

# Volatility

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# Volatility 2.5

- Unified Output
  - Improves how you interface with Volatility (command line, web, thick UI)
  - Extends options for what to do with Volatility output (store, inspect, morph/label)
- Community Integration
  - Instantly sync plugins from various authors around the world
- New OS Profiles
  - Keeping up to date with Windows, Mac, and Linux

# Unified Output

- Users: flexibility to specify how you want your output
- Plugin writers: less code results in more functionality
- Framework developers: easy APIs (JSON, DB, etc.)
  - Sqlite3
  - JSON
  - HTML
  - XLSX or CSV
  - Body (pipe delimited)
  - Dot graphs
  - Plain text
- <https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/volatility/wiki/Unified-Output>

# Unified Output: Options

```
$ python vol.py pslist -h
```

```
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```

```
Usage: Volatility - A memory forensics analysis platform.
```

```
[snip]
```

```
Module Output Options: dot, html, json, quick, quicksqlite, sqlite, text, xlsx
```

```
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```

```
Module PSList
```

```
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```

```
Print all running processes by following the EPROCESS lists
```

# Unified Output: HTML

```
$ python vol.py -f <FILE> pslist --output=html --output-file=pslist.html
```

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Show  entries

Search:

Offset(V) ▲	Name ◆	PID ◆	PPID ◆	Thds ◆	Hnds ◆	Sess ◆	Wow64 ◆	Start ◆	Exit ◆
2181173712	userinit.exe	1836	624	0	-1	0	0	2012-04-28 02:20:55 UTC+0000	2012-04-28 02:22:05 UTC+0000
2181210144	alg.exe	1880	672	5	102	0	0	2012-04-28 01:56:53 UTC+0000	
2182193184	smss.exe	360	4	3	19	-1	0	2012-04-28 01:56:37 UTC+0000	

# Unified Output: JSON

```
$ python vol.py -f <FILE>--output=json --output-file=pslist.json
```

```
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```

```
$ python -m json.tool < pslist.json
```

```
{  
  "columns": [  
    "Offset(V)", "Name", "PID", "PPID",  
    "Thds", "Hnds", "Sess", "Wow64", "Start", "Exit"  
  ],  
  "rows": [  
    [  
      2182193184, "smss.exe", 360, 4, 3, 19, -1, 0,  
      "2012-04-28 01:56:37 UTC+0000", ""  
    ],  
  ]  
}
```

# Unified Output: Sqlite3

```
$ python vol.py -f <FILE> pslist --output=sqlite --output-file=pslist.db  
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```

```
$ sqlite3 pslist.db
```

```
SQLite version 3.7.13 2012-07-17 17:46:21
```

```
Enter ".help" for instructions
```

```
Enter SQL statements terminated with a ";"
```

```
sqlite> select * from PSList limit 5;
```

```
1|0|2185005104|System|4|0|51|269|-1|0||
```

```
2|0|2182193184|smss.exe|360|4|3|19|-1|0|2012-04-28 01:56:37 UTC+0000|
```

```
3|0|2182255136|csrss.exe|596|360|11|340|0|0|2012-04-28 01:56:38 UTC+0000|
```

```
4|0|2182692896|winlogon.exe|624|360|17|535|0|0|2012-04-28 01:56:39 UTC  
+0000|
```

```
5|0|2182374496|services.exe|672|624|15|238|0|0|2012-04-28 01:56:39 UTC  
+0000|
```

# Unified Output: Framework Authors

```
import copy, libapi # see contrib/library_example
import volatility.plugins.taskmods as taskmods
import volatility.plugins.filescan as filescan
```

```
config = libapi.get_config(
    "/samples/mem.dmp", "Win7SP1x64")
```

```
plugins = (taskmods.PSList, filescan.FileScan)
```

```
for plugin in plugins:
```

```
    data = libapi.get_json(copy.deepcopy(config),
taskmods.PSList)
```



# Community Repo

- Central repository easily links to your Volatility installation
- 40+ plugins from 25+ authors
- <https://github.com/volatilityfoundation/community>

# Community Repo: Setup

1. Git clone the Volatility repository or  
Download a \*Release
  2. Git clone the Community repository to  
\$PLUGINS\_PATH
  3. Pass --plugins=\$PLUGINS\_PATH to Volatility  
when you run it
- \* Instructions also apply to the standalone exes

# Community Repo: FYI

- Plugins only...does not include other frameworks (i.e. Cuckoo, Evolve, GVol)
- Options may conflict
  - Use `--plugins=$PLUGINS_PATH/subdir`
- Some plugins have multiple homes
  - We will try to keep this one recent/updated

# New OS Profiles: Windows

- Windows 10 (Win10x86, Win10x64)
  - ✓ Process plugins (handles, sids, privileges, dlls, vads)
  - ✓ PE plugins (dlldump, procdump, moddump)
  - ✓ Scanning plugins (processes, files, mutexes)
  - ✓ Registry plugins (printkey)
  - ✓ Misc plugins (services)
  - Isolated user mode memory
  - Compressed memory
  - Hibernation files

# New OS Profiles: Mac & Linux

- Mac 10.11 (El Capitan)
- Linux Kernels 4.2.3

# Volatility Plugin Contest (2015)

- 12 submissions evaluated based on creativity, usefulness, effort, completeness, and clarity of documentation
- **1<sup>st</sup> place:** \$1500 cash or free 5-day Windows Malware and Memory Forensics Training
- **2<sup>nd</sup> place:** \$500 cash
- **3<sup>rd</sup> place:** \$250 cash
- **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place:** swag

# (1st) Shimcache Memory Scan

- Fred House, Andrew Davis, Claudiu Teodorescu (Mandiant/FireEye)
- Evidence of program execution \*before\* the system is rebooted
- Supports Windows XP SP2 through Windows 8 and Server 2012 R2
- Applicable to almost any/all types of cases

Order	Last Modified	Last Update	Exec Flag	File Size	File Path
1	2015-03-12 16:44:52		True		SYSVOL\Users\Administrator\Desktop\Dumpflt.exe
2	2013-08-22 11:45:14		True		SYSVOL\Windows\System32\wbem\WmiPrvSE.exe
3	2013-08-22 11:44:42		True		SYSVOL\Windows\System32\wbem\WMIADAP.exe
4	2013-08-22 11:03:41		True		SYSVOL\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe
5	2012-05-01 20:12:56		True		SYSVOL\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\TPAutoConnect.exe
6	2013-08-22 12:35:25		True		SYSVOL\Windows\System32\dllhost.exe
7	2013-08-22 12:39:50		True		SYSVOL\Windows\System32\OpenWith.exe
8	2012-11-01 01:05:12		True		SYSVOL\Program Files\Common Files\VMware\Drivers\vss\comreg.exe
9	2013-08-22 12:42:49		True		SYSVOL\Windows\System32\taskhost.exe
10	2012-05-01 20:12:56		True		SYSVOL\Program Files\VMware\VMware Tools\TPAutoConnSvc.exe
11	2013-08-22 10:01:15		True		SYSVOL\Windows\System32\net1.exe
12	2013-08-22 10:01:50		True		SYSVOL\Windows\System32\net.exe
13	2013-08-22 11:01:57		True		SYSVOL\Windows\System32\ThumbnailExtractionHost.exe



## (2<sup>nd</sup>) James Habben: Evolve

- Web interface with AJAX, JQuery, JSON
- Run multiple plugins at once
- Query, filter, and sort the database entries from the web page
- Use or add “morphs” (color coding) to associate countries to IPs, highlight files not in NSRL, etc.

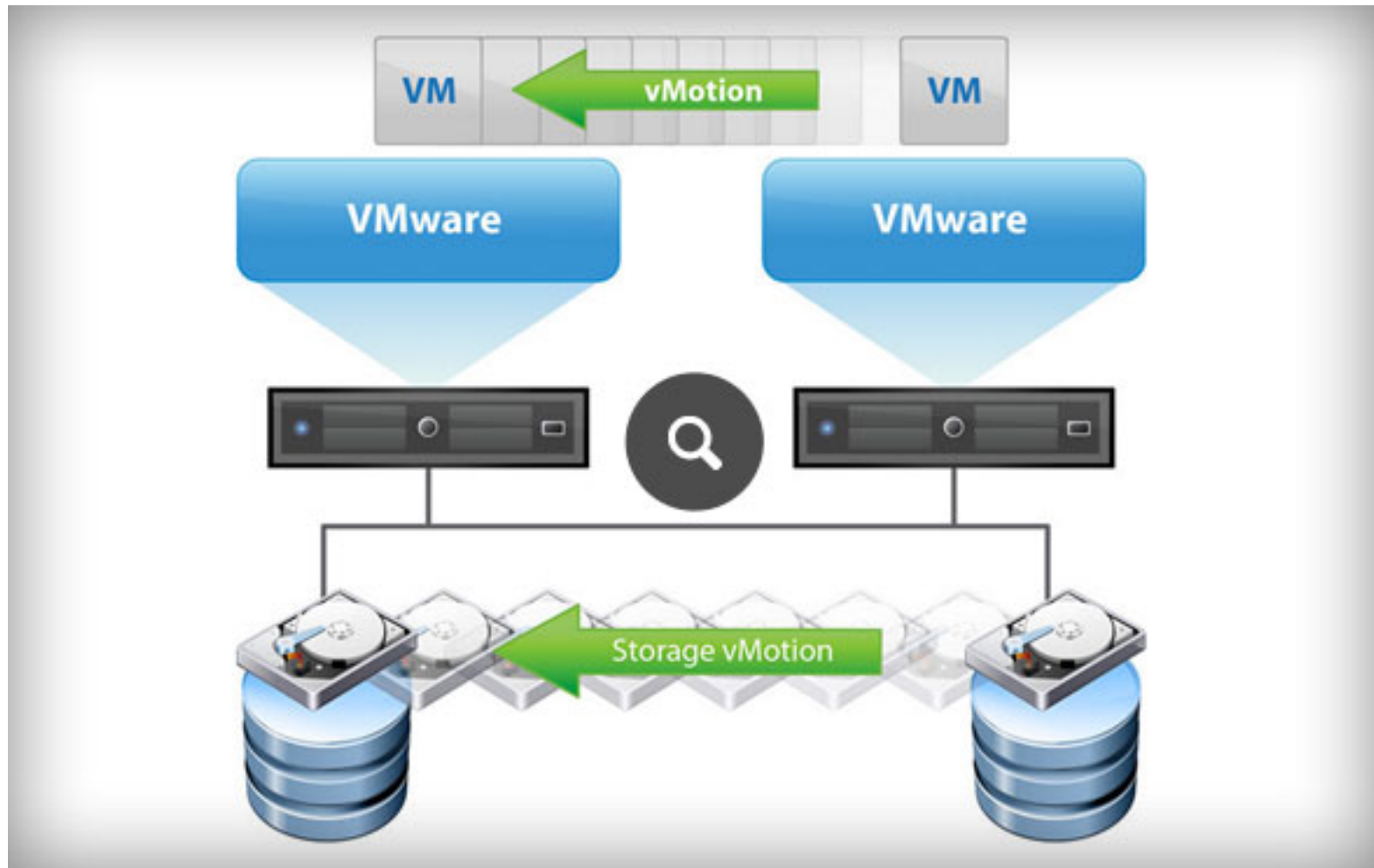
# Evolve

Plugins Morpns		CountryCodedIp		connsScan		Show SQL		CountryCodedIp		IntVsExtIp		Search:	
id	rowparent	Offset(P)	LocalAddress	RemoteAddress	PID								
1	0	147093608	10.120.245.104:3264	80.67.6.35:80	1880								
2	0	147105408	10.120.245.104:4445	10.120.245.103:1191	2728								
3	0	147137680	10.120.245.104:3280	76.13.210.52:80	1880								
4	0	147143648	10.120.245.104:3254	92.61.248.130:80	1880								
5	0	147147424	10.120.245.104:3258	213.174.140.64:80	1880								
6	0	147154720	10.120.245.104:3283	208.71.123.131:80	1880								
7	0	147165192	10.120.245.104:3253	213.174.140.64:80	1880								
8	0	147169288	10.120.245.104:4445	10.120.245.103:1189	2728								
9	0	147183368	10.120.245.104:3266	80.67.6.35:80	1880								
10	0	147216760	10.120.245.104:3260	213.174.140.64:80	1880								
11	0	147233736	10.120.245.104:3287	65.61.163.44:80	1880								
12	0	148897800	10.120.245.104:3256	213.174.140.64:80	1880								
13	0	148983816	10.120.245.104:3298	124.171.110.108:43675	3164								
14	0	149033464	10.120.245.104:3226	74.125.65.104:80	1880								
15	0	149076832	127.0.0.1:5152	127.0.0.1:3137	1500								
16	0	149078024	10.120.245.104:3251	213.174.140.64:80	1880								
17	0	149434744	88.200.229.136:0	73.114.112.32:0	64								
18	0	149447688	3.0.68.2:25698	60.0.128.32:20036	2296729608								

## (3<sup>rd</sup>) Philip Huppert: VM Live Migration

- Thesis: Virtual Machine Introspection During Live Migration
- Full control over the VM with access to migration network traffic
  - No tools installed on ESX or VM
- Offensive/penetration testing
- Forensics
- Scan a VM for malware during the migration

# Step 1: Capture ESX Traffic



# Step 2: Extract RAM from PCAP

```
$ ./extract.py winxp_sp3_x86_256mb_vmotion_esxi6.pcap
Processing 192.168.088.010.08000-192.168.088.011.12698
Processing 192.168.088.010.40165-192.168.088.011.08000
Found VMotion migration in
192.168.088.010.40165-192.168.088.011.08000
Saving to /home/philip/
192.168.088.010.40165-192.168.088.011.08000.vmig
Processing 192.168.088.010.25811-192.168.088.011.08000
Processing report.xml

$ mv 192.168.088.010.40165-192.168.088.011.08000.vmig winxp.vmig
```

## (4<sup>th</sup>) Ying Li: Python Strings and SSH Keys

- Presented at PyCon 2015
- Extract and contextualize strings within a Python process
- Map strings back to key-value pairs in a dictionary
- Recover RSA keys from the heap of an ssh-agent
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMKXcc2-xO8>

# Python Strings and SSH Keys

```
$ python vol.py -f <FILE> linux_python_strings
```

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Pid	Name	Size	String
8414	python	48	This is a python string [...]
8414	python	21	this is another value
8414	python	15	this is the key

```
$ python vol.py -f <FILE> linux_ssh_keys --dump-dir /tmp
```

```
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```

Pid	Name	Found-Key Filename
8394	ssh-agent	/tmp/8394.ssh-agent.1
8394	ssh-agent	/tmp/8394.ssh-agent.2
8394	ssh-agent	/tmp/8394.ssh-agent.3

## (5<sup>th</sup>) Adam Bridge: NDIS Packet Scan

- Finds packets/frames in NDIS shared memory
- RAM shared between the OS and DMA NIC
- Output as text or pcap
- Decodes NetBIOS in DNS traffic
- Less chance of FPs and fake/decoys



# ndispktscan

Offset (V)	Prot	Source IP	Destination IP	SPort	DPort	Flags
0x870f5ff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	23.63.99.217	49311	80	ACK
0x870f6ff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	205.185.216.10	49286	80	ACK,RST
0x870f7ff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	208.146.36.220	49283	80	ACK,RST
0x870f8ff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	46.228.164.11	49278	80	ACK,RST
0x870f9ff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	208.146.36.221	49263	80	ACK,RST
0x870fafff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	208.146.36.221	49271	80	ACK,RST
0x870fcff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	23.63.99.217	49311	80	ACK
0x870fdff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	23.63.99.217	49311	80	ACK
0x870feff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	23.63.99.217	49311	80	ACK
0x870ffff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	23.63.99.217	49311	80	ACK
0x87100ff8	0x06	192.168.203.134	23.63.99.217	49311	80	ACK


# Monnappa Ka: Linux Memory Diff

- Compares baseline and infected Linux memory dumps
- Videos:
  - Tsunami:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw5FrVwJslw>
  - Xingiquan:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= RuZ-IVysxQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuZ-IVysxQ)
  - Average Coder Rootkit:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKjsANieis8>

=====[MEMORY DIFF ANALYSIS RESULTS]=====


DIFF\_PSLIST

=====

Offset	Name	Pid	Uid
0xffff88001bca8000	aptd	2667	0
0xffff88000aee96f0	nm-dispatcher.a	2701	0
0xffff8800021e44d0	tsuna 	2659	0
0xffff88001bd58000	strace	2657	0


DIFF\_PSXVIEW

=====

Offset (V)	Name	PID	pslist	pid_hash
0xffff88001bca8000	aptd	2667	True	True
0xffff88000aee96f0	nm-dispatcher.a	2701	True	True
0xffff8800021e44d0	tsuna 	2659	True	True
0xffff88001bd58000	strace	2657	True	True

DIFF\_PIDHASHTABLE

=====

Offset	Name	Pid	Uid
0xffff88001bca8000	aptd	2667	0
0xffff88000aee96f0	nm-dispatcher.a	2701	0
0xffff8800021e44d0	tsuna 	2659	0
0xffff88001bd58000	strace	2657	0

# Bartosz Inglot: Scheduled Tasks

- Finds jobs created by the `at` command and the task scheduler
- Detect persistence, lateral movement, attempts to run with SYSTEM privileges
- Based on Jamie Levy's [jobparser.py](#)

# schtasks

```
$ python vol.py -f <FILE> schtasks
```

```
Offset (P) :          0x12ab2118
ScheduledDate:        2012-11-26 19:30:00.000
MostRecentRunTime:   2012-11-26 19:30:00.021
Application:         wc.exe
Author:              SYSTEM
Parameters:          -e -o h.out
RunInstanceCount:    1
MaxRunTime:          72:00:00.0
ExitCode:            0x00000000
Comment:             Created by NetScheduleJobAdd
```

# Joe Greenwood: HT (RCS) Attribution

- Finds Hacking Team Galileo Remote Control System (RCS)
- Not your average signature/string based detection
- Uses heuristics on named shared memory sections
  - This never touches disk
- Attribution based on "watermarks" linked to HT customers

# attributeht

```
$ python vol.py -f <FILE> attributeht
```

```
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```

```
Hacking Team Galileo RCS Implant Detection - 4ARMED Ltd
```

PID	Watermark	Process	Implant Type	Attrib
2584	30qZ1N5a	wscntfy.exe	Elite/Soldier	FAE-FURLAN
2584	30qZ1N5	wscntfy.exe	Elite/Soldier	
2896	30qZ1N5a	explorer.exe	Elite/Soldier	FAE-FURLAN
2896	30qZ1N5	explorer.exe	Elite/Soldier	

```
[snip]
```

# EG-CERT: GVol

- By May Medhat and Mohamad Shawkey
- Lightweight GUI written in Java
- Preconfigured and customizable batch scripts
- Users can add/register new plugins to support future versions of Volatility
- Integrates documentation from Art of Memory Forensics





**Batch Files**

Batch File Name
Code Injection
Network Artifacts
Process Objects Analysis
<b>Rogue Processes</b>
Rootkits
Rootkits(Hooking)

**Add new batch file**

Name:

**Selected batch file plugins**

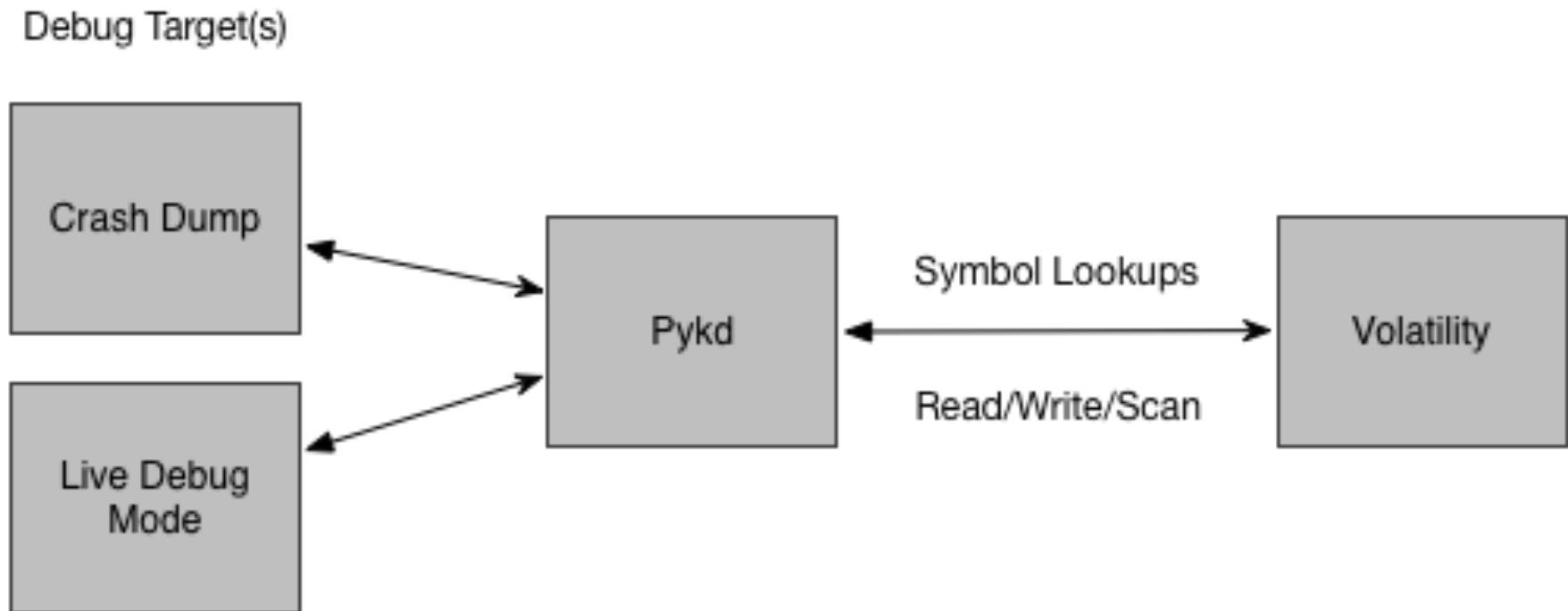
Plugin Name
pslist
psscan
pstree
psxview

**Add Plugin to The Selected Batch File**

Select Plugin

# Alexander Tarasenko

- Pykd address space lets you run Volatility inside Windbg



# Loïc Jaquemet: Haystack

- Interface between Volatility and Haystack
- Define structures and constraints manually or from C header files
- Scan for them throughout process memory
  - Alternate method to find `_HEAPs`
  - OpenSSL session keys
  - Any structures that Volatility scans for

# haystackheap

```
$ vol.py -f <FILE> haystackheap -p 1668  
  -r haystack.structures.win32.winxp_32.HEAP  
  -c examples/winxpheap-relaxed.constraints
```

```
*****
```

```
Pid: 1668  
Record HEAP at 0x250000  
Record HEAP at 0x150000  
Record HEAP at 0x3f0000  
**Record HEAP at 0x730000**  
**Record HEAP at 0x860000**  
Record HEAP at 0xba0000  
Record HEAP at 0xb70000  
[...]
```

# Takeaways

- Rapidly transform memory artifact analysis into proactive use scenarios
  - Or in the very worse case, just use it
- Volatility 2.5 is out!
  - [github.com/volatilityfoundation](https://github.com/volatilityfoundation)
  - [volatilityfoundation.org](https://volatilityfoundation.org)
  - [@volatility](https://twitter.com/volatility)
- Congratulations to the plugin contest authors
- Get the community plugins