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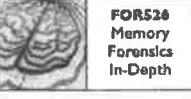
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Section 2 – Part 1

User Domain Basics

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User Domain

- Each Default User Directory contains:
 - /Desktop
 - /Documents
 - /Downloads
 - /Library (hidden in 10.7+)
 - User Library
 - /Movies
 - /Music
 - /Pictures
 - /Public

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The User Domain consists of all the user files. Their documents, pictures, music, etc.

Each user has their own home directory in the /Users/ folder, marked by a house icon in the screenshot above. If a user is logged on, default permissions will not allow them to view the files in another user's directory noted by the red circle with the line icon.

Most of the directories are self explanatory in terms of information they may contain. The public folder may contain data the user wants to share with other users. The user's Library directory contains app-specific data.

This domain may also contain "Sites" directory if web sharing is enabled; this would contain the user's personal web site.

Starting with Mac OS X Lion, the user's Library folder was hidden. Some users may prefer to be able to view the files easily. The author finds that it helps forensic research to have the Library directory to be viewable. The command to permanently change this for a specific account is below. It may also be accessed by holding down the "option" key when accessing it via the 'Go' menu in the Finder Toolbar.

```
chflags nohidden /Users/<username>/Library
```

Reference:

File System Programming Guide – File System Basics

[<https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/DOCUMENTATION/FileManagement/Conceptual/FileSystemProgrammingGuide/FileSystemOverview/FileSystemOverview.html>]

User's Home Directory

```
Elwoods-Mac:~ elwoodblues$ ls -la
total 0
drwxr-xr-x+ 12 elwoodblues  staff   408 Sep 23 20:09 .
drwxr-xr-x+  5 root       admin   170 Sep 23 11:25 ..
-rw-----+  1 elwoodblues  staff    3 Sep 23 11:25 .CFUserTextEncoding
drwx-----+  2 elwoodblues  staff   68 Sep 23 20:09 .Trash
drwx-----+  3 elwoodblues  staff  102 Sep 23 20:09 Desktop
drwx-----+  4 elwoodblues  staff  136 Sep 23 11:25 Documents
drwx-----+  4 elwoodblues  staff  136 Sep 23 11:25 Downloads
drwx-----@ 30 elwoodblues  staff 1020 Sep 23 20:39 Library
drwx-----+  3 elwoodblues  staff  102 Sep 23 11:25 Movies
drwx-----+  3 elwoodblues  staff  102 Sep 23 11:25 Music
drwx-----+  4 elwoodblues  staff  136 Sep 23 11:25 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x+  5 elwoodblues  staff  170 Sep 23 11:25 Public
```

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Similar to Windows systems, the user has folders for specific types of data (i.e., My Documents, My Music, My Pictures, etc.). The Movies, Music, and Pictures directories should (but not required) contain items related to their respective directories.

The .Trash contains the items the user has chosen to “delete”, similar to the Windows Recycle Bin.

The Downloads directory is the default folder for downloads from web browsers and other applications. This directory may contain years worth of user downloads!

The Public directory is used for items the user has chosen to share with other users.

The Library [User Library] contains many items related to the specific user, such as preferences and application data. This Library directory is different from the System Library and Local Library directories. These files are specific to a user account.

User's Library Directory ~/Library/



Containers

Preferences

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Caches

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The user's Library directory contains many sub-directories of interest. The few listed here will be mentioned over and over in this section. A forensic analyst may find lots of good forensic tidbits in this directory that they can tie to a specific user account. Each user account will have their own user Library directory.

It is worth noting here the tilde ‘~’ is used as a terminal shortcut to the current user's home directory.

Containers & Application Sandboxing

~/Library/Containers/

Introduced in 10.7

An application sandbox is used to protect your data against malicious software

User application data may be saved in one of two directories depending on if an application is sandboxed:

- Legacy Location: ~/Library/Application Support/
- Sandbox Location: ~/Library/Containers/<Bundle ID>/Data/Library/Application Support/<App Name>/

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The Containers directory, introduced in 10.7, contains data that is sandboxed. This data will be similar to that found in ~/Library/Application Support/ directory for those applications that do not implement sandboxing.

References:

Apple Developer Documentation – App Sandbox Design Guide

http://developer.apple.com/library/mac/#documentation/Security/Conceptual/AppSandboxDesignGuide/AboutAppSandbox/AboutAppSandbox.html#/apple_ref/doc/uid/TP40011183-CH1-SW1

<http://developer.apple.com/library/mac/#documentation/Security/Conceptual/AppSandboxDesignGuide/MigratingALegacyApp/MigratingAnAppToASandbox.html>

~/Library/Containers/ <Bundle ID>/Data/ Library/Application Support/ <App Name>/

```
com.amazon.Kindle           com.apple.iPhoto
com.apple.FaceTime          com.apple.mail
com.apple.ImageKit.RecentPictureService com.apple.photostream-agent
com.apple.Notes              com.apple.reminders
com.apple.PassXPCService    com.evernote.Evernote
com.apple.Preview            com.tastycoocabytes.CocoaPacketAnalyzer.mas
com.apple.ShareKitHelper    cx.c3.theunarchiver
com.apple.TextEdit
nibble:Containers sledwards$ ls -l com.apple.TextEdit/
total 120
-rwxr--r--  1 sledwards  staff  50688 Sep 23 20:39 Container.plist
drwx----- 10 sledwards  staff   340 Jul 10 15:07 Data
nibble:Containers sledwards$ ls -l com.apple.TextEdit/Data/
total 40
lrwxr-xr-x  1 sledwards  staff   19 Jul 10 15:07 Desktop -> ../../../../../Desktop
drwx-----  3 sledwards  staff  102 Jul 10 15:07 Documents ←
lrwxr-xr-x  1 sledwards  staff   21 Jul 10 15:07 Downloads -> ../../../../../Downloads
drwx----- 28 sledwards  staff  952 Aug 13 20:45 Library ←
lrwxr-xr-x  1 sledwards  staff   18 Jul 10 15:07 Movies -> ../../../../../Movies
lrwxr-xr-x  1 sledwards  staff   17 Jul 10 15:07 Music -> ../../../../../Music
lrwxr-xr-x  1 sledwards  staff  20 Jul 10 15:07 Pictures -> ../../../../../Pictures
nibble:Containers sledwards$ ls com.apple.TextEdit/Data/Library/
Application Scripts   ColorSync      Images          Preferences
Application Support    Colors        Input Methods   QuickLook
Audio                  Components     KeyBindings    Saved Application State
Autosave Information   Compositions  Keyboard Layouts Sounds
```

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Each “Container” in the Containers directory is named in the reverse DNS format. Each directory contains a Container.plist file and a Data directory.

The Container.plist file contains information about the sandbox application.

The Data directory contains a similar layout to the user folder with symbolic links to various directories. The important directories here are those that are **not** links. In the screenshot above, the Documents and Library directories contain the data of interest. While the nested directories may also contain linked data, the sandboxed data will not be linked.

Preferences Directory

~/Library/Preferences/

~/Library/Containers/<bundleid>/Data/Library/Preferences/

Property list files for various applications and system settings

"Reverse DNS" format

- Ex: com.apple.iCal.plist
- <TLD>. <Company>. <Application>.plist

/ByHost Directory

- Contains more property list files for applications and system settings
- Specific to this computer system

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The User Library contains the user's preferences, usually in the form of a Property List file (.plist), in what is sometimes called "reverse DNS format". Reverse DNS format starts with the top level domain of the company such as ".com" or ".org", followed by the company name (i.e.,: "apple" or "microsoft"), followed by the name of the application with a ".plist" file extension.

The ByHost subdirectory in the Preferences directory contains more preference property list files that are specific to the computer system.

Preferences 'ByHost' Directory [10.8+] ~/Library/Preferences/ByHost

GUID is the hardware UUID of the computer system

```
nibble:ByHost sledwards$ pwd  
/Users/sledwards/Library/Preferences/ByHost  
nibble:ByHost sledwards$ ls  
MicrosoftRegistrationDB.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist  
com.apple.AddressBook.sync.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist  
com.apple.AddressBook.sync.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist.lockfile  
com.apple.Bluetooth.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist  
com.apple.Bluetooth.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist.lockfile  
com.apple.CrashReporter.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist  
com.apple.FaceTime.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist  
com.apple.HIToolbox.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist  
com.apple.ImageCapture2.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist  
com.apple.ImageCaptureExtension2.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist  
com.apple.NetworkBrowserAgent.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist  
com.apple.QuickLookDaemon.40A90B07-FC53-52C8-A774-6F1A5E659E9C.plist
```

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The ByHost directory contains preferences files with an additional GUID at the end of the filename. On 10.8+ this GUID is the hardware UUID of the system.

The hardware UUID can be found on a live system by using the System Information application and viewing the top-level of the "Hardware" section.

Preferences 'ByHost' Directory [10.6 & 10.7] ~/Library/Preferences/ByHost

Last section of the hardware UUID of the computer system

```
com.apple.finder.000c29143ec5.plist
com.apple.finder.000c29143ec5.plist.lockfile
com.apple.iCal.helper.000c29143ec5.plist
com.apple.iCal.helper.000c29143ec5.plist.lockfile
com.apple.iChat.000c29143ec5.plist
com.apple.iChat.000c29143ec5.plist.lockfile
com.apple.iChat.AIM.000c29143ec5.plist
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com.apple.imservice.Facetime.000c29143ec5.plist
com.apple.imservice.Facetime.000c29143ec5.plist.lockfile
com.apple.loginwindow.000c29143ec5.plist
com.apple.loginwindow.000c29143ec5.plist.lockfile
```

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Slightly different from 10.8+ systems, on 10.6 and 10.7 the preference files in the ByHost directory contain only the MAC address of the system.

Application Support Directory ~/Library/Application Support/

Application-specific Data

```
nibble:Application Support sledwards$ pwd
/Users/sledwards/Library/Application Support
nibble:Application Support sledwards$ ls
AddressBook           Dock                  MobileSync          Ubiquity
Aperture              Firefox             Mozilla            VMware Fusion
Apple                 Google              NotificationCenter com.apple.QuickLook
BlackBagTech          Librarian          Preview            com.apple.TCC
CocoaPacketAnalyzer   LittleSnapper      SyncServices       iCloud
Console              Mail                TextWrangler     iLifeAssetManagement
CrashReporter         Microsoft          The Omni Group    iLifePageLayout
```

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The Application Support directory contains data specific to various applications. This is similar to the AppData directory on Windows systems.

Each application directory may contain databases, property list files, or other proprietary data files. The method in which each application stores its data is up to the developer.

Caches

~/Library/Caches

Cached data per application

May use “reverse DNS” naming scheme

```
nibble:Caches sledwards$ pwd  
/Users/sledwards/Library/Caches  
nibble:Caches sledwards$ ls  
$(CFBundleIdentifier)  
Adobe  
Cleanup At Startup  
DocSetAccess  
Firefox  
Google  
Java  
Metadata  
Microsoft  
QCCompositionRepository-com.apple.iTunes.cache  
QuickTime  
SubmitDiagInfo  
TemporaryItems  
com.amazon.Amazon-Software-Downloader  
com.apple.NetworkBrowserAgent  
com.apple.QuickLookDaemon  
com.apple.QuickLookDaemon32  
com.apple.Safari  
com.apple.ScreenSaver.Engine  
com.apple.Server.v2  
com.apple.SoftwareUpdate  
com.apple.SystemProfiler  
com.apple.Terminal  
com.apple.WebProcess  
com.apple.appstore  
com.apple.coreservices.uiagent  
com.apple.dashboard.client  
com.apple.dt.Xcode
```

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The Caches directory stores cached data in sub-directories that are specific to an application. It should be noted that the file names may be in “reverse DNS format” (i.e., com.app.Terminal) or as the application or company name (Adobe). It is normal to see a company name with various application directories nested underneath. For example, the Google directory may contain a Chrome folder – while the Microsoft directory may contain an Office folder.

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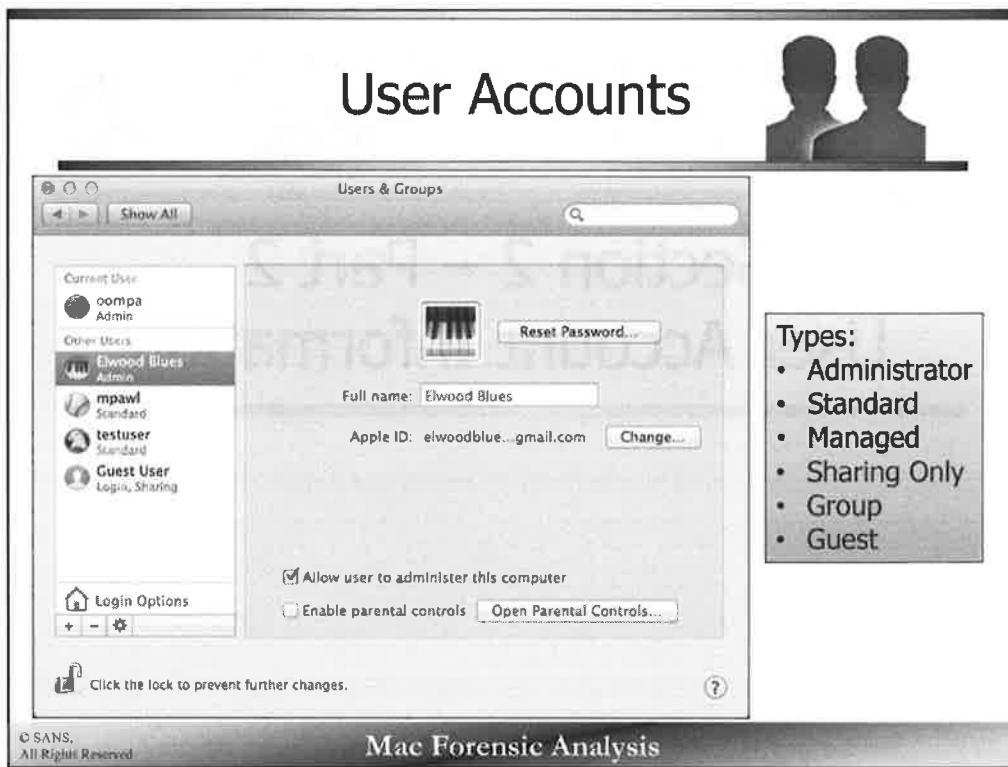
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Section 2 – Part 2

User Account Information

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Information about the user accounts is useful when trying to determine which user did what. The Users & Groups preference panel shown above allows a user to add or remove users, change passwords, change their information, enable parental controls and other administrative functions.

Each user is associated with a particular account type:

- Administrator
- Standard
- Managed with Parental Controls
- Sharing Only
- Group

The **Administrator** has full administrative access to the system while a **Standard** user has limited administrative privileges to the system; they can install software and change their own account preferences.

An account that is **Managed with Parental Controls**, can be restricted from using certain applications, have limited exposure to inappropriate content, or may have time usage restrictions.

A **Sharing Only** account can be used by networked users to access shared files.

A **Group** can be created to keep track of more complex user types such as in an enterprise environment.

A **Guest User** can login (without a password) and use the computer temporarily. If configured, a Guest user may be able to connect to shared folders or have parental controls enabled. If the system uses FileVault, the Guest user will only be able to access Safari. After a Guest user logs out, all data in the Guest home directory is deleted. Guest users on 10.7 and below are similar. One exception using 10.7, when FileVault is enabled, guest users cannot log on.

References:

Apple Knowledge Base Article: OS X Mavericks: Set up users on your Mac - <http://support.apple.com/kb/PH14411>
 Apple Knowledge Base Article: OS X Mountain Lion: Set up guest users - <http://support.apple.com/kb/PH11321>

User Accounts – User Account Files

/private/var/db/dslocal/nodes/Default/users

```
sh-3.2# ls
Guest.plist
_amavisd.plist
_appleevents.plist
_appowner.plist
_appserver.plist
_ard.plist
_assetcache.plist
_atsserver.plist
_avbdevidced.plist
_calendar.plist
_ces.plist
_clamav.plist
_coreaudiod.plist
_cvmsroot.plist
_cvs.plist
_cyrus.plist
_devdocs.plist
_devicemgr.plist
_dovecot.plist
_dovenull.plist
_dpaudio.plist
_eppc.plist
_ftp.plist
_geod.plist
_installassistant.plist
_installer.plist
_jabber.plist
_kadmin_admin.plist
_kadmin_changepw.plist
_krb_anonymous.plist
_krb_changepw.plist
_krb_kadmin.plist
_krb_kerberos.plist
_krb_krbtgt.plist
_krbtgt.plist
_lda.plist
_locationd.plist
_lp.plist
_mailman.plist
_mcxalr.plist
_mdnsresponder.plist
_mysql.plist
_netbios.plist
_netstatistics.plist
_networkd.plist
_postfix.plist
_postgres.plist
_qtss.plist
_sandbox.plist
_screensaver.plist
_scسد.plist
_securityagent.plist
_serialnumberd.plist
_softwareupdate.plist
_spotlight.plist
_sshd.plist
_svn.plist
_taskgated.plist
_teamsserver.plist
_timezone.plist
_tokend.plist
_trustevaluationagent.plist
_unknown.plist
_update_sharing.plist
_usbmuxd.plist
_uucp.plist
_warmd.plist
_webauthserver.plist
_windowserver.plist
_www.plist
com.apple.calendarserver.plist
daemon.plist
elwood.plist
mpawl.plist
nobody.plist
root.plist
slewards.plist
testuser.plist
```

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Each user and group has a property list file containing data about their respective user. The users are located in the /private/var/db/dslocal/nodes/Default/users directory while the groups are detailed in the /private/var/db/dslocal/nodes/Default/groups directory.

The property list files may be binary or XML depending on the OS version.

- 10.6 – XML
- 10.7+ – Binary

Access to this directory requires root privileges.

It is worth noting that users that use Open Directory (similar to Active Directory) will not have a user plist in this directory.

```
sh-3.2# ls
Guest.plist
_amavisd.plist
_appleevents.plist
_appowner.plist
_appserver.plist
_ard.plist
_assetcache.plist
_atserver.plist
_avbdeviced.plist
_calendar.plist
_ces.plist
_clamav.plist
_coreaudio.plist
_cvsroot.plist
_cyrus.plist
_devdocs.plist
_devicemgr.plist
_dovecot.plist
_dovenull.plist
_dpaudio.plist
_eppc.plist
_ftplib
_geod.plist
_installassistant.plist
_installer.plist
_securityagent.plist
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-serialnumberd.plist
-_softwareupdate.plist
-_spotlight.plist
-_sshd.plist
-_svn.plist
-_taskgated.plist
-_teamserver.plist
-_timezone.plist
-_tokend.plist
-_trusstevaluationagent.plist
-_unknown.plist
-_update_sharing.plist
-_usbmuxd.plist
-_uucp.plist
-_warmd.plist
-_webauthserver.plist
-_windowserver.plist
-_ww.plist
com.apple.calendarserver.plist
daemon.plist
elwood.plist
mpawl.plist
nobody.plist
root.plist
sledwards.plist
testuser.plist

User Account File – 10.7+ Example

▼hint	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	My regular password.
▼shell	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	/bin/bash
▼realname	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	Elwood Blues
▼name	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	elwood
▼home	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	/Users/elwood
▼ShadowHashData	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	Data	<62706c69 73743030 d101025f 10145341 4c
▼generateduid	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	88F6C99E-707D-4D09-9880-40D8DC75B32A
▼uid	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	504
▼gid	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	20

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Each user property list contains data about the specific user account. The information found on systems running 10.7+ may include the keys found on the next page. The second table shows a few keys that are different in systems running 10.6. Of note, 10.6 does not include the ShadowHashData key instead it uses a .state file, described later.

Key	Contents
jpegphoto	User Account Picture
passwordpolicyoptions	XML property list containing number of failed logons, last failed logon timestamp, last logon timestamp, password set timestamp. Default timestamps will show as 01/01/2001 00:00:00 UTC
uid	User ID (500, 501, 502, etc.)
gid	Group ID
generateduid	Generated Unique ID (GUID format)
passwd	Asterisks (not necessarily the number of characters in the password)
realname	Full name if given in account setup
name	Account username
hint	Password hint
shell	Default shell path (OS X default is /bin/bash)
home	User home directory
LinkedIdentity	XML property List containing linked identities accounts. May contain iCloud or Apple ID accounts
ShadowHashData	Binary property list containing password salted-hash data
authentication_authority	Authentication Data
kerberosKeys	Kerberos Keys
_writers_picture	Username
_writers_realname	Username
_writers_UserCertificate	Username
_writers_passwd	Username
_writers_hint	Username
_writers_jpegphoto	Username

Different Keys in 10.6	Contents
home_loc	Link to home directory sparse bundle if user has enabled FileVault
picture	Link to picture used for account

10.7+ Login & Password Data - User Account File

Passwordpolicyoptions (10.10) Key
AccountPolicyData (10.7 - 10.9) Key

Embedded Property List File

Extract & View

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(2 items)
creationTime	Number	1,414,345,295.61486
passwordLastSetTime	Number	1,414,345,296.4541

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(4 items)
failedLoginCount	Number	0
failedLoginTimestamp	Date	Jan 1, 2001 12:00:00 AM
lastLoginTimestamp	Date	Jan 1, 2001 12:00:00 AM
passwordLastSetTime	Date	Jul 30, 2012 4:18:08 PM

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In 10.7 and newer systems, the account policy information is an embedded property list file that can be extracted, saved as a plist file and viewed.

The top screenshot shows the account policy data from the users account file. On 10.10 systems this plist contains the account creation time and when the password was last set in Unix epoch time.

The bottom screenshot shows an extracted property list file from a user account file from a 10.8 system. All the timestamps are in UTC.

- Failed Login Count – How many logins were attempted but failed
- Failed Login Timestamp – Time of last failed login.(10.7 systems do not appear to update this, but do update the failed login count.)
- Last Login Timestamp – Last Login Time, does not appear to get used with default settings.
- Password Last Set Time (10.7 – passwordTimestamp) – When the password was last changed

10.6 Login & Password Data

/private/var/db/shadow/hash/<GUID>.state

```
sh-3.2# pwd  
/private/var/db/shadow/hash  
sh-3.2# ls  
089A7BAA-9361-4EEC-939F-502B3F635326      5A10350A-51C4-4E40-86A3-483362D9941C.state  
089A7BAA-9361-4EEC-939F-502B3F635326.state   FFFFEEEE-DDDD-CCCC-BBBB-AAAA00000000  
5A10350A-51C4-4E40-86A3-483362D9941C        FFFFEEEE-DDDD-CCCC-BBBB-AAAA00000000.state
```

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(4 items)
FailedLoginCount	Number	0
LastLoginDate	Date	Jan 1, 2013 8:01:12 PM
NewPasswordRequired	Number	0
CreationDate	Date	Aug 6, 2012 7:37:20 PM

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Some of the same information can be found in a binary property list file in the /private/var/db/shadow/hash directory with the filename <GUID>.state on a 10.6 system. The GUID matches that of the user whose information you are interested in. The key, NewPasswordRequired was changed to the PasswordLastSetTime key in newer versions of OS X.

User & System Keychains



Stores sensitive data

~/Library/Keychains

- login.keychain
- metadata.keychain
- iCloud: <GUID>/keychain-2.db

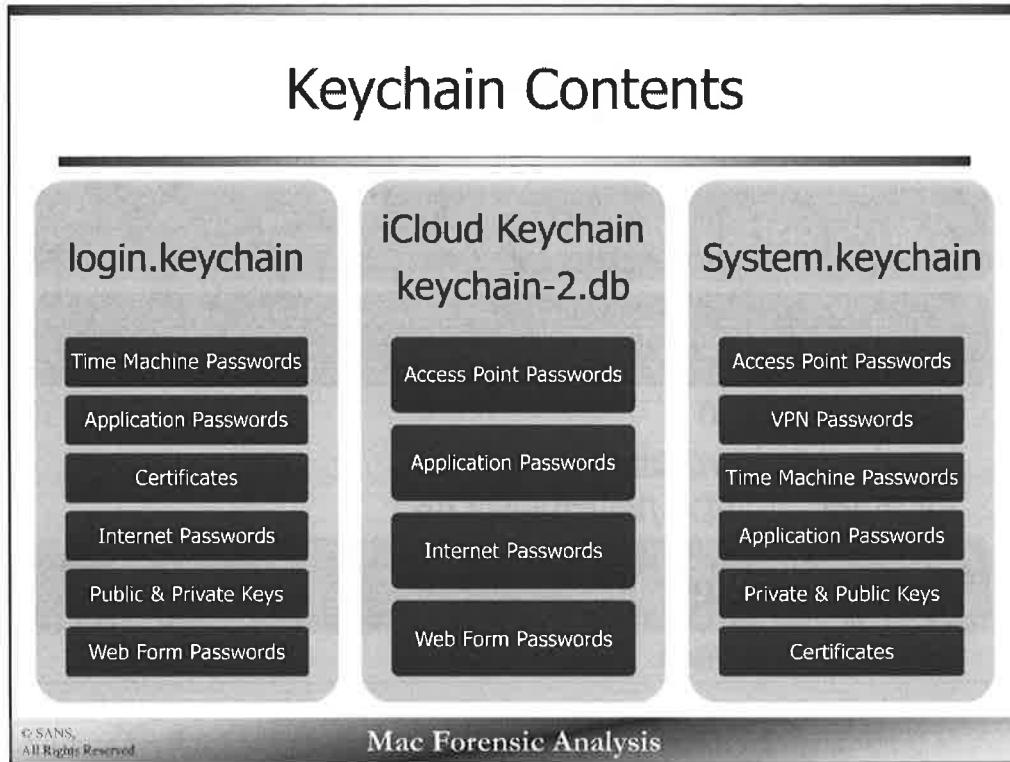
/Library/Keychains

- System.keychain

The Keychains on a system are used to store sensitive data such as usernames, passwords, public and private keys. There are at least three keychains on a system. Two user keychains, `login.keychain` and `metadata.keychain` which hold user-sensitive items. The `System.keychain` which holds sensitive system-wide information. Other keychains may exist on the system, for example keychains with specific certificates may exist in the System Library.

- `/System/Library/Keychains/SystemCACertificates.keychain`
- `/System/Library/Keychains/SystemRootCertificates.keychain`

If enabled, the iCloud keychain will be stored in another GUID labeled directory in the `keychain-2.db` SQLite database file.



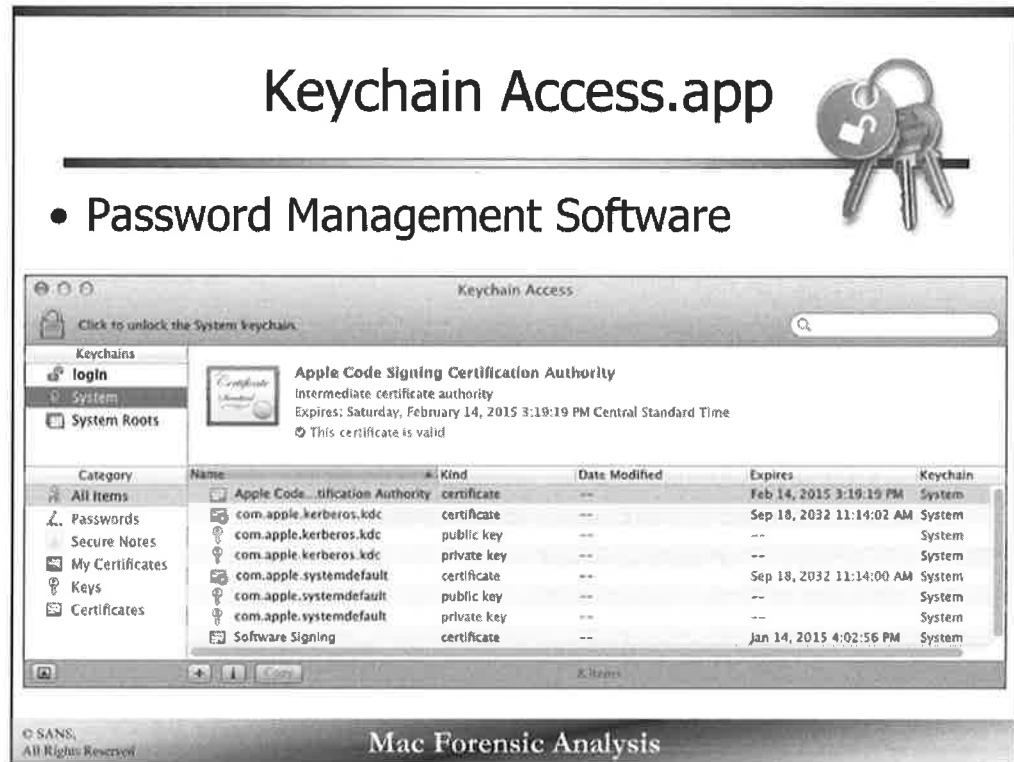
The two most important keychains are the user's `login.keychain` and the `System.keychain`.

The `login.keychain` may contain the users' passwords for Access Points, Time Machine, application and websites. It also stores the user's certificates, and public and private keys. Amongst all of this information there may also be notes if the user chooses to create them here. The default `login.keychain` password is the user's account password.

The iCloud keychain stores information that may not only be used on OS X but on iDevices as well – an access point used on the suspects iPhone may be synced to the iCloud keychain.

The `System.keychain` also contains passwords for VPNs, Access Points, Time Machine and applications. It may also contain private and public keys, and certificates.

The `metadata.keychain`, if you are curious, contains data related to the user's spotlight metadata index.



The Keychain Access application can be used to interact with the keychains. This application works like any other password management system. Click on the keychain in the upper right and the contents will be shown in the main screen. Be sure to choose “All Items” in the Category listing, otherwise you may not see all the data stored.

Other Keychain Access

- `strings *.keychain`
 - Identifiable Information not encrypted
 - “Jabber”
 - “iPhone Backup”
 - Applications - “Evernote”, “OneDrive”, “Chrome”
 - “Apple ID”
 - “Twitter”
 - Contact Information/Email Addresses/Addresses
 - Certificates & passwords are encrypted
- `security Command`
 - `security list-keychains`
 - `security dump-keychain login.keychain`

The `strings` command can be used to identify interesting keywords in a keychain that are not encrypted. This can give you an idea of what might be stored in the keychain if you are unable to access it with the user's password, (remember a user does not have to use their login password, but it is used by default).

Strings like the following may suggest certain items are saved in the keychain:

- “imagent” – iChat
- “iCloud” – iCloud Account
- “com.apple.account.google” – Google Account
- “Jabber: user@gmail.com” - Google Chat Account
- “AIM: <userhandle>” – AIM Account
- “FaceTime: <acct>” - FaceTime Account
- “<system>._rfb._tcp.local” – Screen Sharing

The `security` command can be used to list keychains and dump keychain contents (though not the encrypted contents) on a live system. You'll see many of the same strings with more context.

The `security dump-keychain` command can be particularly useful when used on a live system – it can sometimes dump plaintext passwords that have been unlocked. If the user is logged in but will not give up their password, you may be able to run this command and find it yourself!

User Autoruns LoginItems

- Launched when user logs into system via GUI
- Locations:
 - `~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.loginitems.plist`
 - `<application>.app/Contents/Library/LoginItems/`
- Alias Data
- “Hide” Checkbox – Hide Application on Launch



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Each user may have a set of autoruns that get launched when a user logs in via the system GUI login.

The `com.apple.loginitems.plist` contains each login item. Each item has a `Alias` pointer to the `LoginItem` program located in the application bundle.

Each login item can be “hidden” on launch, this means the login item is hidden from view when it is starting up.

Another important autorun folder under the user context is the `~/Library/LaunchAgents/` directory. This will be covered in depth in Section 3.

`LoginItems`, while usually legitimate, may be used as a malware persistence mechanism.

LoginItems Example

The screenshot illustrates the comparison between the raw plist data and its visual representation in the operating system.

Left Side (Raw Data): A screenshot of a Mac Forensic Analysis tool showing the contents of the `com.apple.loginitems.plist`. The data is organized into a hierarchical structure of keys and values. A specific item, "Item 1", is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to its "Icon" key. The "Icon" key is associated with a binary blob value.

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	{}
SessionItems	Dictionary	{}
CustomListItems	Array	[7 items]
Item 0	Dictionary	{6 items}
Item 1	Dictionary	{1 item}
Item 2	Dictionary	{1 item}
Item 3	Dictionary	{1 item}
Item 4	Dictionary	{1 item}
Item 5	Dictionary	{1 item}
Item 6	Dictionary	{1 item}
Controller	String	CustomListItems

Right Side (Visual Representation): A screenshot of the "Users & Groups" pane in System Preferences, specifically the "Login Items" tab. It shows a list of applications that will open automatically when the user logs in. Each item has a checkbox next to it, indicating whether it is enabled. The applications listed include DoubleTake, EvernoteHelper, Spectacle, NanoKicker, iWork Fusion Helper, preshepherd, and optione.

The `com.apple.loginitems.plist` contains each login item. Each item has an associated icon, alias data blob, the path to the login item, and a binary value showing if the item was “hidden” on launch.

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The image shows a terminal window titled "Bash History [1] ~/.bash_history". The window displays two command-line sessions. The first session shows the output of the "ls -la" command, listing files in the current directory. The second session shows the contents of the ".bash_history" file, which contains a history of commands run by the user. A red arrow points from the ".bash_history" file content to the ".bash_history" entry in the ls output.

```
Elwoods-Mac:~ elwoodblues$ ls -la
total 8
drwxr-xr-x+ 13 elwoodblues  staff  442 Sep 27 20:03 .
drwxr-xr-x  5 root      admin  170 Sep 23 11:25 ..
-rw-----  1 elwoodblues  staff   3 Sep 23 11:25 .CFUserTextEncoding
drwx----- 2 elwoodblues  staff   68 Sep 23 20:09 .Trash
-rw-----  1 elwoodblues  staff  300 Sep 27 20:03 .bash_history
drwx-----+ 3 elwoodblues  staff  102 Sep 23 20:09 Desktop
drwx-----+ 4 elwoodblues  staff  136 Sep 23 11:25 Documents
drwx-----+ 4 elwoodblues  staff  136 Sep 23 11:25 Downloads
drwx-----@ 30 elwoodblues  staff  1020 Sep 23 20:38 Library
Sep 23 11:25 Movies
Sep 23 11:25 Music
Sep 23 11:25 Pictures
Sep 23 11:25 Public

Elwoods-Mac:~ elwoodblues$ cat .bash_history
ls
ifconfig
pwd
top
man xattr
cd ~
cat .bash_history
```

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The bash command history is located in the respective home directory for each user as a hidden file.

- /Users/<user>/ .bash_history

This file is a plaintext file containing commands that were run in order of execution. This file will be created when the Terminal application has been used for the first time. If a user never used the Terminal application, this file would not be created.

Bash History [2] ~/.bash_history

- 500 Entries by default
- File not written until logout
- May not be written sequentially
- Live Response Tip:
 - Run the 'history' command for the logged in user

Command Usage

Privilege Escalation

File & Directory Access

Volumes

Networks

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This file contains the command history from the Bash shell. By default, the history file contains a maximum of 500 commands.

These commands can be useful in showing:

- What types of applications or programs the user was accessing
- Privileges were escalated to perform administrative functions or possible suspicious actions
- Files and directories accessed
- Mounted volumes
- Systems and networks that were accessed
- Etc.

Each command is shown respective to other commands that were previously entered. It should be noted that each command has no date or time context associated in this file.

From an incident response perspective, the `.bash_history` file is not updated until the user is logged out.

The history can be viewed on a live system by using the `history` command, this will show the history of the current user.

Downloads Directory

~/Downloads/



@ = Extended Attributes

```
Elwoods-Mac:~ elwoodblues$ cd ~/Downloads/
Elwoods-Mac:Downloads elwoodblues$ ls -la
total 196704
drwx-----+ 8 elwoodblues staff      272 Sep 29 08:12 .
drwxr-xr-x+ 14 elwoodblues staff     476 Sep 27 20:50 ..
-rw-r--r--@  1 elwoodblues staff    6148 Sep 29 08:12 .DS_Store
-rw-----@  1 elwoodblues staff      0 Sep 23 11:25 .localized
drwx-----@  3 elwoodblues staff     102 Sep 23 11:25 About Downloads.lpdf
-rw-r--r--@  2 elwoodblues staff   34133928 Sep  5 18:42 Firefox 15.0.1.dmg
-rw-r--r--@  1 elwoodblues staff   21744672 Aug 15 13:53 Wireshark 1.8.2 Intel 64.dmg
-rw-r--r--@  1 elwoodblues staff   44821470 Sep 25 12:00 googlechrome.dmg
```

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Each user has their own Downloads directory. This directory contains all the downloads from applications such as web browsers and e-mail that use this folder as their default download location. Most applications will have a preference setting that users can change; however, by default this directory will be used.

On a well used system this directory will contain months, even years worth of downloads.

Each item that was downloaded will likely have extended attributes, showing metadata of the download. To see if a file contains extended attributes you can run the command; `ls -la`

Files with extended attributes will have the “@” at the end of the permissions.

Downloads - Extended Attributes [1]

```
Elwoods-Mac:Downloads elwoodblues$ xattr -xl Firefox\ 15.0.1.dmg
com.apple.metadata:kMDItemDownloadedDate:
00000000 62 70 6C 69 73 74 30 30 A1 01 33 41 B6 17 2B 16 |bplist00..3A..+|
00000010 5C 76 F3 08 0A 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 |.v.....+....|
00000020 00 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....+....|
00000030 00 00 00 00 13 |.....+....|
00000035 com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms:
00000000 62 70 6C 69 73 74 30 A2 01 02 5F 10 66 68 74 |bplist00..._.fht|
00000010 74 70 3A 2F 2F 64 6F 77 6E 6C 6F 61 64 2E 63 64 |tp://download.cd|
00000020 6E 2E 60 6F 7A 69 6C 6C 61 2E 6E 65 74 2F 70 75 |n.mozilla.net/pu|
00000030 62 2F 60 6F 72 69 6C 6C 61 2E 6F 72 67 2F 66 69 |bz.mozilla.org/fi|
00000040 72 65 66 6F 7B 2F 72 65 6C 65 67 73 65 73 2F 31 |refox/releases/1|
00000050 35 2E 3E 2E 31 2F 6D 61 63 2F 65 6E 20 55 53 2F |5.0.1/mac/en-US/|
00000060 46 69 72 65 66 6F 78 25 32 30 31 35 2E 30 2E 31 |Firefox%2015.0.1|
00000070 2E 64 60 67 5F 10 5C 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 77 77 |.dmg...http://www|
00000080 77 2E 60 6F 7A 69 6C 6C 61 2E 6F 72 67 2F 65 6E |w.mozilla.org/en|
00000090 2D 55 53 2F 70 72 6F 64 75 63 74 73 2F 64 6F 77 |!US/products/sow|
000000A0 6E 6C 6F 61 64 2E 68 74 6D 6C 3E 70 72 6F 64 75 |!load.html?prod|
000000B0 63 74 3E 66 69 72 65 66 6F 7B 20 31 35 2E 30 2E |ct=firefox-15.0.|
000000C0 31 26 6F 73 3D 6F 73 78 26 6C 61 6E 67 3D 65 6E |16os=osx&lang=en|
000000D0 2D 55 53 0B 0B 74 0B |~US.t.....+....|
000000E0 00 00 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....+....|
000000F0 00 00 00 00 00 03 |.....+....|
000000F5 com.apple.quarantine:
00000000 30 30 30 30 3B 35 30 36 66 33 38 37 3B 53 61 |0000;5066f387;sa|
00000010 65 61 72 69 3B 34 44 30 43 41 39 31 32 2D 44 45 |;tar1;4D0CA912-DE|
00000020 30 45 2D 34 31 35 41 2D 42 37 35 36 2D 39 43 38 |0E-415A-B756-C0|
00000030 33 37 43 42 32 37 44 38 37 7C 63 6F 60 2E 61 70 |37C827007|com.ap|
00000040 70 6C 65 2E 53 61 66 61 72 69 |ple.Safari|
00000049
```

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Extended attributes can contain a variety of information. The attributes mainly found on downloaded files are:

- com.apple.metadata:kMDItemDownloadedDate
- com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms
- com.apple.quarantine

Extended attributes can be viewed by using the `xattr` command shown above.

The `xattr` command has the following output options:

- `-x` – View in hex
- `-l` – Outputs the attribute name and contents

```

Elwoods-Mac:Downloads elwoodblues$ xattr -xl Firefox\ 15.0.1.dmg
com.apple.metadata:kMDItemDownloadedDate:
00000000 62 70 6C 69 73 74 30 30 A1 01 33 41 B6 17 2B 16 |bplist00..3A..+.
00000010 5C 76 F3 08 0A 00 00 00 00 00 01 01 00 00 00 |.v.....
00000020 00 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....
00000030 00 00 00 00 13 |.....
00000035

com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms:
00000000 62 70 6C 69 73 74 30 30 A2 01 02 5F 10 66 68 74 |bplist00..._.fht|
00000010 74 70 3A 2F 2F 64 6F 77 6E 6C 6F 61 64 2E 63 64 |tp://download.cd|
00000020 6E 2E 6D 6F 7A 69 6C 6C 61 2E 6E 65 74 2F 70 75 |n.mozilla.net/pu|
00000030 62 2F 6D 6F 7A 69 6C 6C 61 2E 6F 72 67 2F 66 69 |b/mozilla.org/fi|
00000040 72 65 66 6F 78 2F 72 65 6C 65 61 73 65 73 2F 31 |refox/releases/1|
00000050 35 2E 30 2E 31 2F 6D 61 63 2F 65 6E 2D 55 53 2F |5.0.1/mac/en-US/|
00000060 46 69 72 65 66 6F 78 25 32 30 31 35 2E 30 2E 31 |Firefox%2015.0.1|
00000070 2E 64 6D 67 5F 10 5C 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 77 77 |.dmg...http://ww|
00000080 77 2E 6D 6F 7A 69 6C 6C 61 2E 6F 72 67 2F 65 6E |w.mozilla.org/en|
00000090 2D 55 53 2F 70 72 6F 64 75 63 74 73 2F 64 6F 77 |-US/products/dow|
000000A0 6E 6C 6F 61 64 2E 68 74 6D 6C 3F 70 72 6F 64 75 |nload.html?produ|
000000B0 63 74 3D 66 69 72 65 66 6F 78 2D 31 35 2E 30 2E |ct=firefox-15.0.|
000000C0 31 26 6F 73 3D 6F 73 78 26 6C 61 6E 67 3D 65 6E |1&os=osx&lang=en|
000000D0 2D 55 53 08 0B 74 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 01 00 00 |-US..t.....
000000E0 00 00 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....
000000F0 00 00 00 00 00 D3 |.....
000000f6

com.apple.quarantine:
00000000 30 30 30 30 3B 35 30 36 36 66 33 38 37 3B 53 61 |0000;5066f387;Sa|
00000010 66 61 72 69 3B 34 44 30 43 41 39 31 32 2D 44 45 |fari;4D0CA912-DE|
00000020 30 45 2D 34 31 35 41 2D 42 37 35 36 2D 39 43 38 |0E-415A-B756-9C8|
00000030 33 37 43 42 32 37 44 30 37 7C 63 6F 6D 2E 61 70 |37CB27D07|com.ap|
00000040 70 6C 65 2E 53 61 66 61 72 69 |ple.Safari|
0000004a

```

Downloads - Extended Attributes [2]

Attributes depend on Application Developers

`com.apple.metadata:kMDItemDownloadedDate`

- Download Date in NSDate format (big-endian 8 byte float)

`com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms`

- Data URL – Where item was downloaded
- Origin URL – Referring URL

`com.apple.quarantine`

- Time in Hex (Unix Epoch) (10.6+)
- Agent Name (10.6+)
- Event Identifier (10.6+)
- Agent Bundle Identifier (10.6, 10.7)

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The contents of extended attribute data can vary by operating system or application. Each browser saves different extended attributes:

Safari – All in slide

Chrome – Does not use `kMDItemDownloadedDate`

FireFox – Only `com.apple.quarantine`

The extended attributes can contain useful information such as:

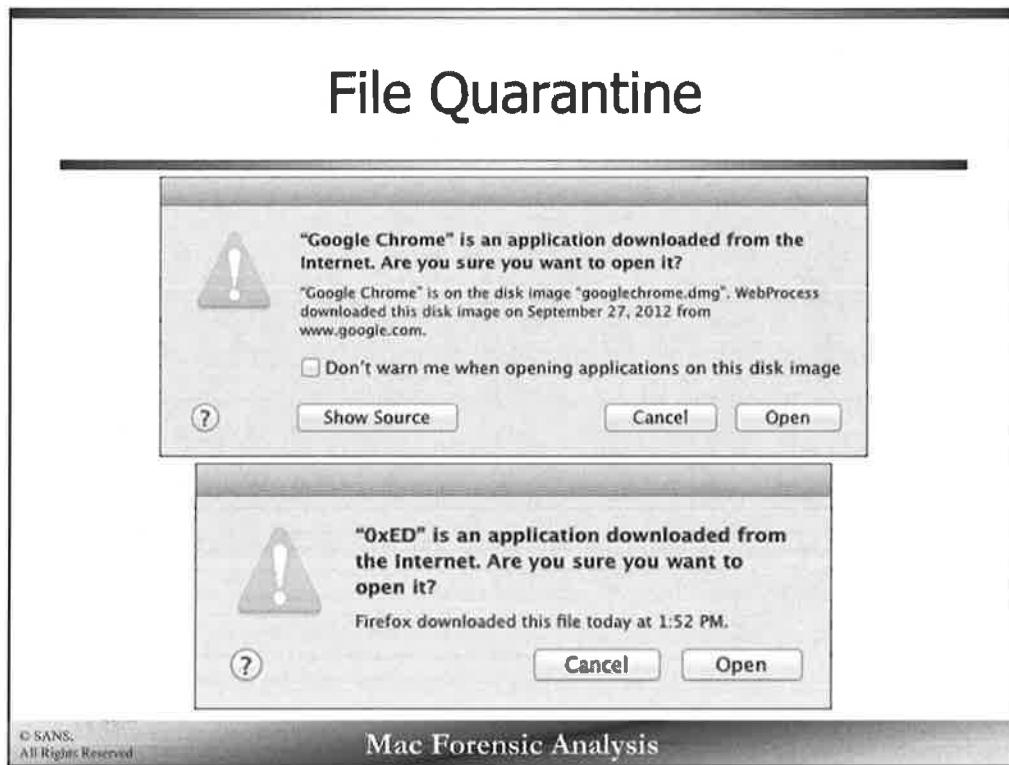
- Download dates
- URLs – The Data URL shows where the data was actually downloaded from, the Origin URL shows where the download was referred from.
- Quarantine Data – Contains information related to Apple's file quarantine system.

References:

NSDate

<http://opensource.apple.com/source/CF/CF-368/NumberDate.subproj/CFDate.h>

<http://opensource.apple.com/source/CF/CF-550/CFBinaryPList.c>



Apple uses file quarantine to protect the system by checking files against a malicious file database (more on this in the Advanced Analysis section). It is also used to inform the user where and when a file was downloaded from when the user attempts to execute the file.

In the slide above, the top screenshot shows that a disk image named googlechrome.dmg. This file was downloaded on September 27th from google.com.

The screenshot on the bottom shows the application '0xED' was downloaded at 1:52pm using Firefox.

Extract Property Lists From Extended Attributes

Output File:

```
xattr -p com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms  
Firefox\ 15.0.1.dmg | xxd -r -p >  
firefox_wherfroms.plist
```

Standard Output:

```
xattr -p com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms  
Firefox\ 15.0.1.dmg | xxd -r -p | plutil -p -
```

Key	Type	Value
Root	Array	(2 items)
Item 0	String	http://download.cdn.mozilla.net/pub.mozilla.org/firefox/releases/15.0.1/mac/en-US/Firefox%2015.0.1.dmg
Item 1	String	http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/products/download.html?product=firefox-15.0.1&os=osx&lang=en-US

Some extended attributes contain binary property lists. To extract these for more detailed analysis, we can use the `xattr` command with the `-p` option. This option “prints” the attribute data .

Using only the `-p` option, it will print the hex version of the data. To create a file we must use the `xxd` command to “revert to binary” (`-r`) and print to “plaintext” (`-p`). We can use the “`>`” symbol to redirect the output to a file.

Together the commands will look like this. This command prints the output of the `com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms` attribute to a file named `firefox_wherfroms.plist`.

```
xattr -p com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms Firefox\ 15.0.1.dmg | xxd -r -p > firefox_wherfroms.plist
```

To print a binary plist directly to standard out on the Terminal use the following command format:

```
xattr -p <attribute name> <file> | xxd -r -p | plutil -p -
```

Trash

~/.Trash



```
Elwoods-Mac:~ elwoodblues$ ls -la
total 40
drwxr-xr-x+ 14 elwoodblues staff    476 Sep 27 20:50 .
drwxr-xr-x+  5 root      admin   170 Sep 23 11:25 ..
-rw-----+  1 elwoodblues staff     3 Sep 23 11:25 .CFUserTextEncoding
-rw-r--r--@  1 elwoodblues staff 12292 Sep 27 20:50 .DS_Store
drwx-----+  4 elwoodblues staff   136 Sep 27 20:50 .Trash
-rw-----+  1 elwoodblues staff    59 Sep 27 20:11 .bash_history
drwx-----+  3 elwoodblues staff   102 Sep 23 20:09 Desktop
drwx-----+  4 elwoodblues staff   136 Sep 23 11:25 Documents
drwx-----+  6 elwoodblues staff   204 Sep 27 20:50 Downloads
drwx-----@ 32 elwoodblues staff 1088 Sep 27 20:34 Library
drwx-----+  3 elwoodblues staff   102 Sep 23 11:25 Movies
drwx-----+  3 elwoodblues staff   102 Sep 23 11:25 Music
drwx-----+  4 elwoodblues staff   136 Sep 23 11:25 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x+  5 elwoodblues staff   170 Sep 23 11:25 Public
```

Each user has their own hidden `.Trash` directory. This is located in the root of their home directory.

Where Did Items in the Trash Come From?



The .Trash contains “deleted” items. Each trashed file can be restored using the “Put Back” option in the right-click context menu.

This “Put Back” data can be found in the hidden .DS_Store file in the .Trash directory.

Where Did the Trash Come From? .Trash/.DS_Store Record Format

Record Listing is preceded by 4-byte record number

4-byte Filename Length

Variable Length - Filename (UTF-16 – double the byte length)

4-byte Structure ID

- “ptbL” – Original Location
- “ptbN” – Original Name

4-byte Data Type

- “ustr” – UTF 16 String

4-byte Data Length (Double length for UTF-16 strings)

Variable Length – Data

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Each record in the `.DS_Store` file can be identified by a UTF-16 filename, just prior to this filename is a 4-byte filename length. These are followed by a 4-byte Structure ID, and 4-byte Data type. Some of these Structure IDs and Data types have been documented in the reference pages below. The final part of the record is the data size and data – this can be a variable size.

Each deleted file will have:

- Filename
- Original File Path

These records are preceded by a 4-byte record number. This will determine how many records are in this file.

References:

<http://search.cpan.org/~wiml/Mac-Finder-DSStore-0.95/DSStoreFormat.pod>

https://wiki.mozilla.org/DS_Store_File_Format

<https://github.com/dscho/dsstore>

Trash .DS_Store Example

Data Before...

000	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 12	00 46 00 69	00 72 00 65	00 66 00 6F	00 78 00 20	00 31	.....F.i.r.e.f.o.x..1
026	00 35 00 2E	00 30 00 2E	00 31 00 2E	00 64 00 6D	00 67	70 74 62 4C	75 73 74 72	....0...1...d.m.gptblustr
052	00 46 00 10	00 55 00 73	00 65 00 72	00 73 00 2F	00 65 00 6C	00 77 00 6F	00 6F	...U.s.e.r.s./.e.l.w.o.o
078	00 64 00 62	00 6C 00 75	00 65 00 73	00 2F 00 44	00 6F 00 77	00 6E 00 6C	00 6F	.d.b.l.u.e.s./.D.o.w.n.l.o
104	00 61 00 64	00 73 00 2F	00 00 00 12	00 46 00 69	00 72 00 65	00 66 00 6F	00 78	.o.d.s./....F.i.r.e.f.o.x
130	00 28 00 31	00 35 00 2E	00 38 00 2E	00 31 00 2E	00 64 00 6D	00 67	70 74 62 4E	..1.5...0...1...d.m.gptbN
156	76 73 74 72	35 00 10 12	00 46 00 69	00 72 00 65	00 66 00 6F	00 78 00 20	00 31	ustr....F.i.r.e.f.o.x..1
182	00 35 00 2E	00 30 00 2E	00 31 00 2E	00 64 00 6D	00 67	00 00 00 17	00 4D 00 61	....0...1...d.m.g....M.a
208	00 63 00 46	00 6F 00 72	00 65 00 6E	00 73 00 69	00 63 00 73	00 43 00 72	00 61	.c.F.o.r.e.n.s./.i.c.s.C.r.o
234	00 69 00 67	00 65 00 72	00 2E 00 70	00 64 00 66	70 74 62 4C	75 73 74 72	00 70	.i.g.e.r...p.d.fptblustr..
260	00 10 00 55	00 73 00 65	00 72 00 73	00 2F 00 44	00 6F 00 77	00 6E 00 6C	00 6F 00 64	...U.s.e.r.s./.e.l.w.o.o.d
286	00 52 00 6C	00 75 00 65	00 73 00 2F	00 44 00 6F	00 77 00 6E	00 6C 00 6F	00 61	.b.l.u.e.s./.D.o.w.n.l.o.d
312	00 64 00 73	00 2F	00 00 00 17	00 40 00 61	00 63 00 46	00 6F 00 72	00 65 00 6E	.o.d.s./....M.o.c.F.o.r.e.n

...Data After

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Field	Size (bytes)	Data
Number of Records	4	0x00000006 = 6 Records
Record 1 – Filename Size	4	0x00000012 = 18 (characters)
Record 1 - Filename	Variable	“Firefox 15.0.1.dmg” (UTF-16 – length doubled)
Record 1 – Structure ID	4	“ptbL”
Record 1 – Data Type	4	“ustr”
Record 1 – Data Size	4	0x0000001C = 28 (characters)
Record 1 - Data	Variable	“Users/elwoodblues/Downloads/” (UTF-16 – length doubled)
Record 2 – Filename Size	4	0x00000012 = 18 (characters)
Record 2 - Filename	Variable	“Firefox 15.0.1.dmg” (UTF-16 – length doubled)
Record 2 – Structure ID	4	“ptbN”
Record 2 – Data Type	4	“ustr”
Record 2 – Data Size	4	0x00000012 = 18 (characters)
Record 2 - Data	Variable	“Firefox 15.0.1.dmg” (UTF-16 – length doubled)

000	00	00	00	00	12	00	46	00	69	00	72	00	65	00	66	00	6F	00	78	00	20	00	.....F.i.r.e.f.o.x. .1				
026	00	35	00	2E	00	30	00	2E	00	31	00	2E	00	64	00	60	00	67	70	74	62	4C	75	73	74	5...0...1...d.m.gptbLustr	
052	00	48	00	1C	00	55	00	73	00	65	00	72	00	73	00	2F	00	65	00	6C	00	77	00	6F	00	6F	....U.s.e.r.s./.e.l.w.0.0
078	00	64	00	62	00	6C	00	75	00	65	00	73	00	2F	00	44	00	6F	00	77	00	6E	00	6C	00	6F	....d.b.l.u.e.s/.D.o.w.n.l.o
104	00	61	00	64	00	73	00	2F	00	00	00	12	00	46	00	69	00	72	00	65	00	66	00	6F	00	78	....a.d.s./...F.i.r.e.f.o.x
130	00	20	00	31	00	35	00	2E	00	30	00	2E	00	31	00	2E	00	64	00	60	00	67	70	74	62	4E	....1.5...0...1...d.m.gptbN
156	75	73	74	72	00	04	2A	12	00	46	00	69	00	72	00	65	00	66	00	6F	00	78	00	20	00	31	....F.i.r.e.f.o.x. .1
182	00	35	00	2E	00	30	00	2E	00	31	00	2E	00	64	00	60	00	67	00	00	00	17	00	40	00	61	5...0...1...d.m.g...M.a
208	00	63	00	46	00	6F	00	72	00	65	00	6E	00	73	00	69	00	63	00	73	00	43	00	72	00	61	....c.F.o.r.e.n.s.i.c.s.C.r.a
234	00	69	00	67	00	65	00	72	00	2E	00	70	00	64	00	66	70	74	62	4C	75	73	74	72	00	00	....i.g.e.r...p.d.fptbLustr..
260	00	1C	00	55	00	73	00	65	00	72	00	73	00	2F	00	65	00	6C	00	77	00	6F	00	64	00	64	....U.s.e.r.s./.e.l.w.0.0.d
286	00	62	00	6C	00	75	00	65	00	73	00	2F	00	44	00	6F	00	77	00	6E	00	6C	00	6F	00	61	....b.l.u.e.s/.D.o.w.n.l.o.o
312	00	64	00	73	00	2F	00	00	00	17	00	4D	00	61	00	63	00	46	00	6F	00	72	00	65	00	6E	....M.a.c.F.o.r.e.n

SSH Known Hosts ~/.ssh/known_hosts

Hostname

IP Address

Public Key

```
Elwoods-Mac:~ elwoodblues$ pwd
/Users/elwoodblues/.ssh
Elwoods-Mac:~ elwoodblues$ cat known_hosts
nibble,192.168.1.134 ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAQABAAQCuWstOzLTBceBBHmRLxxkdNwOnkQ
Z0B+3oYdt18y3SER5AXY0PY2GR3IzfrJGUkqujxIK5K2DrGheyNbe1HYdxLthMu52TQ+4U3FFeYgHcLYhqHriD
9Av/0JllgXe/X3HkCW+56CrdNmIMP+yqSz0DXvOPe1ckIKNFlpcygCsCawJFZV3dqXJVGKrdY4Swxcngm5V0
nwy9cz4Yq4pt@c90z2oj+1E4UpssqN2tQV/jKZLBwj49x1G0m2Aemi/gSff8B6kdPCUzm@9H0fQv2/db0u0+G
eoVmLvZHxpGSpDGzF7UnPr775d6udxTzE5NU1Wv1P/YD8i//j6MPnJvS/
```

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If a user is more computer savvy, they may use SSH to connect to other systems. The SSH `known_hosts` file contains a hostname and/or IP address and a public key. This file is not a definitive way to show all systems that a user connected to, but will contain those that have a saved public key.

By default the hostnames and IP address should be human readable. If the user has configured their `/etc/ssh/ssh_config` file to set `HashKnownHosts` to yes, this data will be hashed.

Mac Most Recently Used - MRUs ~Library/Preferences/

com.developer.app.LSSharedFileList.plist

- Recent Documents per Application

com.apple.finder.plist

- Recent Folders

com.apple.recentitems.plist

- Applications
- Documents
- Servers
- Hosts

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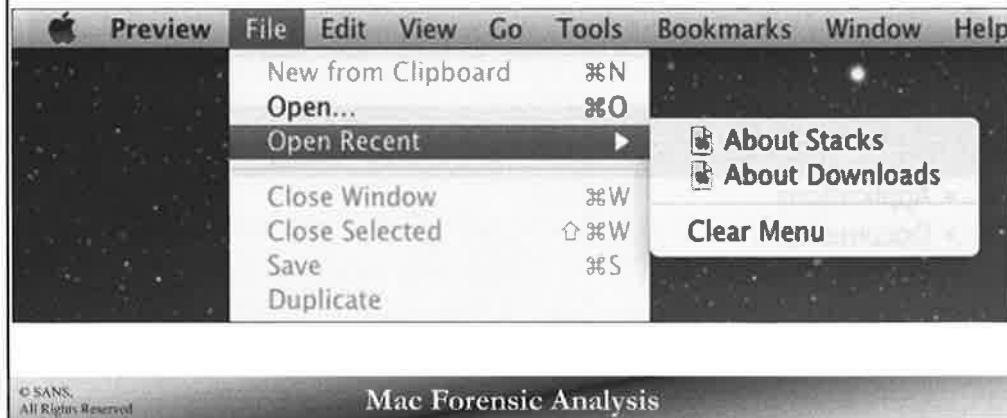
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As with Windows OSs, Mac also has many Most Recently Used information.

- The LSSharedFileList property lists have the most recently used files per application.
- The com.apple.finder.plist has the most recent folders.
- The com.apple.recentitems.plist holds the most recent applications, documents, servers, and hosts.

Recent Documents by Application [1] *.LSSharedFileList.plist

- One property list for each application that has an “Open Recent” Menu



The `~/Library/Preferences` directory contains many `*.LSSharedFileLists.plist` property lists - each associated with an application.

These lists can be viewed in the `File | Open Recent` menu shown in the screenshot above for each specific application. The example shown above is for the Preview application.

Recent Documents by Application [2] *.LSSharedFileList.plist

```
9146 Aug 17 23:39 com.apple.Console.LSSharedFileList.plist
12319 Sep 29 14:49 com.apple.Preview.LSSharedFileList.plist
1430 Sep 29 14:49 com.apple.Preview.SandboxedPersistentURLs.LSSharedFileList.plist
12114 Sep 30 23:57 com.apple.TextEdit.LSSharedFileList.plist
2062 Sep 30 23:29 com.apple.TextEdit.SandboxedPersistentURLs.LSSharedFileList.plist
118 Jul 10 22:07 com.apple.iChat.LSSharedFileList.plist
118 Jul 12 01:50 com.apple.iPhoto.LSSharedFileList.plist
12668 Jul 29 04:41 com.barebones.textwrangler.LSSharedFileList.plist
2656 Sep 22 16:43 com.omnigroup.OmniOutlinerPro.MacAppStore.LSSharedFileList.plist
2065 Sep 30 14:23 com.ridiculousfish.HexFiend.LSSharedFileList.plist
11497 Sep 30 13:51 com.suavetech.0xED.LSSharedFileList.plist
11636 Sep 26 01:43 com.vmware.fusion.LSSharedFileList.plist
```

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Each application has its own LSSharedFileList property list.

The existence of a particular application property list file means the application was used by the user at one point in time.

Recent Documents by Application [3]

*.LSSharedFileList.plist

Item 0 = Newest

Item 9 = Oldest

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	(1 item)
RecentDocuments	Dictionary	(3 items)
Controller	String	CustomListItems
MaxAmount	Number	10
CustomListItems	Array	(10 items)
▶ Item 0	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 1	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 2	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 3	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 4	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 5	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 6	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 7	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 8	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 9	Dictionary	(3 items)

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Each LSSharedFileList property list contains a key, `MaxAmount`, that contains the maximum amount of recent documents. The default for most applications is 10.

Generally, these MRU lists will have the newest item as Item 0 and older items going to Item 9 (default).

Recent Document Item Key

CustomListItems	Array	(9 items)
Item 0	Dictionary	{3 items}
Bookmark	Data	<626f6f6b c0030000 00000410 30000000 00000000 00000000
Name	String	For518_1_2014_0905_rev1.pdf
CustomItemProperties	Dictionary	{1 item}
com.apple.LSSharedFileList.Binding	Data	<646a6962 00000000 01000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
Item 1	Dictionary	{3 items}
Bookmark	Data	<626f6f6b b8030000 00000410 30000000 00000000 00000000
Name	String	Technical Note TN1150/ HFS Plus Volume Format.pdf
CustomItemProperties	Dictionary	{1 item}
com.apple.LSSharedFileList.Binding	Data	<646a6962 00000000 01000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
Item 2	Dictionary	{3 items}
Bookmark	Data	<626f6f6b b8030000 00000410 30000000 00000000 00000000
Name	String	For518HANDOUT_RefSheet.pdf
CustomItemProperties	Dictionary	{1 item}
com.apple.LSSharedFileList.Binding	Data	<646a6962 00000000 01000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
Item 3	Dictionary	{3 items}
Bookmark	Data	<626f6f6b e4030000 00000410 30000000 00000000 00000000
Name	String	Getting_Started_with_OpenBTS_Range_Networks.pdf
CustomItemProperties	Dictionary	{1 item}
com.apple.LSSharedFileList.Binding	Data	<646a6962 00000000 01000000 00000000 00000000 00000000

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Each Item key contains the following keys. Each of these keys provides more information for each recent document.

- Bookmark Data
- Document Name
- Icon/Binding Information

The Icon/Binding data may let us determine what icon the file is using, in this case PDF. The document name may not be enough information to find the document if it has been deleted. Extracting the Bookmark data reveals more data, shown on the next slide.

Recent Document Bookmark Data

The Bookmark data can be extracted and viewed in a hex editor. A Bookmark is a reference mechanism that is used to find a file or directory, similar to Windows Link files.

Each bookmark starts off with the header “book”.

In the screenshot above various items of interest can be viewed:

- Strings making up the file path (/Users/elwoodblues/Document/About_Stacks.pdf)
 - Volume Name (Macintosh HD)
 - Volume GUID (0A81F3B1-51D9-3335-B3E3-169C-3640360D)
 - Apple Sandbox data (91bf167....com.apple.app-sandbox.read-write...)

On newer systems, this Bookmark data may also contain PNG icons that can be extracted.

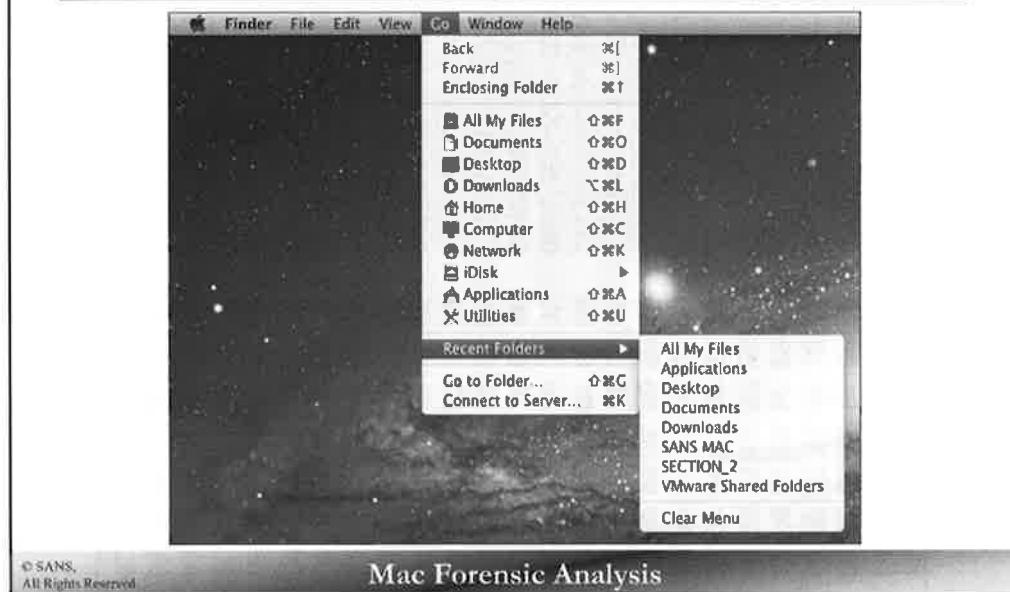
References:

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<https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/#documentation/CoreFoundation/Reference/CFURLRef/Reference/reference.html>

000	62	6F	6B	BC	02	00	00	01	10	10	00	00	14	02	00	05	00	00	01	01	00	00	book.....		
028	55	73	65	72	73	00	00	00	00	01	01	00	00	65	6C	77	6F	64	62	6C	75	65	73	00	
056	69	00	00	00	01	01	00	00	44	6F	63	75	6D	65	6E	74	73	00	00	01	01	00	00		
084	41	62	6F	75	74	20	53	74	61	63	68	73	2E	6C	70	64	66	00	00	01	06	00	00		
112	64	00	00	00	14	00	00	28	00	00	00	3C	00	00	00	04	03	00	00	84	BF	00	00		
140	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	04	03	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	10	00	00		
168	B8	53	04	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	BA	53	04	00	00	00	00	00	00	00		
196	01	06	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	A0	00	00	00	18	00	00	00	01	02	00		
224	02	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00		
252	01	01	00	00	40	61	63	69	6E	74	6F	73	68	20	48	44	68	00	00	04	03	00	00		
280	09	00	00	00	08	00	00	00	00	00	04	00	00	41	AC	BE	D7	68	00	00	24	00	00	00	
308	36	41	38	31	46	33	42	31	20	35	31	44	39	20	33	33	33	35	20	42	33	45	33	20	
336	33	36	34	32	33	36	30	44	18	00	00	00	01	02	00	00	81	00	00	00	00	00	00		
364	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00		
392	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	39	31	62	66	31	36	37	65	32	38	63	
420	33	61	35	38	39	66	66	61	35	65	62	62	35	35	38	38	63	33	34	64	36	38	38	38	
448	36	38	39	39	38	38	38	39	38	39	39	39	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	
476	38	32	38	38	63	65	60	2E	61	70	70	6C	65	2E	61	70	70	20	73	61	6E	64	62	65	
504	61	64	20	77	72	69	74	65	38	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
532	36	38	39	39	38	38	30	34	35	33	62	61	38	00	00	58	00	00	00	00	05	10	00	00	
560	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	04	10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
588	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	10	10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
616	10	20	00	00	E8	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	11	20	00	00	1C	01	00	00	00	00	00	00
644	FC	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	13	20	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
672	00	00	00	00	30	20	00	00	74	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	

Recent Folders – FXRecentFolders [1] ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.finder.plist



The Recent Folders are located in the com.apple.finder.plist in the Preferences directory.

Recent Folders - FXRecentFolders [2] ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.finder.plist			
<pre> ▼ FXRecentFolders ▼ Item 0 file-bookmark name ▼ Item 1 file-bookmark name ▼ Item 2 file-bookmark name </pre>			10.7+
<pre> ▼ FXRecentFolders ▶ Item 0 ▼ Item 1 ▼ file-data _CFURLAliasData name ▼ Item 2 ▼ file-data _CFURLAliasData name </pre>			10.6

Shown above are two examples of the `com.apple.finder.plist` file. Each recent item contains a folder name and a reference link.

On top is an example from a 10.7+ system. The `file-bookmark` is a file reference using the same bookmark format as before.

The bottom screenshot is an example from a 10.6 system, the file reference `_CFURLAliasData` uses another format called alias data, rather than the bookmark format.

Recent Item

Alias Data

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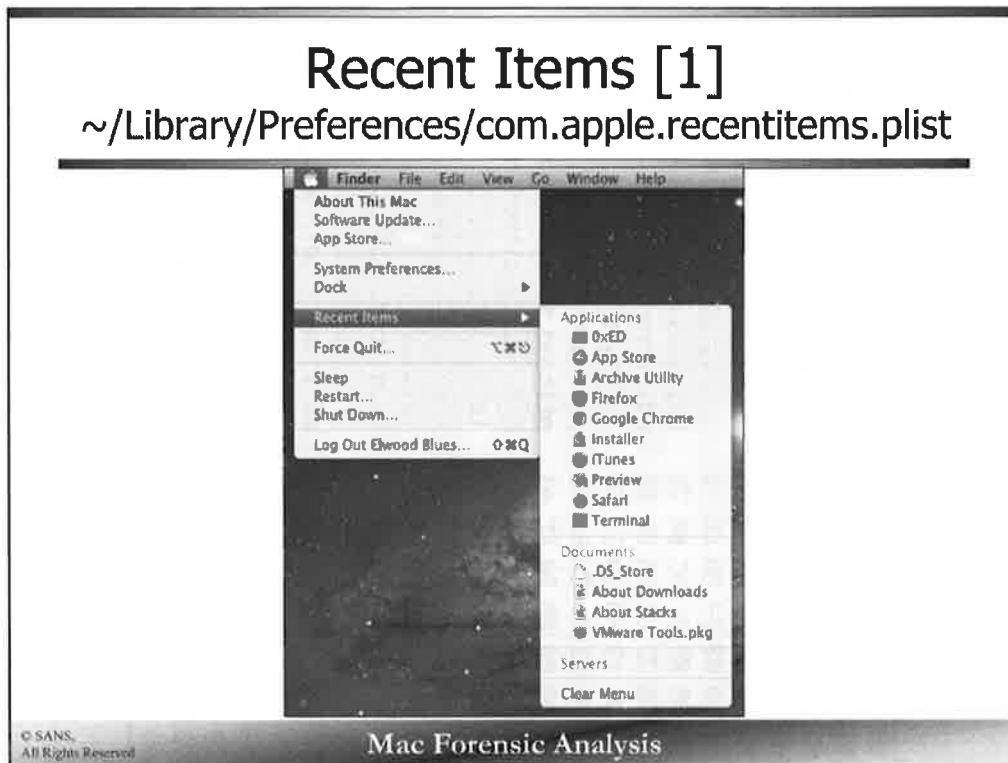
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Using the same method we can extract the alias data. It contains many of the same file pointer data found in a file bookmark, as shown in the screenshot above.

- File Path
 - Volume Information

In the screenshot above various items of interest can be viewed:

- Strings making up the file path (/Users/alfred/alfred.sparsebundle)
 - Volume Name (Untitled 1)
 - Volume Format - A string that shows the format of the volume, in this case “H+”, is found on the second line.



The Apple menu in the menu bar has a list of recent items used for each of the following:

- Applications
- Documents
- Servers

The property list file `com.apple.recentitems.plist` holds this data and also includes recent hosts access via the `Go | Connect to Server` menu.

Recent Items [2]

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.recentitems.plist

Documents

Applications

Servers

Hosts

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(4 items)
▶ RecentServers	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ RecentDocuments	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ RecentApplications	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Hosts	Dictionary	(3 items)

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The com.apple.recentitems.plist file is organized by each area:

- Servers
- Documents
- Applications
- Hosts

Recent Applications

com.apple.recentitems.plist

RecentApplications	Dictionary	(3 items)
Controller	String	CustomListItems
MaxAmount	Number	10
CustomListItems	Array	(10 items)
Item 0	Dictionary	(3 items)
Bookmark	Data	<626f6f6b cc020000 00000410 30000000 000000
Name	String	Xcode.app
CustomItemProperties	Dictionary	(1 item)
com.apple.LSSharedFile...	Data	<646e6962 00000000 02000000 00000000 000000
Item 1	Dictionary	(3 items)
Bookmark	Data	<626f6f6b 14030000 00000410 30000000 000000
Name	String	Keychain Access.app
CustomItemProperties	Dictionary	(1 item)
com.apple.LSSharedFile...	Data	<646e6962 00000000 02000000 00000000 000000
Item 2	Dictionary	(3 items)
Bookmark	Data	<626f6f6b dc020000 00000410 30000000 000000
Name	String	sqlitebrowser.app
CustomItemProperties	Dictionary	(1 item)
com.apple.LSSharedFile...	Data	<646e6962 00000000 02000000 00000000 000000

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The Recent Applications key contains the most recently used applications, the default is 10 applications.

As with previous examples, the bookmark data holds the contents of a file or directory reference. The name and file icon are also included.

Newer systems use com.apple.LSSharedFileList.binding to potentially hold a file's application binding, similar to the Icon key that older systems use.

Each icon key is a binary version of the application's icon. This binary data can be extracted and a new file created to view the icon. If you are not familiar with a specific data file, this could be used to determine which application this file was used with.

Recent Documents

com.apple.recentitems.plist

▼ RecentDocuments	Dictionary	(3 items)
Controller	String	CustomListItems
MaxAmount	Number	10
▼ CustomListItems	Array	(4 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(3 items)
Bookmark	Data	<626f6f6b bc020000 00000110
Name	String	About Stacks
Icon	Data	<496d6752 000000e0 00000000
▼ Item 1	Dictionary	(3 items)
Bookmark	Data	<626f6f6b bc020000 00000110
Name	String	About Downloads
Icon	Data	<496d6752 000000e0 00000000
► Item 2	Dictionary	(3 items)
► Item 3	Dictionary	(3 items)

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The Recent Documents section holds the most recently accessed documents, the default is 10 documents.

On older systems, an Icon key is available. If the Icon data is extracted, it will show an icon of the type of file it is. For example the 'About Stacks' file will have a PDF Preview icon. Preview is the Apple PDF/Image viewing application.

Recent Servers
com.apple.recentitems.plist

CustomListItems	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
Alias	Data	<00000000 00a20003 00010000
Name	String	files
MaxAmount	Number	10
Controller	String	CustomListItems

000	00	00	00	00	00	A2	00	03	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
018	42	44	63	75	00	01	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	00	00	00	00	BDcu.....
036	00	00	00	00	00	00	12	01	FF	FE	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
054	FF	FF	FF	FF	00	0E	00	0C	00	05	00	66	00	69	00	6C	00	65
072	00	73	00	0F	00	0C	00	05	00	66	00	69	00	6C	00	65	00	73
090	00	12	00	00	00	13	00	0E	2F	56	6F	6C	75	6D	65	73	2F	66
108	69	6C	65	73	00	09	00	2A	00	2A	63	69	66	73	00	00	01	00
126	00	00	73	6D	62	3A	2F	2F	47	55	45	53	54	3A	40	72	65	61
144	64	79	73	68	61	72	65	2F	66	69	6C	65	73	00	FF	FF	00	00

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The Recent Servers section holds the most recently accessed servers, the default is 10 servers. The data in the Item key uses alias data, rather than bookmark data. The alias data can be extracted to view:

- Format of the server volume (This will be discussed in future sections).
- Mount Point (/Volumes/files)
- Network location and protocol (smb://GUEST:@readyshare/files)

Recent Servers will likely be shared directories such as a file share, while recent Hosts will contain server specific connections rather than a specific directory.

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Recent Hosts com.apple.recentitems.plist

The screenshot shows the 'Connect to Server' dialog from the Mac OS X Finder. The 'Recent Servers' section is open, showing a single entry: 'readyshare'. Below the dialog is a table representing the 'Hosts' section of the 'com.apple.recentitems.plist' file.

Hosts	Dictionary	(3 items)
Controller	String	CustomListItems
MaxAmount	Number	10
CustomListItems	Array	{1 item}
Item 0	Dictionary	{2 items}
URL	String	smb://readyshare
Name	String	readyshare

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The Hosts section holds the most recently accessed hosts, the default is 10 hosts. Recent hosts can be viewed from the Go | Connect to Server menu in Finder.

The Item data will contain a name and a URL of the share link (smb://readyshare)

User GUI Preferences

Finder

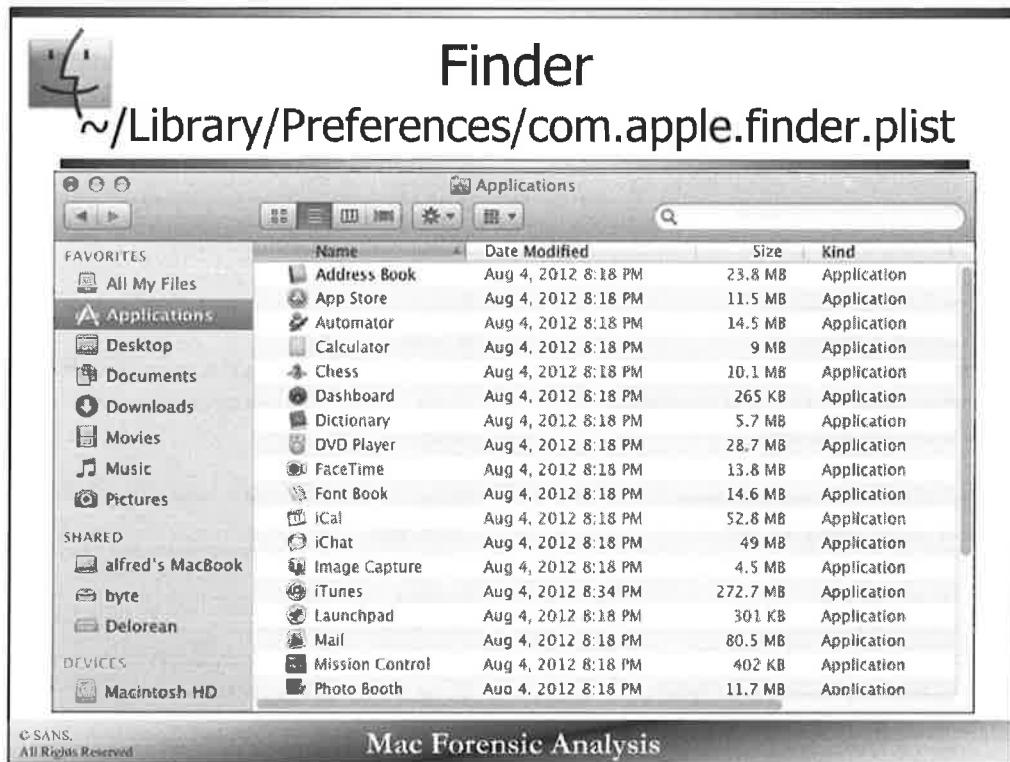
Sidebar

Dock

Desktop

Spaces

A user's workspace can say many things about a person. What applications are likely to be used more often, how organized is the user, or what directories are important to them. The OS X interface has many entities that can give you a peek into how a person uses their computer.



The Apple Finder is comparable to the Windows Explorer, it is the main application allowing access to applications, files, directories, networks, and other media.

On the left sidebar, the finder categories are shown, these of course are configurable by the user.

- Favorites – By default the user directories are shown, such as Documents, Pictures, Music, Downloads, etc.
- Shared – These are the other devices on the network than can be used for either file storage, other computers that can be “screen shared”, etc.
- Devices – Contains the volumes the system has access to; the host volume (Macintosh HD), USB drives, CDs/DVDs, FireWire, Thunderbolt, mounted DMGs, etc.

Amongst the preference keys that will be covered, the `com.apple.finder.plist` contains a huge amount of user preference data. Almost every configurable item of the Finder can be found in this plist.

For example:

- Show Mounted Servers
- Show Mounted Hard Drives
- Column Preference
- Empty Trash Securely
- X & Y Coordinates of different GUI features

Note: Each version of OS X may have different property list keys, though the notable ones are the same. 10.6 does not have nearly as many configuration details as systems 10.7+ (see the next page).

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	(56 items)
► NetworkViewSettings	Dictionary	(1 item)
FlowViewHeight	Number	255
FXPreferredViewStyle	String	NIsV
NSNavLastCurrentDirectory	String	/Applications
RemoveDiskFromSidebarOnStartup	Boolean	YES
SidebarPlacesSectionDisclosedState	Boolean	YES
FXArrangeGroupViewBy	String	Name
GoToField	String	/private/var/log/
FXPreferredGroupBy	String	None
FXLastSearchScope	String	SCcf
EmptyTrashSecurely	Boolean	YES
MountProgressWindowLocation	String	{760, 290}
FXMyDocumentsArrangeGroupViewBy	String	Date Last Opened
► BrowserWindowState	Array	(1 item)
AppleShowAllFiles	String	TRUE
CopyProgressWindowLocation	String	{57, 167}
► FK_StandardViewSettings	Dictionary	(4 items)
► TrashViewSettings	Dictionary	(3 items)
FK_iCloudMode	Boolean	YES
► PackageViewSettings	Dictionary	(3 items)
NSNavBrowserPreferredColumnContentWidth	Number	186
BackupProgressWindowLocation	String	{1130, 1041}
► NSToolbar Configuration Browser	Dictionary	(7 items)
FXConnectToBounds	String	{(717, 621}, {486, 231}}
► RecentSearches	Array	(3 items)
FXToolbarUpgradedToTenEight	Number	1
FXPreferredSearchViewStyleVersion	String	%00%00%00%01
FXConnectToLastURL	String	afp://somethingelse
► StandardViewSettings	Dictionary	(4 items)
► DesktopViewSettings	Dictionary	(2 items)
EmptyTrashProgressWindowLocation	String	{760, 260}
NewWindowTargetPath	String	file:///file/id=6562758.335740/
ShowRemovableMediaOnDesktop	Boolean	YES
NewWindowTarget	String	PfHm
NSNavLastRootDirectory	String	/Applications
PreferencesWindow.LastSelection	String	SDBR
SidebarDevicesSectionDisclosedState	Boolean	YES
SearchMyDocsLibraryBrowseWithCustomViewStyle	Boolean	NO
► FXDesktopVolumePositions	Dictionary	(18 items)
► FXInfoPanesExpanded	Dictionary	(4 items)
LastTrashState	Boolean	YES
ShowHardDrivesOnDesktop	Boolean	YES
FK_LinenViewStyle	String	Icnv
► ComputerViewSettings	Dictionary	(4 items)
DownloadsFolderListViewSettingsVersion	Number	1
FK_SidebarWidth	Number	192
SidebarSharedSectionDisclosedState	Boolean	YES
FXToolbarUpgradedToTenSeven	Number	1
ShowExternalHardDrivesOnDesktop	Boolean	YES
ShowMountedServersOnDesktop	Boolean	YES
► SearchViewSettings	Dictionary	(3 items)
FXPreferencesWindow.Location	String	{(479, 191}, {355, 559}}
► FXRecentFolders	Array	(7 items)
FXPreferredSearchViewStyle	String	NIsV

Finder – Desktop Volumes

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.finder.plist

FXDesktopVolumePositions

		Dictionary	(68 items)
► FAT32_WIN_-0x1.d27e44p+29	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► MacQuisition	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► PenTablet_0x1.5dd99bbp+28	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► TextWrangler 4.0_0x1.517f6b7p	Dictionary	(4 items)	
▼ HFS_APM_0x1.Saa61c9p+28	Dictionary	(4 items)	
xRelative	Number	-166	
ScreenD	Number	0	
AnchorRelativeTo	Number	1	
yRelative	Number	62	
► Firefox_0x1.5423ffbp+28	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► Useful Scripts_0x1.8b017bap+27	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► Tiger_-0x1.7476c46p+29	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► Microsoft Office	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► MacResponse_0x1.561bebdp+28	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► Untitled_0x1.55b30ddp+28	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► TrueCrypt 7.1a_0x1.4e12977p+28	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► BLACK8AG_-0x1.d27e44p+29	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► HFS_GUID_0x1.Saa6206p+28	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► Dropbox Installer_0x1.6978e77p	Dictionary	(4 items)	
► STUFF_-0x1.d27e44p+29	Dictionary	(4 items)	

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The Finder application stores the mounted volumes in the `com.apple.finder.plist`. (Remember we already discussed how this plist also stores the Recent Folders in the `FXRecentFolders` key.)

The `FXDesktopVolumePositions` key, mainly stores the X and Y coordinates of volumes when mounted on the Desktop. This key can be useful for forensic analysts because it stores all the volumes that were mounted by the user. It unfortunately does not store the date when it was last mounted, but we may be able to determine that in Section 3 of this course with volume analysis in the logs. Knowing when a volume is mounted can help an investigator determine when it was in use.

Each volume is listed by its mounted volume name, some entries have an appended number*, it is unknown what this number represents.

Note: If the user does not have the Finder preferences configured to show items on the desktop, this key will not exist.

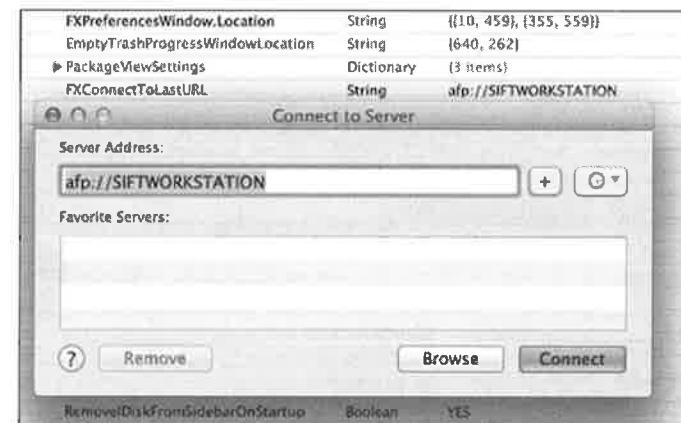
*Bonus Points – Determine what significance (insignificance?) this number represents. The author would be eternally grateful.

▼ FXDesktopVolumePositions	Dictionary	(68 items)
► FAT32_WIN_-0x1.d27e44p+29	Dictionary	(4 items)
► MacQuisition	Dictionary	(4 items)
► PenTablet_0x1.5dd99bbp+28	Dictionary	(4 items)
► TextWrangler 4.0_0x1.517f6b7p	Dictionary	(4 items)
▼ HFS_APM_0x1.5aa61c9p+28	Dictionary	(4 items)
xRelative	Number	-166
ScreenID	Number	0
AnchorRelativeTo	Number	1
yRelative	Number	62
► Firefox_0x1.5423ffbp+28	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Useful Scripts_0x1.8b017bap+27	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Tiger_-0x1.7476c46p+29	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Microsoft Office	Dictionary	(4 items)
► MacResponse_0x1.561bebdp+28	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Untitled_0x1.55b30ddp+28	Dictionary	(4 items)
► TrueCrypt 7.1a_0x1.4e12977p+28	Dictionary	(4 items)
► BLACKBAG_-0x1.d27e44p+29	Dictionary	(4 items)
► HFS_GUID_0x1.5aa6206p+28	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Dropbox Installer_0x1.6978e77p	Dictionary	(4 items)
► STUFF_-0x1.d27e44p+29	Dictionary	(4 items)

Finder – Last Server Connection

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.finder.plist

FXConnectToLastURL

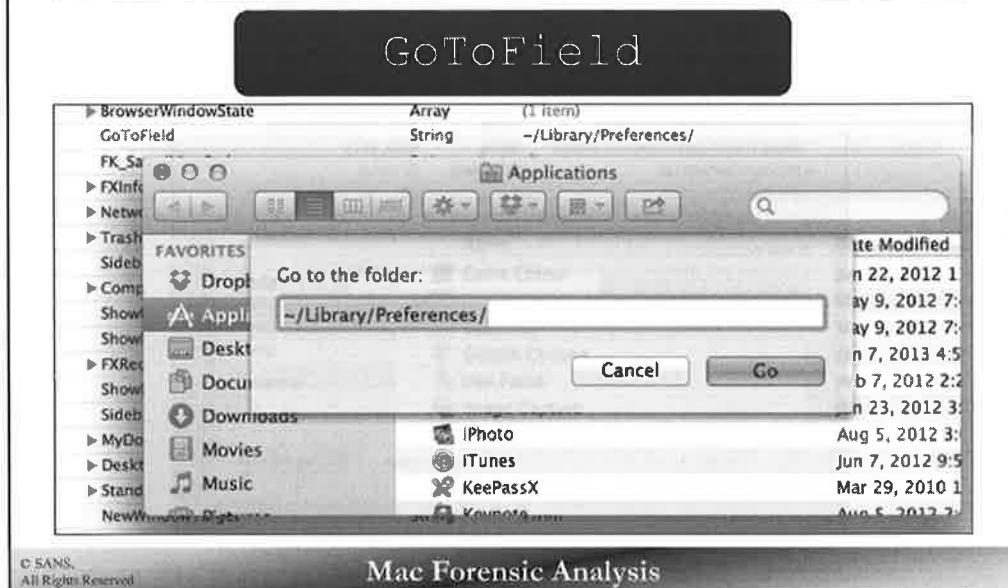


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The FXConnectToLastURL key stores the last connection from the “Connect to Server” (Go | Connect to Server) function found in the Finder menu.

Finder – Last “Go to Folder” Entry ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.finder.plist



The GoToField key stores the last item from the “Go to the folder :” function (Go | Go to Folder...). This menu option can be used to go directly to a folder using a static or relative file path.

Finder – Recent Searches [10.8-] ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.finder.plist

Recent Searches

The screenshot shows a Mac OS X desktop environment. In the foreground, a 'Recent Searches' window is open, displaying a list of search terms: 'drop', 'dr', 'evernote', 'ever', 'ver', and 'v'. An arrow points from this window to a larger Finder window in the background. The Finder window displays a list of applications in the 'Applications' folder, including Address Book, App Store, Automator, Calculator, Chess, and Dashboard. The 'Recent Searches' window has a title bar 'Recent Searches' and a status bar at the bottom with '© SANS. All Rights Reserved' and 'Mac Forensic Analysis'.

Name	Date Modified	Size	Kind
Address Book	Aug 5, 2012 8:18 PM	23.8 MB	Application
App Store	Aug 4, 2012 8:18 PM	11.5 MB	Application
Automator	Aug 4, 2012 8:18 PM	14.5 MB	Application
Calculator	Aug 4, 2012 8:18 PM	9 MB	Application
Chess	Aug 4, 2012 8:18 PM	10.1 MB	Application
Dashboard	Aug 4, 2012 8:18 PM	265 KB	Application
		5.7 MB	Application
		28.7 MB	Application
		13.8 MB	Application
		14.6 MB	Application
		52.8 MB	Application
		49 MB	Application
		4.5 MB	Application
		272.7 MB	Application
		301 KB	Application
		80.5 MB	Application
		402 KB	Application
		11.7 MB	Application

The RecentSearches key stores items that have been searched for using the search bar in the top-right corner of the Finder window. It does a “live” search so you may see parts of a search term that is created while the user is typing.

Note: This list does not appear to get populated unless an item is clicked on from the search results. It also appears this is only on 10.8 and older systems.

Finder Sidebar – System Items

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.sidebarlists.plist

favorites or systemitems

▼ favorites	Dictionary	(7 items)
▼ CustomListProperties	Dictionary	(2 items)
com.apple.LSSharedFileList.VolumesListMigrated	Boolean	YES
com.apple.LSSharedFileList.Restricted.upgraded	Boolean	YES
ShowRemovable	Boolean	YES
ShowHardDisks	Boolean	YES
ShowEjectables	Boolean	YES
► VolumesList	Array	(73 items)
ShowServers	Boolean	YES
Controller	String	VolumesList

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The com.apple.sidebarlists.plist contains the items found in the sidebar of the finder.

The systemitems or favorites key (version dependent) contains configurable items such as:

- Show Removable Drives (USB, External HDDs)
- Show Hard Drives
- Show Ejectables (iDevices, CDs, DVDs)
- Show Servers

Finder Sidebar – Volumes List

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.sidebarlists.plist

Volume	EntryType
8	• Time Machine (APFS), AFP File Shares, OSXFUSE Volumes
16	• Network Hard Drive, iDisk, "Computer"
128	• "iDisk"
261	• Hard Drive, Boot Hard Drive
515	• USB Flash, Time Machine Backups, Disk Image (HFS, MBR)
517	• USB Hard Drive (FAT/ExFAT/HFS+)
1024	• "Remote Disk"
1027	• Disk Image (Bzip, VAX COFF Executable), DVD
1029	• External HDD (NTFS)

```

{
    "VolumeList": [
        {
            "Volume": "8",
            "EntryType": "Time Machine (APFS), AFP File Shares, OSXFUSE Volumes"
        },
        {
            "Volume": "16",
            "EntryType": "Network Hard Drive, iDisk, \"Computer\""
        },
        {
            "Volume": "128",
            "EntryType": "\"iDisk\""
        },
        {
            "Volume": "261",
            "EntryType": "Hard Drive, Boot Hard Drive"
        },
        {
            "Volume": "515",
            "EntryType": "USB Flash, Time Machine Backups, Disk Image (HFS, MBR)"
        },
        {
            "Volume": "517",
            "EntryType": "USB Hard Drive (FAT/ExFAT/HFS+)"
        },
        {
            "Volume": "1024",
            "EntryType": "\"Remote Disk\""
        },
        {
            "Volume": "1027",
            "EntryType": "Disk Image (Bzip, VAX COFF Executable), DVD"
        },
        {
            "Volume": "1029",
            "EntryType": "External HDD (NTFS)"
        }
    ]
}

```

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The VolumesList keys contain the items found in the sidebar of the finder. This key may contain a large history of items related to mounted volumes.

Each entry may have:

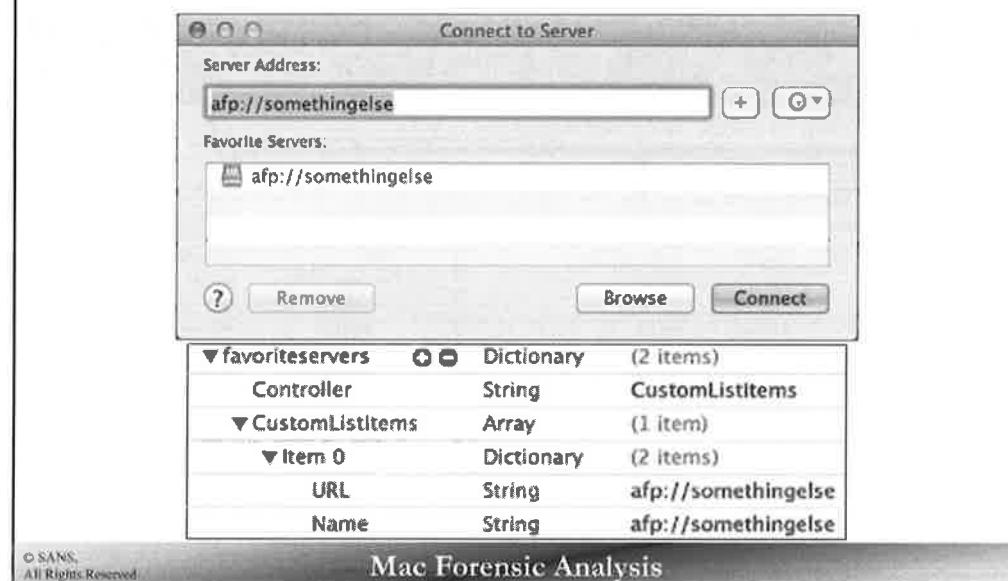
- Alias Data
- Name – Volume Name
- Icon Data – If the volume uses a particular icon.
- Visibility Setting – If configured to be viewable by the user or not.
- EntryType – Type of disk, some of the types are listed in the table above.

The EntryType keys may have different meanings depending on the version of OS X you are analyzing.

▼ VolumesList	Array	(73 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(4 items)
Icon	Data	<496d6752 000000c2 00000000 4642494c 000000b6 00000000
► CustomItemProperties	Dictionary	(1 item)
Name	String	Dropbox
Alias	Data	<00000000 00a00003 00010000 cab93754 0000482b 00000000
► Item 1	Dictionary	(4 items)
▼ Item 2	Dictionary	(5 items)
► CustomItemProperties	Dictionary	(1 item)
Name	String	Macintosh HD
Alias	Data	<00000000 00880003 00010000 cab93754 0000482b 00000000
Visibility	String	NeverVisible
EntryType	Number	261
▼ Item 3	Dictionary	(4 items)
Name	String	IDisk
SpecialID	Number	1,766,093,675
Visibility	String	NeverVisible
EntryType	Number	16
► Item 4	Dictionary	(5 items)
► Item 5	Dictionary	(3 items)
► Item 6	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Item 7	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Item 8	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Item 9	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Item 10	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Item 11	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Item 12	Dictionary	(4 items)
▼ Item 13	Dictionary	(3 items)
Alias	Data	<00000000 00780003 00010000 c72cf62f 0000482b 00000000
Name	String	Stuff
EntryType	Number	517
► Item 14	Dictionary	(3 items)
▼ Item 15	Dictionary	(3 items)
Alias	Data	<00000000 00a00003 00010000 cb3e1361 0000482b 00000000
Name	String	Google Chrome
EntryType	Number	1,027
► Item 16	Dictionary	(3 items)
► Item 17	Dictionary	(3 items)
► Item 18	Dictionary	(3 items)
► Item 19	Dictionary	(3 items)
► Item 20	Dictionary	(4 items)
▼ Item 21	Dictionary	(3 items)
Alias	Data	<00000000 03000003 00010000 caae657e 0000482b 6173000
Name	String	Data
EntryType	Number	8
► Item 22	Dictionary	(3 items)

Finder Sidebar – Favorite Servers

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.sidebarlists.plist



While the `com.apple.finder.plist` stores the last server that may have been connected to, the `com.apple.sidebarlists.plist` contains the favorite servers.

If the `favoriteservers` key does not exist, it means the user does not have any “favorite” servers configured.

Each saved server will have two components:

- URL – Server URL
- Name – Favorite name, the default is the server URL

Dock
~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.dock.plist

persistent-apps		
Item 0	Dictionary	(14 items)
GUID	Number	1,203,577,786
tile-type	String	file-tile
tile-data	Dictionary	(7 items)
dock-extra	Boolean	NO
parent-mod-date	Number	3,427,037,556
file-type	Number	169
file-data	Dictionary	(3 items)
file-label	String	Launchpad
file-mod-date	Number	3,423,071,325
bundle-identifier	String	com.apple.launchpad.launcher
Item 1	Dictionary	(3 items)
Item 2	Dictionary	(3 items)

persistent-others		
Item 0	Dictionary	(1 item)
GUID	Number	1,203,577,800
tile-type	String	directory-tile
tile-data	Dictionary	(9 items)
showas	Number	1
parent-mod-date	Number	3,427,038,223
file-type	Number	2
file-data	Dictionary	(3 items)
displayas	Number	0
file-label	String	Downloads
file-mod-date	Number	3,427,038,198
arrangement	Number	2
preferreditemsize	Number	-1

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The dock can be used to determine what applications a user is more likely to use often.

The com.apple.dock.plist contains two main keys:

- **persistent-apps** – These are the applications on the left of the dock separator (not including Finder). These applications are listed in order from left to right (Item 0, Item 1, Item 2...Item N).
- **persistent-others** – These are folders that can be docked and viewed, the default folder in the dock is Downloads, however many times you'll also see the Document directory.

Each Item has data about the application or directory included:

- View Types
- File Data, include Alias data and file path.
- Dock Label
- Modification Dates (File & Parent)

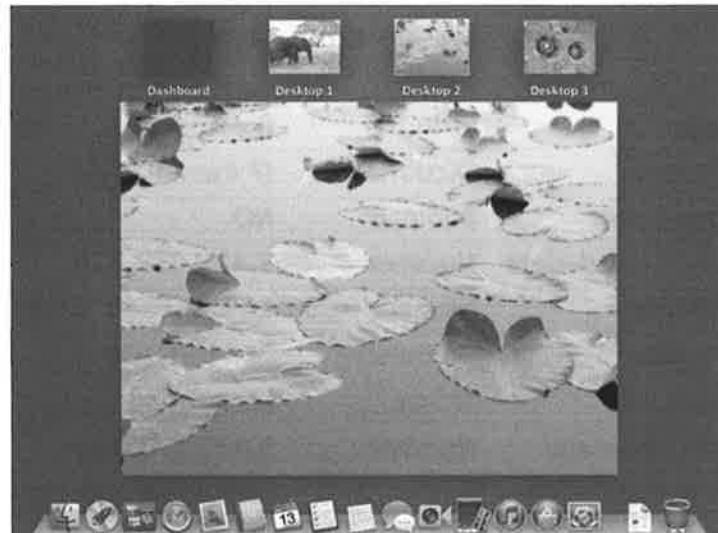
Other preference items may be found in this property list:

- Dock Auto Hide
- Full Trash
- Icon Sizes
- Dock Magnification

▼ persistent-apps	Array	(14 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(3 items)
GUID	Number	1,203,577,786
tile-type	String	file-tile
▼ tile-data	Dictionary	(7 items)
dock-extra	Boolean	NO
parent-mod-date	Number	3,427,037,556
file-type	Number	169
► file-data	Dictionary	(3 items)
file-label	String	Launchpad
file-mod-date	Number	3,423,071,325
bundle-identifier	String	com.apple.launchpad.launcher
► Item 1	Dictionary	(3 items)
► Item 2	Dictionary	(3 items)

▼ persistent-others	Array	(1 item)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(3 items)
GUID	Number	1,203,577,800
tile-type	String	directory-tile
▼ tile-data	Dictionary	(9 items)
showas	Number	1
parent-mod-date	Number	3,427,038,223
file-type	Number	2
► file-data	Dictionary	(3 items)
displayas	Number	0
file-label	String	Downloads
file-mod-date	Number	3,427,038,198
arrangement	Number	2
preferreditemsize	Number	-1

Desktop & Spaces



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The OS X desktop can have more than one desktop. Shown in the screenshot above, there are three desktops and the dashboard. Each desktop is called a “Space”.

Desktop

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.desktop.plist
~/Library/Application Support/Dock/desktoppicture.db (10.9+)

The screenshot shows the Mac Forensic Analysis interface. On the left, a tree view of the plist file structure under 'Root'. It includes sections for 'update-id', 'Background' (with 'spaces' and 'default' entries), and several GUID-based desktop entries ('57F9263E-6384-4F0F-BCDD-030C1D227024', '808ABC3C-A489-4703-9040-7D3D36A9AD30'). Each entry contains fields like 'Dictionary', 'Number', 'Boolean', 'String', and 'Data'. An inset window titled 'Table: spaces' shows a database table with four rows. The columns are 'space_uuid' and 'Filter'. The rows contain GUID values: '1' (empty), '2 E6C23B9-B4B1-425F-8C4B-68FE22C59B78', '3 3295B4BB-A6CB-4919-B023-501E55A9A960', and '4 B68E3402-EDC5-4D21-8DC7-12BA061BB623'. The bottom left of the main window says '© SANS. All Rights Reserved.' and the bottom right says 'Mac Forensic Analysis'.

The `com.apple.desktop.plist` file contains details for each of the desktop spaces. Each desktop has a GUID identifier, except for the first desktop where it is left blank.

Each desktop has two profiles; a default and a numbered one. In general the data will be the same for each profile. Each profile contains the configuration data for that desktop including:

- Background Image Data
- Change Background – The screenshot example does not change the background. If this were true, it would show “TimeInterval”

On 10.9+ systems much of this information is stored in a database located `~/Library/Application Support/Dock/desktoppicture.db`. In the inset screenshot, the spaces table is shown with space GUIDs – the first space still does not have an assigned GUID, it is blank.

▼ Root

update-id

▼ Background

▼ spaces

▼

► default

► 1535231424

► 57F9263E-6384-4F0F-BCDD-030C1D227024

► default

► 1535231424

► 808ABC3C-A489-4703-9040-7D3D36A9AD30

► default

► 1535231424

NoImage

► BackgroundColor

ImageFilePath

ChangeTime

NewChangePath

Change

ImageFileAlias

NewImageFilePath

ChangePath

Placement

Random

DrawBackgroundColor

Dictionary
Number
Dictionary
Dictionary
Dictionary
Dictionary
Dictionary
Dictionary
Dictionary
Dictionary
Dictionary
Dictionary

space_uuid
1
2 2E6C23B9-64B1-425F-8C4B-68FE22C59B78
3 3295B4BB-A6CB-4919-B023-501E55A9A960
4 B68E3402-EDC5-4D21-8DC7-12BA061BB623

(12 items)

NO
Boolean
Array
(3 items)
String
/Library/Desktop Pictures/Poppies.jpg
Number
1,800
String
/Library/Desktop Pictures
String
Never
String
Never
Data
<00000000 00b20003 00000000 c4d4e4b
String
/Library/Desktop Pictures/Poppies.jpg
String
/Library/Desktop Pictures
String
Crop
Boolean
NO
Boolean
YES

Table: spaces

Filter

Spaces

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.spaces.plist

▼ Root	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ app-bindings	Dictionary	(2 items)
com.apple.ichat	String	57F9263E-6384-4F0F-BCDD-030C1D227024
com.apple.ical	String	
▼ SpacesConfiguration	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Management Data	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ Space Properties	Array	(4 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	dashboard
► windows	Array	(5 items)
▼ Item 1	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	
► windows	Array	(3 items)
▼ Item 2	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	57F9263E-6384-4F0F-BCDD-030C1D227024
► windows	Array	(5 items)
▼ Item 3	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	808ABC3C-A4B9-4703-B040-7D3D36A9AD30
► windows	Array	(2 items)

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The com.apple.spaces.plist shows the same desktop GUIDs from the com.apple.desktop.plist file.

Each space can have certain applications bound to it. In the example above, iChat is bound to the second space, while iCal is bound to the first space (remember the first space does not have a GUID, it is blank.) These are stored in the app-bindings key.

Each space has a GUID associated with it, these can be correlated to the GUIDs found in com.apple.desktop.plist.

10.6 does not have a com.apple.spaces.plist file, this information will be found in the com.apple.dock.plist file.

▼ Root	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ app-bindings	Dictionary	(2 items)
com.apple.ichat	String	57F9263E-6384-4F0F-BCDD-030C1D227024
com.apple.ical	String	
▼ SpacesConfiguration	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Management Data	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ Space Properties	Array	(4 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	dashboard
► windows	Array	(5 items)
▼ Item 1	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	
► windows	Array	(3 items)
▼ Item 2	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	57F9263E-6384-4F0F-BCDD-030C1D227024
► windows	Array	(5 items)
▼ Item 3	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	808ABC3C-A489-4703-9040-7D3D36A9AD30
► windows	Array	(2 items)

Saved Application State

- Introduced in 10.7 as “resume” feature
 - Launches applications and windows to the previous state from a system reboot or an exited application
- ~/Library/Saved Application State/
- ~/Library/Containers/<Bundle ID>/Data/Library/Application Support/<App Name>/Saved Application State



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The Saved Application State, introduced in 10.7, is used to return applications to their previous state after a reboot. When shutting down a user is given a choice to “reopen windows when logging back in”.

The directory ~/Library/Saved Application State/ also contains links to the .savedState directories in the sandboxed application containers.

Saved Application State

~/Library/Saved Application State/
~/Library/Containers/<bundleid>/Data/Library/Saved Application State/

```
nibble:Saved Application State sledwards$ pwd  
/Users/sledwards/Library/Saved Application State  
nibble:Saved Application State sledwards$ ls -lt  
total 32  
drwx----- 7 sledwards staff 238 Nov 17 16:03 com.apple.finder.savedState  
drwx----- 5 sledwards staff 170 Nov 17 15:46 com.suavetech.0xED.savedState  
drwx----- 6 sledwards staff 284 Nov 17 15:44 com.apple.iChat.savedState  
drwx----- 6 sledwards staff 284 Nov 17 15:34 com.apple.dt.Xcode.savedState  
drwx----- 5 sledwards staff 170 Nov 17 15:17 com.apple.systempreferences.savedState  
drwx----- 6 sledwards staff 284 Nov 17 14:57 com.realmacsoftware.littlesnapper.savedState  
drwx----- 8 sledwards staff 272 Nov 17 13:40 com.apple.Terminal.savedState  
drwx----- 6 sledwards staff 284 Nov 17 11:08 com.microsoft.Powerpoint.savedState  
drwx----- 6 sledwards staff 284 Nov 17 10:43 com.apple.appstore.savedState  
drwx----- 5 sledwards staff 170 Nov 17 10:31 com.apple.installer.savedState  
drwx----- 5 sledwards staff 170 Nov 17 09:53 com.microsoft.autoupdate2.savedState  
drwx-----@ 5 sledwards staff 170 Nov 17 09:46 com.apple.Safari.savedState  
drwx-----@ 5 sledwards staff 170 Nov 15 03:46 com.apple.icloud.savedState  
drwx----- 4 sledwards staff 136 Nov 14 05:51 com.apple.iTunes.savedState  
drwx----- 4 sledwards staff 136 Nov 14 05:51 com.apple.KeychainAccess.savedState  
drwx----- 4 sledwards staff 136 Nov 14 05:51 com.vmware.fusion.savedState  
drwx----- 4 sledwards staff 136 Nov 14 05:51 net.sourceforge.sqlitebrowser.savedState  
drwx-----@ 5 sledwards staff 170 Nov 14 05:48 com.google.Chrome.savedState  
drwx----- 4 sledwards staff 136 Nov 14 05:45 com.apple.ActivityMonitor.savedState  
drwx----- 4 sledwards staff 136 Nov 14 05:45 com.apple.Console.savedState  
drwx----- 4 sledwards staff 136 Nov 14 05:45 com.ridiculousfish.HexFiend.savedState  
drwx----- 5 sledwards staff 170 Nov 14 05:45 com.apple.Stickies.savedState  
lrwxr-xr-x 1 sledwards staff 113 Nov 10 09:37 com.apple.mail.savedState -> /Users/sledwards/L  
ibrary/Containers/com.apple.mail/Data/Library/Saved Application State/com.apple.mail.savedState  
lrwxr-xr-x 1 sledwards staff 123 Nov 10 09:37 com.apple.reminders.savedState -> /Users/sledwa  
rds/Library/Containers/com.apple.reminders/Data/Library/Saved Application State/com.apple.remind  
ers.savedState  
lrwxr-xr-x 1 sledwards staff 115 Nov 10 09:37 com.apple.Notes.savedState -> /Users/sledwards/  
Library/Containers/com.apple.Notes/Data/Library/Saved Application State/com.apple.Notes.savedSta  
te
```

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Each application has its own directory named <Bundle ID>.savedState. Notice the links to the application sandbox containers.

The existence of these directories mean the user has used these applications.

Saved Application State

*.savedState Directories

- windows.plist
 - Required
 - Property List File
- data.data
 - Required
 - Data
- window_#.data
 - Optional
 - Multiple Files for each Window
 - Data

```
./com.apple.Terminal.savedState
total 3112
-rw----- 1 sledwards staff 1479368 Nov 17 16:19 data.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 5588 Nov 17 15:48 window_1.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 248280 Nov 17 16:02 window_2.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 119172 Nov 17 16:02 window_3.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 144512 Nov 17 16:19 window_4.data
-rw----@ 1 sledwards staff 2798 Nov 17 16:19 windows.plist

./com.apple.airport.airportutility.savedState:
total 16
-rw----- 1 sledwards staff 2728 Aug 24 17:16 data.data
-rw----@ 1 sledwards staff 479 Aug 24 17:16 windows.plist

./com.apple.appstore.savedState:
total 276
-rw----- 1 sledwards staff 7472 Nov 17 11:49 data.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 6592 Nov 17 11:25 window_1.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 15424 Nov 17 11:35 window_2.data
-rw----@ 1 sledwards staff 1874 Nov 17 11:38 windows.plist

./com.apple.iCloud.savedState:
total 368
-rw----- 1 sledwards staff 42932 Nov 17 16:16 data.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 3520 Nov 17 15:33 window_1.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 124368 Nov 17 16:16 window_2.data
-rw----@ 1 sledwards staff 1224 Nov 17 16:16 windows.plist

./com.apple.iTunes.savedState:
total 736
-rw----- 1 sledwards staff 93216 Nov 17 16:08 data.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 5520 Nov 14 05:47 window_2.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 47472 Nov 17 16:08 window_22.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 225600 Nov 17 15:16 window_6.data
-rw----@ 1 sledwards staff 2820 Nov 17 16:08 windows.plist

./com.apple.iChat.savedState:
total 339
-rw----- 1 sledwards staff 5232 Nov 15 03:46 data.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 5566 Nov 15 03:46 window_1.data
-rw-----@ 1 sledwards staff 86320 Nov 17 15:54 window_2.data
-rw----@ 1 sledwards staff 1748 Nov 17 15:54 windows.plist
```

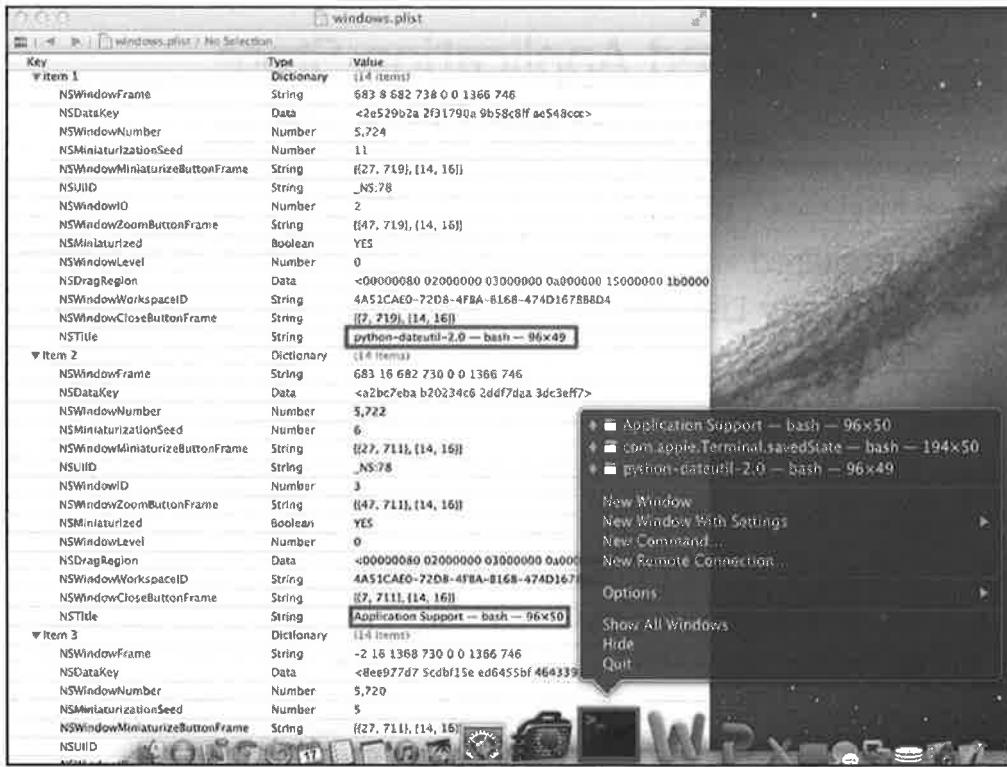
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Each .savedState directory contains at least two files:

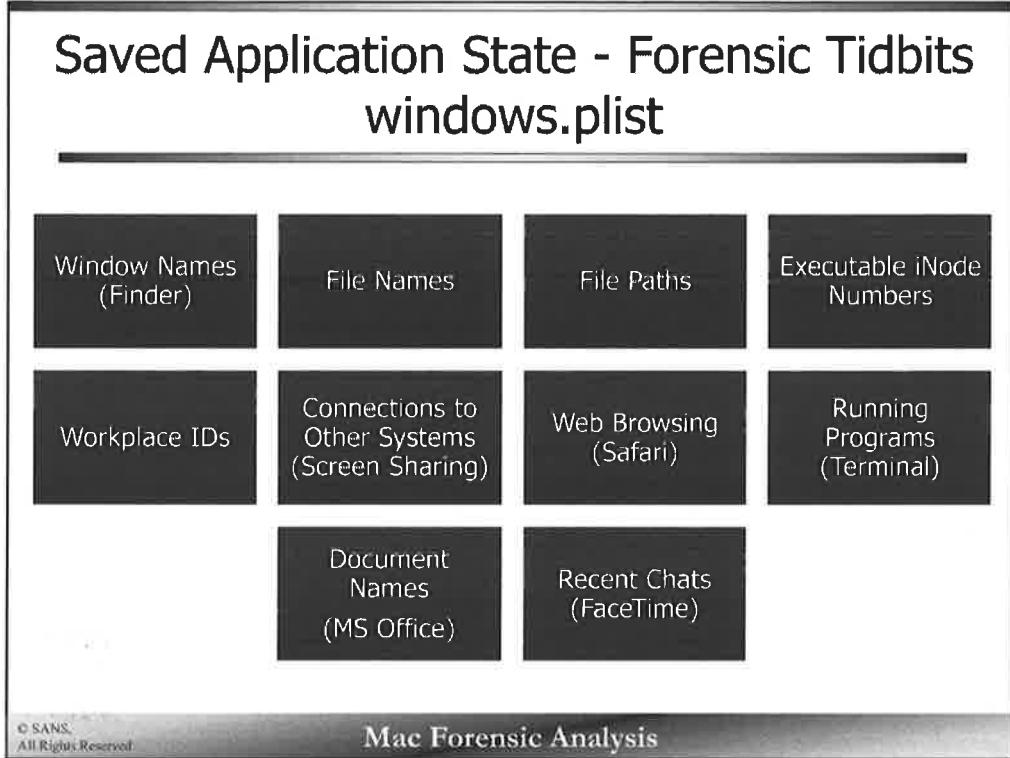
- windows.plist
- data.data

Additional files named window_1.data, window_2.data, etc. may also be created.



The windows.plist file contains information about the application windows that should be “reopened”.

While there are some windows positioning data, the interesting part is the NSTitle for each Item. This contains the name of the application window. In the screenshot the Terminal window names are shown in the right-click menu. This information may help a forensic analyst determine what was running or otherwise happening with that application.



Lots of good forensic tidbits can be found looking at the `windows.plist` file for an application.

- Finder holds the names of opened Windows.
- File Names are often found, specifically with applications that open documents. Microsoft Office will have the names of opened files because they use the filename as the window name.
- Workplace IDs, used to keep track of Spaces can be used to determine if an application is opened on a specific Space.
- Screen Sharing will save the names of connected systems.
- Browser programs like Safari save the web page title as the window name.
- Programs running in Terminal can be seen in window names, look for things like `sudo`, `ssh`, etc.

Many `window.plist` files have a key named `NSExecutableInode`, this is used to store the iNode number of the related application executable.

Saved Application State windows.plist Examples		
Microsoft Excel File Name	▼ Item 1 Dictionary (5 items) NSWindowNumber Number 48,265 NSWindowID Number 2 NSDataKey Data <ecb386f7 00097824 2b152ef8 7da3f630> NSTitle String win7-32-nromanoff-timeline.xlsx NSWindowFrame String 0 4 1680 1024 0 0 1680 1028	
Screen Sharing	▼ Item 1 Dictionary (12 items) NSWindowFrame String 200 155 1280 822 0 0 1680 1028 NSTitle String alfred's MacBook NSDataKey Data <fc1d7c74 d3e12d40 e07b3730 d05fc09> NSWindowMinimizeButtonFrame String {{27, 803}, {14, 16}} NSUIID String _NS:167	
Workspace ID	NSDragRegion Data <00000080 02000000 03000000 08000000 1 NSWindowLevel Number 0 NSWindowWorkspaceID String 35380D87-AB2D-410B-BD8D-A396B5E10BAE NSWindowCloseButtonFrame String {{7, 1005}, {14, 16}} NSWindowNumber Number 119	
Executable Inode Number	NSDataKey Data <2221c157 8046d29 NSWindowID Number 4,294,967,295 NSExecutableInode Number 8,915,489	
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The screenshots show examples of what can be found in Saved Application State windows.plist files.

From top to bottom:

- A filename used with Microsoft Excel
- A connected Screen Sharing System – alfred’s MacBook
- A Workspace ID used in Spaces
- An NSExecutableInode number that can be tracked back to a specific application.

Finder – Applications Relaunch

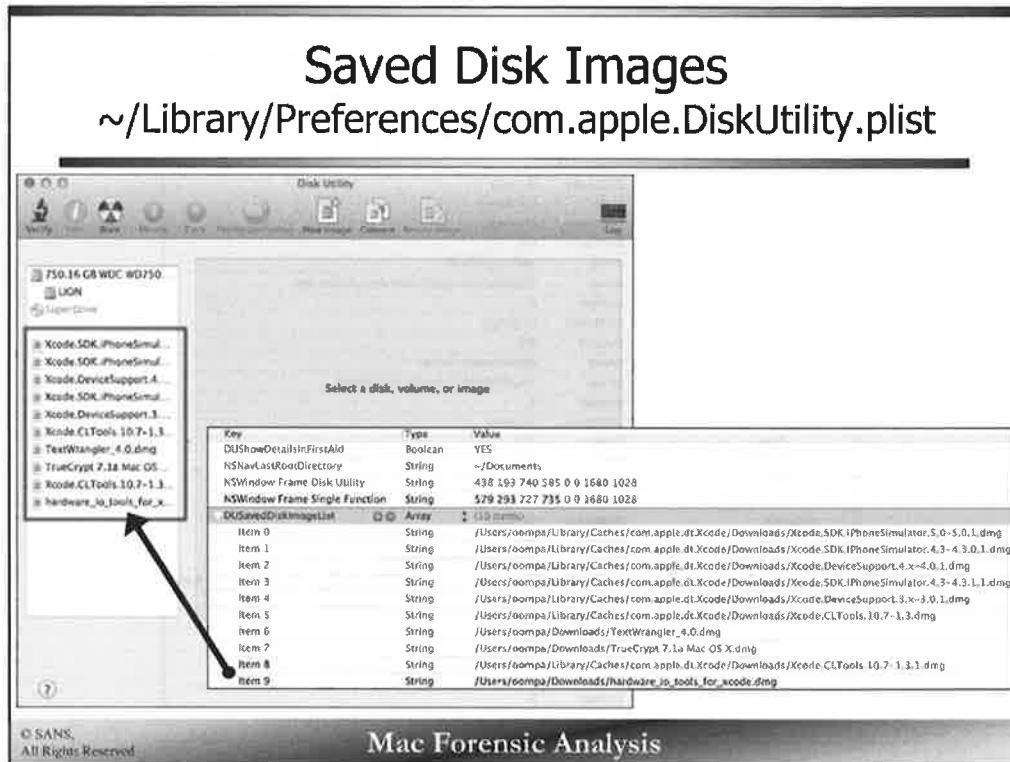
~/Library/Preferences/ or
~/Library/Preferences/ByHost/com.apple.loginwindow.plist

Root	Dictionary	(1 item)
▀ TALAppsToRelaunchAtLogin	Array	(14 items)
▀ Item 0	Dictionary	(4 items)
Hide	Boolean	NO
BundleID	String	com.apple.finder
Path	String	/System/Library/CoreServices/Finder.app
BackgroundState	Number	2
▀ Item 1	Dictionary	(4 items)
Hide	Boolean	NO
BundleID	String	com.vmware.fusion
Path	String	/Applications/VMware Fusion.app
BackgroundState	Number	2
▀ Item 2	Dictionary	(4 items)
Hide	Boolean	NO
BundleID	String	com.realmacsoftware.littlesnapper
Path	String	/Applications/LittleSnapper.app
BackgroundState	Number	2
▀ Item 3	Dictionary	(4 items)
Hide	Boolean	NO
BundleID	String	com.microsoft.powerpoint
Path	String	/Applications/Microsoft Office 2011/Microsoft PowerPoint.app
BackgroundState	Number	0
▀ Item 4	Dictionary	(4 items)
Hide	Boolean	NO
BundleID	String	com.google.chrome
Path	String	/Applications/Google Chrome.app
BackgroundState	Number	2

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Applications set to relaunch can be found in the com.apple.loginwindow.plist property list located in ~/Library/Preferences/ or the ~/Library/Preferences/ByHost/ directories.



The Disk Utility application often saves disk images in the sidebar of Disk Utility. These disk images are saved in the `com.apple.DiskUtility.plist` property list in the user's Preferences directory.

User Logs – Disk Utility

~/Library/Logs/DiskUtility.log

```
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400: Preparing to partition disk: "Kanguru FlashBlu Media"
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400: Partition Scheme: GUID Partition Table
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400: 1 partition will be created
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400:
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400: Partition 1
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400: Name : "Untitled 1"
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400: Size : 8.01 GB
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400: File system : Mac OS Extended (Journaled)
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400:
2012-10-12 15:01:30 -0400: Unmounting disk
2012-10-12 15:01:31 -0400: Creating the partition map
2012-10-12 15:01:32 -0400: Waiting for the disks to reappear
2012-10-12 15:01:32 -0400: Formatting disk1s2 as Mac OS Extended (Journaled) with name Untitled 1
2012-10-12 15:01:36 -0400: Initialized /dev/rdisk1s2 as a 7 GB HFS Plus volume with a 8192k journal

2012-10-12 15:01:36 -0400: Mounting disk
2012-10-12 15:01:36 -0400: Partition complete.
2012-10-12 15:01:36 -0400:
2012-10-12 15:02:22 -0400: Preparing to zero disk : "UNTITLED 1"
2012-10-12 15:02:22 -0400: 1 Pass Secure Erase
2012-10-12 15:13:11 -0400: Secure Erase completed successfully in 10 minutes.

2012-10-12 15:13:11 -0400: Preparing to erase : "UNTITLED 1"
2012-10-12 15:13:11 -0400: Partition Scheme: GUID Partition Table
2012-10-12 15:13:11 -0400: 1 volume will be erased
2012-10-12 15:13:11 -0400: Name : "UNTITLED 1"
2012-10-12 15:13:11 -0400: Size : 7.67 GB
2012-10-12 15:13:11 -0400: File system : MS-DOS (FAT)
```

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Each user will have their own DiskUtility.log.

This log contains a history of:

- Mounting Volumes
- Partitioning
- Formatting
- Erasing Volumes
- DMG Creation and Manipulation
- System Restoration
- ...and more disk and volume manipulation

Volume metadata can be found here also, an example is shown on the next page.

Name: Macintosh HD
Type : Encrypted Logical Partition
Disk Identifier : disk1
Mount Point : /
Disk Status : Online
System Name : OS X
System Version : 10.8.1
System Build : 12B19
System Copyright : 1983-2012 Apple Inc.
File System : Mac OS Extended (Journaled, Encrypted)
Writable : Yes
Universal Unique Identifier : 3981E2E6-0CAC-3A3E-BE1D-90D583F89A5D
Capacity : 748.98 GB (748,977,844,224 Bytes)
Used : 398.62 GB (398,620,389,376 Bytes)
Number of Files : 935,405
Number of Folders : 218,939
Owners Enabled : Yes
Can Turn Owners Off : Yes
Can Repair Permissions : Yes
Can Be Verified : Yes
Can Be Repaired : Yes
Can Be Formatted : Yes
Bootable : Yes
Supports Journaling : Yes
Journaled : Yes

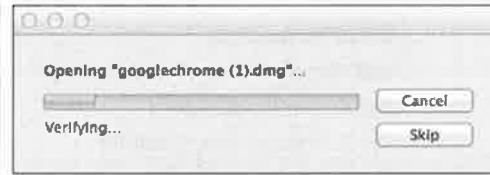
User Logs – HFS File System Check

~/Library/Logs/fsck_hfs.log

```
/dev/rdisk3s2: fsck_hfs run at Sun Jan 17 20:58:00 2010
** /dev/rdisk3s2 (NO WRITE)
  Executing fsck_hfs (version diskdev_cmds-491~1).
  ** Checking non-journalized HFS Plus Volume.
  ** Checking extents overflow file.
  ** Checking catalog file.
  ** Checking multi-linked files.
  ** Checking catalog hierarchy.
  ** Checking volume bitmap.
  ** Checking volume information.
  ** The volume Dropbox Installer appears to be OK.

/dev/rdisk3s2: fsck_hfs run at Sun Jan 31 20:34:56 2010
** /dev/rdisk3s2 (NO WRITE)
  Executing fsck_hfs (version diskdev_cmds-491~1).
  ** Checking non-journalized HFS Plus Volume.
  ** Checking extents overflow file.
  ** Checking catalog file.
  ** Checking multi-linked files.
  ** Checking catalog hierarchy.
  ** Checking volume bitmap.
  ** Checking volume information.
  ** The volume TextWrangler 3.1 appears to be OK.

/dev/rdisk3s2: fsck_hfs run at Mon Feb  8 15:11:37 2010
** /dev/rdisk3s2 (NO WRITE)
  Executing fsck_hfs (version diskdev_cmds-491~1).
  ** Checking Journalized HFS Plus volume.
  ** Checking extents overflow file.
  ** Checking catalog file.
  ** Checking multi-linked files.
  ** Checking catalog hierarchy.
  ** Checking extended attributes file.
  ** Checking volume bitmap.
  ** Checking volume information.
  ** The volume nmap-5.21 appears to be OK.
```



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Each user will have their own `fsck_hfs.log`.

This log keeps track of mounted volumes that execute the “verifying” process when a user opens a disk image file. This can show programs that the user may have installed, when the disk image was opened, and the location on the `/dev/` tree it may be found (i.e., `/dev/rdisk3s2`).



Bluetooth – Recent Devices

~/Library/Preferences/ByHost/com.apple.Bluetooth.<GUID>.plist

Root	Dictionary	(10 items)
OBEXPIMDataDisposition	Number	2
DeviceExpiration	Number	30
OBEXOtherDataDisposition	Number	2
OBEXFileHandling	Number	1
OBEXBrowseConnectionHandling	Number	1
PrefKeyServicesEnabled	Number	0
OBEXFTPRootFolderLocation	String	~/Public
BluetoothVersionNumber	Number	3
OBEXPIMDataSaveToLocation	String	~/Downloads
RecentDevices	Dictionary	(2 items)
70-cd-60-f6-eb-de	Date	Jan 1, 2013 2:41:19 PM
e8-06-88-33-d9-e0	Date	Jan 1, 2013 2:35:53 PM

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To know what Bluetooth devices may have been used, we can view the `com.apple.Bluetooth` property list in the `ByHost` directory of the user's Preferences directory.

The `RecentDevices` key holds the Bluetooth MAC address of the device, and the date it was last paired.

Printers – MRU

~/Library/Preferences/org.cups.PrintingPrefs.plist

▼ Root	Dictionary	(1 item)
▼ LastUsedPrinters	Array	(1 item)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
Network	String	192.168.1.254
PrinterID	String	Brother_HL_2170W_series



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What printer a user has used now or in the past may come up during an investigation. The property list org.cups.PrinterPrefs.plist keeps track of what printers were used.

Each printer will have a network address (IP of default gateway) and a name (PrinterID). Section 3 will detail additional artifacts of printing.



Exercise 2.1 - User Account Data & Preferences

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Safari Web Browser



Native Application

Introduced in 10.3

Locations:

- ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.Safari.plist
- ~/Library/Safari
- ~/Library/Caches/com.apple.Safari/

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The web browser native to OS X since 10.3 is the Safari Web Browser. Safari forensic artifacts are stored in different files in various directories.

Other browsers may also be used on OS X such as Firefox, Google Chrome, and Opera.

Safari Preferences
~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.Safari.plist

Default Downloads Directory

Recent Searches

Other Settings

▼ RecentWebSearches	Array	(3 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
QueryString	String	penguins
Date	Date	Dec 15, 2014, 3:34:11 AM
▼ Item 1	Dictionary	(2 items)
QueryString	String	mac pro
Date	Date	Dec 15, 2014, 3:33:42 AM
▼ Item 2	Dictionary	(2 items)
QueryString	String	chrome
Date	Date	Dec 14, 2014, 4:50:41 PM

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The Safari preferences file, `com.apple.Safari.plist`, can be found in the users Preferences directory.

In the screenshot above we can see some of the recent search strings and the default downloads directory. Other preference settings include:

- Permissions
- Timestamp (Launch, Update, Cache, etc.)
- Sync Information
- GUI Settings

Newer versions of OS X provide a timestamp in the `Date` key when this term was searched for.

Safari – Downloads

~Library/Safari/Downloads.plist

DownloadHistory	Array	{1 item}
Item 0	Dictionary	{9 items}
DownloadEntryProgressBytesSoFar	Number	66,812,133
DownloadEntryProgressTotalToLoad	Number	66,812,133
DownloadEntryBookmarkBlob	Data	<626f6fb 70030000 00000410 30000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
DownloadEntryDateAddedKey	Date	Dec 14, 2014, 4:51:26 PM
DownloadEntryDateFinishedKey	Date	Dec 14, 2014, 4:58:07 PM
DownloadEntryIdentifier	String	01856813-E26D-4488-B382-98A2F561782F
DownloadEntryURL	String	https://dl.google.com/chrome/mac/stable/GGRM/googlechrome.dmg
DownloadEntryRemoveWhenDoneKey	Boolean	NO
DownloadEntryPath	String	-/Downloads/googlechrome.dmg

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The Safari directory contains the Downloads.plist file. This file contains many items that may interest a forensic analyst about the Safari download history:

- **Download Entry Identifier** – Each download has a unique GUID
- **Download Entry URL** – A URL is saved showing where the download originated
- **Download Entry Progress Total to Load, Progress Bytes So Far** - These keys store the total bytes and downloaded bytes for the download. The download file may not always have the same quantity of bytes if the download was canceled or otherwise stopped.
- **Download Entry Path** – Where the item was downloaded to, very likely will be in the default Downloads Directory (~/Downloads)
- **Download Entry Bookmark/Alias Blob** – Bookmark or Alias data (Aliases are used in 10.6 and 10.7)
- **DownloadEntryDateAddedKey, DownloadEntryDateFinishedKey** – The timestamps of when the download started and finished (10.10+)

▼ DownloadHistory	Array	(1 item)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(9 items)
DownloadEntryProgressBytesSoFar	Number	68,812,133
DownloadEntryProgressTotalToLoad	Number	68,812,133
DownloadEntryBookmarkBlob	Data	<62616f6b 70030000 00000410 30000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000>
DownloadEntryDateAddedKey	Date	Dec 14, 2014, 4:51:26 PM
DownloadEntryDateFinishedKey	Date	Dec 14, 2014, 4:59:07 PM
DownloadEntryIdentifier	String	01856613-E26D-4488-B382-98A2F561782F
DownloadEntryURL	String	https://dl.google.com/chrome/mac/stable/GGRW/googlechrome.dmg
DownloadEntryRemovesWhenDoneKey	Boolean	NO
DownloadEntryPath	String	~/Downloads/googlechrome.dmg

Safari – History

~/Library/Safari/History.plist (10.9-)

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	(2 items)
WebHistoryDates	Array	(247 items)
Item 0	Dictionary	(5 items)
title	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=elephants&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
lastVisitedDate	String	elephants - Google Search
D	String	376195468.0
Item 0	Array	(1 item)
visitCount	Number	1
Item 1	Number	1
title	Dictionary	(5 items)
lastVisitedDate	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=espn&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
D	String	espn - Google Search
Item 0	Array	(1 item)
visitCount	Number	1
Item 2	Number	1
Item 3	Dictionary	(5 items)
Item 4	Dictionary	(5 items)
Item 5	Dictionary	(7 items)

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The History.plist file located in the Safari directory holds the Internet history. Each history Item contains the following data:

- **Blank key** – Contains the visited URL
- **Title** – Page Title
- **Last Visited Date** – Date the page was last visited in Webkit data format/Mac absolute time. The windows-based tool, Decode from Digital Detective and Mac-based tool, Epoch Converter from BlackBag Technologies are free tools to decode this date format.
- **Visit Count** – The number of times a page was visited.

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ webHistoryDates	Array	(247 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(5 items)
title	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=elephants&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
lastVisitedDate	String	376195468.0
▼ D	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	Number	1
visitCount	Number	1
▼ Item 1	Dictionary	(5 items)
title	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=espn%20-%20Google%20Search
lastVisitedDate	String	376195455.3
▼ D	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	Number	1
visitCount	Number	1
► Item 2	Dictionary	(5 items)
► Item 3	Dictionary	(5 items)
► Item 4	Dictionary	(5 items)
► Item 5	Dictionary	(7 items)

Safari – History

~/Library/Safari/History.db (10.10)

The screenshot shows the Mac Forensic Analysis interface displaying two SQLite tables from the History.db database.

Table: history_items

	id	url	domain_expansion	visit_count
1	1	http://support.apple.com/kb/HT4906	support.apple	1
2	2	http://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201924	support.apple	1
3	3	http://www.sno.phy.queensu.ca/~phil/exiftool/		2
4	4	http://www.woot.com/plus/gifts-for-her-3?ref=cnt_wp_14#ref=www.woot.com/content/plu...	woot	1
5	5	https://www.google.com/search?q=shmoocon+2015&i...	google	1

Table: history_visits

	id	history_item	visit_time	title
1	1	1	440286294.166323	
2	2	2	440286294.167568	iPhoto and Aperture: Using Photo Stream - Apple Support
3	3	3	436063249.525502	ExifTool by Phil Harvey
4	4	4	436877375.473398	Gifts For Her
5	5	5	433298090.309803	shmoocon 2015 - Google Search

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The History.db SQLite database located in the Safari directory holds the Internet history, similar information found in the previous History.plist file.

Two tables in this database hold the most relevant data:

- **history_items** – Contains the URLs, domains and visit count.
- **history_visits** – Contains the Mac epoch timestamp of when the visits occurred and the title of the webpage.

You can correlate the data in these two tables with the “id” column.

Safari – Last Session

~/Library/Safari/LastSession.plist

Root	Dictionary	(2 items)
SessionVersion	String	1.0
SessionWindows	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	Dictionary	(10 items)
WindowStateVersion	String	2.0
LocationBarHidden	Boolean	NO
TabStates	Array	(2 items)
Item 0	Dictionary	(5 items)
AncestorTabIdentifiers	Array	(0 items)
TabIdentifier	Number	1
TabTitle	String	Apple - Start
TabURL	String	http://www.apple.com/startpage/
SessionState	Data	<00000002 62706c69 73743030 d101025e 53657373 696f6e48 6973246f 7279d203 040
Item 1	Dictionary	(5 items)
AncestorTabIdentifiers	Array	(0 items)
TabIdentifier	Number	8
TabTitle	String	elephants - Google Search
TabURL	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=elephants&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
SessionState	Data	<00000002 62706c69 73743030 d101025e 53657373 696f6e48 6973246f 7279d203 040
Minimized	Boolean	NO
SelectedTabIndex	Number	1
TabBarHidden	Boolean	NO
PrefersReadingListSidebarVisible	Boolean	NO
WindowContentRect	String	{(0, 4), {1366, 691}}
FavoritesBarHidden	Boolean	NO
StatusBarHidden	Boolean	YES

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The `LastSession.plist` contains items from the last browsing session. If multiple browsing tabs were open, there will be multiple items showing the visited URLs.

Each tab will have a tab identifier, which will not necessarily be in numeric order if tabs were removed. The `TabTitle` and `TabURL` hold the web page title and URL, respectively. The binary property list field `SessionState` key holds more information, shown on the next slide.

▼ Root		Dictionary	(2 items)
SessionVersion	String	1.0	
▼ SessionWindows	Array	(1 item)	
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(10 items)	
WindowStateVersion	String	2.0	
LocationBarHidden	Boolean	NO	
▼ TabStates	Array	(2 items)	
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(5 items)	
▼ AncestorTabIdentifiers	Array	(0 items)	
TabIdentifier	Number	1	
TabTitle	String	Apple - Start	
TabURL	String	http://www.apple.com/startpage/	
SessionState	Data	<00000002 62706c69 73743030 d101025e 53657373 696f6e48 6973746f 7279d203 040	
▼ Item 1	Dictionary	(5 items)	
▼ AncestorTabIdentifiers	Array	(0 items)	
TabIdentifier	Number	8	
TabTitle	String	elephants - Google Search	
TabURL	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&amprls=en&ampq=elephants&ampie=UTF-8&ampoe=UTF-8	
SessionState	Data	<00000002 62706c69 73743030 d101025e 53657373 696f6e48 6973746f 7279d203 040	
Miniatuized	Boolean	NO	
SelectedTabIndex	Number	1	
TabBarHidden	Boolean	NO	
PrefersReadingListSidebarVisible	Boolean	NO	
WindowContentRect	String	{[0, 4], [1366, 691]}	
FavoritesBarHidden	Boolean	NO	
StatusbarHidden	Boolean	YES	

Safari – SessionState

~/Library/Safari/LastSession.plist

As of 10.10, Tab History is encrypted.

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	{1 item}
SessionHistory	Dictionary	{2 items}
SessionHistoryCurrentIndex	Number	6
SessionHistoryEntries	Array	{7 items}
Item 0	Dictionary	{4 items}
SessionHistoryEntryOriginalURL	String	topsites://
SessionHistoryEntryTitle	String	
SessionHistoryEntryData	Data	<00000000 00000000 02000000 fb0700d0 00000000 00000000 6dc6ac92 e9cf0400 00000000
SessionHistoryEntryURL	String	topsites://
Item 1	Dictionary	{4 items}
SessionHistoryEntryOriginalURL	String	http://www.cnn.com/
SessionHistoryEntryTitle	String	CNN.com - Breaking News, U.S., World, Weather, Entertainment & Video News
SessionHistoryEntryData	Data	<00000000 00000000 02000000 fb0700d0 00000000 00000000 6fc6ac92 e9cf0400 00000000
SessionHistoryEntryURL	String	http://www.cnn.com/
Item 2	Dictionary	{4 items}
SessionHistoryEntryOriginalURL	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=lolcats&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
SessionHistoryEntryTitle	String	lolcats ~ Google Search
SessionHistoryEntryData	Data	<00000000 00000000 02000000 fb070070 00000000 abc6ac92 e9cf0400 00000000
SessionHistoryEntryURL	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=lolcats&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
Item 3	Dictionary	{4 items}
SessionHistoryEntryOriginalURL	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=espn+forensics&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
SessionHistoryEntryTitle	String	espn ~ Google Search
SessionHistoryEntryData	Data	<00000000 00000000 02000000 fb070080 01000000 00000000 21000000 ff7f0000 42000000
SessionHistoryEntryURL	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=espn+forensics&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8

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The binary property list in the SessionState key of the LastSession.plist can be extracted into another file and viewed. Unique to this property list, the first four bytes need to be removed (0x00000002) to get the bplist00 file signature in the correct position.

This extracted binary property list contains the history of each tab in the LastSession.plist. This is how users can still go back/forth in the tab, even when Safari closed.

For example, when this property list was extracted, this tab previously visited CNN, performed a Google search for lolcats, and another search for espn.

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary (1 item)	
SessionHistory	Dictionary (2 items)	
SessionHistoryCurrentIndex	Number 6	
SessionHistoryEntries	Array (7 items)	
Item 0	Dictionary (4 items)	
SessionHistoryEntryOriginalUR	String topsites://	
SessionHistoryEntryTitle	String	<00000000 00000000 02000000 fb0700d0 00000000 00000000 6dc6ac92 e9cf0400 00000000
SessionHistoryEntryData	Data	topsites://
SessionHistoryEntryURL	String	(4 items)
Item 1	Dictionary (4 items)	
SessionHistoryEntryOriginalUR	String	http://www.cnn.com/
SessionHistoryEntryTitle	String	CNN.com - Breaking News, U.S., World, Weather, Entertainment & Video News
SessionHistoryEntryData	Data	<00000000 00000000 02000000 fb070000 00000000 00000000 6fc6ac92 e9cf0400 00000000
SessionHistoryEntryURL	String	http://www.cnn.com/
Item 2	Dictionary (4 items)	
SessionHistoryEntryOriginalUR	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=lolcats&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
SessionHistoryEntryTitle	String	lolcats - Google Search
SessionHistoryEntryData	Data	<00000000 00000000 02000000 fb070070 00000000 00000000 abc6ac92 e9cf0400 00000000
SessionHistoryEntryURL	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=lolcats&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
Item 3	Dictionary (4 items)	
SessionHistoryEntryOriginalUR	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=sans+forensics&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8
SessionHistoryEntryTitle	String	espn - Google Search
SessionHistoryEntryData	Data	<00000000 00000000 02000000 fb070080 01000000 00000000 21000000 ff7f0000 42000000
SessionHistoryEntryURL	String	https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=sans+forensics&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8

Safari – Top Sites

~/Library/Safari/TopSites.plist

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	{3 items}
↳ BannedURLStrings	Array	{9 items}
↳ TopSites	Array	{12 items}
↳ Item 0	Dictionary	{2 items}
↳ Item 1	Dictionary	{2 items}
TopSiteURLString	String	http://www.linkedin.com/
TopSiteTitle	String	World's Largest Professional Network | LinkedIn
↳ Item 2	Dictionary	{2 items}
TopSiteURLString	String	https://www.icloud.com/
TopSiteTitle	String	iCloud
↳ Item 3	Dictionary	{2 items}
TopSiteURLString	String	http://maps.google.com/
TopSiteTitle	String	Google Maps
↳ Item 4	Dictionary	{2 items}
↳ Item 5	Dictionary	{2 items}
↳ Item 6	Dictionary	{2 items}
↳ Item 7	Dictionary	{2 items}
↳ Item 8	Dictionary	{2 items}
↳ Item 9	Dictionary	{3 items}
TopSiteIsBuiltIn	Boolean	YES
TopSiteURLString	String	https://www.facebook.com/
TopSiteTitle	String	Welcome to Facebook – Log In, Sign Up or Learn More
↳ Item 10	Dictionary	{3 items}
↳ Item 11	Dictionary	{1 item}
DisplayedSitesLastModified	Date	Dec 6, 2012 8:11:30 AM



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Safari's default view when creating a new tab, is the "Top Sites". This page holds the most frequently visited sites but can also be configured by the user. The TopSites.plist in the Safari directory contains the URL and title for each top site.

The forensic analyst should know that Safari has default entries in "built-into" Top Sites. In the screenshot above, Item 9 contains the key TopSiteIsBuiltIn – this is a default Top Site entry.

Sites may also be "pinned" by the user. The key TopSiteIsPinned will signify that a user has specially "pinned" a webpage to the Top Sites view.

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ BannedURLStrings	Array	(9 items)
▼ TopSites	Array	(12 items)
▶ Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ Item 1	Dictionary	(2 items)
TopSiteURLString	String	http://www.linkedin.com/
TopSiteTitle	String	World's Largest Professional Network | LinkedIn
▼ Item 2	Dictionary	(2 items)
TopSiteURLString	String	https://www.icloud.com/
TopSiteTitle	String	iCloud
▼ Item 3	Dictionary	(2 items)
TopSiteURLString	String	http://maps.google.com/
TopSiteTitle	String	Google Maps
▶ Item 4	Dictionary	(2 items)
▶ Item 5	Dictionary	(2 items)
▶ Item 6	Dictionary	(2 items)
▶ Item 7	Dictionary	(2 items)
▶ Item 8	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ Item 9	Dictionary	(3 items)
TopSiteIsBuiltIn	Boolean	YES
TopSiteURLString	String	https://www.facebook.com/
TopSiteTitle	String	Welcome to Facebook - Log In, Sign Up or Learn More
▶ Item 10	Dictionary	(3 items)
▶ Item 11	Dictionary	(1 item)
DisplayedSitesLastModified	Date	Dec 6, 2012 8:11:30 AM

Safari – Bookmarks

~/Library/Safari/Bookmarks.plist

Key Type Value

- ▼ Root Dictionary {6 items}
 - WebBookmarkUUID String 4F178473-64D5-4E35-BFA2-178D9F1B2628
 - WebBookmarkFileVersion Number 1
 - Children Array {28 items}
 - Item 0 Dictionary {4 items}
 - Item 1 Dictionary {5 items}
 - Item 2 Dictionary {5 items}
 - Item 3 Dictionary {5 items}
 - Item 4 Dictionary {5 items}
 - WebBookmarkUUID String ABD0725E-9B1D-497B-A056-8CF941A80000
 - Children Array {2 items}
 - Item 0 Dictionary {5 items}
 - WebBookmarkUUID String 6CFD4990-D00E-4D50-8F66-21F49C9A0000
 - URLString String http://www.engadget.com/
 - Sync Dictionary {2 items}
 - WebBookmarkType String WebBookmarkTypeLeaf
 - URI IDictionary title Dictionary {1 item}
 - title String Engadget
 - Item 1 Dictionary {2 items}
 - Sync Dictionary {1 item}
 - WebBookmarkType String Gadget
 - Item 5 Dictionary {5 items}
 - Item 6 Dictionary {5 items}
 - Item 7 Dictionary {5 items}

The screenshot shows the Mac Forensic Analysis interface. On the left, a tree view displays a file structure with various items and their details. An arrow points from the 'Engadget' entry in the tree view to its corresponding entry in the 'Bookmarks' sidebar. The sidebar lists several bookmark entries, each with a thumbnail, name, and URL.

Collection	Name	Address
History	Engadget	http://www.engadget.com/
Bookmarks Bar	Gizmodo	http://www.gizmodo.com/
Bookmarks Menu		
Bookmarks		
My Gadget	Engadget	http://www.engadget.com/
Geek		
Mac		
Shopping		
News		
Sports		
Travel		
Yuo4e		
Feed Deal Sites		
Feed Entertainment		
Feed Gadget		
Feed Geek		
Feed Mac		
Feed News		
Feed Yuppile		
Deal Sites		
Other...		
Bloglines		
Facebooks | LogIn		
FlightAware > Live Flight...		
Weather Underground		
Metro - Metro Train Arrival		
Food Network		
Referrals		

The Safari Bookmarks are saved in `Bookmarks.plist`. This property list is heavily nested and may take some time to go through. Each Item may contain multiple children bookmarks.

In the screenshots above, Item 4 contains the Bookmark folder named “Gadget”, this folder contains two children Item 0 and Item 1. Each bookmark item contains a WebBookmarkUUID GUID, the URL, and the title of the bookmark.

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(6 items)
WebBookmarkUUID	String	4F178473-64D5-4E35-BFA2-178D9F1B2628
WebBookmarkFileVersion	Number	1
▼ Children	Array	(28 items)
► Item 0	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Item 1	Dictionary	(5 items)
► Item 2	Dictionary	(5 items)
► Item 3	Dictionary	(6 items)
▼ Item 4	Dictionary	(5 items)
WebBookmarkUUID	String	A8D0728E-9B1D-4978-A956-8CF94F68ED61
▼ Children	Array	(2 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(5 items)
WebBookmarkUUID	String	6CFD4990-DE0E-4D50-8F66-21F49036A68B
URLString	String	http://www.engadget.com/
► Sync	Dictionary	(2 items)
WebBookmarkType	String	WebBookmarkTypeLeaf
▼ URIDictionary	Dictionary	(1 item)
title	String	Engadget
► Item 1	Dictionary	(5 items)
► Sync	Dictionary	(1 item)
WebBookmarkType	String	WebBookmarkTypeList
Title	String	Gadget
► Item 5	Dictionary	(5 items)
► Item 6	Dictionary	(1 item)
► Item 7	Dictionary	(5 items)
 <p>The screenshot shows the Mac OS X Dock at the bottom of the screen. A red box highlights the second icon from the left, which is the Engadget bookmark. The Dock also contains icons for Finder, Mail, Safari, and other applications.</p>		

Safari – Webpage Previews

~Library/Caches/com.apple.Safari/Webpage Previews/

```
nibble:Webpage Previews sledwards$ ls -lat
total 63896
drwxr-Xr-X 5 sledwards staff 170 Dec 7 16:50 ..
drwx----- 381 sledwards staff 10234 Dec 7 16:50 .
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 43025 Dec 7 16:50 6746008061a0f3b6144fe61f62a2c04e.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 68653 Dec 6 08:11 8FBDB09880C6E234D852E78CB0E2A66.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 31671 Dec 6 08:11 0799891118A50C76FAD21FDE99CA8965.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 4357 Dec 6 08:11 B261FE143124819BF3ACB50A0F732140.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:11 B261FE143124819BF3ACB50A0F732140.png
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:11 4FD9C9A2DE4FBAB049482F27037F3118.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:11 4FD9C9A2DE4FBAB049482F27037F3118.png
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 E283E98E4C606735CF56D884A082FD22.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 E283E98E4C606735CF56D884A082F022.png
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 D4E3S37EB949A8631134851D50DFEDF7.png
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 D4E3S37EB949A8631134851D50DFEDF7.png
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 1B30A29C3AAFDFF0895A8C8C8D0A9952.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 1B30A29C3AAFDFF0895A8C8C8D0A9952.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 6EA2D766D9B5981C426E6BF188529223.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 6EA2D766D9B5981C426E6BF188529223.png
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 653F779CEE3960FBA064146E71AD09238.jpeg
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 653F779CEE3960FBA064146E71AD09238.png
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 46FC0FC673FC3280882851C519DDA8E3.png
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 664C42AAE7B0895F075B794E7CCE333B.png
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff 5 08:10 664C42AAE7B0895F075B794E7CCE333B.png
```

Google chrome

Search

Results for "chrome"

Visit the site

Install Google Chrome

Features

Install Google Chrome

Apps

Chrome Browser

Download and install Google Chrome

Google Chrome for Windows

Google Chrome for Mac

Google Chrome for Linux

Google Chrome for Android

Google Chrome for iOS

Google Chrome for Chrome OS

Google Chrome for Linux

Google Chrome for Mac

Google Chrome for Windows

Google Chrome for Linux

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Safari does a unique function where it periodically saves screen captures of the web browser screen. The Webpage Previews directory may contain many JPEG and PNG images of webpages that were once viewed. This can be useful to see what a user may have been looking at from a snapshot in time.

Safari – Cache

~/Library/Caches/com.apple.Safari/Cache.db

SQLite Database

Contains downloaded cache files

Files with originating location and download date

10.7+

- Cache Metadata: cfurl_cache_response
- Cache Data: cfurl_cache_receiver_data

10.6

- Cache Metadata: cfurl_cache_response
- Cache Data: cfurl_cache_blob_data

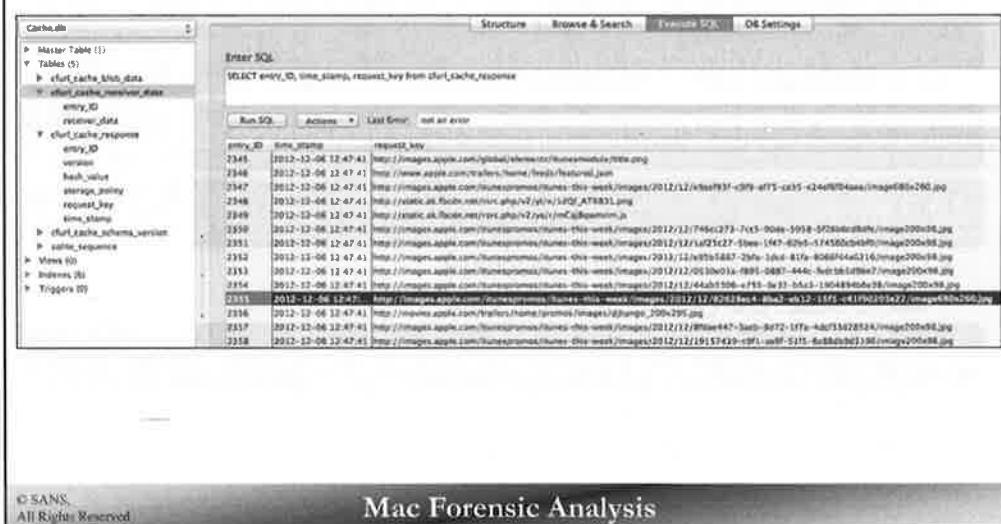
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The SQLite database Cache.db located in the ~/Library/Caches/com.apple.Safari/ directory contains the downloaded cache files. Each file has a corresponding location and download date.

Databases for 10.6 and 10.7+ systems differ slightly, but each contains a metadata table and a data table in the database.

Safari Cache cfurl_cache_response

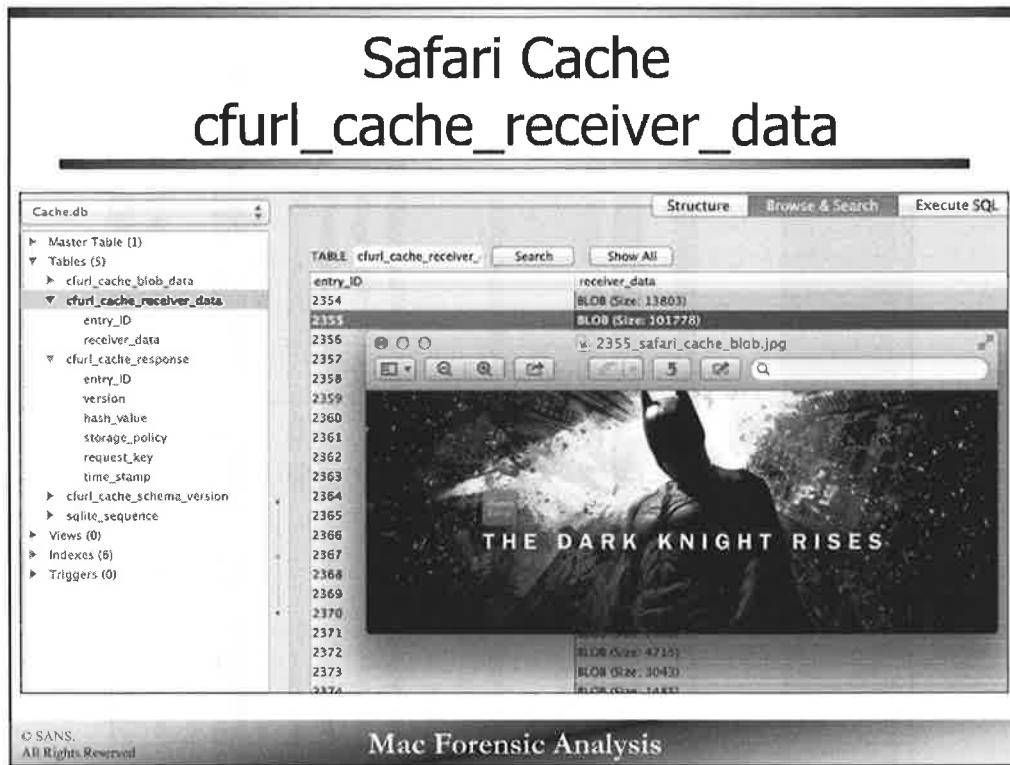


The `cfurl_cache_response` table contains cache file metadata including the file cached and its corresponding timestamp.

The screenshot shown is using the SQLite Manager plugin for the Firefox browser to view the SQLite database. The SQL query “`SELECT entry_ID, time_stamp, request_key from cfurl_cache_response;`” was used to display this information shown.

Cached.db	
Master Table (1)	
Tables (5)	
► ccurl_cache_blob_data	► ccurl_cache_receive_data
entry_ID	receiver_data
▼ ccurl_cache_response	
entry_ID	request_key
version	entry_stamp
hash_value	request_key
storage_policy	entry_stamp
request_key	request_key
time_stamp	entry_ID
► ccurl_cache_schema_version	version
► sqlite_sequence	hash_value
► Views (0)	storage_policy
► Indexes (6)	request_key
► Triggers (0)	time_stamp
entry_ID	ccurl_cache_receive_data
receiver_data	entry_ID
► Run SQL	Actions ▾
► Run SQL	Last Error: not an error
Enter SQL	Structure
Enter SQL	Browse & Search
Enter SQL	Execute SQL
Enter SQL	DB Settings

```
SELECT entry_ID, time_stamp, request_key from ccurl_cache_response
```



The `cfurl_cache_receiver_data` table contains the cached file. The cached file can be matched up with its metadata by using the `entry_ID` number.

The screenshot shown is using the SQLite Manager plugin for the Firefox browser to view the SQLite database.

You may execute this SQL command to correlate this cache information. The following command was provided by Antonio Merola:

```
select cfurl_cache_response.time_stamp, cfurl_cache_response.request_key,
cfurl_cache_receiver_data.receiver_data from cfurl_cache_receiver_data,
cfurl_cache_response where cfurl_cache_response.entry_ID ==
cfurl_cache_receiver_data.entry_ID order by
cfurl_cache_response.time_stamp;
```

Cache.db

- Master Table (1)
- Tables (5)
 - cfurl_cache_blob_data
 - cfurl_cache_receiver_data**
 - entry_ID
 - receiver_data
 - cfurl_cache_response
- entry_ID
- version
- hash_value
- storage_policy
- request_key
- time_stamp
- cfurl_cache_schema_version
- sqlite_sequence
- Views (0)
- Indexes (6)
- Triggers (0)

Structure Browse & Search Execute SQL

TABLE cfurl_cache_receiver_data

entry_ID receiver_data

2354 BLOB (Size: 13803)

2355 BLOB (Size: 101778)

2356 BLOB (Size: 4715)

2357 BLOB (Size: 3043)

2358 BLOB (Size: 1485)

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Safari – Cookies

~/Library/Cookies/

10.7+

- Cookies.binarycookies
- com.apple.Safari.SafeBrowsing.binarycookies
- File Signature = “cook”
- Proprietary Format

10.6

- Cookies.plist
- XML Property List

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Safari stores cookies in a separate directory from everything else, ~/Library/Cookies/.

On 10.7+ systems the cookies are stored in the Cookies.binarycookies and com.apple.Safari.SafeBrowsing.binarycookies. This file starts with the file header “cook”. The file format for these binary cookies are a proprietary format.

On 10.6 systems the cookies are stored in a plaintext XML property list file.



Apple Mail

Native Application

Introduced with OS X

Version 5 – Lion

Version 6 – Mountain Lion

Version 7 – Mavericks

Version 8 - Yosemite

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The native e-mail application on OS X is Apple Mail. Be sure to keep an eye out for other applications that may also be installed such as Microsoft Outlook, Thunderbird, and even Lotus Notes!

In general, you will find a different version of Mail on the last three versions of OS X. The inner workings of the last three versions all work nearly the same way.

Apple Mail

~/Library/Mail/V2/

Directory for each e-mail account

Mailboxes – May contain other mailboxes

- i.e.: Outbox, Recovered Mailboxes

MailData – Mail Application Data

```
Elwoods-Mac:V2 elwoodblues$ pwd  
/Users/elwoodblues/Library/Mail/V2  
Elwoods-Mac:V2 elwoodblues$ ls -l  
total 0  
drwxr-xr-x@ 6 elwoodblues staff 204 Oct  7 11:49 IMAP-elwoodblues531060@imap.gmail.com  
drwxr-xr-x  14 elwoodblues staff 476 Oct  7 11:34 MailData  
drwxr-xr-x   4 elwoodblues staff 136 Oct  7 11:34 Mailboxes  
drwxr-xr-x   4 elwoodblues staff 136 Oct  7 11:34 RSS
```

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Mail on 10.7+ systems are located in the ~/Library/Mail/V2/ (10.6 Mail is located in ~/Library/Mail/, there is no “V2” or Version 2 directory). This directory contains a sub-directory for each mailbox that the user has. The screenshot above shows one e-mail account, an IMAP Gmail account for elwoodblues531060@gmail.com.

The Mailboxes directory contains system mailboxes usually including a “Deleted Messages.mbox” and/or “Outbox.mbox”.

The MailData contains the Mail Application Data, which will include preferences such as:

- Smart Mailboxes – Customized Mailboxes
- Syncing Preferences
- E-mail Rules – Automatically move messages as they come in.
- Signatures
- Account Information

Apple Mail – E-mail Account

~/Library/Mail/V2/IMAP*/

Each *.mbox files is a mailbox

An account may have multiple mailboxes

- Inbox
- Sent Messages
- [Gmail]
- Deleted Messages
- Notes
- Drafts
- User Created Mailboxes

```
Elwoods-Mac:IMAP-elwoodblues531060@imap.gmail.com elwoodblues$ pwd  
/Users/elwoodblues/Library/Mail/V2/IMAP-elwoodblues531060@imap.gmail.com  
Elwoods-Mac:IMAP-elwoodblues531060@imap.gmail.com elwoodblues$ ls -l  
total 0  
drwxr-xr-x  4 elwoodblues  staff   136 Oct  7 11:34 INBOX.mbox  
drwxr-xr-x  4 elwoodblues  staff   136 Oct  5 18:04 Sent Messages.mbox  
drwxr-xr-x 10 elwoodblues  staff   340 Oct  4 15:24 [Gmail].mbox
```

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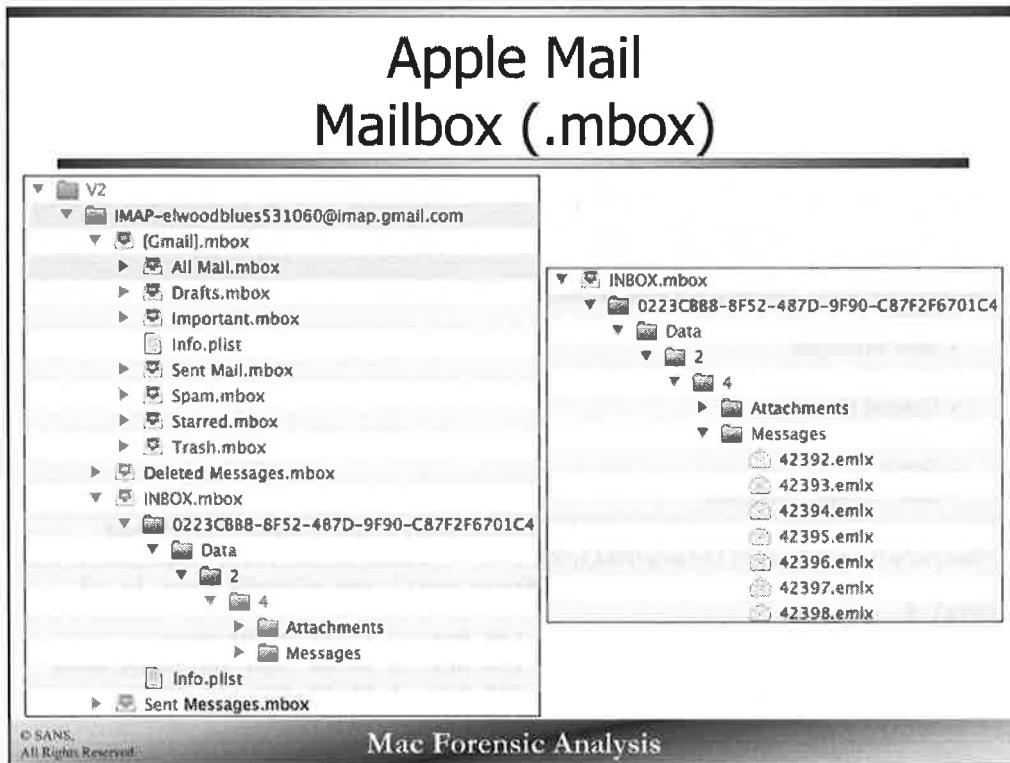
Each Mailbox Account directory (`IMAP-elwoodblues531060@imap.gmail.com`) contains one or more mailbox (`mbox`) directories.

The screenshot shows three mailbox (`mbox`) directories:

- INBOX.mbox
- Sent Messages.mbox
- [Gmail].mbox

POP accounts will be distinguished with “POP” instead of IMAP in the directory name.

Note: 10.6 uses `imapbox` rather than `mbox` for its IMAP e-mail accounts.



Each mailbox contains one `Info.plist` file containing the number of unread messages (IMAPMailboxUnseenCount Key), display settings and the mailbox name.

The GUID directory contains the raw e-mail messages (`.emlx`) and e-mail metadata in the `Messages` directory.

- Messages – Contains the raw e-mail messages (`.emlx`), with an appended property list containing message metadata.
- Attachments – Contains the message file attachments.

The metadata may include the following items:

- Colorization
- Mailbox
- Message Sent Timestamp
- E-mail Subject

Note: 10.6 does not use a GUID and goes directly to a directory containing the `Info.plist` and a `Messages` directory.

Apple Mail - Accounts

~/Library/Mail/V2/MailData/Accounts.plist

▼ Item 3	Dictionary	(27 items)
AccountName	String	elwoodblues531060@gmail.com
AccountPath	String	~/Library/Mail/V2/IMAP-elwoodblues531060@imap.gmail.com
AccountType	String	IMAPAccount
ArchiveMailboxName	String	Archive
ConfigureDynamically	Boolean	NO
DateOfLastSync	Date	Jan 20, 2013 10:19:34 AM
DaysBetweenSyncs	Number	6
DraftsMailboxName	String	Drafts
▼ EmailAddresses	Array	(1 item)
item 0	String	elwoodblues531060@gmail.com
FullUserName	String	Elwood Blues
Hostname	String	imap.gmail.com
ISPAccountID	String	IMAP
IsSyncable	Boolean	YES
LockDeliveryAccount	String	NO
NotesMailboxName	String	Notes
PortNumber	String	993
SMTPIdentifier	String	smtp.gmail.com:elwoodblues531060@gmail.com
SSLEnabled	String	YES
SecurityLayerType	Number	3
SentMessagesMailboxName	String	Sent Messages
▼ ServerID	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	Gimap
vendor	String	Google, Inc.
StoreDraftsOnServer	String	YES
StoreSentMessagesOnServer	String	YES
ToDoMailboxName	String	Apple Mail To Do
TrashMailboxName	String	Deleted Messages
Username	String	elwoodblues531060
uniqueid	String	0798427b-0874-4752-953f-2cd52667afab

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The Accounts property list contains the e-mail account configuration for the system. This includes:

- Account Name
- SMTP Hostname
- Port/SSL/Authentication
- Sync Timestamps
- Mail Ports
- Account Names

▼ Item 3	Dictionary	(27 items)
AccountName	String	elwoodblues531060@gmail.com
AccountPath	String	~/Library/Mail/V2/IMAP-elwoodblues531060@imap.gmail.com
AccountType	String	IMAPAccount
ArchiveMailboxName	String	Archive
ConfigureDynamically	Boolean	NO
DateOfLastSync	Date	Jan 20, 2013 10:19:34 AM
DaysBetweenSyncs	Number	6
DraftsMailboxName	String	Drafts
▼ EmailAddresses	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	elwoodblues531060@gmail.com
FullUserName	String	Elwood Blues
Hostname	String	imap.gmail.com
ISPAccountID	String	IMAP
IsSyncable	Boolean	YES
LockDeliveryAccount	String	NO
NotesMailboxName	String	Notes
PortNumber	String	993
SMTPIdentifier	String	smtp.gmail.com:elwoodblues531060@gmail.com
SSLEnabled	String	YES
SecurityLayerType	Number	3
SentMessagesMailboxName	String	Sent Messages
▼ ServerID	Dictionary	(2 items)
name	String	Gimap
vendor	String	Google, Inc.
StoreDraftsOnServer	String	YES
StoreSentMessagesOnServer	String	YES
ToDosMailboxName	String	Apple Mail To Do
TrashMailboxName	String	Deleted Messages
Username	String	elwoodblues531060
uniqueld	String	0798427b-0874-4752-953f-2cd52667afab

Apple Mail – Envelope Index

~/Library/Mail/V2/MailData/Envelope Index

The screenshot shows the SQLite Database Browser interface. On the left, a tree view lists tables: 'Master Table (1)' and 'Tables (14)', with 'attachments' selected. The main pane displays the 'attachments' table with the following data:

ROWID	message_id	name
138	11805	logo.gif
139	11805	dice.gif
140	11142	like-glyph.png
141	11142	tweet-glyph.png
142	11142	forward-glyph.png
143	11142	edm2013.152143.jpg
144	11142	brochure.111627.PNG
145	11142	sched.123347.PNG
146	11142	actionreport.162303.PNG
147	11142	Policyedm81.105634.png
148	11142	sponsor-list
149	11921	DIPLOMA RELEASE FORM - August.doc
154	11923	photo.JPG

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The SQLite database, `Envelope Index`, located in the `MailData` directory contains indexed mail data.

- The `addresses` table contains all the indexed e-mail addresses and associated contact name.
- The `attachments` table (shown above) contains the name of each attachment.
- The `mailboxes` table contains data for each mailbox including; total messages and unread messages.
- The `messages` table contains metadata for each e-mail message including; To, From, Subject, e-mail timestamps, if the message was read or not.
- The `subjects` table contains the e-mail subject for each e-mail message.

Apple Mail Attachments

“Quick Look” • ~/Library/Mail Downloads/

“Saved” • ~/Downloads

Metadata (10.8-) • ~/Library/Mail/V2/MailData/OpenedAttachments.plist or OpenedAttachmentsV2.plist



Key	Type	Value
Item 0	Dictionary	{5 items}
MessageID	String	<F86B9649-1F9A-4779-A54E-09C84F0734B3@csh.rit.edu>
ModDate	Date	May 12, 2012 5:04:13 PM
OpenedDate	Date	May 12, 2012 5:04:13 PM
PartNumber	String	2
Path	String	/Users/oompa/Library/Mail Downloads/photo.JPG

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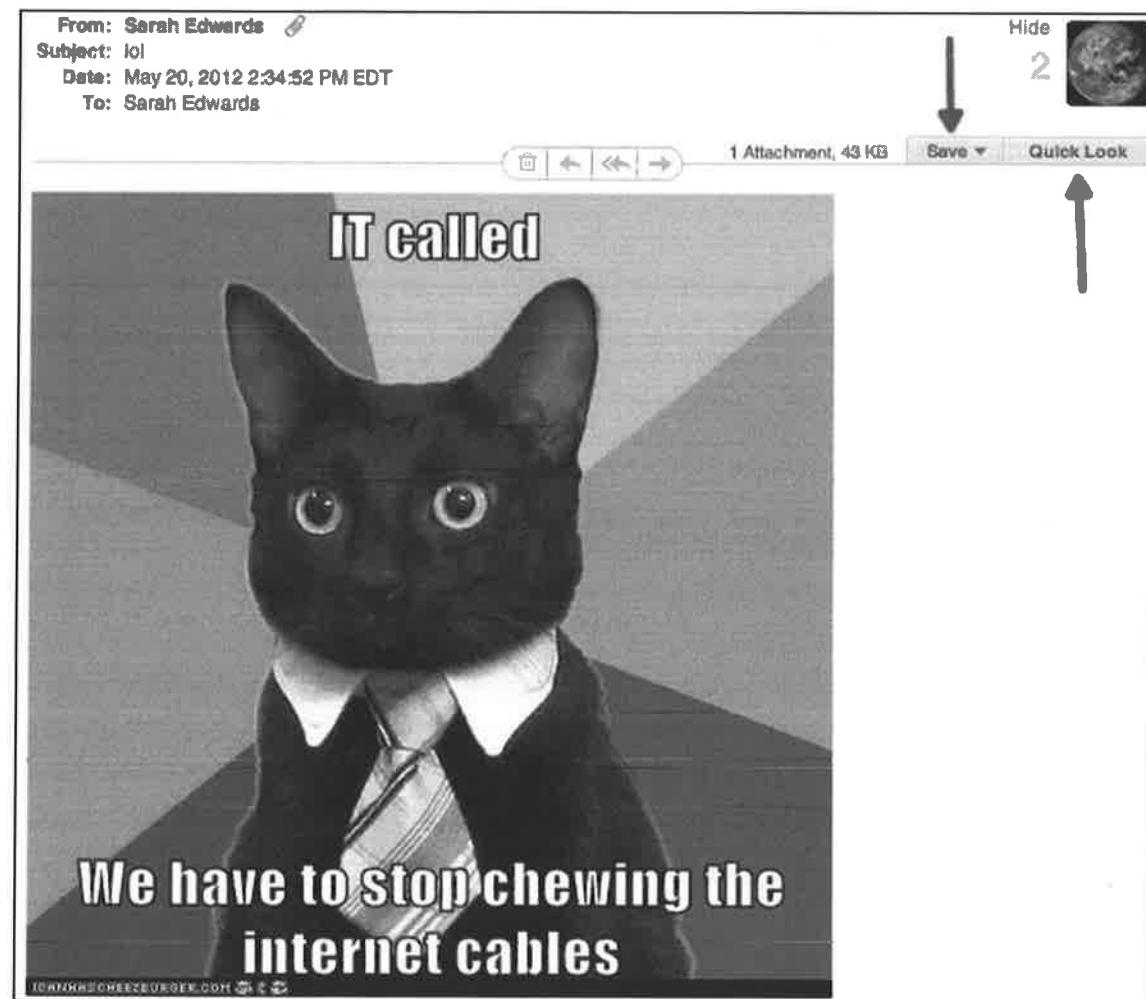
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A user can view an attachment in a couple ways:

- The “Save” button will save the attachment in the default downloads directory, very likely ~/Downloads.
- The “Quick Look” button opens the attachment for the viewer to see quickly, and saves the attachment in the ~/Library/Mail Downloads/ directory. The sandbox directory may also be used, ~/Library/Containers/com.apple.mail/Data/Library/Mail Downloads/.

Each attachment saved is recorded in the `OpenedAttachments.plist` file (`OpenedAttachmentsV2.plist` on 10.8). This property list contains the modification, opened date, and path of the file. These dates are saved in the local time of the system. For systems uses 10.8 and older, if this file does not exist, the user likely did not open an attachment using Apple Mail.

Sadly, This file does not appear to be used on 10.9+ systems.



Key	Type	Value
▼ Item 0	Diction...	(5 items)
MessageID	String	<F8689649-1F9A-4779-A54E-09C84F0734B3@csh.rit.edu>
ModDate	Date	May 12, 2012 5:04:13 PM
OpenedDate	Date	May 12, 2012 5:04:13 PM
PartNumber	String	2
Path	String	/Users/oompa/Library/Mail Downloads/photo.JPG



Exercise 2.2 – Safari & Exercise 2.3 - Apple Mail

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iChat (10.6 & 10.7) and its reincarnation, Messages (10.8) are the native instant messaging applications of OS X. These applications can be used with a variety of instant messaging programs and protocols. Messages replaced iChat in 10.8 (Beta was available earlier) and introduced integration with iMessage (iOS) and FaceTime.

iChat & Messages Preferences

- General Preferences

- Buddy Lists (10.8-)

- For each GUID referenced in specific preference property list

- Recent Chats (10.8-)

- Data from last 10 chat sessions

The general preferences for iChat and Messages is located in the com.apple.iChat.plist. This property list contains a huge compilation of preferences and configuration data, shown on the next page. Some of the highlights include:

- “Away” & “Available” Messages (Also in com.apple.iChat.StatusMessages.plist)
- Account GUIDs
- Buddy Lists (HandleCompletionCache Key)
- Recent Chats

iChat & Messages

Property List Files: ~/Library/Preferences/

General Preferences - com.apple.iChat.plist

- Buddy Lists (10.8-)
 - For each GUID referenced in specific preference property list
 - 10.9+ -
 - ~Library/Containers/com.apple.soagent/Data/Library/Preferences/com.apple.messageshelper.AccountInfoController.plist
- Recent Chats (10.8-)
 - Data from last 10 chat sessions

Specific Service Info (Configuration Info, Usernames, Account GUIDs)

- FaceTime, AIM, Jabber, iMessage etc.
- com.apple.iChat.<service>.plist
- com.apple.imservice.ids.<service>.plist (10.8+)
- /ByHost/com.apple.ichat.<service>.<GUID>.plist
- /ByHost/com.apple.imservice.ids.<service>.<GUID>.plist (10.8+)

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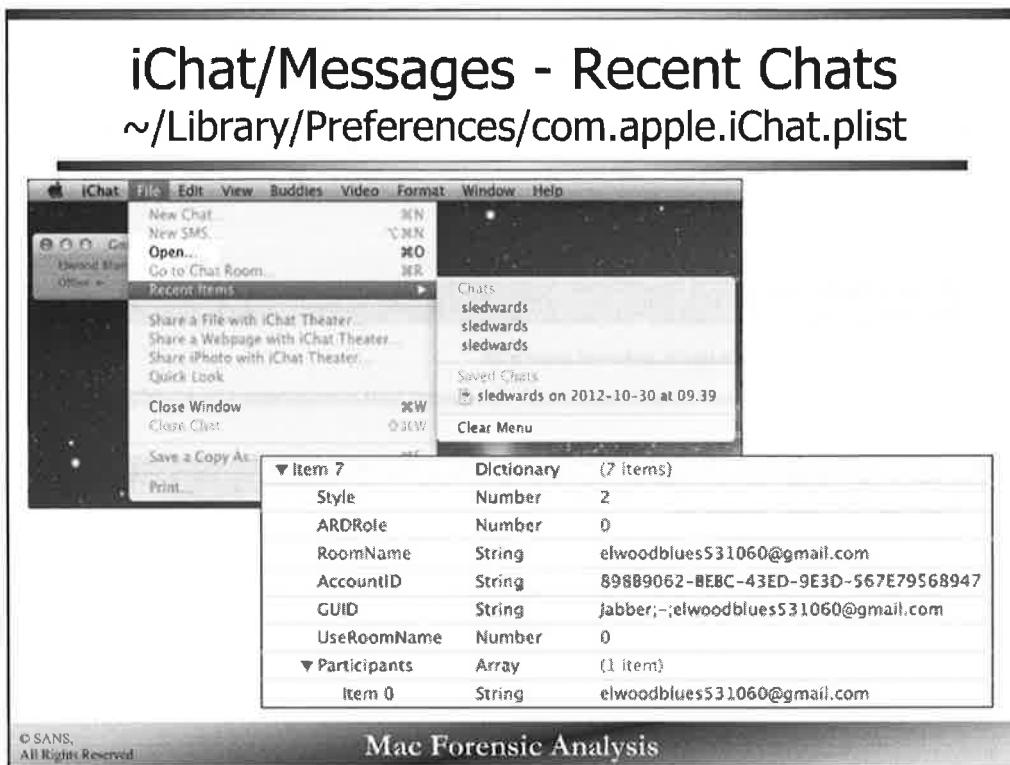
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- Recent Chats

There may be plenty of other files of interest in the ~/Library/Preferences directory. These files contain account usernames, configuration information and the GUID associated with the account that all account information is associated with.

Many of these files are named different depending on the version of OS X the user is using. On newer systems files names com.apple.iChat.<service>.plist and com.apple.imservice.ids.<service>.plist will include nearly the same information that the same com.apple.ichat.<service>.plist files held.

Each service has specific information associated with it, the <service> may be everything from FaceTime, iMessage, Jabber, AIM, or any other supported instant messaging protocol.



The `RecentChats` key in the `com.apple.iChat.plist` property list will contain the last ten chats, and whether the user was using Google Talk, AIM, or another protocol. In the GUI these recent chats are shown in the `File | Recent Items` menu.

Each item in `RecentChats` contains the GUID of the specific account in `AccountId` (AIM, Google Talk, ICQ, etc.). The room names depends on the protocol used, in Google Chat seen above, it labels the room by the Google account, AIM will label with a random chat number such as "chat90426871888949401" or by the chat recipients handle. The `Participants` key holds the account name or handle of each participant in the chat, usually just the other chat recipient, but could be another contact if it is a group chat.

Instant Messaging Preferences

~/Library/Preferences/<service.plist>

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	{3 items}
ActiveAccounts	Array	{1 item}
Item 0	String	E2304FB2-3F22-4025-B320-C9E199DC0FF5
Accounts	Dictionary	{1 item}
E2304FB2-3F22-4025-B320-C9E199DC0FF5	Dictionary	{21 items}
UseKerberosS	Boolean	NO
UseKeychain	Boolean	YES
XMPPTLSEnabled	Boolean	NO
ServerSSLPort	Number	5223
ServerSSLHost	String	talk.google.com
XMPPSupportsInvisible	Boolean	NO
LoadPreviousChatMessages	Boolean	YES
AccountPrefs	Dictionary	{0 items}
AllowSelfSignedSSL	Boolean	YES
UseSSL	Boolean	YES
UseMachineName	Boolean	YES
Profile	Dictionary	{0 items}
AutoDiscoverHostAndPort	Boolean	NO
Description	String	Gmail
ServerPort	Number	5223
ServerHost	String	talk.google.com
NumberOfLastChatMessagesToShow	Number	25
AutoLogin	Boolean	YES
ResourceName	String	iChat
Priority	Number	0
LoginsAs	String	elwoodblues\$31D60@gmail.com
OnlineAccounts	Array	{0 items}

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Each instant messaging program or protocol will have its own preferences property list, each sharing the same basic format.

- com.apple.iChat.AIM.plist
- com.apple.iChat.Jabber.plist
- com.apple.imservice.iMessage.plist
- com.apple.imservice.FaceTime.plist

The screenshot shows an example of a Jabber/Google Talk account. Contents will include protocol specific connection information and account details which may also include a buddy list.

Key	Type	Value
▼Root	Dictionary	(3 items)
▼ActiveAccounts	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	E2304F82-3F22-4025-B320-C9E199DC0FF5
▼Accounts	Dictionary	(1 item)
▼E2304F82-3F22-4025-B320-C9E199DC0FF5	Dictionary	(21 items)
UseKerberos5	Boolean	NO
UseKeychain	Boolean	YES
XMPPTLSEnabled	Boolean	NO
ServerSSLPort	Number	5223
ServerSSLHost	String	talk.google.com
XMPPSupportsInvisible	Boolean	NO
LoadPreviousChatMessages	Boolean	YES
▼AccountPrefs	Dictionary	(0 items)
AllowSelfSignedSSL	Boolean	YES
UseSSL	Boolean	YES
UseMachineName	Boolean	YES
▼Profile	Dictionary	(0 items)
AutoDiscoverHostAndPort	Boolean	NO
Description	String	Gmail
ServerPort	Number	5223
ServerHost	String	talk.google.com
NumberOfLastChatMessagesToShow	Number	25
AutoLogin	Boolean	YES
ResourceName	String	iChat
Priority	Number	0
LoginAs	String	elwoodblues531060@gmail.com
▼OnlineAccounts	Array	(0 items)

iMessage

com.apple.imservice.iMessage.plist (10.8-)
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.madrid.plist (10.9+)

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	{3 items}
ActiveAccounts	Array	{1 item}
Item 0	String	F6693564-6356-4A80-9C8E-0B184FBE2097
Accounts	Dictionary	{1 item}
F6693564-6356-4A80-9C8E-0B184FBE2097	Dictionary	{9 items}
AuthID	String	D 247 [REDACTED]
Version	Number	1
AccountPrefs	Dictionary	{2 items}
SignedIn	Boolean	YES
compa@csh.rit.edu	Date	Jul 10, 2012 6:07:14 PM
Profile	Dictionary	{5 items}
ServerContext	Dictionary	{9 items}
Region	String	US
ErrorCode	Number	-1
Number	String	>1571 [REDACTED]
Status	Number	3
LoginIDs	String	compa@csh.rit.edu
Registration	Dictionary	{2 items}
Aliases	Array	{3 items}
Item 0	Dictionary	{2 items}
Alias	String	compa@csh.rit.edu
Status	Number	3
ServerHost	String	imess-apple.com
VerifiedAliases	Array	{2 items}
Item 0	String	samevtwinge@me.com
Item 1	String	compa@csh.rit.edu
OnlineAccounts	Array	{0 items}

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iPhone users can now use their iOS Messages application to message recipients on their iDevices and OS X computers running Messages (10.8, or 10.7 if they are running the Messages Beta software). Messages is the application, iMessage is the protocol. Messages are synced between the associated phone number and iMessage accounts (Apple ID).

iMessage can be used with any account that is registered to it, multiple e-mail accounts, phone numbers, etc. The `com.apple.imservice.iMessage.plist` (10.8-) or the `com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.madrid.plist` (10.9) in the `~/Library/Preferences` directory contains all the accounts that can be used with the iMessage protocol.

On 10.9+ systems the file `com.apple.imservice.ids.iMessage.<GUID>.plist` located in the `~/Library/Preferences/ByHost/` directory contains more iMessage information including an avatar picture.

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(3 items)
▼ ActiveAccounts	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	F6693564-6356-4A80-9C8E-081B4FBE2097
▼ Accounts	Dictionary	(1 item)
▼ F6693564-6356-4A80-9C8E-081B4FBE2097	Dictionary	(9 items)
AuthID	String	D:247 [REDACTED]
Version	Number	1
▼ AccountPrefs	Dictionary	(2 items)
Signedin	Boolean	YES
oompa@csh.rit.edu	Date	Jul 10, 2012 6:07:14 PM
▼ Profile	Dictionary	(5 items)
▼ ServerContext	Dictionary	(0 items)
Region	String	R:US
ErrorCode	Number	-1
Number	String	+1571 [REDACTED]
Status	Number	3
LoginAs	String	E:oompa@csh.rit.edu
► Registration	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ Aliases	Array	(1 item)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
Alias	String	oompa@csh.rit.edu
Status	Number	3
ServerHost	String	initless.apple.com
▼ VettedAliases	Array	(2 items)
Item 0	String	iamevitwin@me.com
Item 1	String	oompa@csh.rit.edu
▼ OnlineAccounts	Array	(0 items)

iChat - Stored Chats

~/Documents/iChats

```
Elwoods-Mac:iChats elwoodblues$ pwd  
/Users/elwoodblues/Documents/iChats  
Elwoods-Mac:iChats elwoodblues$ ls -l  
total 0  
drwx----- 4 elwoodblues staff 136 Oct 30 11:07 2012-10-30  
drwx----- 2 elwoodblues staff 68 Nov  8 19:40 2012-11-08  
Elwoods-Mac:iChats elwoodblues$ ls -l 2012-10-30/  
total 8  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 elwoodblues staff 3835 Oct 30 11:04 sledwards on 2012-10-30 at 09.39.ichat
```

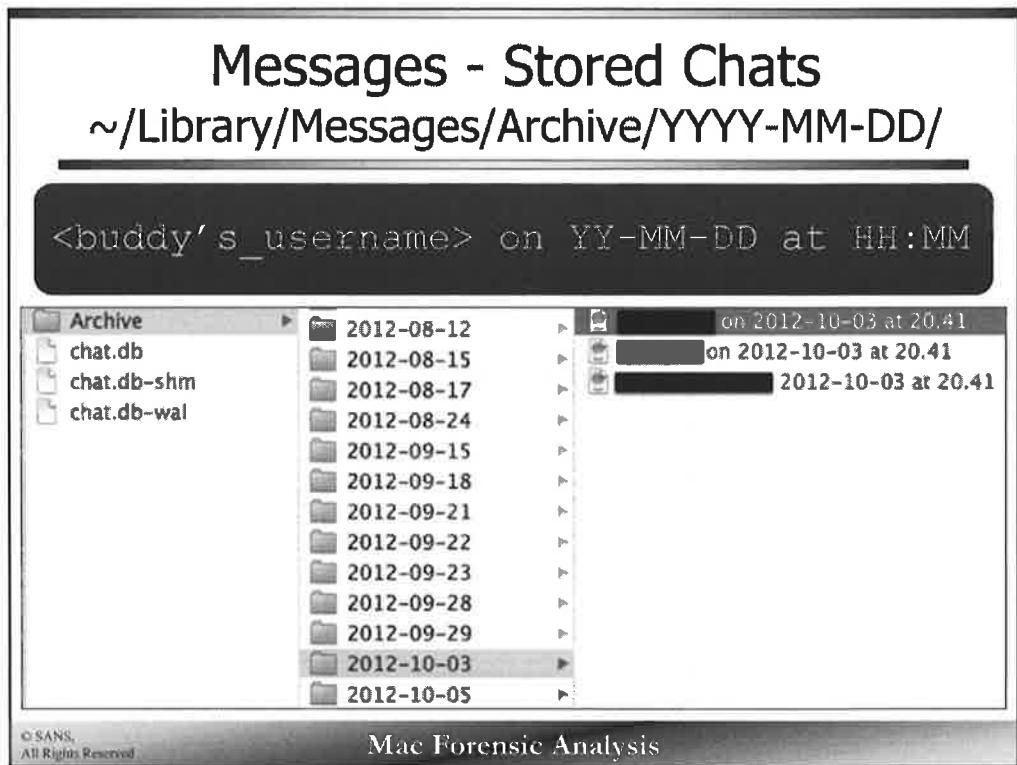


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iChat conversations can be saved by checking a box in the Preferences for iChat. These conversation files will be saved in the ~/Documents/iChats directory. This directory is organized by date, which is then organized by file names that include a date and time (local system time).

Each *.ichat file is a binary property list file. This file can be double clicked and viewed with the native program, complete with chat bubbles or any iChat formatting you wish. More detailed information may be found by viewing it in the Xcode property list viewer. This view has more information but it is not as easily read.



Messages will also store chat conversations if configured to do so. These files are stored in the `~/Library/Messages/Archive/` directory, also organized by date. These files use the same iChat binary property list format saved by date and time.

Messages – Chat Database

~/Library/Messages/chat.db

ROWID	guid	style	state	account_id	properties	chat_identifier	service_n...	room_name	account_login	is_archived
1	jabber->d	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X92706C6	Jabber	sleeward@gmail.com		0	
2	AIM->ma	45	3	A87A7A24-325E-4C3F-B855-B4C14B9B4958	X92706C6	AIM	samevein		0	
3	AIM->seal	45	3	A87A7A24-325E-4C3F-B855-B4C14B9B4958	X92706C6	AIM	sameveinseal		0	
4	jabber->x	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X92706C6	Jabber	sleeward@gmail.com		0	
5	jabber->ku	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X92706C6	Jabber	slewardku@gmail.com		0	
6	AIM->jymf	45	0	A87A7A24-325E-4C3F-B855-B4C14B9B4958	X92706C6	AIM	samevein		1	
7	jabber->O	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X92706C6	Jabber	slewardO@gmail.com		0	
8	jabber->L	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X92706C6	Jabber	slewardL@gmail.com		0	
9	AIM->adm	45	3	A87A7A24-325E-4C3F-B855-B4C14B9B4958	X92706C6	AIM	samevein		1	
10	jabber->al	45	0	01AB2A13-10BC-497F-B457-B53319FB2C00	X92706C6	Jabber	sarahjellingsonserver.J...		1	
11	jabber->a	45	0	01AB2A13-10BC-497F-B457-B53319FB2C00	X92706C6	Jabber	sarahjellingsonserver.J...		1	
12	jabber->m	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X92706C6	Jabber	slewardm@gmail.com		0	
13	jabber->J	45	0	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X92706C6	Jabber	slewardJ@gmail.com		1	
14	jabber->Z	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X92706C6	Jabber	slewardZ@gmail.com		0	
15	jabber->I	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X92706C6	Jabber	slewardI@gmail.com		0	
16	jabber->R	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	ebelford1@gmail.com	Jabber	slewardR@gmail.com		0	
17	jabber->Z	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	z3r00091@gmail.com	Jabber	slewardZ@gmail.com		0	
18	jabber->h	45	3	09889062-8EBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	karenby11@gmail.com	Jabber	slewardh@gmail.com		0	

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Messages also creates a stored chats SQLite database called `chat.db` located in `~/Library/Messages/`. This database contains information about the chats and messages. Some of the more interesting tables of this database are:

- ‘chat’
 - Chat information such as contact and chat protocol
- ‘handle’
 - Recent chat contacts
- ‘message’
 - iMessage chat contents, including dates, contacts, text and message attributes

TABLE c_chat									
ROWID	guid	style	state	account_id	properties	chat_identifier	service_n...	room_name	account_login
1	Jabber:-;id...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C5...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
2	AIM:-;mpa...	45	3	A87A7A24-325E-4C3F-8855-B4C14B984958	X62706C6...	AIM	iamnevltwin	iamnevltwin	iamnevltwin
3	AIM:-;wei...	45	3	A87A7A24-325E-4C3F-8855-B4C14B984958	X62706C...	AIM	iamnevltwin	iamnevltwin	0
4	Jabber:-;ty...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C5...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
5	Jabber:-;ki...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	iamnevltwin	jabber	jabber
6	AIM:-;jymf...	45	0	A87A7A24-325E-4C3F-8855-B4C14B984958	X62706C6...	AIM	iamnevltwin	jabber	jabber
7	Jabber:-;o...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
8	Jabber:-;i...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
9	AIM:-;adm...	45	3	A87A7A24-325E-4C3F-8855-B4C14B984958	X62706C6...	AIM	iamnevltwin	jabber	jabber
10	Jabber:-;al...	45	0	01AB2A13-168C-497F-8457-893391F8C202	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
11	Jabber:-;a...	45	0	01AB2A13-168C-497F-8457-893391F8C202	X62706C6...	Jabber	iamnevltwin	jabber	jabber
12	Jabber:-;m...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
13	Jabber:-;3...	45	0	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
14	Jabber:-;2...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
15	Jabber:-;1...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
16	Jabber:-;e...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
17	Jabber:-;z...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber
18	Jabber:-;k...	45	3	89889062-BEBC-43ED-9E3D-567E79568947	X62706C6...	Jabber	siedwards@gmail.com	jabber	jabber

Messages – File Transfers			
~/Library/Preferences/ByHost/com.apple.Messages.FileTransfers.<GUID>.plist			
▼ Root	Dictionary	(1 item)	
▼ File Transfers	Array	(1 item)	
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(13 items)	
IMFileTransferFilenameKey	String	usb.txt	
IMFileTransferLocalURLKey	String	file:///localhost/Users/oompa/Documents/usb.txt	
IMFileTransferTotalBytesKey	Number	28,032	
IMFileTransferGUID	String	92038084-D87B-4748-A893-97CC831D960A	
IMFileTransferLocalBookmarkKey	Data	<626f6f6b 50030000 00000410 30000000 00000	
IMFileTransferCurrentBytesKey	Number	28,032	
IMFileTransferOtherPersonKey	String	elwoodblues531060@gmail.com	
IMFileTransferErrorReasonKey	Number	-1	
IMFileTransferAccountKey	String	19E70936-51E8-4BE7-9F32-1EDE948BF2E4	
IMFileTransferStateKey	Number	5	
IMFileTransferStartDate	Number	1,359,164,676.54938	
IMFileTransferCreatedDate	Number	1,359,164,657.38399	
IMFileTransferAverageRateKey	Number	0	

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When the Messages file transfer functionality is used, it saves the data in the com.apple.Messages.FileTransfers.<GUID>.plist property list file in the ~/Library/Preferences/ByHost/ directory.

Each item contains the following metadata about the transferred file:

- File Name
- Local File Path
- File Size
- Transferred Size
- Bookmark Data
- File Recipient
- IM Account GUID
- Transfer Start Date in Unix Epoch Format
- Transfer Created Date in Unix Epoch Format

Note: If the recipient is using OS X, some file transfer data will be shown in an extended attribute associated with the transferred file.

On 10.9+ Some file transfer information can be found in the ~/Library/Containers/com.apple.soagent/Data/Library/Preferences/com.apple.messageshelper.FileTransferController.plist file.

FaceTime – FaceTime Account Info

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.imservice.FaceTime.plist (10.8)
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.madrid.plist (10.9+)



The screenshot shows a Mac Forensic Analysis interface displaying the contents of a property list file. The left pane shows a hierarchical tree view of the plist structure, and the right pane shows the corresponding key-value pairs. The plist contains information about FaceTime accounts, including account IDs, names, and associated email addresses.

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	{}
ActiveAccounts	Array	{}
Item 0	String	6CE738BC-C134-4501-BD01-F1768505A34A
Accounts	Dictionary	{}
6CE738BC-C134-4501-BD01-F1768505A34A	Dictionary	{}
Aliases	String	D 241 [REDACTED]
Logins	String	C:compufacultad.edu
AccountPrefs	Dictionary	{}
Profile	Dictionary	{}
ServerContext	Dictionary	{}
Number	String	~157 [REDACTED]
ErrorCode	Number	-1
Status	Number	3
Region	String	R.US
Registration	Dictionary	{}
ErrorCode	Number	-1
Status	Number	5
AUTH_TOKEN	String	KQKUVZ000000e31308ca5341400Lnn7nf9b
Aliases	Array	[4 items]
Item 0	Dictionary	{}
Alias	String	bompag@sfu.edu
Status	Number	3
Item 1	Dictionary	{}
Item 2	Dictionary	{}
Item 3	Dictionary	{}
InvitationProtocolVersion	Number	21
ServerHost	String	imessage.apple.com
VerifiedAliases	Array	[4 items]
Item 0	String	[REDACTED]@icloud.com
Item 1	String	[REDACTED]
Item 2	String	bompag@sfu.edu
Item 3	String	blaward@gmail.com
OnlineAccounts	Array	{}
Item 0	String	6CE738BC-C134-4501-BD01-F1768505A34A

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FaceTime is a video chat program that is native to OS X and iOS. The account information for FaceTime can be found in the com.apple.imservice.FaceTime.plist (10.8-) or the com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.madrid.plist (10.9) file in the ~/Library/Preferences/ directory. This property list shows the phone number and aliased e-mail addresses associated with the FaceTime account.

On 10.9+ systems the file com.apple.imservice.ids.FaceTime.<GUID>.plist located in the ~/Library/Preferences/ByHost/ directory contains more iMessage information including an avatar picture.

▼ Root	Dictionary	(3 items)
▼ ActiveAccounts	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	6CE7388C-C134-45D1-BDD1-F176B5DSA34A
▼ Accounts	Dictionary	(1 item)
▼ 6CE7388C-C134-45D1-BDD1-F176B5DSA34A	Dictionary	(10 items)
AuthID	String	D:247 [REDACTED]
LoginAs	String	E:oompa@csh.rit.edu
▼ AccountPrefs	Dictionary	(0 items)
▼ Profile	Dictionary	(5 items)
▼ ServerContext	Dictionary	(0 items)
Number	String	+1571 [REDACTED]
ErrorCode	Number	-1
Status	Number	3
Region	String	R:US
▼ Registration	Dictionary	(2 items)
ErrorCode	Number	-1
Status	Number	5
AuthToken	String	KQXZV2X00000ba313b8ccab3414001aee7df8b[REDACTED]
▼ Aliases	Array	(4 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
Alias	String	oompa@csh.rit.edu
Status	Number	3
► Item 1	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 2	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 3	Dictionary	(2 items)
InvitationProtocolVersion	Number	21
ServerHost	String	init.ess.apple.com
▼ VettedAliases	Array	(4 items)
Item 0	String	jamevitwin@icloud.com
Item 1	String	[REDACTED]
Item 2	String	oompa@csh.rit.edu
Item 3	String	sledwards@gmail.com
▼ OnlineAccounts	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	6CE7388C-C134-45D1-BDD1-F176B5DSA34A

FaceTime – Favorite Contacts

- 10.8- - ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.FaceTime.plist
- 10.9+ -
~/Library/Containers/com.apple.soagent/Data/Library/Preferences/com.apple.messageshelper.FavoritesController.plist.

▼ Root	Dictionary	(7 items)
CachedVCCaps	Number	17,592,188,010,496
▼ FavoritesList	Array	(1 item)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
AccountID	String	6CE7388C-C134-45D1-8DD1-F176B5D5A34A
HandleID	String	703 [REDACTED]
► CachedBag	Dictionary	(70 items)
Date	Number	362,678,927.992843
CustomRingtone	String	
NSWindow Frame	String	645 333 638 585 0 0 1680 1028
URL	String	http://init.ess.apple.com/WebObjects/VCIInit.woa/wa/getBag?ix=1

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The com.apple.Facetime.plist contains the favorite contacts for FaceTime. These favorites are user selected, and each contain a phone number or e-mail address and the associated GUID of the account.

On 10.9+ systems, this information can be found in
~/Library/Containers/com.apple.soagent/Data/Library/Preferences/com.apple.messageshelper.FavoritesController.plist.

FaceTime – FaceTime Recent Calls

~/Library/Preferences/ByHost/com.apple.FaceTime.<GUID>.plist

The screenshot shows a property list (plist) file structure. The root node is a dictionary with the following items:

- LearnMoreURLs**: Dictionary (20 items)
- RecentList**: Array (3 items)
- Item 0**: Dictionary (4 items)
 - CallInfo**: Dictionary (1 item)
 - Item 0**: Dictionary (4 items)
 - duration**: Number 30.0506880011749
 - missed**: Boolean NO
 - outgoing**: Boolean NO
 - date**: Date Jan 26, 2013 10:05:16 PM
 - HandleID**: String +1571 [REDACTED]
 - AccountID**: String 6CC738BC-C134-45D1-BDD1-F176B5D5A34A- PersonID**: String EA46A339-4584-4E27-89D1-DE5ED883040E ABPerson
- Item 1**: Dictionary (1 item)
 - CallInfo**: Dictionary (4 items)
 - Item 0**: Dictionary (4 items)
 - duration**: Number 83.7199810147285
 - missed**: Boolean NO
 - outgoing**: Boolean YES
 - date**: Date Jan 26, 2013 9:17:54 PM
 - HandleID**: String +1703 [REDACTED]
 - AccountID**: String 6CC738BC-C134-45D1-BDD1-F176B5D5A34A
 - PersonID**: String DC070180-ECAF-4B86-BA82-637AFA3493EC ABPerson
 - Item 2**: Dictionary (4 items)
 - LastSignedInID**: String oonpa@sch.it.edu
 - SideListUIState**: Dictionary (4 items)
 - MissedCalls**: Number 0
 - KnownFTContacts**: Array (3 items)
 - Item 0**: String +1703 [REDACTED]
 - Item 1**: String +1 (703) [REDACTED]
 - Item 2**: String +1 (571) [REDACTED]
 - ConfigurationDownloadDate**: Date Jan 26, 2013 9:15:00 PM
 - HasValidAccount**: Boolean NO

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FaceTime records the recent calls in the com.apple.FaceTime.<GUID>.plist found in the ~/Library/Preferences/ByHost/ directory. The information found in this property list makes it a good argument not to take the plist files in the ByHost directory for granted.

Each recent call contains:

- Call Duration
- Missed Call
- Incoming or Outgoing
- Call Date
- FaceTime Phone Number or E-mail
- Account GUID
- Recipient Contact GUID in Address Book

▼ Root	Dictionary	(8 items)
► LearnMoreURLs	Dictionary	(20 items)
▼ RecentsList	Array	(3 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(4 items)
▼ CallInfo	Array	(1 item)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(4 items)
duration	Number	30.0506680011749
missed	Boolean	NO
outgoing	Boolean	NO
date	Date	Jan 26, 2013 10:05:16 PM
HandleID	String	+1571 [REDACTED]
AccountID	String	6CE7388C-C134-45D1-BDD1-F176B5DSA34A
PersonID	String	EB46A339-4584-4E27-89D1-DESED883040E:ABPerson
▼ Item 1	Dictionary	(4 items)
▼ Callinfo	Array	(1 item)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(4 items)
duration	Number	83.7199810147285
missed	Boolean	NO
outgoing	Boolean	YES
date	Date	Jan 26, 2013 9:17:54 PM
HandleID	String	+1703 [REDACTED]
AccountID	String	6CE7388C-C134-45D1-BDD1-F176B5DSA34A
PersonID	String	DC070180-ECAF-4B86-BA82-637AE3493EC:ABPerson
► Item 2	Dictionary	(4 items)
LastSignedInID	String	oompa@csh.rit.edu
► SideListUIState	Dictionary	(4 items)
MissedCalls	Number	0
▼ KnownFTContacts	Array	(3 items)
Item 0	String	+1703 [REDACTED]
Item 1	String	+1 (703) [REDACTED]
Item 2	String	+1 (571) [REDACTED]
ConfigurationDownloadDate	Date	Jan 26, 2013 9:15:00 PM
HasValidAccount	Boolean	NO

Continuity (10.10) ~/Library/Preferences

- com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy*.plist
 - Vetted Aliases (E-mail, Phone Numbers, etc.)

```
word:Preferences oompa$ ls *alloy*
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.callhistorysync.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.continuity.activity.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.continuity.activity.public.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.continuity.auth.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.continuity.encryption.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.continuity.tethering.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.icloudpairing.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.idsremoteurlconnection.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.maps.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.multiplex1.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.phonecontinuity.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.screensharing.plist
com.apple.ids.service.com.apple.private.alloy.sms.plist
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In OS X 10.10 introduced Continuity, a technology that allows a user to accept or make a call through their laptop, send a text message to someone, continue editing a document, or tether your Internet connection.

On the ~/Library/Preferences/ directory, many property lists contain information related to this technology including vetted aliases. Vetted aliases are e-mails and phone numbers which the user setup to use the continuity service.

Continuity - Call Records (10.10)

~/Library/Application
Support/CallHistoryDB/CallHistory.storedata

The screenshot shows a Mac Forensic Analysis interface. At the top, it says "Call Records on OS X!". Below this is a table titled "Table: ZCALLRECORD". The table has columns: Z_PK, ZANSWERED, ZCALLTYPE, ZORIGINATED, ZDATE, ZDURATION, ZDEVICE_ID, Z_ISO_COUNTRY_CODE, and ZUNIQUE_ID. The data in the table is as follows:

Z_PK	ZANSWERED	ZCALLTYPE	ZORIGINATED	ZDATE	ZDURATION	ZDEVICE_ID	Z_ISO_COUNTRY_CODE	ZUNIQUE_ID
1 1	1	1	0	438363274.9...	0.0		us	0EF87337-9130-462A...
2 2	0	1	1	440458696.4...	0.0		us	C825F950-7533-4BCF...
3 3	0	1	1	440458733.1...	0.0		us	A3537721-C957-471C-BBEB-E638BE0FD39F
4 4	0	1	1	440458733.1...	0.0		us	A3537721-C957-471C-BBEB-E638BE0FD39F
5 5	1	1	0	440458968.1...	31.86522...		us	D6E5AE96-BB7A-4D06-AA31-25C42F132BF9
6 6	1	1	0	440458968.1...	31.86604...		us	D6E5AE96-BB7A-4D06-AA31-25C42F132BF9
7 7	0	16	1	440459141.4...	7.0		us	0D87047088CFF8075...
8 8	0	1	1	440459176.8...	18.23335...		us	D768CD22-1000-4ED...
9 9	0	1	1	440459176.8...	18.23631...		us	D768CD22-1000-4ED...

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The SQLite database `CallHistory.storedata` located in the `~/Library/Application Support/CallHistoryDB/` directory contains the calls made using the Continuity technology.

The screenshot in the upper right-hand corner contains the notification that the user will see when taking a call using their OS X system. This call data is then written to the database.

Each record in the database contains the following:

- If it was an incoming or outgoing call (`ZORIGINATED`)
- If the call was answered or missed (`ZANSWERED`)
- The timestamp of the call in Mac epoch (`ZDATE`)
- The duration of the call (`ZDURATION`)
- Country Code (`ZISO_COUNTRY_CODE`)
- Unique GUID of the account used (`ZUNIQUE_ID`)

Table: ZCALLRECORD

Z_PK	ZANSWERED	ZCALLTYPE	ZORIGINATED	ZDATE	ZDURATION	ZDEVICE_ID	Z_COUNTRY_CC	ZUNIQUE_ID
Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
1 1	1	1	0	438363274.9...	0.0		us	9EF87337-9130-462A...
2 2	0	1	1	440458696.4...	0.0		us	C825F950-7533-4BCF...
3 3	0	1	1	440458733.1...	0.0		us	A3537721-C957-471C-
4 4	0	1	1	440458733.1...	0.0		us	BBEB-E6386E0FD39F
5 5	1	0	0	440458968.1...	31.86522...		us	A3537721-C957-471C-
6 6	1	1	0	440458968.1...	31.86604...		us	BBEB-E6386E0FD39F
7 7	0	16	1	440459141.4...	7.0		us	D6E5AE96-BB7A-4DA6-
8 8	0	1	1	440459176.8...	18.23335...		us	AA31-25C42F132BF9
9 9	0	1	1	440459176.8...	18.23631...		us	0D8704708BCFF8075...
								D768CD22-1000-4ED...
								D768CD22-1000-4ED...

Continuity - Call Records (10.10)

~/Library/Application Support/CallHistoryTransactions/tx.log

Binary Property List - Contains Call Record Data with Phone Numbers (Embedded Property List)

Key	Type	Value
✓ Root	Dictionary	{4 items}
Sversion	Number	100.000
Subjects	Array	{7 items}
Item 0	String	\$null
Item 1	Dictionary	{1 item}
NS.objects	Array	{2 items}
Item 2	Dictionary	{1 item}
type	Number	0
Item 3	Dictionary	{1 item}
NS.data	Data	<62700c69 73743030 d401
Item 4	Dictionary	{2 items}
Item 5	Dictionary	{2 items}
Item 6	Dictionary	{1 item}
type	Number	0
Item 7	Dictionary	{1 item}
NS.data	Data	<62700c69 73743030 d401
Item 8	Dictionary	{1 item}
type	Number	0
Item 9	Dictionary	{1 item}
NS.data	Data	<62700c69 73743030 d401
Item 10	Dictionary	{1 item}
type	Number	0
Item 11	Dictionary	{1 item}
NS.data	Data	<62700c69 73743030 d401

Key	Type	Value
✓ Root	Dictionary	{16 items}
Sversion	Number	100.000
Subjects	Array	{6 items}
Item 0	String	\$null
Item 1	Dictionary	{0 items}
read	Boolean	YES
callerIdAvailability	Number	0
callStatus	Number	2
callType	Number	1
duration	Number	24.9744409816785
unredCount	Number	0
Item 2	String	CC929BAFE-5757-4E87-942C-B3C1E065CD7B
Item 3	String	+1 (703) 939-2065
Item 4	Dictionary	{1 item}
NB_time	Number	440.459.372.155705
Item 5	Dictionary	{2 items}
Item 6	String	08
Item 7	Dictionary	{2 items}
\$classname	String	CHRecentCall
\$classes	Array	{3 items}
\$archiver	String	NSKeyedArchiver
\$stop	Dictionary	{0 items}

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The tx.log is a binary property list located in the ~/Library/Application Support/CallHistoryTransactions/ directory. While it uses the log extension, renaming the file to a plist and viewing it in Xcode it makes it slightly easier to read.

This “log” file contains similar information to that found in the CallHistory.storeddata database stored in embedded property lists. Phone numbers are not stored in the database, however the contact phone numbers are stored in these embedded property lists.

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	◊ (4 items)
\$version	Number	100,000
▼ \$objects	Array	(8 items)
Item 0	String	\$null
▼ Item 1	Dictionary	(6 items)
read	Boolean	YES
callerIdAvailability	Number	0
callStatus	Number	2
callType	Number	1
duration	Number	24.9744409918785
unreadCount	Number	0
Item 2	String	CC92B8FE-5757-4E97-942C-63C1E065CD7B
Item 3	String	+1 (703) 939-2065
▼ Item 4	Dictionary	(1 item)
NS.time	Number	440,459,372.153705
► Item 5	Dictionary	(2 items)
Item 6	String	us
▼ Item 7	Dictionary	(2 items)
\$classname	String	CHRecentCall
► \$classes	Array	(3 items)
\$archiver	String	NSKeyedArchiver
▼ \$top	Dictionary	(0 items)

Agenda

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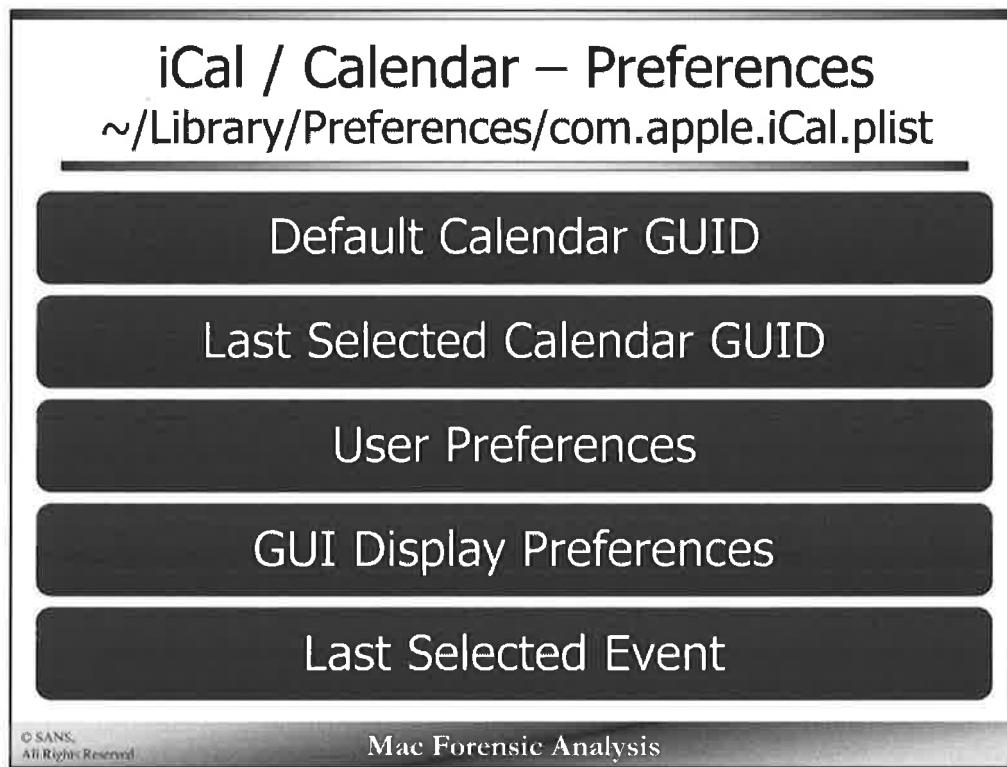
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Mac Applications

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The native OS X calendar application is iCal or Calendar. The name changed to Calendar in Mountain Lion (10.8). The default calendars provided, shown in the screenshot above, are Home and Work.



The preferences for iCal or Calendar are both found in the `com.apple.iCal.plist` property list in the user's preferences directory.

The example on the next page shows the property list containing the Default and Last Selected Calendar GUIDs, each calendar has its own GUID.

The property list also shows how the user last had formatted the calendar, in the example the calendar was last viewed by month (versus weekly, daily, yearly). Other preferences include hidden tasks, show birthday calendar, task deletion, day start/end times, minutes in the day, and calendar subscriptions.

▼ Root	Dictionary	(30 items)
first minute of day time range	Number	0
Tasks should be shown at launch	Boolean	YES
► NSSplitView Subview Frames Calendar List	Array	(2 items)
► NSSplitView Subview Frames Calendar List	Array	(2 items)
CalDefaultCalendarSelectedByUser	Boolean	NO
► NSSplitView Subview Frames Calendar To Do List	Array	(2 items)
► NSTableView Sort Ordering SearchView	Array	(4 items)
► NSTableView Hidden Columns SearchView	Array	(0 items)
DeleteExpiredTodos	Boolean	NO
last selected calendar list item	String	8797AF44-99E5-4D66-98F4-962A64B53C4B
CalDefaultReminderList	String	DF4C8A30-B3F2-4102-B817-6E4FB01E6935
iCal version	Number	100,663,296
last calendar view description	String	Monthly
first shown minute of day	Number	451
► DelegatesInSeparateWindows	Dictionary	(1 item)
NSWindow Frame iCal	String	-1389 53 959 1021 -1920 0 1920 1080
DisableEmphasizedViews	Boolean	YES
syncingDisabled	Boolean	NO
NSWindow Frame	String	-1158 315 304 366 -1920 0 1920 1080
last minute of day time range	Number	1,440
CalSuccessfulLaunchTimestampPreferenceKey	Number	3.760837E+08
► view rects	Dictionary	(9 items)
CalDefaultPrincipal	String	DD86E01E-4792-49B6-8448-132BAE56D594
NSDontMakeMainWindowKey	String	NO
CalDefaultCalendar	String	3442B41C-16F2-418E-8C8D-47868613B7B2
► NSTableView Columns SearchView	Array	(8 items)
Subscription Calendar Keychains Migrated	Number	2
display birthdays calendar	Boolean	YES
delete todos after	Number	30
Hide completed tasks	Boolean	YES

iCal / Calendar – Calendars

~/Library/Calendars/

```
Elwoods-Mac:Calendars elwoodblues$ pwd  
/Users/elwoodblues/Library/Calendars  
Elwoods-Mac:Calendars elwoodblues$ ls -l  
total 424  
drwxr-xr-x 4 elwoodblues staff 136 Sep 23 11:28 788EEBAA-B298-47D5-AABB-2E7D00D2DECB.calendar  
drwxr-xr-x 4 elwoodblues staff 136 Sep 23 11:28 93B25A30-19AF-46BB-8416-AE1846806E00.calendar  
drwxr-xr-x 3 elwoodblues staff 102 Oct 4 13:03 Attachments  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 elwoodblues staff 217088 Oct 4 13:04 Calendar Cache  
drwxr-xr-x 2 elwoodblues staff 68 Oct 4 13:04 Calendar Sync Changes
```

```
Elwoods-Mac:Calendars elwoodblues$ pwd  
/Users/elwoodblues/Library/Calendars  
Elwoods-Mac:Calendars elwoodblues$ ls -laR 788EEBAA-B298-47D5-AABB-2E7D00D2DECB.calendar/  
total 8  
drwxr-xr-x 4 elwoodblues staff 136 Sep 23 11:28 .  
drwxr-xr-x 7 elwoodblues staff 230 Oct 4 13:04 ..  
drwxr-xr-x 3 elwoodblues staff 102 Oct 4 13:03 Events  
-rw-r--r-- 1 elwoodblues staff 565 Oct 4 13:03 Info.plist  
  
788EEBAA-B298-47D5-AABB-2E7D00D2DECB.calendar//Events:  
total 8  
drwxr-xr-x 3 elwoodblues staff 102 Oct 4 13:03 .  
drwxr-xr-x 4 elwoodblues staff 136 Sep 23 11:28 ..  
-rw-r--r-- 1 elwoodblues staff 421 Oct 4 13:03 C5E7B415-079F-48DB-81B9-1ECC8B483590.ics
```

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Each calendar is saved as a separate directory which is named after the calendar GUID and ends with a .calendar or .caldav extension. Each calendar directory contains an Events directory and an Info.plist.

The Info.plist contains information about the calendar such as calendar name, GUI preferences, and other configurable items.

The Events directory contains the calendar .ics files. These files contain the calendar entries. Each .ics file contains information for a single calendar event.

iCal / Calendar Info.plist

```
Elwoods-Mac:788EEBAA-B298-47D5-AABB-2E7000D2DECB.calendar elwoodblues$ cat Info.plist
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd
">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>AlarmsDisabled</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Checked</key>
    <integer>1</integer>
    <key>Color</key>
    <string>#44A703FF</string>
    <key>Editable</key>
    <true/>
    <key>Enabled</key>
    <true/>
    <key>Key</key>
    <string>788EEBAA-B298-47D5-AABB-2E7000D2DECB</string>
    <key>Order</key>
    <integer>2</integer>
    <key>Title</key>
    <string>Work</string>
    <key>Type</key>
    <string>Local</string>
</dict>
</plist>
```

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In the example `Info.plist` above, the calendar is named “Work”. This calendar has a color associated with it (a lovely green color if you look up HTML color codes).

Other configurable items include alarm preferences, if the calendar can be edited, and the type of calendar. This one happens to be a local calendar, rather than a calDAV calendar.

iCal / Calendar Info.plist - CalDav

```
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>AlarmsDisabled</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Availability</key>
    <true/>
    <key>Clap</key>
    <string>6348594441</string>
    <key>CalendarPath</key>
    <string>/calendar/dav/steedwards%40gmail.com/events/</string>
    <key>EventPathPrefix</key>
    <string>/</string>
    <key>Enabled</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Checked</key>
    <integer>1</integer>
    <key>Color</key>
    <string>#006644FF</string>
    <key>Delegate</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Visible</key>
    <true/>
    <key>Enabled</key>
    <true/>
    <key>EventContainer</key>
    <true/>
    <key>Key</key>
    <string>0C1873C-7700-4C80-BF3-644EE27C4279</string>
    <key>OwnerPrincipalPath</key>
    <string>/calendar/dav/steedwards%40gmail.com/user/</string>
    <key>Permission</key>
    <integer>4</integer>
    <key>Renamable</key>
    <true/>
    <key>ShowsDefaultAlarmSettings</key>
    <true/>
    <key>TaskContainer</key>
    <false/>
    <key>TimeZone</key>
    <string>America/New_York</string>
    <key>Title</key>
    <string>Home</string>
    <key>Type</key>
    <string>CalDAV</string>
</dict>
</plist>
```

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This slide shows an example of a CalDAV calendar Info.plist. CalDAV is a standard that allows multiple applications such as iCal or Google Calendar to save the same information and keep it synced between clients.

The CalDAV Info.plist file may contain more information than a normal calendar Info.plist file.

- Account Information, such as Google Calendars or iCloud accounts.
- Time Zone Information
- Last Sync Date
- Sync Settings

```
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>AlarmsDisabled</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Availability</key>
    <true/>
    <key>CTag</key>
    <string>63485046441</string>
    <key>CalendarPath</key>
    <string>/calendar/dav/sledwards%40gmail.com/events/</string>
    <key>CanBePublished</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Checked</key>
    <integer>1</integer>
    <key>Color</key>
    <string>#D06B64FF</string>
    <key>Delegate</key>
    <false/>
    <key>Editable</key>
    <true/>
    <key>Enabled</key>
    <true/>
    <key>EventContainer</key>
    <true/>
    <key>Key</key>
    <string>DDC1673C-7700-4CB0-9FF3-644EE27C4279</string>
    <key>Notes</key>
    <string>sledwards@gmail.com</string>
    <key>Order</key>
    <integer>1073741865</integer>
    <key>OwnerPrincipalPath</key>
    <string>/calendar/dav/sledwards%40gmail.com/user/</string>
    <key>Permission</key>
    <integer>4</integer>
    <key>Renameable</key>
    <true/>
    <key>ShareDefaultAlarmSettings</key>
    <true/>
    <key>TaskContainer</key>
    <false/>
    <key>TimeZone</key>
    <string>America/New_York</string>
    <key>Title</key>
    <string>Home</string>
    <key>Type</key>
    <string>CalDAV</string>
</dict>
</plist>
```

iCal / Calendar Events - *.ics Files

```
Elwoods-Mac:Events elwoodblues$ cat C5E7B415-079F-4BDB-81B9-1ECC8B483590.ics
BEGIN:VCALENDAR
VERSION:2.0
PRODID:-//Apple Inc.//iCal 5.0//EN
CALSCALE:GREGORIAN
BEGIN:VEVENT
CREATED:20121004T180254Z
UID:C5E7B415-079F-4BDB-81B9-1ECC8B483590
DTEND;TZID=America/Chicago:20121004T160000
TRANSP:OPAQUE
X-APPLE-DONTSCHEDULE:TRUE
SUMMARY:Meeting with Jake
DTSTART;TZID=America/Chicago:20121004T150000
DTSTAMP:20121004T180325Z
X-APPLE-EWS-BUSYSTATUS:BUSY
SEQUENCE:2
END:VEVENT
END:VCALENDAR
```

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Each .ics file contained within a calendar is a calendar event. Shown above it may contain:

- Create Date
- Event Start Time
- Event End Time
- Unique ID
- Time Zone Information
- Event Summary

Elwoods-Mac:Events elwoodblues\$ cat C5E7B415-079F-4BDB-81B9-1ECC8B483590.ics

BEGIN:VCALENDAR
VERSION:2.0
PRODID:-//Apple Inc.//iCal 5.0//EN
CALSCALE:GREGORIAN
BEGIN:VEVENT
CREATED:20121004T180254Z
UID:C5E7B415-079F-4BDB-81B9-1ECC8B483590
DTEND;TZID=America/Chicago:20121004T160000
TRANSP:OPAQUE
X-APPLE-DONTSCHEDULE:TRUE
SUMMARY:Meeting with Jake
DTSTART;TZID=America/Chicago:20121004T150000
DTSTAMP:20121004T180325Z
X-APPLE-EWS-BUSYSTATUS:BUSY
SEQUENCE:2
END:VEVENT
END:VCALENDAR

iCal / Calendar CalDAV Events - *.ics Files

```
BEGIN:VCALENDAR
VERSION:2.0
PRODID:-//Apple Inc.//Mac OS X 10.6//EN
CALSCALE:GREGORIAN
BEGIN:VEVENT
DTEND;VALUE=DATE:20101202
TRANSP:TRANSPARENT
UID:vaoav53o19f24vtam3lgfzs7po@google.com
DTSTAMP:20101102T0530Z
LOCATION:
DESCRIPTION:
STATUS:CONFIRMED
X-APPLE-SCHEDULETAG:
X-APPLE-SERVERELEMENTNAME:vaoav53o19f24vtam3lgfzs7po@google.com.ics
SEQUENCE:0
X-APPLE-EWS-BUSYSTATUS:FREE
SUMMARY:Shmoocon Tickets
LAST-HOOFTIED:20101102T0530Z
DTSTART;VALUE=DATE:20101201
CREATED:20101020T200408Z
X-APPLE-ETAG:"763424342303"
BEGIN:VALARM
X-WR-ALARMUID:CB039FT9-2073-4050-B553-4674EF592ADA
UID:CB039FT9-2073-4050-B553-4674EF592ADA
TRIGGER;VALUE=DATE-TIME:20101130T215000Z
DESCRIPTION:This is an event reminder
ACTION:DISPLAY
END:VALARM
BEGIN:VALARM
X-WR-ALARMUID:BE343B90-161E-420B-841B-537F3779CB14
UID:BE343B90-161E-420B-841B-537F3779CB14
TRIGGER:-PT1H
X-APPLE-DEFAULT-ALARM:TRUE
ATTACH;VALUE=URI:Basso
ACTION:AUDIO
END:VALARM
END:VEVENT
END:VCALENDAR
```

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CalDAV calendar events may have additional information depending on the client the event was created with. The example above shows a Google Calendar event.

```
BEGIN:VCALENDAR
VERSION:2.0
PRODID:-//Apple Inc.//Mac OS X 10.8//EN
CALSCALE:GREGORIAN
BEGIN:VEVENT
DTEND;VALUE=DATE:20101202
TRANSP:TRANSPARENT
UID:vaoav53oi9f24vtam3lgf2s7po@google.com
DTSTAMP:20101102T005302Z
LOCATION:
DESCRIPTION:
STATUS:CONFIRMED
X-APPLE-SCHEDULETAG:
X-APPLE-SERVERFILENAME:vaoav53oi9f24vtam3lgf2s7po%40google.com.ics
SEQUENCE:0
X-APPLE-EWS-BUSYSTATUS:FREE
SUMMARY:Shmoocon Tickets
LAST-MODIFIED:20101102T005302Z
DTSTART;VALUE=DATE:20101201
CREATED:20101020T200408Z
X-APPLE-ETAG:"63424342382"
BEGIN:VALARM
X-WR-ALARMUID:C0E39F79-2073-4050-B553-4674EF592ADA
UID:C0E39F79-2073-4050-B553-4674EF592ADA
TRIGGER;VALUE=DATE-TIME:20101130T215000Z
DESCRIPTION:This is an event reminder
ACTION:DISPLAY
END:VALARM
BEGIN:VALARM
X-WR-ALARMUID:BE34309D-161E-420B-8418-537F3779CB14
UID:BE34309D-161E-420B-8418-537F3779CB14
TRIGGER:-PT15H
X-APPLE-DEFAULT-ALARM:TRUE
ATTACH;VALUE=URI:Basso
ACTION:AUDIO
END:VALARM
END:VEVENT
END:VCALENDAR
```

iCal / Calendar Events with Location

```
BEGIN:VCALENDAR
VERSION:2.0
PRODID:-//Apple Inc.//Mac OS X 10.10.1//EN
CALSCALE:GREGORIAN
BEGIN:VEVENT
TRANSP:OPAQUE
DTEND;TZID=America/New_York:20141213T200000
X-APPLE-STRUCTURED-LOCATION:VALUE=URI;X-ADDRESS=2911 District Ave\nMerrifield VA 22031;X-APPLE-RADIUS=14161.30926963496;X-TITLE=Angelika Film Center & Cafe at Mosaic;geo:38.872212,-77.229711
UID:61BE4907-3EA5-456E-95C6-6552322AF6C2
DTSTAMP:20141213T172708Z
LOCATION:Angelika Film Center & Cafe at Mosaic\n2911 District Ave\nMerrifield VA 22031
DESCRIPTION:
STATUS:CONFIRMED
X-APPLE-SCHEDULETAG:"B7756a35d7205eb3"
X-APPLE-SERVERFILENAME:61BE4907-3EA5-456E-95C6-6552322AF6C2.ics
SEQUENCE:0
X-APPLE-EWS-BUSYSTATUS:BUSY
SUMMARY:Movies
DTSTART;TZID=America/New_York:20141213T170000
LAST-MODIFIED:20141213T172708Z
CREATED:20141213T172708Z
X-APPLE-ETAG:"63554174828"
END:VEVENT
END:VCALENDAR
```

Movies

Angelika Film Center & Cafe at Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Merrifield VA 22031

Dec 13, 2014 5 PM to 8 PM

Add Invites

Add Notes or URL:



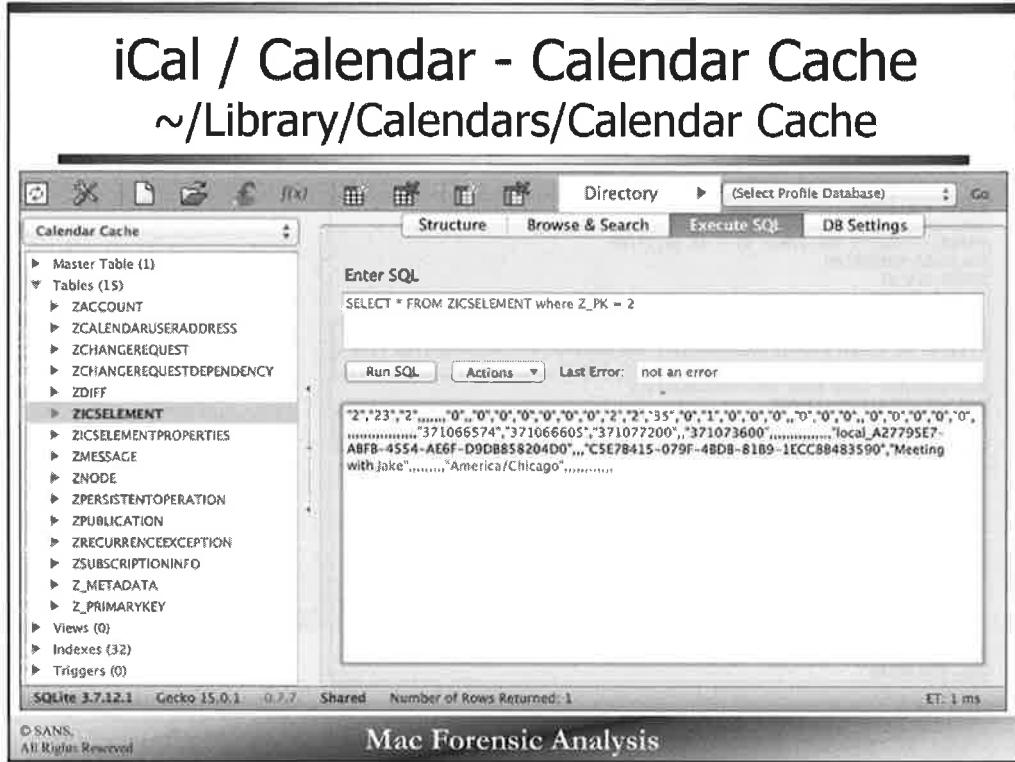
The map shows the location of the Angelika Film Center & Cafe at Mosaic, which is located at 2911 District Ave, Merrifield, VA 22031. The map also includes labels for other nearby locations such as Reston, Bethesda, McLean, Chantilly, Centreville, and Alexandria.

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Calendar events may also be created with location information.

In the screenshot above a calendar entry was created at a particular theater in Merrifield, VA. The user is able to search and select a particular location which is embedded in the ICS file as shown above.



The Calendar Cache SQLite database found in the `~/Library/Calendars` directory contains information for the Calendars.

The ZICSELEMENT table contains calendar event information. The screenshot example shows a SQL query for the record with the primary key of 2. Each comma separated element comes from a column of the ZICSELEMENT table. This data includes much of the same information found in the .ics file.

The ZACCOUNT table shows various Calendar Accounts such as iCloud or Google Calendar.

On newer systems, the same information is found in this database with a few updates:

- ZICSELEMENT is now ZCALENDARITEM
 - ZLOCATION contains locational information (similar to that found in the ICS files)

Calendar – Reminders

~/Library/Calendars/Calendar Cache

The screenshot shows a Mac Forensic Analysis interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with items like 'Scheduled', 'iCloud', 'Shopping' (which is selected), 'Station X', 'Hack Fortress', and 'ToDo Today'. In the center, there's a window titled 'Shopping' containing a list of reminders: 'Redbull', 'Pasta', and 'Cookies'. A black arrow points from the word 'Redbull' in the list to a specific row in a table on the right. The table has columns: Z_PK, ZCALENDAR, ZCREATIONDATE, ZCOMPLETEDDATE, ZSTATUS, and ZTITLE. The data in the table is as follows:

Z_PK	ZCALENDAR	ZCREATIONDATE	ZCOMPLETEDDATE	ZSTATUS	ZTITLE	
19	2338	11	437762539	437791002	COMPLETED	limes
20	2338	11	437762574			Redbull
21	2340	11	437782579	437791921	COMPLETED	corn chips
22	2341	11	437782636	437791320	COMPLETED	salsa?
23	2498	40	440300810			lock all files on thumb drive
24	2499	40	440300234			Add Epoch Converter/Blacklight to thumbdrive outside of tools...
25	2500	40	440300647			Remove cheatsheet from Exercise Files v1.3
26	2501	40	440300284			Make cheatsheet to pdf "FOR51B_Reference_Sheet.p...
27	2502	40	440300655			Radio md5 hashes list
28	2503	11	440462906			Pasta
29	2504	11	440483008			Cookies

At the bottom left, it says '© SANS, All Rights Reserved'. At the bottom right, it says 'Mac Forensic Analysis'.

The Reminders application also uses the Calendar Cache file. When the `Z_ENT = 9` in the `ZCALENDARITEM` table, this is a reminder item.

Each reminder may be associated with a specific list, in this example – Shopping. This list names can be correlated with data found in the `ZNODE` table of this database.

A creation timestamp is recorded when the list item is put into the application, when the item is specified as completed by the user a completed date is recorded and status set to “COMPLETED”. While these items no longer show up in the current list, an investigator may still see them in the database.

Address Book / Contacts

~/Library/Application Support/AddressBook/



```
Elwoods-Mac:AddressBook elwoodblues$ pwd
/Users/elwoodblues/Library/Application Support/AddressBook
Elwoods-Mac:AddressBook elwoodblues$ ls -l
total 680
-rw-r--r--  1 elwoodblues  staff  303104 Oct  5 18:00 AddressBook-v22.abcddb
-rw-r--r--  1 elwoodblues  staff     436 Oct  4 13:04 Configuration.plist
drwx-----  3 elwoodblues  staff    102 Sep 23 11:29 Images
-rw-r--r--  1 elwoodblues  staff   40960 Oct  5 18:00 MailRecents-v4.abcdmr
drwx-----  8 elwoodblues  staff    272 Oct  5 19:13 Metadata
```

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Just like iCal/Calendar, the Address Book was renamed to Contacts in Mountain Lion (10.8).

The Address Book or Contacts data is stored in `~/Library/Application Support/AddressBook/` directory.

Address Book / Contacts - Preferences

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.AddressBook.plist

▼ Root	Dictionary	(13 items)
NSWindow Frame ABBookWindowController-MainBookWindow	String	070-441-756-444-0-0-1920-1058
► ABBookWindowController-MainBookWindow-groupList	Dictionary	{1 item}
ABMetadataLastOICChange	Date	Jan 27, 2013 11:30:25 AM
ABPhoneFormat-Edited	Boolean	NO
ABImportTipCards	Boolean	YES
ABDefaultSourceID	String	784D3ABA-57DD-49EB-BA0B-88A1AC1EB4A8
▼ ABBookWindowController-MainBookWindow-personListController	Dictionary	{1 item}
▼ selectedUUIDs	Array	{1 item}
Item 0	String	0E7E1EB0-876D-4507-848C-094EF1E517A3:ABPerson
ABMetaDataChangeCount	Number	204
► ABPhoneFormat-PhoneFormatter	Array	{4 items}
ABPhoneFormat-Enabled	Boolean	YES
ABTextSizeIncrement	Number	2
ABVersion	Number	1,167
CalSuccessfulLaunchTimestampPreferenceKey	Number	3.630254E+08

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The Address Book/Contacts preferences are stored in the com.apple.AddressBook.plist property list.

This file contains information such as the last selected contact (ABBookWindowController-MainBookWindow-personListController/selectedUUIDs) and the GUID for the source, found in the ~/Application Support/AddressBook/Sources/ directory.

▼ Root	Dictionary	(13 items)
NSWindow Frame ABBookWindowController-MainBookWindow	String	979 441 756 444 0 0 1920 1058
► ABBookWindowController-MainBookWindow-groupList	Dictionary	(1 item)
ABMetadataLastOilChange	Date	Jan 27, 2013 11:30:25 AM
ABPhoneFormat-Edited	Boolean	NO
ABImportTipCards	Boolean	YES
ABDefaultSourceID	String	784D3ABA-57DD-49EB-BAOB-8A1AC1EB4A8
▼ ABBookWindowController-MainBookWindow-personListController	Dictionary	(1 item)
► selectedUIIDs	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	0E7E1E8D-8760-4507-B48C-094EF1E517A3:ABPerson
ABMetaDataChangeCount	Number	204
► ABPhoneFormat-PhoneFormatter	Array	(4 items)
ABPhoneFormat-Enabled	Boolean	YES
ABTextSizeIncrement	Number	2
ABVersion	Number	1,167
CalSuccessfulLaunchTimestampPreferenceKey	Number	3.630254E+08

Address Book / Contacts – User Data

~/Library/Preferences/AddressBookMe.plist

The screenshot shows the Mac OS X Address Book application. On the left, the 'All Contacts' list displays an entry for 'Sarah Edwards' under 'Apple Inc.'. On the right, a detailed view for 'Sarah Edwards' is shown, including fields for name, email, and address. Below the view is a table of plist key-value pairs:

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	(12 items)
AreaCode	String	571
City	String	Reston
Company	String	
CountryName	String	United States
ExistingEmailAddress	String	oompa@csh.rit.edu
FirstName	String	Sarah
LastName	String	Edwards
LocalPhoneNumber	String	[REDACTED]
StateProv	String	VA
StreetAddr1	String	[REDACTED]
StreetAddr2	String	[REDACTED]
ZipPostal	String	20191-1717

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A user may have a default entry for themselves in their Address Book. This information can be found in the AddressBookMe.plist file in the ~/Library/Preferences/ directory.

Address Book / Contacts - Configuration

~/Library/Application Support/AddressBook/Configuration.plist

_className – Data Source

- PHXLocalSource – Local Mac
- PHXCardDAVSource – CardDav (iCloud)

iCloud Accounts will have additional information

- iCloud Username
- iCloud Account Data

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	{3 items}
_className	String	PHXCardDAVSource
disabled	Number	0
↳ homenode	Dictionary	{2 items}
lastKnownServer/McCardPath	String	#24 [REDACTED]/carddavhome/card/MEU1MDdFMjAtNkjECC0
name	String	iCloud
periodicRefreshInterval	Number	0.0
↳ principalInfo	Dictionary	{3 items}
pushRefreshInterval	Number	120,000
refreshInterval	Number	0
serverName	String	https://p02-contacts.icloud.com/24 [REDACTED]/principal/
username	String	ompa@csit.rit.edu

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The OS X Address Book can be populated from the local Mac or via iCloud. The Configuration.plist will show you how Address Book or Contacts were populated.

The configuration data may also be found in another directory called Sources, i.e.,
(~/Library/Application
Support/AddressBook/Sources/<GUID>/Configuration.plist)

Address Book / Contacts: Metadata Directories

*.abcd**p** – Per **P**erson

*.abcd**g** – Per **G**roup

*.abcd**s** – One **S**ubscription Record (hidden file)

```
Elwood$-Mac:Metadata elwoodblues$ ls -la
total 56
drwx----- 9 elwoodblues staff 306 Oct  5 20:26 .
drwx----- 9 elwoodblues staff 306 Oct  5 20:17 ..
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 249 Oct  4 13:04 .997D20EB-DF0E-410E-A949-SCCB375A0B4A:ABSubscriptionRecord.abcds
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 217 Oct  5 20:17 .info
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 1216 Oct  4 13:04 4CB53A5D-F1F0-44FF-9179-53303875AC1C:ABPerson.abcdp
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 1215 Oct  5 20:12 5F7FB365-A760-4486-B60E-03310C40376A:ABPerson.abcdp
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 1078 Oct  5 20:12 98BD4905-88A0-4201-9E75-C61E6FB92E77:ABPerson.abcdp
-rw-----@ 1 elwoodblues staff 491 Oct  5 20:12 ABInfo.abcdi
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 397 Oct  5 20:12 C45523F6-04BD-44FB-8574-0042F21D4633:ABGroup.abcdg
```

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The Metadata directory contains a file for each person, group, or subscription. Each file is named accordingly; ‘p’ for person, ‘g’ for group, and ‘s’ for subscription. Each file is a binary property list containing the information for that particular Address Book entry.

Much of the same information found in the Metadata directory may be found in the SQLite database AddressBook-v22.abcddb in the ~/Library/Application Support/AddressBook/ directory.

Newer versions of OS X has a Sources directories that contains the GUID of the specific Address Book source, you will find the Metadata directory here.

```
Elwoods-Mac:Metadata elwoodblues$ ls -la
```

```
total 56
drwx----- 9 elwoodblues staff 306 Oct 5 20:26 .
drwx----- 9 elwoodblues staff 306 Oct 5 20:17 ..
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 249 Oct 4 13:04 .997020EB-0F0E-410E-A949-5CCB375A084A;ABSubscriptionRecord.abcdp
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 217 Oct 5 20:17 .info
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 1216 Oct 4 13:04 4C853A5D-F1F0-44FF-9179-53383875AC1C;ABPerson.abcdp
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 1215 Oct 5 20:12 5F7FB365-A760-4486-B60E-03318C40376A;ABPerson.abcdp
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 1078 Oct 5 20:12 98804905-88A0-4201-9E75-C61E6FB92E77;ABPerson.abcdp
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 491 Oct 5 20:12 ABInfo.abcdi
-rw----- 1 elwoodblues staff 397 Oct 5 20:12 C45523F6-0480-44FB-8574-0042F21D4633;ABGroup.abcdg
```

Address Book / Contacts – Person Record

Metadata Directory - *.abcdp

Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	(1.0 items)
UID	String	SF7F8365-A760-4486-860E-03318C40376A:ABPerson
Creation	Date	Sep 23, 2012 12:29:43 PM
First	String	Ehsnodd
Modification	Date	Oct 5, 2012 9:12:54 PM
Phone	Dictionary	(4 items)
» identifiers	Array	(1 item)
» values	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	515 5551212
primary	String	40B8E868-3CCE-44E7-AC4D-5C69D6C33E1D
» labels	Array	(1 item)
ABPersonFlags	Number	0
Address	Dictionary	(4 items)
» identifiers	Array	(1 item)
» values	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	Dictionary	(6 items)
Street	String	1050 W Addison
ZIP	String	60613
CountryCode	String	us
City	String	Chicago
State	String	IL
Country	String	United States
primary	String	60B3EBED-561B-4204-AA8E-5BF9A2AD8AF4
» labels	Array	(1 item)
ABPropertyTypes	Dictionary	(37 items)
Last	String	Blues
Email	Dictionary	(4 items)

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To view the raw Address Book records with Xcode, you will need to rename them as .plist, otherwise they will show up in a view similar to what is found in the Address Book/Contacts application.

Each Person record has its own GUID in the UID key. This GUID may be used in the Group record if the Person record is part of a group.

The Creation key contains the date the record was created, while the Modification date contains the date when the contact was last modified.

Each Person record contains the phone, address, e-mail, or other information the user has supplied. If the contact has multiple entries under the ‘values’ key, such as multiple phone numbers the ‘primary’ key will determine which of these is listed as the primary contact number.

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(10 items)
UID	String	5F7FB365-A760-4486-B60E-03318C40376A:ABPerson
Creation	Date	Sep 23, 2012 12:29:43 PM
First	String	Elwood
Modification	Date	Oct 5, 2012 9:12:54 PM
▼ Phone	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Identifiers	Array	(1 item)
▼ values	Array	(1 item)
Item 0	String	515 5551212
primary	String	408E5B6B-3CCE-44E7-AC4D-5C69D6C33E1D
► labels	Array	(1 item)
ABPersonFlags	Number	0
▼ Address	Dictionary	(4 items)
► Identifiers	Array	(1 item)
▼ values	Array	(1 item)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(6 items)
Street	String	1060 W Addison
ZIP	String	60613
CountryCode	String	us
City	String	Chicago
State	String	IL
Country	String	United States
primary	String	6DB3EBED-561B-4204-AA8E-58F9A2AD8AF4
► labels	Array	(1 item)
► ABPropertyTypes	Dictionary	(37 items)
Last	String	Blues
► Email	Dictionary	(4 items)

Address Book / Contacts - Group Record Metadata Directory - *.abcdg

Key	Type	Value
▀ Root	Dictionary	(8 items)
UID	String	C45523F6-04BD-44FB-8574-0042F21D4633:ABGroup
ABGroupClassKey	String	ABGroup
► ABAddressDistributionList	Dictionary	(0 items)
ABPersonFlags	Number	0
► ABEmailDistributionList	Dictionary	(0 items)
▼ ABMembers	Array	(2 items)
Item 0	String	SF7FB365-A760-4486-B60E-03318C40376A:ABPerson
Item 1	String	9B8D4905-88A0-4201-9E75-C61E6FB92E77:ABPerson
► ABPhoneDistributionList	Dictionary	(0 items)
GroupName	String	Family

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The Group record contains all the GUIDs of Person records that are part of that group in the ABMembers key. Each group also has its own GUID that can be referenced by various applications.

The keys ABEmailDistributionList, ABPhoneDistributionList, and ABAddressDistributionList may be populated if the records are part of an e-mail, phone, or mailing distribution list.

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(8 items)
UID	String	C45523F6-04BD-44FB-8574-0042F21D4633:ABGroup
ABCGroupClassKey	String	ABGroup
► ABAddressDistributionList	Dictionary	(0 items)
ABPersonFlags	Number	0
► ABEmailDistributionList	Dictionary	(0 items)
▼ ABMembers	Array	(2 items)
Item 0	String	5F7F8365-A760-4486-B60E-03318C40376A:ABPerson
Item 1	String	98BD4905-88A0-4201-9E75-C61E6FB92E77:ABPerson
► ABPhoneDistributionList	Dictionary	(0 items)
GroupName	String	Family

Address Book / Contacts: Images Directory



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The `Images` directory contains contact profile pictures named by that contact's GUID.

Some contacts may have more than one icon picture associated with them. This may be due to the pictures being resized or cropped to show well in the Address Book or Contacts application.

Newer versions of OS X has a `Sources` directories that contains the GUID of the specific Address Book source, you will find the `Images` directory here.

Address Book / Contacts – E-mail Contacts

~/Library/Application Support/AddressBook/MailRecents-v4.abcdmr

ZABCDMAILRECENT Table

TABLE: ZABCDMAILRECENT								Search	Show All	Add	Duplicate
Z_PK	Z_ENT	Z_OPT	ZEMAIL	ZEMAILNO	ZFIRSTNAME	ZFIRSTNAM	ZLASTNAME	ZLASTNAM	ZPERSONUNIQUEID	ZUNIQUEID	
1	2	1							0A7F5AC5-A82C-4...		
2	2	4							5649A867-DEDE-4...		
3	2	6							AFEA72B9-54C9-4...		
4	2	1							E8607A6F-CFA8-4...		
5	2	5							683FD277-4EE2-4...		
6	2	1							9419EA1D-D1C4-4...		
7	2	11							DAE1408D-F519-4...	3CD8AC7C-0860...	
8	2	9							C99E0728-BB7A-4...	000BD744-FB83...	
9	2	6							34EB26F7-FFB4-4...		
10	2	6							F58FB0C4-B1F4-4F...	F9072C90-7FC8-4...	
11	2	2							11886E47-4745-4...		
12	2	1							AB97E686-1819-4...		
13	2	4							ED3F7CB1-A469-4...	E2A77475-A896...	
14	2	1							98C43C8F-52D5-4...		
15	2	1							AEF24601-B853-4...		
16	2	3							BFE284F6-3A10-4...		
17	2	10							531260C-63E5-4...	B437F875-D526-4...	
18	2	2							6C21F759-65F5-4...		
19	2	2							81C2719D-72AE...		

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The MailRecents-v4.abcdmr SQLite database in the ~/Library/Application Support/AddressBook directory contains information about e-mail contacts. This data may contain other contacts not in the user's Address Book or Contacts application.

The ZABCDMAILRECENT table, shown above, contains the contact information including e-mail address, first and last names. If there is a GUID in the ZPERSONUNIQUEID column, there is a corresponding Address Book entry in the Metadata directory. The value in the Z_PK column is a unique number, each contact will be referenced by this number.

TABLE	ZACCDMAILRECENT	Search	Show All	Add	Duplicate				
Z_PK	Z_ENT	Z_OPT	ZEMAIL	ZEMAILNO	ZFIRSTNAME	ZLASTNAME	ZLASTNAME	ZPERSONUNIQUEID	ZUNIQUEID
1	2	1						0A7F5AC5-A82C...	
2	2	4						5649A867-DEDE...	
3	2	6						AFFA72B9-54C9-4...	
4	2	1						E8607A6F-CFA8-4...	
5	2	5						683FD277-4EE2-4...	
6	2	1						9419EA1D-D1C4...	
7	2	11						3CDBAC7C-0860...	
8	2	9						99E0728-8B7A-4...	00DBBD744-FB83...
9	2	6						34E826F7-FF84-4...	
10	2	6						468FB0C4-81F4-4F...	F9072C90-7FC8-4...
11	2	2						11886E47-4745-4...	
12	2	1						AB97E686-1819-4...	
13	2	4						E2A77475-A896...	
14	2	1						98C43C8F-52D5...	
15	2	1						AFF24601-B853-4...	
16	2	3						BFF284F6-3A10-4...	
17	2	10						B437F875-D526-4...	
18	2	2						6C21F759-63F5-4...	
19	2	2						81C2719D-72AE...	

Address Book / Contacts – E-mail Contacts

~/Library/Application Support/AddressBook/MailRecents-v4.abcdmr

TABLE	ZABCDLASTEMAILDATE				Search	Show All
Z_PK	Z_ENT	Z_OPT	ZMAILRECENT	ZDATE		
547	1	1	69	371249156.6101949		
549	1	1	68	371249156.6101949		
553	1	1	68	371246276.8966031		
554	1	1	9	371245392.16752696		
551	1	1	9	371226193.829339		
533	1	1	7	371164631.758471		
536	1	1	50	371164631.75404		
534	1	1	33	371164631.749931		
				371164631.747306		
				371155447.909068		
	524	1	1	10	371155447.905211	
	516	1	1	67	371142030.373749	
	515	1	1	7	371080239.1065941	
	514	1	1	7	371080178.97163105	
	512	1	1	7	371080120.9240551	
	513	1	1	7	371074525.6012407	
	540	1	1	7	371074525.601242	
	511	1	1	7	371070267.57922506	
	530	1	1	7	371070267.579225	

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ZABCDLASTEMAILDATE Table

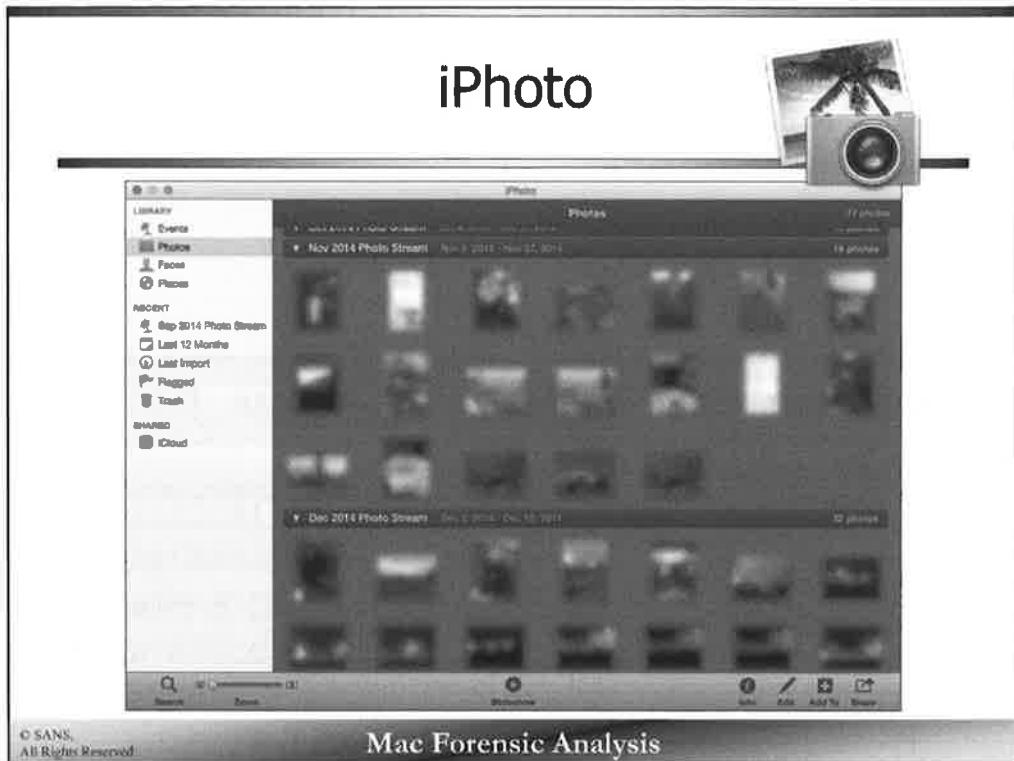
524	1	1	10	371155447.905211
516	1	1	67	371142030.373749
515	1	1	7	371080239.1065941
514	1	1	7	371080178.97163105
512	1	1	7	371080120.9240551
513	1	1	7	371074525.6012407
540	1	1	7	371074525.601242
511	1	1	7	371070267.57922506
530	1	1	7	371070267.579225

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The ZABCDLASTEMAILDATE table contains a WebKit/Mac Absolute timestamp which corresponds to an e-mail message with a contact. This can be a way to determine when an e-mail contact was last communicated with.

The contact information can be correlated by associating the ZMAILRECENT value in the ZABCDMAILRECENT table.

TABLE ZABCDLASTEMAILDA1					Search	Show All
Z_PK	Z_ENT	Z_OPT	ZMAILRECENT	ZDATE		
547	1	1	69	371249156.6101949		
549	1	1	68	371249156.6101949		
553	1	1	68	371246276.8966031		
554	1	1	9	371245392.16752696		
551	1	1	9	371226193.829339		
533	1	1	7	371164631.758471		
536	1	1	50	371164631.75404		
534	1	1	33	371164631.749931		
538	1	1	17	371164631.747306		
519	1	1	8	371155447.909068		
524	1	1	10	371155447.905211		
516	1	1	67	371142030.373749		
515	1	1	7	371080239.1065941		
514	1	1	7	371080178.97163105		
512	1	1	7	371080120.9240551		
513	1	1	7	371074525.60124207		
540	1	1	7	371074525.601242		
511	1	1	7	371070267.57922506		
530	1	1	7	371070267.579225		



iPhoto is the native photo and movie organizer application on OS X.

iPhoto - Library Packages “File” Format

- Presented as single file to user (Finder)
- Right-click to view package contents
- Examples:
 - iPhoto Library (*.iphotolibrary)
 - VMware Virtual Machines (*.vmwarevm)



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Packages are directories that are presented to the user as a single file in Finder. To view the contents of a package, right-click and choose “Show Package Contents”, or view it in a terminal window.

Some of the more well known packages are the iTunes Library and VMware Fusion virtual machines.

References:

Apple Developer Website: About Bundles

https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/#documentation/CoreFoundation/Conceptual/CFBundles/AboutBundles/AboutBundles.html##apple_ref/doc/uid/10000123i-CH100-SW1

iPhoto - Library

~/Pictures/iPhoto Library.photolibrary/

- Package includes:
 - Digital Photo Directories
 - Masters
 - Previews
 - Thumbnails
 - iPod Photo Cache
 - Photo Metadata
 - Organizational Structure



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AlbumData.xml
► Attachments
► Auto Import
► Contents
► Database
► iLifeShared
Info.plist
iPhoto.ipspot
iPhotoAux.db
iPhotoLock.data
iPhotoMain.db
► iPod Photo Cache
Library.data
Library.iPhoto
Library6.iPhoto
► Masters
► Previews
ProjectDBVersion.plist
Projects.db
Projects.db-Journal
► Thumbnails

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The iPhoto library is located in the ~/Pictures/iPhoto Library directory, which is actually a package. This package contains all the data that makes up the iPhoto Library:

- Photos – Masters, Preview, Thumbnails
- Metadata Databases and Property Lists
- Project Databases

iPhoto – Album Data

~/Pictures/iPhoto Library/AlbumData.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>Application Version</key>
    <string>9.4</string>
    <key>Archive Path</key>
    <string>/Users/sledwards/Pictures/iPhoto Library</string>
    <key>ArchiveId</key>
    <string>1</string>
    <key>Major Version</key>
    <integer>2</integer>
    <key>Minor Version</key>
    <integer>0</integer>
    <key>List of Albums</key>
    <array>
        <dict>
            <key>AlbumId</key>
            <integer>4</integer>
            <key>AlbumName</key>
            <string>Photos</string>
            <key>Album Type</key>
            <string>09</string>
            <key>GUID</key>
            <string>allPhotosAlbum</string>
            <key>Masterc</key><true/>
            <key>TransitionSpeed</key>
            <real>1.000000</real>
            <key>ShuffleSlides</key><false/>
            <key>KeyList</key>
            <dict>
                <string>1179</string>
                <string>1281</string>
                <string>1269</string>
                <string>1237</string>
                <string>1239</string>
            </dict>
        </dict>
    </array>

```

Root	Dictionary	(9 items)
Application Version	String	9.4
Archive Path	String	/Users/sledwards/Pictures/iPhoto Library
ArchiveId	String	1
Major Version	Number	2
Minor Version	Number	0
▶ List of Albums	Array	(51 items)
▶ List of Rolls	Array	(44 items)
▶ List of Faces	Dictionary	(0 items)
▶ Master Image List	Dictionary	(500 items)

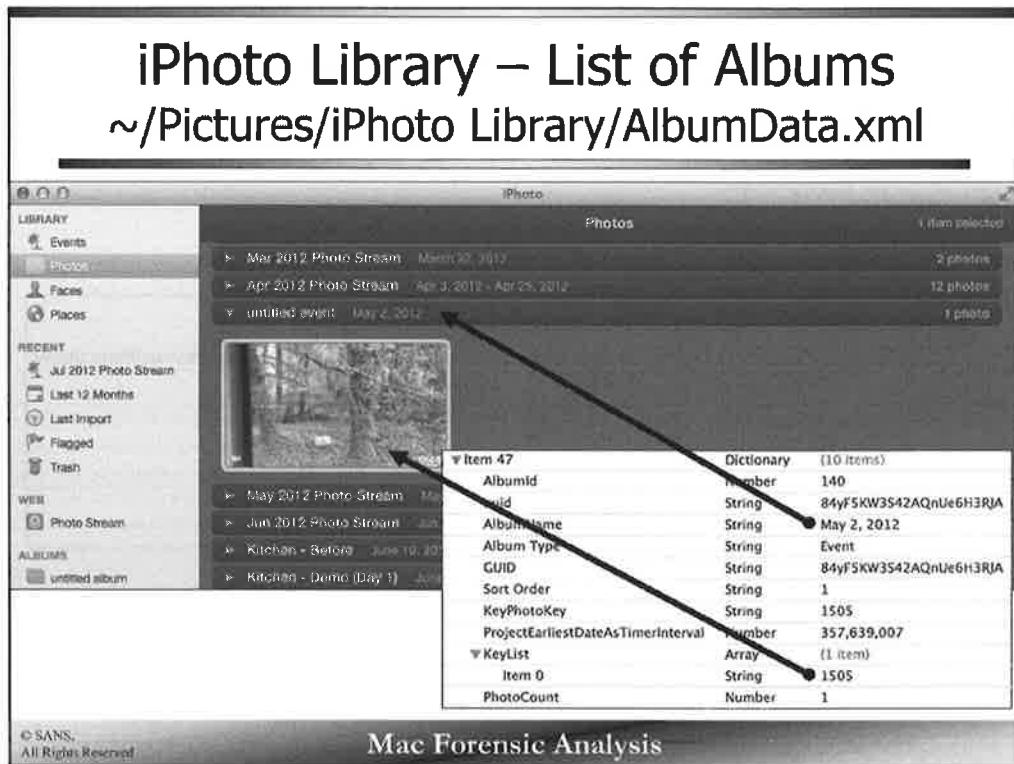
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Each album in the iPhoto library stores its metadata in the `AlbumData.xml` file located in the `iPhoto Library` package. This XML file can be changed to a property list by changing the file extensions from `.xml` to `.plist`.

The slide shows an example of the XML file on the left, and the same file in property list format on the right.

This file contains data about each album, not just the user created albums but also the “default” albums.



The List of Albums keys in the AlbumData.xml file contains the information for each album including:

- Album ID
- Album Name (Often labeled by the “event date” by default.)
- Album Creation Date in WebKit date format
- The KeyList key contains the items in the Album, referenced by a number

iPhoto Library – Master Image List ~/Pictures/iPhoto Library/AlbumData.xml

1505	Dictionary	(32 items)
Caption	String	IMG_0222
Comment	String	
GUID	String	XOFVPwtSu6Yj+4PvU8oxyA
Roll	Number	223
Rating	Number	0
ImagePath	String	/Users/sledwards/Pictures/iPhoto Library/Masters/2012/09/22/20120922-180814/IMG_0222.MOV
MediaType	String	Movie
ModDateAsTimerInterval	Number	357,653,407
DateAsTimerInterval	Number	357,653,407
DateAsTimerIntervalGMT	Number	357,639,007
MetaModDateAsTimerInterval	Number	370,044,513,258512
ThumbPath	String	/Users/sledwards/Pictures/iPhoto Library/Thumbnails/2012/09/22/20120922-180814/XOFVPwtSu6Yj+4PvU8oxyA/IMG_0222.jpg

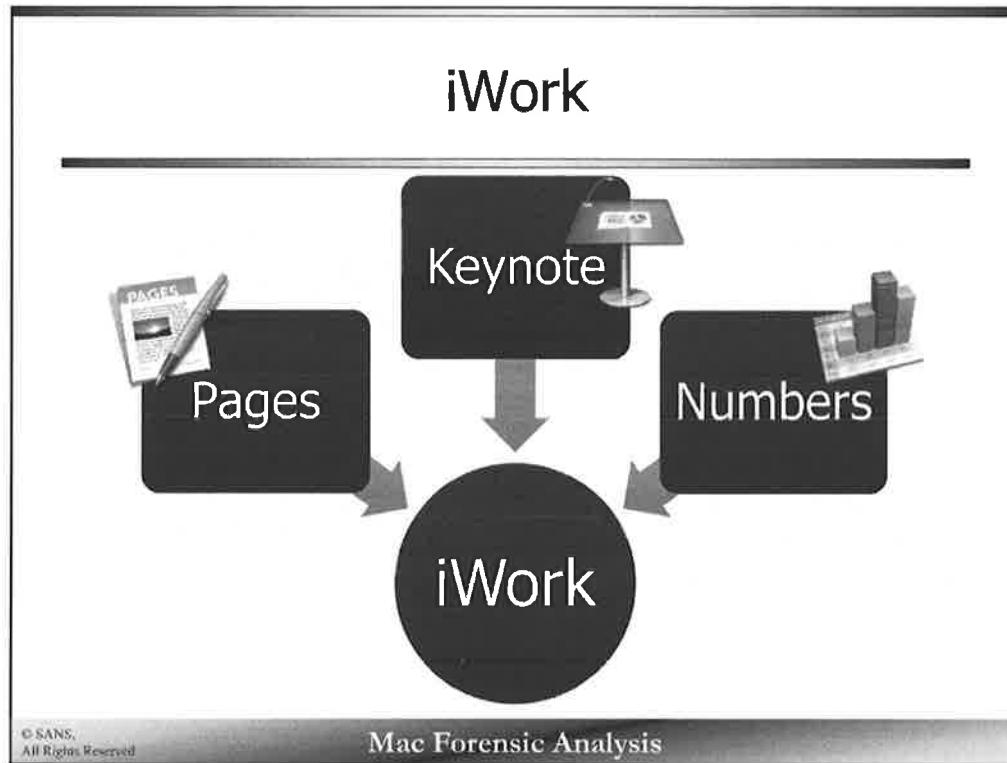
The image number from the album listed in the last slide can be correlated to a number in the Master Image List key in the same `AlbumData.xml` file.

Xcode makes searching for specific keys and data items easy in very lengthy XML/property list files. Highlighted in yellow in the screenshot above is the search term “1505”, the image number from the May 2nd Album.

In the example above, the photo contains metadata items such as:

- Photo Name (`IMG_0222`)
- User Comments
- Path to the photo/movie file on disk
- Path to thumbnail on disk
- Media Type
- Dates in WebKit Format
 - Modification Date (`ModDateAsTimerInterval`)
 - Created Date (`DateAsTimerInterval`)
 - GMT Created Date (`DateAsTimerIntervalGMT`)
 - Metadata Modification Date (`MetaModDateAsTimerInterval`)

▼1505	00	Dictionary	• (12 items)
Caption	String	IMG_0222	
Comment	String		
CUO	String	XOFVWw6u6Y/+4PNU8x/A	
Roll	Number	225	
Rating	Number	0	
ImagePath	String	/Users/sledwards/Pictures/iPhoto Library/Masters/2012/09/22/20120922-180814/IMG_0222.MOV	
MediaType	String	Movie	
ModDateAsTimeInterval	Number	357,653,407	
DatesTimeInterval	Number	357,653,407	
DatesTimeIntervalGMT	Number	357,639,007	
MetaModDateAsTimeInterval	Number	370,044,513,258512	
ThumbPath	String	/Users/sledwards/Pictures/iPhoto Library/Thumbnails/2012/09/22/20120922-180814/XOFVWw6u6Y/+4PNU8x/A/IMG_0222.jpg	



iWork is comprised of three applications; Pages, Keynote, and Numbers.

Pages – Similar to Microsoft Word, it is a document editor.

Keynote – Analogous to Microsoft PowerPoint, slide presentations.

Numbers – Like Microsoft Excel, spreadsheets editor.

iWork – Preferences & Recent Files

Preferences Files

- ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.iWork.Pages.plist
- ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.iWork.Numbers.plist
- ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.iWork.Keynote.plist

Recent Files

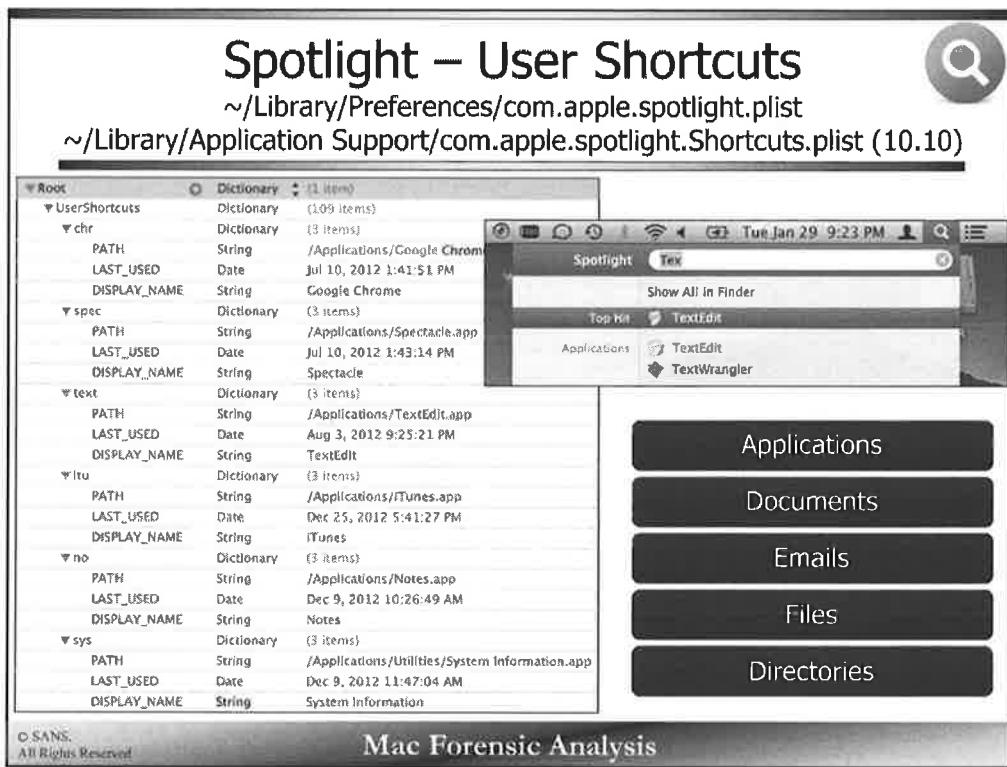
- com.apple.iWork.*.LSSharedFileList.plist

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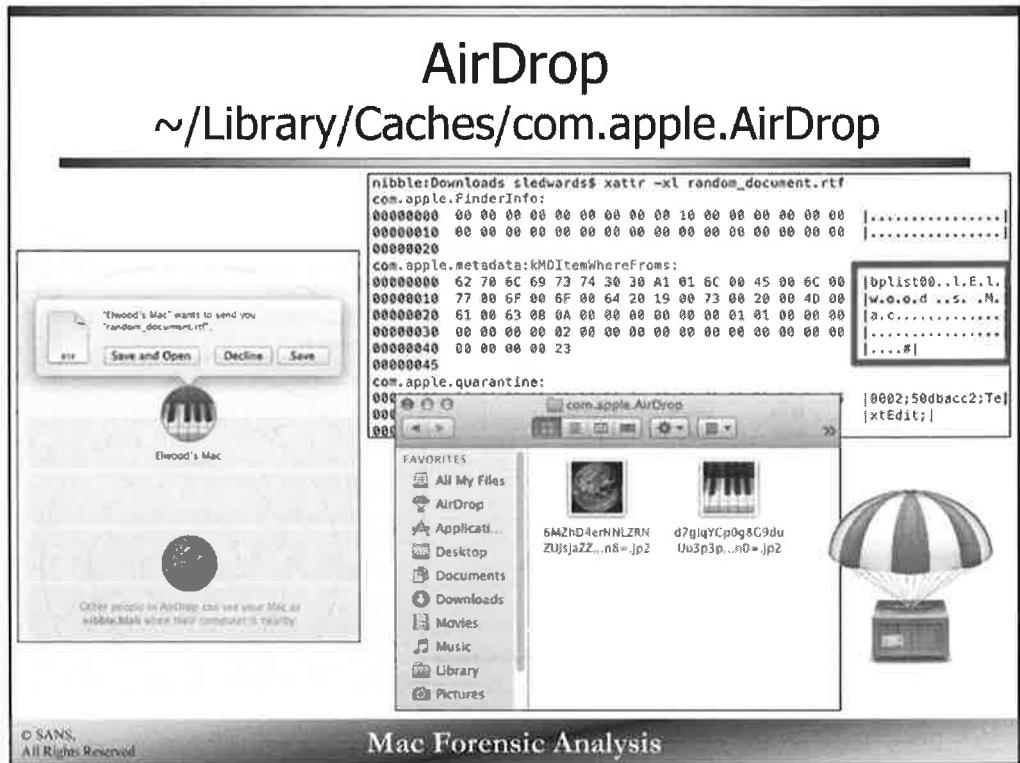
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Each iWork application has its own preferences property list in the ~/Library/Preferences/ directory. Each iWork Preferences file may contain “last saved” directories and application specific configurations.

The LSSharedFileList property lists (one for each application, per user) contain the recently opened files for the specified application.



Spotlight is an application that is used to index and create a searchable database of the OS X system. Users can search for items using the Spotlight magnifying glass icon in the top-right of the GUI, shown above in the screenshot. These search terms are saved in the com.apple.spotlight.plist property list in the ~/Library/Preferences/ directory.



AirDrop is available on newer 10.7+ systems. This application allows users to “drop” files to other users in their vicinity. Note: this does not necessarily mean the user has to be on the same network.

In the example on the left, Elwood’s Mac wants to send a document. If this file is saved, it will, by default, be saved to the ~/Downloads directory.

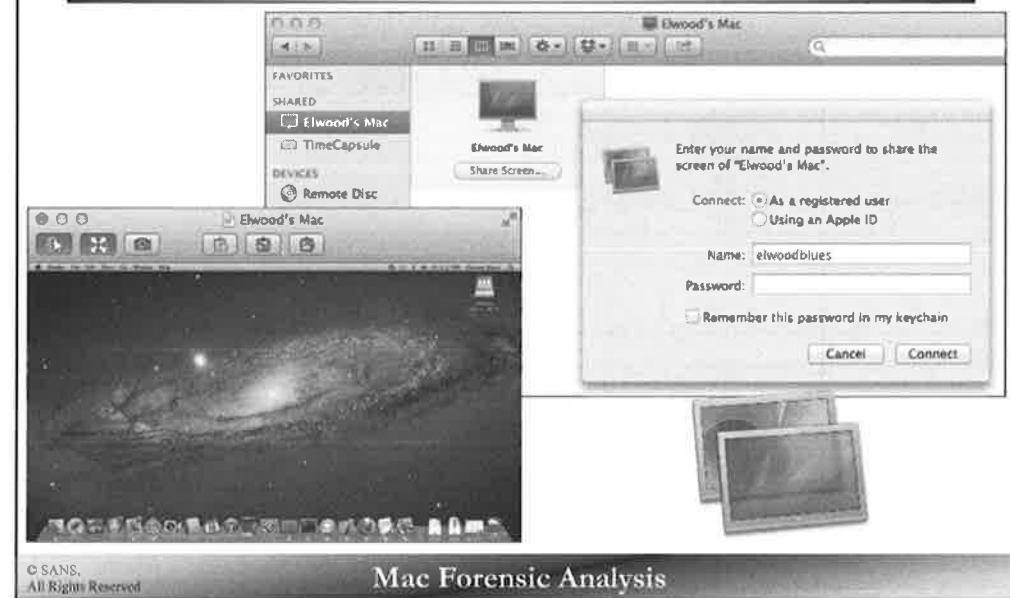
Extended attributes for the file on the recipient’s system show the file was from Elwood’s Mac, shown in the top screenshot.

The com.apple.AirDrop directory located in ~/Library/Caches/ directory contains icons with a base64 formatted filename, this filename is unique to each system.

As of 10.10, this AirDrop directory no longer exists. However be on the lookout for extended attributes with iPhone or iPad designators. With 10.10, users are now able to AirDrop with their iDevices.

```
word:Downloads oompa$ xattr -xl IMG_1626.JPG
com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms:
00000000 62 70 6C 69 73 74 30 30 A2 01 02 56 69 50 68 6F |bplist00...ViPho|
00000010 6E 65 58 6D 69 50 68 6F 6E 65 36 08 0B 12 00 00 |neXmiPhone6....|
00000020 00 00 00 00 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 00 00 |.....|
00000030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 18 |.....|
0000003e
```

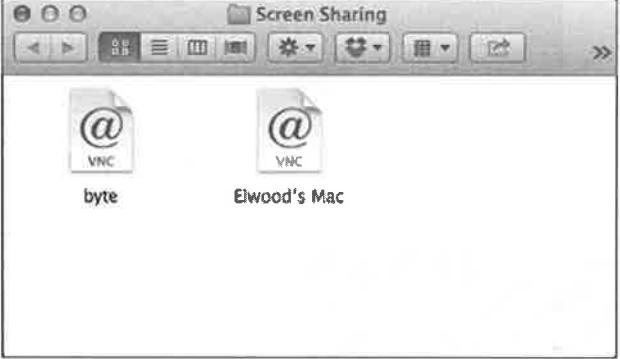
Screen Sharing /System/Library/CoreServices/Screen Sharing.app



The Screen Sharing application, located in `/System/Library/CoreServices/` (rather than `/Applications`) is used to connect to other systems using a VNC protocol.

Screen Sharing - *.vncloc files

[~/Library/Application Support/Screen Sharing/](#)



```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>URL</key>
    <string>vnc://Elwood%E2%80%99s%20Mac._rfb._tcp.local</string>
</dict>
</plist>

```

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A .vncloc file will be automatically created for each system when an outgoing screen sharing connection has been made. These files are an XML property list file that contains the connection address (like the one shown in the example above).

A list of recent connections can be found in the `com.apple.ScreenSharing.LSSharedFileList.plist` property list file.

References:

RFB = Remote Framebuffer Protocol - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RFB_protocol

Microsoft Office – Preferences

~/Library/Preferences/com.microsoft.office.plist

Key Type Value

Root	Dictionary	(53 items)
▼ L4\File MRU\MSWD	Array	(6 items)
► Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 1	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 2	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 3	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 4	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 5	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ L4\File MRU\XCEL	Array	(1 item)
► Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
▼ L4\File MRU\PPT3	Array	(15 items)
▼ Item 0	Dictionary	(2 items)
File Alias	Data	<00000000 01b20002 00000c4d 6163696e 746f7368 20484400 00000000 00000000>
Access Date	Data	<000049c4 03cd127>
► Item 1	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 2	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 3	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 4	Dictionary	(2 items)
► Item 5	Dictionary	(2 items)

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The always ubiquitous Microsoft Office uses the `com.microsoft.office.plist` property list to store its MRU files. Each application in Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.) has a separate MRU key containing the most recently used files for that application.

Each MRU has Alias data that can be extracted to view additional data (shown above) and an access date in Mac OS format.

The access date can be interpreted as follows:

- Select the middle four bytes (i.e.: 0x49C403CD)
- Put these bytes into the Calculator.app
- Select “Byte Flip” to change it to little endian. (0xCD03C449)
- Calculate the numeric Mac OS date (ie: 3439576137)
- Use Epoch Converter to make the date human readable (2012-12-28 21:48:57 Fri UTC)

Microsoft Office – Recovery & Temp Files

~/Library/Application Support/Microsoft/Office/Office 2011 AutoRecovery

```
nibble:Office 2011 AutoRecovery sledwards$ ls -l
total 25920
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff    75776 Dec 30 11:46 AutoRecovery save of CFP.docx
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff    22810 Dec 29 10:55 AutoRecovery save of Document1
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff    27338 Dec 30 11:29 AutoSave to 5DFC83AAAspreadsheet.xlsx
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff    26008 Dec 30 11:19 AutoSave to 6ECF1D36Workbook1
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff   13078401 Dec 30 11:45 PowerPoint Temp
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sledwards staff    30810 Dec 30 11:20 PowerPoint Temp1
nibble:Office 2011 AutoRecovery sledwards$ file *
AutoRecovery save of CFP.docx:      CDF V2 Document, Little Endian, Os: MacOS, Version 10.3, Code page: 10000,
Author: s, Template: Normal.dotm, Last Saved By: s, Revision Number: 2, Name of Creating Application: Microsoft
Macintosh Word, Total Editing Time: 23:00, Create Time/Date: Sun Apr 15 01:45:00 2012, Last Saved Time/Date: Mo
n Apr 16 00:06:00 2012, Number of Pages: 1, Number of Words: 138, Number of Characters: 837, Security: 0
AutoRecovery save of Document1:     CDF V2 Document, Little Endian, Os: MacOS, Version 10.3, Code page: 10000,
Author: s1e, Template: Normal.dotm, Revision Number: 1, Name of Creating Application: Microsoft Macintosh Word,
Total Editing Time: 10:00, Create Time/Date: Fri Dec 28 15:45:00 2012, Number of Pages: 1, Number of Words: 2,
Number of Characters: 13, Security: 0
AutoSave to 5DFC83AAAspreadsheet.xlsx: Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract
AutoSave to 6ECF1D36Workbook1:        Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract
PowerPoint Temp:                  Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract
PowerPoint Temp1:                 Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract
```

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Each Microsoft Office 2011 application stores recovery and temporary files, each with a slightly different format or naming scheme, in the Office 2011 AutoRecovery directory.

The screenshot shows Word documents are named with “AutoRecovery”, Excel documents use “AutoSave”, and PowerPoint presentations use “Temp”.

Excel spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations are saved in a ZIP archive format, while Word documents are saved as documents.



Exercise 2.4 - Mac Applications

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iTunes is the OS X native application for media organization. iTunes is the default application to play music, listen to podcasts, download iPhone applications, and watch movies and TV shows. It is also used to purchase and download these media types.

iTunes – Preferences

~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.iTunes.plist

Apple Store ID

Apple Store Account E-mail

iTunes Database Path

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The iTunes preferences are stored in the `com.apple.iTunes.plist` file. This file may include information related to the various synced iDevices, Apple Account IDs and e-mail address, and the path to the iTunes database.

iTunes – Library
~/Music/iTunes/iTunes Music Library.xml

Easier to view as a property list file

Key	Type	Value
▼ Root	Dictionary	(10 items)
Major Version	Number	1
Minor Version	Number	1
Date	Date	Dec 25, 2012 12:05:11 PM
Application Version	String	10.7
Features	Number	5
Show Content Ratings	Boolean	YES
Music Folder	String	file:///localhost/Users/siedwards/Music/iTunes%20Media/
Library Persistent ID	String	0C003A4B0F28CB62
▶ Tracks	Dictionary	(7 items)
▶ Playlists	Array	(16 items)

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The iTunes music library is stored as an XML file called `iTunes Music Library.xml` located in the `~/Music/iTunes/` directory. While this is a plaintext XML file, it is much easier to read as a property list file – just change the file extension to `.plist` rather than `.xml` to open it in Xcode.

Note: iTunes Libraries before 10.4 did not have the XML file extension.

The Date key in the file contains the time the library was last updated. The Application Version key keeps track of the iTunes version that is being used, while the Music Folder key keeps track of where the iTunes media is located.

iTunes – Library Tracks [1]

~/Music/iTunes/iTunes Music Library.xml

The screenshot shows two parts of the iTunes Library XML file. On the left, under the 'Tracks' key, there is a single track entry. On the right, the EXIF data for that track is displayed. An arrow points from the 'Purchased' field in the track's dictionary to the 'Purchase Date' field in the EXIF data.

Dictionary	(0-4 items)	
Track ID	Number	206
Name	String	Falling for You
Artist	String	Jem
Album Artist	String	Jem
Composer	String	Brian Higgins, Jem Griffiths & Nick Coler
Album	String	Finally Woken
Genre	String	Electronic
Kind	String	Purchased AAC audio file
Size	Number	4,169,323
Total Time	Number	256,924
Disc Number	Number	1
Disc Count	Number	1
Track Number	Number	9
Track Count	Number	11
Year	Number	2,004
Date Modified	Date	May 12, 2005 8:16:07 PM
Date Added	Date	May 12, 2005 8:16:07 PM
Bit Rate	Number	128
Sample Rate	Number	44,100
Release Date	Date	Mar 23, 2004 7:00:00 PM
Artwork Count	Number	1
Sort Album	String	Finally Woken
Sort Artist	String	Jem
Sort Name	String	Falling for You
Persistent ID	String	02A182C9A11C5BC2
Track Type	String	Remote
Purchased	Boolean	YES

Original Format	: mp4
Scheme Type	: itun
Scheme Version	: 0
Scheme URL	:
User ID	: 0x8179103c
Key ID	: 0x00000024
Initialization Vector	: ef161b7e1db0713dc98cef1bd491a73b
Item Vendor ID	: 0x00000004
Platform	: x86_00000000
Version Restrictions	: 0x01010100
Transaction ID	: Dxd0829985
Item ID	: 0x055641b
Item Label	: Jem
Media Flags	: 0x00000001
Mode Flags	: 0x00000000
User Name	: Sarah Edwards
Handler Type	: Metadata
Handler Vendor ID	: Apple
iTunSMPB	: 0 800 0 ACEBC0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Volume Normalization	: 140F 1417 4351 42EF 2F2A6 30FAC 901C 8AF8
Title	: Falling for You
Artist	: Jem
Album Artist	: Brian Higgins, Jem Griffiths & Nick Coler
Composer	: Finally Woken
Album	: Rock
Genre	: 9 of 11
Track Number	: 9 of 11
Disk Number	: 1 of 1
Compilation	: No
Comment Create Date	: 2004-03-24 00:00:00Z
Apple Store Account	: company@sh.rit.edu
Apple Store Catalog ID	: 5602283
Album Title ID	: 5348281
Play List ID	: # 0 0 0 0 86 100 79
Genre ID	: Music|Rock
Media Type	: Normal (Music)
Purchase Date	: 2005-03-13 00:15:07
Sort Name	: Falling for You
Sort Album	: Finally Woken
Sort Artist	: Jem

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The screenshot on the left shows the Tracks key in the iTunes Library XML file contains each “track”, each music file, TV show, Movie, etc.

Each track is labeled by a Track ID number and contains all the metadata of the item, including:

- Track Name
- Artist Information
- Album Information
- Size
- Length
- Release Dates
- Purchase Dates
- Bit/Sample Rates
- Purchase Information

Note: The Date Modified and Date Added dates may also be the original purchase dates of the media, not necessarily the date the media was added to this specific library.

The screenshot on the right shows the iTunes purchase information from the EXIF data from the media file. Information includes the purchasers name, Apple Store account, and the purchase date. This data can be extracted using exiftool (available at <http://www.sno.phy.queensu.ca/~phil/exiftool/>).

▼ Tracks	Dictionary	(64 items)
▼ 206	Dictionary	(27 items)
Track ID	Number	206
Name	String	Falling for You
Artist	String	Jem
Album Artist	String	Jem
Composer	String	Brian Higgins, Jem Griffiths & Nick Coler
Album	String	Finally Woken
Genre	String	Electronic
Kind	String	Purchased AAC audio file
Size	Number	4,160,323
Total Time	Number	256,974
Disc Number	Number	1
Disc Count	Number	1
Track Number	Number	9
Track Count	Number	11
Year	Number	2,004
Date Modified	Date	May 12, 2005 8:16:07 PM
Date Added	Date	May 12, 2005 8:16:07 PM
Bit Rate	Number	128
Sample Rate	Number	44,100
Release Date	Date	Mar 23, 2004 7:00:00 PM
Artwork Count	Number	1
Sort Album	String	Finally Woken
Sort Artist	String	Jem
Sort Name	String	Falling for You
Persistent ID	String	02A182C9A11C3BC2
Track Type	String	Remote
Purchased	Boolean	YES

iTunes – Library Tracks [2] ~/Music/iTunes/iTunes Music Library.xml

Track	Dictionary	(2 items)
Track ID	Number	217
Name	String	Take A Trip To Portland
Artist	String	Perlmutter
Album Artist	String	Portlandia
Album	String	Portlandia
Genre	String	Comedy
Kind	String	Protected MP3-4 voice file
Size	Number	140,264,287
Total Time	Number	255.132
Disc Number	Number	1
Disc Count	Number	1
Track Number	Number	101
Year	Number	2,011
Date Modified	Date	Dec 11, 2012 2:39:26 PM
Date Added	Date	Dec 15, 2012 3:04:29 PM
Bit Rate	Number	149
Release Date	Date	May 12, 2011 3:00:00 AM
Artist/Cat	Number	1
Performer	String	Portlandia
Soloist	Number	2
Episode	String	200A
Priority Order	Number	101
Sort Album	String	Portlandia, Season 2
Performer ID	String	20ACBFD12379E9C3
Comment Rating	String	w-theTV-14(390)
Track Type	String	File
Protected	Boolean	YES
Purchased	Boolean	YES
Permitted	Boolean	YES
Has Video	Boolean	YES
HD	Boolean	YES
Video Width	Number	860
Video Height	Number	720
TV Show	Boolean	YES
Location	String	file:///Users/leopardi/Music/iTunes/iTunes%20Media/TV%20Shows/Portlandia/Season%202/18%20%20and%20%20%20%20%20%20.m4v
File Folder	Boolean	YES
Library Folder	Number	1

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Another example of an entry in Tracks – This one is an example of a TV show

Tracks		Dictionary (7 items)	
Track ID	257	Dictionary	(35 items)
Name	Take a Trip to Portlandia	Number	257
Artist	Portlandia	String	
Album Artist	Portlandia	String	
Album	Portlandia	String	
Genre	Comedy	String	
Kind	Protected MP4 video file	String	
Size	140,268,297	Number	
Total Time	255,122	Number	
Disc Number	1	Number	
Disc Count	1	Number	
Track Number	101	Number	
Year	2011	Number	
Date Modified	Dec 15, 2012 2:35:26 PM	Date	
Date Added	Dec 15, 2012 2:34:29 PM	Date	
Bit Rate	149	Number	
Release Date	Dec 12, 2011 3:00:00 AM	Date	
Artwork Count	1	Number	
Series	Portlandia	String	
Season	2	Number	
Episode	200A	String	
Episode Order	101	Number	
Sort Album	Portlandia, Season 2	String	
Persistent ID	20AC3F012376SC3	String	
Content Rating	us-w|TV-14|500|	String	
Track Type	File	File	
Protected	YES	Boolean	
Purchased	YES	Boolean	
Has Video	YES	Boolean	
HD	YES	Boolean	
Video Width	960	Number	
Video Height	720	Number	
TV Show	Portlandia	String	
location	file:///localhost/Users/sledwards/Music/iTunes/iTunes%20Media/TV%20Shows/Portlandia/Season%202/101%20Takes%20to%20Portlandia%20(HD).m4v	String	
File Folder	5	Number	
Library Folder	1	Number	

iWork – File Extensions & Format

File Extensions

```
*.pages  
*.numbers  
*.key
```

File Formats

```
Zip Archive  
Package
```

```
nibble:Documents sledwards$ file blah.key hello.pages 123.numbers
blah.key: Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract
hello.pages: Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract
123.numbers: Zip archive data, at least v2.0 to extract
```

```
nibble:Documents oompa$ file report.pages/ chart.numbers/ presentation.key/
report.pages/: directory
chart.numbers/: directory
presentation.key/: directory
```

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Each iWork application saves its associated files with a different file extension.

- Pages saves its files with a `.pages` extension.
- Numbers saves its files with a `.numbers` extension.
- Keynote saves its files with a `.key` extension.

iWork files may be formatted as a ZIP archive or the Package format as shown in the screenshots above. Apple has switched between these formats depending on the version of iWork used.

iWork File Formats

Older ZIP Archive

The screenshot shows three Finder windows. The top window is titled 'index.xml/index.apxl' and contains a list of XML-based metadata items:

- Document Metadata
- Created Date
 - <sl:SLCreationDateProperty>
- Last Modified
 - <sl:SLLastModifiedDateProperty>
- Operating System
 - <sl:OSVersion>
- Document Content (in XML format)

Below this list are two additional sections:

- QuickLook and/or thumbs Directories:
- Preview thumbnails of document

The middle window is titled 'hello' and shows files: IMG_0364.jpg, index.xml, QuickLook (containing Thumbnail.jpg and Preview.pdf), and buildVersionHistory.plist.

The bottom window is titled '123' and shows files: index.xml, QuickLook (containing Thumbnail.jpg), and buildVersionHistory.plist.

On the right side of the slide, there is a detailed view of the 'blah' directory structure:

- blah
- buildVersionHistory.plist
- index.apxl
- QuickLook
- Thumbnail.jpg
- thumbs
- mt0-0.jpg
- mt0-3.jpg
- mt0-4.jpg
- mt0-11.jpg
- mt0-12.jpg
- mt0-13.jpg
- mt0-14.jpg
- mt0-15.jpg
- mt0-16.jpg
- mt0-17.jpg
- mt0-18.jpg
- mt0-19.jpg
- mt0-20.jpg
- mt0-21.jpg
- st0.jpg
- st1.jpg
- st2.jpg

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A Pages document (`hello.pages`), a Numbers spreadsheet (`123.numbers`), and a Keynote presentation (`blah.keynote`) were unzipped and shown in the Finder application in the screenshots above.

Each ZIP file will consist of an `index.xml/index.apxl` XML file containing the metadata and file content for the iWork document. Files embedded into the document (`IMG_0364.jpg`) are in the root of the directory. Similar to Pages and Numbers, Keynote stores its data in an XML file called `index.apxl`. Although it uses a different file extension, this file is still an XML-based file.

The QuickLook and thumbs directories contain a PDF and/or JPG thumbnail pictures of the document. These files are used in various views of the OS X Finder, to show what the document looks like to the user.

Keynote stores individual JPGs for each of the slides named `st<somenumber>.jpg` in the thumbs directory. The files starting with `mt`, contain previews for the slide templates.

iWork File Formats

Newer Package Format

Metadata Directory

- Document metadata

Data Directory

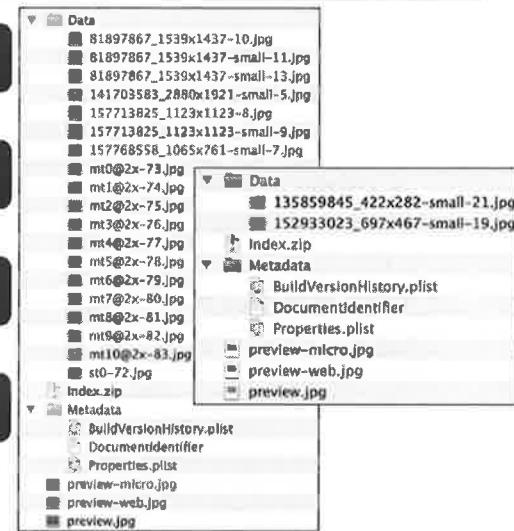
- Embedded files

preview*.jpg

- Thumbnail pictures of document

Index.zip

- Document metadata and content



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The newer package iWork format contains similar data for each document. Document metadata can be found in the Metadata directory as well as in the proprietary files located in the `Index.zip` file.

The document content is also stored in the `Index.zip` file in a proprietary format, this should be noted as a simple keyword search may not find the information you are looking for. Be sure to expand all archives!

Thumbnail pictures (`preview*.jpg`) of the documents can be found in various formats in the root of the directory.

Stickies – Database
~/Library/StickiesDatabase

- File Format
 - “NeXT/Apple typedstream data, little endian, version 4, system 1000”
 - Embedded RTF files

```

0000000: 040b 7374 7265 616d 7479 7065 6481 e803 ..streamtyped...
0000010: 0401 4064 8484 0e4e 534d 7574 6162 6c65 ..@...NSMutable
0000020: 4172 7261 7900 0404 074e 5341 7272 6179 Array...NSArray
0000030: 0084 0408 4e53 4f62 6a05 0374 0085 0401 ...NSObject...
0000040: 6981 9284 8484 0844 6163 756d 656e 7401 i....Document
0000050: 0592 8484 8484 0e4e 5344 6174 6108 9596 ...
0000060: 6174 6104 8484 0844 5344 6174 6108 9596 ato...NSData...
0000070: 8170 0184 465b 3336 3863 5d72 7466 6408 ...p...[360c]rtfd
0000080: 0009 0093 0009 0002 0098 0007 0008 0054 .....T
0000090: 5054 2e72 7466 0100 0088 2e1d 0100 002b XT,rtf,....*
00000a0: 0000 0001 0000 0015 0100 007b 5c72 7466 .....{\rtf
00000b0: 315c 6164 7369 5c61 6e73 0953 7067 3132 1\ansi\ansicpg12
00000c0: 3532 5c63 6163 6761 7274 6631 3130 375c 52\cocoabt#1387,
00000d0: 6361 6361 6173 7562 7274 6633 3438 0a7b coccosubrt#1348,i
00000e0: 5c66 6164 7474 626c 5c66 385c 6673 7769 \fonttbl\l0\fs1
00000f0: 7373 5c64 6368 6172 7365 7438 2048 656c ss\fcharst0 Hel
0000100: 7664 7474 6361 3870 0a70 5c63 6f6f 6f72 vertica};{\color
0000110: 7462 6c3b 5c72 6864 3235 355c 6772 6563 tblj\l0\fs25\green
0000120: 6732 32 333c 5c67 6532 3535 3b7d 085c n255\blue255\l0\i
0000130: 7061 7261 5c74 7835 3630 5c74 7831 3132 pard\l0\fs24\i\c12
0000140: 385c 7470 3136 3838 5c74 7832 3234 385c \l0\fs16\l0\fs24\i
0000150: 7478 3238 3838 5c74 7833 3336 385c 7478 \x2808\l0\fs30\i
0000160: 1330 3238 5c74 7834 3438 385c 7478 3538 39\l0\fs14\l0\fs40\l0\fs50
0000170: 1430 5c74 7835 3438 385c 7478 3538 39\l0\fs14\l0\fs40\l0\fs50
0000180: 7474 7474 7036 3732 305c 7861 7436 1651 3639 48\l0\fs50\l0\fs168
0000190: 7475 7261 6008 085c 0040 5c66 7332 3420 tural,1\l0\fs24
00001a0: 5c63 6530 2848 656c 5c6f 2c20 4920 616d \c0\fs Hello, I am
00001b0: 2061 2073 7468 6361 7920 665f 7485 217d a sticky note!
00001c0: 0100 0080 2300 0000 8100 0000 0700 0000 .....#
00001d0: 5458 5424 7274 6619 8098 0018 0a0b 50b5 TXT,rtf,...,P,
00001e0: 0100 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0018 .....#
00001f0: 7b3f 3d7b 3f3d 6666 7d7b 3f3d 6656 7d7d {\r\l0\fs11\l0\fs13}
0000200: 01b0 0301 1202 012c 0181 c009 9600 9284 .....
0000210: 8494 064e 5344 6174 6500 9504 0154 8382 ...NSData,...d...
0000220: a1d b1c0 8b06 4186 9284 9c9d 032c 8260 .....A,....
0000230: b2c9 00b6 4186 00b6 .....A,....

```

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Stickies is a native application that is analogous to those yellow sticky notes that often populate our desks. These notes are stored in the StickiesDatabase in the ~/Library directory. The file format for this database is a throw back to the NeXT days, while not immediately parse-able you can extract the Rich Text Files (RTF) from the file.

0000000:	040b	7374	7265	616d	7479	7065	6481	e803	..streamtyped...
0000010:	8401	4084	8484	0e4e	534d	7574	6162	6c65	..@....NSMutable
0000020:	4172	7261	7900	8484	074e	5341	7272	6179	Array....NSArray
0000030:	0084	8408	4e53	4f62	6a65	6374	0085	8401	....NSObject....
0000040:	6901	9284	8484	0844	6f63	756d	656e	7401	i.....Document.
0000050:	9592	8484	840d	4e53	4d75	7461	626c	6544	.....NSMutableD
0000060:	6174	6100	8484	064e	5344	6174	6100	9596	ata....NSData...
0000070:	8170	0184	065b	3336	3863	5d72	7466	6400	.p...[368c]rtfd.
0000080:	0000	0003	0000	0002	0000	0007	0000	0054	.....T
0000090:	5854	2e72	7466	0100	0000	2e1d	0100	002b	XT.rtf.....+
00000a0:	0000	0001	0000	0015	0100	007b	5c72	7466{\rtf
00000b0:	315c	616e	7369	5c61	6e73	6963	7067	3132	1\ansi\ansicpg12
00000c0:	3532	5c63	6f63	6f61	7274	6631	3138	375c	52\cocoartf1187\
00000d0:	636f	636f	6173	7562	7274	6633	3430	0a7b	cocoasubrtf340.{
00000e0:	5c66	6f6e	7474	626c	5c66	305c	6673	7769	\fonttbl\f0\fswi
00000f0:	7373	5c66	6368	6172	7365	7430	2048	656c	ss\fcharset0 Hel
0000100:	7665	7469	6361	3b7d	0a7b	5c63	6f6c	6f72	vetica;}.{\color
0000110:	7462	6c3b	5c72	6564	3235	355c	6772	6565	tbl;\red255\gree
0000120:	6e32	3535	5c62	6c75	6532	3535	3b7d	0a5c	n255\blue255;}.{\
0000130:	7061	7264	5c74	7835	3630	5c74	7831	3132	pard\tx560\tx112
0000140:	305c	7478	3136	3830	5c74	7832	3234	305c	0\tx1680\tx2240\
0000150:	7478	3238	3030	5c74	7833	3336	305c	7478	tx2800\tx3360\tx
0000160:	3339	3230	5c74	7834	3438	305c	7478	3530	3920\tx4480\tx50
0000170:	3430	5c74	7835	3630	305c	7478	3631	3630	40\tx5600\tx6160
0000180:	5c74	7836	3732	305c	7061	7264	6972	6e61	\tx6720\pardirna
0000190:	7475	7261	6c0a	0a5c	6630	5c66	7332	3420	tural..\f0\fs24
00001a0:	5c63	6630	2048	656c	6c6f	2c20	4920	616d	\cf0 Hello, I am
00001b0:	2061	2073	7469	636b	7920	6e6f	7465	217d	a sticky note!}
00001c0:	0100	0000	2300	0000	0100	0000	0700	0000#.....
00001d0:	5458	542e	7274	6610	0000	0010	8adb	50b6	TXT.rtf.....P.
00001e0:	0100	0000	0000	0000	0000	0086	9600	8410	.....
00001f0:	7b3f	3d7b	3f3d	6666	7d7b	3f3d	6666	7d7d	{?={?=ff}{?=ff}}
0000200:	81b0	0381	1702	812c	0181	c800	9600	9284,.....
0000210:	8484	064e	5344	6174	6500	9584	0164	8382	...NSDate....d..
0000220:	aa1d	b1c0	8bb6	4186	9284	9c9d	838c	8260A.....`
0000230:	b9c0	8bb6	4186	8686				A....



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