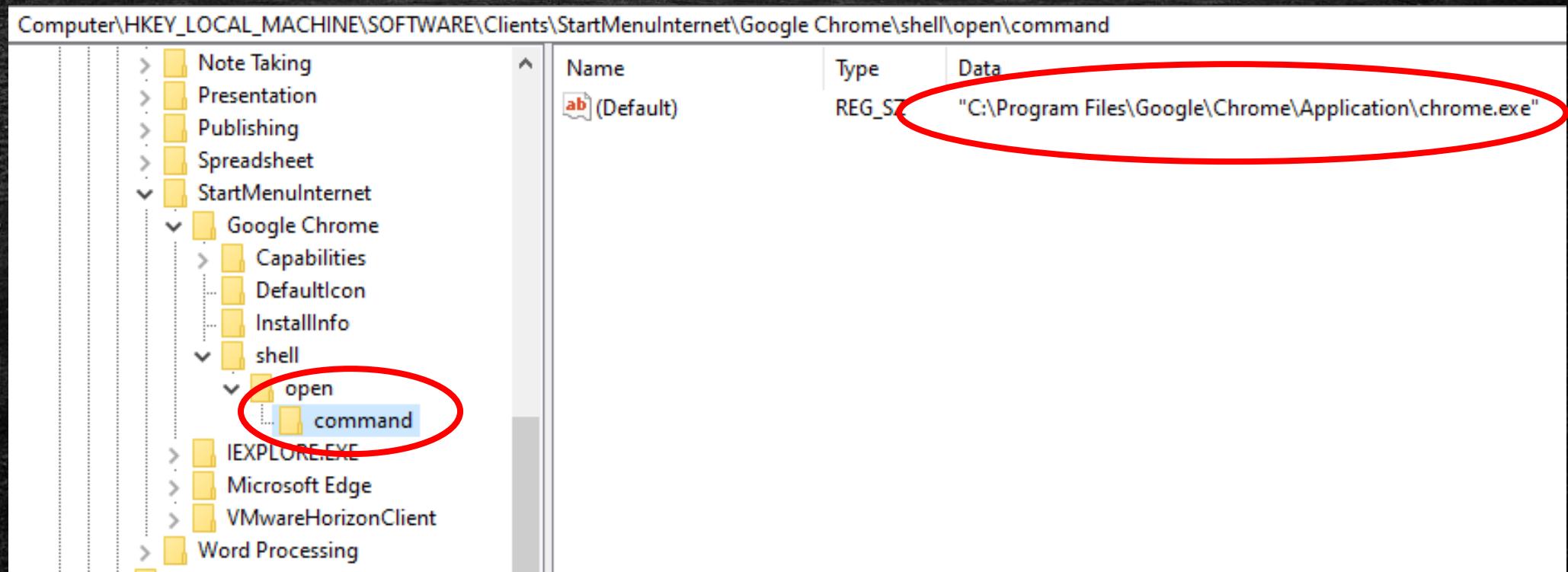
Software - Classes



The screenshot shows the Windows Registry Editor with the title bar "Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\.ps1". The left pane shows subkeys for file extensions: ".pptx", ".pptxml", ".prc", ".prf", ".printerExport", ".ps", ".ps1", ".ps1xml", and ".psc1". The ".ps1" key is highlighted with a red oval. The right pane is a table with columns "Name", "Type", and "Data". It shows one entry: "ab (Default)" of type "REG_SZ" with data "Microsoft.PowerShellScript.1", which is also circled with a red oval.

Name	Type	Data
ab (Default)	REG_SZ	Microsoft.PowerShellScript.1

Software - Clients\StartMenuInternet



Software – Past Networks

- Past Networks:
 - SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\NetworkList\Signatures\Unmanaged
 - SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\NetworkList\Signatures\Managed

Software – Past Networks

Registry Editor

File Edit View Favorites Help

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\NetworkList\Signatures\Unmanaged\010103000F0000F0080000000F0000F000D70F39BF3D4

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
DefaultGatewayMac	REG_BINARY	40 62 31 0b 8b 10
Description	REG_SZ	Network 2
DnsSuffix	REG_SZ	agora.cdd
FirstNetwork	REG_SZ	Network 2
ProfileGuid	REG_SZ	{6FEB97EF-5073-48EF-B88B-D231567B90AE}
Source	REG_DWORD	0x00000008 (8)

Software - Autoruns

Autoruns:

- Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
- Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\policies\Explorer\Run
- Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
- Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon
 - Notify (dll files during logon) (No default)
 - UserInit
- Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Shell Extensions\Approved
 - Shell Extensions: Windows search dlls first in "%Windows%" then in "%Windows%\System32" (If not stated)

Software - CurrentVersion\Run

The screenshot shows a registry editor interface with two main panes. The left pane displays a tree view of registry keys under 'Software\CurrentVersion\Run'. A red oval highlights the 'Run' key. The right pane shows a table of values for this key, also enclosed in a red oval.

Left Pane (Registry Keys):

Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp
rempl	0	2	2023-05-03 03:34:57
ReserveManager	9	1	2023-10-31 16:59:23
RetailDemo	0	2	2019-12-07 09:17:27
Run	5	0	2022-05-19 08:12:02
RunOnce	0	0	2023-11-06 08:50:06
SecondaryAuthFactor	0	0	2019-12-07 09:15:12

Right Pane (Values):

Value Name	Value Type	Data
egui	RegSz	"C:\Program Files\ESET\ESET Security\ecmds.exe" /run /hide /proxy
RTHDVCPL	RegSz	"C:\Program Files\Realtek\Audio\HDA\RtkNGUI64.exe" -s
SecurityHealth	RegExpandSz	%windir%\system32\SecurityHealthSystray.exe
ISCT Tray	RegSz	C:\Program Files\Intel\Intel(R) Smart Connect Technology Agent\SCTsysTray8.exe
RtsCM	RegSz	RTSCM64.EXE

Software – Other Autoruns Locations

- NTUSER.DAT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
- NTUSER.DAT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
- SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services

Enter text to search... ▾				Find
Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp	
Key name	=	=	=	
C:\Windows\system32\config\SYSTEM				
ROOT	0	17	2023-11-03 06:59:24	
ActivationBroker	0	1	2019-12-07 09:15:08	
ControlSet001	0	5	2019-12-07 09:15:07	
Control	12	127	2023-11-03 07:00:51	
Enum	35	15	2023-10-17 04:59:52	
Hardware Profiles	0	2	2023-11-03 06:59:24	
Policies	0	0	2023-06-07 11:09:08	
Services	0	793	2023-11-07 07:17:37	
DriverDatabase	6	4	2023-10-18 21:20:05	
HardwareConfig	2	1	2023-11-03 06:59:24	
Input	0	2	2019-12-07 09:15:07	
Keyboard Layout	0	2	2019-12-07 09:49:45	
Manga	0	2	2022-09-24 07:40:53	

Drag a column header here to group by that column							
Name	Description	Display Name	Start Mode	Service Type	Name Key	Last Write	Parameters Key La...
.NET CLR Data			Disabled	Adapter	2022-09-14 04:50:...		=
.NET CLR Networking			Disabled	Adapter	2022-09-14 04:50:...		
.NET CLR Networking 4.0.0.0			Disabled	Adapter	2019-12-07 09:15:...		
.NET Data Provider for Oracle			Disabled	Adapter	2019-12-07 09:15:...		
.NET Data Provider for SqlServer			Disabled	Adapter	2019-12-07 09:15:...		
.NET Memory Cache 4.0			Disabled	Adapter	2019-12-07 09:15:...		
.NETFramework			Disabled	Adapter	2019-12-07 09:15:...		
1394ohci	@1394.inf,%PCI\CC_0C0010.DeviceDescriptor%;1394 OHCI Compliant Host Controller		Manual	KernelDriver	2020-11-19 07:45:...		

Usage of Files/Folders

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT

- User information
- Some keys in NTUSER.dat have same path, name and values with SOFTWARE
 - But user specific information
- NTUSER.dat \Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
- NTUSER.dat \Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - MRUs

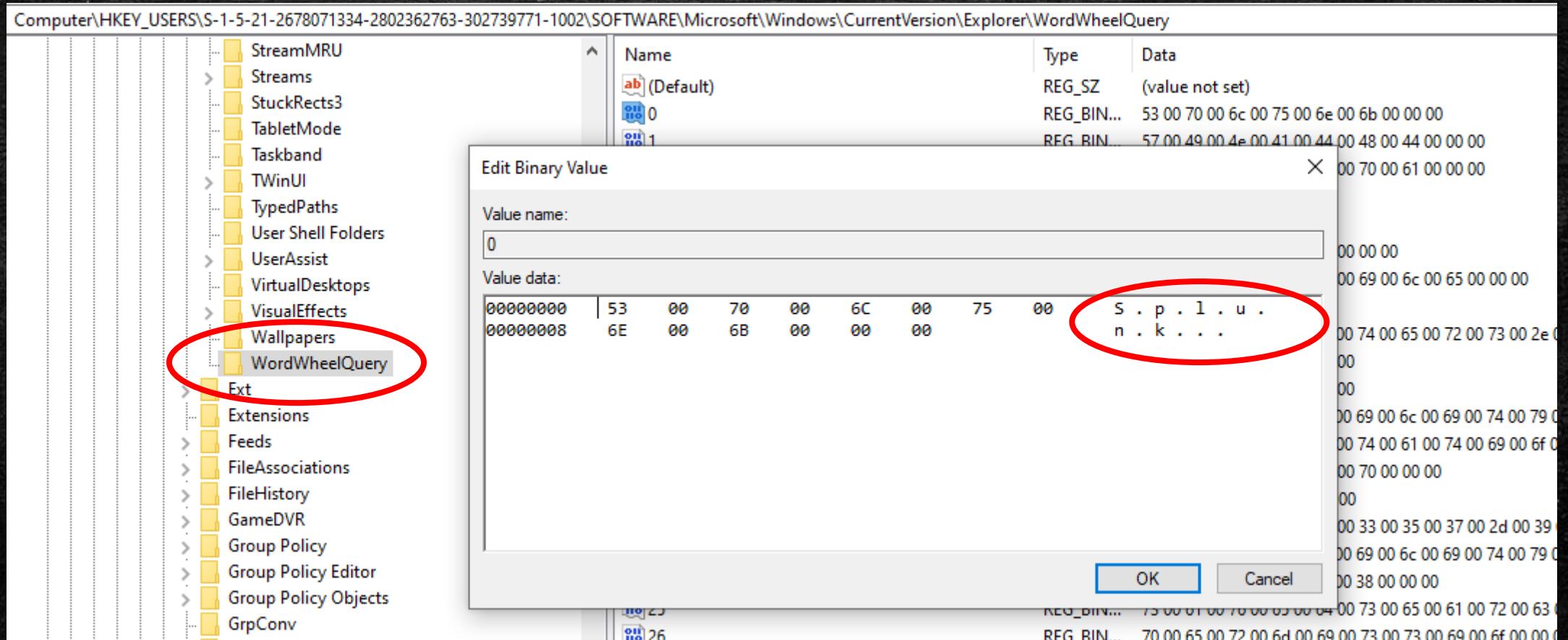
- MRU

Computer\HKEY_USERS\S-1-5-21-2678071334-2802362763-302739771-1002\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RunMRU			
	Name	Type	Data
	ab (Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
	ab a	REG_SZ	ncpa.cpl\1
	ab b	REG_SZ	regedit\1
	ab c	REG_SZ	wf.msc\1
	ab d	REG_SZ	gpedit.msc\1
	ab e	REG_SZ	mmc\1
	ab f	REG_SZ	secedit.exe\1
	ab MRUList	REG_SZ	febdcfa

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - MRUs

- MRUs
 - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\WordWheelQuery
 - Most recently searches
 - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RunMRU
 - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Map Network Drive MRU
 - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RecentDocs
 - All values remain even when the file is deleted
 - An mru list for all kinds of files
 - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\TypedPaths
 - Software\Microsoft\Office\VERSION

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - WordWheelQuery



NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - RecentDocs

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Registry hives (2) Available bookmarks (59/0)

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Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp
Package Installation	1	0	2023-10-19 04:55:04
RecentDocs	151	89	2023-11-07 12:18:41
RestartCommands	0	0	2023-10-19 04:44:53
Ribbon	2	0	2022-11-30 15:58:21
RunMRU	7	0	2023-06-07 11:22:29
Search	0	2	2022-08-24 07:40:22
SearchPlatform	0	1	2022-08-24 06:37:37
Shell Folders	31	0	2022-08-24 07:51:57
Shutdown	1	0	2023-11-03 07:04:42
StartPage	2	0	2022-08-24 07:40:23
StartupApproved	0	2	2022-09-16 04:55:02
StorageProvider	0	1	2023-05-19 05:26:52
StorageProviderStatus	1	0	2023-09-18 11:34:44
StreamMRU	3	0	2023-05-16 08:20:02
Streams	0	3	2022-10-18 08:53:03
StuckRects3	1	0	2022-08-24 07:40:23
TabletMode	1	0	2022-08-24 07:53:57

Values Recent documents

Drag a column header here to group by that column

Extension	Value Name	Target Name	Lnk Name	Mru Position	Open
.xlsx	1	20230526131733_LECmd_Output.xlsx	20230526131733_LECmd_Output.xlsx.lnk	10	=
.vmx	1	SOF-ELK.vmx	SOF-ELK.lnk	2	=
.txt	1	result2.txt	result2.txt.lnk	17	=
.tgz	1	alert-manager_3011.tgz	alert-manager_3011.lnk	7	=
.sql	1	VelociraptorForensicAnalysis.sql	VelociraptorForensicAnalysis.lnk	1	=
.sh	1	install.sh	install.sh.lnk	1	=
.rules	1	blacklist.rules	blacklist.rules.lnk	2	=
.rtf	1	CompTIA CySA_Cybersecurity Analyst Certif - Brent Chapman.rtf	CompTIA CySA_Cybersecurity Analyst Certif - Brent Chapman.lnk	5	=
.rar	1	q6BiiE8s_WindowsSecurityCrashCourse.1.4.part2.rar	q6BiiE8s_WindowsSecurityCrashCourse.1.4.part2.lnk	9	=
.qradar	1	th.mpenos.QRadar	th.mpenos.QRadar (2).lnk	1	=
.py	1	use_extracted_parts.py	use_extracted_parts.py.lnk	19	=
.ps1	1	Update_SavedSearches_From_Signa_YML.ps1	Update_SavedSearches_From_Signa_YML.ps1.lnk	8	=
.pptx	1	(NU-EPG) CC22 MPC - SL100.pptx	(NU-EPG) CC22 MPC - SL100.lnk	2	=

Total rows: 710

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - TypedPaths

Computer\HKEY_USERS\S-1-5-21-2678071334-2802362763-302739771-1002\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\TypedPaths			
	Name	Type	Data
TabletMode	(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
taskband	url1	REG_SZ	C:\Windows\System32\config
TWinUI	url10	REG_SZ	C:\Program Files (x86)\Free RAR Password Recovery
TypedPaths	url11	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\sysmon
User Shell Folders	url12	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\registry
UserAssist	url13	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\raw_access_thread
VirtualDesktops	url14	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\process_creation
VisualEffects	url15	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\process_access
Wallpapers	url16	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\placeholder\process_creation
WordWheelQuery	url17	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\pipe_created
Ext	url18	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\network_connection
Extensions	url19	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\image_load
Feeds	url2	REG_SZ	C:\Program Files\Velociraptor
FileAssociations	url20	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\file
FileHistory	url21	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\emerging-threats
GameDVR	url22	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\driver_load
Group Policy	url23	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\dns_query
Group Policy Editor	url24	REG_SZ	C:\sigma_rules\hayabusa-2.7.0-win-64-bit\rules\sigma\sysmon\create_stream_hash
Group Policy Objects	url25	REG_SZ	C:\Windows\System32\winevt
GrpConv	url3	REG_SZ	C:\Program Files
Holographic	url4	REG_SZ	C:\Users\thoma\Downloads\loki
ime	url5	REG_SZ	C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\Virtual Machines\Cisco VMs
ImmersiveShell	url6	REG_SZ	Documents
InstallService	url7	REG_SZ	C:\Users\thoma\VirtualBox VMs
Internet Settings	url8	REG_SZ	C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Documents\Virtual Machines
IrisService	url9	REG_SZ	C:\Windows\System32\drivers
Live			
Lock Screen			
Lxss			
Mobility			

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - ComDlg32

- Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\ComDlg32
 - OpenSavePidMRU (Open and Save As ...)
 - LastVisitedPidMRU (Last Used Application to access file and folder recorded by OpenSavePidMRU)

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - OpenSavePidlMRU

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File Tools Options Bookmarks (31/0) View Help

Registry hives (2) Available bookmarks (59/0)

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Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp
=	=	=	
CIDSaved	0	1	2022-08-25 05:01:13
CLSID	0	5	2022-08-24 06:39:36
ComDlg32	0	5	2022-11-30 16:06:43
CIDSizeMRU	43	0	2023-11-07 10:55:01
FirstFolder	5	0	2023-10-24 11:37:15
LastVisitedPidlMRU	25	0	2023-11-07 10:54:51
LastVisitedPidlMRULegacy	2	0	2022-12-01 13:01:54
OpenSavePidlMRU	0	58	2023-10-31 10:53:32
Desktop	0	1	2022-08-24 06:39:36
Discardable	0	1	2022-08-24 07:51:17
DiskSpaceChecking	1	0	2023-02-08 05:54:50
ExtractionWizard	1	0	2022-09-20 09:57:04
FeatureUsage	1	5	2022-09-16 04:34:21
FileExts	0	320	2023-11-03 09:42:38
HideDesktopIcons	0	1	2022-08-24 06:39:37
LogonStats	2	0	2022-08-24 07:51:01
LowRegistry	0	0	2022-08-24 07:51:18

Values ComDlg32 OpenSavePidlMRU

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Extension	Value Name	Mru Position	Absolute Path	Opened On
*	3	0	My Computer\My Computer\C:\Windows\System32\config\system	2023-11-07 10:36:12
0-linux-amd64-musl	0	0	My Computer\Downloads\Org_SOCLab_velociraptor-v0.7.0-linux-amd64-musl	2023-09-13 07:55:12
api	0	0	OneDrive\IDRtools\SysinternalsSuite\key.api	2022-10-25 09:35:21
bat	13	0	My Computer\C:\sigma_rules\MITRE_SIGMA\auditpolicy.bat	2023-06-09 09:06:17
cer	0	0	My Computer\F:\Horizon\JCA_root.cer	2023-07-28 07:47:01
conf	0	0	My Computer\C:\sigma_rules\savedsearches.conf	2023-08-07 16:13:19
config	0	0	My Computer\C:\Snort\etc\classification1.config	2023-04-18 08:43:46
csv	10	0	My Computer\Downloads\2023-11-07-data_export.csv	2023-11-07 08:14:21
db	1	0	My Computer\Downloads\jewlm_combined.db	2023-08-11 08:28:24
deb	0	0	My Computer\Downloads\velociraptor_0.6.9_client.deb	2023-08-01 11:57:38
dmp	0	0	My Computer\Desktop\lsass.dmp	2023-08-17 11:01:13
doc	0	0	OneNote\https://d.docs.live.net\6bdb6832da013598\Προσωπικό Αρχείο\Εγγραφά\Army\ΓΕΕΘΑ ΕΣΥΝΑΦΟΡΑ ΑΔΕΙΑΣ ΓΙΑ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΟ (Πολωνία).doc	2022-10-13 05:38:42
docx	9	0	OneDrive\Προσωπικό Αρχείο\Εγγραφά\Homework\RangeForce\Server Protection Overview.docx	2023-10-04 06:38:15
eml	1	0	My Computer\Documents\mail.eml	2023-06-14 16:50:14

Total rows: 366

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - LastVisitedPidMRU

Values ComDlg32 LastVisitedPidMRU					
Drag a column header here to group by that column					
Value Name	Mru Position	Executable	Absolute Path	Opened On	
?	=	RBC	RBC	RBC	RBC
8	0	RegistryExplorer.exe	My Computer\{C:\Windows\System32\config	2023-11-07 10:54:51	
12	1	msedge.exe	My Computer\Desktop		
5	2	{8480A1E8-D4C0-43D5-B689-72D214AB4DFC}	My Computer\{C:\Users\thoma\Downloads		
1	3	notepad++.exe	OneDrive\Προσωπικό Αρχείο\Εγγραφά\Army\ΓΕΕΘΑ E5\Deployment\Velociraptor		
22	4	{D6637525-53BD-49E9-9E1B-D5E744F7A9DF}	OneDrive\Προσωπικό Αρχείο\Εγγραφά\Army\ΓΕΕΘΑ E5\ESDC		
23	5	vmware.exe	My Computer\Documents\Virtual Machines		
14	6	VirtualBox.exe	My Computer\Documents\Virtual Machines\CyberOps		
6	7	KeePass.exe	My Computer\{C:\Users\thoma\OneDrive\Προσωπικό Αρχείο		
18	8	Code.exe	OneDrive\Προσωπικό Αρχείο\Εγγραφά\Army\ΓΕΕΘΑ E5		
0	9	chrome.exe	My Computer\Downloads		
3	10	{EC04B61C-3E7B-4750-B9C5-95446FA443B2}	OneDrive\Προσωπικό Αρχείο\Εγγραφά\Homework\RangeForce		
20	11	PickerHost.exe	My Computer\Desktop		
13	12	mspaint.exe	My Computer\Desktop		
21	13	procexp64.exe	My Computer\Desktop		

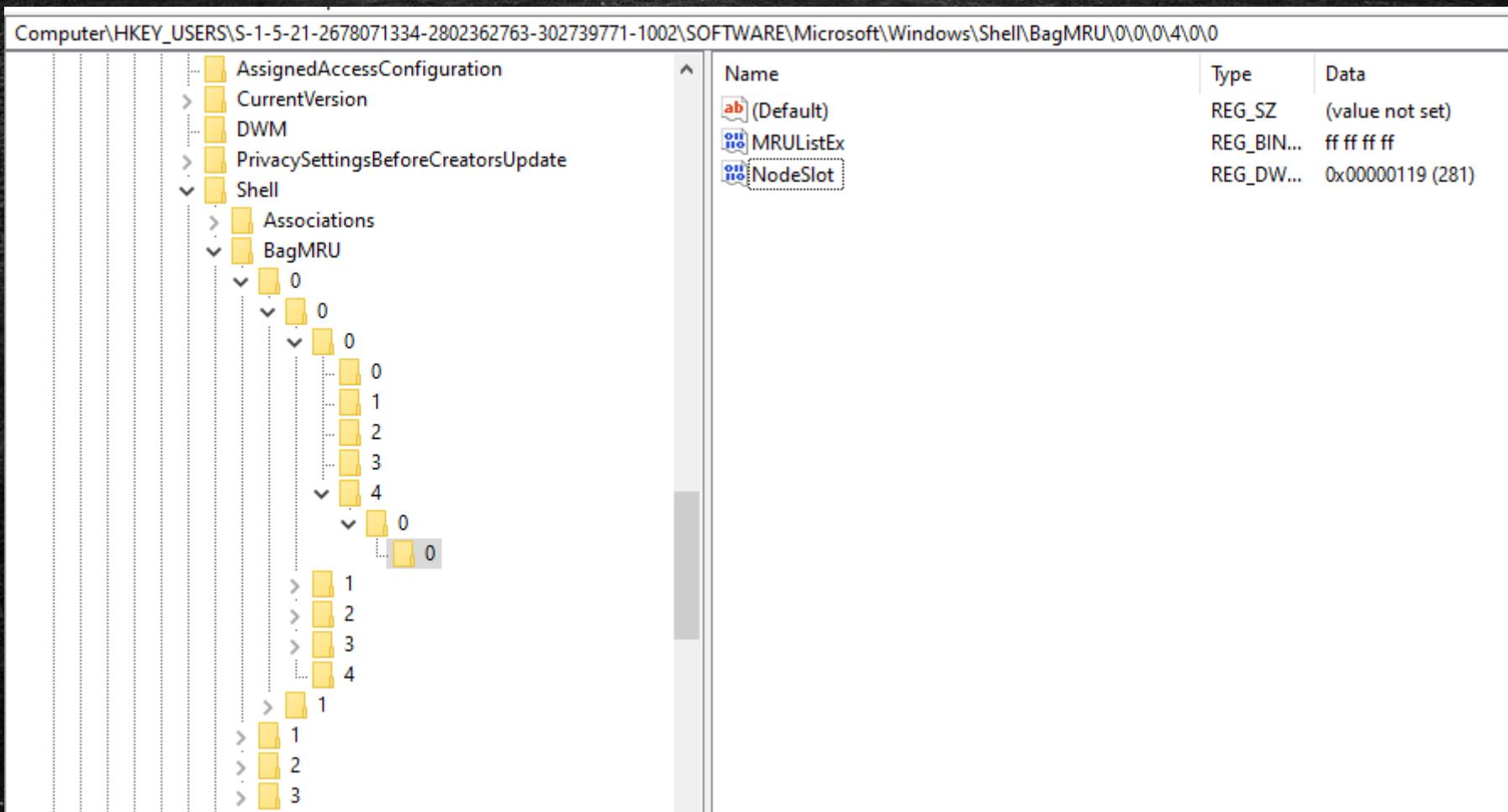
NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - ShellBags

- Contains user-specific Windows OS folder and viewing preferences to Windows Explorer
- Which folders were accessed on the local machine, network, and/or removable devices
 - Evidence of previously existing folders after deletion/overwrite
 - When certain folders were accessed
- Explorer Access:
 - USRCLASS.DAT\Local Settings\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Shell\Bags
 - USRCLASS.DAT\Local Settings\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Shell\BagMRU
- Desktop Access:
 - NTUSER.DAT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Shell\BagMRU
 - NTUSER.DAT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Shell\Bags

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - ShellBags

```
\Shell
  \BagMRU
    \0 (Desktop)
      \0 (Computer)
        \0 (C:\)
          \0 (Users)
            \0 (username)
              \0 (Documents)
              \1 (AppData)
              \2 (Links)
              \3 ...
              ...
              \1 (ProgramFiles)
              \2 ...
              ...
              ...
```

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - ShellBags



NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - ShellBags

ShellBags Explorer v1.4.0.0

File Tools Help

Value

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Value	Icon	Shell Type	MRU Position	Created On	Modified On	Accessed On
ZimmermanTools	No im...	BagMRU	=	=	=	=

Desktop

- @user.home
 - engage
 - osgi
- Computers and Devices
- Control Panel
- E:\
 - tools
 - forecopy
 - kapec
 - SysinternalsSuits
 - ZimmermanTools
- F:\
- Home Folder
- My Computer
- 3D Objects
- C:
 - Intel
 - MGLauncher
 - PerfLogs
 - Program Files
 - Program Files (x86)
 - ProgramData
 - swsetup
 - SP101955
 - SP112162
 - SP138267
 - SP74656
 - SP74763
 - System.sav
 - Users
 - Windows
- Desktop
- Documents
- Downloads
 - @user.home
 - HP Downloads

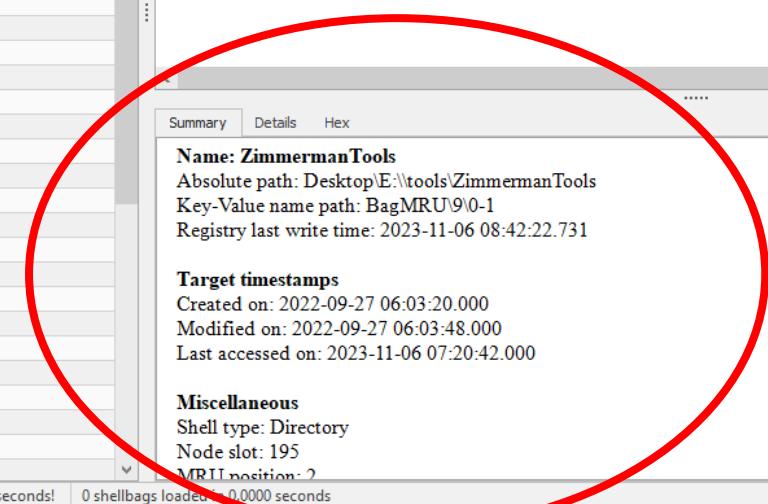
Summary Details Hex

Name: ZimmermanTools
Absolute path: Desktop\E:\tools\ZimmermanTools
Key-Value name path: BagMRU\9\0-1
Registry last write time: 2023-11-06 08:42:22.731

Target timestamps
Created on: 2022-09-27 06:03:20.000
Modified on: 2022-09-27 06:03:48.000
Last accessed on: 2023-11-06 07:20:42.000

Miscellaneous
Shell type: Directory
Node slot: 195
MRU position: ?

'UsrClass.dat' Registry hive loaded in 0.9121 seconds! 0 shellbags loaded in 0.0000 seconds Time zone: UTC 0 of 0 rows visible (NaN)

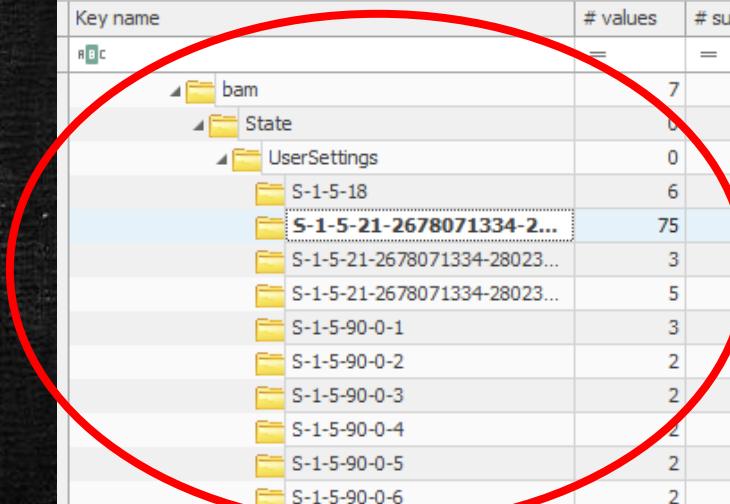


Evidence Of Execution

System – BAM/DAM

- BAM
 - Activity of background applications
 - SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\bam\State\UserSettings\{SID}
- DAM
 - Optimizes power consumption of the device
 - SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\dam\State\UserSettings\{SID}

System – BAM/DAM



Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp	
RBC	=	=	=	
bam	7	1	2020-11-19 0	
State	0	1	2020-11-19 0	
UserSettings	0	11	2023-10-01 0	
S-1-5-18	6	0	2023-11-09 1	
S-1-5-21-2678071334-2...	75	0	2023-11-09 1	
S-1-5-21-2678071334-28023...	3	0	2022-09-22 0	
S-1-5-21-2678071334-28023...	5	0	2022-08-24 0	
S-1-5-90-0-1	3	0	2023-11-03 0	
S-1-5-90-0-2	2	0	2023-10-19 2	
S-1-5-90-0-3	2	0	2023-10-24 2	
S-1-5-90-0-4	2	0	2023-10-04 0	
S-1-5-90-0-5	2	0	2023-10-05 2	
S-1-5-90-0-6	2	0	2023-10-07 2	
S-1-5-90-0-8	2	0	2023-10-08 2	
BasicDisplay	7	2	2023-11-03 0	

Program	Execution Time
Microsoft.Windows.StartMenuExperienceHost_cw5n1h2txyewy	2023-11-03 07:05:11
MicrosoftWindows.Client.CBS_cw5n1h2txyewy	2023-11-09 14:28:53
Microsoft.Windows.Search_cw5n1h2txyewy	2023-11-09 13:27:20
Microsoft.Windows.CloudExperienceHost_cw5n1h2txyewy	2023-11-07 08:50:08
Microsoft.WindowsStore_8wekyb3d8bbwe	2023-11-09 05:42:21
Microsoft.Windows.ShellExperienceHost_cw5n1h2txyewy	2023-11-03 07:06:41
Microsoft.MicrosoftOfficeHub_8wekyb3d8bbwe	2023-11-09 14:29:48
Microsoft.SkypeApp_kzf8qxf38zg5c	2023-11-07 10:55:27
Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2txyewy	2023-11-03 13:11:12
microsoft.windowscommunicationsapps_8wekyb3d8bbwe	2023-11-09 13:54:16
windows.immersivecontrolpanel_cw5n1h2txyewy	2023-10-19 04:55:51
Microsoft.GetHelp_8wekyb3d8bbwe	2023-05-16 07:20:01
Microsoft.XboxGamingOverlay_8wekyb3d8bbwe	2023-11-02 23:48:41
Microsoft.Windows.Photos_8wekyb3d8bbwe	2023-09-20 07:38:28

System – ShimCache

- ShimCache (or AppCompatCache)
 - Keeps track of OS application compatibility
 - Tracks applications launched
 - File name, file size, and last modified time
 - SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\AppCompatCache

System – ShimCache

The image displays two windows related to ShimCache:

Top Window (Windows Registry Editor):

C:\Windows\system32\config\SYSTEM				
ROOT		0	17	2023-11-03 06:15:11
ControlSet001		0	5	2019-12-07 09:45:11
Control		12	127	2023-11-03 07:05:11
Session Manager		22	16	2023-11-09 08:15:11
AppCompatCache		3	0	2023-11-03 06:15:11

Bottom Window (WinDbg Type viewer):

Cache Entry Position	Program Name	Modified Time
=	RBC	=
0	C:\Users\thoma\AppData\Local\Temp\mcr4rqzz.oxn\resources\app\ServiceHub\Services\Microsoft.VisualStudio.Setup.Service\BackgroundDownload.exe	2023-11-03 06:32:33
1	C:\Program Files\KeePass Password Safe 2\KeePass.exe	2023-06-03 07:19:20
2	C:\WINDOWS\SoftwareDistribution\Download\Install\AM_Engine_Patch_1.1.23090.2007.exe	2023-11-03 05:56:02
3	C:\ProgramData\Package Cache\{1897b6e9-b6f9-4529-b7a6-f3f6547b8131}\PowerShell-7.3.8-win-x64.exe	2023-10-18 12:32:55
4	C:\WINDOWS\Temp\{77E3F257-8E48-4535-8E1D-EB53F562E7D6}\be\PowerShell-7.3.9-win-x64.exe	2023-11-03 04:11:58
5	C:\WINDOWS\Temp\{B05A623D-5FA9-492D-B0B4-FB0B69FFECCD}\cr\PowerShell-7.3.9-win-x64.exe	2023-11-03 04:11:55
6	C:\WINDOWS\SoftwareDistribution\Download\Install\PowerShell-7.3.9-win-x64.exe	2023-11-03 04:11:33
7	C:\WINDOWS\SoftwareDistribution\Download\Install\AM_Delta_Patch_1.399.1719.0.exe	2023-11-03 01:43:47

AmCache

- Similar function to ShimCache
- Stores additional data related to program executions
 - Execution path
 - Installation, execution and deletion times
 - SHA1 hashes
- C:\Windows\appcompat\Programs\Amcache.hve
- \Root\File\{Volume GUID}\

AmCache

Registry hives (2) Available bookmarks (31/0)

Enter text to search... Find

Key name	# values	# subkeys	Last write timestamp
=	=	=	=
C:\Windows\system32\config\SYSTEM			
C:\Windows\appcompat\Programs\Amc...			2022-08-23 04:5
{11517B7C-E79D-4e20-961B-75A811715ADD}	0	1	2022-08-24 07:4
Root	0	28	2023-08-10 01:5
DeviceCensus	1	16	2023-11-09 02:5
DriverPackageExtended	3	0	2023-11-09 11:4
InventoryApplication	25	246	2023-11-09 10:2
InventoryApplicationAppV	1	0	2023-11-08 02:3
InventoryApplicationDriver	2	14	2023-06-07 09:3
InventoryApplicationFile	2	1,639	2023-11-09 14:3
InventoryApplicationFramework	2	0	2023-11-09 10:0
InventoryApplicationShortcut	1	224	2023-11-09 01:0
InventoryDeviceContainer	3	41	2023-11-09 11:4
InventoryDeviceInterface	3	1	2023-11-09 11:4
InventoryDeviceMediaClass	3	2	2023-11-09 11:4
InventoryDevicePnp	4	131	2023-11-09 11:4

Values Amcache-InventoryApplicationFile

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Timestamp	Path	Name	Product Name	Publisher	Version	SHA1
2023-11-08 02:38:08	c:\program files (x86)\google\update\install\{72f0b81b-7994-4e1e-bee6-afe324e707b0}\119.0.6045.107_chrome_installer.exe	119.0.6045.107_chrome_installer.exe	google chrome installer	google llc	119.0.6045.107	a9598a5a13c91b58e39b5c4c48b196 abfd881c58
2023-11-08 02:38:07	c:\program files (x86)\google\update\download\{8a69d345-d564-463c-aff1-a69d9e530f96}\119.0.6045.107\119.0.6045.107_chrome_installer.exe	119.0.6045.107_chrome_installer.exe	google chrome installer	google llc	119.0.6045.107	a9598a5a13c91b58e39b5c4c48b196 abfd881c58
2023-08-31 04:16:18	c:\program files\windowsapps\microsoft.microsoft_3dviewer_7.2307.27042.0_x64_8wekyb3d8bbwe\3dviewer.exe	3DViewer.exe	view 3d	microsoft corporation	7.2307.27042.0	e45261747248f70aa203c51a30724 563798d8ea
2022-09-22 01:11:58	c:\program files\7-zip\7z.exe	7z.exe	7-zip	igor pavlov	22.01	7d1b392121da91393f69d124928f9fe50d62f785
2023-02-02 05:52:36	c:\program files\7z2201-x64.exe	7z2201-x64.exe	7-zip	igor pavlov	22.01	c0dcae7c480be25661d22400466b4ea074fc580
2022-09-30 08:24:26	c:\program files (x86)\vmware\vmware workstation\7za.exe	7za.exe	7-zip	igor pavlov	18.05	f926cf6bbe698d0e293ffd6eff3addfcf6c195a

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT – UserAssist

- NTUSER.DAT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist\{GUID}\Count
 - Record user daily activity (When the user clicks an object)
 - {CEBFF5CD-ACE2-4F4F-9178-9926F41749EA} → files
 - {F4E57C4B-2036-45F0-A9AB-443BCFE33D9F} → shortcuts
 - Also has a count of times that file or shortcut was used

NTUSER.DAT & USRCLASS.DAT - UserAssist

UserAssist	0	9	2022-08-24 06:38:51
{9E04CAB2-CC14-11DF-BB8C-A2F1DED72085}	1	1	2022-08-24 06:38:50
{A3D53349-6E61-4557-8FC7-0028EDCEEBF6}	1	1	2022-08-24 06:38:50
{B267E3AD-A825-4A09-82B9-EEC22AA3B847}	1	1	2022-08-24 06:38:50
{BCB48336-4DDD-48FF-BB0B-D3190DACB3E2}	1	1	2022-08-24 06:38:50
{CAA59E3C-4792-41A5-9909-6A6A8D32490E}	1	1	2022-08-24 06:38:50
{CEBFF5CD-ACE2-4F4F-9178-9926F41749EA}	1	1	2022-08-24 06:38:51
Count	219	0	2023-11-08 06:58:14
{E2A1CB5A-F3CC-4A2F-AE9D-505A7009D442}	1	1	2022-08-24 06:38:51

Values	UserAssist
Drag a column header here to group by that column	
Program Name	Run Counter
UEME_CTLCUACount:ctor	=
UEME_CTLSESSION	120
{System32}\SnippingTool.exe	0
Microsoft.WindowsCalculator_8wekyb3d8bbwe!App	0
{System32}\mspaint.exe	0
{System32}\notepad.exe	13
Microsoft.Windows.Explorer	12
windows.immersivecontrolpanel_cw5n1h2bwy!microsoft.windows.immersivecontrolpanel	0
Chrome	12
Microsoft.SkyDrive.Desktop	0
{Program Files X64}\VideoLAN\VLC\vlc.exe	0
Skype 8.0.0.105	0

External Device/USB Forensics

System - USBSTOR & USB

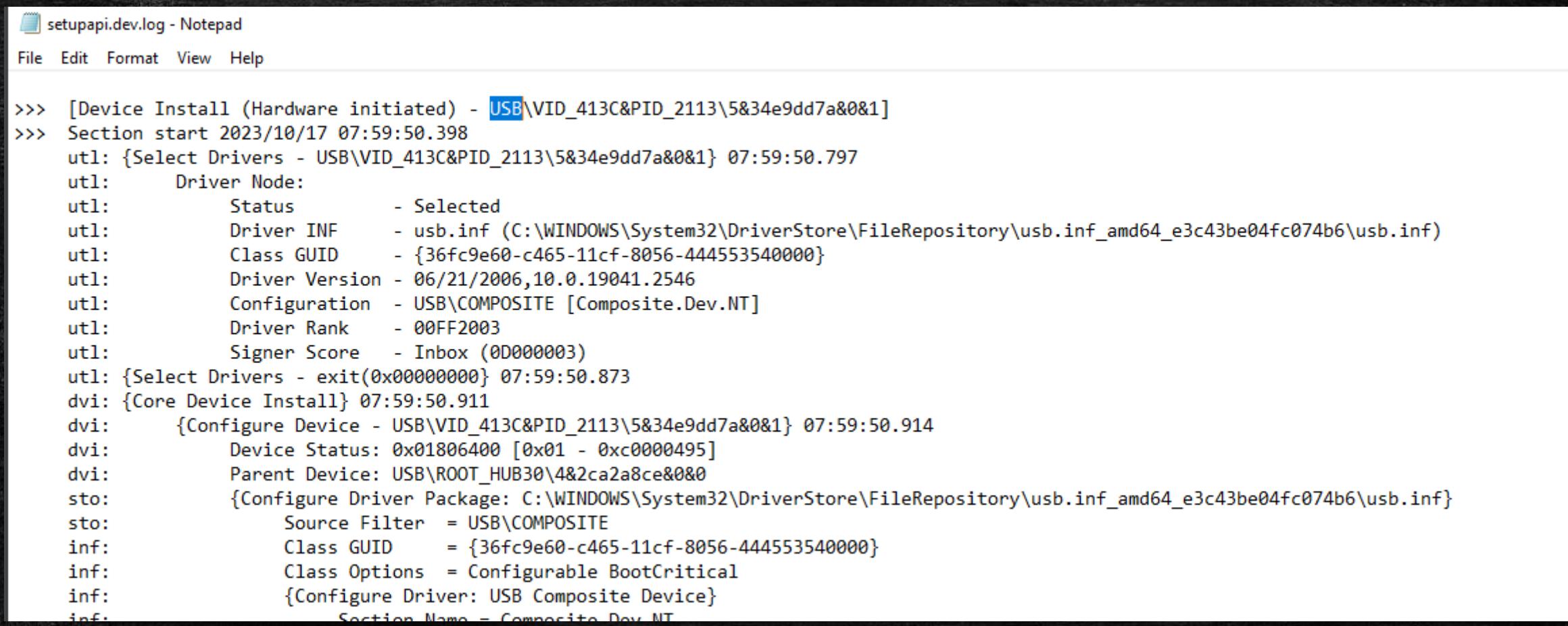
- \CurrentControlSet\Enum\USBSTOR
 - \CurrentControlSet\Enum\USB
 - Keep track of USB devices plugged into a system
 - Vendor id
 - Product id
 - Version

System – First/Last Times

- \CurrentControlSet\Enum\USBSTOR\{Ven_Prod_Version}\{USBSerial#\}\Properties\{83da6326-97a6-4088-9453-a19231573b29}\####
 - 0064 – First Connection Time
 - 0066 – Last Connection Time
 - 0067 – Last Removal Time

Setupapi dev logs for USB devices

- C:\Windows\inf\setupapi.dev.log



The screenshot shows a Notepad window titled "setupapi.dev.log - Notepad". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Format, View, and Help. The log file content is as follows:

```
>>> [Device Install (Hardware initiated) - USB\VID_413C&PID_2113\5&34e9dd7a&0&1]
>>> Section start 2023/10/17 07:59:50.398
utl: {Select Drivers - USB\VID_413C&PID_2113\5&34e9dd7a&0&1} 07:59:50.797
utl:     Driver Node:
utl:         Status      - Selected
utl:         Driver INF   - usb.inf (C:\WINDOWS\System32\DriverStore\FileRepository\usb.inf_amd64_e3c43be04fc074b6\usb.inf)
utl:         Class GUID   - {36fc9e60-c465-11cf-8056-444553540000}
utl:         Driver Version - 06/21/2006,10.0.19041.2546
utl:         Configuration - USB\COMPOSITE [Composite.Dev.NT]
utl:         Driver Rank   - 00FF2003
utl:         Signer Score  - Inbox (0D000003)
utl: {Select Drivers - exit(0x00000000} 07:59:50.873
dvi: {Core Device Install} 07:59:50.911
dvi:     {Configure Device - USB\VID_413C&PID_2113\5&34e9dd7a&0&1} 07:59:50.914
dvi:         Device Status: 0x01806400 [0x01 - 0xc0000495]
dvi:         Parent Device: USB\ROOT_HUB30\4&2ca2a8ce&0&0
sto:         {Configure Driver Package: C:\WINDOWS\System32\DriverStore\FileRepository\usb.inf_amd64_e3c43be04fc074b6\usb.inf}
sto:             Source Filter = USB\COMPOSITE
inf:             Class GUID    = {36fc9e60-c465-11cf-8056-444553540000}
inf:             Class Options  = Configurable BootCritical
inf:             {Configure Driver: USB Composite Device}
inf:                 Section Name = Composite.Dev.NT
```

USB Forensics Methodology

- SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\USBSTOR
 - Ven, Prod, Rev, Serial #, Device Name
- SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\USB
 - VID & PID
- SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows Portable Device\Devices
 - Friendly Name through Serial #
- SYSTEM\MountedDevices
 - Drive Letter through Serial #
 - Volume GUID through Serial #

USB Forensics Methodology

- SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\USBSTOR\Ven_Prod_Versio\USB iSerial #\Properties\{83da6326-97a6-4088-9453-a1923f573b29\}
- 0064 → First Install (Also in setupapi.dev.log)
- 0066 → Last connected (Win 8+) (also in ENUM\USB and MountPoints2 last write time)
- 0067 → Last Removal (win 8+)
- C:\Windows\inf\SetUpaapi.dev.log
 - First and last time connected through Serial #

USBSTOR in Registry Explorer 2

The screenshot shows the Windows Registry Explorer interface. The left pane displays a tree view of registry keys under `C:\Windows\system32\config\SYSTEM`. The `USBSTOR` key is highlighted in the tree view. The right pane contains two tabs: `Values` and `USBSTOR`. The `USBSTOR` tab is selected and displays a table of device information. The table has columns: Timestamp, Manufacturer, Title, Version, Serial Number, Device Name, Disk Id, Installed, First Installed, Last Connected, and Last Removed. The table lists seven entries, each representing a different USB storage device.

Drag a column header here to group by that column											
	Timestamp	Manufacturer	Title	Version	Serial Number	Device Name	Disk Id	Installed	First Installed	Last Connected	Last Removed
▼	=	RBC	RBC	RBC	RBC	RBC	RBC	=	=	=	=
▶	2023-09-12 09:...	Ven_	Prod_	Rev_	1708010300054480	USB Device	{4733d688-5123-11ee-a90f-eccb1d7545af8}	2023-09-12 09:...	2023-09-12 09:...	2023-09-12 09:...	2023-09-12 09:1...
▶	2023-10-26 10:...	Ven_	Prod_USB_Flash_Memory	Rev_5.00	01E176703161E8A3&0	USB Flash Memory USB Device	{50948d1c-733d-11ee-a917-eccb1d7545af8}	2023-10-26 10:...	2023-10-26 10:...	2023-11-08 10:...	2023-11-08 10:3...
▶	2023-07-28 07:...	VenADATA	Prod_USB_Flash_Drive	Rev_1100	2020322480080062&0	ADATA USB Flash Drive USB Device	{3b22b933-2d03-11ee-a907-eccb1d7545af8}	2023-07-28 07:...	2023-07-28 07:...	2023-07-28 07:...	
▶	2023-08-02 04:...	Ven_Flash	Prod_Drive_SK_USB20	Rev_1.00	89900000AA0401270000CFA3&0	Flash Drive SK_USB20 USB Device	{b39585a1-2d1b-11ee-a908-eccb1d7545af8}	2023-08-02 04:...	2023-08-02 04:...	2023-09-12 09:...	2023-09-14 04:2...
▶	2022-10-05 13:...	Ven_Generic	Prod_Mass_Storage	Rev_1100	060619-54374&0	Generic Mass Storage USB Device	{7bb45535-43b7-11ed-a8d4-eccb1d7545af8}	2022-10-05 13:...	2022-10-05 13:...	2022-10-05 13:...	2022-10-05 13:2...
▶	2022-10-25 06:...	Ven_Generic-	Prod_SD/MMC	Rev_1.00	2009081519810000&0	Generic- SD/MMC USB Device	{4353d00b-535b-11ed-a8da-eccb1d7545af8}	2022-10-25 06:...	2022-10-25 06:...	2022-10-25 06:...	2022-10-25 07:0...

Thank you for your patience!
