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Improving Windows External Device Investigations

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My Background

- Forensic investigator for G-C Partners
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Top Artifacts

- Activity – ShellBags, LNK's and Jumplists
- Device Plugins - USBStor, EMDMgmt, Device Classes and System Event Log, etc..
- Shadow Copies

Activity

You think I won't know?



Activity: ShellBags

- What they are
- Why you should care
- Common mistakes

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18	UsrClass.dat	dat	14,155,776
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	UsrClass.dat.LOG1	LOG1	262,144
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	UsrClass.dat.LOG2	LOG2	0

Picture Console File Extents Permissions Hash Sets Attributes

C:\Users\... \AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\UsrClass.dat

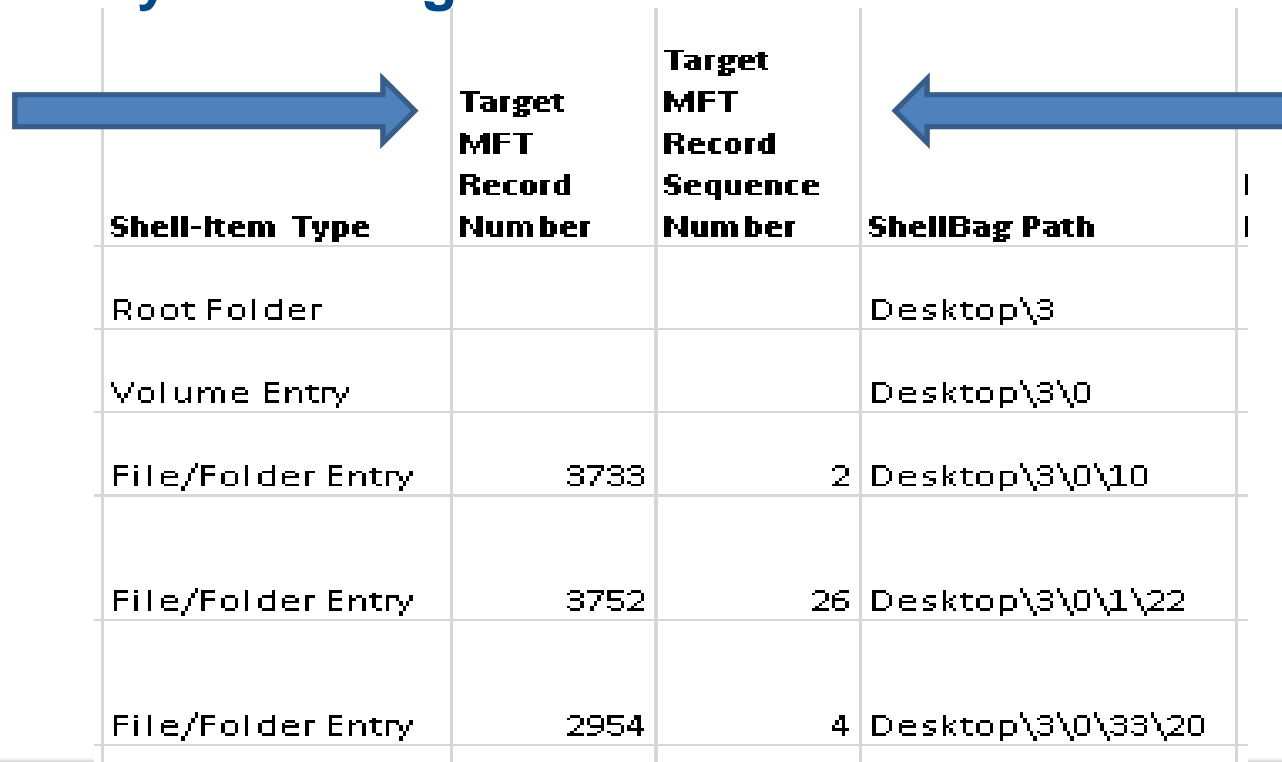
Test1\CUsers\... \AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\UsrClass.dat

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Activity: ShellBags (Encase Enscript)

Shell Path	Target Name	Shell-Item Type	Target MFT Record Number	Target MFT Record Sequence Number	ShellBag Path	MRU Index	Node Slot	View Mode	Registry Created	Registry Last-Accessed	Target Created	Target Last-Accessed	Target Last-Modified	Known Folder GUID	Shell-Item Sub-Type
Desktop\My Computer (Computer)	My Computer (Computer)	Root Folder			Desktop\3	0	14	Tiles	4/13/2015 22:12	4/13/2015 22:00				{20D04FED-3	None
Desktop\My Computer (Computer)\I:\	I:\	Volume Entry			Desktop\3\0	0	13	Details	4/13/2015 22:13	4/13/2015 22:12					None
Desktop\My Computer (Computer)\I:\Test Data	Test Data	File/Folder Entry	3733	2	Desktop\3\0\10	0	4631	Details	3/2/2015 16:58	4/13/2015 22:13	3/2/2015 21:58	3/2/2015 21:58	3/2/2015 21:58		None
Desktop\My Computer (Computer)\I:\Dropbox (GC)\ANJP Releases	ANJP Releases	File/Folder Entry	3752	26	Desktop\3\0\1\22	9	952	Details	3/23/2015 14:15		3/6/2015 16:34	3/6/2015 19:33	3/6/2015 19:33		None
Desktop\My Computer (Computer)\I:\git\libvshadow_compiled	libvshadow_compiled	File/Folder Entry	2954	4	Desktop\3\0\33\20	0	4984	Details	9/22/2014 20:21	3/12/2015 15:38	9/23/2014 1:21	9/23/2014 1:21	9/23/2014 1:21		None

Activity: ShellBags



Shell-Item Type	Target MFT Record Number	Target MFT Record Sequence Number	ShellBag Path
Root Folder			Desktop\3
Volume Entry			Desktop\3\0
File/Folder Entry	3733	2	Desktop\3\0\10
File/Folder Entry	3752	26	Desktop\3\0\1\22
File/Folder Entry	2954	4	Desktop\3\0\33\20

Activity: LNKs & Jumplists

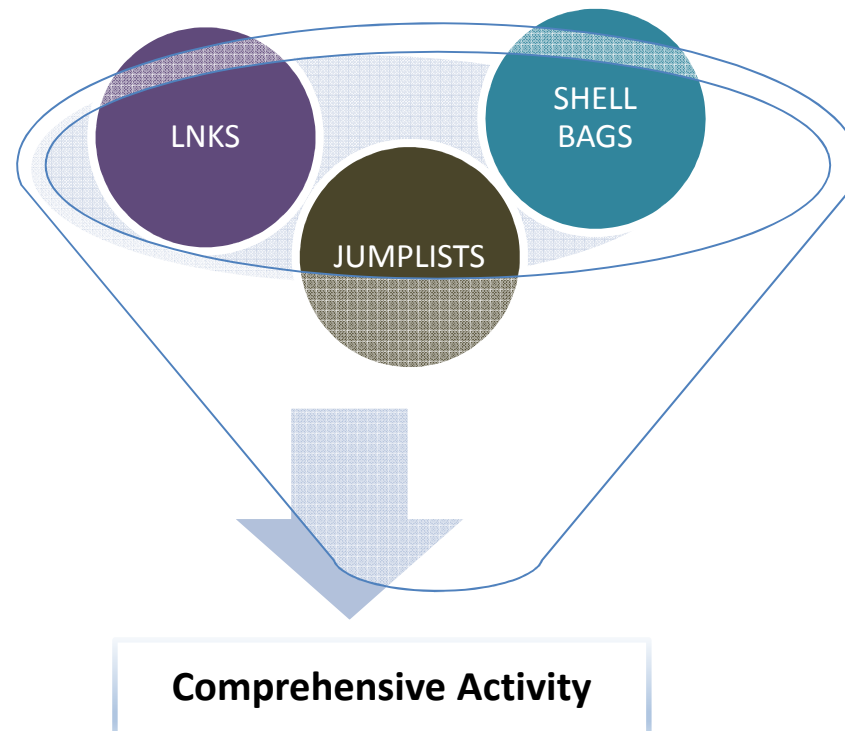
- Always pull LNKs and Jumplists
- Don't forget Jumplists!

This sounds familiar...



Activity: Commonality

- Artifacts can be correlated



Activity: LNK Shortcuts

inode	seq#	target name	vol serial	vol label	local path
0xc30080	0x0	{CLSID_MyComputer}\D:\i'm so smart\Stuff I plan to take\some file.txt.txt	8e7e-68e7	FILES	D:\i'm so smart\Stuff I plan to take\some file.txt.txt
0x12cec	0x8	Stuff I copied	82d9-776a		C:\Users\gcuser\Desktop\Stuff I copied
0xc28080	0x0	{CLSID_MyComputer}\D:\i'm so smart\Stuff I plan to take	8e7e-68e7	FILES	D:\i'm so smart\Stuff I plan to take

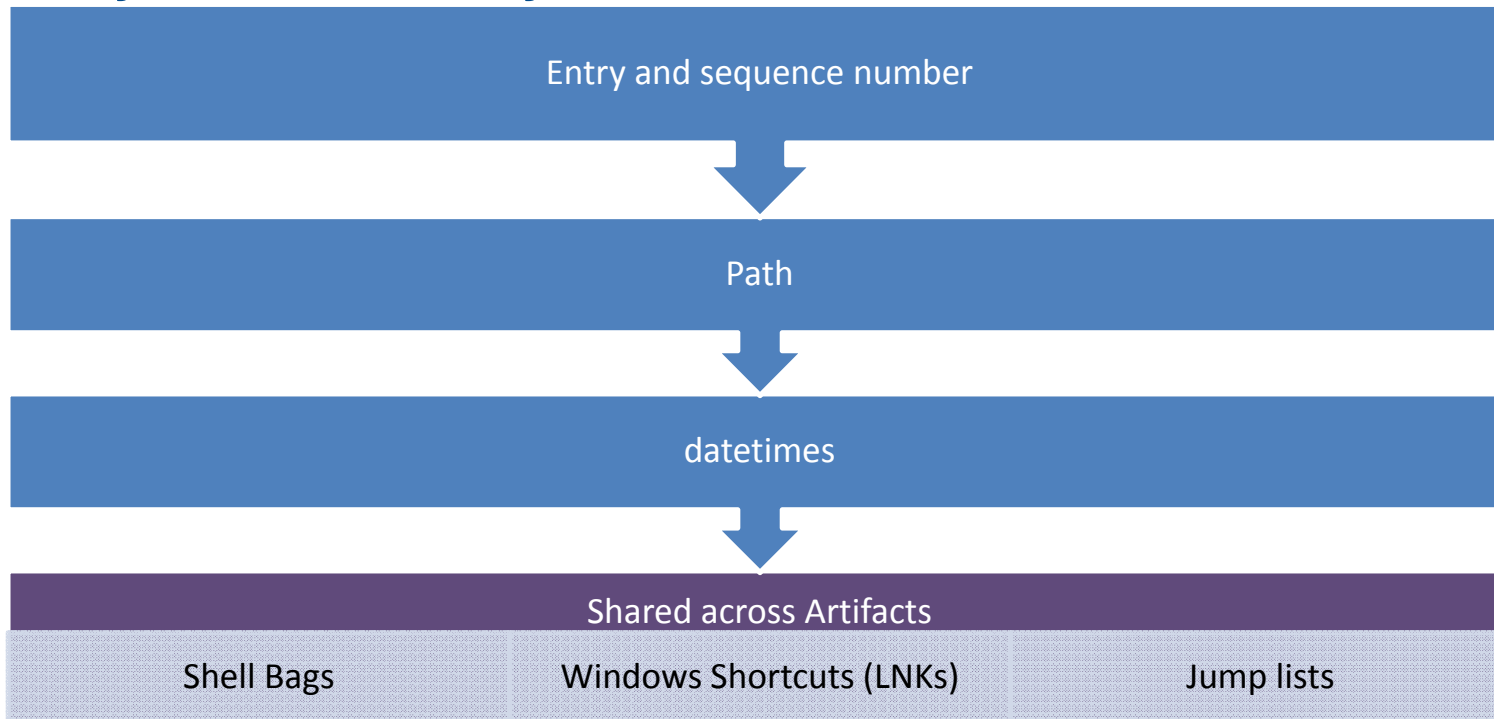
Activity: Shellbags

inode	seq#	full path	source subkey/value name
0xc000c0		Desktop\{CLSID_MyComputer}\D:\i'm so smart\	Shell\BagMRU\0\2\1
0xc28080		Desktop\{CLSID_MyComputer}\D:\i'm so smart\Stuff I plan to take\	Shell\BagMRU\0\2\1\0
0xc000c0		Desktop\{CLSID_MyComputer}\D:\New folder\	Shell\BagMRU\0\2\0
		Desktop\{CLSID_MyComputer}\E:\	Shell\BagMRU\0\0
0x10003a0		Desktop\{CLSID_MyComputer}\E:\Stuff I plan to take\	Shell\BagMRU\0\0\0
		Desktop\{CLSID_MyComputer}\F:\	Shell\BagMRU\0\1

Activity: Jumplist

inode	seq#	target name	vol serial	vol label	local path
0xc30080	0x0	{CLSID_MyComputer}\D:\i'm so smart\Stuff I plan to take\some file.txt.txt	8e7e-68e7	FILES	D:\i'm so s
0x701688080	0x0	{CLSID_MyComputer}\E:\Stuff I plan to	8474-551d	TEST DAT	E:\Stuff I p
0x12f7e	0x6	Stuff I copied\some file.txt.txt	82d9-776a		C:\Users\
0xc28080	0x0	{CLSID_MyComputer}\D:\i'm so	8e7e-68e7	FILES	D:\i'm so s
0x10003a0	0x0	{CLSID_MyComputer}\E:\Stuff I plan to	8474-551d	TEST DAT	E:\Stuff I p
0x12cec	0x8	Stuff I copied	82d9-776a		C:\Users\

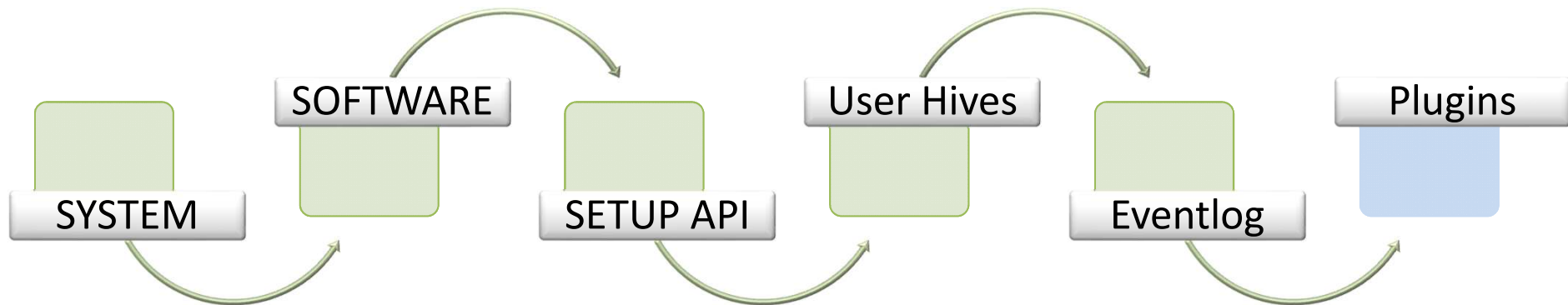
Activity: Commonality



Plugins

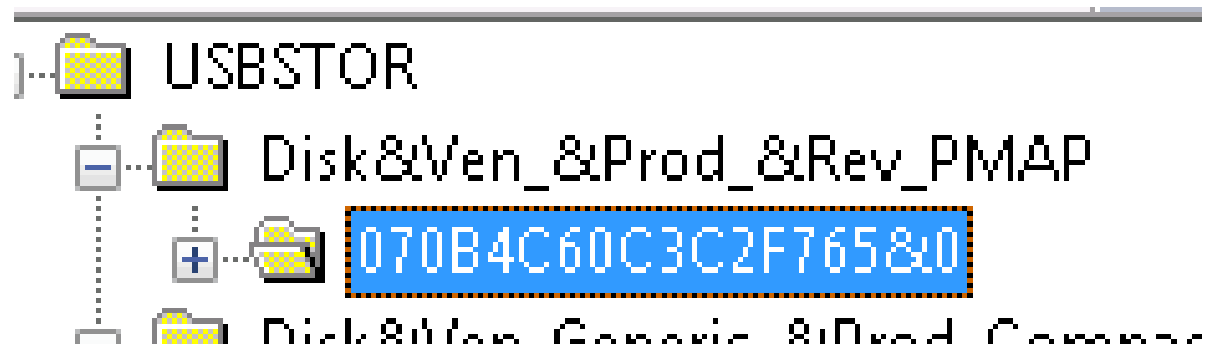


Plugins: Getting a full view



Plugins: USBStor

- Serial Number
- Hardware Info
- Friendly Name
- Device Class GUID



Plugins: System Eventlog

Level	Date and Time	Source
Information	1/25/2015 10:42:57 PM	UserPnp
Event 20001, UserPnp ← Source		
General	Details	Process and .inf Serial Number
Driver Management concluded the process to install driver wpdfs.inf_amd64_0e7298... \??_USBSTOR#DISK&VEN_&PROD_&REV_PMAP#0710488633154C13&0#{53F56307...		

Plugins: Device Classes & MountPoint

- Device Classes (SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\DeviceClasses\
 - First Plugin
 - Last Plugin
- Mounted Devices (SYSTEM\MountedDevices)
 - Drive Letter mapping
- MountPoints2 (NTUSER\..\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MountPoints2)
 - User plugin

```
DeviceClasses (53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b): Saturday,  
April 04, 2015 21:43:50 Z (UTC)
```

Plugins: EMDMgmt

- ReadyBoost (External Memory Device) artifact
- SOFTWARE\Microsoft\WindowsNT\CurrentVersion\EmdMgmt
- Not just USB devices
- Disabled on SSD's

Serial	Volume Class GUID	Vol Name	Vol SN
?_USBSTOR#Disk&Ven_&Prod_&Rev_PMAP#070B4C60C3C2F765&0#{53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b}TEST DAT_2222216477			

Plugins: EMDMgmt (Class GUID)

The GUID_DEVINTERFACE_DISK device interface class is defined for hard disk storage devices.

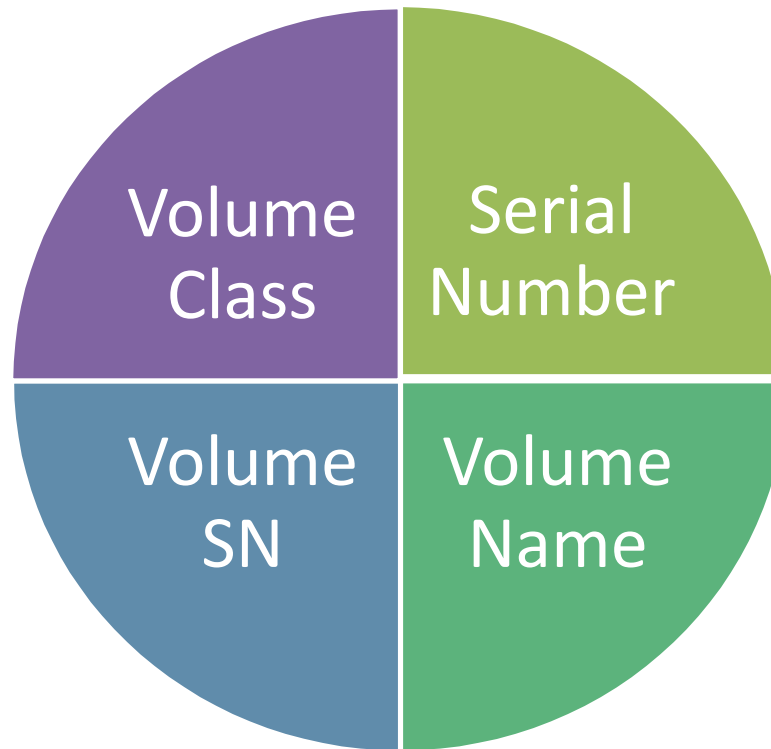
Attribute	Setting
Identifier	GUID_DEVINTERFACE_DISK
Class GUID	{53F56307-B6BF-11D0-94F2-00A0C91EFB8B}

Remarks

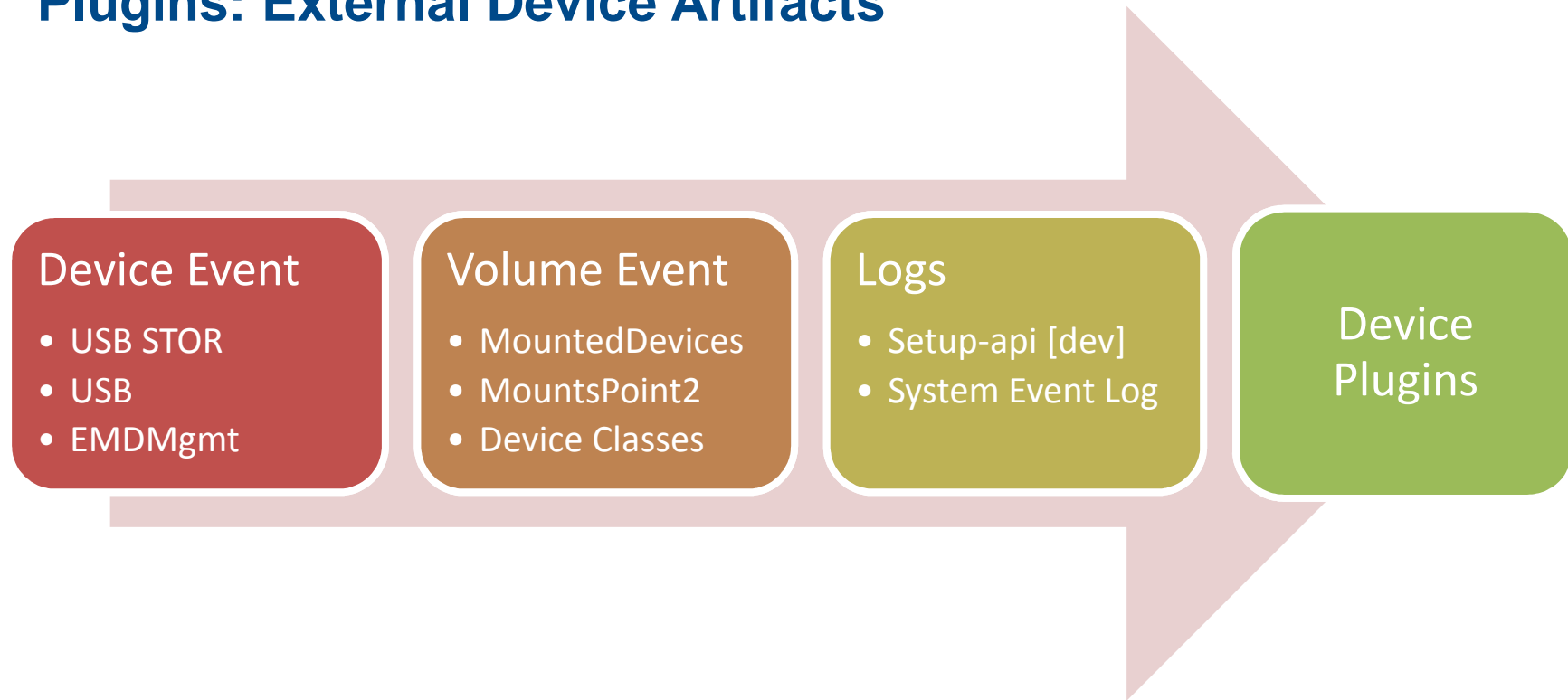
The system-supplied storage class drivers register an instance of GUID_DEVINTERFACE_DISK for a hard disk storage device.

Plugins: EMDMgmt

➤ Not just USB!



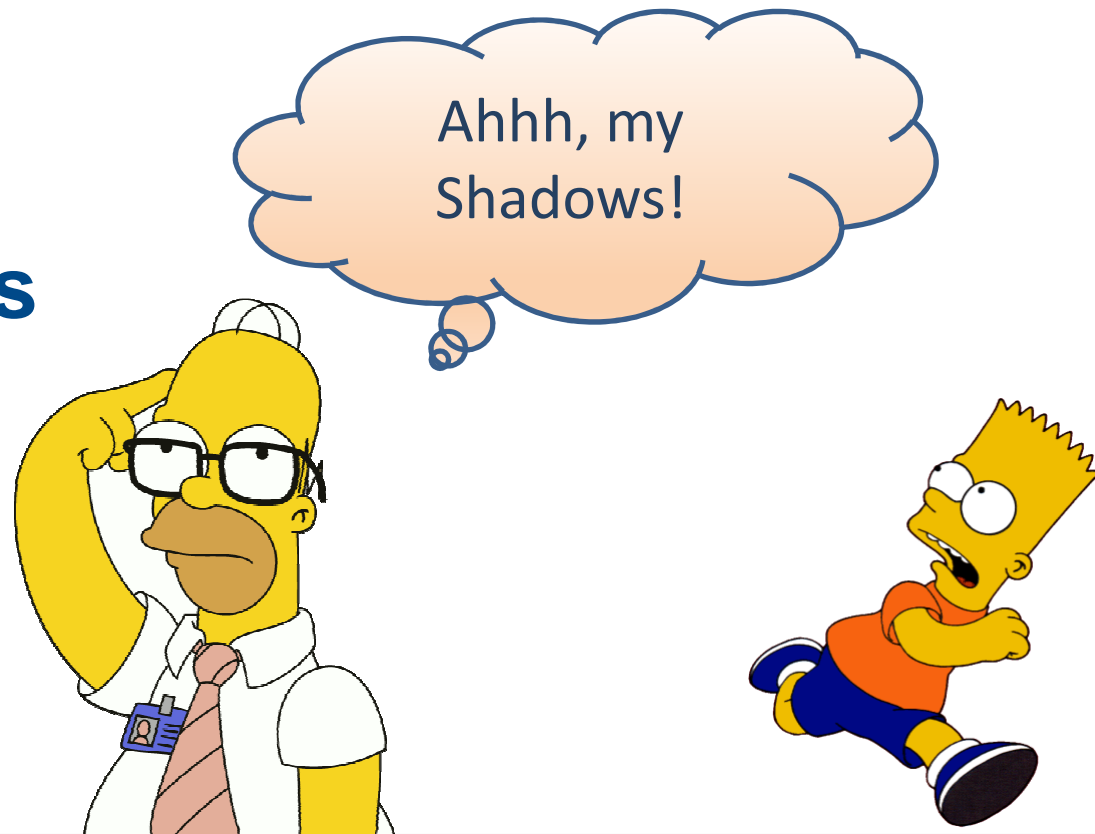
Plugins: External Device Artifacts



Plugins: What you may be missing

	Source	Event ID	Task Category
➤ Group policy	UserPnp	20001	(7005)
➤ USBStor not enough	WPD-ClassInstaller	24579	Driver Post-Instal...
➤ Phones an exception?	WPD-ClassInstaller	24577	Driver Post-Instal...
➤ Event logs	WPD-ClassInstaller	24576	Driver Installation
➤ Setup-api-dev.log	UserPnp	20003	(7005)
	DriverFrameworks-UserM...	10100	Installation or up...
	DriverFrameworks-UserM...	10002	Installation or up...
	DriverFrameworks-UserM...	10000	Installation or up...

Shadow Copies



Shadow Copies: Why are they important?

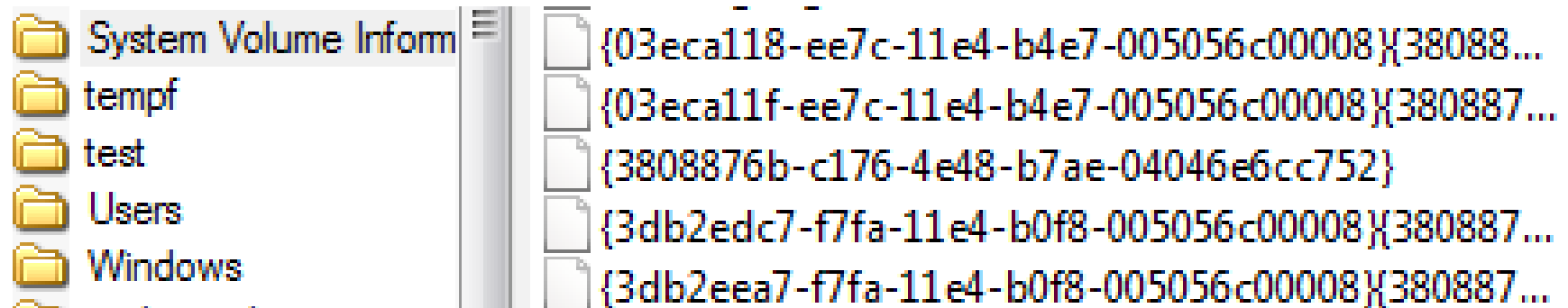
Block level changes

Previous versions

It's history!

Shadow Copies: Why are they important?

- Where to look for Shadows



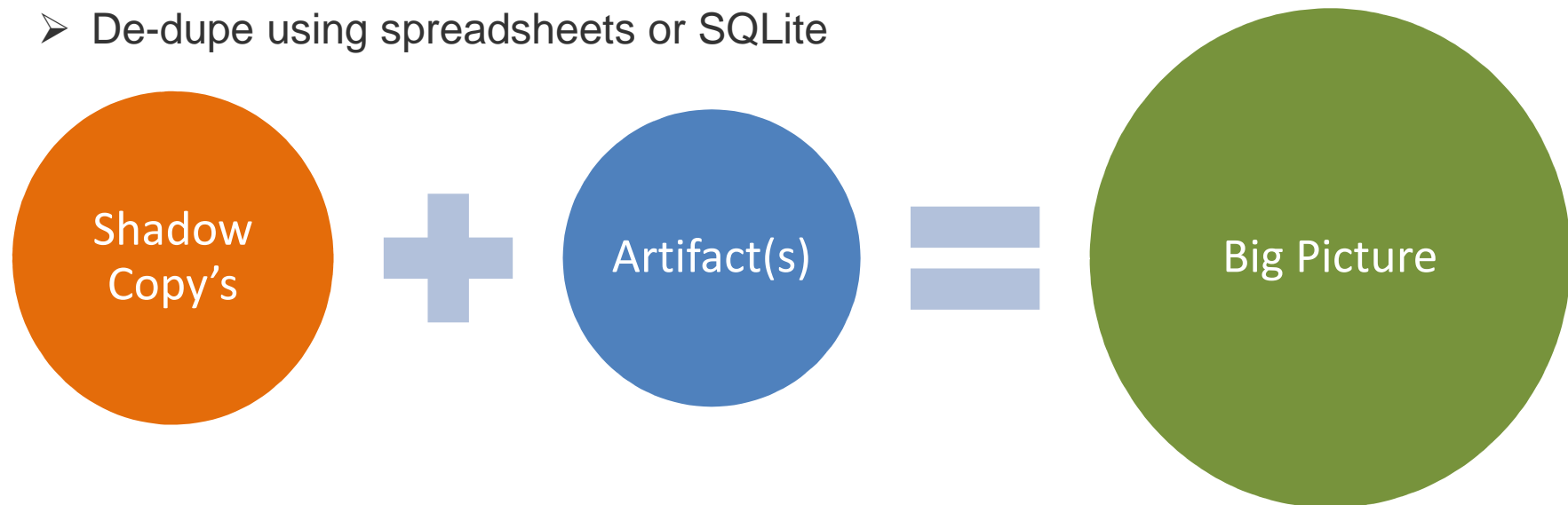
Shadow Copies: Why are they important?

Shadow Copy

- Registry hives
- Windows Shortcuts (LNKs)
- Windows Jump Lists
- Recycle Bin files
- \$MFT, \$LogFile and USN \$Journal
- “Previous versions of files”

Shadow Copies: Don't leave stuff out

- Repeat for each Shadow Copy
- De-dupe using spreadsheets or SQLite



Artifacts: Can't cover everything

System Activity

HIVEs

- HKLM\SYSTEM
- USB Stor
- MountedDevices
- IDE
- Firewire
- Device Class
- Application Compatibility Cache
- HKLM\SOFTWARE
- EMDMgmt

Logs/vent Logs

- \System (UserPnP, WPD, DriverFramework)
- \Plug n Play
- \Driverframework-usermode
- \Microsoft-Windows-WPD-MTPClassDriver
- \Microsoft Office Alerts
- \ntfs operational
- Setup-api-dev.log

File System

- Master File Table
- Logfile
- USN Journal
- Shadow Copy's

User Activity

HIVEs

- HKCU\NTUSER.DAT
- Shell Bags
- MRU
- Recent Docs
- HKCU\UsrClass.DAT
- Shell Bags

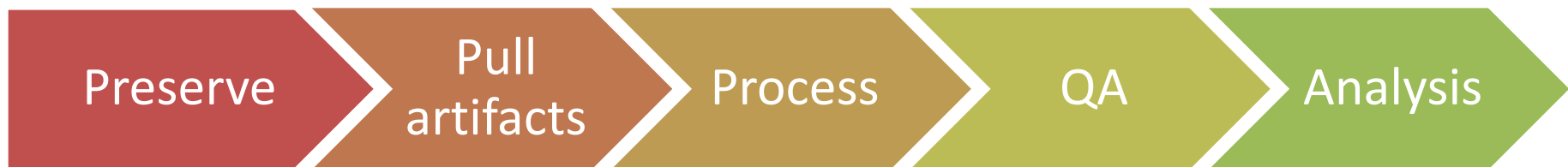
File System

- Windows Shortcuts (LNKs)
- Jumplists
- Temp files
- Shadow Copy's

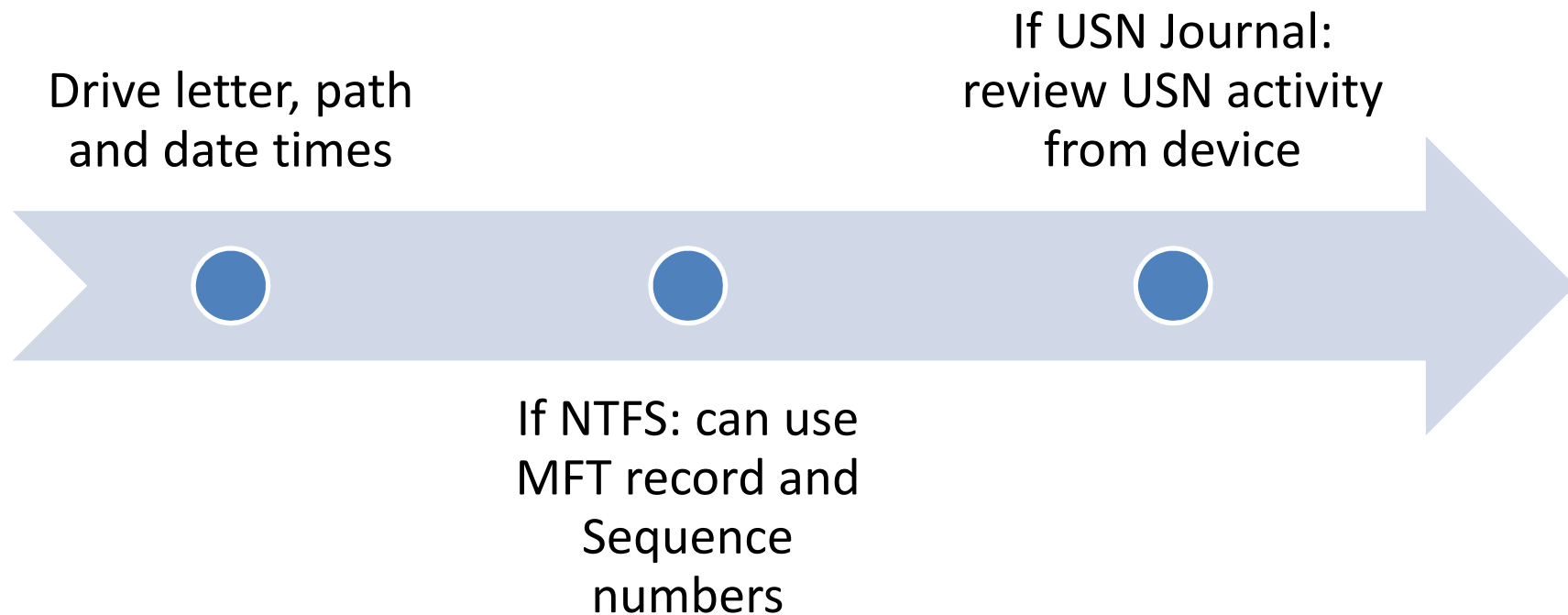
Pulling it together



Process



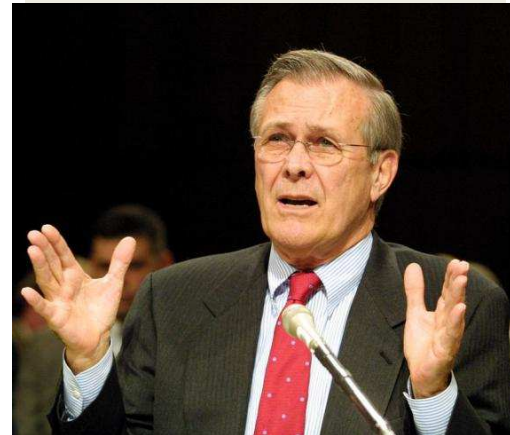
Process: Correlating to device



External Device: Direct Correlation

- Serial Number
- Volume Serial
- MFT Record and Sequence Numbers
- *Then use path including drive letter

Use known knows



External Device: Indirect Correlation

- Timelining activity based on datetimes
- Drive Letter, filename, path
- MRUs
- Easy to make mistakes



Make it presentable: Concepts

- Simple and detailed
- Easy to review
- Stick to what you can prove



Make it presentable: Content

- Capturing via a Workbook
- Summary page
- Legend on summary page
- Device plugins tab
- Color coded tab per device
- Correlated artifacts per device tab



Make it presentable: Summary Tab

Matter

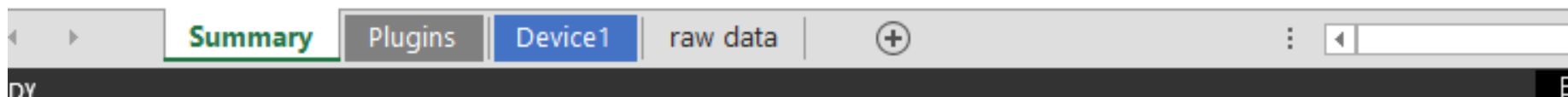
<chain of custody and matter information here>

Summary

This is a summary of the purpose of this document. Test matter related to device plugins and possible data exfiltration

Legend

Tab	Info	Description
Summary		Summary page
Plugins		Shows device plugins
Device1	Generic- Compact Flash USB Devic	This is the activity related to the plugin of Device1



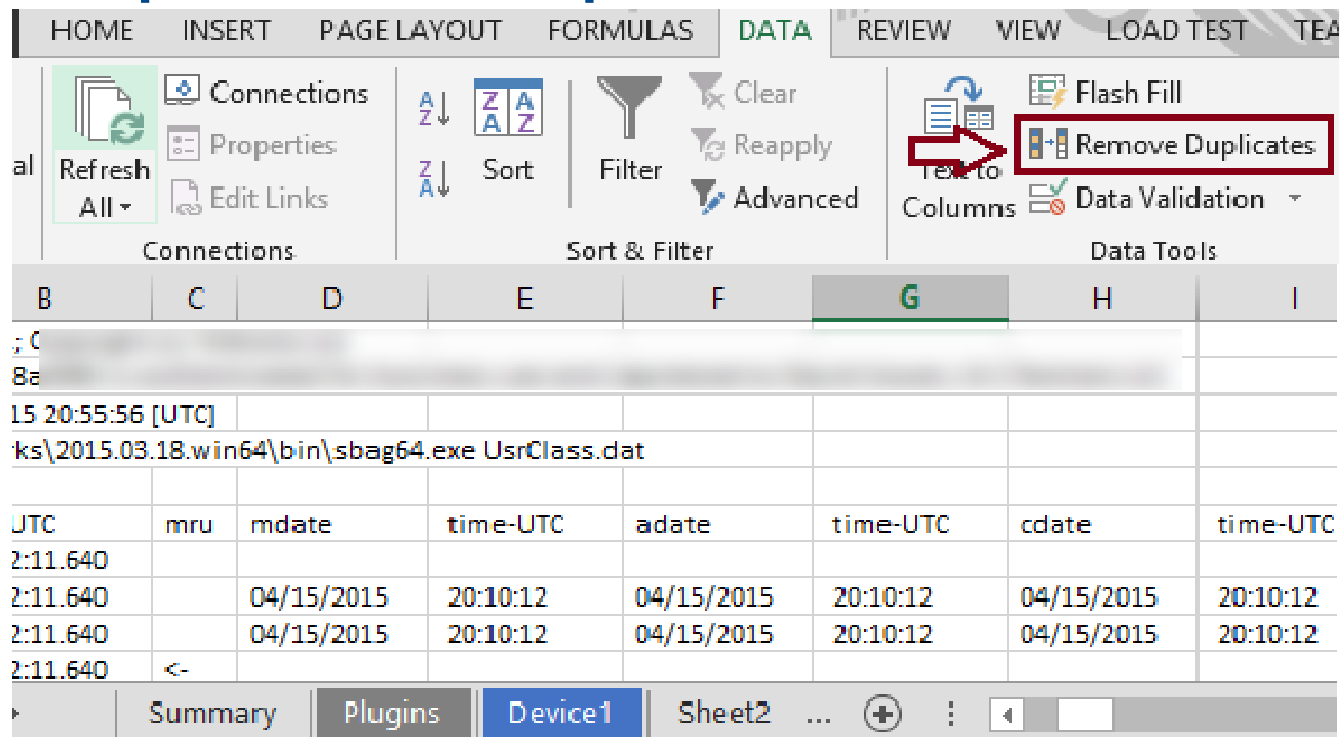
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Make it presentable: Plugins Sheet

device name	vid/pid	install	disk dev	vol dev	vendor	rev	volume guid	vol	vol name	users [date]	instance id/s	Other dates defined	
Generic- Compact Flash USB Device	4/15/2015	4/15/2015	4/15/2015	4/15/2015	generic-	#1.01	eb817c2d-e3aa-11e4-8250-000c2928e9ef	h:\				<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;"> ⇨ ⇩ </div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;"> 058f63626420&1 </div> </div>	[DEVPKEY Install: 04/15/2015 20:09:31.760 UTC]; [DEVPKEY LastArrival: 04/15/2015 20:09:31.760 UTC]

Summary
Plugins
Device1
raw data

Make it presentable: Dupes aren't fun



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel interface with the 'DATA' ribbon selected. The 'Data Tools' group is visible, and the 'Remove Duplicates' button is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow. Below the ribbon, a table of data is displayed with columns labeled JTC, mru, mdate, time-UTC, adate, time-UTC, cdate, and time-UTC. The table contains several rows of data, including timestamps and dates.

JTC	mru	mdate	time-UTC	adate	time-UTC	cdate	time-UTC
2:11.640							
2:11.640		04/15/2015	20:10:12	04/15/2015	20:10:12	04/15/2015	20:10:12
2:11.640		04/15/2015	20:10:12	04/15/2015	20:10:12	04/15/2015	20:10:12
2:11.640	<-						

Make it presentable: Device Sheet

Generic- Compact Flash USB Device

device na	vid/pid	install	disk dev	vol dev	vendor
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<Device Plugin Data>

Shell Bags

Shell	Target	Known Folder	Shell-Item	Shell-Item	
Path	Name	GUID	Type	Sub-Type	ShellBag Path

<Shell Bag data>

LNKs

<LNK data>

JumpLists

<JumpList data>

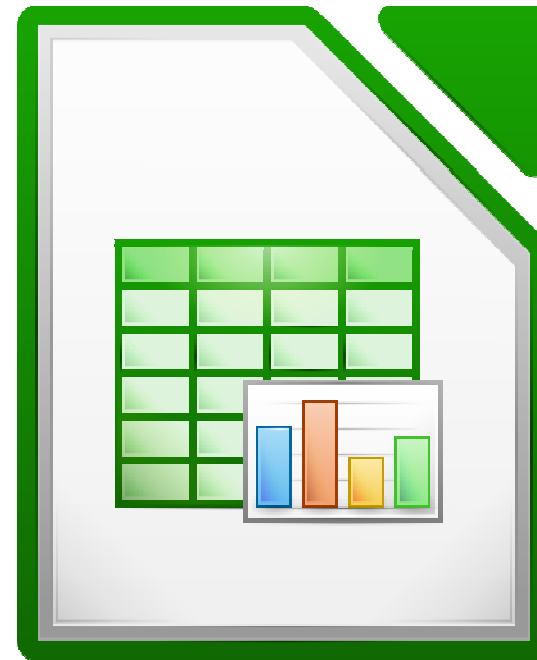
MRUs

<MRU Data>

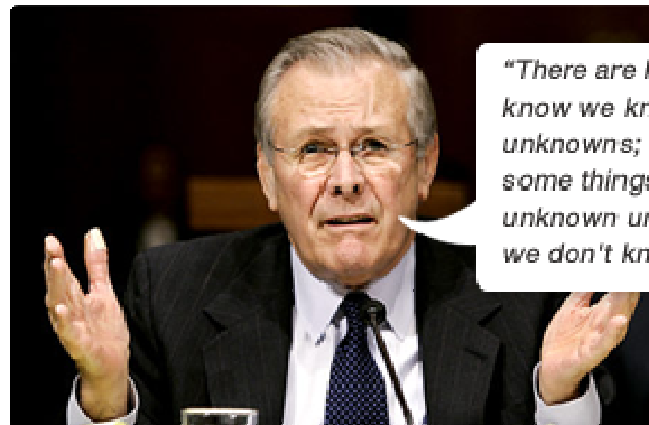
Summary | Plugins | **Device1** | Sheet2 | Sheet1 | raw c

Make it presentable: Hands on

- Hands-on: Building a spreadsheet



Dealing with Destruction



"There are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns – the ones we don't know we don't know."

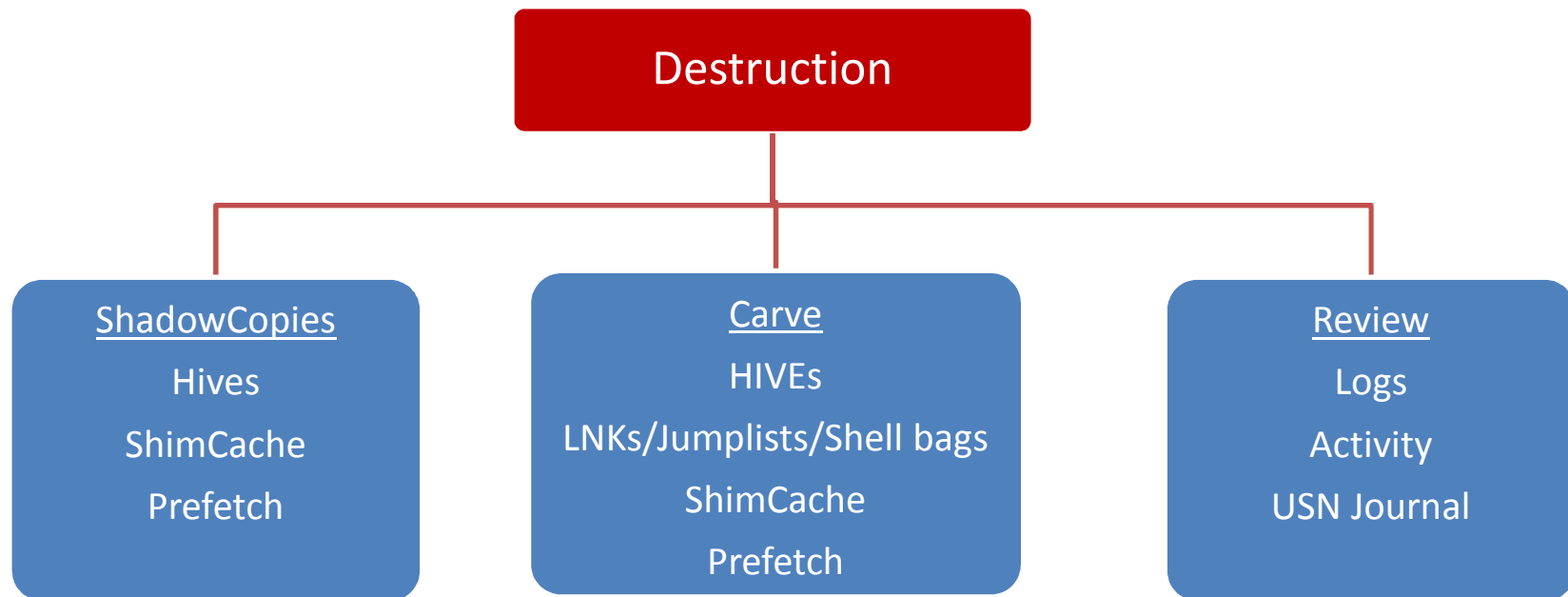
Destruction: Getting started

- Not wiped? Not a dead end!
- Act fast to preserve!
- Carving tools exists but are limited!

Destruction: Indicators

- User hive/folder dates
- OS Install Date
- USN Journal activity
- Original file activity may be carved (unless wiped)

Destruction: Where to look



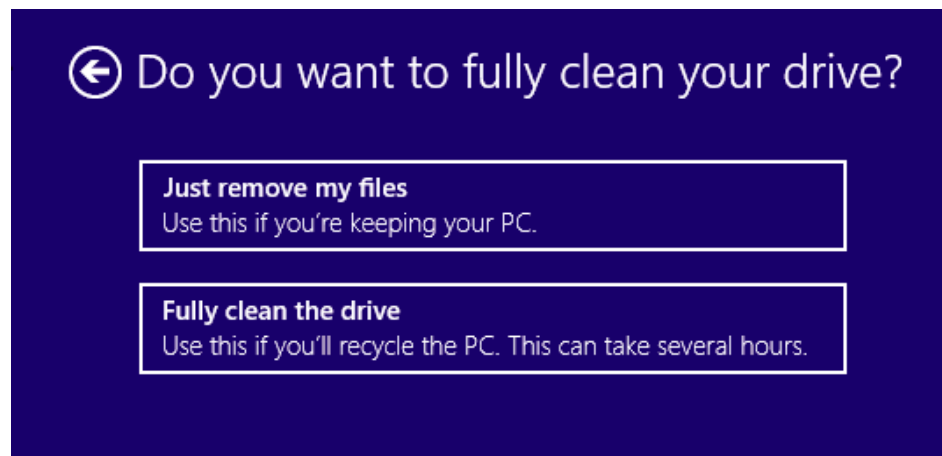
Destruction Scenario: Windows 8 was “refreshed”

- Original files including hives moved to \Windows.old
 - Review create dates
- \Recovery – review create dates on log files
- Check the USN \$Journal



Destruction Scenario: Windows 8 was “Reset”

- Indicators
 - \SystemReset\Logs\dism.log
 - Review file dates
 - \Recovery\Logs\Reload.xml
 - Review file dates
 - OS Install Date
 - Folder create dates
- Original file activity may be carveable (unless CLEANED)



Destruction: Recovering data

- Want to know what occurred?
 - Harness Shadow Copies
 - Carve for hives
 - Carve for event logs
 - Carve for Windows Shortcuts
 - Carve for USN journal fragments
 - Carve for known file signatures

Tools: Getting the job done

Destruction: Tools to Carve for device plugins

Hives

- Reg Recon by Arsenal Recon
- X-Ways Forensics
- Scalpel using [recover.py](#) (Andrew Case)

Logs

- X-Ways Forensics
- FTK Toolkit
- TZWorks
- Blade
- Encase

Destruction: Tools to Carve for user activity

- General carving
 - Encase
 - FTK
 - X-Ways Forensics
 - Blade
 - Scalpel
 - Bulk Extractor
- USN
 - Triforce ANJP
 - X-Ways Forensics

Tools: External device activity

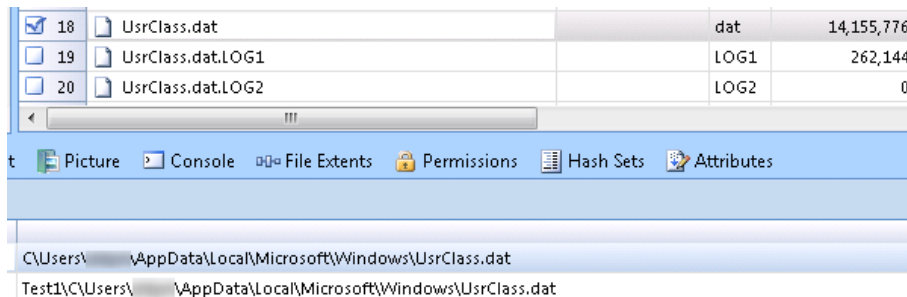
- Sbags, Jmp, lp, cafae by TZWorks
- Encase – ShellBags_Parser Enscript
- ShellBag Explorer – Command line and GUI (free)
- Reg Ripper (free)

Tools: External device plugins

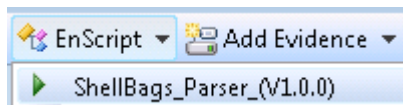
- Usp by TZWorks
- USBDeviceForensics by WoanWare
- Registry viewers
 - FTK Registry Viewer
 - Registry Explorer
 - Encase

Tools: ShellBags with Encase

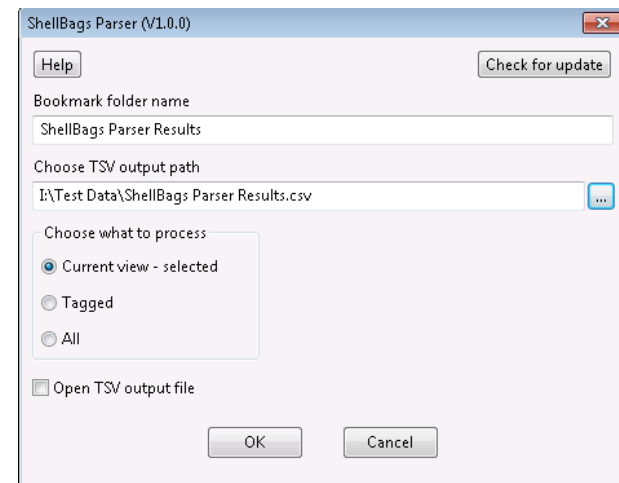
- (1) Find the UsrClass.dat and NTUSER.dat



- (2) Run the ShellBags_Parser Enscript



- (3) Choose output options



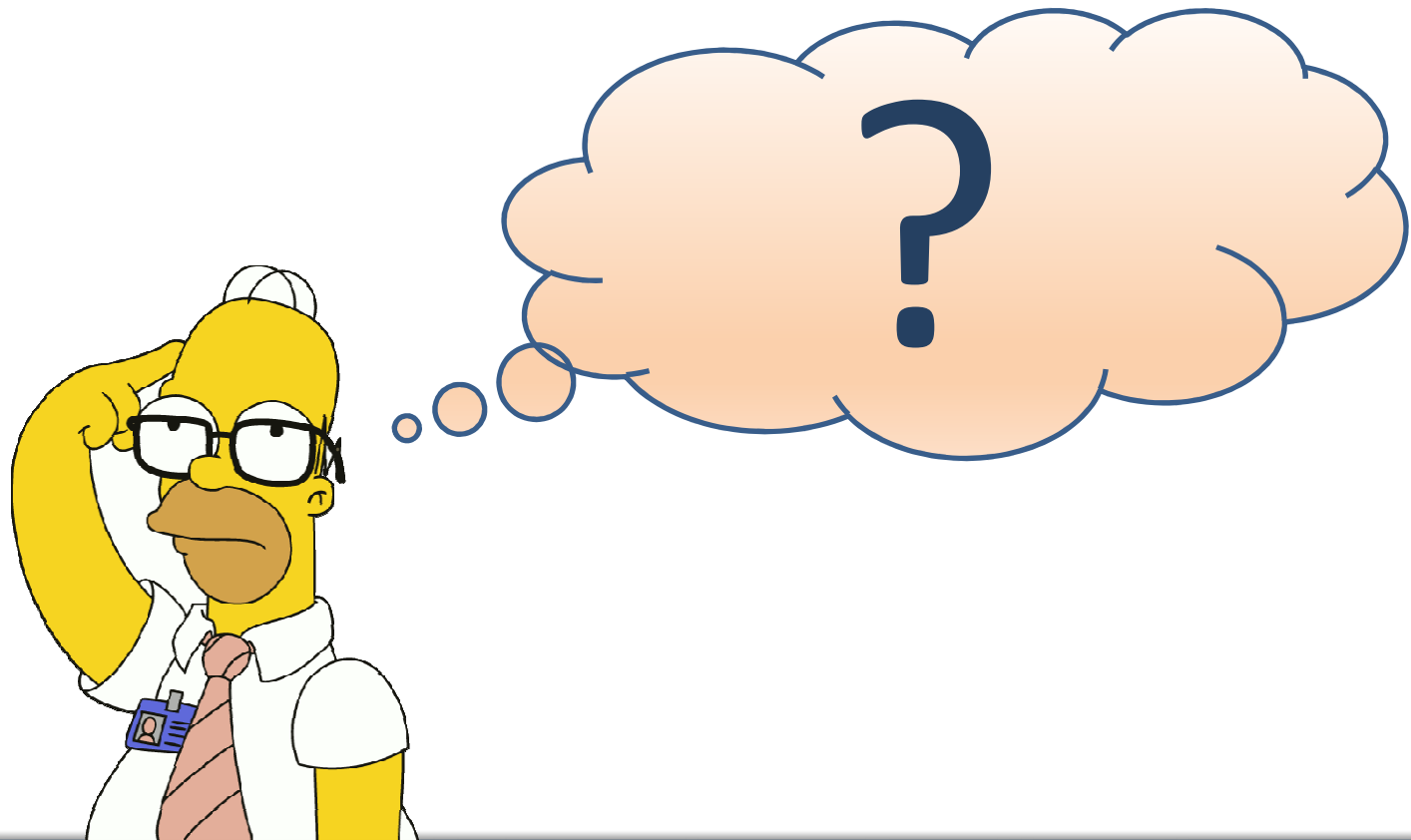
Tools: Pull USB Activity

- USB Device plugins using TZWorks

```
usp64.exe -csv -sys SYSTEM -user "NTUSER.DAT | NTUSERDAT[2].DAT" -sw SOFTWARE -setupapi setupapi.dev.log
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"cmdline: usp.exe -csv -sys SYSTEM -user NTUSER.DAT -sw SOFTWARE -setupapi setupapi.dev.log"  
device name,vid/pid, time-utc,install, time-local,disk dev, time-utc,vol dev, time-utc,type,vid,pid,hub,port,vendor  
,product,rev,volume guid,vol,vol name,users [ date/time - utc],instance id/serial #,Other dates defined by explicit  
property keys,Readyboost <freeform list of EMDMgmt entries> vol serial# / vol name / last modify regtimes [utc] a  
d * = test time  
Generic- $D/MMC USB Device,04/15/2015, 20:09:31.760,, , ,04/15/2015, 20:09:31.869,disk,#058f,#6362,5,1,generic-,s  
/mmc,#1.00,,,,,058f63626420&0,[DEUPKEY Install: 04/15/2015 20:09:31.760 UTC]; [DEUPKEY LastArrival: 04/15/2015 20:  
9:31.760 UTC]
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Questions



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