
# Putting a User Behind an iOS Device

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# PUTTING A USER BEHIND AN IOS DEVICE

Validating how an iOS device was setup and why this may impact your investigation

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# Who I Am

- DFIR Professional for almost 19 years
- Senior Director of Digital Intelligence, Cellebrite
- SANS Senior Instructor and Course Author
- Mobile obsessed
- Serial vacationer, lover of wine and bourbon
- Won the Lottery – I found a career that doesn't feel like work!

# The Back Story



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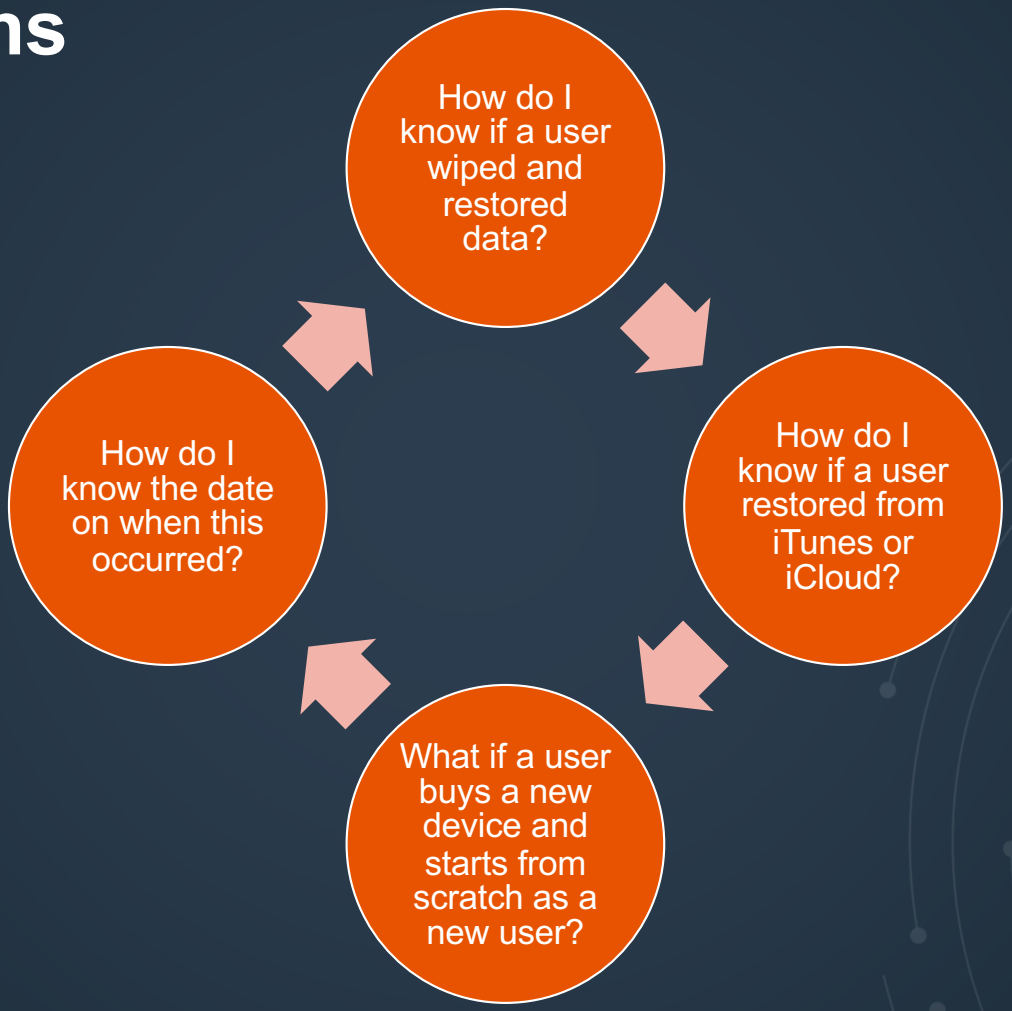
# The Questions

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# My Methodology

## Gather test devices

- Multiple models
- Different iOS versions

## Create your test plan

- What is the point of the test
- Which tools are you going to use?

## Document *EVERY* step

## Review your results

- Document files of interest here (com.apple.purplebuddy.plist)

## SHARE IT!!!! This is our duty in DFIR

- My vow was to blog about what I do live or in webinar formats

# Share your Findings

XML View | List View

| Key | Type | Value |
|---|---|---|
| Root | dict | |
| PBDiagnosticsPresented | boolean | true |
| AppleIDPB9Presented | boolean | true |
| LockdownSetLanguage | boolean | true |
| Locale | string | en_US |
| WebKitMinimumZoomFontSiz | real | 0.000000 |
| AppleIDPB10Presented | boolean | true |
| SetupDone | boolean | true |
| Language | string | en |
| WebKitShrinksStandaloneImag | boolean | true |
| MesaPresented | boolean | true |
| setupMigratorVersion | integer | 9 |
| SetupState | string | SetupUsingAssistant |
| AppleIDPB7Presented | boolean | true |
| WebKitLocalStorageDatabaseP | string | /var/mobile/Library/Caches |

XML View | List View

| Key | Type | Value |
|---|---|---|
| Root | dict | |
| PrivacyPresented | boolean | true |
| AppleIDPB9Presented | boolean | true |
| SetupLastExit | date | 2018-09-21 13:47:31 |
| AppleIDPB4Presented | boolean | true |
| AppleIDPresented | boolean | true |
| ControlCenterOnBoardingPres | boolean | true |
| acceptedSLAVersion | integer | 530001 |
| KeychainSync3Presented | boolean | true |
| PrivacyContentVersion | integer | 2 |
| PBDiagnosticsPresented | boolean | true |
| PBDiagnostics4Presented | boolean | true |
| HSA2UpgradeMiniBuddyRan | boolean | true |
| GuessedCountry | dict | |
| countries | array | |
| | string | US |
| at | date | 2018-09-18 09:57:49 |
| Passcode2Presented | boolean | true |
| AssistantPHSOffered | boolean | true |
| AppleIDPB5Presented | boolean | true |
| SetupState | string | RestoredFromiCloudBackup |

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# Why This Matters

Peer review and validation remove a ton of pressure

What you write may impact a lot of investigations

- Don’t stress about it becoming dated

Take what I did and update the research

- Is this the same for iOS 14 – coming soon!
- What if the person restores from another device and not iTunes or iCloud?
- What if the device is not restored at all on these newer iOS versions?
- Does data_ark.plist match the purplebuddy plist?

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