

Glossary

1. Hash: The resulting fixed length value of the transformation of a string of text used to check the integrity of data.
2. Image: The copy of an entire contents of a storage device including both data and structure.
3. Sanitized Media: Media that has been properly zeroed out leaving no data on it.
4. Host Protected Area (HPA): The Host Protected Area is a section of a hard drive that is hidden from the operating system and thus the user. The HPA is often used by manufacturers to hide a maintenance and recovery system for the computer.
5. Device Configuration Overlay (DCO): Device configuration overlay is a hidden area on a hard disk usually hidden from the user operating system and BIOS.
6. Allocated: Memory that is assigned to a specific process, service or operating system
7. Unallocated: Free memory that is unused and is available for writing
8. Slack space: The space between the end of a file and the end of the disk cluster it is stored in