### CIRCL - DFIR 1.0.2

Introduction: File System Forensics and Data Recovery



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1. File System Analysis - Overview

### 1.1 Abstract: Components of a file system

Allocation table: 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005

```
File System: - Organize data on a block device
                       - Maintain an allocation table
                       - Utilize meta data
  File Name
                      Metadata
file1.txt
                  |Time stamps,
                                                                         5001
-> Inode: 13
                  |Owner, Group,
                                                                         5002
                  |Rights: MACB,
                                                                         5003
file2.txt
                  |5001,5002,5003
                                          -> Inode: 14
                  |Size: 68 Byte
                                                                        I 5005
                                                                         5006
file3.txt
                  |Time stamps,
-> Inode: xyz |
                  |Owner, Group,
                  |Rights: MACB.
                  15004.5005
                  |Size: 55 Byte
                                               ( 32 Byte cluster )
                                                                         5011
                                                               24
                                                                      31
```

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Allocation table (Meta): 13, 14

### 1.2 Delete a file: Allocated $\rightarrow$ Unallocated

```
File System: - Organize data on a block device
                       - Maintain an allocation table
                       - Utilize meta data
  File Name
                      Metadata
                                             Content
file1.txt
                  |Time stamps,
                                 I 13
                                                                          5001
-> Inode: 13
                  |Owner, Group,
                                                                        1 5002
                  |Rights: MACB,
                                                                          5003
file2.txt XX
                  |5001,5002,5003
                                          -> Inode: 14
                  |Size: 68 Byte
                                                                          5005
                                                                          5006
file3.txt
                  |Time stamps,
                                  1 14
-> Inode: xyz
                  |Owner, Group,
                  |Rights: MACB,
                  15004.5005
                  |Size: 55 Byte
                                                ( 32 Byte cluster )
                                                                          5011
                                                        16
                                                               24
                                                                      31
```

Allocation table (Meta): 13

Allocation table: 5001, 5002, 5003

## 1.3 Slack space

- 0 = Unallocated
- 1 = Allocated

#### Evolution of slack space:

- Complete cluster is allocated to the file
- Until end of sector: Filled with zeros (or random memory --> RAM slack)
- Until end of cluter: Don't touch at all --> File slack
- Maybe there are rests of deleted file content.

# 1.4 Metadata based file recovery: Abstract

1. Create file: file1.txt

File Name	Inode	Content
file1.txt	7123, 7124   13	7123
-> Inode: 13	1	Hello   7123
		World   7124
1 1	14	1
1 1	I I	1
	1 1	
	1 1	Allocation table (Meta): 13
		Allocation table: 7123, 7124

2. Delete file: file1.txt

File Name	Inode	Content	
file1.txt XX	7123, 7124   13		7122
-> Inode: 13	1	Hello	7123
		World	7124
1 1	14	1	1
1 1	I I	I	1
	1		
	1	Allocation table (Meta): 14	
		Allocation table: 7122	2, 7123

### 1.4 Metadata based file recovery: Abstract

2. Delete file: file1.txt

File Name	Inode	Content	
file1.txt XX	7123, 7124   13	1	7122
-> Inode: 13	1	H e l l o	7123
		World	7124
1 1	14	1	1
1 1	I I	I	1
	1 1		
	1 1	Allocation table (Meta):	
		Allocation table:	

3. Create file: file2.txt (Partially overwrite data of file1.txt)

File Name	Inode	Content				
file1.txt XX	7123, 7124   13	This is	7122			
-> Inode: 13	1	Paula	7123			
		World	7124			
file2.txt	7122, 7123   14	_ I				
-> Inode: 14	1	1				
	1					
	1	Allocation table (Meta): 14				
		Allocation table: 7122, 7123	3			

### 1.4 Metadata based file recovery: Abstract

3. Create file: file2.txt (Partially overwrite data of file1.txt)

```
# Recovery of a (deleted) file
```

- # Recovery of a reallocated file
- \$ dd if=deleted.dd of=file1.txt bs=32 skip=7123 count=2
  --> Paula World

Discussion: What did we miss in this abstract example?

### 1.5 The Sleuth Kit

```
# Volume system information
mmstat
              # List partition table
mmls
              # Cat a partition
mmcat
fsstat
              # File system information
fls
              # List files and directories
fcat
              # Cat a file
              # Find filename of an inode
ffind
istat
              # Inode information
ils
              # List inodes
icat
              # Cat an inode
ifind
              # Find inode of a sector
blkstat
              # Information of a data unit
blkls
              # Output data units
              # Cat a data unit
blkcat
jls
              # List content of journal
icat
              # Cat a block from journal
mactime
              # File system time line
srch_strings # Display printable characters
hfind
              # Hash database lookup
. . . .
```

### 1.6 Metadata based file recovery: The Sleuth Kit

3. Create file: file2.txt (Partially overwrite data of file1.txt)

Exercise: Recover deleted files from /carving/deleted.dd

#### 1.7 File slack and unallocted clusters

• Slack: Manual approach with dd

```
fsstat deleted.dd
    Cluster Size: 4096

fls -r deleted.dd
istat deleted.dd 72
    size: 12071
    1131 1132 1133

$ echo $(( (3*4096) - 12071 ))
    217

dd if=deleted.dd bs=4096 skip=1133 count=1 | xxd | less
```

• Slack: Automated approach with The Sleuthkit

```
blkls -s -b 4096 usb.dd
```

- Exercise: Does file recovery incl. slack?
- Blocks: With The Sleuthkit

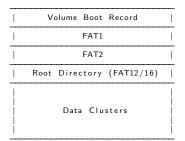
```
blkls —a —b 4096 deleted.dd | xxd | less # Allocated blocks
blkls —A —b 4096 deleted.dd | xxd | less # Unallocated blocks
blkls —e —b 4096 deleted.dd | xxd | less # All blocks
```



2. FAT - File Allocation Table

### 2.1 FAT file system structure

#### Layout and VBR Example



```
0000: eb3c 906d 6b66 732e 6661 7400 0204 0400 0010: 0200 0200 00f8 4000 2000 4000 0000 0000 0020: 0000 0100 8000 2974 6812 e84e 4f20 4e41 0030: 4d45 2020 2020 4641 5431 3620 2020 0e1f 0040: be5b 7cac 22c0 740b 56b4 0ebb 0700 cd10 0050: 5eeb f032 e4cd 16cd 19eb fe54 6869 7320 .....
```

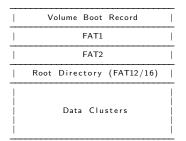
Exercise: fat16.dd = 33.554.432 Byte Can you calculate the size or this FAT16?

#### VBR interpretation

```
Offset
                Length
                           Item
                                                  Interpretation
00 (0 \times 00)
                           Jump bootstrap
                                                  JMP 62 NOP
03 (0×03)
                                                  mkfs fat
                           OFM name
11 (0x0B)
                           Bytes/sector
                                                  0 \times 0002 \longrightarrow 0 \times 0200 = 512 Bytes
13 (0×0D)
                           Sectors / Cluster
                                                  0 \times 04
                                                                          = 2048 Bytes
14 (0×0E)
                           Sector before FS 0 \times 0400 \longrightarrow 0 \times 0004 =
                                                                                 4 Sectors
16 (0×10)
                           Copies of FAT
                                                  0 \times 02
```

### 2.1 FAT Filesystem structures

#### Layout and VBR Example



```
0000: eb3c 906d 6b66 732e 6661 7400 0204 0400 0010: 0200 0200 0018 4000 2000 4000 0000 0000 0020: 0000 0100 8000 2974 6812 e84e 4f20 4e41 0030: 4d45 2020 2020 4641 5431 3620 2020 0e1f 0040: be5b 7cac 22c0 740b 56b4 0ebb 0700 cd10 0050: 5eeb f032 e4cd 16cd 19eb fe54 6869 7320 .....
```

```
Exercise: fat16.dd = 33.554.432 Byte Can you calculate the size or this FAT16? Solution: 33554432 / 512 / 4 * 2 / 512
```

#### VBR interpretation

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Offset
                Length
                           Item
                                                  Interpretation
00 (0 \times 00)
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                                                                         = 2048 Bytes
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                           Sector before FS 0 \times 0400 \longrightarrow 0 \times 0004 =
                                                                                4 Sectors
16 (0×10)
                           Copies of FAT
                                                  0 \times 02
```

# 2.2 FAT components simplified

Root Directory:

Name	Ext	Start	Size	
file_A file_B	txt	3 7	28	
		,	-	

Content of file:

Not part of Root directory

Data Clusters: (Size of 8 characters)

Ī	aaaaaaa   aaaaaaaa   aaaaaaaa				bbb	ob	1	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1			aa					
	8	9	А	В	С	D	E	F

FAT: FAT16 in this example

f8ff	ffff	0000	0004	0005	000C	0000	ffff	0000	0000	0000	0000	ffff	0000
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Α	В	С	D
Rese	rved												

### 2.3 FAT Filesystems

• Examine the FAT16

```
fsstat FAT/fat16.dd
      Total Range: 0 - 65535
      * Reserved: 0 - 3
      ** Boot Sector: 0
      * FAT 0: 4 - 67
      * FAT 1: 68 - 131
      * Data Area: 132 - 65535
      ** Root Directory: 132 - 163
      ** Cluster Area: 164 - 65535
      Sector Size: 512
      Cluster Size: 2048
      Total Cluster Range: 2 - 16344

    Test files:

      5000 Nov 27 14:21 file01.txt
        50 Nov 28 10:38 file02 txt
  file01.txt
      file02.txt
```

# 2.4 FAT file system analyzed

```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
     0020: 4649 4c45 3031 2020 5458 5420 0064 c46a FILE01 TXT .d.i
     0030: 7b4d 7b4d 0000 c46a 7b4d 0300 8813 0000
                                                     {M{M...i{M.....
     0060: 4649 4c45 3032 2020 5458 5420 0064 104d FILE02 TXT .d.M
     0070: 7c4d 7c4d 0000 104d 7c4d 0600 3200 0000 |M|M...M|M...2...
     Offset
                 Length
                          ltem
                                            Interpretation
     00 (0×00)
                 11
                          File Name
                                            FILE01 TXT
     26 (0×1A)
                         Low Cluster
                                            0 \times 0300 \longrightarrow 03
     28 (0×1C)
                          Size in Byes
                                            0 \times 8813 \longrightarrow 0 \times 1388 = 5000
Data Clusters:
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=164 count=4
                                            xxd | less
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=168 count=4
                                                          AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
                                            xxd | less
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=172 count=4
                                            xxd less AAAAAAAAAAAAAA
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=176 count=4
                                            xxd | less AAAAAAA .....
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=180 count=4
                                            xxd | less XXXXX.....
FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
     0000 f8ff ffff 0000 0400 0500 ffff ffff 0000
```

### 2.5 FAT Exercise: Delete file01.txt

```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
     0020: e549 4c45 3031 2020 5458 5420 0064 c46a ...ILE01 TXT .d.i
     0030: 7b4d 7b4d 0000 c46a 7b4d 0300 8813 0000 {M{M...i{M.....
     0060: 4649 4c45 3032 2020 5458 5420 0064 104d FILE02 TXT .d.M
     0070: 7c4d 7c4d 0000 104d 7c4d 0600 3200 0000 |M|M...M|M...2...
     Offset
                                            Interpretation
                 Length
                          ltem
     00 (0×00)
                 11
                          File Name
                                            ILF01 TXT
     26 (0×1A)
                         Low Cluster
                                            0 \times 0300 \longrightarrow 03
     28 (0×1C)
                          Size in Byes
                                            0 \times 8813 \longrightarrow 0 \times 1388 = 5000
Data Clusters:
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=164 count=4
                                            xxd | less
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=168 count=4
                                                          AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
                                            xxd | less
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=172 count=4
                                            xxd less AAAAAAAAAAAAAA
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=176 count=4
                                            xxd | less AAAAAAA .....
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=180 count=4
                                            xxd | less XXXXX.....
FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
     0000 f8ff ffff 0000 0000 0000 0000 ffff 0000
```

# 2.6 FAT Exercise: Create subdirectory

```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
     0020: 5445 5354 4449 5220 2020 2010 0000 334d TESTDIR
     0030: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 334d 7d4f 0300 0000 0000 }O}O...M}O.....
     0060: 4649 4c45 3032 2020 5458 5420 0064 104d FILE02 TXT .d.M
     0070: 7c4d 7c4d 0000 104d 7c4d 0600 3200 0000 |M|M...M|M...2...
     Offset
                 Length Item
                                           Interpretation
     00 (0×00)
                      File Name
                                           TESTDIR
                 11
     26 (0x1A) 2 Low Cluster
                                           0 \times 0300 \longrightarrow 03
     28 (0×1C) 4
                       Size in Byes
                                           0 \times 000000000
Data Clusters: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=168 count=4 | xxd | less
     0000: 2e20 2020 2020 2020 2020 2010 0000 cc4c
     0010: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 cc4c 7d4f 0300 0000 0000
                                                     }0}0 . . . L}0 . . . . . .
     0020: 2e2e 2020 2020 2020 2020 2010 0000 cc4c
     0030: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 cc4c 7d4f 0000 0000 0000
                                                     }0}0 . . . L}0 . . . . .
FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
     0000: f8ff ffff 0000 ffff 0000 0000 ffff 0000
```

### 2.7 FAT Exercise: File slack

```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
     0020: 2e2e 2020 2020 2020 2020 2010 0000 cc4c
     0030: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 cc4c 7d4f 0000 0000 0000 }O}O...L}O.....
     0060: 4649 4c45 3737 2020 5458 5420 0000 334d FILE77 TXT ...3M
     0070: 7d4f 7d4f 0000 334d 7d4f 0400 2500 0000 }O\O..3M\O..\%...
     Offset
                 Length
                        Item
                                           Interpretation
     00 (0 \times 00)
                        File Name
                                           FILE77 TXT
                 11
                  2 Low Cluster
     26 (0×1A)
                                           0 \times 0400 \longrightarrow 04
     28 (0×1C) 4
                        Size in Byes
                                           0 \times 250000000 \longrightarrow 0 \times 25 == 37
Data Clusters:
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=172 count=4 | xxd | less
                                                        1234567890ABCDEF
                                                         AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
                                                         ΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔΑΔ
     dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=176 count=4 | xxd | less
                                                         FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
     0000: f8ff ffff 0000 ffff ffff 0000 ffff 0000
```

# 2.8 FAT Hiding data in Bad Sectors

### • Prepararation:

```
FAT: Mark a sector as bad
    00800
            F8FF FFFF 0000 0000 FFF7 0000 0000 0000
          F8FF FFFF 0000 0000 FFF7 0000 0000 0000
    08800
    -> The 3rd block is marked as bad sector
    -> Calculate: Data cluster start at sector 164
                  Cluster 3 is marked as bad
                  164 + (2 * 4) = 172
    -> We can use sector 172, 173, 174, 175 (cluster 3) to hide data
    ---> Byte offset: 172 * 512 = 88064
                              = 0 \times 15800
Data Cluster: Hide your secrets
    15800
            2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020
    15810
          4D79 2073 6563 7265 743A 2020 2020 2020
                                                  My secret:
    15820 6131 6232 6333 6434 6535 6636 6737 6838
                                                  a1b2c3d4e5f6g7h8
```

Copy file on disk

### 2.8 FAT Hiding data in Bad Sectors

#### Analyze:

```
Root Directory: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=132 count=1 | xxd | less
   0020: 4649 4c45 5f4f 2020 5458 5420 0000 3637 FILE O TXT 67
   0030: 8a50 8a50 0000 3637 8a50 0300 1027 0000 .P.P. 67.P...'..
FAT: dd if=FAT/fat16.dd skip=4 count=1 | xxd | less
   0000: f8ff ffff 0000 0500 fff7 0600 0700 0800
   Data: dd if=fat16.test skip=168 count=4 | xxd | less
   Data: dd if=fat16.test skip=172 count=4 | xxd | less
   0010: 4d79 2073 6563 7265 743a 2020 2020 2020
                                   My secret:
   0020: 6131 6232 6333 6434 6535 6636 6737 6838
                                   a1b2c3d4e5f6g7h8
   Data: dd if=fat16.test skip=176 count=4 | xxd | less
```



3. NTFS - New Technology File System

# 3.1 NTFS file system structure

ī	Volume Boot Record	Ī	- Similar to FAT
ī	Master File Table	Ī	— MFT, ~12.5 $\$ of volume
	Data Clusters		
	MFT Mirror		— First 4 MFT entries
	Data Clusters		
ī	Backup Boot Record		

### 3.2 NTFS - Volume Boot Record

```
00000000 eb52 904e 5446 5320 2020 2000 0208 0000
                                                  R NTFS
00000010: 0000 0000 00f8 0000 0000
                                  0000 0000 0000
00000020: 0000 0000 8000 8000 fff7
                                  0300 0000 0000
00000030: 0400 0000 0000 0000 7f3f 0000 0000 0000
                                                  . . . . . . . . . ? . . . . . .
00000040: f600 0000 0100 0000 f92d c409 2fce 776f
                                                  . . . . . . . . . . . / . wo
                                                  . . . . . . . q | . " . t . V .
00000050: 0000 0000 0elf be71 7cac 22c0 740b 56b4
00000060: 0ebb 0700 cd10 5eeb f032 e4cd 16cd 19eb
                                                  . . . . . . ^ . . 2 . . . . . .
00000070: fe54 6869 7320 6973 206e 6f74 2061 2062
                                                  This is not a h
00000080 6f6f 7461 626c 6520 6469 736b 2e20 506c
                                                  ootable disk Pl
00000090: 6561 7365 2069 6e73 6572 7420 6120 626f
                                                  ease insert a bo
000000a0: 6f74 6162 6c65 2066 6c6f 7070 7920 616e
                                                  otable floppy an
. . . . . . . . . . . . . . U.
```

Offset:	Length:		Description:
00000000	3	JMP 52	Jump to bootcode at 54h
0000000B	2	00 02	Bytes per sector
000000D	1	08	Sectors per cluster
00000028	8	fff7 0300	262135 sectors in total
00000030	8	04	MFT start cluster
00000040	1	f6	Size of MFT records: $10 \longrightarrow 2^10 = 1.024$
00000054	426		Bootstrap code
000001FE	2	55 AA	End of sctor signature

### 3.3 NTFS - Meta Files

#### NTFS Meta Files

Entry	Filename	Description
0	\$MFT	MFT self reference
1	\$MFTMirr	Backup first 4 MFT entries
2	\$LogFile	Journal
3	\$Volume	Volume info lable, version
4	<b>\$</b> AttrDef	Attribute definitions
5		Root Directory
6	\$Bitmap	Allocation status for each cluster
7	\$Boot	Boot Sector and boot code
8	\$BadClus	Bas Clusters
23		

- Master File Table
  - MFT maintain 1 record per file/directory
  - o Size: 1024 Bytes per record
  - o In NTFS everything is a file
    - $\rightarrow$  Incl. meta files like \$MFT

### 3.4 MFT Record structure

Record Hea	ader Attributes	End
FILE		FF FF FF FF
0	55 56	1023
Link Is th Size Delet Attributes Attri	Iture: FILE Count: File is liste is a file or a dire of the file ed: Is the file alre	ctory eady deleted TANDARD.INFORMATION
	cort: FF FF FF FF k Sequence	

```
$ Is —I
     15000 Dez 9 16:09 small text file.txt
$ fsstat -o 2048 ntfs.raw
     FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION
     File System Type: NTFS
     METADATA INFORMATION
     First Cluster of MFT: 4
     First Cluster of MFT Mirror: 16255
     Size of MFT Entries: 1024 bytes
     CONTENT INFORMATION
     Sector Size: 512
     Cluster Size: 4096
     Total Cluster Range: 0 - 32510
```

\$ fls -0 2048 ntfs.raw  $r/r \ 73-128-2: \qquad small_text_file.txt$ 

```
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 73
  Attributes:
  Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 15000 init_size: 15000
  4169 4170 4171 4172
Exercise: Analyze data with TSK
$ icat — o 2048 ntfs.raw 73 | less
  Exercise: Analyze data manually with dd
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\$((2048 + 4169*8)) count=32| xxd | less
```

# Demo: Analyze MFT record manually

```
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)\} | xxd | less
                                               FILE0
    0000: 4649 4c45 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000 0000
    0010: 0100 0100 3800 0100 b801 0000 0004 0000
                                               8
                                               Н
    0030: 1300 0000 0000 0000 1000 0000 4800 0000
    . . . . . . . . . . . . . H . . .
    0160: 0000 0001 0000 0000 8000 0000 4800 0000
    0170: 0100 4000 0000
                       0200
                           0000 0000
                                               . . @ . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
                                     0000 0000
    0180: 0300 0000 0000
                       0000 4000 0000 0000 0000
                                               0190: 0040 0000 0000
                       0000 983a
                                0000 0000 0000
                                               .@...............
    01a0: 983a 0000 0000 0000 2104 4910 0000 0000
                                               .:.................
    01b0: ffff ffff 0000 0000 ffff ffff 0000 0000
```

#### Analysis:

```
0000 — 0037 Attribute Header

0038 — 007F 1. Attribute $10

0080 — 00FF 2. Attribute $30

0100 — 0167 3. Attribute $50

0168 — 01AF 4. Attribute $80

01BO — 01BF End Marker
```

```
Demo: Analyze MFT record manually
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)\} | xxd | less
                                                FILE0
    0000: 4649 4c45 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000 0000
    0010: 0100 0100 3800 0100 b801 0000 0004 0000
                                                 8
    0030: 1300 0000 0000 0000 1000 0000 4800 0000
                                                 Н
    0 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
    0160: 0000 0001 0000 0000 8000 0000 4800 0000
                                                 . . . . . . . . . . . . . H . . .
    0170: 0100 4000 0000
                        0200
                            0000 0000
                                      0000 0000
                                                 ..@...........
    0180: 0300 0000 0000
                        0000 4000 0000 0000 0000
                                                 0190: 0040 0000 0000
                        0000 983a
                                 0000
                                      0000 0000
                                                 .@..............
    01a0: 983a 0000 0000 0000 2104 4910 0000 0000
                                                 .:.................
    01b0: ffff ffff 0000 0000 ffff ffff 0000 0000
```

Offset	Offset	Size			,	Value		Description:
0168	00	4			8000	0000	\$80	Attribute Type ID: \$80
016C	04	4			4800	0000	72	Length of Attribute
0170	08	1				01	1	Non-Resident Flag
0190	28	8	0040	0000	0000	0000	16384	Allocated size
0198	30	8	983a	0000	0000	0000	15000	Actual size
01AA	42	2				4910	4169	Start cluster of data run

```
$ Is -I NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
    13 Dez 9 14:38 NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ fls −r −o 2048 ntfs.raw
    r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ icat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 74
    Attributes .
    Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Resident size: 13
$ icat -0 2048 ntfs raw 74
    Hello World!
Exercise:: Investigate Non-Resident Flag
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)\} count=2| \times d | less
    0160: 0000 0001 0000 0000 8000 0000 2800 0000
                                               0170: 0000 0000 0000 0200 0400 0000 1800 0000
                                               Hello World!....
    0180: 4865 6c6c 6f20 576f 726c 6421 0a00 0000
```

### 3.7 Hiding Data

- Exercise: Information Exfiltration: Are there hidden data?
  - Windows Explorer
  - Show hidden files
  - o CMD: dir
  - o Open the file
  - 0
  - o Other ideas?
- Answers:
  - >
  - >
- Creating ADS:
  - >
  - >
  - ?
  - >

### 3.7 Hiding Data

- Exercise: Information Exfiltration: Are there hidden data?
  - Windows Explorer
  - Show hidden files
  - ∘ CMD: dir
  - o Open the file
  - 0
  - o Other ideas?
- Answers:

```
> dir /r  # Windows Vista +
>
> notepad G:\test.txt:123.txt
> mspaint G:\text.txt:123.jpg
```

#### • Creating ADS:

```
> File name syntax: <filename.ext>:<stream—name.ext>
>
> type 123.txt >> G:\test.txt:123.txt
> type "C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\My Pictures\
> Sample Pictures\Sunset.jpg >> test.txt:123.jpg
```

## 3.7 Hiding Data

- History Alternate Data Stream:
  - OS/2 development by Microsoft and IBM
  - o HPFS suported extended attributes in forks
  - NTFS forks renamed ADS
- Use of Alternate Data Stream:
  - Download zone of files
  - Replace of 'Thumbs.db' file in Windows 2000
  - File properties manually updated
- Exercise: Investigate MFT record after ADS creation
  - 1. Dump MFT record of the ADS hosting file
  - 2. Add an Alternate Data Stream to the file
  - 3. Dump MFT record of the ADS hosting file
  - 4. Analyze what has changed



4. NTFS - Advanced

# 4.1 Analyzing MFT Record manually

```
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)\} count=2| xxd | less
                                                    FILE0
     0000: 4649 4c45 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000 0000
     0010: 0100 0100 3800
                         0100
                              9801
                                    0000 0004 0000
                                                    . . . . 8 . . . . . . . . . . .
     0020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0400 0000 4a00 0000
                                                    0030: 0500 0000 0000 0000 1000 0000 4800 0000
     0040: 0000 0000 0000 3000 0000 1800 0000
                                                    . v . . . . . . % . . . . . . .
     0050: d376 ale4 95ae d501 2580 ale4 95ae d501
     0060: 2580 ale4 95ae d501 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                    % . . . . . . . . v . . . . . .
     0 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
   Offset
           Size
                               Value
                                               Description:
    0000
                           4649 4c45
                                       FILE
                                               Signature
              4
    0006
                                               Entries in Fixup Area
                                0300
    0008
                 0000 0000
                           0000 0000
                                               $LogFile Seq Num
                                          0
    0010
                                0100
                                               Seg Num: Use of record
    0012
                                0100
                                               Link Count
    0014
                                3800
                                         56
                                               Offset to first attribute
    0016
                                0100
                                       file
                                               file =1; directory=3
    0018
                                               Record size in use
              4
                           9801 0000
                                        408
    001C
                           0004 0000
                                       1024
                                               Record size allocated
    002C
                                               Record number
                           4a00 0000
                                         74
                      0000 0000 0000
    0031
                                          0
                                               Fixup Area
    0038
                           1000 0000
                                        $10
                                               Attribute $10
    003C
                           4800 0000
                                       0 \times 48
                                               Attribute size
```

# 4.1 Analyzing MFT Record manually

```
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=((2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)) count=2 \times xd | less
     0030: 0500 0000 0000 0000 1000 0000 4800 0000
                                                   . . . . . . . . . . . . H . . .
     0040 0000 0000 0000
                         0000
                              3000 0000 1800 0000
     0050: d376 ale4 95ae d501 2580 ale4 95ae d501
                                                   . v . . . . . . % . . . . . . .
     0060: 2580 ale4 95ae d501 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                   % . . . . . . . . v . . . . . .
     0
     0090: 6400 0000 1800 0100 4800 0000 0000 0200
                                                   d . . . . . . . H . . . . . . .
     00a0: d376 ale4 95ae d501 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                   . v . . . . . . . v . . . . . .
     00b0: d376 ale4 95ae d501 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                   v v
     0040: 2000 0000 0000 0000 1100 7300 7500 6200
                                                    . . . . . . . . . s . u . b .
     00e0 · 5f00 4400 6900
                        7200 5f00
                                  4600 6900 6c00
                                                   Dir Fil
     00f0: 6500 3100 2e00 7400 7800 7400 1800 0000
                                                   e.1...t.x.t....
     0100: 5000 0000 6800 0000 0000 0000 0000 0100
     0110: 5000 0000 1800 0000 0100 0480 1400 0000
   Offset
          Size
                              Value
                                              Description:
                                       $10
                                              $STANDARD INOFRMATION
    0038
                          1000 0000
    003C
                          4800 0000
                                      0 \times 48
                                              Attribute size
    0080
                          3000 0000
                                       $30
                                              SFILE NAME
    0084
                          8000 0000
                                      0.8 \times 0
                                              Attribute size
    0100
                          5000 0000
                                       $50
                                              $SECURITY DESCRIPTOR
                          6800 0000
    0104
                                      0×68
                                              Attribute size
```

## 4.1 Analyzing MFT Record manually

```
0100: 5000 0000 6800 0000 0000 0000 0000 0100
                                              P...h......
0110: 5000 0000 1800
                   0000 0100 0480 1400 0000
                                              P . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
0120: 2400 0000 0000
                    0000 3400 0000 0102 0000
0130: 0000 0005 2000
                    0000 2002 0000 0102 0000
0140: 0000 0005 2000 0000 2002 0000 0200 1c00
0150: 0100 0000 0003 1400 ff01 1f00 0101 0000
0160: 0000 0001 0000 0000 8000 0000 2800 0000
                                              . . . . . . . . . . . . ( . . .
0170: 0000 0000 0000 0200 0400 0000 1800 0000
0180: 4865 6c6c 6f20 576f 726c 6421 0a00 0000
                                              Hello World !
```

	Offset	Size	Value		Description:
	0100	4	5000 0000	<b>\$</b> 50	\$SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR
	0104	4	6800 0000	0×68	Attribute size
	0168	4	8000 0000	\$80	\$SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR
	016C	4	2800 0000	0×68	Attribute size
	0170	1	00	0	Non-Resident Flag
	0171	1	00	0	Name lenght
	0172	2	0000	0	Name offset
	0174	2	0000	0	Flags
	0176	2	0200	2	Attribute ID
	0178	4	0000 0000	13	Attribute lenght
	017C	2	1800	0×18	Attribute offset
	017E	2	0000	0	Padding
	0180	F			Content + Padding
	0190	4	ffff ffff	EOR	End Marker
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```
- $Bitmap file is located at MFT record 6
- It contains the status of each cluster
     - Allocated or
    - Not allocated
- Each bit represent a cluster
- Example: Byte 1: 0x13 == 0001 0100
          -> Allocated Cluster: 3, 5
          --> Not allocated Clusters: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8
           Byte 12: 0xC1 == 1100 0001
                                                              \# 12 * 8 = 96
          --> Allocated Cluster: 96, 102, 103
          --> Not allocated Clusters: 97, 98, 99, 100, 101
Exercise: Calculate size of the $Bitmap file
    $ fsstat -o 2048 ntfs.raw
        Cluster Size: 4096
        Total Cluster Range: 0 - 32510
        Total Sector Range: 0 - 260094
    32510 Clusters -> 32510 Bits -> 4064 Byts -> 8 Sectors -> 1 Clusters
    $ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 6
        Attributes .
        Type: $DATA (128-1) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 4064 init_size: 4064
        4071
```

```
Investigate bitmap for cluster 29056-29063
   Calculate bitmap position: 29056 / 8 = 3632 = 0 \times e30
 $ icat — o 2048 ntfs.raw 6 | xxd | less
    __
Exercise: Create a 6 cluster test file to investigate $Bitmap file
$ dd if=/dev/zero of=/cdrom/6-cluster.txt count=47
$ Is -Ih /cdrom/6-cluster.txt
    24064 Dez 5 12:10 /cdrom/6-cluster.txt
$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw
    r/r 66-128-2: 6-cluster.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 66
    Attributes:
    29056 29057 29058 29059 29060 29061
```

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```
Investigate bitmap for cluster 29056-29063
   Calculate bitmap position: 29056 / 8 = 3632 = 0 \times e30
 $ icat —o 2048 ntfs.raw 6 | xxd | less
    ==
Exercise: Create a 6 cluster test file to investigate $Bitmap file
$ dd if=/dev/zero of=/cdrom/6-cluster.txt count=47
$ Is -Ih /cdrom/6-cluster.txt
    24064 Dez 5 12:10 /cdrom/6-cluster.txt
$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw
    r/r 66-128-2: 6-cluster.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 66
    Attributes:
    29056 29057 29058 29059 29060 29061
$ icat — o 2048 ntfs.raw 6 | xxd | less
    0011 1111
   --> Allocated clusters: 29056, 29057, 29058, 29059, 29060, 29061
```

```
$ Is -I /cdrom/small_text_file.txt
     15000 Dez 9 16:09 /cdrom/small_text_file.txt
$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw
     r/r 73-128-2: small_text_file.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 73
     Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 15000 init_size: 15000
     4169 4170 4171 4172
Data cluster:
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4169*8)\} count=\{(4*8)\} | xxd | less
$ icat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 73 | xxd | less
MFT record 73:
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)\} count=2| xxd | less
$Bitmap file
4169 / 8 = 521.125 \longrightarrow Byte 521 (0x209) in $Bitmap file for Cluster 4168 - 4175
$ icat — o 2048 ntfs.raw 6 | xxd | less
1. Extract the data
2. $ rm /cdrom/small_text_file.txt
3. Extract data and compare
```

```
Data cluster:
ΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ
ΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ
AAAAAAA . . . . . . . . .
00003ab0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
00003fe0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
$Bitmap file:
00000200: ffff ffff ffff ffff 0700 0000 0000 ......
   0 \times 209 = 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1
         Y Y Y
```

Before delete:

```
Data cluster:
ΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ
ΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑΑ
AAAAAAA . . . . . . . . .
00003ab0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
00003fe0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
$Bitmap file:
00000200: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffel 0700 0000 0000 ......
   0 \times 209 = 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0
         Y Y Y Y
```

After delete:

#### Before delete:

#### MFT record:

offset: size: value: description: 0010 1 Record sequence number 0012 Link count Record flag: 0000 = file deleted0016 1 0100 = file in use0200 = dir deleted0300 = dir in useFixUp values 0030 1100 03 fe 1300 CRC

#### After delete:

#### MFT record:

offset:	size:	value:	description:
0010 0012 0016	2 2 2	2 0 0	Record sequence number Link count Record flag: 0000 = file deleted 0100 = file in use 0200 = dir deleted 0300 = dir in use
0030	2	1400	FixUp values
03 fe	2	1400	CRC

### 4.4 Directories

```
$ mkdir NTFS_Sub_Dir
$ echo "Hello World!" > NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ Is -la NTFS_Sub_Dir/
          168 Dez 9 14:38 ./
         4096 Dez 9 14:37 ../
           13 Dez 9 14:38 sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ fls −r −o 2048 ntfs.raw
     d/d 72-144-2: NTFS_Sub_Dir
     r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4*8 + 72*2)\} count=2
                                                         xxd | less
     00000000 4649 4645 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000
                                                          FILÉ0 . . . . . . . . . . . . .
     00000010: 0200 0100 3800 0300 3002
                                                           . . . . 8 . . . 0 . . . . . . .
                                          0000 0004 0000
     00000020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0400
                                         0000 4800 0000
                                                           . . . . . . . . . . . . H . . .
     00000030: 1000 7200 0000 0000 1000
                                         0000 4800 0000
                                                           . . r . . . . . . . . . H . . .
     00000040: 0000 0000 0000 0000 3000
                                         0000 1800 0000
                                                           . . . . . . . . 0 . . . . . . .
     00000050: 6e9d 97c1 95ae d501 5877 a1e4 95ae d501
                                                           n . . . . . . . Xw . . . . . .
     00000060: 5877 ale4 95ae d501 c624 dded 95ae d501
                                                          Xw $
     Offset .
             Length:
                             Value:
                                          Description:
                                          Record header signature
  00000000
                               FILE
                               3800
                                          Pointer to first attribute
  00000014
  00000016
                               0300
                                          Record flag: 3 = directory in use
  00000038
                          1000 0000
                                          Standard Information
  0000003C
                                          Size of the attribute (total)
                          4800 0000
```

### 4.4 Directories

```
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=((2048 + 4*8 + 72*2)) count=2
     00000080: 3000 0000 7800 0000 0000 0000 0000 0300
                                                        0 . . . × . . . . . . . . . . .
                                                         ........N.T.F.
              2000 0010 0000 0000 0c00 4e00 5400 4600
     00000040 \cdot
                                                       S. - . S. u. b. - . D. i .
     000000e0: 5300 5f00 5300 7500 6200 5f00 4400 6900
     000000f0: 7200 1800 0000 0200 5000 0000 6800 0000
                                                        r . . . . . . . P . . . h . . .
     00000160: 9000 0000 c800 0000 0004 1800 0000 0200
     00000170: a800 0000 2000 0000 2400 4900 3300 3000
                                                        .... $.1.3.0.
     00000180: 3000 0000 0100 0000 0010
                                       0000 0100 0000
                                                        00000190: 1000 0000 9800 0000 9800
                                       0000 0000
                                                 0000
     000001a0: 4a00 0000 0000 0100 7800
                                       6400 0000 0000
                                                        . . . . . . . . . x . d . . . . . .
     000001b0: 4800 0000 0000 0200 d376 ale4 95ae d501
                                                       H . . . . . . . v . . . . . .
     000001c0: 2580 ale4 95ae d501
                                  2580 ale4 95ae d501
                                                        % . . . . . . . % . . . . . . .
     000001d0: d376 ale4 95ae d501 1000
                                       0000 0000 0000
                                                        . V . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
     000001f0: 1100 7300 7500 6200 5f00 4400 6900 1000
                                                        ..s.u.b._.D.i...
     00000200: 5f00 4600 6900 6c00 6500 3100 2e00 7400
                                                        _.F.i.l.e.1...t.
     x . t . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
     Length:
                           Value:
  Offset:
                                        Description:
 00000080
                  4
                         3000 0000
                                       SFILE NAME
  00000084
                  4
                         7800 0000
                                        Size of the attribute (total)
                              0000
 00000088
                                        Resident
                                       $INDEX_ROOT
 00000160
                         9000 0000
```



5. File System Time Line

## 5.1 Time stamps: Nomenclature

- FAT
  - MAC times
    - M time: Content last Modified
    - A time: Content last Accessed
    - C time: File Created
- NTFS
  - MACF times
    - M time: Content last Modified
    - A time: Content last Accessed
    - C time: File Created
    - E-time: MFT Entry last mofidied
    - MACB times
      - M time: Content last Modified
      - A time: Content last Accessed
      - C time: MFT record last Changed
      - B-time: File created (Born)

## 5.2 Time stamps: Example

```
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 73
    MFT Entry Header Values:
     Entry: 73
                      Sequence: 2
     $LogFile Sequence Number: 0
     Not Allocated File
     Links: 0
    $STANDARD_INFORMATION Attribute Values:
     Flags: Archive
     Owner ID: 0
     Security ID: 0
     Created:
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400
                                                       (CET)
     File Modified:
                        2019-12-09 16:09:46.183651100
                                                       (CET)
    MFT Modified:
                        2019-12-09 16:09:46.183651100
                                                       (CET)
     Accessed:
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
     $FILE NAME Attribute Values:
     Flags: Archive
     Name: small text file txt
     Parent MFT Entry: 5
                                 Sequence: 5
     Allocated Size: 16384
                                 Actual Size: 0
     Created:
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
     File Modified
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
    MFT Modified
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400
                                                       (CET)
                        2019-12-02 16:25:22.099440400 (CET)
     Accessed:
```

### 5.3 Last Access Time

- ullet Updated im memory, writen to disk after pprox 1h
- As of Win Vista
  - Not updated per default
    - HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE/SYSTEM/CurrentControlSet/Control/ /FileSystem/NtfsDisableLastAccessUpdate



- Performance reasons
- Good for file server
- Still updated some times
  - File new created
  - File copied
  - File moved

#### Reproduce file system activities

```
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:23:08
                              113 ...b
                                                35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:24:20
                               75 m.cb
                                                37-128-1 c:/time-02.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:25:24
                               75 m ch
                                                38-128-1 c:/time-03.txt
                               75 m
                                                41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:26:05
                               75 m. b
                                                39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:27:00
                               75 mach
                                                40-128-1 c:/time-05.txt (deleted)
Thu lun 27 2013 12:33:50
                              113 m c
                                                35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:07:52
                               75 . acb
                                                41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:10:36
                               75 c
                                                39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:14:20
                               20 m
                                                42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
                               20 . acb
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:56:30
                                                42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
```

#### File: time -01.txt

Thu Jun 27 20	13 12:23:08	113b	35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 20	13 12:33:50	113 m.c.	35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt

#### File: time -02.txt

Thu Jun 27 2013 12:24:20 75 m.cb 37-128-1 c:/time-02.txt

#### Reproduce file system activities

```
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:23:08
                              113 ...b
                                                35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:24:20
                               75 m.cb
                                                37-128-1 c:/time-02.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:25:24
                               75 m ch
                                                38-128-1 c:/time-03.txt
                               75 m
                                                41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:26:05
                               75 m. b
                                                39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:27:00
                               75 mach
                                                40-128-1 c:/time-05.txt (deleted)
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:33:50
                              113 m c
                                                35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:07:52
                               75 . acb
                                                41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:10:36
                               75 c
                                                39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:14:20
                               20 m
                                                42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
                               20 . acb
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:56:30
                                                42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
```

#### File: time - 03.txt, time - 03 - Copy.txt

Thu Jun 27 2013	12:25:24	75 m.cb	38-128-1 c:/time-03.txt
		75 m	41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013	13:07:52	75 .acb	41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt

#### File: time -02.txt

Thu Jun 27 2	2013 12:26:05	75 mb	39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu Jun 27 2	2013 13:10:36	75c.	39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt

```
Reproduce file system activities
```

```
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:23:08
                              113 ...b
                                                35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:24:20
                               75 m.cb
                                                37-128-1 c:/time-02.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 12:25:24
                               75 m ch
                                                38-128-1 c:/time-03.txt
                               75 m
                                                41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
                               75 m. b
                                                39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:26:05
Thu lun 27 2013 12:27:00
                               75 mach
                                                40-128-1 c:/time-05.txt (deleted)
Thu Jun 27 2013 12:33:50
                              113 m c
                                                35-128-1 c:/time-01.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:07:52
                               75 . acb
                                                41-128-1 c:/time-03 - Copy.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:10:36
                               75 c
                                                39-128-1 c:/time-44.txt
Thu lun 27 2013 13:14:20
                               20 m
                                                42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:56:30
                               20 . ach
                                                42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
```

#### File: time -05.txt

Thu Jun 27 2013 12:27:00 75 macb 40-128-1 c:/time-05.txt (deleted)

#### File: time -06.txt

Thu Jun 27 2013 13:14:20 20 m... 42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt
Thu Jun 27 2013 13:56:30 20 .acb 42-128-1 c:/time-06.txt

Summary: What could we reproduce		
File: time — 01.txt		
1. 12:23:08 time - 01.txt -> new create	Yes	
6. $12:29:07$ time $-01.txt \rightarrow modified content$	No	
7. $12:33:50$ time $-01.txt \rightarrow 2nd$ modification	Yes	
ime -02.txt		
2. 12:24:20 time — 02.txt —> new create	Yes	
8. $12:29:50$ time $-02.$ txt $\rightarrow$ open/access file	No	
9. $12:30:01 \text{ time} -02.txt \rightarrow close$	No	
ime -03.txt , time -03 - Copy.txt		
3. $12:25:24$ time $-03.txt \rightarrow$ new create	Yes	
10. 13:07:52 time $-03.txt \rightarrow copy to time -0003 - Copy.txt$	Yes/No	
ime —44. t×t		
4. $12:26:05$ time $-04.txt$ $\rightarrow$ new create	Yes	
11. 13:10:36 time $-04.txt$ $\rightarrow$ rename to time $-0044.txt$	Yes/No	
ime — 05. txt		
<ol> <li>12:27:00 time – 05.txt –&gt; new create</li> </ol>	Yes	
14. $13:58:07$ time $-05.txt$ $\rightarrow$ delete file	No	
ime — 06. txt		
12. $13:14:20$ time $-06.txt$ $\rightarrow$ new created on other drive	Yes/No	
13. $13:56:30$ time $-06.txt \rightarrow copy$ to local drive	Yes	

### 5.5 Create a Time Line

\$ fls -f ntfs -o 2048 -m D:/ -r ntfs.raw > time/d.body
-m Time machine format

Add D:/ as mountpoint in report

```
Recursive
          — r
$ cd time
$ mactime -b d.body > d.time
$ less d.time
Mon Dec 02 2019 16:25:22
                             15000 .a.b
                                             73-128-2 D:/small_text_file.txt (deleted)
Wed Dec 04 2019 14:41:27
                             15051 .a.b
                                             64-128-2 D:/AaaA.txt
Wed Dec 04 2019 14:42:06
                             15051 m c
                                             64-128-2 D:/AaaA.txt
Wed Dec 04 2019 14:43:20
                            15000 macb
                                             65-128-2 D:/Nonresident.txt (deleted)
Thu Dec 05 2019 12:10:53
                                             66-128-2 D:/6-cluster.txt
                             24064 m ch
Thu Dec 05 2019 12:11:12
                                             66-128-2 D:/6-cluster.txt
                             24064 a
Mon Dec 09 2019 14:37:09
                               168 ...b
                                             72-144-2 D:/NTFS_Sub_Dir
Mon Dec 09 2019 14:38:08
                              168 m.c.
                                             72-144-2 D:/NTFS_Sub_Dir
                               13 mach
                                             74-128-2 D:/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
Mon Dec 09 2019 14:38:24
                               168 .a..
                                             72-144-2 D:/NTFS_Sub_Dir
Mon Dec 09 2019 16:09:46
                             15000 m.c.
                                             73-128-2 D:/small_text_file.txt (deleted)
Sun Nov 29 2076 09:54:34
                                              0-128-1 D:/$MFT
                             76800 mach
```

\$ mkdir time

–m D:/



6.



7. Carving and String Search

## 7.1 Magic Bytes - File signatures

```
xxd logo_h4k -350x250.jpg | less
0000000: ffd8 ffe0 0010 4a46 4946 0001 0100 0001
                                                 ...(...(..:P...
0008 cc0 · 0 fa 5 0 a 28 141 a 0028 a 0 d 0 3 a 5 0 0 7 ff d 9
xxd cases.jpg | less
0000000: ffd8 ffe1 0018 4578 6966 0000 4949 2a00 ..... Exif.. II *.
                                                 @(....P...
0001730: 4028 0500 a014 0280 501f ffd9
/etc/scalpel/scalpel.conf
                              \xff\xd8\xff\xe0\x00\x10 \xff\xd9
  ipg
                200000000
                200000000
                              \xff\xd8\xff\xe1
                                                           \xff\xd9
  ipg
```

## 7.1 Magic Bytes - File signatures

```
xxd MECO-SMILE.pdf | less
0000000: 2550 4446 2d31 2e34 0a25 c7ec 8fa2 0a35 %PDF-1.4.%....5
005c4d0 · 3431 390a 2525 454f 460a
                                                419.%%EOF.
xxd LU-NCSS-2-EN.pdf | less
00000000: 2550 4446 2d31 2e35 0d25 e2e3 cfd3 0d0a %PDF-1.5.%.....
0007a7e0: 6566 0d31 3136 0d25 2545 4f46 0d ef.116.%%EOF.
/etc/scalpel/scalpel.conf
                  5000000
                             %PDF
                                      %EOF\x0d
                                                   REVERSE
  pdf
                             %PDF
                                      %EOF\x0a
                                                   REVERSE
  pdf y
                  5000000
```

# 7.2 Carving tools

- Foremost
  - o Version 1.5.7
- Scalpel
  - Version 1.60
  - o Based on Foremost 0.69
- Bulk Extractor
  - o Emails, Email addresses
  - URLs
  - Credit card numbers
  - Social media
  - o Telephone numbers
  - 0 ..
- Testdisk Photorec

### 7.3 Limitations

- Basically file system independent
- Data sequential
  - Data must be sequential
  - o Fragmented data leads to broken files
  - o Very large files are more fragmented
  - Depends on file system
  - Depends on media type
  - Data could be overwritten partially
- End of file
  - o Does the file format support end marker
  - Do we find a new magic byte
  - Overlapping files
  - Empty space at the end of a sector

### 7.4 Exercise: Recover data from formated drive

- Try meta data based recovery with fls
- Carving formated drive

```
mkdir out1/
foremost -t all -i formated.dd -o out1/
out1/audit.txt
File: deleted.dd
Start: Wed Aug 22 16:20:43 2018
Length: 32 MB (33554432 bytes)
         Name (bs=512)
                                Size
                                           File Offset
                                                           Comment
Num
0 ·
        00009032.ipg
                                5 KB
                                              4624384
        00009080.ipg
                              35 KB
1 .
                                             4648960
        00037617.jpg
                                            19260232
                               30 KB
3.
        00037678.ipg
                              106 KB
                                            19291633
16:
      00037608.pdf
                                1 MB
                                            19255296
17.
        00041288.pdf
                                                            (PDF is Linearized)
                             489 KB
                                             21139456
Finish: Wed Aug 22 16:20:43 2018
18 FILES EXTRACTED
jpg := 9
png:=6
pdf := 3
```

# 7.5 What is 'String Search'?

- Not sophisticated
- Search for strings
  - At least 4 characters long
  - o From any file: Text, binary, disk image
  - o Search for ASCII, Unicode, big/little endian
- Search the disk image for known words
  - Terms used in a secret document
  - IBAN ot other banking details
  - o Email addresses or URLs
- Search thrue all the blocks
  - Allocated non sllocated blocks
  - File slack and outside partition boundaries
- Goal
  - Proof that the data was there once
  - Identify intresting data that are close

### 7.6 Examples

- Search for strings
  - o strings -a circl-dfir.dd | less
- Min-I en
  - o strings -a -n 10 circl-dfir.dd | less
- Unicode 16 bit little endian
  - o strings -a -n 10 -el circl-dfir.dd | less
- Unicode 16 bit big endian
  - o strings -a -n 10 -eb circl-dfir.dd | less
- Offset in decimal
  - o strings -a -n 10 -eb -td circl-dfir.dd | less
- grep for your search term
  - o strings -a -n 10 -td circl-dfir.dd | grep -i paula

# 7.7 Steps to do a String Search

- Identify block/cluster size mmls, fsstat
- 2. Search for the string and the offset blkls | srch\_strings | grep
- 3. Calculate block/cluster of the string xxxxxxxxx / 4096 = yyyy
- 4. Review block/cluster content blkcat
- 5. Identify inode of the block/cluster
- Identify associated file ffind
- Recover file
   icat
   Or mount and copy file

### 7.8 Exercise: What about Paulas cat?

Length

Description

Primary Table (#0)

NTFS / exFAT (0x07)

Unallocated

### 1. Identify cluster size

```
mmls circl-dfir.dd
           Slot
   1
                     Start
                                  End
000: Meta
                              0000000000
                                           0000000001
                 0000000000
001:
               0000000000
                              0000002047
                                           0000002048
002. 000.000
                 0000002048
                              0004917247
                                           0004915200
fsstat -o 2048 circl-dfir dd
     File System Type: NTFS
    Volume Serial Number: 7B6F5F9427919882
    OEM Name: NTFS
    Volume Name: CIRCL-DFIR
     Version: Windows XP
     Sector Size: 512
     Cluster Size: 4096
     Total Cluster Range: 0 - 614398
     Total Sector Range: 0 - 4915198
```

### 7.8 Exercise: What about Paulas cat?

### 2. Search for the string 'Paula'

```
blkls — e — o 2048 circl — dfir.dd | strings — a — td | grep — i paula

157342 Paula's cat is fat.......
157370 Paula's cat is fat......
157510 Paula's cat is fat......
157538 Paula's cat is fat......
```

### 3. Calculate cluster of the string

```
echo $((157342/4096))
38
echo $((157538/4096))
38
```

#### 4. Review cluster content

```
blkcat —o 2048 circl—dfir2dd 38 | strings
.....
Paula's cat is fat.......
Paula's cat is fat......
Paula's cat is fat.....
```

### 7.8 Exercise: What about Paulas cat?

### 5. Identify inode of the cluster

```
ifind —o 2048 —d 38 circl—dfir.dd
0—128—1
```

### 6. Identify associated file

```
ffind —o 2048 circl—dfir.dd 0-128-1 //$MFT
```

### 7. Recover file

```
icat —o 2048 circl —dfir.dd 0-128-1 > MFT
```

# Exercise: Manual approach - Learn from errors

```
dd if=circl-dfir.dd bs=4096 skip=38 count=1 | xxd | less dd if=circl-dfir.dd bs=4096 skip=\$((2048+38)) count=1 | xxd | less dd if=circl-dfir.dd bs=4096 skip=\$((2048/8+38)) count=1 | xxd | less
```



8. Forensics Challenges

- Situation:
  - NTFS formated partition
  - o A small resident file
- Challenge:
  - Analyze MFT record
  - Let the file grow
  - Analyze MFT record
  - Analyze data clusters
  - Modify content of the file
  - Analyze data clusters
  - o Analyze MFT record

\$ Is -I /cdrom/NTFS\_Sub\_Dir/sub\_Dir\_File1.txt

```
13 Dez 9 14:38 /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ fls -r -o 2048 ntfs.raw | grep File1
    + r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 74
     Attributes .
    Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Resident size: 13
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\$((2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)) count=2 | xxd | less
     00000000: 4649 4c45 3000 0300 0000 0000 0000 0000 FILE0.....
     00000010: 0100 0100 3800 0100 9801 0000 0004 0000
                                                   . . . . 8 . . . . . . . . . . .
     00000170: 0000 0000 0000 0200 0400 0000 1800 0000
    00000180: 4865 6c6c 6f20 576f 726c 6421 0a00 0000
                                                   Hello World !
     for x in \{1..1000\}; do echo -n "fx"; done >> /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ less /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
     Hello World!
     1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
```

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```
$ Is -I /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
     3906 Apr 24 14:39 /cdrom/NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ fls -r -o 2048 ntfs.raw | grep File1
    + r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 74
     Attributes .
     Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 3906 init_size: 3906
     4173
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4173*8)\} count=\{0.5, 0.5\}
     00000000 4865 6c6c 6f20 576f 726c 6421 0a31 2032 Hello World 1 2
     00000010: 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2031 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1
     00000020: 3020 3131 2031 3220 3133 2031 3420 3135 0 11 12 13 14 15
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\$((2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)) count=2
                                                      xxd | less
     000001a0: 420f 0000 0000 0000 2101 4d10 0020 3135 B.......... M. 15
                                                      000001b0: ffff ffff 0000 0000 3820 3139 2032 3020
     000001c0: 3231 2032 3220 3233 2032 3420 3235 2032 21 22 23 24 25 2
     000003e0: 2031 3737 2031 3738 2031 3739 2031 3830 177 178 179 180
     000003f0: 2031 3831 2000 0000 ffff ffff 0000 d607
                                                        181 . . . . . . . . . . . . .
```

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```
$ echo —n 'We modify the content of the file. What is updated:
           Cluster? MFT Record? We will see.' | dd of=/cdrom/
           NTFS_Sub_Dir/sub_Dir_File1.txt bs=44 seek=2 conv=notrunc
$ fls -r -o 2048 ntfs.raw | grep File1
    + r/r 74-128-2: sub_Dir_File1.txt
$ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 74
     4173
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4173*8)\} count=\{0.5, 0.5\}
     00000040 3231 2032 3220 3233 2032 3420 3235 2032 21 22 23 24 25 2
     00000050: 3620 3237 2032 3820 5765 206d 6f64 6966 6 27 28 We modif
     00000060: 7920 7468 6520 636f 6e74 656e 7420 6f66 y the content of
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4*8 + 74*2)\} count=2 | xxd | less
     000001c0: 3231 2032 3220 3233 2032 3420 3235 2032 21 22 23 24 25 2
     00000140 - 3620 3237 2032 3820 3239 2033 3020 3331 6 27 28 29 30 31
     000001e0: 2033 3220 3333 2033 3420 3335 2033 3620 32 33 34 35 36
```

# 8.2 File System Tunneling

- Situation:
  - NTFS formated partition
  - o A normal file from before
- Challenge:
  - Analyze timestamps
  - o Delete the file
  - o Copy a file with the same filename
  - Analyze timestamps
  - o Discover the behavior

# 8.2 File System Tunneling

- 1. Analyze time stamps of a file on NTFS
- \$ II /cdrom/AaaA.txt
   15051 Dez 4 14:42 /cdrom/AaaA.txt\*
- \$ fls o 2048 ntfs.raw | grep AaaA r/r 64—128—2: AaaA.txt
- \$ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 64

```
$STANDARD_INFORMATION Attribute Values:
```

Created: 2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET) File Modified: 2019-12-04 14:42:06.235661600 (CET)

MFT Modified: 2019–12–04 14:42:06.235661600 (CET)
Accessed: 2019–12–04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)

#### \$FILE\_NAME Attribute Values:

Created: 2019—12—04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)

File Modified: 2019—12—04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
MFT Modified: 2019—12—04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)

Accessed: 2019—12—04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)

- 2. Delete a file and create a new one with same filename
  - # Do something like this on a Windows PC
    \$ rm /cdrom/AaaA.txt; cp data\_un.dd /cdrom/AaaA.txt

# 8.2 File System Tunneling

```
3. Analyze time stamps of the new file
$ II /cdrom/AaaA.txt
     16384 Apr 27 15:51 /cdrom/AaaA.txt*
$ fls —o 2048 ntfs.raw
                       grep AaaA
     r/r 64-128-2:
                        AaaA txt
$ istat -0 2048 ntfs raw 64
     $STANDARD_INFORMATION Attribute Values:
     Created:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
     File Modified:
                        2019-12-04 14:42:06.235661600
                                                       (CET)
     MFT Modified:
                        2019-12-04 14:42:06.235661600
                                                       (CET)
     Accessed:
                        2020-04-27 16:11:38.144645700
                                                       (CEST)
     $FILE NAME Attribute Values:
     Created:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
     File Modified:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
     MFT Modified:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
     Accessed:
                        2019-12-04 14:41:27.333050500 (CET)
```

- Situation:
  - NTFS formated partition
  - o A file is deleted
- Challenge:
  - Analyze MFT record before delete
  - Analyze \$BITMAP file before delete
  - Undo the modifications
  - Analyze MFT record after undo
  - Analyze \$BITMAP file after undo
  - What is missing

```
$ Is −I /cdrom/
$ fls -o 2048 ntfs.raw
     -/r * 73-128-2: small_text_file.txt
$ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 73
     Type: $DATA (128-2) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 15000 init_size: 15000
     4169 4170 4171 4172
Data cluster:
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{((2048 + 4169*8)) \text{ count} = \{((4*8)) \mid x \times d \mid less \}
MFT record 73:
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=\{(2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)\} count=2| xxd | less
$Bitmap file
4169 / 8 = 521.125 \longrightarrow Byte 521 (0 \times 209) in $Bitmap file for Cluster 4168 - 4175
                               \times \times \times
$ icat —o 2048 ntfs.raw 6 | xxd | less
```

```
Fix $Bitmap file:
$ istat -o 2048 ntfs.raw 6
    Type: $DATA (128-1) Name: N/A Non-Resident size: 4064 init_size: 4064
    4071
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4071*8)) count=8 | xxd | less
    00000200: ffff ffff ffff ffff ffel 0700 0000 0000 .....
4169 / 8 = 521.125 —> Byte 521 (0x209) in $Bitmap file for Cluster 4168 - 4175
                       x x x x
                     1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1
                  -> 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4071*8)) count=8 of=bitmap.dd
$ hexedit of=bitmap.dd
$ dd if=bitmap.dd seek=\{(2048 + 4071*8)\} of=ntfs.raw conv=notrunc
$ dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4071*8)) count=8 | xxd | less
    00000200: ffff ffff ffff ffff 0700 0000 0000 ......
```

#### Fix the MFT record:

```
dd if=ntfs.raw skip=$((2048 + 4*8 + 73*2)) count=2 of=mft_73.dd
```

```
offset.
             size: old value: new value: description:
   0010
                              2
                                               Record sequence number
   0012
                              0
                                               Link count
   0016
                  2
                              0
                                               Record flag: 0000 = file deleted
                                                             0100 = file in use
                                               FixUp values
   0030
                           1400
   03 fe
                           1400
                                               CRC
00000000
              49 4C 45 30 00 03 00
                                       00 00 00 00
                                                    00 00 00 00
                                                                  FILE0 .......
00000010
           01 00 01 00 38 00 01 00 B8 01 00 00
                                                    00 04 00 00
                                                                  . . . . 8 . . . . . . . . . . .
```

\$ dd if=mft\_73.dd seek=((2048 + 4\*8 + 73\*2)) count=2 of=ntfs.raw conv=notrunc

- What is missing?
  - Compare output ils and fls
  - What about the directory
  - What is changed in a directory if a file is deleted?
  - → Forensics Hackathon



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# 10. Outlook

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