Cyber security

Digital Assignment – 1

(Report Day 1)



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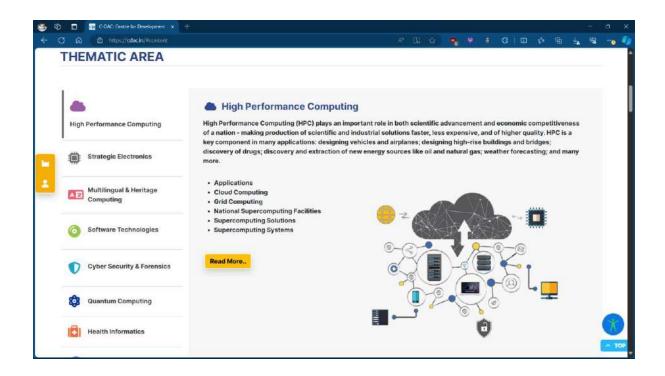
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Introduction to C-DAC

- CDAC, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, is pivotal in India's pursuit of cutting-edge computing technologies.
- Established with a mission to lead research and development initiatives.
- Significant milestones and achievements mark its rich history.
- Focus areas encompass high-performance computing, grid and cloud computing, software technology, multilingual computing, cybersecurity, and embedded systems.
- Robust collaborations with academia, industry, and government bodies have led to notable contributions in computing technologies.
- Comprehensive training programs cater to professionals and students, providing hands-on experience.
- State-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities across nationwide centers facilitate innovation and technology transfer.
- Partnerships and collaborations bolster CDAC's impact, shaping the future computing landscape.
- With forward-thinking strategies, CDAC aims to drive India's technological growth and innovation to greater heights.

Link to the official website: <u>C-DAC: Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, India (cdac.in)</u>





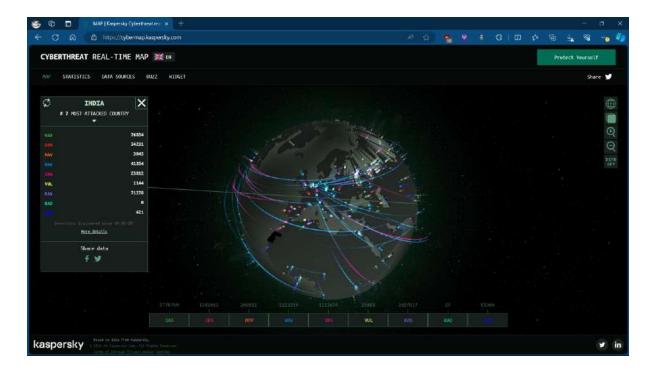


Introduction to Cyber forensics



- Cyber forensics, also known as digital or computer forensics, is a branch of forensic science.
- It involves investigating, analyzing, and recovering digital evidence from electronic devices and digital systems.
- Cyber forensics is crucial in law enforcement, cybersecurity, and legal proceedings in our increasingly digitized world.
- The discipline encompasses techniques and tools for gathering, preserving, examining, and presenting digital evidence while maintaining its integrity and admissibility in court.
- Experts in cyber forensics are trained to recover data from various sources such as computers, mobile devices, networks, and digital storage media.
- They analyze this data to uncover evidence of criminal activity, security breaches, or unauthorized actions.
- Cyber forensics is continually evolving alongside technological advancements, requiring innovative approaches to address new challenges like encrypted communications and IoT.

<u>Kaspersky – Cybermap</u>



The Cybermap tool by Kaspersky is a visual representation of real-time cyber threats and attacks worldwide. It provides users with a dynamic map that displays various types of cyber incidents, including malware infections, phishing attempts, and network intrusions, as they occur across different regions and countries. The tool gathers data from Kaspersky's vast network of sensors, honeypots, and security technologies deployed globally, offering users valuable insights into the current cybersecurity landscape. With Cybermap, users can observe patterns, trends, and emerging threats in near real-time, helping organizations and individuals stay informed and vigilant against cyber threats. This tool serves as a valuable resource for cybersecurity professionals, researchers, and anyone interested in understanding the global cyber threat landscape.

Link: MAP | Kaspersky Cyberthreat real-time map

What are attackers and victims?

- Attackers: Attackers are individuals or groups who perpetrate cyberattacks. They are often motivated by various factors such as financial gain, political motives, espionage, or personal vendettas. Attackers employ a variety of techniques and tools to compromise the security of computer systems, networks, and data. These techniques may include malware deployment, phishing attacks, social engineering tactics, exploitation of software vulnerabilities, and denial-of-service (DoS) attacks, among others. Attackers continuously evolve their tactics to bypass security measures and achieve their malicious objectives.
- *Victims:* Victims are individuals, organizations, or entities whose systems, networks, or data are compromised or targeted in a cyberattack. Victims can range from individuals whose personal information is stolen through phishing scams to large corporations experiencing data breaches that result in financial losses, reputational damage, and legal liabilities. Victims of cyberattacks may suffer various consequences, including financial harm, loss of sensitive information, disruption of operations, damage to reputation, and violation of privacy rights.

Common cyber attacks in india

- ➤ *Phishing Attacks:* Phishing attacks are prevalent in India, where attackers send deceptive emails or messages pretending to be from legitimate organizations to trick individuals into providing sensitive information such as login credentials, financial details, or personal information.
- ➤ Ransomware: Ransomware attacks encrypt victims' files or systems and demand payment (usually in cryptocurrency) for decryption keys. India has seen several highprofile ransomware incidents targeting organizations across various sectors, including healthcare, finance, and government.
- ➤ *Malware Infections:* Malware, including viruses, worms, Trojans, and spyware, is commonly used by cybercriminals to compromise systems and steal data or disrupt operations. Malware infections in India have been reported in both individual users and organizations.
- ➤ Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Attacks: DDoS attacks aim to disrupt the availability of online services by overwhelming target systems with a flood of traffic. These attacks have targeted Indian websites and online services, causing downtime and financial losses.
- ➤ Data Breaches: Data breaches involve unauthorized access to and theft of sensitive information such as personal data, financial records, or intellectual property. Indian organizations have experienced data breaches resulting from vulnerabilities in their systems or insider threats.
- Social Engineering Attacks: Social engineering attacks exploit human psychology to manipulate individuals into divulging confidential information or performing actions that compromise security. These attacks include techniques like pretexting, baiting, and tailgating and have been used in various cyber incidents in India.
- > Cryptojacking: Cryptojacking involves unauthorized use of victims' computing resources to mine cryptocurrencies. Attackers infect systems with malicious code, exploiting their processing power for cryptocurrency mining without permission.

Cert-in



- The CERT-In website serves as India's primary platform for cybersecurity-related information, advisories, and resources.
- It offers timely alerts and advisories on emerging cyber threats, vulnerabilities, and incidents affecting Indian cyberspace.
- Organizations and individuals can report cybersecurity incidents through its online portal for assistance and guidance.
- The website provides a wealth of cybersecurity guidelines, best practices, and recommendations to enhance stakeholders' cybersecurity posture.
- CERT-In conducts training programs, workshops, and capacity-building initiatives to raise awareness and build skills among cybersecurity professionals and IT administrators.
- It hosts research papers, reports, and publications on cybersecurity topics, offering insights into the evolving threat landscape.
- Through international collaborations, CERT-In strengthens global cybersecurity cooperation and shares threat intelligence and expertise.
- Overall, the CERT-In website plays a vital role in promoting cybersecurity awareness, facilitating incident response, and enhancing cybersecurity capabilities across India.

Link: Cert-In - Home Page

Vulnerability and exploits

Vulnerabilities:

A vulnerability refers to a weakness or flaw in a system, network, application, or device that can be exploited by attackers to compromise its security.

Types of Vulnerabilities:

- **Software Vulnerabilities:** These are flaws in software code that can be exploited to gain unauthorized access, execute arbitrary code, or perform other malicious actions.
- Hardware Vulnerabilities: Weaknesses in hardware components or designs that can be exploited to bypass security mechanisms or gain unauthorized access.
- Configuration Vulnerabilities: Incorrectly configured systems or networks that expose security vulnerabilities, such as default passwords, open ports, or unnecessary services.
- Human Vulnerabilities: Weaknesses related to human behavior, such as lack of awareness, susceptibility to social engineering attacks, or improper handling of sensitive information.

Examples of Vulnerabilities:

Buffer overflow vulnerabilities Cross-site scripting (XSS) SQL injection Authentication bypass Insecure descrialization

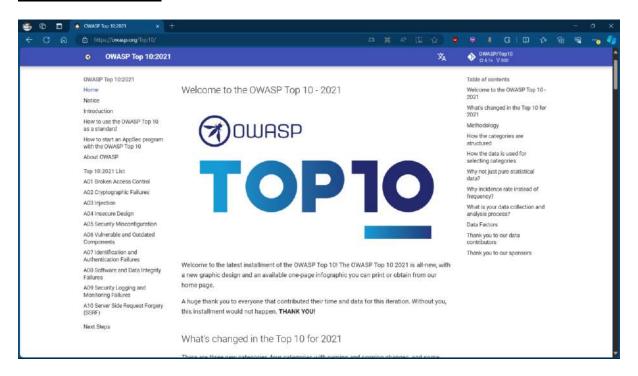
Exploits:

An exploit is a piece of software, code, or technique used to take advantage of a vulnerability in a system, application, or device to achieve a specific malicious goal.

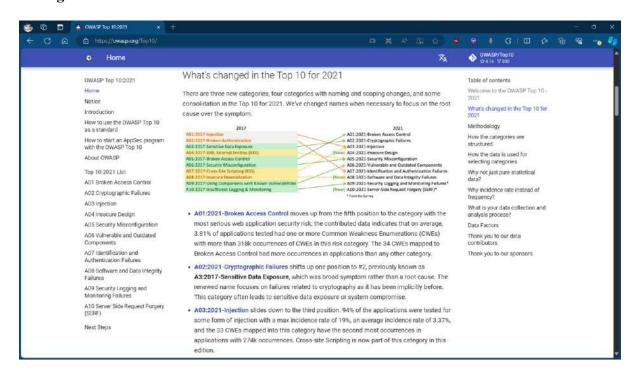
Types of Exploits:

- **Remote Exploits:** Exploits that can be executed over a network without physical access to the target system.
- Local Exploits: Exploits that require local access to the target system, such as physical access or prior compromise of a user account.
- **Zero-Day Exploits:** Exploits that target vulnerabilities for which no patch or fix is available, making them particularly dangerous as defenders have no prior knowledge of the vulnerability.

OWASP TOP 10



Changes in the Trends



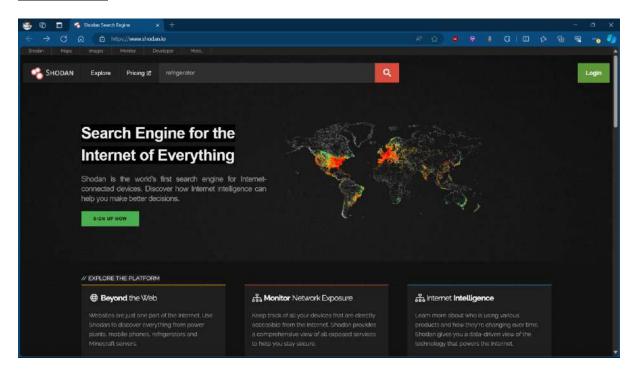
Link: OWASP Top 10:2021

The OWASP Top 10 is a widely recognized list of the most critical security risks facing web applications. Here's a brief overview of the OWASP Top 10:

- 1. *Injection:* Injection flaws occur when untrusted data is sent to an interpreter as part of a command or query, leading to arbitrary code execution. This includes SQL injection, NoSQL injection, OS command injection, and LDAP injection.
- 2. **Broken Authentication:** Broken authentication vulnerabilities allow attackers to compromise user accounts, session tokens, or passwords, enabling unauthorized access to sensitive data or functionality.
- 3. **Sensitive Data Exposure:** This risk involves the exposure of sensitive data, such as financial information, personal data, or authentication credentials, due to inadequate protection or encryption.
- 4. *XML External Entities (XXE):* XXE vulnerabilities occur when XML input containing a reference to an external entity is processed by a weakly configured XML parser, leading to unauthorized data disclosure, server-side request forgery (SSRF), or denial of service (DoS).
- 5. *Broken Access Control:* Broken access control vulnerabilities allow attackers to bypass access controls and gain unauthorized access to resources or functionality they should not have access to.
- 6. **Security Misconfiguration:** Security misconfiguration occurs when security settings are not properly configured or are left in their default state, leaving systems vulnerable to attacks such as unauthorized access, data leaks, or denial of service.
- 7. *Cross-Site Scripting (XSS):* XSS vulnerabilities enable attackers to inject malicious scripts into web applications, which are then executed in the context of unsuspecting users' browsers, leading to theft of session cookies, account hijacking, or defacement of websites.
- 8. *Insecure Deserialization:* Insecure deserialization vulnerabilities allow attackers to manipulate serialized objects to execute arbitrary code, perform denial of service attacks, or bypass authentication mechanisms.
- 9. *Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities*: This risk involves the use of outdated or vulnerable components, libraries, or frameworks in web applications, exposing them to known security flaws that can be exploited by attackers.
- 10. *Insufficient Logging & Monitoring:* Insufficient logging and monitoring make it difficult to detect and respond to security incidents, allowing attackers to carry out attacks without being detected, and enabling them to persist within systems undetected.

The OWASP Top 10 serves as a valuable resource for developers, security professionals, and organizations to prioritize security efforts and mitigate the most critical risks in their web applications.

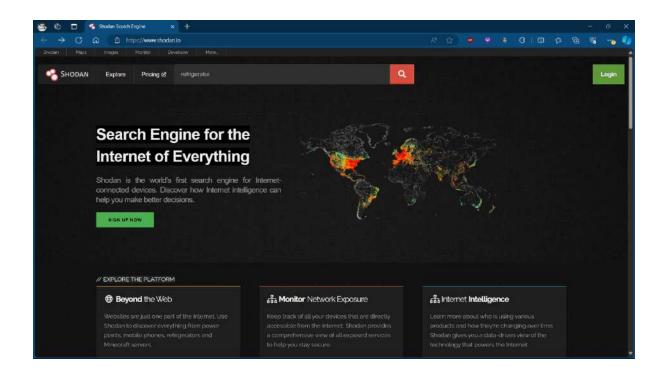
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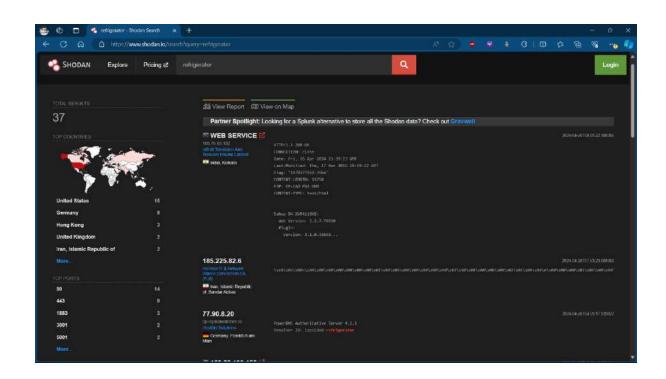


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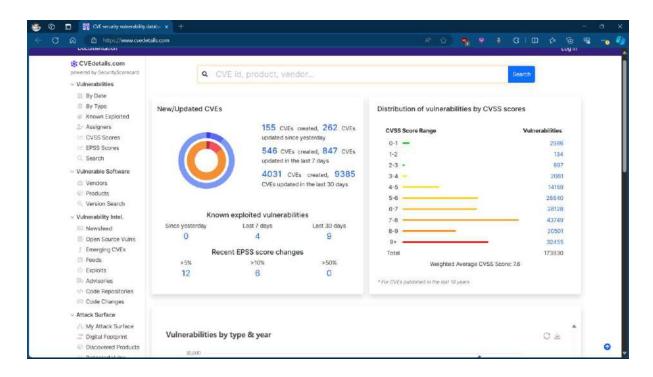
- **Shodan.io** is a search engine designed to locate and catalog internet-connected devices and systems.
- Users can search for specific devices or services using keywords, filters, or advanced search queries.
- The platform provides detailed information such as open ports, banners, and services running on discovered devices.
- It enables security professionals, researchers, and individuals to assess the security posture of organizations, identify misconfigured systems, and explore potential attack surfaces.
- Shodan.io offers features like Shodan Exploits, which provides information on known vulnerabilities and exploits, and Shodan Images, allowing users to search for screenshots of internet-connected devices.
- While Shodan.io offers valuable insights into the security landscape, it also raises privacy and ethical concerns.

Example: Refrigerator connected on internet





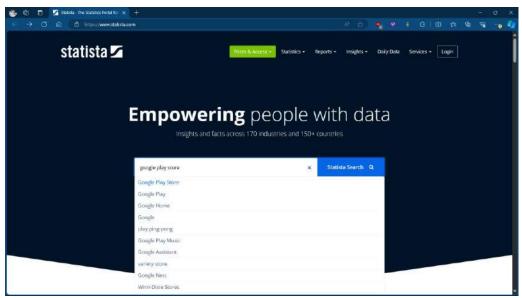
CVE Security



Link: CVE security vulnerability database. Security vulnerabilities, exploits, references and more (cvedetails.com)

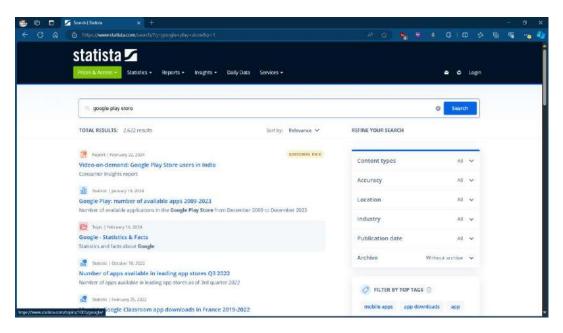
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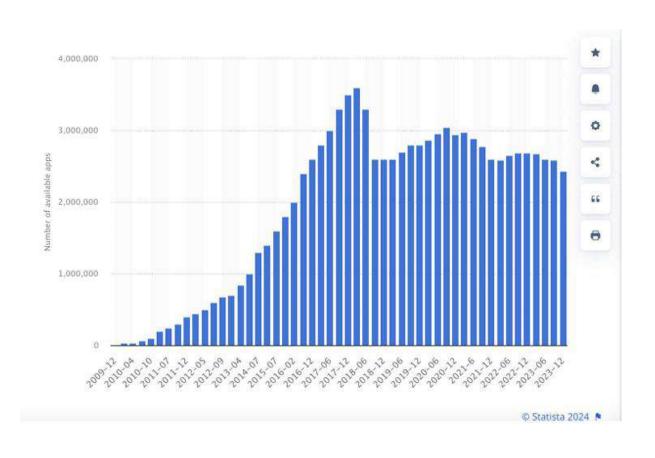
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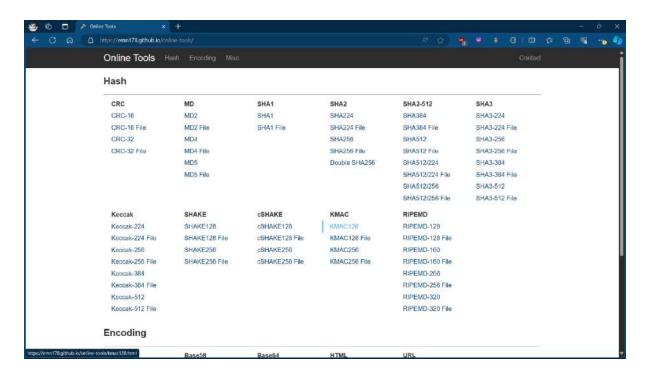
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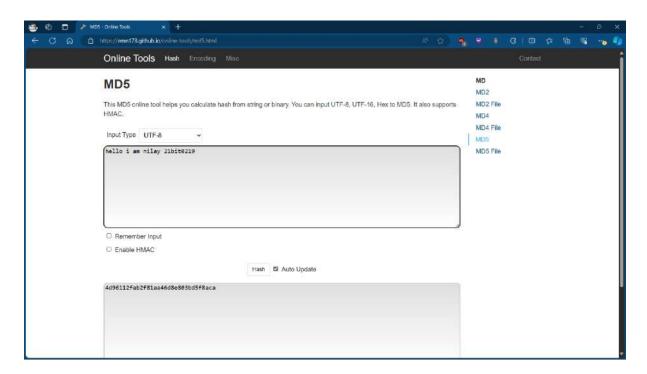




Online-hashing app



MD5 Hashing demonstration:



Link: MD5 - Online Tools (emn178.github.io)

Case study: Dileep case



Bhavana Menon, a popular actress from the southern Indian state of Kerala, who was abducted and sexually assaulted in 2017, has broken her silence after five years, describing her "difficult journey from being a victim to a survivor".

Menon, who has worked in more than 80 films in southern Indian languages and won a number of prestigious awards, was assaulted by a group of men while travelling from Thrissur to Kochi in February 2017.

Her assault made headlines, especially after Dileep, one of the Malayalam-language film industry's biggest actors and Menon's co-star in half a dozen films, was named as an accused and charged with criminal conspiracy. He denied the charges against him, but was arrested and held in custody for three months before being released on bail. The case is being heard in a trial court.

"I was just a normal fun-loving girl and then this one incident happened that turned my life upside down. Most people see the smiling photos I post on social media, but I have been to hell and back," Menon told me on the phone from the southern city of Bangalore.

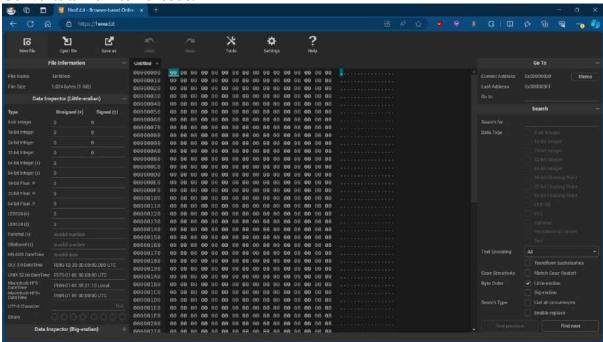
"I became this victim, this 'assaulted actress'. And for long, I kept asking, 'Why me?' I was blaming myself and I was looking for a way out," she said.

"But in 2020, after the trial began, I spent 15 days giving evidence in court. And that's when things changed. Here I was, wanting to forget and move on, but then I had to remember everything, every tiny detail about the case."

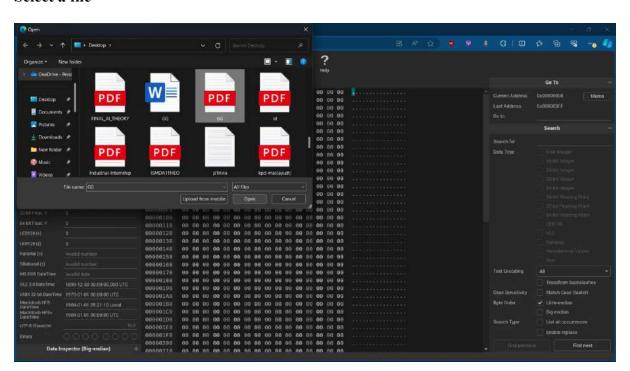
On the day of her assault, Menon was travelling from her hometown Thrissur to the city of Kochi, where she was to dub for a film the next morning, when she was kidnapped. Her attackers made videos of the assault - "maybe they wanted to blackmail me", she told me.

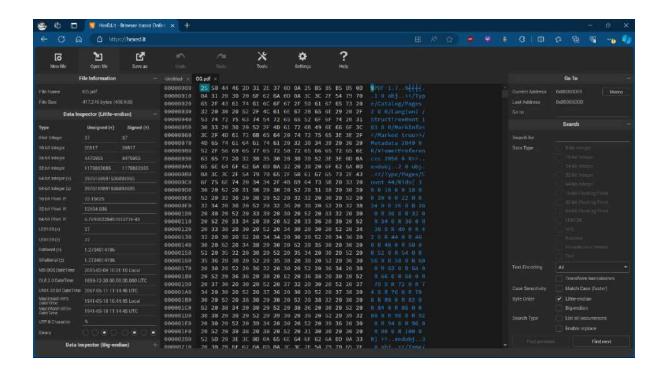
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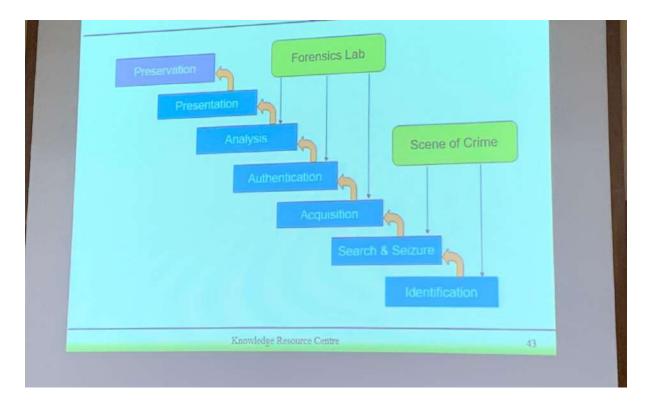


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Cyber forensics step

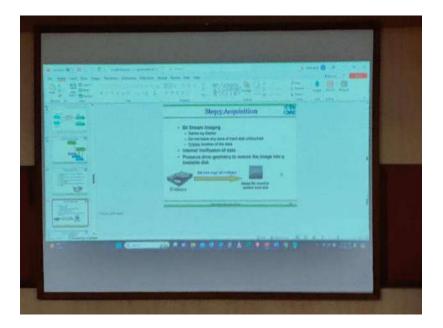


Identification: This step involves identifying potential sources of digital evidence, such as computers, mobile devices, servers, networks, and storage media, that may contain relevant information related to the investigation.

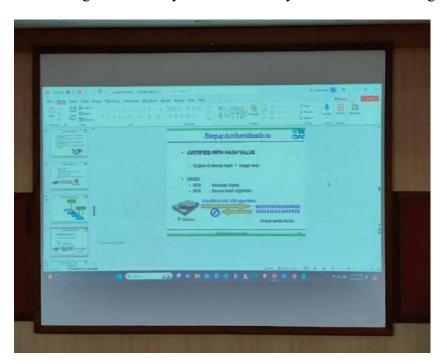
Search and Seize: Once potential sources of evidence are identified, the next step is to conduct a search and seizure operation to locate and secure the devices or media. Proper procedures and chain of custody protocols must be followed to ensure the admissibility of evidence in legal proceedings.



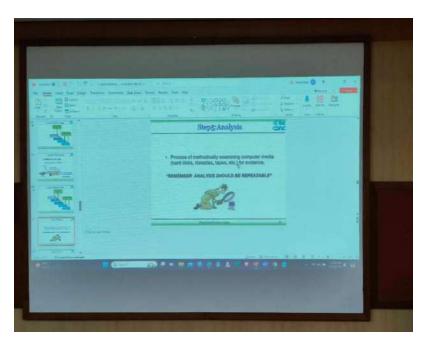
Acquisition: After seizing the devices or media, forensic experts acquire a forensic image or copy of the data using specialized tools and techniques. This process involves creating an exact bit-for-bit copy of the original storage media to preserve the integrity of the evidence.



Authentication: The acquired data is then authenticated to verify its integrity and ensure that it has not been altered or tampered with since its acquisition. This step is crucial for establishing the reliability and admissibility of the evidence in legal proceedings.



Analysis: With the authenticated data, forensic analysts conduct a thorough examination to identify relevant information related to the investigation. Various tools and methodologies are used to analyze files, documents, system logs, internet history, emails, and other digital artifacts for evidence of illegal activities or security breaches.

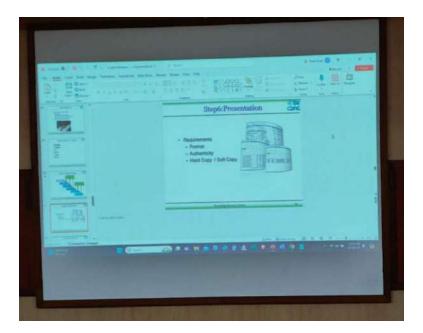


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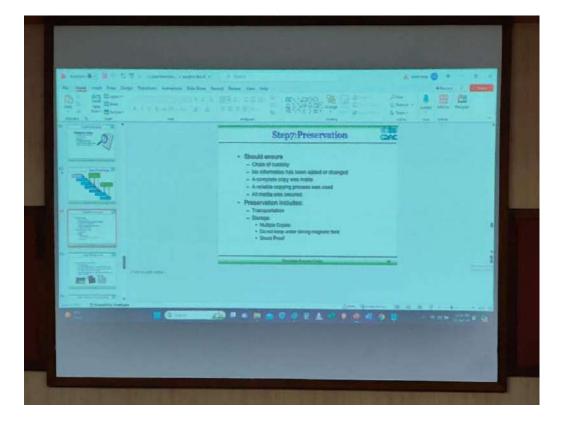
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Presentation: Once the analysis is complete, forensic experts may present their findings and analysis in a clear and concise manner, often in the form of reports, presentations, or expert testimony. This presentation of evidence may be required in legal proceedings, disciplinary actions, or internal investigations.



Preservation: After the investigation is concluded, the preserved evidence must be securely stored and maintained to ensure its integrity and prevent any accidental loss or alteration. Proper conservation practices are essential for preserving the evidentiary value of the data for future reference or use.



Seize and Acquire practical using TrueBack application

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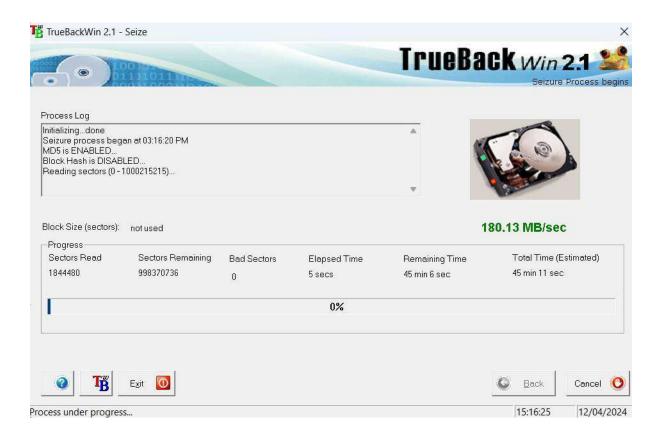
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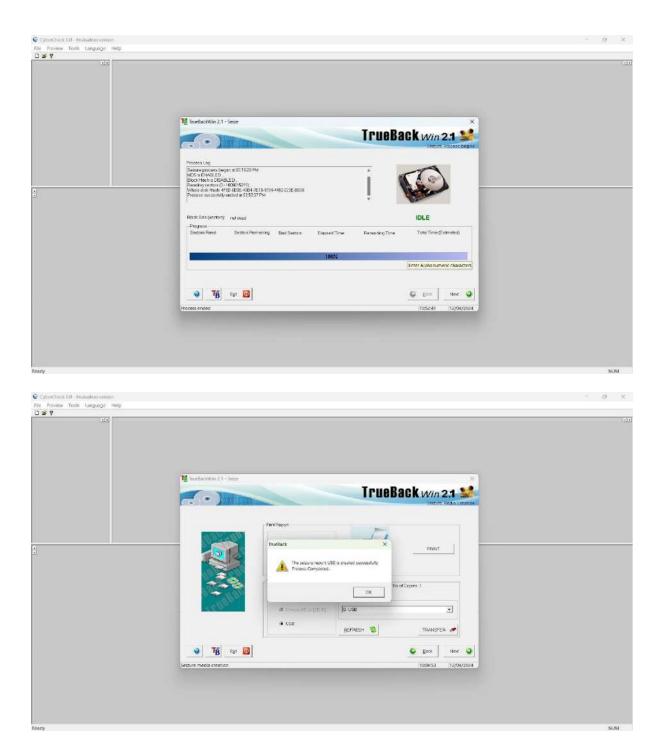


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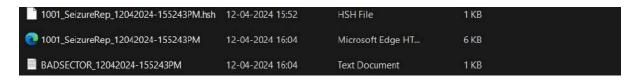


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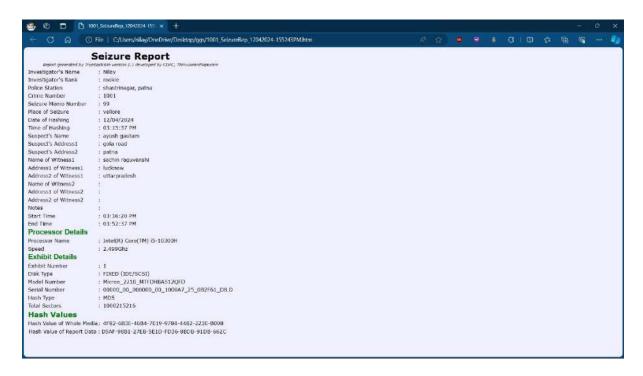




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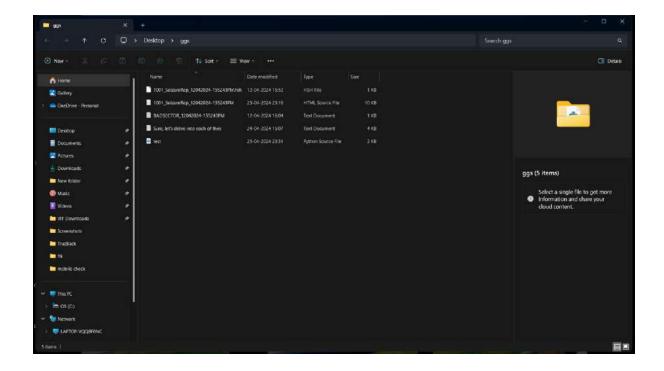


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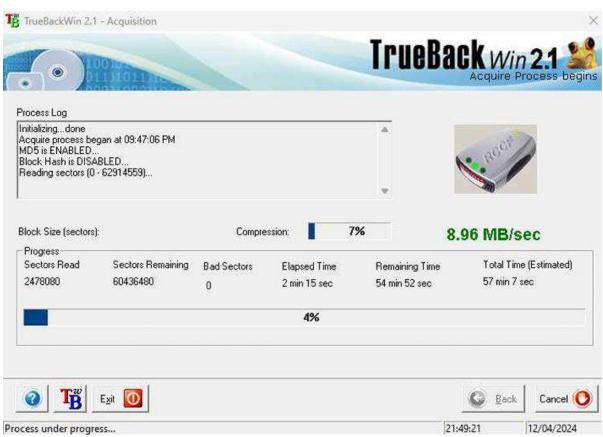


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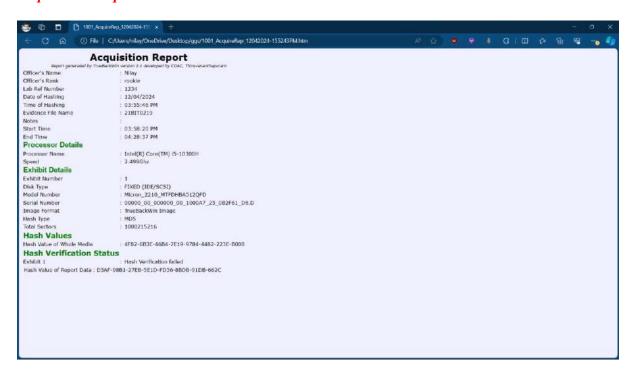
We open directory in which seized file is present then we select the file which is to be acquired.







Acquisition Report:



Cardinal Rules

Cyber forensics, also known as digital forensics, involves investigating and analyzing digital devices and data to uncover evidence of cybercrime. Here are some cardinal rules or key principles in cyber forensics:

- 1. **Preservation of Evidence:** Maintain the integrity of digital evidence by ensuring it remains unchanged from the moment of collection throughout the investigation process. Use write-blocking hardware or software to prevent any alterations to the original data.
- 2. Chain of Custody: Document and track the handling of evidence from the time of collection to its presentation in court. This ensures accountability and reliability of the evidence, establishing its admissibility in legal proceedings.
- 3. Forensic Soundness: Conduct investigations following established forensic methodologies and standards to ensure accuracy, reliability, and legality of the findings. Use validated tools and techniques to collect, analyze, and interpret digital evidence.
- 4. *Minimization of Contamination*: Prevent contamination of digital evidence by handling it with care and avoiding actions that could modify or destroy it. Work in a controlled environment to minimize the risk of inadvertent changes to the evidence.
- 5. **Documentation and Reporting:** Thoroughly document all investigative steps, findings, and conclusions in a clear and organized manner. Prepare detailed reports that can be understood by both technical and non-technical audiences, providing a comprehensive overview of the investigation process and results.
- 6. Legal Compliance: Conduct investigations in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines, respecting the privacy rights of individuals and adhering to rules of evidence. Obtain proper authorization before accessing and collecting digital evidence.
- 7. Continuous Learning and Adaptation: Stay updated on evolving technologies, techniques, and threats in cyber forensics through ongoing training, research, and collaboration with peers. Adapt investigative practices to address new challenges and emerging trends in digital crime.

ARDINAL RULES



Confined Space Entry

Always obtain written authorization before entering a confined space.



Incident Reporting

Always report incidents and near-misses in accordance with our incident management



Drug & Alcohol Policy

Do not work while fatigued or under the influence of alcohol, drugs/prescription medication which may impair your ability to work safely.



Field Level Risk Assessment (FLRA)

Always complete an FLRA to identify hazards prior to starting work.



Energy Isolation

Always verify that hazardous energy has been isolated and tagged (lock out/tag out) before performing work or maintenance.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Always wear appropriate PPE for the task at hand.



Fall Protection

Always protect against a fall when working from heights greater that 1.88 meters (6 feet) or as otherwise specified by the customer or jurisdictional requirements.



Safe Driving

Do not drive while fatigued or under the influence of alcohol, drugs/prescription medication or other substance which may impair your ability to drive safely.



Ground Disturbance

Always follow procedure for locating, identifying and excavating buried facilities.

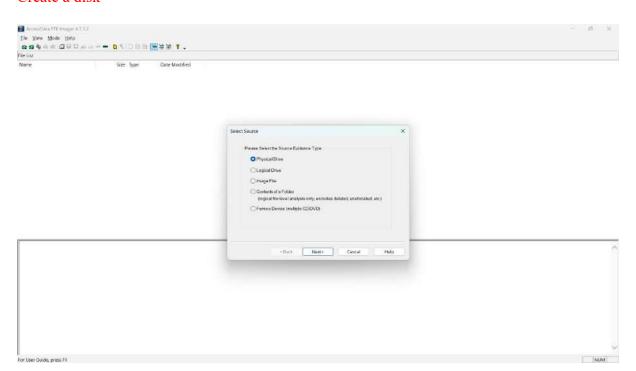


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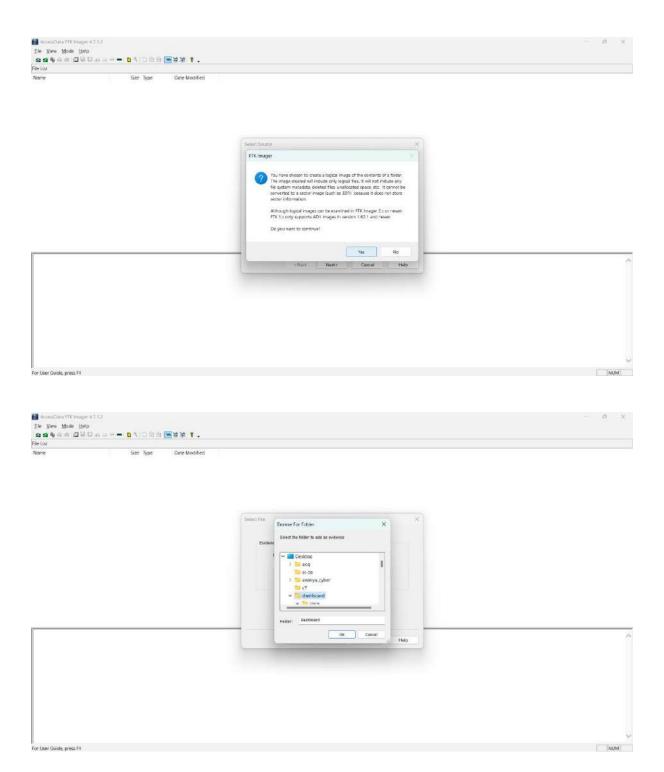




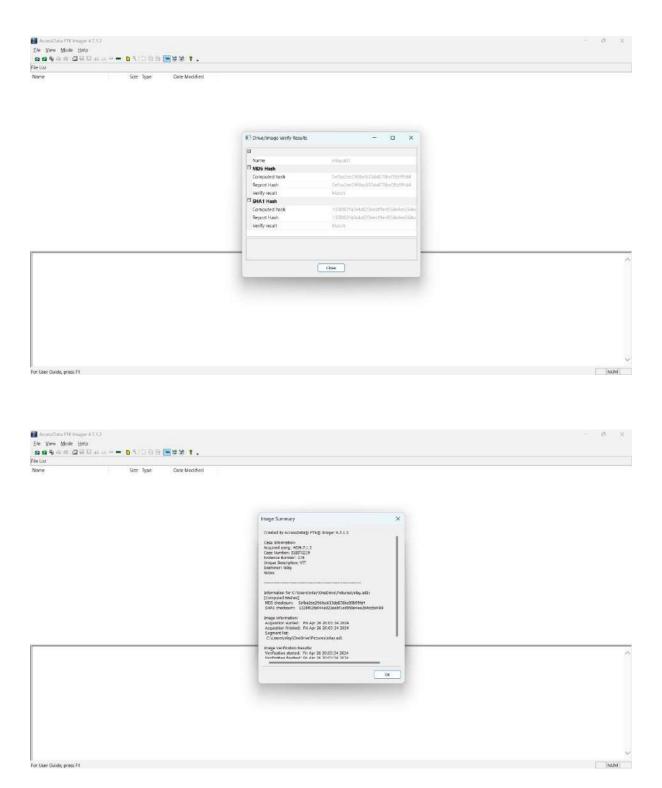
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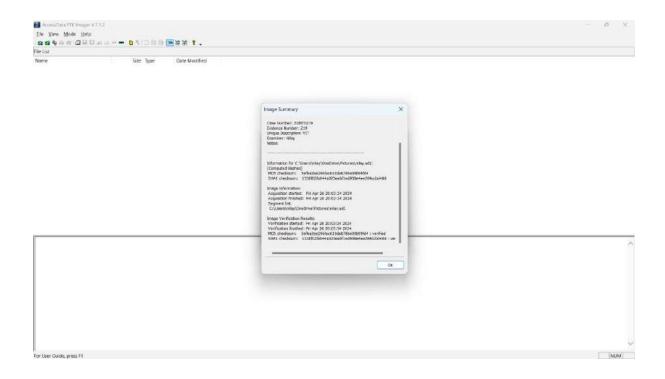
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Select a source destination for the application



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