# Mac OS X and iOS Forensics

LOOKING INTO THE PAST WITH FSEVENTS

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## **Importance**

- Records historical file system activity over time
- Currently not being fully utilized by Mac examiners
- Contains User and OS activity
  - Creations, deletions, renames, permission changes and more.
- Identify names of files that were previously existing but have since been deleted
- Identify what changes occurred to files on interest

# Agenda

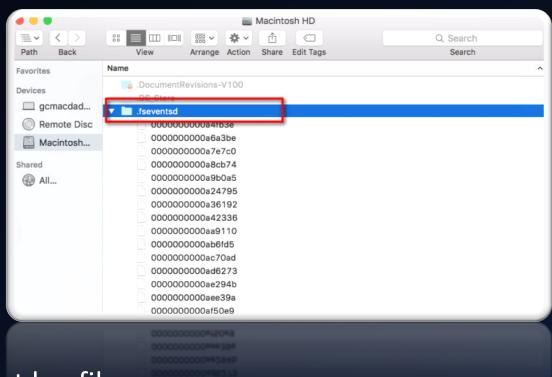
- Introduction to FSEvents
- Parsing FSEvents
- Interesting artifacts
- Caveats



- FSEvents or File System Events
- Generated by Apple OS FSEvents API
  - Introduced in 10.5 (Only directory events up to 10.6)
  - In 10.7 file events were introduced
- Stored in FSEvent log files (gzip)
  - Historical events of changes on the file system
  - Logs can span days to months
- Found on iOS, OS X devices, external devices plugged in to a Mac

#### **FSEVENT LOGS**

- Location in OS X:
  - /.fseventsd
- Location in iOS:
  - Data: /private/var/.fseventsd
  - System: /.fseventsd
  - Developer Patch: /DeveloperPatch/.fseventsd
- Gzip archive format
- Name is last Event ID stored in the FSevent log file plus 1.
  - E.g "000000000000a4b3e" or 674,622 decimal



LIFECYCLE OF AN FSEVENT RECORD

When memory buffer is full or volume unmounted all records are written to disk and buffer is cleared

An object is changed

If yes, record flags updated in memory. If not, next available ID assigned. Event stored in memory

API checks memory buffer to see if already assigned event ID

# **Decoding FSEvents**



# **Decoding FSEvents**

- An uncompressed FSEvent log can contain 1 or more pages with the magic header "1SLD"
- Each log can contain up to 5,000 events
- Events are ordered alphabetically by Full Path
- Each record consists of 3 components

# FSEVENT RECORD COMPONENTS

Full Path

• The relative full path to the file system object that incurred a change.

**Event ID** 

• Event ID assigned to full path on first change.

Record Flags

 Record flags indicating the type of object that was changed and what changed for it.

## **Decoding FSEvents**

#### FSEVENT RECORD FLAGS

- Type flags include:
  - File
  - Folder
  - Hard link
  - Symbolic link

- Reason flags include:
  - Created
  - Removed
  - Modified
  - Renamed
  - Permissions
  - Inode metadata

- Finder information
- Mount
- Unmount
- Last hard link removed
- End of transaction
- Document revisions

Offset		1	2	2	4	5	6 7	8	9	а	b_	С	d	e	f	
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Description	Offset	Length	Data
Page Magic Number	0x00	0x04	1SLD
Page UNKNOWN Value	0x04	0x04	0xc1669e4c (3244727884)
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Record Full Path	0x0c	0x0d Variable	My_File_1.txt
Null Terminator	0x19	0x01	
Record Event ID	0x1a	0x08	87,181
Record Reason Flags	0x22	0x04	0x55058000
Record Full Path	0x26	0x09 Variable	My_Folder
Null Terminator	0x2f	0x01	
Record Event ID	0x30	0x08	87,133
Record Reason Flags	0x38	0x04	0xc4070001
Record Full Path	0x3c	0x13 Variable	My_Folder/My_File_2.txt
Null Terminator	0x53	0x01	•
Record Event ID	0x54	0x08	87,124
Record Reason Flags	0x5c	0x04	0x51018000

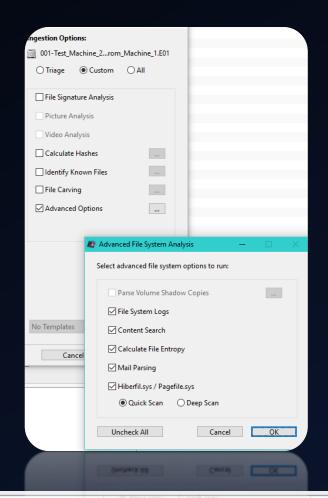
# Parsing FSEvents



# Parsing FSEvents

#### BLACKBAG BLACKLIGHT SOFTWARE

- Closed source and paid
- https://www.blackbagtech.com/ softwareproducts/blacklight.html



Identifier 🔻	Source File	Source File Create Date	Source File Modified Date	File Name	File Path	Reasons	Offset
1180070	0000000000120112	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)	•		IsDirectory, EndOfTransaction	45
1180069	0000000000120112	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)	sl-compat	.fseventsd/sl-compat	IsDirectory	12
1179920	0000000000120111	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)	.DS_Store	.DS_Store	InodeMetaMod, Modified, IsFile	25
1179467	0000000000120111	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)			Mounted	12
1179417	0000000000120111	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)	2016-10-22 20:45:28 (UTC)	VolumeConfiguration.plist	. Spotlight-V100/Volume Configuration. plist	InodeMetaMod, Modified, IsFile	47

# Parsing FSEvents

#### G-C PARTNERS FSEVENTSPARSER SCRIPT

- Open source and free
- Python
- Available at https://github.com/dlcowen/ FSEventsParser

event_id	filename	mask	mask_hex	record_end_offset	source	source_modified_time	other_dates
1179467		Mount;	0x00000002	25	D:\f\000000000120111	10/22/2016 14:45	UNKNOWN
1179920	.DS_Store	Modified;InodeMetaMod;FileEvent;	0x14008000	47	D:\f\000000000120111	10/22/2016 14:45	UNKNOWN
1179417	.Spotlight-V100/VolumeConfiguration.plist	Modified;InodeMetaMod;FileEvent;	0x14008000	101	D:\f\000000000120111	10/22/2016 14:45	UNKNOWN
1180069	.fseventsd/sl-compat	FolderEvent;	0x0000001	45	D:\f\000000000120112	10/22/2016 14:45	UNKNOWN
1180070	NULL	FolderEvent; End Of Transaction;	0x00000021	58	D:\f\000000000120112	10/22/2016 14:45	UNKNOWN
1180070	илгг	FolderEvent; EndOfTransaction;	0x00000021	28	D:\f\0000000000120112	10/22/2016 14:45	пикиоми

# Interesting Artifacts



# Record Artifacts

#### OS X

- Just scratching the surface of interesting artifacts:
  - Trash activity
  - User folders activity
  - Internet activity
  - Mount events

#### TRASH ACTIVITY

- Files sent to the Trash
- Emptying the Trash

```
*, _ROWID_ "NAVICAT_ROWID"

FROM

"fsevents"

WHERE

"filename" LIKE 'Users/%/.Trash/%'
```

//d	filename	mask
24255026	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/.DS_Store	Modified;InodeMetaMod;Removed;FileEvent;
24255452	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests	FolderEvent;Removed;
24255029	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/.DS_Store	Removed;FileEvent;
24255032	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/FSEventMonitor_v0.3_Terminal_log.txt	Removed;FileEvent;
24255449	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/FSParser_Reports	FolderEvent;Removed;
24255440	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/FSParser_Reports/FSEvents-EXCEPTIONS_LOG.txt	Removed;FileEvent;
24255443	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/FSParser_Reports/FSEvents-Parsed_Records-tab_delimited.txt	Removed;FileEvent;
24255446	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/FSParser_Reports/fsevents.sqlite	Removed;FileEvent;
24255437	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/fsevents	FolderEvent;Removed;
24255035	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/fsevents/00000000000094d6	Removed;FileEvent;
24255038	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/fsevents/00000000000cf7a	Removed;FileEvent;
24255041	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/fsevents/000000000015233	Removed;FileEvent;
24255044	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/fsevents/00000000002240c	Removed;FileEvent;
24255047	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/fsevents/00000000002240d	Removed;FileEvent;
24255050	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/fsevents/000000000022e55	Removed;FileEvent;
4255050	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/fsevents/00000000022e55	Removed, FileEvent,
	Users/gc/.Trash/My_Tests/20160127_Tests/fsevents/0000000002240d	Removed, FileEvent,

#### **USER FOLDERS ACTIVITY**

- Activity in:
  - "Documents"
  - "Downloads"
  - "Desktop"

\*, \_ROWID\_ "NAVICAT\_ROWID"

FROM

"fsevents"

WHERE

"filename" LIKE 'Users/%/Documents/%'
OR "filename" LIKE 'Users/%/Downloads/%'
OR "filename" LIKE 'Users/%/Desktop/%'

vd f	ilename	mask
747658 U	Jsers/neiko/Downloads/Microsoft_Office_2016_15.32.17030901_Installer.pkg	Renamed;FileEvent;
751272	Jsers/neiko/Downloads/Unconfirmed 148620.crdownload	Modified; Renamed; Created; Permission Change; Extended Attr Modified; File Event Control of the Control of t
751632 l	Jsers/neiko/Downloads/navicat112_sqlite_en.dmg	Renamed; Created; Permission Change; Extended Attr Modified; File Event;
730702 l	Jsers/neiko/Library/Containers/com.microsoft.Word/Data/Documents/whatsNewJSONCache.plist	Renamed; Permission Change; Finder Info Mod; File Event;
7980785 U	Jsers/neiko/Desktop/.DS_Store	Modified;InodeMetaMod;Created;FinderInfoMod;FileEvent;
7978872 l	Jsers/neiko/Desktop/.fseventsd	Folder Event; Renamed; Inode Meta Mod; Permission Change; Extended Attr Modified Permission Change; Extended Per
7975787 U	Jsers/neiko/Desktop/.fseventsd/000000000006211	Modified; Created; Permission Change; Finder Info Mod; File Event;
7975799 l	Jsers/neiko/Desktop/.fseventsd/000000000006212	Modified; Created; Permission Change; Finder Info Mod; File Event;
7975811 l	Jsers/neiko/Desktop/.fseventsd/000000000015401	Modified; Created; Permission Change; Finder Info Mod; File Event;
7975823 U	Jsers/neiko/Desktop/.fseventsd/0000000000210fb	Modified; Created; Permission Change; Finder Info Mod; File Event;
7975835 U	Jsers/neiko/Desktop/.fseventsd/00000000002df90	Modified; Created; Permission Change; Finder Info Mod; File Event;
7975847 l	Jsers/neiko/Desktop/.fseventsd/00000000003cdea	Modified; Created; Permission Change; Finder Info Mod; File Event;
975859 U	Jsers/neiko/Desktop/.fseventsd/00000000004b3f0	Modified; Created; Permission Change; Finder Info Mod; File Event;
975859	Users/neiko/Desktop/.fseventsd/00000000004b3f0	Modified; Created; Permission Change; FinderInfo Mod; File Event;
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#### INTERNET ACTIVITY

- Websites visited
  - Chrome
  - Safari

SELECT

\*, \_ROWID\_ "NAVICAT\_ROWID"

**FROM** 

"fsevents"

WHERE

"filename" LIKE

'Users/%/Library/Caches/Metadata/Safari/History/%' OR "filename" LIKE 'Users/%/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/Local Storage/%'

vd	filename T	mask
408233	Users/other/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/Local Storage/https_www.netflix.com_0.localstorage-journal	Modified;InodeMetaMod;FileEvent;
325097	Users/other/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/Local Storage/https_www.youtube.com_0.localstorage	In ode MetaMod; Created; Extended Attr Modified; File Event;
325109	Users/other/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/Local Storage/https_www.youtube.com_0.localstorage-journal	Modified; Inode Meta Mod; Created; Extended Attr Modified; File Event;
463881	Users/other/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/Local Storage/chrome-extension_pkedcjkdefgpdelpbcmbmeomcjbeemfm_0.localsto	r Modified;InodeMetaMod;FileEvent;
408467	Users/other/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/Local Storage/https_www.amazon.com_0.localstorage-journal	Modified;InodeMetaMod;FileEvent;
409287	Users/other/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/Local Storage/https_www.netflix.com_0.localstorage	InodeMetaMod;FileEvent;
412791	Users/other/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/Local Storage/https_www.netflix.com_0.localstorage-journal	Modified;InodeMetaMod;FileEvent;
481704	Users/nikki/Library/Caches/Metadata/Safari/History/http:%2F%2Fwfaa.com%2F.webhistory	Modified; Created; Extended Attr Modified; Extended Attr Removed; File Event;
481716	Users/nikki/Library/Caches/Metadata/Safari/History/http:%2F%2Fwww.wfaa.com%2F.webhistory	Modified; Created; Extended Attr Modified; Extended Attr Removed; File Event;
491733	Users/nikki/Library/Caches/Metadata/Safari/History/http:%2F%2Fwww.wfaa.com%2Fweather%2Fradars.webhistory	Modified; Created; Extended Attr Modified; Extended Attr Removed; File Event;
493889	Users/nikki/Library/Caches/Metadata/Safari/History/http:%2F%2Fwww.wfaa.com%2Fweather%2Ftexas-radar.webhistory	Modified; Created; Extended Attr Modified; Extended Attr Removed; File Event;
486606	Users/nikki/Library/Caches/Metadata/Safari/History/http:%2F%2Fwww.wfaa.com%2Fweather%2Fwfaa-weather-large-hail-damaging-wind-possible-to	${\sf Modified; Created; Extended Attr Modified; Extended Attr Removed; File Event;}$
504075	Users/nikki/Library/Caches/Metadata/Safari/History/https:%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FWind_shear.webhistory	Modified; Created; Extended Attr Modified; Extended Attr Removed; File Event;
498048	Users/nikki/Library/Caches/Metadata/Safari/History/https:%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fsearch?client=safari&rls=en&q=weather&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-	$\{Modified; Created; Extended Attr Modified; Extended Attr Removed; File Event; and the property of the prope$

#### MOUNT ACTIVITY

- Mount activity related to:
  - DMGs
  - External devices
  - Shared network drives

\*,\_ROWID\_ "NAVICAT\_ROWID"

FROM

"fsevents"

WHERE

"mask" LIKE '%mount%'

.vent_id	filename	mask T	mask_hex	source_modified_time
6698195	/Volumes/Recovery HD	FolderEvent;Unmount;Removed;	0x02000005	2017-03-24 17:46:32
6691374	/home	Mount;	0x00000002	2017-03-24 17:46:32
6690718	/net	Mount;	0x00000002	2017-03-24 17:46:32
6727297	/Volumes/Recovery HD	Unmount;	0x00000004	2017-03-24 20:56:02
6757329	/private/var/setup	FolderEvent; Mount; Unmount; Permission Change; Removed;	0x02010007	2017-03-24 20:56:02
6767834	/Volumes/Recovery HD	FolderEvent;Mount;Unmount;Removed;	0x02000007	2017-03-25 01:09:45
10629284	/Volumes/MachOView	Mount;	0x00000002	2016-03-21 15:29:44
444876	/Volumes/OSX_108TESt	FolderEvent;Unmount;FolderCreated;	0x80000005	2016-03-21 15:29:44
245516	/Volumes/OSX_108TESt 1	Mount;Unmount;	0x00000006	2016-03-21 15:29:44
10576968	/Volumes/TEST	FolderEvent;Unmount;FolderCreated;	0x80000005	2016-03-21 15:29:44
10535360	/Volumes/Test_Folder_Actions	FolderEvent; Mount; Unmount; FolderCreated; Removed;	0x82000007	2016-03-21 15:29:44
10576969	/Volumes/UNTITLED	FolderEvent;Unmount;Removed;	0x02000005	2016-03-21 15:29:44
10625760	/Volumes/Untitled	Unmount;	0x00000004	2016-03-21 15:29:44
1419	/home	Mount;	0x00000002	2016-03-21 15:29:44
1418	/net	Mount;	0x00000002	2016-03-21 15:29:44
10640527	/Volumes/Recovery HD	FolderEvent; Mount; Unmount; Removed;	0x02000007	2016-03-23 09:58:48
10686244	/Volumes/artifacts-20160114.pkg	Mount;Unmount;	0x00000006	2016-03-23 09:58:48
0686248	/Volumes/bencode-1.0.pkg	Mount; Unmount;	0x00000006	2016-03-23 09:58:48
0686248	/Volumes/bencode-1.0.pkg	MountUnmount	04000000006	2016-03-23 09:58:48

# Artifacts

#### IOS

- iCloud synced files
- Internet activity
- Email activity

# Record Artifacts: iOS ICLOUD SYNCED FILES

iCloud synced files from other devices

```
SELECT

*, _ROWID_ "NAVICAT_ROWID"

FROM

"fsevents"

WHERE

"filename" LIKE 'mobile/Library/Mobile

Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/%'
```

event_id	filename	T	mask
33604138	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.00000000020d4441.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33605361	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.0000000020d9d05.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33605341	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.00000000020dea0e.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33605331	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.00000000020e5586.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33603451	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.00000000020f16ac.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33604219	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.00000000020f6e68.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33604177	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.000000002100c5f.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33604258	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.000000002107919.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33604893	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.00000000210bacb.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33605381	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.00000000210ff8b.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33603361	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.000000002113bd4.icloud		Renamed;FileEvent;
33603361	mobile/Library/Mobile Documents/com~apple~CloudDocs/.Trash/_fseventsd 5.30.19 PM/.000000002113bd4.icloud		Renamed; FileEvent;

#### INTERNET ACTIVITY

• Websites visited?

SELECT

\*, \_ROWID\_"NAVICAT\_ROWID"

FROM

"fsevents"

WHERE

"filename" LIKE '%websitedata/local%'

rent_id fi	ilename 🔻	mask
588334 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/4B88FE56-DDDE-42D9-BE34-54F61FED2D57/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/http_www.redsn0w.us_0.localstorage-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
732012 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/4B88FE56-DDDE-42D9-BE34-54F61FED2D57/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/StorageTracker.db-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
702270 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/4B88FE56-DDDE-42D9-BE34-54F61FED2D57/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/http_www.npr.org_0.localstorage	Modified;FileEvent;
790959 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/4B88FE56-DDDE-42D9-BE34-54F61FED2D57/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/StorageTracker.db-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
790962 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/4B88FE56-DDDE-42D9-BE34-54F61FED2D57/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/https_www.instagram.com_0.localstorage	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
790860 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/4B88FE56-DDDE-42D9-BE34-54F61FED2D57/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/https_www.instagram.com_0.localstorage-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
347710 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/E2DD4CDC-722A-480C-86B3-1F5BCD1E8F2F/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/StorageTracker.db-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
347983 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/E2DD4CDC-722A-480C-86B3-1F5BCD1E8F2F/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/https_m.youtube.com_0.localstorage-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
306827 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/F6142168-1D6B-44CC-8CD1-C306ED328B0C/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/StorageTracker.db-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
307598 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/F6142168-1D6B-44CC-8CD1-C306ED328B0C/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/http_pubads.g.doubleclick.net_0.localstorage	Modified;Created;FileEvent;
306733 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/F6142168-1D6B-44CC-8CD1-C306ED328B0C/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/http_pubads.g.doubleclick.net_0.localstorage-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
307607 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/F6142168-1D6B-44CC-8CD1-C306ED328B0C/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/http_www.vox.com_0.localstorage	Modified;Created;FileEvent;
307349 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/F6142168-1D6B-44CC-8CD1-C306ED328B0C/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/http_www.vox.com_0.localstorage-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
345403 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/C8F70FFA-7504-49A0-B1A9-1A5C5A7B60FB/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/StorageTracker.db-shm	InodeMetaMod;FileEvent;
345439 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/C8F70FFA-7504-49A0-B1A9-1A5C5A7B60FB/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/https_m.facebook.com_0.localstorage-shm	Modified;InodeMetaMod;FileEvent;
885979 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/E2DD4CDC-722A-480C-86B3-1F5BCD1E8F2F/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/StorageTracker.db-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
886855 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/E2DD4CDC-722A-480C-86B3-1F5BCD1E8F2F/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/https_m.youtube.com_0.localstorage	Modified;FileEvent;
86308 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/E2DD4CDC-722A-480C-86B3-1F5BCD1E8F2F/Library/WebKit/WebsiteData/LocalStorage/https_www.google.com_0.localstorage-journal	Modified;Created;Removed;FileEvent;
86308 n	nobile/Containers/Data/Application/E2DD4CDC-722A-480C-8683-1F58CD1E3F2F/Library/WebKR/WebsteData/LocaStorage/https://www.google.com_0.locastorage-journal	Modified, Created, Removed, FileEvent,

#### **EMAIL ACTIVITY**

- Inbox
- Sent
- Attachments

```
SELECT

*, _ROWID_ "NAVICAT_ROWID"

FROM

"fsevents"

WHERE

"filename" LIKE 'mobile/Library/Mail/%'
```

_vent_id	filename	T	mask
5428567	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/55212/4/shield.png	Renamed;FileEvent;
5428634	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	@imap.gmail.com/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/55214/2/unknown_device.png	Renamed;FileEvent;
5428589	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	@imap.gmail.com/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/55214/3/google_logo.png	Renamed;FileEvent;
5428653	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	@imap.gmail.com/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/55214/4/shield.png	Renamed;FileEvent;
33902492	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/64567/2/FSEvents_Documentation.docx	Renamed;FileEvent;
33905154	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/64573/2/mime-attachment.jpg	Renamed;FileEvent;
33905245	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/64573/3/mime-attachment.jpg	Renamed;FileEvent;
33905294	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/64573/4/mime-attachment.jpg	Renamed;FileEvent;
33905343	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/64573/5/mime-attachment.jpg	Renamed;FileEvent;
33905114	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/64573/6/mime-attachment.gif	Renamed;FileEvent;
34392427	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/64618/2/	Renamed;FileEvent;
36504866	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/39892/2, .xls	Removed;FileEvent;
36504854	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/49134/2/IMG_1957.JPG	Removed;FileEvent;
36504818	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/50064/1.2	FolderEvent;Removed;
6504815	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP-	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/50064/1.2/Screen Shot 2017-05-03 at 10.14.40 AM.png	Removed;FileEvent;
4504815	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/50064/1.2/Screen Shot 2017-05-03 at 10.14.40 AM.png	Removed; FileEvent;
36504818	mobile/Library/Mail/IMAP	/INBOX.imapmbox/Attachments/50064/1.2	FolderEvent;Removed;

# Caveats



## Caveats

- Lost FSEvents
- Lack of timestamps
- External devices
- Anti-forensics
- Coalescing of multiple changes

#### Caveats: Lost FSEvents

#### **PROBLEM**

- FSEvents are lost due to either:
  - A hard reset of a system
  - A system crash
  - Not properly unmounting a volume
  - System upgrades

#### REMEDIES

Carve for gzip files

# Caveats: Lack of Timestamps



#### **PROBLEM**

- FSEvent Records consist of:
  - Event ID
  - Full Path
  - Flags

#### REMEDIES

Use temporal data from the names of logs

Note timestamps are not mentioned

wd	filename ▼	mask	mask_hex	source_modified_time	other_dates
1054	private/var/log/DiagnosticMessages/2017.05.13.asl	Created; Permission Change; Extended Attr Modified; File Event;	0x01038000	2017-05-13 13:02:26	2017.05.13
426	private/var/log/asl/2017.05.13.G80.asl	Created; Permission Change; Extended Attr Modified; File Event;	)x01038000	2017-05-13 13:02:26	2017.05.13
519	private/var/log/powermanagement/2017.05.13.asl	Modified; Created; Permission Change; Extended Attr Modified; File Event;	0x11038000	2017-05-13 13:02:26	2017.05.13
209338	private/var/log/powermanagement/2017.05.13.asl	Modified;FileEvent;	0x10008000	2017-05-13 14:39:47	UNKNOWN
1124380	private/var/log/DiagnosticMessages/2017.05.13.asl	Modified;FileEvent;	0x10008000	2017-05-13 16:06:22	UNKNOWN
3796573	private/var/log/DiagnosticMessages/2017.05.13.asl	Modified;FileEvent;	0x10008000	2017-05-13 16:26:37	UNKNOWN
5079026	private/var/log/DiagnosticMessages/2017.05.13.asl	Modified;FileEvent;	0x10008000	2017-05-14 09:22:29	2017.05.13,2017.05.14
5078975	private/var/log/asl/2017.05.13.G80.asl	Modified;FileEvent;	0x10008000	2017-05-14 09:22:29	2017.05.13,2017.05.14
5079020	private/var/log/powermanagement/2017.05.13.asl	Modified;FileEvent;	0x10008000	2017-05-14 09:22:29	2017.05.13,2017.05.14

### Caveats: External Devices

#### **PROBLEM**

- Unsafe removal results in lost events
- Safe removal was performed, but FSEvents not finished writing to disk
- File system compatibility issues results in lost events

#### REMEDIES

- Hope that the user has properly unmounted their devices
  - Carving for those lost events might not be possible due to FSEvents being stored in memory

# Caveats: Coalescing of multiple changes

#### **PROBLEM**

- The FSEvents API coalesces multiple changes into a single record resulting in:
  - Inability to determine order of changes
  - Inability to determine frequency of changes

#### REMEDIES

None

This file may have been created 3 times and removed twice, but we will never know



Caveats: Anti-Forensics

#### **PROBLEM**

- A no\_log file was placed in the .fseventsd directory
  - FSEvents are not recorded for the volume

#### REMEDIES

 None. However, this scenario is unlikely and requires root privileges and advanced knowledge of FSEvents Questions?

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