Lab Assignment 5

Aim: To explore Hashdeep tool in kali linux for generating, matching and auditing hash of files.

Lab Outcome Attainment: LO2

Theory:

Hashdeep is a command-line utility for computing and verifying hash values (checksums) of files and directories. It is a versatile and powerful tool primarily used for data integrity verification and digital forensics. Hashdeep can calculate multiple hash values (e.g., MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256, SHA-512) for files and directories and store them in hash databases. You can then use these hash databases to verify the integrity of your files at a later time by comparing the computed hash values with the stored ones. Some key features and use cases of Hashdeep include:

- 1. **Data Integrity Verification**: Hashdeep is commonly used to ensure that files have not been tampered with or corrupted over time. By periodically recalculating hash values and comparing them to the stored values, you can detect any unauthorized changes.
- 2. **Forensics and Investigations**: Digital forensics experts use Hashdeep to create hash databases of evidence and verify its integrity during investigations. This helps ensure that the data remains unchanged throughout the legal process.
- 3. **Comparing Directories**: You can use Hashdeep to compare two directories to find differences between them, even if the file names have changed. This is useful for backup verification and synchronization tasks.
- 4. **Recursive Hashing**: Hashdeep can recursively calculate hash values for directories and subdirectories, making it efficient for processing large and complex directory structures.

- 5. **Cross-Platform**: Hashdeep is available for various operating systems, including Linux, macOS, and Windows, making it a versatile tool for cross-platform use.
- 6. **Support for Multiple Hash Algorithms**: It supports multiple hash algorithms, including MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256, SHA-512, and others, allowing you to choose the level of security and performance you need. How to use **hashdeep**:
 - 1. To check the version of Hashdeep Hashdeep -V
 - 2. To display help about Hashdeep Hashdeep h or Hashdeep hh
 - 3. To display the manual page of Hashdeep- man Hashdeep
 - 4. To display the manual page of any specific hash algorithm supported by Hashdeep- *man md5deep*
 - 5. To hash a file Hashdeep filename
 - 6. To supress any error messages- Hashdeep -s filename
 - 7. To apply multiple hash algorithms than default-

Hashdeep -c md5,sha1,sha256,tiger filename

8. To hash multiple files (say all text files) using md5

Hashdeep -c md5 *.txt

9. To hash multiple files (say all text files) using md5 and shall

Hashdeep -c md5,sha1 *.txt

10. Hashing block of files-

Hashdeep -c md5 -p 100 example.txt

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Conclusion:

We understood hashdeep and its versatile command-line utility that computes and verifies checksums (hash values) for files and directories, offering data integrity assurance and digital forensics capabilities. It supports multiple hash algorithms, making it a reliable tool for detecting file tampering and ensuring the integrity of data across different platforms.