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INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC TOOLS AND TE	CHNIQUES

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#### Introduction

Rodger Lewis is CEO at Kericu Company. The Department of justice indicated lewis for altering quarterly statements to boost his company's earnings. Our team ceased his devices, a laptop, and a USB at the crime scene. The forensic investigation team performed all the necessary procedures at the evidence collection time, created a digital clone of his devices, and attached a hash value with files to maintain the integrity. Vice president, Mr. Aiden Paluchi, gave one file and an email to help through the case.

Digital forensic officer Mr. Devdat Kumar will analyze the digital evidence to conclude whether Rodger Lewis is guilty.

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Windows PowerShell

PS C:\Users\alpha\Desktop> get-filehash -Algorithm MD5 lewis-laptop.dd

Algorithm Hash

MD5 F1B6DE27919B0D299C1A649F8646D35C

PS C:\Users\alpha\Desktop> get-filehash -Algorithm SHA1 lewis-laptop.dd

Algorithm Hash

SHA1 961A4684A275617D839B795F783EA4E8FB866357
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Figure 1 [Windows power shell]

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kalimkali:~/Desktop$ md5sum lewis-laptop.dd
f1b6de27919b0d299c1a649f8646d35c lewis-laptop.dd
kalimkali:~/Desktop$ sha1sum lewis-laptop.dd
961a4684a275617d839b795f783ea4e8fb866357 lewis-laptop.dd
kalimkali:~/Desktop$
```

Figure 2 [Linux command terminal]

Before starting any investigation, hash value SHA1 and MD5 of the evidence file was checked using two methods: Windows Power Shell(Figure 1), and Linux terminal(Figure 2), and It was compared with recorded hash values at the time of evidence gathering to ensure the integrity of the process, that no data was altered.



Figure 3 [Evidence and Evidence-copy]

A copy of the evidence (Figure 3) was created, that copy of evidence was examined instead of the original file, to make sure that the original file does not get tampered or corrupted.

### Tools:



Figure 4 [Autopsy tool]

Evidence was examined with a forensic tool: Autopsy (Figure 4); it allows multi-user access that users can collaborate on one large case, text can be extracted, and the index searched modules can retrieve files; also, Geolocation and camera information can be extracted, and File Type Sorting can be done too. Tag files with arbitrary tag names are also available, such as 'bookmark' or 'suspicious,' and add comments. There is many more function available in Autopsy tools such as Unicode Strings Extraction, File Type Detection, Android Support, Timeline Analysis, web Artefacts, LNK File Analysis, Email Analysis, Registry Analysis, Robust File System Analysis, Hash Set Filtering, Media Playback, and Thumbnail viewer.

There are other Autopsy alternative tools, such as Encase, FTK, and X ways. However, the Autopsy tool is used preferred at most because of its verity of functionality and easy graphical user interface, but again it still depends on the case type; For example, to find how malware infected a machine, Autopsy is used; To process evidence for fraud cases, Encase is preferred; X-Ways is used to do complex filtering and fast extraction of some evidence. FTK Imager is also a fast and reliable tool.

### Laptop analysis

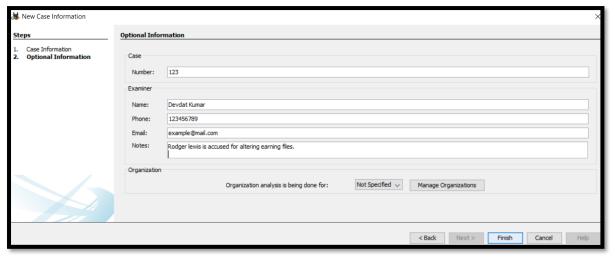


Figure 5 [Case details]

The case (Figure: 5) was named as 'Rodger Lewis Kericu,' case number 123, and examined by digital investigation officer Mr. Devdat Kumar.



Figure 6 [Operating system users]

Operating System User Account list (Figure: 2) was checked to make sure how many people were using the device; there were a couple of users. Most of them were used for internal processes, but Lewis was using the device under the name of user "rlewis." Even if the device user name was under lewis' name, but right now, it cannot be concluded that Lewis was using the device, anyone could have used his device at his non-presence near the device; also, there was no password set up on his operating system user access too.

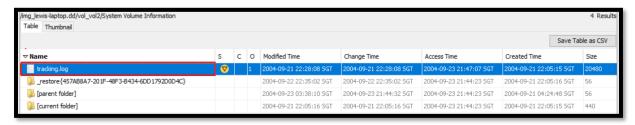


Figure 7 [tracking log file]

<u>The Distributed Link Tracking Client service observer's activity on NTFS volumes and saves</u>
<u>maintenance information</u> in a <u>file</u> called <u>tracking.log</u>, which is located at the base of each volume in a hidden folder called System Volume Information. (wondering\_chs)

The Tracking.log file can be used to analyze the logs of alteration of data in data storage.



Figure 8 [Dc1.xls and INFO2]

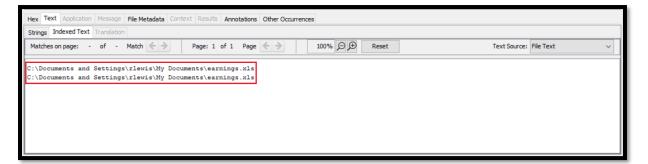


Figure 9 [INFO2 result]

Deleted files (Figure: 8) were searched in the recycler, in case if Lewis deleted any data or files; Lewis two files, the 'Dc1.xls' file, which has data about the company's earnings, and the 'earning.xls' file, which was not available in the recycler, lewis deleted this file using a particular method; but INFO2 (Figure: 9) contained the name and path of 'earnings.xls' file. The path found in INFO2 (Figure: 2) for the deleted file was followed to retrieve the file from the actual path location.

INFO file is located inside the Recycler folder, and it contains a file or folder's complete path and name. (Raymond)

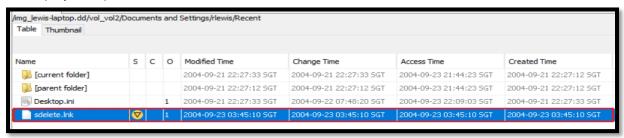


Figure 10 [sdelete.ink]



Figure 11 [sdelete description]

Following the path for earnings.xls, it seems that Lewis deleted the file earnings.xls using the 'sdelete' command (Figure: 10). Sdelete is a command-line utility that uses a command to delete data permanently by overwriting data over it, and data is not retrievable, since lewis used the sdelete command utility to delete 'earnings.xls' file, that why the file cannot be retrieved from his device.

A file named: sdelete.htm (Figure: 12) was found in cookies about 'sdelete' that Lewis searched about 'sdelete' to check how to use the sdelete command-line utility. There is also a time and date that when he searched for this over the internet. Fortunately, there was an image available that shows how graphically the webpage looks.

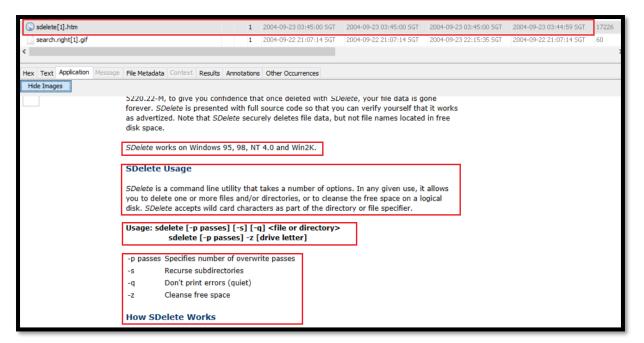


Figure 12 [sdelete search image]

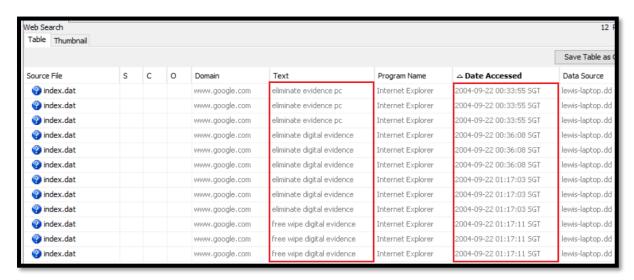


Figure 13 [web search]

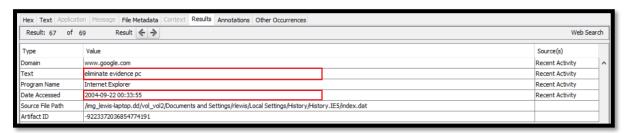


Figure 14 [web search result]

Lewis searched (Figure: 13) for three different keywords multiple times over the domain: www.google.com, on date and time: 2004-09-22 00:33:55 SGT to 01:17:11 SGT, the time trial of the search was followed to find more evidence.



Figure 15 [Web history]

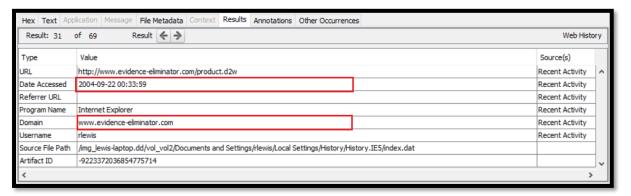


Figure 16 [web search result]

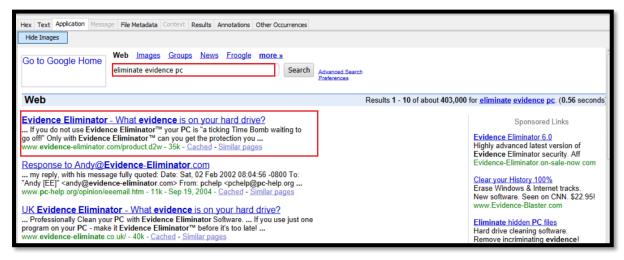


Figure 17 [Web search image]

Following the same time trail from the web search (Figure: 14), evidence was searched in the web search history (Figure: 15) at the similar time, as per web history (Figure: 15), lewis searched for few queries to eliminate the evidence earnings.xls; According to web history, it seems lewis visited one other domain, in cookies, a graphical image (Figure: 17) was found in web history, after the search, lewis clicked on the first link (Figure: 16); But the question remains that is it Lewis who is doing all this or someone else who is using this device.

Lewis' emails (Figure: 18) were checked to analyze his conversation to ensure whether lewis is the suspect or not.

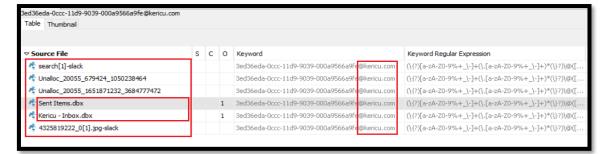


Figure 18 [Email source files]

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Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2004 18:14:24 -0700 (PDT)

From: "James Bolton" < jbolton_recruiter@yahoo.com > Add to Address Book
Subject: Interview Date
To: rlewis_kericu@yahoo.com

Rodger,

Our company was very impressed with your resume. Please send some dates next week when we could sit down for an interview. If you have any questions, please give me a call.
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Figure 19 [Interview email]

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[wbk21.tmp, Rodger, <BR>
<BR>
We will be discussing the discrepancies reported in this earnings <BR>
spreadsheet originally submitted last year.  Please be at the meeting <BR>
and come prepared.<BR>
<BR>
<P><HR></P><BR>
<BR>
<BR>
On Sep 22, 2004, at 3:20 PM, Rodger Lewis wrote:<BR>
<BR>
> Joe, <BR>
><BR>
> I will be unable to make the meeting due to a family event. <BR>
> Please send along any notes you may have from the meeting. <BR>
><BR>
><BR>
> ----- Original Message -----<BR>
> From: "Joe Harvey" <jharvey@kericu.com&gt;<BR>
> To: <rlewis@kericu.com&gt; <BR>
> Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 3:18 PM<BR>
> Subject: All Company Meeting<BR>
&at; <BR>
><BR>
>> Rodger:<BR>
&at;&at;<BR>
>> Just a reminder that our all company meeting will be in Smith Park, <BR>
>> Noon, on Friday. <BR>
>><BR>
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Figure 20 [Lewis chat over Email]

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All Company MeetingD

<AA9F4DFA-0CCD-11D9-9039-000A9566A9FE@kericu.com>Re: All Company Meeting

<3ED36EDA-0CCC-11D9-9039-000A9566A9FE@kericu.com> <001501c4a0d9$3775c930$6700

Joe Harveyjharvey@kericu.com

Rodger Lewisrlewis@kericu.comKericu00000002

. Please be at the meeting
and come prepared.

--Apple-Mail-4--537455129

Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64

Content-Type: application/octet-stream;

x-unix-mode=0755;
name="earnings.xls"

Content-Disposition: attachment;
filename=earnings.xls

Content-Disposition: attachment;
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Figure 21 [earning.xls file Email]

As per this email source files (Figure: 18), lewis was using two emails 'rlewis\_kericu@yahoo.com' (Figure: 19) and 'rlewis@kericu.com (Figure: 20).' The time he deleted the file using sdelete command, and the time he searched for evidence eliminator method just sometime before that lewis was talking to Mr. Harvey over one his emails about the All company meeting, "replied: he cannot join the meeting due to family event and ask for notes of the meeting (Figure: 20)," and he received earning.xls (Figure: 21) at that time, he edited that file and deleted it after some time. The time when he replied to Mr. Harvey is almost the same as when he deleted the file, which proves Lewis was the only one who was using his device. Figure: 19 to figure: 21 shows the of what conversation Lewis and Harvey had over their emails.

### **USB** Analysis



Figure 22 [Data source]

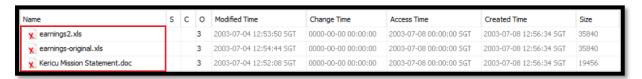


Figure 23 [files in USB]

Three files (Figure: 23) were found in the USB (Figure: 22) found at Lewis' home; this USB belongs to Lewis because its device ID was found on this laptop too that it was connected to Lewis' laptop. One of the file (Figure: 24) contains information about the mission statement of company Kericu, but the other two files are also about the earnings of the company, one of the file Earning-orignal.xls (Figure: 26), is the same as file Dc1.xls (Figure: 25) found in his laptop containing data about actual and real earnings for the company, another file: earning2.xls (Figure: 27) has altered data by Lewis.

#### Kericu's Mission Statement:

"To provide for our clients a unique brand of software products coupled with top of the line consulting services to meet their shipping needs."

#### Kericu's Background:

Kericu is a company founded in 1984 that provides specialized, world-wide overnight shipping. Kericu uses a web portal to ship and track the packages as they are processed. Kericu is a publicly traded company with a bright future. Kericu competes well with the larger shipping companies because of its dedication to client satisfaction.

KERICL Kericu, Inc. Company Earnings, Q2 2003 Expenses Apr-03 May-03 Jun-03 Totals Sales \$523,532.05 \$623,592.03 \$521,343.15 \$1,668,467.23 Development \$1,235,662.32 \$135,234.00 \$1,482,342.10 \$1,831,235.52 \$4,549,239.94 \$488,007.46 \$200,145.23 \$152,628.23 HR Legal \$523,923.93 \$812,351.13 \$312,235.19 \$1,648,510.25 \$2,512,519.84 \$2,193,218.18 \$1,912,345.73 \$6,618,083.75 \$371,157.00 Security \$102,482.15 \$139,258.92 \$129,415.93 Document Destruction \$10,342.28 \$122,698.93 Admin \$151,910.01 \$159,123.91 \$130,158.83 \$441,192.75 Total \$5,200,497.23 \$5,620,373.78 \$5,086,486.30 \$15,907,357.31 Jun-03 Totals Income Apr-03 May-03 \$7,151,801.00 \$9,125,152.75 \$8,145,198.51 \$24,422,152.26 **Products** \$253,925.93 \$293,815.93 \$863,065.79 Consulting \$315,323.93 Legal Settlements \$0.00 \$0.00 \$1,250,000.00 \$1,250,000.00 Total \$7,405,726.93 \$9,440,476.68 \$9,689,014.44 \$26,535,218.05 Net Earnings \$2,205,229.70 \$3,820,102.90 \$4,602,528.14 \$10,627,860.74

Figure 24 [Kericu company's vision]

Figure 25 [DC1.xls]

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<b>V</b>				
Kericu, Inc. Company Earnings, Q2	2003			
Expenses	Apr-03	May-03	Jun-03	Totals
	/*			
Sales	\$523,532.05	\$623,592.03	\$521,343.15	\$1,668,467.23
Development	\$1,235,662.32	\$1,482,342.10	\$1,831,235.52	\$4,549,239.94
HR	\$135,234.00	\$200,145.23	\$152,628.23	\$488,007.46
Legal	\$523,923.93	\$812,351.13	\$312,235.19	\$1,648,510.25
IT	\$2,512,519.84	\$2,193,218.18	\$1,912,345.73	\$6,618,083.75
Security	\$102,482.15	\$139,258.92	\$129,415.93	\$371,157.00
Document Destruction	\$15,232.93	\$10,342.28	\$97,123.72	\$122,698.93
Admin	\$151,910.01	\$159,123.91	\$130,158.83	\$441,192.75
Total	\$5,200,497.23	\$5,620,373.78	\$5,086,486.30	\$15,907,357.31
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Income	Apr-03	May-03	Jun-03	Totals
Products	\$7,151,801.00	\$9,125,152.75	\$8,145,198.51	\$24,422,152.26
Consulting	\$253,925.93	\$315,323.93	\$293,815.93	\$863,065.79
Legal Settlements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00
Total	\$7,405,726.93	\$9,440,476.68	\$9,689,014.44	\$26,535,218.05
Net Earnings	\$2,205,229.70	\$3,820,102.90	\$4,602,528.14	\$10,627,860.74

Figure 26 [Earning-orignal.xls]

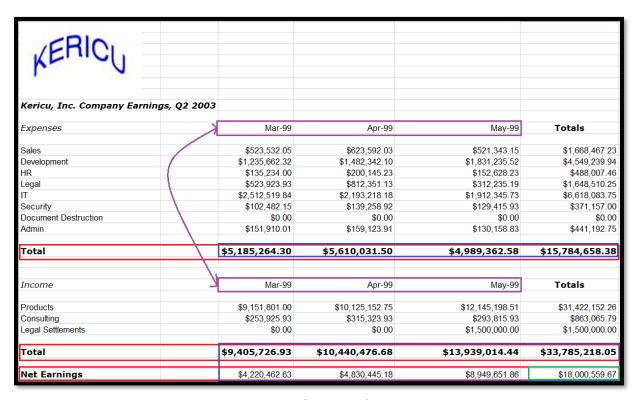


Figure 27 [Earning2.xls]

## Case Analysis

Lewis is found guilty according to the data retrieved from laptop and USB. In quarterly statements Lewis changed the dates for all the months for both income and expense, also decreased the expenses [from \$15,907,357.31 to \$15,784,658.38] and increased the income {from 26,535,218.05 to 33,785,218.15} to boost company's earnings. He made a massive blunder in earnings and expanses of about approximately \$7.3 million {\$7,372,698.93} in the net earnings {from \$18,000,559.67 to \$10,627860.74}.

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