

## Lab 1: Forensic Investigation on Your Own Personal Computer

### Objectives:

- Become familiar with a forensics tool.
- Become familiar with the basic forensics process.

### Instructions:

Do a forensics investigation on your own personal computer using any case management tools (or some other forensics tools) you choose. OSForensics is recommended for this assignment. You may install the trial copy on your own machine. Other tools such as FTK, Sleuthkit/Autopsy\_Browser, Encase, ProDiscover Basic, etc. will also work. **In this lab, I decided to use the recommended tool, OSForensics.**

I first started off by downloading the free trial on my laptop which has a 500GB SSD. Once the download was complete, I opened OSForensics and continued with my free trial.



Fig 1: In the progress of downloading OSForensics

The next step was to create a new case, which will allow running all the available features on OSforensics to further this lab's progress.

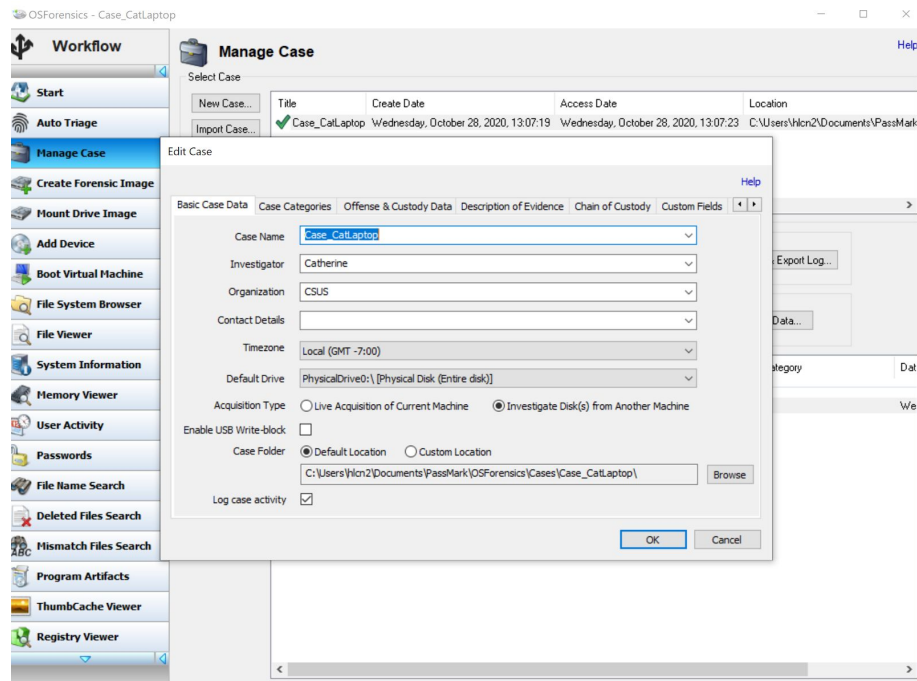


Fig 2: Process of making a new case.

Next was to create an index of my drive, this would allow me to search index through all my files. I decided to only index my files to save time.

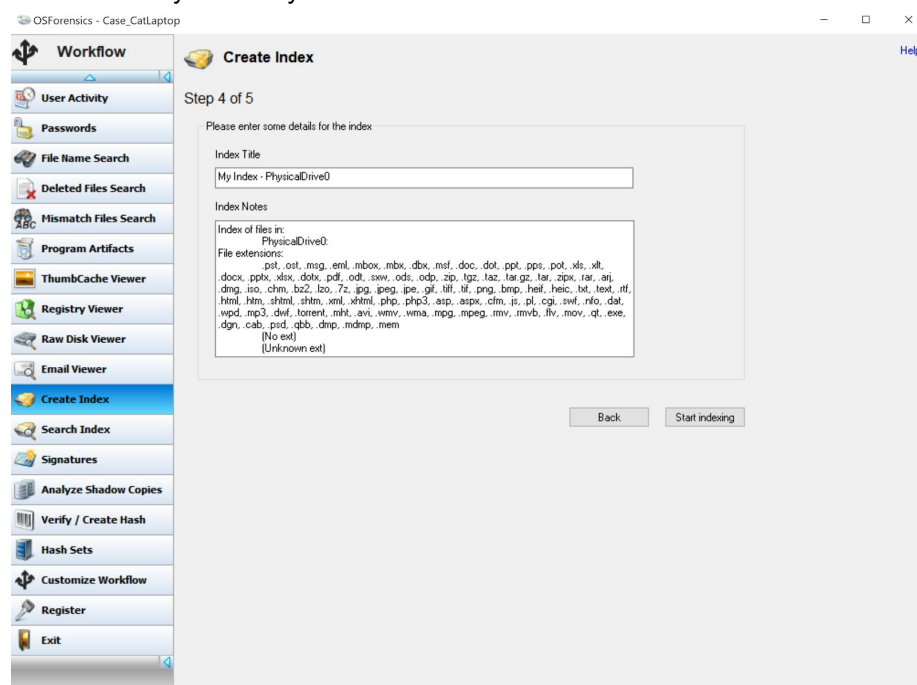


Fig 3: Process of creating an index.

1. Provide screenshots showing the following information:

- **Number and type of documents (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, etc)**
  - To find the number of documents on my laptop I used file name search and changed the preset to office documents. This resulted in 929 files. 39 .dotx, 4 .odt, 649 .pdf, 14 .pot, 38 .ppt, 28 .pptx, 22 .xls, 40 .xlsx.

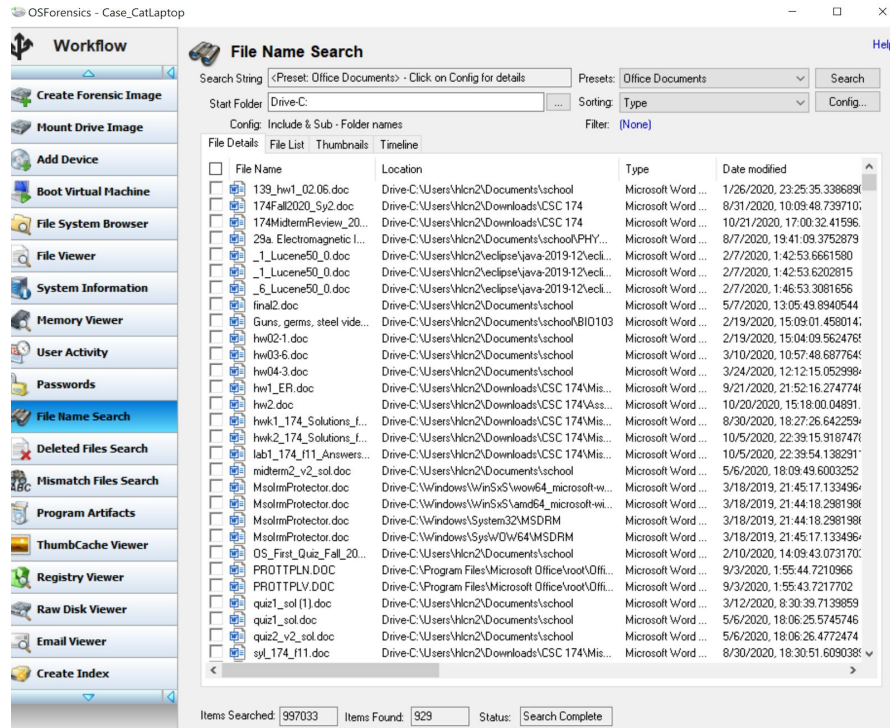


Fig 4: Search for all the Office Documents on my Laptop.

- **Number of images**
  - For the number of images, I went into the “File name search” feature and change the preset to images only. That resulted in 73381 image files. Which is a lot more than I expected.

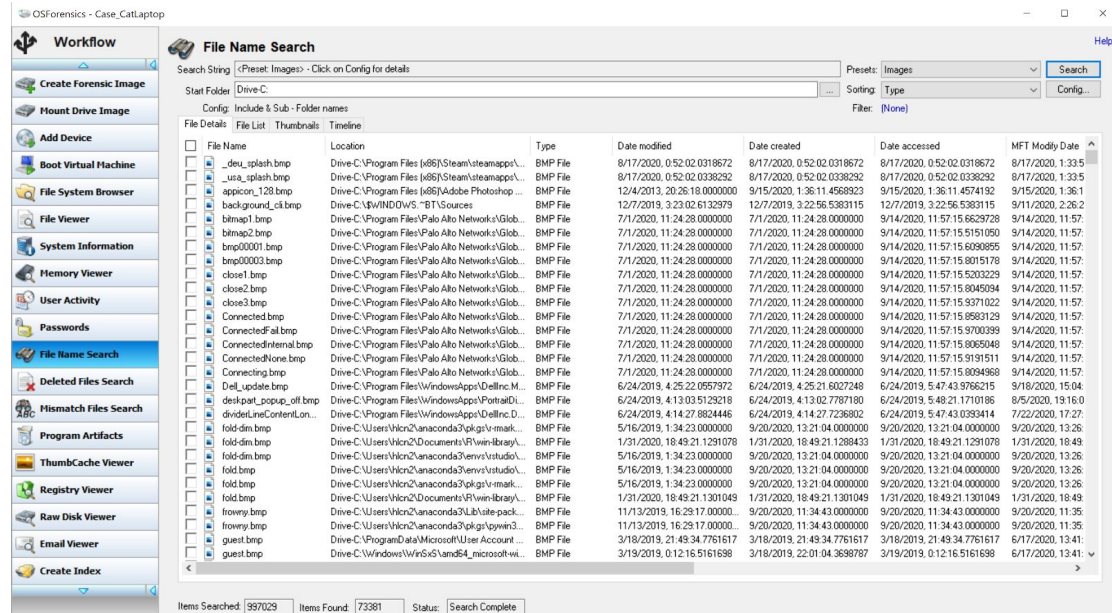


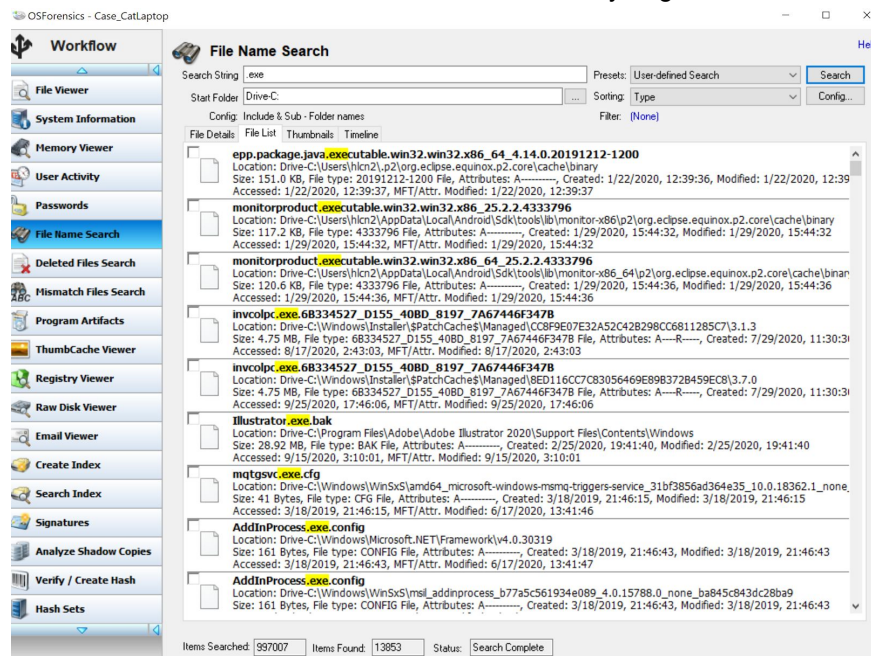
Fig 5: Search for all image files.





- **Number of executable files**

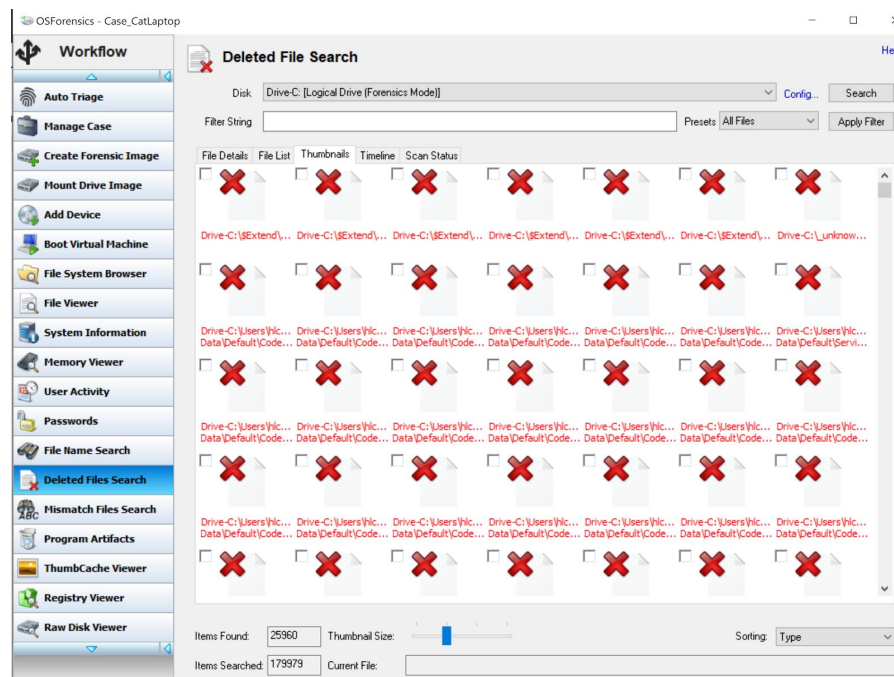
- The number of executable files on my drive is 13853 out of the 997007 searched. I used “.exe” to search for them. Not sure if this is the correct way to get these files, but this is what I did.



**Fig 8: Search for files including “.exe”.**

- **Number of deleted files**

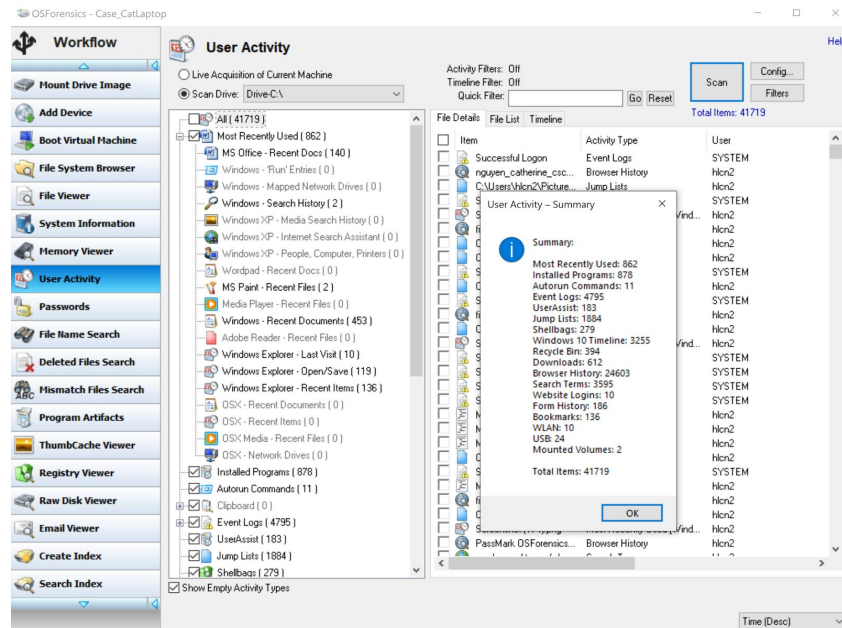
- The number of deleted files I had amazed me. I have exactly 25960 files deleted out of the 179979 files searched. To get here I used the Deleted File Search feature and searched my whole drive.



**Fig 9: Files found in the Deleted File Search.**

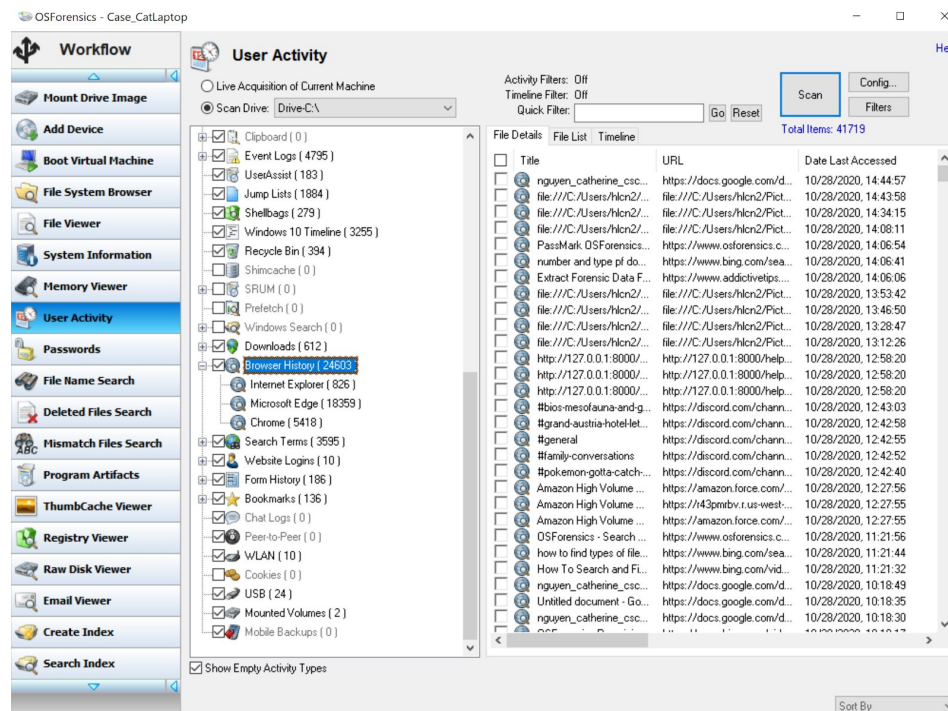
- **Recently visited web sites**

- This is my user activity summary. By the looks of it, I have been up to a lot since I had this laptop.



**Fig 10: User Activity Summary.**

- Here is an even closer look at my browser history. A total of 24603 browsers and the browser I use the most is Microsoft edge with 18,000+ browsers. Second is Chrome with 5,000 plus and last is Internet Explorer with 800+ browsers. This makes sense because I rarely use internet explorer and I've moved on from Google Chrome and have been using Microsoft Edge ever since.



**Fig 11: User Activity - Browser History.**

- **Types of external devices (eg. USB, printer, etc.) connected to the computer**
  - i. Based on OSForensics it seems that I have had a total of 24 external devices that have come in contact with my laptop. To find this, I used the User Activity feature and clicked on “USB” which then showed me all the previous external devices.

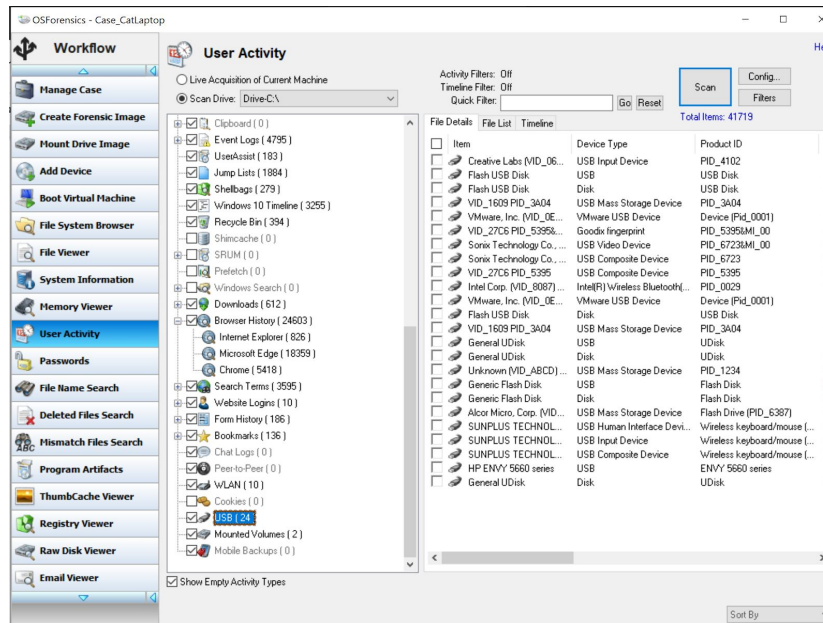


Fig 12: User Activity - USB

## 2. Do a search to determine the number of times your name appears, and typical places your name appeared.

- This was the best I could do when it came to searching for my name. Out of the 990,000+ files I was only able to find my name in 133 files. This makes sense because a majority of my files are usually on google docs. Unfortunately, this is my only file names. The typical places my name appeared were in school-related files.

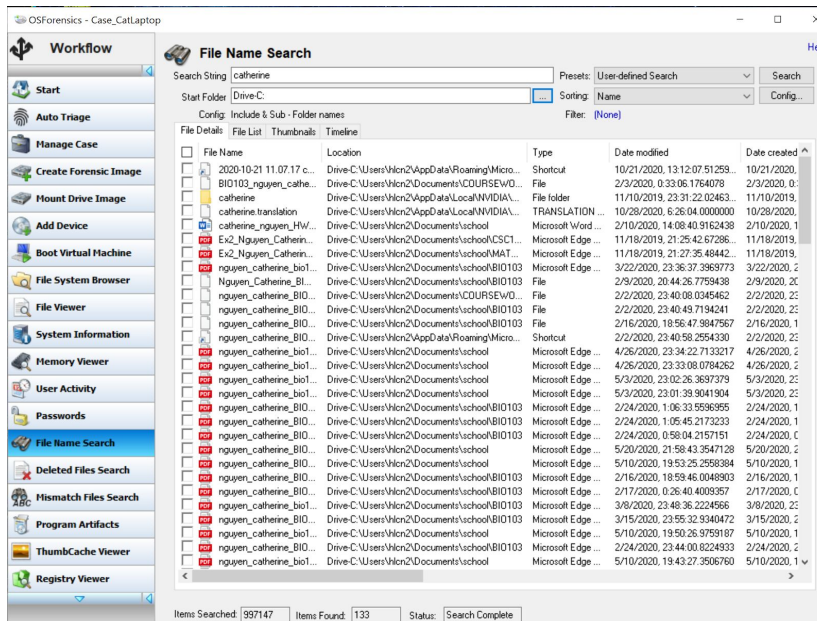


Fig 13: Search for files including my name “Catherine”.



### 3. Do a search to determine the number of times CSUS or Sac State appeared and typical places where it appeared.

- Surprisingly there are not many csus or sac state files. This might be due to my lack of knowledge in conducting a concise search. I assume I need to “Search Index”, but the time it took to create an index was too much for someone impatient. So the best I could do was search for file names. This resulted in 40 files with “csus” and 0 files with “sac state” included.

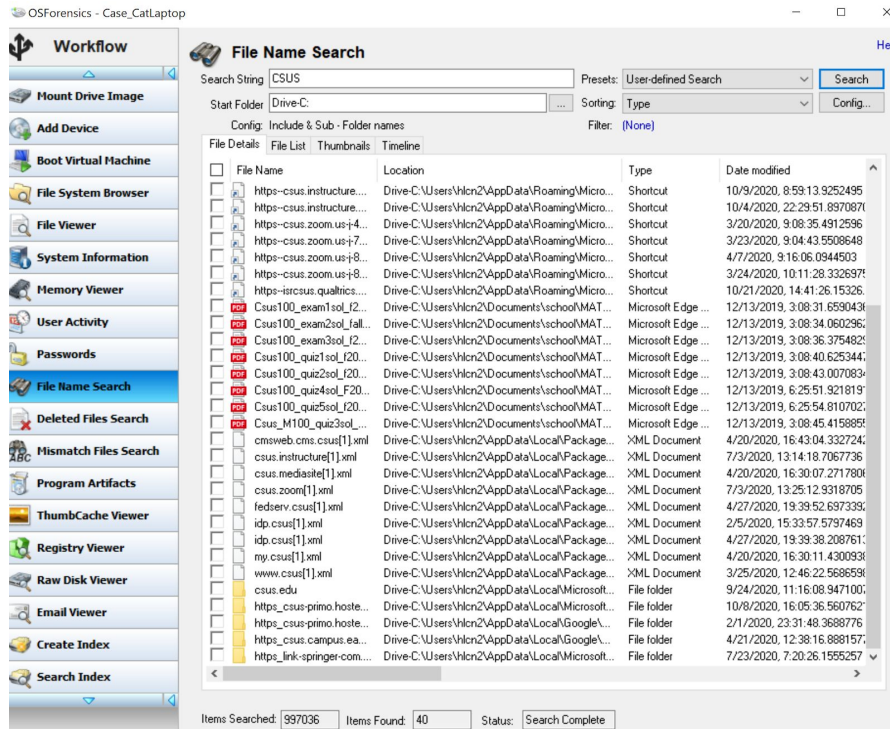


Fig 14: Search for files with “CSUS”

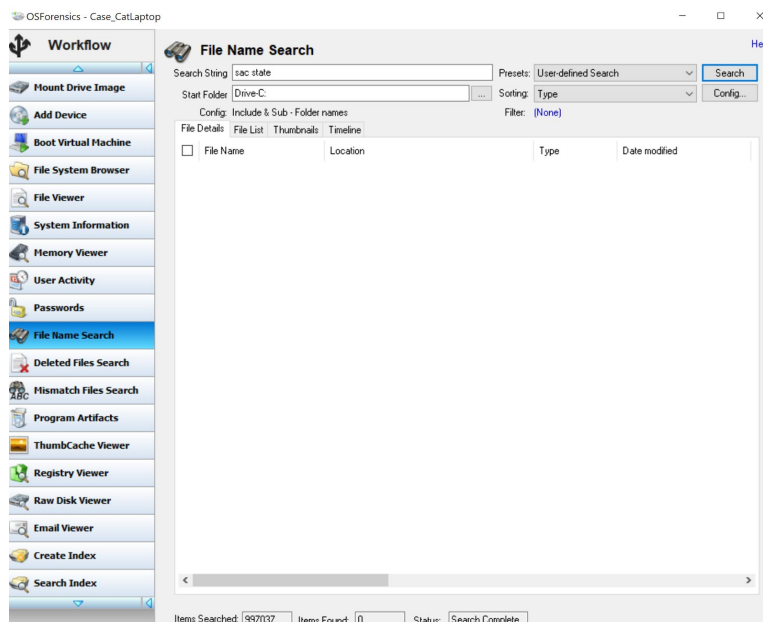


Fig 15: Search for files with “Sac State”



4. **Any surprising information you least expected to find.**

- **I am surprised to find out that I don't have any files that are encrypted and that my browser activity is high. Also, I am surprised that my laptop is familiar with only 10 wifis.**

**Conclusion:** This lab was really fun. At first, I was worried. Since this tool is new to me and I was not sure I would be able to figure out how to use it for this lab. Hopefully what I have turned in is acceptable. I have learned a lot from this.