

# Volatility

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pipx install volatility3
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pipx ensurepath  
pipx completions
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\* Install symbols tables from github <https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/volatility3>

## Windows Basics

<https://volatility3.readthedocs.io/en/latest/volatility3.plugins.windows.html>

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vol -f <image> windows.info  
vol -f <image> windows.pstree  
windows.psscan  
windows.pslist  
  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" -o "/path/to/dir" windows.dumpfiles --pid <PID>  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" -o "/path/to/dir" windows.memmap --dump --pid  
<PID>  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.handles --pid <PID>  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.dlllist --pid <PID>  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.cmdline  
  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.netscan  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.netstat  
  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.registry.hivescan  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.registry.hivelist  
  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.registry.printkey  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.registry.printkey --key  
"Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion"  
  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.filescan  
  
filedump  
  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" -o "/path/to/dir" windows.dumpfiles  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" -o "/path/to/dir" windows.dumpfiles --virtaddr  
<offset>  
vol.py -f "/path/to/file" -o "/path/to/dir" windows.dumpfiles --physaddr  
<offset>
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vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.malfind
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vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.vadyarascan --yara-rules <string>
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vol.py -f "/path/to/file" windows.vadyarascan --yara-file  
"/path/to/file.yar"
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vol.py -f "/path/to/file" yarascan.yarascan --yara-file "/path/to/file.yar"
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## Windows automation

[volrun.sh](#)

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#!/bin/bash

# volrun version 1
# Credits to google gemini

# Function to display usage instructions
usage() {
    echo "Usage: $0 [-e] <path_to_memory_dump> <output_directory>"
    echo "  -e    Enable extended plugin set (shimcache, amcache,  
userassist, etc.)"
    exit 1
}

# Parse optional flags
EXTENDED_MODE=false
while getopts "e" opt; do
    case ${opt} in
        e )
            EXTENDED_MODE=true
            ;;
        \? )
            usage
            ;;
    esac
done
shift $((OPTIND - 1))

# Check if the mandatory positional arguments are provided
if [ "$#" -ne 2 ]; then
    usage
fi

# Assign positional arguments to variables
MEM_DUMP="$1"
OUTPUT_DIR="$2"

# Check if the memory dump file exists
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if [ ! -f "$MEM_DUMP" ]; then
    echo "Error: Memory dump file '$MEM_DUMP' not found."
    exit 1
fi

# Create the output directory if it doesn't exist
mkdir -p "$OUTPUT_DIR"

# Base list of essential Windows plugins
plugins=(
    "windows.info"
    "windows.pslist"
    "windows.psscan"
    "windows.pstree"
    "windows.cmdline"
    "windows.dlllist"
    "windows.handles"
    "windows.netstat"
    "windows.netscan"
    "windows.malfind"
    "windows.registry.hivelist"
    "windows.registry.printkey"
    "windows.ssdt"
    "windows.driverscan"
)

# Extended list of plugins (deep dive / persistence / execution
artifacts)
extended_plugins=(
    "windows.registry.userassist"
    "windows.shimcache"
    "windows.amcache"
    "windows.poolscanner"
    "windows.vadinfo"
    "windows.modscan"
)

echo "======"
echo "Starting Volatility 3 analysis on: $MEM_DUMP"
echo "Outputs will be saved to: $OUTPUT_DIR"
echo "Total plugins to run: ${#plugins[@]}"
echo "======"

# Loop through each plugin and execute it
for plugin in "${plugins[@]}; do
    # Generate a clean filename for the output (e.g.,
windows_registry_userassist.txt)
    safe_plugin_name=$(echo "$plugin" | tr '.' '_')
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output_file="$OUTPUT_DIR/${safe_plugin_name}.txt"

echo "[*] Running $plugin..."

# Execute volatility and redirect output to the text file
vol -f "$MEM_DUMP" $plugin > "$output_file" 2>&1

if [ $? -eq 0 ]; then
    echo "[+] Completed: Saved to $output_file"
else
    echo "[-] Error or warning running $plugin. Check $output_file
for details."
fi
echo "-----"
done

# If the -e flag was passed, merge the extended plugins into the main
array
if [ "$EXTENDED_MODE" = true ]; then
    echo "[+] Extended mode enabled. "

    for plugin in "${extended_plugins[@]}"; do
        safe_plugin_name=$(echo "extended_$plugin" | tr '.' '_' )
        output_file="$OUTPUT_DIR/${safe_plugin_name}.txt"

        echo "[*] Running $plugin..."

        vol -f "$MEM_DUMP" $plugin > "$output_file" 2>&1

        if [ $? -eq 0 ]; then
            echo "[+] Completed: Saved to $output_file"
        else
            echo "[-] Error or warning running $plugin. Check $output_file
for details."
        fi
        echo "-----"
    done
fi

echo "Analysis complete. All results saved to '$OUTPUT_DIR'."
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