Live Forensics for Anti-Forensics Analysis on Private Portable Web Browser

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ABSTRACT
Almost all aspects of life already use the internet, to be able to access the Internet one of them using a web browser. For security, some web browser features to develop private mode. Unfortunately, from this feature, by some unscrupulous used for criminal activities by the anti-forensics. An anti-forensics process such as by using a portable web browser and delete registry. Motivation use of anti-forensics is to minimize or inhibit the discovery of digital evidence in criminal cases. So that, be an obstacle for investigators to uncover internet crimes that have been carried out. This paper proposes a framework for analysis phases of the web browser in private mode and anti-forensics. The purpose of this study is to provide solutions in forensic investigations effectively and efficiently using live forensics. This study uses a live forensics to get more detailed evidence information on the computer with the condition is still on. So this method is suitable to be applied to the handling of incidents more quickly and allows getting the data in RAM.

General Terms
Browser Security, Digital Forensic.

Keywords
Web Browser, Live Forensics, Anti-Forensics.

1. INTRODUCTION
The Internet has changed people's lifestyles, either from social, educational, health and even government. It then creates new problems that are a cyber crime, especially in the activity of each transaction or process in the Internet using a web browser software [1]. Ease of access also poses a threat and a crime directly to the web server of an agency so that the loss will be even greater [2]. The web browser designed to store any information such as history uniform resource locator (URL), search keyword, timestamp, password and others who conducted a user when browsing the Internet [3].

However, for user security, so that their information is not stored in the computer system, web browser also competing to make the so that after browsing their information deleted, called the Mode Private Browsing [4].

System security features that made web browser used by the individual to a crime, with anti-forensic others such as using a portable web browser with the private mode that is designed not to leave a trail of digital evidence on the computer [5] and deletion of the registry when it is already surfing. Portable web browser is a web browser that is run without being installed on the computer, so just stored in an external storage medium so as not to leave a file in a computer program [4]. A Registry is a database of information computer which records every activity on a computer is good when there are a new hardware or software running activities. So it becomes a challenge for investigators when doing a forensics or investigates the internet activity of suspects in the case of cybercrime that allows using a web browser.

Previous research on the web browser is limited to the side portable web browser mode private [5] when activity on the internet. The issue poses a great challenge to forensic investigators are trying to reconstruct the recent browsing history, in the event of computer incident [6].

The study took this problem with the addition of anti-forensic process that is the elimination of the registry and a different browser that is Browzar. Overcoming these problems then determined forensic methods do is live forensics. This method is suitable for handling incidents more quickly and allows getting the data in random access memory (RAM) [7] because, as explained earlier, the web browser used is portable and private browsing.

Live forensics is a method to get the data contained in the volatile RAM so that crime can be seen from the volatile data analysis [8]. This research method has benefits as new proposals that could be used in handling the case of web browsers in general and in particular portable.

It becomes crucial because the web browser of many kinds with a variety of engines used in making the web browser, so with this study are expected to increase knowledge and contribute academically and practically. Therefore, research is focused on live forensics for analysis browser.

2. BASIC THEORY
2.1 Forensics Web Browser
The web browser is a software application for the taking, presenting, and traversing information resources on the Internet or World Wide Web (WWW). A source of information is identified by a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) and may be pages web, images, video, or other pieces of content [9].

A forensic web browser is a forensic activity to find information stored on a web browser. Digital evidence contained in a web browser at least there caches, history, cookies, download file list, and sessions [10]. At least a minimum of digital evidence from a web browser at the top is very important and good used by investigators to analyze in a case of using the internet [11].
2.2 Anti-Forensics

Generally, anti-forensics [12] is a technique or a person’s attempt to thwart the investigation included to avoid detection of events, disrupt collection of information needed, spend time on the investigation and casts doubt on the reports.

There are four categories of anti-forensic methods [13] that are data hiding, artifact wiping, trail obfuscation and attacks against the forensics process or tools.

- **Data Hiding**
  Data hiding [14] claims, hide data so unreadable using techniques such as encryption, steganography, and others.

- **Artifact Wiping**
  Artefact wiping is a technique used to overwrite the data on the hard drive so it can not be recovered [15].

- **Trail Obfuscation**
  Trail Obfuscation intended to mislead investigators by hiding or deleting evidence about the source and nature of the attack [13]. This technique can be used to modify the log cleaning log files or modify metadata timestamps.

- **Attacks Against Forensics Process or Tool**
  Attacks Against Forensics Process or Tools are anti-forensic methods are rare, as it directly working on the investigation procedure or bugs in forensics tools. Attackers require more knowledge and experience of how the tools and work procedures [12].

In this case, the anti-forensic web browser is using a portable web browser, use it in private mode and delete the registry after browsing activity. The registry contains the most information regarding the use of the computer and user configurations, applications and hardware devices on Windows operating systems. This information is categorized based on the order that has been executed, search keyword, last accessed folder, log applications, and others.

2.3 Live Forensics

Live forensics is a forensic investigation is carried out when the system is ON [16]. This is because the data will be lost if the computer is shut down or restarted. Implementation live forensics usually used in the case of volatile memory which is used or stored in RAM [17].

Live Forensics on a computer is through the acquisition and analysis of RAM. The acquisition of RAM here is to perform the capture or imaging of RAM using RAM forensic tool. So live forensic brought some concerns because all life forensic procedure should not affect normal services running on the target system [18].

Although there are some concerns with live forensic when investigating, live forensics is necessary to get more information that will be used as an analysis [7]. After digital evidence obtained from RAM, then followed by analysis using Memory Analysis tool.

3. METHODOLOGY

This paper proposes a methodology that makes it possible to obtain more information from the computer so that digital evidence obtained more match of the case.

Under the proposed methodology in Figure 1, stages of the investigation consist of three main stages that are Pre-Analysis, Analysis and Post Analysis.

The methodology proposed case scenario simulated using hardware and software are shown in Table 1.

The study simulated in three stages as shown in Figure 2, the first stage when the web browser is still the way to do acquisition and analysis, the second phase when the web browser is closed do acquisition and analysis, then in the third stage of the acquisition and analysis is done when the web browser is closed and conducted anti-forensics using Clean After Me to delete the registry system on the computer.

![Figure 1. Proposed Methods Live Forensic Web Browser](image)

**Table 1. Hardware and Software**

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<td>Laptop Core i5 2GB RAM</td>
<td>Windows 7 SP 2</td>
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<td>Flashdrive A-DATA 2 GB</td>
<td>Internet Explorer Portable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flashdrive TOSHIBA 8 GB</td>
<td>Mozilla Firefox Portable</td>
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<td>Google Chrome Portable</td>
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<td>Browzar Black</td>
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<td>Clean After Me Portable</td>
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<td>ProcMon Portable</td>
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<td>DumpIt</td>
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<td>Winhex</td>
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<td>Volatility Memory Forensic</td>
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![Figure 2. Case Study Simulation](image)
Each browsing activity does a google search with different keywords in every web browser. Likewise for account activity also different in every web browser.

4. ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

Before starting the analysis, preceded by performing incident response by detecting changes in the system followed by the acquisition of computer memory using DumpIt to obtain a copy of the file from the memory RAM. Then began to analyze it to find evidence of a web browser using the Volatility Memory Forensics and WinHex.

This analysis uses the method development of the Generic Model Computer Forensics Investigations (GCFIM). The purpose of this method development is to develop a method that aims to analyze digital evidence efficiently.

4.1 Pre-Analysis

4.1.1 Identification Incident and Change Detection

Incident identification purposes for finding information, collecting data so that it can find a gaffe of the system running.

Detection of changes is found changes to the registry are shown in Table 3. Detection of these changes helps to determine what the appropriate plugin is used to search for digital evidence using volatility memory forensic.

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<th>Table 2. Keyword in Web Browser</th>
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The detection process is known there is a change in the system registry, and unique is the use Browzar that overwrite data used by Internet Explorer, it is very important to know because as a reference for later analysis.

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<th>Browser</th>
<th>Process</th>
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<tr>
<td>chrome.exe</td>
<td>RegOpenKey</td>
<td>HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Time Zones\SE Asia Standart Time\Dynamic DST</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>chrome.exe</td>
<td>FASTIO_WRITE</td>
<td>C:\Users\User PC\AppData\Local\Temp \GoogleChromePortable\Default\Cache\data_1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>browzar Black 2000.exe</td>
<td>RegOpenKey</td>
<td>HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Cryptograpy\</td>
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<tr>
<td>browzar Black 2000.exe</td>
<td>RegCloseKey</td>
<td>HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Cryptograpy\</td>
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<td>browzar Black 2000.exe</td>
<td>RegQueryKey</td>
<td>HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Cryptograpy\</td>
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![Figure 3. (a) Google Chrome Portable, (b) Mozilla Firefox Portable, (c) Internet Explorer Portable](image)
While the use of Browzar does not happen manufacture of new files in the USB drive but occur within the computer system as in Figure 4.

4.1.2 Acquisition of RAM
RAM acquisition to do when a computer is on using DumpIt. From acquisition results obtained the file extension .raw as in Figure 5.

On the acquisition of the first ram produces a file imaging named USERPC-PC-20161115-142644.raw are automatically stored in an USB drive where dumpit executed.

As well as on the acquisition of the second ram, produces imaging files in the USB driver which DumpIt run, as shown in Figure 6 produces a file USERPC-PC-20161115-143441.raw.

While the third acquisition in the RAM generates a file named as shown in Figure 7 below when DumpIt executed to retrieve data from the RAM memory.

Address space size in Figure 5, Figure 6 and Figure 7 shows the size of the RAM to be acquired is equal to 2,080,374,784 bytes (1984 Mb) or rounded up to 2 GB.

4.2 Analysis
4.2.1 Scanning of Operating System
Scanning is intended to know information the operating system used by the computer as shown in Figure 8. Scanning is performed using tool volatility memory forensics with the command imageinfo of imaging files that have been obtained in the acquisition process before.

Results scanning system operation obtained information a computer using Win7SP1x86 which mean Windows 7 Service Pack 1 with 32 bits.

4.2.2 Scanning Process
The scanning process is intended to determine the process ID of software used so that the process ID can help facilitate the speed of analysis because it has been filtered during the scanning process ID searches of digital evidence, as shown in Figure 9.
Digital evidence searches done in 2 ways, that is with Volatility Memory Forensic and Winhex.

a. Internet Explorer
Digital evidence can be found at Volatility Memory Forensics as shown in Table 4.

**Table 4. Digital Evidence from Internet Explorer Using Volatility Memory Forensics**

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<th>Analysis I</th>
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<th>Analysis III</th>
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<tr>
<td>Process: 4416 Internet Explorer</td>
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<td>Not Found</td>
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<td>Location: Visited User PC@<a href="https://www.google.co.id">https://www.google.co.id</a></td>
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The analysis means the process ID 4416 software that runs is Internet Explorer, and there is new information about the history that is accessible and when access occurs.

Digital evidence using WinHex shown in Figure 10.

**Figure 10. Digital Evidence from Internet Explorer Using Winhex in Simulation I**

The Figure 10 shows that the results of the analysis found the history that has been done is to access the google and search for information about Batman.

b. Mozilla Firefox
Digital evidence from Mozilla Firefox can be found in RAM as shown in Table 5.

**Table 5. Digital Evidence from Mozilla Firefox Using Volatility Memory Forensics**

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The third simulation results when anti-forensics do so history is not found and the data in RAM memory to be very random and difficult to analyze.

History of Internet Explorer is more valid analysis results using WinHex. When using Volatility Memory Forensics found history is the history of scenario simulation using Browzar.
After doing some circuit analysis with some circuits other than the ironman and done in 2016, analysis showed that the history that is found is seeking information about the ironman and done 2016-11-15 04:53:47 like on line Last Visit Date.

c. Google Chrome

The results obtained from the analysis of RAM that digital evidence of the use of Google Chrome Portable can also be found as shown in Table 6.

**Table 6. Digital Evidence from Google Chrome Using Volatility Memory Forensics**

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From the analysis, history URL and timestamp can be found, but for passwords used to log into Google email can only be found in the first and second simulation, before the anti-forensic process is done, as in Figure 14.

**Figure 14. Password in RAM from Browzar**

The account used for accessing Google email is the email/username is treesaro@gmail.com and password is bismillah@085642152984.

### 4.3 Post Analysis

Post-analysis consisted of reports and presentations. The report consists of all the details of the incident cases and all the documentation of the stages before analysis and process analysis. Then this presentation regarding any digital evidence that can be obtained during the investigation and is used to describe in court.

### 5. ANALYSIS OF RESULT

After doing some simulations and several stages of analysis, the results of the analysis in this study can be seen in Table 8.

**Table 8. Summary of Result**

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<th>Web Browser Portable</th>
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History URL, timestamp on any browser can be found either with a tool Volatility Memory Forensics and WinHex, except Internet Explorer in simulation III. This is because the engine in Internet Explorer overwritten by Browzar data usage and also because of the anti-forensics.

Simulation of the first and second password can be found at the browsers Mozilla Firefox and Browzar. Simulation third after anti-forensic process conducted, the password can not be found at all web browser.

### 6. CONCLUSION

The results of the forensic investigation, characteristics of digital evidence can be found in the same RAM with the digital evidence contained on a computer system when using a regular web browser such as url, history, timestamp and password. But there are differences of digital evidence between the browser used, that is on the side of the Internet Explorer history can not be found because the data is affected by the use of Browzar, because Browzar uses engine used by Internet Explorer. After doing some circuit analysis with some of these simulations, digital evidence on Internet Explorer and
Google Chrome Portable Portable there is 2 digital evidence that is history and timestamp. While for Mozilla Firefox Portable and Browzar, there is 3 digital evidence obtained that is history, timestamp, and password. But for the password in all web browsers can not be found when an anti-forensic process is done. The method used for the analysis of portable web browsers made private with anti-forensics is with Live Forensics in order to obtain more information data from RAM. This research resulted in the proposed framework for the investigation stage of development integrate Generic Computer Forensic Investigation Model, that is pre-analysis phase consists of identifying incidents, change detection and acquisition of RAM. Analysis stage consists of scanning the operating system, scanning ID process and search of digital evidence. Post-analysis stage consists of report creation and presentation of digital evidence.

7. FUTURE WORKS
Conducted a similar study of the web browser that its almost the same with Browzar by applying anti-forensic others such as deleting the data in RAM and how mitigation. It should also develop a plugin of Volatility Memory Forensics for analysis browser from another engine.

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